

# KA-PALAMA

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## VANDALISM AT PALAMA

A vandal is an ignorant or wilful destroyer of property not his own. It is a hateful word because it describes a hateful action. Everyone, including the vandal, suffers from his acts. No one is better off.

In the past week, Palama has been sorry and ashamed to have to report two acts of vandalism. A pool table cue has been found in the pool room deliberately broken into a number of pieces, and a few days later, the green cloth cover of the pool table was ruined by 27 "pukas", which must have been deliberately made.

Such treatment of the property Palama provides for its boys cannot go unnoticed. The pool room has been closed until further notice. Everyone suffers for the irresponsible action of one or two. Why? Because the other players stood for it, and let the offender "get away" with it. It could never have happened otherwise.

Are Palama boys spoiled because so much is done for them? Do they forget 90,000 people give their pennies, dimes, quarters, and dollars in order that Palama can give these advantages to their boys? If we can't show we are worthy of this support by taking care of our equipment, we can't expect the public to continue to support Palama.

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## BOYS' CLUB NEWS

By  
WARDELL

According to the calender, Summer has arrived, but the writer fails to recognize its arrival by the climate. However, judging by the increased attendance in the club-house there is evidence that it is Summer Vacation time in Honolulu. During the past week, the attendance in the game room has doubled, and on the first day after school was out, many of the boys wandered around the Settlement looking for something to do.

The Palama Summer Program got under way on Monday with many activities and classes for the members to attend.

All of the clubs for the younger boys will continue to have meetings during the Summer months. Although some of the members of the Panther Club are working on the plantations during the Summer, they wish to have their club meetings. When the Panther Club met on Thursday night, four of the members were present who had worked hard in the fields pulling weeds, and while they had trouble keeping their eyes open, they participated in planning for the Club's all night trip which is to be held on Saturday night of this week.

There will be no club meetings for the older boys during the Summer.

The Woodshop has been a very busy and noisy place every afternoon during the past week. The boys are thrilled with their new syncro-saw which is an added feature to the Workshop. It is a saw that even the small boys can operate without fear of being cut.

The Chipmunk Club enjoyed a trip to Palama Camp on Wednesday. This Club, composed of boys six, seven, and eight years old, has been meeting on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. for the past month. The writer had to go to all of the homes of the members before they would go on the picnic, but every boy was given permission after the home visit. Raymond Batongbacal wrote the following story of the trip. "We went to the picnic and Mr. Wardell went with all the boys. The boys went to Waialua. We ate all the lunch at Palama Camp. All the children (went) to swim."

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A gentleman is one who thinks more of other people's feelings than of his own rights; and more of other people's rights than of his own feelings.

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# Features

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## HOW ABOUT IT?

A Chinese School stand within a stone's throw from Palama Settlement and all its wonderful recreation facilities. Youngsters ranging from 8 to 15 years of age attend classes there six days a week and will continue to do so during the greater part of the Summer. Their schedules call for a recess period daily of 45 minutes, when the students are free to seek whatever diversion they may find. It is a natural inclination of growing boys to toss baseballs or kick footballs around during breaks in School routines, - but the sad part of the set-up is a crying need for safe and suitable grounds on which to play. The School, a converted two-story building, unfortunately is not enclosed with anything which may remotely resemble a yard. Until they were stopped by Settlement officials, the boys played in the empty square directly behind the gym, which was a dangerous enough place. Baseballs and footballs had funny ways of rolling into Vineyard Street, and automobiles sometimes failed to stop in time to avoid hitting youngsters intent on snagging a bouncing ball.

The Ida Beatrice Castle Playground is virtually in the shadows of the Chinese school-house. A small portion of the boys have been using intermittently, the spaces near the fence which is seldom occupied for their games, and with the kind permission of Miss Mary Park, Playground Director, who may be going out of her way in granting them the privilege. The majority of the youths, reluctant to invade the premises, have been cavorting around in Castle Field, but the bell ending recess cannot be heard at that distance. Their problem is a ringing challenge to the Settlement. How about it?

## PAL SECTIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS CROWNED

Palama Settlement's big twenty-eight team Softball tournament completed its regular schedule last Sunday morning, June 20th, at Castle Field, Palama, with Shell Oil and Aiea featured in a game which went a long way in deciding Section "C" standings.

