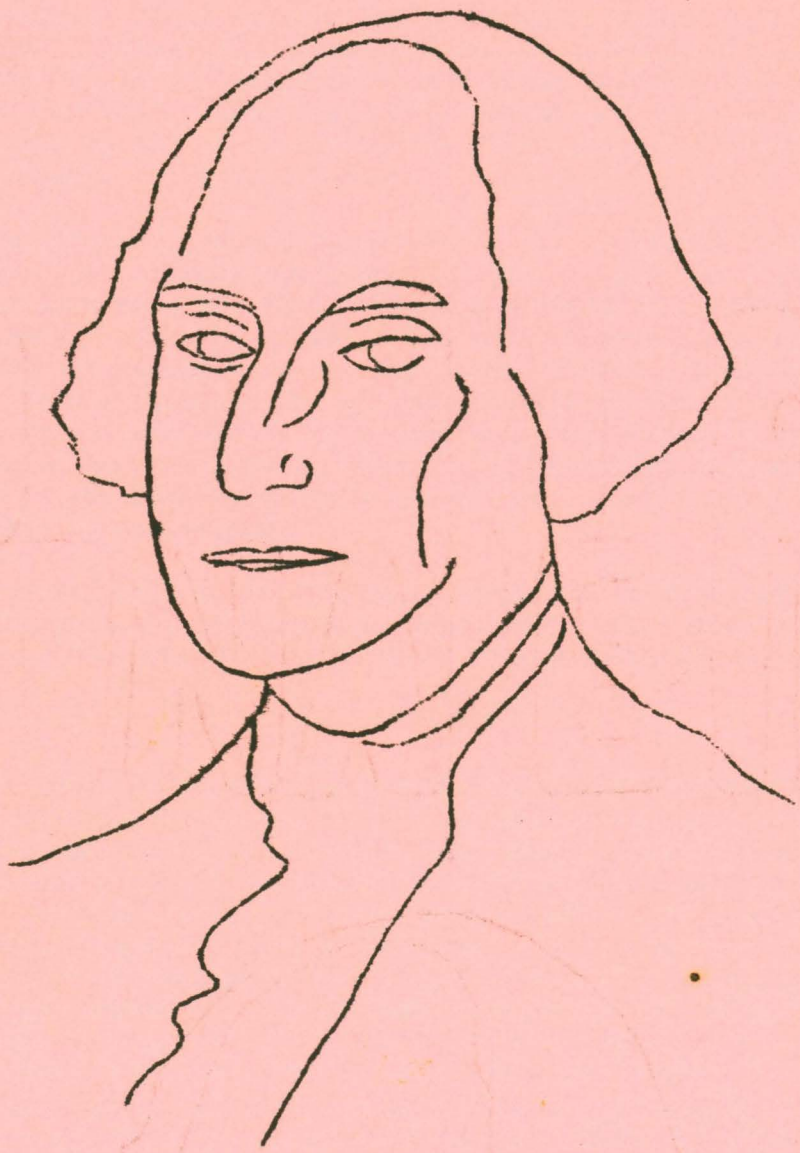


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Where there is much desire to learn, there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions; for opinion in good men is but knowledge in the making.

—John Milton

NEWS BRIEFS

Lt. Col. John Glenn, Jr. this week became America's first man to orbit the earth. As might be expected, details vary in the many different accounts of his flight. Here are a few notes derived directly from re-broadcasts of the countdown, flight, and safe landing: Glenn orbited the earth three times, and could have safely made four more orbits. His distance from the earth's surface varied between 100 and 110 miles and he travelled at 17,500 miles per hour while in orbit. At one stage he weighed eight times his normal weight and later became weightless. He was comfortable at all times during the flight. He made the 81,000-mile flight in just 12 minutes under five hours.

Glenn had to take over manual operation of the "attitude controls" which keep the space capsule properly positioned in orbit. Had the capsule not been manned, it could not have made the three orbits successfully. While in flight he conducted numerous tests, one of which was the consumption of specially prepared liquid foods. The Mercury spacecraft landed within six miles of the designated impact area in the Atlantic and was immediately picked up by the USS Noah, a destroyer. It was not necessary to employ a helicopter in the recovery of the capsule. Glenn was flown to the carrier USS Randolph and then taken to Grand Turk Island in the Bahamas where he will undergo two days of medical examinations and then be de-briefed.

President Kennedy called him from Washington and in a chatty and informal manner told Glenn he would be down to Cape Canaveral to meet when he returned and that he was looking forward to Glenn's visit at the White House later.

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A California congressman said yesterday that a 19-year-old Stanford University student who disappeared behind the Berlin wall last month is believed to be in an East German prison. Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, Republican-California, said the report about the youth, Robert E. Mann of Sepulveda, California, was unofficial. But he said it probably is true. We have no knowledge of why the boy is behind the wall Hiestand said. "There is nothing to indicate what charges have been made against him or even what prison in which he is being held captive." The U. S. Mission in West Berlin was notified by another student that Mann never returned after going to East Berlin for a one-day visit. Mann left the campus at Stuttgart just before Christmas. Hiestand said it was known that while living in a boarding house there, Mann made friends with some students at Humboldt School in the Communist zone. Hiestand said "further investigations will be conducted to determine methods to bring the youth from behind the wall."

