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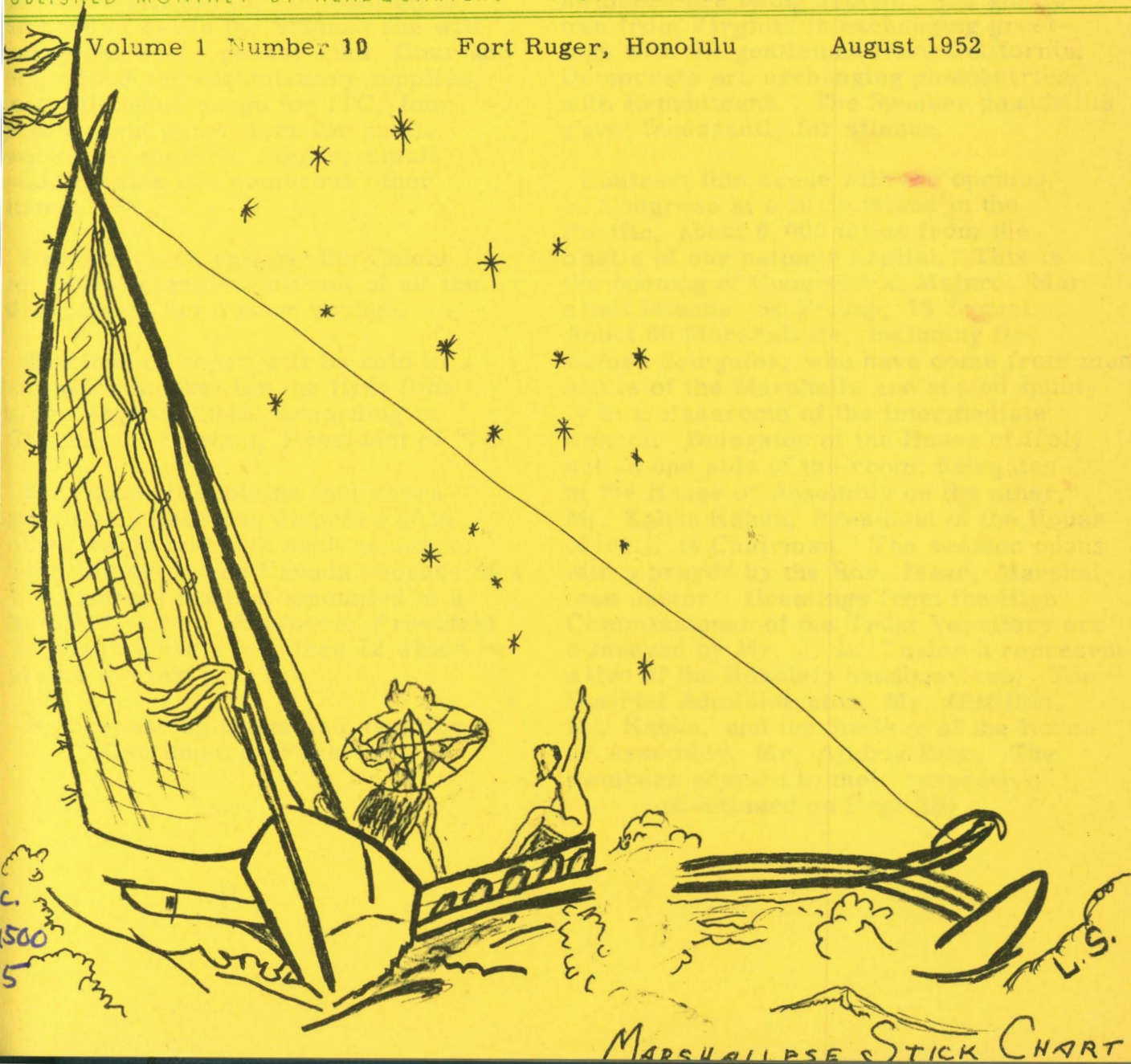
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## CHICOT DUE HERE SEPTEMBER 16

Running slightly behind schedule, the MV CHICOT, carrying the largest single shipment of copra ITC has ever made - 3,000 short tons - and making history as the first Trust Territory vessel to sail to the United States, is scheduled to arrive in Honolulu September 16, enroute to San Francisco. The CHICOT will stop here just briefly to refuel. She will not take on cargo or passengers in Honolulu.

The 4,800 measurement ton vessel is due to arrive at the Bay City about September 25. She will not arrive back in Honolulu on her return voyage to the islands until mid-October.

When the Chicot does return it will be with a full cargo. In addition to 65 head of cattle for Saipan, she will carry chickens, geese, rice, flour and other food and commissary supplies, miscellaneous cargo for ITC, four power plant generators for public works, 43 electric ranges, small plastic boats and numerous other items.

Present plans call for the Chicot to make a complete circuit of all the districts on her return voyage.

The load of copra will be sold in a stateside market for the first time since August, 1948, according to Charles C. Stewart, President of ITC.

Mr. Stewart explains that copra previously has been disposed of in other world markets such as Japan, South America and Canada because of a U.S. import tax that amounted to about \$26. a ton. However, President Truman signed a law June 12 which repealed the tax.

By by-passing Guam and avoiding  
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### MARSHALLESE CONGRESS MEETS IN THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

(This news item was taken, in part, from a recent issue of the Majuro Times)

It is opening day in Congress. New members are being seated. The gentleman from Virginia is exchanging greetings with the gentleman from California. Democrats are exchanging pleasantries with Republicans. The Speaker pounds his gavel incessantly for silence.

Contrast this scene with the opening of Congress at a little island in the Pacific, about 6,000 miles from the bustle of our nation's capital. This is the opening of Congress at Majuro, Marshall Islands, on Friday, 15 August. About 80 Marshallese, including five women delegates, who have come from many a tolls of the Marshalls are seated quietly in a classroom of the intermediate school. Delegates of the House of Iroij sit on one side of the room; delegates of the House of Assembly on the other. Mr. Kabua Kabua, President of the House of Iroij, is Chairman. The session opens with a prayer by the Rev. Isaac, Marshallese pastor. Greetings from the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory are conveyed by Mr. J. L. Taylor a representative of the Honolulu headquarters. The District Administrator, Mr. Gilfillan, Mr. Kabua, and the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Mr. Ajidrik Bien. The members adjourn to their respective  
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### EDITORIAL

If we have learned anything about education in Micronesia during the slightly more than a year of Interior Administration, it is that old patterns which have developed elsewhere need not necessarily be adaptable here. In fact, if there is one thing we need to avoid, it is the imposition of such patterns. This means that the educator in Trust Territory must be creative and experimental--creative in the way the artist is creative and experimental after the manner of the scientist.

All good education everywhere has been responsive to the needs of the people. It must be an instrument for helping them solve their problems of living better together. Since

people's problems and needs are different everywhere, it follows that no set uniform pattern can be successfully imposed upon them. Gradually some of these problems to which education must apply itself are beginning to emerge. Among the largest of these are the ones related to public affairs and self-government. If the United Nations pronouncements and the Trusteeship Agreement are to be carried out, we must be educating Micronesians in the various aspects of administering their own government at the same time that we give them increasing educational experiences in self government.

For the purpose of providing education in public affairs and self-government, a pilot project involving close cooperation between the two departments most concerned--Education and Political Affairs--is soon to be initiated in the Marshalls. This project has been discussed at the HICOM level with some assistance from the Department of Public Administration at the University. It has been further developed in the Marshalls District where Mr. Gilfillan and his staff first pointed out the need for such education.

Because the nature of public affairs in Micronesia has no exact counterpart anywhere else in the world, planning of the curriculum and preparation of materials must be experimental. They must be responsive to local needs and adapted to local conditions. No books and other teaching aids are ready in advance for such education. They must be prepared on the spot in terms of local problems. DISTAD Marshalls is hopeful that some of the present functioning atoll councils will be good places to initiate such a project.

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## NUCKER, INTERIOR OFFICIAL, VISITING DISTRICTS

Del H. Nucker, executive officer, Office of Territories, who has wanted to visit the Trust Territory "for a long time," finally got the opportunity.

Mr. Nucker, in the company of Dr. Robert E. Gibson, director of education, left Honolulu Saturday, August 16, for a three week visit in the field.

Dr. Gibson will accompany the Interior Department official on trips to the Marshalls, Ponape and Truk. Then Mr. Nucker will proceed to Guam where he will meet Dr. H. L. Marshall, director of public health, who will go with him to Saipan, Yap and Koror.

