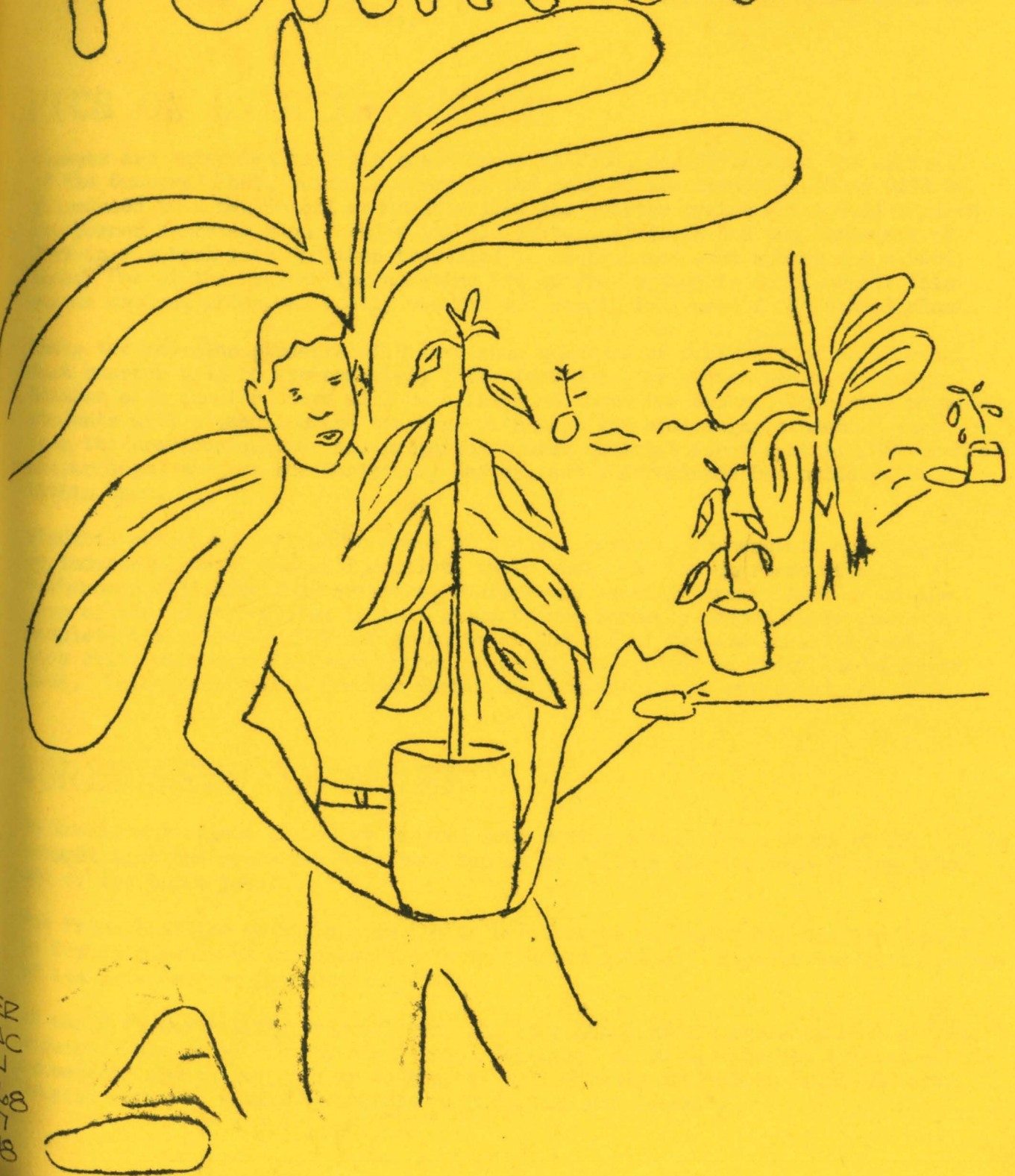


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## PICS ON QUARTER SYSTEM

Classes are scheduled to begin next Monday at PICS, depending upon the arrival of the Gunners' Knot, which is carrying the bulk of the students. They will be introduced to a new school schedule called the quarter system which will replace the former semester plan. Under the old system, students had two semesters of work in a school year and then travelled to their homes each summer for a vacation. One of the reasons for adopting the quarter system is to eliminate this summer exodus, which was costly and did not permit full use of the school plant.

