

Attractive Publicity Bestowed Upon Maui

New pictures of Maui and an interesting and well written article by Lulle Jones appear in the Paradise of the Pacific for August. The author was one of a party of 15 members of the Trail and Mountain Club that came over from Honolulu in the fore part of June and the article is in the form of a diary of the visit.

Of the new pictures one of Maalaea Bay showing Haleakala in the background is very attractive and was taken not far from the Kihel wharf. Another picture is a novel one of clouds in the crater and others show the party in a group and two smaller scenes at the crater.

Jao Valley, the Needle and the Lahaina drive also come in for attention.

Fair, Cantata And Feast For Lahaina

Extensive preparations are in progress for a church fair and entertainment to be held at the Church of Our Lady of Victory at Lahaina on Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20. Father Bruno was over from Lahaina yesterday and told a little something of the plans.

In addition to the church fair there is to be a cantata and other musical numbers on Saturday night for which rehearsals are now in progress. The cantata is to be a song of the flowers and several minstrel numbers are to be added.

On Sunday will be held the annual feast of the church.

Fences And Trees Are No Check To Backing Car On High Street

Such frail objects as fences proved no obstacle to an automobile that was started backing on High street Saturday afternoon about 5:30. A palm tree checked its rearward course temporarily and then the engine was thrown into forward progress and next brought to a stop before the machine had effected entrance into or crashed a hole through the walls of the Enos home.

A car driven by a Japanese was brought to a stop in front of Maui News office Saturday afternoon and the driver proceeded to walk over to the court house. However, he had left in the car a young Hawaiian boy and he proved to be the mischief maker for, in the absence of the owner of the machine he started "monkeying" with its mechanism. The car started backing, the boy tried to stop it with the steering wheel and swerved it neatly across the street, over the curb and sidewalk toward the Enos yard. There came a cracking and crashing as the fence gave way and Augustine Enos, sitting on the lanai of the house, was roused from his reveries. He shouted to the boy and the latter, thoroughly frightened, leaped from the car rousing the neighborhood with his howls.

Enos hurried to the car and a big palm tree stopped it for a moment. The backing progress toward the house was about to be resumed when Enos reversed its progress and no further damage was done, though the boy continued his frightened howls for some time.

Head Hunting Allied With Agriculture In Minds Of Burma Was

RANGOON, July 23—(Associated Press Mail)—Ralph Henderson, a Harvard graduate who has spent the past eight months traveling in southern Asia, has just completed a trip through the British "unadministered" territory, of northeastern Burma and into the Chinese province of Yunnan, neither of which have been thoroughly explored by white men.

Among the wild tribes encountered on this trip were the head-hunting Was. Hitherto little has been definitely known concerning the life and customs of this tribe, as most of those who intruded upon Wa territory failed to return. The Was do not hunt heads primarily from cannibalistic motives, but rather because of their belief that their crops will fail unless some fresh human skulls are imported every year. Under this impression they organize head-hunting expeditions every spring, and it is small consolation to the unfortunate traveler who falls into their hands that it is only his skull that is wanted.

Spring Open Season

Writing of the wild Was, Mr. Henderson says: "The Was are especially keen on hunting heads during February, March and April just before the planting season. From the Wa angle of looking at it, the business isn't the madness we take it to be. It is a convention, and quite as reasonable as afternoon tea. Every decent religious Wa knows that unless the seed grain is properly charmed and conjured with a human head, the crop raised from it will be a failure. And who wants to starve? In fact, if worst comes to worst and there are no heads forthcoming from raids on neighbors, the Was prefer to take the head of some feeble person in the village, rather than run risk of scant crops and consequent empty stomachs."

"In February, March, and April, then, the wild Wa men go a hunting. Of course, any head that offers itself to be collected is regarded as fair game, and it behooves the man working alone cutting jungle or the woman hoeing alone in the field to be cautious when the Was are about. A common artifice is to barricade some jungle highway and lie in ambush, some just behind the barricade, some on either side, to rush down on the flanks of any party caught in the trap."

"Heads of men, women and children over 12 years old are acceptable. Heads marked with small-pox, for superstitious reasons, are not desired. A successful foray is one which yields one or more corpses. Immediately the heads are cut off and put in bags. Then back home go the rejoicing Was not neglecting to take

the bodies along for the larder, and raising a tremendous whooping and bulabuloo along the way.

Ceremonies At Home

At home there is a ceremony to perform. The wife or mother of the man who made the kill takes the head out of the bag and proceeds to wash it formally. She must wash the blood from the dead face, and wall an incantational song as she does so. She must work herself into a sentimental frenzy, which feat under the circumstances is usually easy of performance. If her wailing lacks the ring of genuineness, her husband helps to supply that which is lacking by beating her.

"This song, strangely enough, beseeches the aid of the spirit of the head, and addresses it as a mighty ruler. It is this spirit which is to promote the growth of the crops, and it must be treated with great reverence. I heard this song once."

"After the head has been washed and wailed over, a raw egg is put into the dead mouth, to feed the spirit. Then the head is thrust up on a pole. A basket of seed paddy (rice) is put under it and left for a few days. As the head decays, the droppings fall into the seed paddy, and are thoroughly mixed with it. The paddy is then ready to plant, and a good crop is insured."

Lucky Lines

Miss Bute—"As I am playing an old lady in the piece, I shall have to have wrinkles painted round my eyes and mouth."

Mr. Blarney—"Ah, they will indeed be lines cast in pleasant places."—Boston Transcript.

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HANA NOTES

Drought Unbroken—Up to the end of last week, writes Maui News correspondent at Hana, there had been some showers but nothing to indicate that the drought had broken. The plantations at that end of the island continued to suffer from the lack of rain and people of Hana were still suffering inconvenience from the lack of water for domestic purposes.

Mrs. Aoe Paki, a teacher of Pukoli School who has spent several weeks of her vacation at Kipahulu, has returned to her home in West Maui.

Miss Mary Kamai of Kahakulua School and Miss Bessie Kuhns of Kahului are visiting the parents of Miss Kamai at Kipahulu.

Miss Josephine Cabral is an arrival from Honolulu. She will teach at the Kipahulu School during the coming school year.

Miss Emma Medeiros, a Honolulu school teacher, is spending her vacation as the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Drummond.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Soon arrived by the Kilauea last Tuesday and proceeded to Kaupo. Mrs. Soon has just arrived from China.

Double Action

George—"I put a tack on teacher's chair yesterday."

Gerald—"Did you? I'll bet he won't sit down in a hurry again."

George—"No; and neither will I!"—Western Christian Advocate (Cincinnati).

A BIT OF FUN

Travel Stimulants

A prize has been offered for a slogan that will stimulate travel. In the meantime, the Eighteenth Amendment seems to be doing pretty well.—Life.

The Car Ahead

"John, you've promised and promised to get me a runabout."

"I will, my dear, one of those days."

"Humph! Your present is always in the future."—Boston Transcript.

A Relic

She—"What is this dark hair doing on your coat?"

He—"That is the suit I wore last year. I expect the hair has been on it ever since you were a brunette, dearest."

Revised Version

Jack Spratt could eat no fat; his wife could eat no lean. You see they spent their money for the jitney's gasoline.—Republican (Fresno, Cal.)

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