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WILBER S. WOOD ENDS SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO SETTLEMENT

The announcement read in part: - "Owing to the reorganization of the Recreation Department as recommended in the Honolulu Welfare Plan.....it has been necessary to eliminate the position of Director of the Boys' and Men's Recreation Division, now held by Wilber S. Wood."

A very simple statement, but it rocked the eight hundred and some odd Palama members who make of the Settlement a second home. It meant that the man who had directed the destinies of Palama's best-known department for the past seven years was leaving his first love, the developing and guiding of young boys. It meant also that every single member of Palama Settlement - and many non-members - will lose a leader and a friend.

Mr. Wood began his services to Palama boys and men early in 1933 and in the ensuing years, the Boys' and Men's Recreation Division grew in value and accomplishments under his supervision. He gave freely and generously from his wide experience as athlete, scholar, and leader to the many hundreds of boys he came into contact with. It mattered little to Mr. Wood whether a Palama-trained boy used his talents elsewhere or not, the fact that the youth had received the maximum benefit from Palama's program was paramount. His is the characteristic of the perfect gentleman in all his contacts - his willingness to help those who could be of no possible use to him.

TOP ARTISTS TO ENTERTAIN AT PAL XMAS PARTY

Internationally famous artists will entertain Palama's youngsters at the big annual Settlement Christmas Party scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 17, at 6:00 o'clock in the Westside gym. Through the efforts of Settlement leaders, the Great China Troupe, sensational performers from the Far East, Honolulu's incomparable Clara Inter, and Al Kealoha Perry and his Singing Surfriders will show at Palama's biggest and most elaborately planned Yuletide celebration for its young boy and girl members.

As in previous years, the Royal Hawaiian Band will play from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. ushering the youngsters into the spacious gym. The headline entertainers will strut their talents in front of a huge Christmas Tree under whose brilliantly decorated boughs, candies and gifts for everyone will be piled.

Smash successes were scored by the Great China Troupe wherever they performed their amazing skill and dexterity gaining for them a large following. Clara Inter's annual Christmas gift to Palama youngsters will show the comic dancer in new numbers, while Al Perry and his Singing Surfriders are also familiar and welcome faces at Settlement Christmas Parties.

Tickets for the Party are being distributed this week and may be secured from the Boys' and Girls' Offices respectively.

His associates, especially members of his immediate staff, have found Mr. Wood a square boss who asked nothing of his workers that he would not be willing to tackle himself. It is difficult to see Mr. Wood write "finis" to a fine record at the Settlement he loved without wanting to eulogize his achievements. But there is the danger of becoming sentimental - so much must be left unmentioned, which posterity will give meaning to. The official announcement also said: -"In losing the services of Mr. Wood in January, the Settlement loses a most loyal, devoted, hard-working leader who has given successful direction to the many-sided physical activities of the Boys' and Men's Recreation Division." May we add, off the record, the words "friend" and "man." The men and boys Mr. Wood has helped to build will remain monuments to his work at Palama Settlement.

With few reservations, Palama's membership joins the Ka-Palama in wishing Wilber S. Wood continued success in all his undertakings, good health, and happiness. So long, Pal, we will miss you!

Dr. Ferris Laune, newly appointed director of the Neighborhood Center Department, will assume the administrative responsibilities of the Physical Activities Division until a director of the division is selected toward the end of 1941. The new position will be filled at a much lower salary than Mr. Wood received as Director of the Boys' and Men's Recreation Division.

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KA-PALAMA PUBLISHES LAST ISSUE TODAY

This week's issue of Ka-Palama will be the Palama Recreation Department's last for at least a year or until such time that Settlement directors deem it opportune and advisable to resume publication.

The decision to abolish the Ka-Palama is in keeping with the policies of the newly created Palama Neighborhood Center as recommended by the Honolulu Welfare Plan.

This is Ka-Palama signing off, Pals, after four years of faithful chronicling of Palama's heartbeats.

RAYMOND CHOO LEAVES SETTLEMENT DECEMBER 15

Palama will lose a valuable and versatile employee when Raymond Choo, for the past three years custodian of the Boys' Clubhouse, leaves the Settlement December 15 to begin a career as a craftsman.

Raymond's shoes will be hard to fill. He was a loyal and able worker who always gave unstintingly of his services. His friends at Palama are legion and they join the Ka-Palama in wishing him the very best in success.

The Pals, especially those younger members, will miss Raymond's beaming smile, friendly interest, and helping hand.

The sunshine of appreciation often causes the human soil of timidity to smile with a harvest.

The acid test of ability is the professional test - can you collect pay for what you do?

You win every time you have a fight with your conscience and get licked.

PAL CAGERS BLITZKRIEG YEE HOPS 45-35

Charlie McKee paced a hard-playing Palama Junior Basketball team to its 3rd straight victory in the ASUH Junior League Thursday, December 5, at the University of Hawaii gym. McKee's 17-point shooting was largely responsible for the Pals' scintillating 45-35 blitzkrieg of a star-studded Yee Hop Chop Sui outfit.

Important cogs in the Winged "P" triumph were Joe Byron and Kenneth Wong, who produced with beautiful baskets in the clutches. Byron and Wong each tallied 11 points. Minert McKenzie was a standout on defense.

Palama trailed 9-3 during the early stages of the game until McKee tied the score at 11-all in a spectacular one-man spree. The Pals led 19-16 at halftime and were unstoppable in the ensuing period. Other Palama stars were Joe Kim, Nick Lenchancko, and Alfred Lum.

The Pals will tackle Alfred Espinda's tough Aiea quintet Tuesday, December 10, at 7:30 o'clock in a crucial tussle. A Winged "P" victory will just about clinch a spot in the round-robin play-offs for the Westsiders. Remaining games on the Palama schedule are Ewa Plantation at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15, and Lawrence A. Kerr at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday, December 17.

JUNSKOL CAGE LEAGUE TO OPERATE AT PALAMA

Palama Settlement gymnasium will be the battle-ground for the 1941 Oahu Junior Scholastic Basketball League it has been announced by Junskol officials. The circuit will open action Tuesday, January 7, and end play Monday, February 10 at the Westside court.

Officials for all games will be supplied by Palama Settlement, with twin-bills slated on all playing dates.

Entered in the conference are Iolani, Punahou, Kamehameha, McKinley, St. Louis, Farrington, Roosevelt, and Vocational High Schools. Defending champions are McKinley's Fighting Micks, who are heavy favorites to repeat.

Opening tussles will bring Father Bray's Iolani cagers against Dope Yap's Punahou outfit at 3:00 p.m., and Kamehameha's dusky Warriors against McKinley High School's defending champions in the second tilt at 4:00 o'clock. Iolani and McKinley are favored in the opening games.