The Shell Oil outfit staged spectacular rallies in the fourth and fifth innings to register a 5-3 victory over the rural lads and toss them out of the play-off picture. Shell Oil and Kaiulani are now tied for the "C" Section title with eight wins in nine starts, and are scheduled to tangle for the sectional gonfalon this Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Char's Chinese Amateurs and the McInerny Monarchs have already crowned themselves champions of Sections "A" and "B" respectively, hanging up brilliant undefeated records in turning the trick. The Amateurs and Monarchs will meet in the first game of the championship play-offs, a round-robin series, Sunday morning, the winner to play victors of the Kaiulani-Shell tussle the following week.

Final standings are listed below:

### SECTION "A"

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>
Chinese Amateurs	8	8	0	1.000
Stonewall A. C.	8	7	1	.875
River Wanderers	7	5	2	.714
Auld Lane	8	4	4	.500
McInerny Juniors	7	3	4	.428
Palama Amateur Greens	8	3	5	.375
Felman Tailors	8	2	6	.250
Lakimela	8	1	7	.125
Crusaders	8	0	8	.000

### SECTION "B"

McInerny Monarchs	7	7	0	1.000
McInerny Cubs	7	5	2	.714
Palama Shoe	6	4	2	.667
Akepo Lane	7	4	3	.571
Spartans	7	4	3	.571
Shafter A. C.	6	3	3	.500
Palama Gakuen Greens	5	2	3	.400
Triple Aces	8	0	8	.000

### SECTION "C"

Shell Oil	9	8	1	.889
Kaiulani	9	8	1	.889
Aiea	9	7	2	.778
Palama Gakuen Whites	8	6	2	.750
Pal Ramblers	6	2	4	.333
Four Corners	7	2	5	.286
Rengo Kai	5	1	4	.200

# GIRLS' DEPT.

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## PLAYGROUND NEWS

With 33 children ranging in age from 2½ to 5 enrolled, the Palama kindergarten has its maximum quota and no more children can be registered. The announcement that registration was closed was a big disappointment to many parents who had asked to be allowed to send their children in spite of the overflow. With only two workers on duty it was impossible to enroll any more. The usual registration allowed being 10 children for each teacher.

The children receive regular kindergarten training program which is planned by Miss Mary Park, a kindergartener with seven years experience.

### Merry Voices Fill the Air

The old woman who lived in a shoe  
She had so many children she didn't  
know what to do--that's how the playground  
director feels these days with an attendance  
of 220 children in a single afternoon.

Children wading in the pool, children  
in the sand-box, children on the swings,  
children on the see-saws, children climbing  
through the jungle gym, children in the  
pavilion, children everywhere. Merry  
voices fill the air and wrinkles of responsibility  
and watchfulness furrow dear teacher's brow.

It is a real job to take care of  
5 or 6 the live long day so what must it  
be to have 220 hanging on to your apron  
strings? It would turn our hair grey.  
With so many small children needing the  
attention of the teacher we would like to  
ask the older girls and boys (age 10 and  
over) to please not to come to the children's  
playground. Older girls are welcome  
and should be in the girls clubroom,  
gym, and tank. Older boys have their  
program too. So older boys and girls  
please take note and Kokua!

## COOKING

The girls cooking room is now in  
very good order. New equipment has been  
purchased so that the girls will be able  
to cook and bake things themselves. The  
Junior High class meets Wednesday morning  
at 9:00 o'clock, and the midget group on  
Thursday. Any girl who is a Palama  
member may join these classes. They are  
to enroll with Mrs. Pitman.

### JUNE COMMUNITY NITE TO BE HELD THURSDAY

The monthly "Community Nite" sponsored  
by the Girls Department for the purpose  
of affording social recreation to the young  
people of the community will be held again  
this Thursday evening beginning at 7:30  
in the Girls' Clubrooms.

Various social games will be enjoyed  
during the early part of the evening.  
Plans have been made to change the usual  
program procedure somewhat for the latter  
part of the evening.

Invitations are available and any  
interested member of the community is  
invited to participate.

