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## A DAY FOR FOOLS

The cover on this week's issue of the Ponape-Per led me to the reference books in an attempt to find out the story behind April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day. After searching through my library to consult such books on myths as "Bullfinch" and "The Golden Bough", the best that I could turn up was that there was a Bishop of Fools who was a mythical character representing a prankster in merry old England. However, there was no indicated tie with the dear old Bishop and our present celebration of April 1st.

I asked Dan Peacock whether he might spend some time in a bit of research on the subject, and he confirmed the fact that the origin of this custom is uncertain.

In order that readers may have the benefit from the research, I am re-printing Dan's information from three source books:

From: Spicer, D.G., THE BOOK OF FESTIVALS

"Since early times the first of April has been associated in the United States, as in many other countries, with playing harmless pranks on friends and neighbors. The origin of the custom is uncertain. Many agree, however, that probably it dates back to France and the

adoption of the reformed calendar in 1564, when the beginning of the New Year was put back from March 25 to January first. Mock gifts were sent on April first (the day which originally culminated the New Year feast), in the hope of discomfiting folk who had forgotten the change in dates."

From: BRITANNICA JUNIOR, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.

"Ancient India, the cradle of many of man's greatest ideas, probably also started the custom of playing practical jokes on the first of April. Though the origin of April Fools' Day (or All Fools' Day) is disputed, it is believed to have taken place in India as a droll ceremony to mark the end of the spring festival of Huli; at that time, a dignified East Indian will rock with mirth if he succeeds in sending a friend on a foolish errand. April Fools' Day was first observed in England in the 18th century, and it was later observed by the American colonists. In Scotland victims of April Fools' Day are aptly called "gowks," or cuckoos, while in France they are not less suitably labeled 'April fish.'"

From: THE BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE, The Grolier Society, Inc.

"...On March 31, the last day of the Hindu Feast of Huli, a spring festival, the Hindus sent people on April Fool errands, just for the fun of teasing them.

Some people believe that April Fool's Day began in 1564 in France, when a new calendar was adopted, making the new year begin on January 1, instead of April 1. The old new year's date was celebrated, not with gifts and New Year's messages, as it had been before, but with jokes and pranks."

### SATURDAY'S TIDE

0546	-	3.4	1736	-	2.4
0219	-	2.4	2321	-	1.1



## SHIP SURVIVORS FIND REFUGE

Survivors from the not-so-good ship U.S.S.P.W. (P.W. for Public Works in spite of the M.C.'s attempt at re-christening) were fortunate indeed to stumble upon the shores of Kolonia Club Island last Saturday night. Ragged, weary, yearning for food and drink, the castaways happily found their hungers quickly assuaged. On hand at the water's edge was a welcoming committee of local residents including Dick and Shirley Umhoefer, Lupe and Paul Kahle, Lolita Hohnsbeen, and Murph Ownbey.

These kind hosts provided each tired body with a comfortable chair in a setting of lush palms and island flowers and saw to it that cooling drinks were available for parched throats. Strength flowed back into their guests, and they were soon able to partake of delicious island food that had been prepared by gorgeous local wahines.

The thoughtful welcoming committee left nothing to be desired. Besides their own Shirley, they imported from neighboring islands for the occasion lovely dancers Harriet Weinrich and Stella Trevis. Beachcombers Frank Germinaro, Bert Pearce, Paul Kahle, and Ada Pearce entertained the group with a skit amusing enough to bring the last bit of needed life into the castaways (who, by the way, found the island so inviting that they have unanimously renounced their former lives to take up residence here). Thus revived, guests and hosts alike leaped into the dancing circle and swayed to island rhythms until the last beat of the bongo drums faded into the night.

SHIP MAIL WILL BE SORTED AND DISTRIBUTED ON MONDAY.

## CLUB MEETING HELD

Club Kolonia members met Thursday, March 31st. Three new members were welcomed into the club, all employees of Page Communications Engineers - Sam Eardley, Jim Wheeldon and Jack Cozard.

Two new standing committees, Entertainment Committee and Club Improvement Committee, were appointed.

Further discussion was held on the proposed new by-laws. Two changes were made and have been placed with the posted copy for voting at the next meeting.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

Postmistress Loretta Murakami has announced that the Post Office will be closed on Thursday afternoon, April 7. The Post Office will be open, however, on Thursday and Friday mornings, April 7 and 8.

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Club Prexy Murph Ownbey has announced that a shipment of bottled goods and beer for Club Kolonia is on the Gunners Knot which arrived today.

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Holiday Photographer Glinn will arrive Ponape on Monday May 30 on a turnaround, it was announced this week.

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Robert Trumbull's book PARADISE IN TRUST" which he wrote about the Trust Territory after his 1958 visit here, may be ordered through Hal Forester at \$3.50 a copy.



# PONAPEAN PROFILES VII

by Diane Sammet

This week: Tsugio (Roy) Ihara

This week's hard-working gentleman has little competition for the honor of being Ponape's non-indigenous veteran, for he will celebrate his tenth year in the summer of '61.

