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SUNDAY MOVIES

The county Supervisors, on the 3rd day of last September, passed Ordinance No. 13, providing for the exhibition of moving pictures of an educational or biblical character in the County of Kauai on Sundays, and providing restrictions thereon.

We would like to enquire if the filthy, rotten and suggestive thing that was thrown on the screen last Sunday night comes under that head? If so, we will have to revise our opinion of education and religion. And we will venture a wager that every parent who had a child in the Tip Top theatre Sunday evening would have given a great deal not to have had the child there.

There are two moving picture companies furnishing features for the Kauai circuit. One of them turns out, as a usual thing, good, clean pictures, while the other is just the reverse, and to inflict these latter pictures on the public is an insult.

There may be no way of preventing the exhibition of these pictures during the week, but their exhibition on Sundays can be prohibited.

Ordinance No. 13, Section 4, states:

"In case any person holding a license for conducting a Sunday moving picture shows shall exhibit any films of an educational or biblical character or within the hours prescribed he shall not be entitled thereafter for a period of three months to receive any such license and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for which he shall be a fine of not more than \$100, for the

first offense, in case of a second offense such person shall not be entitled thereafter for a period of six months to receive any such license and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250.00. The Treasurer shall have the right to deny any such license to such person violating the provisions of this ordinance even though no criminal proceedings are instituted."

Section 5 of this ordinance states that "The Treasurer may require any applicant to exhibit to him such films which the said applicant may desire to exhibit at a Sunday moving picture show whereby he may ascertain whether such film or films are of an educational or biblical character."

Mr. Fernandez is not responsible for the kind of pictures the distributors send him, but he is responsible if he throws those pictures on the screen, and it is up to him to protect his patrons by knowing what he is going to exhibit before hand.

Saturday, May, the eighth, will stand out as a great day in the history of Kauai. For it was then that the army sea planes made the first flight from Honolulu here, landing in Hanamaulu bay at 8:30 in the morning.

It was a thrilling sight to see those two machines together with the little land plane, Aloha Hawaii come along sailing in out of the distant nowhere and making straight for their appointed destination with the unerring instinct of a homing bird.

It stirred the imagination and quickened the emotions and like wizard remind us that our dear old Uncle Sam is able to protect us with our eagle eye while we go about our daily business.

should be acted upon without delay.

You will agree with me that the present hotel accommodations on Kauai are not only inadequate, but really inferior. I do not wish to condemn, but am simply calling attention to conditions as they exist on the "Garden Island" today.

The Country Club suggestion seems to me to open a way to improve our hotel accommodations, as far as the tourist is concerned at least. Why not erect a few cottages, of moderate size, around the grounds of the Country Club? Don't crowd them as close as possible around the main club building, but allow each as much land as it is possible to spare, and plant each yard with our tropical trees. The Country Club site as already selected really offers the best that the island can boast; cool location, beautiful bathing, good boating on the Waialua river, the natural beauties of which are alone a great attraction. Now with all of this let's put in the best golf course in the Hawaiian Islands, and advertise it as such. This will get the tourist here, and it is ample to keep him here if we will only look after his material welfare as well.

The club could be so regulated that catering for a few tourists would not greatly add to the expense of operation; a small staff of employes is necessary in any case.

Let us take a glance at Kauai's balance sheet. Her assets are legion, wonderful scenery, good roads, fine beaches, awe-inspiring canyons, beautiful parks, monthly tourist-steamer service, free advertising from different sources and a prospective tourist travel. Our liabilities—inadequate and inferior hotel accommodations, and worst of all—a population wholly indifferent to anything but their own immediate interests, this applies to the "haoles."

We should have island pride enough to wish to overcome our indifference, especially as we are soon to have tourists in our midst. These tourists should leave Kauai with as good an impression as possible, and the desire to return again. This is hardly to be expected under existing conditions. Are we going to remedy these adverse conditions, or are we just going to sit back and let things drift as usual? Are we going to allow tourists to leave here with a bitter feeling of having been fleeced, and a fixed idea that Kauai, the so-called "Garden Island" is the only one of the larger Hawaiian Islands that does not give the tourist a fair deal, that the advertisements are far superior to the real article.

BOOSTER.

Other Island Notes

(From our special correspondent)

Supervising Principals Struggle With Problems

The supervising principals from all the islands have been in session during this last week struggling with the problems of the overcrowded schools and the lack of teachers. The worst conditions of congestion are in Hilo where there are some 800 children with no proper school rooms or school facilities. They are crowded into Japanese schools basements, sheds, etc., some of them most unsanitary, badly lighted, badly ventilated and inconvenient.

Hilo Heads the List

While Hilo heads the list for congestion similar conditions prevail all over the islands, and are steadily growing worse, so that the teachers have come to the point where they can endure it no longer and the Hilo contingent declare that they will not tolerate it any longer and threaten to strike unless some steps are taken to relieve the situation.

The Two Session School Day

The temporary emergency remedy proposed, as the outcome of the meeting of the supervising principals is a two session school service for all the lower grades where they are congested. Where for instance there are 80 children in a room, that group will be divided into two sections of 40 each. The first 40 will occupy the room for the first period of say an hour and a half or so, while the second sections goes out of doors for games, drill, story work or such other training as may be given in the open. At the close of the period they are taken in doors while the others go out and take their places in the school yard.

The Lower Grades Only

It is proposed to do this with the first second and third grades, which are the crowded ones in all our schools. In some places it may be necessary to carry it farther and include the fourth grade, but this is not recommended.

