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### EDITORIALS

### ANNIVERSARIES

October is a month of anniversaries at the Chung Mei Home.

As indicated on the cover, this is the first number of volume six of the Chung Mei Chronicle, which means that we celebrate THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF OUR LITTLE PAPER. The first number, appearing in October 1928, was a single undecorated sheet containing news items concerning the home. Our paper has grown, and we are happy over its record. It has made for us many friends who not infrequently have written in to tell us they enjoy reading it, and thus have encouraged us to continue its publication. From time to time it has brought in from our readers small sums of money - and some not so small. It helped us pay for our land, and has contributed substantially to our building fund. We mail out about seven hundred copies every month. These go mostly to the Bay district and other California points; but quite a large number go to various parts of the United States, and a few find their way to foreign lands. It is read on four of the five continents-America, Europe, Asia, Africa. Won't some one send us a subscriber from Australia? We are exceedingly grateful for the kind reception our journalistic efforts have met with in the past, and we trust that we may be able to make our publication more interesting and inspiring as the months come and go.

This month, as all our friends know, we also celebrate THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CHUNG MEI HOME. In the last issue we gave a brief sketch of the history of the home; and on another page of this issue will be found an account of our tenth anniversary celebration held on the 7th and 8th. The past ten years have in many respects been a struggle; but they have also brought us great joy and satisfaction as we have seen the child grow, stand upon his own feet and develop into lusty boyhood. We face the future, not unmindful of the many problems and the greatness of the task ahead of us, but nonetheless with courage and faith.

On October 10, 1911, in the city of Wuchang, the heart of industrial China, occurred the event which led to the revo-

lution, which in turn culminated in the overthrow of the Manchu Dynasty and the establishment of the Chinese Republic. Thus October 10 became China's "Independence Day," spoken of by the Chinese as the "Ten-Ten celebration." This day, not only in China, but wherever any considerable sized Chinese community exists, is always marked by parades, patriotic exercises, etc. - very much like our Fourth of July.

October 1933 marks THE TWENTY\*SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. During the brief twenty-two years of its existence all has not been smooth sailing with this youthful republic - far from it. The largest and oldest nation on earth, which in spite of its splendid civilization and culture was deplorably backward, has been endeavoring to adjust itself to modern civilization, and to take its place in the front rank of the family of nations. And this in the face of the greatest obstacles to progress that have ever faced any nation.

But in spite of all China carries on, and will carry on, until that day when she will take her rightful place among the foremost nations of the world.

Long live the Republic of China!

## OUR FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

We had hoped in this issue to be able to announce the inauguration of the financial campaign for the raising of sufficient money to enable us to erect a new and adequate plant upon our five-acre site in El-Cerrito. However, for certain reasons that we cannot go into here, it seems necessary to defer the opening of our campaign until after Christmas; but that is surely the deadline - for within a year we may be without house and home; and twelve months is certainly a short time in which to raise a large sum of money and erect a new building. In the meantime we trust that our friends will be keeping us in mind and preparing to make us a substantial donation when the time comes.

# \* \* \* \* \* \* CAN YOU BEAT THIS?

We have just heard of an organization in this very state that has received a bequest of \$100,000.00 for the building of an orphanage. The said organization has no orphans, and if it builds will have to go out and look for some. Chung Mei Home has fifty boys under its roof, and is in touch with many others whom it cannot receive because of the lack of funds to care for them. In addition to this it needs \$100,000.00 for the erection of a new plant. They have the money but no orphans; we have the boys but no money. Can you beat that?

C. R. S.

# A BOWL OF CHOP SUEY Margaret G. Thomsen

On Friday night, September 22, the boys attended a Sunday school party at the First Baptist Church of Berkeley.

Miss Luella adams of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School spoke at our Sunday evening service on September 24. Her talk was splendid, and we are already looking forward to her coming again soon.

On the night of September 27 we presented our Chung Mei Review at the African M. E. Zion Church of Oakland.

We have also been happy to have ir. Fred Owens of the Divinity School for a speaker on two occasions.

As most of our readers know, the Northern California Baptist Convention met at the First Baptist Church of Oakland during the first week of October. On Tuesday night the Chung Mei boys appeared on the convention program, singing a group of special numbers. Two of the smallest boys appeared again on Thursday afternoon representing Chung Mei Home as one of the projects of the San Francisco Bay Cities Baptist Union.

We are always happy to have friends visit our home, and to have new people visit us and become our friends. We enjoyed the visit of Miss Adams and her girls from the Divinity School, and also a number of friends who were attending the convention.

The Chung Mei Cadets always take a real part in the civic and patriotic affairs of Berkeley. On the night of October 6, with their drum and bugle corps and color bearers, they marched in the NRA parade. One paper said they were a colorful group with their "rum and bugle corps." We hope it wasn't as bad as all that.

Officer Fraser of the Berkeley Police Department brought us some interesting films on Alaskan life, and also a comedy.

We welcome to our Board of Governors the following new members: Mr. J. E. Monroe, Mr. G. L. Sargent, Mr. Edward Camp, Mr. H. H. Glessner and Mr. Sam Haycraft.

For weeks before the 7th of October the boys were busy cleaning up the yard, getting all the wood cut up and stacked away in the shed, etc. Those who attended our anniversary celebration can have no real idea of the hours of labor expended upon the yard for this occasion,

We are indebted to Mr. Harvey Lyon for the use of five hundred chairs for our celebration. We greatly appreciate his fine cooperation in this respect.

As a climax to our two days of celebration the cadets appeared again at the First Baptist Church Oakland at the our

Lieut. Edward Tong and Pte. Chester Wong, "the long and the short of it," came before the church and radio audience of KTAB on Sunday morning to announce our afternoon program of that day. We could not see Chester over the radio, but the Lieutenant made a fine announcement.

We are not superstitious. This paper goes to press on Friday the 13th.

We wish hore to express our thanks to the many friends who gave of their time and service to help make our anniversary a success.

### PERSONALS Edward H. Tong

We were mighty glad to have a large number of our alumni with us during the celebration of our tenth anniversary. Their presence served to emphasize the importance and value of the Chung Mei Home. Those present were: Walter Lim, Benjie Wu, Frank Louie, Lincoln Chan, Jack Young, Harry Fong, Roger and Bobby Lee, Charlie Tom, Goodman Loy, George Fong, Thomas Gee, Donald Hall, Harold Ong, Frank Kwok, Willie Gee, Robert Fong, Paul Lee, Victor Young, Albert Young and John Wu.

Those who saw the fancy cake on exhibition in the staff living room may have wondered who was responsible for it. It was the work and gift of one of our alumni, David Gee, who although unable to come himself sent it as a token of his honor and respect for his Alma Mater.

Bing Crosby will need to look to his laurels, for two talented Chung Mei singers who have recently joined the Edison Glee Club are out to give him stiff competition.

Wayland Chan has proved himself worthy of a trusted position. He is serving as bank teller for his class.

Johnson Chan and John wu have left the home to make a living for themselves in the world. Good luck, fellows!

Johnson, as his parting legacy to the home, prepared the picture on our cover. Winston, our new artist, did the lettering and did the stencil for the whole thing.

Mrs. Morrice has returned from a pleasant and restful vacation at Mt. Hermon.

Miss Richert is now on her vacation at her home in Reedley.

The latest arrival in the home, and also the youngest member of our family, is Clarence Chan, alias "Cowboy," age three years and three months.

Richard Chin, by reason of the mumps, lost out on the entire anniversary cele-

# OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY Margaret G. Thomsen

For those who did not have the opportunity of being with us on our tenth anniversary we are writing this little sketch in order that all may share with us, to some extent, the thrill of that occasion.

The boys had worked hard getting the yard into shape, and with strings of varicolored pennants around the yard, and the platform at the extreme rear decorated with greens and bunting, our old place took on a festive air.

The program on Saturday was opened with stirring march music by the Edison Jr. High School Band of sixty pieces, directed by Mr. Carl Schott.

Then onto the field marched the Chung Mei Cadets, led by their drum and bugle corps and color party. It was a thrilling and inspiring sight, even to those who had seen them many times before; and the effect cannot be described in words. Lieut. Col. Wm. C. Vest and Major Gus Ringole reviewed and inspected the cadets, and Major Ringole addressed them with words of commendation and admonition, after which they drilled under the command of Lieut. Edward Tong to music by the Edison band.

Other musical numbers on the program were - an instrumental selection by the Chue Quartette, singing by the girls of the Ming Quong Home, a solo by Albert Young (1925-33), and several selections by our own boys, including our tenth anniversary song "Onward and Upward," the words of which were written for this occasion by our Captain.

The Hon. C. L. Chan, Consul General of the Republic of China, brought greetings from the land of Cathay, and a splendid message for the boys. Other Chinese speakers were Mr. T. Y. Tang, president of the S. F. Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Mr. J. B. Lew representing the Chinese Y. M. C. A. Mayor E. N. Ament brought greetings from the city of Berkeley, and a message straight from his heart; while our pastor, Rev. Geo. Derbyshire of the First Baptist Church of Berkeley, spoke earnest words of appreciation of the value of the home. Mr. H. H. Glessner, principal of the Edison Jr. High School called special attention to the boys' good citizenship at school. A brief historical sketch of the home was read by its founder and superintendent, Dr. Charles R. Shepherd, and was translated into Chinese by Rev. H. S. Lee, following which Rev. W. Earle Smith, chairman of the day, spoke briefly of the future. Another important event of this program was the speech by Willie Gee (known in the past as Red Herring of the Rib Tickler column) who represented the alumni. It was good to have Bill and a group of former Chung Mei boys with us again. Eight of these boys spent the night with us. It seemed like old times.

The Sunday program was similar to that of Saturday, the reviewing officers being Lieut. Col. E. J. Hardy, Lieut. Col. Dennis Daly, Major Maurice Draper and Capt. John Guerard. Among the speakers were Mrs. Carrie Hoyt representing the city of Berkeley, Rev. H. S. Lee representing the Chinese of Oakland and Dr. B. C. Wong the Chinese of Berkeley. These speakers were very fine. Willie Gee again represented the alumni and captivated the audience with his wit; and Rev. Harold Camp of the First Baptist Church of Oakland speke in behalf of the churches of that city.

Albert Young again sang, and Victor Young, a former Chung Mei boy and at present a student at the university, sang beautifully the song "My Wonderful Chung Mei Home," the words of which were written by our superintendent to the tune of "Wonderful Mother of Mine."

The Chinese Community Chorus of San Francisco, under the leadership of Miss Maude Dunn, charmed the audience with their singing.

The historical sketch was again read by Dr. Shepherd, at the close of which the fine group of twenty-one alumni were introduced and came to the front as their names were called in the order of their entrance into the home. How we did enjoy seeing so many of them together again.

We appreciated the presence of our friends, American and Chinese, at this time and also the many expressions of congratulation and good wishes, as well as the birthday gifts sent in by a few groups and individuals. Among those gifts we would like to mention three ten dollar checks, given by the girls of the Square and Circle Club, Miss Donaldina Cameron and another friend; also a pair of Chinese book ends from the Chinese Episcopal churches of San Francisco and Oakland, a Chinese vase given by Mrs. Chan Gum and a chair for our living room by a group of Chinese friends.

And now we hope and pray that it will not be long before we can invite our many friends to attend ground-breaking exercises upon the Chung Mei acres.

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### THANKSGIVING

As the Thanksgiving season was approaching a Sunday School teacher was asking to the members of her class to enumerate some of the things they had to be thankful for. The members of the class were little girls, and somehow the conversation ran to personal appearances. One little girl said she thanked God for her chestnut hair, another for her golden curls, another for her blue eyes, another for her two dimples, etc. Finally it came to the last little girl, but there was no response. This little girl had red hair, a freckled face and a turned up nose. The teacher coaxed. "Haven't you anything to thank God for, Mary?" she said. "No," replied Mary disconsolately. "I've got nothing to be thankful for. God mighty near ruined me."

And yet Mary still had a healthy body, loving parents, a good home, wholesome food to eat, a helpful school life and a good chance to get on in the world. She still had much to be thankful for.

In these days there are many who think they are "mighty near ruined" or completely so. They have perhaps lost their money in poor investments. They may be without employment. They may find it impossible to make ends meet. They may sometimes be hungry. And yet, if they still have healthy bodies, sound minds and a chance to start over again in life, they have much to be thankful for.

If this be true, how much more grateful and truly thankful should be those others who have not lost their fortunes, great or small, who still have their jobs, their warm comfortable homes, wholesome nourishing food, who have not felt the pinch of poverty and the bitterness of want in these days of such universal suffering. Should such as they complain at any of the minor hardships they may be called upon to bear? Should not, indeed, their hearts overflow with thanks? Indeed, should they not even be more than thankful? Should they not be willing and even anxious to show forth their gratitude and thanksgiving by seeking out some less fortunate ones and sharing with them some of the material blessing which they have received, to the end that these others may also have cause for thanksgiving?

Says the Psalmist, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" Then, answering his own question, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people." But that does not tell us enough, for we do not know what his vows were. We like better the idea of the Man of Galilee, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none, and he that hath meat, let him do likewise."

We who suffer not the pangs of poverty, who still have employment, a roof over our heads, enough to eat and a margin against need, let us think on these things, and accordingly express our thankegiving in a practical way when the Community Chest knocks at our door.

