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MAUI CHAPTER NEGOTIATES FOR CLUB HOUSE

Preliminary negotiation has been completed between Wailuku Sugar Company and Club 100, Maui Branch, through Stanley K. Masumoto for the leasing of the former Wailuku Athletic Association clubhouse on North Market Street in Wailuku.

Earl Doc Ikeda, hustling Valley Island prexy, called a general meeting on February 9th to be held at the proposed clubhouse. At the meeting, Masumoto outlined the terms of the contract and members made a thorough inspection of the buildings and grounds. Members will vote later whether to accept the offer or turn it down.

Highlights of the lease include: That the buildings and premises including a first class outdoor basketball court be turned over to the club at no rental charges with full responsibility and authority; that the club be responsible for lights, water and taxes; that in the event Wailuku Sugar Company sells this particular property, Club 100 be given first consideration; that Club 100 will not be responsible for losses through fire, earthquake or storms beyond the club's control; that Club 100 be responsible for maintenance and upkeep as the club deems necessary; and that the club be authorized to use the buildings and grounds for at least two years and to continue using same until the Wailuku Sugar Company serves six months' notice to vacate.

Three 100th Members Elected Outright For Const. Convention

Jack Mizuha, Dr. Katsumi Kometani, Yasutaka Fukushima, three former members of 100 Infantry Battalion, were elected outright to the constitutional convention during the recent primary election.

Joe Yamauchi (1st district, combination B), Peter G. Kawahara (2nd district, combination H), and Sakae Takahashi (4th district at large), polled large votes and were among top men of their respective races to qualify for the general election to be held on March 21, 1950.

All Club 100 members are urged to vote in the general election. Encourage relatives and friends to exercise their voting prerogatives.

Oahu Members Appropriates \$50,000 For Club House

"I move that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated from our Capital Fund for the acquisition of a site and building of a clubhouse thereon."

This momentous motion was immediately seconded and unanimously carried by a large turnout of Oahu Club 100 members at a general meeting held on January 25, 1950.

The motion had reference to the purchase of a lot 21,600 square feet in the vicinity of Kapiolani Blvd-Date Street section of Ala Wai Canal and the construction of a clubhouse with the balance of the appropriation.

A Clubhouse Building Committee has been appointed by President Sakae Takahashi to (1) develop plans for building (2) supervise architect and contractors (3) develop landscaping of grounds, and, (4) furnish the building.

Mitsuyoshi Fukuda will serve as chairman of this group. Other members of the committee include: Herbert Yamamoto, Leslie Deacon, James Lovell, Tadashi Ohta, Joe Nakayama, William Oya, Chikami Hirayama, Bill Komoda, Fred Kurisu, Kunimitsu Hiramoto, Yoshimasa Kawamoto, Kisuke Arakaki, Masato Kondo, Ernest Watanabe, Tom Hirahara and George Izuta. Mr. Ben Hayashi, prominent local contractor, will act as adviser to this committee.

The committee members are currently contacting prospective architects and investigating facilities afforded by other existing clubhouses.

A separate Finance Committee headed by Warren Iwai to study ways and means of making the building financially self-paying has also been operating. Members of this committee are: Gary uchida, Tom Nosse, Rinky Nakagawa, Gregg Ikeda, Billy Takaezu, Hirotohi Yamamoto, Kenneth Mitsunaga and Martin Tohara.

Final building plans will be presented to the membership for approval before actual construction begins.

A sizable sum is still outstanding as

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Editorial

On these pages we proudly unfurl our Maui Chapter edition.

Once again our Valley Island paisans deserve commendation for a top flight job. The news articles were submitted before the dateline; advertisements were subscribed, and, in general the wholehearted cooperation extended to the Parade staff was very gratifying. We are indebted particularly to Stanley Masumoto for his willing kokua.

The Maui Chapter scrapbook is crammed with a series of fine accomplishments of all sorts. Their spirited participation in community affairs has gained them the respect of the good people of Maui. Their part in acting as gracious host for our 1949 convention went a long ways toward the success of our annual meeting. These are only a few of the projects successfully undertaken by Maui Chapter.

Now comes word that our comrades from the slopes of Haleakala are on the verge of securing a clubhouse. The structure, no doubt, will spur the Valley Islanders on to further endeavor. Other chapters must accelerate their pace to keep up with this terrific "double time" movement by Puka Puka-ites on Maui.

