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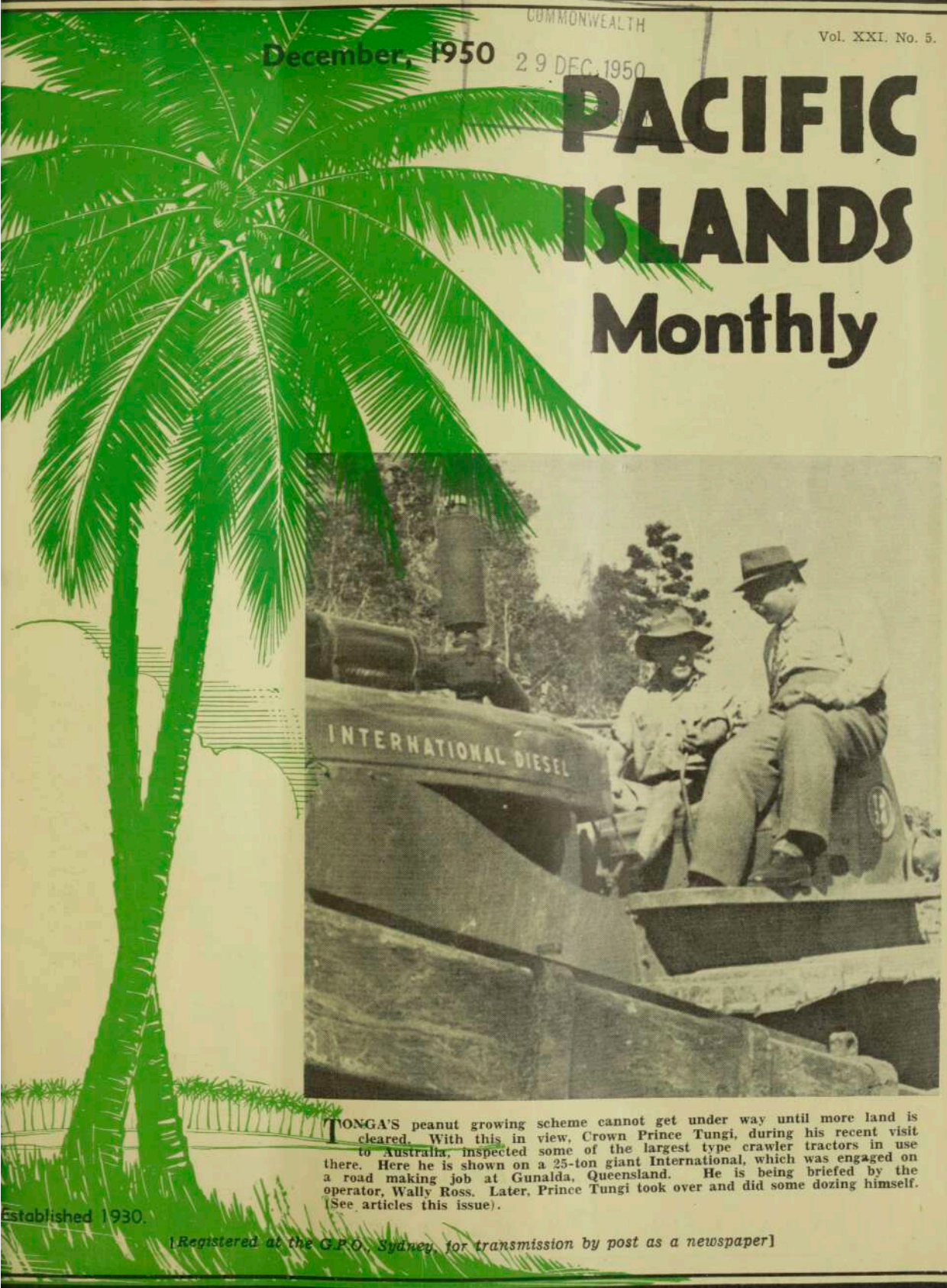
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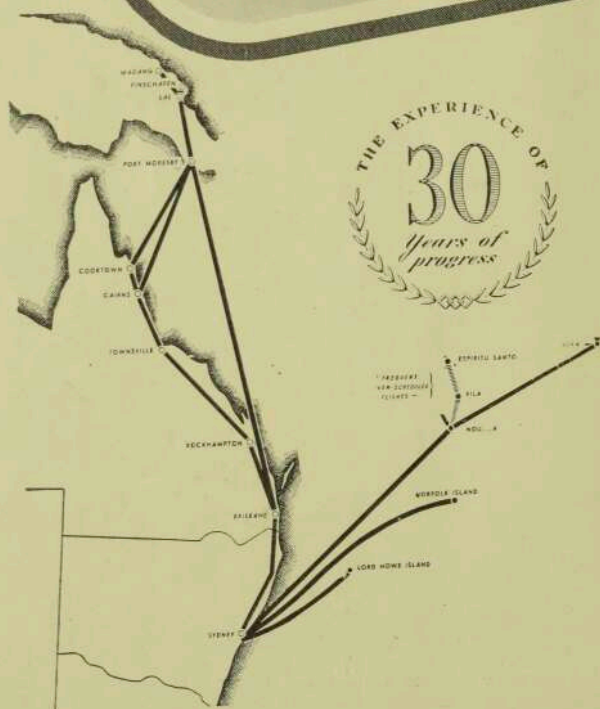
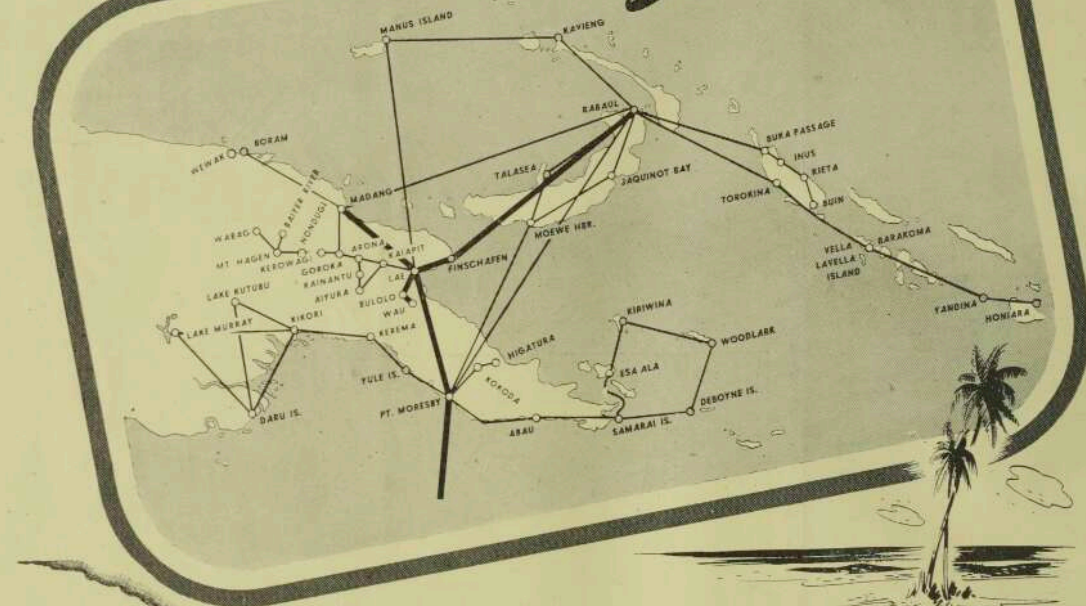


