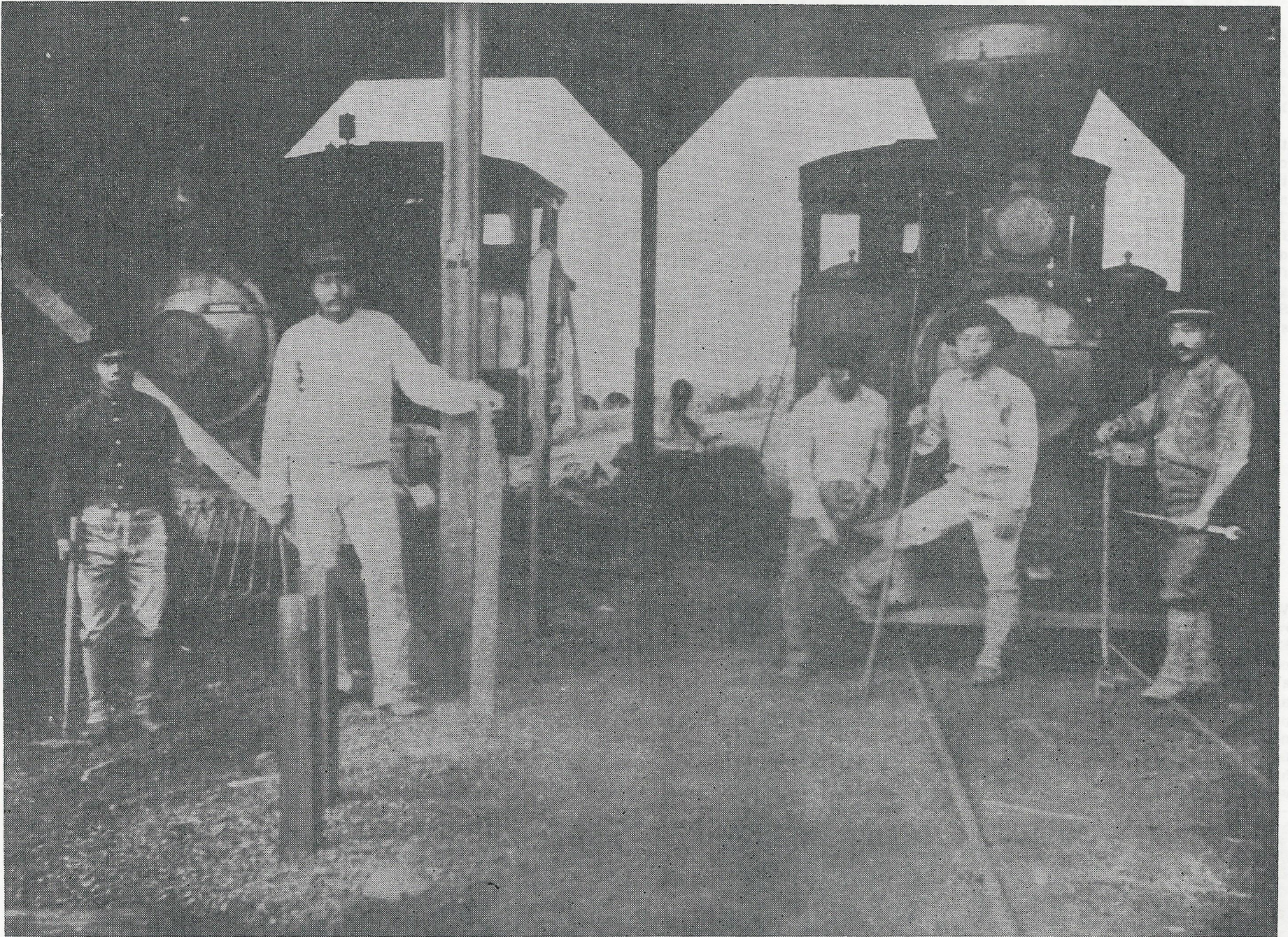