Under the new plan students will have four quarters of work in a calendar year. Each quarter will be approximately fifty-four days, or eleven weeks, in length. Between each quarter there will be a break of about two weeks. This will provide students with a vacation and teachers with time for evaluating students' work from the previous quarter and preparing course material for the next. The breaks are arranged so that the Christmas, Easter, and Independence Day holidays fall within them.

Students choose one of four courses of study: general, commercial, agriculture, or industrial arts, and will complete their choice in ten quarters of work. Sophomores will have four quarters, juniors and seniors three. Another advantage of the quarter system is that students who formerly needed three years to complete their course will now graduate at the end of two and one-half years; they still will have the same number of school days (540) as under the semester plan. This means that a greater number of students can be graduated from PICS.

## WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

An American Airlines turbo-jet crashed near Boston with a death count of 63. It is thought that the crash may have been caused by a flock of starlings flying into one of the turbo jets.

The Prime Minister of Nigeria is now in New York to represent his country when it is formally admitted to membership in the United Nations. Nigeria has just received its independence from Great Britain.

At the U.N. Australia's proposal that the four great powers again attempt a "get-together" was voted down by the General Assembly, 44 to 4, with the balance of the membership abstaining. In an address to the Assembly Australian Prime Minister Menzies referred to Mr. Khrushchev as a "latter day Caesar".

## NEWS CONTINUED

World Series--First game: Pirates 6, Yankees 4. Second game: Yankees 16, Pirates 3.

## THE "BUG" STILL RAGING

The "bug", an unclassified type of influenza, continues to maintain epidemic strength in the Marshalls, Truk, and here. So far it has cancelled the DISTAD conference in Guam, cancelled the visit of Miss Marjorie Stewart, Women's Interests Officer of the South Pacific Commission, and caused four deaths. In the three districts, some 6,000 outpatients have been seen by medical personnel.

According to local medical authorities it is difficult to attribute a death to the influenza itself. This district has reported no deaths incident to the epidemic as all deaths occurring since the "bug" started its rounds had earlier complications as the cause.

It is assumed that several hundred persons afflicted have not been seen by medical personnel because of isolation on outlying islands from which no reports can be received immediately. In all districts the public health staffs were reduced to half or less strength by influenza, making total coverage of the outlying municipalities even more difficult.

All indications are that the epidemic is abating in the Kolonia Town area but is now sweeping through the outlying areas.

## NEW WBO OINC

William J. Taliaferro (pronounced Tolliver) sans wife Jean who awaits transportation from Guam, arrived Ponape Monday as the new officer in charge, WBO. In keeping with local custom, he immediately went on a fluid diet with bed rest...and so far has not been completely overcome by influenza.

Making progress on his four-year plan, Mr. Taliaferro is back on Ponape for the 3rd time since 1952, with a fond Mahalo, Kafel, Ran Annin, Yokwe Yok, and Kaseleh-lia to old friends and new acquaintances.

The Taliaferros are calling Quarters #55 home.

## Martin Gamboa Departs

Page Communications electronics technician Martin Gamboa will depart for his new duty station on Midway Island next Wednesday. Although this transfer is a promotion for Martin, the Page staff is having difficulty getting him on the plane, as it seems Ponape is in his blood--he has a garden started, which he won't have the opportunity to harvest.

Martin comes from Los Angeles and recently had an opportunity to visit his home on a quick flight while in training for Page at Kauai, Hawaii.

# MAJURO MURMURS . . .

by Thelma Mackenzie

(For the Ladies, this issue)

Are you a four-thirty M-thru-Fri Club widow? Do certain evenings find you deserted by the man in your life who chooses in favor of a night out with the "boys" whilst they shuffle gaily through a pack of "52's"...?? And although they only played for FUN! and they ALL say they won or "came out even" do you catch him in the sugar bowl? The only answer of course is organization and, if you will pardon the expression, "TOGETHERNESS". Take Majuro for instance. Getting together with the "girls" recently we discovered while comparing notes that the men had been getting away with murder or a reasonable facsimile. Twice in one week we tracked them down at 5 p.m. and there they were ship-captain-and-crew-ing at the Club. We detected no signs of remorse or quirks of conscience. Three times this year found them with "For Men Only" engagements dedicated to the playing of cards. There was also the musical accompaniment of poker-chips. It was utterly obvious that something had to be done before they got completely out of hand. This we did and the solution is so simple we blush with modest pride in passing it on to you. "JOIN THEM"! On the days when he has that suspicious look in his left eye we pass the word along to one another and come 4:30 p.m. all the ladies are on hand to greet them as they come drifting into the club. By fixing sashimi and a few other tempting little morsels you can get away with this with no trouble at all. The poker party was another story. We rifled through the masculine wardrobes in the respective domiciles after the males had departed and came out looking like Sam, Charlie, and Mac...(at first glance anyway). This took the boys so completely by surprise that they have not recovered yet and to date no more mention has been made concerning "Darktown Poker Club" regular meetings. We just thought we would pass the word along to you.

