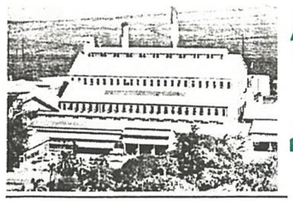

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Ewa Sugar Company Sale: Some Questions Answered

Monday's announcement of the agreement in principle whereby Ewa Sugar Company's operating assets would be sold to Oahu Sugar Company effective April 1 came as a surprise to many. In the aftermath of the initial reaction questions began to arise, followed by doubts and uncertainties.

In order to get answers to some of the more basic questions the Hurri-Cane contacted John Humme, vice president and manager of Oahu Sugar Company. The following is a summation of the Hurri-Cane's interview with Mr. Humme.

HURRI-CANE: Mr. Humme, what will Oahu Sugar's overall policy be toward Ewa employees during this period of transition?

HUMME: I'd like to rephrase that question before I answer it. You mentioned "Ewa employees." That immediately sets up a distinction between "Ewa" and "Oahu Sugar" employees, a distinction that should not be made because both groups will soon become one and the same and will be treated accordingly. In other words, neither group will be given preference over the other in terms of seniority, job placement, housing and so forth. The merging of the two groups will be done on a rational and reasonable basis without prejudice.

HURRI-CANE: Do you foresee any layoffs or compulsory early retirements, other than those already announced, because of the move?

HUMME: Both Amfac's and Oahu Sugar's policy toward layoffs is to avoid them if at all possible. In this situation I see no need for layoffs. Oahu Sugar during the past few years has been retiring at normal retirement age some 30 people per year. For this year alone we expect approximately the same number of retirements. With this high rate of normal retirements I foresee no need for layoffs or compulsory early retirements. In fact, we have hired a number of permanent, full-time, regular employees during the past few years.

HURRI-CANE: In addition to the security of their jobs Ewa's people are concerned about the security of their homes. What will happen to the 700 homes in Ewa and their occupants?

HUMME: Under the terms of Oahu Sugar Company's lease with the Campbell Estate, Oahu Sugar will take over the maintenance, care and rental of Ewa's homes on the same basis that Ewa Sugar Company did. This precludes, then, the individual sale or lease of these homes to their tenants. I understand that certain zoning regulations also prevent the sale or lease of these homes.

As for Oahu's Sugar's housing policies, they will be the same as Ewa's were, except for some minor changes.

In this area, as I see it, one of the company's main responsibilities will be to assure all active employees, present pensioners and widows of pensioners who now occupy company homes that their homes are secure.

HURRI-CANE: You mean then that present pensioners and widows of pensioners will be able to remain in their Ewa homes?

HUMME: They certainly can.

HURRI-CANE: What will be the housing policy regarding future pensioners?

HUMME: The same as Ewa's present policy--namely, that the company will provide them with housing to the extent that it is reasonably possible.

HURRI-CANE: Will there be any provisions for people not placed with Oahu Sugar to remain in the Ewa housing?

HUMME: Each case will be handled on an individual basis. Some of these people may find jobs outside of this area or off the island and consequently move out of Ewa. Others may decide to buy their own homes. Therefore, we don't know now how many people will eventually be involved. At any rate those who are affected will be allowed a generous amount of time to make other housing arrangements, if necessary.

HURRI-CANE: Thank you. Those are all the questions we have for now. Would you care to make any other comments?

HUMME: I realize that there are dozens of other questions in everybody's minds right now. The answers to these questions are presently being worked out and those affected will be given more information as soon as it becomes available. As to the course that these answers will take, I would like to repeat what I said in the beginning: The company will do its best to treat all employees fairly. There will be no distinction between the present "Oahu Sugar" employees and the present "Ewa" employees. We are building a new Oahu Sugar Company together.

The Plantation

FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 1970

Clear, trade-wind weather prevailed.

Harvesting for the 1970 crop commenced at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, March 1, 1970, in Field 86 and a portion of Field 85. Fields 86 and 85 were completed on Tuesday morning, Field 64.2 was completed early Friday morning and harvesting moved to Field 62. Total acres harvested for the week was 146.

The factory started grinding the 1970 crop at 3:00 P.M. Sunday and stopped at 2:30 P.M. Friday. Seven loads of five-day-old accidental fire cane from Field 41 was ground first and the processing of crop cane followed.

Sugar output was about 1,260 tons. First expressed juice purities averaged 84.95, the T.C./T.S. ratio was 9.27. Stopped time for the week amounted to 19.17 hours. While this was somewhat higher than anticipated, it was actually a good "first week". Operations toward the end of the week began to smoothen out, with grinding rates and steam generation approaching normal.

