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From: Ponape Island Affairs Office to the People of the Ponape District

Vol. 2 No. 5

Kolonia, Ponape, Caroline Islands

NOTICE

We regret that we did not publish THE NEWS OF THE MONTH for June or July. Although we had a paper for you in June, shipping and supply difficulties resulted in a shortage of paper to publish the news. We now have our paper supplies and this issue is published with new items and many old ones written for June distribution, some of which may be a little out of date by now. In the future we hope to again have an issue for you each month, containing current news, notices, Code of the Trust Territory and other information.

Did your Congressman discuss the land law resolution with you?

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

The High Commissioner, Mr. Frank A. Midkiff, received the following letter from the President of the United States:

"Dear Mr. Midkiff:

I have your letter of July twenty-eighth, submitting your resignation as High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and regret that circumstances will not permit your continuing as High Commissioner when the headquarters of the Trust Territory are moved to Guam. However, I understand the reasons for this.

As I reluctantly accept your resignation, to be effective September 1, 1954, I also recognize with sincere appreciation your humanitarian service in behalf of the people of the Trust Territory and the United Nations.

Your broad experience and prestige in the Pacific area have characterized your administration and brought credit to our Nation, for which I am deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dwight D. Eisenhower"
President, United States of America

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Greetings to you all:

When our High Commissioner, Honorable Frank A. Midkiff, accepted the appointment of High Commissioner of the Trust Territory he did so on the condition that it would be necessary for him to resign in the event that the Trust Territory headquarters were moved to Guam. This movement has taken place and the High Commissioner's resignation has been accepted as is evidenced by the fine letter from the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The High Commissioner is a sincere, hardworking man and has the interests of the Trust Territory and the people of Micronesia at heart; and it is with great regret that we now see him leave us.

He is now making his last tour of the Trust Territory in order to bid his many friends goodbye. Accompanying Mr. Midkiff is Mr. W. A. Arnold, who is the head of the Insular Affairs Division, Office of Territories, Department of Interior. This is the first visit that Mr. Arnold has made to the Trust Territory and we hope that he will concur in our development programs and I know he will enjoy meeting the people of Ponape.

We have planned the following activities for the High Commissioner's and Mr. Arnold's visit:

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SCHEDULE

September 25 - Saturday

Arrive approximately 1400 from Majuro

- 1500 - Meeting with Members of Ponape Congress
- 1830 - Dinner at home of District Administrator
with Ponape Congressmen

September 26 - Sunday

- 0800 - Depart for Matalanim Plantation
- Forenoon - Visit Plantation
- Afternoon - Visit Nan Matal Ruins
- Remain overnight at Matalanim Plantation

September 27 - Monday

- 0800 - Depart for Oa Protestant Mission
- 1000 - Visit Awak Catholic Mission
- 1200 - Return Kolonia
- 1330 - Visit Catholic Mission
- 1430 - Visit Greenwich Village

September 28 - Tuesday

- 0800 - Commence Tour of District Facilities
 - Business District
 - Power Plant
 - Reefer Plant
 - Hospital
 - Transportation Garage
 - Radio Station
- 1030 - Intermediate School
 - Kolonia Elementary School
- 1130 - District Prison
- 1300 - School of Nursing
- 1330 - Agricultural Development Station
- 1500 - Meeting with District Staff

- 1830 - Reception at Club Kolonia
 - Cocktails
 - Buffet Supper

September 29 - Wednesday

- 0700 - Baggage picked up
- 0720 - Arrive at Dock
- 0745 - Depart Dock for Plane

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A LOST WALLET FOUND

Did you lose your wallet sometime in July? Did it have paper money and silver money in it? Did it have a light blue button in it?? The Island Affairs Officer, Mr. Kemske, has such a wallet, found in Kolonia in July. If you lost it and can identify it, he will be happy to give it to you.

IMPORTANT FALL SESSION OF CONGRESS

The Ponape Island Congress meets in Kolonia beginning on 22 September. One of the things they will discuss is the trochus tax to be imposed yearly hereafter on the season's trochus catch. The second item on the agenda is probably the most important resolution that Congress has had to discuss to date. They may never have another resolution before them which affects so many Ponapeans so deeply. This is a resolution covering handling of land, including wills and inheritance rights, for Ponape Island, including the islands within the reef and Ant and Pakin. The resolution embodies suggestions of previous congress meetings, suggestions from the Chief Justice, A. P. Furber and suggestions of the Trust Territory Land Administrator, Robert Goodrich. Translation of the proposed resolution was forwarded on 4 August 1954 to all congressmen and municipal leaders. It is sincerely hoped that they have discussed your desires with regard to the proposed land law resolution. This resolution when passed to the District Administrator for consideration as a land law for Ponape Island will affect every person now on the land and who will hold land in the future under the homesteading program. It affects YOU and your children and the children of the future on Ponape Island.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

