

Custom does often reason overrule,
And only serves for reason to the fool.
—Rochester.

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Our dangers and delights are near allies;
From the same stem the rose and prickly rise.
—Daniel.

HONOLULU, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1917.

OAHU AND MAUI PRIZES AWARDED IN STAR-BULLETIN'S 1917 GARDEN CONTEST

Home and School Divisions Decided; Many Share Honors In Cash and Certificates of Merit

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FOURTH — WAIHOLE SCHOOL.
FIFTH — WAIANAE SCHOOL.
SIXTH — PEARL CITY SCHOOL.
SEVENTH — WAHIAWA SCHOOL.

HOME GARDEN WINNERS, OAHU

FIRST — WO KIN SUN LOOK, KAHUKU SCHOOL. PRIZE \$25.
SECOND — MAX LANDGRAF, EWA SCHOOL. PRIZE \$15.
THIRD — JOAQUIN DOMINGOS, KAHUKU. PRIZE \$10.

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FOURTH — ELIZABETH HOLT, KAAHUMANU, HONOLULU.
FIFTH — KOICHI IWAMOTO, KANEHOE.
SIXTH — KOSUKE TAKAI, KAHUKU.
SEVENTH — HIDEMICHI TOKIMASA, KAHUKU.
EIGHTH — JOSEPH SYLVA, KANEHOE.
NINTH — JOSE TONAI, EWA.
TENTH — AH CHONG LOOK, KAHUKU.
ELEVENTH — KEIKO TOKIMASA, KAHUKU.
TWELFTH — TEUK SOON LYUM, WAIALUA.
THIRTEENTH — JOHN DABRAEO, AIEA.

den was established. Perhaps the best drawings in the territory, taking the average through the school, have come from Wahiawa.

Hauia School
This little school on windward Oahu received much favorable comment from the judges. It showed that two women teachers, filled with enthusiasm and ready to take the initiative, and pupils of the same kind can do. The judges especially commended the industry and ingenuity shown in building a fence of split sticks which had to be gotten a long distance from the school house. The two teachers are Miss Helen Anaholami and Miss Hatie Kama.

Waipahu School
Waipahu school, with a large attendance, has many possibilities and turned out a commendable garden, having secured the land from a church yard.

Ewa School
Under Principal Simpson, Ewa school did very well and developed a number of better-than-average home gardeners. Furthermore, since the contest closed this school has shown its realization of the larger work of "feeding Hawaii" by undertaking to establish 100 home gardens.

Kailua School
Kailua school, at an isolated part of windward Oahu, started in a small way and increased its garden steadily. The land was on the hillside and the water had to be carried a long distance.

Aiea school
Though Aiea school was not in the school division of the contest for lack of grounds, nevertheless it developed a small garden, an evidence of good spirit.

HOME GARDEN DIVISION
Wo Kin Sun Look, winner of the first prize, is a 15-year-old Chinese boy, son of a planter who lives far out on the swamp flats near the Kahuka wireless station. His two sons, Wo Kin Sun and Ah Chong Look, cleared plots side by side and developed especially fine lettuce and cabbage. In order to get water, they dug a well—hard labor in the soil they had to contend with. Each boy had a fine garden and it was largely because they overcame difficulties and "delivered the goods" that the older boy gets first prize and his brother a certificate of honor.

Max Landgraf of Ewa wins second prize. Max is 14 years old. His father is a German-American and his mother part-Portuguese and part-German, born in Hawaii. Max had a large garden, which he fenced by using split sisal poles, thus utilizing waste material, a point of economy which counted in his favor. He goes to school several miles away and has little time outside of Saturday and Sunday to work in his garden.

Joaquin Domingos of Kahuku, third prize winner, planted his garden high up a hillside, overcoming natural difficulties and getting good results.

Artist and Gardener
Elizabeth Holt, Kaahumanu school, was one of the many girls who developed good gardens and competed successfully with the boys.

Koichi Iwamoto of Kaneohe, a Japanese boy, produced a splendid garden, worked out his accounts carefully and far-sightedly and kept on increasing the size of his plot. It should be mentioned also that Koichi is the star artist of his school. His drawings, both ink and colored, are unusually good and were much admired at the Kaneohe fair.

Kosuke Takai and Hidemichi Tokimasa are two Kahuku boys with home gardens side by side, cleared from the lanana. The gardens were of almost equal merit.

Artist and Gardener
Hidemichi Tokimasa is one of the best artists of the schools, and his drawings of the garden arrangements were particularly good.

Joseph Sylva of Kaneohe developed a garden on an old Hawaiian homestead, meeting poor weather conditions, heavy soil and other difficulties.