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ETSCHEITS TO ENTERTAIN SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Etscheit will entertain adult Kolonials at their cabin by the river this Sunday afternoon from 2:00 o'clock until sundown in celebration of their wedding anniversary and to welcome Mr. Harold Gordon, Monique's scholarly and handsome husband.

Swimming, drinks, and goodies will be the order of the day at the three pools which are fed by sparkling mountain streams.

Those who wish to swim should dress accordingly. Sport clothes or floppy picture hats and garden party dresses will be suitable for those who will not go near the water.

W.B. EMPLOYEES GET OVERSEAS ALLOWANCES

The Department of the Interior has confirmed the eligibility of wage board employees to receive various allowances under the Overseas Differential and Allowances Act, Deputy High Commissioner Jose A. Benitez announced this week. Earlier the grant of allowances had been suspended for employees in that classification.

Mr. and Mrs. Sachio Murakami of this district were, as they said, "so happy" and "very pleased" with the good news. Their son, Glenn, is attending Mid-Pacific Institute in Hawaii, and now costs of his schooling will be assisted by the retro-active payments authorized by the High Commissioner's office. In addition, any wage board employees who were required to refund allowance payments at the time of the suspension may claim them back again.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Sanuel Gage Townsend who celebrates his birthday on March 1. Other March celebrants include Marie Germinaro, 10th; Simone Etscheit and Carole Rivard, 13th; Renee Glee Rivard, 15th; Sachio 23rd; Ada A. Pearce, 26th.

Page V-P Expected Monday

Page Communications Engineers, Inc. Vice President Charles Ill is expected to arrive here Monday. According to Mr. John Lewis, he will be accompanied by Mrs. Ill and Mr. Stan Hames.

Mr. Ill is vice president in charge of all of Page's world-wide maintenance and operation projects.

USS WEXFORD COUNTY HERE TOMORROW

The USS Wexford County will arrive here tomorrow morning about 8:00 o'clock to pick up personnel and gear in connection with surveys which have been conducted here the last two weeks. The vessel will depart before noon for Guam.

RECIPE CONTEST OPENS

The PONAPE-PER is sponsoring a recipe contest open to all readers, male or female, young or old, chef or stew-burner. The rules are simple: the recipe must be capable of preparation with ingredients available locally: this means locally grown or found in the commissary or other stores. First prize is \$3.00, second prize is \$2.00, third prize: Honorable Mention. Winning recipes will be published after all entries have been screened and/or kitchen tested. Names of judges will not be revealed nor will the location of the test kitchen be made public. Entries must be received by the editor not later than Friday noon, March 2.

Recipes should be limited to soups, main dishes, or desserts. Contestants may enter any number of recipes; however, each must be typed or legibly written on separate cards or papers. The judges have indicated that submission of cook books will not be looked upon with enthusiasm.

SHIPPING NEWS

The M/V Kaselehlia is expected to depart Truk tomorrow noon for Guam with the Y-101 as escort. At Guam the district vessel will go into drydock and then return to Ponape to resume field trip service. Indications are that damage to the vessel is slight, but repairs will require drydocking in order to be accomplished. Her cargo was not damaged, and will be loaded aboard the M/V Gunners Knot which arrived Truk early today.

TIDES

Saturday, February 24

LOW: 1124 0.9
 2347 0.7

HIGH: 0528 3.2
 1730 3.4

Sunday, February 25

LOW: 1155 1.1

HIGH: 0554 3.2
 1751 3.0

Neas Open House Tomorrow, Sunday

A showing of Grace Neas's paintings will be held at the District Administrator's quarters tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and again on Sunday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The public is invited.

MISSION GETS STATION WAGON

The Roman Catholic Mission was high bidder on the Weather Bureau's Ford station wagon, it was reported this week.

MAHONEY TO BE DISTAD MARIANA ISLANDS

High Commissioner M. W. Goding announced this week that Mr. Francis B. Mahoney, District Administrator, Palau, had been selected District Administrator of the Mariana Islands District. The appointment will be effective July first of this year.

Mr. Mahoney first came to the Territory during WWII as a member of a Navy task force in the Palaus. He returned to Yap in 1949 in the capacity of anthropologist on the staff of the Civil Administrator's Representative there, under the former Naval administration.

PICS DEBATERS WIN ONE, LOSE ONE

There were smiles all around when coach Bethwel Henry and the four PICS debaters returned from Truk last Wednesday. They were happy to be safely back from flu-stricken Moen, and happy to have won one of the two verbal battles with the orators of Xavier High School. "I was very proud of them," said coach Henry.

Happiest of all were senior students Sinchy Kapuich and Joh Tharngan who, as the negative team, defeated the Xavier affirmative team in a very close debate. No less proud, Arthur Ngiraklsong and Tatasy Wainit, who comprised the PICS affirmative team, could reflect on an equally well-matched debate in which they lost by points to the smooth orations of Toni DeBrum and Valerio Williams, Xavier students from the Marshalls and Ponape respectively.

