QUEEN'S HOSPITAL HEAD IS PLANNING BIG IMPROVEMENTS

New Main Building That Will Cost $300,000, With Other Structures Are Included

NOISE TO BE STOPPED, SAYS SUPERINTENDENT

Moses T. Clegg Intends To Make Institution Equal of Any In Country, He Asserts

A new main building to cost $300,000 and wings built on the unit system to cost $20,000 each, are among the plans for the Queen's Hospital, said Moses T. Clegg, the new superintendent of the institution, yesterday. Work on one of the units is soon to be started, and the main building will follow a little later.

Plans and specifications are now being drawn for the new hospital buildings. Owing to the high cost of materials and labor at the present time it may be decided to delay construction a little, but when the work is finished as planned Honolulu will have a modern hospital second to none in the United States.

In the meantime the new superintendent will put into execution plans which will much improve the present administration of the institution, according to plans outlined yesterday to The Advertiser. There are many handicaps to work under in the present buildings and administrative arrangement, but they will be taken up and done away with as far as possible.

To Stop Noise

"The first thing I am going after is noise," said Clegg. "There is a great deal more noise than there should be in a hospital. Rubber carpet for the corridors which do not have it at present has been ordered, and other measures will be taken to insure the largest measure of quiet possible."

Recent patients at the institution have complained of the noises which interfered with their rest daily and nightly, one woman patient having gone home a few days after an operation because she could not sleep on account of the many footsteps, bells, talking, and other disturbing noises. The large signs saying "Keep Quiet" have not seemed to have any effect so far, but Superintendent Clegg is going to explain to everybody just what they mean, and see that they are observed.

The hospital is to be divided into different working departments with a single head over each, said Clegg, and the head of each department such as nursing, diet, and so forth, will be entirely responsible for the conduct of her especial field. Up to now the hospital has been run as a one-man institution, he said, when as a matter of fact, it is too large for one man to administer unless the department plan is followed.

Nurses Needed

At the present time many of the complaints of lack of attention coming from patients are due to the fact that there are not enough pupil nurses to care for the many private rooms and wards. The hospital has been running full, and the force of girls could not attend to the number assigned to them.

A few weeks ago there was one pupil nurse as night nurse on one of the floors who had under her charge each night from fourteen to sixteen patients. It is almost a physical impossibility for one girl to attend to that number of patients in private rooms, as these were, but this girl was on duty night after night from seven p. m. to seven a. m.

This condition will soon be improved, as Superintendant Clegg said that a new class of twelve nurses will be started the first of next month.

The pupil nurses' home is also to be improved, in order to give the girls some form of social life and make their hospital quarters more comfortable. A reception room, lecture room, and new dining room will be added for them at once. They have now no reception room in which to see friends or relatives, nor any lecture room in which their frequent evening lectures can be given. They are using their old dining room for their studies.

Will Take Time

"To bring about any noticeable improvements here will require time," said Clegg, "and though everything possible will be done to bring up the standard of the institution as it stands the hospital can never be what it ought to be until it has the new buildings.

"These will be planned after the most approved hospitals of the east, and will be built with the best kitchens on the top floor, to avoid all kitchen noises and smells. The first building to be put up will be one of the units which will later form a wing of the main building. It will contain twenty private rooms, and it is my intention to rent them for the smallest sum at which expenses may be covered. It is hardly possible to feed and lodge a patient under three dollars and a half or four dollars a day, but we shall try to keep as near those figures as possible.

"This hospital is peculiarly a community institution in that it serves practically the whole public of Honolulu and a large proportion of the residents of the other Islands and it should be an institution in which the community can take real pride and such a hospital, and I am sure that in such as hospital, and I am sure that in time it can be done."

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TO VISIT MAUI SCHOOLS

[illegible] W. Kinney, superintendent of education, will leave in the Mauna Kea this morning for Lahaina, Maui. Mr. [illegible] will tour most of the Valley Isle during his stay and look into school conditions generally. If he is able to accomplish his work in time, he will probably return to Honolulu in the Mauna Kea on Saturday morning, otherwise he will not come back until the Tuesday morning Mauna Kea.

