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PALAMA SETTLEMENT GETS INCREASE IN UNITED WELFARE ALLOTMENT

For the first time since 1931, the budget committee of the United Welfare Campaign has granted an increase in its annual allotment to Palama Settlement.

The Settlement's cut of the Community purse has not exceeded \$90,000 for seven years; in fact, during the depression, it dropped below that figure. Our 1938 figure is set at \$95,000 which will indeed create a material and proportionate increase in our service to the public. This increase, of course, is dependent upon the complete success of the Campaign which has set the figure of \$500,000 as its 1937 goal, which is \$25,000 less than in 1936.

In spite of the fact that Palama's services have expanded by leaps and bounds in every department since the beginning of the present decade, there has been no increase in the welfare allotment in seven years. Needless is it to say that we are exceedingly grateful for this consideration after many years of sanguine expectancy. More will be expected of and more will be produced by Palama in 1938 than in any previous years.

PALS FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN KIDS' CIRCUS

Palama Settlement's versatile young acrobats and dancers gained a large share of the spotlight at the First Annual Kids' Circus sponsored by the Citywide Recreation Commission last Thursday afternoon and evening, August 26th, at the Civic Auditorium. More than 12,000 youngsters ranging in ages from 1 to 60 took in the Matinee and Evening performances which featured selected kid stars from every playground in the Community in fun-packed thrill-packed exhibitions. Thousands more were turned away disappointed after standing room were sold out. The Circus proved a tremendous success financially and otherwise, and was well worth the vast amount of labor put into the project.

Louis Mendonca's gymnasts and Kay Singlehurst's dance school pupils from Palama Settlement stood out like diamonds in the rough with their scintillating acts, especially in pyramid-building by Mendonca's picked aces and in the beautiful interpretation of the Vienna Waltz presented by Miss Singlehurst's prize charges.

BACK THE PAL BABES'

BIG LABOR DAY FROLIC - SEPT. 6TH

8-12 P.M. PALAMA GYM

MUSIC BY BLUE HARMONY ORCHESTRA

ADMISSION 25¢

BAREFOOT FOOTBALL SEASON TO START SOON

Hawaii's world-famed barefoot football leagues are tentatively scheduled to swing into action Sunday, September 19th, on gridirons all over the island of Oahu. The popular Citywide-Palama 125 and 140# circuits bid fair to become the greatest in history with fewer and better-matched teams ready to tear up the turf in 1937.

Castle Field, Palama, is the scene of daily practices for the Settlement's 140 and 125 pounders. Mike Shizuru's Pal Jrs. are gunning for the Oahu title lost to Pawaa last year, and loom as the biggest threat for 140# supremacy with the wealth of fine material on hand. The Pal Babes were off to a late start but are fast gaining momentum under the tutelage of Pat Kawakami and David Harvey, former Cardinal kingpin. For the past several seasons, the Pal Babes were denied championships after gaining its threshold, and are determined to crash the barriers this year. To insure themselves against the possible mishaps which come to every football squad, the Pal Babes will stage a big Labor Day Frolic next Monday evening September 6th, at the Palama gymnasium. Music for the dance will be furnished by Bill Montero's high-stepping Blue Harmony Orchestra which has gained a large following during the last few months. Admission will be 25¢.

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JAMES NODA ACCEPTS TEACHING POST ON MAUI

James Noda, Boy Scout Leader at Palama Settlement during the Summer and Editor of the Ka-Palama, sailed on the Waialeale last Wednesday evening, August 25th, to accept a teaching position on Maui. During his brief stay at Palama, Noda was highly instrumental in swelling the membership files, and also did a wonderful job of putting out the Ka-Palama. The Settlement's loss will be Maui's gain. Noda's Ka-Palamas will be hard to match. Good-luck, Jimmy, somebody will miss you!

SCHOOL DAYS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Wednesday, September 1st, will be a day of mingled joy and sorrow for thousands of boys and girls. School will reopen after a two-and-a-half months' vacation spent diversely. A majority of the students will carry back hectic memories of working in the Pineapple Canneries into the classroom; - a more fortunate minority will bid sad adieu to a pleasant summer of real vacationing - traveling, camping, frolicking. Elementary school pupils, too young to gain positions, will find it difficult to fall into the routine of school work after weeks of forgetting the three 'Rs. Palama Settlement will donate her share to the School enrollment. The buildings will be quieter in the mornings after the youngsters return to school, but will hum again in the afternoons. The Settlement will offer a full program of varied activities after school hours for her members. All are urged to take advantage of the fine opportunity.

Some College girls pursue learning while others learn pursuing.