Analysis of the success story brings forth the fact that capable leadership and zest displayed by members are factors responsible for the slick execution of all projects. In the operation of a shave ice concession at the recent Maui County Fair 90% of the membership responded to the call for duty. This vigorous spirit des corps makes for a well oiled machinery that clicks on all fours.

Maui members can be rightfully proud of their organization. The road ahead may be rocky and many a hard knock will be encountered, but we are confident our paisans will pull through with flying colors as they have done so repeatedly in the past.

Maui Chapter, we salute you!

Probably due to the strain of enacting the role of Santa Claus at our Christmas party, Hitoshi (Tug) Nakai was confined to Tripler Hospital for quite a stretch. He has recovered in fine style and resumed his duties with the City and County Board of Water Supply.

Masao (Stew) Yoshioka completed a course in musical instrument repair in Indiana and has returned to Honolulu. He and his brother are proprietors of Harry's Music Store in Kaimuki.

Five Years Ago

- 2- 1-45. Held position and maintained contact with friendly units in the French Riviera.
- 2- 4-45. Motorboat observed off Cape Martin. Fired on boat with rifles, and two occupants surrendered with boat intact.
- 2- 7-45. Menton shelled.
- 2- 8-45. One Italian attempting to cross our lines captured by Baker Co.
- 2-14-45. One German dressed as Italian captured.
- 2-17-45. Submarine periscope sighted off Cape Martin.
- 2-28-45. Patrol work. No change in position.

Marriages and Births

BIRTHS:

Sons: To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kawakami; Mr. and Mrs. Kenzo Endo; Mr. and Mrs. Kunimitsu Hiramoto.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS

More than 125 members, honorary members and their families held a very enjoyable Christmas party on Sunday, December 26th, at the VFW Hall in Wailuku.

In order to enable the members to bring their children for whom the affair was mainly intended, the program was held in the afternoon instead of in the evening.

The program was opened with remarks by President Kiyoshi "Doc" Ikeda. This was followed by the singing of Christmas carols. After a few games in which everyone participated, Santa Claus arrived with his bag and bell to the enjoyment of the children. Presents and stockings filled with nuts, fruits and candies were passed out to all.

The program was concluded after refreshments.

Arthur Shinyama is studying Engineering in Denver, Colorado. Jerry Miyashiro is attending school in Los Angeles, taking advance commercial subjects. Fred Murahashi is a student in St. Louis.

Shinichi Yamada returned from Chicago last week after taking up courses in refrigeration, mechanic, and body and fender repair. Shin was away for two years.

Takeshi "Topsy" Omuro, Co. C, was chosen "Maui Golfer of the year 1949" by the Waiehu Golf Tournament Committee. "Topsy" participated in 19 of the club's 23 tourna-

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ments and was credited with average score of 71.68 for 18-hole play.

Willie Goo won the 1949 golf match play championship while his younger brother Jimmie won the 1949 Maui Golf Championship.

Donald M. Uchimura won the Territorial and Maui weightlifting championship in the 165-pound class for 1949.

Katsumi (Kats) Hanada, winner of a monthly ace during 1949 at the Wailuku Bowling Center, is holding down fifth place in the annual Aces of Aces Tournament which is now being held in Wailuku.

This tournament is a competition for winners of the past year's monthly high average awards.

Plans are being laid by Maui Chapter to enter a team in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 3850, invitational bloopers ball tournament which is scheduled to start in March.

Eight teams from various vets organizations are expected to be invited. The Puka Puka team is expected to field a super team (that is if the boys can take off the apron strings for a few afternoons).

Taddy Hamasaki has been selected to captain the team and round out the boys into shape.

For the Annual Kula Sanatorium Hobby Show, Maui Club 100 donated twenty dollars cash prize. In 1947 and 1948, the club donated the grand prizes.

Mrs. Mathilda C. Rosario was sent to Honolulu by four Maui Veterans' Clubs to

Oahu Capital Fund dues. All revenue realized from collections on the \$56 payments from our current membership drive campaign can be made available toward a bigger and more adequate Puka Puka dream house.

attend the burial rites of her soldier son, Pvt. Kenneth T. Rosario.

Mrs. Rosario left on Tuesday, February 7, 1950 and attended interment rites the following day at the National Cemetery in Punchbowl.

Clubs contributing included VFW, American Legion, Maui AJA and the Club 100, Maui Branch.

Vital Statistics from Maui

MARRIAGES:

Miss Dorothy Masuda and Goichi Shimanuki.

BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. Nobuyoshi Furukawa, Mr. and Mrs. Masanao Hasegawa; Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Murakami; Mr. and Mrs. Tsutomu Nagata.

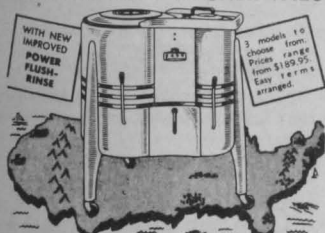
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The really difficult job is that of the solicitors; the leader can only hope that they will be willing to give the time, the energy and patience necessary to make the campaign a success. I think you will be glad to know that your response made it possible for Team 11 to meet its goal 100 per cent.

May I again thank you all for your effort and your contribution.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Florence W. Broadbent

(Editor's note: The sum of \$342 was contributed by 46 Club 100 members to the Honolulu Community Chest. Other members made their donations through their places of employment.)

Dear Naoji:

My family and I cannot even begin to show our deep appreciation for the kind and generous gesture of comradeship rendered by fellow "paisans" of Club 100 at their general meeting on January 25, 1950. We, nevertheless, wish to take this opportunity to say "molto grazie", "merci beaucoup", and "many thanks" for your recent expression of "Puka Puka" aloha and kokua.

We assure you that the amount received will be put to good use and further assure you that "fireproof" furnishings and clothing are now the fad in the Taira family.

Our sincere thanks again to the members of Club 100. It is good to know that one has friends when unforeseen experiences of a novel nature upset the daily routine of making a living.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert S. Taira
Kuulei, Neal, Bob &
"Firebug" Taira

(Editor's note: As mentioned in our previous issue Bob's home was partially razed by fire. Club members made individual donations to his cause at the meeting mentioned.)



Dr. George Tomoguchi, manager, Waialae Pirates, 1949 Champs of the 100th Bn. Memorial Baseball League, returning the Hawaii Chapter perpetual trophy back to league president, Yoshio Yanagawa, in the opening ceremonies. (Photo by Milo Photo Supply)

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS

The 100th Bn. Memorial Baseball League opened its 1950 season with a bumper crowd on January 15th at the Hoolulu Park. Participating in the opening ceremony were Yoshio Yanagawa, league president; Jack Conley, former C.O., 100th Infantry Battalion, and James Kealoha, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, County of Hawaii.

James S. Maeda, league secretary, was the master of ceremony for the afternoon.

"Spider" Yahata and "Tarush" Yamamoto had a good turnout of Hawaii Chapter members (even their wives) taking care of the gate.

Manabu Hongo, formerly Co. C, is now taking dental technicians training at Newark, N.J. According to reports, Manabu went into New York City on New Year's Eve for a big Nisei dance. We hope that he met his former friends, especially the damsels.

Yasuo Iwasaki, president of the Hawaii Chapter announced the following club activities up to June 1950.

1. Monthly meeting - last Friday of each month.
2. January to March - assist with 100th Bn. Memorial Baseball League at Hoolulu Park on Sundays.
3. April 9th - Easter Party, wives of Puka Puka-ites to play host to members and kiddies.
4. April 15 & 16 - assist with the Inter-island AJA Baseball Tournament to be held in Hilo.
5. June - Annual party and election of officers.

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GOLF BITS

Club 100 Golf Club's activities for 1949 were climaxed by a gala banquet at Smile Cafe on January 28, 1950.

After a hefty steak dinner, glittering trophies of all sizes and practicability were presented to the winners of tournament during the past year. The large assortment of awards nearly converted the dining room into an up-to-date trophy display room. Eddie Yoshimasu was given the honor of taking home the biggest and tiniest prizes. Hide uchida emerged as the Ace of Aces winner, while Tony Ushita's home was brightened further with a nifty lamp stand. Among others, Bob Taira, Jimmy Lovell and Dennis Teraoka won trophies for the first time for their antics on the links.

Election of officers followed the presentations. Warren Iwai was selected to head the active group. Dennis Teraoka, Richard Hamada, Arthur Komiyama, Ed Yoshimasu and Eugene Kawakami will serve as vice-president, secretary, treasurer, handicap committee chairman and delegate, respectively, during this year.

Colonel Kendall Fielder entertained the gang with some intricate card tricks.

In the March of Dimes match with 442nd for the 24 Hours Service Station trophy on the day following the banquet our mashie wielders walloped their rivals by a 35-14 count. Tadashi Fujishige copped Dr. Kometsani's trophy by turning in a sparkling net 63.

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