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**** HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE DISTAD ****

To all the staff, both American and Micronesian, I wish to extend my greetings for the Holiday Season. A Merry Christmas to all, and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

William E. Finale
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District Administrator

GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF

This will be the last issue of the PONAPE-PER until after New Years. The staff members feel that they will be too busy spreading and consuming good cheer about the base during Christmas week to attend to the details of publication.

So we should like this opportunity to wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas, and we hope that 1960 will bring success and happiness to all of you. We hope, too, that it will be a successful year for the PONAPE-PER and that each issue will be bigger, better, and whatever else its readers desire. You'll be hearing from us next year..... unless that good cheer proves too much for our sensitive editorial systems.

NEWS

President Eisenhower received an enthusiastic reception as he drove to the presidential palace with Bourgiba on his visit to Tunisia today.

After talking to Bourgiba, the President expressed grave anxiety over the failure to settle the Algerian war. He also emphasized the importance of political and

economic development in all African and Asian countries.

The President then boarded a cruiser to cross the Mediterranean to France where he will join Christian Herter for the Western Summit Conference. Meanwhile Secretary of State Herter was bringing the NATO Council of Ministers meeting to a close in Paris. The NATO Conference expressed the hope for disarmament, but said until that could be achieved, NATO must continue to build up its strength.

An airforce B-47 jet bomber and an F-102 fighter collided in the air over Northern Ontario. There were conflicting reports as to whether there were any possible survivors.

The federal mediator in steel wage negotiations, Joseph Finnegan, will call a meeting of industry and labor negotiators next week. The meeting had been broken off last Thursday while the steel workers union negotiated with aluminum producers in Chicago.

The steel workers are on the job under a Taft-Hartley injunction which runs out on January 26. The union has said that if a settlement has not been reached by then, the strike will be resumed.

The AEC is conducting a series of thermo-nuclear test explosions. The tests are being conducted underground in a Louisiana salt mine. Two charges have been set off and approximately eight more will follow.

Navy Admiral Gerald Wright, 61, head of U. S. and NATO fleet forces in the Mediterranean suddenly announced his resignation today.

The Coast Guard rescued fifteen crewmen from a sinking Liberian freighter off the coast of California

Chicago gangland figure Roger Touhey was murdered by shotgun blasts today, which also wounded his body guard. The ex-Chicago gangster had tasted freedom for only 33 hours, after spending more than 25 years in prison.

Touhey, who had connections with the old Capone mob, could have been slain in revenge for information he gave to the police, or to make certain he did not reveal all that he knew about the Chicago crime syndicate.

To Miss Emi Mukaida, who is celebrating her birthday today.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Germinaro, who celebrate their 3th wedding anniversary on Thursday, December 31.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Migvar, who celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary yesterday.

PONAPE FLEET EXPANDED

With the acquisition of two LCMs, the Ponape fleet has expanded. Rear Admiral Hawley officially takes command 21 December 1959. It is rumored that his promotion to Fleet Admiral is forthcoming.

WATER SUPPLY TO BE INCREASED

Mr. Ihara is clearing the site for the new chlorination station at the reservoir. It is hoped that some time next year our water supply will be increased.

TRADING POST

FOR SALE: 1959 Magnavox portable stereophonic phonograph plus ten stereo records \$150.00. Roy Fox. Please contact Club manager if interested.

WEEKEND WORK WANTED: There are some male and female PICS students who are interested in weekend work. If you have any jobs to be done (gardening, housework, baby sitting, etc.,) please contact Leo Migvar, Principal, at the PICS office for arrangements.

GENERATOR INSTALLED

The third generator has been installed at the Power Plant and is in operation.

FRANK MAHONY RECEIVES ICA APPOINTMENT

Frank Mahony received dispatch confirmation this week of his appointment as Community Analyst with the International Cooperation Administration. He will be stationed in Somalia, a United Nations Trust Territory under the administration of Italy. Somalia is the former Italian Somaliland and is located on the Eastern coast of Africa, bordering on Ethiopia.

The Mahonys plan to depart Ponape on the January 6 flight. Frank will report to Washington for briefing before he and his family continue on to Somalia.

An interesting story is told of when Frank first came to the Trust Territory in 1950 under Navy Administration. Travelling on the same ship was Francis P. Mahoney (now Distad at Palau and former Anthropologist at Yap). When Frank and Francis expressed surprise (and delight) with the suite to which they had been assigned, instead of the single bunks assigned other passengers on this Navy ship, they discovered that the steward in charge of assigning cabins had mistaken them for man and wife!