Jose Tona of Ewa is a bright little Spanish lad of 15 years, in the eighth grade, son of a Spanish immigrant family. He developed a fine little garden with a clever irrigation system by which he used waste water from the kitchen. His produce was among the best and his garden among the best-kept. The judges were sorry that there were not enough prizes so that he could have one, too.

Keiko Tokimasa of Kahuku is a sister of Hidemichi Tokimasa and her garden was about as good as her brother's. She well deserves praise.

Teuk Soon Lyum of Waialua had a very good garden and overcame difficulties to make a good showing.

John Dabraeo of Aiea is a 13-year-old lad who raised a fine crop of potatoes in a large garden, but unfortunately the floods wiped out most of his crop and to save it he had to dig the potatoes when they were still small.

Others Commended
Others whom the judges commended were Sing Mau of Waipahu, who showed ingenuity in securing and using fertilizer; Luke Chung Hong of Pearl City, who started out well but found much difficulty with hard ground; Toshik Kusanoto of Aiea, who put in much work on land he got from the plantation; Mary Kaleikini of Pearl City, who had an onion bed in her father's garden; Fook Loy Yap of Kaahumanu, who went to Chinese

14-Year-Old Boy, Max Landgraf, Has One of Prize Home Gardens on Island of Oahu



THREE ISLANDS STILL TO REPORT

Up to the time when this section of the Star-Bulletin went to press (Friday night) the announcement of the awards by the garden contest judges of Hawaii and Kauai had not been received. Hence it is possible today to announce only the awards for Oahu and Maui. The others will be published later.

SPECIAL RANKING ON BEST RECORDS

Next week the Star-Bulletin will make a special announcement concerning the standing of the schools in letters, records and drawings. While these are judged as part of the general contest, still it will be of special interest to know how the schools stood in this important division of the 1917 competition.

MAX LANDGRAF, PRIZE-WINNER, SELLS PRODUCE

Hilo, Hawaii, March 30, 1917. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir: During the last two weeks, our plants have been growing well. The climate has been good. We have sold all our radishes. In the place of our radishes, we planted daikon. Our turnips will soon be ready. Yours truly, KAUMANA SCHOOL, Grade IV.

Max Landgraf of Ewa is the winner of the second prize in the home garden contest for the island of Oahu. He has not only had a good garden throughout the season but his letters have been very regular and readable. Here is the closing one:

Ewa, Oahu, T. H., April 10, 1917. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir: Kindly give me space to tell you what our school is doing in school gardens and home gardens for this term.

On the first day of school our principal gave us a talk on the importance of home gardens, with the result that we have formed a club of 100 boys who will plant in their home gardens such vegetables as yams, Irish potatoes, carrots, turnips, beets, onions and radishes. Bananas will be planted in spaces that are not suitable for vegetables. I am going to plant an acre of yams.

I find no trouble in selling all the vegetables that my mother does not need for the table. We can now take a small piece of meat and some carrots, turnips, potatoes and parsley and make a stew for our family costing not more than 25 cents, and if we should use beef alone as a steak or roast it would cost at least a dollar.

In this way we hope to help our parents by reducing the cost of living and perhaps we can be of some use to our territory and our country, too. Thanking you for publishing my letters. I am, very respectfully, MAX. F. LANDGRAF.

still better. I planted the onions and turnips and they are growing. Yours truly, JOHN FREITAS.

"How much money has my husband in this bank?" "I cannot tell you that, madam." "The idea! Aren't you the teller?" —Boston Transcript.

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Hahaione, Maui, April 4, 1917. Honolulu Star-Bulletin, School Farm Contest, Honolulu. Gentlemen: Your judges of the Maui School Farm Contest beg to report concerning their finding in the competition of the various school gardens and home gardens of the pupils thereof as follows:

SCHOOL GARDENS
First—For the best school garden (1st prize), Paia school. Score, 48 points. High commendation is due the Paia school for its perseverance and its accomplishments in overcoming exceptional obstacles in the form of rocks and undergrowth. The ground was very stony and is said to have been abandoned by the plantation as among the least suited agriculturally of its large holdings. However, the soil was good after being got into condition and with the free use of water, very excellent results were obtained. A very noteworthy feature of the Paia school garden is the extensive variety tests and fertilizer experiments conducted. This feature might well be encouraged in subsequent contests. The judges unqualifiedly award first place to Paia school.

Second—For second best school garden (2nd prize), Puunene school. Score, 42 points. Much credit is due Puunene school for the very large amount of vegetables grown during the period of the contest. Not alone was the quantity large and variety excellent, but the enterprising proved the most profitable in a financial way of any of the school gardens of Maui. A feature of the Puunene school gardens which is worthy of special notice is the plan of providing such pupils as had no available ground at home, with small individual plots to take the place of home gardens. These little "handkerchief gardens" as they are termed in Japan, made a most excellent showing, and are certain to prove a great incentive to further effort on the part of the little gardeners, none of whom were above the fifth grade. Mention should also be made of the enterprise of the principal in supplementing the garden work with poultry and rabbit raising. Much of the byproducts of the garden were utilized as food for this stock.

