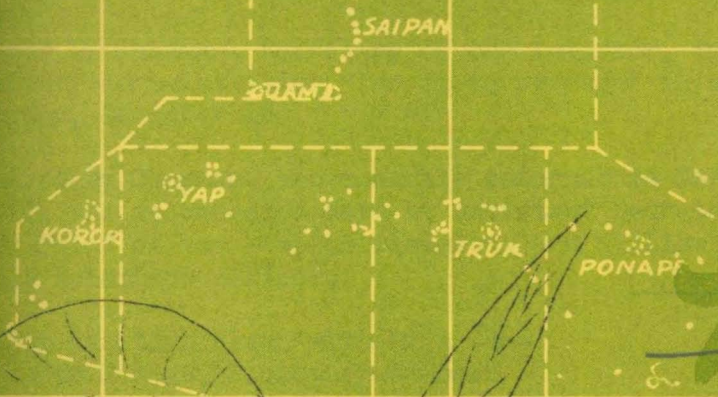
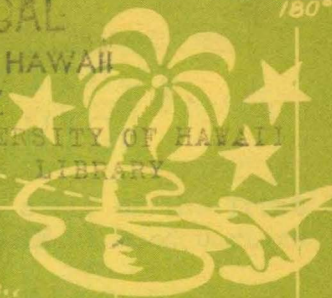


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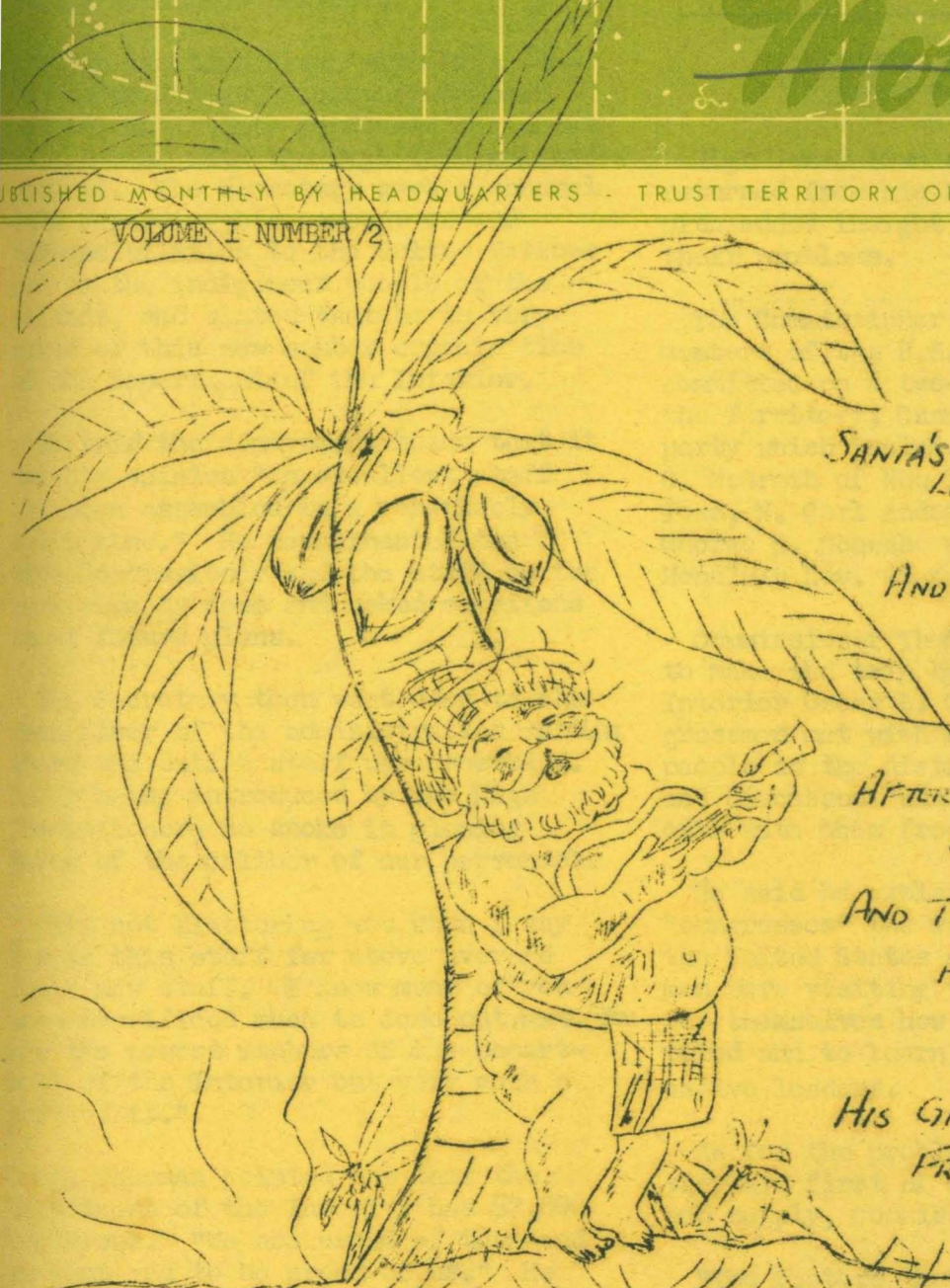
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LAND OF THE CHRISTMAS
TREES

AND THE FROST BITTEN NOSE
AND THE WINTER SNEEZE

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AND TOSSING HIS FLANNELS
AND WOOLENS ABOUT

HIS GREETING IS SENT
FROM 'NEATH A PALM
TREE

WHERE HE'S SUNNING 'ND SAYS -
"A GREEN CHRISTMAS FOR ME!"

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CHAPMAN VISITS HEADQUARTERS; RATES T.T. PERSONNEL HIGH

Oscar L. Chapman, Secretary of the Interior, termed the staff of the Trust Territory administration "far above average" in a short talk at headquarters Saturday, December 15.

Secretary Chapman, who recently returned to Washington after an 11 day visit to Hawaii, was accompanied here by Assistant Secretary Vernon D. Northrop, Emil J. Sady, Chief of the Pacific Division, and William J. Dougherty, the Department's public relations officer.

After visiting alone with High Commissioner Thomas, Secretary Chapman and his assistants conferred for about a half hour with the High Commissioner's council. The Secretary gave a general talk regarding his concept of our responsibilities to the United Nations and to the indigenous people of the islands, and stated that he is very proud of this new member organization of the Department of the Interior.

He told the department heads that it was his opinion "an excellent staff has been assembled in a remarkably short time." He complimented the High Commissioner and the staff on the work already done and asked questions about future plans.

The Secretary then went down to the main floor of the administration building where the entire staff was assembled. After being introduced by the High Commissioner, he spoke in glowing terms of the caliber of our personnel.

"I'm not flattering you when I say I rate this staff far above average for a new staff. I know many of you have sacrificed much to come out here. You are the newest members of the Department of the Interior but very much a part of it."

Mr. Chapman pointed out that the Department of the Interior has 57,000 employees. "We are proud of them and we want you to be proud of us." He

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THOMAS REPORTS ON FIRST TRIP TO FIELD

High Commissioner Elbert D. Thomas returned from his first trip to the field with added insight into the people and their problems.

The Commissioner accompanied four members of the U.S. house appropriations committee on a two-week swing through the Territory, Guam, and Japan. The party which included Reps. Christopher C. McGrath of New York, Ben F. Jenson of Iowa, H. Carl Anderson of Minnesota and George B. Schwab of Oklahoma, left Honolulu Nov. 25 and returned Dec. 12.

Commissioner Thomas, who was invited to make the trip by Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman, said the congressmen met with representatives of the people in the districts they visited and discussed "what they wanted to discuss with them freely."

He said he explained to the native "congresses" the way democracy works in the United States and how the congressmen were visiting the islands to see for themselves how it was being administered and to learn the views of the native leaders.

As for the problems of the Territory, they are first of all transportation and supply, Commissioner Thomas noted.

"The factors that make for easy and

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VISITS FOSTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

The recent trip to the Trust Territory, Guam, Japan, and Korea by the High Commissioner and members of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, Assistant Interior Secretary Vernon Northrop, and Committee Secretary Carson Culp is a matter of considerable importance and satisfaction to all of us responsible for the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The information that these people have secured regarding the Trust Territory Headquarters at Fort Rucker and from visiting as many of the headquarters of the district administrations as their time permitted will help the congressmen to understand Trust Territory problems. We believe a fuller understanding of needs will result in adequate appropriations so that the obligations the United States has assumed for our United Nations trusteeship can be fulfilled.

The personal acquaintances made by the visiting group with people living in the Trust Territory, with those who are administering affairs in the area, and with the group at headquarters have been very pleasant. We feel that these meetings will result in a better mutual understanding of problems, needs and hopes. . . . K.C. Leebrick.

The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is now open to all newspapers and periodicals that desire to send their representatives into the area.

Announcement that the Territory no longer is closed to the press was made Dec. 5 in a two-page release sent to Honolulu daily newspapers, United Press and Associated Press. Both wire services flashed the news around the world.

The first newsman to take advantage of the opportunity to roam around Micronesia for story material is Quentin Forster, Far Eastern correspondent for the Chicago Tribune.

In the press release announcing the opening of the area, it was noted that "in the past several months, since the Interior Department assumed the administration of the Trust Territory island from the Navy on July 1 this year, the High Commissioner has received a number of requests from newsmen to enter the area. Because of shortages of transportation and quarters during the change of administration and because of the stress of problems encountered by a virtually new staff which took over what the Navy left, the requests could not be granted immediately.

