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# PONAPEAN PROFILES VI

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This week: Harriet Weinrich

As efficient as she is charming, Ponape's Distad Secretary is well-known by members of our community as well as many who have left our fair island. Harriet Weinrich has been Girl Friday to three District Administrators here - beginning in August, 1955 with Mr. Hedges, followed by Mr. Heron, and now, Mr. Finale.

Harriet received her secretarial training at Hilo Commercial College in Hawaii, graduating in 1947. The first chance to demonstrate her capabilities came soon after that, when she was hired as secretary to the pathologist at Hilo Memorial Hospital.

Her next position was working with a fellow named Ray Weinrich, at that time manager of the National Educational Publishers in Honolulu. Making their working relationship that much more pleasant was the fact that Harriet and this fellow were now husband and wife. It all came about when Ray visited Hilo on a hunting trip and returned having captured a fiancée - much to the surprise and delight of his friends and family, who had expected nothing more than a deer or a few birds for the freezer.

Harriet moved to Honolulu with Ray after their marriage in August of 1948, assuming her new duties as wife and secretary. It cannot truthfully be said, however, that this couple up to that time had always been "alone together" or that all had been sweetness and light! It all began on their wedding night. As they were driving toward a hotel after their marriage, Harriet was startled to hear the screech of their brakes and see her new husband leap out of the car and over the countryside. When he returned to the car, accompanying him was the third figure

in what was to become an interesting triangle, directly occupying the space on the seat between this man and his bride. This situation seemed to call, however, for a psychiatrist rather than a marriage counselor, for this mysterious third party was none other than a mongoose! Ray had decided to tame this wild creature, since his knowledge of animals told him that it was a simple matter. In characteristic manner, Harriet managed to smile and make the best of this disconcerting, if not dangerous, rival for her husband's affections.

Born Harriet Jitchaku, she came "about in the middle" of a large family of three brothers and five sisters. Her father taught languages at a private school until he realized that his salary would not meet his growing family's requirements, so he entered business for himself. On the evenings when he entertained his friends and associates, his daughter Harriet was always asked to demonstrate her musical talents by playing the seven foot 13-string Japanese instrument, "o-koto", and performing Japanese and Hawaiian dances.

Harriet graduated from Hilo High School in 1943, subsequently taking her first job as cashier-assistant bookkeeper at the Pacific Hotel-Bakery-Cafe in Hilo. Realizing that her interests lay in secretarial work, she entered business college. While she was a student, Harriet's charm and good looks were appreciated by the Nisei soldiers of the 442nd Combat Team, who voted her into second place in a beauty contest they sponsored. She received a lovely brocaded satin gown as well as other prizes and served as princess at their carnival.

The Weinrich family moved to Guam in 1952 after the birth of their first child, Prissy, where Harriet was secretary to the Director of Land Management and, later, secretary to the Director of Education. They came to Ponape in

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August, 1955. A son, Bruce, was born in 1956 and a second, Dale, in 1959.

Harriet and her family have recently returned from leave in Hawaii and hope to tour the Orient at the end of their present contracts.

MARCH 31 IS DATE SET FOR NET CELEBRATION

Net Municipality will observe its annual celebration honoring its Pwihh Repahki Palson Mour Mwahu (Group to find a foundation for better living) next Thursday, March 31, beginning at 10:00 pm at the Net Municipal Office.

Songs, dances, and the kava ceremony will be highlights of the all-day program. District Administrator William E. Finale will address the gathering as will Chief Magistrate Max Iriarte, who is also president of the Net Municipal Association and Nanmwarki of Net.

The Association has as its aims the planting of coconuts and cacao, the clearing of homesteads, and improving the sanitation standards of the community.

HERE THEY COME

Passengers expected in on Monday's flight include Mr. W. M. Ownbey, Miss Telpina Noth, Dr. William Conover, Erco-lano Kohler, and two Page Communications personnel, Tavares and Kaanehe. Only last names were available for the Page passengers.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Post card applications for absentee ballots are available from the Administrative Assistant for those who wish to apply to their respective home states for ballots. The supply is limited.

EXOTIC DANCES, GOOD FOOD, RIBALD DRAMA, AT TOMORROW'S "DO"

In the relaxed atmosphere of a beach-comber's paradise, Club Kolonia members will enjoy a floor show, food prepared by lovely wahines and brought in exotic wrappings, music to dance by, and Smitty's libations, tomorrow night.

A floor show just short of magnificent featuring the rhythms and swaying hips of three island lasses (they come from Saipan, New Zealand and Hawaii) will be followed by an original play called "Service in a Beachcomber Hotel". The author has given notice that the production is a bit on the ribald side.

