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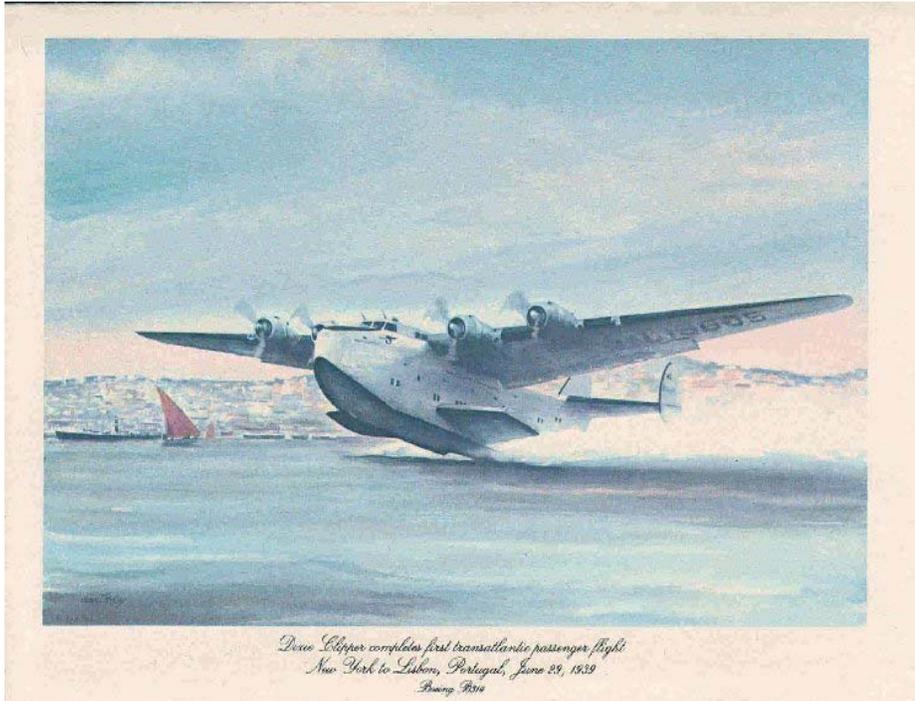
May 2008

The end of an Icon

A Boeing B-314 Flying Boat

Pan American NC18601 - the *Honolulu Clipper*

(We thank Bob Bogash of Hansville, WA for this story - visit www.rbogash.com)



In the world of man-made objects, be they antique cars, historic locomotives, steamships, religious symbols, or, in this case - beautiful airplanes, certain creations stand out. Whether due to perceived beauty, historical importance, or imagined romance, these products of man's mind and hands have achieved a status above and beyond their peers. For me, the Lockheed Super Constellation is one. So is the Boeing 314 Flying Boat - the Clipper (when flown by Pan American Airways).
An Icon in the purest sense of the word.
(Story begins on Page 7.)

Carlisle Speaks To Joint Chapter Luncheon at Hickam O'Club



There was a full house of nearly 100 members from both Aloha and Hawaii Chapters to hear Peter Carlisle speak at the Joint MOAA Chapter lunch on April 16th. Lou Crompton made a surprise presentation to our Chapter Board Chairman Admiral Smith of a picture from the 1944 Army-Navy Football game as Number 44 (Adm. Bruce Smith) carried the ball through the Army line. The lunch was delicious and good camaraderie was enjoyed by all at the beautiful water-view patio setting. Peter B. Carlisle, the "Beloved Prosecuting Attorney" for the City and County of Honolulu both entertained and informed the audience with his remarks. This included a lively question and answer session.

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Coming Events May - Military Appreciation Month

- 3 May (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 Computer Training, Oahu Veterans Center
- 9 May (Fri) Excom Mtg., MCBH O'Club 1115
- 12 May (Mon) PAC Mtg, Hickam AFB, 1100
- 16 May (Fri) Combined Military Band Concert 1900 Blaisdell Concert Hall (Free and open to the public)
- 23 May (Fri), Joint Chap. Luncheon, Pohai Nani 1100

Memorial Day Ceremonies - See page 4 for details

Coming Events June

- 7 Jun (Sat) The Users Group (TUG) 1000 Computer Training, Oahu Veterans Center
- 20 Jun (Fri) Excom Mtg., MCBH O'Club 1115
- 24 Jun (Tue) Joint Chap. Luncheon. Loc. & Time TBD
Sen. Colleen Hanabusa & Sen. Sam Slom w/Rick Hamada

PERSPECTIVES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

STORMING THE HILL

by LCDR Tom Marzec – USN (Ret.)