C. R. S.

### A NEW IDEA IN CHARITY

Recently three men, having at heart the welfare of a certain charitable institution, and desiring financial assistance that they might make the work of their institution more far-reaching and effective, called upon the president of the Community Chest in a city not far from San Francisco and asked to be included among those receiving aid from the Chest. In a home that was certainly luxurious, if not exactly palatial, they sat and made known their needs; and from the lips of this man who bore ample evidence of living in plenty, they heard an astonishing new theory. "How much money do you spend in this town?" he asked them. "What do you do for the business men of this city from whom you are asking assistance? It is not enough that you are doing charitable work and rendering assistance to those who are in need. If I am to present your claims to the Chest I must have a statement of just what you are spending in this city. Charity for charity's sake is all very well in theory, but in practice it is different. The business man, when he gives to charity, wants to know what he is going to get out of it."

This man may be correct, but we are still too foolishly idealistic, and have too much faith in human nature to belive that he is. Furthermore, we do not believe he expresses the sentiment of the majority of those he is supposed to represent. We are of the opinion that the business men of that city would resent being thus represented. How unfortunate that such a man should be elevated to such a position. But, for the welfare of those in need, and for the future stability of our civilization, how fortunate - how exceedingly fortunate - it is that there are few such men in such positions. We wonder what such an one would have to say if brought face to face with Him who said "do good and lend, hoping for nothing again." C. R. S.

# A BOWL OF CHOP SUEY Margaret G. Thomsen

On Wednesday morning, October 11, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Northern California Baptist Convention, together with leaders from the Bay Cities Churches, was held at the Chung Mei Home. Dr. Bowler of the Board of Missionary Cooperation presented the "Live it Through" campaign in preparation for the national team which would come later. At the same time plans for the new Chung Mei building were discussed.

The Chung Mei Cadets marched in the Parade of the Golden Dragon in San Francisco on October 14. This parade was a part of the Jade Festival, which was for the purpose of raising money for the Chinese Hospital.

On Sunday evening, October 15, the boys again presented the vesper program at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland.

A large number of the boys had the opportunity of seeing the Royal Scot as she passed through the University Avenue station in Berkeley.

At the annual ingathering of the Berkeley Needlework Guild, held at the Twentieth Century Club on October 26, the boys sang a group of songs, and Captain presented the work of the home. We were glad to do this, to show in a small way our appreciation of the splendid donation we receive each year from this group.

Our Senior boys were again the guests of the Ming Quong girls at a Hallowe'en party given at their home on Friday night, October 27. The boys went in costume, and all seemed to enjoy the evening spent with these friends.

Saturday evening, October 28, another group of boys enjoyed a Hallowe'en party given at the First Baptist Church in Berkeley.

All but the four youngest members of our family attended the First Baptist Church of Berkeley on Sunday evening, October 29. Miss Donaldina Cameron of San Francisco gave the message, and the boys sang. Miss Cameron also presented us with a new member for our family - namely, Harry Wong.

And still more parties! On Hallowe'en night the Seniors staged a party of their own in the dining room. And such a party! The boys who were in charge are to be congratulated upon their splendid management of the games, refreshments, etc. There was not a dull moment during the whole evening.

Saturday night, November 5, fifteen of the older boys attended a party in San Francisco, and also had a good time.

### PERSONALS Edward H. Tong

We are glad to welcome Miss Richert back from her vacation.

Five of our boys took part in the school concert in observance of American Education Week in the Men's Gymnasium building at the University on the afternoon of Sunday, November 5. The musical numbers were given by massed bands and glee clubs composed of Berkeley High School and Jr. High School students. Winston Wong and John Shepherd were among the drummers in the massed bands. Oliver Chin, Roland Chew and Robert E. Lee sang in the united glee clubs.

George Hall and Oliver Chin make dandy looking girls. These two masqueraded and impersonated the opposite sex at the Ming Quong Hallowe'en party and at the Presbyterian Mission party in San Francisco. One of the girls, looking at Oliver, was heard to ask, "Gee, who's that tough looking girl?"

Our family has increased fourteen percent during the last month. The newcomers are: Donald Chiu, Gilbert and Willie Louie, Harry Wong, Fred Low, John Lee and David Young. Donald, John and David have recently arrived from China and can speak only a few words of English. They are learning rapidly, however, and will soon be able to speak readily. Gilbert and Willie are from Sacramento. Fred Low is an old timer, having been in the home once before; and Harry Wong is not entirely new to us, for he spent two weeks with us at our summer camp this year. Speaking of Harry, he makes up for Donald, John and David. That boy can talk the tail off a cat.

Allan Chan and George Chin have been promoted to the high seniors, Jim Jin and Peter Chung to the low seniors and Gordon Wong to the low intermediates.

The senior boys all contributed of their spending money to provide refreshments for a Hallowe'en party of which they took complete charge. Roland Chew and Oliver Chin prepared the refreshments, George Hall thought up the games. Everybody enjoyed the party.

Milton Tom had eleven A's and one B on his report card. He also has been awarded the Woodstock Typewriting Certificate in recognition of his passing a test in which he wrote thirty-five words a minute for fifteen consecutive minutes.

Harry Chan and Bobby Choy also brought home splendid reports, scoring five A's each.

Oliver Chin has been given a place on the unlimited team (basketball) at Edison Jr. High.

### CHRONICLE READERS' BUILDING FUND

Since our last published statement the following contributions have been received towards our fund:

Justice Jesse W. Curtis	\$ 25.00
Mrs. L. E. Kelly	25.00
Girls of the Square & Circle	10.00
Anne Other	10.00
Miss Donaldina Cameron	10.00
Miss Amanda Farrall	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Burleigh Sprague	5.00
Roseville Jr. B. Y. P. U.	4.50
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Miss Vey Darnell	1.00
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Order now through the Chung Mei Chronicle, and receive the benefit of the club offer.

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# RIB TICKLERS George Haw

Miss Richert: "When it rained forty days and forty nights, what happened?"

Frank Wong (from Los Angeles): "The people said the weather was very unusual."

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George Chin: "Hey, Philip, there's a dead fly in my soup."

Philip Lum: 'Sure, I know, George. It's the heat that kills them."

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once before."

Mrs. Seeburt: "Can anybody in the class tell me what a mummy is?" Peter Wang: (with a pleased grin) "I know, Miss Seeburt. It's a pickled queen."

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Tommy Chan (entertaining the Juniors):

"It was a dark and stormy night, and
the old engine was coming down the
tracks whistling, puffing and flapping its ears."

Richard Fong: "An engine hasn't got ears."
Tommy Chan: "Sure it has. Engineers."

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Miss Thomsen: "No, Norman, you can't have a hammer to play with. You will hurt your fingers."

Norman Leong: "No I won't, Miss Thomsen, Stanley Chan is going to hold the nails."

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A Friend: "Hello, old man. How you have changed. What makes you look so old?" Captain: "Trying to keep young." Friend: "Trying to keep young?" Captain: "Yeah. Fifty-five of them."

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The Bride, Dorothy Shepherd Fibush (to butcher): "I bought three or four hams here a month ago. They were very fine. Have you any more of them?' Butcher: "Yes ma'am. There are ten of those hams hanging right there."

The Bride: "Well, if they're all off the same pig I'll take three more of them

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### **EDITORIAL**

### OUR BUILDING CAMPAIGN

In our September issue we gave a brief, sketchy portrayal of the growth and development of Chung Mei Home, setting forth some of the salient facts in the history of the institution, reviewing the efforts which the boys themselves had made along the lines of self-help, and stating that we had come to the point where we faced a serious crisis. This crisis, we pointed out, arose from the fact that it had been determined that one of the approaches to the new \$72,000,000 San Francisco Bay bridge should pass right through our property, literally swallowing up the old frame building which for ten years has sheltered our large family of boys, thereby making it imperative for us to abandon our present quarters in the very near future.

We spoke then of two years as being the limit of time that we could hope to stay on in the old building; but since we made that statement negotiations with the Bay Bridge Commission have been completed. We have been given a square deal and a very fair price for our property; but we know now that we must be prepared to vacate that property within something less than eighteen months. The question now is, when the old home is vacated where and how shall our large family find shelter?

It has been suggested by some that temporary quarters might be provided until the financial situation of the country improves; but the State Board of Public Welfare has, during the past years, tolerated the continuance of this work in its exceedingly inadequate quarters merely as an emergency situation, knowing that there were plans for something better in the near future. It will not at this time approve of moving the boys into any other building that does not meet the state requirements, i.e., class A building, constructed of non-combustible material. And, further, such a move would, after all, be no real saving of money, but rather the contrary. Therefore, in spite of the fact that we would much prefer to wait for better times, we find ourselves facing the immediate necessity of going into a campaign to raise sufficient funds to erect a building adequate for our needs.

The state is paying us \$19,500 for our holdings, which, after we have paid off some indebtedness on house and priving will

leave us a net sum of about \$17,500. Ву the time we need this money interest will have brought it up to \$18,000. In addition to this we have slightly over \$2,000. in our building fund. In order to complete the building as planned we shall need an additional \$70,000. This is the sum that we are now setting out to raise from various sources, American and Chinese. We realize fully that this is a tremendous undertaking; and none appreciates more keenly than we do that it requires very great faith and no little courage to face such a task; but we have faith in God, faith in our friends and faith in the cause to which we are giving our lives; as to the courage we can only trust that we shall not be found wanting in that.

In sending out our call for assistance we base our appeal upon the following. First, that it is an emergency situation. Second, that the Chung Mei Home has never before made a general appeal to the public. Third, that the record that the institution has made in the matter of self-help is unique and challenging. Concerning the first two nothing further needs to be said; while the third is an oft-repeated story with which our readers are all well familiar.

We expect to start our actual appeal for funds soon after the first of the year. In the meantime, our machinery for the same is being set up. Our good friend, Judge Jesse W. Curtis, has consented to become general chairman of our campaign committee which will consist of one hundred outstanding persons; while other loyal friends are heading up sub-committees in the various localities. In due time there will be given to each one of our readers a definite opportunity to render us financial assistance in the great task we have undertaken; and we have faith to believe that when that time comes we shall not be disappointed, but that each one will seek to match, with his or her gift, the loyal efforts which our boys have already put forth. The Master said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." C. R.S.

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The writer had been talking with a group of the boys about the plans for the new building, the amount of money needed, the difficulty of the task, etc. Shortly thereafter there was a knock at his office door. In response to the call, "Come," there entered a timid but very serious looking little boy. "Captain," said an earnest young voice, "I haven't any money; but if you could find me a way to earn five dollars I would like to give it to the building fund." Is it any wonder that the writer felt a lump in his throat and a prickling sensation about the eyes as he answered, "That's fine, Ah Moy, I'll try to find you a job." C. R. S.

# A BOWL OF CHOP SUEY Margaret G. Thomsen

A large group of the boys took part on the program of the International Institute held at the Oakland Y. W. C. A. on November 9th.

In the evening of the same day a short program was presented at the First Baptist Church of Berkeley as part of a benefit performance staged by the young people of the church to help an Indian boy through Bacone College.

Saturday, November 11, the Chung Mei Cadets marched in the Armistice Day Parade in Oakland.

Our annual visit to the Thousand Oaks
Baptist Church took place Sunday evening,
November 26. As usual, we enjoyed our
visit to these good friends who always
remember us with their offerings at the
Thanksgiving season.

Our Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on Wednesday, November 29. Dinner of turkey and the regular accessories was thoroughly enjoyed, thanks to the ladies of the First Baptist Church of Berkeley. A real spirit of Thanksgiving pervaded our hearts as we realized the blessings that have been ours throughout this year.

Many of the boys went to San Francisco and Oakland to spend Thanksgiving Day with parents and friends. Those who remained at home went for a hike in the Berkeley hills in the afternoon, and were treated to the movie "Charlie Chan's Greatest Case" in the evening.

Last Sunday evening, December 3, we had a real treat here at Chung Mei. Rev. Holt of Burlingame brought us some interesting moving pictures which he had himself taken in various places. There were pictures of India, of Tahoe and the Summer Assembly, of our work among the Indians in California, of the building of the Boulder Dam, and, last but not least, pictures in color of the Chung Mei Cadets in uniform, taken on one of their visits to Burlingame. We also had with us Mr. and Mrs. Dalton of Burlingame. Mr. Dalton played the piano for us - and ban he play! We hope these friends will come back again soon.

We have had a good many meetings here lately - Board meetings, special committee meetings, etc. - to plan and set up machinery for our campaign. There has also been much poring over plans in an effort to get in all necessary details.

We have also been exceedingly busy practicing for our new musical production which we expect to present early in the year.

### PERSONALS Edward H. Tong

The latest addition to our family is Charlic Louie who arrived three days ago. He didn't have an American name so Captain gave him his.

Paul Lee and Albert Young visited us on Sunday, November 26. They both went with us to the Thousand Oaks Baptist Church at night where we conducted our annual service. Albert Young, who when he was in the Home was called the Chung Mei Nightingale and whose sweet soprano voice lingers with him, sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and the "Rainbow Song." It was good to see Paul Lee's smiling face again. He is now on the high seas on his way to China, and we trust that all will be well with him. One thing we know, that if Paul is given a chance he will make good.

Walter Lim, Arthur Deah and Frank Kwok were with us for Thanksgiving dinner. Frank arrived quite late, and came in for considerable razzing. He didn't seem to mind it though. Maybe he didn't "know what it was all about."

Our Chinese teacher, Mr. Li, and our pianist, Rosalind White, also took Thanksgiving dinner with us.

Roland Chew graduates from Edison Junior High this semester.

Billy, Jack and Frank Wong and Hubert Leong graduate from Lincoln Grammar School.

Mrs. MacIntosh, wife of the Rev. Wm. Mac Intosh of the Central Baptist Church, San Francisco, spent the day with us last Tuesday. All other pastor's wives are cordially invited to follow her example.