There will be no admission or cover charge. Drinks are at regular bar prices. Coffee will augment the castaway meals being brought by the girls.

Prizes will be awarded to the Best Female, Best Male, and Best Couple wearing beachcomber togs. Beachcombers will draw numbers for their food baskets and wahines for the dinner hour.

THE FLICKS

Anthony Steel and Robert Beatty star in the Eastman color movie "Out of the Clouds" tonight at the Club Kolonia.

"Ride the High Iron", with Don Taylor and Sally Forest (B&W) is Sunday's cinematic thriller.

Tuesday's film title is not known at this time. If Mr. Yanada's new 16mm projector arrives on Monday, the movie for Tuesday will be announced via the Alexander Graham Bell - Bert S. Pearce telephone system.

RED CROSS

Contributions will be accepted by the Distad Secretary or Administrative Assistant through April 4.

# WHAT'S IN A NAME?, OR WHO ARE YOU?

If you are not already thoroughly confused by the local practices in the use of names, this article, which is intended to enlighten you, will confound you further.

With the exception of Mr. Robert G. J. Rivard, most Kolonials are content with a first, second, and family name. Mr. Leo (No Middle Initial) Migvar is even more content with just two names. Not so our Ponapean friends and colleagues. They are rarely content with less than four or five names. But even in their contentment they refuse to be kind enough to use only one of them, or all of them, consistently.

At birth a Ponapean is given what is called, for lack of a better term, a birth name. This is given, usually by the parents, if the baby is born at home. Good. Now he has one name. It is not that simple, however, if the baby is born at the hospital. It may be that the parents haven't decided on his birth name, but the doctor or the nurse must fill out that form, so baby must have a name. Likely as not, the proud parents will say to the hospital staff, "YOU give him a name". They do. This name is, for lack of a better term, his hospital birth name. It rarely if ever coincides with his birth name given him when he gets back to his home. Now he has two names.

Soon the baby is old enough to be baptized. Off to church he goes. There he is given his baptismal or, for lack of a better term, his church name. In the case of some females, two church names might be given by the good padre. Now he (or she) has three (or four) names.

Not content, for one so young, the child yearns still for other appellations. To make him further content, he is given an ahd kamwan, or "joking name". Don't be fooled. This is no joke. He now has four or five names.

Assuming our baby is a male, he just wait a bit now for any more names he hopes to acquire. As soon as he is able to get around and know what it's all about he'll get an honorific name from his section chief, and possibly one from his district chief. He now has five or six names.

Now we must backtrack a bit, for right from the beginning our baby has

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another name: his clan name. That makes six or seven thus far. If he grew up in the period of the Japanese Mandate, he will also have a Japanese name to use in school and on certain records. Score so far: seven or eight names. If he were born into a family which retained a European family name, he gets another gratis. This adds up to eight or nine names.

Hang on, it can get worse. If he has no European family name, and some form-filler-outer insists upon a LAST name, he will use his father's birth name. Or he might use his father's baptismal name. And, just to be tricky, he'll use one on one form, and the other on another.

And then, ya know what? After getting all his names in proper sequence and studying the contemporary usage, you discover that some American gave him the name of "Skinner" or "Little Joe from Kokomo", and that's the one you'd better use if you want him to know who you are calling. -RJU

## THE BIG BAMBOO-ZLE

If you don't know what an uli uli is, you had best hie yourself to the Beachcomber Party at the Club Kolonia tomorrow night. We got hold of some inside information that a couple gals are going to shake their uli ulis for the assembled castaways. If you do know what an uli uli is, you won't be disappointed when you see the manner in which these gals shake theirs.

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We seem to have misplaced an entire village. Either that, or it never existed, or did exist at one time and is no more. In Louis Becke's "Pacific Tales", published in 1896, he mentions frequently a village of some stature and large proportions in Kusaie called Leasse. The first person who can identify, throw some light on, or otherwise enlighten us as to the whereabouts of this island suburbia will receive absolutely free our Agave blossom award.

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Not very long ago we were out to dinner at the home of one of our favorite hostesses. After a repast designed to please both the gourmet and the gourmand, the distaff side of our family joined other guests at a table of bridge while we reveled in a clutch of males across the room who were sharing their repertoire of jokes. Upon arriving home, the little woman chewed us out, not for listening and telling, (as we fully expected), but for reaching new depths of rudeness by talking just loud enough to annoy the Goren devotees but not loud enough so they could hear the punch line.

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If you haven't been down to the Intermediate School ball field of a Saturday or Sunday lately to watch the League games you are missing some of

## BLUE EAGLES REMAIN UNDEFEATED; PUBLIC WORKS IN NO. 2 SPOT

The Blue Eagles remain undefeated with an impressive win of 20 to 6 over the M.X. team.

