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in this issue...

Our Editor, TAD SAKAI, suffered a coronary attack on Tuesday, Feb. 12, and is now convalescing at Queen's Medical Center. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be up and around by the time this issue reaches him.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: President Okuma starts the year with an outline of things to come for our members.

KINGSMEN: by Joe Shimamura
The Maui Kingmen come in for some publicity as Joe features the doings of the Valley Isle boys.

EASY CHAPTER: by Toshio Okamura
Maui believes the Easy gang have a thing on with the 232nd Engineers as they get-together again--this time, a Christmas party.

SERVICE CHAPTER: by Takao Ito
The Service gang is looking for Anzai, Awaya, Chagami, Fujiyama, etc. to join the old reliables at the monthly meetings.

CANNON CHAPTER: by Charles Oda
Cannoneers go first class with a New Year's Dinner at Halekulani Hotel and also install Curly Muraoka, a first class guy, as new president.

ANTI-TANK CHAPTER: by Edward Sakai
February being Sweetheart month, Eddie's spouse Mary takes over the reporting with a bit of feminine touch.

LIVORNO CHAPTER: by Henry Kuniyuki
It is business as usual at the Livorno chapter monthly meetings--but now it's mixed with nihongo as only President Wilfred Watanabe can sling the bullhead talk.

GEORGE CHAPTER: by Harold Fukunaga
Shinnen-kai party held at clubhouse with plenty of kaukau, drinks, and bingo. Absentee penalties pay off. Speed Tanna spearheads the "Georges."

3rd HQ CHAPTER: by Charles Watanabe
Great many members are caught in the exercise craze and doing their thing--jogging.

FOX CHAPTER: by Katsuji Nakamura
President Bill Tanaka is rallying the local Fox-ites to plan for a State Reunion here in Honolulu sometime this year.

KAUAI 442nd INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:
BY Bruno Yamada. Results of the Kauai tournament shows that for once, Oahu has captured the grand prize.

232nd ENG/BAND CHAPTER: by Hichi Matsumoto
Hichi presents a capsule biography of the Engineer leaders for the year. He also gives the latest episode in the miserable lives of Mits and Ben, once tycoon gas station operators.

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by Harold Fukunaga

Our annual "Shinnenkai" party was held on Jan. 12th at the Clubhouse. It was quite different from the previous years' parties, which were usually held at the Nuuanu Onsen. Although the Clubhouse is carpeted and furnished with a bar and nice overstuffed furniture, it didn't have the festive air that you get at a teahouse. Nevertheless, everyone seemed to enjoy the party. The food, catered from Suehiro's was plentiful and very tasty. Drinks flowed "aplenty," especially with Speed Tanna, Ed Tamanaha and Jimmy Komo acting as bartenders. Eddie Ochiai took care of the bingo games, parceling out many prizes, which were purchased by Mrs. Ishii, our buying expert from Muraoka Department Store.

Many faces which are not seen at our monthly meetings were seen that nite. Francis Ishii, our Treasurer, had a "field day or nite" collecting the Chapter dues plus penalties from the absentees to our regular meetings in 1973. Each absence cost each affected member \$1. I saw Mike Shiraishi and Bill Yokochi being assessed \$11 each from penalties alone. I'm sure Francis must have collected over \$100 from fines alone, that nite.

As part of our Shinnenkai Party, we hold our annual election of officers. After some mighty struggles including recounts and shouting, the following were elected for 1974:

President - Speed Tanna; Vice President - Fred Ida; Secretary-Treasurer - Francis Ishii.

I'm sure that all of the members will agree that we have very good officers for 1974 and that we should have a banner year. Eddie Tamanaha did a superb job in running the Chapter for 1973, especially with the reunion during the summer. We all thank you and your fellow officers.

The following members and their guests attended the party: Mr. & Mrs. James Komo; Mr. & Mrs. Francis Ishii; Mr. & Mrs. Hitoshi Matsumoto; Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Tamanaha; Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Ito; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Shiraishi; Mr. & Mrs. Seikatsu Kikuyama; Mr. & Mrs. Kazumi Ino; Mr. & Mrs. Loui Yoshiwa; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Ida; Mr. & Mrs. Taketo Kawabata; Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Ochiai; Mr. & Mrs. Speed Tanna; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Tokeshi; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Fukunaga; "Sharkey" George Chinen; "Papa" Kihara & guest; Mr. & Mrs. Kenji Ego; Mr. & Mrs. Motobu.

As this news goes to press, the annual 442nd Invitational Golf Tournament on Kauai is just around the corner. We expect to have our usual representation from our Chapter members there.

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President's Message

We are 31 years young! On Saturday, March 23rd at the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village, the members, wives, children and guests of the 442nd Veterans Club will be celebrating this anniversary with a unique and entertaining program and a sumptuous Chinese dinner. Allen Nakamura and his Love Chapter committee promises an evening of fun, entertainment and reminiscence, and urge that you extend an invitation to your sons and daughters. Be sure to get in touch with your president or representative for your tickets.

Standing committee chairmen met one evening to discuss and propose plans for this current year. The membership and long range planning committee hopes to emerge with a proposal or proposals for the perpetuation of our membership and assets for the next 20 or more years. Some of the questions being asked are: Should our children carry on after their parents? Should our assets be eventually turned over to an eleemosynary or charitable institution? Should we enter into an agreement with a hospital and medical facility where our members will receive future benefits?

Our project committee will soon be making an announcement about the upcoming sumo tournament. Purpose of this activity is two-fold. Through the sumo tournament we assist in promoting the cultural aspects of the Japanese. Secondly, it gives the Club and Chapters an opportunity to increase their financial coffers so that they might do their "bit" for the community and their membership.

We would like to make the publication of our "Go for Broke" bulletin self-supporting. Each chapter has been asked to obtain two would be advertisers. Since our members hold responsible positions in all walks of occupational pursuits, we should be able to meet or exceed this quota.

Kenneth Okuma

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by Hichi Matsumoto

Chapter Officers 1974

Last Year's 232nd Engr/Band Chapter officers were from the town (Honolulu) area and living up to the chapter policy of rotating from district to district (which has worked wonderfully), this year's group come from the Aiea and Waimalu area with a bonus baby from Ewa Beach. We have always commended our officers of the past regimes of their fine work and this year is no different. We have a great one again, and that's no "abura uri." We now present to you the men who'll be leading the 232nd Engr/Band Chapter for 1974.

President: Howard Hirono is a prime example of a gentleman and a scholar -- not necessarily in order mentioned. Our new president is a doer rather than a talker. In fact at times his absence at past chapter meetings wasn't noticed due to his retiring, quiet and "otonashii" nature. Being honcho this year, he no doubt will make his presence felt. After all, he'll be the man on center stage wielding the gavel. Howard is an engineer at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. At present, his favorite past time is playing a round or two of golf, the more times the better and with whom it doesn't matter.

Vice President: We got a good one in Richard Murakami. Like our New Leader, he is a doer. But unlike him, he is a talker. His intimate friends at Barbers Point Naval Air Station (his former place of employment) labeled him the Japanese with the Portuguese mouth. In short, this man "Kuchi go oii." He says "only guys on good terms with me can call me that." It's a chapter policy that since the V.P. hasn't got too much to do, he automatically inherits the chairmanship of the annual Christmas party. With him at the helm, this year could be a very special and memorable one. We won't be the least surprised should the food be stew/rice, his specialty. And you'll have it too, if you keep "homoru" him on his superb cooking. No "monku" but having it at the once a year stag night is more than enough.

Secretary: Yoshinobu Ando is by far the most popular and oftenest called on Engr. as far as pipe repairs are concerned, will be keeping the chapter's business happenings (minutes) this year. This may be the first time for him at this type of work but it won't cause him to loose any hair over it. His philosophy is plain and simple, just write down what you hear. And he says, "make mistake sometime all right, no shame what for pencil get eraser for, you think." This is all in fun but this year's administration need no fear of any leaks to plug with a plumber the very best on its staff.

Treasurer: Monte Okamoto again volunteered his services. For how many years now, we don't know--lost track of it a long time ago. He won't come out and say it but the way we look at it with him its

"I can't do enough for the club." With Monte handling the finances the slush fund (treasury) unlike the stock market "mokaru ippo." No can go wrong, brudda.

Tale of Two Tycoons

This, my friends, is a true story of two super service station owners. One pushes Texaco exclusively, and the other pumps nothing but Chevron. They both reside in Pearl City which is how this story came about. As you may have guessed or know their names by now, it's Ben (T for Tokuzo and Texaco) Ono and Mits (Chevron) Honda. Anyway, as we heard it, it went something like this. Ben had earlier borrowed something from Mits and one evening went over to his house to return the "katta mono" at about 10 p.m. (which is "yonaka" for some.) What raised Mits blood pressure was that Mildred had already tucked him snugly in bed and he was enjoying the evening newspaper with the day's problems past history when there was a ding dong at the front door. "Haboot" because he had to leave his warm comfortable bed, Mits "monku tareta" put on his pants, roughly combed his hair running his fingers through and also "waza waza" put in his store teeth to look presentable and went to see who was at the front door. He said that if he only knew it was Ben, he would "sono mama" have gone in his "sarumata" instead of dressing up.

