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RECKLESS DRIVING

There is entirely too much careless and heedless driving on this island. A typical case is that of Daniel McShane, who last week came up behind Walter McBryde, near Hanamaulu, and, attempting to pass him, forced him out into the ditch. It is reported that the same driver forced Johnny Fernandez into a ditch in the same manner.

Mr. McBryde, we are pleased to say, brought charges against this driver and he was fined in the Lihue district court.

It does not make a bit of difference whether a man's name is McShane, Rockefeller, Carnegie or anything else. If he drives recklessly he is not only risking his neck but he is taking chances on the safety of others. We are not worried about the driver's personal safety, but he has no right to jeopardize the lives of other people. We hope that the lesson this man has received will make others sit up and take notice. And we commend the authorities on the prompt action they have taken in this case.

BANANAS, A HAWAIIAN INDUSTRY

Prof. F. G. Krauss, agricultural expert of the University of Hawaii predicts that in a very few years bananas will be Hawaii's third important crop, outranking rice. Prof. Krauss is not in the habit of talking to hear himself talk, so his statements merit some attention.

It is said that no crop yields as much food per acre as bananas. It can be raised with as little attention as most any crop, but like any other product, the best results are obtained only by careful cultivation and attention. Proper fertilizing, keeping weeds out, irrigation in some cases, care to prevent plant diseases and the destruction by insect pests—all these things are just as important as they are for cane or pineapple.

Bananas may be raised either on a big or a little scale. If a man has a little corner of his and that he is not using for other purposes, he can probably put it into bananas and make a good profit from it. Strange to say, it is very difficult to buy good eating bananas around Lihue. Almost all of us are in the same boat. We simply don't look a year ahead or so and we forget to plant.

But when it comes to planting the crop on a big scale, it is very necessary to investigate the market first. There are a number of California companies that are trying to buy bananas here. They will undoubtedly be willing to make good contracts with Kauai fruit growers. Such contracts, based on the f. o. b. Nawiliwili or Port Allen, usually leave the worry of arranging for shipping room to the buyer.

People who are thinking of raising bananas should get in touch with Prof. Krauss at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu. He will undoubtedly be able to give them many valuable suggestions for the cultivation of this fruit.

WHERE IS PEARLINE.

Pearline was once known to every housewife, but where is the housewife that thinks of Pearline today? The chances are that she never heard of it, or will have to stop and think just what Pearline was. When the manufacturer of Pearline died, as the story in the advertisement was told, those who succeeded him thought that it was so well known that it did not need any further advertising. "People know all about it, and what is the use of further expenditure," they argued.

There are business men everywhere who often take the same view of their situation. They argue that the advertising they have already done has caused the people to become well acquainted with them. "The people know where we are," they say, and so they snuggle down into the cocoon they have builded—and in a few years, sometimes not that long, they are forgotten. "The fact of the matter is," said a business man to us a short time ago, "if you get business today you have to go out after it. And one of the best methods in the world is to advertise for it."

General Wood's suggestion that the Filipinos be taught law and order ought not to be limited to the Filipinos.

It is said that a big business is going on in golf balls made to carry liquor. That's a good way of training the player to keep his eye on the ball.

The average man is a great admirer of short skirts—on everybody except his wife.

THE SPEEDING MENACE

Again we wish to come back to the present spectre of speeding by automobile drivers, a menace, that is hanging over us all, man or beast, like the sword of Damocles, an ever-present danger, that must be put down or curbed.

James H. Collins comments in a late Saturday Evening Post on the serious problem of large cities in handling their traffic and says among other good things, that "Speed limits on the automobile are a paradox. The auto is designed to run fast. That is its whole function, attraction and service. Limit it, and you lose all its benefits. Speed limits and traffic control have become necessary because we have not learned to separate the automobile from the slower traffic and give it a highway of its own."

Right here it must be said, a fast moving automobile has no place in the crowded centers of any city, but should seek other avenues of progress and keep away from such crush.

Again, an automobile ride can be enjoyed without speeding and nobody's business, here at least, is so pressing that speeding becomes a necessity.

There are several kinds of speeders: first the unconscious one, who delights in swift movements, who knows the speed limits and what constitutes sane and safe driving; in some way or other it gets beneath the skin, in the blood as it were, and he speeds, delights in it, not knowing that he is doing so. A few lessons in collisions, arrests and damage suits will, however, soon cure him.

