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232nd ENG/BAND CHAPTER: by Hichi Matsumoto
Hichi with his usual classical, comical and lengthy newsworthy report. Weekend of beach house outing at Sunset Beach--golfing, fishing and poker playing with much fun. Personality of the month, Calvin Yasuhara.

KINGSMEN: by Joe Shimamura
Kingsmen hosted by Eichi and Nobu Oki for their June meeting. The Oki's daughter, Susan was recently wed and is now Susan Molloway. Walter (Slim) walks down the aisles and gives his daughter away in marriage. September meeting held at Satoru Sawais in Wahiawa.

3rd HQ: by Charles Watanabe
Max Isara's home must have some sort of magnet to attract the boys. Seems all chapter meetings being held at Max's/ Pappy turning out to be a landscaper. Keith Tsubata won the Mayor's award in best photograph in black and white.

FOX CHAPTER: by Kats Nakamura
Bill Tanaka is a retired man now after 25 years of U.S. Government service. Sunao Sakamoto, attached to the U.S. Embassy. Joe Tanakas on a short trip to the west coast.

EASY CHAPTER: by Toshio Okamura
Kathy Tando is now Mrs. Clayton Pang. Post reunion get-together held at clubhouse with all the families involved. Auxiliary elects officers. Two receive AJA scholarships to U.of H.

522B CHAPTER NEWS: by Jerry Ishimoto
Jerry and wife take a short trip to Los Angeles with much doings and so little time. Jerry also gives results of last 522B golf tourney.

MEDICS CHAPTER NEWS: by Ted Matsuo
Ted reminisces on the last Nisei Vets Reunion. Last chapter meeting held at Shigemi Nakamuras.

GEORGE CHAPTER: by Harold Fukunaga
Many chapter members going on trips. Francis Ishii and family took in the sights from coast to coast. Fred and Dolores Ida and Harold and wife took in the west coast. Speed Tanna is a grandfather now. Kaoru Noda returns from Japan after a year's stay there. Golf results from Lake Tahoe.

LOVE CHAPTER NEWS: by Tad Sakai
Kuakini Home hekk dinner a great success. Much congratulations to Betty Aoki on her prize winning chicken. Toshio Nakahara, a grandfather again. Meeting an old face, Hideo Higa, in from Okinawa. Wally shoots a good golf game.

ITEM CHAPTER NEWS: by Mino Suzumoto
Itemites kept busy hosting many stateside visitors, including Bill Radovich, former great USC and pro footballer. Mino pens more notes on the past NVR. Chapter meeting at Leilehua Golf Course must have been a bash.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently, I had the privilege and pleasure of attending two significant events which focused on the veterans, more specifically the 100th and the 442nd, and their contributions and impact upon the community. The first was the annual Memorial Services conducted by Club 100 at the National Memorial Cemetery.

It is laudable that since their return from World War II, the members of this organization has faithfully and proudly carried on this unfinished mission of memorializing their comrades from year to year. Because of the affinity between our two organizations, we are sure that the hearts and minds of those attending the Services were turned toward our boys too, who lie side by side.

The second event was the Change of Command Review Exercises of the 442nd Reserve held at Kuroda Field, Ft. De Russy on the same day. It was an impressive ceremony. Again, it highlighted the tradition and accomplishments of the two organizations during and after the war.

In its deeper connotation, the reservists who have volunteered for this outfit well know the spirit which is exemplified in the 442nd. Through their performance and conduct they have portrayed the qualities and standards which constitute a reliable and coordinated military group.

All this is not to "pat our own back" and to exclaim our exploits during the war, but rather to re-inforce the contention that our organization is one that is rich and unique in experience, personnel, and history so that our contributions and accomplishments in the community - past, present, and future - can further be enhanced. Many individuals have expressed amazement that our boys have been together for 30 years! Let there be many more years of the same!

KENNETH OKUMA



CHARLES WATANABE

Now that the reunion is over with and can write it down into memories and start looking ahead, everything seems to be in fine order. HQ 3rd came out "bono" with few needed adjustments, otherwise "no grumbling."

Meeting for the past months, July, August, September, was held at the residence of Max

Isara the home with the million dollar view. Meeting report was negligible with more bulls and dog lovers and plant enthusiasts. We find that HQ 3rd has many members owning two dogs or more and that's a lot of mess to clean up. Maybe Sam Sasai was right when he says, "I like other peoples dogs because when its time to clean up, not me." You should hear some of the medical care and operation these dogs have. I sooner get rid of the dogs. "Sorry, didn't mean it that way. I should be shot for saying that. (Hajime wouldn't hesitate too.)"

Pappy Iwamoto is a botanist on week ends and he has many varieties of landscaping plants. Need to landscape your land? Well, talk to Pappy, he talks to his plants. "Right Pappy." I tried talking to my plants but it cost me money in fertilizer and sprays.

Things must be going real good with Yoshio Suetsugu. He and his wife Elsie are on a trip to Japan.

Also did you know that Eddy Tsubata's son Keith won a Mayor award in best photography in black and white. Keith is a very accomplished photographer, travels around the world doing it.

Sorry to hear that David Kaiura is laid up for a while. He had an operation of a da kine at last report. A speedy recovery for him.

A few members have signed up for the European trip and according to snoopy, they are Shigeru and Janet Goto, Eddy and Frances Tsubata, Yoshio and Elsie Suetsugu, Bill and Yaeko Kuwata.

Missed Hideto Matsuda at meeting nights. No treasurer's report, so can't tell you how we came out for the reunion. I wonder if he went to Switzerland. Hear he has a secret bank account there.

Have you noticed Sam Furuya at meeting nights, hard to tell whether he is there or not. Noticed too that Max Isara has been a perfect host at his residence. He didn't take a wink, always up and around and serving like a perfect host. Thanks Max, also to Jane for the delicious pupus.

Ever been to the club house lately? It is quite a change from the old. A new bar, room, and furnishings.

Well what else is new, nothing much, except that Hajime Matsuura is walking around with a cane and a very spotty Fu Manchu Moustache. He hurt his leg on Molokai. Hajime reminds me of a joke. A man with a cane struggling to get around, seeing the beautiful girl forgets the cane. Continue next week.
Pau for now.



Kats Nakamura

Well, are you all back to normal? It's a good thing our type of reunion is not an annual affair. Pity the Chicago gang in 1976, namely Mits Kodama and James Mita.

JUNE 1973

This month our chapter vice president Bill Tanaka retired after giving 25 years of his service to the U.S. Government. If you think life is easy for a young retiree you are badly mistaken. Everyday he has to choose between going to the clubhouse to be with the gang or getting a sun tan out on the golf course. Which ever he chooses to do he'll be either mentally or physically fatigued at the end of the day--- and that's bad for his health.

JULY 1973

Lillian Matsuda and daughter Lisa with young Jerry who is Lillian's daughter in law's brother visited our fair islands. They stayed at the Nakamura hotel for 3 weeks. Nakamura Travel Service also took care for their itinerary which included visits to Polynesia Cultural Center, Kuilima Hotel and Makaha Inn.

AUGUST 1973

Our Buddahead Diplomat Sunao Sakamoto and family, Margie and Russell returned from a 30 day visit from Sapporo, Japan where he ended a total of 4 year's tour of duty with the U.S. State Department Embassy. He was reassigned to London, England and will be there for 2 years. Fox chapter honored the Sakamoto's at M's Ranch House on the 18th. We adjourned to Yoshio Shibuya's for more coffee and dessert and chit-chat. But it was more to accommodate Sunao's hidden desire to want to play poker--Hawaiian style. After all, 4 years in Japan and 2 more in England without a relaxing outing that only Hawaii can provide, can drive a guy batty--so was the excuse. Well, after the session he diplomatically apologized for taking the boys, and promised to donate it back some 2,4, or 6 years from now. He had indicated to this writer that he wants to see the world while in the employment of Uncle Sam and that he would like to work his way through Europe to Thailand, Hong Kong, Okinawa, and Australia. Margie, the ever understanding wife, also enjoys the travels to the different nations, and like a woman collects knick knacks from all over. Russell is only 16 years of age but measures 6'-1" and likes basketball the best----- even over girls. He is wellmannered, and well adjusted--- and well trained by Margie.

