



### 74 HOMESTEADERS RECEIVE TITLES

No one had to pound on a desk for the crowd's attention when Land Title Officer Kozo Yamada stood before a group of Metalanim Homesteaders on the Farm Institute lawn last week. They all knew why they were there and were ready to listen. And Kozo didn't disappoint them. He held in his hand the Quit Claim Deeds for 74 parcels of land in the former Metalanim Plantation the homesteaders had bushed and planted during the past five years. When he announced the land documents had been signed by the High Commissioner and were ready for delivery there were waves of smiles and cheers across the audience which included entire families.

Each of the parcels of land has an area of approximately three hectares (seven acres). All of the persons receiving Quit Claim Deeds were former residents of the over-crowded atolls of Pingelap, Kapingamarangi and Losap (Truk District). Approximately 300 homestead titles have been issued in Ponape in the past year.

The District Administrator, accompanied by Mr. Yamada and homesteaders, visited the homestead areas following distribution of the land title documents. The land, formerly part of the Metalanim Plantation, was cleared and planted to coconuts by a Japanese company prior to World War II. When the Trust Territory assumed control of the plantation it was decided to return approximately one-half of the area to private ownership. Plans for homesteading were developed by former Land Title Officer Kan Akatani and District Administrator Henry Hedges. They selected homesteaders from the most over-populated atolls of Ponape and Truk. Each homesteader was nominated by his extended family.

Earnest workers were selected in the original group. Only 15 out of 89 failed to complete the five years of progressive improvement of the land leading to final title. There are approximately 100 additional homesteaders working on land of the former Plantation. The Plantation, now known as the Metalanim Farm Institute, is the site of the Trust Territory's Agricultural School under the supervision of Mr. Kazu Matsumuro.

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## TT STARTS OPERATING LAND PLANE

The picture of the Trust Territory's DC-4 on the Administration Bulletin Board has new meaning. The plane is actually operating. However, its regular schedule is limited to Guam and Saipan. Headquarters has announced three flights weekly between Guam and Saipan as follows:

Every Tuesday	Depart Guam	9:00 a.m.
	Return Guam	2:00 p.m.
Every Thursday	Depart Guam	1:00 p.m.
	Return Guam	3:00 p.m.
Every Saturday	Depart Guam	1:00 p.m.
	Return Guam	3:00 p.m.

In addition to the regular Guam/Saipan service, Headquarters has said there will be as-needed service to Truk and Palau. No indication has been received in Ponape as to when additional work will be done to build an airstrip on Ponape.

## 1963 BUDGET STILL PENDING

TT Budget for Fiscal Year 1963 is still pending according to latest word from Headquarters. Present spending must be limited to the amount spent in July of last year until further notice. This means no new projects can be started and no jobs can be filled except where absolutely necessary. Until the Congress acts on an appropriation bill the Territory will be limited to a month-to-month funding of operations.

## MIGVAR HEADS CACAO WORK

Flt 400 departed Ponape this week and lifted Cacao Specialist Ed Iwaniec out of the job he has been holding the past four years. He left Ponape for Miami, Florida, via Kwajalein and Honolulu. When the plane left the water, Ed's title of Cacao Specialist ceased to exist. Leo Migvar, District Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, has assumed responsibility for all cacao work in this district. There will be no change in the cacao development policies in existence prior to Mr. Iwaniec's departure. All it means, according to Leo, is that the District Department of Agriculture takes over additional work.

The elimination of the position of Cacao Specialist was at the request of Mr. Iwaniec. He said that he had done all of the developmental work that was required of a Specialist and that the work should become a part of the regular district agricultural activities. The High Commissioner agreed and Ed was given a WELL DONE and a ticket home.

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULED

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There will be a business meeting of Club Kolonia at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening July 12.

## HANDICRAFT SALES BOOM ON GUAM

The Micronesian Products Center of Guam, with Mrs. Sally Winter in charge, is running at full throttle even though it has not been officially opened, according to information released last week by the High Commissioner. So far, \$1,250 worth of handicraft has been sold by Mrs. Winter in behalf of Micronesian producers in the past two months.

The Products Center is now located in the quarters formerly occupied by Headquarters Public Works on Guam. Handicraft items make up its present stock in trade. However, it is hoped that other products will be handled through this outlet such as agricultural or fishing products. Mr. Goding has announced that any Trust Territory producer may take advantage of the services of the Center. He says inquiries should be addressed directly to Mrs. Winter, with a copy to the Economic Development Officer, when asking about possibilities of sales.

