

# A TRIP TO HAWAII

## MATTHEWS TALKS ABOUT THE ISLANDS

Those of us who will live and die in the U. S. A. like to know how folks in other parts of the world live, and in this part of the country, stocked with native born Americans, we get little opportunity to really know.

We read about far away places and we see a little of them in the movies, but that's not like sitting down and talking with somebody who has lived there, and we don't mean somebody traveling, sight-seeing, just passing thru.

The writer talked to E. A. Matthews about the Hawaiian Islands where the latter has lived for the past three years. He did not care to talk about the charges brought against him nor about his personal affairs, but he was perfectly willing to talk about the Hawaiian Islands—and was as enthusiastic about it as one could be in his predicament.

Hawaii is a territory of the United States, consisting of a group of seven islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The largest island is named Hawaii but Honolulu, the capital and principal city, is located on Oahu Island about 200 miles from Hawaii Island.

Honolulu is 2,000 miles from San Francisco, 3,500 miles from Japan and 4,000 miles from Australia. That is why the Islands are known as the "Cross Roads of the Pacific."

Matthews spent the entire three years in Honolulu, his previous three years in California. He called San Francisco "Frisco" as they say all Westerners do.

During his three years on the Island, he never saw anyone he knew. (It has developed he was seen by two, and possibly three, Halifax county boys who were serving in the army.)

We were particularly interested in the climate, the volcanoes, the kind of people, what they did, how they differed from us—and, of course, the Hawaiian dancing girls on the beach at Waikiki.

He told us of the marvelous climate, mild, the same the year around, except for a brief rainy spell. But you wore the same weight clothes all year. No, it was never hot. The Islands were constantly fanned by the North-east trade winds.

The soil was very fertile, formed from disintegrated volcanic rocks and decay of vegetable matter. Sugar cane, pineapples and other tropical fruits, corn, coffee and truck garden produce are the principal crops.

Yes, he said, the 18th amendment held good in the Islands but corn was one of the principal crops. As in other ways, prohibition there was just as it was in the States. After December, the Islands would be "wide open" again.

While the largest volcano in the world is on Hawaii, there were no violent emotions during his sojourn and he never visited that island.

The population of the Islands is about 350,000. A third of these are Japanese; Chinese, Portuguese and Filipinos make up another third; the final third are Americans, British, German, Russian and strangely, Hawaiian.

In proportion, a very small percent of the total are pure Hawaiian. In generations gone by the

### Will Rogers Picks A Story For This Spot

By WILL ROGERS

THE worst story I heard today is about a college boy. In spite of all the squawkin' people do



about the younger generation the kids seem to have a good time in their own way after all.

At one of the eastern colleges recently, the students built a big bonfire to celebrate something or other, and were whooping it up all over the place. While the flames licked up the boxes, sofas, fences etc., and everybody was making merry, one of the boys just stood leaning against a tree and looking on. "What's the matter, Jake?" says one of his pals, "Is your bed on there?"

"No," Jake says sadly, "I was just thinkin' what a swell break it would be if I had a store over there."

native race has intermarried with other yellow and brown races which settled on the islands in large numbers.

Matthews stated there were many wealthy families in Honolulu. During our bank holiday, their banks did business as usual. There are no beggars or tramps. Wages are higher there altho it costs more to live. They have all the comforts of living we have in States except house heating, which they don't need.

Since the U. S. annexed the Islands in 1898, good roads have been built on most of the islands, particularly on Oahu. American automobiles abound. Matthews worked for a company selling high priced cars and business was good.

He was there during the famous Massie case when the wife of the naval lieutenant was raped and her family killed her assailant. He did not hear the trial because it was impossible to get near the courthouse on account of the crowds.

Such conditions are not as bad as pictured by the press, he claimed, and life is not so different from that in the States—just a little less hectic and more comfortable because of the delightful climate.

He hopes to go back to live there—someday.