M'BRYDE EARNINGS IN 1917 $667,718

Officers Are Re-elected and Reports Are Submitted At Annual Meeting

Net earnings of the McBryde Sugar Company for the year ending December 31, 1917, amounted to $667,718.26, according to reports presented to shareholders yesterday at the annual meeting of the company. The officers and directors of the company were reelected at the meeting, which was held in the offices of Alexander and Baldwin. The officers are: President, J. P. Cooke; first vice president, H. G. Dillingham; second vice president, H. M. von Holt; treasurer, J. Waterhouse; secretary, John Guild; auditor, D. B. Murdoch; manager, F. A. Alexander; directorate, J. P. Cooke, H. M. von Holt, R. W. T. Purvis, H. G. Dillingham, C. R. Hemenway, Fred Harrison and J. Waterhouse. Alexander and Baldwin are agents of the company.

Treasurer's Report

According to the treasurer's report the net receipts for sugar for the year were $1,987,217.32 which with sundry earnings bring the total receipts to $2,009,461.36. Expenditures in the year totaled $1,341,743.10. One of the items of expenditure is income tax, amounting to $16,717.24.

Included in the company's assets are: Permanent improvements, $4,198,946.05; growing crops, $818,823.28; supplies $276,764.22; investments, $397,400.88; Maui Electric Company stock, $261,500.

The company has outstanding stock valued at $3,249,664, of which $2,649,664 is common stock and $600,000 is preferred stock. Outstanding bonds amount to $1,593,600.

Crop Is Heavy

In the report of the manager it is stated that the 1917 crop was heavy and ran over estimate, making 17,503 tons. It is explained that the company's transportation facilities were taxed due to the fact that outside planters increased their planted areas.

The company began grinding with the 1918 crop December 17 and up to the middle of February had manufactured 3800 tons of sugar. It is reported that the fields thus far harvested have fallen below estimate in cane and sugar and the year's output may fall below 16,000 tons.

Five hundred acres of cane planted for the 1919 crop is free of insect pests and is growing rapidly. It is planned to plant 650 acres in 1918 for the 1920 crop.

During the summer of 1917 all departments of the mill and boiling house received complete overhauling and chief installations centered in the boiling house where new equipment was added.

Effects of Bonus

On the subject of bonuses the manager's report says that though the bonus paid was high, it resulted in fewer men leaving the plantation than in the preceding year and less time was lost by laborers. Loaders for 1918, the report says, are not equal to last year's gangs, though the company has more cane under irrigating contracts and good gangs of cutters.

Unusually favorable weather, the report says prevailed through the year as the rains were well distributed and were accompanied by no severe storms and the reservoirs were well filled, save for a short time in the fall.

With the other reports was one submitted by Superintendent A. Menefoglio of the Kauai Electric Company on the physical condition of the electric company's property.

PLEADS GUILTY TO EVASION OF DRAFT

Tavares Tells Judge He Failed To Take Examination For Fear He Would Be Taken At Once

Sergio Tavares, the first man subject to draft who has been haled into court for failure to come up to the regulations of the registration board pleaded guilty in federal court, yesterday, to a charge that he failed to present himself for medical examination in Hilo. Tavares said he was afraid that if he presented himself he would be taken at once without an opportunity to settle his affairs and make provision for his family. He said if he had known that he would be given time to adjust his affairs he would have complied with the regulations.

On account of the fact that this was the first case under this heading and that precedents in the treatment of cases of the kind are lacking, Judge Poindexter placed the man under bond of $500 and released him for thirty days pending the imposing of sentence.

Three other men will be tried on similar charges during the next week while the trial jury is in session, each being proceeded in upon information, the law classifying draft evasion as a misdemeanor. The three men have been brought from Hilo and Maui by Deputy United States Marshal Silva. The other three are charged with failure to register.

SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY HILO BOARD

Chairman Samuel Kauhane has made allotment of the recent appropriation of $4000 made by the board of supervisors for the schools of East Hawaii of which amount $2500 was for janitor service and care of school grounds and $1500 was for furniture and fixtures for the different schools. In the allotments for janitor service Hilo High School gets $300, Hilo Union group $900 and other East Hawaii schools get $1300. Of the appropriation for furniture and fixtures, Hilo High gets $150, Hilo Union School group, $500 and other East Hawaii schools $850.

ARMY CHIEF GETS ANTI-BOOZE ORDER

President Wilson's Proclamation Abolishing Sale of Liquor Goes Into Effect April 10

Messages from Washington sent through official channels and received yesterday by the Hawaiian Department indicate that April 10 will be the day on which President Wilson's order banning liquor from the Island of Oahu will become effective.

