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Information Officer Raymond Ulo-chong has joined the Political Affairs Staff as one of the two Assistant Political Affairs Officers.

Joining the Information Staff as Editorial Assistant is Edmund Gilmar of Yap, who arrived in Saipan yesterday.

The Information Staff simultaneously regrets the loss of Mr. Ulochong and welcomes the new Editorial Assistant, Mr. Gilmar.

Ignacio Villanueva reported to work today as Junior Clerk in the Mail and Files Section. Ignacio is from Saipan and resides in San Antonio Village.

TO THE WOMEN OF CAPITOL HILL

Have you had a secret yearning to try your hand at bowling, but have hesitated because you might not be very good and, therefore, you would be embarrassed? Or, have you ever felt you would like to show those men that women can have a bowling league, too? Or, are you one of the many millions who need more exercise!!!

Then take heart. A Women's Bowling League is being organized. Present plans are to start the first Sunday afternoon in January at 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested, please call Martha Trace at 2247.

Remember, this league is for all types of bowlers: beginners, poor-to-average ones, and top-notchers.

REMINDERS

Don't forget: The Teens will be at the Snack Bar area tomorrow starting at ten o'clock in the morning to wash cars. MINIMUM DONATION ONLY \$1.00.

The Government-operated Saipan Hotel and Capitol Hill Snack Bar will both be closed on December 25, 1962 and January 1, 1963.

HOLIDAY LEAVE

Both U.S. and Micronesian employees of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands may be excused from duty on Monday, December 24, 1962, the day preceding Christmas Day. December 24 shall be considered a legal holiday within the meaning of Chapter II of the Trust Territory Personnel Manual, and employees who cannot be excused from duty will be compensated at holiday rate of pay.

This directive does not excuse from duty those employees who are required to perform functions of security or other public service as determined necessary by District Administrators or Department Heads.

Supervisor shall, to the extent consistent with the needs of their operations, adopt a liberal policy for the granting of annual leave to employees who wish to take such leave over the holiday period.

The above is based upon an Executive Order issued by the President concerning the excuse from duty of Federal employees on December 24, 1962.

FLASH-FLASH

The Marianas Junior-Senior High School Choir will present a musical program featuring Christmas carols on Sunday, December 23, 1962, at 7:30 in the evening at the Capitol Hill movie theater, Snack Bar area. Admission will be 50¢ a person; children under seven years of age may enter free of charge. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds will be for the purchase of robes for the Choir members.

Please note: In order to allow the Marianas Junior-Senior High School Choir to perform, the regularly scheduled Sunday night movie on December 23 will instead be shown on Saturday, December 22.

A gala New Year's Eve party is planned at Club Toppe Tappi on Monday, December 31st. All members of the Marianas Community Club are urged to attend and welcome the New Year with their friends in elegant style! There will be music, snacks and lots of fun!

FIRE DEPARTMENT WARNS OF HOLIDAY HAZARDS

By: Saipan Fire Department

This is the time of the year when fire losses, both in lives and property are greater than ever. The Nation's Fire Service is urging strict enforcement of fire prevention measures during the Christmas season. Many of these fires are caused on account of the unusual existence of fire hazards during the holidays and from carelessness which ordinarily will not be tolerated. Little careless acts--that seem so unimportant at the time, cause these holiday fire tragedies.

A Missourian lights a match with his thumbnail; the burning head flies into a Christmas tree and a mother and three children died in a fire that destroyed their home. A neglected toy electric train ignites a Christmas tree in a New Jersey Hotel and four people are burned to death. In Hartford, the simple replacement of a frayed cord would have saved 47 patients in a convalescent home from injury and death - all victim of the faulty wire which shortcircuited and touched off the combustible decoration around their Christmas tree.

You can minimize or even eliminate all of these hazards by following these safety rules in your home:

a. Choose a small tree instead of a large one. A small tree can be just as pretty, less hazardous.

b. Keep the tree outdoor until you are ready to install it, preferably in a pail of water.

c. Do not set up the tree until just before Christmas.

d. Before setting up the tree, saw off the trunk at an angle at least one inch above the original cut. Place the freshly cut tree trunk in water and sand or coral and sand and keep the water level above the cut the entire time the tree is indoor. Do not put the tree where, standing or if it falls, it could block the passage way out of the house in case of fire.

e. Use fire-proof decoration of glass or metal, never cotton or paper decoration unless flame-proof.

f. Do not set up electric train around or near the tree.

g. Use electric lights--never candles. Inspect every electric socket and wire to make sure the set is in good condition. Discard lighting sets with frayed wiring. When buying new sets, look for the "UL" label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

h. Provide an OFF and ON light switch at a distance from the tree.

i. Do not leave lights burning when you are away from home or after retiring.

j. From time to time, inspect the tree to see whether any of the needles near the lights have started to burn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.

k. When needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it.

l. Gift wrappings, of course, after presents are opened, should be discarded promptly and safely.

m. Because the holiday season is the time for entertaining, please heed these additional safety precautions in regard to smoking.

n. Keep plenty of ashtrays handy and use them.

o. Before you go out or go to bed, especially after entertaining, make a brief inspection to be sure no cigarette has dropped on a chair or behind a sofa cushion or on a carpet or any place where it could start a fire.

p. Be sure all cigarettes are out when emptying ashtrays into a trash can.

Finally.....

q. Never smoke in bed.
