

# KA-PALAMA

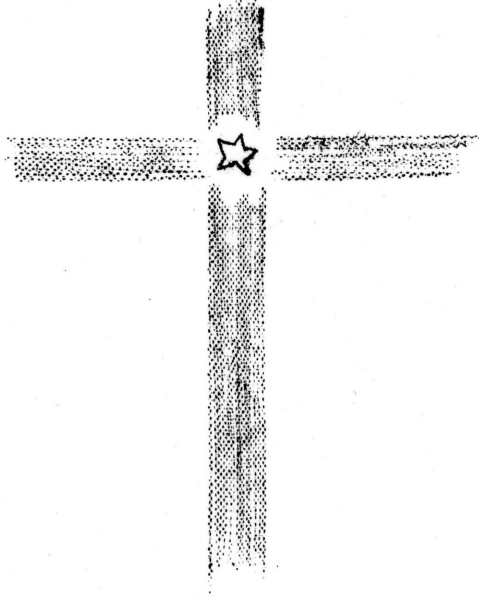
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PEACE ON EARTH

GOOD WILL TO MEN



## Greetings

### CHRISTMAS

"Christmas is here again! In every store window stands the evergreen, its boughs draped with snowy frills, imitative of winter's hoary breath. Decorated with brilliant spangles, twinkling lights, and colored orbs; loaded with toys, fountain pens, watches, and clusters of valuable etceteras for young men and maidens as well as for old men and women and children, our festal tree seems to shine across the city's murky streets as did the star through Bethlehem's black night.

Surely the world needs Christmas, with its spirit of giving; for, like the brightness in the sky the night of Jesus' birth, the festival is to millions dwelling in the darkness of selfishness as the one remaining pointer to a happier, humbler way of life.

True, as most Christians know, the twenty-fifth of December is not the anniversary of the Saviour's birth, nor is there any scriptural foundation for the commemoration of His nativity. However, sincere Christians through the centuries have used this occasion to emulate the spirit of Him who lived to give.

And how is it with you and me? As we stand by our Christmas trees, let us be sure the serpent of selfishness is not couched in our garden of idealism; that the evergreen boughs are not laden <sup>with</sup> prizes for everyone except the Man of Sorrows."

THE KA-PALAMA WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

# Features

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## HE MEANS WELL

In every walk of life, in every race of man, in every Community, you can find some person who is always good for a laugh anytime; a clown, a jester. He may be one of those who serve a great purpose in life, to make people smile and forget for a while, the cares of the world; hiding a great hurt beneath a merry front, foolish stunts and wisecracks. Or he may be one of that great army who make saps of themselves without knowing why people encourage their antics. We have a few of each breed here at Palama. And then there are some who cannot be classed either as clowns or fools; men whose characteristics label them as "cross-breeds."

Jeffre Chang, self-styled super-sales man, athlete and radio entertainer, may be listed under any one of those categories. He has been the joy and despair of the Palama staff and members on occasions too numerous to relate. There have been times when his falsetto singing was the cause for hilarious merriment. And there have also been times when Jeffre's antics seemed pathetic in their simplicity and sincerity.

But we are not trying to make Jeff's eccentric habits an issue of debate. The Ka-Palama wishes to commend him for his magnificent gesture in starting the "ball" rolling in the Recreation Department's Christmas gift to a stricken Pal and his family. The Honolulu Advertiser's appeal to local sportdom for a Xmas fund for Wilder Parker was successful beyond its fondest hopes. A box serving a similar purpose may be found in the Palama lobby today; the Settlement's "Aloha" to Wilder. Jeffre Chang's contribution was the first to be received. We do not know the size of his gift; it is immaterial. We merely hope to open the eyes of a few Pals whose idea of a swell joke is to ridicule him.

## FISH STORY

A few days ago, when all of us were down with the grippe, our family doctor told us an amazing story, which we all believed without question. And yet, after he had gone, I somehow distrusted the whole thing, without knowing why. Perhaps you can tell me whether the story could be true.