Life hasn't been a bed of roses for Ben and Mits since the energy crisis started. Troubles they had by the carloads and headaches too, from the customers, not from their steadies but from the fly-by-night guys. But one never hears of them complain one bit. They must be firm believers of the old Japanese saying, "makete Katsu." But if stories you want to hear, anyone of them will do. They don't come any better.

Seems like an easy way in getting your name in the newspapers nowadays is to own a service station. Mits made the papers again and gave a good account of himself too, when interviewed by the Honolulu Star Bulletins' reporter on the latest happenings on the fuel shortage. Don't know what Ben will say when he hears that Mits claims that the line of cars to his station backed up to Haleiwa. Mr. Honda's Chevron Station is located at the entrance to the Polynesian Cultural Center at Laie.

Guests from Japan

Helen Takano's cousin, his wife and daughter came from Japan to celebrate the year end holidays in Hawaii and were the house guests of the Takanos. Meeting and talking to them, we thought they were nothing from the ordinary. Probably it's because we got to know them (Japanese people) a little better from the 1972 trip. But the daughter, a 17-year old high school student, was a bit different compared to her parents. To us, we had a harder time understanding her. Not because of her pronunciation of words but the "Tokyo go" she used, whereas

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the parents used the more common lingo (Hiroshima ken style of speaking) we understand. The "gakusei" reminds us of the young girl (hotel maid) about her age we met at Kowakien Hotel in Hakone. Really nice to hear them speak.

Although his Japanese isn't the best, Mervyn went for broke conversing with his house guests. He uses Japanese, Hawaiian Pidgin besides flailing away with his hands and arms. Usually ending a sentence with "miga" (pointing to himself), "yuni" (pointing to his guests from Japan), "yuuno wakaruu?" They always answered in the affirmative playing their guest role to perfection. Japan's Noah Webster could get more than he bargained for, listening to him. No criticism, just telling how it is because he speaks better and a lot more than a lot of us. "Sono kawari" listening to Helen takes you back to Japan -- rapid fire just like machine gun, "mega mawaru yona."

The Richard Murakamis too, were lucky having the pleasure of entertaining his cousin's daughter, a young lady in her early twenties. What bothers us is how they converse. If she spoke English, well and good. But if she didn't "auwe." Richard claims his Japanese is super, but him "ga nihongo hanasu no, mada kiita koto ganai." Maybe he used the old reliable universal sign language. That, he's very good at.

Chapter Meeting

President Hirono called the meeting to order somewhere around 8 p.m., even though the meeting notice received through the mail stated clear in black and white, 7:30 p.m. sharp. It wasn't his fault by any means, but for the "nihon sodachi" guys with the old Japanese time "kuse." Although everybody was hurting from the energy crisis, attendance was the usual, excellent Engr/Band turnout. The always cooperating Engr/Band Good Guys double up and even triple up to help lessen the fuel crunch. Being the first chapter meeting of the year, somewhat a little more time was consumed than usual for business matters and for naming of committee chairmen and telephone captains. Would be a good time now to give a round of applause for those named and accepting keyman's role in Howard's cabinet. Like in the past, there wasn't a "no" answer and nobody begged off or "kotowaru" with any hard luck story. Could it be that these guys know that word only at home? We hope not.

"Ato go nai" remember that old Japanese phrase? Well, we lived up to it after moving and seconding the meeting (business portion) be adjourned. "Tex" Ono used his allocated time briefing the members on the latest, his favorite subject -- gasoline. Mervyn Takano was given equal time and elaborated on his upcoming business trip

to Lanai. He says that work will last to about the latter part of this year, possibly sooner if everything goes according to schedule and no foul ups. The project is constructing additional buildings for Lanai High School. Time after time, he reminded us that his absence won't be noticed because he'll be able to come home every week.

Everybody must have been happy seeing each other with Happy New Year greetings and hand shakes going on all over the place. The good "mentama no oishasan" (as how Kiyo calls Doc) was moonlighting adjusting guys "megane." S.T. Fujioka had his thing going with a couple of guys in a corner with him doing all of the talking, naturally. The golfers too, had a party of their own.

The Committee chairmen for the year:

Stag Night. It's the social event of the year for the chapter members and again the responsibility falls on the broad shoulders of Richard Murakami and Masao Yamasaki. Howard didn't dare appoint anybody else, or them two get "huhu." Anyway, that's their fault giving the boys more for their money. They have a good thing going between them -- Masa shops and Richard cooks. Probably you've noticed the last few years the cost per person wasn't what it used to be and you can credit that to Masao. He says thru experience he found out, why buy good and expensive cuts when it'll end up in the pot (for stew) anyway.

Public Relations: We've got two of the best in Walter Matsumoto and Joe Sato. Like the Stag Night Chairmen, they've got their job sewed up. Best description of their dependability and reliability would be "ate ninaru."

Refreshment: Masao Yamasaki (again?) and Richard Urada. Two very hard workers, for the chapter that is. At home? We don't know, better ask Yvonne and Clara. Primarily their job is to see that there's always something close by to quench the thirst at all chapter/dinner meetings or whenever two or more guys get together. With the Engr/Band chapter (not everybody, that is), when we say refreshment it is somehow comparable to what the guys from Hilo used to say, you can forget your bento when you go to work by "Kappa (raincoat) dake wasurena yo."

Christmas Party. Richard Murakami (Again?) with his imaginative mind will come up with something entertaining.

Fishing. The Beeg Fisherman is automatic the Leader without even need to throw his hat in the ring. Besides, he's the largest.

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Golf. Two gentlemen will be sharing the spotlight in the world of golf. Calvin Yasuhara is president of the club and Doc Kawamoto will be handling the annual Kauai 442 Invitational Tournament to be played at Wailua Municipal Co Course.

Latest with Engr/Band

Walter Nakasone came from Okinawa for his daughter's wedding. Because of his "boysan" looks, we were kinda surprised to hear him having a marriageable age daughter. We later learned that he was to be a father-in-law for the second time.

Rodney and Nora Yamashiro took one of their rare nights off from baby sitting their "magos" and were seen at the Hashi Yukio Show. Having a feeling of guilt of not attending chapter meetings, Rodney sort of laughingly told the good wife, "no tell Hichi you saw us." Nora behind his back let it be known that Shirley Yamaguchi, former Rikoran and at present star on the "Nippon No Uta," a Japanese musical show on TV is his favorite. We always knew he had good taste.

Mits and Mildred Honda recently went on a holo holo trip, they said, but to us, their second honeymoon for a week to the West Coast. She said "bin kette" besides "tsure ga atta" so they joined up with the "Tofu ya" group. For your information, it's traditional with the "tofu-ya" people to take a week off after New Years. Mits brother's wife owns a "tofu-ya" in Wahiawa which many claim is the best in the west. It may be so, but the people in the Greater Waipahu area claim a winner in Eichi "Two Crucking" Kaneshiro, to which he agress 100%.

Saw, "long time no see," Gilbert Kobatake at Honolulu International Airport showing a tourist from Japan the sights.

Kiyo Kimura came for a leisure stay to enjoy the New Year holidays but not so with Blanche. She had to report back to work on the 2nd, so left for home mid-day on New Years Day. It wasn't a total loss for her because she spent the Eve visiting with relatives and friends. Whereas Blanche had to rush home, Kiyo "yukkuri shite" followed her home a week later.

With no football on TV that Sunday morning he left, a few of us went to "miokuru" him to the airport. The surprise of surprises awaited us there. The place was jam packed with home bound Japanese tourist. First thing came to our mind was, there goes our supply of toilet paper.

For being such a dedicated employee, the Navy rewarded Hide Nakashige with a 6-weeks business

trip to the Philippines and Guam inspecting Naval installations.

Europe Tour

With the trip still some eight months away, some people have already shopped and just about packed and all set to go, whereas some are starting or about to. Understand the ambitious ones are taking crash courses in French and Italian at night schools. Us "molo" guys would have to get by with what little we picked up during the war years minus what we have forgotten thru the years. This much we remember: "Vous les vous couche avec moi?" We told that to the good wife jokingly and she in all seriousness, with a grin from ear to ear answered "oui." Masaru Kotakis, Walter Matsumotos, Hichi Matsumotos, and Hide Nakashiges will be going too. Their names were left out from the last bulletin.

Jr. Engrs.

Ruby presented Bruce with a 5 lbs. plus bouncing baby boy on January 9, which made Walter and Hazel Matsumoto grandparents for the first time and the Inquisitive Reporter, grand uncle for the 13th time. Man, how time flies. Seems as though it was only "kono aida" Bruce was a "akambo" himself. Makes you feel "furu." Mother and baby are doing fine.