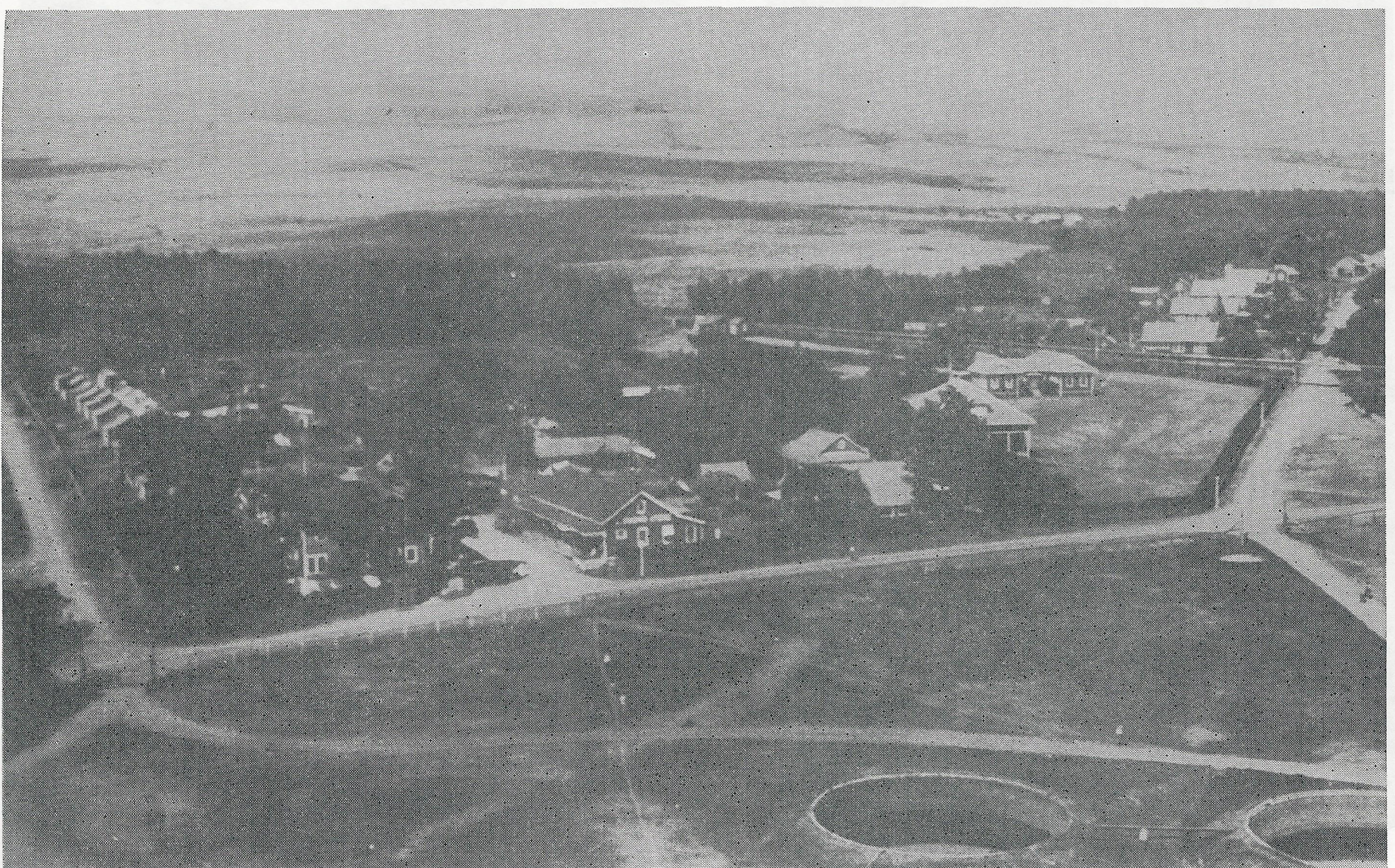