"These conditions are now somewhat relieved and we are in a position to offer limited transportation and living accommodations on a space available basis.

"The High Commissioner is most anxious for the American public and the people of the entire world to have access to up-to-date information on the Trust Territory. He wants people to know what the problems are in these far-flung Pacific outposts and just what the United States is doing to carry out its trust agreement. Therefore, members of the press are encouraged to come in and see for themselves what is going on and what is being accomplished by the government of the Trust Territory with the resources available to it."

THE KOROR COURIER

Anonymous

Another month has ground slowly past in the Palau District. Contrary to the established local misconception, time passes here just as fast as it does anywhere else, and we have a few news items to prove it. Probably the most disconcerting happening of the month to all concerned was the sudden arrival on the Chicot of an extra jeep we had not, even in our wildest dreams, envisioned. Harry Hall, the Finance and Supply Officer, now travels in style, much to the envy of the rest of the pedestrians.

The month of November also saw the second serious fire in Distad history when the hospital warehouse burned to the ground at 0300 on the 13th of this month, destroying thousands of dollars in medical supplies that will be hard to replace. Only prompt action by the fire department and hospital personnel averted a possible disaster. Now, as the 13th of December advances ever closer on the calendar, crossed fingers are the order of the day. A third fire, and on the 13th of the third month in a row, would be just enough coincidence to send a lot of us packing.

Our local bug-man (entomologist to the initiated, but we aren't that smart) Bob Owen and his family have left for a well-earned vacation in Seattle, and don't expect to be back until February. Their house, maid, chickens, dog, cat and garden have been entrusted to the inexperienced but wildly enthusiastic care of Chuck Cohen (Tsk, a sanitarian) and Harry Stille, who can and does keep in practice for his Internal Affairs by cleaning out the chicken house. We venture to state, without fear of contradiction, that February will find the two householders more than willing to abandon housekeeping.

November was indeed a banner month on Koror, as it saw no less than three ships of the line (Micline) discharging miscellaneous cargo at Malakal dock. Of course, there were some slight hitches, such as various household effects being discharged haphazardly through the Eastern Carolines and the predominance of pureed prunes in the baby food delivery. Looks as if

Koror mothers are due for a general cleanup campaign. And now comes the grand news that another ship will be in before Christmas. Lord knows what they will think of to put on this one, but we will welcome anything from shaving lotion to baked beans.

Our happy family has been diminished by two families of late. The Dr. Rists have gone to Guam to work for the Guam Memorial Hospital, and the Manfords have been transferred to Majuro, which we are sure they will like. Our best wishes for a happy and successful new year accompany both of them. Of course their departure was offset by the arrival of the Don Weissers from Majuro as new residents. Boys, there is another good-looking woman on the island paradise indeed!

We are at present enjoying the visit of two illustrious Hicom men, the Messrs. Nat Logan-Smith and Bob Lawrence. As a matter of fact, both of them were pretty well used up before they arrived at Koror (guess nobody is too happy) but a week in our salubrious climate has completely revived Logan-Smith and he spouts his puns and stories whenever the opportunity offers, or to be perfectly truthful, whenever opportunity offers or not. Bob, on the other hand, goes his own quiet gait, playing the straight man for the ebullient Nathaniel and the island will remember them both favorably for a long time after they are safely back in the remote fastnesses of Honolulu.

All things must come to an end, and so must we, but not before we use just a little more space to wish all the employees of the Trust Territory the fine of Xmas, and the happiest New Years.

NEW LEAVE ACT SOON IN EFFECT

The Annual and Sick Leave Act of 1951, just published and received at Headquarters, has changed the leave accumulation for federal employees. Passed by Congress as part of a new Postal Rate Bill, the Act establishes the following provisions: annual leave accrues to all civil service employees at a rate of one-half day for each full bi-weekly pay period in the case of employees with less than three years of service (amounting to 13 work-days a year); three-fourths days for each full bi-weekly pay period in the case of employees with three but less than fifteen years of service (20 days per year); and one day for each full bi-weekly pay period in the case of employees with fifteen years or more of service (26 days per year). The Act becomes effective January 6, the first pay period in 1952. Service means all service (including military) which can be counted under the Retirement Act.

Annual leave which is not used shall accumulate for use in succeeding years until it totals not to exceed sixty days for mainland employees and ninety days for overseas employees who are not local residents.

Sick leave accrues at the rate of one-half day for each full bi-weekly pay period (13 days per year). It is granted in multiples of one hour. Sick leave which is not used during the year in which it accrues shall accumulate and be available for use in succeeding years.

Complete regulations regarding leave are being published in a chapter on leave for the Trust Territory Personnel Manual, and will be distributed to the field late this month. The Personnel Department has figured your leave bracket on the basis of official records. Write them if you have a question as to your bracket.

MEETING OF DISTADS

A meeting of all district administrators has been tentatively scheduled for about March 1 in Honolulu, James A. McConnell, Deputy High Commissioner, has announced.

The meeting is to be held here instead of at a location in the field in order that the Distads will have the opportunity to consult with all headquarter department directors, Mr. McConnell said.

He said the March 1 date probably will coincide with his return from Washington following the congressional budget hearings, and "we should be able to discuss with more certainty our financial outlook for the remainder of the fiscal year as well as 1953."

Each Distad has been requested to give careful thought to the problems confronting him and submit agenda items as soon as possible. In this way a final agenda can be prepared and circulated well in advance of the meeting.

It is anticipated the meeting will last a week and should prove a most profitable one for all concerned. A definite date will be decided later, the Deputy High Commissioner advised Distads.

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GREETING CARDS SELLING WELL

The department of education reports that its greeting card sales projects has been enthusiastically received. While sales records are incomplete it is anticipated that a handsome sum of money will be realized for the Micronesian Students Scholarship Fund. Mary E. Barb Hixon sales representative, has sold \$240.25 worth of cards to headquarters personnel.

Expenses totalling \$968.91 must be met before the scholarship fund can be bolstered. Itemized expenditures include; printing, \$264.71; paper, \$201.00; envelopes, \$231.00; and postage, \$272.00.

TRUST TERRITORY HOUSES OF HEALING

By George Laycock

Most hospital personnel look upon an Administrator as the man with the horns, but in the Trust Territory your Hospital Administrator -- though he may have horns must also have wings just to inspect the six hospitals and one leprosarium scattered over thousands of watery miles.

In early September the inspection tour opened with four days spent at the Tinian Leprosarium where approximately 112 lepers are being cared for under the supervision of Ray Dowidat assisted by Lawson Fish. Anticipated as a place of gloom, Tinian turned out to be a village of trim white cottages and miniature garden plots where men, women and children were leading almost normal lives. Few of the patients were hospitalized, the majority were busy with their housekeeping chores, gardening and building. Some were spending their spare time in putting the finishing touches on a new chapel, painted white and trimmed in green, which tops the nearby hill. The place buzzed with hope and cheerfulness and quickly dispelled any gloomy outlook the visitor might have had.

From Tinian Talon winged me down to Truk where Clark Richardson and Alex Hagentornas, assisted by Nick Giamutsos, were busy as bees with a big outpatient department and a hospital filled to capacity. The census, which usually ran 40 patients last year, had jumped to over 60 and the staff was working many more than eight hours a day to care for the load. In training were several health aids from the other islands, who come to Truk on a rotary basis for refresher courses, thus assuring their being kept up-to-date on new procedures. Truk is slated to become the training center for the Trust Territory student nurses, who will take six months of theory there before their twelve months stint at practice in their own District hospitals.

From Truk the flying boat took me to Ponape and my first water landing. For a few minutes, as the portholes sank beneath the water, I felt more like a

submarine than a Hospital Administrator. In Ponape I found Fred Bills and his island assistants handling the biggest outpatient department in the Trust Territory along with Ted Baker, Administrative Assistant. Since my visit Eugene MacDonald has joined the medical staff and his assistance will relieve some of the heavy load of work. Ponape people were proud of their new dental Clinic, and the new T.B. wards, just being completed and now occupied. Arrangements were made to move their kitchen into an adjacent building, releasing a satisfactory room for a pediatrics ward. Yes, it's true that Ponape gets 320 inches of rain a year -- I sampled about a foot of it during the week that I was there!

The long hop was to Majuro with a stop at Ebeye to pick up Administrative Assistant Virgil Tudor and his family. The takeoff from the lagoon was exciting, the plane clearing the water and then dipping back again. I was certain we would have a kissing acquaintance with a reef before it was over! Majuro Hospital, administered by John Brown and Richard Lahr, assisted by Virgil Tudor, is a brand new institution, its white quonsets sparkling in the sun of this romantic island. Although the hospital was not full, recent field trips have brought in a number of tuberculous patients and the activation of new personnel has resulted in a climbing census. This hospital needed only a few minor changes to make it the best physic plant in the Territory. I also visited Laura Island at the upper end of the atoll, and had several hours to confer with Dr. Ria, our Marshallese practitioner while the boat loaded fresh fruit and vegetables for gardenless Majuro.

