

At The Lihue Union Church

(Continued from last week)
 About this time the doctrine of union services was much in evidence, and was urgently advocated as the solution of the problems attendant on the language barrier between the races.

We tried the plan, and had regular union services once a month, partly in English and partly in Hawaiian. It was never a conspicuous success; neither congregation felt quite at home with a different language in their ears, and different people alongside them, and it was soon given up.

THE FIRST WEDDING

My first wedding in the community was that of Mr. W. I. Wells and Miss Farr. Mr. Wells was principal of the Hanamaulu school, and Miss Farr a sister of Mrs. Boswell, from Canada, visiting her.

The wedding took place in the Hawaiian church which was most beautifully decorated with masses of roses that would now cost a fortune. Miss Helen Elwell, now Mrs. Lydgate, was bridesmaid, and Mr. DeLacey was best man.

After the ceremony there was a reception at the Boswells on the hill—he was mill engineer—and it poured in torrents, as it always does for a big wedding. That is one of the traditions of Lihue, a downpour necessarily accompanies a big wedding.

The First Wedding in the New Church

The first wedding in the new church was that of Mr. H. D. Sloggett and Miss Etta Wilcox, a very beautiful and impressive wedding, and again it poured, a Kewal rain.

As the first bride of the new church, according to old English custom, a Bible, suitably inscribed, was presented to Mrs. Sloggett while she still treasures with tender memories.

A Big Rain for Every Big Wedding

This custom of wedding rainfall began far back before my time and has continued to the present. You will, most of you, recall the Ahana wedding at Huleia, not long ago, and the over-generous reception of the skies gave the bridal couple. How the wedding supper had to be concluded under dripping umbrellas and improvised raincoats, and what a time we had getting out of the valley thru the mud, and how some of us left our cars there, and took off our shoes and waded home thru the mire.

My own wedding took place in Honolulu, and so by a sort of change of venue we escaped the rain there, but we got here when we were leaving for the event in town. Such boisterous and stormy weather that we had to take the steamer at Koloa and the roads thither were almost impassable.

First Funeral

My first funeral was that of Mary Hardy, the daughter of Judge Hardy. She was buried in the little mission cemetery up back of the mill. Her friends remember very tenderly and Memorial Day finds her grave always remembered.

First Christianing

The first christening in the new church was that of my own boy, Mortimer. My wife saw, to that, though there were several others baptized at the same time.

A Bride from Maumalu School

The Malumalu school was quite a factor in the local life in those days. It was an industrial school for boys, conducted in a humble way along the lines of the Hampton Institute in Virginia.

It was founded, conducted and financed mainly by the Smiths, the old mission family of Koloa. It seemed to me to offer an opportunity for influence on the growing youth, so I accepted the invitation to go out there once a week or so to talk to the boys. I did this the more willingly as the teachers were most estimable and interesting ladies, and one of them especially, Miss Helen Elwell, appealed to me as quite the most charming girl I had ever known. Ultimately she came to look with favor upon my interest, and we were engaged, August 14, 1897. When this became known, people commonly said, "Oh that's the reason he went out there to talk to the boys! We always thought it was strange that he was so interested in them!" How ready some people are to impute ulterior motives and to do injustice to the most unselfish service.

We were married in Honolulu on January 3, 1898, at my sisters, Mrs. A. F. Cooke, and immediately thereafter set out on a honeymoon tour to Southern California and my wife's home at Riverside.

Marriage Under Difficulties

As I have said, we left Kauai in the midst of a storm that prevented our boarding the steamer at Na-

will, and we had to go to Koloa. The change to Koloa was an unexpected one, made in a hurry and expected one, made in a hurry and our trunks, containing about all the wearing apparel we had, remained behind to follow in a day or two, as soon as the weather abated. But the weather didn't abate, and our trunk didn't come, the wedding was set for two or three days later, and wedding garments must be produced against that momentous occasion.

