

# PONAPE-PEER

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## CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ELECTIONS

Congress of Micronesia election balloting has been completed in all outer-islands of the District. Metalanim, Uh, and Kiti have also completed voting. Sokehs polls will be open for voting tomorrow. Monday, January 18, will see balloting held in Net Municipality, Pakin, and Ant.

The final balloting held in Kolonia on Tuesday, January 19, will also be open for voting by those eligible voters of all four election districts (covering the entire Ponape District) who were not able to vote in their home election districts.

Counting of ballots will begin immediately after the polls close at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19. Radio Station WSZD will broadcast election results periodically throughout the night until the final results are complete and announced.

## PINGELAP AESCP SCHOOL DEDICATED

Dedication ceremonies for opening the newly completed six-room AESCP elementary school took place on the island of Pingelap the last week of December. Father Hugh Costigan of the Metalanim Housing Cooperative and George Bollerud of the District Education Department attended the ceremonies.

Residents of Pingelap Municipality built the school under an agreement with the Metalanim Housing Cooperative which had been awarded a Trust Territory contract. From leftover materials and donated labor the islanders built a small cook house near the main building. The cook house will be used for cafeteria services for the students.

A unique feature of the building is that three classrooms can be opened to one large 90-foot hall. It was in this hall that the dedication ceremonies, which included several speeches, singing, and much food, took place. Clemente Materne, Superintendent of Schools, who has just today returned from Pingelap, reports that the new building and site are being fully utilized by the six teachers and 180 students.

## VILLAGE HEALTH SEMINAR

The Trust Territory Director of Sanitation, Nachsa Siren, has been selected as candidate for a four week "Village Hygiene and Health Education Seminar" to be held in Vila, New Hebrides this month.

The training seminar is being sponsored by the South Pacific Commission.

The first three weeks of the seminar will be devoted to teaching the technical aspects of insect and rodent control to health inspectors, sanitarians and other personnel working in environmental sanitation according to the SPC. A final week will be reserved for instruction on how best to transmit health education aspects at the village level.

Nachsa Siren has served as Director of Sanitation for the past three years and has represented the Territory in related training seminars and conferences in the past.

## SHIPPING . . .

M/V GUNNERS KNOT enroute from Kwajalein to Ponape has been diverted to Kusaie carrying 66 passengers for that port. ETA Kusaie is 5 p.m. today.

M/V PACIFIC ISLANDER arrives at Saipan today. ETA Ponape is February 8.

J&G vessel M/V SIRENA has been chartered for a special run to Ponape carrying some 600 tons of cargo. The vessel will depart Guam some time next week.

M/V KASELEHLIA arrived in port this morning from the Eastern Field Trip.

## FRONTIER DAYS?

Substitute the PAA plane for the Central Pacific freight train, and the following article printed 87 years ago in the Territorial Enterprise and Virginia City News (May 23, 1878) may sound familiar.

"As soon as word went forth yesterday morning that the mail would arrive about five hours late, owing to the ditching of a freight train on the Central Pacific, near Dutch Flat, every man in town took the notion into his head that he had a letter in that particular mail and made a bee-line for the Postoffice to see if it were true that the train would not be in for five hours.

"Men who had not received a letter in six months dropped everything and rushed off to the Postoffice to see 'what in thunder was the matter with the train.' They stirred up everybody about the Postoffice in order to talk about this ruinous delay of five hours in the arrival of the mail, and swore that there was always something the matter on the Central Pacific. To see their anxious faces as they walked up and down in front of the Postoffice building, fuming and chafing, or took another turn inside to scowl once more at the boxes, one would have supposed them to be on the verge of ruin."

## LOOKING BACK . . .

Five years ago the PONAPA-PER was dedicated to retiring Director of Personnel Nat Logan-Smith . . .

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"Sanifial of the Senyavins" Published  
Weekly by the District Administration,  
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of the Pacific Islands.

Four years back, the Ponape Co-operative Company was getting ready to assume operation of what was then known as "the Commissary", . . . and the District was preparing for the U.N. Visiting Mission's arrival in February.

In 1962, the headline was the transfer of Saipan from Navy to Interior to take place on July 1 . . . and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy opened its doors to Trust Territory citizens.

Two years ago blight caused thousands of Criollo cacao trees to be uprooted and burned to prevent spreading of an unknown disease . . . Kolonia was plunged into darkness as a water pipe on the one operating generator broke.

12 months ago a Congressional party including four members of the House Interior Committee and a member of the House Appropriations Committee arrived in the District on an inspection tour . . . the first session of the newly formed Ponape District Legislature convened . . . Kolonials were warned to conserve water as the water situation was becoming increasingly critical because of insufficient rainfall.

## NEW WB TECHNICIAN HERE

Mr. Marvin Walsh arrived here yesterday to take up his duties as Weather Bureau Technician, replacing Bob Rivard.

Mr. Walsh, who comes here from Hawaii, expects his wife and four children to arrive next month.

## CONSERVE WATER!

The pump at the water plant is out of order and cannot be repaired until parts arrive. In the meantime, all water users are asked to conserve water as the pump cannot be used to pump water from the river to supply the main water line.

## MEDICAL RESEARCH TEAM VISITS

Ponape was visited this week by a group of physicians headed by Dr. Teresita Elizan of the MINDE Research Center, Guam. These doctors are doing research on Guam primarily on the neurological disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a disease commonly found among Guamanians. During their short stay here they found two patients suspected of having the disease.

DON'T WASTE WATER.

## COMINGS AND GOINGS . . .

ARRIVALS THIS WEEK: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zaiger and family and Assistant Distad Leo Falcam, wife and son, returning from holiday vacations in Hawaii; Daro Weital returning after completing his college studies in the Philippines.

DEPARTURES: Phil and Hannah Clevenger left to return to their home in the States. Bernard Helgenberger, KCCA manager, left on his way to Berkeley, California for three months of co-op training, and Public Defender Yoster Carl began his journey to New Zealand on a United Nations Fellowship. Mrs. Rose Makwelung also departed this week, via Guam, on a U.N. Fellowship grant which will take her to the Philippines and to Ceylon.

## Classified . . .

WANTED: a second-hand typewriter for Fishermen's Co-op. Anyone willing to part with such may contact the Cooperatives Officer at the Administration Building.

FOR SALE: Used scooter in very good condition. \$175.00. See Jessie Baker.

FOUND: Scooter key. This has been at the Education Office for about 4 weeks. It is on a link chain and bears the number T6346. Above the number are the letters "TEL" or "TEC". On the other side of the key are the letters "HM". Call Mrs. Gordon, Education Office.