From Majuro the watery road led back to Guam and a few days of rest (?) at

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"THE GOSSIPS"

In a somewhat sad and subdued manner (for us that is) we note the following associates who are, or will be in the near future, no longer with us: little NORMA JEAN CLARK returning to the States with her husband to await a visit from that long-legged bird.... DOROTHY PIERCE of the Public Works Department, she with the pretty blue eyes and the nicest smile also returning to the States.... MARJ LAWRENCE of Personnel, another on Mr. Stork's list. We are anticipating the calm, cool manner in which BOB will pace the hospital corridors (just one step this side of a nervous breakdown).... GRACE LITTLEFIELD, depleting personnel's ranks another notch by taking off for the states on her way to Alaska and the altar. We shiver for her but wish her all the luck there is.... JEAN BIGELOW from Supply infanticipating (that bird is going to be mighty busy) with the best wishes of all to take with her. We have rewritten this little item several times because of LOUISE MOUNTS using the ancient feminine privilege of changing her mind. We're all glad she is going to stay and we hope the decision is a permanent one; our sympathies, however, go out to the article in Washington who awaits in vain her return....

We took a little poll all our own (with apologies to Mr. Gallup) and we wish to announce that FRED WEBER wins hands down when it comes to possessing the most contagious type of vocalization, known as laughter. It carries to every nook and corner of the building; the sweep of its range is amazing, and you can't help but join him.

Rumor hath it that BOB GIBSON of Education nearly ran afoul of the local gendarmes. After much gesticulating and presenting of papers, none of them the required one, he so befuddled the poor police officer that the confused man waved him on, advising him please to observe traffic signs in the future. We understand the scenery holds great fascination for Dr. G. -- just ask

some of his riders.

Although she denies the rumor that she won the Irish Sweepstakes, or a Chinese lottery, or even one of the current football pools, NAN LOCKETT, the DHC's secretary, recently appeared on the horizon at the wheel of a long, black, shiny, chromium-plated vehicle manufactured by the Buick people. We claim a note of prosperity in this possession which also has been denied. Now if she would just remember to turn off the ignition when not using said vehicle, it might be of some use to her, and no longer at 7:44 3/4 would she be seen rounding the corners in frantic haste.

With the High Commissioner and congressmen on tour of the territory, EDDIE NACH decided he would take a well deserved rest. So far we have observed him dashing all over Honolulu and vicinity. He stated he was going "far away". Broken down this turned out to be the other side of the island. We hope the sojourn was a pleasant one and that he will have time to recuperate from the vacation now.

Noted in passing.... HAZEL ESPE making up a fake memo giving the new office hours from 9 to 6 and seriously passing it on to TONI STEWART who forthwith looked, screamed, and almost passed out. BETTY DEROSSIER combing through the dispatch files searching valiently for what we know not, but muttering dire threats for NAT LOGAN-SMITH upon his return.... MYRA MAUS thumbing through requisitions while NORMA COLKINS patiently points out that lunch time has arrived.... JEAN ROBERTS contemplating returning to the mainland, receiving the sympathy of the gang due to her allergy to Hawaii.

Just as we are ready to go to press MARY BARBER comes dancing down the hallway joyously announcing the return of her "father." We found that her "father" is in reality the light of her life who has been gone many months on duty in Korea and other points. He is due to arrive this week and we can't think of nicer Christmas present than that for anyone.

MAJURO NOTES

The most important recent event in Majuro outside of the Congressional visit and the Thanksgiving dinner was the launching of the 50-foot, two-masted schooner, "Mata", on November 25. Built by Robert Reimers for Tatake of Namorik, the Mata will sail from atoll to atoll picking up copra, provisions, passengers, and other cargo needing transportation. The launching ceremony was undertaken with skill and finesse that puts Matson's pageantry to shame. Congratulations Messrs. Tatake and Reimers!!

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During the past month intermediate school youngsters have greatly improved their fishing yields by returning to an old Marshallese method. The students are now using the "ekkol", a long rope with palm fronds twisted about it. The ekkol is nearly 1000 feet in length and is used on the reef, preferably as the tide is receding, to drive schools of fish toward the shallow water near the shore. As the ekkol moves in, groups of youngsters near the shore hastily build a trap of coral stones. The fish are herded into the trap, the trap is closed and the fun is on.

The ekkol method has proven a great success, and it is not unusual for more than a thousand fish to be caught in a single drive.

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According to the recent Majuro District Quarterly Report Likiep Atoll, by far the most impressive of the Marshall Islands, continues to show great improvement. Both mission groups located on Likiep have improved their facilities. The HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL is showing particular progress. Holy Rosary has practically completed a very ambitious building program which has resulted in a splendid school plant and is now concentrating on a vocational program which is very adaptable to the needs of the Marshallese. A construction project of 100 copra drying sheds is almost complete. The sheds are designed to sun dry from 6 to 10 bags of copra at one time. Each shed has from 2 to 4 drying trays and a roof with supporting stands. The trays and the roof can be moved independently in the event of rain.

During rainy weather the trays may be moved into the shed and the roof is slid over. District Administrators could, no doubt, obtain drawings and specifications by contacting Holy Rosary authorities.

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ANGAUR MINING CONFERENCE

The possibility of continued phosphate mining operations on Angaur by Japanese mining companies was explored at a conference there from October 25 to November 7.

According to Donald Heron, Director of Political Affairs, who represented the High Commissioner at the meeting, a basic agreement was arrived at for future mining operations. The agreement is tentative and has yet to be approved by the High Commissioner.

About 24 persons attended the conference, Mr. Heron said. They included representatives of SCAP, the Japanese Government, the district administration of Koror and the people of Angaur, and the Phosphate Mining Company, Ltd.

Phosphate mining has been carried out on Angaur under the supervision of SCAP since 1947. Phosphate is very necessary for Japan's economy.

Mr. Heron spent a week in Koror after the conference in discussions with Harry Stille, Internal Affairs Officer, and Layton Horner, District Administrator. He also observed the work of Robert Owen Staff Entomologist, in combatting the coconut beetle, and spent a day with Harold Mayo, project manager for the development of cacao plantations under ITC's economic development program, at Ameliik in the Palaus.

"LEGENDS" GIVE NEWSMAN HINT FOR PALI TUNNEL

(Hugh Lytle, assistant to the editor of The Honolulu Advertiser, reviewed Eve Grey's "Legends of Micronesia" and "Three Children" in an unusual and interesting manner in his column of Sunday, Dec. 9. His comments are reprinted here in full.)

If Honolulu city authorities could locate two famous turtles that helped the people of Truk, in the Caroline Islands, the Pali tunnel would be dug overnight, at no cost.

The story is told in a new publication of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The volume is the first of a series of readers intended for school children in the Trust Territory and the title is "Legends of Micronesia."

It seems that the people of Tol Island, in the Truk Atoll, many years ago were bothered by a giant who lived on top of a mountain and stole food from villagers thereabouts until they were fearful of a famine. The chief, whose name was Samoniong, worried himself into insomnia. One night, when he was tossing around on his sleeping mats he heard a voice call him. He looked out and saw two large turtles, who told the chief, in effect, not to worry because they were going to fix everything up.

The turtles, who never told him their names, or why there were so friendly, dug a tunnel through the mountain. One turtle worked at each side of the mountain, which is sound engineering practice. They met in the center. The next day the villagers had a giant-proof tunnel across the island and were able to carry their food safely ever afterward. Proof of the story is that the tunnel still exists and the people took refuge in it during bombardment of Truk in World War II.

That is one of the legends in the book, the text of which was written by Eve Grey, supervisor of publications for the

Trust Territory, and an authority on Pacific legends. Much of her work has appeared in The Advertiser. Tambi Larsen has done the lavish illustrations in color, which would grace any picture book ever published, so unusual and so imaginative, yet so seemingly simple, is the work.

An accompanying publication, also just announced, is a primer, likewise for use in the schools of the Trust Territory. The same author and the same artist did another superlative piece of work with "Three Children," the elementary English text. The printing, by the offset process, was done by the 14th Naval District print shop. Either or both booklets, which can be had for \$1 and 50 cents, respectively, from the Trust Territory headquarters at Fort Rucker, would make excellent Christmas gifts for anyone interested in the Pacific Islands and people, in education, or in the unusual.

In them also may be found the story of the first breadfruit tree, which yielded fish from its hollow branches, for the people of Palau; of a Puluwat boy who made a flying canoe; of ghosts and mermaids and of magic in the Mortlocks.

Orders for the books already have been received from American Samoa, the South Pacific Commission, Guam and the Department of Public Instruction of the Territory.

The legends may be translated into nine languages in use in the Trust Territory some day. Now they are intended to give students of intermediate or junior high school level practice in English, at the same time making them acquainted with the fact that other islanders than they live in the vast Trust Territory, islanders whose ways are different, whose traditions strange but who are cousins of a sort after all.

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Our correspondent from Koror writes that now is the time that everybody in the Trust Territory is writing Trust Territory Christmas cards to everybody else in the Trust Territory. Did you get one of each kind?

FOREIGN PORTS
By Marie E. Minicucci

The "Camano", one of the 6 AKL vessels operated by the Pacific Micronesian Lines for the Trust Territory, will sail from Guam December 18 to take students to the medical school at Fiji, pick up the "Railor" survivors at Efate, New Hebrides and load a full cargo of dry and refrigerated foodstuffs for Trust Territory commissaries at Sydney, New South Wales.