This was also the month that Mino and Haru Imai were to pay us a visit. Somehow there was a mis-

interpretation of Haru's letter and the last week of August went by without an appearance from them. We found out later that they were coming to Hawaii (Big Island) and attend Ike Ikeda's son Glenn's wedding on Maui. They went back to Hawaii (Hilo) for a few more relaxing days and flew from there to L.A. and home.

The Iritani's took a vacation too, to Kauai and were surprised to see the Sakamoto's there---on the golf course too!! The Kauai group with Geo. Kawakami, Geo. Teraoka, Wally Tasaka, and Masa Akena, Sandy, etc., entertained them royally.

Joe and Sharon Tanaka took a short trip to San Francisco, L. A., and Las Vegas. They met the L.A. gang and were treated to a dinner. Sharon Tanaka is now known as Tanaka Hosen of the Ohara school. She received her teaching certificate and her professional (name way back in 1966). A belated congratulations to Sensei Sharon.

SEPT. 1973

We were honored with the presence of one Hisashi Fujiyama from Hilo at our September meeting. He retired this year and is living a life of ease. I never heard of a retired person taking a long vacation from the rustle bustle of everyday life but believe you me that's exactly what Hisashi said, and was here to prove it.

The Matsuda family must like to travel a lot. Two weeks after Lillian left, Lisa went home. Two days later Daddy Roy checked in at the Nakamura Hotel. The purpose of his trip was work, with lots of play time thrown in. If you saw a picture in the bulletin of a guy changing the sign "Wigwam" to "Payless" at the Dillingham store, you saw Roy Matsuda. He and his partner Shig Futagake (E Co.) own the nisei plastics Business in Oakland and do all the signs for the payless chain of stores along the West Coast including Hawaii. It's big business for them so its no wonder they can afford to travel.

OCTOBER 1973

Today, the 5th, is the deadline for submitting this news in the Go For Broke Bulletin and nothing so far happened that's news worthy so will close here--oh yeah, the Nakamuras for a change will hang up their "On Vacation" sign and close the Hotel starting from Oct. 21 to Nov. 4 and go on an all expense paid trip to Portugal, courtesy of Climatrol Industries. Mrs. Nakamura will leave first on the 10th with Frances Yorita and go to Seattle, Portland, Vancouver B.C., Victoria B.C., Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, and L.A. Frances plans to come home on the 21st. We'll let you know all about it. Address of Sunao Sakamoto, American Embassy Box 40, FPO N.Y. 09510



EASY CHAPTER NEWS by Maui Okamura

WEDDING

A very elaborate wedding was witnessed by many Easy Chapter members when Kathy Tando (daughter of George & Doris Tando) and Clayton Pang were married at the Nuuanu Congregational Church on July 14th. The reception that followed at the Waikiki-Sheraton Hotel was a gourmet's delight with fancy Chinese dishes and over-flowing drinks. The couple was blessed with roaring banzais, and Kathy and Clayton may your marriage be ever blissful.

POST REUNION

"E" Company members and families had a post reunion get-together on August 4th at the 442nd Club House. You would think everyone had enough reunion and would just stash the memories away, but not the die-hards of Easy Company. It's just like putting extra frosting on a cake. The reunion was so good, so they frosted it up more. Raymond was in charge of ordering the food from Golden Duck Chop Suey; and since the boys volunteered to walk over to pickup the food, boy! it really tasted delicious.

Easy Chapter initiated using the recently renovated club house. Mucho gracias for the use of the place. Everyone had a wonderful time. Two tables were occupied playing cards and the rest of the men & wives sat around chewing the fat & telling jokes. I almost forgot to mention that the balance of the Coors beer was consumed at this gathering. Raymond kept telling Harris, "why you have to drink Coors beer--drink something else."

AUXILIARY

Easy Chapter Auxiliary which was re-activated just before the Reunion held a meeting for election of officers on September 8th. It was decided that meetings will be held 4 times a year, (January, April, August and December). The next official meeting will be held in December. The officers are as follows: President - Kuulei Ihara, Vice-President - Rose Yamada, Secretary - Hazel Okamura, Treasurer - Mae Imaoka, Liaison - Sally Yoshitake. Looks like Hazel was rail-raided for the secretarial job, as she did not attend the meeting. (hard rock).

SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Linda Yoshitake and Earle Nakasone for receiving the AJA Council Scholarship award. Linda was a recent graduate of Kaimuki High and is presently attending the U.H. Earle graduated from Aiea High and is also attending the U.H. This summer, Earle went to Los Angeles to play baseball for the Kalihi AJA team. The proud parents are Shigeyuki and Sally Yoshi-

take and Glenn and Miyoko Nakasone respectively.

VISITORS

Stanley Ebata on his way back to Los Angeles was feted at Wo-Fat just before the Reunion. Dan Yamauchi from Okinawa arrived just in time for that party.

Raymond Shiroma from Tachikawa, Japan, joined the gang on the August 4th party held at the 442 Club House. He was accompanied by his wife Lillian. He said that they will be back home for good next year. They also visited the Mainland to see their married children.

Lawson Sakai from Gilroy, California, was a recent visitor. He and a business associate visited Honolulu on October 4th. Lefty and Kay Sugihara and Chicken Yamada entertained them. It was a very short notice, so Lefty couldn't corral more members for the get-together.

STUDENT TRAVEL

Lianne Imaoka, daughter of Roku and Mae Imaoka, spent 6 weeks in Europe this summer with the American organization-Institute of Foreign Studies. She said most of her studying time was spent in France, but she saw Rome, Madrid, Amsterdam, Brussels and London. Ah! how we envy you, Lianne.

Melvin Takemoto, son of Waichi and Chiyono Takemoto visited Japan this summer with the University of Hawaii Atherton YMCA. He tutored English for 3 weeks at the Osaka University, and spent 3 weeks touring modern Japan. He toured south as far as Beppu and ended up North in Hokkaido. Sounds like he had a nice time?

Linda Nakata, daughter of Kozun and Mildred Nakata, did not travel too far but she spent 2 months doing field work in archaeology at Pololu Valley in Kohala this summer. She said she'll return there again next summer. Her parents visited her while she was in Kohala. By the way, that's Mildred's old home town. Haruko Oyama, Kay Kane-shina, and Marian Mita, hail from the same place also.

It's old news, but Kozun was hospitalized in Kuakini Hospital for 4 days just before the reunion. He was well enough to participate in the reunion activities. Like they say, you can't keep a good man down. Right! paion.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Kuulei Ihara was hospitalized in September for minor surgery and is recuperating nicely at home. A speedy recovery to you, Kuulei!



Jerry Ishimoto

You didn't think so but here's proof that people do read this column. A caller stated that there was an error in the last issue. He pointed out that the original idea of the 522 button came from DON SHIMAZU and not KATS MIHO as was written in this column. He also stated that DON SHIMAZU followed the idea thru from origin to delivery of the buttons and will the writer please use his resources to correct that error? I'll be glad to, DON SHIMAZU. As I said before, it's important that we give credit where it's due and I thank you for calling that error to my attention.

More than you notes from appreciative mainlanders. MAS & FUKI MORI of 5976 Mayflower Ct., San Jose, Calif., writes to say how much they enjoyed the reunion. You're welcome, MAS & FUKI and nice of you to write. Here's another one and it's from Capt. BILLY TAYLOR. 522 HQ boys who haven't turned senile yet will remember Capt. TAYLOR as CO of HQ Battery before he moved up to Battalion S-2. Well, during hikes and marches we had the hardest time keeping step because his counting of cadence was off - due to his long stride, no doubt. Well, Capt. TAYLOR and wife visited the islands in the early part of Sept. with a tour group from Oklahoma. If he had come a month earlier, he would have made the reunion. Capt. TAYLOR, your timing is still off! Apparently there's a breakdown of smoke signals in Moore, Okla. where never is heard the reunion, a discouraging word and the skies are not cloudy all day. Anyway, the aloha still prevailed so the 522 boys showed how it's done in Hawaii. The Capt., because of his ulcers stayed away from the firewater but he thanks all you "522 Primo drinkers" for the evening of entertainment. And he was also nice enough not to say that we gave him the ulcers during basic. Anyone wishing to exchange amenities with BILLY TAYLOR, Civilian, may reach him at Rt. 10, Box 576, Moore, Oklahoma.