Pahala Community News

THIS WAS PAHALA — 35 YEARS AGO



IN THE TRAIN SHED --- ABOUT 1920. Two coal burning locomotives and their crews



PAHALA --- ABOUT 1925, taken from the top of the mill smokestack

Boy Scouts Enjoy New Hilea Camp Site

Sgt. Vredenburg Retires After 22 Years Of Service

After 22 years of police work, veteran Sgt. Wilmot Vredenburg still can say, "Smile" and takes things good naturedly.

Known and respected by everyone in Kau, the Sgt. usually makes his rounds in a wreath of aromatic cigar smoke, with a joking remark and a hearty laugh.

No one can ever remember turning down the Sgt. when he came on his annual round of ticket selling for the Policeman's variety show. Mrs. Paul Teramoto, proprietor of Paul's Place proudly displays the bird of paradise flowers behind the fountain from the Vredenburg garden. "I've never seen the Sgt. down in the dumps," she said.

When asked about his 23 years on the force, the Sgt. replied, "It's all routine, just routine." And it is just routine—if you consider routine, settling domestic squabbles, straightening out teen-agers, settling fights etc. The Sgt. continued that there were lots of fights and stabbing during the war, but things are much quieter now—"mostly family fights, that's all."

He was born in Waimea to Wilmot L. Vredenburg and Nora Campbell, and is of Dutch-English-Hawaiian ancestry. He came to Kau on June 1, 1914 as a youth of 20 to work as manager of Kahuku ranch—then a part of the Parker spread—and now owned by the Damon Estate. After 3 years at Kahuku, he returned to Kohala. Still working for Parker, he farmed



PAHALA SCOUTS AT CAMP HILEA—Left to right are the following members of Pahala Troop 66: Ron Walters, James Dacalio, Anthony Wroblewski Phillip Jerusalem.

corn at Waikii. Parker Ranch planted corn for their cattle, and sold it as well.

Returning to Kau in '21, he ranched for Hutchinson at Kaula until 1931.

The years from '31 until '36 were very active for the Sgt. He ranched on leased land along the road to South Point. He had about 150 head of cattle.

From 1925 to '27 Wilmot Vredenburg represented West Hawaii in the territorial legislature. The Territorial retirement system was set up that year, but did not go into immediate effect, remembered the Sgt.

He also served for a time on the Board of Supervisors, and engaged in commercial fishing.

In February '36 he became a police officer under Sheriff Kawaha and lived at Waiohenu. Later in June of the same year, he moved to Pahala. James Campsie was then manager of Hawaiian Ag. The Sgt. was the only officer in Pahala. In '44 he became Sgt. Vredenburg of the Naalehu sub-station.

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Mrs. Louise Bartels Campbell of Kau married the Sgt. in 1915. They had a son, Wilmot Jr. of Napoopoo. Another child, a daughter, died in infancy.

Harriette Crowell became the Sgt.'s second wife. The couple adopted Mrs. Vredenburg's daughter, Harriette, by a previous marriage. She is now Mrs. Pitale of Honolulu.

Another adopted daughter, Cherie Mae Bebout, is in California. The Vredenburgs have an adopted grandson, Kehau (meaning, "the mauka breeze after midnight"), a handsome little boy.

His vacations and day off are spent pursuing fish instead of law breakers. One can almost depend on the officer's aged beach wagon being parked at a choice fishing area at Punaluu.

During August Hawaii Island Boy Scouts first began to use their new campground at Hilea.

The camp now has camp sites suitable for handling about 100 boys a week, a headquarters section with food storage and refrigerator, an archery range, a .22 caliber rifle range and areas for badminton, volleyball and other sports.

Instruction is given in scout skills (knot tying, first aid, signalling, etc.) so that scouts may qualify for their First and Second Class awards. As the camp is expanded, additional instruction will be given and more mountain trails will be built.

Camp Hilea is the permanent camp site for scouts of Kilauea Council (Hawaii Island) and scouts and scouters from every part of this Island will attend.

The Camp Director is District Scout Executive, Sam Claar, and assisting him are Scout executives Bob Fleischman and George Mine.

Camp Hilea is located on some 38½ acres at an elevation of about 900 feet. 35 acres of land are leased from Hutchinson Sugar Company and the remaining 3½ acres were purchased from the State. Hawaiian Agricultural Company helped the Scouts to install two 5,000 gallon water tanks and to lay water pipes down the hill to the campsite so that they have a good supply of fresh water.

Formerly, the present campsite was Hilea Village with many homes. All that is left now to remind one of the former village are the numerous stone walls and fruit trees around the area.



PAHALA SCHOOL—Children read books donated by C. Brewer and Co. to the school through its school aid programs. Left to right: Lynn Saito, Gary Smith, Christopher Oleyte and Jack Walters.

THIS IS PAHALA TODAY



PAHALA 1959 is a sharp contrast to the photos of a town of yesterday on a preceding page. Today, Pahala is a thriving community gathered around an industrial center. Can you find your home in the Pahala of today?

Atolls And Reefs Parts Of Islands

Stretching off some 1,200 miles to the northwest of the Hawaiian Islands is a chain of small islands and reefs, the tops of great undersea mountains, a range of which Hawaii is the summit.

All of these islands, claimed for Hawaii at various times, are now under the jurisdiction of the city and county of Honolulu except the circular atoll of Midway which has been a U.S. naval reservation since 1903.

Some of the parts of this historic archipelago have had occasional commercial or military value.

