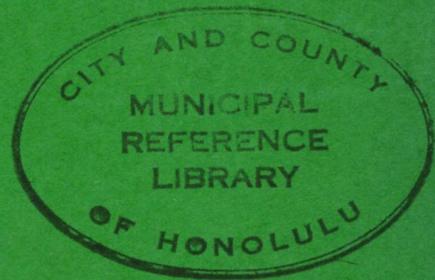




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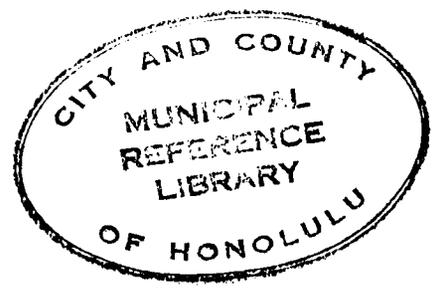
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General Administration	13
Planning and Construction	11
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Recreation	148
Zoo	<u>18</u>
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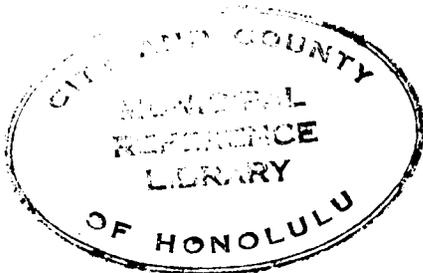
The Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Board of Supervisors
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the annual report on the accomplishments of the Board of Public Parks and Recreation during the calendar year of 1949.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officials and various agencies of the City and County for their cooperation and assistance during the year. I take this opportunity also to thank the Superintendent and members of the staff, on behalf of the Board members, for the enthusiasm and interest which they have shown in their work.

Respectfully submitted,



Katsumi Kometani
(Dr.) Katsumi Kometani
Chairman

General Survey

The greatest expansion and development that the Honolulu park and recreation system has ever known took place during 1949. This was the full fruition of the postwar program planned in 1944, implemented in 1947 and carried out through 1948 and '49. Both the parks and playgrounds properties and the program of maintenance and recreation are fully a third to a half larger than they have ever been before.

This gratifying situation is due to the favorable financial circumstances under which the Board operated for the past two years. It was made possible by support of the Legislature and the Supervisors of the City and County of Honolulu. The interest of the Board members, enthusiasm of the staff, cooperation of other city departments and general approval of the public have all been important factors toward this end.

Expansion

The actual additions to the parks and recreation have been conspicuous. Thirty-one large new park and playground construction jobs were entirely completed during the year. Twenty more were started and will be completed in 1950. The work of the Planning division brought 16 additional projects to where they can be put into realization with little delay. In land expansion, seven new pieces of property were entirely acquired while deliberations for some 30 others were carried on.

The work of the Maintenance division kept pace with this expansion. Much of the basic rehabilitation necessary after the war had been completed during 1948 so that attention could be turned to the finer aspects of upkeep on lawns, trees and

buildings. The Maintenance staff even did a good deal of minor construction work.

All this expansion and development brought to a total of 155 (as compared to 139 last year) the number of parks, playgrounds, beaches, traffic areas, community centers and recreation units owned or operated by this Board. The city now has ten typical parks and squares, two natural parks, 29 beach parks, and 29 traffic areas. It operates or owns 46 playing fields, courts and playgrounds; three swimming pools, three gymnasiums, 22 recreational units of various types and four administrative units. Altogether these cover more than 2000 acres of land. The areas range in size from 1200 acre Koko Head natural park to small traffic circles. They are distributed over the island of Oahu in the proportion of one quarter to the country districts and three quarters to Honolulu proper.

Real Estate Survey

A prime ingredient of any park system is its real estate. The number, size and physical condition of its existing properties determine the type of park improvements which can be made and the variety of recreational activities offered to the public. For this reason it is imperative that park real estate matters such as the acquisition and disposal of properties, the securing of clear titles or the notation of encumbrances and restrictions should get close attention. This was recognized by the Board by authorizing a more concentrated activity in this field, an effort being initiated to compile accurate real estate data on all park properties. More study was also directed toward the needs of additional park areas and greater discrimination in their selection.

Public Relations

Special emphasis was given to improving public relations. Since this work has been defined as being a "two-way street", activities included not only informing the public about its parks and what recreation opportunities are open to it, but also included channeling back to the various divisions, information, suggestions and ideas for improving the service from the public standpoint.

The publication of a booklet, "Your Parks" was a major project. Done in two colors, with many photos and a map, it presented an account of the park plant, its planning and maintenance, and its operation by the recreation division. The booklet was given wide distribution both locally and on the mainland where it was sent as an exchange item to the park heads of some 90 mainland cities.

Designing and writing over 300 new park signs was another project. This first involved straightening out the whole system of park naming since it was discovered that some areas were going under two or three names while others had duplicate designations. A master list of administrative units was thus made out and the new signs based on it. They were later installed by the maintenance division.

Extensive newspaper and magazine publicity was written and released. The annual report was drawn up. This included for the first time a separate report on each of the park and recreation units.

Opening ceremonies for several large new buildings were staged.

Statement of Appropriations and
Expenditures for 1949

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Personal Services	\$ 909,116.61	\$ 909,116.61	\$ -
Lifeguards--Personal Services	35,931.00*	6,978.63	28,952.37
Current Expenses	303,497.51	303,497.51	-
Capital Outlays	43,019.65	43,019.65	-
Capital Outlays--			
Permanent Improvements:			
1948 Carried over--\$277,086.50			
1949 Appropriation-- <u>200,000.00</u>	477,086.50	333,080.98	144,005.52
Cunha Ward Properties	268,678.00	268,678.00	-
Kaneohe Park	31,711.50	2,539.50	29,172.00
Park Improvement Bond Fund			
Balance Brought Forward	1,982,488.65	678,681.29	1,303,807.36
Indefinite Revenues	193,758.01	19,579.38	174,178.63
(Concessions, rentals, etc.)	_____	_____	_____
	\$4,245,287.43	\$2,565,171.55	\$1,680,115.88

*Act 127, S.L. 1949, transferred lifeguard service and appropriation to our Board. Appropriation covers period to June 30, 1951.

PLANNING DIVISION

Under construction in 1949 were 43 major projects. Of these, 31 were completed by the end of the year and the remaining 12 are all scheduled for completion in 1950.

The undertakings begun in 1948 and brought to completion in 1949 included the redevelopment of Aala playground; construction of field office in Kapaolono field; development of Kunawai playground; new buildings and general improvements in Kalihi-kai and in Fern playgrounds; the redevelopment of Emma Square; construction of the Wahiawa memorial swimming pool; grading and topsoiling of Kamehameha field; the construction of Kalakaua gymnasium, floodlights for the Kapiolani tennis courts and for Petrie, Wright, Kaneohe and Kapaolono playgrounds. And in the Honolulu Zoo construction covered the elephant, giraffe and camel inclosures, the boundary fence, flightless bird pens, fencing for the hoofed animal area, temporary office building, and the sea lion pool.

Projects both started and completed in 1949 included paving the road in Ala Moana park, construction of the field house in Kamehameha field, clearing and grading both Waianae field, and the playing field at Booth park; and construction of a comfort station at Kaiona Beach (Waimanalo).

Projects begun in 1949 which will be completed in 1950 include the landscaping plans of Liliuokalani gardens, fencing of Kaloaloa playground, construction of the fountain and pool in Kalakaua Avenue parkway, building and improvements in Puunui playground, construction of Kaimuki gymnasium, installation of equipment in Kalakaua and Kaimuki gymnasiums, paving of play

courts in Haleiwa beach park, development of Kaelepulu playground at Kailua, field offices in Wilson playground and in Booth park, and general improvements at Pacheco playground.

All planning work was completed on four projects which will be started and completed during 1950. These include the Halona Lookout at the blowhole in Koko Head park; the sprinkler system in Kamehameha field, improvements at Hanauma Bay, and development of Maunalani playground.

Numerous small construction and planning jobs were handled by the staff during 1949. Similar work will continue to receive attention in 1950. The Waikiki Beach improvement study was completed and plans launched for the hibiscus garden and bird refuge.

Emphasis was placed on landscaping and planting, including tree planting. Among landscaping jobs done were extensive plantings in the Honolulu Zoo, especially in and around the newly constructed cage units; Ala Moana parkway banyan trees; Monkeypod trees along both sides of Kapiolani Blvd., planting in Aala, Kunawai, Kalihi-kai and Kaloaloe playgrounds, and in the grounds of Children's amusement center in Kapiolani park, around Roosevelt gate of the Ala Moana park, and in Emma Square.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Maintenance of Honolulu's parks and playgrounds reached a high degree of effectiveness in 1949. This was due largely to good organization in the maintenance staff and to the use of mechanized equipment.

Most parks had their individual parkkeepers, although a few larger ones had more than one man, and some of the smaller parks were grouped under the care of one individual. Three crews of prisoners, arranged through the cooperation of Sheriff Duke Kahanamoku, worked regularly in Kapiolani park and in general cleanup work wherever needed.

Lawn cutting was generally done by a special crew using power motors. This group made the circuit of parks about every ten days.

Three street tree crews operated constantly, pruning and caring for the public shade trees of the city.

Buildings and installations were maintained by crews of carpenters, masons, plumbers and painters. In addition to general maintenance this group also did minor construction work including the building of comfort stations, barbecue pits and other camping equipment.

In addition to its regular maintenance of parks and buildings, the maintenance division met the miscellaneous needs of the recreation division for all manner of specialized work from moving bleachers and equipment to building stages, exhibition equipment and a dozen other items.

A planting crew carried on new and replacement work in gardening including the moving of a number of full sized trees. This work covered new installations in the Honolulu Zoo, street

tree planting, the clearing and planting of Liliuokalani gardens, planting around several new playgrounds, clearing new beach areas, partial renovation of the old race track, skinning baseball diamonds in preparation for the playing season and general renovation and upkeep when needed.

In connection with this activity a six acre nursery was maintained and thousands of new plants propagated.

RECREATION DIVISION

Over four million people (4,023,805), by actual count at each event, took active part in events sponsored by the recreation division during 1949. Spectators were about one-eighth of this number (545,347), a figure arrived at largely by estimate. The predominating number of participants over spectators reflects the attitude of the division that personal activity is more important than passive watching.

These figures took no account of the number of people who enjoyed the city's parks and beaches. However, an estimated count by life guards indicates that about three million people were on the Waikiki beaches alone, during the first nine months of the year.

The activities of the recreation division fall into two classes, athletics and non-athletics. Athletics covered football, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, kickball, tennis, swimming, table tennis, badminton and bowling. There were 14 basketball leagues made up of 122 teams; three baseball leagues made up of 56 teams; 15 softball leagues of 189 teams and smaller organized groups. Swimming meets, tennis and bowling tournaments and other contests were held.