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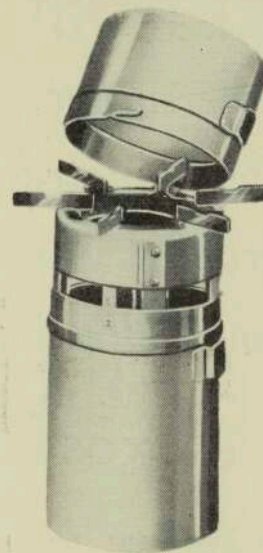
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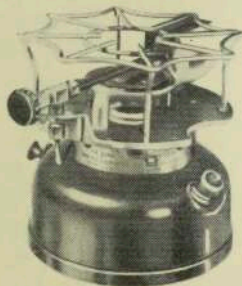
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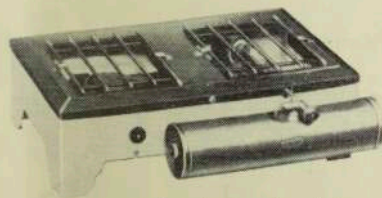
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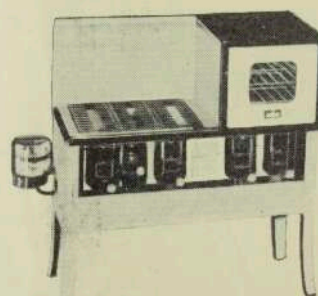
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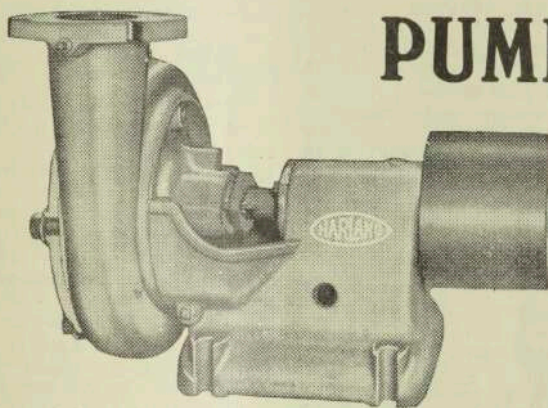
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Mr. Stalin's Plan Is Going Well!

THE Red Muscovite conspiracy against
Western civilisation is going very
well—for the Muscovite. From our view-
point, the situation has deteriorated
markedly—and still is deteriorating.

Russia's plan is that the Western
nations shall become deeply embroiled
with the satellite Communist countries,
with which she has surrounded herself.
Our strength is to be dissipated, with
demoralising "loss of face," while Russia's
military power and prestige remain un-
touched.

Accordingly, we are at war with China,
and in full retreat before countless hordes
of fanatical Chinese Reds. As a spectacle
for the delectation of a thousand million
Asiatics, our United Nations set-up has
been made to look completely ridiculous.

All around the fringe of the USSR,
satellite Red countries are either attack-
ing us, or getting ready to attack—in
Indo-China, Tibet, Persia and the
Balkans (a thrust, it seems, is to be
directed against Yugoslavia); while in
Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia and East
Germany millions of men are armed and
ready. Behind this screen is the military
power of Russia.

Competent observers, during at least
the past year, have seen and described
the international plan by which Russia
hopes to impose Communism upon the
world; but the frantic little men of the
threatened democracies have done
little except babble, and hold confer-
ences, and exhort each other to stand
firm. Their performance, when China
ripped aside the curtain at the end of

November, and sprang on to the Korean
stage, was quite in character.

Little Mr. Attlee went yelling across
the Atlantic to consult with little Mr.
Truman, while the French Parliament
milled around and debated another vote
of confidence in its Government. The
United Nations drafted a stern resolution
ordering China out of Korea. And Little
Audrey Stalin, in the Kremlin, laughed
and laughed and laughed when he heard
that little Franco was demanding of
Britain the return of Gibraltar to Spain,
and that a yapping Moslem mob in Singa-
pore was defying and spitting upon the
British police.

WHAT a spectacle! Is it possible that
only five years ago the United States
and the British Empire, victorious and
supreme in every field of war, were in
complete control of the world; and that
the world then accepted their prestige,
and awaited their leadership and direc-
tion.

We have been reduced to this by the
political ineptitude of the United States,
and the criminal weakness and buffoonery
of the British Socialists. The British
morale has been reduced beyond measure,
and the British Empire weakened almost
beyond recovery.

The danger with which we are faced
calls for the inspiration of a great leader,
for almost fanatical resolution through-
out the English-speaking world in de-
fending ourselves and our hard-won free-
doms, and for dictatorial ruthlessness in
lining us all up for the struggle. Instead

of that, we have the trans-Atlantic scutt-
lings of Mr. Attlee—who is about as in-
spiring as a dead rabbit—and the goat-
like trumpetings of the United Nations.
The spectacle of a half-dozen multi-
coloured brigades fighting beside the
American divisions in Korea is sympto-
matic of what we can expect from the
United Nations in this supreme crisis of
human history.

Now, momentarily sheltered by the
atom bomb, we have a short breathing
space. But have we time in which to
build up our civil as well as our military
defences, before we have to meet the
Kremlin's equivalent of "Der Tag"? Only
the events of the next few months will
supply an answer.

But of this we can be sure: The future
of the free world depends upon what is
done immediately by the English-speaking
countries. The United Nations is a pitiful
and expensive farce. Unless there is a
vast change in the spirit and outlook of
the people of the United States and the
British Empire—especially the latter—we
may as well surrender ourselves to a new
conception of the human relationship and
new standards of life.

"Luck" of the MOF Copra Contract

ALL British planters in the South
Pacific are due to get a Christmas
Box of about £5 per ton, increased
payment for their copra. They get not
only cash, but also a notable guarantee
of stability in the copra market.

The British Ministry of Food contract,
made at the end of 1948, gave a guaran-

teed price of £48 Sterling per ton for 1949, and undertook that, over a period of nine years (expiring December, 1957) the price should not rise or fall more than 10 per cent. It rose only 10/- in 1950, but will rise the full limit of 10 per cent. in 1951.