After bidding fond alohas and promises to meet in the future, little did I dream that that day would be sooner than the next reunion. Two months later, during the labor day weekend, the wife and I on an impulse decided to visit her folks in Los Angeles.

The 12:30 Thursday noon flight with Pan Am left at 2:45, hence it was close to midnight when we got settled down in L.A. The following morning at 6:30, it was golf at Whittier Narrows. 2:30 that afternoon found us driving over to Las Vegas with RUTH's brother and wife. Flirted with Lady Luck that night and it's golf at 6:30 Saturday morning. The Tropicana Golf Course received sev-

eral large divots because at this point the endurance was waning. Sunday morning, drive back to L.A. where HARRY & ROSE UNO, GEORGE & NOBI SEKI, DICK & TOMI NAKAMURA and NICK TATSUMI were going to take us that night to Man Fook Low, a chop Suey house on San Pedro St. After the china meshi, went over to the NAKAMURA's for coffee. The following morning NOBI hot rodded RUTH down San Diego way on her speedy Celica while the fivesome of HARRY, GEO, DICK, NICK and myself drove over to the Green River Golf Course on DICK's car. Here I'll point out that he's moved up to a large Brougham sedan. Also the last time he plugged in a fan to the cigarette lighter outlet for cold air. Now, he's got factory air conditioner with cold, circulating cigar smoke. Their hospitality knew no bounds as they paid for the green fee and cart. They even wanted to enrich my coffer but enough is enough. I let them escape on the last hole. Reluctantly we cut short the 19th hole to hurry back to catch the 8:00 p.m. plane for Hawaii.

Of the 4 days in the mainland, it was 3 days of golf, 2 nights of keeping the Las Vegas desert green with hardly any time to spend with the kin-folks. We are sorry too that we didn't have time to see all our mainland friends. We missed TORU & MASAKO HIRANO even though they live just a few blocks away from RUTH's folks and though they also went to Las Vegas during that same weekend and called our hotel, was unable to contact each other. Big place the mainland. But to them everything is only 15 minutes away--but of course at 60 miles per hour. However RUTH did run into JIM MIZUNO in the Fremont Casino when he stopped over to make gas-line money on his way home from Wyoming. What a go, go weekend. It took all four weekday workdays to recuperate from that weekend.

The last 522 Baker golf tourney saw that #\$\$\$!! lucky RICK OGATA sinking his birdie putts to run away with the 1st place BILL HARR clock radio trophy, 6 balls and a leg on the perpetual trophy with a net 68. Second place went to KATS MIHO but it proved to be expensive. His pitching wedge and a Norfolk pine collided. The tree is still standing straight but that cannot be said for his wedge. In the dust was ROCK TANNA with a net 75. A respectable score for a man of his age and talent, with myself, JOE OBAYASHI and TED TSUKIYAMA close on his heels. JAMES KOMO (G) shot a sizzling one over on the back nine to solidly claim number one spot on the guest flight. That left no. 2 position open for BILL HARR followed by PAUL TSUKIYAMA and Magilla Gorilla TOSHI UENO, the long ball hitters bringing up the rear. Incidentally, contractor BILL HARR of Harvis (Harr and Davis) Construction company was the angel for this tournament. If you're playing at the Ala Wai, you can see his Harvis cranes which will soon be swinging atop a 27 story building across the Ala Wai canal. Maybe the first prize next time may be an apartment in that building. Who knows? It doesn't hurt to come out.



Harold Fukunaga

Now that the Nisei Veterans Reunion is a thing of the past, there is not much news. However, a check with the members resulted in a few tidbits.

While we were having a swell time during the reunion, Francis Ishii and his family were enjoying an extended vacation trip at the same time. Among the places he took in were: Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria, Niagara Falls, Montreal, New York City, Washington D.C., Las Vegas, Anaheim, Los Angeles and San Francisco. His two daughters enjoyed the trip so much, they wanted to remain in Los Angeles with their cousins.

Talking about trips, Fred and Dolores Ida took a short trip to Lake Tahoe and San Francisco after the reunion. He played his usual fine rounds of golf at Tahoe in an invitational tournament and came home with an imported brass-covered chest of drawers. He tied for 2nd place with another person; therefore, he had a choice of color TV or the chest. He drew the lower number; therefore, he got the chest. Nevertheless, it is a very nice prize.

The writer also escorted the Missus to the West Coast for a short two-week trip. Took in Los Angeles, San Diego, Vegas and Frisco. Met some of the "G" Co. fellas in Los Angeles one evening. They certainly were hospitable and reminisced about the reunion. They were: Jim and Dot Nakagawa, Nori and Kay Sekino, Ike and Rosie Ikeda, Dave and Toshi Ho, Taki Handa and George Nakatsu. Thanks again for the Chinese dinner and light snacks and slide presentation at the Sekinos.

We had a pleasant surprise at our August meeting when Noboru "Nibs" Morio showed up. He was attending a pharmacy seminar in Honolulu and Lahaina. His wife and son are also pharmacists, so I guess they must have lots of "drug talk" at home in Seattle.

Speed Tanna appeared full of anxiety at our September meeting. When questioned about it, he admitted he was anxiously awaiting word that he was a "granpa". At the time of this writing, he received the good news that his daughter Charlotte had given birth to a baby boy. Speed and Edna have gone to Washington to assist. Congratulations! Although there are other members who became grandparents before, no one appeared as nervous as Speed. The others are Hitoshi Matsu-moto and Charlie Komoda.

Dr. Kaoru Noda, who was on sabbatical leave in Japan, stopped over in Honolulu long enough to see some of us and chit-chat. He said that he lived so far from the University where he worked, that he had to catch a bus, two trains and a bus to go one way. It took him about 1-1/2 hours one way. I guess he must appreciate his Hilo commuting, which takes him only about 5-10 minutes. He and his family enjoyed the one-year stay there. Lillian mentioned that it's her turn to commute this year, because she is teaching in Honokaa, although living in Hilo. She was grateful to have a position, because of the tight job situation in the teaching ranks this year.

We were happy to see a new face at our September meeting in Harold Tokeshi. Since we didn't see him for years, it was nice to chat with him. Hope to see him again in our future meetings.

Incidentally, our meeting nites were changed to Thursday nites, because of the Monday nite football. It's a good change of pace, especially with the newly renovated clubhouse. It's much more pleasant, with the carpet, better furnishings and bar accommodations. The members seem to stick around longer, after the business meeting is pau.

In another trip to Lake Tahoe, which included a golf tournament, Mike Shiraishi won the grand prize with a two-day net of 66-67 -- 133. Fred Ida came back with a digital clock radio. The highlight of the trip came in the form of a surprise to Fred. While waiting for the elevator to go down, naturally to the casino floor, he ran into a well-dressed KOTONK who looked familiar. It turned out that he was our old Sgt. Adachi, who now resides in Oakland. It's a small world after all.

As if they didn't have enough vacationing this year with the reunion this summer, Ted and Dot Asato called the Komos and the Idas during the short layover at the Honolulu International Airport. They were on their way to Japan and Hong Kong for a month. We hope that by the time you read this we would have spent some time with the Asatos, who promised to stop by on their way home to Los Angeles.

SPEED TANNA REPORTS:

Our recent trip to see our grandson was a happy occasion. We met Noboru and Mary Morio of Seattle and also their son Dave and Daughter-in-law Mari-anna. Also in Los Angeles we spent two days to renew our friendship with the "G" Chapter members and wives. They were Jim and Dorothy Nakagawa, Nori and Kay Sekino, Dave and Toshi Ito, George & Mary Karatsu, Frank and Mrs. Konno, George and Aiko Yoshida, Eddie and Marie Otsuka, George and Mary Nakatsu and Taki Handa. We had a wonderful dinner at Rudi's and also at Sambi's, a Japanese restaurant. Went golfing with Jim Nakagawa and

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Tad Sakai

Here it is almost turkey day (Thanksgiving) and the Xmas holidays to follow soon after that. Time certainly goes by fast.