### Frazier-Hines

Mrs. Lucile Jenkins announces the marriage of her sister, Miss Mattie Sue Hines, of Roanoke Rapids, to Mr. Dennie Frazier of High Point. The wedding took place Wednesday, November 22, in Emporia, Va., at 11:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Baptist minister, Rev. Grimmer.

Ruth Killebrew, of Roanoke Rapids, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Gene Wilson, of High Point, was best man. Mrs. Maggie Batton, of Roanoke Rapids, accompanied the couple to Emporia. Two couples came with the bridegroom from his home, and returned with the newlyweds to High Point.

Immediately after the wedding the group left for their home in High Point, where the wedding supper was prepared.

### Ladies Night Is Held By Kiwanis At Williamston

Ladies' Night, the high spot in the program of entertainment, featured the meeting of the Williamston Kiwanis Club at their meeting this week, and was attended by Jules Brazil, from the department of comedy of the National Broadcasting Co., of New York City.

In addition to the wives of the Kiwanians, teachers of the Williamston City Schools were guests of the club.

R. H. Goodmon, president of the club, and former Roanoke Rapids resident, stated early in the week that more than 100 Kiwanians and guests were expected to attend the club's annual affair, and that it promised to be the most entertaining since the club was organized.

Asserting her husband called her a dumbbell, Mrs. Jeanette Williams of St. Louis obtained a divorce.

### TAR HEEL FARMERS MEETING

The accomplishments during the past year and the plans for this year of the Young Tar Heel Farmers Clubs of Northampton and Halifax counties were discussed by representatives of the chapters at the regular monthly meeting of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers held in Rich Square on November 17. Each chapter had two representatives present and taking part in the program.

The boys told of some of the past activities of the clubs which included: construction of a log cabin chapter room; farm demonstrations on the use of pure seed, pure bred livestock, improved feeding and fertilizer practices; pruning and spraying orchards; soil building demonstrations; beautifying school, church, and home grounds; taking part in judging,

essay and public speaking contests; building furniture and shop appliances for the home and farm; educational trips and recreational tours; "Father and Son Banquets" and socials; home projects; and home agriculture libraries.

The chapter programs for this year as told by the boys includes the following general aims and items: 1. Continuation of all worthwhile past activities. 2. More chapter activities, particularly those that develop leadership qualities. 3. Better shop and classroom equipment. 4. Larger community service. 5. Each member have a definite job and responsibility.

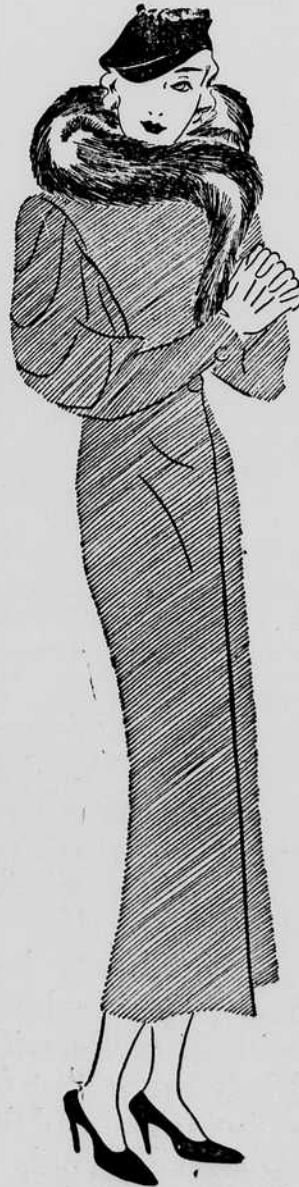
Those present at the meeting were: Leon Knight, Michael Cook, and E. K. Veach from Aurelian Springs; Donald Taylor, James Everette Brown and A. L. Vann, from Rich Square; Kell Gay, J. P. Spencer, and E. L. Norton, from Seaboard; Waverly Smith, Sam Taylor, and A. B. Peterson from Woodland; and Wilson Lassiter, Joseph Piand, Kelly Martin, Archer Lassiter, Wayland Johnson and C. E. Morrison from Conway.

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