

KA-PALAMA

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THANKSGIVING

The American nation will observe Thursday, November 26th, as Thanksgiving Day. Originated by the "Pilgrims" of New England early in the annals of American history as an expression of thanks to God for guiding them through unbelievable hardships, it has become a traditional holiday since President Lincoln's proclamation in 1863. Theirs was a real Thanksgiving. Wild game from the woods, fruits gathered in abundant variety, bread and pies baked a rich brown by cherry-faced Puritan house wives. And for their guests, friendly enemies in the Indians who assembled from miles around to participate in the epoch making event; and casting aside all animosity in mutual reverence to their Maker.

In this modern day and age, Thanksgiving Day is frequently misinterpreted. It means "turkey 'n' all the trimmin's" to a great majority. Very few people feel even in a small measure the wonderful spirit which prevailed among those courageous pioneers. They meant it as a day when strife in the race of man should be abandoned; making their world a harmonious fraternity; and giving thanks unto the Lord for their well-being during the past year. Let us all make this year's Thanksgiving Day a real one in keeping with the ideals of its origin.

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DEATH TOOK A HOLIDAY

Visualize the Palama bus snaking down Nuuanu Pali bearing a human cargo of seven Sewing Class girls and five of her youths one bright morning a week ago. Their destination is Sacred Falls and its famed mountain apple groves. The winding ribbon of highway is never more serenely beautiful in its panoramic setting and there is no inkling of impending danger. Everything goes smoothly until the tricky Hair-Pin Turn is negotiated. But the group becomes shockingly conscious that something is horribly amiss when the bus gains speed with alarming suddenness simultaneously with a loud snap from the rear of the car. Roaring down the narrow twisting pavement at close to forty miles an hour, the vehicle crashes into a concrete wall and turns half over after a nerve shattering ride of some two hundred yards and what seemed eternity. And miracle of miracles, none of the passengers seriously injured.

The details of that near catastrophe is now history to Palama members, but lurking deep in the minds of twelve people may be these questions. Was it just luck? Did Death really take a holiday, or was it a bigger power that stayed the Grim Reaper's hand? Quien Sabe?

Ted Shaw, driver of the ill-fated bus must be commended for his excellent handling of a situation which demanded a cool head and iron nerves. The gratitude of the Settlement officials and every member of that party is his. And Palama may well be proud of its Sewing Class; they were all game to the core.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PALAMA SETTLEMENT

Dear Dr. Platt:

One hundred and sixty third grade children from Likelike School go to Palama field to play every day at half-past ten. We play under the trees near the fence. At least twice a week, some child's foot was cut by glass. When Clean Up Week came around, we decided to clean up Palama field. We took waste baskets and boxes with us. We filled them with pieces of glass, sticks, nails, cans, papers, and old boards. Now the field is clean and we may play there without any danger of being cut.

We are glad that you let us play in the field. It is kind of you. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Third Grade Children
Likelike School

TSUCHIZO OKAMOTO IS NEW CARPENTER

Tsuchizo Okamoto joined the staff of the maintenance department of the Settlement on November 16th as carpenter, painter and general handy man for John Parker, filling the position held so ably for the past 11 years by our late friend Sugimura. Here's hoping Okamoto will make as fine a record as Sugi.

We shall not attempt to put into words what the twelve people really feel MUST have played a part in their miraculous deliverance. All we know is that Thanksgiving Day will hold a two fold meaning for them.

This being the second time that the same bus has failed to hold up under the strain of transporting Palama members without mishap, this question naturally arises in the hearts of those parents whose sons and daughters are members of Palama Settlement. Will Palama continue to use the bus after it is repaired?

The Ka-Palama takes this opportunity to inform them and the general public that the car has been condemned and that a new passenger truck will soon take its place in the Palama garage. The Settlement will go the limit to insure the safety of its boys and girls.

Boys' Activities

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PAL ARTISTS ORGANIZED BY FUJIMOTO

The newly organized Art Class under the skill guidance of Mr. James Fujimoto has been meeting regularly from 3:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon and 6:30 to 8:30 in the evening on Tuesdays and Fridays. Approximately fifteen eager boys and girls answer the roll call on those days.

