

Teen Age Chatter

Reporter Dotty Greene



Dear Diary:

Friday, January 17

The graduation party, given by Mrs. Ralph Johnson, honoring Freddie and Robbie Powell was a great success. One of the most interesting things that happened was when we played Truth or Consequences. Some of the consequences were Margaruite Gill giving Bertram Cooke instructions, and Bettye Tarpley telling of her most exciting experience (which was the day of her 16th birthday).

Saturday, January 18

Ruby Harper and Frank Nevels were seen at the Varsity Theatre (the pictures was good wasn't it kids)?

Monday, January 20.

We started back to school to finish our semester exams.

Tuesday, January 21

At 3:15 High School closed for the ending of semester.

Word was received from Honolulu that "the Voice readers there would support Dorothy Molden in the subscription campaign. Miss Molden is a sister to our Sports writer, Howard "Smoky" Molden. A number of subscriptions were sent.

Wednesday, January 22

Mrs. Brevy Lilly gave a formal graduation party in honor of Robbie and Freddie Powell. A fine dinner was served and all the guests had a fine time.

Friday, January 24

Commencement exercises at Lincoln High School with Freddie Powell as one of the speakers.

Sunday, January 26

Ruby Harper and Dorothy Green will give a breakfast Sunday morning for Freddie and Robbie Powell. Other guests will be Dorothy Molden, Jean Ivory, Mattie Nevels, and Margaruite Gill. Afterwards the group will attend Newman Church.

Good Night Diary.

Dark Merit



by

Kathrynne

Favors

(Continued from last week)

Duties of The Overseer— The planter hired men to carry out his plans on the plantation. The hired men were called overseer's. Their salaries ranged from \$250 to \$600 a year. Some of the overseers were thrifty and received extra money for producing large crops. Sometimes thrifty overseers managed to purchase land with their extra money. Occasionally Negro slaves became overseers, and kept some records.

An overseer's work began early in the morning and lasted until late at night. He was never absent from the plantation a single night nor an entire day without permission. His duties were many and heavy. He had to care for the plantation and see that enough fodder, hay, and oats were raised for the stock. He was also responsible for the raising of the main crop for exportation. All of this work was done by slaves.

Every day before dawn the overseer rang a bell or blew a horn. This signal called the field hands from their beds. The overseer never worked in the field himself. His duty was to take the field hands to the fields and watch them as they worked. Throughout the day, the overseer went from one group to another to see that the work was done properly.

Some groups worked a great distance from their cabins. At noon their dinner was taken to them in the fields. Those groups who worked near their cabins ate there. The overseer inspected the food of the field hand, to see if it was wholesome. Most masters and overseers were careful about the slaves food during the rush of the crop season. They did not want the slaves to become ill so they could not work.

In the evening when the sun set, the overseer gave the signal for the field hands to leave their tasks. At half past nine a curfew bell was sounded. Before going to bed, the overseer went to each cabin to see whether all were in and abed.

One of the important duties of the overseer was to give religious training to the slaves. They were taught to be satisfied with slavery and be obedient to their masters. Such teachings helped to keep slaves under their control.

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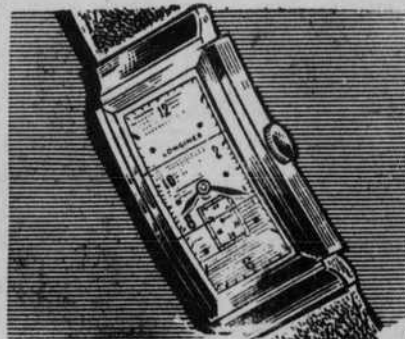
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3. Melsena Goolsby
4. Winifred Winston
5. Doris Powell
6. Loretta McWilliams
7. Charles Campbell

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