In April, I joined other MOAA Chapter Presidents and Lt Col Joe Atkins, USAF (on the MOAA Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve Advisory Committee, currently stationed at Hickam), in Washington DC to Storm the Hill! We met Representatives Abercrombie and Hirono and Senator Akaka, and their staffs, including Senator Inouye's. We are pictured with Senator Akaka and a copy of our award winning Pau Hana Koa, featuring a February 2008 article about LTC Edwin P. Ramsey's WWII actions in the Philippines, which ties into a bill being debated right now about Filipino veterans benefits. MOAA measures Congressional support for MOAA-desired bills by

co/sponsorship and/or actual voting. As the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, Senator Akaka does not cosponsor bills to maintain neutrality; however, he was recognized and acknowledged as a Legislator deserving special thanks for his outstanding support of veterans. Rep. Abercrombie cosponsored 3 MOAA-supported bills and Rep. Hirono indicated interest in also cosponsoring some of these bills. Rep. Hirono specifically asked whether our Chapters had any women-related issues to address? If you have any such issues (servicemember, veteran, family, spouse, etc.) please contact her directly, and if desired, let me know as well. All of our wide-ranging discussions, including with the very knowledgeable and helpful staff members, were positive and informative. MOAA advocates for a strong national defense, but does not become involved in matters pertaining to military strategy or individual weapons systems of the various services, believing that such decisions can be made only by those who have all of the facts available to them -- today's actively serving military leadership. I was pleased with our conversations and will report on follow up regarding support for MOAA-desired bills and other issues of interest.

Hawaii Chapter Recognized by Outstanding Newsletter for 2007 Award

I was honored to receive Aloha and Hawaii Chapter Outstanding Newsletter Awards (2nd Runner Up) from MOAA's President Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, Jr., USN-Ret. while in DC on April 3, 2008. These Awards recognize the dedication and superb efforts that go into putting out a quality, interesting and informative newsletter month after month. Editors Ron Bezanson and George Sullivan were presented this award at the April 16, 2008 Peter Carlisle luncheon. We are justifiably proud of our amazing editors and the awesome work they do to put together our PHK newsletter. Please thank them for their recognized accomplishments, when you can. Aloha, Tom

Congressman Abercrombie Seeks Local Honolulu Military Affairs Liaison

The Military Affairs Liaison (MAL) monitors and updates the Member and Chief of Staff on State and local issues regarding the military and federal workers. This position requires close coordination with the Military Legislative Assistant in the Washington, DC office for the Congressman's work as Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Air & Land Forces. The MAL serves as a liaison to federal, state, and local agencies for the Member and constituents and answers casework correspondence and verbal communications with constituents. A military background is preferred. Start date is as soon as possible. Salary will be based on experience. Include a cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references.

FORWARD INQUIRIES TO: Amy Asselbaye, Chief of Staff
Phone: (808) 541-2570 Fax: (808) 533-0133 E-Mail: Amy.Asselbaye@mail.house.gov

-- CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENTS --

THIS MONTH --

HAWAIIAN SENSE OF PLACE
& SUSTAINABILITY PRESENTATION

IN JUNE --

Joint Aloha-Hawaii Chapter lunch, Tuesday June 24
Senate President *Colleen Hanabusa*, Senator *Sam Slom*
and moderator *Rick Hamada*.

Listen to a lively and engaging analysis of the legislative session, issues, ballot questions, discussion about the upcoming elections and open questions & answers. This a DON'T MISS engaging and informative opportunity to address your issues directly with, and hear from, our elected officials.