## NEW ASSISTANT CLERK OF COURTS

A simple swearing-in ceremony, conducted on Langar Island ramp by Associate Justice Paul Kinnare, while Flt 400 was fueling this week, put Edwel Santos into the position of Assistant Clerk of Courts. Edwel will replace Laureano Rodriguez who is leaving Ponape to return to his bride in Truk.

Edwel graduated from PICS in 1960. He has been employed as Senior Clerk by the Agriculture Department. His replacement in Agriculture has not been selected. Mr. Migvar says he will be happy to interview applicants for the key office position at the Ag Station.

## PLANETREE VISITS PONAPE

The USCGC PLANETREE arrived in Ponape this week and serviced the channel light and other navigational aids in Ponape Harbor. It departed July 4 for Truk. The vessel will return to Ponape in September for additional harbor work.

## LIQUOR LAW TO HICOM

The draft of the Ponape Liquor Law has been forwarded to the High Commissioner for review and action. The main contents of the proposed law were set forth in a recent issue of the Ponape-Per. The principal feature of the law provides for a three-man Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, to be appointed by the Congress, which will have considerable authority to regulate affairs pertaining to alcoholic beverages in the district.

## CASTROS TO VACATION

The Castros (of Ponape--yes, of Cuba--no) are the next to pack bags and start the tour of Guam, Manila, Hong Kong and Tokyo. This will be their first time away from Ponape since arrival in October 1969. Also, it will be their first visit to the Orient. They expect to return to Ponape by the first of September.

# KWAJALEIN ADDRESS OUT FOR PONAPE

Postmaster Loretta Murakami requests that all people who have been using the Kwajalein Post Office change their address back to Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands.

Mrs. Murakami visited Kwajalein last week and conferred with the Postmaster there, at which time it was determined that mail service to Ponape via Kwajalein is not practical at this time.

## RECAP: FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

Tom and his weather men manifested true benevolence and patriotism for children and Independence Day with clear skies and cooling breezes for the picnic at PICS on Wednesday.

There was a bit of something to satisfy each taste during the afternoon and evening festivities--swimming being the most popular. Sam Townsend caught a "mess of crawdads", the Hawley boys sailed their new boats, and Reed Sammet was flushed with success when he swam from the landing to the dam for the first time.

A few threw horseshoes, but everyone seemed to lack interest in volley ball except Toni Castro, who tried in vain to organize a game. Every little while picnickers refreshed themselves at the punch bowl, sipping to the strains of music from Karen Peacock's portable phonograph.

Some lacked faith in the Scouting accomplishments of our fire builders and brought ready-cooked suppers; but others grilled their hot dogs and hamburgers over the coals and then stayed outdoors to enjoy the approaching twilight. Page's ice cubes cooled the punch, and their electric mixer provided smooth ice cream for cones that were consumed in great numbers.

The younger generation digested their dinners by taking lessons from Howard Kerstetter on the gym equipment in the Rec. Hall. Lori Murakami proved to be a natural on the rings and presented a show equal to anything the Ringling Brothers could offer. Card tables were set up for the eight remaining chaperones, but the bridge playing was erratic, since every bid and play was punctuated with appreciative glances at or comments concerning the enthusiastic twisters at the other end of the room: Nan, Karen, Prissy, Lynn, Glenn, Mark, Murph, and Richard Sighah.

At 8:30 the kids were still raring to go, but the vicarious exercise became too much for the parents, and the celebration came to a close.--DS

### PONAPE PRODUCTS

	MARKET	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO
CACAO	New York	\$.21 1b.	\$.21 1b.	\$.21 1b.
PEPPER	New York	.38 1b.	.38 1b.	.49 1b.
COPRA	San Francisco	\$145.00 ton	145.00 ton	\$145.00 ton

## FIREWOOD MARKET HOLDS STEADY

Don't throw away your firewood, yet. This is the latest warning issued by PWO George Hartung and Senior General Mechanic Bert (Goldberg) Pearce. Although the bailing wire and chewing gum patch on the generating plant was still holding this morning, Bert says all people out after dark should carry a flashlight.

Ponape's power plant sustained a second crippling blow last week when a seven foot radiator fan collapsed from dry rot in one of the blades. Present current is adequate for minimum needs if used according to the schedule recently issued to all users. The temporary arrangement which provides power is operating on a very narrow margin. Any overloading might cause immediate breakdown and it is doubtful if further improvising would work a second time, according to Public Works officials. They request all users carefully follow the time of day to use irons, washers and other equipment. Also, it has been requested power users turn off all electric equipment when not in actual use.

