

Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Let's all get in the mood for this fictional story. First: make yourself comfortable-- lie in bed or relax in your best chair. Second: close your eyes and let your mind go completely blank. Now try to visualize this picture. It is night, dark, windy and the driving rain is stinging your face. There is nowhere you can get out of this weather-but wait!!!

There is a shack on the hill. When you reach the shack it is dilapidated with no windows, half of the roof is gone and it is dirty. But that's the only shelter you can find for you and your wife, who is expecting her baby any moment. You try to fix something for the expected child. Your wife is in agony. And finally, the blessed event arrives; your baby is born. Out of nowhere, an old man about 4 feet high appears. He is dressed in a malo(a wrap around g-string.) He has a long white beard and is very Hawaiian. He looks at you, then at your wife, and at the new born baby and quickly disappears. He returns with 2 other men like himself. They all have gifts to offer your child. The first offers a Kahili, the symbol of royalty, the second offers a kihei pili (a treasured blanket or quilt which takes time to make.) The third gives a honi(kiss) on the child's forehead. Yes, this story sort of goes back to the Birth of Christ. At Christmas, it isn't the giving of presents that matters but, the thought behind it. For example, one man gave the child just a kiss

and yet to him that was his greatest possession-the symbol of LOVE. Love is a necessity for getting along with others and without love the world is doomed.

As Editor for the Newsletter and on behalf of my Staff, I extend warmest wishes to all of you for a most Merry Christmas and if God willing, a Prosperous New Year.

Mo Yaw

ANTIDOTE

Father: Son, what are you doing?
Son: I'm watching television.
Father: What picture are you looking at?
Son: Black and white.

Susie Kama

PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

It was a very rainy and windy day on December 14, and there was an open house at the Palama Community Pre-School. In spite of the bad weather, many people came to the open-house.

The CAP staff members, teachers and aides of majority of the CAP Pre-Schools on Oahu came. People of Harris Pre-School and parents of our school were there also. Approximately forty or more came. Their main interest was on how we got parents to cooperate so well. Compliments were given to Mrs. Hochfelsen, that were very nice and touching. Refreshments were served and everyone seemed to have had a wonderful time.

Jean Nishida

PALAMA PRE-SCHOOL CLASSROOM

The improvement on our school and our children has been tremendous. The children are more organized and very cooperative. They participate in games and singing. They've learned so many songs. Mrs. Hochfelsen is now teaching them to sing Mele Ka likimaka.

With the holidays coming, the children are busy making christmas things, and what a joy it is to see them working so well together.

The class room is decorated with christmas decorations and a christmas tree is up, donated by Mrs. Carol Hochfelsen and were trimmed with the ornaments made by our children. Some of the decorations displayed in the room, are made by our skillful mothers.

On December 8, a policeman came to visit the children at our school. Officer Sam Combes visited both sessions. The children were very friendly, some of them went to sit on his lap and made conversations. Some were so petrified, but later became unafraid. Mrs. Hochfelsen made arrangements with Officer Combes for this visitation so the children will get better acquainted with a police officer. Officer Combes also helped put up the chains on the wall. It was a very good experience for the children.

Jean Nishida

PALAMA PRE-SCHOOL
(Teacher's Views)

"With the holiday season coming on, I have been thinking about the last three months. Three months ago, I was sitting at home not aware of the CAP and OEO programs, until some of my friends wrote to me from the Mainland, and told me how wonderful it was to have their children in this program. Since I have come here, I have seen your children change in many ways. The best complaints from the parents to me is "I don't know what to do, my child talks too much at home." I am just glad this program is really doing what it was intended to do. I now have 42 children instead of two. The parents have been wonderful and I see great progress. May I wish everyone a good holiday and I hope Santa will be good to all of you."

Quoted by Mrs. Carol Hochfelsen

Marie Kapoi

HARRIS PRE-SCHOOL CLASSROOM
(Christmas is in the Air)

In Mrs. Fumi Inouye's room the boys and girls are busily covering icecream cartons with fabrics to be used as waste baskets.

The children in Miss Nancy Stanley's classroom, are happily painting christmas cones and glittering them.