Non-athletic events sponsored included the celebration of 55 special days and events such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Hallowe'en, Aloha Week, Valentine's Day, Kamehameha Day and Mother's Day. Others were the Doll Show, Easter Egg contest, Poi Dog show, Hawaiian song festival, Model Boat regatta, Kite contest, Hula festival, Hobby show and Regatta day.

Miscellaneous activities included camping, hiking, picnicking and excursions. There were boys' and girls' clubs,

social and folk dancing, marionettes, the Junior Theatre and story telling. Nature study, collecting and exhibiting centered in the Children's museum. There were community nights in various centers showing moving pictures and amateur talent. Hawaiian music and dancing were taught, while workshop activities included boat building and kites.

The program of the recreation division was carried on by an average of 109 workers throughout the nine months excluding the summer months. The summer months required a total of 140 workers to make the program operative for the great number of children out of school. With this personnel 42 areas were serviced at a total cost to the division of \$345,973.63 for the year.

ZOO DIVISION

The high spot event in the Zoo of 1949 was the arrival of a large shipment of mammals and birds. The aristocrat of the new arrivals was Rusty, the 15-foot Uganda giraffe. Abdullah, a young male Bactrian camel, was brought as a mate for the present camel. Toto, a new baby Indian elephant, is now a companion for the older elephant. Three California sea lions were included. Rivaling other exhibits were five new spider monkeys from Mexico.

New additions to the bird collection included Golden Crowned cranes and Paradise cranes from Africa, baby Emus and a pair of black swans from Australia. Tropical American waterfowl included glossy ibis, reddish egrets, and a pair of white pelicans. Other choice bird exhibits were obtained from time to time during the year. These include, among others, a pair of Hyacinthine macaws, a pair of Kea parrots, two sulphur-crested cockatoos and several South American toucans.

Among the birds hatched and raised in the Zoo were two crowned pigeons, four Luzon bleeding heart doves, and a Siberian white-naped crane.

Three young four-foot alligators were acquired from Florida. Silver gibbons were flown directly from Siam.

Establishment of a single entrance to the Zoo during 1949 made it possible for the first time to close the grounds at night as protection against dogs and vandals. As a result also accurate attendance figures are available. In the 12 months of 1949, over 600,000 people went into the Zoo. On one record Sunday there were nearly 26,000 visitors.

To derive the most informative value from the collection, descriptive labels were posted for each exhibit. These include the animal's common and scientific name, native habitat and interesting facts about its behavior, food and characteristics.

One of the Zoo's contributions to the community was playing host to a large number of school classroom groups. An organized zoo educational program will be inaugurated early in 1950 with leaders of various groups supplied with written data.

To display the collection in as natural a setting as possible, several different means have been employed. Where the system of allowing unobstructed observation is not practical, fences are made as inconspicuous as practical. Hawaii's climate makes it possible to grow plants, similar to those found in many of the animals' native habitats. Thus, in the camel display, date and coconut palms are inside the enclosure. The use of vegetation in providing harmonious backgrounds may be seen also in many of the bird units with rustic branches of trees installed where needed to provide sufficient perches. A thick carpet of grass with aquatic plants growing beside the pools completes these settings.

In choosing the vegetation for landscaping, a plant's usefulness as animal food was considered. Thus, bananas provide a fruit which supplements regular purchases. Several giant bamboo groups have been planted in preparation for the lesser pandas to be acquired next year.

A Zoo aim has been to maintain animals in pairs and family groups. A more interesting exhibit is thereby created and new youngsters help perpetuate the collection.

The Zoo's construction program was marked by activity on a number of important projects during the year, several major

animal units being completed. The elephant enclosure was finished early in the summer. The giraffe enclosure was built during the summer and fall. The sea lion pool was finished in the early winter months.

The Zoo staff completely rebuilt the monkey cage units, five new ones being constructed out of nine small old cages.

Sixteen large enclosures for hoofed animals were partially completed. Finished work on this development includes fencing for the pen areas and transplanting some three dozen large trees, mostly banyans and monkey pods. Sprinkler systems and animal shelters will be installed in 1950.

There are now 97 different kinds of mammals, birds and reptiles at the Zoo, with the entire population numbering 1,135. The collection is valued at close to \$100,000.

One of our Zoo's greatest assets has been the continued assistance given by the staff of the San Diego Zoo. Particular thanks are due to Mrs. Belle J. Benchley, the head, who has given a great deal of her time and advice. Members of the Honolulu Zoo Advisory Committee are Dr. Herbert Bowles, Mr. Richard Black, Mr. Charles McWayne and Dr. Hastings Walker. They have given freely of their time and experience to help plan the Zoo's exhibits and general policies.

The Hawaiian Zoological society is an organization made up of individuals interested in the development of the Zoo. It reflects a general community interest.

INDIVIDUAL PARKS

1. AALA PLAYGROUND

.95 acre

N. Beretania and College Walk

This playground, which was completely remodeled in 1948, was completed in February, 1949. The old USO building had been removed, but on its concrete floor was built a skating rink, the only one in any city-owned playground. The comfort station was remodeled, with field office and shelters added. The play area was renovated, a new volleyball court added and the basketball court resurfaced. Floodlights and a sprinkler system for the entire area were installed. During 1949 topsoil was brought in and a new lawn planted.

This playground was opened under leadership in June, 1949. Since then classes in hula, folk dancing, singing, claymodeling, block printing, weaving, poster making, and Hawaiian singing have been held, most of these for children but some for adults. This area is greatly used from afternoon into evening with the older groups in volleyball and basketball league activities.

2. AALA SQUARE

2.82 acres

N. King and College Walk

This park serves as a "lung" in one of the city's most congested areas. It is much used by pedestrians and is a center for various kinds of speech making, especially at election time. While not a playground, it is much used for softball, chiefly by Filipino league players. A backstop was built during the year and general maintenance given.

3. ADVERTISER CIRCLE

.10 acre

Kapiolani Blvd., King and South Sts.

This important and conspicuous traffic island has a single Monkeypod tree which has suffered a good deal from attacks of moths. Concrete benches accommodate pedestrians here.

4. ALA MOANA PARKWAY

2.28 acres

In Ala Moana Blvd., from Kewalo Basin to Atkinson Dr.

Chinese Banyan trees were planted in this parkway early in 1949 replacing the Albizzia trees which had died the year before from a pest. These new trees have grown well and now begin to make a good showing. The species was selected because of its ability to withstand wind, salt spray and other adverse conditions in this area.

5. ALA MOANA PARK AND BEACH

78.8 acres

Beach from Kewalo Basin to Yacht Harbor

Main achievement in this park during 1949 was the reconstruction of the roadway through the park. This involved regrading for drainage, as well as paving and curbing. Included was the turn-around between the Pavilion and Children's Center. A parking area was constructed next to the Hawaiian Village. This new road involved re-design by the Planning division of both gateway areas. Around the waikiki Roosevelt gate new exits now make for better traffic dynamics. At the same time this section was partially planted by moving six large Chinese banyan trees from places in the park where they were crowded. This work was done by the Maintenance division. The further landscaping of this area was scheduled for early in 1950.

The construction of a new parking area between Roosevelt gate and the Ala Wai Yacht harbor was carried out at the same time the other paving was done.

The Aloha Week activities centered in this park as in previous years with productions being given on the outdoor stage and the Hawaiian Village. Parades coming down the boulevard turned into the park road to disband. The road paving was finished before the Week began.

Beach

Being close to the congested part of this city this beach is extremely popular. The swimming is not good, however, because of the small-boat channel close inshore and at times the near-pollution of the water caused by drainage from the Ala Wai Canal. The destructive storm in January, 1949, brought tons of debris to this beach and destroyed some of the palm-covered beach umbrellas. A major cleanup and restoration job was necessary.

6. ALA MOANA CHILDREN'S CENTER

Ala Moana Park

This important activity of the Recreation division centers in the quonset hut which was set up to serve as a children's museum. General activities cover nature studies, creative work and hobbies. Under the direction of a full time worker and an assistant, groups study birds and flowers. A stamp club holds meetings. The decorating of Easter eggs, the making of Christmas decorations and coconut craft work are carried on. Exhibitions of this work are held, some of them in the museum, others in the pavilion since crowds have proved too large for the hut.

A creative workshop for Recreation staff members is another phase of the work at this center. Leaders from the different playgrounds gather here for instruction in general craft work.

Because of the heavy use of the quonset during the year, the Maintenance division remodeled the building providing a greater area for exhibits and storage.

7. ALA MOANA HAWAIIAN VILLAGE

A Part of Ala Moana Park

Built by the Aloha Week committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1948, this exhibit is as nearly a replica of an early island village of grass huts as possible. It stands in the coconut grove by the lagoon, the setting adding to its picturesque appearance. The village consists of three houses, a canoe shed and another open building. A patch of taro grows nearby. During Aloha week, exhibits of Hawaiians doing craft work was carried on.

This Board constructed a chain link fence around the village in 1948 and grassed the area. Native plants and trees were put out and an inclosing hedge of ti leaves. During the past year this planting and lawn were renovated. A parking area was constructed nearby in connection with the paving of the road through Ala Moana Park.

8. ALA MOANA PAVILION AND BANYAN COURT

In Ala Moana Park

This structure and its attendant garden are open to the use of the public on a daily rental basis. Wedding parties, fraternal and school groups in particular made use of it in 1949. As one of the city's most artistic possessions, visitors

are more and more making a point of visiting it. The garden is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

During the year three exhibitions were held in the pavilion, the Doll show, Easter egg exhibit and hobby and handcraft show. Great interest was shown by excellent attendance.

Side rooms in the pavilion serve as offices for the Children's center, and as a workshop for staff leaders.

Marionettes

The pavilion served as headquarters for the marionette theatre group. The audience sat in the main room while the adjoining room served as stage and workshop. Nine plays were presented by 14 casts. Volunteers, numbering 135 people, worked under the direction of the marionette director. These volunteers included members of the Junior League who have taken on this work as a project. Nearly 70,000 children and others watched these productions.

9. ALA MOANA TENNIS COURTS

A Part of Ala Moana Park

This battery of courts is the only place within the public parks system where tennis courts may be reserved in advance. For this service, which is desired by those with limited free time, a small fee is assessed on play. During the year only five courts were active because of unsatisfactory playing condition of the remaining five. This condition was corrected at the end of the year and should lead to an increase in service in 1950. Most of the major championship contests in tennis are conducted here.

10. ALA WAI FIELD AND PARK

39.51 acres

McCully St., Kapiolani Blvd. and Ala Wai Canal

The greater part of this area is still undeveloped but it has been cleared from the wartime base yards that partially covered it. A hedge of Vitex was planted along the canal edge and night blooming cereus on the mauka wall of the area.

Part of the area is developed into a playing field where football, baseball and softball practice and league play is held. Due to its freedom from overhead wires it is also used for flying kites.

