



HIGH COURT SESSION HERE

Chief Justice E.P. Furber opened a sitting of the Trial Division of the High Court at the Courthouse in Kolonia on November 26. This sitting marked the first appearance in Ponape of the new Judiciary Secretary, Mrs. Amy M. Herring.

Charges of Burglary in the Second Degree against Adalpehr Badley, Valentine Poon, Roswel Edward, Simon Welly, and Anton William were dismissed on motion of District Attorney Richard V. Backley. Charges of petit larceny pending against the first four of these men were transferred to the Ponape District Court for disposition.

The Voluntary Manslaughter case against Joseph Santiago was continued at the request of Public Defender Roger St. Pierre owing to the accused being confined to the hospital with pneumonia.

The following civil actions were referred to Presiding District Court Judge Carl Kohler, as master, to hold hearings on outlying islands, make findings of fact, and then report these to the High Court for its consideration:

Probably to be heard on Ngatik

- Sanako Optaia and others v. Elerite Saimon
- Eneriko v. Pitre and Tomas
- Esda Selmon v. Ati Neior
- The matter of Elikan, Community Court Judge of Ngatik
- Tohter Norman v. Ioanis Lehsna

Probably to be heard on Pingalap

- Roy v. Kuan

Probably to be heard on Kapingamarangi

- Henigi v. Daliadu
- Manuhila v. Leamai
- Siroit v. Pahiagai

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HIGH COURT SESSION CONTINUED

Ten civil actions involving parties on Kusaie were continued until the April-May 1963 sitting, part of which is to be held on Kusaie if transportation permits.

The case of Lisapepe David and William Louge v. Edward Lijimur was dismissed on motion of the plaintiffs, the parties having come to agreement about the use of the land in question.

Counsel announced that settlement by homesteading had been orally agreed upon in the four appeals, from title determinations involving Langar Island. These appeals were accordingly continued with agreement that they are to be dismissed without further hearing on notice from counsel for the appellants that the necessary documents have been delivered to complete the settlements.

The appeal of the Protestant Mission from title determination as to the filled-in land in front of the church in Kolonia and a strip of land south of the church, was heard and taken under advisement. This was argued by Mr. St. Pierre for the appellant and Mr. Backley for the appellee.

The appeal of Tilohr Tupwer from a decision of the Ponape District Court in favor of Penedikdus Ioanis was argued by William Prens for the appellant and Yoster Carl for the appellee. This involved a question of liability for compensation for keep of a pig impounded in accordance with Ponape District Law 3-9-59. Judgment was announced the next morning affirming the District Court's decision awarding the compensation.

At this writing the case of Makdalena and Deresia v. Aluis Ligor and others involving ownership of a large piece of land in Net, is on trial. Heinrich Iriarte is representing the plaintiffs and Iakopus Olmos the defendants. This is the last case now scheduled for hearing at this sitting, but owing to the plane schedule the court expects to be here through next week.

SHIPS AND PLANES

There will be no SA16 flight this week, as the DC4 will fly from Saipan to Truk, Kwajalein and Majuro on Sunday carrying the High Commissioner to Majuro. Mr. Shoecraft is accompanying Mr. Goding. The next flight expected here is that of December 7. Efforts are being made locally to have official and U.S. mail carried to Kwajalein by the DC4 where the U.S. Navy has been asked to fly it to Ponape.

Information was received this morning that the M/V Militobi had departed Saipan yesterday for Guam, Ponape and Truk. M/V Ran Annin is scheduled to depart Guam December 4 for Truk, Ponape and Majuro.

BYRON BENDER RETURNS

Byron Bender, now Dr. Byron Bender, returned last week to the T.T. as education specialist in charge of the language program. Dr. Bender taught for several years at Majuro before returning to the mainland to complete requirements for his Ph.D. degree.

POWER PLANT STAFF COMMENDED

Letters of commendation were delivered this week to Senior General Mechanic Bert Pearce and the employees of the power plant for their work in restoring electric power to the Kolonia area after the two power outages of last week.

The first outage lasted eight hours and was followed 1 1/2 hours later by the second which left all of Kolonia and PICS, with the exception of the hospital, administration building and refrigeration plant, without electricity for two days and 18 hours. Although there had been other brief outages since the five day period of no electricity in June, this was the most serious breakdown within the past five months.

Power plant employees worked round the clock with some mechanics remaining on the job for 24 hours at a stretch, and they left the plant only because they were ordered to do so in the interests of their own health.