Frank began his family on Truk, when he married Patricia Yamasaki, Intermediate School teacher - "fresh" out of the University of Hawaii. (They don't send them kind out here no more, no how!) Then, in rapid succession, Patricia Ningen, Sean Francis, Moira Kay and Kevin Patrick joined them.

Pat has expressed sorrow to be leaving her many Micronesian and American friends, but is looking forward to life in Somalia, where it is understood she will have the "opportunity" of teaching her youngsters with the aid of the Calvert School courses!

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS TAKEN FROM THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' NEWS DIGEST OF 12/7/59

Pay Raise Chances Brighten for 1960 - Prospects appear brighter for a modest pay raise next year for Government classified and postal workers. No one expects the increase to be nearly as large as last year's 10 percent raise. But an increase of 4 or 5 percent is a distinct possibility in the opinion of Capitol Hill observers and some of the key members of the House and Senate Civil Service Committees. There are several reasons for this view.

First, the cost of living, after a period of stability, has started to rise again, reaching an all-time high last month. Thus, classified and postal workers will be in a good position next year to ask that their pay again be adjusted to keep pace with the rise in living costs.

Second, 2-1/2 percent of last year's postal employee 10 percent pay raise is on a temporary basis, expiring at the end of next year. This gives postal workers a perfect gimmick on which to peg a pay raise request.

It's certain that Congress will make the 2-1/2 percent pay raise permanent. And while in the process of making it permanent, indications are that Congress will "sweeten it up" by adding a pay raise to it.

And since Congress always follows suit for classified employees whenever it votes postal workers a pay raise, classified workers would benefit as well in the matter of a pay increase.

The third factor is that next year is an election year. And in virtually every election year, the politically-minded Congress has approved Federal pay boosts.

NEWS FROM PICS

PICS students have set December 24th as the evening for their Christmas party. Following a festive dinner, they will gather in the Recreation Hall for entertainment. The school's singing group, directed by Dan Sammet, will sing the Christmas music that they have been preparing for the last few weeks. There will be group singing of carols, dancing, and other entertainment.

Under the direction of Emi Mukaida, a group of students entered into an oratorical contest last Monday. Held in the school's auditorium, the students recited individually Mark Anthony's funeral oration from the play Julius Caesar. Composing the audience were the PICS student body and faculty members and the judges Shirley Umhoefer, Augustine Moses and Bethwel Henry. The latter

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conferred after the nine speakers had finished, and Mrs. Umhoefer announced the following winners:

First, Isidro Sablan from Saipan, second, Bermin Weilbacker from Kusai; third, Carmen Milne from the Marshalls; and fourth, Ponciano Materne from Ponape. The judges had a difficult time picking the winners, as all did a very fine job. The other speakers were Kikwo Apis, Erika, Edmund, Calvin and Paulus Donre from Ponape.

DEPENDENT SCHOOL

The last day of school for the pupils at the Dependent School will be Wednesday, December 23rd. The children will then be home for Christmas vacation. At this time, Mrs. Sammet will take a maternity leave. Other arrangements for continuing with the Calvert work must be made for her students until she resumes teaching some time in February. The students will have a farewell Christmas party and exchange of gifts on the last day of school. They have decorated their room to fit the Christmas theme.

Those students who were waiting for their Calvert courses to arrive were thrilled to receive them from last Monday's plane.

Mrs. Umhoefer announces that class will resume for her second graders at 8:00 A.M. Monday morning, January 4th.

HOLIDAY PLANE SCHEDULE

The following flight changes are scheduled over the holidays:

Plane for Truk, Ponape and Majuro will depart Guam Sunday, December 20 and return on Tuesday, December 22.

The following week it will depart Guam Sunday, December 27 and return Tuesday, December 29.

The plane for Yap and Palau will make a turnaround on December 23 and December 30.

HALF DAY HOLIDAY "BEFORE" CHRISTMAS??

Everyone is anxiously awaiting a Presidential proclamation of a half day holiday on December 24 - which would make a 3 1/2 day week and holiday for Government employees. It has been predicted - but is not yet fact.

MAKE AIR BOOKINGS EARLY

Anyone planning a trip by plane should complete a transportation request at the Administrative Assistant's office as early as possible.

Your early request is important. When too many requests are received for a particular flight, it may be possible for some passengers to change to another flight when given sufficient advance notice.

At this time, the January 6 flight is booked solid - with 12 passengers from this district and as yet an undetermined number from Truk and Majuro.

MIKE HUGHES VISITS PONAPE

"Mike" Hughes, HiCom P. W. Administrative Assistant is visiting the Ponape District on an inspection tour this week and will continue on to Majuro Monday before returning to Guam.

