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## TO MY MOTHER

I have known music  
In the wind's wild lyre through mighty  
pines,  
In rhythmic waves that beat along gray  
lines  
Of cliff, in symphonies of studied art;  
But never music that has thrilled my  
heart  
Like your brave laugh undaunted down the  
years,  
Weaving a thread of gold through care  
and tears.

I have known beauty  
In gold spilled by a sudden autumn sun,  
In hush of twilight when the day was done  
In trees that sway by hidden mountain  
streams,  
In youthful eyes envisioning long dreams.  
But beauty's self I've watched as your  
soul trod  
The brave white way that you have walked  
with God.

By Rose Darrough

## PAL STARS SMASH FOUR B.C.A. RECORDS

Four Palama records went crashing into oblivion when the cream of Westside youth staged spectacular assaults on long standing criterions in the local B.C.A. Indoor Track Finals, last Wednesday evening, April 28th, in the Palama gym.

James Koo, ace of Frank Hluboky's McKinley High casaba squad, turned in the most brilliant performance of the carnival by registering a phenomenal mark of 28 baskets in one minute of shooting, to erase the former 125# record of 23. Another standard went by the boards in the same division when Fred Chang stretched the tape 25' 11 7/8" in the standing hop, step, and jump. Unlimited-class stars came into their own when William Nadal high-jumped 5' 5" for a new mark, and Archie Kapahua followed suit by dumping in 25 swishers.

Five individual champions were crowned during the competition; Thomas Lee, 80#, Stephen Vasquez, 110#, Isaac Lum 95#, James Koo 125#, and Archie Kapahua, Unlimited.

Of the quintet, James Koo and Isaac Lum loom as the best prospects for national recognition, a traditional achievement of Palama champions. last year

Palama Settlement placed fifth/in team scoring against the best Boys' Clubs of America with an inexperienced and youthful roster. This year's squad is expected to go a long way toward regaining the Settlement supremacy of former years, that of national champion in 1932, '33, and '34.

## CASINO LEADING IN PAL VOLLEY LEAGUE

Casino A.C. blasted a formidable barrier from its path to Palama Settlement's Community Volleyball League last Monday evening, April 26th, by stopping Shell Oil in two torrid sets, 15-7 and 15-10, in the Palama gym. Tai Loy Ho's Kakaako Sons paced the Casinos by sweeping Nanakuli off the floor in convincing fashion, 15-3 and 15-3 to remain undefeated. Fern Park gained an easy victory when Auld Lane failed to appear on scheduled time.

The feature game of the evening was closer than the scores indicate, every point being gained and lost only after brilliant exchanges. Casino's powerful wrecking crew of Smith, Balleteras, and Pollock, carried the brunt of the victor's offense, while Abili, Hilo, and Phillips were the Shell Oil big berthas.

A crucial tilt will be played when Casino collides with Kakaako Sons in a game which will most likely decide the championship. Casino is favored in many quarters to emerge victor, but a Kakaako triumph is not too far-fetched an idea.

# Boys' Activities

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## PALAMA SECOND IN RAINBOW RELAYS

A well-balanced, hard-fighting University of Hawaii Track team coached by Richard Furtado, rose to great heights in turning back Palama Settlement's crack spikesters at the 13th Annual Rainbow Relays sponsored by the ASUH, Saturday afternoon, May 1st, at the Punahou School cinderways. The final score was, University of Hawaii 91, Palama Settlement 66½, Citywide A.C. 44½, and Waialae Ranch 30.

In losing, Winged P representatives covered themselves with glory, by forcing a star-studded Rainbow Quarter-Mile Relay team to a new record, and pushing Waialae Ranch's great One-Mile Relay quartet to a sensational new mark.

The greatest performance of the Carnival was staged by Charley Ornellas, Pal coach and premier middle-distance runner in the territory, who pulled a Frank Merriwell stunt in breasting the tape first in the Open 100 yard dash ahead of Aki, Lum, Leu, and Espinda, University aces. Palama's flying cop also ran beautiful laps in the Medley and One-Mile Relays.

Other Pal stars were Roy Araujo, Novice sprint king, Manuel DeMello, winner of the Shot Put, Dolan, Kumashiro, Meyer, Tomita, Hamamoto, Tamanaha, Araki, Masuko, Fretais, Harold DeMello, Apau, and Souza.

The big feature of a meet replete with thrills was the coronation of Miss Helene Amoy, winsome University co-ed, as Queen of the Relay Carnival.

Palama should make a stronger bid for first honors in the A.A.U. Championships on May 15th, which will offer more individual events. This meet will be sponsored jointly by Palama Settlement, Citywide A.C., and Waialae Ranch.

## PAL SOFTBALLERS IN SECOND WEEK OF PLAY

Close games, featured by two shut-outs and one extra-inning tussle, were served on Palama Settlement's Softball menu, last Sunday morning, when 28 teams dished out an attractive fourteen-game program on three diamonds at Castle Field, Palama. David Kauhane's Shell Oil outfit scored the only run-away of the day by swamping Four-Corners 19-4 in a "C" Section tilt.

