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So next comes HAWAII! We wish all Campbellites the exciting pleasure of planning, the joy of anticipation, as vital parts of the happiness to be realized in this next Tour-Adventure.

THAT REUNION LUNCHEON:

The day is at hand when we will get together once more to renew friendships. We will count over our precious memories to make sure none of them are slipping away from us. And we will share our plans together, so that the future shines as bright with promise as the past does with recollections.

The date of the annual luncheon is November 14, 1953. The place is the Lake Shore Club, 850 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago (one block north of Chicago Avenue). Visitin' hour (gab fest) begins at 12 Noon. Food is served at 1:00 P.M. Entertainment follows Luncheon. There will be travel talks, community singing, Giny Campbell and Mildred Knabe will dance the hula (a few little special wiggles they learned aboard the steamer LURLINE), and Sam Campbell will show his latest and best film HAWAII--THROUGH THE GOLDEN GATE TO PARADISE.

The cost per plate is \$4.00. There will be room for guests, so invite those among your friends who you know would enjoy the day. Reservations should be sent together with check to the Luncheon Secretary, Miss Phoebe Cramer, 2958 N. Washtenaw, Chicago, Ill. Our much loved Phoebe has sent letters about the luncheon directly to all Campbellites.

Do you have some interesting mementos of previous Sam Campbell Tours---scrap books, Kodachromes, pictures, or souvenirs? Bring them along to place on the display table, so other folks can see them. A scale model of the steamship LURLINE is being furnished by the Matson Navigation Company which owns and operates this wonderful ship.

How wonderful it is to live in a country where we dare indulge the joy of friendship. These get-togethers are priceless, and we hope EVERYONE will come. Folks are coming from ~~many~~ distant cities, and it is going to be grand to see you all again.

THAT HAWAII TOUR OF 1954:

Never before in our experience have we seen such advance interest in a Tour. It seems like everyone not only wants to see Hawaii, but is determined to do it. We have scarcely begun to announce the tour, and yet every day letters come from folks asking information about it, or more often requesting definite reservations.

We can well understand this wide spread enthusiasm. Hawaii is a most intriguing place. It lives up to all preconceived notions about it. All the tropical beauty, romance, rest, and other worldliness you can imagine are there, and more too.

A word of warning about one phase of life aboard the lovely LURLINE. Exercise some control over your appetite. We suppose you have some such control, for we don't. No king ever lived a life of more extravagant luxury than you do on that ship. The breakfast menus, in addition to the usual items of eggs, pancakes, waffles, ham, bacon, breakfast foods, etc., have such things as lamb chops, roast lamb, roast beef, and fish. Luncheon is a full sized dinner, and you wonder what they can do to distinguish the real dinner. But when that evening meal comes around you find

a multitude of good things that chase away any tendency toward moderation and make you indifferent to an expanding waist line. Just in case you get hungry in between meals, they serve tea on the deck in the afternoon, and a husky snack before you go to bed. And, strangely, you may find yourself indulging these extras. What that sea air and sunshine does to an appetite is a crime!

On most every menu on the ship and throughout the islands you will find pineapple, and papaya. This fresh fruit is so superior to what we get in the markets on the mainland that there is no comparison. Pineapple is ripening constantly in Hawaii. It can be planted any season (they really don't have seasons there, it is just all summer), and 22 to 24 months later it is ready for eating. The flavor is simply out of this world. There are many original and exotic dishes in the islands. One very original taste thrill is the baked banana. There is a type of banana that grows there which is not eaten raw, only when cooked. Other bananas are eaten alive.

The hotels at which we stop on Hawaii are most appealing and satisfying. The luxury of the cabins on the LURLINE set a high criterion for living quarters, but the hotels are equal to it. The Royal Hawaiian is known around the world for its gracious atmosphere. It blends beautifully a bit of formality (though not too much) with social freedom and comfort. This hotel fronts on Waikiki beach, and backs up to its own lovely gardens. Tropical flowers grow there the year around. The dining room is beautiful to behold. Often wandering bands of Hawaiian musicians stroll about the gardens singing and playing native music. No land in the world has a more fitting folklore of music than Hawaii. The very nature of the compositions and style of instruments savor of the luscious palm-framed, moonlit tropical evenings, and the unhurried pace of life.

The Kona Inn on the Island of Hawaii is one of those places everyone is reluctant to leave. From the beautifully appointed rooms you look over the ocean. You dine in the open. There is a swimming pool and beach close at hand. The place is staffed with wonderful friendly people. It was here that Sam and Giny first tasted baked bananas, and fell in love with them.

