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## WHO'S WHO IN MAJURO

As Dr. Cecil L. Hughes, Educational Administrator, has been doing a superb job as Acting District Administrator these past weeks, we sent a reporter to obtain a few pertinent facts for our recently inspired column on personalities.

"Doc Hughes", as he is known to most of us here, is the fella with a big smile, a hearty laugh and a reputation for doing his darndest in his work, or any other job he may tackle.

Educationally speaking, he knows the subject cold. Also the state of Washington. He was born in Colfax, Washington, ("too long ago"), went through the grade school there and then chose the University of Washington, Seattle, for his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. There then followed a career of teaching which gave him experience in grade schools, high schools and colleges. He has been Superintendent of Schools and Director of Teacher Training.

Then the war came and he served with the Red Cross for five years, two of which were spent right here in the Trust Territory area as Field Director with headquarters at Guam. Somewhere along the line he also found time to co-write a textbook on the Junior High School, published by McGraw-Hill Co.

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## NICHOLS & MOORE HERE

Last Wednesday afternoon James R. Nichols, Associate Justice, Zella L. Moore, Court Reporter and Secretary and F. Soukichi, Clerk-of-Courts for the Truk District, arrived here from their Truk headquarters. Judge Nichols came for the purpose of conducting the spring sitting of the Trial Division of the High Court. Mr. Soukichi who departed for Truk on the following day conferred with our Clerk-of-Courts, Mr. Raymond de Brum.

The judicial party was pleasantly surprised to see an honor guard of 10 constabularymen at the plane and, since that time, has been very pleased with the cooperation offered by John R. Murphy, Esq., our District Attorney, and others.

One burglary case and a case involving exporting without a license, were dismissed upon motion of District Attorney Murphy. He also acted as "Friend of the Court" in pretrial conferences on two land cases entitled Lazarus S. against Tomijwa and Lazarus S. against Likjer and Zedekaia. Judge Nichols hopes to be able to announce findings of fact, conclusions of law and judgment in the land case entitled Levi and others against Kumtak and others, prior to his departure.

Judge Nichols and Mrs. Moore plan to leave here on Thursday, May 8th.

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STAFF CHANGES

We would like to welcome two new members to the editorial staff of the TIMES. June Hawk is now our Art Editor, taking the place of Marilyn Lahr who recently departed for Truk. Marilyn did a grand job for our young paper, giving it a distinctive style.

Hannah Rosenblum has consented to be our second Special Features Editor, along with Jo Riddle who is now out of town visiting Saipan.

THE EDUCATION CORNER

HICOM has notified us that Zebedy Tarkwon, Marshallese employee of Finance & Supply, was selected first alternate for the ITC business school scholarship in Honolulu. Joseph Tamag of Yap was chosen for first place. The two other Marshallese candidates were David Sanbergin and Toke Sawej.

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Considering the small American community, the Red Cross fund drive just concluded was reported by Dr. Hughes, the chairman, as a real success. Contributions totaling \$103.50 were sent to LNO Guam, the collection point for all contributions for the Trust Territory.

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The school has a good stock of glass floats all corded at \$ 2.00 per float. See Elizabeth Anttila.

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after the war's end he accepted a position as Supervisor of Teacher Training at the San Francisco State College.

He came about his present duties with Trust Territory somewhat "by accident". Although he was already gainfully employed, Doc Hughes kept his qualifications on file with the University of California's Appointment Office - just in case. This brought on an interview by a certain Dr. Gibson who had in mind an entirely different position. But no - Doc Hughes wanted something better and he got it; the one at Majuro.

PACIFIC HOLIDAY

Thanks to the Trust Territory Officials, the employees of this organization are now permitted to travel within the districts twice a year. One of our employees has just returned from a week's vacation to Ponape and Truk, while his wife is galavanting to Guam aboard the ROQUE. Louis Furtado has just returned with an extra 6 pounds around the waist...He advises anyone in search of added weight to take a trip, especially to Truk. Leaving Majuro he arrived at Ebeye a couple of hours later and in a few minutes was on his way to the hills and dales of Ponape... 'Twas a blessing to smell fresh mountain air and to see new faces... faces that are still smiling in spite of adverse conditions on the island... Ponape's jeepitis" prevented him from a Cook's tour but from what he saw, their problems are the same as on Majuro: parts, parts, parts... The budget business is also getting everyone down, but just the same they keep smiling and feed some very good chow with seconds (take note Majuro mess).