Production News

	Week Ending 3-6-70	To Date
Tons Sugar Shipped	1,055	
Acres Harvested	146	
Tons Net Cane	12,552	
Tons Cane Per Ton Sugar	9.27	
Tons Cane Per Acre		87
Tons Sugar Per Acre		9.24
Tons Sugar Per Acre Per Mo.		0.420

Plantation Duty Roster

March 9 - March 15, 1970
K. Kiriu 681-3427
March 16 - March 22, 1970
W. L. McCleery 681-3178
TO REPORT FIRES 681-1047

Supervisor-Steward Get-together

LEFT: (L to R) Allen Lum, Jerry Lum Lee, John Baliguat, Ed Bryan and Ben Apostadiro in a light moment. RIGHT: Erik Shinogi and Barney Tsutsumi (foreground) discuss some irrigation problems.

Some 100 Ewa supervisors and Unit 4104 stewards gathered in front of the manager's residence last Friday afternoon for an informal get-together. The purpose of the meeting was for the two groups to become better acquainted with each other and to strengthen their working relationships toward a more effective supervisor-steward system of handling working problems.

Broiled chicken, salami, wun tun, sushi and two kegs of draft beer provided the necessary catalysts for an afternoon of fellowship and good cheer.

Most who attended felt that the gathering had been a success and that a positive step had been taken toward more effective supervisor-steward working relationships.

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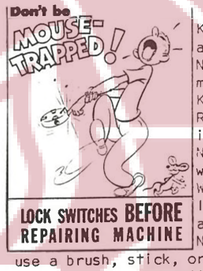
The Safe Way Is the Ewa Way



A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

Keep your fingers away from rvolving cutters and work.
Never attempt to measure moving work in the machine or near revolving cutters.
Keep your hair away from turning spindles. Rotating parts will attract the hair and pull it into the turning part.
Never wear gloves when working on a machine which has rotating or moving parts.
When using a grinder, wear goggles.
It is unwise to place your hands on, or lean against a machine when it is in operation.
Never handle chips with your bare hands -- use a brush, stick, or piece of metal.
Keep your sleeves rolled up to the elbow.
Be sure the work and cutting tools are securely held.
Oil on the floor is dangerous and must be wiped up immediately.
Stop your machine before cleaning, oiling, or adjusting it.
Keep your mind on your job at all times. Accidents happen when you "day-dream."
Before you attempt to lift a heavy object or machine part, size up the load and get help if necessary. Lift with your legs, not your back.
Worry is often the cause of serious accidents. It cannot help you to accomplish anything. Worry is a form of fear--nothing ever is quite as bad as your imagination can paint it. Nobody ever won a victory over his troubles by making alibis and dodging consequences. If you have failed in one thing, forget it, and begin anew.
Wear goggle where eye protection is necessary.
Be sure all machine guards are in position before starting the machines.

ON MOMENT OF CARELESSNESS MAY MEAN MONTHS OF SORROW

Kindergarten Registration

Attention, parents or guardians of all non-school children who were born in 1964 or in 1965 and who are living in Ewa School's district. Registration for children born in 1965 to enter Kindergarten and for children born in 1964 to enter Grade 1 in September, 1970 will be held March 23, 24, 25, 1970 at the Ewa School for the next school year depends on how many children register. Please help Ewa School be ready with enough teachers and educational supplies for all grades by asking newcomers to our district to register their children of any grade as soon as they can after arrival.

Before they enter school for the first time all children must have had certain immunizations and a physical examination. For information on these requirements and the materials necessary for proper registration, please call the Ewa School office at 681-3736.

Parents, please be sure to bring: (1) Child's Birth Certificate; (2) Child's Immunization Records; and (3) Health Card (Form 14) obtained from the doctor when the child is examined.

Parents do not need to bring their child to Ewa School for registration.

For Sale

FOR SALE: Bidding Ewa Aloha. Few choice household items yet remaining. Those interested please call 681-3188 between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Saturday only, March 14.

Ewa Drops Final Game

Oahu AJA Senior Baseball

Aiea turned out to be the stumbling block in Ewa's march to a clean-sweep '70 season last Sunday when it handed the home town lads a 9 to 6 licking.

Fighting an uphill battle all the way after Aiea scored 3 runs in the second inning, a glimmer of hope was felt in the 4th and 6th innings when Ewa pushed across 4 runs to make it 6 to 5. But the Aieans continued their tight playing behind Terence Onuma's excellent pitching to keep Ewa at bay. Ewa's 9 hits were just not enough.

