

# Piedmonitor Goes Hawaiian

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Almost no one will disagree that the greatest advantage in being an airline employee is our opportunity to travel. Each year as Piedmont gives us vacation time or long holiday week-ends pass requests are filed and exciting trips are taken.

The possibilities for places to visit are unlimited and probably most of you have been to the points of interest on our system; but have you tried the fun of interline travel? The world itself is your only boundary.

Early in October Pan American World Airways invited all the airline editors, there are about thirty-eight of us in this country, to join them in an excursion to our fiftieth state. Certainly it was their intention to do some Pan Am promoting for interline travel. But you can't blame them for that, they've got a lot to promote!

The trip was designed to reach all the employees of all the airlines, through their editors. We found Hawaiian hospitality as genuine as even any Southerner could wish for.

The charming and colorful hosts in our island state seemed particularly partial to airline employees and we were asked to extend a warm y'all come or, in Hawaiian, "Hele mai," to all the folks back home. Airline employee discounts on everything from hotels to sightseeing tours are very generous and accommodations equally plush.

The eight lovely lava mounds in the middle of the Pacific which make up the state of Hawaii are connected by a web of air routes and services provided by Hawaiian and Aloha Airlines. Piedmont enjoys pass agreements with both of these companies. So it is easy as it is inexpensive for you to visit the outer islands. It is surprising how many people think of Hawaii as being one small island, taken up mostly by Waikiki Beach. But Waikiki is just one of many really lovely beaches on the island of Oahu; while Oahu is only the third largest of the Hawaiian Islands.

Island hopping on Hawaii's local airlines is almost like being back home with Piedmont. One company flies F-27's and the other has a fleet of jet-prop Convaers. At least one editor from one of the larger airline companies had never flown on a "small" plane. But she liked it and I immediately invited her to come fly with us the next time

she was in our area. After the stewardesses bid their passengers aloha, they offer "coffee, tea or pineapple juice" to sip while watching the lovely scenery below.

Without the bother of passports and visas, Hawaii offers the flavor of foreign travel right in the USA. Island entertainment is unlimited, from hula dances and golf courses, to horseback riding and surfing. There is something to suit everyone's taste for fun.

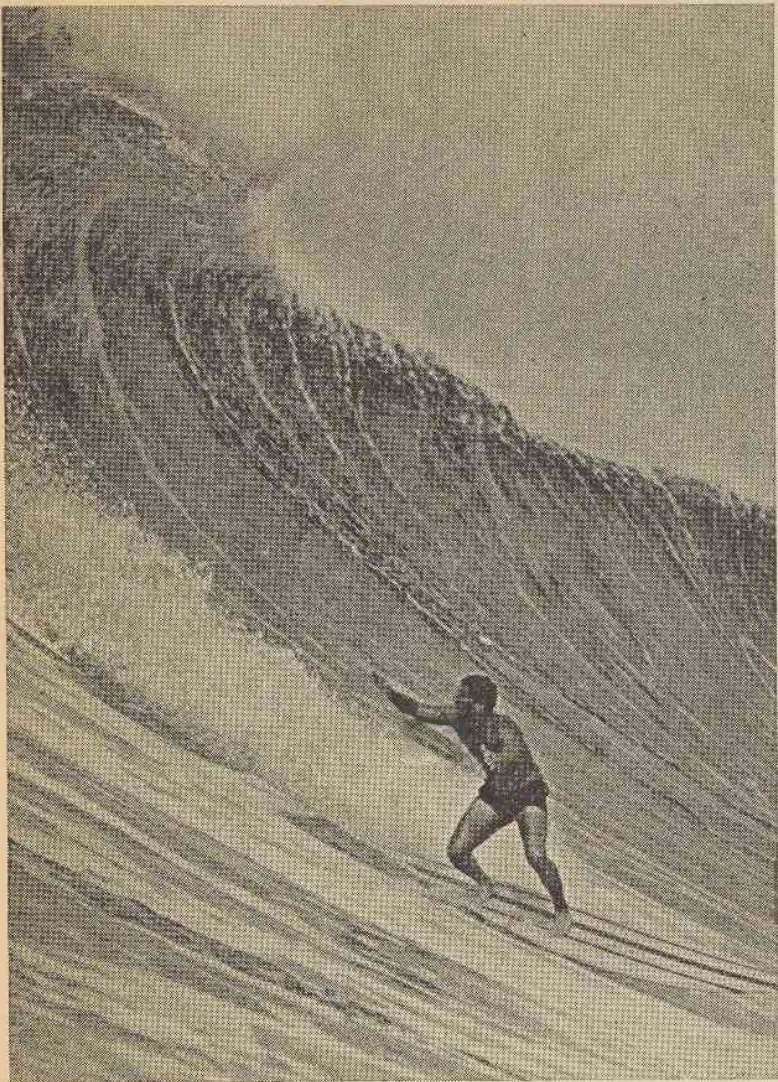
The whaling town of Lahaina offers as much tradition and history as Williamsburg and Old Salem; Honolulu's shopping centers are as thrilling as any in the world. The food is fantastic and the weather exquisite.

