

HEAD & HANDS

IMPORTANCE OF MARSHALLESE CUSTOMS

(The Civil Administrator)

Certain Marshallese customs are important because the dignity of the Marshallese people is in them. They also important because every country has its customs which were made by its people as a foundation of honor and respect and dignity.

It should be realized by all Marshallese that no one can become a good fellowman of the Marshall Islands if he tries to abuse his native born customs. However, not all the Marshallese customs are good to be continually carried on, but even some of the bad customs had some good reasons why they were made at sometime in the past. A custom now recognized as being bad should be replaced even though the idea of why the people started it was possibly good at that time.

It gives those who really want to maintain certain Marshallese customs no pleasure when they see other people who are trying to change the good customs. Maybe they have some reasons for trying to change them, but it is difficult to know of any reason why the the good Marshallese customs should be changed. All Marshallese customs can be easily changed if you want changed, but what kind of people are you if you change them all.

I do not mean that you should not copy some of the new things from the outside world but you should retain the best of your culture. Choose the ways and devices which give promise of ultimate good. Some of your good customs, I regret to say, will disappear especially in areas around our headquarters where many new things from foreign countries are being introduced.

Obedience, respect and behavior are not always being shown by the young people toward their elders and leaders. The use of correct language is not always practiced by your boys and girls, and

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NAVIGATION CLASSES

Ensign W.S. Dodd Jr. wishes to announce that classes in practical navigation are being held at the Majuro Intermediate School each Monday and Friday evening at 1900. All interested are invited to attend.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVES VISIT MARSHALL ISLANDS

The time for the Department of the Interior to administer the islands of the Trust Territory and Samoa is getting closer all of the time. Guam now is in the process of being turned over to the Department of the Interior. Admiral Radford, High Commissioner Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, is scheduled to be relieved of his duties by a civilian High Commissioner sometime after July 1, 1950.

Three men came to the Marshall Islands from the Department of the Interior last month accompanied by Prof. Leonard Mason from the University of Hawaii. Mr. Taylor was in charge of the group. They were seeking information about the many problems of administering the Marshall Islands. Mr. Taylor wanted to know how many Americans and Marshallese will be needed in administration, in the schools, in the hospital, in business affairs and how many Americans and Marshallese will be needed to provide house, lights water and food for those needed in the other things.

Mr. Giddings was interested in how much everything will cost - how much the salaries for the administrators, teachers, doctors, business people, mechanics, carpenters and electricians will be for the number that Mr. Taylor thinks would be needed.

Mr. Wolfgram was looking at all of the buildings and equipment to see which are in good condition and which will have to be replaced.

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7 SEALS DISCOVERED AT UJAE

U Ujae, Ujae- Seven seals were discovered on a reef while some fishermen were out in their outriggers. These people were unaware of what they had seen and were somewhat afraid to approach to take a better look at them. They then hurried back ashore and spread the news among the inhabitants.

The seals come up on the mainland very frequently. Almost every day the villagers come to the Townhall to watch them putting on a show on the near-by beach.

Kaven, Maloelap- Not long ago the people in this island happened to have a friendly seal which usually supplied them with fresh turtle meat. It chased the

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even your young men and young women, toward parents, elders and leaders. This shows that some of your old Marshallese customs are being changed.

Remember, that your customs should become your beautiful wreaths made of fine flowers to show to the people of other countries who come to visit you. And if you carelessly handle them they will soon dry up and become nothing and be worth nothing.

Marshallese teachers in your public schools have under their care the Marshallese leaders of the future. One of their great responsibilities is to teach the right Marshallese customs to their students, and to choose the best ideas from the outside world that will take place among the best of your necessary customs.

Your teachers have studied and forsee some of the new things which will be coming in the future. It is up to them, in particular, and to your present leaders too, to maintain the dignity of your own people. The best way to maintain that dignity is to keep the best of your old Marshallese customs.