A "Goldberg" arrangement was devised whereby the radiator for the generator which was shutdown recently with a faulty field coil cools the engine which lost its radiator to dry rot. Thus far the arrangement is keeping engine temperatures well within safe working limits. However, as the radiator which is now being used on the main generator is only about one-third the size of the one which broke down, power plant personnel cannot tell how long it will work satisfactorily. No indication has been received as to when Headquarters will be able to send materials needed to effect permanent repairs.

## PHONE SERVICE ABUSED

PWO George Hartung has found district phone service is being stymied by dependent children calling their friends to socialize during work hours. Now that school is out, George wants all parents to caution their children that phones are for official business and not to be tied up for purely personal calls, especially during work hours. He says the number of calls the board can handle is limited and personal calls may seriously hamper official calls that should be put through immediately.

## FLAKNE WILL RON NEXT WEEK

Special Assistant to the High Commissioner, Joseph Flackne, now visiting in Truk, is expected to visit Ponape next week between Flights 400 and 401.

## TIDES

Saturday	0534	3.5	Sunday	0558	3.2
July 7	1234	1.0	July 8	1302	1.1
	1821	2.2		1902	2.2
	2322	1.4		2354	1.6

## SPECIAL FT ETD SUNDAY

## PONAPE-PER

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A special passenger trip will be run to Mokil, Pingelap and Kusaie, departing Sunday, July 8. The M-Boat will leave Kolonia dock at 4:00 p.m.

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The KASELEHLIA limped into port this week and had to have extensive repairs before it could get out of the harbor. Jack (Bless You) Adams has the engines purring again and the vessel will make a special pax lift to the Eastern Islands before meeting the GUNNERS KNOT on July 12 for supplies. On or about July 13 the KAS will load supplies and make a regular service trip to the Southern Islands.

## FLU CONTINUES DOWNTREND

Ponape's flu epidemic continued to downgrade itself this week. However, many cases of flu have gone into pneumonia. Public Health officials have issued warnings to all flu victims to be alert to throat and chest conditions that are accompanied by pains. Any hint that chest complications are developing should receive medical attention at once.

## TOM'S ROUNDUP

No fireworks were available to sound off the Fourth, but the Neas-Murakami combination ran over John Barry's Rambling Wrecks from PICS Tech in a hot, noisy and fun filled game, 14 to 12. Winning pitcher was smiling Frank (no kin to Fidel), Castro, losing pitcher Gus (I'll get them next time) Moses.

In an afternoon game the Ponape Reps took on the All Ponape Rejects in a fast pitch soft ball game. At the end of seven innings of hard play the All Ponape team led by 1 to 0. The Ponape Reps had a reputation to uphold, so they buckled down to whip the All Ponape team by a final score of 3 to 1 in nine innings.

Higinio O'Keane was the winning pitcher. Dr. Pretrick pitched for the losers. The Ponape Reps sponsored a feast at Boaz Restaurant after the ball game.

I've got ten good players who think they can whip the Ponape Reps in a fast pitch soft ball game, How about it, Ben??

Softball Schedule for today and next week:

Friday, July 6.....Weather Bureau vs Surveyors

Tuesday, July 10.....Weather Bureau vs Supply All Stars

Friday, July 13.....Carpenters vs Surveyors

--T.T.

## JUNE'S WEATHER

The Thunderstorm season seems to have begun in June. Nine days with thunderstorms were recorded at the WB Station. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITC) which is usually well north of the equator this time of the year contributed to our stormy weather. Weather statistics for June follow:

Temperature:	Average	80.8
	From normal	+ 0.7
	Highest	90. on the 19th
	Lowest	71. on the 8th & 15th
Precipitation	Total	11.88
	From normal	- 4.62
	Greatest	3.17 on 8-9th

Sky condition was cloudy throughout June, no clear days.---TT

## JULY'S MOVIES

Depending upon availability of power, portable generators, etc., the following movies are scheduled for this month.

Friday, July 6	THE DOOLINS OF OKLAHOMA	Randolph Scott, Louise Allbritton
Sunday, July 8	OPERATION PETTICOAT	Cary Grant, Tony Curtis Eastman Color
Tuesday, July 10	FRONTIER GAL	Yvonne DeCarlo, Rod Cameron
Friday, July 13	RELENTLESS	Robert Young, Marguerite Chapman
Sunday, July 15	KISS OF FIRE	
Tuesday, July 17	FORT DOBBS	Clint "Cheyenne" Walker, Virginia Mayo
Friday, July 20	7th CAVALRY	Randolph Scott, Barbara Hale
Sunday, July 22	TYCOON	John Wayne, Laraine Day Technicolor

SORRY, WE FORGOT...

Our last week's announcement of birthdays omitted Debra Barry's name. Debby will be one year older on July 17th. Happy Birthday.