

Maui News

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Classy Races Sure For Fourth Of July

Big String Of Fast Ones Now In Honolulu Expected To Come--Plans Being Made For Record Breaking Day.

The Fourth of July races at Kahului this year promise to be of more interest than for some years, according to those who have been sizing up the situation. Moreover there will be considerable uncertainty owing to the running of a lot of dark horses which track men know little about.

The situation is likely to be a little clearer, however, after the races in Honolulu on June 5 and 11, inasmuch as many of the horses which will race there will also run at Kahului.

At the present time there are 12 Maui horses in training in Honolulu—4 entered by Angus McPhee, 4 entered by F. B. Cameron, 2 by Foster Robinson, and 2 by Dr. Raymond. Besides this John O'Rourke has just brought 4 new ones down from the Coast which no one knows anything about and Alfred Carter, of the Parker Ranch is in the field with no less than 8 animals said to have speed, but concerning which not a great deal is known. All of these are expected at the Maui races, besides various other local horses.

There are also to be the usual cowboy races, ladies' races, and polo pony races.

In order to accommodate the big crowd which is confidently expected in the fair grounds on the 4th, a lot of portable bleachers are being constructed by the fair committee. These will be built similar to those used in Honolulu, and will be available for all kinds of out-of-doors affairs where seats are desirable.

Long, Hot Dry Spell Reaching Serious Stage

With the exception of Kula, which has been visited by almost daily showers for some time past, and which in consequence has no kick coming, practically all Maui is rapidly getting to the critical stage of drought. Central and east Maui have been hot and dry for weeks, and residents of the Haiku and east Makawao sections say that they can scarcely remember when the roads were dusty and the fields as dry as they are at present.

The rainfall recorded at the Haiku experiment station was less than .2 of an inch for a period more than an hour last night, and Haiku is normally a wet district. At Kailua it was less than 3 inches in the past 24 hours.

Plantation men are concerned over the crop for the new plant, and the 1922 crop, though up to the present the pumping systems have been able to prevent any serious damage from the drought. In the pineapple district rain is also greatly needed, and the tonnage for the season just coming on will probably be reduced for the reason that the fruit will be small if rains do not come.

To learn more about the interior of the earth an English scientist has planned to bore a shaft 12 miles deep, equipped with devices to equalize the air pressure and remove the heated air.

Warning Given To Oil All Drinking Water

Because of what is apparently a mild epidemic of diarrhea and intestinal trouble in Wailuku, Dr. Osmer suggests the advisability of boiling all drinking water. While there is as yet no reason to ascribe the trouble to the water supply, the recommendation is made merely as a matter of precaution.

Because frosts do the most damage when the air is calm, a Paris scientist has advanced the theory that orchards and vineyards can be protected by electric fans to keep the atmosphere moving.

Don't waste sympathy on the Germans. They have enough of it for themselves.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Fuel Oil Cargo Brings Relief--Sugar Leaving

The freighter Eastern Guide arrived in Kahului harbor on Monday and is taking on 5500 tons of sugar from freight cars at the Claudine wharf. This is one of the few times that a large ocean-going vessel has berthed at the inter-island boat wharf. The ship brought 500 tons of miscellaneous cargo. She expects to get away today for the coast.

Oil Supply Arrived
The shipping board tank steamer Quabbin, with a full cargo of fuel oil (61,000 barrels) arrived at Kahului Monday and is discharging into the big tanks on the water front. The vessel is under charter to the Standard Oil Co., and the oil is consigned to Alexander & Baldwin. The shipment will keep Maui supplied for about 2 months.

"535" Ships Coming But Not As Expected

Delegate Kuhio Opposed New York-San Francisco-Hawaii Plan--Now Looks Like Direct Coast-Islands Schedule.

Recent advices to the Matson Navigation Company, indicate that the U. S. Shipping board has definitely allocated two of the new "535" passenger and freight steamers now building to that company for service between San Francisco and Hawaii. The news came somewhat as a surprise inasmuch as it had been understood that the only way the Islands could hope to benefit from these new vessels was through allocation for a run between New York and Hawaii via San Francisco. If the news is correct it will mean that the passenger service between the mainland and the Islands will be very greatly improved the latter part of the year when the vessels are completed.

The Maui chamber of commerce recently conformed with the suggestion of the Honolulu chamber and sent a resolution favoring the New York-Hawaii service to the shipping board, and to Delegate Kalaniana'ole. In replying under date of April 30, John A. Donald, chairman of the board stated—"The matter is now up before the board and we feel that the allocations made in the trade in a few days will be satisfactory to the citizens of Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands."

