[Home Movies of Picnic; Playing Baseball

and More / circa 1940s]

Date

ca. 1940s

Primary Maker

Watanabe, Gunji

Description

Black and white home movie footage filmed by Gunji Watanabe circa the 1940s. Footage includes groups of young adults on outings, including at a forested park and a flat baseball field. Much of the footage is of groups chatting, walking, eating, or playing baseball. Some of the men are in military uniform. 0:31 -- Group of young adults walking down steep stairs. Group arrives at a park, walking arm in arm. 1:03 -- Group of young adults in a forested park at a stone bridge, posing for the camera. Closeups on individuals. Group sits on picnic tables, one man is in military uniform. People are getting plates of food. One little boy sticks his tongue out at the camera. Small group roasts hot dogs over a fire. Continued views of people eating and roasting hot dogs, closeups and group shots. 2:08 -- Closeup of a man with marshmallows on a stick, dramatically flourishing the stick and taking small bites of marshmallow. 2:19 -- Group forms to play baseball, one man swings a bat. 2:39 -- Four young men try to walk together in step across a bridge, led by the man in uniform. 2:49 -- Views of other picnic guests walking in the park. 3:04 -- Semi-organized baseball game on a field. The weather is visibly windy. 3: 37 -- Spectators sit on the edge of the field, chatting. Some of the men are in military uniform. 4:16 -- End of film. 1 film reel : si. ; 8 mm. original pos. Academy Film Archive supplied title: Home Movies of Picnic; Playing Baseball and More / circa 1944