David (Richard) Murakami is employed as a machinest helper at Public Works Center where Dad is "boss monkey" of the carpenter shop.

I'm even. What about you. My pleasure chatting and visiting with you. Have a nice day. Majala and Aloja.

VA NEWS

William Oshiro, urges veterans, widows and parents to promptly return income questionnaires receives last November, even though the January 15 deadline has passed. Information from the questionnaires is used to adjust pension benefits. Questionnaires were mailed to veterans on VA pension rolls, widows of veterans drawing pension based on nonservice-connected deaths, and parents receiving dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected deaths of sons and daughters. Pensioners 72 years old or older who have been on pension rolls during the last two consecutive years generally are exempt. However, they still must report changes in income, and those who were mailed questionnaires must return them. Each year, thousands miss the deadline because the questionnaires are forgotten or lost, causing interruption or delays of monthly benefits checks.

SERVICE CHAPTER NEWS Takao Ito

Judging from the sizable turn-outs for our monthly meetings and other Chapter related activities, almost thirty one years of togetherness has not dampened the camaraderie among the membership. Much credit for this spirit goes to our genial leader Shadow, who has kept us united through all kinds of adversities. Old reliables like Ralph Chinaka, Dixon Yamashita, Alex Oka, Sam Yamada, Otto Hori and Nagi Nagasako have helped solidify our group. Other active members throughout the years are Bill Toma, Toki Furuto, Terry Itaki, Takao Ito, Jimmy Miyake, Tadashi Morimoto, Punji Nakanishi, Tom Tanaka and Takao Yamashita. Recently joining us is Noboru Tanouye. Welcome back, Nobrigal! What happened to the likes of Aki Anzai, Sus Awaya, Richard Chagami, Harry Fujiwara, Takemi Kajikawa, Francis Kurisu, Curly Muraoka, Hide Nimori, Sash Tanabe, Yoshi Yatagai, and Charley Yoshimura? If you happen to know their whereabouts, contact them to join us for our meeting. We'll be happy to renew acquaintances.

Elected to lead us again this year is our perennial leader, Shadow and his capable assistants: Sam Yamada, VP; Otto Hori, Secretary; and Dixon Yamashita, Treasurer. Congratulations to the hard working officers for setting a record of being re-elected for the fifth consecutive year. Serving as committee chairmen are Tadashi Morimoto, Welfare, Ralph Chinaka and Punji Nakanishi, Project, and Jim Miyake and Juicy Ito, Social.

Service Chapter has finally broken the barrier by having Alex Oka elected as third vice president of the Mother Club. We are proud to have A.J. represent us in such a prestigious office, for we are confident that he'll do an excellent job no matter what his assignment may be.

It was a great loss to the Chapter members and his personal friends when Joe Inamine finally succumbed after a lengthy illness. Joe will always be remembered as the little guy who provided musical entertainment at Camp Shelby accompanied by Putt-Putt Arita, Paul Akamine and Allan Masuda. We can still hear the strains of the haunting WW II songs in Mississippi as they played till the wee hours of the night. The members express their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Inamine and family.

A pleasant surprise was in store for us when we met at the Chinakas during the January meeting. Dropping in was Harry Komatsu of Motor Pool. Had a great kick trying to recognize us after all these years. Presently, he runs a service station in the Los Angeles area. The number one request of Harry was to send us gasoline.

Thirty members and guests have made reservations to attend the coming 442nd Annual Banquet. Members and spouses anticipating fun and frolic till Continued on page 18

VA NEWS

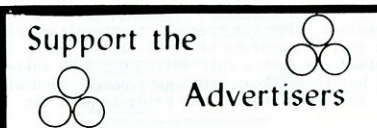
More college students have already received educational benefits under the current G.I. Bill than were trained during the entire World War II G.I. Bill program, reports William Oshiro. During October, nearly 801,000 G.I. Bill college students were enrolled. This surge pushed the cumulative total during the seven years since the newest G.I. Bill was enacted to 2,258,158 trainees. The October college enrollment includes 5,785 in Hawaii, 256 in Guam and 75 in American Samoa.

College trainees under the current G.I. Bill include 91,312 servicemen and 2,166,846 veterans. Military personnel on active duty were not eligible for training under the two earlier G.I. Bill.

In terms of percentage of all G.I. Bill trainees who trained at the college level, only 28.6 % of the World War II veterans went to college. That percentage jumped to 50.7 % for the Korean G.I. Bill, and to date stands at 56.1 % for Vietnam-Era veterans.

A major reason for the big increase in college level training today is the higher level of pre-service education attained by present day veterans. During World War II only 38.5 % of servicemen had completed high school. Some 85% of the Vietnam-Era servicemen were high school graduates, and thousands of others were able to complete high school training under military educational programs while in service.

The Veterans Administration has initiated new measures making it easier for married veterans to qualify for guaranteed home loans. In consideration of current social and economic patterns, VA will hereafter recognize in full the income and expenses of both the veteran and spouse in determining ability to repay a loan obligation. The VA is required by law to determine if the contemplated terms of repayment bear a proper relation to the veterans' anticipated income and expenses before approving a loan. The spouse's income has always been considered for this purpose, but in the past, local rules which had the effect of discounting the young wife's income were often imposed. Under the new policy, no such local rules will be imposed and the wife's income will be given full consideration.



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by Joe Shimamura

AKEMASHITE

This, the year of the Tiger finds the K-men still actively rolling along having had a most triumphant bygone year of 73, thanks to the generosity and diligence of the following without whose contribution, this spirit of togetherness would be just impossible: BETTY AMINE, EVELYN HIRAYAMA, NORA IBARA, DORIS NAGATA, PAULINE ODA, YUKI NITAHARA, NOBU OKI, BARBARA SAWAI and MILDRED SHIMAMURA. This year "mata tanomimasu." With the Big One just a past memory, things will be back to normal, and I'm assuming that we will just continue to be doing our monthly thing. Be on the watch for those monthly meeting notices and make every effort to be there.

VALLEY ISLE HOTLINE

Starting the new year with a big blast, ace correspondence HARRY "HOTLINE" OKADA came thru with some "what's happening" from Maui. Always making the headlines, the Valley Isle K company Hancho MASA OKAMURA who decided to see the New Year in with a bang never quite got to make it being involved in a car accident about 100 yards from his mansion. The pink elephants sure as heck didn't help the situation as he was heard asking who got into an accident when he was the very one involved. 30 years might have lapsed but he's just the same old "PENGUIN" with nary a worry in the world. Happy to report that except for a swollen face, all's well with MASA. Got word that his New Year resolution is to stick strictly to coffee and ice tea?? HARRY & KAY OKADA got a most happy surprise at the wee hour of the Xmas morn when the Big Island Wreckers, namely ET-CHAN KOHASHI, JONAH MORIMOTO & ROY HIRAKO, made a long distance call to wish them both a most happy holiday season. This call coming in about 2:30 or 3:00 a.m., we can see that the big islanders had their karate session at the MORIMOTO's in their usual slam bang manner. The illustrious Senator from the valley Isle is once again in town with the opening of the legislative session. Busy as usual we assume but we do hope that we can get HANK to one of our meetings should time permit. Should you be in the State Capital area, do drop in and say Hello to SENATOR HENRY TAKITANI. Except for seeing the Hula Bowl, that hermit from Lahaina never makes it to town, but we finally got to TOSHI "LEFTY" NISHIMURA and his better half MARGIE after all these years. Compelled to make it here due to the marriage of their daughter PAULA, "TOSHI" sure looked lost in the big city. January the 12 was the big day as the radiant bride was escorted to the altar and given away in marriage by TOSHI all suited up in his brand new double knit suit. Mama MARG suited up in her sunday best could have easily been mistaken for the sister of the bride despite the

nagging headache that plagued her on this memorable day. Our sincerest congratulations to the newlyweds MR. & MRS. FRED AONO and TOSHI & MARG NISHIMURA. One down and one to go. So she goes as far as the Valley Isle is concerned. Keep it coming HARRY, sure could use those by-lines.

SLOW START

The Ks are starting off rather slow this year due to a most busy years beginning, especially involving the Hancho R. NITAHARA who's such a celebrity that he seems to be forever on the go. January was a month of R&R and we'll be going full blast starting February with the first meeting scheduled to be held up Nuuanu way with the boss lady M. SHIMAMURA hosting this initial affair comes March the 2nd. As is customary, there will be no meeting for the month of March as one and all is expected to give the bosses a treat and take them to the annual mother-club installation banquet. With arrangements all set, B. "LOST WAGES" HIRAYAMA reports that it's go, come April the 15th, 1974. A 3 nights, 4 days affair it looks like a good deal. All those interested please call BOBBY or yours truly for further details. Should things work out, the state side K-s are expected to be contacted and who knows, you might end up having a mini-reunion should any of the mainlanders be able to make it for this one. The energy crisis didn't help the situation any as the scheduled February affair was cancelled. See you all come March the 2nd.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

In closing we would like to express our deepest sympathy to HUGH & MARY TATARA of Los Angeles who lost their son "PANCHO" a few weeks back. May he rest in peace.