CAMP NOTES

By
WARDELL

Fifteen boys took advantage of the Camp held at Waialua during the past four days, and from all reports, there was little "waste time." Of course, the biggest attraction was Swimming, but several of the boys participated in other types of recreation. James Koo did a splendid job as leader and Joe Park, the official cook, provided plenty of rice for all.

The hikes along the beach were enjoyed by some of the members of the group while others spent most of their time fishing. The fishermen pulled in forty fish in one day and cooked some of the larger ones over an open fire, but according to some of the boys, the fish were nothing but bones.

The big event of the Camp was a "snipe" hunt held on Saturday night. It was most unusual because a real snipe was found after the boys had whistled a short time. Some of the old timers were a little suppressed when the real thing was found and still more surprised when they discovered that it could be eaten.

The group returned on Sunday afternoon and some of the members had a good sun-tan to start in the school year. We missed out on the unveiling ceremony, at which time James Koo removed the tape heart and letters that were tattooed by old Sol. On the return trip, the boys stopped at Wheeler Field to see the gas-model meet that was in progress.

MAKOLO BACK - NELSON KAWAKAMI ON VACATION

John Makolo, veteran Palama locker-room custodian, returned from his annual vacation looking fit as a fiddle and rarin' to go. "Mac" made good use of his leave by putting three weeks in a local pineapple concern unloading fruit-laden trucks. The hard manual labor was highly instrumental in restoring Makolo's stream-line physique. That's a tip for old-time athletes whose chests have fallen dangerously near their waistlines.

Makolo's coming back to duty will give Nelson Kawakami a chance to go on his. Rumor have it that Nelson will hie himself to Maui for a visit with friends. Here's to an enjoyable sojourn, Nels!

Speaking of vacations, Mr. Wallace, night watchman of the Settlement, is tucking away his.

Activities

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WATER PAGEANT STAGED BY RECREATION DEPTS.

A capacity crowd which jammed every inch of the bleachers flanking the mauka side of the Palama tank sat through a steady drizzle last Tuesday evening, August 24th, to witness the spectacular water pageant presented by Palama Settlement's boy and girl swimmers. The exhibition was the third of its kind staged by the Pals and easily surpassed those of former years both in color and attendance.

"The Legend of the Lost Crown" depicted in picturesque fashion, the story of a King whose ancient and priceless crown had mysteriously disappeared, and whose Court, in an effort to lighten his sorrow schemed to entertain him with brilliant and colorful displays of water formations. However, His Royal Majesty was not made happy until a beautiful group of mermaids offered to return the lost crown in exchange for one of their captured mates.

Throughout the pageant, softly colored lights played upon the gently rippling waters and upon dusky young bodies. The Westside pool was virtually transformed into a magnificent courtyard from whence magic strains of music stole into the night.

Sponsored jointly by the Boys' and Girls' Recreation Divisions of Palama Settlement, the water carnival presented more than 100 Palama-trained youngsters to the public. To Nelson Kawakami and Mrs. Homer "Jimmy" West must go the lion's share of credit for producing the highly entertaining display of home talent. One cannot overlook the countless hours those two sacrificed to shape the gigantic project. Then there are Mrs. Mary Pitman and Miss Chieno Yamane, who aside from their regular duties, fashioned beautiful costumes for the performers from wisps of cloth. Bobbie Vieira should not be forgotten for his fine work in manipulating the colored lights despite the weather, nor should Johnny Alameida's generous gesture in providing music for the pageant be overlooked. But the real palm must go to those gallant troupers, the Palama boys and girls themselves. Settlement officials are proud of the way its members responded to their call for practice. Taking daily plunges into the tank in the rain or shine is no picnic. Palama's youngsters carried on, and the Settlement appreciates their loyalty.

LOYALTY

If you work for a man -- in Heaven's name work for him. If he pays you wages which supply your bread and butter, work for him; stand by the institution he represents. If put to a pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness.

If you must villify, condemn and eternally disparage, resign your position, and when you are outside, damn to your heart's content, but as long as you are a part of the institution, do not condemn it.

If you do that, you are loosening the trendrils that are holding you to the institution, and at the first high wind that comes along, you will be uprooted and blown away, and probably you will never know the reason why.

-----Elbert Hubbard

*Dedicated^{to} the boy and girl members of Palama Settlement who unstintedly gave their time and efforts in making successes of the recent Exhibition, "Wedding of the Painted Doll", and Water Pageant sponsored by the Recreation Department.

DEVOTION

When Marie Taglioni, a ballet dancer, left Russia for the last time, her belongings were sold at auction. Her ballet slippers were purchased for 200 rubles. The shoes were then cooked, served with a special sauce and eaten at a dinner arranged by ballet enthusiasts.

-----Walter Winchell

"POSITIVE" means being mistaken at the top of one's voice.

-----Ambrose Bierce

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.
