

Old Santa Cruz By Ernest Otto

Princes of the Hawaiian Royal Family Visited Santa Cruz While At School In San Mateo

With the Hawaiian Islands a center of interest Santa Cruz possibly has had more interest in the islands than any city of like size on the mainland owing to the many who have resided there from early days. This story is one mainly of the ones who fit in well with the series of stories told week by week, but it tells of some of the later days.

No story would be complete without mentioning Mrs. Lynam Swan, the grandmother of Mrs. Arista Mellor. Mrs. Swan, courteous and gracious, will never be forgotten by those who knew her. She went back to the islands and for some years was the queen's chamberlain and resided in the royal palace. When Hawaiian royalty and others attended St. Matthew's military school at San Mateo, Prince David, Prince Cupid and Prince Edward, a member of the Gilliland family and others would spend their summers here, stopping at the Wilkins House, close to the Swan home. She mothered the boys and would make for them the national dish "poi." These boys in their military uniforms of grey, their tall Columbia bicycles with the tall wheel in the front were noticeable, but at the beach their swimming and high diving surpassed all others. They spent their afternoons in the bay and at the mouth of the San Lorenzo river.

The only king ever to visit Santa Cruz was the king of these islands, "The Paradise of the Pacific," King Kalakua. He was on the coast and was visiting the late Claus Spreckels, the father of the sugar industry on the islands, at his mansion on his Aptos Rancho, now Rio del Mar, and at that time, with Mrs. Spreckels, was a visitor here, and entertained as befitting royalty, and also in San Francisco.

Rev. Walter Frear, the second pastor of the First Congregational church of Santa Cruz, went to Honolulu where he was pastor of the old Fort Street church, now the Central Union. His son became a governor of the islands.

Rev. J. A. Cruzan, who was a pastor in Honolulu, later was pastor of the local First Congregational church for a number of years. A son, Harold, is connected with the Oakland Tribune staff.

Among those born there who have resided here are the Collins of Davenport. Mrs. Collin is a member of one of the best known native families, the Desha.

Helen Wilder of North Branciforte avenue is of one of the early missionary families, the Judds, of which Governor Judd was a member.

Jack Miles, who has a florist and feed store on Mission street, was also born on the islands of a well known family.

Charles Herbert, who served as probation officer, was another. His father was a leading physician.

Miss Emily Ewaldeka, who resided here with Mrs. Edith Brewer, was a teacher in the islands, and David Makuagane, also from Hilo, lived at the same home. Both were active in the local Congregational church, as was Mrs. Becker, a sister of Mrs. Collin.

Fred Makinney and Joseph Schwartz, members of two prominent early Santa Cruz families, for many years were in business in Honolulu and passed away there.

Another, Mrs. Clarence Fette, died there last year. She was a member of the Boston family, prominent in Santa Cruz history.

Walter Bixby, a brother of Mrs. George Otto, spent the greater part of his life in Honolulu and passed away in the islands.

Kirk Porter, after many years on

the islands where he was health officer in Honolulu, died a couple of years ago here, where his sister, Miss Ann Porter, resided.

Among a few from here who lived there was Mrs. Anita Christal Purdy, wife of Col. Purdy, U. S. A., now on the mainland again; Ernest Morgan, who was a druggist. Another druggist, A. Hollister, at one time in the Tanner drug store, lived there.

Tom McGrath and family, now in Palo Alto, was prominent in connection with the electrical power company there.

Husband of Mrs. Low, who resides on Cleveland avenue, is on the island now.

Mr. and Mrs. John Towers of Rigg street also have claimed Honolulu as their home, also the Robert S. Norris family on North Branciforte avenue.

Some now there from Santa Cruz are Rev. E. T. Brown, rector of St. Clement's Episcopal church, once rector of Calvary church here, and family; Joe Fette of the Sperry Flour company there; Rev. Lucas, at one time rector of St. Andrew's church at Ben Lomond; Percy Swift, in charge of one of the largest mercantile establishments there; members of Mattei, DiVita, James Moncreif, Paul Haygood, at one time with Melvin McRae as a druggist here; Miss Pearl Makinney, who lived here with her aunt, Miss Pearl Makinney of this city; Mrs. Becker, whose husband was connected with the Gillen Drug store. Mrs. Becker is a sister of Mrs. Collin of Davenport. Ernest Damkroger family. Mr. Damkroger has for a number of years been in charge of plantation recreational work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gist are in the islands, at Honolulu. Mr. Gist is in the theatrical business.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Sutherland are on the island of Lanai and their daughter is in Ponolau college, Honolulu.

Ruth Fase Mangum, after marriage, was one of the later ones to go there.

A daughter of the Rev. W. H. D. Hornaday, pastor of the East Side Methodist church, went there as a bride. She was known as a talented harpist.

A noted island family frequently visited the Dr. J. P. Parker family, were the Von Tempskys, who owned a good part of an island, which was a cattle ranch. They wife wrote a book on the islands which became famous.

The Larnacks was another family who years ago resided here for some time, and while here made many friends. Mr. Larnack was an attorney.

Those mentioned are some who come to the mind of the writer and they always gave the many, many visitors from Santa Cruz a royal welcome on their arrival in the islands, greeting and meeting them, saying goodbye and placing the leis about their necks on their departure while the band played Aloha.