IN JULY --

SUMMER VACATION

IN AUGUST --

ANNUAL MOAA PICNIC - BELLOWS BEACH

Thinning of the Ranks

Mary Leila Phinney, Auxiliary Member, died March 17.
Former Army Nurse Corps Captain served at Hickam in
WW II.

Survived by son, David, 2 granddaughters

Lina Wygant, Auxiliary Member, died in San Francisco.

Binnacle List

Patricia Kubach



Gaining of the Ranks-Congratulation!

Baby boy Nathan Alexander Vanston was born April 11th to Chapter Vice President Alex and Chapter Photographer Jen Vanston and the Vanston Family could not be happier.

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**Scholarship Goal for 2008 -
\$6000**

To date the Chapter has received a combined total of \$4361 for Scholarships and Community Services. Please continue to give generously - we can exceed our goal!

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(Carlisle: continued from front page)

Mr. Carlisle praised the outstanding forensic cooperation between the Honolulu Police Department and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) that led to the conviction in the recent Langford murder case. He shared the challenges in meeting the court standards set for the prosecution in presenting a case

versus the defense. Judiciary changes through the legislature or a Constitution Convention would be useful to deter crime by allowing stiffer penalties. He solicited public support for legislation to amend the offense of second degree murder that may prevent some violent criminals from avoiding a murder charge.



**Legislative Affairs Veterans Affairs (LAVA)
Captain George E Sullivan USN (Ret.)**

Hawaii State Legislature Commends Pearl Harbor Shipyard Centennial

The Hawaii state Legislature honored Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard at the State Capitol March 18 with a House resolution and a Senate commendation lauding the Shipyard's 100 years of service to the Navy and its positive impact on Hawaii.

The ceremony marked the first time the state Legislature has presented the Shipyard either a resolution or a commendation, according to Shipyard and Legislature records.

State Rep. Lynn Finnegan (R-Dist. 32), sponsored the resolution, which was signed by all members of the State House of Representatives. The Shipyard commander, Capt. Gregory Thomas, and four other Shipyard leaders were asked to join the members on the House chamber floor during the ceremony, where each was introduced to the applause of all House members and more than 40 guests.

Specifically, the resolution called the Shipyard a "national treasure" and cited the Shipyard's strategic importance and positive social and economic impact on the state of Hawaii.

In addition to Thomas, Command Master Chief David Lajoie, Production Resources Manager Gregory "Kaipo" Crowell, Chief Engineer Brian Yim and Congressional Relations Specialist Liane Nakahara repre-

sented the Shipyard on the House floor.

Following Finnegan's reading of the resolution and introductions, she and her colleagues hosted a reception and cake-cutting ceremony for the Shipyard representatives. Throughout the presentation and reception, more than 50 members of the Legislature shook hands with the Shipyards, and congratulated them on the Shipyard's proud history and accomplishments.

Prior to the presentation of the resolution, Sen. Norman Sakamoto (D-Dist. 15) presented a Senate Commendation to the Shipyard leaders, and recognized them in the Senate gallery. The commendation cited the Shipyard's "100 years of exemplary service."

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawaii with a combined civilian and military workforce of about 4,700. In fiscal year 2007, it had an operating budget of \$550 million, of which \$387 million was payroll for civilian employees.

During the week of May 12 the Shipyard will celebrate its centennial. Events are planned at the Ala Moana Hotel and at the Pearl Harbor Naval Station. Watch the local newspapers for specific events which will be open to the public.

JROTC AWARD PRESENTERS NEEDED

JROTC leadership recognition and unit recognition awards are mostly presented during the month of May to Hawaii High School JROTC units. At these presentations our JROTC educational scholarships are also awarded to deserving young cadets who are going on to community college or universities.

WE NEED YOUR HELP in making these presentations. The only "work" involved is attending a particular high school JROTC awards ceremony and presenting our Chapter and National MOAA awards. The awards, names, location and time will all be provided to you, all you have to do is attend.

Please contact our ROTC/JROTC Awards Chairman, Ralph Hiatt at hiattr@hawaii.rr.com or 383-1010. Mahalo for your support to this important program.