According to the notice sent to the Hawaiian Department by Adjutant General McCain the order itself directs that it shall go into effect thirty days after publication by general order or by bulletin of the war department. The order was published yesterday in Washington in Bulletin 11, and thirty days after this publication would be April 10.

Text of Order

The text of President Wilson's order as transmitted to the Hawaiian Department by Adjutant General McCain is as follows:

"Wisser, Honolulu.

"Bulletin 11, March 11, 1918, publishes following executive order:

"'Under the provisions of section 12 of an act of congress approved May 18, 1917, authorizing the President of the United States "to make such regulations governing the prohibition of alcoholic liquors in or near military camps and to the officers and enlisted men of the army as he may from time to time deem necessary or advisable" the following regulations are established for the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, and shall become and be effective at the end of thirty days after the publication thereof by general order or bulletin of the war department.

"'Within the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, alcoholic liquors, including beer, ale and wine, either alone or with any other article shall not be sold, bartered or served, or knowingly transferred or handed over from one person to another and to any place within said island shall not knowingly be or be caused to be sent, shipped, transmitted, carried or transported, except that this regulation shall not apply to the giving or serving of such liquors in a private home to members of the family and bona fide guests other than members of the military forces, or to the sending, shipping, transmitting, carrying or transporting of such liquors to a private home for use as aforesaid, or to the docks or wharves of said island for transhipment in original packages and under original billing to points or places outside of said island or to the sale of such liquors by registered pharmacists to regularly licensed physicians or army or navy surgeons for medical use or to the administration of such liquor by or under the direction of such physicians or army or navy surgeons, or to the purchase, retention and use of wine for sacramental purposes by chaplains of the army or navy or by regularly ordained ministers under the rules of their respective church organizations.

"'WOODROW WILSON.'"

"M'CAIN."

Charles L. Hopkins, Beloved Hawaiian, Answers Last Call

Mr. Hopkins' death removes a gracious and kindly presence from the Judiciary building where he had long been a familiar figure. Few men achieve the degree of respect and affection that was accorded to him by all who knew him. A courtly, dignified figure, reminiscent of the great days of the past, he practised a simple courtesy that stamped a lofty character and won quick confidence. His friends came from every walk in life and all loved and respected him.

It is probable that no one with an equal knowledge of old Hawaiian laws, language, customs and usages survives him in the Territory. He was born at Koolauloa sixty-four years ago and, being of an ambitious turn, while he was acquiring his education in the public schools, he trained himself especially in a knowledge of English and with it made a close study of Hawaii and Hawaiians from the earliest days.

Wins Recognition

His talents won early recognition and in 1883 he was made chief clerk to W. C. Parke, who was then marshal of the kingdom. Soon after this he became deputy marshal and then marshal of the kingdom. Through all the great period of the reign of Kalakaua he remained a favored intimate of the monarch and after the king's death, as marshal in January of 1891, he proclaimed the accession of Queen Liliuokalani.

In 1892 he was elected to the legislature as a noble from the Island of Oahu under the terms of the constitution that had been imposed on King Kalakaua by the reform cabinet of 1887. He sat through this session of the legislature, the last that was held under the monarchy.

After the passing of royalty he served for a term as police justice of Honolulu and later his talents were called into play by the legislature, in which he served as interpreter. It was shortly after territorial government had been established that he was called to the post he held at the time of his death, that of Hawaiian interpreter in the circuit court.

Two of his boys, James Hopkins and Francis Hopkins, are serving the colors having enlisted in California some time ago. James Hopkins is now seeing service on the bloody fields of France, according to information that the family has recently received. The other son is still in a training camp in the States.

Two other sons that survive him are Manley Hopkins, Territorial auditor, and Charles A. K. Hopkins, who is in the realty business. Three daughters are Mrs. Joseph Leal, Mrs. Ellen Vickery and Miss Angela Hopkins.

FAIR INDORSED BY HILO TRADE BOARD

Misunderstanding As To True Nature of Project Cleared Up and Sentiment Veers Quickly

By unanimous vote the Hilo Board of Trade gave its hearty endorsement to the territorial fair, after hearing enthusiastic talks by George H. Angus, chairman, and Harold Rice, Maui's fair commissioner, last Friday.