NEWCOMER TO PONAPE

Antonio Mesa, adopted son of Frank and Toni Castro, arrived on the M/V Roque Friday. Toni is rapidly "renewing" acquaintance with her dog, KING, which Antonio brought with him on the ship.

NEW PAGE COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEE

Manuel Garcia, from Honolulu, arrived December 14 for a tour of duty.

WELCOME
TO PONAPE

THE BIG BAMBOO-ZLE

Our heavy rains of late were the skirts of GILDA swishing along her way to the Palaus. This has generated some discussion as to why typhoons are named after women. The question, as far as we are concerned, is quite academic and rather naive. Rarely do you look a woman or a typhoon in the eye without getting damaged in some manner or other.

Our Agave blossom this week goes to the Hospital Administrator for the improvements in the physical plant, operations (not surgical, but administrative) and morale of the hospital staff since his arrival.

Something more elaborate than our Agave blossom should go to the members of the Ponape Fishermen's Co-operative for the strides they are making in their development. Thirty thousand pounds of tuna have been shipped to Guam in the last 3 months. In addition, the local requirements of the general public, the hospital, and the Pacific Islands Central School have been met, to say nothing of the more modest shipments to other Districts. All this has been accomplished without a fishing vessel. The fishermen go out in two-men canoes and always come back with fish. One day this week when it was raining so hard that virtually all outdoor activity was at a standstill, the fishermen brought in 2,000 pounds of tuna. If the management proves as effective as the help, the Co-op can do but one thing: succeed.

Exploring further the customs of the local non-indigenous inhabitants we make note this week of the fascinating "Ritual of the Mail". This custom has several complex components. Without elaboration, the sequence is roughly this: (1) Switchboard is swamped with calls asking if the plane has landed, (2) switchboard is swamped with calls to ask when the mail will reach the dock, (3) switchboard is swamped with calls to ask how much mail

there is coming in, (4) switchboard is swamped with calls to ask when the mail will be ready for pickup, (5) completely ignoring the information received in the first four steps, the people gather at the Post Office, chanting such cabalistic tunes as, "I'm expecting some dried porpoise whiskers from my great aunt in Parsons, Kansas. They're very good as an hors d'oeuvre." Or, "I just know that the Post Office in Guam holds some of our mail back." Or, "You'd think that with the salary they get, post office workers would sort the mail faster than they do." Or, "I wonder how much mail is lost in this building? You know, falling behind partitions and things like that." Step (6) consists primarily of being handed mail. This is immediately followed by weird wailing noises designed to place a curse upon the Postmaster General and his local employees because a Sears Roebuck order failed to materialize. As soon as the Post Office is cleared of this demonic group there can be heard a sound not unlike the tinkle of broken glass and the shredding of coconuts. It is the nerves of the postal employees gently shattering

And now, for the Christmas season, here is an excerpt from the writings of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward:

"Our souls are like the sparrows
Imprisoned in the clay;
Bless Him who came to give
them wings;
Upon a Christmas Day."

TREE SALES SUCCESSFUL

A total of 19 Christmas trees, ranging in height from 5½ feet to 9 feet, was constructed and sold by Kesner Hadley, Ernest Pilly and Otto Sonten. They also presented one to the patients at the hospital.

Customer approval was unanimous. Newcomers expressed delight at having a "live" tree for their first Christmas on Ponape. Many had visions of having to hang their tinsel on a palm frond.

ONE SATURDAY MORNING

One Saturday morning the whole base went out to Langer for a picnic. It was planned by some members of the Ponape Club.

The first boat was to leave the dock for Langer at 9:00 A.M. The second was to leave at 10:00 A.M.

My friends, Glenn and I went out on the first boat. Lots of other people went too. They brought the food and drinks. My mother, father, sisters and some other people came but on a speed boat.

Just when we got to Langer, we took off our clothes (we had our bathing suits on, of course) and climbed up the front of the boat and jumped off.

Some of the PICS and circle people came on the second boat. More kids came, so we had more fun. We ran to the front of the ramp which was very slippery and we slipped. We had so much fun. I came back on the last boat, which left at 3:00 P.M. Thanks to the Club people. I wish we could have a picnic every Saturday.

By Mark Murakani, 12 yrs.

LOCAL "HAMS" VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Do you want to personally wish your mother-in-law a Merry Christmas? Would you like to talk with relatives in the U.S.A. this Christmas?

Messrs. Robert Rivard, Herbert Hirata and Carl Wells will do their very best to help you do just that. These three amateur radio operators will devote their efforts to calling stations in the continental United States and Hawaii on December 24, 25, and 26.