As a land of many cultures and customs, the 50th State has become the market place for all the products of the Pacific. Shops feature pure silk saris from India, embroidered blouses from the Philippines, kimonos from Japan, fashions from Hong Kong, stoles from Thailand, antiques and bric-a-brac from all over the Far East.

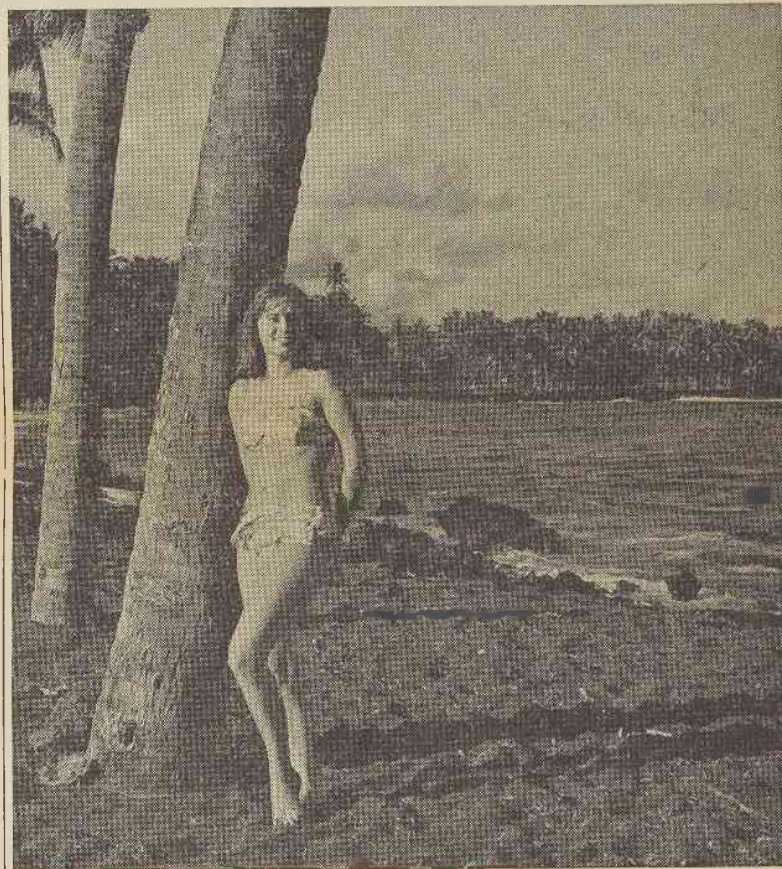
Second to fashions are things with which to decorate the home. Notable among them are the rich koa woods, indigenous to Hawaii, which have been hollowed into bowls called "calabashes" or carved into intricate floral designs.

Hawaii's shops display exotic jewelry in abundance, and most exotic of all is Hawaiian black coral. The coral, brought up by skin divers from depths of over 200 feet, has been certified as a gem. Other native stones include olivine which looks like jade but costs considerably less; Hawaiian diamonds which are high grade quartz and Pele's Tears, otherwise known as obsidian.

Truly Hawaii is better than a dream or a movie or a novel because it is so accessible. It is not too soon to start planning your jaunt to paradise. When you do, I have lots of helpful information about things you will want to know, place and price wise, and it is all right here on my desk. So I'll be waiting to help you with your trip to Hawaii, just like your own private travel agent. Aloha!



**SURFING AT MAKAHA BEACH** — Senior men's surfing champion, Fred Hemmings, Jr., an 18 year old school boy, braces to ride one of the "heavies" at Makaha Beach, 45 minutes from Waikiki. Makaha is the setting in December for the International Surfing Championships. This event draws surfers and spectators from all corners of the globe.