Rowing shells belonging to the Honolulu Rowing association are housed in a wooden building on the edge of the Ala Wai. This area is active around Regatta Day. The Police Activities League was permitted to place a quonset hut on the edge of the property.

11. ALA WAI BOATHOUSE

Kapiolani Blvd. and McCully St.

Formerly a part of Ala Wai Field were the 3.59 acres at the corner of McCully and Kapiolani Blvd. which holds the concrete and tile structure built as the Ala Wai boathouse. This land and the \$90,000 building was withdrawn from the jurisdiction of this board in 1947 and is now used as the Armed Forces Officers Club. It is anticipated that at some time this building and land will be returned so it can be converted into the recreation center for which it is logically located and perfectly constructed.

12. ALA WAI PROMENADE

2.2 acres

Ewa-Mauka Side, Ala Wai,
Between Ala Moana and McCully Bridges

During the year this land was finally returned by the Navy which had used it during the war. Barbed wire, rubbish and a cement pill box were removed and the row of Benjamina banyan trees trimmed and watered. These trees are responding to care and will be saved. The strip which was covered with coral rubble must have this rubble removed and top soil added before grass and other planting can be done. It is hoped this can be accomplished in 1950. A glass bottom boat concession occupies a temporary place on this parkway.

13. ALAPAI CIRCLES

.09 acre

Alapai, Lunalilo, Lusitana and Kinau Sts.

In this large junction of five streets, two small traffic islands aid in guiding traffic. A Monkeypod tree grows in each, with ground covers under them. Maintenance was given.

14. ALEWA PLAYGROUND

1.36 acres

Iholena and Lolena Sts., Alewa Heights

This playground holds children's play equipment and has an open area. There is also a combined basketball and volleyball court. Free play is carried on here.

15. ASING FIELD

2.71 acres

Honouliuli, Ewa

This rural playground holds a baseball field, grassed basketball and volleyball courts and comfort station. Free play and athletics are the rule here.

16. AUWAIOLIMU PLAYGROUND

1.76 acres

Olomana Lane, Between Kuakini and Pauoa Rd.

This secluded playground continued to serve the neighborhood well. While the physical make-up lends itself principally to athletics, the director managed to conduct classes in singing, sewing, block printing, lauhala and loom weaving, hula dancing, ukulele, guitar playing, and poster painting. The size of the area, even for athletics, only suffices for the younger children. Adults of the neighborhood use the area as "breathing space."

17. AUWAIOLIMU TRIANGLE

.20 acre

Mauka Corner, Fort and Kuakini Sts.

This small point of land holds grass and trees. They were given general maintenance.

18. AWA TRIANGLE

1.6 acres

Queen and Awa Sts., Ewa of Nuuanu Stream

Most of this area is leased as a concession to marketeers in the vicinity who use it for parking. They paid for paving it and relocating the trees.

19. BEACH WALK TRIANGLE

.14 acre

Beach Walk and Kalakaua Ave., Waikiki

With its small grove of coconut trees and green lawn, this small park is one of the beauty spots of Waikiki. Its benches are usually occupied. The park was well maintained during the year.

20. BERETANIA PLAYGROUND

1.00 acre

Smith and Beretania Sts.

In the course of time this playground has become badly located for children because of the traffic which surrounds it. The proposal has been made that it be converted for off-street parking. Discussions on the matter went forward during the year but no conclusion was reached. Due to the uncertainty of its future status, any extensive improvements have been held in abeyance.

21. BOOTH PARK

4.60 acres

Pauoa Rd., Kanealii, Lae and Namilimili Sts.

This park, covering two square blocks, lies in an area which has had great need for park and playground facilities. Plans drawn up by the Planning division have envisaged here one of the finest park and playing areas in the city. A full sized playing field for football, baseball and softball, courts for volleyball, basketball and tennis, a fine pavilion and comfort station and a shady picnic area are included. The picnicking can take place in a section already shaded by fine old trees.

Work carried out in this park during 1949 made up one of the major achievements of the year. The future playing field was graded on contract and when leveled was graded by the Maintenance division. The sod is now getting into good condition. Unwanted trees were removed and the picnic area greatly improved by Maintenance.

Plans for the attractive tile and concrete pavilion were drawn up by an outside architect and the contract let in November. It will be completed in May, 1950. The main room can be

used for office and crafts and an outside terrace will serve for play and, on occasion, as a stage. The adjoining tennis courts can be used for outdoor gatherings when needed.

Booth Center

A wartime quonset hut in this park holds the costume unit of the Recreation division. The local community association used another wartime building for evening meetings and this also serves as a teenage canteen. The caretaker's cottage and the toilet building are other old buildings. A residence on the property will become the caretaker's cottage in the future.

No regular recreation program was carried on here except during the summer; but at that time social games, pingpong, hula, folk and social dancing, singing and ukulele lessons, lauhala and other native material weaving, finger painting and doll making were on the program.

22. CARTWRIGHT PLAYGROUND

3.15 acres

Makiki, Kinau, Lunalilo and Keeaumoku Sts.

The area continued to be used as a major baseball and softball field for league play and for practice. Aside from this regularly scheduled activity, the area is used only for free play. The student body of the Hawaiian Mission Academy, located a short distance away on Makiki St., uses this area daily during the school term as their physical education site.

23. CIVILIAN HOUSING AREA #3

C.H.A. #3

Under the Civilian Housing Civilian Organization in charge of the area (as per Navy agreement), this unit was continued under Recreation Division's active leadership only through June.

As in some other cases, increase in number of city areas caused the change. The C.H.C.O. was able to carry on by hiring one part time individual, paid for out of its recreation fund.

This unit, consisting of a splendid building, basketball and volleyball courts and a small playfield, promoted interest in hula dancing, simple handcrafts and sports.

24. CRANE PLAYGROUND

4.99 acres

Kapahulu and Kaimuki Aves.

Crane continued to be one of the most active playgrounds during the year with heavy use as a major athletic site. Schedules of baseball, touch-football, softball, basketball and volleyball leagues on neighborhood and city-wide levels continued heavy here. Games were played in the afternoons and evenings under the lights. The Kapahulu Community Association continued to make this their headquarters and assisted in many phases of the program. For the summer program the staff was increased from two people on a year-round basis to twice that number.

The buildings served as centers for classes in Hawaiian dancing, singing and speech, for club activities and social dancing, and for arts and crafts.

Maintenance division planted a hedge and various flowering trees during the year.

25. DIAMOND HEAD BEACH PARK

.09 acre

Below Diamond Head Lighthouse

This small triangle of rocky beach is used by fishermen. It was kept clean during the year. Water not being available, no camping is allowed.

26. DOLE PLAYGROUND

4.58 acres

Iolani, Magellan, Frear and Alapai Sts.

This playground continued to be used for basketball, volleyball and tennis in the evenings. In spite of its limitations in size the field area was in heavy demand during the softball season, helping to keep many teams satisfied for practice purposes. With the limited building space, arts and crafts were curtailed but the director maintained much interest in sewing, weaving and hula dancing. Where in previous years this area had been covered by two part-time workers, the needs during the year resulted in a change to one on full time.

27. EMMA SQUARE

.56 acre

Emma and Kukui Sts.

This small but historic park was completely renovated during the year. General plans were drawn by the Planning division and details worked out by professional landscape architects. The work, done on contract, included demolition of an old pergola, sidewalk and paving and the construction of new sidewalks, curbs, sprinkler system, pool and general nightlights with new topsoil. The planting of a large lawn, when this work was completed, was done by the Maintenance division as was also the planting of shrubbery and ground covers around the small reflecting pool.

Back of this pool it is planned to install a small bust of Queen Emma, for whom the part was named in the fifties. The land was the gift of her husband, King Kamehameha IV. The bust, done in terra cotta, will be the gift of Mrs. Walter Dillingham, a member of this Board.

28. FERN PLAYGROUND

2.12 acres

Middle and Kahauiki Sts.

The complete renovation of this playground, done mostly in 1948, was completed early in 1949. Fencing and the addition of new equipment will be completed early in 1950.

The new building and the night lights have caused a step-up in the activities and hours of leadership service in this area. Besides the usual athletic and simple craft activities, club work has become a definite trend among organized groups using the new building as headquarters.

29. FOSTER PARK BOTANICAL GARDEN

11.33 acres

Nuuanu Ave., Near School St.

This hundred year old estate, with its many fine old trees, rare plants and orchids, is visited by more tourists than any other park. Conductors of tour parties make a regular practice of bringing visitors there. It is open between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. every day.

The orchid collection contains over 14,000 plants which are valued at \$56,399.75. It is considered the largest and finest collection belonging to any municipality in the world. From 300 to 500 blooming plants are always on display in the greenhouse which also holds other rare tropicals. During the year a number of new orchids which had been hybridized and grown from seed were brought into bloom. These always attract wide attention from local orchid fanciers.

A gift of \$3,000 was given in appreciation to the garden by Mr. Robert Allerton of Kauai. A number of rare plants were presented by various other friends.

During the year an additional parcel of land was acquired, giving the garden an outlet on School St. A portion of new fencing was put in. A master plan for improving the grounds is to be drawn up and plans were started for a new residence for the caretaker.

30. FORT RUGER CIRCLE

.04 acre

Alohea and Makapuu Sts., Fort Ruger

This bit of land has not been restored since the war.

31. HALAWA FIELD AND PLAYGROUND

4.2 acres

Aiea Hospital Rd., Halawa Veterans' Housing

During the year this area was turned over to this Board by the Hawaii Housing Authority which holds a lease on it from the Navy, as on all the nearby Halawa Veterans' Housing. It has been turned over to this Board on a five year sub-lease, revocable in an emergency. The area is in two pieces, a children's playground and a play field. The former is equipped with play equipment, the latter with backstop and bleachers. No worker had been assigned at the end of the year.

32. HALAWA VALLEY GOLF COURSE - PROPOSED

Halawa Valley

Since the Palolo Valley municipal golf course was taken over for emergency housing at the end of the war, this Board has been concerned with acquiring another course for public use. In four years, no less than eight sites and proposals have been carefully investigated. Of these, the site in Halawa valley has been judged to be the best.

Most important in this decision is the fact that there is here sufficient good land with water for a complete project at normal cost. About 250 acres are available. On this could be built an 18 hole championship course, a nine hole course for beginners, the clubhouse, practice greens, parking areas and other necessities.

A land survey has been completed and appraisals will start early in 1950.

33. HALEIWA BEACH PARK AND PLAYGROUND

12.38 acres

Haleiwa Township, Oahu

This beach park is much used not only by local people but by visitors from Wahiawa, Schofield and Honolulu. It holds an artistically designed pergola, wide lawns and trees which invite picnickers. Swimming nearby is good. The shower and toilet building was reroofed and painted during the year by the Maintenance division.

Playground

A part time recreation worker is employed on this playground where the activity is chiefly athletic. Under the Planning division, work was started near the end of the year on the construction of four new playing courts. When they are completed the installation of night lighting is contemplated.