Norman Hoshino started on the mound for Ewa with Wilton Itamoto taking over in the 4th and Clayton Kiriu in the 6th.

So--that was the wind-up of the league-play this year, making it 9 won and 1 lost for Ewa versus 7 and 3 for the runners-up, Aiea and Waipahu.

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Island Title Play-off

Ewa takes on the City League champs, McCully, at 1:30 P.M. this Sunday in the first game of a best-of-three series for the Oahu crown and the right to vie for the inter-island championship.

This game will be a first in Oahu's AJA baseball annals in that a title playoff takes place on a rural diamond. Ewa therefore will host baseball fans from all corners of the island. And the traffic and parking problems because of the huge throng expected, will be horrendous, indeed.

But, in order to make it possible for the entire community to enjoy this history making ball game, the plantation's harvesting (2:00 PM to 10:00 PM) and factory (3:00 PM to 10:00 PM) personnel have magnanimously consented to cooperate in this event by postponing their shift to the Friday of the week. This will permit a free flow of traffic in the ball park area and additional parking along the regular cane hauler roadway.

A grand gesture indeed, on the part of the men for their willingness to take this inconvenience and the plantation's management and Ewa's ILWU Unit 4104 for making possible this change in work schedule.

The league's faithful fans, in particular the Ewa rooters, appreciate this wonderful show of Aloha.

4-H'ers to Stage Style Revue

The Junior and Senior Divisions of Makakilo, Ewa and Ewa Beach 4-H clubs will compete in a Style Revue on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 P.M. in the Ewa Community Church parish hall.

Styles to be featured will be in the following categories: Formal, party, school, and play outfits. They will be judged on sewing, fitting, and proper style material.

Miss Marion Horie, leader of Kuuipo Ao Ewa, will be in charge of the style revue assisted by Marlene Abe, general chairman.

The public is invited.

In Sympathy

The people of Ewa extend their deepest sympathy to the families of the late Mrs. Alipia Pasion and Rufino Suelo.

Mrs. Alipia Pasion, 59, of Honouliuli, passed away on March 4 at Leeward Hospital.

She is survived by seven sons, Pablo, Rudy, Amos, Nicasio, Rufino Pasion and Severo Pascua of California; seven daughters, Mrs. Richard (Mary) Cua of Kahului, Maui, Mrs. Julio (Camilla) Carino, Mrs. Bernabe (Gloria) Inong, Mrs. Joseph (Rosalina) Franco of Paia, Maui, Mrs. Pablo (Amparo) Retialo, Mrs. Fernando (Florence) Lomaoang, Dolores Pasion and 27 grandchildren.

Rufino Suelo, 64, of Fernandez Village, passed away on March 9.

He is survived by a sister, Encarnacion Suelo of Urdaneta, Pangasinan, Philippines.

Cub Scout Pack 17 Banquet Held

More than 125 cub scouts and parents from Pack 17 were present for the annual Blue and Gold Banquet held last Saturday night, March 7, at the Japanese Club social hall.

Special guests included Mr. Haruyuki Ogawa and Mr. Charles Tanaka, both former cubmasters, Mr. James Omoto, scoutmaster of Troop 17, Mr. Tony Bessara, area commissioner, and Mr. Dann Cooke, assistant district executive of the Leeward area.

The following cubs received awards: Charito Corpuz, Dean Ibana and William Sickles, wolf badge; Curtis Tarasawa, gold arrow; and Kevin Kondo, silver arrow. Errol Cadelinia, Alvin Apostadiro, John Ahia, Edwin Julian, James Pasion and Corey Suyama all received Webelos athlete badges.

Kaiser Telephone At Punawai Clinic

For your information, the new Punawai Kaiser Clinic telephone number is 677-0711 as listed in the telephone directory.

Job Vacancy

MILL FIREMAN GRADE 3
TRACTOR OPERATOR (Ratooning) (Temporary Job) GRADE 5
(Apply before 4:00 P.M., Thursday, March 19, 1970.)

Dress Shop in Ewa

Mrs. Harue Sato, proprietress of the Modiste Dress Shop, announced that her days of business are Monday through Saturday, instead of Monday through Friday as printed inadvertently in the previous issue of the Ewa Hurri-Cane. Since her hours are not scheduled, she suggests that interested persons phone her at 681-3317 for appointment. She is located in the recently completed annex to the former E.R.A. bowling alley.

Death and Burial

The last of a series of three programs scheduled by the Ewa Community Church will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30 P.M. in the church parish hall.

The main topic, "Death and Burial", will be discussed by Dr. Alan Krueger, Rev. Susumu Yamane, and one of the funeral directors.

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