### 121 NEW MEMBERS JOIN GIRLS' DEPT.

One hundred and twenty-one new  
members joined the girls recreation department  
to date during June bringing the girls  
department membership to 839 fully paid  
members at the present time. This number  
does not include the part-payment membership  
which totals about 200.

### WOODCARVING AND BLOCK PRINTING COMBINED

The woodcarving and blocking printing  
classes are to be combined Miss Newsom  
announced and will commence next Tuesday  
and Thursday morning.

Mrs. Rea, chairman of the Women's Committee, donated to the Girls' Department  
a set of new games. Games are always welcome in our recreation department and we  
feel more than grateful to Mrs. Rea for her interest in us.

Games received were: Checkers and Board, Black Gammon, Pachisi Board and Dice,  
Cribbage Board, 4 decks Cards, 1 Table Game, and Mah Jong set and 2 sets Markers.

The Playground pavilion will be used by the Boy Scouts on Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday and Friday evenings and the other two days will be reserved for the girls  
clubs.



# Girls' Activities

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## HARUKO AKAMINE ELECTED SWIMMING TEAM CAPTAIN

The girls of the swim club meeting on Tuesday evenings elected Haruko Akamine as the Captain of the Palama Girls Swimming Team for the year 1937. Haruko has been swimming for Palama for several years and will make a fine captain.

The girls who have been reporting for training religiously since all their good luck at the past meets in May have their eyes on the swimming meet scheduled for August. They are training for stunts and water relays for the girls' water pageant too.

## TUMBLING, TUMBLING, TUMBLING

We learn that tumbling is popular with Palama girls. Thirty seven registered for the morning class which is held on Wednesday and Friday in the girls' gym.

The girls hope to be able to do some tricks for the summer program to be held later in the year.

## GIRLS LEARNING TO SWIM

Forty one girls all non-swimmers go down the ladder for a lesson in swimming in a "low tank" pool each Monday and Friday morning at 10:00.

The group is too large for one class so Mrs. West divides the group and takes them in turn for a twenty minute lesson each. Soon they'll all be swimmers.

## ORGANIZED LEAGUE ACTIVITY FOR GIRLS

Girls interested in baseball, volleyball and soccer are "signing up" under various team captains for participation in organized girls league activity which will continue through the summer.

Team captains are Lulu Kea, Frances Taum, Florence Akamine, and Irene Hee. Any girl who is interested in signing up may do so through any of the team captains.

The winners of the series will be entertained by Mrs. H. West.

## GIRLS DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE HOLDS SNAPPY MEETING

The Women's Committee organized especially to assist with the work of the Girls' Division held an interesting and most worthwhile meeting last Wednesday morning. The Committee composed of Mr. G. P. Rea, chairman; Mrs. P. S. Platt, Mrs. Herbert Gregory, Mrs. A. L. Y. Ward, Mrs. R. A. Anderson, and Mrs. Charles Gregory, reported on special tasks assigned them at the last meeting.

Mrs. Platt brought to the Committee a most encouraging report of the result secured in her attempt to bring about a better Art program at Palama through the cooperation of the Art Academy. Mr. Schenck stated that special art exhibits, special lectures and the Art Academy library would be available to Palama at any time.

Mrs. Anderson whose special interest lies in the field of music, gave a report concerning her efforts to secure musical instruments for a future Palama boys and girls band.

Dr. Platt reported that he felt it would be impossible to secure Mrs. Farrington as a special publicity person since Mrs. Farrington had moved to Lanakai for the summer.

Mrs. Charles Gregory whose special work will be to advise and assist with girls' dramatics was welcomed as a new member of the committee.

Mrs. Herbert Gregory who was forced to be absent at the last meeting due to illness was able to be present.

Other matters discussed at the meeting were added supervision needed at the girls' tank due to larger groups, added supervision at children's playground, girls regulation swim suits, girls department budget, soap needed at girls locker-room, needed assistance at dance school.

Plans were also laid for the collection of various articles needed by the girls' recreation department.

## ART CLASS TO MOVE

Mr. James Fujimoto's popular Art Classes for Adults and Children which have been meeting regularly in the Boys' Club house every Tuesday and Thursday for the past several months will move to its spacious new quarters, the former Boy Scout meeting place, in the near future. The change will fall into the general plan of "house-moving" which is going on around the Settlement.