The Public Works team was able to move into the second spot, with their third shut-out in a row, beating the Pirates in a close game. Final score was Public Works 4, Pirates 0.

PICS broke into the win column after a close game against the Intermediate School team. Final score was 9-8. In a Sunday game, PICS routed Net for a score of 18 to 5. The double win puts PICS in the third spot in the League standings.

This week-end will see the following teams tangling:

Sat. 0930 Blue Eagles vs. Pirates  
1300 Net vs. M. X.

Sun. 1200 PICS vs. Public Works  
1500 Intermediate vs. M.X.

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## THE BIG BAMBOO-ZLE continued

the best baseball this side of the International Dateline. No longer do the local teams play an odd mixture of Nipponese and island ball. No sirree. These lads are playing regulation, by the book, U. S. ball. Unfortunately, so is the umpire. The only person we know who has any empty Goke bottles is Captain Trevis. He insists he has to send them back to the bottler in order to get more Coke, but we suspect he is in cahoots with those deaf, dumb, and blind characters whose cross it is to stand in judgment of our local Micky Mantles.

# GEOMETRIC DESIGNS EXHIBITED AT PICS

The public is invited to view designs serving to illustrate what can be done with geometric figures presently on display at the PICS Library.

Using protractor, ruler and compass as tools, each of Mrs. Migvar's senior geometry students entered their designs in a contest. They had about a month in which to plan and complete their colored pencil drawings.

Miss Emi Mukaida, Messrs. Dan Peacock and Dan Sammet, judges, had a difficult time choosing the three top winners from all the entries. First prize was given the work of Juliana Erungl from Palau for her simple circular impression entitled "Trochus Shell Sketch".

James Mangefel of Yap received second prize honors for his design, which he titled "PICS View Through My Window". The center of interest in this is a spider surrounded by a web through which James captured a view of PICS buildings and landscape. An abstract impression, "The Frightened Rabbits", received third prize. Cyril Uluch of Yap incorporated circular and straight figures to form this interesting design.

Others displayed are, "Center of Beauty", "Parque", "The Three Doors of Life", and "The Micro Inter-District Building", all using straight lines in perspective.

# LEAGUE

## STANDINGS TO DATE

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Blue Eagles	4	0	1.000
Public Works	3	1	.750
PICS	2	1	.666
Pirates	1	1	.500
Intermediate	1	2	.333
M. X.	0	2	.000
Net	0	4	.000

## KUSAIE FIELD TRIP

The M/V Kaselehlia will depart 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 30, for Kusaie, returning to Ponape the morning of April 2. The vessel will go direct to Kusaie and not stop at Mokil or Pingelap. The Mokil-Pingelap field trip is scheduled for 20 April, just after the Southern Field Trip which will sail on April 11.

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## GUNNERS KNOT DUE 3 APRIL

The M/V Gunners Knot was re-scheduled to leave Guam today and arrive Ponape on Sunday, April 3.

YOU SHOULD KNOW.....

Magellan sailed westward across the Pacific, not sighting any land until he reached Guam.



STORY CORNER

"A Storm"

When I lived in Palau Islands in a quonset there was a storm coming up. We had to take our belongings from our bedrooms. Outside there was a mango tree that might crash! During the storm the wind made sounds, and it rained. After the storm it was wet and muddy, and the tree did not crash, but limbs of the tree were leaning on the house.

Paula Peacock  
3rd grade

CRADLE ROLL

Another little girl has joined the growing list of PONAPALS. Arriving this week from Guam, where she was born, was RENE GLEE RIVARD. Welcome to Ponape, Rene.



RIDDLES OF THE WEEK

1. When the clock strikes thirteen, what time is it?
2. What goes farther the slower it goes?
3. Why is it always a mistake to put on a shoe?

DENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This is the time that we are reminded to see the dentist. He will check our teeth and see if we have any cavities that need filling. Brushing our teeth at least twice each day will help our teeth to stay in good shape.



POETRY CORNER

"Hints for Health"

Sing a song of clean teeth  
At morning and at night.  
Twenty healthy little teeth  
Strong and shining white.  
Every day I brush them  
To keep them nice and clean.  
Aren't they a set of pearls  
Fit for any queen?

ANSWERS TO RIDDLES

1. Time to have the clock fixed.
2. Money.
3. Because you are putting your foot in it.

GOOFY AND MILLY LAND ON THE MOON!!



Our KIDS COLUMN cartoonist, Murphy OWNBEY, is back from his trip to Guam. So watch for more "Goofy" next week!