Third—For third best school garden (3rd prize), Hamakua school. Score, 40 points. The model school garden of Maui is doubtless the school garden at Hamakua. With favorable natural conditions and a good soil to begin with, this school took fullest possible advantage of its resources. The plots were especially well laid out and carefully planted. Careful succession of varieties was provided and in consequence a continuous supply of vegetables was secured. As an object lesson in orderliness and to show the possibilities of a small tract of ground, it would be difficult to find a better example.

The fourth and fifth best school gardens were found at Kealahou and Keahua, respectively. Kealahou school being located at a high altitude, has naturally a late season. This is a handicap to early spring gardening. Furthermore, several freshets played havoc with part of the plantings. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, very creditable work was done at this school. Variety and fertilizer tests were being made, and a definite plan to assist the farmers of this region of small holdings was apparent. Score, 34 points.

Keahua school took good advantage of its favorable natural resources. Being in a warm, protected locality, with ample water for irrigation and a responsive soil, an excellent showing was being made. Score, 32 points.

Home Gardens: Scoring in Contest
First prize (score, 48 points)—John Andrade, Paia school. This garden showed a very commendable enterprise for a youth (aged 15 years). The garden was not only well planned and carefully attended, but was extensive as well. The area was approximately 20x60 feet. While little produce had been sold, the lad's

family table had been abundantly supplied. Second prize (score, 45 points)—Isami Ota, Puunene school. This garden exemplifies the possibilities of a very small piece of ground and making the most of a limited water supply. While containing less than 100 square feet, literally every inch of the ground was occupied by flourishing vegetation. The entire supply of water was furnished by the kitchen drainage. After viewing this garden the judges felt that no excuse for ordinary limitations are tenable. Third prize (score, 43 points)—Paul Knyse, Paia school. This garden was extensive and had yielded an income of about \$5 in addition to supplying some vegetables to the home. The business enterprise of some of the pupils is well illustrated in this case, as well as the earning possibilities of a small tract of land intensively cultivated. Estimating the area under cultivation at 1-25 acre a calculated return of \$125 per acre for three months' cropping is obtained. Fourth prize (score, 40 points)—Freddie Henning, Kuiaha school. This garden showed perseverance and an earnest effort to make the most of the opportunities left after getting a late start. This had evidently learned the valuable lesson that a late start is better than making no effort at all, and had the time period been longer he would doubtless have scored higher.

Fifth place (score, 38 points)—Higo Hiramatsu, Lahaina school. Under quite favorable conditions, such as prevail in the sheltered Lahaina region, this lad was one of the very few to take advantage of exceptional opportunities. He deserves credit for his insight and not being discouraged by lack of incentive from his schoolmates.

Nothing has been said of such obstacles as insect pests. And lest some misguided inquirer may think these gardens, by special decree, immune from the usual garden pests, stress should be laid on the fact that none of the gardeners herein considered but that waged warfare upon insect foes from the first days of planting until the end of the contest. It is the overcoming of these and numerous other obstacles that will prove some of the most valuable lessons to not only the pupils who won prizes but to all alike who persisted in making useful things grow.

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GIRLS AND BOYS OF KIHAI WORKING

Kihai, Maui, March 30, 1917. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir: This is the last day of this term and we are glad to have a rest. We shall have one week vacation. The boys have been working very hard. The girls, too, are digging the garden to plant some flower seeds. The morning glories are very pretty when they bloom. Some of the girls sew handkerchiefs and some do drawwork. We do some crocheting, too. Mrs. Cockett will teach us embroidery next term. I shall close my letter. Very truly, yours, OTOKU TAKAYAMA, Grade V.

Sir: I am going to tell you about our school garden. It looks pretty with all the plants growing nicely. It does look like a little farm. I am glad that we have entered the contest because it gives us more interest in plants and their care. We have learned many interesting facts. We are going to keep on working in our garden until the end of the school year. All the plants seem to do pretty well under the trying conditions. We are going to have a vacation for one week. I am going to help my father with his work. Some time I go out to play with the boys and when I'm through playing I come home and help my sisters. Play and work are good exercises. Yours truly, JAS. AKINA, Grade IV.

KAUAI BOY SAVES GARDEN FROM FLOODS BY BUILDING A DAM

Waimea, Kauai, Mar. 27, 1917. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Dear Sir: I am sending you a picture of one part of my home garden. The beans are growing very nicely. We had very heavy rains here and I was afraid that my beans and parsley would be destroyed so I went out to my garden and built a dam around it so the water would not go in. I am working hard so that I can get one of the prizes. Yours truly, WILSON.