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From: Ponape Island Affairs Office to the People of the Ponape District

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Kolonia, Ponape, Caroline Islands

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to you all:

We have just had the pleasure of a visit of the representatives of Congress and the Interior Department. The senior member of the party was Congressman Wayne N. Aspinal, who is a member of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; Mr. J. L. Taylor, Consultant for the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and Mr. Anthony T. Lausi, Deputy Director of the Office of Territories, Department of Interior. Our Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Delmas H. Nucker, accompanied them.

They were most impressed with Ponape and were very much interested in the operations of the people working on the Kolonia Improvement Association's activities on the roads. They mentioned that it was certainly nice to see people who had enough civic pride to cause them to help themselves.

They thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Matalanim where they inspected the Plantation itself and the new homestead area. As usual, the Nan Matol Ruins were a source of great interest and wonder to them. Efforts should be made to keep these old ruins as clear as possible.

They commented on the progress that has been made by our public works, political development, the Agricultural Station, and the prospects for our future economy.

Desiring that they would have the opportunity of meeting many (although not all) of the influential and thinking people of Ponape, I invited them to a dinner party at my home, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the Congressmen and, I am sure, by the people themselves. Mr. Aspinal and Mr. Nucker both expressed that they were quite impressed by this gathering and like myself, think that the leadership of such people will cause Ponape District to progress most satisfactorily.

As they left to board the plane, Mr. Nucker and Mr. Aspinal again said that the American staff was doing an excellent job of assisting the people of Ponape to further their own interests. I know that the people of Ponape will continue to cooperate with the Administration's efforts in their behalf and a few years will add much to our present accomplishments.

Your District Administrator,
H. M. HEDGES

Do you have good banjos? Did you read the article on Sanitation in the last NEWS OF THE MONTH? Have you fixed your banjos and made them sanitary for the protection of your family's health?

CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa Claus is coming to Ponape! He will give a small gift to each child up to the age of 14 years old who visits him at the baseball field in Kolonia at 1:00 o'clock on Thursday, December 23rd.

Again this year the Micronesian Employees Labor Relations Council is sponsoring the visit of Santa Claus. The children of the American Junior Red Cross in the USA have again sent gifts to their friends in Ponape. The businessmen of Kolonia, the Missions, and American personnel of the Administration have all contributed money for sweet treats for the children.

Send your children to the District Center on December 23rd to visit Santa Claus.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all from the Staff of the Ponape NEWS OF THE MONTH.....P. S. Kamske, Editor; B. J. Welch, Higinio Weirlangt, Francisco Perman, and Gustave Weilbacher, Editorial Staff.

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ABOUT P.I.C.S.
(Translated from the Ponapean)

This year school at PICS began on September 13, 1954. The school was started incompletely because at that time the Yapese and the Palauan students were not here. The Ponapeans, Saipanese, Marshallese and some of the Trukese were the only students. About two weeks later the Western Carolines' students arrived. On the same day, the first Rotanese arrived for schooling at PICS. They arrived on September 29, 1954 on the plane and the others came on the M/V Errol.

The seniors were honestly pleased and happy to see and welcome the new students of the Junior Class. The first few weeks we were on the matter of getting acquainted with every student from the various districts.

Since the beginning of the school year, we have been expecting two more teachers. One of them is to be Mrs. Barney Chung who was one of the PICS teachers last year. The other one is to be Mr. Gosda who is also to be one of our new teachers. We hope they'll be here in the near future.

We already have two new teachers. They are Mr. Christian Nakama and Mrs. Tudor. Mr. Nakama is good in teaching, especially in science. His home is in Hawaii. He is now taking the place of Mr. Greenough as the vice principal of PICS.

Mrs. Tudor is also an experienced teacher in English, Economics, etc. She was one of the teachers in 1952-53. Since that time she was on vacation and now she is back to teach again. We are glad to know her as well as the others.

Now, we want to tell you the enrollment of the school. The senior class consists of fifty-seven students and they are the ones who are going to graduate this coming May. Among these students there are eleven girls. The girls represent the six districts, except Yap. In this class there are eight students from Saipan, eight from Palau, sixteen from Truk, seven from Marshalls, five from Yap and thirteen from Ponape.

The Juniors are sixty-five students from the various districts. There are only seven girls who represent all the districts. These students are considered the outstanding students who have been selected from their districts for advanced education. They are here to learn as much as they can get through education and its result will be for the benefit of Micronesia.

All the seniors are working in the subsistence garden but they will work for only the first semester. The second semester the Juniors will take over the subsistence garden. Every boy and girl is working from 1:30 to 4:30 on every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon. Mr. Korenaga is in charge of this subsistence garden. (He is the Agriculturist on Truk).

The following students were elected for different major offices. The election was held during the first two weeks of October.

Andon Amaraich (Trukese)	President
Juan Cruz (Saipanese)	Vice President
William Allen (Marshallese)	Timekeeper
Swingly Wolphagen (Ponapean)	Sargeant at Arms
Miss Carmen Mutnguy (Yapese)	Secretary
Tomisiano Martin (Ponapean)	Treasurer
Yoich Kohama (Palauan)	Chairman of Court
Higinio Arcelay (Ponapean)	Athletic Manager
Francisco Villagomez (Saipanese)	Song Leader

These students were elected because of their good qualifications. They have good backgrounds and skillful experiences in running the student body government. Now they have been given the power to govern the student body in every possible way.