Kalaniana'ole Opposed Resolution
Delegate Kalaniana'ole's reply received this week, did not agree with the chamber's suggestion. He said in part:

"I re- similar resolution from the chamber of Honolulu but I feel it would be inconsistent for me to support the shipping board and allocate the ships to be allocated according to the resolution. The chamber of commerce of Honolulu has joined in the request with the shipping interests of the Pacific coast to have ships allocated to the Pacific trade, and upon that request I have been working with the board to the end that some ships be assigned to the Pacific coast companies for trade in the Pacific.

"I fully appreciate the fact that Hawaii needs ships and I am of the opinion that if I were to again go before the board seeking to have ships allocated for trade between New York and San Francisco, and occasionally touching at Honolulu it would possibly hinder the probability of Hawaii receiving the benefits of any shipping, on view of the fact that I have been assured by the shipping board that as soon as the new ships of the 535 foot class are commissioned, they will be placed in the Pacific trade.

"Assuring you that I will do all in my power to have ships allocated to the Pacific for trade in the Pacific, I am,

"Very truly yours,
"(Sgd.) J. K. KALANIANA'OLE,
Delegate in Congress from Hawaii."

A Californian is the inventor of a sound deadening helmet for aviators that is made of two thicknesses of felt with an air space between, provision being made for admitting telephone wires.

COURT MAY BE ABLE TO GET TOWN LIGHTED

Only Hope Of Escape From Long Period Of Darkness--Manager Says Engine Is Paused--New Installation, Repairs, New Company All Matters Of Months

There is just one possibility that Wailuku and Kahului will be supplied with lights in the near future, and that is that the circuit court may be able to have current purchased from the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., during the time that the property of the Island Electric Co., is within the court's jurisdiction.

The status will result as soon as the foreclosure suit is actually instituted. It is understood that the trustee for the bondholders, Wade Warren Thayer, will, at the time of filing the action, ask that a receiver be appointed by the court to administer the property. Such receiver will act under instructions of the court, and it is reasonable to presume that he will be instructed to protect the interests of the community and to see that current is supplied over the wires of the company if such current can be purchased.

The Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., has declined to deal with the Island Electric Co., in this connection, but there is reason to believe that it will be willing to help the community out by furnishing current during the period that the court receivership continues. F. F. Baldwin, president of the sugar company, has repeatedly stated his personal wish to do whatever is in his power for the Maui public, if he may do so without involving himself or his company with the electric corporation. This will be possible with the court in control of the property.

Delay In Foreclosure
Letters from Mr. Thayer last week indicated that he would be on Maui last Saturday to file the papers in the foreclosure suit, but for some reason he failed to come, and so far as can be learned no one has heard from him on the matter since. It is known that the papers had been drawn and were ready for filing more than a week ago. It is possible that he will arrive tomorrow morning.

Wailuku and Kahului have been without lights since last Sunday morning. Manager Blair says he may get the plant started again but that it cannot be expected to operate for more than a short time. Ed. Deinert, expert diesel engine engineer of the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., expresses the belief that it will not be possible to start the engine.

The Wailuku Sugar Co., is once more carrying the day load of the community, but is unequal to carrying the lighting load from 6 p. m. till midnight.

The outlook for anything better in the near future is mighty poor. The Hawaiian Electric Co., which is supposed to want to come into the field, has not yet made any definite proposition. It expects its manager, F. E. Blake, who is now on the coast, to negotiate with Robert Bond, president of the Island Electric, for the purchase of the business. Up to the present he has not done so.

The partially organized Maui Electric Co., Ltd., plans are held in abeyance pending a real proposition from the Honolulu company. But neither company, if called upon to install new machinery to handle the business would be able to offer any relief from present conditions for months.

And while there is a possibility that a temporary connection might be secured with the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co.'s electric station to bridge the gap until a new plant could be secured and installed, it is a dead sure thing that no such relief may be even hoped for if it involves dealing with the Island Electric Co.

If the proposed new company is perfected, and it is decided to go ahead under a permit from the board of supervisors, as has been proposed, it will be unable to deliver current, even provided it were possible to buy it from the Hawaiian Commercial or some other source, until it could es-

tablish a system of poles and wires. This would require considerable time even were the materials for such construction on the ground. It is quite certain that it would require several months at least to secure delivery of any orders for this class of materials under present conditions.