The defending-champion Stonewall ball-tossers blanked McInerny Juniors 3-0 behind Tibong's masterful twirling in an "A" Section game, while another All-Filipino crew, the Rajahs, whitewashed Rengo Kai by identical score with Simeon gracing the hill-lock in the Section "C" schedule.

Sato's homer in the last inning decided the Akepo Lane-McInerny Cubs battle. The Ruthian clout through center ended a 2-2 deadlock.

Scores follow:

### "A" SECTION

Pal Amateur Greens	9, Crusaders	2
Stonewall A.C.	3, McInerny Jrs.	0
Chinese Amateurs	7, Kauluwela	1
Auld Lane	7, Lakimela	6
River Wanderers	3, Felman	2

### "B" SECTION

Palama Shoe	6, Naval Amm. Depot	2
Pal Gakuen Greens	9, Triple Aces	4
Akepo Lane	3, McInerny Cubs	2
Shafter A.C.	6, Spartans	3

### "C" SECTION

Kaiulani	8, Aion	6
Pal Gakuen Whites	9, Pal Amat'r Whites	4
Pal Ramblers	5, Asahi Garage	4
Rajahs	3, Rengo Kai	0
Shell Oil	19, Four Corners	4

## QUOTATIONS

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.

-----Sir James Barrie

Few human beings are proof against the implied flattery of rapt attention.

-----Jack Woodford

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# GIRLS' DEPT

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## POETRY CORNER

### THE BALLAD OF THE HARP WEAVER

"Son," said my mother,  
When I was knee-high,  
"You've need of clothes to cover you,  
And not a rag have I.

"There's nothing in the house  
To make a boy breeches,  
Nor shears to cut a cloth with  
Nor thread to take stitches.

"There's nothing in the house  
But a loaf-end of rye,  
And a harp with a woman's head  
Nobody will buy,"  
And she began to cry.

That was in the early fall.  
When came the late fall,  
"Son," she said, "The sight of you--  
Makes your mother's blood crawl,--

"Little skinny shoulder-blades  
Sticking through your clothes!  
And where you'll get a jacket from  
God ~~above~~ knows.

"It's lucky for me, lad,  
Your daddy's in the ground,  
And can't see the way I let  
His son go around!"  
And she made a queer sound.

That was in the late fall.  
When the winter came,  
I'd not a pair of breeches  
Nor a shirt to my name.

I couldn't go to school,  
Or out of doors to play.  
And all the other little boys  
Passed our way.

"Son," said my mother,  
"Come, climb into my lap,  
And I'll chafe your little bones  
While you take a nap."

And, oh, but we were silly  
For half an hour or more,  
Me with my long legs  
Dragging on the floor,

A-rock-rock-rocking  
To a mother-goose rhyme!  
Oh, but we were happy  
For half an hour's time!

But there was I, a great boy,  
And what would folks say  
To hear my mother singing me  
To sleep all day,  
In such a daft way?

Men say the winter  
Was bad that year;  
Fuel was scarce,  
And food was dear.

A wind with a ~~wolf's~~ head  
Howled about our door,  
And we burned up the chairs  
And sat upon the floor.

All that was left us  
Was a chair we couldn't break,  
And the harp with a woman's head  
Nobody would take,  
For song or pity's sake.

The night before Christmas  
I cried with the cold,  
I cried myself to-sleep  
Like a two-year-old.

And in the deep night  
I felt my mother rise,  
And stare down upon me  
With love in her ~~eyes~~.

I saw my mother sitting  
On the one good chair,  
A light falling on her  
From I couldn't tell where,

Looking nineteen,  
And not a day older,  
And the harp with a woman's head  
Leaned against her shoulder.

Her thin fingers, moving  
In the thin, tall strings,  
Were weav-weav-weaving  
Wonderful things.

Many bright threads,  
From where I couldn't see, -  
Were running through the harp-strings  
Rapidly,

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# Girls' Activities

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She wove a child's jacket,  
And when it was done  
She laid it on the floor  
And wove another one.

She wove a red cloak  
So regal to see,  
"She's made it for a king's son,"  
I said, "and not for me."  
But I knew it was for me.

She wove a pair of breeches  
Quicker than that!  
She wove a pair of boots  
And a little cocked hat.

She wove a pair of mittens,  
She wove a little blouse,  
She wove all night  
In the still, cold house.

She sang as she worked,  
And the harp-strings spoke;  
Her voice never faltered,  
And the thread never broke.  
And when I awoke,

There sat my mother  
With the harp against her shoulder,  
Looking nineteen  
And not a day older,

A smile about her lips,  
And a light about her head,  
And her hands in the harp-strings  
Frozen dead.

And piled up beside her  
And toppling to the skies,  
Were the clothes of a king's son,  
Just my size.

The Ka Palama promised to print the "The Harp Weaver", a poem by Miss Edna St. Vincent Millay which won the Pulitzer prize. Pulitzer prizes are offered for distinctive, original and distinguished editorials, novels, poems, plays and histories written by American authors. The Pulitzer Poetry is worth \$1000.

