



## The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

**HAWAII — ALOHA**  
Where blows the "Kona" far away,  
Where steel guitars are strummed,  
Where soft eyes glow and hulas sway  
And songs of love are hummed,  
Where shadows fall at evening tide,  
Where long swells break and surfboards ride,  
And night falls soft when day is done.  
Where peace descends at evening bell  
And steals serene with subtle hand  
To weave a magic, moonlit spell  
Upon a magic, moonlit land,  
Where low stars burn and moons swing high,  
Where blue lagoon meets sea—  
A land of flowers, sunshine and sky,  
Hawaii!

When the mercury drops and we have weather like we've had for the past week, my thoughts turn to tropical climes, palm trees, blue lagoons and warm breezes from an azure sea. Sand-girt shores, sunny beaches and moon-lit nights. A sigh escapes me as I blow on my cold-numbed hands and peck away at this dream. For dream it is; but everyone is entitled to a dream, even if they sometimes turn into a nightmare—a nightmare of cold and ice.

A commentary on the times: everybody complains about not having any money. But when they buy something they invariably hand the clerk a bill, and it usually is a bill of large denomination. Nobody, but nobody, counts out nickels, dimes, quarters, halves or pennies when making a purchase—even a small purchase. They'll often give you a one-dollar bill or a five for a five-cent newspaper. Why are

people this way? Are they ashamed or afraid to make an unfavorable impression on their friends by displaying a few coins instead of folding money?

**OBSERVATION:** Whenever I read about these women novelists who keep house, look after several children and a husband, and find time to write, I admit I get a wee mite skeptical and suspicious. To me, writing is almost a full-time job, and house-keeping is also a full-time job—and ne'er the twain should meet. As I look at it, writing or house-keeping, one or the other has got to give. You have to take your choice—sloppy writing or a sloppy house.

This will be printed in the after-Christmas edition, and if you are reading this after the holidays, I hope you had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a happy, prosperous New Year.

hand" message from a former Rocky Hock resident who now lives out in Minnesota, I believe. She sent word that she is delighted to find out what's going on in her community and church. (That was the whole purpose of this little column. We're glad to find that somebody is enjoying it).

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sides will be glad to know that they have landed in Antigua (West Indies) and are already making friends and finding their place of service in a small mission church. In their stead, we have their little friend from Raleigh, Linda Seagroves, visiting in our home over the Christmas holidays. Linda spent last Christmas with the Sides and we were happy that we could have her with our family over the holidays.

Lots of Christmas suppers and parties going on last week. Tuesday night the families of Rocky Hock community all brought good things to eat and had some good fellowship together at the Community Building. Miss Pauline Calloway gave a short presentation of the significance of the Christmas "evergreens" and how they relate to the Christmas celebration. There must have been 75 people present, counting all the small fry.

The Rev. Farren Rollins of Warwick Church brought an excellent message to the Brotherhood "Ladies' Night" supper last Thursday evening. After all the turkey and trimmings were eaten, prepared by the club women of the community, some rather "extra special" entertainment was enjoyed. I'm not going to give any more information than that, but if you were not a Brotherhood member or a guest, you missed a real treat. Ask some of those who went!

All the joys of Christmas are marred by the sadness that comes when a loved one is suddenly not here to enjoy it with you. There were others of our community left in that condition this week as death took

our preparations for Christmas. I hope that you took some time trying to decide what gift you could give to God—who has sent you the best gift He had long ago on that first Christmas.

I hope that you have accepted this gift—his gift of salvation through Christ—because if you have not, then you really do not know what Christmas means at all. I hope that as you have wrapped gifts and sent cards to friends and loved ones, that you have tried to put something of yourself into the process. I hope you have tried to find some one less fortunate than you are, to make their Christmas happier, and I hope that you have not forgotten to tell the story of Christmas to someone who may never have heard it before. If you did not forget to make your

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then you will have a Merry Christmas and peace in your heart. One last reminder—when the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace, Good Will toward men"

they meant that message for our generation just the same as the one living at that time. This Christmas, if you can find some way to help spread

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### Rocky Hock Section News

By MRS. T. W. ALLRED  
A whole house full of friends and relatives helped Mr. and Mrs. Murray Tynch celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 15. Miss Lily Saunders had made one of her beautiful "wedding" cakes and after the bountiful buffet luncheon, the guests also helped to eat the delicious cake. This up-coming anniversary had several couples at Rocky Hock Sunday morning telling how long they had been married. I heard two or three admitting to being close to a 50th celebration before long.

If you were able to attend the Christmas music program at Rocky Hock on December 22, you saw how many "singers" were involved in the lovely presentation. For those of you who did not, there were about 65 participating in the three choir groups and the special

smaller groups. In addition, a number of people helping with the lighting, decorations, etc., deserve a special bouquet for a job well done. We appreciate all who helped in any way. Mrs. Robert Harrell and Lloyd Wayne Evans planned well in selecting the music, film and coordinating it with the help of the pastor. Many people have commented on the excellent presentation this year and we have a feeling that everyone who helped in any way has begun Christmas in a very meaningful way.

Everyone who brought a "White Christmas" gift on Sunday evening also got into the real meaning of Christmas early. We know there are many families in our community who have benefitted from your generosity. A number of baskets were to be delivered on Monday by the Community Missions chairman. We appreciated a "second-

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