VA NEWS

Wide ranging medical legislation which became effective on September 1, extends Veterans Administration medical care to certain dependents, gives peacetime veterans the right to VA medical care and streamlines rules on health care delivery for the rest of the veteran population. In addition to a number of administrative provisions, the law extends eligibility for medical care to the wife or child of a person who has a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected condition, and to the widow or child of a person who has died of a service-connected condition. Care will be provided in a manner similar to that in which medical care is furnished by the armed forces under the so-called "CHAMPUS program" to dependents and survivors of active duty and retired personnel. The law removes the requirement for wartime service as a condition of eligibility for VA medical care.

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by Eddy Sakai

The Tank-Killers are ready to roll again. YUKI NAKAHIRA was elected President for 1974. Supporting him will be Vice-President RUGGED MIYAKAWA. Treasurer JACK KAGUNI will accept dues and donations. EDDY SAKAI was appointed News Reporter and will be looking forward to actions and activities to report in the Bulletin. KO HATA and CAMEL YOSHIMASU were appointed Co-Chairmen of the Social Committee. President YUKI asked support from the members to make this year another memorable year.

The next event is the 31st Anniversary Banquet at the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Saturday, March 23. We expect our usual three tables and we hope enough news for the next publication.

February is Sweetheart Month! EDDY's Valentine is MARY, his spouse, especially because she is still helping gather interesting information for his chapter news.

SWEETHEART NEWS: by MARY SAKAI
LIZO and YVONNE HONMA. They're planning another honeymoon and this time to Bruyeres with the "Peace of Francis" Club...YVONNE says that their baby is "BRANDY", a wild terrier; but baby can be quiet sometimes...LIZO is with the state probation department.

TSUNETO "HOTSauce" and THELMA MIZUSAWA. HOTSauce hasn't been feeling too perky recently; however he's coming along much better and we expect to see him as his hot-self again.

SHIROKU "WHITEY" YAMAMOTOS. Seems like the YAMAMOTOS like the South Pacific...they've been to New Zealand for their vacation two years in a row...and they're expecting visitors from "down under"...when WHITEY hosted the BULL HIROSES, the HIROSES liked Hawaii so much BULL told his daughter NAOMI to marry a Hawaiian boy to they would have a good reason to come to Hawaii more often...the YAMAMOTOS also hosted the HENRY NOGUCHIS (related to KUNI and KIMI HISATOMIS) when they came here for the American Legion Convention.

ERNIE and MARGARET MARUYAMA. MARGARET says that she's the homemaker and ERNIE is always busy and out, working and helping others...Daughter MARILYN is married to AMOS TAMASHIRO and they reside in Waipahu. They have two children. They were on the mainland but they have settled down on Oahu. AMOS is a machinist and MARILYN works for the Visitors Service of Hawaii... Daughter DEBRA also worked on the mainland, but returned home and is secretary for the Hauoli Dress Shop in Pearl City... Daughter JOYCE is an 8th grader at Highlands Intermediate School. She is in three clubs,

enjoys socials, and hopes to be an educator... Son MARK is a 7th grader at HIS. His interest is sports, especially baseball. Got hurt so he's sitting out from the baseball league this year... too bad!

RICHARD and DOROTHY IMADA. RICHARD is foreman with the Hawaii State Steel. He enjoys fishing and is out in Kaneohe Bay whenever he had the opportunity. He's waiting to catch "the whale of a fish!" DOROTHY is the homemaker who sews (including fancy duds), cooks (usually Japanese gourmet dishes that she learned in Japan), and gardens (especially beautiful azaleas and juicy liches). RICHARD and DOROTHY have many "Children" --- the sons and daughters of relatives and friends; and they are blessed with good feelings!

HARRY and JANET TOKASHIKI. HARRY took early retirement from his federal job; but JANET says that he is busier than ever. HARRY is sure to include golfing & fishing during the week, and he plays baseball with the Kailua Makule Group. "He is too young to be fully retired!" remarked JANET. JANET works in Central Supply at Castle Memorial Hospital and keeps herself trim by being "on the go!" JANET enjoys ceramics, crocheting and instant, short-cut cooking...son VAUGHN is a teacher at Mililani School. He's married to EDDY's Niece ROSEMARY who teaches at Hauula School... Daughter JACKIE is married to CHRIS SHINJO. CHRIS is with the Beneficial Finance & JACKIE is attending Kapiolani Community College in business... Son CRAIG is also attending KCC taking Liberal Arts. Indefinite plans for the present, although the Air Force seems appealing...Daughter LYNNE is a frosh at Castle High School. She loves the oboe in the school band and also plays the piano. Music is her love.

TATS OMIYAS. TATS works for the Postal Service and is still active in sports, coaching teams and helping youngsters develop their athletic skills. MRS. OMIYA is a steno for the Food Service at the U.H....Son Dean is a senior at the UH and is majoring in P.E. He is pitcher for the team...Son EARL is a sophomore at the UH... Son BARON is a sophomore at Kalani High School. His major interests are parties and socials.

AL and JEANNE NAKAMURA. AL is with Von Hamm-Young. JEANNE is with the architectural firm of Sun, Low, Tom and Hara... Daughter SUSAN received her Masters in Education; but due to job scarcity in the DOE, SUSAN is secretary to the vee at the Hawaii National Bank...Daughter CAROL is with the Hawaii Thrift and Loan... Daughter WENDY is at Kapiolani C.C. interested in dental hygiene. She also works part-time at the University Pharmacy... all daughters are taking tennis lessons; Love Game, anyone?

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The new year started with a bang, literally speaking, as some FOX members gathered at KATS NAKAMURA's residence on New Year's eve for a bit of celebration. Good food, good liquor and.... 20,000 fire crackers. I suppose we'll never get tired of seeing and hearing the firecrackers go popping.

We pause here a moment for this message.

To our mainland buddies who are reading this column, the time may come when burning firecrackers on New Year's eve will become illegal in Hawaii, so before it happens come and see for yourself and be a part of this spectacular Hawaiian tradition. You'll be doing yourself a favor too because you will be basking in balmy 80 degree climate instead of shivering in near freezing weather.

Coming back to the party itself...while the wives CUPIE TANAKA, SHINAKO TAKATA, RAMONA IRITANI, & FRANCES YORITA amused themselves with chit-chat, GRACE NAKAMURA entertained the IRITANI boys and KEANE YORITA playing pi-ute... and the husbands??? They - er - we were indulged in our favorite past time around an oval table to the delight of busy DOC ROY IRITANI who seldom has a chance to play otherwise. MICH & KATS ushered in 1974 in winning style but it looks like a bad year for DOC IRITANI, but on the other hand whoever heard of a doctor having a bad year?

FOX CHAPTER extends its deepest sympathy to JOE TANAKA on the occasion of the passing away of his brother, ROY, on Jan. 27, 1974.

A dinner meeting on Feb. 8, 1974 at M's RANCH HOUSE attracted BILL & CUPIE TANAKA, RONALD & MICHIO OBA, BOLO & FRANCES YORITA, RICHARD & DOROTHY MURASHIGE, YOSHI & FRANCES KUWAYE, ROY & RAMONA IRITANI JR. and RUTH URANAKA, HANK OYASATO, JAMES OKAMOTO, ROY KUBO, WALTER KAJIWARA, SHIGEO HIGA, and KATS NAKAMURA... and relocated HISASHI FUJIYAMA of Hilo. HISASHI I'm sure can easily qualify as a FOX member Honolulu chapter as he already attended three of our meetings. RONALD OBA please collect \$12.00 dues from him, Speaking of RONALD OBA, our chapter secretary-treasurer made no bones about collecting dues that night. It was announced that night CURTIS FUJIOKA of PALO ALTO evidently enjoyed the reunion so much that he sent to FOX CHAPTER a monetary contribution. We Thank you CURTIS, you are now a lifetime member of FOX CHAPTER, HONOLULU, HAWAII. The 442nd Annual Banquet this year, will be held at the CORAL BALLROOM on MARCH 23, 1974. FOX CHAPTER this year pulled #1 so we will have choice seats. I remember when our own MICHIO TAKATA was the president of the 442nd CLUB we had

the largest turnout in FOX CO. history and where did we sit? At the exit doors of course, where it was closer to the rest rooms. It was a shameful arrangement. It's not such a hard thing to honor the chapter that produces the president of the 442nd CLUB by assigning it choice seats and steps should be taken in that direction next year.... at least, we'll show a little CLASS!!

We thought we just got through with last year's big reunion but here it is time again to plan for another. This one is for our State Reunion. Honolulu is the site for this year's get together sometime in August or during the Labor-Day weekend. To make sure that it will be a success, the club voted to assess each member \$5.00 each month starting from March until August. President BILL TANAKA will remind the outside island gang that Honolulu is the host chapter for this year's reunion.