Water color is being used and Mr. Fujimoto has been stressing hand lettering and free hand drawing. The objects drawn are purely from the imagination as Mr. Fujimoto strives to bring out the students' appreciation of Nature.

All those interested in such work are urgently requested to join up as early as possible.

MIKE LEADS JUNIOR CLUBS

Fred Mike's Junior Division Clubs, the Sumidas and Auld Laners has been meeting every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the boys' club-house.

The program of the club is centered around outdoor recreation and socials. Thus far the two clubs have been organizing themselves and preparing for the athletic competitions. Any other club is cordially invited to join in with the fun.

BOYS' POOL TOURNAMENT IN FULL SWING

The Midget and Junior Pool Tournaments is in full swing as thirty-two enthusiastic participants match their skill to cop the championship. The tournament started on Monday, November 16th with Kenneth Lee in charge of operations.

Foremost among the billiard players are the Tanabe brothers and Robert Wong. The awards for gaining supremacy are two theatre tickets.

YAMADA WINS PING PONG CHAMPIONSHIP

Richard Yamada crowned himself king of Palama Settlement's table tennis aces by annexing the big Midget tournament held recently. Daniel Park finished in the runners-up position. A total of thirty two contestants made competition a keen issue.

YOUTH PROBLEMS DISCUSSED BY MAVERICKS

The Mavericks Hi-Y Club which meets regularly on Tuesday evenings in the club-house under the supervisions of William Gee, Fred Mike, and Herbert Ishii has completed a series of discussions on topics concerning problems that confront the Youths today.

Organized early in September, the club celebrated Halloween in true fashion with a party and is also participating in the Basketball League sponsored by the Nuuanu YMCA for all Hi-Y clubs of the city.

Etiquette, Clean Thoughts and Clean Speech, War or Peace, Sportsmanship, and Christianity are among the subjects discussed by the club. Activities planned for the immediate future are a Christmas basket for the needy, and a Christmas social in conjunction with a Palama organization.

Officers of the Mavericks are James Koo president, Melvin Ja vice-president, and Richard Lee secretary.

DRAMATIC CLUB TO PRESENT XMAS SKIT

Susumu Awaya's Dramatic Club is working upon a play which will be presented as the major attraction of Palama Settlement's annual Christmas party. The club meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and all boys interested in dramatics are welcome to interview Mr. Awaya.

PAL SWIMMERS POINTING FOR BIG MEETS

The Palama Swimming Club advised by Nelson Kawakami is meeting regularly every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation office. Composed mostly of youngsters under 16 years of age and of cosmopolitan nationality, the club has made wonderful progress in boosting swimming.

Practice periods are held after the meetings with every member specializing in a particular event. The objective of the organization is to splash their way into the limelight in the coming A.A.U Swim meets in March. Prospects of them achieving their purpose are very bright. Boys who have already carved a name in local competition include Henry Kealii, John Park, and George Hayashi.

Girls' Activities

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100 GIRLS IN PALAMA CLUBS

According to Miss Park, Club Work Supervisor, one hundred girls take part in the club programs each week. This number includes only the Midget and Junior High School girls.

This year, due to the illness of staff members and a change of club work plans and club leaders, the membership is lower than usual. The clubs were also late in getting started. With many young women expected to enroll, the older girls' and women's clubs will start in December. The girls' club program includes a business meeting, club project and recreation period for every meeting. Many interesting projects are now under way and will be heard about later. Miss Kong, Miss Waihee, Miss Pyun, and Miss Tamashiro are the club leaders. Very able assistants in Miss Mahi, Miss Chée, Miss Young, and Miss Yamura of the N.Y.A. aid them.

GIRLS TAUGHT BY NEW TAP INSTRUCTOR

The Girls' Recreation Department of Palama Settlement will present a new tap dance teacher to the senior girls and women in the person of Miss Anne Powers. Miss Powers has had a great deal of both training and experience. Since she has been in Honolulu, she has assisted in a Manoa dance studio and has conducted her own private classes at Fort Shafter. Miss Powers has many new jazz tap routine numbers which she plans to exhibit at the adult tap class which meets on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 in the Girls' gym.

Any lass who is a member of the Girls' Recreation Department of Palama can join the class free of charge.