He left for Truk the following morning and guess what - upon his arrival a tall, good- (Continued next page)

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looking person came right up to him and introduced himself, and who do you think it was? None other than DistAd Muller. Then the Administrative Assistant and Supply Officer and the ITC agent took turns introducing themselves. That dreaded disease "jeepitis" followed him to Truk but did not prevent him from hoofing to the villages there to view the neatest group of people of the three districts. Their yards were spic and span. The Truk Hotel is out of this world: large, spacious rooms, cheaper drinks, seconds and thirds at table and a local radio station to boot - station M-O-E-N. Lou was invited all over the lot including the Distad's home and the Reckefus's. Imagine the DistAd having a dinner for the whole base of 80 people! He visited all the departments including the hospital. Dr. Richardson took him all through the hospital, but the poor fellow didn't have much to show in the line of equipment. He sure had a lotta patients. There was a crowded hospital (at least 50 patients) but with the equipment as such he had tears for Dr. Richardson.

So, the case is the same there, here and Ponape - lack of funds, lack of parts....A note of interest about a Mrs. Becker of Truk Hospital....an unusual woman.....a graduate nurse who is working at the hospital FOR FREE..GOD BLESS HER. He spent some time at the Supply & Finance and again the same problems exist... hundreds of reqs but no materials...when they do arrive no mention is made of their req., no price, no nothing.....so he says, "Mr. Jenkins, you're not alone." He found the Supply group the most cooperative of all and considers them "first class personnel".

Arriving home Lou was met by a flock of friends, all eager to learn of his travels. (L. F.)

## IN AND OUTS

Although you can't tell one season from another without a calendar, instinct says that come Spring it's time to start thinking about vacations. Bernie and Fritz thought about it, then took off for Ponape on the TAL flight. Eve Ridle decided she needed to get away from it all for a little while, so she went along.....The field trip party took off again, this time on the western circuit. On board the TORRY were our DistAd, Mr. Gillfillan, Dr. Brown, Dwight Heine and Kabua Kabua. Dr. Brown's trip ended at Ebeye when he had to come back to Majuro because  
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### AT YOUR POST OFFICE

The Post Office Department will issue a 3-cent Grand Coulee Dan commemorative postage stamp through the Grand Coulee, Washington, post office on May 15, 1952. Arranged horizontally on green, the design is a view of Grand Coulee Dam, showing the spillway.

At the left is shown an irrigation farmer at work, and at the right appears a power transmission line and towers, typifying the two principal benefits of this project. The wording "U.S. Postage" is shown at the top center of the design with the denomination "3¢" in each upper corner, in white-face roman

The title "Grand Coulee Dam", in whiteface gothic appears in the lower part of the central design, and in a ribbon, which frames the bottom of the central design, is the wording "1902 Reclamation: 1952", in dark modified roman. The words "Irrigation" and "Power" appear in the lower left and right corners, respectively, in whiteface gothic.

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HARRY TUBB, PROJECT MANAGER

of Dr. Lahr's departure. Dr. John Iamon went to Ebeye to join the field party for the remainder of the trip.....Ray Ridle and Justus Records received their orders for a business trip to Saipan. They will select materials for our maintenance and construction program. Wives Jo Ridle and Irene Records, with daughter Moni, went along for the sightseeing.....Ebeye sent but a call for our water expert, Tim Manford. Seems they are constantly beset by a water shortage. Soon Jim will be saying of Ebeye, "Lots of water!"..... Then Lou Furtado took off for a vacation in Truk it set him to thinking about where the rest of his family were. And darned if each Furtado wasn't in a different place! Wife Virgie was in the Marianas, daughter Mildred to the Hawaiian Islands, son Stanley, EM2, was in Korea, Louis Jr. in Japan, daughter Marian in the Marshalls, and there was Lou in the Carolines! .....It was a happy day when the CHICOT pulled up to the pier, but within 2 days, with a few loud blasts and a couple of toots it sailed away again. And on board, headed for their new home in Truk, were Dr. and Mrs. Lahr. Dr. Lahr will be on the hospital staff and wife Marilyn will serve as a nurse. It was a last minute departure, complete with hasty packing and hurried good-byes. Traveling along with the Lahrs, wherever they may go, are the best wishes of the community at Majuro..... The arrival of the TORRY may not have had any special significance - that is, for anyone except Bill Williams. His household goods were on board. Bill has established some kind of record: his goods arrived from San Francisco in 6 weeks!.....The court circuit arrived with Judge Nichols, Mrs. Moore and F. Soukichi; also, the dentist, Dr. Kim. Soukichi left next day; the others fly tomorrow.