34. HALE KOA COMMUNITY CENTER

.98 acre

Glen Ave., Wahiawa

Hale Koa continued to be a hub around which community and recreation activities rotated. It was the center of the largest single summer-time registered program in the entire recreation

system. Club groups ranging in age from children to adults used the building for meetings and social functions as well as for regularly scheduled programs in simple arts and crafts and games. With the heavy summer registrations, personnel was increased from two daytime workers to four full time paid workers. Six other part-time workers were paid for from registration fees assessed the children of the district.

35. HANAIAKAMALAMA PARK (formerly Queen Emma)

8.95 acres

Nuuanu Ave. and Puiwa Lane

This park, the former summer estate of Queen Emma, holds in its center her old residence, converted now into a historical museum by the Daughters of Hawaii. During the year this organization completely renovated and refurnished this house, restoring it to an approximation of its appearance during the life of the Queen. It was reopened with a large public entertainment.

In keeping with the spirit of this occasion, the proper name of the estate, Hanaiakamalama, was also restored to it. A sign telling the history of the place was put up near the house. The extensive grounds, grassed and shaded by large trees, was maintained in general during the year.

36. HANAUMA BAY BEACH PARK

A Part of Koko Head Park

Inside Koko Crater

Contracts were let at the end of the year for major improvements in this popular beach park. They cover the construction of a road down the cliff to the beach level, resurfacing the entrance road, reconstruction of the parking area on the cliff level and construction of a new comfort station and shelter on

the beach. A new 20,000 gallon water tank will be built, which will collect enough water at night to supply a large week-end crowd. Swimming facilities will be enlarged by dredging several more swimming holes in the coral rock of the bay.

During the year electric lights were put down to the beach level. A cablecarrier for lowering supplies to the beach was also built. General maintenance and cleanup kept this popular beach in good condition. It is one of the most popular of all Oahu beaches because of its quiet water and secluded scenic beauty.

37. HAUULA BEACH PARK

5.85 acres

Koolauloa, Windward Oahu

This is one of the finest of the beach properties under the jurisdiction of this Board. The fine new pavilion completed in 1947 and the landscaping of the park the following year has turned this into the best of the beach parks on windward Oahu. The large lawn with trees, the Hau arbor, picnic stoves and sinks make a favorite rendezvous for picnickers and campers. Lobster and squid fishing are good here and swimming is generally good immediately in front of the pavilion. General maintenance was given during the year.

38. HONOLULU ZOO

About 50 Acres

Kalakaua, Kapahulu and Monsarrat Aves.

Full report on this property is given under the Zoo Division.

39. HUNNEWELL CIRCLE

.02 acre

Hunnewell St. and Kamehameha Ave., Manoa

This small traffic island is planted with old Crotons. Renovation and replanting is contemplated during 1950.

40. KAAAWA BEACH PARK

1.50 acres

Koolauloa, Windward Oahu

This small beach park is a popular place for weekend picnics and for fishing. General maintenance was given during the year.

41. KAAAWA-NUI BEACH PARK

3.68 acres

Koolauloa, Windward Oahu

The broad shady lawns of this beach park and its renewed arbor with barbecue stoves, sinks, tables and benches make this one of the most used of the windward play areas, especially by large parties. It is also much used by overnight campers. Fishing here is excellent. Having been put into first class condition in 1948, only general maintenance was needed. Swimming here is not good because of shallow water and reef conditions.

Playground

This area is run as a regular playground for local residents with a supervised program of athletic activities. Two volleyball posts were set up during the year for this sport.

42. KAALA CIRCLE

.01 acre

Kaala St. and Oahu Ave., Manoa

This small traffic island is planted with old Crotons. Replanting and renovation are contemplated in 1950.

43. KAELEPULU PLAYGROUND

1.64 acres

Aumoe and Awakea Sts., Kailua

This is a new neighborhood playground which came into possession of this Board during the year. The land was turned over by the Bishop Estate on condition that it be used for park purposes. It is located in the center of the Kaelepulu subdivision which had become so built up that construction of playground here was felt to be justified. Plans were drawn up, embodying a children's play area, a softball field and tennis courts. Work was started by grading and clearing the ground, followed by the installation of a water system. Construction in this playground will go forward in 1950.

44. KAHALUU BEACH PARK AND PLAYGROUND

1.27 acres

Koolauloa, Windward Oahu

The shallow beach here appeals to children. Adults find this an excellent place for fishing, with squid and crabs plentiful. General upkeep was given.

Playground

A neighborhood playground is maintained here with swings, see-saws and an athletic play area.

45. KAILUA BEACH PARK

25 acres

Kailua, Windward Oahu

This is probably the most important beach on windward Oahu with its wide white sand beach and swimming, and its accessibility to the city. Large picnic groups from town continually use this area and a normal weekend finds the beach always crowded.

Camping continues to be one of the most popular of pastimes. Put into good condition in 1948, this park needed only routine care last year.

This Board has looked forward to the time when the windward side of the island may be of more importance than the city side, for residence and tourist purposes. In consequence, it is seeking to enlarge Kailua park so that the situation now existing at Waikiki need not be repeated there. One important piece of beach front property known as the Boyd lot and consisting of .345 acre was acquired during the year. This was cleared of shacks and rubbish, greatly increasing the general utility and beauty of the park. Negotiations also went forward for three other parcels, all lying on the kalama side of the stream and behind the present beach frontage.

46. KAIMUKI CIRCLE

.03 acre

Kaimuki and 6th Aves.

This traffic island holds a Banyan tree and lawn.

47. KAIMUKI COMMUNITY CENTER

.68 acre

11th and Harding Aves., Kaimuki

A former residence and garage are headquarters for this center which is the oldest one under this Board's jurisdiction.

It continued to act as a simple arts and crafts center for the children of Kaimuki. Hula and singing groups became more prominent when additional instructors became available. The Kaimuki Council, Girl Scouts, Y.W.C.A. groups and a boxing club (using the basement), used this old building to advantage.

48. KAIMUKI GYMNASIUM

In Kaimuki Playground

This is the second full-sized gymnasium building to be constructed by this Board. The contract was let in February, but construction was greatly delayed by the six months' strike. It was nearly completed at the end of the year.

The building consists of the gymnasium itself, a locker wing with showers and comfort station, and a bandstand. This portion, built as a lanai to the building, will replace an old bandstand which had to be demolished to make room for the new building. It will also serve as a stage for other entertainments.

Equipment for this building and for the new Kalakaua gymnasium has been ordered and will be installed in 1950.

49. KAIMUKI PLAYGROUND

2.75 acres

Waialae, 10th and 11th Aves., Kaimuki

While the new gymnasium has been under construction in this playground, the courts and adjacent areas have continued in use. It is one of the most active areas in major sport activities, taking place under night lights. It also continued to serve as physical education field for Liliuokalani School.

50. KAIULANI PLAYGROUND

1.19 acres

Kalihi Rd. and Nobriga St., Kalihi-uka

The wartime buildings, which had been used as emergency housing, were finally removed from this playground during the year by the Maintenance division. One was turned over to the adjoining school for classroom use until completion of the new

school building (which will be built in 1950 next to the proposed Kalihi Valley park). When this new park is completed, Kaiulani playground will be retained and operated as a neighborhood children's area.

The recently installed night lights continued to be a boon to community organized sports. They are all turned off and on nightly by the firemen stationed at this area. During the summer a paid worker was placed in this area and through use of the school buildings, a fairly well rounded program was made possible.

51. KAIONA BEACH PARK

A Part of Waimanalo Beach

Windward Oahu

This is one portion of Waimanalo beach which, for convenience sake, has been informally divided into three sections. This portion lies on the Waimanalo side of the Pahonu beach lots. The name, suggested by Mayor Wilson, was that of a chief who formerly lived in this district.

During the year a modern concrete and tile comfort station with outdoor showers was constructed on this beach by the Maintenance division. Barbecue stoves and a sink were also built, making this popular beach better usable for campers and picnickers.

52. KALAEPOHAKU PLAYGROUND

1.36 acres

Gulston St., St. Louis Heights

Plans were completed near the end of the year to build drainage culverts to take care of storm waters which flow through two natural channels in this land. It is expected that work on them will start early in 1950. When this condition has been

rectified, further steps to convert this sloping, rocky area into a neighborhood playground will be taken.

53. KALAKAUA AVE. PARKWAY

1.15 acres

Kalakaua Ave. from King to John Ena Rd.

The lawn and trees in this avenue strip were cared for during the year, being watered by means of a water wagon. The lawn was fertilized. Due to insufficient curbing and the lack of an installed watering system, this parkway cannot be kept in the condition that would be desired.

54. KALAKAUA HOMES COMMUNITY CENTER

Kalakaua Ave. and King St.

This unit was operated throughout the year for the first time in 1949. The cooperation of the housing manager and the parents was very good and led to a well rounded program. Glee clubs, hula classes, sewing and weaving classes, modelling with clay and wood, as well as athletics were conducted for both young and old. Parents, forming a club to assist in the overall program, did a splendid job. To keep the varied program in operation, one worker was required continuously and two were present a large part of the time.

55. KALAKAUA PLAYGROUND

5.46 acres

Kalihi and Kaumualii Sts.

Because of the construction work on the gymnasium and attendant grassing and renovation of the whole area, afternoon programs were curtailed at this playground during most of the year. The worker was shifted to a near-by playground and only an athletic program under night lights was carried out. There was very

active community interest in volleyball and basketball. Tennis instruction was continued for youngsters and two leagues operated here during the year. Upon completion of the center the playground program became a part of the center activities.

56. KALAKAUA RECREATION CENTER

In Kalakaua Playground

The completion of this building and the inauguration of its program as a recreation center was an event not only outstanding in 1949 but in the entire history of recreation in Honolulu. It marked the opening of the city's first full fledged recreation center.

The building was completed in late summer. It consists of a full sized gymnasium suitable for large indoor gathering as well as for sports, and a locker room wing. In addition, there is a community wing in which are rooms for office, clubs, hobbies, reading, games, first aid as well as toilet facilities. A children's play area at the side equipped with apparatus and space is provided for a future swimming pool.

Landscaping and planting around the building were completed shortly after it was finished.

The building was dedicated and opened on Hallowe'en. A full time director is in charge who has since been inaugurating a full program of events. They touch the whole end of the city with organized athletics, social and club activities. Among those so far for adults are educational classes for war brides, university extension classes and mothers' classes. Boy Scouts, junior and senior leaders clubs, Kalakaua intermediate and Farrington high school groups, Kalihi business men's clubs and teenage clubs are among those meeting there.

As the program works up to full schedule and capacity this center will become the outstanding example in this city of what is usually meant by the term "recreation center."

57. KALANIANAOLE BEACH PARK

26 acres

Nanakuli, West Oahu

This long stretch of shoreline includes both Nanakuli Camp and Kalanianaole Playground. Along the beach, rocky areas are popular for fishing, while stretches of sandy beach are much used by swimming and picnic parties.