This is the third body of representative island business men to give unqualified support to the big agricultural and livestock show in June. The Honolulu Chamber of Commerce recently approved the enterprise and offered its cooperation, and immediately afterward the Maui Chamber of Commerce took similar action. It is understood the Honolulu Chamber intends to name a special committee, to work closely with the fair commission and give active assistance in every way possible. This committee may be announced within the next day or two.

Chairman Angus, who returned from Hilo yesterday morning, said that apparently a misunderstanding had developed among many people on the Big Island as to the purpose and value of the fair, many overlooking its serious business as an educational and market-creative factor for island producers and consumers. Public sentiment quickly veered however, when the true nature of the fair was explained.

To the members of the Hilo Board of Trade Mr. Angus declared that the sole purpose of the show is to assist in making the territory self-supporting, thereby easing the burden the remainder of the country is carrying. It will do more than any other thing to teach the people the agricultural possibilities of their land.

Harold Rice spoke rather frankly on the livestock phase of the subject. "In these islands most of the cattle ranches are rotten," the Post-Herald quotes him as saying. "These places can be improved so they will produce cattle weighing 650 pounds instead of 350.

"The fair will educate the people in the way of raising more and better cows. If the people will not go to the trouble to get such an education, then affairs are in a bad way.

"I remember on Kauai several years ago when the planters would not listen to the suggestion that they change their variety of cane from Lahaina to Yellow Caledonia. They would not go to the other islands and see for themselves, but gradually this was done, and now Yellow Caledonia is one of our best cane varieties, widely grown.

"We have to win this war, and if we don't get busy, we are licked already. We must go after success in raising foodstuffs and improving every phase of agricultural and ranch life.

"I believe that in showing cattle of increased beef weights we can educate the people. I believe that in years to come cattlemen from Australia, New Zealand and other places will come to Hawaii to get their thoroughbred cattle. Already I have orders for Berkshire hogs to be shipped to Australia. Still, some people import this breed of pig from the Coast.

"We will make these Hawaiian Islands the best in the world for cattle, as we are free of diseases that play havoc with them elsewhere."

C. C. Kennedy, John T. Moir and many other prominent business men of the Big Island promised the fair their active personal interest and cooperation.

The agricultural committee of the fair is to meet at headquarters, room 304, Hawaiian Trust building, at eight o'clock this morning. The commercial committee will meet Thursday morning at nine o'clock, the dog show committee Friday morning and livestock committee at one o'clock Friday afternoon.

SHE LOST NO TIME IN GETTING TO WORK

Miss Catherine Graham, from Santa Clara, California, arrived in the Mauna Loa Thursday, says last Tuesday's Garden Island of Lihue, Kauai, en route to Kolou, where she will teach in one of the public schools. So many good teachers have come to the Islands as graduates of the Normal School at San Jose that parents always feel that for any one to come from that section is considered a very good introduction. Miss Graham went wikiwiki to the scene of her labors, and was ready to hanahana by the time the clock struck nine. An industrious kumukula, all right. She's maikai.

Banks Notified New Issue of Treasury Certificates Coming

San Francisco, March 12, 1918.

Lewis,

Bank of Hawaii, Honolulu.

New issue Treasury Certificates, dated March 20, due June 18. Interest four and one-half percent. Denominations, five hundred to one hundred thousand dollars. Exempt from taxation. Will be accepted in payment of third Liberty Loan subscriptions. Payment may be made by credit. Cable subscriptions not later than March 22. Notify other banks in Hawaii.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

San Francisco.

The above cable message from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco was received yesterday by A. Lewis, vice president and manager of the Bank of Hawaii, announcing another issue of United States treasury certificates. The terms are similar to the issue which was announced a few weeks ago.

PUNAHOU STUDENTS AT PELE'S SHRINE

Buff and Blue Colors Hold High Revel Around Volcano of Kilauea

Telling of the week end visit of a party of Punahou professors and students to the Volcano of Kilauea the Post Herald says:

"Headed by Ronald Higgins, a jolly bunch of students and young teachers from Punahou College left Honolulu Saturday afternoon for Hilo and the volcano. The same bunch thirty strong, but minus the cheerful adjective, staggered down the gangplank at Kuhio wharf Sunday morning, after one of the roughest trips ever made between Oahu and this island.