Nearest to the main Hawaiian Islands lie Nihoa, 247 miles west-northwest of Honolulu, and Necker Island, 393 miles northwest of Honolulu. Archeological research has revealed that these islands were inhabited by Hawaiians long before their discovery.

French Frigate Shoal, an atoll of many small islets, is the site of a Coast Guard loran station. A military air strip was also built on one of the little islands during World War II. French Frigate Shoal is 480 miles northwest of Honolulu.

Next up the line come Brooks Shoal, Gardner Pinnacles, Raita Bank and Maro Reef, none of special importance except to navigators of the Pacific.

Laysan Island, 790 miles northwest of Honolulu, once was a center for guano diggings,

and Japanese laborers from Hawaii lived there to dig the guano for the Honolulu fertilizer trade.

The Pearl and Hermes Reef, 1,050 miles northwest of Honolulu, was home for a group of pearl fishermen at one time, although it gets its name from two British whaling ships that went aground there in 1822.

Midway, an outpost of some importance during World War II, has also been a base for commercial transpacific cable and airline operations. It lies 1,150 miles west-northwest from Honolulu.

Kure Island, the farthest northwest of the archipelago, was set aside as a naval defense area in 1936. Lisianski Island, near Laysan Island, also has land area that usually shows above the water.

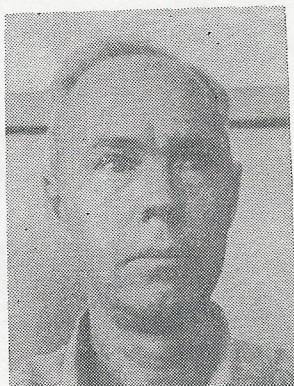
All the atolls and reefs of the Hawaiian archipelago are low in elevation and may be washed over entirely by high seas and tidal waves.

Not a part of the northwestern chain, but also considered a part of the Hawaiian Islands is Palmyra, 960 miles south and a little west of Honolulu.

The more than 50 islets of Palmyra atoll have a land area of 488 acres and have been considered for development as a tourist center. The area has a landing strip and an entrance has been cut into a lagoon harbor.

Formerly the Factory Superintendent of the Hutchinson Sugar Co., Robert Mott-Smith was recently appointed by Manager Paul R. Tate as Factory Superintendent of Hawaiian Agricultural Company.

He has taken the place of George Becker who was Factory Superintendent since 1956. George is on partial sick leave and will continue on with H.A. Co. as a consultant. Mr. and Mrs. Becker have moved to Hilo where they will reside.



Robert Mott-Smith

Robert Mott-Smith was born in Honolulu and is a graduate of Cornell University. He has been engaged in the sugar industry since 1941 and had been Factory Superintendent at Hutchinson since 1955. Robert was an Engineering Consultant for the Taiwan Sugar Corporation on Formosa.

Mott-Smith Is Appointed Factory Superintendent

Three Day Carnival Proceeds Go To Swimming Pool Fund

Labor Day weekend hosted a carnival in Pahala sponsored by the Pahala Community Club. The profit from the carnival will go toward the \$30,000 needed to complete construction of the new community swimming pool.

The weekend program started Friday night with the opening of the amusement booths.

They included rifle shooting, baseball throwing, dart games, fishpond, big wheels and small wheels, "hit George's face", eight ball, and rocket car and airplane rides for the kids. The food booth sold soft drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, saimin, malasadas, sushi cones, pop corn, shaved ice, coffee, cotton candy, potato chips and Fritos, between 7 and 11 p.m. Friday night the dance was held with the coronation of the Queen ceremony crowning Amy Kokoyama Labor Day Queen. Drawings for door prizes were held at 11:00 p.m.

Saturday evening the amusements were again open at 6:00; the evening's program featured two 11 act variety shows with several very entertaining local performers and the "Casuals" from Honolulu, a rock and roll trio. Door prizes were awarded at 11:30 p.m.

Sunday the program started at noon with Little League and Pony League baseball games. The feature of the evening was 2 magic shows by "Keith the Magician." Prize drawings were held at 11:00 p.m.

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Monday, Labor Day, the program began with a parade, featuring Pau riders, the Labor Day Queen, an Army Drum and Bugle Corps and drill team from Pohakuloa, other marching units, and seven floats. At 10:00 a.m. a Labor Day program was held at the school grounds followed by a Lau Lau Sale at 10:30 and a baseball game at 1:00 p.m.

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Geology Of Kau

(The following is from KAU, HAWAII IN GEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE by Elizabeth Green Handy.)