Tsugio Ihara has been known in Ponape by two nicknames. The first was "Mike", given to him by Mr. Carroll, the first District Administrator. Mr. Hedges, the next Distad, was responsible for his present moniker, Roy.

Fate played its inevitable part in Roy's career, and although today he is a snapper in the Public Works Department, plumbing specialty, he has had a great deal of training in both automobile mechanics and medicine! Roy was picked from his classmates in Japan to attend the General Motors Training School near his home in Fukuoka, Kyushu. He entered the school after graduation in 1933 and for two years studied auto repair mechanics and related subjects.

It was Roy's ambition to become a surgeon, however, and for three difficult years he worked toward this goal. Attending the G. M. school by day, he took night courses in foundation medicine. Even after he completed the auto repair course and took his first mechanics job in a General Motors plant, Roy continued his evening courses in medicine. By July, 1938, he realized that he could not continue his schooling for financial reasons, so he was forced to forego his plans.

Honolulu was Roy's birthplace, but after the death of his mother in 1924, he went to Japan at the age of six to live with his grandfather, his only brother staying with his father in Honolulu. The years of attending school in Fukuoka were busy ones for Roy. Although

he did not take up his present hobby of fishing until he came to Ponape, he was active in vocal groups. Singing always has been one of his favorite pastimes. He is also accomplished in "kendo", a form of fencing with long bamboo swords.

Also, while a student at the G.M. vocational school, he was entered in a cross-country running race when he was seventeen. Participating against runners from thirty-six other schools in Japan, Roy came in third. Aside from the honor, the eight-mile endurance contest took its toll, in the form of a permanent foot injury which still gives him trouble.

Returning to Honolulu after his job as mechanic in Japan, Roy discovered that jobs were scarce. Fate again stepped in, and it was at this point that his training in the plumbing business began. He was fortunate to find work with the Matsumoto Plumbing Shop in Honolulu, and he worked there until 1950.

In 1946 Roy met Kyooko, or "Kay" as we know her, and they were married. The toughest time in their marriage came in 1950 when Roy found himself out of work for nine months. Wife Kay summed up this period: "We grew awfully tired of pancakes and pork and beans, but they were filling. Thank goodness we had no children then."

Finally the employment service in Honolulu saw Roy's fine record and assigned him to a Civil Service construction job at Fort Ruger. The building happened to be Trust Territory Headquarters, for it was not until later that it was moved to Guam. The first man he encountered on this job was none other than Sach Murakami! They were soon to be co-workers once more, for the Murakamis followed Roy to Ponape by only a few months, Roy arrived here in August of 1951. Kay could not join him until the following year. Roy worked for special construction in Ponape until



1953, after which he joined the base Public Works staff as plumbing specialist.

The Iharas have had two handsome sons born on Ponape, Roy in 1957 and Kevin in 1959. His family plus weekend fishing excursions keep Roy busy when he isn't on the job capably carrying out many important functions connected with Public Works.

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#### VISIT AMERICA YEAR

President Eisenhower has proclaimed 1960 as "Visit America Year", encouraging foreign tourists to visit America.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service reports that it admitted 1,024,945 nonimmigrants into the U. S. in the fiscal year 1959.

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## HEALTH INOCULATION CERTIFICATES

It is recommended that all personnel keep their "shot cards" current at all times.

The three inoculations required for travel to Guam and period of validity are:

Smallpox - 3 years  
Tetanus - 5 years  
Typhoid - 1 year

Make an appointment with the Hospital for booster shots as required. Polio shots are also available.

## NO MOVIES TONIGHT

## NO PROJECTOR

## MOVIES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Saturday's movie "Taza, Son of Cochise" is a real one for the kiddies. There are Indians against Indians, soldiers against Indians, and Indians against soldiers.

If the action promises to be 50% of what is shown on the billing, all parents are hereby notified to bring enough money to keep the youngsters' mandibles moving with sufficient quantities of pop corn and chewing gum.

With Rock Hudson as the lead and co-starred with Barbara Rush, "he leads the Apache Nation's wild revolt against Geronimo's pillaging hordes!" As an added note we are glad that Cochise has died and the son has taken over.

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Sunday night's attraction is another rip roarer, "The Purple Mask", with Tony Curtis and Colleen Miller, taking the title roles. They are assisted by Gene Barry, Dan O'Herlihy and Angela Lansbury.

This is a story of the life and loves of adventure's greatest rogue who hid his secret behind a mask of revenge. Don't miss "The Purple Mask" showing at your local Club Theater Sunday night. There will be no hamburgers or dishes given away.



# A FISHING TRIP TO METALANIM

by Glenn Murakami, 13

One Friday night after the movie, my father told us after we got home that we had better get ready and make our lunches if we wanted to go to Metalanim the next day. As soon as we were finished we went to sleep, as we had to wake up early.

The next morning we got some ice, brought it to the dock, crushed it, and put it in a portable icebox that we had on one of the boats. Finally it was loaded and we started off.

There were eight of us going - five adults and three boys. We had three speed boats. Mr. Ownbey, Mr. Mosher, and Johnny Davis from the hospital went in the big boat. Mark and my father went on number 21 which carried the icebox, and Timote, Timote's son, and I used my father's boat. The exciting day had started.