Mr. Nucker, who expects to return to headquarters the first week in September, has been looking forward to visiting with the staff of an organization on which he spends much of his time in Washington. Much of his work concerns Trust Territory personnel and budget problems. Mr. Nucker also said he wants to become familiar with the operations of ITC.

Although Dr. Marshall plans to return to headquarters with Mr. Nucker, Dr. Gibson expects to be in the field until early November. He said he plans to spend his time leisurely getting acquainted with the problems of the education department. He especially wants to talk with island leaders and learn at first hand what the needs are for their children and themselves.

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Children should have their times of being off duty, like soldiers. --Ruskin

## POET DON BLANDING GOING TO T. T.

Don Blanding, author and illustrator and Hawaii's most famous poet, is headed for the Trust Territory and more care free days and nights.

The vagabond poet, now a greying 57, arrived in Honolulu recently enroute to the T. T. where he will catch on with Ted Narrimore, master of the 250-ton Metomkin and a friend of Don's from way back. There will be "no mortgage on my time," he grins.

Don, who is itching to get out into lands similar to those in "Stowaways in Paradise," "Hula Moons" and "Songs of the Seven Senses," after 20 years of literary teas and smart sets, hopes to write a book on his Micronesian adventures. What kind of a book?

"It doesn't matter--a book can be full of poems, full of stories, pictures. A book. Then I'm coming back. I don't know when. But I'll come back to Honolulu and I'll stay."

Blanding's books include Vagabond's House, 1928; Virgin of Waikiki, 1929; Songs of the Seven Senses, 1931; Let Us Dream, 1933; Memory Room, 1935; Pictures of Paradise, 1936; Drifter's Gold, 1939; Floridays, 1940; Pilot Bails Out, 1943; Today is Here, 1946; Mostly California, 1948 and A Good Time Living, 1950.

More than 300,000 copies have been sold and some of them have been reprinted many times.

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Psychiatrists once were as rare as airplanes in the sky.



TRUK TRADING COMPANY  
A GROWING CONCERN

By Jack Taylor

First-time visitors to Moen's Baker Dock are surprised and impressed by the nitude of the Truk Trading Company's cluster of quonset huts. They hardly expect to see a giant quonset 250 feet long and 40 feet wide being readied for storing and displaying a thousand and one essentials and luxuries for the people of the Truk District. At TTC one can buy anything from egg beaters to love sticks and Old Virginia Twist tobacco.

Established in January, 1948, TTC has a capital investment of \$45,000 which is held by stockholders from all parts of the Truk District. According to its manager, H. L. Chatroop, TTC is chartered by the Trust Territory to engage in the importation, exportation, manufacture, and shipping of merchandise.

Most of TTC's business is conducted on a wholesale basis to retailers in the Truk District. Only a limited number of sales are recorded at its retail store on Baker Dock. Its coconut oil press and soap factory have been operating the past four years and have produced thousands of bars of sweet-smelling soap. In 1951 a bakery and a three schooner shipping line were added. Each of the twenty-ton schooners plies for trade, mostly copra and passengers, among the district's numerous atolls and islands. Since June 1952 a modern movie theater has been operating daily from noon to ten o'clock in the evening. Bubble gum (but no popcorn) may be purchased in the lobby!

The new quonset will display "all items of sale for local needs" besides housing both company and managerial offices and, perhaps later, an electrical power plant. All construction is being provided by local engineers and laborers.

Staple foods, cloth and clothing,

building and boating supplies constitute the bulk of TTC's sales. Direct channels with American and Japanese manufacturers have been opened by Mr. Chatroop in order to insure delivery to Moen's at the lowest possible cost to the consumer.

Mr. Hank, as he is widely known in the Carolines, came to Truk five years ago as a technician with the United States Commercial Company. Prior to 1947 he served with the Foreign Economic Administration in the Marshall Islands. Hank claims Chicago as his home although he hasn't been there much since he was graduated from DePaul University with a major in business administration "a few years ago," He says, "The success of TTC has shown that our people have great ingenuity and know-how and that with careful guidance they are capable of establishing and managing their own business enterprises."

Congratulations and best wishes to the Truk Trading Company.

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WISE GUY, EH!

Quoted from a letter to Bill Lee from Douglas Cameron, former internal auditor of ITC: "How is the Trust Territory barge of State progressing with its ITC tug?"

## HEADQUARTERS ITEMS

Travel documents presently issued by the High Commissioner's Office on an interim basis to inhabitants of the Trust Territory for travel abroad have been found acceptable by the Japanese Foreign Office as valid identification papers in lieu of a passport, the department of political affairs reports. This acceptance on the part of the Japanese authorities is of considerable importance in view of the anticipated travel of T. T. inhabitants to Japan for visiting purposes or business reasons.

Among the various projects in social development recommended by the research council of the South Pacific Commission is one of special interest to the Trust Territory. This project would set up a welfare center on Koror for urbanized Palauans. Political Affairs has strongly urged that the project be implemented and located on Koror as it will not only benefit the Palauan community but may be used as a pattern for similar centers in other districts.

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agree to return to the Trust Territory and accept appointment for at least two years. The Trust Territory will furnish transportation, and board and room at a local hospital will be furnished in exchange for work on Saturdays. The students are now being selected.

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Irwin W. Silverman, chief counsel for the Interior Department's Office of Territories presently is in Honolulu for conferences with Hawaii's Governor Oren E. Long and High Commissioner Elbert D. Thomas.

Mr. Silverman and the High Commissioner have met and discussed various Trust Territory matters, in particular the Organic Legislation or fundamental basic law for the Trust Territory which was promised Congress.

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A series of three articles on the administration of the Trust Territory appeared this month in the New York Times. Written by Lawrence E. Davies, the Time's West Coast correspondent who spent two weeks in Hawaii in connection with the ANZUS conference, the articles were quite favorable to the administration. They drew such comments as "very good", "straight, forthright, accurate reporting." Meantime, no word has been received on the scheduled publication date for Bob Sherrod's article or articles for the Saturday Evening Post. The latest is that Bob will tell his story in two installments although he reportedly has enough mater-

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Dr. Francisco T. Palacios, of Saipan, arrived at Hilo Memorial Hospital, Hilo, Hawaii, this week to begin a year's internship with emphasis on the study of obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Marshall reports. . . An opportunity has developed for two island nurses to study in Honolulu through a project aided by a fund raised by the Hawaii Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. The students will spend one year in Honolulu and must



I. T. C. News  
By Henry Wahl

The CHICOT continues her copra collecting voyage through the Territory. She is due in San Francisco late in September with approximately 3000 tons aboard. Copra prices are steady to unchanged at around \$128.00 C. I. F. San Francisco.

The textile industry is showing signs of activity and we anticipate some demand for trochus in the near future.

Handicraft, even though meeting stiffening price competition, is bouncing back from the effects of the recent West Coast strike.

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This past month has been a busy one for transfers and promotions within ITC.

Leonard (Red) Smith, established Yap resident, has returned from a stateside vacation and is now on Guam, having made the PanAm flight last Friday.

Ralph Sylvester, fifteen pounds heavier, and fit as a fiddle, has returned from a West Coast and dental rehabilitation trip and is now working out of Headquarters.

Irwin (Doc) Lind has checked in from Koror for duty at Headquarters. Doc replaces Doug Cameron as Internal Auditor for the Company.

William (Young Bill) Payne is due to arrive from Guam on Friday.

Bill Williams of ITC Majuro has been promoted to Treasurer at Guam, while D. E. Knowled of Guam has been sent to Majuro to replace Bill.

Allan Bell has been appointed Branch Treasurer at ITC Ebeye, effective 1 September.

Andy Holton, Treasurer at ITC Ponape, has been promoted to Branch Manager, replacing Bill Charlock, who terminated his contract.

William (Bill) Lee, ITC's Treasurer and one of the oldtimers of the Trust Territory, is leaving this month for the Mainland. Bill is going back to his Mississippi farm and mint juleps, "suh." "That Old Man River" country's gain is a keen loss to ITC and the Trust Territory. Can't we tempt you to change your mind, Bill, and come back to this Paradise of the Pacific after you've had three or four months' rest and squirrel hunting back there?

Congratulations and good luck to all on their transfers and promotions.

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Mr. D. J. O'Connor arrived by PanAm Tuesday morning, along with Mr. Nucker laden with data collected on his ITC survey trip through the T. T. Neil Houston, who accompanied Mr. O'Connor is due to arrive Friday morning from Guam.

ITC welcomes to its Headquarter's staff Henry (Chuck) Tanabe. Chuck is a graduate of Woodbury College, Los Angeles and is replacing Richard Wong, recently transferred to ITC Koror.