Memorial Ceremonies

Sunday, May 25, 2008 - Waikiki War Memorial - Natatorium at 1000
U.S. Army Honor Guard, Royal Hawaiian Band, Hula Halau Olana

Monday, May 26, 2008 - National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific - Punchbowl at 0830
Mayor Mufi Hannemann

Monday, May 26, 2008 - Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery - Kaneohe at 1300
Governor Linda Lingle

Looking to Hawaii's Past to Ensure a Sustainable Future

by Ramsay Taum

Long ago, Native Hawaiians had settled and developed a rich island culture. Located more than 2100 nautical miles from the nearest continental land mass, Hawaii is considered one of the most remote inhabited destinations on the planet. Yet, for nearly a thousand years, Native Hawaiians managed to sustain themselves on the gifts from the land, air and sea. This presentation will explore some of the principles, practices and beliefs that helped these island people sustain themselves and their culture for 100's of years prior to western contact.

Learn about the Hawaiian concept of the *ahupua'a* resource and behavioral management system based on the practices of *aloha* (respect), *laulima* (cooperation), and *malama* (stewardship), which resulted in a desirable *lokahi* (balance). Sound resource management recognizes the interconnectedness of the land, the sky, the sea, and the people. Ramsay will discuss how to integrate what we've learned from the past and, with contemporary tools and concepts, how to apply this approach to create the 21st Century Ahupua'a.

Ramsay Taum is Director of External Relations and Community Partnerships at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa's School of Travel Industry Management (TIM) where he lectures on host cultural values in the work place. Born and raised in Hawaii, he graduated from Kamehameha Schools, attended the US Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration at the University of Southern California. He is active in promoting environmental education and sustainability based on the Native Hawaiian Ahupua'a management system. Mentored and trained by respected Hawaiian elders, he is a practitioner and instructor of several Native Hawaiian practices including ho'oponopono (stress management and conflict resolution), lomi haha (body alignment) and Kaihewalu lua (Hawaiian combat/battle art). A recognized cultural consultant, he works with Hawaii's development, travel, leisure and retail industries integrating Native Hawaiian cultural values and principles into the contemporary business models through lectures, training classes and seminars. He also serves as Director of Oahu Operations for the Hawaii Nature Center, and serves on numerous other local and national boards, advisory groups and councils.

Date: Friday 23May08; **Time:** Check in -1045; **Lunch** -1100; **Presentation** -1200

Place: Pohai Nani Retirement Community, 45-090 Namoku Street, Kaneohe, HI

Luncheon Menu: Entrée – Choice of "Caribbean Chicken" OR "Korean style Mahimahi", garden greens, fruit salad, seasoned steamed vegetables, rice pilaf, desserts, iced tea, coffee, hot tea (if desired, you can bring your own beer or wine - wineglasses can be provided).

Questions? Email: Tom Marzec at adamtm@lava.net or call 754-8857

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Entrée Desired: Caribbean Chicken (How many _____) Mahimahi (How many _____)

Cost: \$18.00 per person. **TOTAL AMOUNT Enclosed @ \$18.00 each:** _____

Name(s): _____

Mail in Cost: \$18.00 per person for reservations by May 20th (Walk-in cost is \$22.00 at the door.).

Checks to: "Hawaii State Chapter MOAA"– P.O. BOX 1185, KAILUA, HI 96734

DONATIONS TO SUPPORT HAWAII CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Community Service: \$ _____ J/ROTC Scholarships \$ _____

Your contributions are appreciated!



TUG by Colonel Lou Torraca, USAF (Retired)

Catch a falling star an' put it in your pocket

Remember that oldie? Well, for this column I'm going to tell you about how you can kinda do a similar thing with a couple programs and a really large capacity flash drive that will easily fit in your pocket! So, with a tip of the fedora to Lee Pockriss and Paul Vance who wrote the song that begins, "Catch a falling star an' put it in your pocket, Never let it fade away! Catch a falling star an' put it in your pocket, Save it for a rainy day!" here's how: As most of you know, the era of analog television is fast coming to a close and next February all stations will broadcast HD digital signals. This means that right now, if we want to record TV shows we need a special tuner because not every station is digital yet and Cable TV is still analog. The solution is to get a tuner that supports both ATSC and NTSC. The Pinnacle PCTV HD Pro Stick, is a small thumb drive-sized tuner that does just that, along with time-shifting and scheduled recording straight to DVD, iPod, and PSP.

