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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1951
PRE-SCHOOL

STAFF

Director--Miss Esther So

Teacher--Miss Ellen Cha

Asst. Director-- Miss Mildred Fukuda

Mrs. Sueko Hirokane

Cook--Mrs. Mildred Ishida

Enrollment. In the fall of 1949 the school was faced with the problem of a small enrollment but since the fall of 1950 this is no longer prevalent. We have kept the maximum quota of 55 steadily and have had many requests for applications and a waiting list throughout the year. The summer enrollment has been the highest with 48 registering for the six weeks session.

To enable more children to enroll in the school the policy of half rates for the second child in the family was made ineffective in September 1951 with a provision that a rate of \$13.00 be made for the second child in the family if the enrollment is not filled. At present all pupils are charged a full rate of \$18.00 for tuition. This has increased greatly the income from the tuition than in the previous years. There have been other policies made which we feel will be beneficial. Since September 1951 it has been made compulsory for all pre-school children to pay \$1.00 for Palama membership. We are also charging a \$5.00 registration fee payable in advance to be made at the time of registration, not refundable if withdrawal notice is not given within 30 days before school commences. This will result in a permanent record of the pupils enrolled in the beginning of school.

BAZAAR A second bazaar was held in April through the cooperation and efforts of the P.T.A. Because of the good response and interest of the parents towards this project the result was most gratifying. Donations of money amounted to \$43.00, our net proceeds being over \$500.00 with the low expenditure of \$15.00 compared to the expense of \$98.89 of the previous year.

Two of our outstanding needs have been met within the year which have improved the school facilities greatly.

1. A heavier mesh wire has been put over the screens around the building.
 - a. This has discouraged and reduced the problem of vandalism which occurred throughout the year.
2. A shelter has been made between the two buildings.
 - a. This has helped greatly during our rainy season.

STAFF Miss Hazel Fujii who has served faithfully for five years left her teaching position after the summer session and was replaced by Mrs. Sueko Hirokane. Since October, the staff have been carrying on the survey of the neighborhood.

ADDITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT

1. Shelves for the blocks
2. Sink for the doll corner made from orange crates.
3. Piano made at the shop.
4. A home made rocking horse (donated by Mr. Kelly)
one of the children's favorite equipment at school

NEEDS

An arbor built over the pool area to shade it, a storage space for our wheel toys and outdoor equipment, additional playground material such as jumping board, small low horses and planks used for construction work outdoors, and for indoors a good phonograph will greatly help in making our music time enjoyable.

ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. S. Sakamaki--chairman
Miss Mary Musgrove
Mrs. Ines Cayaban
Mr. Robert Rath
Director of the Settlement

Special Events:

Christmas was a happy event for the children. Donations of Christmas tree, fruits, nuts, etc. made it possible to fill the stockings for all the children in the pre-school. It was a real surprise all their own to take home.

The children showed much interest in the "Hanging of the Greens" which is Palama's annual holiday program. Many of the parents cooperated in bringing the children for rehearsals and responded well in attending the program. There was also a basket supper given at school for the family in the evening. The children entertained their parents by singing carols, and dancing and three short reels of Christmas movies were shown. The parents commented that we should have more gatherings of this sort and the children especially enjoyed the movies for one of the children was saying, "It was good! I wish we could see more movies."