IN MEMORIAM
AKIO SAITO

Akio Saito who lived in Kahului, Maui, passed away on 28 August, 1973. A member of L Chapter, he was employed by Maui Electric Co., as an electrician. He is survived by his widow Kiyoko, one son, Kenneth and daughters, Anne and Vesta. Love chapter of Honolulu wish to extend its deep sympathy to the Saito family.

PRIZE WELL EARNED:

After winning the state chicken Cook-Off, Betty Aoki went to Little Rock, Arkansas, for the finals in the National Chicken Contest in early September. Betty took third prize money and became \$3000.00 richer. A hearty congratulations to Betty from all of us. Yoshiji must be happy too, the prize money, of course, eh, Yoshiji.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Came October 7th L chapter with kindness in their hearts and full of enthusiasm journeyed to Kuakini Home to prepare dinner for the old folks. Come 4:00 p.m. Paul Matsumoto, the chef, started the ball rolling and the chicken hekka began sizzling over the charcoal. Of course, the wives, namely; Betty Aoki, Mabel Kawamura, Ginny Matsumoto and Lily Oshiro and Also Lily and Doreen Sasaki did the bulk of the work, chopping vegetables and chicken. Whitey Saito's wife, Florence, made some mochi for the old folks but from observation seemed most of the mochi was being consumed by L chapter boys. Very good and tasty, Whitey--how does your wife do it? Maybe some of the other wives would like to know how its done. Betty Nakahara made much "tsuke-mono" and everyone going hog-wild over them. Betty, one of these days have Toshio bring the recipe to the meetings. We all had a wonderful Sunday afternoon and the old folks certainly enjoyed their beer too. Bill Oshiro was the chairman for this project and must say a most worthwhile cause.

GRANDFATHER 4 TIMES OVER:

Frances (Nakahara) Furukawa gave birth to a second child, a girl, weighing 7 and 3/4 lbs,

named Jamie Mitsuko at Tripler General Hospital on September 11th. Donkey certainly must be a happy one with 4 grandchildren. Guess he can afford to brag a little, eh, Tosh.

RENOVATED CLUBHOUSE:

The clubhouse renovations was completed in June 1973 and the transformation is simply terrific. Of course, the contractor doing the job was none other than Wally Kawamura. The floors completely carpeted, the furniture is fantastic, the room temperature is 75 degrees, also, a bar, ice machine and refrigerator with plenty of cold beer. With all these comforts and excellent relaxation to be had, make it a point to come and look the place over. If its coffee or cold drinks you want, Robert will get it for you.

MEETING OLD FACES:

None other than Hideo "Higgins" Higa. On October 30th he stopped in at the clubhouse on his way home from stateside, back to Okinawa. The first thing he asked for was "coffee" -- maybe he is a reformed man now--none of that hard stuff. Bd But he still has those good ole stories to tell. He hasn't changed a bit physically and looks spry and healthy and most jovial.

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE:

Doc Miyamoto recently underwent surgery but he is well now and resting at home...Wally Kawamura shot a net 73 in the 442nd Golf Turkey Shoot on October 27, and won himself a HAM...Allen Nakamura goes to every Kalani game. His boy, Randall is on the offensive team...Jake Jichaku has severed all ties with Parkview Gem and is now with Seibu (Japan firm) and is headquartered at McInerny...Joe Oshiro with the Post Office Dept. is now a supervisor in the Equipment and Maintenance Sec...Bill Oshiro was the keynote speaker on Veterans Day, "Massing of the Colors" ceremony, held at St. Andrews Cathedral



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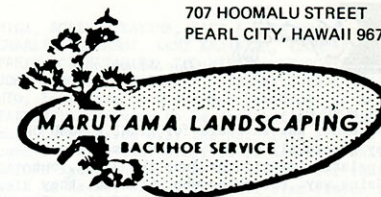
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EICHI & NOBU OKI

A busy summer was in store for EICHI & NOBU OKI as they generously hosted the June meeting at their palatial mansion on June the 23rd., out Aina Haina way. For those who attended, they really got to see how the upper half live. It was first class all the way with the OKI BTLN in full swing as all his girls pitched in to give MAMA NOBU that much needed rest. All personality and just hard to beat this night were CONNIE, SUSAN, VALERIE and ELIZABETH OKI who really made the coffee sweet without sugar. For the men folks MICHAEL & DELWIN it was the usual night out. This being the last meeting before the forthcoming reunion, the turnout was big as expected with the following in attendance: YASU & BETTY AMINE, WALTER HEIRAKUJI, YOSHIO HIGA, ROBERT HIRAYAMA, CHARLIE IGARASHI, KENT KAJIWARA, ROBERT & DORIS NAGATA, TED NAKATA, ROBERT & YUKI NITAHARA and family, RICHARD & PAULINE ODA, BIGJOHN OROKU, JIMMY & CHARLOTTE OURA, MUN & GETRUDE SAITO, SATORU SAWAI, HIROSHI & MARYJANE SUYEOKA, RICHARD UTO, and SANDY & MARY TAKESHITA. The business meeting was longer than usual with so much business on hand, and the adjournment found all the happy faces rush to that round table for that monthly investment session. As expected the ogochiso was overwhelming and that sushi-bar that was setup this evening was enough to feed the K-s for a picnic the following day. To EICHI, and especially NOBU who really put in a hard days work just getting ready to setup this unforgettable evening, we do extend our sincerest thanks, not to leave out the little ladies who helped to give this meeting that extra warmth leaving you with a feeling that this here is a happy home that you can't help but feel like you're in your own back yard.

REUNION HI-LITES

We're mighty happy it's finally over, but we must admit that it sure was fun while it lasted. To see the happy, tired faces of the visitors, we do hope that we succeeded in giving them all, an unforgettable time. Despite an all fouled up list of who's coming and who's not coming, the K-s ended up taking care of the following: JIMMY TAT-SUDA from Alaska, NOBI OKUBO and son BILL, and HIME IWAOKA from Detroit, ROSALIA MIYAYA from Spokane, MARIAN MIYAYA also Detroit, N. "BRAGGAR" KIMURA from Minnesota, SHIG NAGAHIRO from Wisconsin, RUDY & LIL TOKIWA and family from San Jose, DUKE & MAY TOKIWA also San Jose, TOSH & TOSHI OKAMOTO and SHEILA, plus JACK & YO SHIOTA and family from Seattle, DENNIS KIDA and wife from Idaho, and TOM YAMASHITA & family from somewhere in California. Special recognition was given to

the following who gave their all as they sacrificed 5 days of bread and butter to chauffeur our guest during the free days: PREXY ROBERT NITAHARA, HIROSHI SUYEOKA, RICHARD ODA and KATS IBARA. You can bet that it was no picnic driving from 9:00 a.m. in the morning and getting to bed after midnight during this spell. The outside island crew came thru as expected with flying colors and we would like to extend our sincerest aregato to the following who made the supreme sacrifice to make the roving Kotonks feel right at home: Hilo, led by JONAH MORIMOTO & ETSUO KOHASHI, RUSTY KAMIMURA, LEFTY KUNIYOSHI, TETS HAMADA, and RENEE MORIMOTO & MAE KOHASHI, and LEA KAMIMURA. Maui- MASA "PEN-GUIN" OKUMURA, "COWBOY" HASEGAWA, HARRY OKADA, CLARENCE MATSUMOTO, HANK TAKITANI, LEFTY NISHIMURA, and the rest of the just hard to beat Valley Isle K-s, too numerous to mention. KAUAI - PAUL OKAMURA, and MINO TAKASHIMA and last but not least "DOC" TAD MIYAMOTO of Kona who really got a last minute notice but still did more than his share to keep 'em smiling. The best report came out of Hilo as the OKUBO party insisted that they had a Filipino man at the K-s gathering and we're just wondering who this could have been? Accolades are in order for the following Oahu-ites, who did a superb job in their given assignment: JIMMY OURA our hard to beat V.P. who served as Reunion Chairman, SATORU "CHIEF CHEF" SAWAI who did an unexcelled job as the overnite picnic boss aided by KATS IBARA, BOBBY HIRAYAMA and CHARLIE IGARASHI. WALTER "LON" CHANEY" HEIRAKUJI the teahouse boss, HIROSHI SUYEOKA transportation hancho and MASA & DORIS NAGATA who went out of their way to see that the Kotonk ladies were all properly attired with an orchid corsage, flown in all the way from Maui for the sayonara affair. To HAROLD & LILLIAN FUCHIKAMI who happen to be the brother of DORIS NAGATA our thanks go across the blue to the Valley Isle for their generosity in helping to make it an unforgettable nite for the mainlanders in attendance. To MARY KOSASA, BETTY AMINE and DORIS NAGATA our ichiban hustling skirts, also goes our mahalo for that unbeatable organizational effort in handling the kau-kau end of things during the overnite. Our thanks also to PAUL "KOLOA" OKAMURA, Kauai's best who lugged down all those goodies to give the guests an unforgettable treat. To our visitors, the T. OKAMOTO's for those delicious Washington apples, and the R. TOKIWA's for all those fruits, salami's and beef sticks, our aregato for all that effort of that long haul. Well, so it went for that Big One. The Windy City of Chicago will be hosting the next one come '76. Let's hope that it's not a sweltering summer, as that heat wave there can sure make things miserable.