In addition to Mr. Pearce, those commended for devotion to duty without regard for personal needs or wishes were Akiní Alekmeleitei, Kiosi Hespak, Phillip Albet, Smith Jack, Iouanis Olper, Eblan Edward, and Aulin Rubele.

WHITES VISIT GARDEN ISLE

Bill and Jo White of Kwajalein arrived last Saturday for a week's stay on the Garden Isle. Leaving the mad pace of the missile age behind them, the Whites stepped ashore to find Kolonia plunged in darkness because of a power failure. Ten years with the Territory prepared both of the Whites for "hardship conditions" of no power, but ten years of living on atolls proved poor conditioning for the water and land trek to the Farm Institute, Tamvoui Mission, and Nan Matol, all three of which were visited Sunday in an eight hour trip which called on muscles not much used on the flat islands of the Marshalls. Except for a certain stiffness in the legs, the Whites are reveling in the relaxation of Ponape's tranquil beauty.

Other tourists from Nike-Zeus land are Phil Ching and Jode Herry, both of whom are with Transport Company of Texas. Mr. Ching oversees the BOQ's and transient billeting on Kwajalein. Mr. Herry is in charge of the furniture some 3,400 Kwajites use in their quarters on the island.

DENTAL NURSES TO BE GRADUATED

Ten graduates of the School of Dental Nursing will receive diplomas next Tuesday evening at Majuro. Deruko Anson, Judy Shoniber, and Arue Timothy of Ponape are among those who successfully completed their schooling this year.

A dinner and reception in honor of the graduates and High Commissioner W.M. Goding will be given at the Coconut Rendezvous Club following the graduation ceremony which is to be held in the Protestant Church. District Administrator Peter Tali Coleman and Director of Dental Services A.A. Jaffe will co-host the dinner.

TUSITALA MIGVAR TELLS ALL

Part II

All the houses here have screens, large ones, on all sides. The views are spectacular BUT--tucked away in each corner of each screened window is a filthy, stained canvas rag. It is held upright by a wire going through the top and through the bottom of it. When the wind and rain get to be too much this dirty rag is pulled across the window. This happens about 90 percent of the time. The effect is that of living in a cave. Probably these curtains were invented by some old bachelor whaler living here before the 1900's, and no one has had the courage to change them into something more modern--say, glass louvres.

The Samoan fale consists of the roof and the floor. Some modern Samoans have beds, and a chair or two. But everything is wide open to the public. The only concession he makes to having a wall is that on really windy, rainy and cold days he lets down a series of mats which are hung neatly in the ceiling around the outside. On sunny days he can take these mats out and clean them, sun them, and dry them.

While Leo has been locating the various agricultural farms, making a boat trip--ugh--around the island, and having his truck break down on top of some mountain while he was looking for fern logs, (he had to walk home--or at least to the main road where he caught a bus, some 15 miles), I was home washing my clothes in a pail of cold water. I have never, even in Trinidad, had an experience quite like trying to wash a sheet in a pail of cold water on a wash board just a little too large for the pail. It's good for the leg muscles, not to mention the abdominal muscles. The pail is located on the bathroom floor during the washing process.

I taught school for a couple of days for a teacher who was sick with the local flu. That was an experience that was different from anything I've known for quite a while. The students are large in size, and very talkative. I had a hard time getting them to shut up long enough so I could talk! One day I had them read a little story; then I passed out questions which I had typed up the night before concerning the story. Each person was to ask a question and then call on someone to answer it. They seemed to think this was great sport. No trouble getting anyone to talk. One girl completely amazed me: she had read her question earlier in the period and had gotten what I thought was an answer that was correct although not as complete as it might have been. She brooded all period about it, I guess, and at the end of the period when I asked if there was anyone who did not get to read his question, she raised her hand. I asked if she hadn't read her question earlier, and she answered, "Yes, I did, but I don't like the answer I got." So, she read it again, and believe me she was not going to sit down, bell or no bell, until she got the answer she wanted. Fortunately for all of us, someone answered it in the precise manner desired. I left the class a little dazed.

When our plane came in to Samoa it flew over, up, down, and around the island giving all the tourists a chance to take pictures. We flew over the mountains and down Pago Pago Bay. All the houses gleamed and sparkled in the sun. Just before the SPC conference the government sold paint at cut-rate prices so that everyone could paint his house or fale. From the air it made quite a sight, all these beautifully painted houses pecking out from the greenery. We are living almost at the end of the bay. All around us the mountains rise steeply from the

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MIGVAR TELLS ALL CONCLUDED

edge of the bay. It is like living in a volcanic crater. There is room between the edge of the bay and the mountains for the road and one or two rows of houses, then all the other houses are perched on the mountain sides, until shortly it becomes too steep even for that.