MRS. KUKEA NEW ATHLETIC ASSISTANT

Mrs. Ethel Kuken, a graduate of Redlands University of California, is the new assistant athletic director for older girls and women at Palama Settlement and is taking charge of the evening gym class. Combining a peppy and pleasing personality with her knowledge of Physical Education, Mrs. Kuken is a distinct credit to the staff.

LITTLE PALS TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

The Little Pals Club will enjoy Thanksgiving refreshments at their next meeting which falls on Thanksgiving Eve. As the club does not have any money in their refreshment fund, the members will bring their own.

As yet the Little Pals have not elected their officers because they felt it wiser to wait for an increase in membership.

A part of each club meeting is set aside to practice for the Christmas Party in which the girls plan to take an active part. If you want to hear beautiful and sweet voices in chorus, come on Wednesday nights to the Girls' clubrooms and listen to us carol.

Elizabeth Aoki
Club Reporter

KOREAN JUNIORS ARE ACTIVE GIRLS

The Korean Juniors are now holding their meetings every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Recently, officers were elected. They were Sally Kim president, Lily Koo vice-president, Eliza Koo secretary, Alice Lee social chairman, Alice Lee treasurer, and Queenie Young and Alice Kim assistants.

At the last meeting two girls were appointed as newspaper reporters. It will be their duty to write up the interesting and special activities of the club for the Ka-Palama. Our reporters are Lillian Hong and Elsie Kim.

The Club is planning Christmas gifts for their parents as a club project. A popcorn sale has also been planned for November 28 to help raise funds for future projects.

Elsie Kim
Club Reporter

ADULTS LEARN SEWING AT SETTLEMENT

Twenty seven older girls and mothers are registered in the Palama's Adult Sewing Class which meets every day from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. under the instruction of Mrs. Masunaga. All types of sewing is taught and certificates are awarded to those who completes the required courses.

Scouting

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CUBMASTERS' MEETING HELD AT PALAMA

A special meeting of Honolulu's Cubmasters was held on November 16 in the Palama Recreation Office. Cubmaster James Noda presented an outlined program for the coming Cub Rally which is to be held on December 5 at 1:00 p.m. at the Settlement.

Various phases of Cubbing activities were discussed with Paul Lau emphasizing the fact that a rally was sorely needed. Mr. James Noda was unanimously elected Chairman of the proposed rally. Mr. Paul Lau and Scout Commissioner Forbes were selected as his assistants.

The Cub Rally is slated to begin with a short assembly in the gymnasium after which the major part of the afternoon will be spent in a sort of "get acquainted" social by having every one present participate in the program. The feature of the rally will be the Inter-Pack Swimming Meet which will show the best Cub talents. The winning Pack will be awarded a handsome banner donated by Boy Scout Headquarters.

LEADERS' CLUB DANCE NOVEMBER 27

A big "Holiday Hop" will be sponsored by the Leaders' Club of Palama Settlement this Friday evening November 27th at 8:00 p.m. in the Settlement dance hall.

According to James Noda, chairman of the frolic, the spacious gym will be decorated with green and white streamers and spiced by flowing coconut leaves and ginger flowers to create a romantic setting. Fair hostesses in the persons of Miss Eva Park, Miss Margaret Mahi, and Miss Mary Park will greet all patrons of the affair.

The Leaders' Club will feature Harry Murakami's fast coming Melodeers, a Palama orchestra. A large attendance is expected by the organization.

TROOPS #70 & #30 IN HOT RACE

Palama Settlement's Boy Scout Troops #70 and #30 are staging a nip and tuck battle for athletic supremacy in the triangular competition which is now in progress. Troop #21 completes the trio of Scout troops. Troop #30 drew even with #70 by annexing the Volleyball title from a highly touted Troop #21 quintet.

PALAMA BRANCH LIBRARY SHOW CIRCULATION GAIN

The records of Mrs. Myrtle Mattison, librarian of the Palama Branch, proves that the Palama Community is decidedly progressing as far as reading is concerned. Statistics compiled by Mrs. Mattison for October 1936 show an increase of 28 adult card holders and 126 juvenile book borrowers. Circulation gains were 848 for grown-ups and 3013 for children making a total circulation of 3861 books for last month. This circulation is a distinct gain over that of October 1935; 423 in adults' and 64 in childrens' books, a total gain of 487 circulations.