Heard from HARU IMAI recently expressing her sympathy to us on the shortage of toilet paper in Hawaii. It seems MINO hurt his hips, not too badly, and his boys are helping with the heavy work at the flower farm. Warm weather is good for such an ailment MINO, so pack up your things and come to Hawaii to recuperate. KIM MURASHIGE was a house guest of the IMAI's last month for a few days before going on to ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY as an exchange student. Just received a valentine card from SUSIE YAWATA of Berkeley, including a note "every little bit helps" scribbled on a sheet of toilet paper. Love the sense of humor of that gal.



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MATSUO and ALICE KAMINISHI. MATS is still diligently working at the family-operated ABO Laundry. ALICE is secretary in the pathology department at Tripler Hospital...Son MICHAEL returned from his stint in the Army. Presently at Leeward C.C. and part-time at Pennys. His interest is tennis too! ...Daughter JUDY is at the UH, interested in elementary education. Cooking is her forte!... Daughter ANN is at the UH, also interested in education. She is the sun-and-waves girl, 'cause surfing is her bag!

Sayonara for now!

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1. The Treasurer's report shows our outstanding loans of \$202,395 and our members' savings of \$332,443 are all-time highs.
2. Our total income of \$27,422 and the net earnings of \$20,667 are also new records and reflect substantial increases over the prior year. Our expenses were and will continue to be at very minimal levels.
3. Our general reserve of \$20,051 provides more than adequate protection from possible bad debts and is over the legal requirements. During the past, it was necessary to writeoff only \$57 for non-payment by a member.
4. Our Credit Committee continues to show some interesting statistics, low delinquency ratio, and progress on our new "Open-End" loan program.

Because of our excellent financial condition and the operations of the FCU, your Board of Directors had increased the June 30, 1973 dividends to 5.50% from the previous 5.25%, and again increased the dividend rate to 5.75% on balances as of December 31, 1973--two increases in one year!

We look forward to this special anniversary year and ask for your continued participation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

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January 28, 1974

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MANAGING TREASURER TO THE 20th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET FOR VARIOUS YEARS

ASSETS OF THE FCU:	1970	1971	1972	1973
Membership Loans Outstanding.....	173,018.88	167,004.21	189,431.46	202,395.99
Cash in Bank.....	6,704.31	2,421.08	3,525.76	5,315.90
Savings & Loan Shares.....	69,259.11	52,733.00	97,835.34	102,960.91
ICU Investment Securities.....	10,169.18	66,665.31	34,784.57	57,836.33
Furniture and Fixtures.....	229.09	195.37	161.61	402.44
Prepaid Insurance Premiums.....	103.00	557.46	364.38	111.30
Other Assets.....	19.93	9.95		
Total Assets of Members.....	259,503.50	289,586.38	326,103.12	369,022.87
OBLIGATIONS/EQUITY OF FCU:				
Savings Accounts of Members.....	234,473.90	261,941.06	296,269.73	332,443.80
Unapplied Credits.....	27.00	30.00		1,612.37
General Reserves for Losses.....	17,845.18	18,521.21	19,072.61	20,051.27
Undivided Profits/Earnings.....	7,157.42	9,094.11	10,760.78	14,915.43
TOTAL OBLIGATIONS/EQUITY.....	259,503.50	289,586.38	326,103.12	369,022.87

COMPARATIVE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT FOR VARIOUS YEARS

OPERATING INCOME FOR YEAR:	1970	1971	1972	1973
Interest on Loans.....	15,096.24	15,541.52	17,428.19	19,245.48
Dividends on S & L Shares.....	2,990.62	2,406.20	3,670.03	5,125.57
Interest on ICU Securities.....	906.82	2,563.82	2,051.57	3,051.76
Other Income.....		1.84		
Total Income for Year.....	18,993.68	20,513.38	23,149.79	27,422.81
OPERATING EXPENSES FOR YEAR:				
Borrowers'/Savers' Insurance.....	2,193.79	2,182.62	2,413.11	2,581.99
Examination/Supervision Fees.....	368.14	460.66	531.54	653.55
Nat'l Credit Union Insurance.....		195.39	218.28	246.89
Fidelity Bond Premiums.....	186.50	244.54	223.08	253.08
HCU League/Chapter Dues.....	247.58	287.80	276.38	250.03
Cost of Space.....	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
EDP Bookkeeping Services.....	574.91	652.51	696.70	713.30
Assistant Treasurer Expenses.....	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Supplies, Postage, Depreciation....	273.40	157.86	315.40	291.12
Other Miscellaneous Expenses.....	119.00	422.45	425.11	565.30
Total Expense for Year.....	5,163.32	5,803.83	6,299.60	6,755.26
NET EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR.....	13,830.36	14,709.55	16,850.19	20,667.55

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence T. Taba
Clarence T. Taba, Treasurer
Robert M. Sasaki, Assistant Treasurer

January 28, 1974

NOTIZIE DA LIVORNO

Henry Kuniyuki

"Mina sama akemashite omedeto gozai masu! Konen mo aikawarazu - dozo yoroshiku otanomi shimasu." That's a direct quotation from Chapter Prexy Wilfred Watanabe's New Year's greeting in his very best Tokyo lingo. Willy ably demonstrated his linguistic talent, keeping the Chapter members in stitches, at the monthly dinner meeting held at the Wailana Coffee Shop on February 5th. Counselor Morio Omori expressed serious concern that Bob Sasaki's "Buddahead" talk may adversely affect Capt. Wata's Nihongo. The February Livorno meeting had a good turnout of 14 members or 66% of the Chapter strength. Irregardless of the energy crisis, the boys always enjoy the once-a-month fellowship.

Speaking about the New Year, the following resolutions were voiced by the members present at the meeting: Ken Teruya - Stay healthy; Takamori Miyagi - Have a good time in Hilo with his in-laws at a vacation planned for the summer; Jerry Yamamoto - Determined not to forget his 31st Wedding Anniversary on December 7th; Morio Omori - Attend more chapter meetings, calling attention to the fact that he had been present for both January and February meetings; Paul Takaezu - Good health and a little wealth in that order - and enjoy a combined business-pleasure trip to Carmel-by-the-Sea in October, with perhaps a side trip to Reno-Lake Tahoe Resort Area to resolve the "Little wealth" portion of his resolution; Saburo Takayasu - Join the Weight Watchers to strip off a pound a month (to get into practice he ordered only two scoops of rice with his dinner); Haruto Harada - To fly Aloha Airlines, or was it Hawaiian Air?; Wilfred Watanabe - Don't believe in making resolutions; Kats Sakotani - "Haven't made up my mind - I guess behave myself as usual!"; Shizuo "Maxie" Oide - Having been blessed with two grandsons, hope for a granddaughter; Jitsuo Kawada - "Play it strictly by ear, maybe smell and touch"; Minoru Nagasako - See his Attorney daughter in action in New York City; Raymond Tanaka - TAKE GOOD CARE OF MIMI, his bride!; and the Chapter Reporter - Find a replacement as Chapter Reporter!

Livorno Chapter is happy to report that Tsugio "Budda" Sakai is back at work. We hope that his busy schedule of going to boxing matches and bowling won't interfere with Chapter activities. The Chapter also remembered Ruby Nakandakare when she was hospitalized at Queen's for two weeks. Take it slow and easy, Ruby!

This being a political year the Chapter hopes to have a senatorial candidate for the 4th Senatorial District. It is rather premature to announce his name but he is more than well qualified.

Let's leave it at that to further muddle the Democratic donnybrook expected this year.

The gas shortage situation hasn't bothered the Chapter members too much as Ronald Higa drives one of those giant Phillip 66 tankers; Kats Sakotani's son, Brent, works part-time at a service station; and everyone is a steady customer at his own service station.

This year looks like a good traveling year for Livorno Chapter families - Jerry's son, Larry, after his honorable discharge from the United States Air Force, has been on an extended work-play trip from California, through Mexico and is now in Guatemala with his friends. Ray Tanaka's will be going to Europe, if Mimi doesn't change her mind, and so will the Minoru Nagasakos with the 442nd Tour group. Morio and Rachel, as usual, will be flying all over the Far East and Wilfred Watanabe may be going to Tokyo if Kita-no-Fuji decides to settle down this year. The Chapter Reporter will be leading another tour group this year to Canada and the East Coast this fall, as arranged by Ala World Travel. And as reported previously, Paul and Betty Takaezu and family will be visiting California and Nevada. Haruto and Yuriko Harada will be visiting parts unknown, to be decided at the last minute by Yuriko.

The Chapter Reporter is still trying to feature Robert "Ato" Umeda's family for a lead story. The postponement has been due to Ace Reporter Paul Takaezu's inability to catch up with Ato to get the necessary background information. Slow down, Ato and Betty!

The Chapter will have three tables at the 21st Annual 442nd Banquet. The Chapter is also planning another "Ladies' Appreciation Evening" at the Oceania Floating Restaurant, scheduled for early summer. More about these festivities the next time around. Arrivadecci!