At the time, it seemed a good contract, because growers generally feared a falling market. As it turned out, it was of great benefit to Britain, and not to the growers. Britain bought our copra at £48 Stg. per ton; and, ever since, the world market has been well in advance of that figure. Last September, for example, while Britain was paying £48 Stg. for New Guinea copra, Straits copra was selling at £110 Stg. (£140 Aus.) cif European port. Since then, prices have been between £90 and £100 Stg. Early in September, Philippines copra was selling at 275 US dollars (£120 Aust.) per ton, although it fell to 235 dollars in October. Even if Britain lifts her price, under the contract, by £5 per ton for 1951, she is still doing extremely well—in fact, she is enjoying a profit of at least £40 Stg. per ton. Had that been a true reflection of world markets, we should have called it the luck of the nine years' contract which the planters solemnly accepted; and the South Pacific, while reflecting ruefully, that it is a very high price to pay for "stabilisation," would not have squealed against the turn of fortune's wheel.

This has not come about through the luck of the contract, however. It is mostly the result of the sterling devaluation trick played upon Copra producers by the British Socialist Government; and it has left a foul taste in the mouths of Pacific producers.

When they made that MOF contract at the end of 1948, there was no suggestion that Britain—that ancient bulwark of international finance—would repudiate her currency. But within a year, under the baneful influence of the Socialist muddlers in control, Britain de-valued her £ Sterling by about 30 per cent., in terms of the US dollar (or of gold). Although copra, like wool and wheat, has a definite value on the world's market, irrespective of what individual nations may do with their currencies, there was no suggestion by the British Government that the MOF contract should be revised.

Consequently, ever since, Britain has been buying copra at around £48 Stg. per ton, although in the world's free market it has been selling at from £75 to £120 Stg. per ton. That is barefaced commercial trickery; and the South Pacific planters should never rest in their demand that the MOF contract should be revised, in the light of the devalued Sterling. It is a reflection upon the Australian Government that it has made no attempt whatever to prevent the New Guinea producers from being robbed in this way. Many planters have made protests, but all seem to have been ignored.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA copra-producers will now be justified in insisting that Canberra discontinue that "stabilisation" deduction of £5 per ton. The Fund, already, is over £800,000; and now there is little likelihood that it will be needed. The effect of the new rise of 10 per cent., under the MOF 9-years contract, is that, even if the market henceforth falls continuously, the price cannot be reduced beyond £30 before 1957.

That £5 per ton now could quite properly go to the planters, as some slight compensation for the bare-faced robbery of them during 1950 by Britain under a contract made by Canberra, and which no New Guinea planter has ever seen. The £800,000 now accumulated in the "Stabilisation Fund" should be distributed among the men whose industry created it; but such an act of simple justice is

most unlikely. It probably will be grabbed by the politicians for some fanciful scheme, like providing woollen petticoats for the nursing mothers of the Chimbu.

THE Fiji planters have escaped "stabilisation"; but they, naturally, and very properly, are protesting angrily against the action of the Fiji Government in grabbing £2 per ton of the new copra money as an export tax, and defending itself by saying that it thus can abolish certain customs duties and so reduce the general cost of living.

The Fiji planters ask why they should be specially taxed for the general benefit of the community—especially as the planters, as a section, derive less benefit from public utilities than any other class.

The planters have taken occasion to attack Fiji's form of government. They declare it is far too expensive for a Colony of Fiji's circumstances. They further ask why they should be taxed, while the export tax on the Colony's other chief product, sugar, has been removed.

The plain fact of the matter is that these Governments—all more or less Socialistic in character—simply cannot keep their fingers out of the coffers of any industry which appears to be highly profitable. They are forced continuously to make concessions to the greedy, but highly organised, trade unions; and they try to balance the national economy by heavier impositions upon the less tightly organised primary producers.

Fiji has got its copra tax; and it hasn't a chance of escaping from same while the Socialists rule the Departments in London. It will be a surprising thing if Australia, trying to escape the worst effects of its maddening inflation, does not similarly set its tax-gatherer after the NG copra producers, either to collect an increased export tax, or an income tax.

Distribution By Air Of The Pacific Islands Monthly

WITH the co-operation and assistance of Qantas Empire Airways Ltd., it has become possible to arrange for the transportation by air of the Pacific Islands Monthly to those subscribers in the Islands who desire such an arrangement.

Immediately on publication, parcels of the PIM are sent as air freight to our Agents in the various centres of Papua and New Guinea where they are immediately placed on sale at the usual price, plus the cost of air freighting. In the case of Port Moresby, this makes a total of 2/9 per copy; it is a little more at Lae and Madang, and slightly more again at Rabaul. By this arrangement, the magazine is in the hands of PNG readers within a few hours of publication. Distribution is now actually quicker in Papua-New Guinea than in Australia.

Readers who cannot personally pick up their copies from the agents in the various Papua-New Guinea centres, can still get the benefit of air-freight. They can order the paper in advance from any agent in Port Moresby, Lae, Madang and Rabaul. The latter, immediately on receipt of their air-freighted parcels, will wrap and address individual copies to subscribers in their districts, and post such copies in the local post office, and they are delivered then by the first available mail. These subscribers pay the ordinary subscription, plus the air-freight charge.

There are many readers in Papua-New Guinea who pay their subscriptions direct to the office of Pacific Publications Ltd., in Sydney, and who now receive their papers by surface mail. Any of these

subscribers who would prefer quicker despatch by air transport may arrange for same by adding 18/- (1/6d. per copy) to the annual subscription of 18/- making a total of 36/- per annum. In these cases, the papers are wrapped and addressed in the ordinary way, a postage stamp representing local postage is attached to the wrapper, and the papers so addressed and stamped, are then sent as air-freight to either Port Moresby, Lae or Rabaul, and are there posted in the ordinary way, for delivery by the first available mail.

Direct subscribers who are satisfied to receive their papers by surface mail, as at present, may do so. The new arrangement is only for those who wish to receive the journal in the shortest possible time.

FIJI DISTRIBUTION

Arrangements are now being made for the extension of the air-freighting system to New Hebrides and Fiji. Details will be published as soon as the arrangement is completed.

Higher Charge for PIM Outside Of South Pacific

ALL costs of newspaper production have increased in a fantastic fashion during the past year, and publishers generally have been compelled to increase their subscription and advertisement rates.

The publishers of this journal are not making any further increase in rates—although they may be compelled to do so soon—but they are obliged, owing to increased postal charges in this and other countries, to raise the rates to subscribers in all places outside the South Pacific. These new rates, which will operate from January 1, 1951, are—

United Kingdom, British Commonwealth, United States of America, and Foreign Countries—£1/10/0 Australian per annum (or \$3.50 in USA currency).

