

The Garden Island Radio Column

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STRAY WAVES

Hello, friends of Radio Land! Radio fans of Hawaii were asked last Saturday evening by Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to try and pick up their high power broadcasting station. No one seems to have been successful this time.

But, we are glad Rio knows that we hold many long distance receiving records in Hawaii, but requesting us to pick up their voice and music from over 8000 miles away was a little too much for us.

While tuning for Rio the editor succeeded in picking up a piano selection from 2XI, the General Electric broadcasting station at Schenectady, New York, something like 7,000 miles away. Watch out, Rio, we'll get you yet.

Well, folks are you working for the receiving set to be given away by this large and enterprising newspaper? The winner will be a lucky fellow. This little receiver picks up Honolulu radiophone stations great and the large stations on the coast.

While I am writing this, the Times radiophone station of Los Angeles is giving us a dandy concert. Wonderful singers, violin and orchestra selections.

The Times station is one of the finest on the Pacific coast and gives you a wonderful program each night. Folks better make that Xmas present a radio set and listen in on these artists playing for Radio Land. They used to say that a good radio amateur must have red hair, large ears and a girl hater. No so any more. If you have a good radio set and can bring in those concerts from Radio Land, the girls will like you. Be sure and have an extra pair of phones for her.

Some times we think it takes queer stuff to fill this column, but we like to tell you what we hear out of the air, where to the ordinary observer there is nothing but clouds, sunshine and sometimes rain and things that fly.

If you can understand the wireless code you get a bigger thrill to hear the far off stations working. We're going to run over into the next column and tell about a radio bug.

RADIO NEWS

A RADIO BUG

It looked almost human, in fact, it looked like a boy well along in his teens. Feverishly soldering and resoldering numerous wires, it seemed to be assembling a number of objects upon a shiny black panel, all the time mumbling strange words such as "Where's that rheostat?" "I can't turn the condenser," and so on. Sometimes a sound that seemed to signify joy would be emitted, and it would pause and survey its work with a look of delight. Calls to meals were ignored, requests to go on errands were treated in the same manner. Suddenly it ceased operations and, in a voice suppressed by emotion, exclaimed: "Done! Gosh I hope it works." Wires leading to batteries were quickly connected and perched on the edge of a chair with two round objects adjusted over its ears, began with trembling fingers to turn and adjust the various dials and knobs on the instrument. A look of incredible wonder spreads over its face. Then with eyes glowing with joy and success it leaps to its feet and gives out a shout such as Columbus might have uttered when he sighted land. Whoops, its coming in great. Music from KYZ two hundred miles away. Someone singing from another station. It begins to prance around the room and its chest expanding more and more.

Its identity is solved. It is a Radio Bug.

Hawaii is always up to the minute with its radio. The Mutual system has installed a new tube C.W. transmitting set in the main office in Honolulu and your radio messages are now received and sent from the office in the center of Honolulu, insuring speeding service.

A question that has been asked more times than can be remembered. "You only have wireless here. You don't have radio, do you?" Folks of Radio Land, don't be misled. The same apparatus is used to receive what you term radio and also by wireless. There is no difference, both are the same. When you use a radio or wireless set you are using the identical apparatus that the operators use to receive messages with. Your radio will pick up wireless just as easily as the radiophone.

SENATOR AKINA MAY BE PRESIDENT OF HAWAIIAN SENATE

Senator Ernest A. K. Akina, of Kohala, is being mentioned in Honolulu political circles as a possibility for president of the senate. As Charles Chillingworth's term has expired it is thought possible that the honor of wielding the senate gavel will go to one of the other islands, Oahu having held it for many years.

It is said that Senator Lawrence M. Judd and Senator R. W. Shingle are both in a receptive mood but Senator Charles Rice, Senator Stephen Desha of Hilo and Senator John Lucas of Oahu, do not want the position.

VALUE OF PINEAPPLE PACK THREATENS TO OUTSTRIP THAT OF SUGAR

Pineapple production for Hawaii this year has brought a gross income of \$22,000,000 into the territory, or nearly half the amount of the sugar crop, which is estimated at \$51,500,000. It is learned authoritatively that the production of pines amounted to \$5,000,000 cases, which sold in excess of \$4 each case.

With the increased acreage that is proposed to be set out to pineapples, this output may be raised by fifty per cent and if all other projects eventuate, it is estimated that the pineapple may equal, or outstrip sugar production.

HYADES EXPECTED LAST PART OF WEEK

The Matson steamer Hyades is expected to arrive in Port Allen the latter part of the week with a general cargo of freight for this island.

Eddie Fountain is wearing a happy smile and passing out the cigars. Yep, it's a boy. His name is Edward Lanakila and he arrived on Armistice Day.

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