The following people please call at the Post Office for mail addressed as follows:

Lenye Lasa	Joseph [?]	Victor Senter
Lukas Pello	Mrs. Karseme	Akina
Thomas N.	Misipen S.	Alexius Luzama
Mr. Samuel	Mr. Akin	Felicy L. Manibusan
Mr. George G.	Mrs. Pricka G. Aldan	Ainris Ipa
Peteren Loja	Takeo Isera	Maria
Kariena B. Karson	Smeter Rufes	Mr. Josiah J.
Philip Jim	Mr. Gabriel Omadiki	Mr. Paul
Aipus	Lawrence Ned	Kesner Moses
Lorenzo H. M. Wang	Iosuo K. Inalesin	Inalisen A. John
Mikelina U. R. O.	Mike Ned	Sam Peraiti

NOTICE: A list of all Micronesian mail received and undelivered is posted in the lobby of the post office. Please check it often.

Was the school in your locality repaired and ready for the fall term?

FUTURE OF COPRA IN PONAPE

The Department of Interior has decided that, with the termination of ITC, the marketing of copra will be awarded to a private American firm, who will purchase, transport, and sell the copra for a fixed fee for the Copra Stabilization Board.

The Copra Stabilization Board will continue to function, as in the past, carrying on the Copra Stabilization Fund, to protect islander producers from rapid declines in the world price of copra. The American private firm will only perform the functions of marketing as are presently being done by Island Trading Co.

It is not presently planned to change in any way the method of accumulating copra at the district centers, and native owned stores will continue to act as collection agencies for the Copra Stabilization Board.

This plan has been set forth as one which can be speedily placed in operation so there will be no interruption in the marketing of copra. It does not preclude the possibility of native owned firms or cooperatives performing these functions in the future. The plan will be implemented as rapidly as possible.

IMPORT TAX

The High Commissioner has approved the collection of an import tax on articles entering Ponape District from without the Trust Territory. This tax became effective on 15 June and is covered by Ponape District Order 4-54.

A District Treasurer of Ponape District, Roland Orlando Poll, was appointed District Administrator with the advice of the leaders of the district. The Treasurer's office will be in the Court House building in Kolonia. He shall collect taxes from all persons; Administration Personnel, Missionaries, foreigners, as well as Ponapeans, who import articles from without the Trust Territory. The import tax will be collected as follows:

- a. 2¢ per package of cigarettes or 20¢ per carton of ten packages of cigarettes. (This is no change from the tax collected now!)
- b. 20% of the value of all tobacco other than cigarettes.
- c. 50% of the basic cost on all luxury items, as all types of jewelry, perfumes, cosmetics, toilet waters, preparations for the hair and skin as pomades and powders, etc.
- d. 5% of the basic cost of all other articles, not covered above, except food for human and animal consumption.

Sellers of any items so taxed will not include any profit on this tax in the selling price.

Taxes will be used to pay salaries of the elementary school teachers, the treasurer and his assistant, and for municipal uses as approved by the District Administrator.

The District Administrator will inspect and audit all records and disbursements of the District Treasurer. Roland Poll.

The penalties for violations of this order range from imprisonment of seven days to a year and/or a fine of from \$5.00 to \$1,000 and/or loss of business license in the case of business men.

This tax not only applies to imports by the wholesalers, administration employees and the missionaries but also applies to purchases you people make through the Post Office. You must pay import tax on goods you order from the catalogues and stores outside the Trust Territory. Go to Roland's office and pay your taxes on goods you have received thru the Post Office since June 15, 1954.

These taxes collected will prove of great benefit to you people of the Ponape District. Your Congress, with great wisdom, passed a resolution requesting this tax for the benefit of the District, the District Administrator recommended its approval to the High Commissioner, and he in turn, approved the tax in its present form.

Are you ridding your land of lantana?

MUSEUM IN GUAM

A museum has been opened in Guam, with a separate section devoted to the Islands of Micronesia. This is open to the public and all persons in Guam and all visitors to Guam are invited to visit the museum. The museum asks for objects from the districts and islands of Micronesia. It would be interesting if Ponape District could either give or loan a considerable number of objects representative of our district, in order that visitors to Guam may better understand us. The museum has no money to buy objects for display but will acknowledge where they came from. What do you have to give as a gift or to loan for a while to the Guam Museum...an old likutsi worn by your mother, father or grand parents? A fan typical of your municipality? An old bone fishing hook made many years ago? A model canoe? Any object you would give or loan the Museum will be well cared for and returned to you at a later time if you do not wish to give it as a gift. Old or new objects representing your locality or Ponape as a whole are desired. Will you bring or send them to the Island Affairs Officer who will forward them in your name to the Guam Museum.