Geologically, Kau is certainly one of the most interesting localities in the chain of volcanic Hawaiian Islands. Kau District, in which is located Kilauea volcano, the most youthful of the active volcanic "domes" on Hawaii is literally the active growth point of the island of Hawaii. The slopes and plains of the lower section of Kau known as Kamaoa, which include South Point and nearby land strips, represent a type area in whose basalt, lava and soil geologists can identify every phase in the long story of the growth of the island.

There have been two ancient geologic stages or eras, and Kau and Puna are now in the midst of a third. Before the birth of the two immense volcanic domes, rising over 13,000 feet above sea level (Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa) there had previously risen two older domes. The remains of one, at the north end of Hawaii, form the mountain and slopes of Kohala and adjacent eroded areas. The remains of the other are revealed in the hills of Pahala

in Eastern Kau.

These hills are remains of a very ancient volcano out of which flowed the basalt that is found beneath the deep surface soil. That soil is almost entirely ash or dust from pumice and spun volcanic glass (Pele's hair) drifting from countless lava fountains in the course of a million and more years. Mauna Kea was the chief source of this ash. This majestic mountain rose as the primary dome during the second stage of the growth of Hawaii. Then rose Mauna Loa. Mauna Kea is believed to be extinct. Mauna Loa in historic times sent lava down upon Kau and Kona and the adjoining District to the West.

This lava has partially filled the canyon-like valleys between the hills that remain as vestiges of the more ancient Pahala or Ninole Dome.

The soil, then, which the kindred of Kamaoa (lower Kau) cultivated was a deep bed of ash laid down upon drifted dune sand and massive basalt not only before man came to Hawaii, but probably before fully evolved man existed on earth. South Point is of basalt older even than man's ape-like ancestors.



CHURCH GROUNDBREAKING—Ceremonies were held for the new Methodist Church and educational building on August 9. Participating were left to right: Ernest Soriano, Ernest Smith, Mrs. Alfred Galiza, Rev. S. G. Afalla, Robert Anderson, Rev. W. L. Armstrong Jr., Paul R. Tate, and Dr. Allen B. Rice, Executive Secretary of the Methodist Division of Missions.

Shuitsu Sumida Remembers Old Pahala



SWMMING POOL FOUNDATION PREPARED—With the excavation completed, the forms and base for the pool must now be erected. This pool is a community project and everyone willing to help is invited to assist after working hours and on weekends.



NEW TURTLE CLUB MEMBERS—Dominador Villedor and Tin Chee Young were presented their awards by Manager Paul Tate at the August 5 Safety Committee meeting.

Shuitsu Sumida was born in Pahala in 1892 and went to Japan at the age of seven. He returned to Honolulu in 1907 and was employed as a Fireman in the Factory at Pahala in 1908. Shuitsu is now retired and raises pigs here.

The following memories are from the days when the office was the present manager's guest cottage, the hospital was in Japanese Mill Camp and the site of the present H. A. Co. office was a pasture.

HOUSES—When I was a boy the houses were long white-washed buildings of rough lumber. Five single men occupied a single room and each family had one room. The kitchens had dirt floors and stoves were home made by cutting up 4 gallon cans. Later, iron wood-burning stoves came into use, then kerosene and now gas and electric stoves. In 1914, Mr. Ogg started building one-family houses. Mr. Campsie in 1916 started building houses that were much improved and even had concrete kitchen floors.

WATER—There used to be lots of water pressure for everybody because there were no flush type toilets, washing machines or hot-houses. Most of the vegetables were raised in Keaiwa, Moaula or Wood Valley—Pahala was too dry and water hose too expensive.

HILO TRIPS—We usually allowed a half week to go to Hilo and back. There were both 2 horse and 4 horse stagecoaches. They would leave Pahala early one morning, stop at "Half Way House" for coffee, stop at the Volcano House and spend the night in Glenwood. The next day they would finish the trip into Hilo.

MAIL — Daily mail service was in effect even when they had horse driven coaches. The horses on the mail coach teams were changed at the Volcano House and the Kau driver drove all the way to Waiohinu.

BUDDHIST PRIEST — Rev. Kuwayama was the Hongwanji priest when the community bought a buckboard and horses for him so he could go to all the camps and hold services.