Winston Wong is our new artist. Many fine things have been said about his first piece of work - namely, the "Mayflower" on last month's issue.

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### RIB TICKLERS

.Warren Young: "Doctor, why does the small cavity in my mouth feel so big to my tongue?"

Dr. Hahn: "Just the natural tendency of your tongue to exaggerate, I suppose."

Small Girl: "Mother, if I grow up, will I have a husband like Daddy?"

Mother: "Yes, dear."

Small Girl: "And if I do not get married, will I be an old maid like Aunt Susan?" Mother: "Yes, my dear."

Small Girl: "Well, I am in a fix."

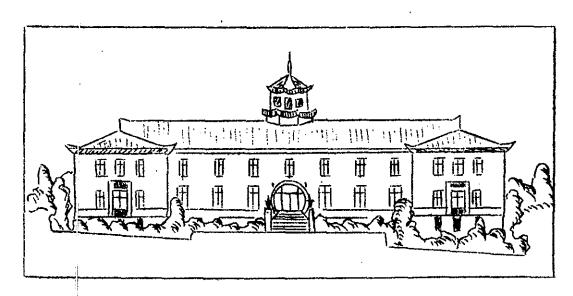
A man sat down in an exclusive restaurant and pointing to a line on the French menu card said to the waiter, "Give me some of that."

"Sorry, sir," replied the waiter, "but the orchestra is playing that now."

Mrs.---"Well, did you read the letter I sent you?"

Chung Mei Boy: "Yes, ma'am, I read it said and outside. On the inside said, 'You are fired,' but on the outside it said, 'Return in five days,' so here I am."





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### I AM THE NEW YEAR

I am the New Year.

I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned during another twelve months about life.

All that you sought and found not are hidden in me, waiting for you to search it out with a more single purpose.

All the good that you tried for and achieved not is mine to grant when your effort be less hindered by conflicting desire.

That which you dreamed but dared not; all that you hoped but willed not; the faith that you claimed but had not — these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened at the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to give yourself in a new allegiance and understanding to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

I am the New Year.

-- Percy R. Hayward.

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### EDITORIAL

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our wish, that 1934 may be a happy and prosperous year for our readers, is none the less sincere though we may be a little late in expressing it. Indeed, it is our ardent hope that all who read these lines may find in this new year more joy, more real happiness, more prosperity and more satisfaction than life has brought to them in any year that is past.

As a New Year greeting to our friends, we have, on our cover page, reproduced from the latest issue of Young People, a message from the pen of P. R. Hayward. Mr. Hayward's message is so beautiful and forceful that we feel we could not improve it by any comments of our own. We would, however, like to add just this one thought. We do not know, and can not tell, what this year may have in store for any of us; but of this one thing we are quite certain; the greatest joy and the most real satisfaction that the year 1934 has to give will be bestowed upon those who, throughout the year, seek constantly opportunities to serve humanity, to make the burdens of others lighter and to bring joy into the lives of those about them. In other words, he who would get the most out of the year 1934 must put the most into it. A year of service to God and humanity will be indeed a happy year.

C. R. S.

### JONES LEM

He came to us in 1925, a queer little fellow who could speak scarcely a word of English.

He stayed with us until 1929, having made splendid progress in school and developed into a remarkably intelligent boy. In 1932 he returned to China, a fine, upstanding, Christian young gentleman.

Recently from his father we learned that our young friend had quietly passed away in the peacefulness of his native village.

We loved Jones Lem. We honor his memory.

# CHRISTMAS AT CHUNG MEI

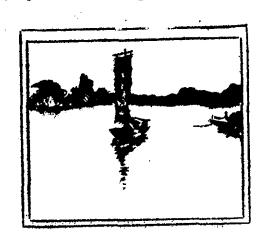
How time does fly! It seems but yester-day since our last Christmas celebration. One of our boys remarked some time ago, "You know, when I was young a year was a long time to wait for Christmas; but now that I am old a year is no time at all."—He is thirteen years of ago.

Well, depression or no depression, our friends certainly stayed gallantly by us, and each boy was made happy by receiving what his heart desired. Does that sound selfish? Then let me tell you something. Many of our boys who receive as little as a nickel a week for spending money have been saving that meager sum since camp in order to enjoy Christmas by spending on others. When Captain makes his annual Christmas appeal for some needy family they always respond most generously. The entire amount raised is not large, but we know that the Master knows and understands.

Now about our Christmas tree. We all gathered about it on Saturday evening, December 23, the boys singing lustily to welcome Santa Claus. Some of our good friends who had helped to make possible the fulfilling of the hopes of our growing family met with us. Never were Christmas carols sung more sweetly than our boys sang them, for tense and excited as they were they rendered "Silent Night," "The First Noel," "Joy to the World" and other carols with genuine sweetness. To be sure they did let loose on "Jingle Bells," but that was appropriate anyway.

How can we thank all of you who made this such a happy occasion for our family? We are sure that your own Christmas was happier because of it. But how we wish you could have seen the bright faces and dancing eyes of your young friends. This was the first real Christmas some of them had ever known, and it was a joy to look into those faces so full of happy wonder.

Through these days we have prayed that the lessons learned from day to day leading up to the birthday of our Christ may ever remain with them and bring them closer to our Father, awakening in them grateful love for His wondrous gift to mankind.



# A BOWL OF CHOP SUEY Margaret G. Thomsen

We have had a very happy holiday season in spite of the rain and cold weather. It has not been all play, however, for we have utilized some of this extra time in practicing for "Zandavia," and in doing many other things aside from the regular holiday preparations.

Because of some of the Berkeley schools' being condemned as earthquake hazards, our boys are having to clout in at new schools next week. We all feet baily about this, for he have enjoyed our contacts with the Edison and Lincoln teachers and principals. However, we are expecting to make the best of the situation until the buildings are made safe again.

Our annual visit to the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church was made on the morning of December 10. The service was greatly enjoyed by the boys, and we have since been enjoying the good things brought for us at that time.

The quarterly birthday party was held on Saturday evening, December 16. The birthday boys, as usual, presented a clever little stunt.

At a meeting of the woman's organization of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, held at Westminster House on the afternoon of December 21, the boys presented a short program of home songs and Christmas music, and Captain presented the work of the Home in a brief message. The tea and cake, especially the cake, served at the close of the meeting were much appreciated by the boys, and we also enjoyed the fine fellowship of this splendid group of women.

This has been a much partied vacation, as is usual at this time of the year.

Most of the younger boys attended the Post Enquirer party, an annual affair, held at the Civic Auditorium on the morning of December 21. A number also attended the Sunday School party of the First Baptist Church of Berkeley. Still another group enjoyed the annual Christmas party given by the Chinese Congregational Church of Berkeley.

But we have also had some very special parties here at Chung Mei. The senior group sponsored, and carried out themselves, a party for the Senior girls of Ming Quong Home. It was a most enjoyable affair.

As a Christmas treat to the boys of their dormitories, Mrs. Morrice and Eddie Tong gave another party on the evening of December 30. A group of Ming Quong girls were also guests on this occasion. It was a very specially nice party, and both boys and girls enjoyed it immensely. The boys at least are looking forward to another in the not too distant future.

The Christmas program of the Berkeley First Baptist Sunday School was held on Synday evening, December 24. The Chung the boys all attended the service, while a few took part.

The boys who have sisters at Ming Quong made their annual pilgrimage on Christmas morning.

An enjoyable evening was spent, December 28, by the older boys and the girls of the Square and Circle Club at Captain's home, practicing and getting acquainted.

On New Year's Eve, after going to bed for a few hours, we got up and went, in our bus, to screnade the girls at Ming Quong. We expected them to be asleep; but, no, they were seeing the New Year in also, and invited us in to have tea and cookies.

### PERSONALS Edward H. Tong

The following new boys have entered the Home since our last publication: Victor and Herbert Wong, who are brothers. Henry Chin, and Ronald Chow who is the brother of Leonard and Raymond Chow.

Jim Lee sailed for China on Friday, December 29. We have faith in Jim, and believe that he will make good in China.

It is with the deepest regret that we report the death in China of Jones Lem (1925-28).

The coming of new boys has necessitated the promotion of the following boys to higher dormitories: Raymond wong and Peter Chung to High Senior, Tommy Chan and Jack Wong to Low Senior, Frank Wong, Hubert Leong and Billy Wong to High Intermediate, Hubert Yee, Peter Wang and Henry Lowe to Low Intermediate.

Edward Lem had the misfortune several weeks ago to collide with an automobile and break his leg. We are thankful it wasn't his neck. It might easily have been. X-rays taken recently show that the fracture is mending nicely. It will not be long now before Edward will be able to hobble around on crutches.

During the month we have enjoyed visits from Willie Gee, Frank Kwok and Benjie Wu. Our doors are always open to our alumni, and we are always glad when they drop in to see us.

We are glad to get a letter from Mr. Gee who is in the sanitarium at Livermore, and to know that his condition is improving.

An interesting letter has been received from Howard Deah, who is attending Pool Ching Baptist Academy in Canton, China, and taking an active part in the Oversea B. Y. P. U. there.

### IT HAPPENED IN ZANDAVIA

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It is fully expected that this performance will surpass anything Chung
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Charles R. Shepherd - as... The General
Edward H. Tong - as..... The Major
George R. Haw - as... the funny soldier
Annie Chan as the even funnier nursemaid

All working their heads off to entertain you and help the Chung Mei Building Fund

WATCH FOR THE DATES

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# RIB TICKLERS Geo. Haw

Stanley Tom and George Chan stopped before the window of a restaurant in which was the sign "Iunch from 11 to 2 - 30¢."

"Let's go in here," said stanley, "we can eat for three hours for 30¢."

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Cohen and his family sat down to dinner on Sunday. To his three boys Cohen said: "Now children, which of you would vant a nickel instead of meat for dinner?"

Each of the three decided in favor of the cash settlement, so Mrs. Cohen put the meat away. Then she brought in the pie and put it on the table.

"Now my children," inquired Cohen,
"how many of you vant a nickel's worth
of pie?"

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Eichard Fong (watching tray going to the hospital room) "Miss Richert, may I have the measles when Warren is through with them?"

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New Recruit (on sentry duty for the first time at night) "Who goes there?" Voice from the darkness: "The Officer of the Day."

Sentry: "Then what are you doing out at night?"

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Captain: "Is that all the work you can do in an hour?" Warren Young: "Well, Captain, maybe I could do more, but I never was much of a one for showing off."

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Enquiring one: "I hear your store was robbed last night. Lose much?"
Optimistic merchant: "Some; but it would have been worse if the burglars had come the night before. Yesterday I just finished marking everything down twenty per cent."

Teacher: "Ah Hing, this essay on "My Mother" is just the same as the one written by your brother, Ah Hong."

Ah Hing: "Yes ma'am. We have the same mother."

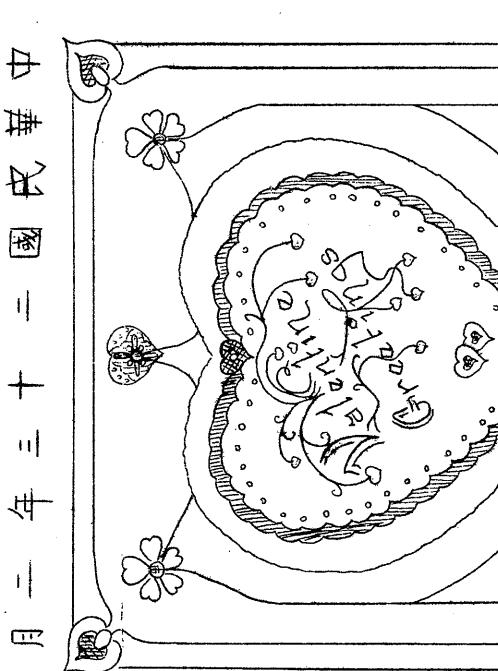
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The laziest man we ever knew was one called Will Nott. This fellow was too lazy to even sign his full name. He always signed it "Won't."

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### EDITORIAL

### "UNG CHEH"

There are perhaps but few readers, American or Chinese, who will recognize off-hand the meaning of these two words in the form in which they appear in the above caption; but, uttered in the right tone, they are recognized at once, by any Chung Mei boy, as words of great significance.

In their original application they belong to the past history of Chung Mei Home more than to the present; although, in actual practice, they are still sometimes employed. In spirit, however, they embody one of the outstanding traditions of the institution, and are today as characteristic as ever of Chung Mei morals.

Should this writer at any time suddenly appear in the presence of a group of Chung Mei boys, utter these two words, and then turn upon his heels, he would immediately be followed by every boy present. In like manner, should his voice be heard in the distance calling "ung cheh," every Chung Mei boy within hearing would at once hurry to his assistance.

Magic words? No, not exactly; but words with a wealth of significant meaning. They first came into prominent use way back in the days when the old dilapidated trucks, "Kentucky Babe" and "The Covered Wagon," were the only conveyances owned by the Chung Mei Home. These vehicles, tho' they rendered a great service at a time when the Home possessed nothing better, had a most exasperating habit of stalling, or refusing to function, just when most was expected of them. Upon such occasions, at the cry of "ung cheh" from the driver, every occupant of the truck would leap to the ground and proceed to "push the vehicle," this same being an exact translation of "ung cheh."

Times without number, in the past, when "Kentucky Babe" and the old "Covered Wagon" seemed cold and unresponsive to the perspiring efforts and earnest entreaties of the driver, the cry of "ung cheh" has brought many sturdy young shoulders and straining arms and legs to the rescue, with the result that somehow or other the Chung Mei boys eventually arrived at their destination. And today there are times when even faithful "Nancy Lee" or the majestic "Argonaut" develops some minor

malady, occasioning a temporary need of assistance, and the cry of "ung cheh" or "push the vehicle" meets with ready response from every member of the gang.