In closing, we would like to extend our sincerest congratulations to the number one sweet daughter of EICHI & NOBU OKI who was wed in holy matrimony and is now MRS. SUSAN MOLLOWAY, presently on the faculty at the UH. For those who tend to get slightly mixed up as far as the "Cheaper by the

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dozen" OKI's are concerned, SUZY is the #2 girl in this plentiful household. As far as MAMA & PAPA OKI are concerned, it's now one down and a long way to go. GURU ROCK till the next one.

RICHARD & PAULINE ODA

Hosting their annual once a year K-meeting on the eve of August the 18th, PAULINE's GOURMET SHOP was in full operation out Waialae Nui way. With ace bartender RICHARD O at the flowing end of this affair, the wine flowed like water and PAULINE came thru as usual with her tablefull of delicacies putting in a hard days work to keep the chowhounds happy. The main order of business was the post reunion report of the big one, thanks to the appearance of our perennial treasurer KENT "MONEYBAG" KAJIWARA. The fiscal report deserves an A plus as KAZU informed those present that we did come out in the black, so no extra loot will have to be squeezed out of the members. Letters of "aregatos" received by the dozens from a most appreciative bunch of reunion attenders was the next order of business as it came pouring in from all over the country such as the OKUBO BTLN from Detroit, "BRAGGAR" KIMURA from Minnesota, The T. OKAMOTO's and T. SHIOTA's from Seattle, ROSIE MIYAYA from Spokane and numerous others. Belated as we may be in this concern reunion chairman JIMMY OURA deserves a round of applause for that extra effort hustle having made it possible for the visitors to take in a veep tour of the Polynesian Cultural Center during their stay here. TOMMY HARIMOTO's slightly belated movie of the European K tour which finally got spliced was the Hi-lite of this evening and we would like to congratulate the Asahi Shimbun ace photographer for his excellent bit of topnotch cameramanship. To RICHARD & PAULINE goes our annual a million thanks for hosting this sumptuous August affair, which was first class all the way.

DEM WEDDING BELLS

Easily mistaken for that chief bellhop at the Tokyo-Ginza Hotel except for that ear to ear grin WALTER "SLIM" HEIRAKUJI, walked down that matrimonial aisle on September the 8th, giving away his daughter LEI to MR. ROBERT IMOTO at the Makiki Christian Church with an elaborate reception which followed at the House of Janus. Our congratulations to SALLY & WALTER and the newly weds LEI & ROBERT. May theirs be a most happy future. At last a son in the family

SATORU & BARBARA SAWAI

Meeting date: Saturday, September 15, 1973. Time: 7:30 p.m. Residence of SATORU SAWAI, 134 Makaweo Avenue, Wahiawa, Hawaii. This notice found the following cityites buzzing out to pineapple country and for the first time in many a year found the going dry as a rusted door nail with nary a drop of rain! YUKI & STAN AKITA, YAS AMINE, YOSHIO

HIGA, BOBBY HIRAYAMA, KATS & NORA IBARA, KAY and CHARLIE IGARASHI, KENT KAJIWARA, TSUNE KANEMORI, PREXY BOB NITAHARA, TED NAKATA, ED OGATA, "BIG JO JOHN" OROKU, JAMES OURA, HIROSHI SUYEOKA, DICK UTO, long time no see JAMES YANAGIDA and SANDY TAKESHITA. Proving to be the chef of chefs BARBARA must have slaved over the hot stove all day to come out with that overflow of ogochiso while SATORU spent the day taking his dog for that usual walk to be out of her way. Her ever famous fried wun tun, soup ala Sawai, Bar-B-Q ribs, salad, these were but a few of the B-Delicassen's favorites that were served for these weary travelers that made this trip, to get that taste of Honey country style. Main order of business was information leading up to the forthcoming trip to Europe come '74. With T. KANEMORI's shobai dogu just ready to bust at the seams, the knights of the round table went into action to bring to a close this September meeting. To SATORU & BARBARA our sincerest Aregato once again and next year, mata tanomimasu. KAY IGARASHI came thru with her no can beat banana pie which really sold like hot cakes on this eve.

THAT LITTLE BIRDIE

Peddling Lucky no longer, W. "SLIM" HEIRAKUJI just couldn't turn down a better offer as he switched to OLY, this included a trip to the main plant in Olympia, Washington with an overnite layover in Seattle where he got together with TOSH OKAMOTO and JACK SHIOTA for a night of making the rounds. Old TOSH is getting to be MR. HOSPITALITY for the K men as far as the northwest territory is concerned. So she goes for now. Be seeing you at KATS IBARA's come October.

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Mino Suzumoto

Putting one word after another and whatever happened to our supposedly 20th annual Co. "I" Invitational Mixed Hdp Bowling League? Postponed because of the recently held N.V.R., the chances of it being resumed by year's end grows dimmer and dimmer, seems like.

Under an edict set down by chapter Prexy Terry ARATANI, our July meeting was cancelled. "Time off for a job well done" during the past summer bash, I suppose.

Our August session smoked out: TERRY, Treasurer TAD FUJISHIGE, HIRAM DOI, CHAMP SUZUKI, C.B. SAKAMOTO, BRUNO YAMADA, KAZUMA OYAMA, MASA NAKAMURA, CLARENCE TABA, BOZO NISHIOKA, TERUMI KATO, MOTOMI SHINDO and yours truly.

Just when we had the notion we had shaken the reunion out of our system JOE VITTOE and DOROTHY, his bride of a month, managed to stop by to say, "Hello!" to local Item golfing pals. Doing the honors were BRUNO YAMADA, CHAMP SUZUKI, TAD FUJISHIGE and non-golfer, MINO SUZUMOTO. JOE, of course, is with the San Jose Police Department. The same status he was in when he first visited the isles in 1966 or thereabouts, as a member of FRANK SHIMADA and his group of 10 San Jose golfers on that home and home thing with the local Item Golf Clubbers. TOMMY HARMOTO, I'm told had JOE out on the links during the daylight hours. Which leads me to say "I thought you died, Mr. HARMOTO!"

An Itemite is someone who'd pick up a soiled paper napkin off the dinner table in one hand, his spectacles in the other, crumples the napkin into a wad, tucks that into his shirt pocket and absently deposits his prescription glasses into the waste basket!

BILL RADOVICH, former USC football great and ex-San Francisco, Dons and Detroit, Lions, pro-footballer also dropped in for his 3rd visit to the islands. Keeping him company for rounds of sushi, sashimi, namasu, shrimp tempura, saimin plus tripe stew (no fooling) were RALPH ARASHIRO, DONALD KAMADA, TAD FUJISHIGE, JAMES HAYASHI, KENNETH OKUMA, IGOO NAKAGAWA and you know who. BILL with his Chevy franchise in Los Angeles, was, once upon a time FRANK SHIGAKI's employer. He of Culver City. "And what, may I ask, prevented you from coming over for the Reunion, Mr. SHIGAKI?" (Not to be confused with FRED SHIGAKI, who did make it). Incidentally, the cases of pineapples presented to "B.R." at the airport was wholly through the efforts of NORIMA HORIMOTO (L) and HALO HIROSE (AT), who befriended the L.A. citizen during the recent 442nd house warming get-together.