So there you are. Look at it from what angle you will, there doesn't seem to be much light—and that isn't intended as a joke either.

Bare Possibilities
Of course there is the bare possibility that Mr. Bond will recognize the blind alley in which he has all but reached the end, and will make an acceptable proposition to the Hawaiian Electric Co., or to the new Maui Electric Co. Or it is just possible that the foreclosure of the bond holders on their mortgage might be pushed through in a couple of months and the Island Electric distributing system become thus available for current to be secured elsewhere. But neither of these contingencies are very likely.

In another part of this issue of the Maui News is a long letter from Mr. Bond in which he proposes a plan for the control of the company to be run over by local people; but there is no chance that his idea can go through for the reason that Mr. Bond's ideas of the value of his property are at extremely wide variance with those of Maui people. J. C. Blair, manager of the company, took the matter to F. F. Baldwin on instruction from Mr. Bond. These instructions were to get Mr. Baldwin to handle the proposal as set forth in the letter above mentioned, but the latter absolutely declined to consider it or to become in any way involved with the Island Electric Co. It is understood that Bond has made similar overtures to Baldwin in the past with like results.

Utilities Hearing Pau
The hearing on the Island Electric Co.'s case which has been on before the public utilities commission concluded last Friday afternoon. Several sessions had been held on the matter previously in the week. E. R. Bevins, chairman of the committee of the chamber of commerce on the matter, and also representing the county as county attorney, attended the hearings. In his report to the chamber Mr. Bevins says—

"At the hearing in Honolulu the commission went very fully into the questions of costs of production, overhead expenses, distribution, etc., and I am satisfied that they are completely informed as to actual conditions. "While the record in the case is necessarily a voluminous one, I am satisfied that the commission has kept pretty well up on the questions involved and look for a decision from them within a comparatively short time."

What this decision will be cannot be foretold with certainty, through it seems possible that it will find that the company has been charging an excessive rate for its produce and will order a much lower one. Which, of course, means nothing if the company is not functioning. Or it may take steps to have the franchise declared forfeit—which also means little under the circumstances existing.

Up To The People
If the Hawaiian Electric Co., is heard from within the next few days with some definite proposition a meeting is to be at once called of the subscribers to the proposed Maui Electric Co., and the plan put up to them. But it is likely that such a meeting will be called in any event, owing to the crisis of being without lights and the need of deciding upon some course of action.

It is pretty well understood that the Honolulu company is not desirous of coming to Maui unless it has an opportunity to supply light and power to the central Maui plantations. For this reason it seems quite likely that

Say Sailors Steal Boats And Go Swimming Nude

Complaint has been made to the police about the practice of sailors from vessels visiting Kahului harbor, bathing in the harbor and parading on the beach in a garden of Eden attire. A good deal of indignation has been aroused over the matter by persons having occasion to visit the waterfront.

Another complaint against these same transient visitors is that they are in the habit of stealing small boats from along the shore in order to get back to their ships after shore leave, and then casting the boats adrift. It is probable that Sheriff Crowell will have a police officer stationed on the beach in the future while vessels are in port to prevent the practices complained of.

Wilson Beats Kum'ae In Democratic Primary

As a result of the democratic primary held on Maui last Saturday, J. H. Wilson defeated Jonah Kumalae for national committeeman by vote of something like 4 to 1. Returns have not yet been received from Molokai.

This was the only contest, there being no opposition in any of the other offices. Dr. J. H. Raymond was elected delegate to the national convention in San Francisco with Ben Lyons alternate. The following territorial committeemen were elected: John Halemanu, Hana; Kalani Kamaka, Kalaupapa; H. C. Mossman, Wailuku; E. Murphy, Wailuku; Manuel Picanco, Lahaina; Thomas K. Wahiako, Hana.

Manuel C. Ross was elected county committeeman for Wailuku, and M. K. Ekau, president, Wailuku precinct club.

Circuit Court Notes

Dr. George Webb, of Lahaina, has declared his intention of becoming an American citizen. In his declaration he states that he was born in Petrograd, Russia in 1887 and that he landed in Lahaina, May 19, 1919. His wife is also a Russian subject.

Judge Burr has summoned the territorial grand jury for the 2nd circuit court to convene on Monday, June 7, at 9 o'clock to take up the general run of matters to come before the body.