Now the call of "ung cheh" goes out in a new way from the heart of every member of the Chung Mei family. Never before was it so necessary for all to put their shoulders to the wheel and "push." Moreoever, for all their willingness, zeal and determination, the Chung Mei boys cannot this time "ung cheh" alone. They are straining at the wheel, struggling manfully to "push the vehicle"; but without assistance, and a large amount of it, they are powerless to reach their objective.

But a little more than a year remains before the sixty-three Chung Mei boys, and those who care for them, will be without a roof over their heads unless many, many friends come to the rescue and lend a hand in the great campaign of raising sufficient money to erect adequate new quarters. Chung Mei boys have never waited for some giant, or for a Samson, to come along and lift their trucks out of the hole. Each stalwart little man has put his own shoulder to the wheel and, all pushing together, results have been attained. They are not today waiting for some rich person to come along with a large gift and accomplish the task for them. They are manfully doing their part, and calling upon their many friends to match their efforts.

There are some who tell the Chung Mei boys that this is a bad time to raise money. To such persons the boys reply, "Are you telling us?" and with a grin continue pushing. There are others who tell the Chung Mei boys that they have troubles enough of their own, and cannot give any help until their own problems are all solved. To these the Chung Mei boys say, "Perhaps you are right, but us, now, we get a lot of kick out of helping others even though we have great problems of our own. We have earned money and sent it to famine-stricken and war-torn China. have helped Chinese missions and weak churches in this country. Altogether we have earned over \$1,300 and given it to others. Maybe you are right, though. Perhaps we should have kept this money to help meet our own needs. Maybe you are right - but only "maybe."

There are still others who say to the Chung Mei boys in this hour of emergency, "Yes, we know that your need is great, and we are ready to "ung cheh" with you." Judge Jesse W. Curtis of the Supreme Court of the State of California, out of his busy life is finding time to act as the General Chairman of the campaign among American friends, and he has associated with him more than one hundred outstanding persons who are ready to assist in this work to the best of their ability. Sub committees on either side of the Bay have been organized and are at work. Committees



are being organized in every Baptist church in the Bay district, and among other groups. In like manner our Chinese friends are rallying to the call of "ung cheh." Mr. Joe Shoong, president of the National Dollar Stores, Inc., another exceedingly busy man, has consented to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Chinese Campaign Committee, and is ably assisted by Mr. G. B. Lau of the Canton Bank. A committee of about forty representative Chinese are serving on this committee, We are profoundly grateful for this noble army of staunch friends who are already putting their shoulders to the wheel and calling to others to "ung cheh."

Yes, the Chung Lei boys know that this is a hard time to raise money. They know that there are many who are in great need themselves, and yet they believe that there are still a large host of persons who can and will help to the best of their ability, and they know that it is these many putting their shoulders to the wheel that will make possible the accomplishment coming and going - singing and laughing. of this great task.

And so from their hearts there goes out today this earnest appeal for assistance. Though you cannot give large gifts, give what you can. Help the Chung Mei boys to help themselves.

### UNG CHEH!

A BOWL OF CHOP SUEY Margaret G. Thomsen

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Part of the cast of "It Happened in Zandavia" spent a delightful evening practicing at the home of Beatrice and Muriel Lee. Another evening was spent at the home of Mrs. Annie Lee Chan, while other rehearsals have been held in various places.

On Sunday evening, January 7, the Chung Mei boys presented their program "The Chung Mei Home in Song and Story" at the vesper service of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Berkeley. Frank Wong and Hubert Leong sang beautifully "The Rainbow Song,"

Monday the 8th of January started the new school term - at new schools. The boys are getting along well at Columbus and Burbank, and are entering into the activities of the schools.

We were glad to see our good friend, Mr. Tweedy, again when he conducted the evening service for us on Sunday night, January 14.

On Thursday afternoon, January 18, a group of women from the First Presbyterian Church of merkeley held their regular

meeting here. Captain spoke to them about the Home, and at the olose of their meeting tea and Chinese cakes were served.

"The Chung Mei Home in Song and Story" was presented at the First Baptist Church of San Francisco on the night of Sunday, January 21. We enjoyed this service with our friend, Rev. Dawson, and his people. A door offering was received to pay our transportation expenses, and chocolate and cookies were served us downstairs at the close of the meeting.

We have received another carload of wood from Willits - fine Oak and Fir. The car arrived on Friday afternoon, the unloading started on Saturday morning, at nine o'clock, and was finished by 3 o'clock that afternoon. It was a real task too. While the largest boys loaded the heavier logs onto the truck, the medium sized and small boys carried one at a time over their shoulders or in their arms. There was a continual ant-like stream of boys When the truck was unloaded in the yard two boys stacked it up in neat tiers while the crew went back for another load. Several boys took turns acting as traffic officers at the point where those carrying the wood had to cross Ashby Avenue. Even the smallest boys did their share by picking up bark and chips. Never before have we made such record time in unloading. C. R. S. And now we have plenty of good Oak and Fir for your consumption. Give us a call -Berkeley 1240.

> A Chung Mei "fun" program was presented by the boys at the monthly meeting of the Berean Class of the Melrose Baptist Church on Friday night, January 26. An offering was received for our building fund.

> Five Chung Mei boys went with Captain to the Burlingame Baptist Church last Sunday night. Captain gave the message of the evening, and the five boys also had a part in the service.

A short program of music was presented by the boys at a meeting of the women of the Northbrae Community Church on the afternoon of January 30. Captain also gave a very brief talk.

Some months ago we asked if someone would send us a subscription for Australia. Within a very few days we did receive the subscription, so now our little paper is read on all five continents.

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### COMING VERY SOON

That stunning new musical production

IT HAPPENED IN ZANDAVIA

Tentative San Francisco date, March 9-10

### PERSONALS Edward H. Tong

John Wu and Eugene Soo Hoo paid us a visit recently. We are glad to know that they are both employed steadily and getting along well.

On a recent visit to San Francisco we encountered a number of our alumni, among whom were George Chow, Walter Lim, George Fong and Arthur Deah.

George Chow is hoping to get a job in the country.

Frank Hong, who has been attending Marin Jr. College, is hoping to enter the College of Mines in Denver, Colorado, in the near future.

Peter Chung and Fred Low have been moved up from Columbus Grammar School to Burbank Jr. High. Peter is especially pleased with this change.

Gilbert Louie and Robert E. Lee were elected President and Vice-President of their respective advisories. We trust that they will prove competent officers and worthy of the trust.

Two new boys have come to join our family. They are Roy and Bobby Wong from Monterey. That fills up the last bed in the house - the only other place now is the bathtub.

The following boys have been promoted to higher dormitories: Albert Wong to High Intermediate, Robert E. Lee and Wilfred Hall to Low Senior, Richard Chin and Harry Chan to High Senior.

Frank Seid, who recently returned from China, has secured a good job in San Francisco.

Harry Fong, a former Chung Mei Cadet, is employed at the New Canton Cafe, 418-13th Street, Oakland, which has its formal open-ing on Saturday, February 3.

Winston Wong has become a member of the orchestra at Burbank, and Richard Chin has joined the band.

Oliver Chin is a member of the indoor traffic squad, and Philip Lum belongs I to the Yard Squad at Burbank.

May Foon Wong came to visit her four brothers last Sunday, and Marie Lem came to see her brother Edward - he of the broken leg.

Edward Lem is making progress. The cast has been removed from his leg and he is looking forward to the day when he can get around on crutches. Poor Edward has had a pretty hard time. It is not easy to be patient so long.

# RIB TICKLERS George Haw

Captain: "Where were you boys when I called for you to help me an hour ago?"

Geo. Chan: "I was out in the yard setting a hen."

Henry Chan: "I was in the tool room setting a saw."

George Chin: "I was in the assembly room setting the clock."

Wayland: "I was down in the store room setting a mouse trap."

Captain: "You're a fine set, and where Jos" were you, Warren?"

Warren: "I was on the back stairs, setting still."

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Philip: (pointing to haystack) "What kind of a house is that?"

Eddie: "That's not a house, that's hay."
Philip: "Aw, you can't fool me. Hay
doesn't grow in a lump like that."

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Richard Fong: "How did Mrs. Chin Toy find our you didn't take a bath?"
Peter Wang: "I forgot to wet the soap."

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Miss McAllister: "Give me an example of a good pun."

Harry Chan: "On what subject, Miss Mc Allister?"

Miss McAllister: "Well, let's see, the King."

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Geo. Chin: "That driver ahead must be my algebra teacher."

Captain: "What makes you think so?"
Geo. Chin: "She seems so reluctant to
let us pass."

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Billy Wong: "Miss Thomsen, was Atlas a bad man?"

Miss T.: "Why no, Billy, what makes you ask that?"

Billy: "This book says he held up the whole world."

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Harry Wong: "Miss Richert, I've been stung by a bee."

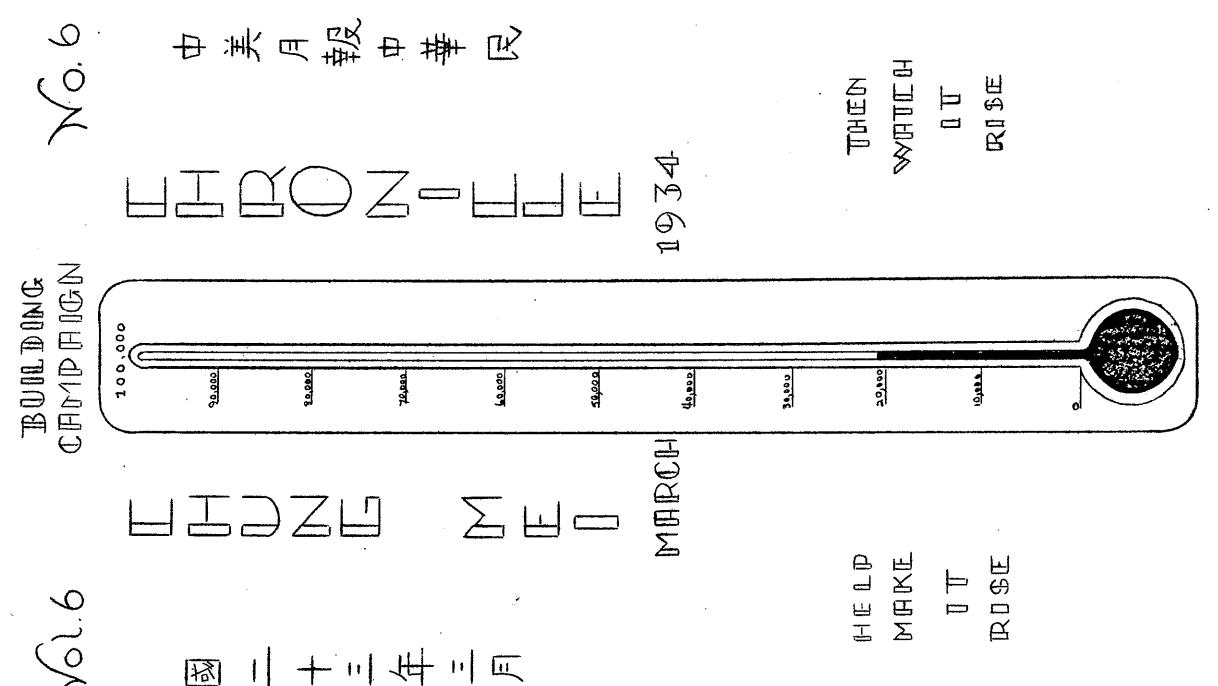
Miss Richert: "Come and I'll put some ammonia on it."

Harry: "I can't, Miss Richert, it's gone."

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Customer (severely) "What does this mean? There is a fly in the bottom of my tea cup."

Waitress: "How do I know? I'm a waitress, not a fortune teller."



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### EDITORIALS

### BUILDING CAMPAIGN GETS UNDER WAY

At last, after repeated delays and numerous discouragements, our building campaign is actually under way, and we are at grips with the tremendous task of raising sufficient money to adequately provide for our large and ever-growing family.

During the past six weeks a large amount of publicity material has been sent out. About three thousand persons have each received three letters, two circulars and a pledge card; and among that number are nine hundred readers of this little paper.

Returns are commencing to come in, slowly to be sure; but in a manner that causes us to believe that success will ultimately crown our efforts if our faith fail not, and we work hard and long at the task.

Actually a very, very small percentage of those who have received our publicity have responded to date; but almost all of those are readers of the Chung Mei Chronicle, and among these responses have been some most heartening and inspiring, because of the spirit in which they have come, and the sacrifice they have entailed. For instance, less than twenty-four hours after our first batch of letters went out, there came a check for \$100. Three other pledges of \$100 each have come from persons for whom it meant sacrificial giving. A good friend whose meager income scarcely provides her with the necessities of life, receiving the payment of an old debt, presented us with a check for \$25. Another loyal soul made a special trip from East Oakland to put into our hands a \$ 5 bill. This we know meant sacrifice. From one young woman came a pledge that amounted to her entire salary for six weeks. From a hardworking seamstress came a gift of \$20, while several smaller gifts have come from persons we do not know and have never seen.

On the last page of this issue will be given a complete record of all gifts and pledges up to the hour of our going to press, from which it will be seen that although we have made an encouraging start we have yet a long, long way to go.