"'I'll hand it to the Mauna Kea,' said Ezra Crane, one of the bunch. 'She can put it all over a submarine.' 'You mean all under a submarine,' corrected one of the other chaps. 'That boat, the Mauna Kea, would just naturally poke her nose underneath any submarine that floats. We rolled right along on the bottom of the sea.'

"In spite of the rough trip the boys had a lot of fun, and they were as fit as racehorses Sunday morning when they started to the volcano. Several of them were seen in the Hilo Drug Store weighing themselves. One declared he lost thirty pounds on the trip, and was glad of it.

"'They're all right now,' said Mr. Higgins, who managed the party. 'I was a stormy passage, but that was the weatherman's fault. Anyway we're all glad we came, and we're going back the same way we came over. It's a splendid trip for a bunch of youngsters, and we just had to see the volcano.'

"Laughing and shouting gibes at each other, the boys packed themselves into automobiles and set out for the volcano a short time after the Mauna Kea arrived. The bunch was made up of Dermont Stanley, Lorrin Andrews, Robert Mott Smith, Dixon Hitchcock, Fred Peterson, Everett Holmes, Fred Bush, Kwai Chew, Everton Poindexter, Tom Singlehurst, Ralph Neal, Denne Withington, H. H. Luquiens, Clarence Chang, Ezra Crane, Henry Pogue, Godfrey Bergman, J. Rollins, A. S. Hamlin, R. Ackerman, Oliver Emerson, Kenneth Decker, Sanford Wood, Abran Gurney, Cedric Baldwin, Ronald Higgins, Joseph Smythe, Charles Sutherland, Raymond Scudder, Kee Foo Zane, C. Jones, George Baker, Edward Meyers and Richad Simonton.

"The whole crowd left on the Mauna Kea yesterday afternoon."

MAUI SCHOOL NOTES

The following school notes were gleaned from the Maui News of last Friday:

The department of education has asked teachers of the schools to assist as far as practicable in the work of assemblying field glasses for the navy. Public school pupils are asked to carry this information home to their parents.

In regard to Red Cross work, the department has sent out advices that it is essential to give the number and names of the children pledged to do Red Cross work, enumerating the same by grades, before certificates can be awarded and permission given to display a special Red Cross banner.

The enrollment at Camp 10, Puunene has fallen down to such an extent that it will probably become a one room school next term. This is on account of so many Spaniards having left for the Coast.

Supervising Principal Raymond will leave on Saturday for Molokai for a tour of the schools. He will be accompanied by Vocational Instructor Bowman and Mrs. Bowman.

R. A. Wadsworth expresses much satisfaction with the way the school have taken hold of the Thrift Stamp sale.

There is a great deal of sickness among the children in most of the districts of the island, whooping cough being the principal ailment.

About fifteen male teachers of the island are subject to the selective draft, as the result of which there is some concern as to the situation in some of the schools in case they are drawn by the war.

School Notes

The government schools will close the present term of the school year on Friday afternoon, March 29, for the Easter vacation. They will reopen on Monday, April 8.

Mrs. Nettie L. Scott, principal of the Holualoa School in Kona, says a recent Hilo paper, has filed a demand on the County of Hawaii for $2600 on account of certain land that was purchased in October, 1917, for school purposes. There is no dispute over the matter, but certain details have to be arranged in connection with the deal in Honolulu before the money can be paid.

It is thought that a number of public schools of Hilo will send exhibits to the big Territorial Fair in Honolulu next June, says a Big Island paper.

Seven hundred dollars will be needed according to Chairman Kauhane of the board of supervisors of the Island of Hawaii, to repair and place in proper condition some water flumes and troughs at the Hilo Union School which were damaged by the recent heavy rains.

The position occupied by the pupils of the various schools of Kauai, participating in the garden contest is as follows: Lihue, first; Kapaa, second; Waimea, third; Anahola, fourth; Makaweli, fifth; Hanalei, sixth; Kalaheo, seventh; Kolou, eighth; Wailua, ninth; Waena, tenth; Kauai Grammar, eleventh, and Hanamaulu, twelfth.

H. C. Gilbert, one of the teachers of the Hilo Boarding School, received news recently that he had been drafted. He has returned to his home in Oregon, where he will enter a training camp.