Joseph Tamag of Yap, first holder of the ITC scholarship for training in business, arrived in Honolulu last week to enter Dietz Commercial School of Business.

## COMMISSIONER PRAISES KUGEL'S REPORT ON T. T.

Kenneth Kugel's 71 page report on a field survey made by Emil J. Sady and himself last February and March, and reported in last month's Micronesian Monthly, was well received by Trust Territory personnel, and High Commissioner Elbert D. Thomas read it "with great pleasure."

In a reply to Mr. Kugel, who is an estimator for the Federal Bureau of the Budget, the High Commissioner wrote in part:

"Copies of your report on the governing of Micronesia have been received, and I have read the report with great pleasure. It is fine to have anyone with full appreciation of the task that faces us write as you have.

"It was indeed fortunate for future studies of the Trust Territory that you selected your statistics from the High Commissioner's report of June 1951. The June 1951 report was the last written under the naval supervision; therefore, it will always be good to turn to these statistics of your report in making present or future comparisons.

"I am assuming that it will be of interest to you if I stated for you the actual condition in regard to Micronesian participation in the government of the Territory. The following tables clearly show that those elements of the government close to the people, such as education and the schools, medical care and the hospitals, the courts and law enforcement, are now mostly Micronesian. One of our postmasters is a Micronesian. I have just appointed a Micronesian to be a Notary Public. All local officials are Micronesians. Never in the history under foreign supervision have the Micronesians taken as much a part in

their government as they are now doing.

"One sympathizes with your reasoning and your deduction in your first paragraph on page 65. (Mr. Kugel wrote: It is important that in our zeal to improve the health of the islanders we do not lose sight of the consequences of unrestricted population growth. The resources of these islands cannot support an indefinite expansion in population, so this problem must be carefully studied.) Thrown as I was from sparsely-settled Western America into the heart of Asiatic masses, no one ever had the population problem brought home to him more keenly than I did. I might say that population studies, population conflicts, and migrations have been a life-time's observational study with me. I have no definite conclusions about any of them, but I am glad to know that a reasonable assurance of the powers of nature itself is probably the surest key to the population problem which those of us who are full of worries have, and especially which I now have in this position in attempting to meet the obligations of the Trusteeship Agreement to raise living standards. If we raise the standards of the people in accord with their own life and not in accord with American standards, we can attain a happier and better life for them, without a population increase which might destroy the people in their own environment.

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## A FEW KIND WORDS

(The following editorial, entitled "Pacific Trusteeship," appeared recently in the Washington Post.)

When the United States demanded trusteeship authority over the Marshall Caroline and Mariana Islands, many friends of the United Nations were justifiably concerned lest a standpat colonial administration be imposed. The demand for the trusteeship was made at the insistence of the Navy, which, though far from expert in civil affairs, knew well the strategic importance of such islands as Truk, Saipan, Eniwetok, Tinian and Kwajalein.

A report on the American stewardship has now been made to the United Nations Trusteeship Council. It is written by former Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, whose appointment was one of the President's happiest. Mr. Thomas tells a story of fine achievement, first by the Navy, now by the present civilian administration. Professors from the University of Hawaii, independent scientific organizations, the Navy and members of the Trust Territory staff have helped train local leaders in health, education and community service work. Especially is progress marked in the training of nurses and doctors. Local governmental agencies have been established in some of the islands and community councils have been organized.

"There is no doubt room for improvement in the administration of the Trust Territory," says Mr. Thomas. But, he adds, "the people on the whole are happy; their welfare is being advanced and their needs are being cared for.

They are learning; they are building; and they are taking care of themselves. The achievement is inspiring.

Though the United States is required to make a report to the Trusteeship Council on progress being made toward local self-government in the islands, and on the general welfare of the people, it is not required to permit inspection of the islands by the U.N.. Nevertheless, a U.N. mission recently visited the islands and was given complete freedom of travel. The members not only verified the report, but were lavish in their praise of what the American administrators are doing. Prince Wan Waithaykon of Thailand told the Council that the generosity of the United States toward the 55,000 people on the 2000 islands and islets was "really magnificent." Sir Alan Burns, president of the Council, said similar nice things. There was a sour note, of course, from Soviet Russia, but it was solitary -- and routine. Such approbation is praise indeed!

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This project will be watched with great interest by the other districts. Out of it should come techniques, content materials, and a program which will be highly suggestive to all other districts. Those of us at HICOM level shall watch it with great interest and shall continue to work cooperatively with you people in the Marshalls on this very worthy project. We shall endeavor through out to keep other districts appraised of its progress.

Robert E. Gibson  
Director of Education

## PROFILE

The Island Trading Company of Micronesia "has no apologies to make for the prices it has had to charge. They were necessary for a self-sustaining operation." So asserts Charles Chilton Stewart matter-of-factly in his Texas drawl in answer to critics of ITC pricing policies.

The first and present President of ITC, himself a Captain in the naval reserves and a staunch navyman, believes that ITC's prices under the Department of Interior administration suffer from comparison with its prices as an organization of the Navy.

He points out that "under the Navy the American personnel got used to the idea of getting commissary and hotel goods, mess supplies and food items at prices that were the same as those in the naval commissaries in San Francisco. However, people seem to forget that the navy subsidized these operations with personnel and shipping services for which no charge was made. On the contrary, we have to pay freight and handling charges on our goods at commercial rates."

Mr. Stewart also points out that a provision of ITC's charter requires that its prices be fixed so as to show a small profit if possible. The reason for that policy is so that "it will be an incentive for native owned wholesale stores to go into business and make the profit we should make." But, Charlie adds, "we've never made a profit on trade goods although we have made money on copra."

Charlie Stewart has made a "small profit" all his life as have most men who have made a career of government service. A native of Cooper, Texas, who was born in 1893 (September 18 to be exact), Charlie started out to

be a chemical engineer when he entered huge Rice Institute in Houston -- a school with one of the largest private endowments in the country -- but soon switched to a pre-medical course. But he wasn't cut out to be a doctor of medicine.

After leaving Rice, Charlie married the former Rowena Bull and moved to Brownsville, Texas, where he taught school for a year. From teaching he took his first government job as an agent of the U.S. Customs Service. In 1919 he was appointed assistant and postmaster of Brownsville. There he remained for the next 21 years as assistant and postmaster until called to active duty with the Navy in 1940 as a lieutenant. Coincident with these jobs he operated a farm, organized and operated two general merchandise stores selling everything from auto accessories to yard goods.

Charlie did tours of duty in South Carolina, New Orleans, New Jersey, and out in the Pacific. After the war he was selected to attend the school of naval administration at Stanford University and late in 1946 went to Guam on the staff of the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. The Deputy High Commissioner was stationed at Guam while the HiCom's headquarters were at Pearl Harbor.

Charlie remained at Guam for three and a half years. When ITC was organized in December 1947, to take over

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## TRUST TERRITORY STUDENTS COMING TO HONOLULU

At least five new Trust Territory faces will be seen in Honolulu during the coming year. Students coming to attend school will include George Ngirarsaol of Koror, who will attend the Honolulu Vocational School where he will study electronics and communications; Joseph Tamag of Yap, recipient of the Island Trading Company scholarship, who will pursue a business course at the Dietz Commercial School; Endy Dois of Tol, Truk Atoll, and Gilmar of Yap, who have been enrolled at the University of Hawaii High School, and Bobo Keju of Mejit Atoll, Marshall Islands, who will attend the Mid-Pacific Institute.

These young men will join James Milne, Nicholas de Leon Guerrero, Victoria Akiyama, Betwel Henry and Kouso Yamata who have been attending local schools for the past year or more.

In addition to the Micronesian students, Ronald Mayo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Mayo, has enrolled as a senior at Punahou School, senior at

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## DEPHICOM RETURNS

Deputy High Commissioner James A. McConnell returned to headquarters this week after a visit to Washington in connection with the Trust Territory's budget for fiscal 1954. He was gone about two weeks.

Budget discussions were with Interior Department officials and were preliminary to its presentation to the Bureau of the Budget.

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## ROCKEFELLER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

An awards program has been established at Princeton University under a grant from John D. Rockefeller, 3d, to give special recognition to outstanding public service by civilian career employees in the Federal Government, and to create incentives for their continuance and advancement in the service.

The awards, to be made annually over a period of five years or less, will be sufficient to enable each recipient, at no financial sacrifice to himself, to spend not less than six nor more than twelve months in residence at an institution of his choice, or in some comparable activity such as educational travel.

