KOREAN CHURCHES PRESENT COLORFUL XMAS PROGRAMME

All Korean religious centers throughout the territory observed the birthday of Christ with appropriate exercises on or before December 25. Some services were short and simply while others were long and grand. The grandest of all was that of the Honolulu Christian Church, held in the new building.

Honolulu Christian Church

A capacity crowd witnessed a short but colorful Christmas program at the Honolulu Christian church,upper Liliha, Dec. 25 evening. Incidentally this was the first Christmas exercises held in the new building.

Preceded by Miss Daisy Lee's organ prelude, the congregation sang "Joy to the world" and Rev. J. P. Lee offered prayer and Rev. H. Y. Kim read Bible verses. The primary descant came from the choirs, with the solo singing a "Silent Night" rendition of "Silent Night" as well as selections by the junior and senior choirs were well received. The Sunday school pupils also staged a colorful pantomime, "The Lights of the World."

Honolulu Methodist Church

The Port St. church presented a much longer program the same night before a crowd of 400. Donald Kang handled the program and Miss Ruth Lee announced the numbers. Rev. D. W. Lim gave the invocation and Eleanor Chao and Robert Aha recited scripture verses. S. A. Ahn, Sunday school superintendent, little Young Bok Chung and Sarah Park spoke. The singing was handled by Misses Mary and Mary Lee sang "Good Christians Rejoice" and the senior choir under Miss Al Young Chong sang "Glory!" The Epworth League staged a play, "Xmas in My Heart," under Miss Margaret Kwon's direction. Little Warren Yee's vocal rendition of "Ave Maris" was well received. Various Sunday school classes contributed skits, recitations and songs in-between.

St. Lukes' Mission

Dec. 24 evening Father Noah K. Cho's Episcopalian congregation witnessed a short but interesting program at the YWCA. The travel picture scene was staged with the following in the cast: May Park, Vic. (Continued on page 3)

NEVER SAY DIE!

"I assure you that I will continue to lead the nation in prolonged resistance to the Japanese; I'm resolved never to yield to their threats. Following in Christ's footsteps, our faith will lead us from sacrifice to sacrifice until right replaces wrong."—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Dec. 28, 1938.

 Bravo! With a leader of this calibre China need not despair even under present deplorable conditions. He is the voice of modern Moses, rising defiantly in the face of certain circumstances,-temporarily down but never out-leading his people from chaos to the Promised Land.

YOUTH MASS RALLY OF OCTOBER 3RD IS PLEASANT MEMORY

Late as never, The American-Korean presents here a brief review of the third annual youth people mass rally sponsored by the Korean University club at the Mission Memorial Hall, October 3 evening before a crowd of 600.

Two costumes were featured, one an oratory competition in Korean among six language schools and the other a stunt tilt among six young people clubs. Priscilla Chao of the Daidong school carried away the talk contest and the Wahiaua Epworth league scored a touchdown with the stunt performance.

In the vast crowd sat members from every Korean church and club in Honolulu and rural Oahu. There were grey-haired older Koreans, digi-nick young people, university club, ladies of college and high school rank and youngsters in their teens. All joined enthusiastically in singing mass songs and played group and solo drummers and performers from four-corners of the islands.

Let us not forget, mention should be made of Miss Mary Lee's and little Warren Yee's vocal numbers, so well received by the audience. Mention also should be made of announcement of winners, three in each contest, and presentation of prizes by Dr. Yang. To say that the meeting was a success is putting it mildly.

University Club To Have Election Soon

Election of new officers for the ensuing year is the principal item of business at the next monthly meeting of the Korean University club at the home of W. S. Lee, Alewa Drive, January 18 evening.

