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N VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE--Club President Naoji Yamagata is shown laying the sreath at the foot of the War Memorial on King Street. Sakae Takahashi (center) assists im, while Haruto Soma (right) stands by with the Battalion colors.

CLUB 100 PARTICIPATES IN WETERAN'S DAY CEREMONIES

Club 100 participated in Veterans' Day premonies on November 11, 1954. The holity, formerly designated as Armistice Day as by Presidential proclamation declared Veterans' Day' and a federal holiday. While I was not a Territorial holiday, many members of Club 100 turned out to pay their respects to their fallen comrades at ceremonies unducted at the Territorial War Memorial on the King Street, opposite the Library of Hamil. The memorial observance was under the intauspices of all major veterans' organizations in the Territory.

Naoji Yamagata, Club president, laid the lab 100 wreath at the foot of the memorial in liting tribute to the war dead. He was assisted by Sakae Takahashi. Haruto Soma lolunteered his services as Battalion Color

In a special naturalization session of the Daited States District Court held the same day the McKinley High School Auditorium, Shudichi Kamisato and Thomas Iyamatsu represented Club 100 as color bearers. Their work highly praised by Judge J. Frank McJaughlin, senior judge of the District Court.

Participating in programs conducted in the rural districts, were Thomas Higa and Tutaka Fujii. They recalled their war-time therefore for a radio audience over Station LANI.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TO FEATURE SANTA CLAUS

"This year we are starting our Christmas Party promptly at 6:30 P.M., on Saturday, December 18th at the clubhouse. Not only are we starting the gathering early to get the little ones home early, but our program has been stream-lined so that it will be snappy from start to finish".

These words by energetic Eugene Kawakami, chairman for the activity, indicates that a lively and entertaining party is in store for all those in attendance.

Group singing of carols, a puppet show for the children, drawing of door prizes, a skit by Able Chapter "characters" and the arrival of Santa Claus to distribute the grab bag items will keep the ball rolling at a rapid pace.

Every child attending is requested to bring along an appropriately wrapped christmas parcel costing not more than 25¢ for the grab bag.

Candies, nuts, toys, balloons and refreshments are being readied to be served to the assemblage.

A donation of \$1.00 will be requested from each family at the Christmas Party. This collection is being made so that a fine Easter Party may be arranged for the children in April of 1955. The committee in turn has been working feverishly so that you and your family would derive more than 100 lires worth from this Yule tide party.

Men in charge of the respective committees are: Tom Nishioka (A), program; Raymond Nosaka (B), decoration; Haruto Soma (C), filling and distribution of stockings; Martin Tohara (D), clean-up; Calvin Shimogaki (Hq), refreshments.

CLUB 100 SUPPORTS NAYA'S BID TO REMAIN IN HAWAII

Club 100 is on record as supporting Seiji Naya, a Japanese student at the University of Hawaii, in his bid to remain in Hawaii, and the United States. A resolution urging the passage of Senate Bill 3880 which provides for the relief of Seiji Naya was passed by the Board of Directors and copies sent to Senator Russell B. Long (D., Louisiana) and to appropriate members of Congress.

Mr. Naya came to Hawaii under the sponsorship of Earl Finch, honorary member of Club 100, in 1952. Earl, incidentally, is one of only three living Americans who have received the Gold Key to the City of Tokyo. He was so honored for his outstanding contribution in charity to the war orphans of Japan.

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PUKA PUKA PARADE

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EDITORIAL

"Greetings From the President"

Dear Paisans.

My fellow officers join me in extending best wishes for A Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New Year to you and all members of your family. This issue of the Puka Puka Parade is headed to all corners of the Hawaiian Islands, to the mainland, to Japan, to Guam, to Europe . . . no matter where you are, this publication is an ambassador of our warmest personal season's greetings.

Before we pause to take a "10 minute" break at year-end time we wish to acknowledge the fine cooperation you have accorded us during the months just passed. Your kokua has been most gratifying.

After the "take 10" break we look forward to seeing more and more of you actively participating in your respective chapter and mother club activities. We are confident that your continuing service will enable us to use 1955 as an effective springboard for the fur-

IN GENERAL RECONNAISANCE

We owe our many thanks to Toshikats (Toss'um Joe) Nakahara for his donation of handy pigeon hole filing cabinet to the club house. The Baker Company Veep's thoughtful ness makes the segregation of chapter mai easier and neater.