In all South Pacific countries, which include all the Islands, and Australia and New Zealand, the subscription is unchanged—namely 18/- Aust. p.a. In New Caledonia and French Oceania (where postal charges are higher), the rate is unchanged at 21/- Aust. p.a.

CATALINA LOST

7 Killed in Crash in W. Samoa

APIA, Dec. 12.

WESTERN SAMOA had its worst air accident on the morning of December 11, when a New Zealand Air Force Catalina, immediately after taking off from Faleolo airport, crashed into the lagoon two miles away. Seven of the crew of eight were killed. One crew member and the five passengers (Samoan Administration officials going on a routine visit to the nearby Tokelau Islands) escaped with minor injuries and shock. The flying-boat was a total loss.

The lost airmen were accorded a military funeral on the 12th, when all business houses in Apia were closed. NZ Air Force personnel are well and favourably known in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and Cook Islands.

Late News

Owing to a technicality, the introduction of the new Fiji Copra Tax (see pages 5, 6, 7) has been postponed until next session of Leg. Council—probably four months.

ADMINISTRATION OF PAPUA-N. GUINEA May Be Early Changes At Top Level

IT is believed that preparations are afoot for an almost complete reorganisation of the administrative machinery of Papua-New Guinea, at top levels.

If there is no sharp worsening in the international situation, an announcement may be made by the Minister for External Territories (Mr. Spender) before the end of the year.

Applications for the two positions of Deputy Administrator—invited in October—have been under careful scrutiny. It is safe to assume that this has involved consideration of the suitability of Colonel J. K. Murray for the chief position which he holds—that of Administrator.

Obviously, it is little use appointing the best available men to be Deputy Administrators unless they can work in harmony with the Chief Administrator. In the circumstances of Colonel Murray's appointment, there is doubt about the harmony.

Observers of the External Territories set-up hope that the statement by the Minister, if it is made this month, will—

- Clear up the situation in regard to the future occupant of the position of Administrator.
- Give the names of the two Deputy Administrators.
- Give some indication of what is to be done about filling the chief Departmental positions. (At present, the Government Secretary, Director of District Services, and other occupants of high positions, are "Acting").
- More clearly define the future status and authority of District Officers.

ALTHOUGH Colonel Murray (in civil life a professor of agriculture in the University of Queensland) had had no previous experience of tropical administration, and apparently had only a superficial knowledge of Territories conditions, he was selected by the Socialist Minister, E. J. Ward, to put into operation Mr. Ward's revolutionary policy of P-NG administration.

It was difficult to see, in his first four or five years of office, where Canberra control ceased and Colonel Murray's functions commenced. He was not popular; but, because he is a cultured gentleman, adhering honestly to principles in which he believes, he was respected, and not criticised much.

But, during 1950, there has been a mounting volume of criticism directed against Colonel Murray. It gradually has become known that Minister Ward, in 1949, when it was clear that the Chifley Government would probably be wiped out in the December election, extended the appointment of Colonel Murray for another five years.

This was an iniquitous thing. Everyone—except Ward's own friends and cronies—was dissatisfied about conditions in New Guinea. It was plain that one of the first acts of a new non-Socialist Government would be to review the Territories set-up; and the new broom necessarily would extend to the Socialist Minister's chief executive officer.

But the new Minister, when he arrived, found Colonel Murray securely enthroned at Konedobu, and obviously unprepared to leave without some kind of an official earthquake or explosion.

The new Minister, apparently, decided

1951 COPRA PRICE RISES 10 PER CENT.

Growers Being Fleeced Over 'Stabilisation,' Taxation And Sterling Devaluation

THE British Ministry of Food and the Government of Fiji have agreed that the price to be paid by the former for Fiji copra of Fair Merchantable Sundried grade, under the Nine-Years Contract, in the year commencing January 1, 1951, shall be £53/15/- Sterling per ton, f.o.b., Fiji—an increase of £5/5/- Stg. per ton on 1950.

There is 12½ per cent. difference in exchange between Britain and Fiji. After taking various adjustments into consideration, the Fiji Copra Board announced on November 29 that the price to be paid in Fiji to producers, for one year from January 1, 1951, will be £55/5/- Fijian (about £61/15/- Aus.) per ton—which is an increase of £6/15/- Fijian per ton over the price received in 1950.

The Fiji planter will not get the full increase, however. The Fiji Government has introduced a new copra tax of £2 Fijian per ton, payable as from January 1; and the money will be deducted by the Board, before the proceeds of copra sales reach the planter.

Therefore, for all practical purposes, the Fiji local buying price will be £53/5/- Fijian per ton—an increase over 1950 of £4/15/- per ton.

The Fiji Copra Producers Incorporated have protested very strongly and vigorously against what the planters regard as a sectional or discriminatory tax. But the Fiji Government has not been deflected from its purpose. It long had planned this new source of revenue.

The Government says that, in view of this new levy on planters, the Customs duties on various items of general consumption will be reduced, so as to "keep down the cost of living in the Colony." The growers retort, acridly, that they do not see why they, alone, should be subjected to a new tax, so that the whole community may benefit from cheaper supplies. (See article on page 5).

NEW P-NG PRICE IN MARCH

OWING to some provision in the mysterious contract between the British Ministry of Food and the Australian Department of External Territories (a contract which no Australian or New Guinea copra interest has ever sighted) there will be no revision in the price paid to New Guinea producers until after the end of February when, according to officialdom, "the United Kingdom Agreement will be reviewed."

Until then, the Papua-New Guinea

that he would introduce a new regime without unseating the chief executive of the old regime; and proceeded accordingly. But it did not work. It has been apparent, for months, that there is something seriously wrong with the administrative machinery of Papua-New Guinea.

The P-NG Administration service will not function properly under a chief who has been placed in a false position by political patronage, and who apparently cannot appreciate the fact that he has become the main obstacle in the way of far-reaching administrative reforms.

New Guinea wants something more than a mere office-holder, or rubber stamp. New Guinea, as a matter of fact, demands a man who can combine knowledge of tropical conditions with clear-cut purpose and a ruthlessness that will tolerate neither inefficiency and nepotism in the Services, nor bureaucratic interference by Canberra. The more of a dictator he is, the more successful he will be.

growers will continue to receive the 1950 price of £48/10/- Aust. per ton—although the Fiji growers will be receiving from January 1, after tax is paid, the equivalent of £59/18/- Aust. per ton—or £11/8/- per ton more.

It may be taken as certain that—

- There will be an upwards revision of the price, as provided for in the MOF contract of 1949.

- The price will be increased to the limit permitted by the agreement—namely, 10 per cent.

- The new price will become operative from March 1, 1951—which is held by Canberra to be the date of the operation of the annual revision of the Contract, although in other countries (Fiji, Solomons, Gilberts) it operates from January 1 of each year.