MOTOMI SHINDO wants it known that he too disappointed with his time and driving talents to the Reunion cause, so let me hurriedly assure him the omission was purely unintentional.

Now it can be told. Our counter-part on the big island of Hawaii were so sure we would present ourselves on that outer island tour that they went ahead with some elaborate plans, like taking in all the kamaainas into private homes, thereby relinquishing the hotel space to the kotonks. Not realizing, of course, that the N.V.R. steering committee had already put a damper on all such travels by local groups. By the time we got an inkling of that magnanimous move everyone here was convinced he or she shouldn't go. Be that as it may, on behalf of Pres. TERRY ARATANI on down, to HIRASHI ARUGA, SADA KUBOTA & Company" the thoughts behind it all is truly, truly appreciated!"

Maui, I understand, fared better. At least SUGURU, SADA, PUUKOLII, LARRY ARAKAKI, TOM MIYOKEN and that crowd got together with the Item Golfers coincidentally having the tournament there.

Roll-call for September was the kind you'd want to write home about. Traditionally, it was the time of the year we took our regular monthly meeting out to the highlands of Wahlaw. With the Leilehua Golf Course clubhouse as the setting it enticed the following: YASO & EMIKO ABE, LARRY & MARIAN ISHIKAWA, KOPPE & BETSY YAMAMOTO, STANLEY YAMAMOTO, KAZUMA OYAMA, FUTAO TERASHIMA, TERUMI KATO, HIRAM DOI, JAMES & GRACE RAHASHI, MAMO SHIROTA, MASA NAKAMURA, C.B. SAKAMOTO, KENNETH OKUMA, SHITTY & ELSIE KOGA, TAD FUJISHIGE, BRUNO & ELLEN YAMADA, MINO & DOT SUZUMOTO, CHAMP SUZUKI, MOTOMI SHINDO, TOMMY UMEDA and last but not in the least, Prexy TERRY ARATANI. And the beer flowed like the proverbial wine. So much so that when the bottled variety ran out, the maitre-d broke open a keg of same "on the house" Arrangements were through SHITTY, so he gets major credit.

Taking still another pot-shot at the reunion oriented happenings and we're grateful to MASA & HELEN NAKAMURA for the o-cha-zuke spread they threw for the Hospitality Room clean up crew immediately after, at their Date St., home. RALPH ARASHIRO, TAD FUJISHIGE, HIRAM DOI, STANLEY YAMAMOTO, CHAMP SUZUKI, ELE GONZALES, DANNY YAMASHITA and myself included, made like we hadn't eaten for days! Keeping us company were FRANK SHIMADA, CHARLENE & MAB, DEBBIE & KIMBERLY BLACK and young KENNY INOUE, son of the "Aint-no-way" INOUE'S.

When HIRAM DOI realized it was impossible for him to get into a "large" N.V.R. shirt, a hasty note was sent to BEN MAYEDA requesting that he return his "ex-large", in exchange. The guy from Phoenix way responded beautifully, and so a big "MAHALO!" from us in Hawaii to him, in Arizona.

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ANNUAL OUTING

The Engineers/Band Chapter traveled half-way around the island of Oahu for its annual overnight outing. The place was Teiji Chinna's beach house at Sunset Beach. We won't forget that Saturday, September 14, because that was the day the UH upset Washington, and we not only missed the game on TV, but got only sporadic accounts via a pocket, earphone radio. Most of us gave UH little chance and thought the game would be a rout in the Huskies' favor, but as the reports kept coming in with UH ahead we then realized we were missing "some" game.

Except for the distance (it can't be any farther because, if you pass the place, you would be heading back to town), Chinna's place appears to be the best of the many sites we have used in the past. The property is a short distance off Kam Highway and fronts on a beautiful sandy beach. The lot area is a little over 1/2 acre, so parking is no problem. There was even plenty of space for the golf bugs to practice chip shots. The house is large, just 2 years old and built of hollow tile. With 2-shower bathrooms, a well-equipped kitchen and a living room with several mattresses, and large enough to take care of the gang, the entire setup was just terrific.

The first guys out were naturally the hard-working co-chairmen of the shindig--Richard Murakami and Masa Yamasaki, and boss of the liquid refreshments, Gary Kawate. They were followed by fishermen Ben Ono and Monte Okamoto, and Richard Urada, Joe Sato, Mervin Takano and Charley Ijima. The golfers, 12 strong, went direct to Kuilima for a round of golf. Doc Kawamoto, golf chairman made the arrangements and also lined up the following 4-somes: 1) Bull Namba, Cal Yasuhara, Hide Nakashige and Howard Hirono, 2) Doc Kawamoto, George Kurio, Uso Iwane and Paul Watanabe, and 3) Fred Arashiro, Moe Miyasato, Ed Kamikawa and Walter Matsumoto. Fred won the jackpot for one nine and Yuso and Calvin halved the other. Now add this to the many Engineer golf stories: The third 2-somes played slow and fell far back. On the 14th par 4 hole, after the tee shot, Ed and Walter got "lost on the fairway," as they headed for the wrong green. This plus searching for errant ball resulted in a late finish. Consequently, the first two 4-somes couldn't wait to go to the 19th hole at the beach house.

It was the misfortune of the fishermen and non-golfers to have to listen to all the golf-talk: Yuso and Calvin crowing about their win and Doc, Paul and Bull about how they missed the boat be-

cause of one or two lousy holes. It was just a case of the golfers picking up the hoof and mouth disease on the golf course--you hoof it all day and mouth it all night.

Conspicuously missing at the outing were Prexy Tom Kiyosaki, who was in Korea in connection with his work, and Hichi Matsumoto, who had a prior commitment. Harry Fuji was delayed but showed up at 11:00 p.m. With no Engineer sign on the highway to mark the driveway opening, it's a wonder he was able to find the place in the dark. Give Masa credit for his location map.

Murakami, as always, did an A-1 job as chief cook. In addition to several side dishes, he had the following main courses: dinner--broiled steak; breakfast--stew rice; and lunch--saimin. The food was tasty and plentiful. Of course, he received excellent help from Yamasaki and Urada.

Following a leisurely dinner, the fellows made themselves comfortable on mattresses, chairs, etc. for some "travelogue" movies. By the time the last reel was finished, some of the golfers like Yuso, Calvin, Howard, Moe and Doc were fast asleep and gone for the night. The light sleepers, Hide, George, Charley, Monte, Gary, Masa, Harry and the writer, continued with a friendly poker game, where Monte could do no wrong. He was winning even while selling chips. When the game broke up at 2:30 a.m., he had most of the chips corralled in front of him.

At this point, the problem was how to get some sleep in the face of some healthy snoring by Doc, Ben, et al. Some wisely retreated to their cars outside, others remained inside and endured the steady snoring while your reporter, after trying for an hour or so, finally gave up and joined Harry on the lanai, where we patiently waited out the long night. About 5:00, Moe, a natural early riser, joined us, and we greeted the break of dawn.

After a stew-rice breakfast, the fishermen tried their luck for the last time, but the fish refused to cooperate. The golfers, with nothing else to do, conducted a clinic for the benefit of Joe and Masa. The two received "free instructions" from pros, Paul, George, Moe and Doc. Paul also brought out a bag of practice balls for everyone to drive into the ocean. After the last ball was hit, they resumed with golf talk and arguments. With charges by Doc and counter-charges by Yuso and Calvin, it didn't take long before they agreed on a grudge match, at Kahuku on the way home. Yuso and Calvin felt sorry for Doc by himself so they offered to throw in Hide as his partner. This offer, of course, was accepted.

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Lunch was Saimin followed by an hour of cleanup. With everybody pitching in, the beach house was spic and span and all ready for the next users' The lawn was cleaned up too, but nothing could be done to hide the divots left by the hackers.