SCHOOLS ASKED TO HELP HEALTH BOARD

Registrar of Vital Statistics, In Interview, Points Out What May Be Done

The question of registering births, marriages and deaths is a very important one and more particularly so is that of recording the birth of children as soon after it comes into the world as possible.

In late years the territorial bureau of vital statistics of the board of health has made great strides in having citizens and other residents of the Territory see the absolute necessity of recording, particularly, the birth of their children.

Washington, D. C., has of late taken an active interest in the vital statistics of this Territory and one of its agents, R. C. Lappin, has been in Honolulu for some weeks past checking up the local records.

"It seems to me," said Mrs. H. Hester Lemon, registrar-general of vital statistics, in discussing this question yesterday, "that principals and teachers in the public and private schools of the Islands can be of material aid and assistance to this bureau by asking the children attending school to ascertain from ther parents whether or not their births have been registered, and by reporting to this department or any of its district agents.

Draft Questions in Point

"Cases have arisen, of late especially, since questions of the military draft have cropped up, that show the absolute necessity of recording the birth of children. And, then, there are many reasons, other than this, why this is a material and vital necessity."

Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, president of the territorial board of health, has asked The Advertiser to continue the assistance this paper has rendered his department in this particular.

"Your daily column of vital statistics, I find, has been of great value and assistance to the board of health," Doctor Pratt said yesterday. "Your readers cannot fail to remember, when children bless their homes, that they must be registered.

"In the case of deaths we have a greater check on the public. No burials are allowed under the law, without cemetery or other permits and in this division of our work we have, therefore, but little trouble.

"We have had frequent trouble with the recording of marriages. The law requires that persons performing the marriage service shall file their reports immediately, but there have been cases where these do not come in until weeks and months afterward.

"I believe the school authorities can help us a good deal and this will be appreciated by the department, particularly in teaching parents through their children the value of reporting births."

"Why should births and deaths be registered," is the title of an interesting pamphlet published recently by the American Medical Association of Chicago. The introduction in the pamphlet says:

"Proper registration of births and deaths is of great importance to the adult members of any community. Not only are such records necessary for the accurate study of disease and its prevention, but they are also of the utmost importance in all questions relating to heredity, legitimacy, property rights and identity. No child labor law is of value, unless it rests on a system of birth registration and birth certificates, by which the child and the parent can be required at any time to produce positive proof of the age of the child. Laws regulating the age of consent cannot be rigidly enforced, so long as the question of the age of the girl depends on the statements of interested persons rather than on official state records.

Laws In Only Few States

"In practically all other civilized nations proper registration of births is accepted as a matter of course. Europeans look with astonishment upon the American people, when they learn that there are at present only eleven American states, and the District of Columbia, which have any adequate birth registration. These states are: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Michigan and Minnesota.

"Resolutions adopted by the General Federation of Women's Clubs at San Francisco recognized the fact that proper registration of births is absolutely essential for the effective operation of the Children's Bureau which was established by the Federal Government in 1913, and of which Miss Julia Lathrop of Chicago is the Chief.

"Equally important is the proper registration of deaths. No civilized community should allow a human being to die and be buried without a proper official record having been made of the fact. Such records are indispensable in determining death rate, proportion of deaths and births, duration of life rates of life insurance, etc., and in preventing and detecting crime.

"In preparing legislative bills on most subjects, the first question for consideration is the drafting of the bill. In this case, fortunately it is not necessary, as a model bill on this subject has been in existence for some time. The text of this bill appears on page 13 of this pamphlet. It was drafted in 1907, patterned after the Pennsylvania law, which has proved most effective.

"This bill has since been endorsed by the Census Department of the United States Government, the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the American Statistical Association, the Committee on Uniform Laws of the American Bar Association, the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality, the general officers of the American Federation of Labor and the National Conservation Congress, as well as by numerous local and state associations and other public health bodies. It can, therefore, be said to represent the combined judgment of all those interested in securing better vital statistics legislation and registration for the United States as well as the knowledge and experience of those best qualified to speak with authority on the subject.

"It is especially recommended that every effort be made to secure the cooperation of civic federations, women's clubs, public health leagues, labor organizations, local boards of trade and business men's associations and other similar bodies.