The current MOF contract price affecting New Guinea copra, which has been effective since March 1, 1950, is £48/10/- per ton, at NG port. It is made up as follows:—

	Australian Currency
Received from MOF contract	£60 10 0
Deducted by Production Control Board	12 0 0
Paid to Grower	£48 10 0
The deductions are—	
Storage, handling, selling commission, insurance, shrinkage, etc.	3 8 6
Account stabilisation	5 0 0
Account Customs Duty	3 11 6

The MOF contract price should rise by 10 per cent., from March 1—making it probably £53/15/- Stg. (the same as Fiji), equal to about £66/14/- Australian. If the PCB follows its present system, there will be a deduction of about £12/10/- per ton, which should give the grower over £54 at point of delivery—an increase of £5/10/- over present rates.

At this stage, however, the NG producers should make a strong attempt to get the stabilisation deduction of £5 per ton wiped out. (See article on page 5).

Britain acknowledges, through the new Fiji price, that copra is worth £53/15/- Stg. per ton, which is £5/5/- per ton more than she is going to pay Australia for NG copra in January and February. If P-NG's production is 5,000 tons per month, Britain, on her own acknowledgement, will be paying us over £50,000 less than our copra is worth, according to the Fiji contract, and close to £500,000 less than it is worth, according to the world market.

AUSTRALIAN MILLERS STILL PAY £67/15/-

ALTHOUGH Canberra has been dithering around with the problem for months, there still is no change in the price being charged the Australian copra-crushers by the Production Control Board—the Government concern which takes over and sells all New Guinea copra.

The PCB takes over all NG Copra at £48/10/- Aus. per ton. It supplies Australian crushers with the copra they need, and charges them £67/15/- per ton, and sells the balance to Britain, under the MOF 1950 contract, at £48 Sterling per ton. All PCB profits presumably will go eventually to the planters.

For over a year, the planters have been protesting against that charge to Aus-

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tralian millers of £67/15/-, and pointing out that the value of the copra, according to the free world market (see, for example, the Bank of New Zealand's London produce circular of October 6) is between £90 and £100 Sterling per ton. Why should the NG producers thus be forced to subsidise the Australian coconut consumers, millers and exporters? But Canberra has done nothing.

The Australian copra-millers now are howling because the removal of rationing from Australian butter has brought about a sharp decline in the sales in Australia of margarine. Hitherto, Australia—in justice to the NG growers—would not allow the millers to export to the world's free market, much of the oil and margarine got from the cheap NG copra. But now the millers say they cannot sell their products in Australia—they want the ban lifted.

The Australian Government should lift it—but, in fairness to the NG producers, it should make the millers pay world parity for their copra.

POOR COPRA IN BSI

HONIARA, Dec. 4.

THE Secretary to the Solomon Islands Government has announced that complaints have been received from the Minister of Food, in London, regarding the quality of two recent shipments to the UK. These shipments were carried in different holds from copra despatched by other Territories and compared most unfavourably with the latter copra. The Solomons copra is unequivocally described as bad. The main faults are dust, sand and dirt mixed in with the copra, and bad cooking, which has resulted in burning.

Strict inspection and grading at the main ports of shipment, Honiara and Yandina, followed this criticism, and a considerable amount of copra has been rejected by the Copra Board's agents.

It is realised that, during the immediate post-war period, any copra was better than none; but growers have now been asked to make every effort to improve quality, otherwise a new price for a lower grade may be introduced.

Alterations to QEA Sydney-NG Service

AFTER our plane and shipping schedules were printed (page 89) Qantas Empire Airways announced alterations to their New Guinea-Sydney services because of sudden demand for Sky-master aircraft on their Japan service due to the Korean war.

Commencing on December 12, Sky-master services from Sydney to P-NG will be reduced to two each week, and these will terminate at Port Moresby instead of Lae.

Douglas DC3 services will be increased to five per week, and these will operate between Sydney and Lae with the usual extensions to Madang, Finschhafen, Rabaul, Bulolo and Wau.

Inconvenience should be offset to some extent by the fact that the service will now be a daily one.

French Air Services

AIR FRANCE has announced that their service from Paris to New Caledonia via Indo-China and Australia will in future be on a monthly basis instead of fortnightly.

At the same time the service from New Caledonia to Tahiti has been suspended—which means that Tahiti is again without airmail facilities.

THEY SAILED FOR VATU VARA BUT FOUND BRISBANE

1,500 Miles of Nightmare

THOSE people who hold theories about the chance voyages of the early Polynesians will be encouraged by the recent blow-away voyage of Mr. Jack Morris, of Levuka, Fiji, his part-Fijian mate, his crew of five Fijians and one passenger, Mr. Peter Jackson, in the 37-foot cutter Fetu Moana.

Fetu Moana left Levuka on October 12 for Lomaloma where she was beached for cleaning. She left there for Vatu Vara, completely disappeared and was not heard of again until four weeks later when she arrived at Stradbroke Island near Brisbane, Queensland.

After the 1500-mile voyage, the storm-battered cutter berthed in Brisbane on Sunday November 19. Her skipper said that she was blown there by two cyclones, one squall and two thunderstorms.

The craft showed signs of the terrific battering she had taken. All unsecured deck fittings had been swept overboard, the gunwale and bulkheads were smashed in, and the mainsail was tattered. John Morris said the cutter struck her first cyclone, a 60 mph blow—while on a trading run from Levuka, to Vatu Vara, a small island, 110 miles to the east. The wheelhouse was washed overboard and waves crashed right inside the boat. Their charts, instruments, and all spare gear were lost. The crew had cut holes in copra sacks and got inside them to protect themselves from the cold.

Skipper Morris related how they lost sight of land. After the gale dropped he guessed where the south-west was and headed that way. He hoped to reach New Caledonia but they missed that island. They kept on for weeks. Their drinking water ran out, and if it hadn't been for a dozen bottles of beer in their

cargo they would have been in a bad way.

Then they struck a second cyclone which blew them near the coast of northern NSW at the Tweed River. They did not know where they were but steered north and reached the Brisbane River.

Skipper, passenger and crew were taken care of in Brisbane by the Mission for Seamen. Shortly after he landed Skipper Morris said that he had had the sea and would probably look for a job ashore in Brisbane. But this seems hardly possible in view of his past record.

He is a former pupil of the Levuka Public School, where he was an outstanding student with a special interest in mathematics, which he later applied to problems of navigation.

After leaving school he began shipbuilding. At Vagadaci, near Levuka where many fine craft have been constructed, he built the 7-ton Torokina in which, nearly two years ago, he sailed to Vavua, Tonga, with Mr. A. Storer. He also built the Tui Nakarawa, a 5-ton cutter, for the Fijians of Batiki, and the Adi Teresa for the Fijians of Koro. The yacht Ebb Tide was also built by Mr. Morris for Mr. Boris Maesepp of Suva.