The program is open to Federal career employees whose performance has been distinguished by intellectual maturity, leadership, character and competence and who evidence sincere interest in public service as a career. The essential criterion is evidence of demonstrated value of the employee to the Government service and of future value in terms of general promise of usefulness or in terms of a specific future assignments. Candidates need not be graduates of a college or university, and no preference will be made of whether they are employed in Washington or in the field, or of professional interests, age, sex, creed, color or national origin.

Persons will become candidates either by nomination by Government agencies or by direct application. For further information or application blanks, contact the Personnel Department at Headquarters.

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## YAP HIGHLIGHTS

By Richard E. Drews

Remember way back when the Fourth of July meant independence for the family with a long drive, a day at the lake, picnics and so on. Crowded highways, tired children, but a good, tired feeling at the end of the day. Well, I guess we on Yap had that tired feeling, but nowhere to go to get into the traffic jam.

Bishop Feeney, Mr. Hurt and Mrs. Sherrod were three of our distinguished visitors for the month, and for the "just folksy" visit we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb from Koror.

George Ramos and Dr. Moonfell are busy getting ready to go to Japan. George says, "I'll only spend so much for this and limit myself to so much for that," but it's a bet that the Japanese economy will rise in August. What say, George?

The field trip left with a blaze of glory and a cake and box of cookies baked by Mrs. Melnikoff. Reluctant Eugene says, "I don't want to go, I'm still on my honeymoon," but the ship sailed and with a "no, no, no, you can't do this to me." in the air we bid aloha to Honeymoon Melnikoff.

Mr. Chapman, thanks to Mrs. Melnikoff, was host at a party given for Mr. Hurt and Mr. Sherrod. It was also the first appearance of the Yap Chiefs at a social gathering given by an American.

Hail and farewell to Shigeru Kaneshiro as he departed for two weeks in Ulithi. Ah, to be an anthropologist and spend two weeks in the country.

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Wanted - sure fish catcher. It seems yours truly and Dr. Sykes have been fishing for the last three weeks and the only bite is the mosquito. For information on the above, Doc. and I will generously pay in fish head, coconuts and best wishes.

The hospital staff wants this column edged in black over the loss (August 1) of George Laycock. Our fervent best wishes are with him always.

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## ANTHROPOLOGISTS POW-POW

The District Anthropologists Meeting at Koror, scheduled from August 28 to September 4, got a late start due to plane trouble, but is now in full swing under the chairmanship of Dr. Homer Barnett, Staff Anthropologist. The Director of Political Affairs, Mr. Don Heron, is also in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting is to enable the district anthropologists to exchange notes on what is going on in their Districts, and also to define more specifically the role of function of the district anthropologists. Discussions will also involve the plan for the new position of Field Anthropologist, whose duties would be to coordinate the activities of the district specialists in anthropology.

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Iwo Jima and Chichi Jima, the only populated islands in the Volcano and Bonin groups are not included in the Trust Territory. These islands were recognized as integral parts of the former Japanese Empire and did not fall under mandate supervision. Since 1948, therefore, they have been administered by the Marbo (Marianas-Bonin) Command on Guam rather than as a part of the Trust Territory.



## NURSE SUPERVISOR HERE ON TRIP TO TRUST ISLES

(The following story on Miss Ruth Ingram appeared recently in the Honolulu Advertiser. It was written by Lois Stewart, a staff reporter.)

Ruth Ingram's background looks like two pages ripped out of Who's Who. Miss Ingram, who spent the past two weeks in Honolulu going through a briefing process with Dr. H.L. Marshall, director of public health, Trust Territory of the Pacific, left Saturday by Transocean Air Lines to see part of the world that is new to her, and to introduce work in the Truk district of the Eastern Caroline Islands, which is new and important to that part of the world. Dr. Marshall will accompany her to Truk.

To get to the point, Miss Ingram will serve as nurse educator supervisor, headquarters on Truk, a roving job covering six hospitals in the Trust Territory and the gigantic task of setting up a program for Caroline Islands nurses on a sub-professional basis.

Need for these nurses has long been felt and the Trust Territory's department of health looked a long time before they found the person that could do this highly difficult job. It was in Miss Ingram, whose varied background originated in Peking, that they found the perfect medium.

Miss Ingram, born in Peking of missionary parents, still calls Peking home. She left China two years ago. Miss Ingram received her college preparatory work at Hui Wen Academy in Peking, followed it up at Oberlin College Ohio where she received her AB, continued on to Teachers College, Columbia University, and received her MA in administration in the Schools of Nursing, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia.

Her first actual experience was in the Peking Union Medical College as assist-

ant superintendent and supervisor of nurses, 1918-29; a tour as superintendent of nurses at Barnes hospital and later director of the school in St. Louis, Missouri, at Touro Infirmary at New Orleans as director of the school of nursing, and then back to China with UNRRA, China mission, 1945-47, where she assisted Chinese nurses in rehabilitating nursing schools and nursing service.

Miss Ingram outlined plan for a collegiate course in nursing for Lingnan University of Canton but war conditions did not permit this to materialize.

Her work with the World Health organization is well known to those in that field. She helped establish short courses for nurse aides and later to build up a school of nursing in Lanchow, Northwest China, established the first professional nursing service in the frontier province of Tsinghai, and planned the curriculum and taught in the first nursing school there.

In the meantime, Miss Ingram's work took her into the fighting areas of China where she gave short courses in nursing to "so-called nurses" who had no formal training but were with the troops. She lent a hand in an emergency base hospital at Lanchow and from there was called out of China by the World Health Organization and reassigned to train Burmese nurses  
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## SAIPAN SOUNDINGS

We can well imagine the hustle and bustle that went on at Saipan a couple of weeks ago when the congressmen and their escorts and assistants dropped in for a call. With Distad Hedges passing out locally-grown cigars and Mrs. Hedges serving Saipanese coffee and Tinian watermelons, the glories of Saipan could really have been shown off. Saipan was the only stopover point in the Trust Territory for a group of Congressmen passing through Guam enroute to Manila, Okinawa and Japan, so the red carpet could really be rolled out.

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Congratulations to the Boy Scouts of Saipan for their active interest in community projects. The repainted WELCOME sign at Chalan Kanoa is one of the evidences of what well-planned group projects can accomplish. Keep it up!

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Parents who want "boy babies" but not only "girl babies" might well transfer to Saipan. Listen to this! An 8 lb. 10 oz baby, son of Claude and Claudia Guerdon, was born recently at the Saipan Hospital. This birth raises the male batting average for Saipan American babies to .909 (10 of the 11 babies born in the past year have been boys). Can it be Saipan's salty drinking water that makes this difference?

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The Welcome Wagon pulled up in front of the Roundhouse a week ago and unloaded a table-full of food for the Moulton and Hoffman families, recently arrived. This means three more kids to splash water and throw sand on the beach.

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At least twenty families were made happy during August as a result of action taken by the Trust Territory Leprosy Parole Board. Drs. Dowidat, Cheer and Richardson decided to send twenty parolees to their homes where

they will be released to the public health officers in their respective districts.

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The new intermediate school buildings in San Antonio Village, a half mile south of Chalan Kanoa are rapidly nearing completion. Nine rebuilt quonsets and an elephant quonset have been readied for the opening of school. No longer will it be necessary for Saipanese youngsters to attend dual sessions of schools. Mrs. Yda Chambers, of Long Beach, California, has been added to the Intermediate school staff to replace Mrs. Emma Webster Flanagan.

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American youngsters on Saipan had no summer vacation this year. Since the dependents school didn't open until the first of June the parents, not the kids, felt the school should continue through the usual vacation months. On June 1 Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Ford of the Baptist Mission, at the request of some 21 pupils and their parents, opened a dependents school. Calvert Courses are used, but Rev. and Mrs. Ford, both trained teachers, feel additional work oriented to the local environment is needed. Tuition is \$10 a month per child.

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Donald Pangelinian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Pangelinian, has departed for Eugene Oregon where he will attend the University of Oregon. Donald graduated from George Washington High School in Guam in June, 1952. Good luck to you, Donald!

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## MEMOIRS OF A TRAVELLER

By Jack L. Taylor

Upon arrival at Truk after a weekend on Guam, I found everyone delighted over the reopening of PICS. Will Muller and Herb Wilson were busily rounding up teachers and students and Pete Becker was wondering just how he could get the buildings ready for occupancy by 1 September. With Bob Gibson on hand to give things a push, Herb and Mrs. Pickerill should have everything ship-shape when the school bell rings.