Six students will be passengers; three are outstanding students who have just graduated from PICS on Truk - Bernard You, 21, from Yap will attend the medical school to take the course for laboratory technician, Gonzales Bonad, 20, also from Yap and Silarot Korin, 26, of Truk, married with two children, will study sanitation. Three students were selected from the Saipan District: Augustin Colis, 18, who aspires to become a dentist, Jose Panclan, 26, a pharmacist, and Jose Seman, 24, a sanitation inspector. All courses are for three years except dentistry which is four. The Trust Territory helps these students by advancing the tuition fee and paying their room and board. One Fiji pound a month is given each student as spending money. In return for the educational opportunity, each student is obligated to work for the Trust Territory for three years after graduation.

On the northbound leg back to the Trust Territory, the Camano will anchor at Efate long enough to pick up the 5 Railor survivors. These men were adrift in their 25-foot sailing craft for 106 days last summer and managed to exist during that time on sugar and a few fish. All have received treatment at a Port Villa hospital and are now considered fit to travel back to their homes in the Marshalls. Because the men lack funds and since there is no regular transportation route from Efate to the Trust Territory, the Trust Territory had to dispatch the Camano

to lift the men. So on or about Feb. 2 the Marshallese again will see their homeland.

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MAHONY STOPS THE SHOW -- ALMOST
TRUK TIDE PLEASE NOTE

Pausing in Honolulu recently, en route to the States on annual leave, Frank Mahony, Anthropologist, Truk District, was the party of the first part to a somewhat diabolical plot that nearly succeeded in throwing a presentation of the Honolulu Community Theater in an uproar.

The name of the presentation is "The Night of January 16th". Mahony was persuaded to procure a ticket to the above, and by various secretive means his name was drawn as a member of the jury for the performance. It should be explained that at each performance the "jury" decides whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty. Night after night the decision had been one or the other, which was logical enough. However, Mahoney was convinced (helped along by a few beers) it would be interesting and a change in the monotony if he caused what is termed a "hung jury."

The play proceeded, with Mr. Mahony sitting in the jury box with such a determined and preoccupied expression that one would think it were an actual trial. Came time for the verdict ... Mahony was prepared for his big scene --- so what happened ... the bailiff in the play announced that the verdict would be decided by a majority of votes ... the plot had failed. However, we feel Mr. Mahony should be commended for his spirit of cooperation.

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Miss Eve Grey, supervisor of publications, has returned to her Beach Walk apartment after a couple months at Queens Hospital. Eve claims to be fit as a fiddle after having had innards rearranged.

HIS MAJESTY'S COOK

By Humphrey W. Leynse

(Continued from the November issue of the Micronesian Monthly)

Thus O'Keefe found his way to Hongkong where he convinced a Chinese dentist to enter partnership with him and provide a massive junk. He christened the leaky ship "Katherine", after his wife who he had deserted in Savannah, Georgia. On the way back he hunted pearls and lingered on the island of Nauru where he fell in love with the daughter of an Australian fugitive and his native wife. Dalbo was her name, a light skinned beauty who didn't love O'Keefe but sailed with him because she had to. Her father made her go. But Smith assured me that "Dalbo later loved him very much."

Smith took from his ear the cigarette that I had given him. I offered him a light and he continued his remarkable tale.

On Yap, O'Keefe's scheme for control was immediate success. With council form medicine man Fatumak, he persuaded the native chieftans that he and only he could transport the feis with safety and quarry even larger ones if they so wished. But when the huge stones arrived aboard the ornate Katherine, the eager natives learned there was a price to pay. Before the feis could be theirs O'Keefe had to be paid in copra and trepang (beche-de-mer). Grumbling they went to work and gathered from the tree tops and ocean beds riches for "Rau-Pumawn," the red-bearded one.

For thirty years O'Keefe guarded his monopoly with an iron fist. Bully Hayes, freebooter and black-bird, sought by navies of half a dozen Pacific powers for his lawless acts of murder, rape and robbery was humbled by a thrashing at the hands of O'Keefe. Otto Friedlander, ruthless and cunning agent of the German Godeffroy

Co., met his first failure when he attempted to break O'Keefe's monopoly. Don Henrique Capriles y Ossuna, sent by the Spanish to become Governor of Yap, surrendered his sword to O'Keefe. A handful of others met the same fate.

Smith described to me O'Keefe's home on the island of Tarrang. He built a spacious mansion for his new wife, Dalbo, and there they raised five act children; Eugenia, Daisy, James, Margaret, and John. Before long a private English tutor was hired to see to the children's proper schooling. No expense was spared to make Dalbo happy.

Every ship returning from Hongkong brought fancy dresses and frills for the home. Yet -- all the while -- O'Keefe dispatched drafts to his first wife in Savannah and, at times, carried on with a lusty daughter of a Yap chieftan who dared break the strongest of native taboos in order to be in his arms.

I wanted Smith to tell more about the native girl (whom he called Kakofe) but he closed the subject saying: "O'Keefe's funny man. He want many girl but love only one, Dalbo."

With riches and power the ambitious American sought new worlds to conquer. He bought more ships and ranged over the Pacific from Kusaie to New Guinea. He established two stations on Sonsorol and Mapia (St. David), owned real estate in Hongkong and Manila, and before his death his accounts probably totalled a quarter of a million dollars.

By now Smith was completely enfolded in his story. He had gotten up and was walking the length of the cabin (three steps in all). Great clouds of smoke poured from his stubby cigarette. I thought about interrupting his train of thought and finally asked: "Did you and O'Keefe do anything besides

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YAP HIGHLIGHTS
By Richard E. Drews

Greeting from Yap! Since we are fast approaching the holiday season I've been trying to find the proper words for Merry Christmas, but it seems no one makes merry and therefore no words, but as they say in English, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year".

Since our last little episode many things have happened which brings us to the back fence prose known as gossip. I'm still wondering what public works man left the Island of Yap and took the keys to our water supply. It took five days to pick the lock and get any water at all but Hic, Hic, we had Beer and Scotch and, after a few of these, who wanted to bathe anyway. The "by words" for those five days were, "I wonder if the Yapese mind if I use their banjo".

The above started on Thanksgiving Day at the home of your reporter where a small dinner was planned. Did you say small? "Forty people were present" which shows the fine community spirit of all the Americans. The food was prepared by all the lovely ladies of Yap. Delectable pies by Mrs. Sykes, melt-in-your-mouth Turkey by Mrs. Mobley, delightful roast duck by Mrs. Bullard, delicious squash by Mrs. Landers, tasty rolls by Mrs. Smith, and a few of the fellows even gave a hand. George! What happened to the cranberry sauce? Many other tempting items were brought and served. And after an afternoon of music and resting at Ramos Palace, all went back for left overs.

A house warming was held at Mrs. Louise Smith's and many people attended. One notable guest was Mr. "Legs" Smith also called "I.T.C.". I don't know where he learned dancing, but his and Olga Tretnoff's performance was brilliant but as yet no offers from the Palmer House.

On Friday night a week ago, there was much Bon Voyage as masses of people got on a barge and set off for the ship anchored a half a mile away, (What's the matter Capt. Williams - afraid to scratch the paint on that tub if you

dock here?).

Once again heard through the Hospital corridors were these words, "How lovely, how soft and so sheer! Upon inspection it was found that our hospital uses "Yes", the finest bathroom stationery made.

We hope to have movies once again now that the epidemic is over and we are getting back to normal. Dr's Sykes and Melnikoff and the nurses and trainees did a fine job fighting the respiratory epidemic. There were many patients both day and night.

Ken Groote is now the 'hoy paloy' since he is moving into the late Nippon Governor's mansion complete with balcony and all. I guess we're to have romance in reverse--some cutie will serenade as Ken comes out on the balcony with a rose in his teeth and call shyly, "all this for me?" He is working like mad to have it done by Christmas but Ken I don't think your wall will get in in time. (Promised I wouldn't tell about the wall but you'll all be interested to know it's a Boon to you builders.)

Fei or stone money is still used in trading for land, wives, and many products. One of the smartest men made a future on the eagerness of the Yapese to get Fei. King O'Keefe - when you mention him to the Yapese you get a grunt--only Hollywood will give him a buildup.

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63 COPIES OF LEGENDS SOLD

"Legends of Micronesia" have been enjoying fine sales according to a spokesman for the Department of Education. To date 63 copies have been purchased by interested readers in the headquarters community.

An old hobo met a young hitch-hiker along the road. "Headin' for the city, son?" he said.

"Yes," said the young man. "Don't do it," said the old hobo. "Why?" asked the young man.

"It's hard to believe." The old fellow shook his head.

"What do you mean?" the youngster asked breathlessly.

