Baruch

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, everyone unto his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the City of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

St. Luke ii.I.

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FINNS RETURN, GIVEN XAVIER AWARD

Richard and Kathleen Finn are home again. With them they brought the Xavier Award, given each year for outstanding zeal and devotion to missions. This was the first time the award was made to the laity. Previous winners have included Cardinal Spellman, Cardinal Cushing, the late Cardinal Stritch and Bishop James E. Walsh, M.M. who has been imprisoned by the Chinese Communists.

The award, in recognition of the Finns' 13 years of service to the mission here, was made at the annual Jesuit Mission Benefit dinner held at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. Some 2,200 people attended the $10.00 a plate dinner and saw the Very Reverend John J. McGinty, S.J., Provincial of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus, present the award to the Finns. Principal speaker at the dinner was Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, well-known for his radio and TV work in propagation of the faith. Toastmaster for the evening was Father Robert I. Gannon, S.J., former president of Fordham University.

Thirteen years ago the Finns sold their home and car in order to finance their trip to the Carolines to devote the remainder of their lives to lay missionary work. Mr. Finn gave up a position with Chase National Bank where he had worked for 30 years. Mrs. Finn bid farewell to her home in Queens, her friends and relatives in their choice of a new life of service to others.

NEWS BRIEFS

President Kennedy's father suffered a stroke last Tuesday and the President reached his father's Miami bedside from his visit to South American countries. Doctors said that while the senior Kennedy's condition was serious, the President could be away for overnight. The President had planned to meet Prime Minister MacMillan in Bermuda today.....The U.S. has at least 1,000 uniformed troops in Vietnam giving tactical aid to that republic's armed forces. The soldiers do not engage in actual warfare but have been instructed to shoot back if they are fired upon. Military spokesmen said the risks of death involved were recognized but that the placement of troops was necessary to prevent further Communist encroachments.....The U.N. Assembly asked for the restoration of human rights in Tibet. Russia said that Tibet was an integral part of China and that the occupation of Tibet by Chinese forces was necessary to prevent "others" from turning Tibet into a base for military action on the part of imperialists.....U.N. spokesmen deplored the forced labor that was killing hundreds of Tibetans and indicated that resistance was still being encountered

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

My Christmas message is a simple wish that each member of our community may share again with the Wisemen and the Shepherds of old the cleansing of spirit which permits us to say in absolute honesty: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

I hope each member of the community will rejoin the Shepherds and Wisemen and "go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass..." How? Just reread the old Christmas Story in Matthew and Luke. Read them both. Read them again and again.

Share the thrills experienced by the Wisemen who, with faith, followed their star to find the Saviour. It is yours for the reading. -- Maynard Neas.

PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY GREETING

Mrs. Kennedy and I extend to you and the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands sincere best wishes for the Christmas season. We know that you will all share our hope and prayer for a new year dedicated to peace throughout the world.--John F. Kennedy

EAST-WEST CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Trust Territory Citizens who have completed two years of college with a grade point average of 2 may make application for an East-West Center scholarship at the University of Hawaii. Closing date is set for January 1, 1962. Applicants may see the District Educational Administrator for additional information.

TRAVEL RESTRICTION

The Judiciary Conference, originally scheduled at Truk for the week of January 8, has been rescheduled for the week of January 15.

Travel to Truk is curtailed the week preceding the conference and from Truk the week following the conference.

CALENDARS WANTED

Anyone having extra commercial or church calendars is asked to leave them with the Island Affairs Section for distribution to the municipal offices both here on Ponape and in the outlying islands and atolls.

NEWS BRIEFS CONTINUED

by the Red Chinese occupation forces.....India announced that the last resistance in Portuguese Goa had ended. Two other Portuguese enclaves, Daman and Diu, earlier surrendered without resistance.....The New York HERALD TRIBUNE said in an editorial on the Goa incident: "The invasion of Portuguese Goa is sounding the knell of world order (The U.N.). The world, which can live without Goa, cannot live without international order, and when a great nation, such as India, announces through its ambassador at the U.N. that it will not be bound by 'narrow-minded' international laws and that it will hew to its course, 'charter or no charter', it is sounding the knell of world order, and with it world organization".....In another editorial, the same newspaper took President Sukarno to task for his "transparent greed in seeking possession of West New Guinea. Mr. Sukarno's claim to New Guinea, is a bad example of the colonialism whose nemesis he shrilly pretends to be."