Kalanianaole Playground

Night lighting was completed on this playground and the adjoining Nanakuli Camp early in the year. Further developments are scheduled for 1950. These include improvement of the ground areas by a sprinkler system, topsoiling and grassing. The reconstruction of the present parking area will also be carried out. When this is completed a children's play area with apparatus will be put in. To carry out this improvement, the construction of a 30,000 gallon water storage tank with pump will be necessary.

With the installation of the night lights, the evening program on this neighborhood playground has been very strong. A full time director is employed. Athletics are enjoyed by everyone from children to adults and of both sexes. Volunteer leadership is strong. During the summer a program of crafts, music and dancing was conducted in the adjoining school building.

58. KALIHI WAR HOMES COMMUNITY CENTER

School St., Between Kam IV Rd. and Gulick Ave.

The center provided by the Hawaii Housing Authority for the residents of this area was again used by the Recreation division

as a center for children's and adults' activities. Besides the usual active and quiet games, there were carried on here hula and music groups, block printing, clay modeling and painting, papier mache, mesh weaving, loom weaving, fancy stitchery and needle work. Groups from the area participated in camping and other outings for families as well as for children alone.

Because of the increasing demands made on personnel needs on areas fully under the control and jurisdiction of this Board, leadership services at this center were to be terminated after December 1949 until adjustments became possible.

59. KALIHI-KAI PLAYGROUND

1.28 acres

Dillingham Blvd. and McNeill St.

Final details of the rehabilitation of this playground were completed in 1949, including fencing. A complete renovation of the landscaping and planting was carried out by the Planning and Maintenance divisions. The year before, the new field office and comfort station had been built with night lighting and play equipment installed. It was necessary to re-roof the new building with heavier material in 1949 because of the constant climbing and playing on the roof by children during periods when supervision was lacking.

The complete fencing of this area was of great importance in providing security. Young adults and children frequent it heavily during the afternoon and evening. Because of the play apparatus appeal to children, parents go with their youngsters to this area. The interest in various types of programs such as singing, dancing and simple crafts continued, although workers were changed during the year. The children's circus, promoted

as the wind-up of the summer activities for all areas in the Kalihi district, drew thousands here.

60. KALIHI-WAENA PLAYGROUND

1.32 acres

Gulick and Beckley Sts.

This area provided programs on a year-round basis afternoons and evenings. During the year a program with both male and female leadership was carried out. Results were fair because of limitation of facilities. The area lends itself to athletic activities, principally basketball and volleyball and during the seasonal periods of these sports, attendance was very high. During other periods, the directors had to contend with a falling off in attendance although smaller groups continued to be held in such simple crafts as kites, model boat and plane making.

KALIHI VALLEY PARK - PROPOSED

10 acres approximately

Kamehameha IV Rd. and Proposed
Tunnel Approach Road

Ground work was laid in 1949 for the acquisition of this proposed park and initial steps taken to acquire the first parcel. The land lies between the proposed new elementary and intermediate school sites so that as a playground it will have active use from these. It also borders on Kalihi stream giving opportunity for future picturesque development.

When this park is in usable condition, the present Kalihi-uka playground will not be given up but retained as a neighborhood children's area.

61. KALOALOA PLAYGROUND

3.00 acres

"R" Road, Damon Tract

After the completely new development which took place here in 1948, finishing details were added during 1949. A baseball back stop was put in and a chain link fence around the existing play area and the boundary fence were built. Shade trees and border plantings were added by the Maintenance and under the Planning division. Paving for the playing area was to go in early in 1950.

An additional director was added during 1949 to expand the leadership program through the evening. Athletics continued to be popular here and increased with the night program while simple crafts, hula dancing, sewing and weaving became a definite part of the program centered in the recreation building.

62. KAMEHAMEHA FIELD

13.33 acres

Kalihi and Fernandez Sts.

The development of this large new athletic field was one of the major projects of the year. The field will probably be opened in 1950. It will be counterpart in its section of the city of Kapaolono in Kaimuki, that is, it will be a full sized athletic area with football and baseball, batteries of tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and a children's play area.

Preliminary grading was followed by the erection of the new field house in '49. This was designed in detail by an outside architect, the old Hawaiian style being followed. The hip roof is suggestive of that of a grass house. It holds a large room for the office which can also be used for craft work; store rooms and toilets. The large lanai will serve for sheltered play or as a stage on occasion. A transformer vault for future night lights

is part of the building. It was completed in November but not opened as the field is not ready for use.

Plans for the sprinkler system on the athletic field were drawn up and its installation was ready to begin early in 1950. This item was delayed by the longshoremen's strike. Once this is in, the field will be grassed. Around the pavilion the land was graded and top soil spread. Several large trees were moved in. Other landscaping will follow.

The athletic field occupies the lower half of this property. Several small residences are on the upper half. In this area will be the playing courts, but due to the housing shortage the tenants have been allowed to remain in the buildings.

63. KAMEHAMEHA HOMES COMMUNITY CENTER

King and Kalihi Sts.

Kamehameha Homes, Honolulu

This area under the management of the Hawaii Housing Authority continued to serve as a recreation area for the people of the Housing itself as well as for those living immediately adjacent. With the almost complete closing of Kalakaua playground due to construction work, this area became very active during the year. However, in December the one full time worker assigned to this area had to be transferred to the new Kalakaua Recreation Center and leadership service was terminated. Principal activities were handwork, music and dancing. The volleyball and basketball courts proved attractive as athletic outlets.

64. KAMAMALU PLAYGROUND

.98 acre

Fort and School Sts.

A new fence was placed on the two interior boundaries of

this playground during the year. One of our oldest playgrounds, it continued to fulfill a great need for the neighborhood. Activities on the volleyball and basketball courts kept the youngsters very active and the heavy use caused a demand by some for night lighting which was not possible. The little area also served very well as a place for adults to relax in during the day. Because of limitation of indoor space, the pavilion serving as a center of work activities, only very simple crafts were taught here.

65. KAMANELE SQUARE

1.99 acres

University Ave. and Kaala St., Manoa

This small neighborhood park, with lawn and trees is used by the Girl Scouts for day camping during an eight weeks summer program. Boy Scouts make use of it at various times all during the year. General maintenance was given.

66. KANEOHE BEACH PARK

.90 acre

End of Kaikului Rd., Kaneohe Township
Windward Oahu

This beach serves extensively for people having boats in Kaneohe bay, which they use for fishing, and by crabbing parties. The shoreline is muddy and tidal. The park holds a comfort station and camping facilities, installed in 1948. General upkeep is given.

67. KANEOHE PLAYGROUND

5.51 acres

Keaahala Rd., Kaneohe Township

Night lights were installed in this playground during 1949. They covered the softball diamond, play area, comfort station and

grandstand. The Territorial National Guard, which uses, by permission, a quonset hut set up in this park, furnished part of the material for the night lights.

With these lights, this playground continued to serve as an athletic center for the district. Night softball became immediately popular and served immeasurably in caring for the needs of the young adults and working men. The Kaneohe Lions club had two major functions here under the lights that attracted almost the whole town. The first was a "muumuu" softball game when the lights were dedicated. This helped them create a fund for building bleachers. The other event was a Christmas play enjoyed by the whole community. Benjamin Parker high school continued to use this area as its center for physical education and for football games.

68. KAPAAKEA FIELD

(Kanewai District)

Dole St. Future Extension, Lower St. Louis Hgts.

Litigation over this land, between this Board and the University of Hawaii, was ended when the 1949 legislature arranged a compromise whereby this Board received jurisdiction over 12.5 acres and the balance went to the university. This land has a drainage problem as it receives natural waters from St. Louis heights above it. A solution to this problem was being worked out at the end of 1949 by the City department of Public Works. When this has been completed, it will be possible for the Planning division to go ahead with plans. A full sized athletic field is visualized here with football and baseball as well as minor sports.

During the year the land was cleared and somewhat leveled off under the Planning division.

69. KAPAHULU CLUBHOUSE

Kapahulu Ave. Near Paki St.

This is a former army warehouse which stands outside the zoo fence. Part of it holds recreation and other equipment. The rest was used in conjunction with Paki playground as a teenage center until September. Because the building has always been considered temporary for the needs of the youth, the worker was transferred to Crane playground where it was felt a more worthwhile permanent program could be developed. At the end of the year it was used only as a storage unit.

70. KAPAOLONO FIELD

5.52 acres

Maunaloa, Kaimuki, 11th and 12th Aves.

This newest and finest of the athletic parks in the city was ceremonially opened in February. The construction of the pavilion and comfort station had been completed at that time and the playing field lawn was well established. A large crowd attended the opening ceremonies.

Later in the year the nightlighting for the playing field, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts was completed and turned on. The playing lawn was topsoiled and shrubs planted around the pavilion.

Baseball and football league schedules were conducted on this field with Kaimuki high school also using it for team football practice. After the lights were established an additional worker was required to care for the heavy demands made by the night activities in athletics. Afternoon programs also consisted of hula and singing classes, as well as weaving and woodcraft.

71. KAPIOLANI PARK

About 75 acres

Kalakaua, Paki and Monsarrat Aves., Waikiki

The complex of different units making up the overall Kapiolani park area includes, besides the main block of the park itself, the Honolulu Zoo, the recently acquired Cunha-Ward ocean-front property, the Breakers area, Public Baths, War Memorial Natatorium, Kalakaua Ave. parkway. On the mauka side are the riding concession, Kapiolani clubhouse (Polo club), the plant nursery, two parcels of unused land, Paki playground and the Service Center with its annex. Since each is an individual activity, most of these units are covered separately in this report, as are the golf practice range and the tennis courts, both within the park boundaries.

In the main park block the extensive renovations made in 1948 were reflected in the greatly improved beauty of the park during the past year. For the first time in its history, the lawns were green all summer, due to the two huge sprinkler systems. The well-pruned trees and those newly set out began to create a sense of design in the planting, and the elimination of old roads and unneeded paths brought the park into new unit. New trees were planted near the pony concession and along Monsarrat, Paki and Leahi Aves.

Title was finally obtained, after years of litigation, to the two parcels of land on the ocean front known as the Cunha and Ward properties. Plans were going forward at the end of the year to take possession early in 1950 and clear off the accumulation of squatters' shacks and rubbish which had collected since the war. These new properties, bringing the park to the ocean front in the section nearest to Waikiki will, in due course, probably become the most important portion of the whole area.

The construction of a fountain in the traffic circle in Kalakaua Ave. Parkway was the outstanding beautification project of the year.

Reasons necessitating removal of the temporary wartime entertainment structure, known as the Breakers, were finally understood by the public. To correct fire hazards and the infringements of many health board rulings would cost more in renovations than new construction.

Plans were made by the Planning division for the improvement of the bandstand area. Construction of a new comfort station here was the most important item contemplated.