Lefty Leftwich was the most popular man on Truk during my stay. It seems he had something to do with the distribution of brand new furniture.

Everyone was shaking hands and saying hello or goodbye to someone else. Goodbyes were passed to the Elliott Murphys who were leaving for their home in New York City, to the Frank Moultons who were transferred to Saipan, and to Nick Gianutsos as he left for Chicago, Rome and Lima, Peru. On the other hand just as many were welcoming Sally Becker and Bess Alexander, home from their trip to Japan via the Chicot, and Lous and Betty O'Leary after a summer at Koror.

In between times the Elba, the Chicot, the Truk Trading Company boat, and TALOA were shuttling in and out so fast that no one, especially Mrs. Kelly at the hotel, knew who was coming or going.

On Ponape we were examined and crossexamined by Economic Consultant Don O'Connor of Washinton, D. C., who is accompanying ITC's Dr. Houston on a trip through the Territory. If there is anything of an economic nature Don doesn't know when he returns it won't be because he didn't conduct enough interviews. Answering tough questions is good for us; it keeps us on our toes.

Several of us accompanied Distad Carroll to Kiti where we visited district officials overnight and called on Father Costigan at the Catholic Mission. This was my first trip to Kiti and an interesting one it was.

Ponapean magistrates and secretaries were called into session to discuss educational and economic matters during my stay. We were able to obtain several valuable impressions from local leaders on school needs and the copra outlook for the coming year.

In honor of Betty and Bill Finale's seventh wedding anniversary about 20 of us gathered at the Whiting home for cocktails one evening before moving to Robert's Kapingimarangi Restaurant to satisfy our appetites. Thanks to our hosts Bob Halvorsen, Al and Marj. Whiting.

Everybody on Panape appeared happy except Doc Chang, who watched Mrs. Chang and three daughters fly back to Honolulu to attend school.

The big excitement at Majuro centered around the opening of the Marshallese Congress on 15th August. For several weeks Iroj and Assembly members had been converging on Majuro for the meetings. It was my good fortune to be present for the keynote speeches of Mr. Kabua and Mr. Ajidrik, President of the House of Iroj and Speaker of the House of Assembly. On the following day I spoke to Congress on, "Our Educational Needs in the Marshall Islands."

Distad and Mrs. Gilfillan proved themselves delightful host and hostess to some 75 congressmen and friends at the close of the first day's meeting. Dr. Jaffe was in top form and took the same pride in keeping the punch bowl full as he does in his dentistry.

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## THE TRUK TIDE

Hottest news of mid-August from Truk seemed to be all the goodies brought in by the Chicot, and the Scholarship Fund's Casino Night scheduled for the Truk hotel, August 16th. Rumors seemed to indicate that it would be an overwhelming success and that much loot would be garnered for the fund. The lineup shows that the hotel was swarming with disreputable characters past and present.

Orrin Shelvock, general manager and dance hall bouncer of great renown, stated in an interview, "We have spared no expense in insuring that you will be separated from your coin. From the grimy gold fields of the Yukon we have imported "Klondike Peg" Reckefus whose famous "Call Me One Card" is a legend. She will handle the blackjack table. From the depth of Pacific street we got "Barbary Min" Ripson whose des-terity with the stripped deck has as-tounded experts. There will be a strict ruling against guns, knives and brass knuckles. They can be checked at the door or just left at home. There'll be no Dan McGrew incidents in my place," says Orrin. Herb Wilson, whose scholarship fund was to be beneficiary, was reported to be hiding out in a hot locker trying to perfect his game of three card monte. Hot Harry Kelly was reported to be dusting the club up to look like Harold's Club. All in all it looked like a rousing night, and all for a good cause.

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Newest arrivals on Truk are Virgil and Julia Tudor, most recently from Majuro, but really from Kentucky. Virgil is from near Richmond, in the heart of the blue grass country; Julia is nearly a "nawthener", coming from Crittenden, across the river from Cincinnati. They met at their alma mater, Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College. During the war Virgil served as a pharmacist's mate with the Fleet Marines, taking part in the Saipan and Okinawa campaigns. Prior to their arrival in Majuro

last September, Virgil managed the CEA Club in Honolulu.

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Frank Moulton, administrative assistant, his wife Al, and their two young daughters, have been transferred to Saipan, where he will fill the vacancy in the same sort of job. When he left for Guam he had completed 18 months on Truk.

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Last winter's long drought had at least one blessing: the mosquitoes did a bit of fadeout. However, came the rains - came the mosquitoes. In droves. And droves.

People swatted and swatted. They cussed the airborne little devils. They adopted protective measures - like gallons of mosquito repellant. When that was gone the rascals were back. Day biters. And the night shift. But THEN (flourish of trumpets):

Mr. Lou, and George Macie put their heads and materials together, bless their energetic souls, and, battling at mosquitoes, devised the machine for which they are now famous, "Mr. Lou's Smoke Machine." It works.

The flying little gougers have skump. (The office boy says that word is skamped.) Now Mr. Lou is devising a terrible new weapon to take the big swat at the flies!

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## WEDDING PARTY DETAILS

"The time has come, Ol' Casey said  
To write of many things;  
Of bridal veils, reception tales,  
And golden wedding rings..."

Since last month's issue covered the time, place, main participants, decorations, etc. we will briefly describe what followed after Miss Kitty Communications became Mrs. Franchino General Motors.

According to the Star Bulletin here in Honolulu, "the guests roamed through rooms decorated with flowers...." The reception was held at the very lovely apartment of Wini Crosby. Said apartment consists of two rooms - they are large but the description in the paper has Wini opening closet doors looking for the rest of her described estate. The wedding party stood a la reception line to receive the many guests, although there was some difficulty in keeping them at their posts once refreshments began to flow.

Practically all of Headquarters came to present their best wishes to Kitty and Sam, and General Motors, not to be outdone, arrived en force to follow suit.

Toni Stewart, plus her untiring hubby, Don, with Bob Lee, rushed around flashing camera bulbs, taking movies and in general startling people when they least expected it. The results were lovely as well as humorous. High Commissioner Thomas gave a lovely speech to the "Terrible Three", Kitty, Marie, and Thelma, likening them to his own three daughters, which nearly dissolved them into tears, and then to change the mood back to one of celebration challenged Marie as to her head covering.

Ed Sheehan (KIKI Calvalcade of Music fame here in Honolulu) plus his wife Sally, gathered a group together and with the able assistance of the Burl Ives connoisseur, Mr. McConnell, gave forth, accompanied by a uke, with a few choice ballads. Hulas were danced, the guests grew merrier, and shortly after cutting the cake and throwing her bouquet (which Marie captured in a MOST unorthodox manner) Kitty and Sam quietly slipped away and the celebration went on and on and on and.....

Thelma Gorman

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR MICRONESIAN MONTHLY

Is the Micronesia Monthly good enough to send to your mainland friends to tell them about life and times in the Trust Territory? If you wish to send the monthly magazine to your family or friends you can now have it mailed from Headquarters direct to any mainland address.

The Mail and File Section has found that if we can get subscriptions for 20 copies or more we can get a favorable mailing rate. Subscription rates, to include mailing costs, will be \$1.50 per year. Copies will be sent by surface mail.

List the names and addresses to which you want the M. M. sent, send a check or money order of \$1.50 for each subscription, and address your order to Mrs. Cecilia H. Wahl, Personnel Department.

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"You say she traces her ancestry back to the Boston Tea Party?"

"Yes, I think her great-grandmother was the last bag they threw overboard."

## SIDEGLANCES

Jam sessions are really the thing to pep up low spirits. Little did we know that our High Commissioner's Man Friday is quite the musician. At one time he had his own band, sang, arranged and composed music. Brother, can he play a mean "tenor sax." There is proof in the pudding - records to play which are certainly amazing. Hidden talents have a way of sneaking out occasionally. How about a little more of the same, Eddie. Nacua?

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A few short weeks ago a personable young lady had her first insight into the operations of the Communications office. One must admit at first that all seemed on the greek side of things for said miss. The alphabet is a jumbled mess, until one memorizes all the short cuts. (Still a mess to many) After receiving expert instructions from our Miss Communications herself (none other than Thelma Gorman) Sara Kim made a trip to Pearl Harbor for further instructions and a looksee into the operations at the Navy NTX office. There she got additional instructions from Mrs. Sally Sheehan, who has been most helpful since headquarters first started and all along the way while "Peter Fox" got on its own two feet. Sara, don't let a little confusion get you down; we know you have the stuff for the communications business.