We also owe our many thanks to Head quarters Company men Otomatsu Aoki, Hider Kajikawa, Calvin Shimogaki and Chubby Ishi for installing the dandy movie screen in the auditorium. The screen was donated in memory of the late George Dewa of Baker Company by his family.

Attenzione! Please exercise caution when your children are with you in the clubhouse Our executive secretary's daughter was recently hospitalized when a wheel of the folding chair cart was accidentally pushed over her toe. The cart has been harnessed since but we don't want anyone getting hurt on our premises.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Sakat Takahashi on the passing of his beloved mother. The late Mrs. Tori Takahashi was a long-time resident of the island of Kauai.

The response to the mailing of dues statements has been gratifying. However, if you have not yet cleared your dues for the year how about doing so not "piano piano" but "presto presto". We need your kokua and your moola.

ther development and advancement of our Club 100 organization.

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/s/ Naoji Yamagata President

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FINANCE COMMITTEE HEADS NAMED FOR CLUB CARNIVAL

The make-up of men to handle finances for the Club 100 carnival to be held on August 19 & 20, 1955 has been announced by chairman non "Blue" Nagasaki.

Mike Miyake (B), C.P.A. and attorney by profession, has undertaken the job of setting up the books for the accounting procedure. ames Matsuda (A), auditor with the air force, will carry the ball from there on.

The printing and pushing of advance sale likets will be in the hands of "Beefer" Wal-

ter Moriguchi (A).

Tom Nosse (Hq) once again will serve as ashier to arrange for the depositing of monies.

Counting of scripts has been passed on to May Ikawa of Headquarters Company.

Tsuneo Morikawa (A) takes charge of all disbursements.

Cash sales on the grounds fall under the wisdiction of Tom Matsumura (C).

The finance committee has had its organilational meeting and other appointments are scheduled to be made to this group.

A plan to provide income for the chapters from advance ticket sales rebates is being taken under advisement. (Continued on page 4)

CLUB 100 SUPPORTS NAYA'S BID TO REMAIN IN HAWAII (Cont. from page 1)

Since coming to Hawaii, Seiji Naya has distinguished himself in many ways. He proved himself a scholar of high caliber when he won the 1954 University of Hawaii scholarship award, a rare achievement for foreign students. He won national fame in athletics when he represented the local university at the national collegiate boxing finals.

The resolution cites that Naya has made many friends in the community and has impressed members of Club 100 as a person of such character, abilities, and proven achievements that he will without doubt be an asset to Hawaii and to the United States if permitted to remain in the Territory as a permanent resident.



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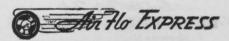
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Biggest news item within the Able ranks for the month was the loss of homes suffered by Takeo and Tokio Ige of Waipahu during the recent devastating Kona storm. Each of their cassa was damaged to the extent of being complete loss by turbulent waters. The two brothers, who served in the weapons platoon, also lost most of their personal effects and home furnishings. A delegation headed by chapter prexy Ko Fukuda visited the brothers and found them in good spirits inspite of their trying experience. Fortunately all hands were safe without any injury. "My brother lose seven case beer in the flood".

Ken Harada is all smiles these days. His charming Mrs. presented him with a husky son so that he is in step with most of his Co. A pai-(Continued on page 5)

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"YOUR EDITOR RETURNS FROM FURLOUGH"

After a furlough of three months from the editorial room of the Puka Puka Parade, your editor returns to take over his assigned functions beginning with this issue. In his absence, dependable Ted Hirayama, with the able assistance of Naoji Yamagata, carried life the ball. My sincere thanks to both of them; Without them, your PPP would never have come off the press.

You should never attempt to run for public office and edit the "Parade" at the same time. You just can't do it.

If any of you readers are journalistically inclined, or would like to try your hand at add working on this dope sheet your services will in be gladly accepted. Who knows, you may out do Drew Pearson or even Ted Hirayama. Give ard it a try-call Hide Kon at 94286 and tell him re you are interested. If the response is good we lat may start a class in journalism. -- The Editor:

COMMITTEE HEAD NAMED (Cont. from p. 3)

All of the other committees have already started tackling their respective duties so that adequate planning will be made to make the carnival a huge success.