Public interest ran high on a request of the Oahu Jockey club to sponsor a season of summer horse racing in the park. The request was finally denied on the grounds that improvements needed would be too expensive. However, the renovation of the former race track was begun by the Maintenance division using for the embanked curves, earth taken from a drainage ditch which had to be dug through a low area. Near the end of the year, permission was given the Hawaii Polo association to hold practice on the old polo field and erect sideboards at their own expense. The riding concession continued to use the track during the year.

Decision to create a Hibiscus garden somewhere in the park led to choice of a spot inside the zoo. Being fenced, the zoo grounds offer protection to the rare plants which will be put in there.

72. KAPIOLANI GOLF DRIVING RANGE

A Part of Kapiolani Park

The popularity of this paying sports installation continued during 1949 with an estimated attendance of 50,000 people. Usage at night is particularly high, this being a time when golfers

cannot otherwise improve their game. Because players can go to regular courses on the weekend, this range is closed Sundays.

It is planned to build a putting green the coming year. The range was improved in 1949 by inclosing it entirely in a hog-wire fence, by further cleaning of periphery areas, grading, covering the entire field with topsoil and planting it to grass. The latter was made feasible by the installation of a sprinkler system in 1948.

73. KAPIOLANI NURSERY

A Part of Kapiolani Park

Paki Ave., Mauka Side of the Park

After being completely renovated in 1948, the nursery was able to function more efficiently during 1949. Many new plants were started, until there were an estimated 100,000 or more available at the end of the year. Five men are employed here, two of them for part time only. Plants supply not only the new and renewed plantings in the parks but other city and county agencies which are given plants from time to time. Distribution to the public, however, has been discontinued. With its extension into the adjoining land, the nursery now occupies about six and a half acres of land.

74. KAPIOLANI CLUBHOUSE

A Part of Kapiolani Park

Groups continued to use this clubhouse for private parties. At these times the small swimming pool is filled, becoming an adjunct of the entertainment program. Tennis was played here and during the summer the courts served as one of the centers for instruction in tennis. In the latter part of the year it also became necessary to hold certain tennis tournaments on these two courts.

75. KAPIOLANI SANS SOUCI BEACH PARK

A Part of Kapiolani Park

This is a short stretch of sandy beach on the diamond head side of the Natatorium built up naturally by this structure forming a groin. It came into possession of this Board June 1 when the Natatorium was turned over by the Territory. It is used to a considerable extent by youngsters since there are no high waves in this area.

The strongest activity of the Recreation division, its "Learn to Swim" program, is centered on this beach. Use is made of the Natatorium dressing rooms.

76. KAPIOLANI SERVICE CENTER AND ANNEX

A Part of Kapiolani Park, Leahi Ave.

The Service Center, which acts as the dispatching headquarters of the Maintenance division became better organized this year than ever before. New equipment continued to add to general efficiency. To make room for it, 75 feet of new shed roof had to be added to the patio which incloses the shops. In the main center are the mechanical department, where all manner of repairs are made, and the plumbing shop. The Service Center Annex, a large army warehouse a short distance away, holds the carpentry and the painting shops.

77. KAPIOLANI TENNIS COURTS

A Part of Kapiolani Park

The four tennis courts in this battery were made available for evening use by night lighting installations finished in December. They are so arranged as to go off automatically at 10 o'clock if they have been turned on, but if there are no players, as on rainy nights, they will remain dark. These lights were construc-

ted so that they can be moved, since it is planned to move the courts from this location at some future time.

With free play in tennis and with tennis tournaments being conducted here, the addition of the lights made this the most used area for tennis in Honolulu.

78. KAPIOLANI PUBLIC BATHS

3.20 acres

Kalakaua Ave., A Part of Kapiolani Park

This building provides dressing rooms, showers and lockers for bathers. There are tables and a grill for picnickers while volleyball and basketball courts offer a chance for exercise.

During the year the old wading pool was renovated and put into usable condition through the efforts of the Planning and the Maintenance divisions. This was done at the special request of the City and County health department so that patients recovering from paralysis at the Maluhia home and others could use it in muscular rehabilitation exercises. The walls were repaired with a gunite coating and a portable pump, which the division owned, was installed.

79. KAULUWELA PLAYGROUND

2.61 acres

Chun Hoon Lane, off School St.

This area, located in one of the most heavily populated sections of the city, continued to be heavily used by children and young adults for outlet in athletics. Through the cooperation of the principal of the school, indoor space continued to be available for dancing, weaving and simple crafts. Several softball leagues met here, sponsored by organizations using the area on Saturdays and Sundays. Use of the area for softball practice was very much in demand.

80. KAUPU BEACH PARK
(formerly Makapuu)

46.88 acres

Makai of Kalaniana'ole Highway Near Makapuu

The former 26.08 acres of cliff and cove land near Makapuu lighthouse, known as Makapuu beach, was extended during the year by addition of 20.80 acres of land adjoining it on the Waimanalo side. This new area had been under the control of the Hawaiian Homes Commission which agreed to give it back to the Territory with the understanding that it be turned over to this Board for development into a beach park.

The newly acquired land covers the small peninsula which was the site of the ancient Hawaiian village of Kaupo. Plans are being drawn up for its development. Water is the most important element needed. A comfort station, picnic facilities and parking area will be constructed.

This section of the shore is popular with campers, picnickers, fishermen and body surfers. Regular cleanup is given.

81. KAWANANAKOA PLAYGROUND

2.41 acres

Nuuanu and Kuakini Sts.

During the major portion of the year no leadership was furnished in recreation because the area once again proved to be one that only needed leadership when basketball and volleyball activities are in season. This leadership was furnished, therefore, in the early part of the year and the last two months of 1949. It was centered on the paved courts in the evenings. Club groups, however, continued to reserve the field for softball practice, the area being too small for league games.

This entire area functions during school hours as the play area for Kawanakoa school adjoining, since the school has no

land or facilities of its own.

82. KEANU CIRCLE

.08 acre

Palolo Rd., 6th Ave. and Keanu St.

This traffic island holds a Banyan tree and lawn.

83. KEAWAULA BEACH PARK

12 acres

Between Waianae and Kaena Point, Oahu

At present this beach can only be reached by crossing private property from the end of the Farrington highway. It is a beautiful crescent of white sand with fine possibilities for future development. Many people go this far on weekends, but since there is no water, camping is not allowed.

84. KOKO HEAD NATURAL PARK

1305 acres

Koko Head, Koko Crater and Vicinity

This, the largest park in acreage under the jurisdiction of this Board, has as its natural features the two small picturesque craters of Koko Head and Koko Crater. The slopes and environs of these, it is planned, shall be maintained in perpetuity in their natural state.

The vicinity of the park holds several active park units. Hanauma Bay beach occupies the crater of Koko Head; beyond lie Koko Head beach, Wawamalu beach and the Halona Blowhole. In the valley between the two peaks there has been constructed the Koko Head Rifle Range, occupying the site of an army camp during the war.

85. KOKO HEAD BEACH PARK

A Part of Koko Head Park

Beyond the Halona Blowhole

This beach extends from near the Blowhole to a rocky formation which intervenes between it and a farther portion of sandy shore known as Wawamalu beach. The broad Koko Head beach is popular for sand picnicking but no facilities of any kind are available due to lack of water. Camping is not allowed for the same reason. Swimming is dangerous because of undercurrents. Remains of a former highway through the property serve for parking.

86. KOKO HEAD HALONA BLOWHOLE LOOKOUT

A Part of Koko Head Park

Kalaniana'ole Highway

A large project that was brought up to actual construction at the very end of the year was the development of a scenic lookout at the blowhole. After careful study of the possibilities, which kept in mind the desirability of blending any development as much as possible into the natural setting, a plan was made by an outside architect. This envisions creating an enlarged parking area, an outlook with parapet and steps suitable for sitting overlooking the blowhole itself and a trail leading down to a smaller and lower outlook for photographers and other venturesome persons. It is planned to encourage the growth of natural plants in the vicinity. This development, serving motorists, reaches a different section of the public than does the average park.

87. KOKO HEAD RIFLE RANGE

A Part of Koko Head Park

A small side crater here offers a perfect natural enclosure for a rifle range. For some years this has been turned over for

development, maintenance and use to the Hawaiian Territorial Rifle association, made up of various clubs in the territory.

88. KUAKINI CIRCLE

.29 acre

Fort and Kuakini Sts.

This traffic island holds a shower tree and lawn.

89. KUHIO BEACH PARK

1.06 acres

Kalakaua Ave., End of Liliuokalani Ave., Waikiki

As "the beach at Waikiki" this is probably the most consistently used beach park on Oahu. Swimming, sun bathing and beach play lead the list, with many surfers using this as beach headquarters. Tables under the Hau arbor with their inset checker boards were always filled with elderly players. For those who just want to sit near the ocean and watch the surf riders in the Queen's surf, benches are provided.

By renovating the Kerr property, now a part of this park and covering it with sand, the Maintenance division extended park use. General maintenance here, especially in regard to cleaning and Sunday supervision was emphasized. The cave-in of a portion of the sidewalk, due to wave action at the end of the year, required immediate action.

The removal of the volleyball court has been recommended because of the crowded condition of the beach.

90. KUNAWAI PLAYGROUND

.88 acre

Kunawai Lane

An entirely new playground was constructed here during 1948 with a new field house, play areas, courts and equipment. A

natural spring was converted into a wading pool. This playground was landscaped with trees and shrubs during 1949. In the vicinity of the wading pool aquatic and other tropical plants were massed to take advantage of the prevailing dampness.

As a neighborhood playground, this area has been highly successful with children and adults participating in athletics and crafts of a simple nature. An organization formulated by the parents assists in promoting activities. One of their projects has been to show free movies at night. The interest of the parents kept this area alive with activities for their children.

91. KUNAWAI SPRINGS

.60 acre

Kunawai Lane

This undeveloped property across from Kunawai playground holds a pond fed by natural springs. Formerly a swimming hole, such use has been discontinued since surface drainage pollutes the water. It is planned sometime to convert this area into an attractive little lake garden. With the adjoining playground, it will make a complete park in this congested district.

92. KULIOUOU BEACH PARK

2.21 acres

End of Bay St., Kuliouou

This small stretch of sand was cleared and is partly developed. A picnic area was prepared and dirt volleyball and basketball courts put in. With these improvements the usage of this beach park has greatly increased.

It is planned to build a small pavilion here in 1950 with shelter and toilets.

93. LANAKILA PLAYGROUND

4.00 acres

School St. and Lanakila Ave.

Lanakila continued to be a major field for baseball and softball with night lighting proving again a major attraction. Thousands of people enjoyed the evening games of various organizations. The buildings served as the center for quiet games and for the simple crafts taught by the playground director while the basketball and volleyball courts were heavily used in season. The community building continued to be used to advantage for organization meetings by the Puerto Rican groups as well as by the Hawaiian athletic groups. Movies and socials were also held in this building. During the baseball season, a booth was erected for purposes of broadcasting the games played there by the Puerto Rican League. The lawn was given a dressing of top soil.