The antenna that is included is designed to receive HD signals that stations send via the airways. I tried it with my laptop at home in Kailua and could receive 4 channels that broadcast from Kailua and Kaneohe. I would imagine the same would be true in Honolulu if I were in the right spot as I have read a lot of reviews from big city testers that report picking up lots of stations. BTW, the picture is really good as is usually the case with HD transmissions. How about the regular cable channels? Works just fine and the picture is also very good. Only difference in the setup is you attach your cable to the stick instead of the antenna. The other option that's available is a PCI card which plugs into your desktop. I tried that also and got really good recordings. The package sells for just under a \$100 and includes the stick, antenna and cables. The Pro Stick package also includes the PC software that turns your Windows computer into an HD digital video recorder. BTW, Pinnacle warns that you may not be able to pick up HD broadcasts in a moving vehicle, in case you were tempted to channel-surf in a car or a 747. I'll be in San Antonio TX and San Diego CA later in the month so I'll take the antenna with me and see what it picks up there. You can do lots of neat things with the PCTV HD Pro Stick; here are the features for this nifty system from the company:

Watch SD and free HD TV on your PC - no service fees

Includes remote control and high-gain telescopic antenna

New: supports both digital over-the-air (ATSC1) and unencrypted digital cable (ClearQAM2) HDTV

New: stereo sound for both digital and analog TV

New: stereo FM radio reception

Turns your PC into a PVR with Time Shifting: pause, rewind TV

Electronic Program Guide (EPG)-Sorry, but I wasn't impressed with this...I am still using my TV Guide!

Compatible with Windows Media Center3 (Windows Vista and XP MCE; remote kit sold separately)

Bonus: Video Spin editing software

Capture from your cable/satellite set-top box or camcorder with the included A/V adapter cable

Automatically record shows to your hard drive in MPEG-1/2 or DivX4 formats, or direct-to-DVD

NOTES:

1. ATSC, the new digital broadcast standard, is now available in many areas of the United States. ATSC reception is dependent on many factors. The provided antenna will allow reception in areas where there is a good ATSC signal. In regions or rooms where the signal is not strong, an amplified rooftop antenna will be required. It is generally not possible to receive an ATSC signal while en route (e.g. in a car or train). Please consult with your local reseller or go to www.antennaweb.org for more information on areas covered and optimizing your reception.

2. Internet connection required; free 1 year trial.

3. For the use of Pinnacle Studio QuickStart, Windows XP is required.

4. Requires free Internet activation.

BTW, keep in mind that recording TV shows, unencrypted and FM music for your own use is generally legal, but be careful of copyright laws if you want to share with someone! For lots more info, Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/jgcqg>

That's the "catch a falling star" part, or in our case recording TV shows, movies, etc., but what about "put it in your pocket"?

The answer is the Corsair Flash Voyager, now available in a 32GB capacity. It's a small HDD in your pocket. With that file size you could even partition it, split into two partitions, and make one encrypted as the product supports EAS-256 bit encryption technology. Great stuff to store movies, MP3, work related files, classified stuff (encrypted) or use it as a backup drive. It's tough, water resistant and easy to use. It's a flash USB stick with:

- Plug & Play functionality in Windows Vista, XP, 2000, ME, Linux 2.4 and later, Mac OS 9, X and later

- Durable and Price/performance leader 32GB USB drive

- Includes the True Crypt security application (Windows Vista/XP/2000 compatible only) allowing for a virtual encrypted drive using AES-256 encryption