CARS—Mr. Ogg was probably the first person in Pahala to own a car (a Model-T Ford.) About 1915 the first gasoline powered mail car came through Pahala and most of the community turned out to see it. As a huge crowd gathered out in front of Chong Store, one Chinese man (familiar with our steam locomotives) said, "America too much smart. No more fire but g—d— car, he go like h—!"

THE FUTURE — I voted for Statehood because it will be good for Hawaii. We can now vote for President and congressmen, too. These new jet planes will be a good thing for sports fans; major league teams will be able to come out from the Coast in the morning and return to the States in the afternoon after the game.

Dear Friends of the Kau District:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to our patrons and friends of the Kau District for the help they have given us for the past 19 years.

Mahalo Nui Loa
Thomas S. Fuke & Family

PTA Announces Membership Drive

Curt Walters, President of the Pahala PTA, announced that the PTA membership drive will start soon after school opens. Mrs. Emiliano Queypo is membership drive chairman and hopes to include as members not only all parents and teachers, but other interested community members as well.

Regular meetings will be held on Thursday, September 17 and the third Thursday of November, February and May at the school cafetorium. Joe Bertomen is the program chairman.

Thoughts For Meditation

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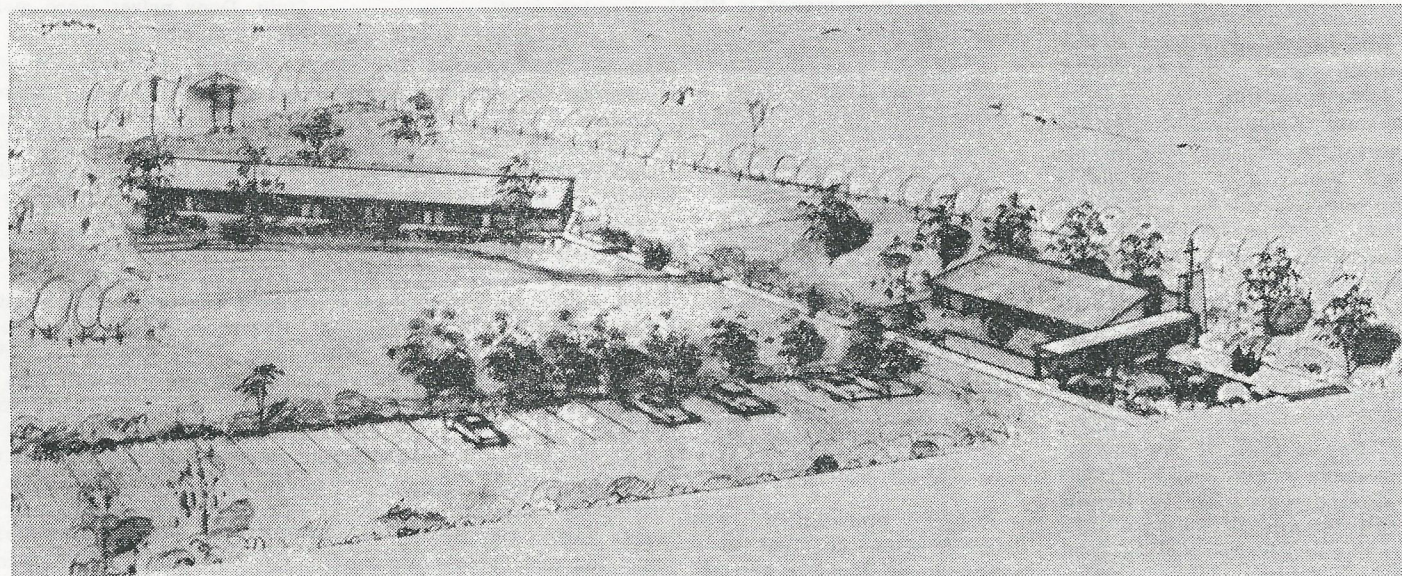
...Of time you would make a stream upon whose bank you would sit and watch its flowing.

Yet the timeless in you is aware of life's timelessness, And knows that yesterday is but today's memory and tomorrow is today's dream.

...But if in your thought you must measure time into seasons, let each season encircle all the other seasons,

And let today embrace the past with remembrance and the future with longing.

Kahlil Gibran



NEW PAHALA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH—The drawing above shows how the new \$15,000 church will look when completed. The new church building will include a sanctuary seating 135 persons with an opening onto a lanai for overflow crowds, an educational building with six classrooms, a kitchenette, and restrooms. Three of the classrooms are constructed so that they can be combined to form a social hall for special occasions. The sanctuary will also include a pastor's office, and a columbarium.