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THE MEMORIAL BUILDING

A memorial building that will perpetuate the memory of the donors as well as the two fine sons whose memory the building is intended to keep green, was dedicated at Lihue last Friday afternoon. For the Wilcox Memorial Parish House, one of the finest, best and most beautiful memorials ever erected in Hawaii will stand for generations as a silent tribute to the lives of two of Kauai's most loved sons.

The building itself is an architectural masterpiece. Simple in lines, wonderfully well proportioned, arranged so that every foot of space may be utilized to good advantage, the structure stands not only as a thing of beauty in a well selected location amidst the trees, but as an instrument of service to the community.

A well equipped stage provides the place for public entertainments. A completely equipped kitchen makes it possible to hold community banquets or dinners there. Smaller rooms at the rear of the building provide a place for extra Sunday School rooms or for committee meetings.

The generosity and the public spirit shown by the donors in giving this house, without reservations, to the public of Kauai, will long be remembered. If this building does not adequately serve as a memorial to loved ones who have gone before, then nothing, built by the hands of man, can.

WAR CLOUDS GATHERING

The great world war, that promised so much for the peace of the world, seems to have failed in its objective. None of the nations are satisfied, and today war clouds are gathering in every quarter of the globe.

Civil war exists in China; there is trouble in Africa, in India, in Persia, in Turkey, Greece, Armenia, and in other countries. France is on the point of a fight with Germany and perhaps Russia; Poland is an armed camp, and a number of wars are in progress, and peace seems to be far off. In fact, the dogs of war are straining at their leashes and may break loose any moment. In fact the world seems to be on the edge of an abyss, and Europe may before many months be ablaze with war, and unless international discord can be readjusted on the lines of harmony and justice the smoke of battle and the thunder of the big guns mingled with the cries of men in the agonies of death, will be what today seems an almost unavoidable condition.

The Genoa conference was poorly managed. Mistakes were made in inviting certain elements to participate. Russia comes to the conference cocked and primed for trouble. She has nothing to lose and everything to gain. Her problem was and is a world problem; but her managers are tricky, exacting and greedy.

A new alliance, with the possibility of other menacing combinations has been made, and that, too, without the consent of the allies, the league of nations or any other authority except that of the parties concerned, is a dark and threatening cloud. Germany and Russia have combined for mutual interest, and the combination may yet include Bulgaria, Turkey and possibly some other nations.

With this combination looming threateningly at the Genoa conference, and the parties to the combination defying the allies, there seems to be no hope of a satisfactory peace. In fact, the combination is a menace that seems to forecast nothing short of another great war, and that very soon. It may be averted, but nice diplomatic engineering will be necessary to turn the tide.

The allies now see their mistake in inviting Russia to participate in the Genoa conference, and they see also that they have made serious mistakes in haggling over political issues while their enemies have been strengthening their positions until they have virtually become the dictators.

Whatever may be the result of the present European tangle, the present status is alarming, and well informed men are fearful lest the discord pass beyond control.

America may not again be called upon to defend her rights upon the high seas, but a European war may make it necessary for us to be prepared to defend ourselves from any encroachments that the conflicting parties might see fit to make upon us.

Maybe the reason Missouri stands at the head in raising mules is because it's the only safe place to stand.

What has become of the old fashioned boy who used to do most of his courting on the way to and from church?

MORAL-WRECKING MOVIES

For the past several months there have been many objections to some of the moving pictures shown on this island on the grounds that they have a tendency to lower the moral standards of the people who see them. But the harm they do has always been in the minds of many people, more or less conjectural, and no very decided step has been taken to wipe out objectionable pictures.

But last week a case came up in the circuit court at Lihue that very plainly shows the effect of these pictures. A thirteen-year-old school boy was brought into court charged with stealing \$300. The boy broke down and confessed his crime. When the judge asked him why he did it, he said that he was trying to act "like the movies." He had got the idea and inspiration from a serial "The Great Gamble," that he has been watching for some time.

In this case the judge is a student of human nature. Moved by the boy's straightforward confession, he gave him another chance and a very impressive lecture. Had he not done so the boy would have been sentenced to a penal institution and a life of crime started.

The effect of these pictures can no longer be doubted. They are harmful in the extreme. They are shown very graphically and indelibly fixed in the minds of the children and the adults with children's minds who watch them. The idea, the method of carrying out the idea and the ease of "getting away" with the crime are all impressed upon the mind. All that is needed is the opportunity and a few more criminals are made.

This is a good time, and this is a good reason, call it excuse if you like, to start an effective campaign against this type of movies. There are movie-censuring committees already here. Let them get busy and do something. They may be sure that they will have the whole-hearted backing of every good citizen on the island.

THAT IS OUT

The wise candidate is the one who comes out on a platform of more than one spring bonnet a season.

At the rate Germany and Russia are printing money the best thing a fellow could own over there is a paper mill.

One sure way for a woman to keep her husband home is to ask him to take her some place.

We see where a New York Couple were married in an airplane. That's not new. Lots of married couples here have their ups and downs.

Radio will probably never be popular with the politicians. There are no wires to be pulled.

If there is a man on Kauai who thinks he has too much money our advice is to try running a newspaper for a while.

We can say this for the men who have short chins; they are the most graceful tobacco chewers.



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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Lihue, Kauai, May 13, 1922.
Editor, Garden Island:—Your recent editorial, on the American Legion's activities concerning the remodeling of the armory, was read with a mixture of satisfaction and apprehension.

The Legion is, of course, very appreciative of your kind remarks and thanks you for them. The impression was given, however, that the work is to be done at the expense of the Legion. It is feared that this statement may cause a public misunderstanding, as to the source of the funds and it is hoped that you will be good enough to correct this possible misunderstanding, after reading the following:

To quote exactly from our letter to the supervisors, "The work is to be done by funds to be raised by the American Legion and at no expense to the county." Our principle method of raising this money will be to go to the public for subscriptions and the success of the project depends largely on their generosity in responding to a real community need. "Every mother's son of us" have got to dig up in order to get this work done, whether he belongs to the Legion or not. In the case of Ye Editor we hope his subscription will be so large that he will feel personally responsible for the alterations. Seriously, that is just the way we want everyone to feel. It is the public who are going to build the new armory, not the Legion. Our ambition is merely to provide a method of "helping the people help themselves."

Yours very truly,
The American Legion, Kauai Post No. 2; by A. ENGLEHARD,
Commander.

Editor, Garden Island,
Lihue, Kauai, T. H.

Dear Sir:
Kapaa's Movies and Its Prices
I notice that the Kapaa movie theater is in the habit of billing certain well known pictures as "special" and charging the people price for the privilege of seeing these pictures. I do not pretend to know very much about the movie business but would like to ask why such special prices are necessary when other theaters in Honolulu, Lihue or elsewhere, under different owners, do not have to charge extra for such features? I understand that the theater manager claims that such pictures cost him more to present, and I do not doubt his word, but what happens when some picture as old as the hills, insofar as the pictures are concerned, is shown? Does he advertise a special reduced rate for these pictures? If he does, no one seems to have any recollection of it, but of course, these old pictures may have cost him the same as new ones.

The present price of 40 cents for a chair is stiff enough compared with seeing the same pictures in other localities, but why tack on a special price just because he pays a little more to the distributors. I believe that not only the writer but the Kapaa lovers of pictures would welcome an explanation thru the columns of The Garden Island.

MOVIE FAN.

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