

KONAWAENA HIGH & GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Kealahoukua, Hawaii
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Information: Parents, patrons, and pupils

Did you know:

- That Konawaena School is nearing the end of its 62nd year of existence?
The old school occupied the grounds next to the Central Kona Church, the site now used by the Kona Branch of the Hilo Library.
- That Mr. H. S. Greenwell was made the first School Agent when the school was established in 1875? Other early School Agents were Mr. J. D. Paris, who served from 1891 to 1896; Mr. H. T. Mills, 1896-1897; and, Miss Ella Paris, who succeeded Mr. Mills.
- That Konawaena High School was organized in 1921 by adding a ninth grade; and, by adding a grade each successive year until a full four year high school was created?
- That the present school site was first used in 1921; the first buildings being the present nine room elementary building, and a three room building (on the site now used by the high school and office), and a small shop, which later was enlarged and is now our cafeteria?
- That the school is now housed in eleven buildings? The Elementary school occupies three buildings, one of two rooms, one of four rooms, and one of nine rooms; the Intermediate and High School is housed in six buildings, not including the gymnasium and cafeteria, which are shared with the Elementary School.
- That the total value of our buildings, grounds, books, and other classroom equipment at the time our 1936 inventory was made was \$207,086.26?
- That Mr. Clyde E. Crawford, now principal of Hilo High School, was the first principal under the organization of Konawaena as a high school? Other principals have been Mr. Harold Loper, now supervising principal of the Honolulu schools; Mr. Rufus Richmond, now in California; and Mr. Arthur Harris, principal of McKinley High School.
- That the first graduating class (1885) consisted of five students, among them being Mr. Minora Imaba, who is one of our teachers now? This year's graduating class will consist of fifty one students.
- That our school occupies 11.8 acres of land?
- That our athletic field is one of the finest, if not the best, school athletic fields in the Territory of Hawaii?
- That our gymnasium was the first built on this island, and has the largest floor space of any gymnasium on this island?
- That our school was the first on this island to have special buildings for Shop, Home-making, and a Cafeteria?
- That the County of Hawaii Board of Supervisors is planning to construct this year a new Home-making practice cottage, made of the Shop near our Kohala side boundary?
- That Mrs. Maude Greenwell allows our elementary school to have a large space on her land, adjoining our school, for use as a garden?
- That the present enrollment in the Elementary Division (Grades 1-6) is 456?
That the Intermediate Division (Grades 7, 8, & 9) enrollment now is 391?
That the High School Division (Grades 10, 11, and 12) enrollment is 277?
That the total enrollment of the school now is 1064?
- That the total staff of teachers is 37, distributed as follows: Elementary Division, 14; Intermediate and High School Division, 20; and Cafeteria Manager, Secretary, and Principal?
- That six members of our faculty are graduates of Konawaena?
- That there are only 4 schools in Hawaii, having grades 1-12, inclusive; namely, Kohala High & Grammar, Leilua High & Grammar, Wainoa High & Grammar, and Konawaena?
- That we have two full-time teachers and one part-time teacher of Home-making for grades 7 to 12?
- That 206 girls are taking Home-making daily?
- That we have a full-time Shop teacher?

That 172 boys are studying Shop daily?
That we have two full-time Vocational Agriculture teachers?
That 61 boys are studying Vocational Agriculture daily?
That our Future Farmers own a plant nursery, a poultry house, and an experimental plot, all located makai of our cottages?
That Kona was the first F. F. A. Chapter in Hawaii?
That Masayuki Nagai, a Kona graduate, is one of a very few Future Farmers in Hawaii to be awarded the degree of American Farmer?
That Kona in 1932 organized the first Future Home Makers Chapter in America; and, that our chapter has been awarded "Star Chapter" honors twice?

That Kona owns twenty-four orchestra instruments, valued at \$1200 and that these were bought from funds raised through school operettas; and that there are 27 students enrolled in Orchestra?
That our school's typewriting class owns twenty-three typewriters valued at \$2830.; and that 135 students are enrolled in Typewriting classes this year?
That our school has one of the best equipped school Chemistry laboratories in Hawaii, and that 70 students are enrolled in Chemistry?
That our library owns approximately 20,000 books?
That a public address system will be installed in the near future? This will make it possible for the students to listen to good radio broadcasts, for speakers speaking at the gymnasium to be heard clearly in any part of that building, and for the May Day and other outdoor programs to be heard at a considerable distance from where the program is being given.

The funds for this public address system are being raised through plays given by the Faculty.

That two hundred steel lockers and fifty-five wooden lockers are provided for our Intermediate and High School students at a nominal rent?

That our 1936 school yearbook, "Ka Wana O Kona" was awarded the "Medalist" rating, the highest rating given by the National Scholastic Press Association?
That Kona in 1936 won the Intermediate division of the Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge of Hilo; the Big Island Junior Interscholastic Basketball League championship; the High School Debating championship; and her Future Home Makers were given the "Star Chapter" award?
That Kona students often are complimented for their courtesy on the road? Credit for this should go largely to Miss Bertha San Taylor, former Supervising Principal, who insisted that Kona students speak to the people whom they met on the highways.
That the Kona students picked 47,382 bags of coffee during the last vacation; and 153,122 bags during the last five vacations?
That the Kona students have organized their own government, which is handled very efficiently by the students with the aid of their advisers? Discipline problems are almost unknown at Kona.

That the Cafeteria serves an average of 400 - 500 lunches daily at mid-day?
That special lunches are provided at a nominal cost to the underweight students in our Health class?
That the Cafeteria buys approximately \$200. worth of food and supplies each month?
That approximately 1400 pounds of fresh vegetables, and 500 pounds of meat were served in December, 1936?
That the average net profit per month to the Cafeteria is less than \$10.; and that this profit is used to buy needed replacements and new equipment?