

Our Church Buildings



Lahaina, Maui. We are printing two pictures of **WAINEE CHURCH** in Lahaina. Many of the readers will remember the events which the pictures portray. First there was the disastrous fire which destroyed a large part of the church building, and second, there was the hurricane which completely destroyed the building.

However, these pictures portray past history. On April 26, the new church building at Lahaina will be dedicated. The building is a cement block structure adequately reinforced to withstand any subsequent gales that may blow and wholly fireproof. The high-pitched roof spreads out on both sides over wide lanais which provide adequate shade for the congregation. The sides of the building can be completely opened so as to let every breath of air into the building during the service. During the course of construction, as people have gone into the building and stayed for a period of time, they have commented on its coolness. Beside the church a new parish hall has been built so that the members of the Lahaina Church are looking forward to the day when they will move into their new buildings.

The **FIRST CHURCH IN LIHUE** now worships in a new structure. The old building has stood for nearly a century. Time and termites had gotten in their work and the building was no longer safe. It was a beautiful building with simple lines and almost perfect proportions. One interesting feature of the old building was the tower which was to us on the wrong end of the building. That is, the tower was over the pulpit rather than over the entrance to the church. The reason for this lay in the fact that during the years the popula-

tion of Lihue has changed. When the church building was built, the people lived down in the valley and used to climb the hill and enter the church under the tower. During the present time, however, the people enter the church from the other end and finally this church building had to be torn down.

The services of an architect were secured. The contractor went to work and late in 1952 the new building was dedicated. The building is mainly of coral stone. It seats up to 150 persons with adequate provisions for a choir. There are side-rooms for ministers and deacons. At the front of the church is a tower in which has been hung the old bell.

Mr. William Ellis is the chairman of the church; Mrs. Jennie Schumacher the clerk; and Judge Abraham G. Kaulukou, Mr. William Kaiawe, licensed preachers.

The **KAHULUI UNION CHURCH** faces a tremendous opportunity as the new city of Kahului is rapidly becoming a reality. Segment after segment is being completed and as fast as a segment is finished, the houses are occupied so that what was once a small town on Maui is turning into a sizeable city.

The Kahului Union Church has faced this change with a great deal of courage and excellent planning. A great deal of careful thought was done and a new site of land was selected almost in the center of the new city. The congregation then disposed of part of the land upon which its church has stood for many years. The possibility of doing this was given to the church through

the kindness of Mr. Frank Baldwin and the **HC & S COMPANY**. Plans were then drawn and construction has begun.

The church proposes to look forward to a complete church plant that will be adequate to the demands of the completed city. This total plant will be built in three sections. One section is to be built now. Then when the city grows a little larger, the second section will be added and finally when the city is completed, the third section will be added. The present section consists of an educational unit, a kindergarten building, a kitchen and a small chapel. The funds for this project have come from the sale of the old property, pledges and gifts from the members of the church and from friends on the Island of Maui and throughout the territory. It will not be long before the day of dedication will be announced.

If you were to drive down the road by Kihei Beach on Maui, you would be struck by the change that has taken place in the building of **KIHEI CHURCH**. The structure has been moved 90 degrees so that the entrance way now faces the ocean. The building has been given a complete renovation and a paint job both inside and out. The grounds around the church have been newly landscaped so that the entire property looks neat and new and clean. The members of the Kihei Church, with Mr. George Kenolio as deacon and Mrs. Rose Milikaa, as the licensed preacher are to be congratulated on the results of their effort.

THE FIRST CHURCH AT WAIHEE, MAUI is in the process of securing a parish hall. Some time ago a used
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