What do you want your Congressman to discuss at next session of Congress?

PONAPE DISTRICT ORDER NO. 1-54

In the last issue of the paper we attached a copy of Ponape District Orders 1-54 and 3-54.

No one may kill any female cattle or female carabao without first obtaining a permit to do so. Permits for Ponape Island will be issued at the Agricultural Station in Kolonia. Permits for Kusaie will be issued by the Chief Magistrate in Kusaie. Do not kill any female cows or female carabao unless you have a permit to do so because you will be violating Ponape District Order 1-54 and will be subject to prosecution.

Are you fully participating in the Public Works Program for the betterment of your municipality?

A GOOD CITIZEN

Are you a good citizen of your municipality? If you can truthfully answer "yes" to the following questions you have the traits of a good citizen.

Do you pay your head taxes?

Do you take an interest in what your Congressman has to say and do? He represents YOU in Congress.

Do you take an interest in the schools and schoolwork of your municipality?

Are you satisfied that the schoolbuilding is a good one?

Do you attend church and take an interest in church work?

Do you cheerfully pay your tax or work for your municipal public works improvement program?

Do you talk with and advise your kousapw councilman?

Do you take an interest in your government? Do you attend meetings and elections?

If you are a businessman, do you have your 1954 business license?

Do you read and study the chapters of the Code attached to this paper?

Do you keep your land cleaned? Are you clearing away the lantana?

Have you planted cacao?

Do you get along well with your neighbors?

Are you a happy person?

Remember, 50 or 100 cacao trees will greatly add to your income. 500 producing trees will make you rich!

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

District Order 2-51, FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION, is in effect in all of Ponape District. This order, effective 12 September 1951, prohibits the use, importation, sale, or purchase of firearms other than air rifles or ammunition for these firearms without the written permission of the District Administrator. Firearms and ammunition were turned in to the Constabulary in Kolonia for safekeeping.

If you feel you may qualify for the proper care, use and handling of a gun and ammunition, you may get an application for permit to use firearms from the Ponape District Sheriff, Saburo, in Kolonia, or the Chief Magistrate of Kusaie. The District Administrator will consider each application individually for approval or disapproval of the use of firearms, for the return of firearms held by the Constabulary or the purchase of a new gun and ammunition.

"KOLONIA" QUESTION

The problems of whether or not Kolonia should be a separate municipality of the Ponape District is again being studied by the District Administrator. The more than 750 people living in Kolonia, who represent 18 different islands or municipalities, have asked for their own self-government and that the High Commissioner designate Kolonia as a new municipality of our district. The District Administrator is very carefully considering all points in favor or against this step. He has had a conference with the representatives of Nat and a meeting with the representatives of Kolonia. In July he will hold conferences with the Municipal Officials of Ponape Island and the Out-Island representatives to hear their views. He is studying anthropological reports, history of Kolonia and all he can about Kolonia from the days of the first settlers. After he has heard from all interested parties the Distad will forward all his findings to the High Commissioner for a decision on the future of this District Center.

THE TRUST TERRITORY SCHOOL OF NURSING

By Elizabeth L. Digou

The Trust Territory School of Nursing originally started in Truk at the beginning of 1953. In January of 1954 the school was moved to Ponape for several reasons. One reason was that we have an opportunity to get wider experience in the Ponape Hospital, and another reason is that the food and water supply are much more plentiful here.

We came here on the Chicot with our teacher and our supervisor on the wards. There are seven of us students from three different Districts, but we are all closely acquainted since we were classmates in P.I.C.S. We are all P.I.C.S. graduates.

Upon our arrival at Ponape people cordially received us and showed us the most kindness we had ever experienced in our lives. Everyone seemed to appreciate our coming and we were all grateful to the Ponapeans for their welcome to us. It makes us happy to stay here and learn new things about how to help people.

In the first year of our course we spent most of our time doing class work and a little time in practicing on the wards. Now in our second year we are spending more time on the wards than in class. We had a few classes until vacation time. Now those of us who are not on vacation are working all eight hours a day in the hospital. We have no more classes now but we will have more when the rest of us return from vacation.

Class Room Instructions: We have learned about the body and how it works, about tiny organisms called germs which cause some kinds of diseases. We have learned to care for the sick people and make them more comfortable. We have learned how to manage a delivery and also how to assist in Surgery.