DRIVERS, DRIVERS, DRIVERS-!!!
Stop, look and listen. Grip your wheel steadily and try to follow

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the traffic rules. Don't take chance to exceed the speed limit, it may cause you to be very sorry.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Capttain C.B. Gill, Governor of the Marshall Islands, was introduced by CDR. R.W. Kenney, Civil Administrator of the Marshall Islands. CDR. Kenney said, in speaking about Capt. Gill, that he knew Capt. Gill was very interested in the Marshallese people because of his work with him.

Capt. Gill said that the graduation of the students is like spring. That everything is young, fresh and green. It is the beginning of life and accomplishment and opportunity.

He then told a story of Majuro. Almost exactly six years ago from the graduation day, June 6, Capt. Gill came to Majuro as captain of a new ship. He was visiting Capt. Grant who was staying in the house in which Cdr. Kenney now lives. Some Marshallese men had promised to bring Capt. Grant some crabs. They left their island with five crabs and some girls. They travelled all night. The next day there were only three crabs. Two of the girls were hungry in the night and ate two of the crabs. The men were very angry and when they came to the house of Capt. Grant they were dragging the girls with them by the hair. They told the story to Capt. Grant and he said nevermind, three are enough and did not want to punish the girls. But the men punished them anyhow.

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He was most interested in facilities for loading and unloading ships and in warehouses for copra and for keeping the food and supplies that ships will bring. He also wanted to know what kind of buildings will last the longest in the Marshall Islands.

Mr. Mason came with the group to help them find the information needed and to get ready for the group of scientists who will come soon to Arno.

The biggest problem the Department of the Interior will have will be the problem of transportation. The Department of the In-

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terior does not have many ships like the Navy has. Contracts must be made for shipping companies in the United States, Hawaii, Japan or Australia to come and bring supplies and take the copra to market. If ships make a profit they must be able to load and unload very fast as the salary for the crew and their food is as much when the ship is waiting to load and unload as it is when the ship is travelling.

Seals Con'

turtles from the deep water to the beach where the watching men could catch them without much trouble. It gradually became friendly with the villagers in this manner. Unfortunately, two short-minded young men dropped a big rock on its head while it was taking a nap under a shady tree so that they could possibly take a good look at it. Yea, they did really take a good look at it but now the Kaven people are having a hard time supplying themselves with turtle meat.

Seals usually do not hurt anyone as long as they are not annoyed and are not of much use to Marshallese so they should not be killed.

Com. Address Con'

Capt. Gill told the teachers their number one job was to get along with their neighbors and use their knowledge to help the community. Every one needs to help each other differences, religious or others must be ended. He cautioned the teachers to always remember that if they have more rights it means more responsibilities. The people in the Marshall Islands live very closely with each other and very few may have an opportunity to leave the islands so it is very necessary to be happy with your island and be friends with all of your neighbors.

LAUNCHING OF JAB MELOKLOK

A launching ceremony sponsored by Ens. Mercer and Iroij Lanmoj was taking place in the**

**presence of Admiral Fiske and members of the UN Mission to the Trust Territory.

Admiral Fiske who helped inaugurate the boat building project in the Trust Territory expressed pleasure at being here for the ceremonial occasion and was very pleased that the Marshallese are showing much interest in this project. Iroij Lanmoj expressed the Wotje people's and his gratefulness that the distinguished guests could be present at the ceremony and also thanked the U.S. Navy for making this project available and for the much help that the Marshallese have received. He also mentioned that in the United States and other big countries the people customarily break a bottle of champagne on the bow of a ship before it is launched. "However, he said, here in the Marshalls we break a coconut on the bow of the ship before launching!!"

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TRIP TO ARMO

(Editor Head and Hands)

To provide transportation for a group of scientists who wished to study there, the school boat recently made a trip to Armo. These scientists are a group working under a project known as the Scientific Investigation of Micronesia.

The trip started pleasantly enough through the lagoon as we sailed but when we got to the passage it was not so pleasant as the boat was tossed up and down on the waves. Aboard it were members of the mission, Mr. Kessler Mrs. Bass, Jimmy Miline, myself and a group of school boys half of whom acted as our seamen for the trip under the guidance of Captain Langreen Jr.