Then we have the smart Aleck, glorying in his power, utterly selfish and heedless of the safety of others, the one who takes chances once too often and then loses out. The actions of a man of this sort borders on criminal neglect, and he should not be allowed to drive an automobile. He is the real menace and should be eliminated. Joint action of good citizens and police officials will bring this about in no uncertain way.

We wish to commend the action Walter McBryde, who had a speeder arrested last week for colliding with him on Palm Sunday at Hanamaulu and had him convicted in the Lihue police court.

We hope all good citizens will do the same—take action—when one of these meteors come by them, nail them, bring them into court, that justice may be done, the maniac punished in fitting manner as a deterrent to other malefactors of the same ilk.

Will you help?

WHO ARE THE INSANE?

Locked up in American asylums are 1,350,000 people who are adjudged to be insane; that is approximately one to each eighty of our population.

The statement is shocking, and when we consider the number that are roaming outside of the asylums, suffering from some form of mental aberration we wonder if the most of us are not more or less crazy.

It is usually extreme cases only that are confined; but the asylum hides many of us sound mind as a large percentage of those who are not there. It is a convenient method of getting rid of undesirables.

The history of the world is teeming with achievements of those who have been called crazy. Columbus was regarded as a harmless "nut." Goodyear, the discoverer of a process of hardening rubber was called crazy; Galileo insisted that the sun stood still and that the earth revolved, and for that reason was declared a lunatic; Fulton was another; Joan de Arc was so accepted, but she is now a saint; the founders of the American republic were regarded as crazy by their English cousins. Almost every great inventor was considered of unsound mind. Every great reformer has been called crazy, and many of them have lived to learn that those who condemned them as such were themselves foolish to a degree.

Every man has a mania for something or he is nothing but a counter, a simple unit of a vast population, Ericson, with his "Yankee cheese box" was called crazy; but he demonstrated to the world that his insanity was along correct lines, and the monitor which he constructed was an important factor in turning the tide of the civil war and laid the foundation of the modern navies of the world. Call them crazy if you will, but it is the mild monomaniacs that have raised civilization to its present degree.

Trotzky declares that American politics are bad for Russians. That may be a fact, due to the Russian educational status; but if Russians had more of the American spirit Trotzky and Lenine would be mighty scarce in that country.

LIHUE SCHOOL

We were all glad to be back at school after a pleasant week of vacation, and we hope to make a good showing in the many special activities of this term, including the school fair and the track meet.

Miss Tonini, one of our teachers, who underwent an operation at the Queen's hospital in Honolulu, during vacation, is rapidly recovering.

Gabriel I. Lovell has directed his energy in the garden toward nasturtiums, and is giving his friends some very beautiful blossoms.

The Lihue boys' volley ball team will meet the Hanalei boys on the Kapaa field Saturday, at 2 o'clock. We have a fine team and much to fear from Hanalei, as this decides the district championship.

The athletic badge tests are being given this term. Several boys have completed their first test successfully and are entitled to their badge. But the girls seem to have met their Waterloo in the basketball goal throw.

WAIMEA SCHOOL

The teachers who went around the island on April 8, were Misses Barlow, Sned, Fryer, Weller, Mrs. Clapper, and Mr. and Mrs. Sessions.

Laboratory work in general science for freshmen started Monday. Five hours a day are spent in the laboratory. The year's work will have to be completed within the next ten weeks.

April 29 has been determined upon for the big free movie for all who attended the vaudeville and dance, March 11. Luther Waimau and his band will furnish three musical numbers. The junior high chorus, under Wright, will sing.

The school wishes to take this opportunity to thank those car owners who loaned their cars to take the acts to the Eleel show, April 1st.

Eleven vaudeville acts were shown at Koloa, April 15. A dance followed the show.

Miss Tsark was taken to the hospital on Thursday, suffering from a light attack of appendicitis.

FALSE ECONOMY

Not one of the thousands of employers who came to grief as a result of the dishonesty of employees during the past year suspected a dishonest streak when the men were hired. If it had been suspected they would not have been hired and there would have been no necessity for this ad.

Unless your employees are bonded, and bonded all the time, you are in constant danger of a loss which may be large enough to cripple you financially. Would it not be the better part of economy to spend a few dollars a year for bonding your employees than to run the everlasting, nerve-racking risk of losing hundreds, perhaps thousands.

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