LAND FOR LANDLESS FIJIANS

Echo of Cakobau's Despotism

SOMEWHERE around about 1870 a land-owning group of Fijians on Ovalau took part in a rebellion against the so-called King of Fiji, Ratu Cakobau. For their temerity, their lands were taken from them and sold, and ever since then, and their descendants have lived at Taviya village, Ovalau, and have been dependent on a small land-owning group of about 30 whose lands are scarcely sufficient to maintain them.

Until recently there were 280 of these landless Fijians living in Taviya village—but now they are landless no longer. The circumstances were brought to the notice of the Secretary of Fijian Affairs some time ago and the Government subsequently bought for these folk two adjoining estates on Ovalau—Rukuruku and Natusara. Thus, after paying for the sins of their fathers for 80 years they at last have somewhere of their own to settle.

Fifteen bales of wool have arrived in Sydney from the Hallstrom Experiments Station at Nondugl, Central Highlands, New Guinea.



Fetu Moana and her crew as they reached Brisbane. —Courier Mail.

RED FIRE-EATER WANTS AUSTRALIAN N. GUINEA

Future of Dutch NG Still in Doubt

DELEGATIONS representing Dutch and Indonesian interests have been meeting at The Hague, in a last attempt to fix the status of Dutch New Guinea before the end of 1950.

The Dutch have refused to surrender the Territory to the Indonesians. The Indonesians demand possession, and have refused to consider any compromise.

An interesting trend was reported by Reuter from Djakarta on December 6:

Australian New Guinea should be "liberated" from colonialism, the Indonesian Parliamentary representative of Sobri (Communist central organisation of the Indonesian trade-union movement) Werdojo, said to-day.

In an interview with the Dutch-owned Aneta News Agency, Werdojo said that negotiations should be started with Australia to liberate Eastern New Guinea.

He said the Government should also lead an anti-Dutch boycott in Indonesia if the Netherlands did not give up Western (Dutch) New Guinea.

FIJI'S SUGAR TROUBLES

FIJI sugar mills are expected to produce only about 100,000 tons of sugar this season—26,000 tons less than last season and much below the maximum exportable limit (170,000 tons) agreed upon at the Commonwealth Sugar Conference held in London about a year ago. Fiji's best sugar year was 1948 when 149,494 tons were exported.

Although this year's production is somewhat below average, much smaller outputs were recorded in 1940, 1941, 1943, 1944 and 1945 (a record low of 30,305 tons). Most of these bad years however, were the result of the Indian cane field troubles when growers refused to plant cane. This year's below-average output is blamed on the unfavourable weather during the growing period—and this same factor has delayed planting of cane for the 1951 harvest.

MAY NOT SIGN CONTRACT.

AT a public meeting convened by the Kisan Sangh (farmers' union) at Nadi Market on November 11, Mr. N. S. Chalmers, who virtually runs the union, spoke of the welfare of the 9,000 cane-growers in Fiji and urged members of the Kisan Sangh not to sign the CSR Company's new contract until his return from the sugar-producing countries of Trinidad, the Philippines and Cuba. A branch of the Kisan Sangh has also been formed at Labasa.

That was on November 11, before the acute stage developed in the international situation. The perambulating Mr. Chalmers may have had a change of heart since then. Or, perhaps, looking into his crystal ball and interpreting the future he may be making long-term arrangements to sell his sugar to General Wu's China or Joe Stalin's Russia.

The world seems to have sufficient troubles apart from these that Mr. Chalmers imagines his cane-field Indians possess. In the event of another world war and a resurgence of the ridiculous cane-field strikes, the Fiji Government should be prepared to deport all Indian trouble-makers to Mother India without loss of time.

AORANGI OUT

Post-War Conditions Kill Last Trans-Pacific Surface Line

WHEN the motor-ship Aorangi, 17,490 tons, sailed out of Sydney on December 7, her owners (Union SS Co. Ltd.) announced that, when she returns to Sydney on January 29, she will be put out of commission and advertised for sale, and her crew paid off.

As a result, there will be left not one regular trans-Pacific steamship service, connecting North America with Australia and New Zealand. Before World War II there were four large regular liners—the Aorangi, the Niagara, the Monterey and the Mariposa. The Niagara was sunk during the war; and, after the war, the Matson Line refused to continue running the Monterey and Mariposa without a substantial subsidy; and those two luxury liners are also in the discard, somewhere. Before World War I, there were three or four regular trans-Pacific lines. Some ran via Fiji, some via Tahiti.

This extraordinary deterioration of trans-Pacific shipping services is due to two factors—the substitution of air for sea transportation for passengers, and the imposition of intolerably expensive conditions on shipping services by the Socialist authorities which have come into being in recent years.

The Aorangi, for example, cost originally over £1,000,000 in 1924. Early in the war, she was converted for use as a troopship. Her re-conversion to a liner commenced in 1946 and—subjected to all the dockyard laziness and go-slow-ism which have characterised dockyard operations since the war—the operation cost £2,000,000, which was considerably more than her original cost. She re-entered the Pacific service in 1948 with a substantial financial handicap.

During 1949 and 1950 she could not get nearly enough cargo to fill her holds—the direct result of the dollar restrictions.

Trans-Pacific passengers literally clamoured for berths on her; but, when she was re-converted, her owners were obliged to reduce the original 900 berths to 485 berths, so as to provide more and better quarters for the crew. In addition, the company has suffered grievously owing to the slow turn-around of ships in the ports, and the enormous cost of port operations generally.

Six months ago the company said it could not run the Aorangi unless it had a subsidy of at least £156,000 per annum—New Zealand £13,000, Australia £39,000, and Canada £104,000. NZ and Australia were willing; but Canada flatly refused—it did not consider that Canadian-South Pacific trade was worth anything like that. The Union Co.—which by now has lost no less than £600,000 on the Aorangi—therefore decided that there was nothing to do other than put the vessel out of commission.



INTENSIVE CULTIVATION AND FEWER BABIES

Tonga's Solution to Overpopulation

THE Tongan Group has a population of about 50,000, a birth rate of about 41 per 1,000, a very low infant mortality rate, a density of population of 200 per square mile (Australia has 2.5, China 106, India 232) and a law that says that every male Tongan at 16 is entitled to a grant of 81 acres in the country and a town allotment. Put all these facts together and you have a first-grade problem in over-population.