Suggestions and ideas for the project are being accepted at the clubhouse.

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ABLE CORNER (Continued from page 4) sans. Our congratulations go to the Haradas for their happy event.

Did you ever notice the preponderence of

e, male offsprings in our chapter?

As far as we know, the Richard Miyahis shire's are the first to have twins in our Able th Chapter. The former first platoon rifleman can and his wife are the proud parents of two boys ft | see what we mean?) in his "double and catch er program. Congratulations! (TWO times). As far as we know, too, there isn't a or a single one in Able Company who so far has the est distinction (?) of being a grand parent. But, word comes from Headquarters Company that Stiz Colonel Turner has become a grand father for had the second time. It may be rightfully said our esi "old Man" again leads the One Puka Puka

ay a outfit. Howard Miyake's home in Kaimuki disell trict has received a new coat of paint. Memout bers of Able Chapter wielded paint brushes Et and climbed scaffolds to aid him on weekends. A few strokes here, a few strokes there, and a ble mt only lighter but faster. Operation kokua

ke t November were: Goro (the blood hound) Sumida, Tom Nishioka, Bob Mori, Takeo Ige, Naoji Yamagata, Yutaka Inouye, Shinya Namiki, Fred Takayama, Kiyoshi Kami, Wataru Mon-awa, James Matsuda, Paul Shirai, Paul Oshiro, Kaname Yui, Taichi Higashi and Ken Yoshiura. "Some more guys going give yet", remarked the Co. A bloodhound.

Able Chapter's blood bank donors in

Hiro Yamamoto has moved his office to 2773 East Manoa Road in his own imposing brand new modern 2-story hollow tile building. wisit to his place of business finds our clubs second vice president busy with real estate ransactions behind his swanky built-in desk. his new phone number is 996155. "I have a few more good office or store space available for rental", quoted hustling Hiro when interviewed on a cool day in cool Manoa.

The fishing "bug" seems to have hit our Company "A" members with a solid whack. Fumi Taniyama has enjoyed a good season in plucking ulua and other catches. Others have bought rod, reels, poles, spears, torches, nets, hooks, etc., and are raring to land even a whale if given a chance to do so. One ambitious angler was overheard thusly: "Where your house? Next time I catch I bring some over. You gotta clean them. I no clean you know"

Kazuo Kamemotos greeted their fourth child, a son (see what we mean again?). 3 boys and a daughter now gather around the Kamemoto's dining table at meal time. Kazu's plants and flowers are thriving under his expert care in cool Manoa Valley.

Just as we report to you about the preponderence of male offsprings, information drifts in that the Ralph Fukunagas welcomed a daughter. The newly born will later join two brothers around the former transport man's dining table to draw rations. Signor Fukunaga is cashier for Easy Appliance Company (see advertisement).

Don Nagasaki handles the sale of Christmas cards for our chapter. If you have not yet drawn your share you better call him. Time is getting short for you to do your share for the War Orphans Scholarship Fund.

"Beefer" Moriguchi was general chairman of the annual Co. A. weapons platoon gettogether. This year's affair was held at Isam Inouye's swanky home in growing Aina Haina. Plenty of kau kau and re-hashing of exploits by our mortar and machine gun men kept festivities going at a fast clip. Many new faces added further significance to this closely knit fellowship group gathering. If you are a weapons man you should make it a point to attend next year's party.

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Plans for a gala New Year's Eve shindig are being crystallized by co-chairman James Miyano and Ko Fukuda. The affair is scheduled to start at 8:00 P.M., and last until 1:00 A.M., of January 1, 1955, at our clubhouse.

Dancing, a stage show, a galore of door prizes, tasty snacks, beaucoup chasers, refreshing refreshments, and razzle dazzle noisemakers are being wrapped into one solid bundle of entertaining evening for all.

Members in charge of committees are: Bill Komoda, decoration; Bob Takashige, chasers; Angel Ogata, door prizes; Ken Mitsunaga, liquors; Paul Oshiro, bartender; Richard Ishimoto, tickets and finance; Calvin Shimogaki, entertainment; and Company "A", cleanup.

This year the affair is being handled by the mother club. All proceeds realized from this event will be used for an Easter party or a battalion picnic.

