

HONG ON SHA SOCIETY GIVES ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet given by the Hong On Sha Society through Mr. Chu Kong, its president, was indeed a great success. From good authorities the spread was reported to be the best ever given, especially the dish of Chop Suey.

Throughout the afternoon there was not one silent or dull moment. Jokes were sprung every now and then by the witty ones, political speeches were made by politicians present and songs were sung, all of which were aimed at one end that was to have a good time.

At the instance of Mr. H. D. Wishard all made donations to help the poor ones now suffering from hunger in China. Some sixty odd dollars were collected. Mr. Chu Kong, on

behalf of the sufferers, thanked the guests for the donations and assured them that every cent of that money would be forwarded at the first opportunity.

At about six o'clock the crowd dispersed, all wearing a look of satisfaction on their faces and a longing in their hearts for another occasion of this kind real soon.

KAUAI LEADS IN EDUCATION

Of the 2.90 per cent tax rate for the current year on Kauai, we will put near half, or 1.3565 per cent into schools, amounting to \$332,398.

This is a larger proportion than any other island. The other islands will spend in that way: Hawaii, 1.29 per cent; Maui, 1.125; Honolulu, 1.02.

For County uses: Kauai, 1.224, Hawaii, 1.0; Maui, 1.42; Honolulu, 1.95.

Judge Achi Wants Home For Delinquent Children

The following letters will be of general interest, and explain themselves. They indicate a serious situation and a problem which we will have to face increasingly as our population grows,—viz, what to do with delinquent children, and those started on the downward path to crime and degeneracy.

Hon. C. J. McCarthy,
Honolulu.

Dear Governor:

As the legislature is to meet soon, I deem this to be the opportune moment to inform you of my intentions in reference to our juvenile delinquents. During the past year I have been greatly interested in the juvenile work of this Court. According to the records, fifteen delinquent cases were disposed of during the last year, four of which, I regret to say, were committed to the Industrial School. The remaining eleven were placed on probation.

Feeling that the Industrial School is an unfit place to send any child, I placed these eleven boys on probation which practically left them on their own responsibilities with the hope that such a plan would be better than the present reform system. The delinquent is put under the care of some respectable person who informs this Court once every two weeks of the behavior of said delinquent. From all appearances the plan is working out splendidly.

As to the four boys who were committed to the Industrial School, I had to adopt that course because I could not find any one at the time the boys were adjudged delinquents to take care of them.

At this time I feel that the interests of said children would have been better subserved if the above honor system had been applied. Since this system is meeting with success, I have decided not to commit any more cases particularly to the Industrial School for boys. What Kauai really needs now is a detention home of its own, with suitable grounds, suitable buildings, clean, wholesome, sanitary arrangements, good food, education, occupation, physical attention, and ethical training. The child should come out of the home better disciplined morally and mentally than when entering it. The present reform system is entirely lacking in this respect.

One of the Knudsen homes containing an area of thirteen acres more or less, would be an ideal place for a Detention Home. There are many buildings on said premises which could be put into repair or reconstructed at a small cost. In a short time the institution will become self-supporting. The boys could be made to cultivate and thus produce their own foodstuffs, and in that way reduce from time to time moneys which have been appropriated towards the maintenance and upkeep of the institution. The boys will not only be receiving agricultural or shop training, but will be given a good primary education, which education consists of a prescribed course of study to be completed upon the delinquent having attained his majority.

If you think my plan feasible, will it be possible to acquire the above said home from the Government by a decree from you? If so, kindly inform me as to the proper proceeding.

Trusting that you will give this matter your careful consideration, I remain,

Respectfully yours,
Wm. C. Achi, Jr.

Hon. William C. Achi, Jr.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., regarding the juvenile work of your Court. I fully agree with what you say as to the placing of boys in the Industrial School. Conditions in this school are such that instead of being improved, the boy generally acquires worse habits through being sent there.

I do not know what to do with the institution; complaints come to me but nothing constructive seems to be advanced. I have read carefully your suggestion regarding the boys of your circuit, and I am strongly in favor of setting aside the Knudsen land for such a detention home as outlined by you. I believe, however, that such a home should be supported by the County of Kauai. If you will take up the matter with the board of Supervisors and get their approval, I will issue an executive order turning over to the County whichever one of the Knudsen homes is desired.

