

Monthly Narrative Report
Music Department

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January 8, 1952

Date

The essential development in the Music Department this month was getting the new plan for group piano approved by the Advisory Committee and working out the practical details of implementation.

The new program was published in the new Palama Bulletin and as of this date one group has been formed from among old students, and the registration of new students for group piano amounts to eight in two days.

In view of a full teaching load for each present teacher some prospective students from outside the Palama secondary area ~~may~~ being put on the waiting list until the teaching staff can be increased.

General situation in the school reflects greater stability after the recent period of staff turnover.

The staff of the music department is now involved in the canvassing survey. A start has been made in our area Waikiki of the Settlement itself.

Of the two one-hour theory classes offered each child in the past, one is being converted into a combined chorus. There will thus be five choruses graded according to age, music ability and the young boys and girls are being put in separate choruses. These choruses will be the means of starting an interest in more frequent group performances of musical folk stories and cantatas.

Miss Hope Troyer gave advance notice of her intention to leave Palama Settlement May 31st of this year. She wants to spend a period of time with her family on the mainland and then return and concentrate upon composing and her own technical work. She has been at Palama for

Name six years with one year abroad.

Period of Absence

Reason

NO ABSENTEE FOR THE MONTH

J. Kelly
Department Head