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MUSIC SCHOOL NEWS

"Recitals"

The last few recitals of the 1949-50 year were presented by the faculty members and students during February, March and April. Miss Emma Loo, lyric soprano, Mr. Ernst Orenstein, and Mrs. Helen Carbaugh, pianists, appeared on February 25th in "Voices of the Nations in Songs and Dances."

Misses Helen Gipson, Emma Loo, Dorothy Chun and Mrs. Carbaugh performed on the second faculty recital. In February the recital for the first term was given by students. Attendance was excellent. This was also the first appearance of the newly organized Glee Club.

The G Clef

The G Clef club members went on a picnic April 21 at Palama-by-the-Sea. The entire school attended the Music Festival at the University of Hawaii on May 13. The music for the Community Class visited a Piano Rebuilder's Shop where many interesting facts were discovered. The music school has added an extra classroom made necessary by the increased number of classes.

Spring Term

The Spring term will end on June 10 with the closing recital that night. Students will demonstrate what they have learned during the year in their class work.

This will include creative dancing, and toy orchestra for the very young, original composition, improvisation of melodies, singing an unknown piece of music and writing dictated melodies. Awards will be presented to students of high scholastic rank.

Summer Term

The Summer term will begin on June 26. Registration will be from June 13-16. The term will last for 8 weeks. Courses offered will be private lessons in piano and voice.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Mrs. Fern McQuesten has been appointed Director of Children's Theatre, and will begin her duties on June 3. Mrs. McQuesten has had many years experience in the theatre both as a teacher and as an actress.



MRS. M'QUESTEN

She is a graduate of Stanford University, class of 1921. While at Stanford she was a member of the dramatic honor society, "The Masquers."

At Hull House

In 1922 she was at Hull House, then directed by the late Jane Addams, and in the same year worked with Charlotte Charpening in the recreation training school and Hull House Little Theatre.

In 1923 she did graduate work at the University of California under Sara Huntsman Sturgess and played with the Greek Theatre players under the direction of Sam Hume and Dan Totheroh. She also studied in the Theatre of the Golden Bough at Carmel, California.

She came to Honolulu in 1936 and for several years taught dramatics at Kalauea, McKinley and Roosevelt Schools.

With U.S.O.

During World War II she toured the camps with the USO show "Taming of the Shrew." She has been active in the Honolulu Community Theatre taking the part of Kate Keller, the mother in "All My Sons", and the part of the Countess in "The Women."

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Classes will include music for the young — ages 4-6½, conducting and score-reading, opera glee and piano ensemble. Practice pianos are available for use of students.

PALAMA POTLUCK JAMBOREE

with

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Benefit
MUSIC SCHOOL

DON'T MISS

June 10
Music School Recital
Music School Audit

June 16
June Magic Dance
Palama Settlement Gym

June 21
James A. Rath Day

July 7
"Mr. Palama Show"
Weightlifting Club—A. F. Kong

Register now for Day Camp
and Summer Camp

GROUP WORK DEPARTMENT

After exhaustive search had failed to locate candidates in Honolulu, two qualified group workers were brought in from the Mainland to work at the Settlement

Miss Buwalda

Miss May Joan Buwalda joined the staff on February 15 as Director of Group Work Department, succeeding Mr. Paul B. Anderson who left to continue his studies at Pittsburgh University. Miss



MISS BUWALDA

Buwalda attended Pasadena City College for 2 years and spent her junior and senior years at the University of California at Berkeley where she majored in social welfare. In 1948 she entered the University of California Graduate School of Social Welfare, specializing in group work. In February of this year she was awarded her masters degree.

During her graduate training she served as field director with the San Francisco Council of Campfire Girls and also worked at the San Francisco Mission Community Center.

Miss Grace

On February 3, Miss Frances Grace was appointed as supervisor of teen-age and young adult programs at the Settlement. Like Miss Buwalda, Miss Grace also attended Pasadena Junior College for two years before entering the University of California at Los Angeles.

She was active in volunteer work at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church. Miss Grace majored in sociology at the University of California and received her B.A. degree from the same school in October 1944. She received her Graduate certificate in social work from the University of Southern California.