## HELP WANTED

Will any mother who did not work on the children's party committees last year and who is willing to help with this month's children's Hallowe'en Party please contact Diane Sammet.

## DR. LANWI HERE

Dr. Isaac Lanwi, ophthalmologist, returned here from the Kusaie field trip and will see eye patients before leaving Wednesday for Majuro. Appointments for Monday, October 10, may be made by calling the Hospital Administration Office. Dr. Lanwi is also bolstering the local hospital staff by doing work connected with the epidemic.

## Hiratas Say Farewell

Herb, Jane, Liann, Colin, and little Faye all hurriedly got their things together and departed on Wednesday's flight after getting word that the cancellation of the DISTAD Conference and influenza had caused a number of cancellations for book-

# Hirata's Farewell CONTINUED

ings on the Trust Territory flight to Guam.

Such a hasty departure was not the way the Hiratas had planned it, but considering the heavy passenger requirements on the TT flights, they decided to take advantage of the available space.

Herb's new assignment with the U.S. Weather Bureau in Honolulu particularly appeals to him, as he has plans to build a house, enroll Liam in school located opposite his new house, and settle down to "State-side" living.

## LET'S LEARN PONAPEAN

Our greatest use of Ponapean comes with those Micronesians employed in our homes. Here is a conversation between Mrs. Lernalot and Polly Pohnpei. (Note: Following are three verbs meaning to wash. While Polly probably won't put little Sharon in the sink with the knives and forks, be careful.)

Did you wash the dishes, Polly?

Ke widendahr dahl akan, Polly?

No, Ma'am.

Soh maing.

Will you wash the baby, please?

Menlau duhpada seri pwelel.

Yes, Ma'am.

Ei maing.

This afternoon will you please wash the clothes?

Menlau lopwoarada likou kan murin souwas.

No electricity this afternoon, Mrs. Lernalot; we can't wash.

Mrs. Lernalot kita (you and I) sohte kak lopwolopw pwehki sohte lioal murin souwas

Polly, I would like for you to sweep the floor.

Polly, I mwahki ke pahn koakoahk pohn taht.

It's time to start supper.\*

Met ansoun tapiada wiahda mwengehn soutik.

Mr. Weinrich is going to eat here tonight.

Mr. Weinrich pahn mwengehn soutik net.

Change the baby's diaper and put her to bed.

Welian en seri pwelel ah weiweilol o wahla nan peht.

The first sentence is in the past tense. (aar), (ar), (ahr).

Many verbs form the past by adding (eer),

\*Do we Americans mean "It's time to start eating supper." or "It's time to start preparing supper." The Ponapean verb above is to prepare.

While our fan mail has not yet split the seams of the pouch, any printable requests on the meaning of, or how do you say, in the local language will be accorded every courtesy.

# THE BIG BAMBOO-ZLE . . .

The local epidemic has brought to light a new facet in the inter-district rivalries. The Marshalls are calling the "bug" the Ponape 'flu, Truk is calling it the Marshalls 'flu and we are calling it the Guam 'flu and some people are blaming the shipyards of Japan. One lady we know is convinced that the germs were sprinkled on us by an orbiting satellite sent out by a cold-war neighbor testing its germ-warfare techniques. So far, this lady has not contracted the disease, which prompts us to suspect that she received proper immunization from a passing friendly (to her) submarine.

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Our next recruiting program for finance department employees is going to center around the slogan "JOIN FINANCE AND AVOID THE PLAGUE". While all the other departments were decimated by the Marshalls-Truk-Guam-Japan 'flu, Miss Lolita and her cohorts reported in each day, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. Our special agents are looking into the matter. We hope to find their secret and tell it to all the world.