Arrange to bring your friends for an evening of joy and fun. Tables will be set up to suit the size of your party if reservations are made early in advance.

A New Year's get-together at the Clubhouse has been gaining popularity ever since it was initiated by Baker Chapter two years ago.

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LOOKING BACK ON 1954

Jan. 1, 1954--New Year's Eve party spon sored by Baker Chapter. "This kind part sure money's worth, boy".

Feb. 1, 1954--Puka Puka Parade revived "I thought they never get my address that"

why I no get the paper".

Mar. 12, 1954--Word received from Lacrosse that timber wolves are inhabitants of cage donated by the One Puka Puka outfit in the zoo. "They tell me they had plenty of different kind wolves in La Crosse back in 1942. The two legged kind".

April 24, 1954--Replica of battalion color donated by Noboru Furuya and Hideo Kajikawa "First time I see how our color look".

May 2, 1954--Fire loss at Bill Komoda': s Vets Termite Control. Members rally to aid "Old Man" Bill. (Continued on page 7

The largest turnout ever is expected to take advantage of the club facilities in bidding farewell to 1954 and ushering in the New Year Tickets for this gala affair may be purchased from your chapter presidents or at the Clubhouse. Telephone reservations are being accepted by our Executive Secretary at 94286.

Incidentally, if you happen to have a spare bottle of spirits lying around the house let it accompany you to the party. Kenneth Mitsunaga, the evening's bartender will be there to the relieve you of the load--gladly, and wish you a

Happy New Year.

The storeroom adjoining the front office has undergone a much needed change in its physical setup. But old wooden crates donated by Von Hamm Young are serving as shelves. Hideo Kon says they'll have to do until such time as some enterprising Chapter undertakes to make a worthy project of putting shelves in the storeroom. He has a faint memory that some chapter had volunteered to do it.

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LOOKING BACK (Continued from page 6)

May 16, 1954 -- End of softball season. Able Company pennant winners. "I make chop sui dinner for my team because I figure we einch, but we missed out".

May 20, 1954 -- Scholl family from La Crosse given quite a dose of our Hawaiian hospitality by our boys.

May 30, 1954 -- Impressive Memorial Day

rites at the National Cemetery.

June 26, 1954 -- Entire Territory of Hawaii greatly saddened by sudden passing of Delegate Joseph R. Farrington. The late Mr. Farrington was elected Honorary Member of the Club 100 in France in 1944.

July 7, 1954 -- Mr. and Mrs. Ness vacation in the islands. They arrived with some high grade cheese as a gift to the 100th from the people of La Crosse. "I thought a teahouse was a place where you just go to sip tea".

Aug. 14, 1954 -- Annual Convention meeting in Honolulu.

Aug. 14, 1954 -- Anniversary luau huge success. Newly elected officers installed. "We get drafted for duration and six months,

Aug. 14, 1954 -- Distribution of "Ambassadors In Arms". "This book no make mention how I get hit two times but it's there!"

Sept. 3, 1954 -- Vigorous dues campaign

initiated by dues committee. "You pay your dues already? Go down the clubhouse they fix you up."

Sept. 15, 1954 -- Hatsuichi Suemoto, former mess sergeant of Company A, died after a few months illness.

Oct. 23, 1954 -- Large attendance at Family Night. "You no can see this kind movie and show for 50¢ any place. Was Right On!"

Oct. 28, 1954 -- Unexpected passing of Warren Tonaki is mourned by all. The late Warren was a key kog of the battalion motor

Oct. 30, 1954--Bowling banquet. Charlie Co., the champs. "I no can find the spot on the alley that's why my average fall down.

Nov. 2, 1954 -- Sakae Takahashi, Spark Matsunaga, Yasutaka Fukushima, Toshio Kabutan, and Honorary Member Wilfred Tsukiyama elected into public office.

Nov. 28, 1954--Takeo and Tokio Ige of Able Company lost their homes in a flood. "This kind time the club guys stick together that's why it's good to have a strong Club 100".

Dec. 18, 1954 -- Annual Christmas party. "I busy but my kids drag me. I glad I came. I see some guys I no see long time".

Dec. 31, 1954--"Next year I give you guys a hand for the carnival. This kind everybody suppose to pitch-in".

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