Joe Gomes, of Waihee was yesterday committed by Judge Burr's order to the custody of the sheriff until he should obey the court's instructions as to filing a bond and of paying the \$50 which was the amount he had neglected to pay towards the support of his bastard child. Later the defendant complied with the mandate and was released.

Aheong and wife Amoy were yesterday granted their petition for leave to adopt Tin Yuku, a Japanese infant child whose mother is dead.

Judge Burr yesterday granted the petition of Louise N. Wong Chim to have the divorce suit against her by her husband Wong Chim, reopened. The plaintiff alleged that she had been prevented from being present at the time of the hearing through the deception of the spouse. Louise wants the case reopened in order that she may prove the legitimacy of her child and Wong's responsibility for its maintenance.

Sada Fukujiro has been granted a divorce from Suzuki Fukujiro on grounds of non-support.

Harni Mitsuji has secured a divorce from Watanabe Mitsuji on grounds of non-support. She is also given the custody of the child.

It will not make an offer to the community. The representatives of the Hawaiian Electric Co., when here two weeks ago, quite definitely stated that the Wailuku-Kahului business alone would have no attraction for it.

Kahului May Get Some Relief
William Walsh, superintendent of the Kahului Railroad Co., has been using his best efforts during the week to secure current from the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., for employees of the railroad company in Kahului. Since Kahului is largely made up of such, this will mean, if it goes through, that Kahului will be fairly well served. In order to do this the railroad company will extend the necessary service lines.

Boy Scouts Camp To Begin On July 5

Fine Site At Honolua Beach Selected—Boys To Have 2 Weeks Outing—Plantations To Give Bonus On Short Time.

Plans are about perfected for the Boy Scout camp which will be held this year in the park at Honolua, on the north coast of west Maui. The camp will open on July 5 and will continue all the rest of the summer, or until all the boys have had a chance at it. It is planned that every one of the boys shall have 2 weeks in the camp, one troop of 32 boys being in camp at a time. There are 8 troops on Maui at present.

The camp is to be equipped in regular army style and the boys will live a good deal as soldiers do under similar circumstances. The location of the camp is a most delightful one, near to a good bathing beach, and all the usual sports enjoyed by boys will be available. However there will be serious work too, together with instruction in various subjects given by experts.

A great deal of interest is being manifested by the boys themselves, while the plantations are encouraging the plan in various ways. For instance in the case of boys who are working on the plantations the plantation will waive the 20-day working condition to receive the bonus, so that the boys will not forfeit any bonus on account of their absence from work.

This is the first year that the camp has been attempted, and it is believed that it will come to be one of the important things of the year among the troops on Maui.

American Legion To Hold Public Memorial Service

An invitation is extended to all Maui people to attend the memorial services to be held next Sunday afternoon at the Territorial building, Kahului fair grounds under auspices of Maui Post No. 8, American Legion. The program which is being arranged will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

The exercises will be of a patriotic nature consisting of the singing of national anthems, a roll call of the service men of Maui who gave their lives in the service of their country, and an address by Maj. E. K. Masee, judge advocate of the Hawaiian Department, U. S. Army.

Maj. Masee will arrive from Honolulu tomorrow morning for the purpose of taking part in the exercises. He is known to be a pleasant and forceful speaker.

Besides the address by Maj. Masee an eulogy will be delivered by Rev. Hugh V. White. The Maui roll consists of the following: William Scholtz, Archie Bal, Matos, Manuel Ramos, and R. Rodrigues.

The program as arranged is as follows:

- Hymn—America Assembly
- Invocation Rev. W. C. Crider
- Roll of Honor Rev. H. V. White
- Prayer Rev. J. C. Villiers
- Solo Mrs. L. C. Jon
- Address Major E. K. Masee
- Athem—Star Spangled Banner Assembly
- Benediction Rev. L. B. Kaumeheuiwa
- Accompanist Mrs. Mary Kunewa

Rest House Put In Good Order For Honolulu Party

W. O. Aiken, chairman of the promotion committee of the chamber of commerce, yesterday made the trip to the rest house on the summit of Haleakala with two men and a pack train, taking up 20 extra mattresses, oil lamps, and other materials, in preparation for the Trail and Mountain club party. He reports that the house was thoroughly cleaned under his direction, the blankets and bedding perfectly aired and sunned, and that the place is now in as good condition as is possible under present conditions. He believes there should be no complaint except that the crowd of 60 or more is going to tax the house to limit.