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If you haven't purchased your UN DAY CELEBRATION raffle tickets yet, do not delay. The prizes are well worth your investing money with Lady Luck. Most difficult thing about buying tickets is selecting your candidate for UN DAY Queen. All the candidates are pretty, vivacious, and deserving of the honor. But don't let that deter you. BUY TICKETS. BUY MANY.

## MURAKAMIS RETURN

Sach, Loretta, Mark, Lynn, Jan, and Lori all returned unexpectedly on Wednesday's flight from Kwajalein. They had arrived at 6:30 a.m. at Kwaj and caught the Trust Territory flight two hours later.

While on vacation in Hawaii they visited with a number of former Trust Territory-ites: Tony and May Takuma, Roy and Elena Fernie, Keith and Jimmie Logan, Chris Nakama, Gil Thomas, Shige Tamanaha and Dr. Conover, and present Territoryites, Kitty Darby, Emmet Blankenfeld and Lolita Hohnsbeen.

Glenn did not return, but is remaining in Hawaii to continue his schooling at Mid-Pacific Institute.

## Want Your 'Juice' Cut Off?

That, according to FWO Fred DuPont, is what is going to happen if a more concerted effort to conserve electric power is not realized within a few days.

Immediately following the issuing of the September 20 memorandum on conservation of electric power, there was a modest drop in consumption between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and noon. In a few days the peak loads were as high, if not higher, than they were before the memorandum was issued. Here are some figures which point up the need for all personnel to take positive steps to avoid excessive use of

# 'Juice' Cut Off CONTINUED

electricity:

DATE	1000	1100	NOON
Oct. 1	255 KW	255 KW	250 KW
2	275	275	265
3	300	305	270
4	300	290	280
5	325	315	290
6	310	305	290
TODAY	300	365	300

A glance at the figures indicates that consumers are increasing their use of power during the hours they were specifically asked to reduce consumption.

Unless you want to have brown-outs and complete cut-offs for four or more hours a day, do not use IRONS, CLOTHES DRYERS, WASHING MACHINES, VACUUM CLEANERS, HAIR DRYERS, and do AVOID BAKING between 10:00 a.m. and noon.

At 11:00 a.m. today the capabilities of our present generators were taxed to the limit. Another day or two of that heavy a load will result in the power supply being reduced by half.

## New Page Technician

Jerry Betts, originally from Ashburn, Georgia, joined the Page Communications Engineers staff Monday, having recently vacationed in New Orleans following six and a half years in Iceland.

Jerry was in airport construction work for 5 years in Iceland and the last year and a half as M & O (electronics) technician with Page.

This is not Jerry's first time in the Pacific, for he saw duty in the Trust Territory areas of Truk, Yap and Palau with the Navy during World War II, and was in on the landing at Okinawa and occupation duty in Japan while attached to the 1st Marine Division.

## GKNOT LATE

The M/V Gunners Knot arrived Truk Thursday afternoon and is not expected to depart there for Ponape until Monday, October 10. It is expected here on Wednesday, October 12.

# PICK YOUR QUEEN

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR THE U.N. DAY QUEEN CONTEST.

TICKETS ARE 10¢ EACH AND EACH TICKET IS A VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BEAUTY QUEEN. THERE ARE FIVE QUEENS TO CHOOSE FROM—REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE MUNICIPALITIES OF SOKEHS, UH, METALANIM, KITTI, AND NET.

TICKETS ALSO ENTITLE THE HOLDER TO A CHANCE FOR WINNING THE FOLLOWING PRIZES:

1st Prize	5½ HP Outboard Motor
2nd Prize	\$75.00 Cash
3rd Prize	100 lbs. rice, 1 case sardines, and 1 case corned beef
4th to 10th Prizes	100 lbs. rice
11th to 20th Prizes	50 lbs. rice

DRAWING IS AT 7:30 P.M. OCTOBER 24, 1960. WINNER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT.

PICTURES OF THE BEAUTY QUEEN WILL BE POSTED AT CLUB KOLONIA TONIGHT.

YOU WILL BE APPROACHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE BY A TICKET SALESMAN REPRESENTING THE UNITED NATIONS DAY COMMITTEE.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS CONTEST. PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR PRIZES AND FOR UNITED NATIONS DAY ACTIVITIES.