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Fred Ida had made some advance planning on hotel reservations for this trip, so it looks like everything is set. Speed Tanna has been telling everyone that he has been shooting in the 70's, so we expect to see him come home with some good prizes. Our next report will bring the results.



by Charles Oda

The new incoming officers of Cannon Chapter '74 were formally introduced at our New Years dinner meeting held on January 25th at the Halekulani Hotel. Through the courtesy of Andrew "Bunker" Kawamoto, who is also the head bartender at the Hotel, who meticulously arranged the dinner date that evening. All those who attended enjoyed the get-together. A total of sixteen people showed up.

Outgoing president Norman Sato hardly lifted a finger at the dinner meeting nor did he buy the boys a free round of drinks in order that the new officers could be initiated into being responsible for the dinner.

It was at our installation dinner that this writer learned that the last news bulletin submitted listed an incorrect slate of Cannon Chapter officers. The VP is officially announced to be TOKIO SHIMIZU and not Masami "Rawfish" Ohara, Sorry for the error.

The highlight of the evening was the selection of "RAWFISH" OHARA as the outstanding Cannoneer of 1973. He received a monkeypod bowl presented by the Chapter.

The February meeting at the Clubhouse indicated a sign of good response by our members to attend the meetings of the year. Despite the gas shortage we saw Kazutaka Saiki, Kaoru Watanabe, Hiroshi Ishikawa, Bolo Mizukami, Toki Shimizu, Mutt Kusatsu, Masami Ohara, and Curly Muraoka.

Cannon Chapter will occupy two tables at the 31st 442nd Vets Club Annual banquet, according to Curly. Tickets were distributed and the price was right and so all 20 tickets were sold. Once again we are inviting Mr. & Mrs. David Klausmeyer, Makaha, and Mr. & Mrs. Dykie Kunishige, Waianae.

Reminder that the annual picnic will be held again at Makaha on August 11th or the 25th, Sundays, if and when Curly contact Dykie as to the exact date.

Also for those who did not pay their Cannon chapter dues of \$3.00 please do so to treasurer Mutt Kusatsu.

News of Interest.

Toki Shimizu has been elevated to the office of 3rd V-Pres. of the Oahu Contractors Association congratulations! Kaoru Watanabe and family now residing at 47-754 Hui Ulili Street, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744 Clyde Kusatsu, son of Mr. & Mrs. Mutt Kusatsu,

has been doing TV appearances since joining the East/West Players Theatre, Los Angeles. He has done some bit parts in "MASH", "IRONSIDE", and "KUNG FU" series.

Alan Muraoka, son of Curly, is doing what he really wanted to do. He works at Sand Island on the study of the Malaysian prawn. Curly says that all of their fish aquarium at home is now filled with shrimps. Some day we will be able to see the product of Alan's work. To mention again that Wilbert Sandy Holck will be running for the office of City Councilman. Pass the word along to all Cannoneers. Jusei Kaneshiro can be seen doing part-time work during the day at the Texaco Station at King/Alder Streets. Jusei says that he wants to learn all about the automobile so that he will be able to fix the Cannon Chapter's fellows cars.

VA NEWS

Increased benefits will be reflected in February Veterans Administration pension checks for nearly 2.7 million disabled veterans and survivors of deceased veterans.

A cost-of-living increase in these VA benefits is authorized by law signed by the President earlier this month. The increase will show in checks dated February 1 which will cover January pension payments.

Highlights of the new law:

- * Maximum pension payable to veterans without dependents increased from \$30 to \$50 monthly, if hospitalized more than two months.
- * Pension for veterans with no dependents and income of not more than \$300 annually increased from \$130 to \$143 monthly.
- * Pension for veterans with one dependent and incomes of not more than \$500 annually increased from \$140 to \$154 monthly.
- * Widows with no dependents and incomes of not more than \$300 annually increased from \$87 to \$96 monthly.
- * Death pension rates for children increased from \$42 monthly plus \$17 monthly for each additional child, to \$44 monthly plus \$18 monthly for each additional child.
- * Authorized lumpsum payment of \$25,000 to certain veterans discharged from the Army as a result of an incident in Brownsville, Texas, or \$10,000 to their unmarried widows.

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And now that we've shared that juicy tidbit here's Co. "I"'s tentative meeting schedule for the balance of the year: Mar. 14, clubhouse; Apr. 12, Tripler Officer's Club; May 9, Clubhouse; June 13 or 14, Tripler's Officer's Club (return engagement); July 11, clubhouse; Aug. 9, Primo Brown Bottle; Sept. 12, clubhouse; Oct. 10 or 11, Cannon Officer's Club; Nov. 14, clubhouse; Dec. pending. All dates, almost without exception coincides with the 2nd Thursday of the month. That's not too hard to remember, huh?

The above program, with very minor revisions is through the courtesy of SMITTY KOGA, our hard working, always trying, social committee chairman. Incidentally, with two meetings already gone by the books, he, together with CHAMP, have been conspicuously absent. While MR. KOGA is prepared to offer a couple of weak, but, legitimate alibis as I understand it, I'd like to ask "What's yours, Mr. SUZUKI?"

In contrast, here are "them guys" who showed up to help put things together: Prexy TERRY ARATANI (Jan., Feb.); Treas. TAD FUJISHIGE (Jan., Feb.); C.B. SAKAMOTO (Jan., Feb.); CLARENCE TABA (Jan., Feb.); KENNETH OKUMA (Jan., Feb.); MASA NAKAMURA (Jan., Feb.); MINO SUZUMOTO (Jan., Feb.); BRUNO YAMADA (Jan., Feb.).

Also TOMMY UMEDA, MOTOMI SHINDO, BILL NAGANUMA, MAMO SHIROTA and KAZU TAKEKAWA. All of whom were there the second time around.

Mighty sorry to hear TAKEO SUMA had been laid up with "something", during the latter part of last year. Mighty glad to hear he's fully recovered now and back on his feet. Whatever it was that "bit" him I hope stays away from my old "Sarg." (Don't know why I'm calling him "old". The buggah is younger than I am).

Sudden thought: Whatever became of "Battleship" YAKUMA? Maybe, if I said something stink it'll

smoke him out, huh?

They're a lot of other guys I'd like to talk stink about, and a HAROLD WATASE (still) heads that list! Closely pressed by a EDDIE YAMASAKI. Ahem!

Oh, before it escapes me completely, BARBARA KAMEDA says the "House of Monkey Pod" is still in business. In a limited way, of course. Luckily, their show-room, located separately and to the rear of the fire manufacturing plant, was left untouched by the late December 1973 inferno. So, if you're in the market for a classy monkey pod bowl, figurine or whatever, drop by her Kalihi St. place. I get 10 per cent of everything this column drums up. Don't forget to mention my name (DONALD is gonna stick a knife in me and give the handle a slow twist, after reading this. Maybe, I should settle for 5%)....Aki also tells me on Christmas eve, someone broke into a locked room where he had temporarily kept the tools he was able to salvage, and made off with whatever they could lay their hands on, including all of his gas operated heavy duty chain saws. He now has a Doberman Pinscher and a German Shepherd of gargantuan dimensions roaming the immediate vicinity at night.

By the way, your response to "Operation KAMEDA" was terrific! Makes me truly proud to be a member of Co. "I". Presentation of same was made by President TERRY ARATANI to the couple, at the chop, witnessed by yours truly.

You may say the following comes too late to classify, but anyway, the distaff side attending the 31st Annual 442nd Veterans Club Banquet (Sat., Mar. 23 at Hilton's Coral Ballroom) will have half of their tab picked up by the Chapter (Item only...others need not apply). This includes "girl friends" I'm told. So wiki-wiki, all you single kanes. Grab a wahine!...Meantime, come to the meetings and don't over look your annual chapter dues.

We Itemites are now in possession of a handsome "infantry blue" photo album stocked with beautiful colored shots taken during last year's "nisei convention". On the front, it says "To 'I' Company of Hawaii". On the inner cover, "In Happy Memory of the Nisei Veterans Reunion, Hawaii, in 1973. NOBO and ROSE IKUTA." On behalf of the locals, "We are extremely grateful and shall treasure it, always! Mahalo!" Mr. ARATANI, I'm sure could put it in much better form, but nothing profound oozes out of this concret dome of mine, at a time like this.

The compilation of pics was sent in care of BOZO NISHIOKA, I understand, and we'd like to thank him for having it forwarded to us. (TERRY has now holding yours truly responsible for its safe

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Charles Watanabe

The first meeting of the year of 1974 January was held at the 442nd Club house. This is the year of the tiger and tradition says a violent year if you believe such.

Well anyway, meeting was presided by Max Isara, awake long enough to make his report, nothing new or otherwise.

Whatever happened to our new president Yoshio Suetsugu. Well Max Isara is pinch hitting for Yoshi and no explanation given to me so I can't answer. Must be a secret or somebody knows something or still in Japan. Your guess is as good as mine.