94. LELEO COMMUNITY CENTER

.336 acre

Leleo Lane, Off N. King

This neighborhood center continued to function as a workshop for mothers' classes in sewing, weaving and blockprinting. The children in the after-school period were taught simple crafts such as boatbuilding, kite making, blockprinting, painting and spatter work. The small playground was also used to advantage by the children of the immediately surrounding residences but because of its small size was not used to major extent. The Public Health division continued to serve the people of this heavily populated section of the city by using one room as local headquarters. Organizations promoted several rummage sales here to advantage for themselves as well as to the people of the immediate district.

95. LILIUOKALANI GARDENS

4.59 acres

Nuuanu Stream, Mauka of School St.

This park, which includes a picturesque dell along Nuuanu stream holds also the rocky falls of Waikahalulu. The pool at the foot is much used by children as a swimming hole. The dell is shaded by fine old trees and there are large rocks along the banks.

During the year a major cleaning off job was done by removing the natural vegetation. Some tropicals were planted. A parking area on the road level was constructed. Outdoor stoves were built and picnic benches brought in. A comfort station is to be built in 1950.

96. LOWREY CIRCLE

.12 acre

Magellan and Iolani Aves.

This traffic island holds a Monkeypod tree.

97. LUALUALEI BEACH PARK

19 acres

Lualualei, Waianae, Oahu

This is a stretch of sand approximately half a mile long extending makai of Farrington highway between Mailili stream and Kaneilio point. It is undeveloped but used for swimming and picnicking. Spear and pole fishing are good here.

98. MAKAPUU LOOKOUT

Kalaniana'ole Highway, Makapuu

This is a turnoff from the highway at the top of the Makapuu pali, commanding a magnificent view up the windward coast. Park land extends up the hill and in time a more spacious and attractive parking area for cars may be constructed.

99. MANOA WAR HOMES CENTER

Community Building

This is another center under the authority of the Hawaii Housing Authority. Used through its cooperation, as a center of recreation activities for the tenants and also for the general community, this area continued to serve a large void in the public parks system caused by the lack of a park in upper Manoa. Of great importance to the activities here was the indoor program, consisting of sewing, lauhala and loom weaving, hula dancing and knitting for the mothers, and the usual simple crafts for the children. The summer program was expanded over the usual public park program by two church agencies which promoted religious programs.

100. MANOA TRIANGLE

.82 acre

Manoa and East Manoa Rds.

This small park serves to beautify the entrance to Manoa valley. It has a lawn, a number of fine trees and an arbor. Good care was given during 1949.

101. MANOA VALLEY PARK

29.9 acres

Manoa Rd., East Manoa and Manoa Stream

All but one parcel of this future park are now acquired. Development waits for some future appropriation, but even now the picturesque section along the stream is occasionally used by picnic parties. Plans for a play area on the mauka side, adjoining the future school site, were tentatively drawn up during the year. This land has an inherent drainage problem which must be solved before overall development can proceed.

102. MAUNALANI PLAYGROUND

(Wilhelmina Rise)

3.60 acres

Wilhelmina Rise and Sierra Drive

This new playground is scheduled for full development in 1950. General plans made under the Planning division have been supplemented by detailed plans for the new pavilion and comfort station made by an outside architect. The contract for this structure was awarded late in the year. Grading, the installation of a sprinkler system, new tennis courts and topsoiling, along with landscape planting, will complete the project. During the year the area was rounded out by final purchase of a small parcel of land. Need for a playground in this very hilly section of the city is widely conceded.

103. MAUNALUA BEACH PARK

Maunalua Bay, Paralleling Kuapa Lagoon

6.00 acres

Makai Kalaniana'ole Highway, Maunalua Bay

This is a strip of undeveloped tideland beach used by fishermen and family picnic groups.

104. McCULLY COMMUNITY CENTER

Pumehana and Waiola Sts.

This structure, a former Japanese language school auditorium, stands on land owned by the City and County. It is the only building on this land which was turned over to this department; everything else is under the Department of Public Instruction or the building department. It was used as a center for community activities, as well as a center for the program of theatre work by children. The latter program was terminated here in September because of the expanded requirements of the school which eliminated use of

school class rooms that had been available for recreation work earlier in the year.

The building continued to be used as a center for the regular crafts program conducted throughout the recreation system, with the adults using the building for community group meetings, cards and movies. The outdoor court and night lighting served as a center for community competitive athletics.

105. MCKINLEY PLAY CENTER

In McKinley High School

After school hours, evenings and week-ends, the Recreation division operated this gymnasium, field and pool. The gymnasium housed six basketball league teams sponsored by church and business groups; junior and senior AAU volleyball leagues of businessmen's volleyball, classed in badminton and practice for individual school and club teams.

The field was widely used by the Recreation division in scheduling league softball and baseball, a lack of enough other fields making this necessary. The track was used for junior and intermediate practice and meets. Many other such events as the marbles championship contests took place here.

The pool was used by neighborhood groups and individuals, for Red Cross life saving training and by school teams for practice on schedules. Swimming meets for intermediates were sponsored by the Recreation division.

Lack of adequate comfort facilities, especially for women, became increasingly a major problem in connection with all three of these installations.

106. MOILIILI FIELD

3.90 acres

S. King, S. Beretania and Isenberg Sts.

A new sprinkler system was installed over this entire field by the Maintenance division during 1949. When this was finished the field was reconditioned with top soil and grass planting. Along with the renovation done in 1948, it is now in excellent condition.

The area was not used in any directed program under this department but was heavily in demand as a center for baseball, softball and football with teams practicing these various sports year round. League activities were also popular in baseball and softball.

107. MOILIILI TRIANGLE

.33 acre

S. Beretania and S. King Sts.

This point of land holds two large Banyan trees and lawn. During the year, the encroachment of an adjoining gas station was stopped and a chain fence put up to mark the boundaries so that parking could not injure the lawn.

108. MOKULEIA BEACH PARK

10.70 acres

Mokuleia, Oahu

This is a stretch of undeveloped beach which is popular for week-end picnicking. During the past year it was cleared of overgrowth so that greater use could be made of it. There is no water, so camping is not allowed. Swimming is dangerous due to strong currents but there is good fishing. The privately owned right of way of the Oahu Railway must be crossed to reach the beach.

Negotiations are in progress to exchange this for a comparable piece of territorial property desired by the railway company in the vicinity.

109. MOTHER WALDRON PLAYGROUND

1.79 acres

Coral and Pohukaina Sts.

This playground continued to be highly popular with the youngsters and with the young adults as a center for athletic activities. Most of its activity was kept on a neighborhood level. The physical characteristics and lack of indoor space prevented this area from becoming active in simple handicrafts, except that during summer Pohukaina school rooms are made available for these activities. A usual teen canteen program was also established in the school.

Population is rapidly diminishing in this Kakaako district, as industry moves in.

110. NANAKULI CAMP

A Part of Kalaniana'ole Beach Park

General lighting was installed in this camp early in the year, at the same time that it was put in on the adjoining Kalaniana'ole playground.

City playground groups continued to schedule week-end camping trips with their numbers limited to 60. This activity flourished mostly during the summer. The Recreation division again used this site for its own "summer round-up," when it held a group luau and play day for over a hundred of its staff and family members.

111. OAHU CIRCLE

.01 acre

Oahu and Kamehameha Aves.

This traffic island is planted to crotons. Replanting and renovation is contemplated.

112. PACHECO PLAYGROUND

4.59 acres

Lehua Ave., Pearl City

Improvements to complete the rounding out of this playground are scheduled to take place in 1950. These will include filling in the rest of the low area in one corner, the spreading of top soil, renovation and extension of the sprinkler system and general landscaping.

Leadership services were not provided here until the latter part of 1948 and were again terminated in April 1949. With the summer another person was found to carry on and activities in athletics flourished. The night lighting completed in 1948 became, with leadership provided, a major attraction. During the baseball and softball season the area continued to be a major center for practice and for league play of the rural leagues.

113. PAKI PLAYGROUND

A Part of Kapiolani Park

Paki and Leahi Aves.

This small playground continued to serve principally as an area for free play by the children living nearby. Mothers enjoyed taking their children here where they could relax in the cool comfort of beautiful trees. One barefoot football team continued to use this small area as its headquarters and site for practice. A Hibiscus hedge and Plumeria trees were planted.

114. PALOLO PLAYGROUND

7.79 acres

Palolo Ave. and Kalua Rd.

As this is an area that probably will be transferred to the Department of Public Instruction as a school site, while the park site will be moved mauka, no improvements were made here but only general maintenance given. The outdoor basketball and volleyball courts, although used, are not satisfactory because of high winds in this valley. The general condition of the ground area has also been rather discouraging for any game activities except softball. The playground director, however, managed to get enough boys together to formulate two barefoot football teams. The major portion of the recreation activities took place within the Hawaii Housing Authority owned building, where simple crafts, movies and club organization work was scheduled.

115. PALOLO TRIANGLE

.08 acre

Palolo Ave. at Waiialae Ave.

This point of land, which was renovated in 1948, serves as a bus waiting area. It was resurfaced with black sand during 1949.

116. PARKS AND RECREATION BUILDING

Honolulu Hale Annex

The efficiency of having all divisions of the staff housed in one building continued to be demonstrated during 1949. Frequent conferences between members of the different divisions, led to the most complete cooperation. The building, although crowded, was found to be convenient. The central patio, with its lawn and flowering vines, proved a constant source of satisfaction. It may have contributed much with its feeling of quiet serenity to the full harmony which prevails among staff members.

117. PETRIE PLAYGROUND

4.13 acres

Harding, Pahoa, 19th and 20th Aves., Kaimuki

Floodlights on the tennis, basketball and volleyball courts were completed during 1949 and turned on in December. Earlier in the year resurfacing of the paved areas had been completed. With these improvements great changes in the athletic activities here are certain. In 1949 free play went on here conducted by community groups with, however, the worker managing to carry on a varied program of arts and crafts as well as athletics during the summer. Cooperation of the school in permitting use of classroom space made this latter program possible.

118. PIIKOI PARKWAY

.64 acre

In Piikoi St., Ala Moana to Kapiolani Blvd.

119. POKAI BAY BEACH PARK

1.12 acres

Makai Farrington Highway, Pokai Bay, Waianae

The sandy crescent of this bay is regarded as one of the finest swimming beaches on Oahu. At present it is undeveloped and camping is not allowed. Through an arrangement with the U. S. Army, which controls the property on both sides, the public is allowed to use all the beach frontage.

120. PUNAHOU SQUARE

.75 acre

Punahou St. and Wilder Ave.

This small square has a lawn and several trees. A bus waiting station is its only structure. It was given general maintenance.

