

REPORT ON PALAMA PRE-SCHOOL MEETING
February 24, 1952

Television Shows

The Mental Hygiene Society is sponsoring a series of TV films on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. One of the earlier films was "Fears of Children". "Angry Boy" is scheduled for February 28 and "Roots of Happiness", March 7. Those who have television sets should try to see these educational pictures.

Guest Speaker for March Meeting

Mrs. Lucas, our guest speaker for the next meeting, will speak on "Sibling Rivalry", a subject which should interest most parents, especially if there is more than one child in the family.

Parents-Teachers Conference

A note will be sent to the parents soon to find out whether the parents would be interested in having a conference with the teachers to evaluate the students' progress. Miss So announced that she plans to have one parent come to school each time to have lunch and a conference afterwards. Those who would like to observe the children's activities in the morning are also welcome.

Since it is already close to June, it may not be possible to have a conference with each parent. Also, the First Aid classes are scheduled for the month of March as previously announced and Miss So and one of the teachers are planning to attend. These classes are also open to all parents. Mr. Sam Wallace is the instructor. That leaves just a few days available for conferences each week for the month of March.

Mother's Committee

Mrs. Lau reported that this committee has been meeting each month and during the early part of the school year, decided to have the parents make the refreshments for the monthly meetings so that it would foster more interest and also help with the school budget. This plan was not put into effect until this meeting. Twenty-five cents was collected from each parent attending to help cover expenses for the evening's refreshments and also for next month's meeting.

Pre-School Budget

Mr. Ehlers reported that a staff meeting was held at the Settlement recently to review its budget in detail, pointing out that funds are received from the Community Chest and that the Settlement raises about one-half of its budget.

Because of the small enrollment during the summer session last year and the acceptance of more students by the public schools, the pre-school went in the red \$1400 last year. This amount was absorbed in the total Settlement budget. As reported previously, there are still many vacancies in school. As a result, the school's budget is in bad shape and will be worse if the school enrollment is not increased immediately. However, there will not be any increase in tuitions. Mr. Ehlers listed the following as possible ways of increasing the enrollment:

1. All the parents can help by talking to people who can send their children to school. We only need eight or nine more children. By word of mouth is the best way of advertising, so do it now!
2. The survey made recently showed that only five were interested in having their children stay until 5:00 p.m. It should be noted that if this schedule is put into effect, it will not affect the regular school schedule as only those who are interested in having their children stay longer hours will do so. This plan will be carried out only if the enrollment can't be increased in due time. This plan would be especially good for parents who are working.

Bazaar

Since most of the parents are interested in having a bazaar, plans will be made to have one in May. Mrs. Hidano has been selected as Chairman for the project. The clothes (new and used), food, prizes, country store items, etc., left over from the carnival-rodeo will be used for our bazaar. Tell your friends about it now so that they will make plans to come.

Guest Speaker, Mrs. J. O. Cayaban

Mrs. Cayaban of the Hawaii Cancer Society showed two very interesting films entitled "Breast Examination" and "The Life of the Cell". She also gave a brief talk before showing the films and a short discussion was held after the films. Many interesting pamphlets on cancer were distributed to the parents.

Mrs. Cayaban is the Chairman of the Palama Settlement Advisory Committee and is a public health nurse, having worked at the Settlement about ten years ago.