Those who know us best, of course, and those from whom we have expected the most ready response, are the readers of our Chronicle. So far, only forty of our nine hundred readers have responded to our three letters and two folders. We are confident that there are many others who will respond. To you who have not yet responded we make this editorial our fourth letter. We are counting on you to do your very best to help us in our emergency. Another pledge card is being enclosed herewith. The terms on this card give a generous time limit in which to make payment. If we are to succeed in our undertaking, it will only be because our many friends come to our assistance and give - not as one man expressed it, "the spare cash you do not need, " but out of the generosity of their hearts, to the limit of their ability. The Chung Mei boys have surely done their part, and are still doing it. Every Saturday morning finds them working in the woodyard earning money to add to their fund, and constantly they come before the public, telling in song and story of the needs of the Home, and appealing for assistance. Will you not do your very best to help them now? C. R. S.

### THE TRUTH ABOUT CHINA?

Another foreigner has written a book on China. This time we are given the truth; at least that is what Ralph Townsend, author of "Ways That Are Dark," and his publisher, would have us believe; for, says the latter, Mr. Townsend is in a unique position to write such a book, inasmuch as he knows, as few foreigners know, the motives and miseries of the true four hundred million. All of which Mr. Townsend unblushingly admits, with the added implication that he is the first foreigner sufficiently well informed and bold enough te write the truth on the subject.

But what of the facts in the case? In the first place Townsend was in China less than two years, and learned all he knows about China during three months in the U. S. Consulate at Shanghai - a city more foreign than Chinese + less than a year in the consular service at Foochow, and a few hurried trips to other important centers. At no time did he live among the masses which he professes to understand so well; and the fact that, being employed in the consular service, his contacts were of course mainly with American citizens and a limited group of Chinese, makes obviously untrue and ridiculous the publisher's statement that "he had more first hand dealings with the Chinese every month than most foreign residents have in a lifetime."

In his opening pages the author tacitly admits that he knew very little about

China before going there, and naively implys that he gained much of his information from visits to the bookstores in Shanghai. He constantly employs such phrases as "I heard" and "I was told," while throughout the whole book, one who has lived in China is able to detect a rehash of all the old stock patter so readily picked up in hotel lobbies, club bars, etc. in the treaty ports. The result is that, instead of giving something new, as he promises, he presents in rather schoolboyish style 331 pages containing a vast amount of commonplace generalities about the Chinese, together with some well known facts relative to political corruption, civil war, disease, etc., to which he adds certain superficial contrasts between China A very enjoyable Valentine party was givand the West, and throws in, for good measure, a generous amount of misleading halftruths, inaccuracies and provincialisms, to refute which would require almost as many pages as the book contains.

To write intelligently about a people, one must understand them. To understand them, one must at least approach them with an open mind, endeavoring to discover their good points as well as their bad. In reading this book, however, it is not difficult for one who has lived in the Orient to discover that the author belongs to that class of foreigners which goes about China looking for things to condemn, seeing little beneath the surface, and unable to interpret or even understand much which it does see. Furthermore, by his own statements, he places himself among those foreigners who regard China as the legitimate prey of stronger nations, and who resent China's justifiable resentment at the presence of grasping and egotistical intruders. His outspoken contempt for the working class of China, his advocacy of the use of a stout walking stick, and other scurrilous remarks, are indicative of the character of the man. One wonders how our government came to appoint such a "barbarian" to a position of trust; but one is not surprised that he did not retain it long.

In short - a foreigner went to China; he knew little about the Chinese, took an instinctive dislike to them, made no effort to understand them, collected a certain amount of authentic material from books about them, added a vast amount of hearsay gathered from those of like mind with himself, and at the end of two short years wrote a book which is an aggregation and exaggeration of all the shortcomings of all the Chinese people, and a total and sweeping denial of their many virtues. is, indeed, an indictment of the whole race. This he presents as the truth about China. Perhaps the best explanation of the book is to be found in the author's own words on page 47, to-wit: "It is possible to say almost anything about the Chinese and have the statement true, and yet with proper modification decidedly untrue." "Ways That Are Dark" decidedly does not give the truth about China - far, far from C. R. S. it.

### A BOWL OF CHOP SUEY Margaret G. Thomsen

On February 3 the Chung Mei Cadets presented their program, "The Chung Mei Home in Song and Story," at the Richmond Baptist Church.

Sunday, February 11, was a busy day. cadets presented their program at the Twenty-third Avenue Baptist Church in the morning, and in the evening at the Westbrae Baptist Church. Due to the illness of the Captain, Eddie conducted the services. All did splendidly and cooperated to make these services a success.

en by the girls of Ming Quong, with Chung Mei Seniors as their guests. We enjoy these get-togethers a lot. Thank you, girls.

Tuesday afternoon, February 12, at a meeting of the San Francisco Bay Women's League of the Christian Church, the Chung Mei boys sang several selections, and the work of the Home was presented by Captain.

The plans for the Review and Inspection of the Chung Mei Cadets, sponsored by the Cathay Post American Legion, were badly broken into by the rain. However, an indoor inspection was finally arranged. We are very grateful for all the friends of the Legion, Chinese and American, who turned out to help us in spite of the weather.

"The Chung Mei Home in Song and Story" was presented at the Alameda Baptist Church on Sunday evening, March 3, and at the Swedish Baptist Church of Oakland on the evening of March 11.

### PERSONALS Edward H. Tong

Four of our boys, Milton Tom, Frank Wong, Tommy Chan, Billy Wong, are on the Honor Roll at Burbank Junior High. This means that they brought home all A's and B's on their last report card.

Word has also come to us that Benjie Wu -1923-32 - has been admitted to the Honor Society of the Berkeley High School.

Howard Deah, writing from Canton, China, where he is attending the Pui Ching Baptist Academy, says that he sometimes gets very homesick and lonesome for Chung Mei. We miss you, too, Howard, and wish you the best of luck.

Henry Lowe had the misfortune to break his elbow cap. The injury is not serious, however, and Henry is doing well. Speaking of broken bones, Edward Lem is now walking again.

George Chin, and six or seven other husky Chung Mei fishermen, landed a two-pound striped bass. Mrs. Morrice fried it in a pan - well, you know the rest.

# BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT To Date Cash and Pledges

Cash and Pledge	s
Sale of Land \$	17,247.38
Chung Mei Boys	2,427.00
Misc. small gifts prior	
to opening of campaign Mrs. J. F. Scott	109.75
Mr. H. P. Parks	100.00
Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Kelly	100.00
Rev. & Mrs. Geo. Derbyshire	100.00
Dr. L. S. Bowerman	100.00
Mrs. A. F. Hockenbeamer	100.00
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Miss Tien Foo Wu	10.00
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Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Johnson	5.00 5.00
Dr. Noel Keyes	5.00
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Dr. Hahn & Miss Owens	5.00
Mrs. R. E. Chambers	5.00
Miss Jennie A. Hall Maxwell Hardware Company	5.00 5.00
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Mrs. A. N. Other	3.00
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Mr. Patch & Sisters	2.00
Miss Charlotte Hayford	2.00
Mr. Walter E. Paul	2.00
Mrs. Egli & Daughter	1.00
Miss Margaret Burnham	1.00
Mr. A. C. Christman	1.00
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### RIB TICKLERS George R. Haw

Wing: "What would the logs in the woodyard say if they could talk?"

Wong: "Dunno."

Wing: "Come out and saw me some time."

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Peter Wang: "Shall I put two letters in this envelope, Captain?" Captain: "No, why should you?" Peter: "It says on it 'Mr. and Mrs. Brown.'"

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Dick Chin: "Quick, Miss Thomsen, there
is something without legs running
over the dormitory floor."

Miss Thomsen: "Goodness Dick, what is i

Miss Thomsen: "Goodness, Dick, what is it?' Dick: "Water, Miss Thomsen."

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Henry Chan: "Say, did you know Eddie had a hope chest?"

Winston Wong: "A hope chest? I thought only girls had those things. What's he got in it?"

Henry Chan: "About a hundred pairs of socks he hopes some one will darn for him some day."

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Peter Chung: "Captain, I've got something
I want to talk to you about."

Captain: "Good, Peter, usually you want
to talk to me about something you
haven't got."

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Fat woman: "Thank you, young man, a thousand times for giving me this ride."

Eddie: "Don't thank me, lady, I've just been working on the valves, and I wanted to see if my car could do these hills with a load."

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Mary: "Mother, why hasn't papa any hair?"
Mother: "Because he thinks so much, dear.'
Mary: "Why have you so much hair, mother?'
Mother: "Now run along, darling, and do
your lessons."

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A conjurer was announcing his act. "I have had letters of appreciation," he said from America, England, Ireland and Wales - and a postcard from Scotland."

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Tourist: "I've come here for the winter."
Californian: "You have come to the wrong
place, there's no winter here."

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### EDITORIAL

TIME PASSES SWIFTLY
BUT
MONEY COMES SLOWLY

As the days and months pass rapidly by, the work on the \$72,000,000 San Francisco Bay Bridge proceeds apace. Thousands of men are daily at work. The last of the huge steel caissons has been made firm in its place, and is slowly sinking. Many thousands of tons of concrete have been poured. One by one the massive grey piers have come into view like monsters arising from the waters of the bay. In some places the great steel structure is taking shape. Both of the huge cable anchorages on Yerba Buena will be completed during the coming week, while on the hillside at Yerba Buena a mammoth cavity has appeared, heavy motor trucks travel constantly to and fro, steam shovels are vigorously at work, and the boring machinery will soon be in place. According to Ghief Engineer, C. H. Purcell, the sub-structure of the bridge is 37% complete. It is furthermore stated that the whole job is more than six months ahead of schedule, and that if the rest of the work proceeds with like speed the bridge will be in operation a year sooner than was expected.

This is all splendid. It means employment for many men, progress for the Bay area, and the ushering in of better times for all of Northern California. But to the sixty-six boys and the staff at Chung Mei Home it means something in addition. It means that the day when they must move from the old ramshackle building is very fast approaching. It means that in less than a year they must find shelter somewhere else. To rent suitable quarters is entirely out of the question. To erect temporary ones would be an exceedingly wasteful policy. Once again we come back to the only alternative; that is, to build - either that or cease to function. Surely this last is out of the question; for by all standards usually employed in judging such cases, the work of the Chung Mei Home is outstandingly successful. First: Every bed in the Home is occupied. At the present time two boys have been given a place in the hospital room, rather than turn away those who are so greatly in need of the care and training which Chung Mei affords;

while not a week passes that we are not compelled to refuse admission to some boy who, because of the undesirable circumstances which surround him, really ought to come to us. Second: The health of the boys is excellent. Sickness is almost unknown. Third: Their deportment, both in the Home and at school, leaves very little to be desired; while the standard of scholarship maintained by them in the public schools is well above the average. Fourth: Financially the institution is on a sound. basis; and, in spite of the shrinkage of income due to conditions familiar to all, has paid its way every month and is reaching the end of its fiscal year out of debt. Fifth: The spiritual life of the Homecontinues to maintain its high standard. Practically every boy who is old enough to understand what it means is a professing Christian. Seven were recently baptized at the First Baptist Church in Berkeley. We repeat, that for such a work to cease to exist is unthinkable. Then we must build. Somehow we must find the money.

Considering the short time that our campaign has been going on, and the difficulties under which we labor, we have made encouraging progress. At the time of going to press our thermometer registers \$36,600. That is pretty close to twice the amount registered by our thermometer in the March issue, and constitutes more than one-third of our goal. On the face of it this looks pretty good; but we are forced to remind ourselves that \$17,000 of this came from the sale of the old property, a promise of \$10,000 from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, \$2,500 from the earnings of the Chung Mei boys, and \$575 from the Chung Mei staff. This then leaves only \$6,525. in cash and pledges that has come in, so far, from outside sources - \$3,575 from Americans, and \$2,950 from Chinese.

It will be seen from this that we still have a long, long way to go before we reach our goal. If we are to have adequate quarters to move into a year from now, we must commence building in the Fall. In order to do so we need to secure a large amount of money. To secure such a sum we must receive some very large gifts, or else a very large number of small ones. May we be pardoned if we repeat what we said in our March issue, towit: that it is from those who know us best, namely, the regular readers of our little paper, that we look to receive the most ready and self-sacrificing response. So far, only 85 out of nearly a thousand readers have responded. We can not believe that the remaining 900 will fail us; and we earnestly and prayerfully appeal again to all who read these lines to make an heroic effort to help the Chung Mei boys who have made such an outstanding effort to help themselves.

Perhaps there are many who are not in a

position to make a cash contribution at this time; but a pledge to pay any time within the next two years will greatly hearten us and help to boost our campaign. Our need is for many gifts large or small, for these, besides adding to our total, will inspire others to give. Then perhaps there are many who are holding back because they feel that what they are able to give is so small. Remember the old saying "Mony littles mak a muckle," which is another way of saying that many drops of water make a mighty ocean. Again there may be some who do not wish their names published. This we understand and appreciate fully, and are prepared, of course, to meet it by using an anonymous wherever such a wish is expressed by a donor.

Finally, though every gift or pledge received thus far has been acknowledged with sincere gratitude, we wish again to express our heartiest thanks to all who have to date manifested their faith in our undertaking, and their willingness to have a part in it, by sending in a definite response to our appeal. We call to remembrance the words of the Master "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

C. R. S.

### PERSONALS Edward H. Tong

Several of our former boys, Goodman Loy, Charles Tom and Paul Young, visited us during the Easter vacation. We were glad to have had you with us again, and hope that you and the rest of our alumni will feel free to come whenever it is possible for you to do so.

Four of our boys participated in the recent Sports Day held at the San Pablo Park, and two were successful in placing in the events in which they took part. Edward Leong came in first in the fifty yard dash, and third in the kite-flying contest. Gordon Wong also entered the kite-flying contest and came in second for the best small kite.