We had lds of water in our boat so we went slowly, but as the water came out we gained speed. The others were already by the B.P.M. dock, but we caught up with them quickly. Past the dock everyone began fishing. When we neared Parem Island a strong rain-storm started. The rain stung our faces, and the waves were so large that they splashed into our boat. The wind blew the salt water into our eyes until they burned. I kept looking back to see whether the other boats were all right.

It was still high tide when we reached the channels at Metalanim, but it was getting lower. Finally we reached Sand Island and started to fish right away. There were not many fish, so the others went out trolling.

Timote, Mark, Andreas and I grew tired of waiting, so went to the Tumon

dock and fished there, where there were more fish.

Another heavy rain came, so we put up our tent. Mr. Ownbey, Mr. Mosher, and Johnny met us there. When the rain stopped we headed for the government house.

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## PICS GIRLS LEARN WEAVING

The most recently completed project in Miss Mukaida's Home Arts class at PICS was the weaving of pandanus mats. Rose Makwelung, Adult Education Supervisor for Ponape, and some helpers from the local Women's Club generously offered their time as guest instructors for the unit.

Fifteen students learned how to strip pandanus leaves and make them soft and pliable enough for weaving. Some of the girls were already familiar with the techniques of weaving, and others learned quickly.

The results of their work are now beautifully displayed on the floors of their dormitory rooms. Some of the girls dyed strips in order to incorporate color into their designs. Others finished the edges of their mats in fancy shapes. All of the girls should be proud of their successful efforts, and Miss Mukaida, Mrs. Makwelung, and her women's Club assistants are to be commended on their excellent instruction.

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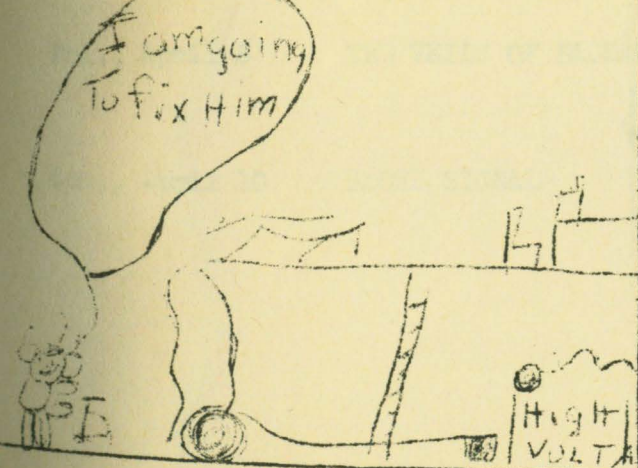
The existence of cacao as a cultivated crop dates back to the Maya Indians of Central America, who had an intimate knowledge of cacao cultivation long before the Spanish conquest in 1519 A.D.



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Back at Goofy's Lab



by Murphy Ownbey

## APRIL FOOL RIDDLES

1. What did Paul Revere say when he finished his famous ride?
2. Mrs. Bigger had a baby. Who was bigger?
3. I can run, but I can't walk. What am I?

# ANDY'S BIRTHDAY

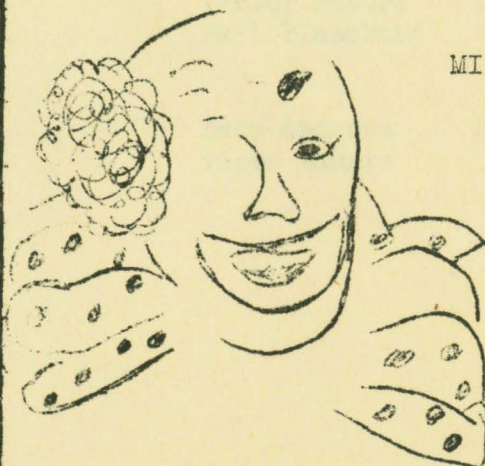
Everyone had a wonderful time at Andy Finale's eighth birthday party not long ago. It was a swimming party and picnic at Langer. All of the guests were invited to the party.

Andy's Birthday, cont'd.

enjoyed a delicious lunch of potato salad, hamburgers, and soda pop. The biggest treat was the big birthday cake. It had four different colored layers. Andy opened his presents, and everyone had fun swimming. They all thanked Andy and his daddy for the wonderful day they had.

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1. Whoa.  
2. The baby, because he was a  
3. Little Bigger.  
4. Water.



WHAT IS  
MISSING IN  
THIS  
APRIL  
FOOL  
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CLUB KOLONIA  
Ponape, Caroline Islands

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Sat., April 2	TAZA, SON OF COCHISE	Rock Hudson Barbara Rush	Technicolor
Sun., April 3	THE PURPLE MASK	Tony Curtis Colleen Miller	B/W
Tue., April 5	LAND UNKNOWN	(Will announce later)	B/W Cinemascope
Fri., April 8	THE VEILS OF BAGDAD	Victor Mature Mari Blanchard	Technicolor
Sun., April 10	SMOKE SIGNAL	Dana Andrews Piper Laurie	B/W