The 1935 prize went to Robert Coffin for "Strange Holiness."

## SPRING FESTIVALS

From time immemorial the world has always honored and welcomed spring in some form of ceremony, each country rejoicing in its own fashion.

At the Art Academy, Friday, April 30th, thirty seven playground children had the privilege of enjoying a colorful Spring Festival as celebrated in several countries.

Danish children dressed in bright colors gayly danced and sang at a Fair in honor of spring.

N.A. Indians paid homage to the spirit of the awakening earth.

Swedes toasted King Winter and helped melt his snow with flowers in song and dance.

Korean children dressed in their most colorful head dress and flowing sleeves played and danced old folk dances to the beat of a drum.

Chinese showed in pantomime, ancestral worship not omitting the explosive fire crackers.

Japanese children played and danced under the Cherry tree accompanied by the samisen.

Tyroleans danced and sang while twining flowers characterized the festivities in honor of spring as the herdsmen took their sheep into the highlands.

All the festivities were made possible by children from several public schools and students of the University of Hawaii. The participants so gay and enlightening captivated the hearts of the youngsters, who, as the crowd moved from court to court, to get the true background of each country found no space too small for them to creep in and enjoy. Comfort was forgotten in the anxiety to see and feel spring.

The Palama pool has been given a special cleaning and sunning last week, and it certainly looks clean and shiny. But it won't stay that way very long if the swimmers are careless about taking their Showers. Help keep the pool clean by doing your share.

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## MRS. H. WEST NEW GIRLS PHYS ED DIRECTOR

"I think Palama is the grandest institution I have ever seen. In the States we have clinics, but nothing to compare with Palama or the recreational work done here. Most of the recreation work in California is handled by city schools, all do not benefit as they may here". This is what Mrs. West the new girls' phys ed teacher thinks about Palama.

Mrs. West attended Pasadena High School and is a graduate of the University of Southern California of 1932. She majored in Physical Education, Education and Science.

From 1930 to 1932 Mrs. West was the swimming assistant at U.S.C. and conducted recreation on the school playgrounds during the summer. She also had charge of the swimming at Muir Technical High School at Pasadena California. From 1932 to 1936 she held a position as substitute Phys Ed teacher in the Pasadena City Schools. During 1936 Mrs. West had supervision of playgrounds as her work and directed various recreational activities.

Mrs. West is especially interested in teaching everyone to swim and in having a real girls' swimming team. She is intensely interested in the work being done at Palama and is already planning a fine program for the girls for the summer. Aloha, to Mrs. West. We like her spirit and wish her success.

## COMMUNITY NITE POPULAR ACTIVITY

The Community nite is certainly a popular activity for in spite of the heavy downpour a group of forty seven senior girls and boys gathered at Palama last Thursday evening to learn the Chinese game of Mah Jong which was the feature for the 4th Community Nite.

Ping Pong and Checkers were enjoyed by those who could not be cared for in Mah Jong. Six sets were borrowed for the evening and accommodated 36 individuals.

However, keen competition was witnessed in Ping Pong and the boys had to keep an eye on the fair sex for they certainly gave them a close game.

Gladys Yuen, Winifred Misawa, Mrs. Kim, Harry Kim and Robert Char assisted with the Community Nite as instructors.

## 243 FIFTH GRADE GIRLS ENROLL FOR SWIMMING

Due to the rain storm, the Learn to Swim Campaign didn't get off to the flying start as anticipated. In fact, the first group didn't arrive until 12:00 o'clock and only 79 girls reported for the first afternoon's instruction. However, we feel sure that the weather man will favor us with sunshine tomorrow and all 243 girls will be able to take a plunge.

From the eight schools a total of 435 boys and girls have signed up for the campaign, which is just six more than last year.

Fern, Puuhale, Kalihi-Waena schools although so far away that the children have to be transported by a Palama bus, seem especially interested and have registered 165 children. Miss Engle of Puuhale School exerted special effort to have every non-swimmer attend and registered 75 boys and girls. That made quite a transportation problem and necessitated a division of several classes, but we're happy to have so many from Puuhale because they're so far away from any swimming pool all year round.

The swim teachers are anxious to have every boy and girl pass the A.R.C. Beginners test in three weeks and are working hard to achieve that end. Come on non members let's see you swim!

## ECHOES FROM THE NURSING DEPARTMENT

The Nursing Staff is settling down to routine duties after a very interesting and inspiring week of Institute which was conducted by the Nursing Association and which was led by Miss Elnora Thomson. Miss Thomson is Professor of Public Health Nursing at the Oregon Medical School. Palama felt especially honored by Miss Thomson's visit to the Settlement Saturday, May 1st.

Miss MacOwan announced to her Staff that she plans to attend the International Congress of Nurses which convenes in London in July. Miss MacOwan will plan to leave Honolulu May 15th. She will visit her home in Illinois and then go to the annual meeting of the National T. B. Association in Milwaukee, Wisconsin before proceeding to New York.