Miss Richert is spending part of her vacation at her home in Reedley now, and will be gone for about a week. We wish you a pleasant vacation, Miss Richert, and may you return refreshed for the duties ahead of you.

Chung Mei is truly filled to overflowing. We have received many more requests to take in boys than is possible for us to accommodate. However, by rearranging sleeping quarters, we have been able to take care of three more new boys in the past month. Billy Tom, Willie Choye and Stanley Lee are the newcomers.

We were glad to have Arthur Deah with us at the Easter service last Sunday.

Mrs. Morrice and Mrs. Young have been ill for a few days, but we are glad to see them both up and around again.

Bennie Lai, another former Chung Mei boy, is a member of the Honor Society of the Mission High School in San Francisco.

George Chow (1923-27) is employed as receiving clerk at the Bayside Cannery at Isleton.

# A BOWL OF CHOP SUEY Margaret G. Thomsen

On Sunday evening, March 18, we again visited our friends at the Palo Alto Baptist Church. After enjoying supper at the church we took a short drive through the Stanford Campus (singing California songs) and then returned to present "The Chung Mei Home in Song and Story" at the church service.

A part of our Chung Mei Review was given at the Charter Rock Masonic Lodge on the evening of March 20. Ice cream and cookies were served us at the close.

Our Sunday evening program was again presented at the South Berkeley Community Church on March 25.

The City of Berkeley held open house at the City Hall on Wednesday, March 28. The Chung Mei Cadets, in full dress uniform, with the drum and bugle corps, participated in this event with their fancy drills under the leadership of Captain Charles R. Shepherd.

The Easter vacation was spent in various ways. One of the most enjoyable was a picnic on Thursday. The Senior boys and their friends at Ming Quong went to Niles Canyon where hiking and some swimming were indulged in - to say nothing of eating.

Saturday afternoon came our annual Easter egg hunt at the Chung Mei Rock - just above our acres at El Cerrito. This event is eagerly looked forward to by the younger boys, and enjoyed thoroughly.

On Easter Sunday morning seven of our boys were baptized, along with others, at an impressive service at the First Baptist Church of Berkeley.

Vacation was nice, but it was also nice to get back to school again.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 4, Captain was a guest at a meeting of the Fidelis Coterie Club, held at the Claremont Hotel. He presented to them the needs of the Chung Mei Home and met with a very kind and interested response, which we feel sure will result in a substantial pledge from this club in the near future.

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### CHUNG MEI HOME BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

Sale of Property \$ 17	7,247,38
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Other gifts previously	- <b>,</b>
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Chinese Bapt. Ch., S. F.	500.00
Mrs. Martin Bekins	250.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Evans	200.00
Him Sang Company	150.00
Judge J. W. Curtis	100.00
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Presbyterian Chinese Mission	50.00
Home Staff	40.00
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South Berkeley Creamery Woman's Union - 1st Bapt. Ch.	10.00
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### RIB TICKLERS

Under the above caption we have been sending you every month something to make you laugh. According to all reports this column is very popular with our readers. This month, however, we are omitting the jokes, and asking that you reverse the order by sending us something in the way of a pledge or a check that will enlighten our faces with a happy SMILE.

George Haw

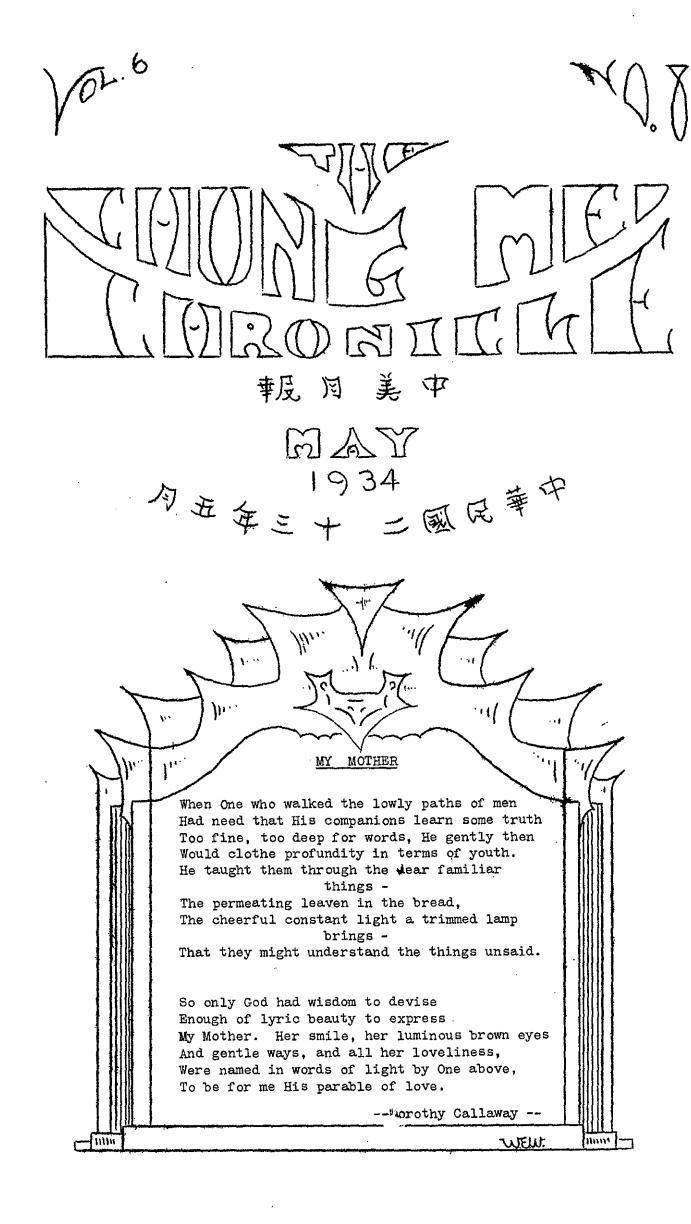
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### CONCERNING

### LIM YIK CHOY

This book is now on the Adult and Guild reading lists, and should be read extensively this year, as the theme for study is "Orientals in America." All woman's societies and guilds should possess a copy of this book. The author has presented us with three hundred copies, the entire proceeds of the sale of which will go to our building fund. We therefore ask that you buy your copy from us and help us in our building project.

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### EDITORIAL

### MOTHERS - AND OTHER WOMEN

As we go to press there is approaching that day, the second Sunday in May, which ever since the year 1914 - when Congress passed a bill to that effect - has been observed as the occasion upon which we, the people of the United . States, give united and public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country. Of the many annual observances which we have in this land of ours, there is none more beautiful than this; and, so long as our nation exists, may this custom never die.

Through the medium of Dorothy Callaway's beautiful poem, "My Mother," published in the May number of Good Housekeeping, and reproduced on our cover page, we, the editorial staff of the Chung Mei Chronicle, together with the staff and boys of the Chung Mei Home, pay a small tribute to our mothers and the mothers of others.

This too seems an appropriate time for us to give some expression of appreciation, and render a just tribute to the way in which mothers and other women are responding to our appeal for funds that will make it possible to provide adequate home care for our large family of Chinese boys.

It is interesting to note that out of two hundred and seventeen gifts which have so far been made to our building fund, one hundred and four have come from women's organizations or individual women. This does not include those who have made contributions jointly with their husbands. The second and third largest individual gifts are from women, and quite a number of smaller gifts are from women for whom we know the giving meant real sacrifice. Several women's missionary societies have made small contributions, with a promise of more to follow as they are able.

Three Chinese women's organizations have assumed responsibility for raising very generous contributions, and it occurs to us that our readers would perhaps be interested in hearing something about these organizations.

The Oakland Chinese Methers' Club, which has undertaken to raise the sum of one thousand dollars, has a membership of about twenty-four. They are not women of means, and do not have this money to give, but have pledged themselves to find some ways and means of raising this sum by the time that it is needed; and to do so will mean hard work and sacrifice on their part. They are mothers, not of Chung Mei boys; but having raised, or being in the process of raising families of their own, they realize what an institution like Chung Mei Home has to offer boys who have not the same home advantages that they have been able to give their own children. This is not the first time they have rallied to our support. They have always been warm friends and loyal supporters of Chung Mei.

The Square and Circle Club is a group of younger Chinese women from both sides of the bay. Some of them are business and professional women, a number of them are wives, a few are young mothers. They take their name and emblem from the square within the circle of the old Chinese coin. Their organization engages in certain social activities, but very dominant is the spirit of service. In fact it might be classified as a young women's service club. They assume definite responsibility of helpfulness in the community. They make a special feature of assisting worth-while young girls to complete their education, and for years they have partly supported an orphan boy in Chung Mei Home. They, like the members of the Mothers' Club, have not themselves the money to give, but are pledged to find a way to raise one thousand dollars.

Still another Chinese women's club is the Fidelis Coterie, a small social club of prominent Chinese matrons. Most of them are mothers who have successfully raised families of their own. They appreciate what Chung Mei Home is doing for the boys of other mothers. From time to time in the past they have rendered assistance to the Home by providing necessary articles of which we have been in need. This group of women have already decided that they want to have a very real part in our new Home, some part of the building which will stand as a perpetual memorial to their spirit of service, and although they have not yet been able to determine the amount of their contribution, we feel sure that when they do reach a decision it will be something that will rejoice our hearts, and something of which their children and grandchildren will be justly proud in the years to come.

# A BOWL OF CHOP SUEY Margaret G. Thomsen

We were not on hand for the Flower Show but we did have a part on the program of the Food Show - Chinese night, April 10. The Cadets marched, the Drum and Bugle Corps performed, and the whole group sang a number of selections.

Mr. McCaleb, a popular teacher at the Burbank Jr. High School, entertained a number of Chung Mei boys who are interested in stamp collecting. He showed them other interesting things also, and the visit was very much enjoyed.

Sunday night, April 15, we visited Hamilton Square Baptist Church in San Francisco, and took part in the service.

Together with other Chinese entertainers, the Chung Mei boys put on an evening of fun and music for the C. W. A. shelter in Oakland. The boys enjoyed rendering this service - and the men certainly gave whole-hearted and genuine response.

Eddie Tong, who is becoming quite a speaker, addressed the ladies of the Trinity Baptist Church at their meeting on April 19.

A large group of our friends from the Berkeley City Hall have been asking to come down here for another Chinese dinner. More than fifty of them came at noon on April 23, and had a jolly time lots of nonsense besides the dinner. We enjoyed having them, and also added a sum to our building fund. Officer Bert Fraser of the Police Department engineered this affair, and we were sorry that because of illness he was unable to be with us when the time came.

Our good friend, Rev. George Holt, pastor of the Burlingame Baptist Church, spent part of a day with us recently, taking moving pictures of some of our activities. These pictures are to be used by the Board of Missionary Education of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Sunday night, April 28, the Chung Mei boys conducted the service at the Forest Hill Baptist Church.

On next Sunday Captain leaves for an extended deputation tour in the East. He will also attend the Northern Baptist Convention at Rochester, New York, where he will have charge of two forty-minute periods in which he will review the books which are being used in the Home Mission courses this year.

You will note from the "Personals" column that six of our boys are on the Honor Roll at Burbank. It might be added that, taking the reports of Chung Mei boys as a whole, they are of a quality that would

### PERSONALS Edward H. Tong

Thomas Jong (1928-29) is now engaged as a messenger boy for the Western Union. He is very happy about it, and looks quite handsome in his snappy new uniform.

We are exceedingly proud to announce that the following boys are on the Honor Roll at Burbank Jr. High: Milton Tom, Raymond Wong, Harry Chan, Billy Wong, Tommy Chan and Frank Wong. This means that on their last report cards they had all A's and B's and an excellent record in citizenship. Several others missed it just by the skin of their teeth, making one C where a B would have put them on the Honor Roll.

We were very sorry to have Hubert Leong leave us, for he had many friends among the boys. He has gone to live with his father; and we hope he will be happy. His bed has been taken by Nelson Eng; so we are just as full up as ever.

Mrs. Morrice is taking the first part of her vacation. We wish her a thoroughly restful and enjoyable time.

Did we say that we were filled up to our capacity? We will have to modify the statement; for a little stranger has crept into the life of the Home, and it appears likely that she will remain as a permanent boarder. The boys have named her Rin-Tin-Tin, and she is a lively little puppy.

The hospital room has been unusually busy this month. Roy Wong has had a light case of pneumonia, and is now about well. Little David Young, who recently arrived from China, has been suffering with malaria. Harry Wong, Willie Louie, Nelson Eng and Wilfred Hall have all had their tonsils removed and are doing nicely.

We were delighted to have a visit from Johnson Chan (1926-33), who was for so long the artist for our little paper. Johnson has graduated from the Sutter Jr. High, and is now attending Sacramento High School.

Dick Chin is just completing a splendid little model of U. S. S. Indianapolis. His material is just odd pieces of wood, etc. and his tools a pocket knife and razor blade, but his workmanship is extraordinary. He may some day be a ship builder in China - or sumpin.

Benjie Wu (1923-32), who still lives and works in Berkeley, comes to see us from time to time. Goodman Loy was over to see us the other day. Then on the day before this went to press Theodore Chin (1926-30) returned from China and came right over to pay a visit to the old home.

Howard Deah (1923-30) is now attending Lingman University in Canton, China.

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Miss Thomsen: "Warren, what are you going to give your little brother, Richard for his birthday?" Warren Fong: "Dunno. I gave him the mumps last year."

Hiker: (waving to motorist)

"Hey, I'm going your way."

Motorist: (waving back) "So
 I see, but I'll get there
 before you do."