The nomination committee has recommended the following candidates to various offices: Vice-president, Walter Jueng, Dr. John Kim and Donald Kang. Vice-president, Y. K. Kim and Mrs. W. S. Lee, secretary, Matthew Nahm and Mrs. Sarah Yang; treasurer, J. T. Whang and Miss Leslie Lee. (Continued on page 3)
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EDITORIALS

MIGHT AND RIGHT

With the virtual absorption of Ceylon into the British Empire, might and conquest of a large part of China by another military power in the Orient, it seems very idle to speak of international right and morality. If we are to gauge everything by the criterion of power, then in the world today, religion is a large and civilization a mockery. But as long as we can be absolutely certain of one thing—that God's law never changes or fails. It prevails all over the world. Perhaps, the New Testament carved out the ten commandments and it will remain as the supreme force long after we are gone. Law is the law of right over might. Right, like sun, may sometimes be hidden behind clouds, but it will always give rise to the belief that it has disappeared from earth but the illusion is definitely ours.

During our generation we have witnessed endless cases of brutal force triumphing over justice, and the con- credence to the existence of more principles but history shows us that might is right, and might is tyranny. Roman empire was once a mighty force, built entirely upon sword and fire but eventually that empire fell to pieces. Napoleon was once the master of Europe; his empire expanded, the power factor, and the Southern states waged war to defend that institution but rightness, I believe, will always stand bold and hard the one and only way is by obeisance courts.

Kaiser, backed by a powerful Ger- man navy, once dreamed of world domination and sought to achieve his aim by means of Blood and Sword. He violated the rights and titles of other nations. But within 5 years his "invincible" war machine fell to pieces, just as his portable to his sorrow that right is more powerful than might. Hitler's re- armed Germany is built upon the same way so long as he pursues the same reckless course.

As the saying goes, after a period of history since 1000 has been a history of repeated aggression against neighbors; her government has been and is still controlled by militarists who believe only in the right of might. She has broken every treaty signed by herself; flayed the League of Nations; her men- of-war have not been equal to the delight in massaging innocent women and children, scattering terror here and there. All because she is the unsuitable tiger whose appetite has been sharpened by the taste of blood, Japan continues to swallow Chinese like a whole meal. And running amuk she has lost all sense of justice, blood and sword to engage in any military. Eventually—may very soon—Japan too, like disillusioned Kaiser, will find itself in a madrasia lottering and foudning in the angry deep.

Let us not lose faith in the prin- ciples of justice. The government of law will and must prevail again. There is no escape from it. It was Jesus who said, "with this sword I raise the sword is destroyed by the sword." We as Christians, seeking to follow Jesus' footsteps of Jesus, believing in the power of right, should at this particular time summon additional strength as the right will win out in the end. No mistake about that.

The Curse Of Indifference

Seldom, ever, if the spirit of indifference manifests itself in people of upright character. The state of being numbed that is the lack of attitude every true Christian should seek to avoid if he or she is to sleep with modern progressions tenden- cies in life.

There is the spirit of indifference to the sins of our own immediate duty which is critical enough but when we consid- er the curse of indifference to social duties? It is a tragic thing. There are people who are too busy to pray, too busy to reach out for the Lord. They are too busy with their own personal interests as to pay a nickel's worth of attention to things outside of their own environment.

Such people invariably wind up very argumentative and eventually, typically what do I care, it's none of my business."

"What do I care if Koreans are being massacred by the Japanese? What do I care if the Chinese are being slaughtered by thousands every day? What do I care if the Germans are going to annex Czechoslovakia? What do I care if the Spanish repul- sion has been made a success? What do I care if the world is coming to an end?"

Then what do they care? Per- haps they do care if their pockets are empty; they do care for a nice home, a good car, good clothes, an education paying fat salary! If all the think- ing leaders of this world were so di- visions.

The cowardly attitude of indiffer- ence to every worth while activity, to every important duty which will lead to a nation hurts nobody but the practitioner. He is digging his own grave and will go down there in a classy manner and communicate to all fellowmen whose welfare he is indifferent to. He will be buried, not shall go. All the money we have to squash greedily and all the comfort of a God-forsaken home we love and cannot follow us to the graveyard. But every act of Christian love, kindness and generosity we will give will beautify our name and benefit mankind.