Then came time to leave, and it would be Yuso's bad luck that his car would not start. Fortunately Paul, the Jack of all trades (bowler, golfer, electrician, mechanic, etc.) was around to correct the problem. Yuso was haboot and ready to leave his car there, until Paul made the brilliant move to clean the distributor head. The recalcitrant car started right there to the relief of all.

In closing this assignment, it goes without saying that this outing was one of the best we've had. The main reasons were the excellent setup (beach, house, lawn) for our purposes and the handling of all details by the Committee (Richard, Masa, Gary, et al). To the Chinna's and the Committee, we say, "thanks very much."

DINNER MEETING

The 232nd Engr/Band "Good Guys" kept their promise of having a dinner meeting at least once every quarter and hosted the dear wives at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, with the recently concluded reunion again the main topic of business for the night.

Tommy Kiyosaki, chapter president showed some golf films and Reunion General Chairman Walter Matsumoto reading thank you letters shared top billing. The film on golf fundamentals had (3) distinct and separate groups watching. The golfers were very attentive and wouldn't let anything distract them. The non-golfers had the "dodemo yoka" attitude. The ladies "enryo nashi" were making "akubi." Were they trying to tell the menfolks something? If they were, they no beat around the bush.

The food was catered (not the spectacular kind served on Western Air Lines--TV commercial) and must have been good, never get any "monku." One thing noticed was the "nishime" went fast. Remember not too long ago it was considered a dish for older folks? Guess we are them (old folks) now.

Our next (October) meeting will be our first at the recently renovated clubhouse. Can't wait to see the finished product. Understand it's money well spent.

Personality of the Month

This is your life, Calvin Yasuhara. Calvin, as everyone knows is one of the more active members in the chapter. Work or play he's always out in full force any place, anywhere and any time. About the first to arrive and the last to leave too. He may not look too much like an athlete since the chest dropped a little, but don't let a minor thing as that fool you. Here's some of his athletic accomplishments. Two time member on the championship bowling teams, once a captain. Won the Kauai 442 Invitational Golf Tournament "B" bracket, couple of years back. Also was on the Engr/Band "varsity" soft ball team. In the "World of Sports" he's called a triple threat. His doings don't end here for he was the anchor man (not because of his weight) on the second bass in the choir. And hustling for door prizes, he's second to none. Generosity being his middle name, he'll give the shirt off his back if asked. As stated earlier, Calvin doesn't believe in doing things in a haphazard manner nor have the "dooka naruyo" attitude. Anything he does, he does with gusto and that includes when having a few. The old folks would say "nomi taosu." Our newest addition to the Engr/Band Hall of Fame lives out Kaneohe way with wife Lily and daughter Lynne, a senior at Castle High School. Son Clifford is a senior at Colorado University in Greeley. Calvin works for the City and Lily for the Federal. You can bet your last dollar that they're both dedicated civil service employees.

Post Reunion

Here's the "nokoris" from the recent Reunion. Probably what stood out most among the menfolks was that everyone carried on like gentlemen, no matter how tired they were from having too many. None of that "baka nomi" more makule, more pupule stuff.

Never get to see some guys since the Reunion. Probably they are the slow healer type and taking it real easy. Whereas, others feel caged up with no place to go.

Always look up at the penthouse when passing Queen Kapiolani Hotel. Can't blame us, spending about the five most enjoyable days (and nights) there.

It was Masaru Kotaki and not Eddie Kamikawa who compiled the huge France/Italy map displayed in the hospitality Room. Eddie printed the 232nd Engr/Band place cards for the banquet at Sheraton Waikiki.

It wasn't only the Honolulu guys that did a good job of entertaining the guests. Neighbor Islanders Yoko Yokoyama, Hiroshi Arisumi, Fred Fujimoto, "Mushmouth" Ichimura and others did more than their share on their respective islands.

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We were expecting a "repair bill" from Natsunoya Teahouse. Overhead the stage wasn't the same after Tommy Kiyosaki and Yuso Iwane got through with their "Can Can" dance.

Here are portions from thank you cards and letters from some of the people:

Larry and Ruth Inagaki: The 232nd Engr/Band boys are the best and so that we can have just as good time the next time, please accept enclosed for whatever the chapter needs.

George Yamadas: Everybody said they spent no money in Honolulu and on the tour. Jim Hirabayashi said they had only two or three breakfast and ate all in Hospitality Room and that was all. Kiyo Kiyomura: All of you did so much for all of us that at time I felt a little embarrassed, but nevertheless, I enjoyed every minute of your hospitality.

Blanche Kimura: Enjoyed all the food and drinks, made a pig of ourselves too. Ono da kine food. Diana Yamada: We have to come home and recuperate from it for another two weeks. But believe me, I'm not complaining.

Hiroshi Arizumi: Thank you for the wonderful time you've shown us at the Reunion. We're still talking about all the fun we had together.

Cherry (Tad) Fujioka: The tour of the other islands was an eye opener for me. I never realized the varied physical makeup of the Islands. Chiyo (Shig) Ishigaki: We are still talking about the wonderful time we had at our 30th reunion. Hope you all have recuperated by now.

Jerry & Kimi Hashimoto: Now that we are settled and back to the normal routine of things, we want to express a few words of appreciation for the most hospitable treatment we received at the recent reunion.

Art Haradas: With deep appreciation for the wonderful hospitality and friendship extended to us will be our most cherished memories.

Roscoe & Barbara Haruki: Your hospitality was beyond words and we couldn't have found a better way to celebrate Roscoe's recovery than with his old buddies.

Ed & Jean Dukes (Nakada's Guest): Your many kindnesses during our visit to Honolulu made this vacation one we will never forget. Each day was exciting and full of new experiences.

James Hirabayashi & Family: Man, I don't know where to start. All the work put out by the fellows was just great.

Pershing & Kiyo Nakada: What a fantastic Reunion it was! The Engr/Band and their wives certainly know how to put it over. I think our Chapter had the best time of all.

Kay (Ham) Tsukuno: It was such a pleasure to meet so many wonderful people in Hawaii. The trip was one of the very best! You are such hospitable, friendly, loyal people and we were indeed fortunate to have met you.

Walter "Juu" Nakasone: I don't know enough words to express my true feeling for the terrific hospitality, kindness and togetherness shown us during the Reunion. I will never miss another Reunion again. The memory that goes with it mostly.

Wedding Bells

Recent marriages within the evergrowing Engr/Band family were Gilbert Kotabake's son and Walter Higa's daughter. Also Eddie Kawamoto's son and Kosuke Imori's daughter. Gilbert was 2nd platoon leader and Walter was the medic for the same platoon. Eddie and Kosuke were in the same platoon too, the 1st.

Latest with the Engr/Band

Kiyo Kimura came twice since the Reunion. The first time he slipped in and out without even saying "boo." The second time he gave the boys a break and had a few with them.

Henry Asato retired from Pearl Harbor Shipyard "after giving the years of my life to the Navy," he says.

Yuso Iwane, an executive with Pacific Concrete and Rock Company just returned from a business trip to Milwaukee and Indianapolis.

Tommy Kiyosaki had itchy feet too and went to Korea. For what, we don't know, never see him yet. Paul Watanabe attended the Hilo High School class of 1941 Reunion. He says, "Man, guys change like hell....plenty look like Jisan and Basan."

Junior Engr/Band

Corrine (Richard) Urada recently visited Europe. Next year, it's Mama & Daddy's turn.

David (Tommy) Hira joined up with the Peace Corps.

Glen (Mervyn) Takano finished basic training at Ford Ord and is now back home in the reserves.

Roger (Richard) Murakami went back for his last year at University of Washington.