If you are interested in hearing a loved one's voice from over the ocean, all you have to do is submit in writing to any of the above mentioned gentlemen the name, address, and telephone number of the person or persons with whom you want to talk. This information must be in their hands not later than Monday, December 21.

In the event stations near the addresses given can be scheduled, the local "hams" will call you to their homes for

your chat with friends and relatives. It is important that you indicate whether or not you will permit a long distance call to be placed and just how many miles distant this call may be placed. For example, if a San Francisco "ham" is contacted, will you permit him to telephone your Aunt Tilly in Sacramento or Los Angeles? It is understood, of course, that all such calls will be collect, accepted by the person being called.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE PROTESTANT CHURCH

Next Sunday, December 20, at 2:00 P.M. a Christmas Service will be conducted in English. This service is being planned and will be sponsored by the Youth For Christ Fellowship of PICS. Special music will be presented by choirs of students from various districts of the Trust Territory, and by a choir of students from the Ponape Intermediate School. There will be a Christmas sermon in English.

Services in Ponapean

The following services will be held in the Protestant Church during Christmas week. Visitors are welcome at all services.

Monday, Dec. 21 - 9:00 A.M. - Consecration service for the Christian Endeavor Society officers and Sunday School leaders of the Ponape churches.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - 9:00 A.M. - Consecration service for the Deacons and Elders of the Ponape churches.

Wednesday, Dec. 23 - 9:00 A.M. - Consecration service for the Ministers and Pastors of the Ponape churches.

Friday, Dec. 25 - 9:00 A.M. - Kolonia Christmas Worship Service. 1:00 P.M. Christmas program for the children of the Kolonia Church.

CATHOLIC MISSION SERVICES

Sundays - Masses at 6:15, 7:30
and 9:00 A.M.

Weekdays - Mass at 6:15 A.M.

Christmas - Midnight Mass preceded
by Christmas carols -
11:45 P.M.

Christmas Day - Masses at 8:00,
8:30, and 9:00 A.M.

KOLONIA TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY
FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday, December 22, at 3:00 P.M. is the date and time set for the Kolonia Town Children's party, according to Mayor Martin Christian, American and Micronesian children, 600 in all, are each to receive a small gift and later be treated to a free movie.

Mr. Roland Pell, chairman of the committee planning the party, has arranged for several choral groups to sing Christmas carols. In addition, appropriate Yuletide music will be broadcast over the public address system.

The party will be given on the Plaza in front of the Kolonia Town Hall, where a brightly lighted Christmas tree will be erected by the committee.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

All of the base children should be at the Club by 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday evening, December 23, for their Christmas party. The evening's events will begin promptly so there will be time to show a movie that has been ordered for the older children. Every child should bring a gift for another base child. If you have not drawn a name for a gift recipient, please contact Pat Mahony. Santa will distribute the gifts; there will be refreshments and entertainment.

COMMUNITY CLUB
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Y'ALL COME

PROGRAM

DRINKS

DANCING

FROM 8:00 P.M.....

CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY

DECEMBER 25

Dress: Informal

Have your Christmas dinner at home then meet your fellow club members at this GALA occasion to make merry.....

CLUB MOVIE

The regular club movie will be shown on Saturday, December 26, beginning at 7:45. It is a double feature:

HOLLYWOOD OR BUST

starring Dean Martin and
Jerry Lewis

and THE CORONATION OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE JOHN XXIII.

GALA NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
AT CLUB KOLONIA COMMITTED BY
PAGE ENGINEERING PERSONNEL

The New Year will be welcomed to Ponape by Club Kolonia members at a party beginning New Year's Eve at 8:30 P.M.

The party committee is made up of Page Engineering personnel with Carl Well as chairman. According to Vince Englund, there will be an all-night buffet. The more robust party-goers may even have breakfast at the club.

John Lewis has promised dance music to suit all types and speeds of dancers.

Dress will be semi-formal, which means coat and tie for gentlemen, short formal or cocktail dress for the ladies.

DON'T FORGET

DuPont Base Party
Saturday December 19
7:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EMBROIDERY SALE

at

THE CATHOLIC MISSION

Saturday December 19
2:00 P.M.

Girls' Building

YES! COME! COME! -7-

CHILDREN'S SECTION

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

This will be our last chance for a message to you, since there will not be an issue next week. So, the staff of the PONAPE PER wishes all of you Ponapals a most Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. You will have lots of fun at your Club Christmas Party on December 23rd. Then will come the BIG day when you open your gifts and enjoy your Christmas dinner. But, remember that you can have a happy Christmas, too, by giving to others... if not a gift, then a happy smile or an act of kindness.