They are all excited about decorating the trees which Mrs. Inouye donated. The trimmings on the Christmas tree includes colorful paper chains, egg carton bells, glittered cones and ornaments which they made.

At this time I would like to wish one and all a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Ellen Cannon

FIELD TRIP

A field trip was enjoyed by the students of Harris Pre-School. They browsed through many streets of interests with the Xmas decorations catching their eyes.

They started off by leaving the grounds at 9:30 a.m. They rode through Fort street, then to Ala Wai Boat Harbor. Ala Moana Park was next, then on to Kaiser's hospital. They went to Ilikai Lagoon where the children were permitted to look at the boats from the bus. They saw Tahitian Lanai, Hawaiian Village and Fort DeRussey, then out to Kalakaua Ave. to the heart of Waikiki. Next they went to Ala Moana Shopping Center. The children enjoyed it. Here the Xmas decorations were fantastic. They saw the huge Santa Claus which is on the mall of the Center. Also animals of all sorts. When leaving the big Santa, the children waved and said with Xmas spirit and unison, "Bye Santa Claus." We went down Kapiolani Blvd. to Hotel street where we saw more Xmas lights. The driver turned down River street and back to the school ground.

This field trip was interesting and inspiring. The mothers enjoyed it, too. I sincerely hope this type of trip will go on forever.

Mrs. Agnes Kaluna

Here are some comical vocabularies that we use in the Apt:

Nupit instead of stupid.

Punch you full of holes instead of slap your head.

CHINESE AUCTION NEWS

On November 30, a PPG meeting was held at Palama Parish Hall to have a discussion on a Chinese Auction to raise funds for a Christmas party for the two pre-schools. It was voted and carried out by the members that a Chinese auction be held on Dec. 11. The committee that was elected were: Chairman, Mrs. Elaine Mattson--Co-Chairman, Mr. Richard Kapoi--Treasurer, Thelma Nitta for Palama and Mrs. Judith Grace for Harris. Both were also in charge of receiving the items or articles from parents of their respective schools. Other members were, Mr. and Mrs. Lui Fuata who handled the Samoan group, auctioneers Aides, Mrs. Agnes Kaluna and Mrs. Josephine Chai, Runners: Mr. Meyers, Mr. Kaluna, Mr. Chai, Mr. Kamaka, and sons of Mrs. Mattson, Renard and Charles Mattson. Charles Mattson was head runner.

Donations came from several organizations and business merchants. They included, St. Francis Student Nurses, Wigwam Dept. Store, Hale Mohalu Lions Club, Hawaiian Club, Pearl City Lions Club, Aiea Lions Club, Kapahulu and Moiliili Lions Club, Kamehameha Lions Club, Palama Shoe Store, Hawaii Youth Club, Kawaiahao Church, Tamashiro Mkt., King and Dillingham Texaco. The parents of Palama and Harris pre-schools also donated lots of articles and foods.

The auction started at 6:00 p.m. for the people were very anxious. Mr. Richard Kapoi was the auctioneer who started off the auction. Mr. Togia was the seller or solder for the auction. Many goodies and beautiful things were taken home by the public for a good price.

The total amount collected at the end of the auction was, \$205.81 and from the refreshment committee \$21.83.

Our greatest thanks goes to CAP and staff members of Palama Settlement and we also thank the teachers and their families from both schools. Our thanks also goes to the parents, friends and others who participated in this Chinese auction. Thank you again for the goodness of your hearts and may the good Lord be with you all! HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Jean Nishida

NOTICE

Our circulation Manager has been inactive for a while because of illness. She has been in the

hospital for recuperation. So on behalf of the Staff and reporters we wish Liz Kapaui a very speedy recovery. May the Lord bless, keep and guide you always. Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

PALAMA PRE-SCHOOL WORK GANG

Hi! Ho! Hi! Ho! and off to work we go! Man-power we needed and man-power we got. The work gang was called together again by Richard Kapoi to repair the swings and sand box cover. They also put up the sliding board. The women that came to help, worked in the classroom.

The workers were: Richard Kapoi, Marie Kapoi and sons, Richard Jr. and Wilfred. John Nishida, R. Mattson, C. Meyers, C. Mattson, A. Patterson, F. Meyers and Andy Kaimana. Thank you very much to all of you for the kokua.