The Plan Has Advantages

Manifestly this is not an ideal plan, and nothing but necessity would warrant its adoption. Nevertheless it has advantages which commend it, even if it were not an emergency necessity.

The confinement hours of the present system are too long at best for small children, there should be more action, more out of doors,—breaks in the long sitting, and the cramped positions. It may be that they will learn just about as much of the indoor program in half the time, and be happier and more contented in doing it.

Real Problem Still Remains—More Teachers

While this will give us a tentative emergency solution of the school congestion as far as room goes, it does not in the least meet the difficulty in regard to teachers.

Just as many, or indeed a good many more teachers will be required since some one will be required to herd the children who are out-of-doors. Perhaps these out-of-doors squads may be combined to some extent, but at any rate they will have to be handled by some one.

Hilo Teachers Ready to Strike

The Hilo teachers deliver as an ultimatum "no more than 40 children to one teacher," which of course is entirely reasonable and proper, so that however you fix it the 80 pupil rooms will have to have more teachers to get it down to a basis of 40 children to a teacher.

This is all recommendation to be approved and confirmed by the school commissioners.

To Lengthen the School Period

Another proposed innovation is the addition of half an hour to the school period:—begin at 8:30 or close at 2:30. This is to give time enough for the vocational work, which heretofore has not had sufficient time.

Blame Yourself if Your Sold

(Special correspondence)

A good deal of interest has been stirred up here by the report which has leaked through from Kauai, to the effect that there is a great deal of indignation there on the part of the strike supporters and contributors, in regard to the way their good money is being used in support of the strike here.

One item of the financial report tagged "children's pocket money of \$38,000; another of \$10,000 for speakers;" and other of \$10,000 for "incidentals" would seem to have stirred them to an unwanted degree of Oriental wrath, such as would tend to alienate them from their allegiance to the federation. Evidently Orientals know something about the ways of graft on a liberal scale!

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"Of course we wanted to fly—and intended to—some time, but we were not just ready at that time—in fact we did not see how we could get away just then. We were not afraid—we just couldn't spare the time, that was all. Maybe we could spare the time some other time."

Fern didn't seem to get the drift of our remarks, as he expressed himself as highly pleased with our decision to go skylarking with him, and as he went out the door he said he would expect us at Waipouli at 2 o'clock sharp.

The upshot of the matter was that a certainly lady in our establishment decided the matter for us by casually remarking that she did not think a person should go up if they were afraid!

Of course, that settled it—we WOULD go up, and if anything happened, why—

The sensation of flying is entirely different from what we expected it to be. After the first mad race along the ground, when you think the machine is going through the fence in front of you, you suddenly discover that the bumping has ceased, and, looking over the side, you see the earth and water dropping away from you.

Right here is where you will have a "kind of anxious feelin", but a glance forward to where friend Fern sits calmly chewing a big cud of gum, reassures you immensely and you sit up and begin to take notice.

Up you go, now so gradually and easily that you hardly realize you are moving. In a couple of minutes you are up about two thousand feet, though you don't realize this either until you glance directly over the side of the ship and discover that those little specks in the fields are horses and cattle, and that curving, white ribbon, with "cooties" running along it, is the belt road, and said "cooties" are automobiles.

In OUR particular flight we sailed out over Hanamaulu Bay, Lihue and Grove Farm, then turning mauku, we headed for Waialua Falls, which looked rather small from our vantage point. From here, on all sides, was stretched out the wide expanse of Lihue Plantation, just like a huge relief map, and to the right of Waialua Falls lay the homesteads, while away below the silver river flowed to the sea.

Then we headed for Waipouli. Fern

will do "stunts" if you ask him. We wanted a stunt, but could not quite decide the matter by saying so, so we waited, rather anxiously, to see if he would turn his head and ask if we wanted a thriller—we wanted him to, but hoped he wouldn't.

HE DID! When away up over Waipouli, Fern shut off the motor, and turned his head around, asked if we should do a "tail spin." We shut our eyes and said "yes."

WOW! We got our thrill! A great deal has been said and written about the joys of automobiling over our fine roads, and the beautiful scenery to be seen on such trips. Dear people, if you want a real joy ride—if you want to see what a really beautiful spot on this earth's surface our "Garden Island" is, by all means take a trip with my friend Fern.

Do You Want Some Nice Fresh Vegetables?

How many people are aware of the fact that the Samuel Mahelona Hospital farm has acres and acres of the finest kind of ranch produce for sale—and extremely reasonable in price? We were not aware of it, until we went out there on the invitation of Fred Trowbridge, the very efficient manager of the ranch.

Fred took us around his 120 acres of ranch, and what he showed us was a revelation. Acres of fine roasting ears, just crying to go into the pot, patches of fine, large, red tomatoes, sweet potatoes, all kinds of beans, carrots, beets, lettuce, numberless bunches of bananas, papayas, an' everything. In fact, Fred says the only thing they have to buy is sugar and flour.

Of course the hospital gets the benefit of all this produce, besides large quantities of milk butter and eggs, also from the ranch,—and, in passing, we might say that we envy the patients of that institution,—but there is a great deal more raised than can be used by the hospital, so the public can get the benefit of these fine, fresh vegetables, at very reasonable prices, by going after them.

Mr. Trowbridge stated that he would dispose of a few of the fine young pigs they are raising on the ranch, if anyone desired them.

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