I am not sure whether any additional legislation will be necessary to regulate such a home. If so, I will ask the attorney general to prepare such an act. No additional legislation is necessary in order to turn the property over to the County. The only legislation, if any, which might be necessary would be that authorizing the county to support the institu-

tion and possibly that defining the rules as to the commitment of boys to it.

Very truly yours,
C. J. McCarthy.

THE MOKIHANA MEETING

The meeting of the Mokihana Club Wednesday afternoon was attended by over one hundred ladies, and was one of more than ordinary interest and importance.

Among the various matters which came up for consideration and approval the following are the most worthy of note.

The Executive Committee reported musical programs for March and April, Mrs. Sinclair Robinson for the former, and the Passmore Trio for the latter.

The Library Committee reported progress, especially in regard to a Library Bill for Legislature which is being framed by the Maui people, but in the interest of all the islands. It will be to our interest to cooperate with them in supporting the same.

The Women's Current Events meetings have proved so successful and interesting that they will be continued Monday afternoons at the hall. There will be a meeting Wednesday, February 9th, Mokihana Hall, for the organization of a local Humane Society.

The committee handling the Hoover Fund campaign reported \$7,222.00 collected and forwarded to date, with more coming in. They were very much pleased with the splendid response, especially from the schools and churches.

A letter of appeal was read from Mrs. Westervelt of Honolulu, on behalf of Near East Relief Work.

A million refugees and one hundred thousand children are running wild in the mountains, victims of persecution, winter storms and starvation. There will be a financial campaign for their benefit March 21-29. Dr. Wirt, commissioner for this relief work, and a lecturer of note, may possibly visit Kauai at that time and tell us about these unfortunate people.

An interesting letter was read from the president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, emphasizing the importance and influence of such clubs, especially in this new era of woman's enfranchisement and recognition.

The musical and literary program was a very interesting one and was received with much favor. It had been arranged by Mrs. Wm. McCluskey, the leader for the day. It was as follows:

1. Cycle of Song.....Mrs. Wm. Rice
"Love's Old Sweet Song."
"Then you'll remember me."
"Drink to me only with thine eyes."
2. Book Review.....Miss Purdy
"Our America," by Waldo Frank.
3. Instrumental.....Mrs. Trowbridge
"Quartette from Rigoletto"
"Scarf Dance"
4. Book Review.....Miss Ethel Damon

"Biography of Mrs. R. L. Stevenson"
"White Shadows in the South Seas"
(Both these books are to be ordered for the Library.)

5. Song.....Mrs. H. T. Sheldon
"Lei Awapuhi"

The Club then adjourned to accept the hospitality of Mrs. Broadbent, Mrs. Moragne, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Hills, and Miss Bissinger, hostesses for the occasion.

ADVENTURES AT SEA

Another interesting tale has been added to the stories of adventure at sea, in the safe return, a few days ago, of the power sloop Nagashima Maru.

Sometime before Christmas the Hakkio Maru left on a fishing cruise of a few days. Not returning when expected, three other sampans of which the Nagashima was one, set out to find her. This was January 2nd.

January 11th they reached French Frigate Shoals far to the Northwest. Finding no trace of the missing sampan there, they visited Necker Island with the same result. From that time on the Nagashima had hard luck. Part of the time her engine was out of commission, so that she drifted about aimlessly. Then she was overtaken by the heavy storms of the third week of January and nearly foundered. Then she was lost for a week or two, and was running on

a false course, so that she entirely missed her home port. When she finally made Honolulu her supplies were reduced to a minimum, and starvation was at hand.

HOW IT RAINS IN JANUARY

The phenomenal rainfall for the month of January, 28.54 inches, has led to an examination of the Grove Farm records which run back over a period of 25 years.

The January just past far outruns any other in the record—the nearest approach to it being that of January 1907 when the rainfall was 22.30. 1815 had 16.61 and 1920, 15.93.

The average rainfall for this 25 years is 6.16 inches so that 1921 is four and a half times the average amount.

As an indication of how irregular even averages can be,—the average for the first ten years of this 25 was 1.92. For the second ten, 7.26. And for the final five, 12.15.

The smallest January rainfall during this period was 0.36 in 1900, but there are six years with less than an inch. This pretty well disposes of the general supposition that January is necessarily a wet month. Equally untenable is the idea that January is a dry month. Often it is very dry, often it is very wet—you can't tell anything about it.



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