An Englishman was visiting America for the first time, and as he was driving along the highway saw a sign:
"Drive slow. This means you."

The Englishman stopped in surprise and exclaimed: "My word, how did they know I was here?"

Small Boy: "Thanks for the present, auntie."

His Aunt: "That's nothing to \*X thank me for."

Small Boy: "That's what I thought; but mother said I should thank you for it anyhow."

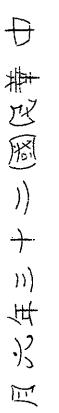
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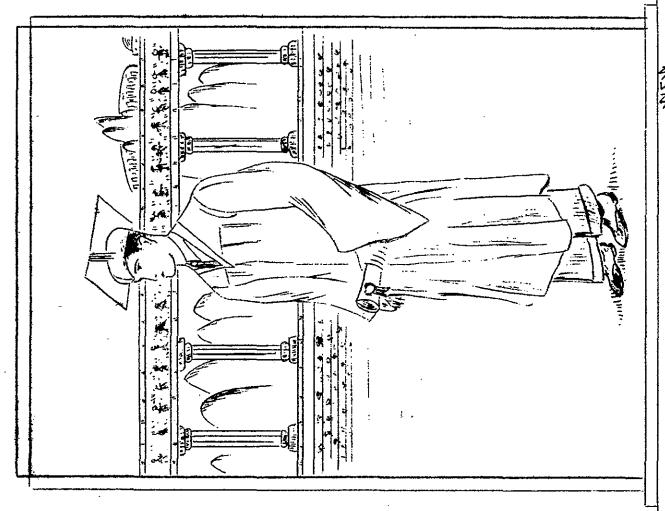
"Why do they call it a mite-box, Mrs. Morrice?" ask ed Milton.

"Because," chirped up Philip, "you might put something in and you might not.

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### EDITORIAL

### SONS OF CHUNG MEI

What father is there whose heart is not filled with joy, and whose bosom does not swell with pride as he sees his sons growing up, blossoming into young manhood and taking their places in the world. Likewise, in these days, there comes to the hearts of those responsible for the work of the Chung Mei Home, a quiet satisfaction and a feeling of just pride as they see the sturdy lads under their care reaching the stage of physical and spiritual young manhood, and taking, or preparing to take, their places in the battle of life.

He who has been so long known to our readers as "Eddie," on May 19 at the University of California, responded to the name of Edward Hing Tong, and stepped forward to receive his diploma and the degree of Bachelor of Arts. It was a proud moment for him, and no less so for those who have known him, watched him and encouraged him these past nine years. In August Eddie will sail for China to take up his teaching position in the Hing Wah Academy, a large Baptist school in Canton. Though we shall miss him greatly, we rejoice heartily because he is entering this field of usefulness.

In the life of Chung Mei Home Eddie's place will be taken by George Chow, one of the original eight boys who entered the Home on the day the doors were opened. Since 1928 George has not been with us, but he has kept in touch with us, and we have watched his progress with sincere gratification. Because of financial handicaps he was not able to complete more than one year of his college course, but he has been making good in other ways. Now he will come back to Chung Mei, taking up the duties laid down by Eddie, and at the same time completing his education at the University. It will be a happy homecoming.

Howard Deah, another of the original eight, now studying in China, in a recent letter said: "When I finish my studies here, I want to come back to Chung Mei and help with the work while I take my college course." Howard will be welcome when the time comes.

Then there is Victor Young who has just finished his first year in the University of California, Willie Gee (known so long to our readers as "Hot Dog" or "Red Herring") who is hoping to enter Marin Jr. College in the fall, Frank Hong, who is planning to embark on a coreer of mining engineering, Jack Young, who is the efficient assistant manager at the Chinatown Telephone Exchange, Frank Louie, freelance commercial artist, Benjie Wu, Who graduates with honors from Berkeley High School, and many others who are making good in smaller ways. Truly the sons of Chung Mei are taking their places in the world's broad field of action, and their Alma Mater is justly proud of them.

Coming down to our immediate family, graduating from Jr. High School and going to Berkeley High in the fall are, Oliver Chin who has been with us since 1926, George Chin who came to us from Minnesota in 1927, and, last but not least, little (?) Milton Tom who entered the Home as a tiny fellow in 1924, and for quite a while was fondly spoken of as, "the baby." Many of our readers will remember Milton.

Sons of Chung Mei, from Eddie to Milton, we are proud of you.

C. R. S.

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# A BOWL OF CHOP SUEY Margaret G. Thomsen

On the fifth of May a group of the older Chung Mei boys took part in the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Presbyterian Mission Home in San Francisco.

On the night of May 18 an informal social gathering was held at the Home in honor of Eddie. Many kind words were spoken, and good wishes expressed for his future success, and as tokens of appreciation of his services, he was presented with a steamer trunk and traveling bag. We shall miss Eddie, but we know that he is going to be of service in his new work, and we wish him every success and happiness.

A small group of boys took part in the annual Square and Circle benefit performance, representing German school boys, singing in German also.

Another delightful event was the beach party on the night of May 25. Some of the boys were guests of the Golden Circle Club at this affair, and very much enjoyed the outing.

We enjoyed our evening service on Mother's Day conducted by Rev. Lee Hang.

### A Bowl of Chop Suey (continued)

Mr. Armstrong, on furlough from the Congo, spoke at our evening service on May 27. His talk was intensely interesting, and his tales of boys in Congo land were much appreciated.

Rosalind White, our talented pianist who has given so much of her time and service, has gone to Yosemite for the summer, and will leave from there to enter Redlands University in the Fall. We are going to miss her dreadfully. A very small token of our appreciation was presented to her before she left.

Jimmie Lee from Alameda has recently joined our family. We like his dimples.

Rev. Joseph Travis, former pastor of the 21st Avenue Baptist Church in San Francisco, led our service on Sunday evening June 3. We were glad to see Mr. Travis again.

Miss Martha Patterson of Berkeley, an artist, has given us an oil painting of Lake Tahoe to be sold for our building fund. We appreciate this gift, and hope that it may mean an addition to our slowly growing fund.

Robert E. Lee and Leonard Chow are graduating from Columbus, and will enter Jr. High School in the Fall. We heartily congratulate them both.

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### RELIGION FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

In the March number of the Forum and Mercury appeared an article on "What Religion Means to Me" by Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek, whose husband is in many respects the strong man of China today. Space will not permit reproduction of the entire article, but here, in part, is what this very practical woman of the world says:

"By nature I am not a religious person. I am more or less skeptical. I could not accept things just because they had always been accepted...A religion good enough for my fathers did not necessarily appeal to me... My mother lived very close to God; whenever she prayed and trusted God for her decision, the undertaking invariably turned out well.....I had a feeling that whatever I did, or failed to do, mother would pray me through. Perhaps it is because religion in my mind is associated with such a mother that I have never been able to turn away from it entirely.

"During the last seven years I have suffered much. I have gone through deep waters because of the chaotic conditions in China, the death of my saintly mother, flood, famine and the intrigues of those who should have been helping to unify the country. All these things have made me see my own inadequacy. To try to do anything for my country seemed like trying to put out a great conflagration with a cup of water....A terrible depression settled on me, spiritual despair, bleakness, desolation....Life was all confusion...I was driven back to my mother's God. I knew God was there. It seemed to be up to me to help my husband spiritually, and in helping him I grew spiritually myself.

"Thus I entered the third period of my religious life. I wanted to do, not my will, but God's....But to know His will and to do it calls for absolute sincerity, absolute honesty to oneself...I used to pray that God would do this or that. Now I pray only that God will make His way known to me. God speaks to me in prayer. Prayer is not self-hypnotism. It is more than meditation. When one prays he goes to a source of strength greater than his own. I wait to feel His leading, and His guidance means certainty.

"There are two things in the Bible that impress me more than others. One is 'Thy will be done,' and the other, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength and with all thy mind.' We have to use our minds as well as our hearts. Prayer is our source of guidance and balance. God is able to enlighten the understanding. I am often bewildered because my mind is only finite. I question, and doubt my own judgments. Then I seek guidance, and when I am sure, I go ahead, leaving the results with Him.

"In conclusion, with me religion is a very simple thing. It means to try with all my heart and soul and strength and mind to do the will of God. I feel that God has given me a work to do for China, and it is no small task. In fact, China's problems, in some ways, are greater than ever before. But despondency and despair are not mine today. I look to Him who is able to do all things, even more than we ask or think. At this time of writing I am with my husband in the heart of the bandit area. Constantly exposed to dangers, I am not afraid. I know that nothing can happen, either to the General or to me, until our work is done. After that, what does it matter?"

In these days, when the whole world is in turmoil, when doubts are so prevalent, and gross materialism holds sway in the hearts of so many, it is indeed refreshing and inspiring to find such a testimony coming from the lips of this remarkable woman.

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Dear Reader:

You are one of <u>nearly</u> one thousand persons to whom our little paper comes every month.

Perhaps you are one of the two hundred and fifteen who have already made a contribution (cash or pledge) to our building fund. If so, we thank you once again from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness.

On the other hand, you may be one of the <u>nearly eight</u> hundred who so far have not felt moved to respond to our numerous solicitations. If this is the case, we once more earnestly appeal to you to prayerfully consider this matter of coming to our assistance.

The thermometer makes it clear that were it not for the four thousand dollar pledge of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society the growth of our fund would have been very slight since our last issue.

Each month brings us nearer to the day when we shall be compelled to abandon our old premises. We know that these are hard times, but we also know that you believe in the work which we are trying to do, and that if each one of our friends does his or her very best, be it much or little, we cannot fail in our undertaking, great as it is.

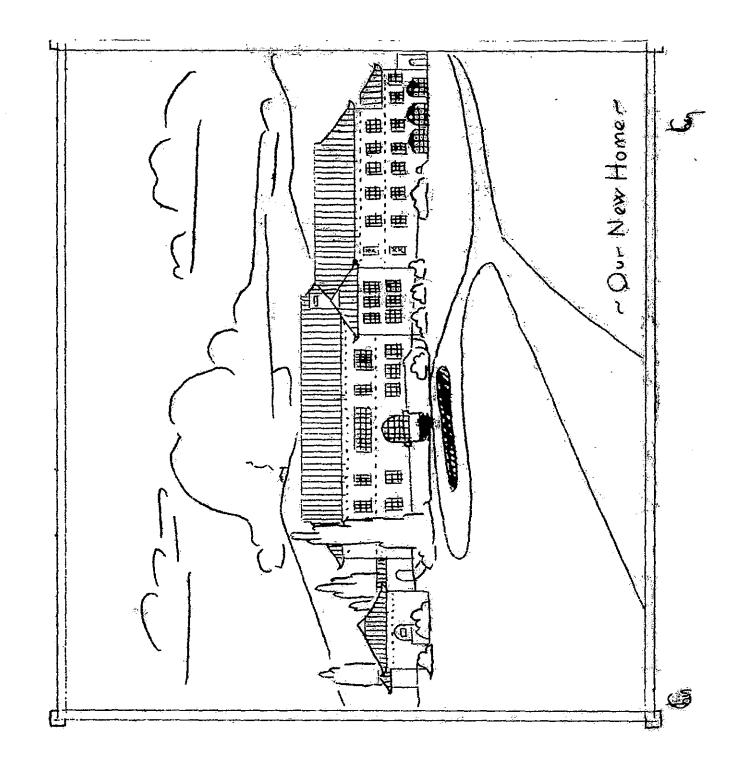
Will you not then, out of the generosity of your heart, even though it may mean sacrifice, send us something, in pledge or in cash, to assist us in this hour of our need?

Over and over again we have told our boys that if they did all in their power to help themselves, God through their friends would help them. We beseech you, do not fail these boys.

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### EDITORIAL

### ON OUR WAY

In accordance with our custom of dropping out one month during the summer there was no July number of our paper. We are happy to be able to announce that since the June issue came off the press more than two hundred gifts have been received toward our building fund, the combined sum of approximately \$6,000 thus bringing our total up to slightly over \$50,000 in cash and pledges.

This sum would be sufficient to complete the first unit of our new building, which will house all the administration elements - office, reception room, kitchen, dining room, hospital, etc., and thirty boys and their group mothers. At the time of writing, however, only about half of this amount is in cash. Some \$12,000 more is, we think, available on call. The remainder we shall have to borrow, unless we receive a very large number of small gifts, or several large gifts within the next few months.

Furthermore, even after this unit is finished, we shall still have thirty-five boys for whom we have not made provision. Our second unit would amply care for these boys and ten others, but in order to complete this unit we must have an additional \$25,000. Until we secure this amount our boys will have to find shelter in tent houses.

How and where are we going to get this money? Frankly, we do not know. We only know we are on our way and cannot turn back - we would not if we could. We know that there are hundreds of our friends who have not yet responded to our appeal. We are sure that they intend to do so, but for some reason or other they are delaying. Perhaps they are waiting for times to get a little better. But, as we have said in one of our many communications, NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD FRIENDS TO COME TO THE AID OF CHUNG MEI. We need the aid of our friends NOW, and we need it desperately.

Convinced that our friends will not fail us, we are going in faith, triumphantly, ON OUR WAY. C. R. S.

CHUNG MEI SAYS
FAREWELL TO EDDIE
Mrs. A. C. Morrice

The Chung Mei family is passing through an experience of strangely mixed feelings of joy and pain. Joy because Edward Hing Tong (our Eddie) has been able at last to start on the Great Adventure for which he has worked and planned for years - pain because we miss him so.

Eddie has left many friends behind; for while in these years spent in Chung Mei he has won a place in every heart because of his splendid qualities, he has also made many friends outside of the Home. How he did appreciate every expression of friendship during these last days!