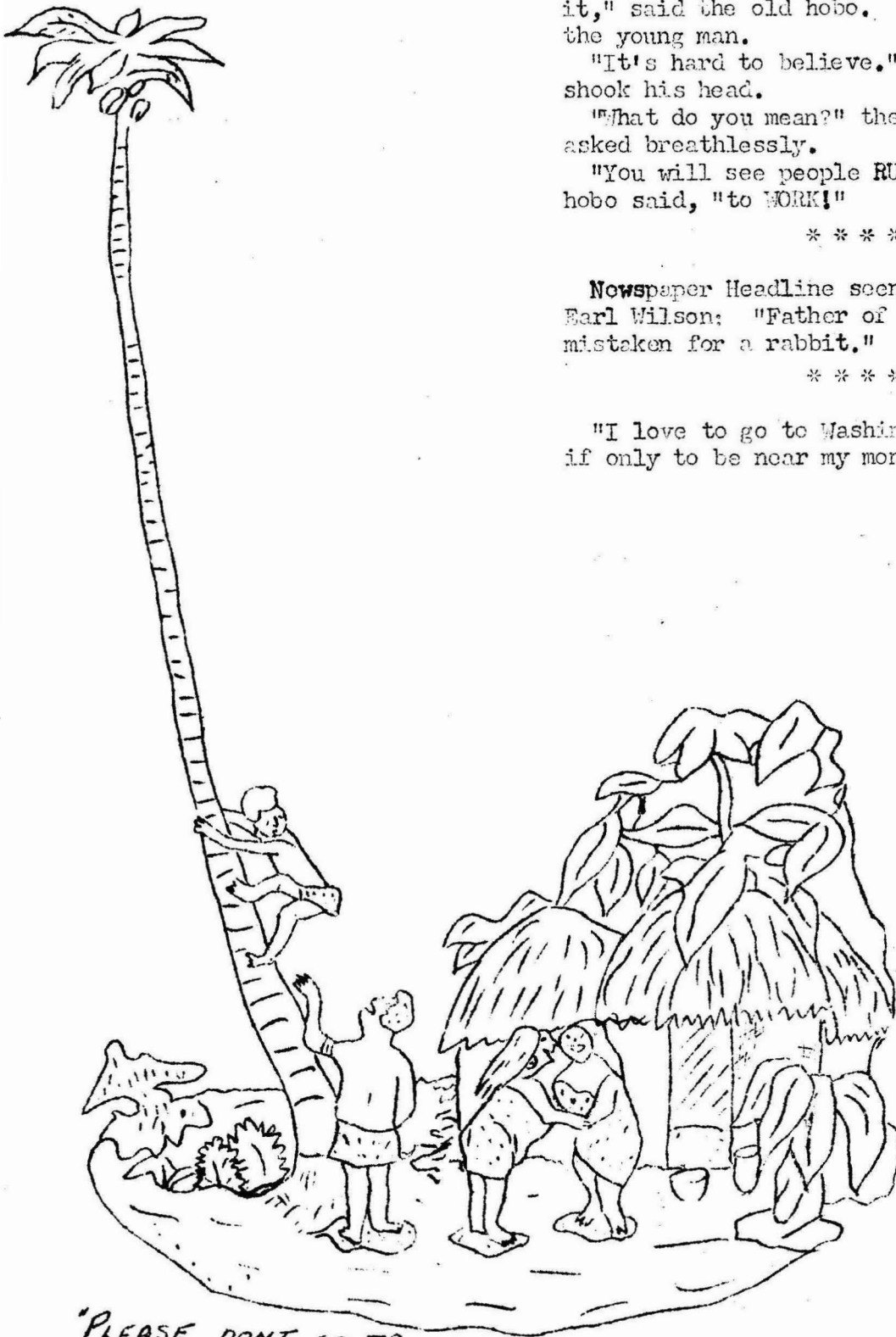
"You will see people RUNNING--," the hobo said, "to WORK!"

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Newspaper Headline seen by columnist Earl Wilson: "Father of ten shot; mistaken for a rabbit."

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"I love to go to Washington, D.C. -- if only to be near my money."--Bob Hope



"PLEASE DONT GO TO
ANY TROUBLE - WE CAN ONLY STAY A MINUTE"

(COURTESY THE NEW YORKER.)

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Camp Asan before taking off for Koror and a visit with Clarence Johnston and Karl Rist, and their assistant, Dick Becraft. As the Koror Hospital, except for the T. B. ward, is all in one large permanent building, it has more of the atmosphere of a mainland institution. Wards were largely sunny and breeze swept porches where patients convalesced in rows of clean white beds. Koror has the largest group of Guam trained nurses, and a fine looking group they were in regulation uniforms and white shoes. New toilet and bath facilities were rapidly nearing completion and are now in use. While in Koror I had the opportunity of visiting Angaur Island and the clinic headed by a Koror nurse, as well as the clinic maintained by the Japanese for their mining workers on Angaur.

The flying boat -- beginning now to feel like home! -- took me back to Yap and the two-building hospital built atop the old Spanish fort and overlooking the water on three sides. Here Frank Sykes and Eugene Melnikoff, assisted by Dick Drews, were doing a splendid job with very limited facilities. The outpatient department was growing by leaps and bounds and the hospital could use more beds. The institution is laboring under great difficulties and the work being done is a tribute to our staff. Many improvements are slated for Yap and will be pushed toward completion, assuring them of a hospital equal to others in the Territory. Of course, the island was interesting too, with little Parisian influence on the garb!

From Yap I returned to Saipan and officially inspected the largest hospital in the Trust Territory, headed by Lee Rettinger with Ray Lefler, Administrative Assistant and Emily Nestle, Public Health Nurse. Ron Ring was busy organizing a three-month course for x-ray technicians, Emily Doyle was setting up a system of standardized medical records for all hospitals and Emily Nestle and Juan de la Cruz, our intern, were giving

physical examinations to all school children on Saipan. Dayne Marshall, handicapped by infrequent ships and too-frequent orders, was trying to keep a supply of emergency drugs flowing from Saipan to the Districts. On Saipan we staked out the foundation of a new mental ward, adjacent to the hospital, which will care for 14 Territory mental patients and thereby solve one of our most pressing problems.

Results? Pride in the energy and imagination shown by our staff, a realization of what the word "logistics" meant, a knowledge of the urgency of the supply situation and a list of many, many improvements to be made. Good artisans need good tools -- and thereby lies the next problem to be tackled.

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McCONNELL TOURING TERRITORY

Deputy High Commissioner James A. McConnell is expected back at headquarters Dec. 22 after a 10-day visit to Saipan, Koror, and Yap.

One of the reasons Mr. McConnell went to the field when he did was because High Commissioner Thomas and the Congressmen did not have an opportunity to stop at Yap and Koror on their recent swing through the Territory.

Early in January, Mr. McConnell will pack his bags again and set out for Washington, D. C., to attend the congressional budget hearings which have been scheduled by the House Appropriations Committee -- four of whose members accompanied the High Commissioner to the field.

The Deputy High Commissioner spent six weeks in the capital this fall to attend hearings held by the Bureau of the Budget.

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NEW SCHOOL BUILDING ON YAP

A new elementary school is in the process of being constructed just outside the limits of Colonia. The labor is being provided gratis by the district chiefs.

NOTES FROM TRUK

We were all left on the reef last issue as to the final fate of the Romance, on a reef in the northwest part of the Truk District. News comes now that the schooner finally was pulled off the reef by the Cocopa and slowly beat its way back to Truk, a two-week trip because of unfavorable weather and the inability of the Romance to tack well.

Other ship news regards the Chicot and its late-November arrival at Truk. Spanking clean and beautiful in her new "merchant colors" and with her genial master, Captain Andregg on the con, she sailed into the Truk anchorage with a large general cargo. Her arrival was not, however, without drama.

One of her crew members had an attack of appendicitis, and needed hospitalization. The hospital staff swung into gear and dispatched medical aid to the ship at the pass via the LCM; Dr. Hagentornas met the ship at the anchorage, and the patient was speedily transferred to the hospital via the motor launch and the ambulance. The operation was a success and the patient recovered.

The new Indoor Sports Committee has been announced, with Pat Jansen and Lawton Ripsom as co-chairmen, assisted by Bess Alexander, Red Clymer, Don Griffith, Louise Hann, Ruth and Bill Richie, Orrin Shelvock and Hugh Stewart. The old committee, headed by Ruth Furber, bowed out in glory, and the initial promotion of the new committee, a Saturday night dance, was proclaimed a complete success.

Newest arrival on Truk is Mrs. Joan Hammond, the last of the family to arrive. Happily released after a long hospitalization in Honolulu, she followed her husband and two small sons via Guam to Truk.

A long article in the TIDE evidences the splendid cooperation of the whole community in assisting the students and

staff at PICS. Almost every American on Truk is listed as having given some special assistance to the growth of the training school.

The Education Administrator reports that the first two phases of the core curriculum, dealing with food and clothing, are now almost completed in the Intermediate School, and the program is shifting toward that of shelter. It is expected that three types of houses will be constructed by the students near the campus to serve as model homes for the islanders, for comparison, and for use in the home economics program. One structure will be made of concrete blocks; another type out of local materials, and the third of coral blocks. They will try to show more economical, and at the same time, better designed homes, taking into consideration health, ventilation and sanitation. Part of the 8th grade core classes, under Mrs. Curti designed and made Christmas cards out of linoleum blocks. They were sold early in November, and about \$58 was collected. It proved an excellent lesson in practical arithmetic, industry, English and personal contact.

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FLASH!

The first non-island marriage ceremony in the Truk District was performed on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Bride and groom were Irene Beers, court reporter, and John Spivey, Truk ITC branch manager. The ceremony was performed by District Administrator Willard Muller on the grounds of the groom's residence. The bride was given away by Judge Nichols.

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SALES REPORT.

To Mr. Quick and his staff goes an accolade for being the first educational unit to send in a greeting card sales report. C.F. and his hardworking staff completed sale of 2000 cards and turned over \$147.40 to the Trust Territory coffers.

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rapid transportation facilities are still lacking and materials and food supplies remain uncertain.

"Education and health are moving on as well as can be expected," he said, "but to one who has seen war's waste in Europe and in Asia and now sees it for the first time in the small islands of the Pacific I find myself surprised at the almost complete destruction of everything.