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Florence Nii, our Hicom's most gracious secretary, tendered a very lovely and delightful picnic to honor Miss Dawn Marshall, who will be leaving our happy family soon to continue her musical studies. Lunch consisted of suki-yaki, that most delicious dish, as a starter, rice cakes, sushi, and ever so many delightful delicacies. Flossie, let's do this more often.

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When a friend of Nat Logan - Smith's

turned the radio on one night recently the first thing he heard the announcer say was, "Mr. Logan - Smith has lived in the Territory for the past 21 years." Thinking Nat had possibly gone the way of all flesh, the friend immediately called his home. Nat answered. "Nat! You all right?" "Yeah, sure, Why?" "Well, from the radio I thought you were dead!" Incidentally, following a squib in the local dailies about his promotion to personnel director, Nat was reminded that he knows a lot of people in Hawaii. "My phone kept ringing," he says. "People I hadn't heard of or from for years called up to congratulate me. Of course, they also wanted to know what we had in the way of jobs!"

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Mr. McConnell's observation on return from Washington: T. T. headquarters is becoming both a matrimonial bureau and a maternity ward. (Ed's note: evidently the hangover from Spring, sir.)

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The DHC was right - now romance seems to be blooming in the household of the Terrible Three. T. G. has met a very fine young man, J. N., who has just returned from the Korean front, and the mad rush is in full swing.

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TOP SECRET - NO MORE

Romance seems to bloom here at Trust Territory. Scoop for the presses is (Continued on Page 23)



## CHICOT DUE HERE (Continued from Page 1)

handling and freight charges on merchandise, as the Chicot has done, a saving of about \$21 a ton over the old system of trans-shipment at Guam will result, Mr. Stewart says.

The cattle which the Chicot will take back to Saipan were purchased at the Wayne H. Fisher Ranch in Blythe, Calif., according to H. L. Baker, director of economic affairs. The 65 head include Brangus and Brahman-Short Horn cattle, three pure bred Aberdeen bulls and two short horn bulls. The cattle will be under the supervision of A. I. "Tony" Cruz, Trust Territory animal husbandryman who has been on the coast since August 29.

The cattle were purchased for the Marianas Experiment and Introduction Station the estimated cost of which will be, including the purchase price of the cattle, in the neighborhood of \$45,000.

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## MARSHALLESE CONGRESS MEETS (Continued from Page 1)

houses to begin the order of business. During the late afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Gilfillan served as gracious host and hostess to the members of Congress and a large representation from the American community.

Saturday found educational matters being given a thorough review. Mr. C. L. Hughes, Educational Administrator, and Mr. J. L. Taylor, Assistant Director of Education, outlined their views on the kind of educational programs desirable for the Marshall

Islands. A complete tour of school facilities is made under the guidance of Mr. Hughes and Mr. Clendenen, Intermediate School Principal.

By Monday the sessions were in full swing. The Hicom staff, keenly interested in the workings of such an assembly, sent several representatives to lend aid and advice to the Congressmen. Mr. D. H. Nucker, Executive Officer, Office of Territories; Dr. Robert Gibson, Director of Education; and Mr. Donald Heron, Director of Political Affairs, delivered to the delegates advice backed up by many years in their chosen fields.

Among the highlights of the Congressional meeting were tours by the various committees of the Robert Reimers Boat Works, the Hospital, ITC Warehouse, Radio Shack, Constabulary, Public Works facilities, and other points of interest. At the Constabulary a crack drill team gave a performance to the cheers of the visiting Congressmen.

There was a lighter side to the serious business of Congressional session. To further cement the spirit of friendliness between the Marshallese and Americans, several social activities were held. A banquet was held the 22nd, with all the delegates, many American personnel and guests attending. This series of events ended on Saturday afternoon of the 23rd with a tea given by Mrs. Gilfillan at her home for the lady members of Congress.

Although final report has not yet been made of the measures adopted by the Congress, reports thus far indicate a very successful session with much important business accomplished.

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## THE COLONY OF PONAPE

On July 9th on the last Kusaie field trip, four Kusaiean members of the Ponape District Court executed their oath of office. These were Henry Skillings of Lelu Village, Tulenna of Malem, Tulensru of Tafunsak and Assu Balik of Utwa.

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Three Ponapean members of the court had been sworn in previously during June. They Joseph A. Moses of U, Iakopus Olmos of Sokas, and Lorens Henry of Matolenim. Joseph is presiding judge and as such is responsible for the assignment of cases to the other judges, who may sit either jointly or singly on any case.

These appointments to the District Court mark an important advance in the assumption of governmental responsibilities by the island population. Previously all judges holding comparable powers have been American employees of the Territorial Administration or Naval officers.

Of interest to American personnel is the fact that they are subject to trial for misdemeanors by the District Court. Previously native judges had been barred from trying non-natives by a provision limiting Community Court judges to trying native offenders only.

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Now that the Centennial of mission work in Micronesia has come to a close, all the remaining pigs and cows on Ponape can stop shivering, and get back to the business of normal living. People in all districts are still talking about those fabulous feasts!

We attended one of the concluding services of the Centennial at the Kolonia Protestant Church, says a columnist in the Ponape newspaper. Walking down

to the church past the Circle, I had the impression of going from one world into another. One minute, we were in an American atmosphere - of well-lighted quonsets, supper dishes clattering, phones ringing, radios giving forth with the latest news and popular records - and the next we stood at the top of a hill, looking down a long flight of weather beaten stone steps, while the peaceful twilight seemed to intensify the beauty of ocean, small islands, the luxurious vegetation, and the impressive stone and concrete structure which is the religious center for the Kolonia Protestants.

As we climbed down the steep steps, barefooted men and women padded softly by us, exchanging the usual "kaselehlya." The brilliant electric lights inside the church rather destroyed the exotic impressions outside. Ushered courteously to the front row, we waited for the singing to begin. Choirs from every district on Ponape, and some of the outlying islands as well, contributed to the program. Men, women, small children, and even babies took their places in turn at the front of the church, and after getting the pitch from a leader, opened their mouths and just seemed to pour themselves into their music, all other considerations forgotten for the moment.

Dressed in their self-conscious best, girls from the Oa Mission School were appealing. Each girl tried to push herself to the back of the group until it seemed that the front row was going to sing with their backs to the audience.



## HEADQUARTERS ITEMS (Continued from Page 5)

ial for: "three or four long stories."

Emmitt E. Blankenfeld has joined the staff of the Department of Public Works as construction and maintenance superintendent, Hank Wolfgram announces. Mr. Blankenfeld will be assigned to the inter-district field office of the department and will be based in the field where his services will be available to all districts. Negotiations are underway to install two modern heavy-duty generators stations. Hank wonders who the "lucky districts will be." All districts will benefit from these installations, however, since the better of the equipment replaced can be distributed to the remaining districts. With the assistance of Executive Officer Al Hurt the department has made arrangements to procure some urgently needed small craft which include modern laminated plastic-glass boats reputed to be indestructible. These shallow draft outboard motor powered boats are being readied for delivery on the return trip of the Chicot.

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## MEMOIRS OF A TRAVELLER (Continued from Page 14)

A special plane was dispatched to carry Dr. Brown to Kwajalein where he was hospitalized for a few days while recovering from a sulfa reaction. Practitioners Iaman, Hicking, and Ishoda ran the hospital during Dr. Brown's absence.

At Kwajalein I met Bobo Keju of Mejit Atoll, who was enroute to Honolulu to

attend the Mid-Pacific Institute. Outside of a 15 hour layover on Johnston Island while one of our motors was repaired we arrived without mishap. Bobo met James Milne the following day and the two of them have been talking Marshallese ever since.

Thus ends 100 days of worthwhile and interesting experience while travelling the hi-ways and bi-ways of the Trust Territory.

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## NURSE SUPERVISOR HERE (Continued from Page 12)

to teach nursing. From August, 1950, until December of 1951, Miss Ingram remained in Burma and then came home on leave and a rest period.

She is particularly anxious to get on with this job which is another pioneering venture in a part of the world which was front page news during World War 11 years.

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## AN ACCEPTABLE LETTER

The High Commissioner recently routed letter to the staff with this comment, "To all persons who write letters for me -- Please be advised that I have written at least one acceptable letter myself - Here's proof!"

"Dear Senator:

Don Dawson handed me your letter of the fifth addressed to him. I don't know when I've read a letter that I appreciated more than I did that one. You are more than kind to me.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Harry Truman

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### HICOM FAMILY PARTY

High Commissioner and Mrs. Elbert D. Thomas held a family get-together garden party at their Kahala home the evening of August 12th. All Trust Territory employees in Honolulu were invited. Women guests wore pakemus, haolomuus, and muumuus, and aloha shirts were in style for the men.