Almost as soon as we came into town, our mail was handed to us. In it was the PONAPE-PER which we immediately read from cover to cover. We will be looking forward to reading about you Kolonials in future issues of the PONAPE-PER and also hope that you will occasionally drop us a letter. As soon as we get organized and running smoothly and efficiently again, we'll answer the letters we have already received. Tofa soifua, Elaine and Leo Migvar.

ACCELERATED PROGRAM IS "GO"

Information received from Headquarters indicates that the Accelerated Elementary School Construction Program stoppage was a brief one. The program is once again "go" with the Department of the Interior prepared to cover any obligations and expenditures should the 88th Congress, which convenes in January, fail to pass the supplemental appropriations bill in which the school program's funds are presently tied up.

It is generally felt that Congress will act favorably on the appropriations bill because failure to act on it last session has hamstrung a number of federal agencies.

The Eniwetok buildings currently on Majuro are to be inventoried and re-erated, with missing components ordered for fast delivery to the districts assigned the aluminum buildings. Other construction materials are being ordered, and the temporary set-back in the new program will soon be nothing but a memory.

CLUB DINNER PARTY TOMORROW

Tomorrow evening members of Club Kolonia will gather at 7:00 for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before the dinner party sponsored by the October and November committees.

Dinner, which will be served at 8:00 p.m., includes a green salad, turkey, ham, roast pig, boiled and candied sweet potatoes, creamed peas, hot rolls with butter, pumpkin pie, ice cream, and coffee. Members will be charged \$1.00 per person for dinner and will buy their own drinks. The hors d'oeuvres will be provided by the committee members.

Because of the shortage of food supplies on the island, members are asked not to plan on bringing guests or children to this party. Kaselehia Inn guests will be the only exception.

If plans jell, there will be a floorshow in addition to after dinner dancing.

MEHKAN ME TIKTIK

Most Kolonials keep pretty well informed on the events of the rest of the world through air mail editions of magazines and newspapers, short wave radios, and our friendly PANAM crews. Here are a few items which may not make the general news coverage, but indicate trends often missed by self-imposed isolation.

A machine has been developed that automatically sacks groceries at supermarket checkout counters. . . . For only \$2.00 you can now learn the secrets of a memory system to help you remember the many-digit telephone numbers now in use throughout the U.S.A. . . . Writing dolls now join those that drink, talk, and perform less intellectual functions. A disc in the back of the doll causes the doll's arm to move over a slate and write six words: do, he, cat, dad, me, and see. Current price: \$20.00.

Watch for the new U.S. Christmas stamp on your mail. It has brought a deluge of criticism upon its designers for being unartistic and a violation of separation of state and church. Its wreath and candle design bears no religious symbols, in deference to Jewish postal patrons, and this, too, has caused no little comment in the mainland press and in letters to the Postmaster General. New Zealand's 1962 Christmas stamp is held up as an example of good art and being pertinent to the season. It has a madonna and child on it.

Senate officials are worried about the problem of squeezing all 68 senators on the Democratic side of the aisle. All three Kennedys running for House seats lost. They were Richard A. in Ohio, John F. in Rhode Island, and John A. in Illinois.--RJU

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Another year rolls around in December for some Kolonials. Among those who will be celebrating their birthdays are Sharon Umhoefer, 7th; Emi Mukaida, 18th; Bob Rivard, 19th; Flor Delarosa, 15th; Lili Jean Hawley, 10th; Rumiko Blanc, 13th; Father George McGowan, 29th; Janice Zaiger, 31st; Herman Clausen, 16th; George Hartung, 15th; Mary Ruth Hanlin, 28th; Brother William Condon, 4th; and Steve Ditchen, 6th.

Congratulations are also in order for the Kohns, Iharas, and Germinaros, who will observe wedding anniversaries on the 29th, 23rd, and 31st, respectively.

PBC MEETS THURSDAY

The Ponape Book Club, which postponed its November meeting, will meet at the Barry quarters this Thursday evening at 7.30. Of special interest to members with children will be the New York Times Children's Book Supplement.

DECK THE HALLS . . .

There are 24 days, 21 shopping days, roughly three planes and two ships until Christmas.

LOOKING BACK . . .