Thanksgiving in Korea

By Miss Julia Kim, Wallowa
Korea was founded 4371 years ago. That year under a Peak Dahl tree (similar to our has tree) on Tulipak mountain, a spiritual being by the name of Whan Gum made his first appearance. The people surrounded him in adoration and learned from him the teachings relative to God.

On the Oriental Moon calendar in November here, the people proclaimed Whan Gum their ruler. The country that was enslaved from "Duk" to "Chum" under

Bishop Moore Speaks Of China Situation at Luau

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Method- istic Episcopal church, south, who presides at the presiding Bishop, pre- sented an exceedingly interesting and impressive talk on China on the occasion of a banquet held at the Army & Navy YMCA, December 16 evening. Present were many local church leaders, including a number of Koreans. Dr. Fry presided.

The Bishop drew a graphic picture of the overwhelming place in the war- torn areas and answered questions from the audience following his ad- dress. "I ask," declared the bishop, "will the church become the mistress of a militaristic government or the bride of Christian relig".

FOUR WEDDINGS TAKE PLACE IN SUCCESSION

Cupid must be working overtime judging from the number of year- end weddings that have taken place lately. On Nov. 18, Kok Moon, sec- ond son of Mrs. Doris Moon, plunged into the sea of matrimony; on Nov. 26, Miss Esther Lim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Lim, became the wife of Mr. Ome of Waimanolo in a charming wedding at the church of Trinity. Two Betsy Lim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lim of Kunia and Tsim Kim, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kim of Honolulu, united in marriage at the Lilahi St. church Dec. 17 evening. As it was the season for a number of marriages, the last three were not the exceptions. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Dyer, and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kim of Honolulu, Mar. 15th, 17 evening. Betsy Lim offic- iated.

TWO NEW CLUBS SPRING UP TO INCREASE TOTAL

Two more young Korean clubs have sprung up in recent months to take their place among the dooms already in existence. Jean Myung Who was organized in November by S. N. Ahn to "promote broad culture which comes through service to others." With a present membership of 25, meeting twice a month at the Nuuanu Y. club shows promise of success.

Officers are Adam Lee, president; Reith-Ana, vice-president; Christian Oh Young, secretary; Chong Han Rho, treasurer and S. N. Ahn, advisor.

The other club known as "Mukung- wsa Hall" was organized at Kunia in September, the club having been formed among young Koreans there. About 40 members, above the age of 15, make up the membership, meeting once a month. Officers chosen include Bong Ee Lee, president; Miss Mary Kang, vice-president; Chong Han Rho, secretary; Sung Choon Kim, treasurer and the following three as advisers: Rev. Hudson Lee, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Han.

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Statistics of Young People Clubs Taken

Seventeen young Korean clubs in Hawaii That's another staggering record. Fourteen of these 17 are located in Honolulu and the rest are in Hilo, Kona, and Kauai. The 17 clubs are distributed in 16 states and territories of the United States. This growth in the number of clubs is due to the increasing number of Korean immigrants who have come to Hawaii in recent years. The clubs provide a strong support system for the Korean community in Hawaii.

1. KOREAN UNIVERSITY CLUB, Honolulu, membership of 33, monthly meetings. Officers are Miss Jeannie Kim, pres.; Miss Shing Hae Kim, v.p.; Miss Jane Kim, secretary; Mrs. Esther Ono, treasurer; Mrs. Hae Soo Whang.

2. DELTA FRATERNITY, Honolulu, membership of 20, monthly meetings. Officers are William Choo, pres.; Mrs. Rose Choo, v.p.; Mrs. Alice Yoo, secretary and James Yoo, treasurer.

3. HYUNG JAY CLUB (for girls only), monthly meetings. Officers are Miss Jennie Kim, pres.; Miss Shing Hae Kim, v.p.; Miss Jane Kim, secretary; Mrs. Esther Ono, treasurer; Mrs. Hae Soo Whang.