- Hannah Rosenblum

As everyone knows by now, our budget has undergone a drastic cut, causing a temporary delay in the improvement of our living conditions, not only in Majuro but in all the districts throughout the Trust Territory.

The Dept. of Public Works at HICOM has prepared a Project Order which is intended to provide the major household furnishings urgently needed. It is estimated at \$ 15,000 for Majuro and the date of completion is June 30, 1952.

Harry Tubb has been appointed Project Manager, with Louis Furtado as Assistant Manager. They are preparing an order for the badly needed items such as: new mattresses, material for slip covers for our faded-out chair and divan cushions; paint (inside and outside), enamels, varnishes, screen and various supplies to repaint and repair the interior and exterior of our homes.

The Office at HICOM has prepared requisitions for household appliances and furniture being shipped to us.

So hang on, folks, and have hopes. Some day soon we may have new pieces of furniture, some new refrigerators and stoves, good mattresses, and bright and cheerful slip covers. Oh yes, and other colors of paint besides the dark green we have gotten so tired of seeing on everything. Harry has ordered some bright colors such as maize yellow, azure blue, a soft tan, Chinese red and black.

Our rusted-out screens will be replaced with new plastic screen and our roofs won't leak. It sounds too good to happen; we cannot expect big things at first, but we must make the best of what we are able to get. Just think of the fun we will have painting and redecorating our homes!

- Violet Tubb

## CARD PARTY?

Poker by candlelight! Our readers might think we're intoxicated with Spring Fever. But because of the failure of our temperamental generators, the card party which was going in full swing Wednesday evening, April 30th (with bright lights) turned into a "cigarette glow" chit-chat.

Poor Dick Wimer, our electrician, dashed out to save us all from perishing. (Well, in a roundabout way we would perish. Because the long-awaited beef, which we just put into our iceboxes would have spoiled. And if that isn't tragic, you may pass me another serving of Australian canned rabbit. Ugh!)

In the meantime, Janet Manford went home to get some candles, and out of necessity we played poker by candlelight.

"Special Refreshments" time came by, and along with the candle glow were served Rosie Murphy's sweet rolls, June Hawk's chocolate cake, Marian Furtado's coconut cream pie, Henrietta Gilfillan's lemon pie, Sally Shepherd's apple pie, and Janet Manford's delicious ice cream.

Incidentally, the lights came on again, after an hour, but the candle light was much nicer, so we continued the evening by candle glow.

I guess we do have Spring Fever, after all. - M. Furtado

## CLUB NEWS

The newly elected club staff dived into its many responsibilities and came up with a calendar of proposed events that should strike the fancies of all of us.

MAY 10 - Mother's Day Beach Party  
17 - Welcome Home Cocktails  
24 - Scavenger Hunt  
31 - Potluck Supper

JUNE 7 - Moonlight Beach Party  
15 - Father's Day Picnic  
21 - Card Night  
28 - Potluck Supper

## MAY DAY DANCE

Once again the Majuro community enjoyed themselves at a specially arranged club dance in commemoration of May Day, on Saturday evening, May 3rd.

A festive Maypole in the center of the dance floor and gay, hand-colored streamers greeted the arrival of guests. Record music was provided through the combined cooperation of Mrs. Gilfillan who kindly contributed her player, and newly acquired records purchased by the club. Mrs. Leynse decorated a gold cake for the occasion, served with ice cream from the galley.

Everyone had a barrel of fun as witnessed by the crowd on the dance floor and the happy chatter.

## REMINDER

Come to church next Sunday!

## THE SANITARIAN REPORTS

A small fragrance of pine in toilets is very desirable, therefore with this thought in mind, I prepared a mixture of water and pine oil. The solution was put in a hand sprayer and one of the hospital employees was shown how to put a small amount in each toilet room. He thought it was wonderful, and I told him to spray all the toilets with "a small amount."

He left and pretty soon I decided to check on him. He gave the sprayer to a Health Aid and told him to spray. The Health Aid was spraying all right, but he thought it was a DDT solution; and instead of spraying a little in the toilet rooms, he was found spraying overhead, under tables, bunks, etc. As I walked in he frowned and said, "What kind DDT?"  
- Ken Mosher

# THE COST OF LIVING

When word got around that as of 1 May all commissary items at ITC would be upped by so much per cent, the folks around here were somewhat worried. That's why a general meeting was held last Monday, the 28th at the club. Mr. Blodgett, ITC Branch Manager, was invited, and along with Mr. Williams, he explained the reasons why and then answered any and all questions from the gathering.