PONAPE-PER

November 30, 1961

Three years ago this week, Ray Weinrich and staff moved from the Administration Building to a new air-conditioned office in the dock warehouse; Diane Sammet started a Kiddie's Korner feature in the PONAPE-PER; and Club Kolonia members held their monthly meeting clustered around the bar instead of in parliamentary session. It was a jolly good meeting.

"Sentinel of the Senyavins". Editor: R.J. Umhoefer. Contributing Editors: Dan Peacock, Diane Sammet, Tom Tatekawa. Published Weekly in Ponape, E.C.I., Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

This week two years ago we were preparing for the visit of Senators Long and Gruening, and Chief Justice Furber was on hand to accompany Mr. Neas to Langer to greet the official party which included High Commissioner Nucker, Governor of Guam Flores, and their wives. All of Kolonia was saddened by the drowning of Father Quirino Fernandéz when his motor boat overturned in the Anapei area of Kiti; Dr. McNutt was teaching Ponapean via the PONAPE-PER; and Ulithi atoll was beginning a long and difficult rehabilitation after typhoon Ophelia lashed the atoll with 160 knot winds.

A mere 52 weeks ago, Royal Gifford returned to Ponape after 14 months on Kusaie, Kolonials were reading with mixed but generally humorous emotions a badly written and ill-conceived book called "Buritis in Paradise", and Monique Etscheit Gordon and children were expected for a visit.--RJU

SANTA TO HAVE MAIL BOX HERE

In a special communique to Bert Pearce, whom he mistook as his stand-in, Santa Claus announces that he will have his own special Christmas mail box at Club Kolonia beginning December 7. All good, bad, and indifferent children may leave their letters to Santa in this post box between December 7 and the 16th. No postage is required. The correct address is:

Mr. Santa Claus
North Pole

Children who have not as yet mastered the Calvert or New Frontier School script are urged to dictate their letters to any conveniently located parent. Santa said it is important to mark each envelope with the words "Via Reindeer Express" because as far as is known now, none of the PML vessels is scheduled to visit the North Pole this year.

HANLINS EXPECTED NEXT MONTH

The Reverend Harold Hanlin and Mrs. Hanlin are expected to return here just before Christmas, it was learned this week. Dr. Hanlin has been on Kwajalein for some time where he has been the Protestant chaplain while the island minister was on leave.

CLUB MOVIE SCHEDULE

TONIGHT	KISS AND TELL	Starring: Shirley Temple B&W V. Courtland
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2	SARACEN BLADE	Starring: Ricardo Montalban Color Betta St. John
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4	WOMEN'S PRISON	Starring: Ida Lupino B&W Howard Duff

TIDES

Saturday, December 1

HIGH	0501	2.8
	1711	4.5

LOW	1020	1.4
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Sunday, December 2

0543	2.6
1750	4.3

0016	1.4
1049	1.7

WIERLANGT IN NEW POST

Mr. Higinio Wierlangt was officially appointed Acting Hospital Administrator this week, replacing Mr. Johnny David.

THE YOUNGER SET

This week's editor: Patrick Townsend

INQUIRING REPORTER

Reporter: What would you do if you had a Musa tikap?

Johnny Hawley: "I would go to the hospital."

Priscilla Weinrich: "I would not know what to do."

Jan Barry: "I would wrap it up and bury it so I could use it."

Pete McNutt: "Play with it."

Flor Delarosa: "Die."

Carol Umhoefer: "Be a nurse."

Lynn McNutt: "I would get rid of it."

Sharon Umhoefer: "Go swimming with it."

Debby Barry: "Go crazy."

Paula Peacock: "I would keep it for two weeks trial to see if I liked it. If I don't, I'll sell it or give it away."

NOTE: Musa tikap is the scientific name for a banana that is native to the Caroline Islands.

WANTED! Please turn in all suggestions for a "light-less Christmas" to Patrick Townsend. (Tree decorations will be especially useful.)

WHAT MAKES A SODA POP FIZZ?

The bubbly stuff in soda pop is a gas, but not the same kind of gas that burns in stoves. The gas in soda pop will not burn at all.

As long as you let a bottle of pop sit still, the gas stays mixed up with the flavored water. But if you jiggle the bottle, tiny bubbles of gas start to rise up. They are lighter than water, so they float to the top. When you take the cap off the bottle, they keep on rising. More bubbles follow. They come out so fast that they bring some of the pop along with them in a frothy foam. The bubbles are like little balloons. When they burst they make a fizzing sound.