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IN MEMORIAM

WILDER PARKER

Born: June 23, 1899

Died: August 12, 1937

Wilder Parker is no more. His going did not come as an unexpected surprise--still it was a distinct shock. Somehow it is difficult to adjust the mind to the knowledge that Wilder's dynamic personality has been chilled and will live again only in legend. For the past several days, local newspapers have mentioned the fact that the Hawaiian Sporting Fraternity lost a colorful and prominent figure with Wilder's passing, but words cannot express the real sorrow in the hearts of those Palama youths who idolized Wilder Parker--feared and respected him--and who regarded "Cap" as their leader and pal. Theirs is a loss that is irreparable.

It has been truthfully stated that Wilder Parker was the peer of all Hawaiian football and basketball officials--fearless, square, honest. His "Pals" also knew him as a fighter who scaled the heights from scratch, and who did not forget his friends on the way up. The boys he helped out of jams are legion--Wilder never failed in going to bat for any Palama boy. Judged by those standards, Wilder Parker was a great man; and if they do not constitute greatness, then greatness must be of little worth.

A Greater Referee than Wilder has summoned him to a sportsman's paradise. Wilder Parker was a young man in years, only 38 when chopped in his stride, but he had lived a full life. May his soul rest in peace!

By Wm Lee

ANNUAL WATER PAGEANTRY AUGUST 24

Many pages of World History, centuries old, have been devoted to the melodrama and picturesque life of kings and queens. Out of these numerous pages interesting incidents which occurred during their reigns have been converted into different phases of public entertainment with colorful historical backgrounds.

The early part of next week Palama will temporarily forget the humdrum life of today and drift back hundreds of years ago to the ages of kings and their entertainers. Within the next few days Palama swimming tank will be transformed into a harmonious vista of a "glittering ancient pool surrounded by exotic gardens", a courtyard of an ancient palace. The king's viewing stand has been already erected on the makai side of the pool and the gay affair is already the daily topic of conversation among the Settlement members.

And so once again the sounding of the gay entertainment of the Annual Water Pa-

geant is echoing at close range. The theme of the pageantry is "The Lost Crown", a story centering around the authentic presentation of King's Entertainers amusing the king hoping to make him forget the depressing effect of his "Lost Crown". In an effort to appease the wrath of the King, the entertainers go through various delightful performances, occasionally interrupted by comedy water stunts and special features to amuse him.

This year the affair is sponsored jointly by the Boys' and Girls' Recreation Divisions. The participants are youngsters ranging from nine years to early 'teens who assure us of an hour of gay laughter and beautiful aquatic formations.

The complete details requiring much creative genius is under Nelson Kawakami and Mrs. West.

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MEDICAL DEPT GETS ADDITIONAL FUND

The appropriation bill of \$10,000 for Palama Settlement introduced by Supervisor Maltbie Holt was recently approved and passed by the Board of Supervisors. This fund which is now available will be in use to meet the increased expenses of the Medical Department. The half of the fund will be in use the last quarter of this year.

"WEDDING OF THE PAINTED DOLL" WINS HEARTY APPLAUSE

Palama's gymnasium was the gala scene of a merry toy shop wedding Friday night and Saturday afternoon when the Girls' Recreation Department presented their annual dance fantasy, before capacity crowds. The unusually attractive costumes, the nimble steps of the dancing toys against a background of green and velvet, all glittering under the spread of rainbow hued lights added much an color and splendor to the cast of 150 juvenile dancers whose every number brought a hearty round of applause from the spectators.

Louisiana Hayride, a tap dance of the deep south started the festivities as a curtain number and it perfectly obvious that everyone was in for a good time if they took their cue from these frolicking and gay youngsters. Soon music filled the air as the entire cast sang the theme song "The Wedding of the Painted Doll" and the merry making was on its way. Hawaiian Hula dolls ushered in the guests and the wedding scene was pantomined by a flustered bride and groom and a cherubic preacher who almost stole the show as he performed the ceremony in accordance with the singing of the assembled guests. Prancing dolls danced to and fro on the stage, Jumping Jacks leaped in and out of their checkered boxes as

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CLUBS AND CLASSES

The Boys' Clubhouse will be closed during the week in order to allow the painters full run of the entire building. The new coat of paint has added much to the looks of the rooms and the boys will miss many of their finger prints when they return to their old haunts.

By popular demand, the airplane club will meet as usual. The club will discontinue meeting long enough to allow some of the boys to go to camp but some airplane activity will be included in the camp program. Since the camp period is at the same time of the Citywide Airplane Meet which is to be held at Wheeler Field, the boys going to camp will have the opportunity of going to the Field as an added attraction.