Turn out was good with the usual number of boys, David Kaiura, Shigeru Goto, Pappy Iwamoto, Max Isara, Bill Kuwata, Take Nakamura, Hideto Matsuda, Hajime Matsuura, Sam Sasai, and Charles Watanabe. Hideto Matsuda the treasurer has reminded all club members to pay their dues of five dollars. And if you need a demonstration of calisthenics ability have Hideto give you a demonstration. Not bad for a man who is considered into the energy crisis.

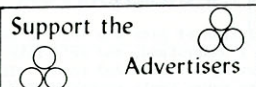
Pappy Iwamoto was around long enough to throw some bulls, and reports that his son Elton is home on furlough from the army airborne unit and daughter Anna is stationed here as a Navy Wave.

By the time this new report is out, Eddy Tsubata may well be on the road to recovery and doing his usual thing, but anyway he is going to the VA hospital in Palo Alto for heart surgery. Wish him a speedy recovery and have a good time with the nurses.

A report of obituaries has suddenly come to my attention. Mitchie Sasai and Doris Iwamoto mothers have passed away. Much sympathy and regards goes to them from HQ 3rd. Also to Andre Ige, a former member, whose wife passed away.

Some events to be taking place this coming year are the 442nd anniversary banquet at Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom and beach home outing at Puunahulu, which is something to look forward to. Sam Sasai will coordinate time and date.

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Suddenly HQ3rd has come up with a bunch of Joggers, and daily you can see them doing their thing. Takeshi Nakamura can be seen at Kapiolani park, Pappy & Sam at the Central YMCA. Sam Sasai is old hand at Jogging and has been doing it for many years. About time he entered the marathon. David Kaiura jogs around Palolo and times his runs with the MRL buses...faster David, takes all day to cover one mile.

I wonder what Bill Kuwata does for exercise. Perhaps Yaeko can tell me. It sure looks like Max Isara needs to do the most jogging, but he claims he is the best conditioned athlete among us. "That's stretching is a little too wide like you Max."

As usual meeting ended at the chop suey house with Takeshi Nakamura with the fast hands took care of the tab. Thanks Take. I was a younger man I'll beat you to it. "You don't have to give it to me next time."

"What's with the jokes", nothing that rates pg, but rated X "yes" and I don't think it proper it should be printed. My children have learned to read my articles.

For now "PAU", time for a "philips Magnesia and Vodka."



The Veterans Administration urges veterans who haven't done so to "advise survivors of benefits they're entitled to from the agency in event of your death." William Oshiro, Director of the Honolulu Veterans Administration Regional Office, emphasized that "failure to do so could cause undue anguish during times of great emotional stress."

It's a good idea for veteran and spouse to sit down and openly discuss important family matters, including locations of family documents, which would facilitate filing of claims for VA benefits. Military discharge papers, divorce decrees, guardianship or child custody evidence, birth, marriage and death certificates should be kept safe from fire and theft, yet readily accessible.

Oshiro said other important details include keeping track of G. I. and commercial insurance policies, "C" numbers from VA correspondence, Social Security numbers and naturalization papers. Veterans also were advised that in event of death, the deceased's family or close friends should know they can check with veterans service organizations, as well as VA offices, for information and other assistance.



by Bruno Yamada

William Tanaka, a retiree who does his golfing with the Ite and Kihei Golf Clubs and also President of the newly formed Hui-Lua-Kahi captures the 9th Annual Kauai 442 Invitational at the Wailua Golf Course on February 16 and 17 under perfect weather conditions. Bill shot a 69 net the first day followed by a 68 the following day for a 137 total. His winnings included a set of Spalding irons, the Governor's Bowl and the Senator Inouye's perpetual trophy.

winner of the A-flight was Tsuka Murakami of Kauai with a net score of 139 and Edward Ikuma of the Honolulu Club 100 walked off with the B Flight with a 140. Tsuka and Ed each received a set of woods and the Governor's Bowl.

Over 170 golfers participated in this fine tournament. Four members came from as far as the San Jose area and promised to return next year if the energy crisis doesn't worsen. The four golfers were Rusty Nagakura, Cappy Utsunomiya, Slim Nakamura, and Jack Sakaguchi.

The tournament ended in somewhat of a tragedy when the tournament chairman, Takaharu Mizukami was taken ill immediately after the post tournament at the Kauai Surf Golf Club and passed away in a Honolulu clinic the following morning.



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Taka will certainly be missed in the future since he has done a terrific job in this tournament and all of the past tournaments. May we take this opportunity in extending our deepest sorrow to the Mizukamis.

KAUAI 442nd 9th INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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OVERALL WINNERS - Set of (8) irons & Gov. Bowl
Senator Dan Inouye Trophy
137 - BILL TANAKA (69-68)

"A" FLIGHT

- 1-139-TSUKA MURAKAMI -Set of woods, Gov. Bowl
- 2-139-WALTER KIILAU- 26" Samsonite suitcase
- 3-140-KENNETH ARASHIRO - Golf shoes
- 4-141-RICHARD MORITA - Golf shoes
- 5-142-ROY HIRAM - 24" Samsonite suitcase
- 6-143-GEORGE NIITANI - 21" Samsonite suitcase
- 7-144-MAXIE MUKAI - Golf bag
- 8-144-WALTER HIRAMOTO - Golf bag
- 9-144-MICH TAKATA - 1 Doz. balls
- 10-145-HAROLD KURISU- 10 balls
- 11-145-CLYDE TASAKA - 9 balls
- 12-145-DAN HORTAKAWA - 8 balls
- 13-145-GEORGE SENDA - 7 balls
- 14-146-TAD HIRAI - 6 balls
- 15-146-HOWARD KURIHARA - 5 balls
- 16-146-GLENN KADOTA - 3 balls
- 17-146-ROBERT HIRAKAWA - 3 balls
- 18-146-RUSTY NAGAKURA - 3 balls
- 19-146-STANLEY SATO - 3 balls
- 20-147-HARRY HIRASUNA - 3 balls

"B" FLIGHT

- 1-140-EDWARD IKUMA
- 2-140-CALVIN LUM
- 3-141-GEORGE TAMARIBUCHI
- 4-141-GILBERT TANAKA
- 5-143-JOE NAKAMURA
- 6-143-WALLY SONODA
- 7-144-ARCHIE UCHIDA
- 8-145-YASU NAKAMITSU
- 9-146-KEN IHA
- 10-146-TOMMY NISHIMITSU
- 11-147-MOSES UTSUMI
- 12-147-ROBERT TAKASHIGE
- 13-147-WALTER FURUKAWA
- 14-148-GARY YOSHIDA
- 15-148-FRED KANEMURA
- 16-149-TONY NAKAMURA
- 17-149-TOM TERUYA
- 18-150-KEN MUROSHIGE
- 19-150-TOM IBARAKI
- 20-150-TAKEO HIRAKAWA
- 21-150-GEORGE ISHIMOTO

EASY CHAPTER NEWS
by Maui Okamura

MEMOIR

Most of us will remember 1973 as a banner year. A banner year in a sense that the re-union was a tremendous success. The fond memories will be instilled in our minds for a long time; as so many came from so many different and distant places, and it was just like one big family that got together after so many years gone by, "natsukashi deshita ne!", and it was right on without the energy crisis.

SHINDIGS

A welcome home party was held for Ralph Fuji at Wo Fat's on October 13th. He's home for good after working for a long time in Japan. Mrs. Fuji and her 2 boys joined the gang for a sumptuous 7-course dinner.

Terry Ihara hustled the boys and you would have thought a new regime took over, as there were "knuckle-head" Nukushima, "short pants" Ikeda, Rex Kono, Oscar Honnaka, Furu-ike, and also John Mita, plus the regular gang and wives.

Senator Dan Inouye sent Ralph a telegram, expressing his regrets that he was unable to be present at the dinner. However, he suggested that there be another Ralph Fuji night when he is available.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Would you believe that "E" chapter and Engineer/Band got together again? Well, we did and you would think that we were going steady or something. Anyway, the Christmas party was held at the DAV Hall on December 14th. The menu was Japanese food. Christmas carols were sung and never did we sing so many Xmas carols at one time in all our lives. There were door prizes galore plus grab bag gifts that cost less than a dollar. Fly Tamashiro was generous with his liquor donations and George Tando also generously donated his Nabisco products. Thank you Engineer/Band chapter for hosting us, and may 1974 find us in your presence again--maybe travelling together on the European trip?