Her experience includes graduate field work with the Church Welfare Bureau

of the Los Angeles Church Federation doing group work and two years as Y-Teen Program director with the Los Angeles YWCA.

The Group Work department is at present working on the "June Magic" Dance to be held on Friday evening, June 16. Music is by the Torchers. All clubs are competing to sell the greatest number of tickets since the proceeds will go for the Children's Camp.

Camping

Camp has been very active this year. The Junior Police are using each week end throughout the latter part of May through the middle of June for week-end camping. This arrangement is made possible through the cooperation of PTA's, the Police Department, Palama Settlement and students of Doctor Hubert Brown's recreation course at the University of Hawaii, who act as counselors.

Through this collaboration it has been possible to accommodate as many as 140 campers on a weekend at \$1.00 a person. For this dollar, JPOs get three meals and their lodging.

Extensive Collaboration

Since educators are becoming more aware of the value of a camp experience it is anticipated that an even more extensive collaboration between Palama Settlement camp, the PTA's and schools, and the Police Department will take place in the future. This year's trial has been pleasant and worthwhile in the opinion of all concerned, and they want to repeat it.

Miss May Buwalda, director of the group work department, asks all old-timers to remind mothers and fathers to send their children to camp this summer. A Day Camp will be conducted at the Settlement for children from June 19 through July 15. Children will arrive at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 3:30 p.m.

A hot lunch will be served at noon and throughout the day they will be guided by a group of young, exuberant, and friendly counselors. Parents may be sure of wise and kindly supervision for their children as well as a profitable and enjoyable use of their time. A daily rest period is scheduled.

Summer Camp

The Summer Camp period at Palama-by-the-Sea begins July 17 and continues through August 12.

All who enjoyed Palama Camp will be glad to encourage parents to get their child away from home for a while. It's good for parents too, which reminds us that parents may make reservations for a weekend at camp. For six or sixteen children (in one family) the rate for the whole family is \$2.50 a night. Barbecues are provided and swimming and sleeping is good.

It's good to get away from routine by going to camp on weekends now and then. It gives one a new and happier outlook.

Letters have been sent to personnel managers of the large companies in Honolulu encouraging them to use Palama-by-the-Sea for annual camping picnics. The rate is very low and the area couldn't be better for such a plan.

Churches have also been invited to use it for study groups and conferences. As a result, Margaret Iizaki, who is in charge of reservations reports that camp reservations are increasing steadily.

Children's Theatre

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In 1948 she acted as co-chairman with Dr. Cecil Dotts for United Nations Appeal for Children in Hawaii. Recently while working for a local bookstore as manager, she gave a series of radio broadcasts dramatizing scenes from new books and spoke to various women's clubs on "Browsing thru a Book Store."

Miss Casscells Assisting

Assisting Mrs. McQuesten will be Miss Olive Casscells who is employed full time at Tripler General Hospital and who in her spare time has been working with a group of Palama children in play acting.

At Christmas time her group gave two performances of "Hansel and Gretel." Miss Casscells majored in directing at the Dramatic Workshop in the New York School of Social Research under Erwin Piscator. After graduation she was an associate for three productions of The Little Players in Florida, a cooperative veterans organization.

In Honolulu Miss Casscells has been associated with the Community Theatre, and with the children at Palama Settlement.

Members of the Advisory Group for Children's Theatre are: Mrs. Robert Rath, Mr. Leonard England, Mr. John Kneubuhl and Mrs. Joyce Roberts.



MISS GRACE

It's Your Palama...

THE MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Mr. Belden McMillen, who lives at Kamehameha Alumni Clubhouse, joined the staff of Palama Settlement as Maintenance Supervisor in February. Mr. Henry Hamaishi, who normally fills this position, asked for a temporary leave of absence from his duties which was granted.

Mr. McMillen has been working with his crew to beautify the gardens at Palama Settlement. Mr. Hamaishi had just finished a big project of spreading 50 truck loads of earth around the Settlement, given by the Hawaiian Missions and hauled gratis for us by Hawaiian Dredging Co.