Far-seeing Crown Prince Tungi, to whom the welfare of his people is everything, can see the problem, as it is beginning to exist now, and as it will become in another generation or so. With characteristic realism, he has not wasted time on words, but is tackling the trouble in practical fashion. His approach is two-fold. First, he is trying to devise a means of increasing the exportable foodstuffs of his Kingdom and with this in view he recently visited the peanut growing areas of Queensland and inspected all kinds of mechanised farm implements. He estimated that while a pure coconut economy in Tonga returns only £30 per annum to the acre, peanuts grown in Tonga's amazingly fertile soil will return £400 (Australian) to the acre when the peanuts are exported to New Zealand.

The second method of tackling Tonga's overpopulation is the limiting of population—what we call birth-control. And, it is evident at once, that the first method of dealing with Tonga's troubles will be far easier to put into operation than the second. The Tongans are a natural people, with the traditional Polynesian love of children; the deliberate limitation of families is an idea that is quite foreign to them.

However, there has been no feeble wavering of hands and waste of words but something has already been done to place the problem squarely before the people, telling them of the solution, and its alternative. This is in contrast to Fiji, where nothing appears to have been done since the Governor, a considerable time ago, bluntly told the Indians that limitation of families was the only solution to their problem and that of the Colony.

Birth-control was discussed in the last session of the Tongan Legislative Assembly and by way of introducing it to the people and instructing them, public discussion by way of debates was adopted.

The first debate took place recently in the Government College Hall before a packed house of both sexes. Prince Tungi and his brother Prince Tu'ipelehake, and preachers and clergy of the local churches.

Judges of the debate were: The Hon. Tu'ihateiho (Minister of Works); S. F. Kaho (Police Magistrate) and M. E. Tonga (Private Secretary to the Queen and Privy Council).

THE photograph shows the team who supported birth control in the recent debate. They are (from left): Hon. V. L. Vaha'akolo, MP; Sgt.-Major H. Mohetau (Police Department); T. T. Tonga (Police Magistrate) and S. Tu'akol (a local Tongan lawyer).

£450,000 Worth of Roads For Fiji Group

A SPECIAL committee set up in Fiji some time ago to study the road requirements of the Colony, have submitted their report. They recommend that 21 new roads, with a total length of 230 miles, be constructed.

Although the roads are still in the blueprint stage, when they are constructed they will open up new land, give access to new settlements and bring speedier communication services to thousands of people in Fiji.

In the Colony's Development Plan, £570,000 was allotted for new road construction. Of this £120,000 has already been set aside for work already done or in progress and for the purchase of road-making machinery, leaving £450,000 for the 230 miles of new roads and 151 additional preliminary surveys now recommended by the Committee. If the whole fund is used the 230 miles of road will cost something like £2,000 per mile, which certainly appears adequate.

The Committee was of the opinion that the greatest need for roads was in the Northern District, particularly Vanua Levu, therefore 137 of the 230 miles will be allotted to this district. The Western District will get 46 miles (30 of them in

AIR EXECUTIVE DIES IN PT. MORESBY SCUFFLE

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Dec. 5.

WHAT might have been no more than a minor scuffle became tragedy at the Civil Aviation Department mess in Port Moresby on the night of November 10. When the incident ended, Reginald William John Charlier, aged 31, was dead, and shortly afterwards two Port Moresby residents were arrested and charged with unlawful killing. They were Robert Vincent Clancy and Victor Hiram Carter. Charlier was the managing director of

the Sigatoka Valley) and the Southern District 37½ miles.

The Committee recommended that alignments, grading and drainage of all new roads should be of a good standard. They agreed that to begin with it might be necessary to save money by reducing the width, lowering the standard of surfacing, and providing river crossings instead of bridges on roads on which the density of traffic was not high. They insisted that the basic location must, however, allow for future widening and improvements when required.

The Committee considered that new alignments should, wherever possible, avoid or by-pass Fijian villages in order to avoid the dust nuisance.

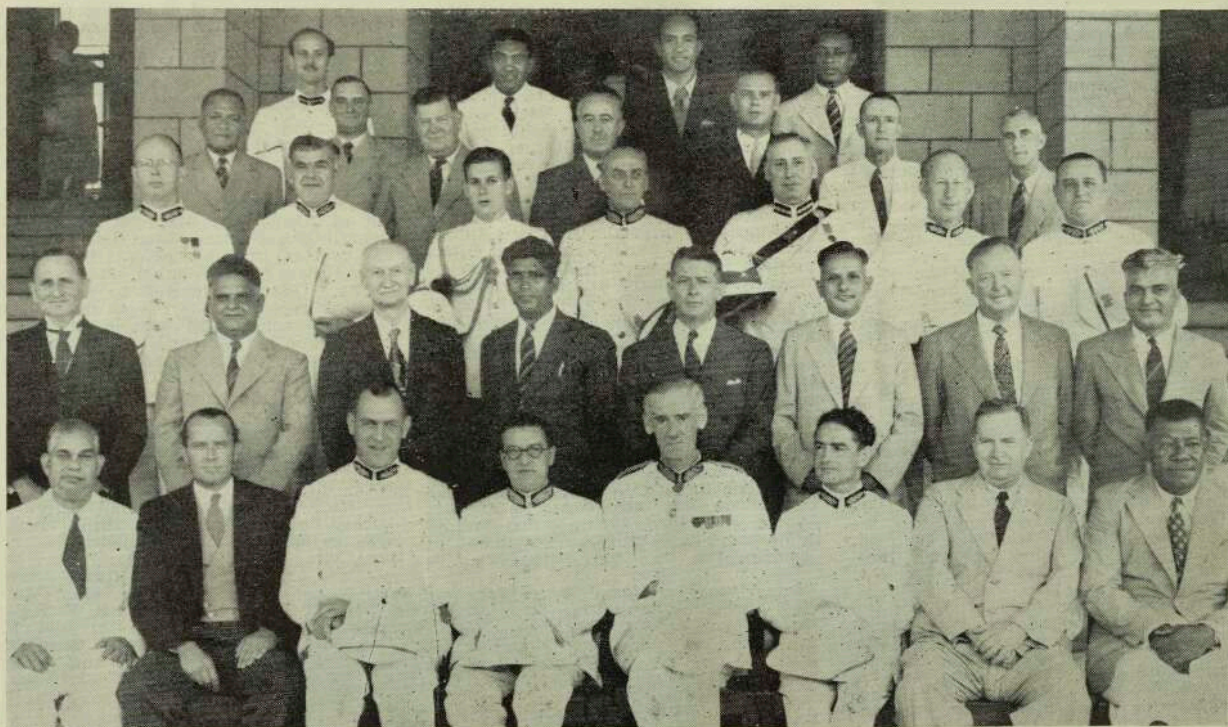
the newly-formed Charter Air Services; and, with his two brothers and business associates, he was in Port Moresby en route to his company's headquarters at Lae. Their departure for Lae in the firm's Avro Ansons was fixed, and then bad weather made a postponement necessary. The Charlier party sought and obtained accommodation at the DCA mess; and, after dinner, they wandered in and out the recreation room.