The party gave the employees an opportunity to meet members of the Advisory Committee on Education in the Trust Territory who are affiliated with the University of Hawaii. They include Mrs. Elizabeth Carr, assistant professor of speech; Miss Orrel Davis, instructor in education; Miss Virginia Jones, associate professor of health education and nursing; Dr. Harold Loper, superintendent, Department of Public Instruction; Dr. Curtis A. Manchester, associate professor of geography; Mr. Norman Meller, director of the Legislative Reference Bureau; Mr. Harold A. Wadsworth, professor of agriculture, and Dean, College of Agriculture.

Other guests present were Mr. Lawrence E. Davies, newspaper reporter for the New York Times, and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Olson, he the former mayor of Beverly Hills; his sister, Miss Olena Olson; D. H. Nücker, executive officer of the Office of Territories, Department of Interior, and Dr. John J. Valentine who is assigned to take over the medical officer's duties at Tinian Leprosarium.

Soon after all the guests had consumed second helpings of the delectable buffet supper, two Trust Territory employees performed by dancing the hula. Janet Grimes, personnel employment supervisor, danced to "Lovely Hula Hands." Daisy Reelitz, payroll supervisor, astounded but pleased all

by persuading reluctant Jim McConnell to give an interpretation of the "Hukelau."

The tango, rumba and the samba as danced by Attorney General Marshall and his lovely wife temporarily transplanted all of us to South America. It was a wonderful party, Commissioner and Mrs. Thomas. !

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### SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS MADE

Mr. Ignacio V. Benavente of Chalan Konoa, Saipan and Mr. Roman Tmetuchl of Koror, Palau Islands have recently been appointed Trust Territory delegates to the Second South Pacific Conference to be held at Noumea, New Caledonia in April 1953 according to High Commissioner E. D. Thomas.

Selection of Messrs. Benavente and Tmetuchl was in part based on essays prepared by the nominees and part on recommendations by their respective District Administrators. Mr. Benavente wrote on "Conservation and Development of Resources in the Northern Mariana Islands", and Mr. Tmetuchl on, "Improving Micronesia Resources". The South Pacific Commission has granted the Trust Territory a quota of two delegates and a maximum of four alternates and an advisor. Alternate delegates selected for the conference are Mr. Amata Kabua of Majuro, and Mr. Fritz Weilbacher of Ponape.

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The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just. - - Abraham Lincoln

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# THE MYTH ABOUT THE TROPICS

## THE WAY TO PRODUCTIVE LIFE IN THE TROPICS IS THE SAME AS ANYWHERE ELSE: ESCHEW SLOTH

(The following article, by Dr. W.S.S. Ladell, is taken from a recent issue of the Courier, publication of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Letters to the editors expressing reaction to the contents will be most welcome.)

Only horses sweat; gentlemen perspire and ladies glow. There can never be productive life in the Tropics until humanity emulates the horse. By all scientific indications man is a tropical animal. Physiological tests have hitherto failed to show that the black man is any more suited to life in the heat than the white, yet the myth that the Tropics are no place for a white man and that sojourn there saps the mental and physical energy of men from temperate climates still remains. In defiance of that myth, however, Queensland has been successfully settled and there are many prosperous parts in the southern States of America which would be rated as "tropical" from their climate were they anywhere else.

The term "tropical" has come to have a psychological rather than a geographical or climatic meaning; do people complain more of Tropical Fatigue in Rio de Janeiro than they do in Bahrein? They ought to, if such a thing existed, as Rio is within the Tropics and Bahrein outside.

Human laziness is responsible for this myth. Man, like other animals, produces heat as he lives and the harder he works the more heat he produces. In warm climates the body's problem is to get rid of this metabolic heat. To do so the superficial tissues warm up

to the internal temperature of the body and blood flows into the skin so that it becomes flushed and hot. This hot skin radiates heat to cooler surroundings and cooler air moving over the skin takes up heat from it.

The heat loss by these two routes is adequate at first, but it becomes more difficult as the temperature rises until at 88° F., only if a man is naked and inactive can he get rid of his metabolic heat; if it gets warmer his temperature rises and the third mechanism for heat loss, the evaporation of sweat, becomes important. The sweat glands begin to produce sweat and as this evaporates from the skin it takes up the heat that could not be got rid of by convection and radiation.

Anything impeding heat loss by these two routes will reduce the temperature at which the sweating mechanism comes into play; for example, a poor flow of air over the skin, or, of course, clothing. Similarly an increase in the total amount of heat to be lost will necessitate sweating sooner; this extra heat may be from working muscles -- twice as much heat is produced when strolling at two m.p.h. as when sitting quietly -- or it may be acquired externally, as by standing in the sun when the heat gained from solar radiation.

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## PROFILE

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and perform the functions previously performed by the United States Commercial Company and to assist the High Commissioner with the economic development of the Trust Territory, Commander Stewart became its first president. In 1949 he held three titles: he was president of ITC, treasurer of Trust Territory, and staff supply officer to Deputy High Commissioner. He had 11 officers and 26 enlisted men on his staff.

In September 1949, Charlie was put on inactive duty and given the position of vice president of ITC. He came to Honolulu in July, 1950, in the same capacity and a year later when Interior took over the Trust Territory, Charlie became president of ITC a second time. Incidentally, Charlie was promoted to captain after he reverted to inactive status. He still holds that rank in the reserves.

Charlie is the father of three children: Mrs. W. T. Samuel, of Freeport, Texas, wife of a newspaperman; Charles C. Stewart Jr., and accountant in Nocona, Texas, and Jason Kelsey, a lieutenant junior grade who is a naval aviator and is presently flying off the Boxer in Korean waters.

Charlie, who speaks Spanish fluently and a "little French and German", is taking it kind of easy in his middle age, insofar as hobbies and outside activities go. "I used to fish a lot but have done little since entering the Navy." However, Charlie is a regular attendant at the Friday evening Musical Appreciation and Choral so-

ciety meetings (he hasn't missed one since they were inaugurated four months ago) along with Nat Logan-Smith, Don Heron, Hank Wolfgram, Bill Riley, Heinie Wahl, "Doc" Gibson, Bill Lee, and Brian Casey. He says he is really learning to appreciate same and can't wait to try his skill with the instruments out in the "big leagues" on Truk and Saipan as Doc Gibson is doing at the writing!

Charley plans to retire about a year from now and he has a cozy little ranch in North Texas, about 100 miles east of Dallas, to retire to. About eight months ago he purchased 33 young whitefaced Herefords which his brother is caring for pending Charley's return. A year from now he hopes to have 200 head roaming the 700-acre area, for "I'm really going to build the place up."

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## SIDEGLANCES

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that Dawn Marshall has given her consent to the age-old question "will you marry me," and you may well know the answer is a great big "YES". Our sincere congratulations to Don Wilson and loads of happiness to Dawn.

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Devotees of dixieland music and witty repartee should have been with the five young folks who gave Honolulu a good going over after the HiCom's party recently. Covering each place of interest and ending up at Gibson's Bar (no relation to OUR Gibson) certain ladies named Marshall, Grimes and Stephens and males Wilson and Valentine could be heard merrily sound forth with untranslatable "la de da ho hum, oh boy, whistle, hot dog, mu mum."



## BOOKS WORTH READING

Most people will enjoy reading A Yankee Doctor in Paradise, by Dr. S. M. Lambert. Following some 20 years experience in the central and western Pacific, Dr. Lambert wrote Yankee Doctor with the lay reader as well as his medical colleagues in mind.

When the Lambert family left the United States for Papua in September, 1918, they started on a remarkable experience that took them to several hundred Pacific Islands. The living and working conditions they found were usually baffling but every year found improvements being made. Except for occasional periods of backsliding, Dr. Lambert discovered that much of the work he had to do was far different from that for which he had prepared himself as a medical student, an interne, or as a practicing physician in Costa Rica.

The need for learning pidgin English became apparent the day the family arrived in Port Moresby. This the good doctor took in stride, but to unlearn some of his well-founded principles of physiology, hygiene, and sanitation was a difficult task.

One of his outstanding accomplishments was the establishment of the Central Medical School at Suva. The hardships and heartaches Dr. Lambert suffered through the school's early years are interestingly and painfully related. We, in the Trust Territory, are reaping a rich harvest as a result of his pioneer work at C. M. S. Over 50 of our young men have been or are being trained in this same school.