"On one island I visited there was not a single native hut left. The inhabitants were living in houses built out of pieces of old buildings and material gathered after the destruction. There are practically no buildings of a permanent nature although there are made-over shells of Spanish, German and Japanese buildings here and there that are being used as hospitals and schools."

The Commissioner noted that the administration is looking forward to the time when our own building program will get under way. "We are salvaging lumber and building materials where we can do it economically. The warehouses are full with lumber which will be put to proper use when the time comes. In addition, coral blocks are being made and stacked in anticipation of building. Students are making the blocks as both an educational and a work activity, and derive a little revenue from it.

"Meantime, our chicken project at Truk is thriving and our experiments in attempting to overcome the pest of the giant snail by feeding it to the chickens and pigs have been relatively successful and will rid the pests from the settlements. Getting rid of them completely, however, will be a task for the scientists as well as for our amateur experimenters."

Commissioner Thomas said that experiments to rid the islands of the rhi-

noceros beetle which attacks the coconut trees also are being conducted. He said that on one island thousands of imported African scolia wasps have been let loose in an effort to exterminate the pests.

Another problem with which the administration is faced is nature itself, he said. "Everywhere the destructive influence of the elements is apparent. Jungle growth overruns the roads and airfields and rust from the ocean mist eats into all metals.

Generally, the inhabitants of the Trust Territory are making progress like people of other war torn countries the Commissioner observed; "But it's slower in the Territory because the islands don't have the material wealth of say Germany or Japan," he said.

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TEACHING SCHOOL ON PONAPE

Jake Harshbarger, Ponape District Intermediate School Principal, offers the following views concerning teaching school on Ponape; "We have 120 students, mostly boys, from the seven separate island groups in our District: Ponape, Ngatik, Mokil, Pingelap, Kusaie, Nukuoro, and Kapingamarangi. In the classroom we find that the average vocabulary of our freshmen is less than 500 English words. Complete comprehension can be accomplished only through the aid of an interpreter. All across the United States our customs are similar enough that in traveling one does not need to concern himself with learning new tabus or cultures. Here at Ponape we have a merging of seven different cultures, each with its peculiarities which set it apart from the others. If we are to be "good" teachers we must know much about the background of our pupils. That, in itself, is quite a problem."

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WHO IS THE MOST RELAXED MAN IN THE TRUST TERRITORY?-- Yes! You're right - none other than our Operations Officer, Cap Willson.

TRUST TERRITORY STUDENTS ATTEND
MEDICAL SCHOOL AT FIJI
By Edith M. Pederson

Fifty-four medical and dental students from the islands of the Trust Territory are currently enrolled at the British Central Medical School in Suva, Fiji. They were transferred to the Fiji school last January, when the Navy Medical Assistants' School was disestablished in anticipation of the transfer to Department of Interior.

Of the 54 students in training, 30 are studying medicine, 22 dentistry, one pharmacy, and one sanitation. After graduation, the trainees will serve a two-year internship in the various districts of the Trust Territory. Then upon their application, and recommendation by the District Director of Public Health and District Administrator, they may be granted formal license to practice in the Trust Territory.

Dr. Harry L. Cloud, Trust Territory dentist formerly stationed at Ponape, is presently acting as Liaison Officer between the Trust Territory and the British School. He is also helping the school to organize and expand its dental teaching program in addition to giving daily lectures and practical clinical work for the dental students.

The Class of 1951, to be graduated this December, is expected to include 8 Trust Territory graduates. They will be returned to their respective home islands in January, to begin their internships in the local district Public Health organizations.

All of the 54 students were originally transferred in a special plane from the Trust Territory to Suva early last January. The eight being graduated this month, however, are coming home as passengers on the Trust Territory ship CAMANO, scheduled to call at Suva on its way back from Australia with a load of food for our district commissaries. The ship should be back in Micronesian waters late in January.

On the downward journey it will carry six newly selected students from the Trust Territory to begin their courses at the Central Medical School. One, a former medical student whose course was interrupted by illness, will study dentistry. Three will study sanitation, and two will become medical laboratory technicians.

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WATERLOO AT WAKE!

Bob (Straightman) Lawrence and Nat (keep 'em laughing, even if they've heard it) Logan-Smith followed their transportation schedule on their Trust Territory tour -- that is until they took off from Guam for Honolulu on one of TAL's turnarounds. They left Guam right on the nose -- and then they hit Wake -- the nemesis of T. T. personnel.

Their plane was set to take off, but another plane was told to taxi off first. Then it happened. The two planes met with TAL taking the brunt -- a broken wing tip. Thus, our wary travellers were forced to stay on Wake til a new wing tip could be flown out from Oakland. The lads now hold the T.T. record for a delightful vacation on Wake. (Uncle Charlie Stewart, ITC President, formerly held the record with a 3-day sojourn with the Wake Island "Gooney Birds"). We hope the lads make it for the Headquarters Christmas party.

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A diamond is one of the hardest substances known to man -- particularly to get back!

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said it was the practice of the Department to support its employees to the "fullest extent" when they are in the right. "And the Interior Department is back of your High Commissioner 100 percent in all he is doing," Mr. Chapman said.

The Secretary went on to say that "in our administration of the Trust Territory we have a great opportunity to demonstrate to the world our pattern of democracy and to show that we will not impose on these native peoples. We have to report our stewardship to the United Nations and I hope the report your High Commissioner makes will be the best report ever of progress in helping people achieve a democratic form of government."

The Secretary also praised the Territory of Hawaii which, he said, "will be as important to the future of the United States as any state ever was. Hawaii's is a pattern of people of different races and religions living together democratically without violent conflict. The Hawaiian islands are extremely rich in human resources and we must capitalize on it."

Secretary Chapman was visiting Hawaii for the first time. As the Territory's staunchest booster in Washington, he was accorded a reception by the people here the likes of which hasn't been surpassed, according to the newspapers, since President Roosevelt visited the islands in 1934.

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PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO
INCREASE FOOD SUPPLIES

To what extent do staff members and their dependents grow their own vegetables? Do those who have gardens consider them to be successful productive projects or are they regarded largely as a hobby? Has consideration been given to the establishment of a garden to pro-

duce food for the hotel? Could this be developed into a successful project?

These are a few of the questions posed by a recent memorandum sent to the DistAds on the matter of the type and kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables that are raised in the field and the possibility they can be grown in sufficient quantities to "contribute materially to the diet of staff members and their dependents."

The memorandum was initiated by the Economic Affairs Department after discussions at headquarters led to the belief that living conditions in the Territory could be improved if the supply of fruits and vegetables, for use by American personnel in the homes and in the hotels, were increased.

Replies to the questions asked in the memorandum will be scrutinized here at headquarters, and pertinent ideas, suggestions and recipes will be published in subsequent issues of the Monthly.

Here are some of the other questions asked: What kinds of fruits and vegetables are grown locally in quantities adequate to contribute materially to the diet of staff members and their dependents? Are they offered for sale at LTC and/or locally-owned stores? If assured of consistent demand would growers establish conveniently located roadside markets maintained in a manner that the consumer could rely on them as a dependable source of quality vegetables and fruits? Would growers develop delivery routes to homes if assured of constant demand?

Which vegetables and fruits grown locally in adequate supply are not readily acceptable in the diet of our people? Is reluctance to accept due to poor quality, resistance to change of dietary habits or lack of information concerning methods of preparation?

Are there vegetables and fruits not commonly grown locally in quantities adequate to contribute materially to the diet of our people which could be produced for sale at a price that would

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THE COLONY OF PONAPE

A fine custom has been established at Ponape in the Christmas party which the Administration has given for the children of the district every year since 1946. Santa usually arrives by carabao cart in midafternoon at the Internal Affairs Building where 1500 to 2000 children await his coming. After programs of songs by mission and school groups, Santa and his helpers distribute gifts of small toys and novelty items, candy and cookies. In the evening, a free movie is shown on the lawn in front of the building. As funds and facilities permit, packages are sent to the children in the outlying islands on field trips prior to the holidays.

Finances in the past have been provided by contributions from American employees and families, benefit bingo games held prior to the parties, and contribution cans placed at strategic places throughout the district headquarters. This year's committee is hard at work making plans for the continuance of the Ponape custom.

What with elaborate Thanksgiving dinners, canasta parties, parties for visitors, and bachelor dinners, Ponape seems to be the social center of the Eastern Carolines! Recent "Melania En Pohnpey" news sheets received at Headquarters give details of a Thanksgiving dinner from shrimp to nuts, served to 90 people, and of an active social life among all the families. The arrival of the Russell Carvases is noted, and her later return to her teaching position at Truk (it sounds as if a commuter run is going to be established on Taloa Truk). The departure of the SeaBees is noted in the social columns, as well as in the athletic news where several "hot" baseball games are reported. The SeaBees seem to have been a hard team to beat!

LCDR Allen Pipkin from Truk, and LTJG John Healy, formerly with the Trust Territory and now stationed at Guam, returned to Ponape with their aids, Chief Hal Jansen and Corporal Jimmy Jones, to continue their study of filariasis in Ponape's outer islands,

particularly at Pingelap and Kusaie.