This coming graduation, the graduating class will wear black robes. The girls will wear white robes. The school will provide these robes for the students. Each student will pay about 50¢ for using it. The reason for this charge is to have some funds to cover the laundry. This is a good idea that was suggested by the PICS staff because the students cannot afford to buy special graduation clothes. We would say that this graduation will be a wonderful one. These robes will be used for all the coming graduations.

By Taitos Hikarip (Kapinga) and
Johnny David (Kiti)

The 50¢ per bag deduction from your copra sales is your investment in the Ponape Co-op. IT IS NOT A GIFT. This money belongs to YOU.

Have you thought about whom you will elect to represent you in the PONAPE ISLAND CONGRESS next spring. Elections for the Peoples' House will take place in your municipality soon.

THE DANGER OF FLIES

The flies are one of the health menaces in Ponape. It should be clear to all the people of Ponape who are not well informed as health workers, that the flies would be very dangerous to the people's health because of the exposure of human excreta and the lack of benjos in Ponape. It is necessary for the Ponapeans to know that the flies are one of the main disease carriers, not only in Ponape but all over the world.

Flies as disease carriers are murderers. They will kill you by spreading the pathogenic bacteria on your food. Flies are the mechanical carriers of disease. In Ponape the flies do not bite people and inoculate the bacteria directly to the people. However, the hairy bodies and legs become covered with pathogenic bacteria from the filth in which they crawl and feed. The pathogenic bacteria are attached to the flies from the fecal matter, and as they walk on the human's food they frequently deposit the bacteria on the food. Also in the flies alimentary canal the pathogenic bacteria live unharmed until they are discharged in the flies' excreta or regurgitated in small drops as they eat the solid food, such as sugar.

It is also considered that when a fly lights on a plate of food you will eat it may have been feeding upon human's excreta or upon the discharges of a T.B. patient. That is why fly control is so important, particularly in Ponape where there are no sewer systems and is a lack of benjos.

There is an improper way of making benjo all over Ponape. In order to be free from the diseases that are carried by flies or the flies themselves, we should have well-built benjos. Put all your food waste away in a proper way, put your garbages in a hole that has a covering, and also do not accumulate any waste material on the ground. Get rid of flies and vermins by your sanitary actions.

To build a benjo it is not necessary to use the foreign materials, such as tin roof, screen, or nail. We have good local materials which we can use to build a good benjo and we will be free of flies and vermins.

Do not let a fly sit on your food because he will kill you!

This information is for you. So, do not let the flies kill you. Kill the flies before they put you in a dark cemetery.

By Atanasio Actouka
Sanitarian, Ponape District

Do you waste coconuts? Do you leave them on the ground or are you making all the copra possible to improve the conditions of your family?

UNITED NATIONS DAY ACTIVITIES 1954

Mr. F. Moulton, Advisor of United Nations Day Activities, has announced the following cash balance report for 1954:

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Matalanim	\$40.00	Republic Co.	\$54.25
U	40.00	Post Office Money Order	.35
Jokaj	40.00	Copra Cash Prizes	25.00
Kiti	40.00	Carlos Ltscheit	39.10
Not	40.00	Co-op	22.25
Oliver Nanpei	40.00	Co-op	1.50
Club Kolonia	92.01	Co-op	.54
Robert	5.00	Co-op	.84
Osei Rosario	5.00	Co-op	1.40
Martin	10.00	Radio Station	1.68
Ainris	3.00	Honolulu Athletic Supply	48.36
Pedro	3.00	Co-op	100.80
	<u>\$358.01</u>	Cash on Hand	61.94
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BIG WEDDING IN KUSALE

Miss Irene Sigrah, registered nurse at the Ponape Hospital, journeyed to her home in Kusaie, Lele Village, on the last field trip as the Hospital Representative. Mr. Raleigh George, employee of the Print Shop of the Intermediate School and also of the American Community's Club, also made this trip.

On 23 November at 7:30 in the evening, Irene and George; Leona Boas and Isao Nana; and Nanako Asama and Ines Sigrah were married by Reverend John Sigrah (King John) in the church in Lele Village. This simple but beautiful triple wedding was followed by a big wedding feast for some 300 guests at the home of Paul Sigrah in Lele.

Mr. and Mrs. George returned to their duties in Ponape on the same trip. Their many friends wish happiness and success to the three happy young couples.

Any packages that you get at the Post Office are subject to the Import Tax

CODE

For your information and study we are attaching Chapter 6 of the Code of the TT this month. This covers Crimes and Criminal Procedures and should be read by everyone.

If you want to make some extra money sell your vegetables to Robert in Kolonia, sell fish to the Reefer Plant, make and sell handicraft. All of these things are needed. They will bring you good money.

NO DECEMBER NEWSPAPER

Because this issue of the paper is late this month and due to everyone being busy during the Holiday Season and year end, there will be no December issue of the News of the Month published during January.