- Water Resistant, Shockproof & Plug-n-Play

Would you believe these sticks have been laundered, baked, frozen, boiled, dropped, and even run over by a SUV in some third party reviews? Yup, it's true and...after all the punishment they received, these sturdy little fellows continued to work. Keep in mind you now have a tremendous capability to keep not only recorded TV shows and music but files which can also be encrypted. 32 gigabytes worth, that's a lot of stuff you can carry around in your pocket. Just think back a year or so and remember that flash drives were maxed out at around 8 gigs and were pretty expensive...the good news is that the price keeps coming down and for this little must-have gem the price on the net (Apr 14) was \$153, pretty amazing when just a short time ago flash drives were selling for almost a \$100 per gigabyte! It's specially amazing when Amazon carries a 64gigabyte flash drive for over \$3000...yup, that's THOUSANDS. I found this flash drive to be exceptionally easy to use and the encryption program equally simple to setup. Be sure to start by checking that feature out and perhaps even copying to your hard drive so that you don't-oops-by mistake...delete it! For lots more detail visit: <http://corsair.com/products/voyager.aspx> I bet you're wondering how I plan to cover the "save it for a rainy day" part of the song...well, wonder no more, I don't plan to advise you to wait for a rainy day, but as you may already believe, saving your files is important. So, I have been trying out a really good program that lets you synchronize your files between computers. This program, GoodSync, also allows you to backup files. This program works really well with the Voyager. However, while flash drives are very useful for transporting information, it can be confusing to remember which files are the most up-to-date. GoodSync solves this problem by making sure that the latest copies of files are automatically copied between different computers. Multiple jobs can be created so it is possible to use this for simple back-ups as well as keeping on top of multiple file versions. Jobs can also be set to only work in particular directions so the original files are untouched. You can download a free version, which is fully functional, and then, after 30 days you can have three synchronization jobs set up, each with a limit of 100 files at any one point in time. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/6hf72h> Setting it up and using it with the Voyager was pretty easy; I do recommend you download and read the manual which is available on the webpage. It does a good job of explaining how to setup your synch jobs and how to make them work automatically. That's really about how easy it is to use and perhaps the best news is the price. The manufacturer offers it for \$29.99, a good value for a very powerful program; give it a try with the free download listed above. Have fun with all these gadgets and with all the great places you can go on the 'net, but as always, be careful out there and be sure to keep your programs updated for your protection.

Remember to check my **Around Hawaii** column <<http://tinyurl.com/363qew>> after 1 May for more details and visit www.the-tug.org for mtg info Aloha, Lou

A (Very) Brief History of the Honolulu Clipper



The *Honolulu Clipper* - NX18601 -

began life as NX18601 - the experimental registration for the first airplane of the 12 eventually produced. Although Boeing did not build a Prototype, and did not call this airplane a Prototype, in fact, it *was* a Prototype.

Here, it is being "rolled out" from Boeing's original Plant 1 on the Duwamish - 1 Jun 1938. The factory was way too small, and the majority of assembly took place on the ramp outside the factory doors.



Famed Boeing Test Pilot Eddie Allen

conducts a taxi test on Elliott Bay - about 5 Jun 1938. Notice the single (small) vertical fin. The 314 had more than it's share of bugs that all needed shaking out before it could enter service.



The small vertical fin, attached to that huge

body, proved to be woefully inadequate in providing directional stability and control, both on the water and in the air. Boeing quickly removed the fin and replaced it with two at the ends of the horizontal stabilizer.



Eventually, it was necessary to

have three fins in order to "get it right." The following is Wellwood Beall's recollection - close, but not 'spot on.' In a mid 1960s interview, Wellwood Beall, chief engineer on the B314, remembered the first Boeing Clipper flight. He had the plane barged down the waterway from old Plant 1 to Seattle 's Elliott Bay in 1938. Boeing test pilot Eddie Allen took off, flew a sweeping circular route, and landed.

"How did it go?" Beall asked anxiously. "The plane won't turn," Allen replied. "There's not enough rudder."

The test pilot had completed his horseshoe-shaped flight by powering up on two engines on one side and powering down on the other two. "We took the plane back to the plant and added another vertical tail," Beall said.

"While the second tail helped, there was still not enough rudder."

He recalled going along on a flight and opening an overhead hatch in the tail section. He stuck his head out of the hatch, expecting a great rush of wind. Instead, the air barely mussed his hair. "So we went back and put a triple tail on that bird and then she finally grabbed air."

(Continued in future editions.)