MATERNE NEW CLUB MEMBER

Senior Administrative Clerk Antonio Materne has been sponsored by Administrative Assistant Hal Forester for membership in Club Kolonia under the recently revised Club By-Laws and is the first Micronesian member to join the Club, other than those Micronesian members who gained membership as spouses of Civil Service employees.

Tony Materne was born at Sokehs in 1930, is a graduate of PICS (1954), was married to Miss Rita Sohl in 1957, and they have one daughter, age 2. Tony maintains two residences on Ponape, both at Sokehs and Kolonia. He is the adopted son of Joseph Boaz, owner and manager of the Boaz Department Store and the ADR Restaurant.

Tony's first employment following graduation from PICS was at the Ponape Cooperative Store and in 1957 he was employed in the District Administration Office.

MRS. HANLIN TAKES SABBATICAL

Mrs. Mary Ruth Hanlin will depart December 28 for a year's sabbatical in Oberlin, Ohio, where her daughter, Ruth Ann, is attending Oberlin College. During Mrs. Hanlin's residence in the United States she will do deputation work for the American Board of Missions with which she is affiliated.

TT PLANE SCHEDULE

The Trust Territory plane from Guam will arrive next week on Tuesday, December 26, remaining overnight, and returning to Guam via Ponape on Thursday, December 28. The plane schedule will also be one day later than the usual the following week.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Friday, December 22	Last day of school before vacation for students at New Frontier, Our Lady of Mercy School, and public schools.
	Departmental parties
	6:00 Christmas program, Catholic Mission students
	7:30 p.m. PICS Christmas party for students, faculty, and guests.
	7:45 p.m. Movie at Club: THE GREAT IMPOSTER
Saturday, December 23	7:30 a.m. White Elephant sale begins, Ponape Women's Association Building
	LAST shopping day before Christmas!
	8:00 p.m. Cocktails and dinner party for adults, Club Kolonia
Sunday, December 24	Christmas Eve
	2:30 p.m. Christmas party for children at Club Kolonia. Santa will be there with a gift for each child, and refreshments will be served.
	Evening: Caroling throughout the community by PICS students
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day Legal holiday for all government employees.
Tuesday, December 26	Back to work for everyone but students. Movie at Club: TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON
Sunday, December 31	New Year's Eve. 10:00 p.m. Party for adults at Club Kolonia. Semi-formal dress for ladies. Men wear slacks, shoes, and tie (coat optional). Ham and eggs breakfast will be served at the Hotel Galley about 1:30 a.m.
Monday, January 1	New Year's Day Legal holiday for all government employees.
Tuesday, January 2	Back to work for those on salary and back to school for all but PICS students.
	Beginning of recuperation from 1961 and preparation for 1962.
	7:45 p.m. Movie at Club.
Monday, January 8	PICS students resume classes.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 9.

SIX DAYS AROUND PONAPE

by Sachio Murakami

(The second part of Mr. Murakami's peregrinations around the Garden Isle.)

After chicken, fish, yams, and sweet cocoa for breakfast, we started out on our second day's journey. I felt very uncomfortable, putting on wet shoes, but they were soaked again in three minutes, so what was the sense of trying to keep them dry?

About a mile of low, wet roadway in Pahleng must be built up; that is, filled to raise the road level above the water level. There are many other sections throughout the municipalities where the road must be raised as high as six feet.

The journey became much tougher as we proceeded into the interior. Still in Pahleng, we climbed a very steep road, uphill about a thousand feet. There were several other steep roads in Anipein Powe and Rohi in Kiti Municipality. I recommended relocating these roads in a better location. The hillsides could be cut to have a gradual winding road up and down hill. The roadway around Seinwar, Soawihso, Alauso, and Poatoapoat is about eight feet wide and has a fairly good rock foundation.

We met Brother Condon and his construction crew at Saniwar. Bro is supervising the construction of a new church there. It was good to see some Kolonials out in the districts. The chipping sound against the re-bar and his crew working made me homesick.

At Mahnd we crossed one of the widest rivers. A bridge 150 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 24 feet high must be built here. At present, there is a cable swinging bridge three feet wide and approximately 130 feet long for crossing. The river here is about 95 feet wide and I was informed that it rises to about 20 feet during flood stage. It was reported that several adults and children had lost their lives here during past floods.

The dirt road from Rohn Kiti to Piel is about seven feet wide. We reached Piel Elementary School at 12:30 and had pork, crab, yams and rice for lunch.