On his last evening here we had a simple farewell dinner with Eddie as the central figure. There were no speeches, none were necessary, for there was perfect understanding on both sides.

Then on his last morning we had a farewell service, which few of us will ever forget. It was opened with the singing of the hymn "Oh Zion Haste." When the last stanza was reached, those lines gripped all who could understand the words, for never before had they meant to us what they did that morning. Joyful as our hearts were at being able to send forth our son, it was hard indeed to control our emotions as we sang -

"Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious;
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay."

Captain then gave a most impressive talk, after which he led in prayer committing Eddie to God's care.

We had all hoped to see "Eddie's ship sail," as some of our little fellows expressed it, but after a trip through the vessel, when we had lined up on the pier intending to send him on his way with a song, we found to our dismay that the sailing had been delayed two hours, so after our good-byes had been said we left for Home, proud of the first missionary sent out from Chung Mei, but with a tinge of sadness in our hearts.

Eddie, we will never forget to pray to your Father and ours to bless and keep you

"Near to the heart of God."

# A BOWL OF CHOP SUEY Margaret G. Thomsen

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The Senior boys enjoyed a two day trip to Santa Cruz last week. The weather was perfect, and everybody acquired either suntan or sunburn. Our friend, Mr. Tweedy, had so much of the latter on the first day that he had to return home. However, everybody is fine now. The boys greatly appreciated the privilege of being permitted to sleep on the floor of the Sunday school room and the use of the church kitchen for their meals.

Though we miss Eddie, we are indeed happy to have Mr. George Chow, one of the original eight Chung Mei boys, take up his duties here. He has already won a place in the life of the Home and is carrying on splendidly.

On Wednesday night, August 8th, the young people of the Berkeley Baptist Church held a farewell reception for Eddie. Many expressions of friendship, appreciation and Godspeed were given utterance, and a purse was presented to him. At the same service, Mr. Tweedy presented Eddie with a purse from members of the Chung Mei Board and other friends. It was an occasion which Eddie will cherish among his memories.

Some of our boys are becoming quite expert in tennis, and others would like to learn the game. If any of our friends have old tennis rackets, not too badly in need of repair, that are not being used, we would appreciate your passing them along to us.

Captain took a group of the smaller boys to a session of the Westbrae Vacation Church School, and told something about the Home to the boys and girls there.

We were glad to see Rosalind White again after her summer spent at Yosemite, and we wish her success as she goes to Redlanis University this fall.

We have discovered a new pianist to take Rosalind's place - Miss Cecile Booth of Berkeley; and we greatly appreciate her willingness to help us.

Our former artist, Winston Wong, has gone back to San Francisco to live with his mother. Our two new artists are Tommy Chan, small brother of Johnson, and Richard Chin, who does the lettering. We are proud of their first production, seen on our cover page.

We want to express our own appreciation, as well as Eddie's, to the many friends who came to the boat to bid him Godspeed. Quite a number of former Chung Mei boys were there, as well as others.

### PERSONALS George Chow

The writer of this column has a large inflamed area upon his head from too much scratching. (It took him an hour to think up this much to write.)

The following boys have left us since the last issue of our Chronicle: Way-land Chan, James and Fred Low, Eugene Som, Peter Chung, Winston and Gordon Wong. In their places we have Harold Cheung, Barney and Donald Chan, George and Charlie Lum and Tommy Lee. At first glance it would seem that the trading was a bit uneven, as most of the outgoing boys are bigger than the incoming ones, but "good things come in little packages."

Miss Thomsen has returned after a month of vacationing here and there. She went so far north that we were expecting her to bring back a few polar bears and eskimo babies, or whatever it is that they grow 'way up there.

Mrs. Morrice is leaving this week for her well earned vacation. We trust she will have a real rest.

Our Eddie is at this moment on the high seas (he can probably tell you how high) between here and Honolulu. We are expecting a letter from him telling about the 'uplifting' effect of the bounding main. The whole gang went to see him off, but we were disappointed in not being able to give him the send-off we had planned, because the boat was two hours behind in her sailing schedule. Consequently, Miss Thomsen, whose day off it was, was the only one of the Chung Mei family to wave him Godspeed when the boat slipped her moorings.

Patrons of the Golden State theatre were startled last Friday night by hearing an alarm clock go off in the midst of the performance. Georgie Chan, having been told to arrive home promptly, made provisions to see that he would not be late. He got home in time; but we are not so sure that the rest of the audience enjoyed the experience.

Captain took the boys down to Santa Cruz for two days and came back very red in the fact, but he is now in a much easier frame of mind. His redness has turned to tan.

Henry Chan, having earned the necessary money by picking fruit, was able to attend the Chinese Young People's conference at Tahoe, and reports a splendid time.

A group of our older boys derived much pleasure from assisting in the transportation of the Ming Quong girls to and from their summer camp.

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### EDITORIALS

### THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN

The story of how the Chung Mei boys have by their own diligence and hard work raised large sums of money for the promotion and enlargement of the Home; and for the assistance of others in need, has been told too often to need repetition. Every friend of Chung Mei is familiar with the fact that more than \$20,000 has been raised by these boys, and used for the purchase of land, conveyances, China relief, etc. -- the last \$3,000 going toward the building fund. But Chung Mei boys have not let up in their endeavors, and while at this time they are calling earnestly upon others to assist them, they are still continuing vigorously in their traditional policy of self help.

The great undertaking of the present moment is the preparation of the largest, most spectacular and finest musical production they have ever presented.

"It Happened in Zandavia" is an original musical comedy romance, written especially for the boys of the Chung Mei Home and their loyal friends, the girls of the Square and Circle Club, who are so whole-heartedly committed to the task of assisting Chung Mei Home to realize its goal.

The preparation of such a production entails a tremendous amount of hard work by all concerned. If when "Zandavia" is presented to the public it is the success we hope it is going to be, it will be because the boys and girls have put in hours, weeks and months of persistent and conscientious practice of songs, drills and spoken parts. They have been unstinting and unfailingly loyal in their devotion to the task. They now ask that their friends support them by turning out in large numbers to enjoy their performance.

The first presentation will be in San Francisco at an early date.

Later there will be performances in Oakland and Berkeley, and perhaps other cities. Watch for dates.

C. R. S.

### WE BREAK GROUND

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Sunday, September 16, was a red letter day in the history of the Home. More than 500 of our friends gathered on our new site to participate with us in the ceremony of breaking ground for our future home. The program was not a long one, but was full of meaning and inspiration to us all. Our boys, entering at the far narrow end of the five acre tract, advanced in column of squads to the foot of the hill, where they executed squads left, which brought them into company front formation. Then, deploying into open formation, they advanced in one thin straight line up the hill to the speakers' platform. In this maneuver they gave a visible demonstration of Chung Mei's historic struggle from a small beginning, developing and spreading out, climbing up hill and overcoming obstacles.

Dr. Geo. M. Derbyshire presided at the ceremonies. Dr. Stanley A. Hunter gave the invocation. Dr. Geo. W. Phillips and Mr. G. B. Lau gave short addresses, inspiring and appropriate for the occasion. Rev. W. Earle Smith made an earnest appeal for financial assistance, and although the majority present had already contributed, something over three hundred in cash and pledges was received. The exercises closed with the ceremony of breaking the soil and the planting of the United States flag, while Grace Adams East played the Star Spangled Banner and the Chung Mei Cadets stood at attention. Rev. Kenneth B. Wallace pronounced the benediction.

The soil is broken, building operations will commence within a few days after these lines are read, but the struggle is not yet over.

C. R. S.

### THAT SECOND UNIT

The structure upon which the builders will commence at an early date will be the first unit only. It will provide for all the necessary administrative features of the Home - dining room, kitchen, infirmary, assembly hall, etc. - and for 30 boys. This will leave 35 boys uncared for. The second unit will provide for these 35 boys and a few more who are on the waiting list. In order to build this unit, however, it will be necessary to raise another \$25,000. As our thermometer shows, we already have \$2,500. To raise the remaining \$22,500 is now our immediate task. Until then 35 boys must sleep in tents.

In spite of all that we have said in explanation, it seems that some people cannot understand why we need so much money in order to do what we have to do.

Actually it is a simple question of mathematics. State regulations require that we build a class A building, and also require a certain amount of cubic space per boy. Class A structure costs a certain amount per cubic foot. We have whittled it down to the lowest possible cost, cut out all frills; and although the contract has not been let, reputable authorities tell us that we cannot expect to do it for any less than the amount stated.

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### WE VISIT TURLOCK

### Margaret G. Thomsen

One of the most enjoyable experiences we have had was our recent trip to Turlock and Modesto. We left home Friday afternoon, arriving at Turlock in time for dinner, served us in the park. And how we did enjoy it. Everything was so good, and there were dozens (at least it seemed so) of watermelons for dessert.

That evening we presented "The Chung Mei Review" to a very responsive audience, and an offering was taken for our building fund. At the close of the program the folks came and claimed the boys whom they were to entertain in their homes, and we hadn't enough to go around for those who wanted them.

After spending the night in the homes of these kind new friends, and being heartily breakfasted, we met at the church and went together to the park where tennis was indulged in by the older boys, and less strenuous games by the younger ones. Then back to our various homes for lunch. The afternoon, which proved to be quite warm, was spent in swimming.

Late that afternoon we went on to Modesto, where the women of the church served us dinner before we presented our program there. An offering was also taken for our building fund.

Then back to Turlock where our hosts and hostesses again took us to their homes and gave us breakfast before Sunday school. After Sunday school "The Chung Mei Home in Song and Story" was presented at the morning service of the church.

Back to our homes again for dinner. And such dinners - home-made ice-cream and everything. You see, these splendid people took us right into their homes and made us part of their families.

In the afternoon a group of the young people took the boys to a water-melon patch where they could pick as many melons as they liked. I'll leave it to you whether or not they had a good time. About forty melons traveled back to Chung Mei Home with us.

At the evening church service the young people presented a play entitled "The Color Line," in which our own George Chow took the part of the Chinese student. It was an inspiring message on racial understanding, and all our hearts were touched. The offering at this service was also given us, together with a gift from the fellowship fund of the church. Indeed, the entire week-end was a glorious adventure in racial relationships, and we went away on Sunday night feeling that a bond of friendship, love and understanding had been woven, which could not easily be broken.

We love you, friends of Turlock, for taking us into your hearts and homes as you did, and we hope we shall see you again in the near future.

### PERSONALS George Chow

Two more seats in the bus were taken up with the coming of Lawrence Chan, known to the boys as the "Thin Man".

While we were down at Turlock Miss Louciel Speegle took some of the boys out to a watermelon patch where they at once set to work to realize one of their fondest dreams. Alas! Miss Speegle's car was only a sedan, so she finally had to say, "Boys, if you put any more melons in our car one of you will have to stay behind." The boys looked at each other. "What are you going to do?" Miss Speegle jokingly asked, "Vote to see if you want more melons and leave one of the boys behind?" "No," said Frank Wong with a serious frown upon his face, "We're trying to decide who to leave behind."

Mrs. Morrice, who has just returned from her vacation, seems much fresher.

The height of Chinese fatalism was recently illustrated by little George Lum on a trip to Santa Cruz. On the way down the mountain curves affected him pretty badly, and he went through all the agenies of a rough sea voyage without the benefit of the salt air. Nothing was heard from him, with the exception of an occasional gurgling sound. On the way back he was observed expectantly holding an open box on his lap, with a resigned look upon his face.

Talking about the effects of sea voyage, we've just heard from Eddie, and according to him there is something wrong with the food they serve on the Dollar Lines. It doesn't stay put.

Pleasant memories were revived for the few of us that are left of the 'old bunch by the appearance of Mrs. Showalter at our ground-breaking ceremony. Summer in Sebastopol -- berries -- millions of 'em, and the ol' swimmin' hole. Them were the days!

# CHUNG MEI HOME BUILDING FUND SECOND UNIT

Rev. & Mrs. Geo. H. Holt \$	1,000.00	Mr. Nathan Barlow \$	5.00
Interest	58.00	Miss Irma Bromley	5.00
Prof. J. H. Platts	100.00		5.00
Miss A. Mico	100.00	· ·	
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Chung Mei Boys earnings	97.00		5.00
Miss Myrtle Miller	60.00	Mrs. Amanda Love	5.00
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Miss Edith Palmer	15.00	Rev. Bryant Wilson	2.50
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Sale of LIM YIK CHOY	12.20		2.00
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Mrs. Edith Larrabee	10.00		1.00
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Mrs. Newton & Edith Newton	10.00		1.00
Mr. Wilbur Larson	10.00	Mrs. Millard L. Thomas	1.00
Miss Nellie Dunsmore	10.00	Mr. Harland Boyd	1.00
Mr. Roy Nelson	10.00		
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Mrs. E. G. Van Winkle	5.00	tion will, when complete, build a	nd fur-
Turlock Fellowship Fund	5.00	nish a room for four boys. We ho	pe that
Mrs. E. F. Rowley	5.00	other churches will follow their	
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Moncrief	5.00	\$550 will provide a room for two	
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Mr. T. A. Freeman	5,00		
Miss Pauline Cooper	5.00	Mrs. Grace Adams East is doing a	
Miss Gladys Jones	5,00	thing for us. On October 11, at	the Wo-
Mr. & Mrs. Edwar Lee	5.00	man's City Club, she is presentin	
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Mr. Carl D. Phillips	5.00	go to our building fund. (Tickets	
Mr. & Mrs. David Taylor	5.00	secured through the churches or f	r.Om
Rev. A. P. Howells	5.00	Chung Mei Home, at 50¢ each.)	