"In spite of the fact that no personal benefit accrues to any physician from a law requiring registration of births and deaths, and that most of the labor falls on the physician, the activity and prominence of the medical profession in securing the passage of such laws has created the impression in the public mind that these measures are in some way of personal benefit to physicians and are of no particular interest to the general public. That this is not the case will be seen by considering the importance of vital statistics legislation to the public and its relation to all the important events of life.

"Public interest in this question should not be allowed to subside until adequate laws have been passed in every state requiring the proper registration of births and deaths, and making at least as lasting a record of the most important events of individual existence as is made of blooded horses, cows, dogs and cats. The neglect of such matters shown by our American states is a source of never-ending wonder to European visitors and reflects no credit on our civilization."

KAUAI SCHOOL BOYS FARE BADLY IN FUN

Quartet Steal Joy Ride In "Borrowed" Auto and Court Handles Them

A number of school boys of the Waimea district are apparently on the downward path, and unless they reform, are destined to spend a term in the penitentiary, says the Garden Island of Lihue, Kauai, in last Tuesday's issue. They are all quite young, and to that fact they owe their liberty today. They range in age from fourteen to sixteen, but are already showing a tendency to crime which is sad to observe.

We omit the names of the boys, hoping they will avoid any further difficulty. It is a sad thing when a bad reputation becomes attached to a boy. It is hoped the boys will see the error of their ways, and not again offend.

Three or four of them decided they wanted an auto ride. At least one of them knew how to drive. They first went to Deputy Sheriff Crowell's garage, and pushed his Chevrolet out of the shed. The battery had been removed from the machine, however, and it wouldn't run, so they abandoned it. They then tried to get into the von Hamm Young garage, but failed. They then went to the garage of J. B. Kahlbaum, where they pried out the staple to which the lock was fastened, took the car out, and drove it about thirty miles.

When Mr. Kahlbaum had occasion to use the car next morning, he noticed that the staple fell to the ground. He also noticed mud on the seats. A little further examination showed that the auto number had been plastered over with mud.

The boys were later arrested by an officer, and were fined the nominal sum of ten dollars. They will probably not escape so easily, if caught in further depredations.

HAWAII SCHOOL NOTES

A notable improvement has been made on the grounds of the Waiakea grade school. The lot to which the school was removed last fall was covered with a dense growth of guava bushes. Within the past week this growth has been cut down and burned. The ground is very level, and when enclosed by a hedge of hibiscus will be one of the most attractive school yards on the island. The school is under the efficient leadership of Miss Rebecca Lohenberg. There are 382 pupils enrolled.

Children of the Hilo Union School are very busy collecting canceled postage stamps, particularly the red 2-cent kind. These stamps are sent to Red Cross headquarters where they are turned over to a dye-concern which extracts the dye used in coloring the stamps. The proceeds from these stamps are sent to Belgium to care for Belgian children. Just how this tiny industry started is not yet known nor just how important it is, but the fact remains that the children collecting the stamps are well occupied, and that much love and thought for others goes into the work. It is said that 900 stamps will keep a Belgian child a week.

The Hilo High School proudly records the fact that the teachers and students of that institution have purchased about one-seventh of all the War Saving Stamps bought in Hilo district for the month of January.

The Senior Declamation Contest of the Hilo High School held Feb. 4, was won by Ernest Silva. The prize was $4.15 War Saving Stamp. Greta Muir won the second prize, a smaller stamp.

The Hilo High School News, dated Feb. 16, and numbered Vol. 2, No. 8, has just been received. Sad to relate the High Cost of Living has hit the News a wallop which is admitted in a tearful little paragraph, which points out that the sheet is smaller than usual this time, owing to the aforesaid H. C. L.

Hookena School, of which Thomas T. Haae is principal, is one of the many smaller schools on this Island that have done excellent work in the Red Cross Membership Drive which has just closed. One student, Mamei Kaneta, secured all the members—17—collected all the contributions—$28—and secured for herself a $5 prize. This is quite a record for one little girl to make for herself. The members were:

Thos. N. Haae, M. C. De Mello, E. Tahida, Ah Amoe, T. Higashi, H. Kubo, Mrs. Annie Akau, K. Aoyagi, Z. Kaenta, Mrs. Mary Kiwaha, Samson Among, Katie M. Kaai, Archie Aki, Mrs. Joe Kaai, Mr. Apo, Wm. Nuuanu Jr., Mrs. Rose L. Kahikina.