NEW OFFICERS '74

Don Masuda, who declined the Presidency of "E" chapter due to work pressure, was replaced by hard working Terry Ohara. Don agreed to take the Vice-Presidency. Secretary, as usual, yours truly, and Treasurer, you know who, old faithful, Glenn Nakasone. We hope that this coming year will be a fruitful one with our pet project selling guitar & ukulele song books (\$2.00 per book)

getting a good start. President Ihara selected the following names to act as Chairmen for the various committees: Social, George Tando; Welfare, Raymond Shigenaga; Project, Waichi Takemoto; Picnic, Roku Imaoka. A Shinnenkai dinner-meeting honoring the above officers and also the outgoing officers was held at the 442nd Club House on February 9th. We dined on food catered by the McCully catering Service. Pakala brought some delicious poki (the kind that melts in your mouth) and yours truly brought some sashimi. Some of the wives brought some pastries, and Sally Yoshitake's ulu (breadfruit) cake was something unusual and ono. We were pleasantly surprised when Dan Inouye dropped in and greeted everyone with a handshake.

MAHALO

To Raymond Shigenaga, Welfare Chairman, for being so nice to place beautiful flowers on all the "E" chapter comrade graves in Punch-bowl Cemetery on Christmas day. Thank you Raymond for all the trouble.

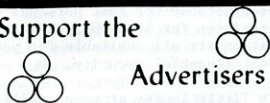
CONVALESCENCE

Kozun Nakata had a minor surgery at Kuakini Hospital in December and is now in good shape cleaning his lovely yard, and working very hard at his post office job next to the airport.

Eddie Omuro had a major operation on his colon at Kuakini Hospital also in December and is now recuperating at his nephew's home in Honolulu. He is planning to take medical retirement from his job at Naval Supply Center, Pearl Harbor. Take it easy Eddie, and all the luck and speedy recovery.

SERVICE CHAPTER continued from page 5
the wee hours of the morning are Ralph and Grace Chinaka, Juicy and Haru Ito, Jim and Martha Miyake, Tadashi and Martha Morimoto, Nagi and Betty Nagasako, Alex and Jean Oka, Tom and Chic Tanaka, Bill and Betty Toma, Takao and Nora Yamashita, Sam and Frances Yamada, Punji and Clara Nakanishi and Dixon and Owari Yamashita. Get your dancing shoes on - Charley's Chidori Orchestra will be entertaining.

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keeping and I'll try to remember to bring it out to all of our monthly meetings for the benefit of those who have yet to see it. The contents make for interesting viewing, considering the vast number of individuals depicted. JOE OKUMOTO and his CINDY RAINE, SADA KUBOTA, SONODA, STANLEY, YASO ABE, CLARENCE, TOGO, HIRAM, TOMMY UMEDA, TERUMI, LARRY, SIDNEY, MITS OSHIRO, CHAMP, SMITTY, BRUNO and all the "reliable standbys".

Speaking of reunions, a "feeler" was sent out recently to sound out the pulse of Co. "I" members regarding the 1976 Chicago N.V.R. A surprising 203 local Itemites (including wives, etc.) responded favorably! That number added to the 60 plus that usually crawls out of the wood work from the L.A. (I wouldn't think of including FRED MATSUMURA, of course) and San Francisco area, and the 20 plus from Seattle way should create some interesting logistics. Compared against that total Hawaii has averaged 123 mainlanders, per. "Happy Ulcers!" VIC, ISHUP, GANJI TANAKA & CO.

Then there's 13 year old ROBIN SAKAMOTO, who, during the Kuliima stint at the N.V.R. dashed over to his father's side grabbed the latter's swim gaggles, yelling "I'm borrowing it dad!" plunged back into the swimming pool and came up with blonde and 21 DEBBIE BLACK's contact lens from the bottom on his initial dive! There's a hundred to one shot for you! For the record his 11 year old brother, KEITH, insists he helped too.

WILSON MAKABE (Reno, Nevada) must have bought out a book store there. I know of 5 people, at least, who have received copies of a book, from him, based on the true and amazing life of the owner of "Harold's Club" of that city. And the message inside, inscribed by WILSON and MARGA, thanking us all for our "Hawaiian Hospitality" is truly heart warming. I'm sure I speak for everyone here when I say "The pleasure was really ours, WILSON. Thank you, anyway. And Mahalo to you, too!"

Which brings to mind; C.B. SAKAMOTO want it understood he takes quarterly trips to Lake Tahoe, Reno, or Las Vegas. Not semi-annually as reported here in these columns. He, for one, can't stop praising WILSON's one man visitor's bureau like efforts on his behalf, as well as GAY's.

Change of tempo and my wife, on reading about those "hard-luck" streaks of mine with my Impala station wagon, remarked, "you forgot to mention the windshield." So a continuation is in order (remember the air conditioning unit, transmission, etc.): Well, in early December, a "rising" rust spot the size of a dime, really under the moulding, exerted so much pressure against the windshield, in the top corner on the passenger side,

that it caused a split. Merely 3 inches in length at the start, it kept getting longer, and longer, and longer. Twisting every which way towards the center in the process. After two weeks it was all of 18 inches! Naturally with "safety check" around the corner, I had to have it replaced.... On top of everything my mom had a heart attack (in November) which didn't help matters much.

Which leads me to a story I've been saving for just such an occasion. Seems like a farmer and his wife took a heavy loss of crop, the result of a year long drought. Unfortunately for him his wife died shortly after. And to add to his miseries the one mule he owned dropped dead in its track while plowing. His 10 year old son, an only child, came down with a mysterious ailment, and he too departed from this earth. Whereupon a neighboring farmer ambled over and in consoling the first, said, "Abel, we all know you're a good man. Remember, the Lord doesn't punish people. If He, for a minute, thought you couldn't bear under all these misfortunes He wouldn't be heaping them on you." "I know", replied the first farmer. "That's why I pray day and night to the good Lord, to stop having so much confidence in me!"

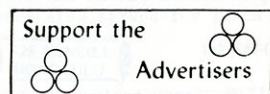
Item Golf Club held a "shinen-enkai" in early January at the Sheraton Waikiki Waianae Room. Seen at the scene: WALTER FURUKAWA & JANE KATAOKA, MOKE UTSUMI, ITSUO NITAHARA, C.B. & GAY SHAKAMOTO, MINO & DOT SUZUMOTO, BRUNO & ELLEN YAMADA, FRANCIS & JUDY SUGAI, JOE & ELAINE HANZAWA, GLENN KOGA, STEVE NAKAMICHI, ELE GONZALES, CHAMP SUZUKI & BELLA NAGATOSHI, STAN & TERRY YAMAMOTO, TAD FUJISHIGE, HIRAM DOI, SMITTY & ELSIE KOGA, PAUL & AMY YOSHIMURA, TOMMY & BARBARA NAKAMURA, BRUSH & CAROL SHINOZAWA, KAZU & MA-CHAN SHIROMA, MICHIO & BETSY OYAMA. (C.B. and yours truly, being non-golfers, were there merely to fill in and help pay the bill).

Officers of the club were listed as follows: BRUNO, President; ELE, V.P.; TOMMY NAKAMURA, Tournament Chairman and HIRAM DOI, Handicap.

And before calling it quits, here, let me confess to our Chicago "constituents" that, that "203" Hawaiian exodus quoted in that particular paragraph was pulled out of the thin air. The other statistics are accurate enough, but, no survey of any sort was ever made. So rest easy and go back to sleep, you-all! (Look for a time bomb in the next package from Chicago!)

Thanks a million for the snapshots, Mr. IZUI....And to ISHIP a much, much delayed "Thank you!" for something I should have acknowledged many months ago.

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Purpose of Loan	1970		1971		1972		1973	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Automobile Purchase..	23	64,793	17	49,636	25	74,741	29	91,676
Vacation/Travel.....	35	51,000	13	19,219	34	62,055	11	11,800
Real Estate/Stocks...	2	6,000	3	7,500	3	6,500	6	15,338
Home Imprv/Furniture.	6	6,550	11	19,273	3	3,600	8	11,580
Refinance/Consolidat.	2	2,700		-	2	3,800	3	5,400
Taxes/Insurance.....	3	2,200	5	5,850	3	1,800	6	6,800
Business/Investments.	2	3,500	2	1,694		-	2	4,300
School/Education.....	5	4,600	3	2,700	4	7,800	2	3,500
Wedding/Anniversary..		-	4	5,900	2	2,750	1	2,500
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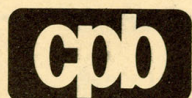
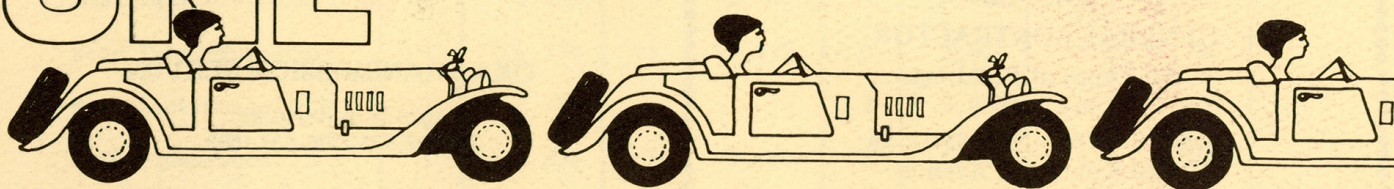
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