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RONGELAP NEWS

Nobody fools the Rongelap women! On the last field trip to Rongelap, the men bought food and a few trade goods with the money they received from selling their copra. They took these articles into shore but soon came hurry-

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NAVY PBM CRASHED

On the 24th of May, a Navy PBM crashed while taking off from Maloelap lagoon after dropping off a dental field party. All passengers were taken off by rubber boats and Marshallese craft but all personal gear was left aboard until a salvage ship came down and rescued the belongings.

AIR EMERGENCY FLIGHT TO LIKIEP

Navy medical aid for a pneumonia-stricken Marshallese schoolboy, on Likiep Island, was flown from Kwajalein on June 4th. Doctor Mitchell, who went along to care for the boy, found a situation approaching a minor epidemic in addition to the critically ill Lemeirik De Brum. Two infants and a four-year-old boy were also taken aboard the plane.

Trip to Arno Con'

Suffering much from the seasickness, I did not quite enjoy sailing but was quite astonished to see that Mrs. Bass did not mind the rolling sea at all. It seemed to me that I was experiencing much of the same sickness which our school girls usually get while out on the boat.

After a very lengthy six-hour sailing, we arrived at Ino Village. Upon our arrival, we were welcomed by the villagers. In the evening a program was given for us by the school children and their teacher. They sang many Marshallese and American songs and later in the evening we were entertained with music from the school string band and with tap dances. The Americans who were present at the program and the group from the Intermediate School had a chance to sing and dance for the school students and also thank them for the fine program.

Having finished loading our boat with the food given us, the next day we headed to Arno Village late in the afternoon. Fortunately, we anchored just before dark. We landed and were welcomed also by the people on this island. Otniel, the school

Launching Con'

Just before the program started, Rev. Isaac said a prayer. Later a group of students from the Marshall Islands Inter Mediate School put on a stick dance. Many a song and dance by the Wotje group followed the stick dance. A group of women armed with leis marched toward the distinguished guests singing songs and crowing them. Many pictures were taken by the people who watched near-by. A short while later, the JAB MEL* OKLOK (Do not Forget) was pushed to the water. All the people who were at the ceremony were invited to take the first ride. So, crowded the JAB MELOKLOK started on a short trip around Rite lagoon. After the trip was over the Wotje people gave out many presents and food to the people who were in the ceremony.

Rongelap News Con'

ing back to the field ship with a boat load of women who demanded that they turn back some of the food to ITC and buy some cloth to make dresses. Very angry women and very unhappy men.

Daniel, the pastor of the Rongelap church, and all the people of Rongelap have reason to feel very proud of themselves. They have built a large church like the one on Kwajalein, for the celebration of the Boston Mission Society's 50th year on Rongelap. It is a very pretty church made of salvaged lumber and pandanus thatch and is easily one of the nicest churches in the Marshalls.

On the same field trip the following men have been elected as representatives to the Marshallese Congress meeting in Majuro on July 4th 1950.

Lae Village	Tartios
Ujac Village	Jetwa
Ujalang Village	Tom
Wotho Village	Emijwa
Rongelap Village	Tollik
Uluga Village	Ajidrik
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Majuro Atoll: Having boats built for them at the Majuro Boat Repair Company are:

teacher, and his school boys and girls also gave us a program in which we were entertained with songs and the fine music provided by the school string band. The program was not so long as all of our group felt weary and were ready to go to bed. We thanked them after we sang a few songs for them.

On the next day, we were given many kinds of food by the villagers who sang songs and crowned us with beautiful leis. Mr. Kesler expressed our gratefulness to the people and we departed from Arno at 5:30 that afternoon. The trip was over when we arrived at our homeport at 9:00 that night.

One of the most important things in the life of a person is food. You must eat to live. Many people do not realize that plants from which their food comes are also alive, but do you feed these plants? The question is "What do plants eat?" Plant food is their own leaves, leaves from other trees, grass which dies—these become wet and decay and the rain washes this food into the roots of the plant. These roots are both the hands and mouth of the plant.