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VA NEWS

MEDICS

by Ted Matsuo

Now that our gigantic and successful Nisei Veterans Reunion is over, it is nice to have our feet on the ground again--certainly was nice seeing some of our old buddies and their families again--I couldn't visualize that our Mainland buddies get older too and are family members--George (Frank) Minata came with his lovely wife and two attractive daughters--also present were the Victor Izui's, Dick Nomura's, and John Takayanagi's--the solos were Dr. Wayward Hogan, Dan Konno, and Ichiro Imamura (so we thought, heh, heh)--it was also very nice seeing people like Akira Umehara, Speed Tsunehiro, and Masato Inouye--haven't seen these guys for ages, altho' they live in Honolulu--looks like our Tom K. Nishikawa (Tom Kat) is still his ownself of 30 years ago--still giving all the wahines a thrill with his witty comments and ambidextrousness--one smooth operator he is--no wonder he still remains a Bachelor of Arts--this guy no need to go to college--it appears as though everyone had a very good time and every minute was accounted for--lots of credit goes to our Social committee, which was co-chaired by Lionel Ikebe, Roy Sakata, Masanao Go, Tak Nakamura, Herbert Akamine, and our President Jerry Ogawa--of course, many thanks to their wives too, without them it couldn't be a go--Again, our Mainland buddies and family members, the Medics thank you for coming, and we hope to see you people in the not too distant future--it doesn't have to be a reunion in order to get together, you know--now that School has begun, you'd be surprised how many of the Medic's members children are in College--such as Tak Nakamuras (2), Paul Umetsu's (2), Shigemi Nakamura's (2), Herbert Akamine's (1), Ted Matsuo (1), Roy Sakata's (1), Eddie Onaka's (1), etc --Our last meeting was held at Shigemi Nakamura's new Chateau--a beautiful place Shigemi and Mutsue--also thank you very much for inviting us and for all the high class drinks and pupus--it was really first class--it's getting to be about deadline time, so until the next time when you'll hear from our Pulitzer award winner Dr. Herbert Akamine--Aloha, and thanks again for making our 30th reunion a successful one.

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enjoyed it very much. Departure time at the airport Ace Takayama and Spud and Trea Shiraki came to say good-bye. Also, the rest to the members and Wayne and Gayle Nakatsu, son and daughter of the Nakatsu's. We appreciated their Aloha to us on such a short notice.

The new VA benefits, parts of the recently enacted National Cemetery Act, were announced by William C. Oshiro, Director of the Honolulu Veterans Administration Regional Office.

For eligible veterans who died on or after August, 1973, the veterans Administration can pay a plot or interment allowance of \$150 in addition to the \$250 maximum already authorized. But the extra \$150 is paid only when the veteran is buried in other than a Federal cemetery.

Starting Sept. 1, 1973, payment of funeral expenses up to \$800 is authorized for veterans who die of service-connected causes.

Oshiro pointed out that for some time the VA has paid allowances to funeral directors or other persons who bore veterans' burial expenses, provided claims were filed within two years of permanent burial or cremation.

The agency also pays transportation costs of veterans whose deaths occur while being treated as VA patients.

He added that the current maximum \$250 burial allowance has been in effect since 1958, and traced this history of burial allowances:

--War Risk Insurance Act of 1917 provided up to \$100 toward burial expenses of certain persons whose deaths occurred before discharge from military service.

--Economy Acts of 1933 reduced \$100 allowance to \$75.

--Allowance restored to \$100 by executive order in 1934.

--Assets limitation on allowances removed in 1936.

--Maximum allowance increased from \$100 to \$150 under Public Law 79-529 in 1946.

Public Law 85-674 increased allowance to current \$250 maximum in 1958.

Veterans have been cautioned to check on availability of benefits before traveling or establishing residence abroad by William C. Oshiro, Director of the Honolulu Veterans Administration Regional Office.

For example, a veteran with service-connected disabilities, who is an American citizen, should carry with him overseas a statement of his service-connected conditions issued by the VA office maintaining his medical record. If a need for medical care should arise, the statement, together with an application for medical benefits, should be presented to the American embassy or consular office in the country of travel or residence.

In an emergency, an eligible veteran is entitled to VA-paid hospitalization if he notifies the embassy or consular office within 72 hours after hospitalization. Notification of outpatient treatment must be made within fifteen days.

The Republic of the Philippines is the only foreign nation where care is available for both veterans

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with service-connected disabilities and nonservice-connected disabilities. Treatment is provided at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Manila. There, as in the United States, veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities are eligible only on a space available basis and only if they are unable to defray expenses.

Retired service men and women are eligible for medical benefits from military hospitals and clinics. G.I. loans are not available to veterans living in foreign countries, but compensation and pension checks may be mailed to all overseas addresses except for certain "blocked" countries. The Veterans Administration also advised veterans traveling in foreign countries to maintain state-side mailing addresses, where possible, to insure prompt receipt of checks. Eligible veterans, as well as eligible wives, widows and children, are permitted to pursue degrees in many VA-approved foreign schools.

The interest on VA guaranteed home loans has gone up to 7-3/4 percent. The change was effective July 26 and represents a 3/4 percent increase from the old rate of 7 percent, according to William C. Oshiro, Director of the Honolulu Veterans Administration office. Hawaii veterans should find it easier to arrange G.I. home loans since these loans should now be available with less discount point payment by the seller, said Oshiro. He advised veteran home buyers, brokers and developers to check with their mortgage lenders for information on availability of G.I. home loans on the new terms.

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MOURNING

We were shocked when we heard that one of our buddies, Haruo Kato of Albany, Oregon, passed away on September 27th. Funeral service was held on Monday, at 2:00 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church in Albany. It was really nice of Mack Shoji and Mr. Turnbule to notify us in Honolulu of his sudden death. We wish Kay and family our deepest sympathy.

SONG BOOKS

Easy Company's project to sell the lovely ukulele song books which Waichi Takemoto worked so hard to put together, and his family really went all-out to help. So we should hustle and contact Chicken Yamada and try our best to sell the over 200 books left at \$2.00 a book.

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Can't get over FRED TAKENAKA staring out at the lush panorama of the Koolau Range as it swept towards the distant Waianae hills day in, day out from that 19th floor balcony, always with a cocktail in tow. Wasa-malla, FRED? Brackenridge, Pa. no mo' blue skies or green-blue hills?

And I like the way HANK OTSUKI says "How come you guys slur your words now-a-days? Some more than others! HANK, believe you me, you'd start slurring too, after 10 continuous days of Primo beer! And these store bought choppers don't help things any, HA!

Hate to call a wahine "chicken" but, "MARIAN YAMASHITA, how come you and JIM didn't stop over during your trip to and from Japan, in September?" And yes, we heard of the addition you had at your home just prior.

The reunion had to be a "hit". KASH didn't get to sing "Tangerine" or SMITTY do his "DANNY BOY".

Roll-call for October: TERRY ARATANI, TAD FUJISHIGE, TOMMY UEDA, MOTOMI SHINDO, CLARENCE TABA, BILL NAGANUMA, C.B. SAKAMOTO, KENNETH OKUMA, SMITTY KOGA, BOZO NISHIOKA, MASA NAKAMURA, MINO SUZUMOTO. Same old names (except BOZOS), same old faces. Oh, well!

An Itemite is someone who pours himself a tall glass of water, drinks same, puts pitcher into the cupboard and deposits the now empty glass into the refrigerator!

Keep Sunday, Dec 9th open! Date of our annual Christmas shindig at Keehi Lagoon. Fate willing, we'll see you there.

If anyone have any doubts about our N.V.R. expenses see TERUMI KATO. His papers makes for some eye-openers. Including a \$150 charge for damages to the Hospitality Room walls. Remember those scotch tapes?

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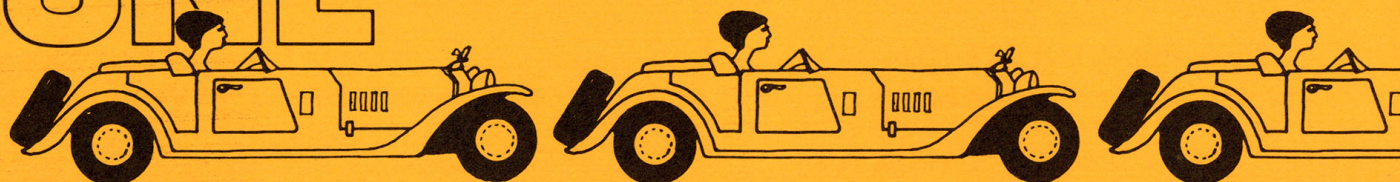
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