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NEW GENERAL MANAGER, PONAPE CO-OP

On 1 January Mr. P. S. Kamske will leave his position as Island Affairs Officer to become General Manager of the Ponape Cooperative Company, which handles the copra for the Ponape District as well as wholesale/retail trade goods.

Have you thought about whom you will elect to represent you in the PONAPE ISLAND CONGRESS next spring? Elections for the Peoples' House will take place in your municipality soon.

DISTRICT TREASURER REPORT

Roland Poll, the Ponape District Treasurer, reports that the net balance of District Import Tax Funds after payment of elementary school teachers' salaries throughout the district was \$4,274.28. This amount will be increased during November by import taxes to be collected on goods received on these ships: Gunnersknot, the Roque and the Torry. The Treasurer reports that many people are not paying the taxes due on goods received through the Post Office. The penalties for non-payment of taxes apply also to those not paying taxes on parcel post!!

BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

After 1 January the Trust Territory Business License Fees are again payable. See Gaius Atwin in the Island Affairs Office. The money you pay for your business license is turned over to the municipal government wherein your business is located. All licenses should be called for and paid for during the month of January.

REDEMPTION OF YEN RECEIPTS

The people of Ponape District for many years have hoped that they would receive reimbursement for the receipts they held for YEN turned over to the U.S. Navy Civil Administration Unit at the end of hostilities. As you will remember, the U.S. Navy exchanged a maximum of ¥1000 for \$50.00 for any one person. A receipt was given for any YEN held over 1000.

The Trust Territory Government, as previously promised, is now prepared to redeem these YEN receipts at the rate of \$1.00 for each ¥20. This is the same rate paid when the first ¥1000 were redeemed by the U.S. Navy.

Anyone holding a receipt from the U.S. Naval Civil Administration Unit for YEN turned in to them for which no payment was made should bring them to the Supply Office in the Administration Building for prompt reimbursement. Our files reveal that the following persons should have these receipts. Anyone holding a receipt for YEN whose name is not listed below should also bring the receipt to the Supply Office for reimbursement.

Not District

Lanbeka

Joseph

Thanies

ella, Impomp

Sebio, Impomp

Augusta, Impomp

Tosiro, Impomp

Sofi, Impomp

Jokaj District

Petroj

Rolan

Retin

Jkinosia

Lima

U District

Kornel

Loni

Arijpale

Nausen

Stmont

Kiti District

Uejel

Pretrik

Ioakin

Jemuil

O. Nanpei

Martin

Jonito

Welianter

Jon

Jale

Litia

Uan

Norman

Jantiako

Pelep

Petirik

Aunjon

Tipin

Luelen

N. Penito

Krijpin

Epipanio

Ejter

Tanij

Juj

Merije

Lotij

Erman

Ionij

Matalanim District

Jouel

Turanj

Akojtin

Jipila

Apira

Jojten

Uanada

Frenj

Weliem

Makij

Uiper

Pernel

Uelijin

Erinij

Jenerej

Jooj

Alpet

Topiaj

Alpin

Elpet

N. Mojej

T. Nanpei

Peliten

Allpiret

Alati

Teipij

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KUSALE MAKES GIFT TO GUAM MUSEUM

The All-Island Council of Kusaie presented the Field Trip Officer with a beautiful replica of the bed slept in only by the ancient kings of Kusaie, for forwarding as a gift to the Guam Museum from the people of Kusaie.

This is the first gift for the Guam Museum received in Ponape District. It is hoped that other municipalities will follow the example of Kusaie. The Museum will be pleased with this gift, we know.

Did your Congressman attend the last meeting of Congress? If not, ask him why he did not attend in order to express your wishes

NOTICE FROM POST OFFICE

The following people have letters and catalogs at the post office. Please call for them as soon as possible...

Maria Pilar Latoré	Net
Mrs. Elizabeth S. Seiola	Kolonia
Miss Felicity Lisama	Kolonia
Mr. Alex Lisama	Kolonia
Mr. Teifis	Kolonia
Otto Ikid	Yohl, Palikir
Limasi Samuel	Kiti
Niepes Linge	Sokehs Village
Mrs. Ignasia Likichimos	Kolonia
Kose Kualia	Sokehs Village
Aiko, wife of William	Ponape District
Mrs. Masako Hadley	Ponape District
Isinimary Makenzi	Kolonia
Samson Albert	Akahl, Weni'm Madolenihmw
Lieta	Kolonia
Alonso Naich	Sokehs
Mr. Bob Ropin	Sokehs Malok Village
Monika Jemen	Kolonia
Mr. Tisala Julios	Ponape
Miked	Kolonia
Takeo Isera	Kolonia
Ben I. Benjamin	Kolonia
Oscar Amaram	Kolonia
Gustav Jacob	Kolonia
Benjamin J. Isac	Kolonia
Joseph Petter	Kolonia
Hon Lanno	Constabulary
Kuniuo Nanaua	Kolonia
Kesner M. Moses	Anipos Madolenihmw
Ishiro S. John	Kolonia
Mr. Angrel Kusio (Rusio?)	Kolonia