Vegetation in Pwok was very thick at one section. We had to force our way through tall grass to blaze on. Here is a tip to Kolonia vegetable markets. There are acres of durian fruit growing wild in the forest at Pwok. Durian is a large oval fruit about a third the size of a football, with a hard brown rind containing a soft pulp of fine flavor surrounding numerous flat, round seeds. There is enough fruit there to export some to the other islands.

After climbing the highest hill road of our journey at Anipien Powe, we descended into Wene Kiti where we met Father McGarry, S.J., who offered us accommodations. His place was like a Grand Hotel compared to the other places we spent the nights--private bath and shower room, bed covered with mosquito nets, even ice in our drinks.

The people of Wene had a Kamatip prepared when we got there. They were expecting others besides us from the Administration to be there. After several Ponape

SIX DAYS AROUND PONAPE CONTINUED

cocktails, ceremonial style, the Naniken made a speech and asked what we were doing there. I told Takeshi Hadley to tell him that the Committee was inspecting the roadway around Ponape so that some day he might be able to drive into Kolonia.

Dinner was served buffet style, laid out on the floor in palm leaf baskets. After dinner the Naniken insisted on our accepting baskets of food. We accepted the food and divided it between the Mission and the Hospital.

Nanmwarki Benito of Kiti who was ailing from an asthmatic attack was not able to be present at the feast. Father McGarry, Takeshi Hadley and I made a courtesy call to see him at his home.

About this time our cigarette supply was exhausted. Stores in Wene didn't have any for sale, but our thanks to Father McGarry for sparing a couple of packs. At the rate we 12 men on the committee were smoking, I believe we bought out practically all the cigarettes from the stores wherever available.

After grapefruit, poached egg, and flapjacks for breakfast with Father McGarry, we thanked him for his hospitality and began our third day's journey. Most roads around the village of Wene were in good condition.

From Rehentu through Tohi to the Kiti-Metalanim border the road is very bad. In Rohi the old road through the swamp was relocated and a recommendation for a new road between a couple of small hills was made. The potentiality for a new road is great. To get to the Kiti-Metalanim boundary on wheels from Kolonia, a total of four bridges in Sokehs and 75 bridges in Kiti municipality must be constructed.

Through Kapikapi and Nan Tamurohi for an hour, bending and dodging every ten feet und Kalau (hibiscus) trees, still there was evidence of a road existing at one time. The colorful leafed crotons are planted here and there along the roadside.

NEXT WEEK: FLASH FLOOD!

HOTEL RATES UP

The Trust Territory Hotel rate in Guam will go up to $3.50 daily on January 1, the same rate already prevailing in the Districts.

The permanent guest rate at District hotels will increase from $90.00 to $125.00 monthly, which will be based on a $30.00 monthly room rate and $95.00 for meals.

Per diem rates for employees travelling on official business will be $9.00 per day at Guam and $8.00 in the Districts.

THEY CAME, THEY WENT

Visitors in Ponape this past week included Truk District Administrator Robert Halvorsen, Assistant Director of Education William Vitarelli, Supervisory Surveying and Cartographic Engineer Fred Robinson, and Captain Lawrence Blanc temporarily Master of the M/V Kaselehlia who is assuming duties as First Mate on the M/V Gunners Knot upon its arrival Ponape.

Director of Public Health H.E. Macdonald accompanied by Dr. Pennington, who is stationed on Taiwan with the World Health Organization and who has been active in tuberculosis work for the past 25 years, passed through Ponape on a turnaround trip to the Marshalls. Dr. Pennington discussed health problems with local medical officers during his short visit here.

ATOM FLASH

To all frustrated bomb builders and friends of Nobel, Oppenheimer, Teller, et al:

There will be Special Prizes

at the New Year's Eve Party

for

The Most Unusual

The Loudest

The Most Revolting

!! NOISE MAKER !!

So begin planning yours now. Limitations: no more than 10 cubic feet in size; no fair using the mail siren; must guarantee that no one's hearing will be impaired for more than one night; no human torture devices may be attached.

SHIPPING NEWS

M/V Kaselehlia will return tomorrow from Mokil and Pingelap and sail December 26 for Kusaie. M/V Militobi arrived today with dry cargo and 74 pieces of mail. M/V Gunners Knot will arrive here early Saturday morning and will attempt to leave the same day.

O, LITTLE TOWN . . .

In this little town there are three days, two shopping days, and that's all until Christmas. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

UD MEN OPEN NUKUORO CHANNEL

Two U.S. Navy underwater demolition experts, Boatswains Mate (DU) Second Class James Kinnard and Mineman (DU) Third Class Aronold Feller, returned Tuesday from a survey and blasting trip to the southern islands.