It is good to keep your village clean by raking up the leaves. The problem to solve is: "Shall we feed our plants, or shall we burn the leaves?" If we burn the leaves we must keep the ashes to spread them around the plants roots ~~but it is~~ always better not to burn them but pile them around the roots so that the plants will have both mineral and soil.

Boat Owners Con'

Mejerwa	40'	Arno
Meloktakan	40'	Malcoelap
Association of Marshall Islands		
Pastors	50'	Majuro
Edward Capelle	50'	Likiep
Balos & Obet	38'	Majuro
Motton	50'	Aur
Later	26'	Arno
Elean	26'	Arno
Ujelang Council	26'	Ujelang
Labier	40'	Malcoelap
Harry	40'	Ailinglap.
Zekreaj	40'	Malcoelap
Lanmoj	50'	Malcoelap
Jetnil	49'	Arno

Personal News Con'

left for the summer session at Pacific Islands Teacher Training School situated on Truk. Both these teachers and the graduates of 1950 class of PITTS, who are also attending the summer session, will return to the Marshall Islands this coming August.

Having completed two years in the University of Hawaii, Mr. Dwight Heino was assigned to be one of the instructors at PITTS this summer. We hope to see him also this August with the teachers and the graduates from PITTS.

PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. Jack Easley, Marshall Islands Intermediate School Principal, his wife, Elizabeth Easley, and their son, Alan Easley, left for a vacation on Hawaii. They hope to be back on the 15th of Aug., 1950.

Mr. Fredrick Rothenberg, member of the school faculty, also went on an emergency leave to the Mainland. Hope that he will be back sometime next year. All members of the faculty and students went to see them off at the Majuro Air Terminal, and wished them a very happy visit and a pleasant vacation.

Four candidates have been selected from the Marshall Islands to attend the medical and dental schools on Guam. Laji of Ailuk, Biliet of Ujae and Lijen of Aur will be enrolled in the medical course. Jornaiah of Mojit will be enrolled in the dental course. All student friends and sweethearts wish them lots of luck and hope that they will study very hard.

Marshallese Teachers Association Officers agreed that the association would allow a scholarship of \$300 for the nine teachers

EDITOR, CORDIALLY INVITES ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO TELL A STORY TO THEIR FRIENDS WHICH THEY WILL ENJOY, TO DO SO THROUGH OUR PAPER HEAD AND HANDS.

Mrs. C. B. Gill, Mrs. F. W. Avila, Mrs. M. A. Nelson, and Mrs. R. B. Mercer recently accompanied the field trip to the Southern Circuit. They visited the atolls of Ailinglaplap, Jaluit, Mamorik, Ebon, and Kili and were greeted at each stop with the type of party that the Marshallese are known for.

STUDY OF TEETH

(By Doctor A.A. Jaffe)

Dental cares or tooth decay is one of the most common disease of the human race and few people are naturally immune to it. It may begin soon after the baby or deciduous teeth have appeared in the mouth, is common by the 4th or 5th year of life and may continue as long as teeth are present. Dental cares can and often result in much pain and suffering and it would be a great blessing to human beings if this disease could be prevented.

Although Dental cares or tooth decay can be controlled to a large degree, there is not as yet sufficient knowledge to prevent it as has been done in the cares of smallpox, typhoid fever or diphtheria. However, methods of control and treatment have advanced in the last six years so that there is no longer a reason for the loss of teeth because of dental cares.

In view of the widespread prevalence of tooth decay and the great loss of teeth which it causes this statement may appear surprising. This does not mean that all of the causes of tooth decay are known or that tooth decay now can be prevented entirely, but it does mean, however, that tooth decay can be controlled or checked successfully.

There is as yet no single factor which in itself will give complete control over tooth decay. The whole program of cavities control consists of four parts, in summary as follows:

1. Regular visits to the dentist for examination
2. Early treatment of small cavities, delay will cause loss of teeth.
3. Consumption of proper diet, and temperance in the use of sweets, (candies and sugars)
4. Proper and regular cleaning of the teeth after each meal.

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