The two debates were performed before audiences consisting almost exclusively of students with interested adults unable to attend because of the flu epidemic. The first debate was held in the Intermediate School auditorium and the second on the Xavier campus. Subject of the debates was "Resolved: That Controlled Foreign Industries be Allowed to Operate in the Trust Territory".

Judges for both debates were Mr. Noel Haas, Business Analyst, Mr. Peter Hill, Truk Education Administrator, and Mrs. Earlene Chambers, Truk Dependents' School teacher. By coincidence, each debate drew approximately the same result with one judge favoring the affirmative, one the negative, and one awarding a tie. The decisions were then made on the basis of points totalled from a form that scored each feature of the debate.

PICS students were lavish in their praise of their hosts who greeted them at the plane and extended every possible courtesy throughout their five-day stay. Upon departure, Xavier coach Father Hezel gave the PICS team a tape recording of the two debates.

FLIGHT 400/18 TERMINATES AT KWAJ

Flight 400/18 has been stranded on Kwajalein since Tuesday. Parts needed for operation of the aircraft are expected on next week's flight 400/25. Mail will not leave here until next week's return flight to Guam. The Truk and Guam pouches will remain open until next Wednesday morning.

It was not known at press time whether or not flight 401/27 would divert to Ailinglaplap to leave the Associate Justice there for court sittings. If it does divert, the flight would then probably leave here Thursday morning.

MEHKAN ME TIKITIK

Chefs Murph Ownbey and Bart Pearce, ably assisted by Rose Ownbey, served some 83 fish dinners at Club Kolonia Wednesday evening. Nearly as many "seconds" were dished up for appreciative chow hounds of all ages. Even people who said they didn't care much for fish went back for more. The best bingo games to be held on Ponape for many a year followed the good food. Substantial amounts of money were won by "foreigners", but everyone was having such a jolly time that even the groans of "I needed just one more for that \$35.00" carried overtones of happiness. The next bingo night will offer classy merchandise prizes imported from Macy's on Kwajalein. We join the dozens of others who hope that another delicious hot meal will preface the games.

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Anyone needing a ski-vvy shirt can get a free one by climbing Ponape's highest mountain. A member of the survey team here left his new one up there as a marker. If you do go up after it, please leave your old one in its place.

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Whether or not you have ever spent any time on an atoll, you will not want to miss the paintings by Mrs. Neas on exhibit tomorrow and Sunday at Mr. Neas's quarters. No one has captured the remoteness, the loneliness, and the beauty of the low islands as dramatically as has this artist. We hope our "first lady" will return to Ponape and interpret for us the infinite variety of our Garden Isle in oils and water colors.

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That Mr. Scruggs who went about the club during the fish fry representing himself to the ladies as a photographer from PLAYBOY and to the men as cameraman from ESQUIRE could only have had one thought in mind, judging from the pictures he took and the angles from which he took them: blackmail.

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Work began this week on the test borings on Takitik island, one of the possible sites for our new airstrip. We hope Mother Nature will provide favorable data, for dancing in all our heads is the vision of driving out to the plane or to the ships tied up at a pier which ideally could be located at the end of the strip. The practical aspects of such a possibility are overwhelming. Many dreams of yore appear to be transforming themselves into reality in the T. T. these days. We have yet to meet anyone who doesn't want Takitik Airstrip and Pier to be one dream that does come true.

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NEWS BRIEFS CONTINUED

Pope John XXIII today received U. S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy and his wife in private audience and promptly extended congratulations on the successful space flight of Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Junior. He praised the space achievement's contrast to violence and destruction. Pope John received Kennedy and his wife, in Rome on a 48-hour visit, in his private library in the Vatican Palace.

Jacqueline Kennedy flew to Palm Beach, Florida, yesterday to see her ailing father-in-law, Joseph P. Kennedy before she departs for India and Pakistan next week.

Lt. Col. John Glenn, Jr., unwittingly interrupted Britain's affairs of state as he circled the globe in orbit Tuesday. Each Tuesday Prime Minister Harold Macmillan calls on Queen Elizabeth to discuss the nation's affairs and fill her in on government moves. When Macmillan went to Buckingham Palace this Tuesday he found the Queen sitting tense and attentive before the radio, listening to the account of Glenn's flight. The Queen obviously wanted to keep listening. By mutual consent, then, the Prime Minister and the Monarch forgot business and sat quietly together, mentally cheering Colonel Glenn on his way.

An American field service official said in Singapore Wednesday the best weapon against Communism is understanding. "Communism feeds on misunderstanding," said R. H. Thayer, Assistant Director-General of AFS. "Understanding is the best weapon against Communism," he added. Thayer said the field service provides facilities for youths, between 16-18 years of age, from all over the world to live in the U. S. for one year. "They live with American families, study in American schools and mix with Americans of their own age group. At the end of their year's stay, they take a three-week bus trip 'round the United States in the company of 60 or 70 service students from other countries," Thayer explained. "A service student thus is not only able to study the American way of life but also learns to understand the views of people from other countries," he added.