121. PUOWAINA TRIANGLE

.14 acre

Puowaina Dr. and Lusitana St., Punchbowl

This small point of land holds a lawn and Poinciana trees.

122. PUKELE PLAYGROUND

.56 acre

Pukele Ave. and Kaau St., Palolo

This little triangle park was used for free play by the children living nearby. With only a basketball and volleyball court, no great variety of activities is possible but the immediate residents seem to enjoy themselves especially during this seasonal activity.

123. PUNALUU BEACH PARK

1.54 acres

Punaluu, Koolauloa, Oahu

Developed with lawn, coconut trees and a good comfort station, this beach is popular for camping, picnicking and fishing. Hukilau, squidding and limu gathering are good. During the year about 60 large boulders were placed along the roadside to serve as a fence in keeping cars from running onto the lawn.

124. PUPUKEA BEACH PARK

.80 acre

Pupukea, Koolauloa, Oahu

This is a stretch of beautiful undeveloped shoreline. Since there are no reefs, swimming here is dangerous, but the beach is enjoyed by sightseers and others. The area was cleared and leveled by the Maintenance division.

125. PUUNUI PLAYGROUND

1.65 acres

Puunui Ave. and Kauai St.

A fine new pavilion was started in this playground in 1949 and will be completed about May, 1950. Construction was delayed by shipping difficulties. The plan, drawn up by an outside architect, calls for a central room with stage which can be used for indoor play and hobbies. Or, if desired, the room can be opened and become itself a stage for larger entertainments with the audience on the basketball court below. Around the building will be a children's play area designed to compliment the structure. Floodlights under the eaves of the building will light the grounds.

126. ST. LOUIS CIRCLE

.14 acre

St. Louis Dr. and Hanamana Pl.

This traffic island holds a Monkeypod tree.

127. THOMAS SQUARE

6.60 acres

S. King, Victoria, S. Beretania and Kapiolani Sts.

This is one of the city's most ornamental and conspicuous parks. It was enhanced during the year by the restoration of the Castle memorial fountain. Plans for putting back the colored lights in the fountain have been made and it is expected this can be carried out early in 1950. During the year a sign explaining the name and history of the park was made. On the site of the present park Admiral Thomas, of the British navy, restored sovereignty to the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1843.

The square was used during the year for various purposes. Dog clubs found it a good place to have their shows, some half

dozen such events being held. Rallies and parades made use of it. The Recreation division held its Kamehameha Day and Folk Dance festivals there. Children of the adjacent Lincoln school used it partly as a playground.

128. THURSTON CIRCLE

.13 acre

Kapahulu Ave. and Ala Wai Blvd.

This traffic island is attractively planted with Coconut and Monkeypod trees, and has a lawn. It is maintained by the firemen of the Waikiki fire station across the street.

129. WAIALAE BEACH PARK

4.38 acres

End of Kealaolu Ave., Kahala

This close in beach park possesses wide lawns with shade trees which make it a favorite place for picnicking. Swimming in the shallow water is good for novices except that care must be exercised with children because of unnoticeable holes that occur in the ocean bottom off shore. Fishing off the reef is excellent. Limu gatherers and torch fishermen use this beach as a base.

130. WAHIAWA MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

Wright Playground, Wahiawa

This structure constitutes one of the finest additions to the plant of this Board. Carrying out the latest theories of swimming pool design, it holds a main pool of championship size, a smaller wading pool for children, dressing room and shower units and office. The showers and dressing rooms are open to the sky, keeping them dry and sanitary. The rotating filter system is of the latest design.

The building was started late in 1948 and completed in the

summer of 1949. It was dedicated in July with a special memorial service sponsored by the people of Wahiawa, who honored the men of that district who died in World War II. Part of the funds paying for the building was raised as a memorial by the local people.

The Recreation division's summer "Learn to Swim" program was held in the pool. Community usage and mother's classes keep it busy.

131. WAIANAE FIELD

12.37 acres

Waianae Township, Waianae

Construction went forward on this future athletic area and picnic park with the clearing and grading of the land completed. In the meantime full plans for its development were drawn by the Planning division. They include a football and baseball field, softball areas and volleyball, basketball and tennis courts, along with a children's play area. A comfort station will be constructed by the Maintenance division. Water difficulties in this dry area are to be met by the construction of a tank which will collect water during the night. Since the land borders a stream, it is planned to landscape this portion of the park, making it suitable for picnic parties.

When completed this will be one of the major athletic areas of Oahu, serving the entire west end of the island.

132. WAIMANALO BEACH PARK

67.35 acres

Waimanalo, Oahu

This beach extends from Bellows field all the way to Kaupo, near Makapuu, a distance of about four miles. One short segment of this shore line is privately owned, (holding the Shriners' beach house and other places). For convenience in designation,

this long stretch has been divided into three sections: that nearest Waimanalo is known by that name; adjoining and extending up to the Pahonu lots, the beach is called Kaiona; beyond these lots to Kaupo it is known as Pahonu beach. These sections are taken up separately in this report.

Waimanalo beach itself is a fine broad stretch of white sand with a comfort station and picnicking facilities. Used during the war as a training area for amphibious operations, a number of remaining army shacks were removed the past year. Three of these were left for possible use.

133. WAIMANALO GYMNASIUM

1.6 acres

Waimanalo Village

Purchase of this structure from the Waimanalo Agricultural Development Co. was completed during the year, and the lease for the land around it was assigned to the City and County. A full program of community use has been inaugurated, with a full time director in charge and considerable volunteer leadership. Windward adult groups use the place for meetings, for exhibits of farm produce and for local shows. Community and teenage dances are held. For young people there is practice and league play in seasonal athletics, table tennis and badminton. Two club rooms provide room for the meeting of interested groups and crafts are taught. During the summer there was a program of children's recreation.

134. WAIPAHO FIELD

15 acres approx.

Farrington Highway, Waipahu

Need for a park and athletic field in this section of the island has been felt since plantation facilities were outgrown by

the enlargement of the town. This parcel of low-lying land along the Farrington highway was acquired by purchase during the year. It will require draining and filling before it can be developed. An engineering company has been engaged to study the problems involved. These include also bringing water to the site. Because of these basic problems, full development is expected to go rather slowly.

135. WAR MEMORIAL NATATORIUM

A Part of Kapiolani Park

This property, a memorial to the Territory dead in World War I, was turned over to this Board by legislative action in 1949. Before that it had been operated by the Territorial Department of Public Works. Along with the act giving jurisdiction to this Board, went a legislative appropriation for its repair and renovation, as it was in a bad state of deterioration. There was, however, no transfer of the funds that had maintained its staff.

Possession was taken on July 1. Maintenance crews immediately made a thorough cleanup of the park in front of the building. After renovation started the pool was closed but was opened a short time for the International Swimming meet when teams from Japan and the U. S. mainland came to the islands. Capacity audiences attended.

This Board took over the staff of six men who had been attached to the pool, although the legislature had overlooked providing funds for their pay.

The pool is expected to reopen in March, 1950.

Life Guards

At the same time that transfer of the Natatorium property was made, the Legislature transferred also the Territorial Life Guard unit of six men to the jurisdiction of this Board. With our

previous two guards this makes a paid staff of eight men in this work. Headquarters is still in the Natatorium office. These men are able only to cover regularly the Waikiki area, but volunteers will accompany picnic parties to other beaches if a request is made in time. The training program in life saving is continued.

136. WAWAMALU BEACH PARK

A Part of Koko Head Park

Makai Kalaniana'ole Highway Adjoining Wawamalu Ranch

This beach has been given a separate designation for convenience' sake since a natural break of rocky shore exists between it and Koko Head Beach nearer the Blowhole. This beach is undeveloped but popular for picnicking and fishing. Lacking water, camping is not allowed.

137. JOHN H. WILSON PLAYGROUND

.46 acre

Tantalus Rd., Papakolea

Construction of a new pavilion in this playground was begun in the fall, plans having been drawn up by an outside architect. The building was designed to house the many unusual activities which center in it in this community. They include church services, morning kindergarten, lei making and other Hawaiian crafts, as well as the program of the Recreation division. The existing pavilion was left intact until the new building was finished, so great was the need for it. When the new one is finished and the old one removed, the grounds will be appropriately planted.

The paved court continued to serve as the focal point of the community's athletic program. Games were held regularly throughout the year either on week-ends or under the night lights. A community organization was instrumental in formulating much of the athletic program in cooperation with the recreation leader.

138. GEORGE FRED WRIGHT PLAYGROUND

7.07 acres

Glen and Kilani Aves., Wahiawa

Completion of the floodlighting for the softball field, the basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, and the swimming pool rounded out the recreation facilities added to this playground during the year.

It served as a center for football and baseball activities for the various leagues organized in leeward Oahu and was used heavily as an outlet for community-wide athletics organized under the recreation worker. The opening ceremonies for the softball lights, consisting principally a "muumuu" softball game, drew a large crowd and everything pointed to great enjoyment of these lights in the future.

The Clarke property, acquired in 1948 to round out the playground area, was cleared and partially developed by the Maintenance division.

139. YACHT BASIN PARKING AREA

A Part of Ala Moana Park

Ala Moana Blvd. and Ala Wai Canal

This area was completed during the year in connection with the paving at Ala Moana park road. It serves particularly the needs of people who come for recreation at the nearby yacht harbor and yacht club.

140. ZOO PARKING AREA

A Part of the Zoo

Kapahulu Ave. Near Kalakaua

This area serves not only the Zoo but the nearby beach areas and Kapiolani park.

141-152. TWELVE SCHOOLS

A year round recreation program was conducted in six schools. FERN and KALIHI-WAENA, being immediately adjacent to playgrounds, were given some service, principally to familiarize the children with the programs available to them and also to acquaint them with the directors of these programs. At MANOA the school principal requested leadership on the grounds of need, but after a short trial this was terminated as unsound. KAIULANI, LUNALILO and ALIOLANI continued to be serviced for unit instruction in Hawaiian singing and dancing. These schools therefore continued to serve the Recreation department to advantage in various presentations of Hawaiian spectacles. It is believed also that the children were rewarded in gaining knowledge not easily available to them elsewhere.

Summer programs only were conducted in six other schools. These were KALIHI-UKA, KALIHI-KAI, NANAIKAPONO (at Nanakuli) POHUKAINA, PUUHALE and WAIALAE. Space in these schools was requested in order to service better the neighborhoods in which they stand or to afford a more rounded program. Without the indoor space provided by these immediately adjacent rooms, only open areas on the playgrounds would have been available, limiting the summer programs to athletics.

153-158. SIX MISCELLANEOUS AREAS

In the following areas, part time supervision was furnished to assist the communities in organizing their programs or to tie them in with the overall recreation program of the island. The department also furnished the play equipment used, with the agencies in charge providing maintenance and upkeep: AIEA community association field; KAHUKU school and plantation play area; MOILILI community association center; WAIPAHU plantation play field; KAILUA community association center; and, WAIHOLE school.