The doctor said that some<sup>ago</sup> years he was prospecting for gold in American Fork canyon near Salt Lake City, when he observed a patch of hoarfrost at the base of a cliff. It seemed odd to him that hoarfrost should appear in the summer sunlight, so he cut into it with a pick, when, lo, the wall broke through. Crawling into the dark hole, he lighted his torch and found himself in the crevasse of a buried glacier. Sheer walls of sparkling frost rose on either side, high into the gloom.

Scraping away some frost, the doctor opened a window into the glacier, which apparently filled the whole mountain, stretching for miles. And, deep in the ice, he saw huge forms - giant crayfish, six feet long, schools of enormous fish, all frozen fast. After two days of labor, assisted by another man, he succeeded in digging out one of the crayfish, which he loaded on a wagon to carry triumphantly to Salt Lake City.

"But you<sup>know</sup> how crayfish are," he told us. "They freeze every winter and thaw out every summer. As we drove along through the sunny canyon I felt something tickling the back of my neck. I turned just in time to see the monster, after a million years of winter, come to life and open a giant pincer. I let out a yell, and the two of us jumped from the wagon and ran. When we returned the crayfish was gone. One of the horses was pretty badly cut up."

My husband was so excited that he sat up in bed and said, "Doctor, I've got \$5,000 to help open up that place for a museum. Or, if you prefer, we can go into the fish business. That place must be the largest icebox in the world - large enough to feed the nation on fresh seafood for a hundred years."

"I'm sorry, John," the doctor said, "but it's all gone now. There was a terrible forest fire on that mountain the next day, and the whole thing melted and caved in."

Was he joking us? Or could such a thing happen? - Mrs. C. N. R.

The Ka-Palama owes Jeffre a line or so of praise. He means well, Palama men and women.

# GIRLS DEPARTMENT

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## SR. GIRLS PARTY HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

In spite of the rain and inclement weather one hundred and fourteen girls and guests attended the Sr. Girls Party held last Thursday evening in the Girls clubrooms.

The girls and boys who attended must have been in a jolly xmas mood for all took a lively part in the active games planned as the "ice breakers" of the evening. Heaps of laughter attended the racing in the various stunt directed by Miss Moore. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

Table games which included Ma Jong, Monopoly, Checkers and various card games were very popular with the group. More reported for this special activity than could be accommodated. Social dancing was enjoyed by all, but especially popular was the Leap Year dance which was "girls choice". Judging by the keen interest and participation, Miss Zulawinski, decided to plan senior girls social affairs more frequently in the future.

## MR. BRYER PROVES POPULAR ENTERTAINER

"Mammy's little chile likes shorten'n bread", sang by Mr. Bryers of K.G.U. proved by far the most popular number on the community program sponsored for the adults by the Girls Department last Thursday evening.

On the program appeared a number of accomplished individuals and organizations who contributed their talents for the enjoyment of Palama district people.

It was hoped that more parents would attend the program since it was meant especially for them. One hundred and forty one individuals attended the program. This number was not as large as could have been accommodated. However it was felt that a record crowd would have attended had it not been for the down pour which kept many at home who had no means of transportation other than walking.

Similiar programs will be planned in the future if interest of the adults warrants it.

## MIDGET GIRLS PARTY ENJOYED

With mass singing of Christmas carols as a starter, the midgets and Jr. High Girls enjoyed an evening of fun and a variety of entertainment for their Christmas party. 402 Palama girls and playground children enjoyed the entertainment which was in the form of recitations, singing, dancing, pantomines and a tableau all in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

Various clubs of the Girl's Recreation Dept. furnished most of the evenings' entertainment, with the exception of Mr. Yankoff's Entertainers who tapped and sang popular numbers, solo by Miss Florence Ahn and Christmas carols by the University Girls.

Home talents and all drew the tremendous applause and one could see that their efforts were much appreciated and enjoyed. The effectiveness and beauty of the pantomine, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," by the Korean Girls' Club seemed to have impressed the children a great deal according to comments heard the next day.

This proves that home talent is certainly appreciated and more of it should be encouraged at Palama.

Santa Claus truly kept his promise in the form of Christmas stockings filled with goodies for all and that was the grand finale of the evening.

