

Now that school supplies are on hand; and the teachers are receiving additional training, some progress is being made in the education system here. The agriculture program is well underway; and plans are being made for intermediate and adult education.

The Education Officer inspected the schools on Mokil, Pinglap, and Kusaie. Operating conditions of the schools were found to be satisfactory.

It is recommended that a few young men and women be taken from this area and trained as teachers on Guam. With the limited facilities and trained personnel here, it is impossible to adequately train teachers.

The boat repair machine shop is nearing completion and will provide excellent machine tool training for the natives. Machine tools, some in fair condition, have been found in the bush hidden there by the retreating Japs. More machines will be installed as soon as they arrive from Guam. These will be furnished by ^{om}Marianas.

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31 March 1947

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Summary - No additional comments.

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No further comments, except as above.

Instead of grading the children in schools according to ages, they are graded according to their abilities.

Lt. Comdr. Vandam and Mrs. Vandam came at the end of August and had general, and Arithmetic tests given at one school of the different districts of Nett (Colonia Catholic Mission School), Kitti (Ron Kittk) and Metalanim (Sapualap), also at the Teachers' School; most of the children responded with pleasure to his call though it was during the holidays.

The detachment of Ensign Arnett, the Educational Officer, left a vacancy that appeared at a most unfortunate time, as the teachers' training program was just getting well under way. To overcome this loss, Mr. Carlos Etscheit volunteered and was recommended by Mr. Arnett as a relief, and his efforts have meant the survival of the training program.

With the arrival of the new Educational Officer ordered to CAU Ponape by the Bureau of Naval Personnel, it is expected that the public school can be established, representing a common educational meeting ground between the Mission schools, Catholic, and Protestant that now exist.

The application of Lt. Halvorsen, who will be separated from the Navy in October, for appointment to one of the available civil service instructor's posts on Ponape, has been forwarded to Commander Marianas for consideration and approval.

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31 December 47

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Word has been received that Lt. Halvorsen former Native Affairs Officer, now on Guam for spearation, will return to Ponape in an educational capacity. The addition of his services and knowledge of the local educational situation will be a welcome event.