Do not Hurry, Do not Worry, Laddie

May you always Steal, Swear, Cheat

STEAL away from bad company

SWEAR by your friends

CHEAT the devil

Comin' down to facts in a musin' sort of way, have you ever really seen

A Hitch Hike?

A Dragon Fly?

A Tooth Brush?

A Nail File?

A Sling Shot?

No? You ask us some, and make them hard.

SAY PALS! WE'LL BE SEEING YOU AT
THE BIG "HOLIDAY HOP" THIS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AT 8:00 PM

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

SPORTS

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WOOD SEES NEW ATHLETIC ERA AT PALAMA

The meager response to calls for Senior athletic teams in Football and Basketball this season heralds a new regime in major athletic activities at Palama Settlement.

Many of our Senior Football players felt that their days of competition had already expired; that they were playing on borrowed time and decided to hang up the uniform. In Basketball the same condition is likewise true in many instances. Some have joined other organizations while three became professional football players thereby losing their amateur status.

The younger Junior group hails this exodus with glee as it means a real break for them to get into big league competition. Palama's 1936-37 Junior Basketball team will be composed of a group of youngsters of high school age or just beyond.

Nearly all Senior teams in Honolulu in competing in Basketball, Football and Swimming for the past several years have had one or more Palama made athletes on their rosters. Palama intends to hold its athletes henceforth; recognizing new material as rapidly as it develops, and offering equal opportunity to new and old members alike. Representation will be based on Ability, Clean Sportsmanship and Gentlemanly Conduct.

(Signed) W. S. Wood, Dir.,
Boys' & Men's Dept.
Palama Settlement

L. MENDONCA TO LEAD PAL BOXERS WRESTLERS

Louis Mendonca, well known local acrobat and professional grappler connected with the Settlement staff has been appointed by Palama officials to handle the destinies of the winged P leather tossers and mat artists for the 1936-37 amateur season. Hannibal Brito will serve as his assistant.

The new skipper faces a tough job in attempting to produce topnotchers from the remains of once great Pal stables, but optimism is the keynote of Palama training periods. If enthusiasm and willingness means anything in champion's makeup, then Palama is a championship club.

PAL GIRLS IN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The annual Volleyball Tournament for Junior and Senior High School girls of the city sponsored annually by the Girls' Rec. Department of Palama Settlement got off to a flying start on Thursday, November 19th when the Kalakaua A team emerged victorious over the Roosevelt B sextet in a hard fought game. The tourney is of the double elimination variety, which means that all teams have two chances for the title.

A Palama team is represented in the league and is composed mostly of girls in the Little Pal Club. Their first game is scheduled for December 4th.

Other teams entered are Lilioukalani A and B, Central A and B, Roosevelt Intermediate B, Kalakaua Intermediate B, Roosevelt High B and C, and Farrington B. This makes about 80 girls who will play Volleyball at Palama Settlement during the next two or three months.

Miss Moore is directing the league and the Physical Education teachers from the various schools are assisting. Palama will award a silver cup to the winners.

COMMUNITY BASKETBALL TO START NOV. 30

The popular Palama 120 and 135# Cageball circuits will open hostilities November 30th with twenty eight clubs, fifteen in the lightweight league and thirteen in the heavier conference.

Danny Puualoa's Shell Oilers and Heoji Kumashiro's McInerny Monarchs are defending champions in the 135 and 120# leagues respectively, and their line-ups this year appear as formidable as ever. Competition promises to be keener than in previous seasons as enthusiasm sweeps the community.

Teams registered are McInerny, Makiki, Moiliili, Lakimela, Auld Lane, Whippets, Cardinals, Holly Bakery, Tropic Inn, Alapai McCully, Rengo Kai, Pirates, and Unknowns in the 120# division; and Shell Oil, Lions A. C., Devil Dogs, Hinode Kai, Marauders, Kakaako, McInerny, Spartans, Lakimela, Happy Go Luckers, Emma A.C., Hui Eleu, and Desha Lane in the 135# league.

The 120# teams will most likely be divided into three sections of five teams each, while the 135 pounders will be segregated into two brackets.