It seems that the old system is providing an overall markup to cover the cost of shipping and spoilage was abandoned for a more equitable arrangement based upon the volume and weight of a particular item. Thus such foods as steak and potatoes jumped sky high while cigarettes and paper goods came down a notch or two. The new price list includes the following:

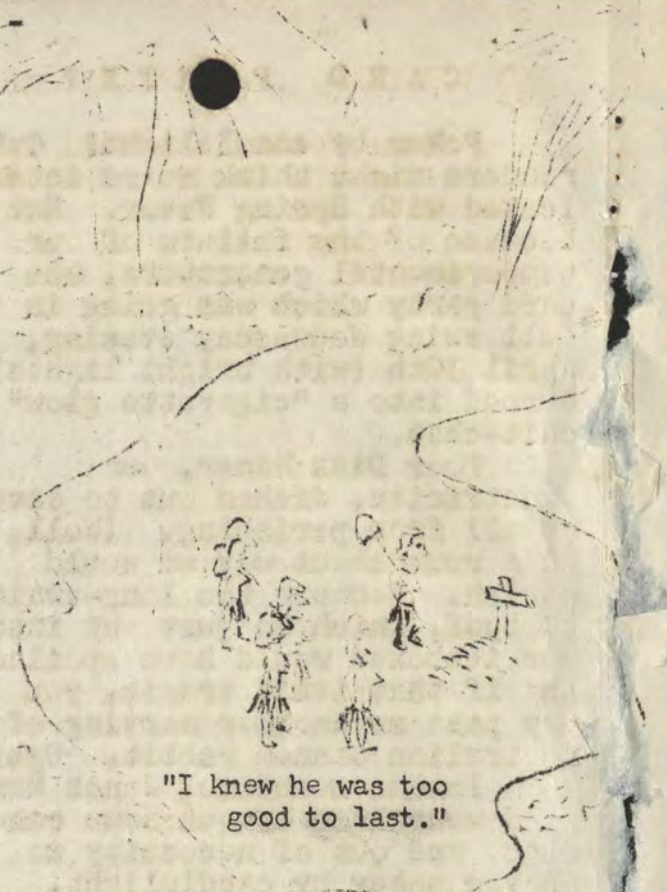
(all per lb. except F:frozen)

apples... .31	grapes... .36
celery... .20	lemons... .13
carrots... .09	cabbage... .07
onions... .24	potatoes... .22
F: strawberries .65	F: asparagus .74
F: lima beans .41	F: Brussels sprouts .56
bacon.... .81	pork loin 1.03
Turkey... 1.02	duck..... .73
beef steak & choice roast 1.78	beef steak & roast.. 1.63
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## M.I.E.C.O. DELICACIES

It all goes to prove that if you don't know any better, you don't miss it. We here on isolated Majuro had nearly forgotten the taste of Dole pineapple juice, Campbell's soup, Libby's tomato juice, Del Monte peaches, spinach, peas; Log Cabin syrup, Morton's salt, Black Hawk sausages; mushrooms --

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"I knew he was too good to last."

in other words, the better brands of goods.

But when the Marshallese Import and Export Company received their first large assortment, our memories were revived almost immediately. The news that in the last quonset, lagoon side, there were some foods of the kind we'd love, set the community a-buzzing; the quonset was soon filled with eager buyers. The prices are high, to be sure, but we are reluctantly used to high prices by now, and who cares when at last there's quality food to be had?

MIECO's president, Dwight Heine (also principal of the Elementary School) is proud of the young company's achievement. In the space of a few months the Marshallese-operated and financed concern has been able to purchase and receive a good variety of commodities that found a market almost immediately. And the American community is proud too, and want to wish them a successful career in the future.

Glass Konou is a senior student at the Pacific Islands Central School at Truk. Recently, his class made up an attractive booklet entitled "Recepies from Micronesia" which contained the following article written in his own words:

"In June and July and May all Marshall islanders are harvesting the breadfruit. One or two family groups get together in order to harvest a land belonging to one person in three or four days.

"First, all the men climb up the trees and get all the breadfruits down on the ground. Then men and women together gather the breadfruits in one place where everyone can be comfortable and be protected from the heat of sun. After all the fruits are brought in one place, the women are ready to peel all the green outside of the breadfruit. The man may take a brief walk as the women are peeling the fruits. In an hour a woman can peel about one hundred fruits. On one piece of land about 30,000 breadfruits we can get in all. But usually we fix only about 3,000 in each day if the group consists of two familys (15 people)

"After about three hours have passed the men return to meet again as the peeling job is about finished. This time a man comes with his very sharp knives, small and big ones. Then all the men sit in a circle around the pile of breadfruit and start working again. Some men cut the fruits into two equal parts, some cut out the stems. There are only few men who are very smart in cutting out the stems, probably a man can cut the stems of three hundred breadfruits in an hlur.