It may be of interest to the girls to know that altho he was a little late to appear, Santa Claus did come to bring us xmas cheer.

## GIRLS CLUBROOMS HOURS

We are sorry to have to announce that the club rooms will be open only from 2:00 to 5:00 each day during the xmas holidays. Miss Park our temporary Girls Club worker is only on half schedule making it impossible to have her on duty all day.

However the gym and tank open at 10 a.m. and we hope the girls will go there instead during the morning hours.



# GIRLS CLUB NEWS

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## B.G.A. TROPHY WON BY LULU KEA

The Guy Rothwell trophy, a lovely silver loving cup, given to Palama Settlement as the trophy for the Best Girl Athlete Competition has been won permanently by Lulu Kea and will be awarded Dec 26 at the Saturday afternoon movies.

Lulu, who is only 14 years old at the present time, has won the cup for the past three years. Many of her winning points came from track events. Although the greater portion were won in swimming. Lulu is truly an all around athlete. However, she didn't win her laurels easily for she received keen competition from Florence and Hureko Akamine who were only a few points behind her. It is the hope of the Girls Department that Lulu will continue in athletics and achieve still more greatly proving doubly her right as a holder of the Best Girl Athlete Trophy.

The silver loving cup, won by Lulu, has been in use for eleven years as the Best Girl Athlete Trophy. Mr. Guy N. Rothwell gave the cup to Palama in 1925 with the inscription "to be won three times". Since the presentations hundred of Palama Girls Athlete have competed for the cup and nine different girls have held it for one year. One girl, Lily Wong, held it for two years and then failed to enter the competition for the third time. Ellen Kapahua came very close to winning it the second time in 1931 when she was nosed out by Olive Moheula. The names on the cup present a small history of the Girls Recreation Department membership. The names appearing on the cup are:

|                |       |      |
|----------------|-------|------|
| Elsie Brown    | ----- | 1925 |
| Emma Muragin   | ----- | 1926 |
| Lily Wong      | ----- | 1927 |
| Margaret Rath  | ----- | 1928 |
| Lily Wong      | ----- | 1929 |
| Ellen kapahua  | ----- | 1930 |
| Olivie Moheula | ----- | 1931 |
| Emily Chun     | ----- | 1932 |
| Rose Lee       | ----- | 1933 |
| Lulu Kea       | ----- | 1934 |
| Lulu Kea       | ----- | 1935 |
| Lulu Kea       | ----- | 1936 |

## FARRINGTON GIRLS WIN PALAMA PENNANT

After a slow start when they were beaten in a close game with Roosevelt C, the Farrington B team turned around and won all the rest of their games, and finally triumphed over the Roosevelt A team with the score of 36-22. The Roosevelt team had come thru the tournament as champions of the winners side. Farrington is to be congratulated upon this victory as it is a new school and composed only of sophomores. The Roosevelt girls and the Palama girls against whom Farrington played were made up largely of juniors with some seniors, and only a few sophomores. The winning team consists of Emily Chun, Captain, Eleanor Bates, Eleanor Peng, Helen Mitsuka, Mary Kauwe, Pearl Ogden, Leimoni Kahaleku.

## SCHOOL SWIM CLUBS SUSPENDED DURING HOLIDAYS

During the Christmas holidays the school swim clubs will not meet. We want to remind all the girls however that they can come swimming every day instead of only once a week. The girls swim hours are from 10-11, 1-2, and 4-5

## SPECIAL VACATION PROGRAM

A special athletic program has been planned by Miss Moore for the girls during the xmas vacation.