P.S. Here's hoping more Fathers will appear in the New Year.

Jean Nishida

CAP MEETING

The Palama Community Action Council held their third meeting on Dec. 1, at Palama Settlement.

The agenda consisted of proposals for Palama CAP programs for 1966-67. The proposals were: Component Project #3 Aggressive Services; Component #2 Community Organization Services and Component #1 and #20 Pre-Schools.

Component #1 and 20- budget for Harris and Palama Community Pre-Schools. Harris asked for \$92,403 and Palama for \$53,480. This increase is to service 60 children one on half a day and the other on full day basis.

Component #3, Aggressive Service asked for an expansion in staff that will bring the budget for this year to \$59,430.00 and increase in staff.

All of the above proposals were passed.

The proposal for Area Coordinator and Tutorial Services came to a standstill because there were considerable discussion around not putting the Tutorial Services project under the supervision of the Area Coordinator. It was finally passed with the unders

standing that it would be presented as two separate proposals and that insurance would be carried by the organization which will sponsor the tutorial Services. Amount asked for was \$38,857.00.

We're making progress slowly but very surely.

Refreshments served at the meeting were very good, especially the punch made by Mrs. Dorothy Kim. It was the best tasted in a long while.

Richard Kapoi

"LOW DOWN SCOOP"

Without no knowledge on their part these following people were observed. Can you guess who they are?

Here is a man, that has no limit to words. He is a straight kind of guy and not one of those that beats around the bush. Also ladies he is single and has a diaper pail filled with goodies.

This gal has sort of set a rule for herself, work is work! play is play. She has a sweet personality and a good head on her shoulder.

This next character has four eyes (wears glasses) but for a four-eyed guy, he sure looks good with them. Ladies, we'll not strain our two good eyes cause he's spoken for.

You can feel at ease and comfortable when speaking to this young lady. She thinks young, acts and looks young. But she helps both young and old.

Have you guess them? Well let me cue you in, Mr. Shungo Okubo, Mrs. Dorothy Kim, Mr. Rudy Villamil and Mrs. Janet Nakashima.

Judith Grace

CONGRATULATIONS

"Name the Apartment" contest winners were announced by Palama Friendship President, Dorothy Kim at their meeting Wednesday, Dec. 15.

The winning names were:
First: Hui Aloha--Mrs. Mary Nakila, Second: Hale Kokua--Mrs. Juliet Young, Third: Hale Lokahi--Mr. Herbert Lee and Fourth: Friendship Community House--

Master Robert Kailewa. The winners were awarded gift certificates from Family Fair.

It's been fun looking at all the entries you've submitted. Thanks to you, the Apartment now has a name. HUI ALOHA!!!

ADULT TYPING CLASS

There were about 30 fortunate ladies in this community who had the privilege of taking typing lessons at the Farrington Community School on Tues. and Thurs. evenings for 10 weeks.

This was the first time I had any typing lessons and boy! it wasn't what I thought it would be like. It was hard work but most gratifying, like learning to spell, looking up words and definition. I enjoyed most of the things I've learned. I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in setting up this typing class.

Billie Meyers

TYPING CLASS DINNER

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, Members of the Adult Typing class met for dinner and evaluation at Hui Aloha. It was a potluck supper. Menu for that night were Hamburger with spaghetti, garlic bread, green salad, cake, coffee and juice. After dinner we parted into three buzz groups for our evaluation. Each group answered questions that were asked. Miss Harada was a great help to us.

Our guests for dinner were Miss Harada (Principal), Mrs. Elaine Yagi (Typing teacher), Mr. and Mrs. C. Douglas Hole, Mr. Shungo Okubo and Mrs. Janet Nakashima.

All in all, everyone enjoyed themselves, considering the lovely wet, rainy and cold weather that we had that night.

So anyone interested in going back to school to get your high school diploma, learning English typing, shorthand, etc, please consult Mrs. Janet Nakashima, Apt. 12-A (now called "Hui Aloha" Phone no. is 811-883.

Susie Kama

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We the Staff and Reporters of the Palama Newsletter, would like to congratulate Rev. and Mrs. Rodrigo Estrada on the birth of their new son, born Nov. 19, 1965.