The plumbago hedge has been trimmed, fertilized and refenced. New grass has been planted around the dental clinic and administration building. Hibiscus which had been planted but were not the type originally planned were replaced by the butterfly hibiscus specified. Oleanders were placed as recommended by the Outdoor Circle committee. The begonia tree planted in June of last year in honor of James A. Rath and the pink shower tree for Mrs. Rath are flourishing.

Worked at Camp

In addition to working in the garden "Mac" and his crew have been working at Palama-by-the-Sea Camp. The old army barracks that had been covered with canec were made into attractive wooden buildings; this work furnishes new cabins and improves the appearance of camp.

Next project for the maintenance crew is the building of a pavilion in place of the old craft building in camp. The Inter-Club Council contributed several hundred dollars toward a smooth cement floor for it. The pavilion will have sliding doors on the ocean side. It is hoped to build a fireplace so that the building may be used for church or industrial conference groups and by teenagers for dancing and social recreation.

With the completion of this building Palama-by-the-Sea will be an excellent camp. Anyone wishing to contribute to the building of the pavilion (with hammer and nails and saw, that is) will be hailed a good friend of Palama. Perhaps one of our readers, an "old-timer" with aloha for Palama might even phone us that he and a group of volunteers would serve as carpenters some Sunday providing we serve the lunch. Make it a deal!

THE NURSERY SCHOOL

Miss Ester So reporting Nursery School activities writes:

"Reaching individuals in their formative years is important and Palama Settlement pre-school offers an educational program for little folks that gets them off to a good start!"

A staff of four teachers, two cooks and a janitor concentrate their best efforts in conducting a school that enjoys the reputation of being one of the very best in the islands.

Age Range

Children ranging from 3½ to 5 years of age come to school Monday thru Friday and enjoy the spacious, well equipped airy Castle pavilion, and its surrounding attractive play area. The cooks, Mrs. Furumoto and Mrs. Watanabe, are the pride of the Settlement and serve such nutritious and tasty food that children gain steadily from their carefully planned and cooked meals.

Parents are appreciative of their excellent cooking and the substantial hot lunches which they can count on their children getting at noon each day.

Not only does the school serve little children but parents have been given opportunity to join in many activities of the Settlement. During the Christmas holiday festivities parents enthusiastically entered into decorating the Settlement in the "hanging of the greens ceremony."

Merry Go Round

In March of this year the staff and parents collaborated in a festival "The Merry-Go-Round," its purpose—to raise funds for the nursery school.

Parents did an efficient job of planning and managing the affair. A Punch and Judy Show, fortune telling, games of chance, a food show, a rummage sale, Alice Keawekane's Show—all added to the fun and gaiety of the day.

The group work department contributed Pinatas for the occasion.

Over \$600 was made in this festival and both parents and staff gained in friendship and experience thru this collaboration. The first half of the year with its Mothers' Day, Boys' Day and May Day celebrations and the Merry-Go-Round was an active and pleasant one. Registrations are now being taken for Summer school.

JAMES A. RATH DAY

June 21 has been set aside this year to honor the man who, more than anyone else, pioneered Palama Settlement's phenomenal growth from a nondescript group of buildings planted in a taro and rice patch in 1925, into one of the finest medical, dental and recreation centers in the country. James A. Rath was Head Worker at Palama Settlement from 1905 to 1929.

The Athletic Department is staging a mammoth field day to be climaxed by a swimming meet as part of the James A. Rath Day celebration. It will also collaborate with other departments of the Settlement in honoring Mrs. Rath, her sons and daughters. The scores of hallowed trophies won during the nostalgic years when Palama Settlement was a power in Hawaiian sports will be brought out from storage, polished and displayed for all to see.

WALLACE SAFFERY

"Mr. Wallace Saffery, known to us as Wallace, served for eight years as bookkeeper and cashier and for seven years has had charge of athletic activities of boys and men of the Settlement.

"A large share of the success that the Settlement teams have achieved in athletics is due to Wallace's hard and efficient work. In spite of his fifteen years' service he still wears a smile that won't come off."

He is in charge of the business office and at the writing too busy accounting for the sale and distribution of tickets for Hal Lewis (Aku Head), Palama Potluck Jamboree, on the evening of June 3. Wallace asks all old timers to "show up that night" and also on James A. Rath Day on June 21.