Kauai Inn, on the Island of Kauai, is the same type. "Cute!" "darling!" "wonderful!" are the words heard from the lips of ladies on first arrival. It has a pool in the yard, and near at hand are orchids growing in the open. The accommodations are luxurious and appropriate to the surroundings. All three hotels have original dishes and modes of serving.

Travel between Honolulu and the outer islands is done by air. The Hawaiian Air Lines has a remarkable record of safety and service. The longest flight in the islands is between Honolulu (Island of Oahu) and the Island of Hawaii. This takes one hour and thirty five minutes. The view from the air is magnificent.

Now as to clothes -- don't feel concerned over the requirements. There is never a place or time where formal wear is actually necessary. If you particularly like formal attire, such would be appropriate at dinner time on the ship, and at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. However, semi-formal attire is what most people choose and it is entirely proper. At the Kona Inn and Kauai Inn, they simply beg of you to be informal. Aloha Shirts for men, and sports attire or native dresses for women are the rule. Men shun ties and jackets, even at dinner. The common fault among travellers is "taking too much." It has been observed at the Hawaiian Hotels that most suitcases are never even opened. The extra duds they contain are not needed.

Another fact one learns in the journey to Hawaii is that it is better to purchase a major part of your wardrobe when you arrive there. The shops there are well supplied with the appropriate types of garments, and the prices are quite reasonable.

NOTES AND GLEANS:....Mount Waialeale on the Island of Kauai is the wettest mountain on earth. It has an average yearly rainfall of 480 inches--40 feet. The all time record was set between June, 1947, and June, 1948. In this period 624 inches of rain fell. And the strange thing is that 20 miles away it seldom rains at all. The water from Waialeale must be distributed to irrigate the soil.....Honolulu has a population of approximately 300,000.....The black sands of Kalapana on the Island of Hawaii are really black. They are composed of lava grains, the lava having been ground to bits by the action of time and the sea. It is a strange sight to see the white fingers of the surf reaching up over this black patch of earth.....The meaning of Honolulu is "Place of Refuge." Oahu means "a gathering place." Hawaii seems to have no meaning, and likely is just a name.....Hilo on the Island of Hawaii is the second city in size in the Islands. It has about 27,000 people.....The Islands were once known as The Sandwich Islands. They were so named by Captain Cook when he landed on Kauai in 1778. The Earl of Sandwich had sponsored the Captain Cook expedition.

OUR FOLKS:

Folks in and near Racine, Wisconsin have developed a nice reunion routine all their own. The first Sunday after Labor Day they get together to tell where they have been and what they saw. Last meeting was at the home of Bob and Edna Wentzel. Ford and Esther Bacon were there, also Mr. and Mrs. Danny Daniels, Art Schroeder, George Neff, and John and Jessie Paslawsky. They have a good time showing movies, slides, and ribbing each other. These get-togethers are great.

Beatrice Marks sends in a clipping that tells of the two lady travellers who stepped off a train in a Canadian town. "What place is this?" they asked of a man of local vintage. "Saskatoon, Saskatchewan," he replied. As they turned away one whispered to the other, "Isn't it exciting? They don't speak English here."

The Reverend and Mrs. A. P. Johnson, Olive Martha, and Charlotte Mosher toured old Mexico this summer. They report a wonderful time and think the Campbellites ought to head down there some time.

Mildred Knabe and Giny Campbell are rehearsing the hula dance these days. They have promised to put it on for the Reunion Luncheon November 14, and want to get every wiggle just right. Both got their start in this dance while on the LURLINE, where Howard Morris gives instructions.

Sam Campbell's cousin, while travelling through England by train this summer, sat so close to other folks she could not avoid hearing their conversation. She was suddenly all attention when she heard his name mentioned. "You should go on one of his tours," one speaker was saying. "You would meet the most wonderful people!" How small this big world is.

Sam and Giny are busy at their lecture schedule. They are presenting two new films this year. One is CALIFORNIA & HAWAII, sponsored by the Chicago & North Western Railway, the other an all Hawaiian film called HAWAII--THROUGH THE GOLDEN GATE TO PARADISE. Following are a few places where CALIFORNIA & HAWAII may be seen:

- November 8, 4:00 P.M. Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Batavia, Ill.
- November 8, 8:00 P.M. High School Auditorium, Wheaton, Illinois
- November 9, 8:00 P.M. Racine Garden Club, at new YMCA, Racine, Wis.
- November 10, 8:00 P.M. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Forest Park, Ill.
- November 11, 8:00 P.M. at High School, Darien, Wisconsin
- November 12, 8:00 P.M. Congregational Church, Beloit, Wisconsin

NOW ALL ABOARD FOR THAT REUNION LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 14. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY.

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