4. RUSUNG WHE (for girls of Ui University), monthly meetings. Officers are Mrs. Annie Kim, pres.; Miss Mary Whang, v.p.; Miss Maria Lee, secretary; Mrs. Esther Ahn, treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Yang, advisor.


6. HONOLULU EPROWTH LEAGUE, membership 51, weekly meetings. Officers are Robert Ahn, pres.; Mrs. Mary Lee, v.p.; Miss Eleanor Chun, secretary; Ronald Park, treasurer; Dan Park, member; Joseph Seo, member; Harold Naim, school social worker; Ronald Kang, advisor.

7. WAHAIWA CHRISTIAN EN- DEAVORS, membership 35, weekly meetings. Officers are Wallace Yoo, president; Miss Mary Jane Lee and Miss Ethel Lee, vice-pres.; Miss Emily Kim, secretary; John Kim, treasurer; Mr. James Hong, advisor.

8. WAHAIWA EPROWTH LEAGUE, membership 30, weekly meetings. Officers are Wallace Yoo, pres; Miss Mary Yeo, v.p.; Miss Lily Kim, secretary; Theodore Park, treasurer; Joseph Wei, social chair- man; Miss Dora Yoo, program chairman and Mr. K. D. Park, advisor.

9. WAILUKU EPROWTH LEAGUE, membership 30, weekly meetings. Officers are Harold Kim, pres.; Joshua Lee, v.p.; Miss Julia Kim, secretary; Charles Choo, treasurer; Miss Esther Toh, social chairman; Thomas Lee, program chairman and Mr. Kelly Lee, advisor.

10. KOREAN CIVIC CLUB, Honolulu, membership 56, periodic meetings. Officers are Edward Lee, president; Edward Yoo, v.p.; Miss Mary Oh Young, secretary; and John Kim, treasurer.

11. JEAN MYUNG CHE (Na- man YMCA), membership 28, semi-monthly meetings. Officers are Adam Lee, president; Joseph Ahn, vice-pres- ident; Miss Mary Oh Young, secretary and Isabelle Yoo, treasurer.

Weddings in 1938 Set New Record for Second Generation in Hawaii

The year 1938 has shattered all re- cords in point of weddings for young Koreans of Hawaii, Honolulu in parti- cular. Twenty one marriages and three engagements during a period of 13 months makes interesting reading for anyone. Without an excep- tion all of the matrimonial partners are Hawaii-born.

Here is the statistics compiled for the KOREAN-AMERICAN:


This is the newly-constructed head- quarter building of the Korean National Association of North America, located at 1308 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles. The mainland Korean raised $7,000 for this house.

XMAS PROGRAMME

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There is a tradition of sending gifts to friends and family on Christmas Day in Korea. This is a time to express gratitude to loved ones and give a token of appreciation.

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PERSONAL NEWS

Bunker Kim of Wahiawa has been appointed editor-in-chief of "The Pine Parade," a quarterly paper issued by the Hawaiian Pineapple Co.

Miss Mary Whang, for several years organist for the Fort St. church, will sail for Berkeley, on Matsumoto, January 6 to further her music study in the University of California.

Walter Lee, instructor at Hilo Intermediate school, spent the Xmas recess with his parents in Kahuku, Kauai. He had not seen them for years.

Kenneth Yoon, former president of Honolulu C. E., is now connected with Lihue post office construction project and is temporarily residing in Kauai.

Soon Nahm Ahn, teacher at Kalaikaua, is perhaps one of the busiest men in town. Besides teaching at Kalaikaua, he serves as deacon at the Nuuanu Y. superintendent of Methodist Sunday school, director of Christian church choir, instructor at Shin Heung language school and adviser of Jean Myung Whei.

Walter Jung, known among his intimates as "the Dynamo" has recently established a tailors shop at Hickam-field.