We have enjoyed learning these things and we are grateful to our teachers who gave us the materials in the classrooms, and we are grateful to the hospital and its staff for helping us in the care of patients. In this short time that we have been here, we all have learned much and we are looking forward for more information.

Again we are all very grateful to the people of Ponape and we are very happy to be here and learn new things, working with new people and helping the sick patients. We have really enjoyed our stay here very much.

Students at the School of Nursing this year are:

From Yap:

*Jesus B. Etmol
*Elizabeth Digou
*Raphaella Tinan
Ramon Hagel
Carmen Chigy
Christina Gaphy

From Koror:

* Justino Odaol
* Mike Otekur
Rosa Mystica Anton
Tomiko Ngirhelui

From Truk:

* Kioko Kalipis
* Kinie Mark
Denita Refilong

From Marshalls:

Borenwa Jesse
Totha Maikel
Enoch Rantak
Jiku Johnny

From Ponape:

Serlina Olter
Antonio Materne
Walder Simram

* Seniors

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CODE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY

This month for your interest, information and study, we are attaching two chapters of the Code of the Trust Territory, the High Law of Ponape District. Chapter 9 covers PUBLIC HEALTH, a very important chapter, as is Chapter 11 on Domestic Relations. We attach these copies of the Code each month so that you people, as well as your officials, can read the laws for the Trust Territory.

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NEWS NOTES

A group of American Scientists will spend the summer on Kapingamarangi making various studies at this lovely atoll. They were taken there by way of Guam directly to Kapinga by a Navy ship, except that Dr. Harold Wiens of Yale University spent almost a month in Kolonia getting acquainted with Ponape and the people of Porakiet in Kolonia, in particular.

Dr. John Wesley Coulter of the University of Cincinnati, arrived in Kolonia the latter part of June to go on the July Field Trip to Pinglap Atoll where he will visit until the next field trip in September.

Mr. Gerald O'Donnell, the tallest man in Ponape, left for his new assignment as chief of a weather station in cold Alaska and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Baird and infant baby daughter were transferred here from Truk in order that Mr. Baird could manage the Weather Station.

Mr. Kan Akatani returned from his vacation in Japan to begin the homesteading program.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hess and their new baby boy arrived in Ponape in June. Mr. Hess' duties will be surveyor in the Land Title office. He will work on the homesteading program. Several young Ponapeans will be employed as Engineering Aides to assist Mr. Hess on this program.

A U. S. Navy Demolition Team came to Ponape Island this month and exploded some dangerous bombs left since the war on Langar Island and other places, to make Ponape safer for its people.

Chief Justice E. P. Furber spent a few days the last of the month in Ponape after hearing cases during June in the Marshalls. Judge Furber heard a land case in Kolonia while he was here.

Mr. Arthur Herrman, long time resident of Kusaie, who has been treated at the hospital in Kolonia and then visiting the Carlos Stschoit family, returned to his home in Kusaie on the "students" field trip which left Kolonia on June 25th.

The M/V Roque, which arrived in Ponape Harbor on June 25th from Japan by way of Tinian, Guam and Truk, departed for an Eastern Field Trip to return the intermediate students to their homes and to pick up the teachers and new students for the summer session. The ship brought some fine male breeding cattle to Ponape from Tinian which will be used to improve the stock here in the district.

Apinel, son of Tuiai, the Hotolik of Kapingamarangi, graduated this year from P.I.C.S. in Truk and has begun his duties at the Weather Station in Kolonia. Iop Thomas, another Kapinga graduate this year from P.I.C.S. has begun his duties at the Radio Station in Kolonia, while Akira of Kiti, Linder of Mokil, and Hamlin of Kusaie, all PICS graduates, will take the Weather Bureau training course at Truk this year. Other PICS graduates from our district have plans as follows: Serlina of Mokil will attend the Trust Territory Nursing School in Kolonia, Ruben of Nukuoro will become a teacher at the Intermediate School, Topias of Nukuoro will take further training for teaching, Antonio Marterna of Jokaj will work at the Agricultural Station, Iram of Pinglap is an Engineering Aide with the Land Title Office to work on the homesteading program, and Walder of Jokaj will attend the Nursing School in Kolonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dralle and young son left Ponape for Guam on June 30th. Mr. Dralle worked in the Finance and Supply Department and has accepted a new position on Guam. Mrs. Dralle worked at both the hospital and the F&S Dept. in the past.

The LUCKY made a trip to the southern islands during the greater part of June; although the Nanpei Plantation ship, the CULVER, made no trips this month it is planned to make an Eastern islands trip in July.

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