With the fertile expedients of feminine wit, my sister, and my bride, and an emergency dress maker, created a dainty organdie wedding gown that was "too sweet for anything," and I brazenly went out among my friends and borrowed a dress suit for the occasion—insects. I remember the coat was Mr. J. B. Atherton's and it fitted me perfectly. Mrs. Rice was in town at the time, and hearing of our plight, she went out among her friends and gathered up necessary articles to help us out. Those were the days when you couldn't go out and buy such things ready-made.

Well, we got married alright, and have never regretted it since!

A Honeymoon Without Baggage

We were booked to leave for the coast two or three days later, and we watched the horizon, and the incoming steamers, for those belated trunks, but they didn't come, and finally it dawned on us that we would have to go out borrowing again for our honeymoon trip, which we did—again with the help of our friends, and got away at length quite well fitted out, and independent of our trunks, which were quietly reposing at Ahukini, where they waited to welcome our return.

On our return we took up our abode at the Fairview Hotel where we were very comfortably fixed and where our friends of the community gave us a very cordial and enthusiastic evening reception. It was all arranged by W. H. Rice Jr.

Negotiations for a Parsonage

Realizing that in the ordinary run of events we would need a permanent home, I went to Mr. G. N. Wilcox and asked him if he wouldn't build a parsonage, suitable to our modest needs, as an investment, we, or the church, to pay the interest on the same by way of rent.

The Parsonage is Built

This plan met with his approval and I was commissioned to go ahead on the basis of an expenditure of about \$3000. This sum in those days would build a very comfortable, commodious and well-finished cottage, and the original parsonage was the final outcome. It was completed and we moved into it in the spring of 1899.

Enlarged Later

At the time there was no thought of any additions or extensions, but when, after ten or twelve years, it was found necessary to have more room, the original building was very happily enlarged with no detriment to the original house. It could hardly have been done more wisely even if it had all been comprehensively planned from the beginning.

Donated to the Community

Later, at the time of the dedication of the church, Mr. G. N. Wilcox donated this property to the community, and the combined properties were put in the hands of a body of trustees consisting of R. L. Wilcox, C. A. Rice and H. K. Kahale.

Others Might as Well
 "Personally, you know, I am very fond of hunting. But then, you see, I belong to the society for the protection of animals. However, I have found a way out of the difficulty. When hunting I use blank cartridges."—Paris La Baionnette.

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KAPAA NOTES

Hoshii, a tractor driver employed by the Hawaiian Canneries company on their Moloaa plantation, received a broken leg as the result of an accident last Friday. The injured man was immediately taken to the Kealia hospital and is now under the care of Dr. Hagood.

C. C. Mayne, local representative of the von Hamm-Young company returned from Honolulu on Tuesday after a brief business trip.

Antone Fernandez, proprietor of the local theater, was in Honolulu for one day last week in connection with the distribution of coming features.

The 1922 canning season of the Hawaiian Canneries company is expected to commence early in June and will probably last until August. A larger number of laborers will be needed this year than last, due to the increased pack to be put up.

Homesteaders, as well as others, welcomed the breaking of the dry spell last week. Rain fell for three days, and all crops are already showing beneficial results.

Alfred Morgan, a student in the seventh grade of the Kapaa school was awarded first prize by the garden judges for the best home garden on Kauai. Alfred is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Morgan. T. Naito, also of the seventh grade, carried off third prize.

Kapaa school was awarded first prize for the best school garden on Kauai. This is Kapaa's fourth prize in four years, and the school can well be proud of their excellent record.

Everything is in readiness for the transfer of the Kapaa post office to its new location. John Rapoza, the new postmaster, will take over the duties of the old postmaster on Thursday, June 1, and expects to be ready for business on Friday morning, June 2nd.

Officers of the Christian Endeavor Society gave a party at the beach house on Tuesday morning to the workers who so generously contributed their services for the last concert. Sandwiches and cakes were supplied by A. G. Koukoku, fishes and chickens by Isaac Kalu, and a pig by Sheriff Hano.

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