WARD RE-ELECTED

At the annual Board meeting on Mar. 2, 1950, Mr. A. L. Y. Ward was again voted president of the Board of Trustees for the period Feb. 1950-Feb. 1951.

New board members invited to serve for the new term are—Mr. Dudley C. Lewis, Mr. Joyce O. Roberts and Mr. John C. Walker.

Mr. Kenzo Iizaki and Mr. William Kane of the Maintenance division are on sick leave. The entire staff and membership send greetings and wish them a speedy recovery.

SPORTS....

Responsible for the planning, conducting and promotion of Athletic Department activities at Palama Settlement is Bill Gee, a full-time sports writer at The Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Assisting him is Masuto Fujii, regular employed as an accounting clerk by Castle & Cooke Terminals, Ltd.

Rounding out the athletic staff which engineered the new deal are Nelson Kawakami, a 20-year veteran at Palama and Danny Puuloa, who has been around for three years.

Gee and Fujii are Palama born and bred men who learned their sports A, B, and Cs at the Settlement early in life and later carried the knowledge into local senior competition. Each was an all-round athlete, University of Hawaii trained and thoroughly familiar with organizing and instructing athletic groups. They brought invaluable contacts to their duties at Palama Settlement.

Leagues Served

Among the leagues and organizations served during the fall and early winter months were the Businessmen's Basketball league (13 teams); AJA Basketball league (7 teams); Hawaii Senior Girls Basketball league (7 teams); and the Hawaiian Government Employees Association Volleyball league (9 teams). The Mormon men's and women's volleyball leagues are now operating three nights a week in the gym, with 31 teams from all over Oahu participating.

A total of 40 individual groups used the gymnasium for practice during the

four-month period—27 on a rental basis and the remainder as part of membership privileges.

The pool also absorbed a staggering load of new users, including the Farrington and Kaimuki high school boys' and girls' swimming teams. Jackson College, Vocational school and Kamehameha School for girls were regularly scheduled. The membership—small fry boys and girls, teen-agers, men and women, swam and frolicked in supervised groups.

Usage of the field, judo room and weightlifting equipment soared along with that of the gym and tank. A weightlifting meet in February jammed 1,000 spectators into the gymnasium.

Pals Club Wins

The Pals Club copped the basketball championship in a playoff with Hui-O-Creepers. The two clubs finished the regular season with records of four victories in five games. Others in the competition were the Dragons, Ramblers, Pal Juniors and Hui-O-Palama.

A team trophy donated by Ah Chew Goo, one of the greatest basketball players developed in the Islands, went to the Pals. Goo conducted a cage clinic for the membership just before the basketball league opened. George (Elephant) Matthews of the Creepers won the most valuable player trophy donated by Cliff Kurata of Rainbow Cafe, a former baseball star. Matthews tallied 103 points in six games.

In volleyball, it was again the Pals Club with five wins and no setbacks as

they whipped the Sports Stars, Dragons, Crusaders, Ramblers and Hui-O-Creepers. Kenneth (Buddy) Kahoonei of the Pals was voted most valuable player by the officials.

The 14-inch softball league has just completed its seven-team schedule on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, with a big swimming meet and touch football coming up to fill out the five-sport intramural program.

The champion all-round club, to be determined by a point system, and also the top individual all-round performer, will be awarded huge trophies donated by men interested in sports for youths.

Barefoot Football

First drill for the Palama Settlement 150-pound barefoot team will be called in late August. Palama captured runnerup honors in the all-Oahu league last year—losing by a single point, 7-6, in the championship battle.

"Mr. Palama" Show

A "Mr. Palama" Show is scheduled July 7 in the gym by the Palama Weightlifting Club under Afong Kong, a former Winged P athlete who has returned as a volunteer instructor.

Gymnastics, weightlifting and hand-balancing acts will be featured on the program with the contest to determine the athlete whose physical developments can qualify him as "Mr. Palama" for 1950.

Proceeds from the project will be used to send Palama youngsters, who might not otherwise be able to attend, to summer camp and also to purchase needed weightlifting equipment for the Settlement.



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