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You can give your editor a happy Christmas by contributing an idea for a title for this page. Your help has been disappointing so far. Only two suggestions from the whole base! Please write down your name idea and put it in the box at the Club. There are only a few days left!

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Andy Finale will be spending Christmas in Japan. He left on a few weeks' trip with his father on last Wednesday's plane. We all wish you a wonderful time, Andy, and look forward to welcoming you back with us after the New Year.

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Mark Murakami and Murph Ownbey have already shown their generous Christmas spirit by offering to deliver our PONAPE PERS each Friday. That is quite a job, boys, but it is one that is surely appreciated by all on the base. You have shown the true Christmas spirit, and we all thank you.

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Don't forget to make a list of good New Year's resolutions... only be sure

they won't be too hard to keep! Your Roving Reporter will be around to ask some of you about your most important ones.

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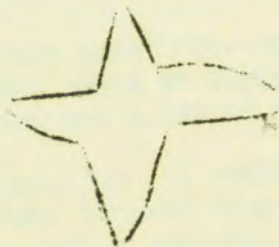
by Karen Peacock, 11

CHRISTMAS IS A PICTURE

Christmas is a picture, splashed with colors gay and bright:
 The red and green of holly, the yellow candlelight,
 The silver gleam of tinkling bells, the gold of stars on high,
 The shining eyes and rosy cheeks of children passing by,
 The blue and green and pink and red of wagons, dolls, and toys,
 The white of snow... a picture make that brings us Christmas joys.

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by PAULA PEACOCK, age 8

CHRISTMAS EVE

The house is all silent;
The kids are asleep,
When zoom ... Santa comes up in a jeep.

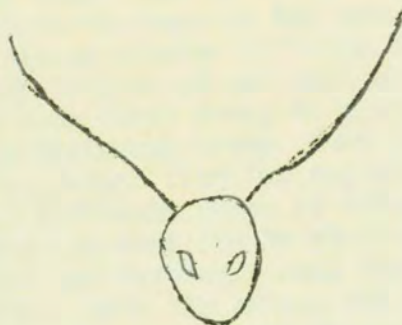
He puts down some presents
(I know they're for me.)

Now he's filling the stockings ...
One, two, and three.

I can't wait to open the presents I see!!

by Karen Peacock, age 11

LET'S DRAW



SANTA'S DEER HAVE
A LONG WAY TO GO
OVER THE QUONSETS
COVERED WITH ?? SNOW ??

WHAT AM I???

My first letter is in if,
but not in cold;
The next is in new, but never
in old.
My third is in season, but not
in second;
The last appears in hour,
also in rocken.
My whole is 365 days
That should be spent in happy,
useful ways.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Some PONAPALS were asked "How can you make someone else happy at Christmas time?" Following are a few of the answers given:

Glenn Murakami, 13: "I would be nice to them or send them a Christmas card or present. I would help them do things when they needed help and give them anything they needed if they couldn't get it themselves."

Andy Finale, 7: "I would give them presents, sing them a song, and give them a Christmas tree."

Dorothy Kawai, 8: "I would give them a surprise that would make them happy."

Johnny Iwaniec, 8: "We should share our toys and help them decorate their Christmas tree."

Daisy Mae Spreat, 6: "Give them presents and play with the little children."

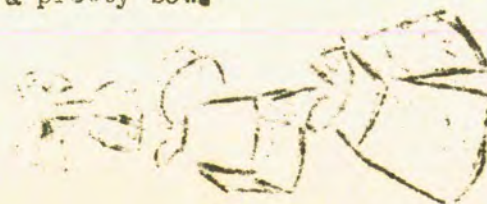


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You can make colorful, gay little Christmas bells just by using lids that are cut from the tops of tin cans! You can make a cluster of bells that are pretty to look at and will add color to your front door, to a package, or to the Christmas tree. Here is how to do it: Select five (or any number you wish) different sizes of lids. Make a hole in each lid by placing it on a board and driving a nail through the center. With tin snips, cut out pie shaped pieces as in picture one. Then bend where shown by the dotted line until the edges meet, forming a bell. Next, paint the bells inside and outside. While the paint is still wet, sprinkle the bells with glitter, if you have it. Or you may wait until they are dry and decorate them by painting on bright designs or pasting on sequins in an interesting pattern. To complete your cluster of bells, put a bright ribbon through the center hole of each and tie a small Christmas bell inside each one for a clapper. Arrange the bells so they range in size from smallest to largest from top to bottom. Fasten the ribbons together at the top in a pretty bow.



Completed bell cluster



by Mark Murakami, age 12

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year to all
-10- 1969