**BEAUTY ON THE BLACK SANDS** — The lovely black sand beaches on the Hawaiian Islands are invitingly different from the normal white sands of other coast lines of the world. The "sand" is actually powdered lava from the volcanos, which accounts for its jet black appearance.

## Pacemaker Puzzle

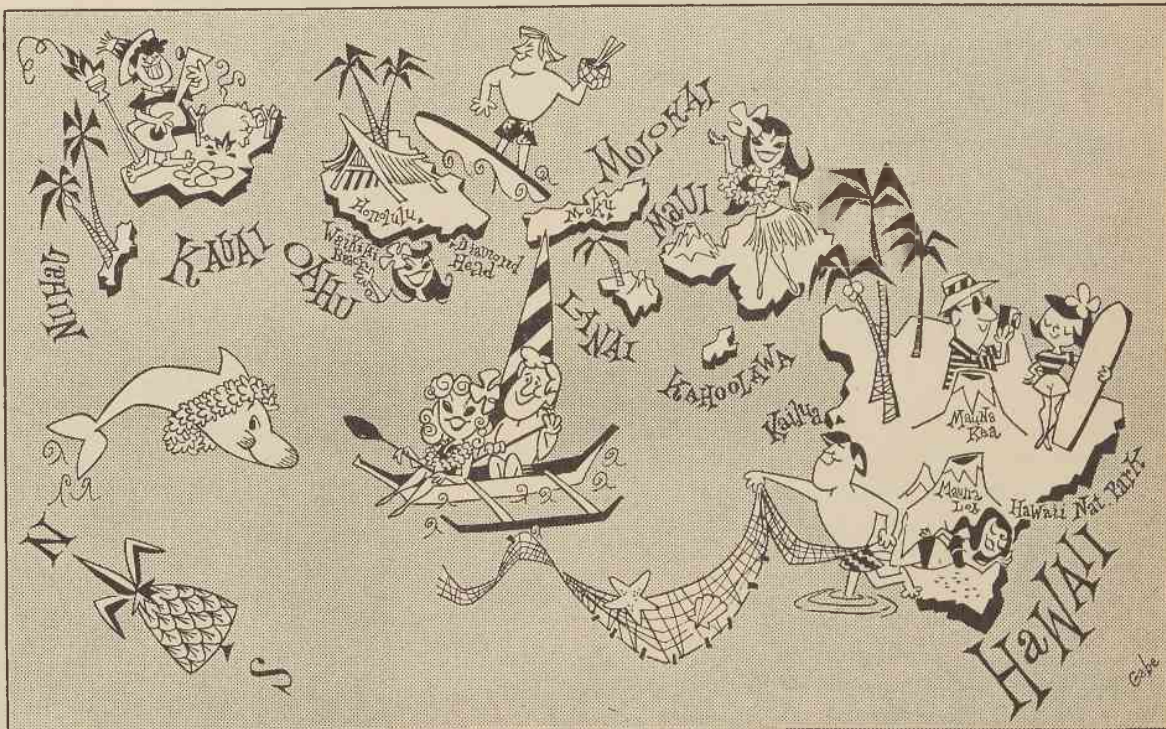
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**ACROSS**

1. Home Base
4. 404 company
10. different from want
14. to fly alone
23. a local airline that grew up
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33. speaker at a loss for words says .....
38. Columbia
39. abbreviation for 23 across
41. college athletic group
46. street
48. foreign F-27 manufacturer
56. printer's measure
64. President's first initials
66. Miami based airline (abbrev.)
68. mailing system
74. governing organization for airlines
77. golfers prop
80. singular article

**DOWN**

1. credit union pays 6%
2. direction from INT to ORF
3. first time flyers may be .....
6. reserve section
7. weight measure
8. M-Wilmington
9. employees fly .....
20. more cars ..... than planes crash
26. Mr. C. G. Brown's dept.
36. oriental name
40. place where
42. company
53. Rocky Mount
58. Shenandoah
59. ok; down .....
62. negative
63. American Aeronautical Engineers
66. same as 66 across
70. third note on musical scale



**THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.** Mark Twain described Hawaii as "the loveliest fleet of islands that lie anchored in any ocean." Today, the eight main islands of the archipelago which makes up the 50th State in the Union are just five hours by jet from the West Coast of the USA.