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Thanks to our generous citizens the Majuro Library is growing and growing. Contributions of books and magazines have been made by Mrs. Gilfillan, Harry Tubb, Sally Shepherd, Dr. Hughes, Marian Furtado, Janet Manford and Dick Wimer. Needless to say, such donations are welcome and appreciated.

Dr. Hughes has come up with what we think is an excellent idea and we would like to pass it along. If persons who own books would be willing to share them with others on the base, such books can be circulated through the Library. Each book will be marked as being the private property of the individual and a card will be kept showing who the book was issued to. If the donor would like to take his books with him when he leaves Majuro, they will be returned to him. Let's see who will be our first subscriber to the Majuro Book Plan!

Have you read.....

A Woman in Sunshine, by Frank Swinnerton? A new kind of heroine emerges out of the conflicts and passions of an unusual English family. The story is of Letitia, a good yet glamorous lady, who is caught up in a mass of family problems.

Cabbages and Crime, by Anne Nash? Two flower-shop gals, Nell and Dodo, decided to go to Death Valley for a few days. They end up at Cousin Andy Trent's boarding kennels, and there become mixed up with dogs, cabbages, a shirted soul who wailed in the night and - what no mystery story should ever be without - murder.

The Last Billionaire, by William C. Richards? This is an informal portrait of an industrial genius - Henry Ford - who was also a most unpredictable human being.

.....you'll find these books at the Library.

- Hannah Rosenblum

The White House talks on the steel dispute broke down Sunday. CIO President Philip Murray said there will be no strike during government seizure of the mills. He said the talks collapsed because the steel companies demanded an unwarranted prices increase.

\*\* The nationwide strike of some 90,000 oil workers continues, but one independent union in Los Angeles announced a wage agreement. Civilian airlines are preparing to consolidate flights and cut schedules to meet a 30% reduction in gasoline consumption ordered by the government.

\*\* Gen. Alfred Gruenther told a West Point audience that Western Europe will fight to defend itself when the chips are down. However, Gen. Eisenhower's Chief of Staff said he does not believe the Soviet Union will attack Europe this year.

\*\* A party opposed to the rearmament policies of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer won local elections Sunday in the West German state of Hesse. The Social Democratic party got more than 38% of the popular vote - more than the combined totals of the three parties in Adenauer's cabinet.

\*\* The Alaska air command announced an Air Force plane has made the first landing in history at the geographic North Pole. The announcement said a ski-equipped C47 landed on the polar ice cap Saturday. The party sent back this message after spending 3 hours and 10 minutes on the ice pack: "Operation instructions carried out. No sweat."

\*\* The American mother for 1952 is a widowed Chinese born laundry woman of Portland, Maine. Mrs. Ton Len Goon was notified of her selection at her laundry. She gave all the credit for her success to her 8 children. Her oldest son is a doctor in Salt Lake City.

Virginia and Louis Furtado were married in Honolulu just twenty-five years ago today, on May 7, 1927. Lou, Supply Clerk here at Majuro, and Virgie, now on tour with the ROQUE, have our sincere congratulations and good wishes for all the years ahead!

One of their four children is Marian, clerk-typist in Administration here. Their first son Stanley, 24, is a veteran of both World War II and Korea. He is electrician's mate first class USN, based off Yokosuka, Japan, on a net tender. Mildred, 23, of Hawaii, has four children. Louis Jr., 20, is an Army Sgt in Yokohama. Virgie is proud to be a grandmother of five at the age of 40!

The silver anniversary couple met in grammar school in Honolulu. They expect to return by the end of the year.

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"After the men are finished cutting, they are ready to put all the fruits inside a kind of container made by the Marshallese, called 'Dro'. After this they take all the Dro into the water. After two days and one night they bring them a shore again and put them together and cover them with coconut leaves. About three days later women and men come to work together but only a couple of pairs, not in family groups. The job this time is to squash the fruits together and make them soft. When they are mixed together we now call it 'Bwiro'. After squashing business is completed they cover the Bwiro with the leaves of breadfruit tree and over these leaves they put coconut leaves.

"When two days and one night have passed someone says, 'Let us taste our Bwiro. How tasty it will be!' So then everyone will agree and say, 'Yes, let us have a tasting of our Bwiro.'