The schedule for every afternoon is as follows:

|        |          |                       |
|--------|----------|-----------------------|
| Mon.   | Dec. 21. | Tap dancing           |
| Tues.  | Dec. 22. | Special gym games     |
| Wed.   | Dec. 23. | Tap dancing and games |
| Thurs. | Dec. 24. | Treasure hunt         |
| Fri.   | Dec. 25. | Christmas Holiday     |
| Sat.   | Dec. 26. | Movies                |
| Sun.   | Dec. 27. | Regular program       |
| Mon.   | Dec. 28. | Tap dancing           |
| Tues.  | Dec. 29. | Contest (challenging) |
| Wed.   | Dec. 30. | Tap dancing games     |
| Thurs. | Jan. 1.  | New Years Day Holiday |
| Fri.   | Jan. 2.  | Movies                |
| Sun.   | Jan. 3.  | Regular Program       |

# Boys' Activities

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## HETTEMA FEATURED AT PAL CLUB MEETING

Mr. Harry Hettema, an old favorite with the Palama youths, was the guest speaker of the Pal Club meeting last Sunday morning in the Settlement auditorium. Always a big hit with his philosophic humor, Mr. Hettema lived up to advance expectations by giving the assembly a clear-cut definition of the "Seventh Commandment" and its synonym in everyday life. "Adultery" or temptation as Mr. Hettema interprets it, is "a moment of bliss, five minutes of joy, a half hour of pleasure, and a lifetime of regret."

The advantages of cross-breeding to merge the better qualities of two different species was also stressed by Mr. Hettema. He cited as an example, the grafting of beautiful fragile tulips from his native Holland with those less delicate but hardier American grown bulbs to create a tulip showing the best strains of each flower on its petals. Mr. Hettema's philosophy may be applied to intermarriage in the human race, a widespread and accepted practice in Hawaii, and to which the outstanding men in Palama Community can trace their ancestry.

Another appreciated feature of the meeting was the excellent vocal and piano entertainment offered by the Mahi sisters Puarose, Bernice, and Margaret. Their harmonized rendition of "Trees" met with tremendous applause.

Dr. Philip S. Platt, Settlement director, informed the boys of the monthly Community Program which has been planned and gave them a brief resume of the star studded musical show which was staged last Thursday evening. Dr. Platt urged everyone present to assist in making those monthly affairs well-attended and much anticipated projects.

The meeting marked the last official Pal gathering of the year, to make way for the Marathon program which will take most of the Palama staff and members away for several Sundays. The next Pal Club meeting will be held on January 24, 1937. And until then, the Ka-Palama extends the Pal Club and its followers a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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Father: (intense with excitement) "Well, boy, what happened when you asked the boss for a raise?"

Son: Why, he was like a lamb."

Father: (hopefully) "What did he say?"

Son: "Baa."

## HOW ABOUT IT?

"Monthly Community Night Entertainments" for the grown-ups, especially for fathers and mothers, sponsored by the Recreation Department in Palama auditorium. What do you think of the idea? Will the "old folks" come out? Will standing room be at a premium?

Dr. Platt so inquired at the closing of the excellent Community Night program which the Girls' Department sponsored last Thursday evening from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. There has never been a finer program of entertainment and enjoyment at Palama. Talented vocal artists, pianists, violinists, and guitarists came to share their gifts with us. A Christmas pageant was staged by children from Kalakaua School and Father Theodore's massed choir of 40 men and women from Our Lady of Peace cathedral gave an inspiring concert.

A rainy night, unfortunately, kept many away and the auditorium was far from filled. Yet hundreds of people would have been thrilled with enjoyment if they had been present.

Palama can arrange such evenings of first class entertainment, but only if the fathers and mothers of the neighborhood show they wish it by coming in large numbers. Distinguished artists cannot be asked to entertain a half-filled auditorium. If you believe your parents would come to our next entertainment, notify Miss Zulawinski or Mr. Wood.

## A SCOUT'S APPRECIATION

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Palama are proud of Palama Settlement. We, the Cubs and Scouts of Palama are grateful for the benefits we derive from Palama. We have a Scout room all to ourselves, and Scout equipment for us by Palama. We play billiards, ping-pong, checkers, etc., in the Boys' Club room. We swim in the tank, use the showers in the locker room and play basketball or any other indoor sport in the gym. Besides these benefits, we get free transportation from Palama whenever we Scouts go on a camping trip or a picnic. So we, the Scouts of Palama, are taking this opportunity to express our gratitude through the Ka-Palama.

By Scout Joseph Park  
Troop #70