At Ngatik they encountered the hardest coral shelf they had seen in their work thus far, and were unable to open a boat channel there. At Nukuoro they blasted away an 18-foot shelf of coral that had made the Nukuoro channel a tortuous one for ships. Coral heads at Kapingamarangi channel were removed. All available explosives were used on the trip.

Both men hope to return here in February to do further work at Ngatik, where there was no time to blast in the ship's channel, as well as finish removing coral heads at Kapingamarangi. If time permits, they will also inspect small boat channels at Mokil and Pingelap and assist with local harbor problems.

Mr. Martani Lipai of the Public Works Department accompanied the two Navy men on an on-the-job training program. Mr. Lipai does most of the blasting for the Government here.

POST SCRIPT TO JET HENINK

I thought you might be amused to know that within ten days of writing that open letter to you I came down with what the Doctor assures me is amoebic dysentery. Poetic justice? Perhaps.

Actually, I am adding this post script primarily to inform you of one of those small-world things that I discovered within 24 hours after the December 1 issue of the PONAPE-PER hit the streets with its intriguing cover design of a figure dashing about the Pacific bouncing his head against a stone wall at every stop. I happened to take a look at the introduction to Christian's THE CAROLINE ISLANDS and there appeared this quotation:

"It was not in the Congresses or Parliaments of the English-speaking nations that 'stone-walling' or 'obstruction' first originated. It was an established practice in the legislature of the Vaitupuans. (Vaitupu is one of the Ellice Islands) Members of that body who were resolved not to allow their proposals to be 'talked out' were provided with substantial wooden couches, on which they could take a nap and thus out-stay the longest-winded orator or the most adroitly arranged succession of obstructive motions. These couches, which had evidently been long in use, were shown visitors sixteen years ago."

My case rests.

Have Happy Holidays,

Dan Hickock

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC

December 24 — Confessions afternoon and evening.

MIDNIGHT MASS starting at 11:45 p.m. with Christmas hymns. 12:00 midnight High Mass; Ponapean and brief English sermons.

A second Low Mass will immediately follow with Ponapean carols. Public Veneration of the Infant of Bethlehem.

Three rows of benches on the left side will be reserved for Trust Territory and Page personnel and others. Please try to be in the church no later than 11:45.

December 25 — Two Low Masses, starting at 7:30 a.m. will be followed by High Mass at 9:00.

5:15 p.m. Rosary and Benediction Services. May all of you be blessed with a very happy and holy Christmas.

PROTESTANT

December 24

8:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship. "The Meaning of Christmas"

10:30 a.m. Christian Endeavor Groups

2:00 p.m. English Service. Youth for Christ

3:30 p.m. Kusaiean Service

5:00 p.m. Ponapean Service. Children's Christmas Eve Program "Let the Christmas Spirit Fill your Heart"

December 25

9:00 a.m. Ponapean Service. "The Star, the Angels, the Child"

1:00 p.m. Group Visitation and Singing.

Dr. Alexander Returns

Medical Officer Alexander Panuelo returned this week from In-Service Training at the U.S. Navy Hospital, Guam.

JOHN HANLIN VISITS PARENTS HERE

John Hanlin, teacher at the Uliga Protestant Mission School, on Majuro in the Marshall Islands, arrived Wednesday for a two-week visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harold F. Hanlin.

John first came to the Trust Territory in 1947 at the age of 12 and lived on Kusaie Island for three years. He arrived in the Marshalls to teach in September, 1961.

This is John's first visit with his mother since 1957. His last visit with his father was in Hawaii last April when Dr. Hanlin passed through Hawaii en route to Western Samoa.

John spent four years in the U.S. Coast Guard following schooling at Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma. He spent two years in communications work with Hawaiian Airlines in Honolulu after discharge from the Coast Guard.

TIDES

Saturday, December 23		Sunday, December 24	
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0915	1.2	0943	1.2
1557	4.5	1625	4.4
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CLASSIFIED . . .

For SALE--CAMERA, Tower-3, complete with case and flash attachment. Focusing 2, F.2, 50 mm lens. Price: $95.00. See Roy Ihara

HOUSEHOLD HINT

Adding a few bay leaves to containers holding dry products such as rice, flour, cornmeal, etc., will make weevils and other grain insects leave and also prevents their returning.--TRUK TIDE.

CLUB KOLONIA
* Carols *
* Dinner *
* Dancing *
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday Night - Dec 23 - 8 PM
Dress: Informal