Not to be outdone by the Thursday homemaking editions of other newspapers the Ponape sheet has a column on cooking by Blanche Etoschait. First recipe given was for scalloped Irish potatoes and coconut milk. Mrs. Etoschait, long-time Ponape resident, says, "Slice cold or hot boiled potatoes and raw onions, placing them in layers in a casserole, seasoning each layer with salt and pepper, and finishing with a layer of potatoes. Then add coconut milk but do not cover the top layer with it. Bake in a very hot oven about ten minutes or till the top layer of potatoes are browned." She suggests that yams instead of white potatoes are delicious in this dish.

Progress is being made in the housing situation; two apartments at the Agricultural Station were completed, and one is already occupied; and alterations on other units are proceeding.

Intermediate School agriculture activities included additional plantings of almost 700 coconuts around the school grounds during November. Additional bananas, pineapple, milo, corn, and papaya have been planted. Approximately an acre and a half have been cleared for tapioca. Two more carabao have been added to the herd, and breeding and farrowing pig pens are being constructed.

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EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

Will editors of district newspapers be sure to mail copies of your publications to headquarters as promptly as possible? Many thanks!

THE STARS AND STRIPES OVER THE WESTERN PACIFIC
By Gilbert Cant

(Condensed from the December issue of the Readers Digest)

Under the treaty with Japan signed at San Francisco, the United States takes possession (as trustee) of those far-away island groups, the Ryukyus and Bonins. This rounds out a vast Pacific area (several times the size of the United States) in which American rule prevails. It includes Hawaii and Guam, as outright possessions, and all the smaller islands which were held successively by Spain, Germany and Japan, as the Trust Territory of the Pacific under the United Nations. America needs some of the islands for defense and wants to keep a possible enemy from seizing any of them.

In three postwar visits to this remote region of empty, watery spaces fly-specked by a myriad of little islands I have observed the representatives of the United States, with no tradition of colonialism, feeling their way toward good government for natives who vary in race, language and social customs. On my most recent visit, this year, I saw evidences of great progress.

It is a long way from Hawaii to Okinawa -- more than 5000 miles direct, and much further along the island-hopping way of the Military Air Transport Service. After flying about 1600 miles, the four-engined Skymaster crosses the boundary of the Trust Territory, the three million square miles of former Japanese mandate. Governed until this summer by the Navy, it is now under a civilian administration headed by former Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah. Thomas spent five years in Japan as a Mormon missionary and speaks Japanese fluently. Because of this he will be able to talk to his wards without an interpreter.

Below the speeding plane the parade of Marshall Islands soon begins: Mejit and Jomo, Likiep and Wotje. The Marshalls are low coral islands; the highest point in all 34 of them is on Likiep where a peak of sand soars 33 feet

skyward.

In the Kwajalein group is the world's biggest atoll. This monument to the industry of the lowly polyp measures 67 miles inside the curve of its magnificent, crescent-shaped lagoon. Along the sides, like cat's eyes unevenly strung, are islets circled by glistening white beaches in the center of which are patches of palmy green.

Kwajalein is a huge service station, with much of its traffic headed to and from Eniwetok, the more westerly atoll dedicated to atomic research. There is nothing here to remind the service man that he is in the fabled South Seas, except the husky, brown Marshallese men who sign up as laborers for the military

Yet only a few miles away the South Sea atmosphere is being preserved as best it can be so close to the prop wash of heavy planes. Here, on the islet of Ebeye, 400 Marshallese live in stilted huts with woven walls and thatched roofs. Outwardly the scene looks much as the Marshalls looked before the white man came. But there are deep differences. Among the coconut palms is a chapel, well attended. All the children go to school to learn English. (They already know how to chew gum.) There is a concrete cistern, built by the Navy to catch the rain and keep fresh water always available where there are no streams or wells

When they are not working for the Navy, the young men fish. But the Marshallese wife no longer depends on fish, or on the taro patch which she used to cultivate with backbreaking labor.

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PAINTING ON YAP
By George Ramos

Art on Yap in aboriginal times seemed centered in architecture, canoe design, sculpture and tattoo. There was very little painted decoration used in falus (all men's houses), and of course there was no painting or drawing on Yap before the introduction of paper and the Japanese schools.

Yapese sculpture seems to have been unique in that it was not abstract, expressionistic, or pornographic - but was of an objective realistic nature. The Encyclopedia Britannica, 1912 edition, speaks of realistic life-sized wooden statues carved by a Yapese artist named Giltimag that were so cleverly carved as to fool and English sea

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bring in enough cash, there is always weaving: the women and girls make belts, table mats and pocketbooks of pandanus, for which there is a ready market in the souvenir shop at the Kwajalein airport. One item is in disfavor: the Navy's Island Trading Company recently found itself stuck with a year and a half's output of grass skirts, and few buyers.

As the plane wings westward it leaves Bikini atoll to the right. Over the northern horizon lies Eniwetok, a forbidden city of 8000 (men only), more tightly closed against intruders than Lhasa ever was. This anti-atom nuclear laboratory cost \$65,000,000 just to build. Besides top-secret installations, there are barracks, a diesel power plant, a water-desalting plant, a laundry, post office, dispensary, mess halls, shops, library, two beach clubs, two movie theaters and an air field. The Marshallese had four castes, only two of which could hold land; the atomic scientists also have their castes, and only those with special badges are admitted to certain super-secret areas.

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EDUCATORS PLAN GET TOGETHER

Plans for an educators conference at Truk during the week Feb. 18 - 22 are underway, according to R. E. Gibson, Director of Education.

captain who had seen them. Yapese folktales also tell of artists who carved realistic statues out of wood and brought them to life. Some of these statues existed until Japanese times when they were removed, apparently to museums in Japan. Today, a few people carve small doll-like figures for sale to Americans, but there is nothing here to compare to these old accounts.

It is possible that some of the tradition of objectivity survives on Yap in the paintings and drawings of Yapese students. Yapese drawing and painting seems less influenced by the Japanese than the work in other parts of the Territory. The Yapese artist seems to maintain a direct, objective approach to his drawing that differs from Japanese ideas of design. A Yapese child will take a box of crayons and create a concise picture of a mangrove swamp that would be the envy of a trained artist.

A selection of drawings sent to Hawaii drew comments that the work seemed too tight and objective and it was assumed that the children were being directed to make. On the other hand, an exhibition of Yapese children's work held in San Francisco brought remarks about their "infallible design sense" and the interesting concern with texture and objective experience.

It would be interesting to attempt a comparison between the Yapese child artist's use of objective natural forms and the American child's seemingly more abstract or subjective approach. The fact that the "civilized" child lives in more highly organized space relationships perhaps leads to a seeming subjectivity that is merely his attempt to represent objectively the "abstractions" he lives in and sees -- and that his parents are too busy to see.

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haul fei and copra?"

"Hah, Hah," he roared, as if he were hiding a secret and I had found out about it. "I tell you something. Not many people know. O'Keeth and I sometimes find ship broken on reefs. Then we go aboard, take everything we can. Sell in Hongkong."

"Did you do that often?" I inquired.

"Sometimes -- but I can not tell ships names."

Smith returned to O'Keefe's life and told about his coronation. It was a typical O'Keefe idea. Other empires had kings, why not his? O'Keefe approached the skeptical Fatumak, and upon insisting, the medicine man promised to speak to the various chiefs. They too voiced no serious objection, and thus, on one appointed day, O'Keefe invited the chiefs to an elaborate banquet. There was plenty of rum for all and when the audience was well under its influence O'Keefe made a speech climaxing the ceremony that lacked both crown and throne. Before they dispersed a flag was raised, that of the Confederate flag of the United States.

"O'Keeth old man now," remarked Smith. "Maybe 70. He not spend much time on ships. Sail by others. He stay more home, with Dalbo and children."

Perhaps this is why O'Keefe was apparently unaware of German's schemes for seizing Yap. Under the command of Gerzen, an ambitious German official, a settlement was built on the island. O'Keefe bothered himself little by the infringement. This was not the first time a foreign colony had forged a clearing. They all left -- discouraged by native indifference to luxury, except the monopolized fei. So would Gerzen and company.

"Gerzen also have plenty ambition," Smith confided.

Gerzen pictured the source of the fei and then set out to conquer the island from where it came. The feat was a simple one, the natives extending their psuedo loyalty to whomever paid the most. Thus when O'Keefe arrived on his regular mission of stone work, he was confronted with an uncooperative population, and no matter how he tried he still came back with an empty ship. The natives on Yap were dumbfounded. How could their King fail? Angered, O'Keefe sailed to Guam where there were also arragonite deposits. However the new feis were different in quality and the natives became highly skeptical. Only then did the bearded King realize that his monopoly was doomed to be broken. And for some reason, he didn't care too much. Perhaps he was tired of fighting and scheming.

Whatever was the reason -- Gerzen's victory was the signal for new attacks; this time directed at O'Keefe himself. Under a trumped-up pretext he had the King arrested, but was forced to release him when Fatumak and the entire population appeared enmasse before the prison door. But O'Keefe was through. He wanted no more, deciding to leave Yap once and for all. Smith told how Dalbo was beside herself, weeping for days. She cried not because they were leaving, but that O'Keefe planned to take the boys first, find another island to start life anew, and then return for her and the daughters.

On a rainy night in May (1900) O'Keefe and his sons left Yap aboard their ship, the Santa Cruz. None was ever seen again.

Of the years that followed, Smith shook his head. "Plenty trouble when O'Keeth died. Everybody wants his money."