Members of the Pyrography class under the supervision of Nelson Kawakami journeyed into the wilderness of Waihole Valley in search of mountain apples last Friday. Descending the treacherous gulch and climbing the cliff with the aid of ropes, the boys experienced unusual time but they returned well late in the evening with bags and cans full of our delicious tropical apple.

Water Pageant (cont. from page 1)

7:30 p.m. to see the gigantic and colossal water frolic of the year. Reserved seats will be 15 cents, general admission 10¢.

FREE MOVIES - 1936 OLYMPIC GAMES

Complete official movies of the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin will be shown in the Palama gym tonight at 7:30 o'clock. This show is sponsored by Palama Settlement-Citywide Recreation Commission.

Palama sport enthusiasts will have the chance to see the expert performers in many actions. Public is invited free of charge.

CAMP NOTE

Mr. Wardell has requested that all those who are interested in camping August 27-29 at Waialua Fresh Air Camp to sign up with him immediately.

The registration is limited to the first twenty to sign up. First come first served.

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PALAMA GIRLS IN COMMUNITY CIRCUS

Three of the Palama Dance Fantasy acts have been selected to represent the Girls Department in the Community Circus August 26th. Mrs. Callish of the Recreation Commission made the selection after attending the "Wedding of the Painted Doll" Friday evening and assures us that she had difficulty in making a choice between all the lovely dances and costumes. The favored trio includes the Waltzing Dolls, the Jumping Jacks and 8 of the mischievous Elves. These girls have been asked to report for practice Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the big gym. Miss Singlehurst will continue to supervise these dances and will accompany the girls to both afternoon and evening performances at the Civic Auditorium.

CALL FOR YOUR COSTUMES

Approximately 27 girls have paid for their dance fantasy costumes but not all of these girls have called for their costumes. We have had a number of requests for the rental and purchase of any extra costumes so we urge the girls to contact Mrs. Pittman as soon as possible--preferably this week-- and collect your costumes.

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they grotesquely presented their merry tricks to the joy of the children in the audience and the Dollies from the Follies kicked skyward as the Elves and Fairies gathered close to gossip about the magic of the Queen's wand. The program was concluded with a blaze of splendor rivaling Hollywood absurdities as the graceful waltzing dolls dipped and turned to the sweet strains of the Waltz of the Vienna Woods.

The entire production was directed by Miss Singlehurst assisted by many volunteers and the Girls Recreation staff who worked faithfully and tirelessly to put on the splendid production. But we must not--indeed we can not forget the youngsters who worked hard and earnestly to make this fantasy one of the most enjoyable and most talked of events around Palama for many a year.

KOREAN GIRLS CLUB ENJOY TRIP TO HANAUMA BAY

Several girls of Korean Club, under the supervision of Miss Banning, enjoyed the moonlight outing at the beautiful shores of Hanauma beach.

NURSING NOTES

Another Palama staff member has been honored this month and we truly express the feelings of the entire settlement when we offer our aloha and good wishes to Miss Sabert has been granted a scholarship by the Board of Health in cooperation with the Social Security Program and will leave this month to resume her studies in Public Health Nursing at Columbia University in New York City. The only dark cloud in this otherwise rosy future is the fact that after a year's study on the mainland Miss Sabert will not be returning to Palama. The scholarship granted requires that she return to the Territorial Board of Public Health Nursing after completion of her studies. We congratulate you on the Award Miss Sabert and assure you of our best aloha now and a hearty welcome when you return to the islands.

PATTER

Believe it or not--Mary Park is taking a vacation these days. It is a little hard to believe when we find her showing up as usual to give a helping hand around the Department but we generally need her help so badly that we avoid mentioning or reminding her of the supposed vacation. However it might be honest and fair for someone to suggest to Mary Park that the only way to get a vacation around Palama is to go away--far away!

CHINESE JUNIORS VISIT STAR BULLETIN

The Chinese Juniors of the Girls Recreation Department, under the leadership of Miss Kong, visited the Star Bulletin today to get first hand knowledge in newspaper publishing. The guide took the group around the plant explaining the different work done in the various departments.

DUKE KAHANAMOKU MEET

Wed. - Fri.

Reserved Seats 75¢ General Adm. 25¢

Nine Palama girls of the Swimming Club have entered the Duke Kahanamoku Meet. They are Lulu Kaa, Frances Taum, Irene Hee, Edna Bush, Libby Aoki, Molly Aoki, Marian Keoulana, Florence Akamine, Haruk Akamine. Give them your support by attending this water frolic of the year.