Dr. Lambert wrote in a free and breezy vein. As an amateur anthropologist, sociologist, and geographer he offered

much but as a physician, surgeon, hospital administrator, sanitarian and money raiser he was a past master.

For \$4.25 the Honolulu Book Company, 1024 Alakea Street, Honolulu will send Yankee Doctor in Paradise to you, and you'll have several evenings of pleasant and worthwhile reading.

J. L. T.

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## COMMISSIONER PRAISES REPORT

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I have been told that human experience indicates that as a general rule, birth rates tend to decrease as standards of living and cultural life increase. This principle seems generally to apply not only to populations as a whole but to groups within a population - as for example, the educated and high-income as compared with the opposite groups in the United States. Some biological evidence also supports the premise that within limits, privation, both in plants and animals, tends to stimulate fertility.

"I now wish that I had the privilege to talk to you about some of the major problems which are facing us in the accomplishment of our objectives. If I had chatted with you about these problems, I would have mentioned distance, transportation, group difference and prejudices, and language barriers. The language barrier itself seems minor, but it is a challenge to our educators, a challenge to our administrators, and a real barrier in the way of accomplishing the United Nations objectives.

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There's only one excuse for dad's playing ball with the boys: to get exercise for himself.

## DR. VALENTINE NAMED TO TINIAN POST

The appointment of Dr. Jack Valentine as physician in charge of Tinian Leprosarium was announced last week by Dr. H. L. Marshall, director of public health.

Dr. Valentine replaces Dr. Raymond Dowidat, who resigned to return to the mainland.

A New Zealander, the 26-year-old Valentine is a 1950 graduate of the medical school at Otago University, N. Z. He interned at Kew Hospital, Invercargill, and was on the staff of the Colonial War Memorial Hospital, Suva, Fiji, where he specialized in surgery.

For the past seven months, Dr. Valentine has taught surgery to Trust Territory and other island students at the Central Medical School, Suva.

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## PITY THE EDITOR

Getting out a paper is sometimes fun, but it is never a picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly.

If we don't they say we are too serious. If we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't we are too fond of our own stuff.

If we print contributions, the paper is filled with junk.

If we don't, we don't appreciate true genius.

Now, like as not, someone will say we swiped this piece from some other paper.

WE DID. And we wonder where Majuro Times got it!

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## VARIATION ON THEME OF "MAN BITES DOG"

Incident as reported by a passenger in the Windward Car Pool and Spanish Speaking Society:

As the car approached a point near Ft. Ruger -

"There he is, Doc. Look!"

"Hot dog! Easy now, Nat."

"O.K. Get ready, Doc."

At reduced speed the car approached a little group of children and dogs at the roadside, quietly minding their own business. Suddenly the morning calm was fractured by sounds of "Woof! Woof!" These cries came from the driver and one other distinguished occupant of the car, as both leaned far over its side, barking furiously.

The object of these attentions was a large, ancient and flea-bitten hound, concentrating at that moment on scratching the back of his ear. Upon being thus accosted from behind and above, the animal replied in kind and leaped skyward, performing as he did so, a 360 degree turn.

The children were astonished, the dog bewildered but defiant, and the perpetrators filled with glee. As they drove away there was great hilarity over the amusing antics of - the dog!

Depending on the availability of the hound, a repeat performance may be observed almost daily.... extra fares, a dollar a ride.

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The 30,000,000 American women who now make all or part of their clothes buy 100,000,000 patterns and 400,000,000 yard of fabric annually. Married women spend an average of 8 hours a week at the sewing machine; single women 5 1/2.



## PERSONNEL CHANGES

Your personnel reporter has just returned from a very pleasant five day trip to Hawaii, the "big island." We managed to see a bit of the volcano and enjoy several quiet days on the Kona Coast. It is a bit of a chore to get back to the old grind, but here I am, caught in the maelstrom again.

Now to get down to a few statistics:

Nat Logan-Smith has a new secretary. Lois Burby has resigned in favor of motherhood and has been replaced by a very pretty dark-eyed brunette, Dorothy Kunkel. Nat does know how to pick 'em.

Ray Howland has been reassigned as Administrative Assistant at Hicom Public Works Office. John Palmeter has come to Honolulu from Washington, D. C. to join the Economic Affairs staff. Edith Pederson, Hicom Public Health's very able secretary, has resigned to return to the mainland. Barbara Cooper has replaced her. James K. Thomas has also resigned as General Engineer to go to Kauai. Dawn Marshall is leaving for New York and Susie Kanemoto is taking her place as librarian. The very eligible Don "Juan" Wilson is returning to Tulane Medical school after a very romantic summer in Hawaii.

Sarah Wagner is our new clerk typist in the Administration Department. Kitty Lovatt Franchino plans to depart soon for the mainland, where she will join Sam and accompany him to Venezuela. Jonette Gould has been promoted to a fiscal accounting clerk.

John Ingram has been promoted to a full-fledged Administrative Assistant at Ponape. Gladys Adams is already on

the job in the finance department there, and we are officially changing her name on the rolls to Redmond. Tsugio Ihara has departed Hicom for assignment at Ponape in public works.

Marilyn Beardsley is now a part time steno in the education department at Koror. She is the wife of the assistant entomologist.

Ethel Spurlin has resigned from the Guam office. New transportation clerk is Virginia Parker, recently arrived there from Honolulu. Paul Parker, the other half of the family, is the new assistant liaison officer and John Good has been reassigned to Truk as administrative assistant. Mildred Kosteff has received her promotion as has Gene Splater. The Rathel family stopped briefly in Honolulu on their way to Indiana and Washington, D. C.

The Tudors are now residents of Truk after a year on Majuro. Mrs. Bettilou O'Leary is again teaching on Truk this fall.

Mrs. Ruby Perry received a promotion at Saipan, and her husband is resigning his position with the Trust Territory.

Walter R. Johnson is the new commercial advisor and is enroute to Koror as this is written.

William Eulitt's resignation has been received. He plans to go to work on Guam.

The months are becoming busier and busier. But we have time now for our usual best wishes to all in the T. T.

--Jan

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BUY SAVINGS BONDS

## MYTH ABOUT THE TROPICS

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may be more than that produced by walking at 4 m.p.h.

However, by suitable clothing, by keeping out of the sun and in the breeze, and by not putting up heat production by working, a man can usually avoid sweating, but for a productive life in the Tropics a man must be willing to sweat; in vast areas of the world there is poor nutrition caused in part at least by man's temperamental unwillingness to do so. The same physiologically induced laziness leads to economic difficulties and to dirt and disease and a vicious circle is set up. It is dirt, disease, and malnutrition that kills in the Tropics, not the climate.

When a man sweats he loses water which must be replaced. Physiologically, it is best to drink as one sweats, but drinking when at work is often frowned upon; so by evening men have substantial water deficits. Pure water is dull stuff, so the tendency is to make good the deficiency with more interesting alcoholic drinks; compatriots and friends gather together to exchange news and gossip; nostalgia stimulates more drinking; so insidiously an immigrant community becomes mildly but chronically alcoholic and thus develops "Tropical Neurasthenia." Possibly the best tropical settlers are the Moslems who are forbidden by their religion to touch alcohol. But prohibition is not necessary, merely the recognition that to drink water as one sweats is natural and desirable, a sign not of weakness, but of good sense.

The salt losses in the sweat must also

be made good, otherwise grave disorders will result. Man needs half-an-ounce of common salt per day and even more in very hot climates or with strenuous work. Part of tropical man's unwillingness to sweat may possibly be an expression of a salt lack or a recognition of the difficulty of replacing salt.

The way to productive life in the Tropics is the same as anywhere else: eschew sloth. A tropical community must be prepared to work as hard as it would do in a temperate climate and not be frightened of the heat; by hard work, food production can be increased and indigenous diseases eradicated.

Tropical men must be taught that they are not like cattle who cannot sweat well and have to rest for half the day to prevent being overheated, even at the risk of starving themselves; men are born with sweat glands so that they may safely work in the heat. The brunt of the day's work must be done before taking a nap. Let communities in these areas develop into fully integrated societies, where isolation and boredom are no longer the lot of every man when his day's work is done, and separation from wife and family the rule rather than the exception for the immigrant.

Recreation must be provided, so that alcohol can revert to its correct role from being a universal hobby to a useful social lubricant. With a real home life and the development of cultural facilities the brain worker too can play his part. But the key above all is the willingness to sweat, and only when much sweat has flowed will a community be able to afford such extravagant luxuries as improving its local climate by air-conditioning.

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