There were the lawyers from Savannah who came all the way to Yap in behalf of Katharine O'Keefe. There were creditors from Hongkong. But the hound
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from within were worse. Gerzen, contented with his mental victory, had no ambitions to delve into O'Keefe's wealth. But the ship's captains and the foreign personnel on Yap all had wages coming not to mention the hopes of receiving sizeable parting dividends Dalbo paid little attention to these grumblings. After all her King had promised to return. As the weeks passed that promise was never realized.

Among the remaining white colony was an English consular official named Alfred Scott. His arrival on Yap (a year or so before Gerzen's arrival) had been accepted by O'Keefe along with the other foreigners that were suddenly so interested in his rich empire. However, Scott won the friendship of O'Keefe immediately. His cultured upbringing and immaculate manners was a welcome sight on the island, and when Scott began to show interest in Eugenia, the eldest daughter, the courtship was heartily approved. The two were given a lavish wedding.

Thus when O'Keefe and his sons disappeared, Scott was in a natural position to assume command. His right was disputed for a time, but the persistent Englishman won out.

At this point Smith left Yap and its unhappy people. When he returned years later he learned of Dalbo's protracted illness and merciful death. He also heard that Scott made off with the family fortunes, escaping to South America. The daughters remained on Yap. "I speak with them only one year ago," Smith told me.

But of O'Keefe and his native bride, Smith heaved a deep sigh. "O'Keefe a fine man. Sometime too much drink. Sometime too many women. But good. Only one thing bad. He always want to be big shot."

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The Micronesian Monthly needs humor!
Is there an Ogden Nash in the house?

WOLFGRAM COMPLETES PUBLIC WORKS INSPECT

On Dec. 13, Thursday last, "Hank" Wolfram, Director of Public Works, returned from a two-month inspection tour of the Districts' Public Works activities.

All of the District Headquarters were visited allowing sufficient time to cover all of the Public Works functions and, in addition, the relationship of this Department in its activities with other operating departments -- i.e., Public Health, Education, etc.

Special attention was given to the program for rehabilitation of living quarters of U.S. personnel. When completed, this program will enhance the safety, comfort and convenience of the occupants.

Power supply and refrigerated storage equipment, two critical services throughout the territory, were carefully studied for their condition and performance. Findings were not favorable since almost all of this equipment is over six years old, of World War II vintage, and is now very tired. The bright side of this somewhat dismal picture is the "know how" of our Public Works people responsible for the operation of this equipment. Their untiring efforts to repair and rebuild, and then rebuild again, gives us the feeling of assurance that the "how" will go on. All these men ask is cheerful greeting and their requests are small -- "just send us more baling wire".

The general condition of the roads, other than the boulevards of Majuro and Saipan, is rough. However, here again, the combined efforts of the mechanics are gradually getting some of the old worn-out road equipment into shape to operate and they hope soon to have more comfortable roads upon which to drive our worn out vehicles.

Two sources of salvage building materials and equipment which can be cannibalized for repair parts were found during this trip. From these sources, it is hoped the main supply to meet our requirements for the rest of the fiscal year may be obtained.

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NEWEST FRED SMITH PUBLICATION

Just off the press and ready for distribution is Fred Smith's brainchild on the language of the Woleai entitled Gamwoelhaelhi Ishilh Weleeya. This interesting and compact 51-page booklet is one of the fruits of the Remote Area Training Experiment (RATE) presently being conducted at the Truk District Intermediate School area. Laymen as well as educators will be delighted with the approach the author has taken in presenting this information. His offering is a fine example of the practical information being offered the students in the Woleai.

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Governor Phelps Phelps of American Samoa has been released from Tripler Hospital and is recuperating at the Halekulani Hotel. His Honor has been fighting the battle of gallstones et al for the past month or so but will soon be back to normal.

FIRST ANNUAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

The Trust Territory Engineering Conference was held at Saipan the week of Nov. 29th. Messrs. "Hank" Wolfgram and Fred Poole were the gracious hosts to the delegates who attended.

Representatives from Public Works Departments of the various districts took advantage of this meeting to discuss their many problems in operation and maintenance. The information exchanged was most valuable to all concerned. An outline of standard methods and procedures was discussed and approved. It is believed that when such procedures are placed in operation, it will simplify much of the public works routine work and increase the efficiency of the department.

Some of the highlights of the conference were interesting talks by R.W. Milner, Chief Engineer for Base Development, ComNav Marianas, who gave a resume of the history of public works in the Trust Territory while under the administration of the Navy. Frank Rothwell, prominent architect from Honolulu, offered interesting and valuable tips on design of homes and office buildings in the tropics. The Rothwell firm has been established in the Hawaiian Islands for the past thirty years, and they are reputed to be among the leading tropical architects.

Charles Clendenen and Cyrus Quick of the Education Department gave very interesting discussions on the relationship of education to public works. The vocational training program in connection with the public works activities was discussed at length, and it is believed that a very satisfactory program will result.

George Laycock of the Public Health Department discussed at length the relationship of the Public Works Department to the Medical Department, and Simeon Provencher, General Supply Officer, gave an interesting discussion on the subject of supply.

Members of the special construction staff and the district departments contributed many interesting features connected with the operation. Conducted tours of the areas abandoned by the military were made, and much salvageable material and equipment was pointed out.

It is felt that all of the delegates attending went back to their respective districts with a complete well-rounded knowledge of the problems confronting public works operations throughout the territory.

It is intended that these conferences will be repeated annually selecting the various districts as meeting places in order that each district will have the opportunity to be host to the engineering group.

Delegates attending this meeting were R.W. Milner, Frank Rothwell, Simeon Provencher, George Laycock, Charles Clendenen and Cyrus Quick, Education Department. Public Works representatives were: James K. Thomas, Chief Engineer, Louis Fox, Koror District; Fred Poole, Saipan District; John Davis, Truk District; Frank Germinaro, Ponape; Albert Warner, Yap; Howard Carpenter, Tinian and Clyde Butler of the salvage group.

The delegates are grateful to DistAd "Hank" Hedges and his charming wife, Connie, for their very gracious hospitality.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL IS SENT TO LIBRARIES

During the past week an assortment of reference material on the Pacific was sent to each district for incorporation into the intermediate school libraries. Included in the shipments were books by Keesing, Mead, Merrill, Nichols, and Carter and a number of Trust Territory handbooks on administration, agriculture insect pests and linguistics. Additional material is being assembled for distribution.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

In an organization the size of the Trust Territory there are constant personnel changes. To keep your roster up to date changes will be listed in each issue.

In order to list positions more descriptively we give the organizational rather than civil service titles of Headquarters department heads,

Leebrick, Karl C. - Liaison Officer
Weber, Fred W. - Director of Personnel
Griffin, Paul R. - Director of Finance and Supply
Hurt, Alfred M. - Director of Administration
Wolfgram, Henry C. - Director of Public Works
Heron, Donald D. - Director of Political Affairs
Baker, Homer L. - Director of Economic Affairs
Marshall, Horace G. - Attorney General

At Headquarters Mrs. Florence Trial has been added to the staff of the Legal Department as clerk-stenographer; Mrs. Lois Burby took over the steno's chair in Fred Weber's office when Grace Littlefield departed for Los Angeles. Sailing on the same Lurline with Grace was Dorothy Pierce, Public Works stenographer who decided to be home for Christmas. Norma Jean Clark departed with her husband, whose Army orders are taking him to Nevada. Dianna Wong has come to work in the Supply Department.

At Majuro three more wives joined the Cause by helping DistAd out in clerk-typist jobs. They are Mrs. Marilyn Lahr and Mrs. Violet Tubb, who are working in Administration, and Mrs. Bernadette Tharp in Finance and Supply.

Mr. Robert Hawley arrived at Ponape to join the Public Works staff.

At Truk William L. Boleky took his place on the Truk School staff; Ray Sweeney departed at the end of his contract; and Irene Beers replaced Mrs. Minnie Ripsom as steno for the Education Department.

One change is noted at Koror. David Holmes has transferred from Saipan to the Finance and Supply Department at this District.

At Guam a new carpenter, Jose Q. Lizama, and a plumber, Jose Titano have joined the liaison staff, while Jesus San Nicholas replaced Jose Cruz as messenger.

Several of the oldtimers have completed their personal service contracts and are on the mainland on leave before returning to Micronesia. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown from Saipan are on the mainland; Bob and Hera Owen from Koror are spending Christmas in Seattle; Frank Mahoney, Truk anthropologist, has travelled cross country to Peekskill, N.Y.; Dean Emery is on leave in Honolulu; Fred and Bunny Smith are sweating out the Pu Am strike, hoping to get away to the mainland on the Friday before Christmas; and the Charles Clendenens are expected momentarily from Guam.

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INCREASE OF FOOD SUPPLIES
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allow them to be used freely in the diet. Would the producer grow and market these crops if assured of a satisfactory market?

"If the replies to this inquiry indicate that an organized program is necessary this headquarters will assist the district administrator by providing technical information and such seeds and supplies as may be necessary," the memorandum said.

Meantime, copies of each of three book Fruits of Hawaii, Ways to Use Vegetables and Foods Used by Filipinos, have been purchased from the University of Hawaii Experiment Station and sent to the district educational administrators. Applicants for the position of the Trust Territory's own Duncan Hines are being accepted! Can you write a book or submit tasty recipes on ways to use locally grown foods? Mrs. Etscheit has made a fine start for her Ponape colleagues.

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