Young Ok Kang, Korean radio genius, is now affiliated with KGMB as a technician.

Young Oon Ow, the Korean to graduate from the local University in 1934, made his annual pilgrimage to town last month to attend the sugar chemists' conference. Mrs. Oon Ow, miss Bunsy Hsiu, accompanied her husband.

John Woo (Woo Byung Ok) is here for the second time from San Francisco for his health. Mr. Woo is an expert hat manufacturer.

Ernest Kho, alias "Pop" who returned from California a few months ago, is now connected with the Honolulu Print shop as assistant business manager.

James Yoon, son of Hon. Yoon Byung Koo of New York, who braved the waves of the Pacific to Hawaii several months ago, is now attending the University of Hawaii, working during after hours at Plantation hotel.

Young Chan Yoon, formerly a shoe-maker at Schofield Barracks, is now a movie projector operator at Wahpui theater, making his home at Pearl City.

Miss Ellen Cha, sister of Young Hyun Cha of Hilo, returned from New York city not long ago after completing a course in Library science at Columbia University. Since her return, she gave a number of lectures at young people gatherings recruiting her to her profession in the States.

Mrs. Sarah Yang, instructor at Kawanakaa intermediate school, was one of the select few who were privileged to compile materials for school curriculum for use in Island educational centers.

Kyoung Hoe Kim, 11-year-old daughter of Kim Pakh Won of Camp 84, Kasia, died of food poison, Dec. 24, and was buried in Nuanau cemetery the following day. The sad news so suddenly that an unexpected University Club Meeting

Don't forget the next meeting at the home of V. S. Lee, 1034 Alawa Drive, Friday evening, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers and check-up on Xmas seal sale will be taken up.

--Dr. Y. P. Kang, Pres.

Delta Frat Meeting

The next monthly meeting of Delta Fraternity will be held at the house of Peter Kim, Kaimuki, Saturday, Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to come.

--William Choy, Pres.

K.C.I. LAUNCHES DRIVE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

A financial campaign to raise $250 has been launched by the Korean Christian Institute last month and reports of appeal went out to hundreds of Koreans and Americans, according to Miss Ailda Winkmann, chairman of the finance committee.

This money, according to Dr. Rhee, principal of the school, will be used to enlarge the kitchen, replace beds, mattresses and install necessary equipment in all the cottages. Donations may be remitted to Choong Livingston, treasurer, at Children's service association, 1014 S. Beres-

EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTES

Fifty-four members and friends enjoyed a delightful social and dance at the Fort St. parsonage, Dec. 30 evening. The crowd seated in a huge circle played games under Esther Lee and danced to the music of piano, guitar, and saxophone furnished by Miss Mary Moon, Edgar Clark and Sun Ok Lee.

Just think—$9.00 worth of refreshments consisting of sandwiches, coffee, punch, cakes and cookies were consumed by the hungry mobs! Miss Mary Oh Young prepared the food and Mr. Daniel Park raised the "dough." With a total membership now of 51, the largest in history, the Epworth league is really going places this year. The weekly turn-out is so encouraging that the leaders are wondering where lies the cause for the sudden burst of enthusiasm. One of the contributing causes, they found out, was the installation of a volleyball court at the church yard for night games. At a cost of $25, the gift of a "friend," lighting systems were installed and two balls procured. The other Sunday evening, our team entertained the Korean University club with a game and beat them badly. They have hurled a challenge to any other organization for night games here.

had to be performed to determine the cause.

Miss Stella Lee, daughter of Rev. Henry D. Lee of Wailuku, is studying at Canons Business College this year.

Miss Mary Oh Young, secretary for three Korean clubs, is serving as stenographer at the capital building. She uses Gregg shorthand.

Dr. Gilbert Yang, Dr. Gilbert Halm, both dentists from U.S.C. as well as Mrs. Mary Hong Park are connected with the Palama Settlement.

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