It appears that later, Reginald Charlier and others became involved in a minor argument; a few blows were struck and Charlier died before reaching hospital. From medical evidence, which was extremely detailed, it appeared that the blood vessels of Charlier's head were not normal. Hence blows which ordinarily would have produced no more than black eyes and a few aches, proved fatal.

At both the Lower and Supreme Court hearings the witnesses alleged that Carter was the first to hit Charlier, and then, as the latter was getting to his feet, Clancy struck the second blow. Charlier fell to the floor again and was dead before his friends could get him to hospital.

The Crown's case was conducted by Mr. Sydney Johnstone (Crown Law Office). Mr. Norman White of Port Moresby appeared for Carter, and Mr. Dudley Jones, of Rabaul, for Clancy. The trial concluded on December 12. The two accused were found guilty of assault and causing bodily harm, each was fined £200, or a year's gaol.

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Some Notes by the Wayside—II

FROM R. W. ROBSON IN NEW GUINEA

I WAS so interested in the mass of ships lying just south of Port Moresby's rickety wharf, each patiently awaiting its turn at the slip and dockyard workshop, that I went to some trouble to get the photograph below.

I have a vivid memory of occasions before the war, when in Port Moresby I was seized upon by "Cappy" Fitch—that resolute founder of Steamships Trading Co. Ltd.—and walked around the point, and shown the place where "Cappy" wanted to build a slipway and workshop for STC.

"Cappy" was sure that the slipway would be useful and profitable; but other people—especially officialdom—could not see it his way. On each visit, I got an ear-bashing about the obstacles that seemed to come up from nowhere to block the pet scheme, and it appeared as if the slipway never would be built.

However, there is the establishment; and seven ships clustering hungrily around it, with cash dangling from each companionway. Cappy now is a gentleman of leisure, far from PM; but I am sure his heart would have warmed to this scene, as I photographed it on October 6, 1950.



MY planter friend, after three drinks, became confidential and lachrymose.

"Wife's left me," he said. "Don't know what I'm going to do with the place. Wasn't my fault. She listened to a pack o' lies, and wouldn't believe me, when I explained."

Here it was again, the tropical tale! I sighed gently, and poured him another drink.

"It's that bloody pub in Rabaul, with its paper walls," he went on, unexpectedly. "They thought I was in her room. I wasn't—I was only talking through the wall to her."

Having myself experienced something of the tarred-paper privacy of the hotel—lying abed in No. 12, I had been fascinated by the intimacies of Nos. 11 and 13—I now lent him an attentive ear. I commend his story as priceless.

When my planter friend had settled at the pub, he discovered that, in the next room, there was a vivacious blond lady from "up the coast." They were both amused, after "lights out," to find that, as they lay abed, they were separated by only an inch or two—actually, the thickness of tarred paper. They talked and laughed a good deal; but, as it was only tarred paper, their voices did not rise much above a murmur.

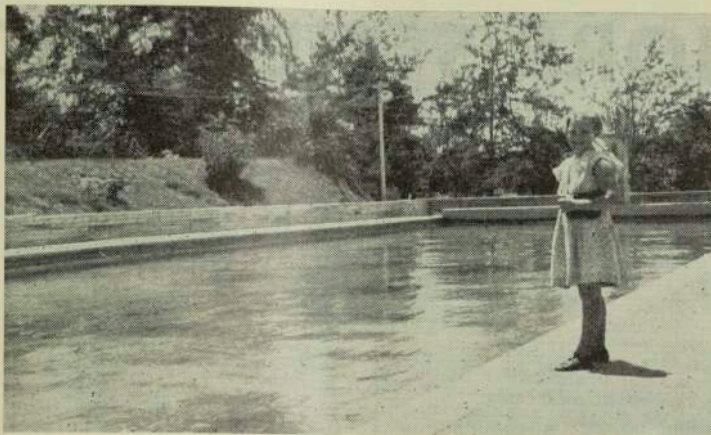
This occurred on two or three evenings, and an acridulated couple, roosting a few rooms away—and neighbours of the vivacious blond "up the coast"—heard the murmurs and recognised the voices and—

as is the way of such people—were stirred to frenzy. In due course, the horrid tale was circulated; and, of course, it was carried, in its precious tissue wrappings, to Mrs. Planter.

Mrs. Planter received the tarred-paper explanation as an insult to her intelligence rather than as an appeal to fair

reason; and she is now living with mother at Balgowlah, NSW.

HERE, in the one photograph, I got the two most attractive things I found in Rabaul—the prettily-situated new



swimming-pool, and Nancy, the pretty little blond grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ellis, of Bougainville, who were spending a few days in the Dusty Metropolis.

THE native market in Rabaul, most days, is very busy and crowded. This is a corner of it. It is not a happy place. One gets the impression that these haughty native producers of the Ward-Murray regime do not like anyone very much—and the Europeans and Chinese least of all.

Prices are startling—a shilling for a small bunch of bananas or a pineapple; 3d. or 4d. for a hen-egg.

Chinese drift through, and buy lavishly, and so do the wives and servants of some Europeans. But I noticed one class of modest European marketer who, while closely examining the stuff for sale, bought carefully and sparingly. These obviously were the wives and house-managers of the European officials. They,

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HOME FROM HOME ON FIJI'S GARDEN ISLAND

THE following information about a new rest house at Taveuni (the Garden of Fiji) was issued by the Fiji Public Relations Office recently:

"The Rest House, which is at Waiyevo, has two bedrooms, each containing two single beds. The rates charged for each visitor are 5/- a day, 30/- a week, or £5 a month. Services provided include those of the caretaker for the cooking of meals.

Visitors must provide their own food, firewood, ice, petrol and kerosene. All can, if required, be bought locally.

"The Rest House contains all the furniture normally required by visitors, and household linen, cutlery, crockery, towels, mosquito nets, kitchen utensils and petrol pressure lamps are provided."

By way of extra inducement they say, "Taveuni is one of the most fertile of the islands of Fiji. Coconut plantations stretch almost without a break along the northern, western and southern coasts."

Taveuni's rest house sounds like the

ideal way of taking an off-the-beaten-track holiday. Many of Australia's homeless thousands would rush it with their ears back—a two-bedroom furnished house (even if it is of native material) with the services of a cook thrown in would sound like heaven to them.

DROUGHT IN THE GILBERTS

TARAWA, November 1. **C**ONDITIONS here at present are very unpleasant. Nearly all the Gilbert Islands, except Butaritari and Makin, are suffering from a severe drought. In some places there has been practically no rain for over a year. All the tanks which depend upon rain water are empty, and many coconut trees are dead. The population in most places is using the brackish water from the Islands wells—and it is not very good. The Government also is embarrassed by lack of transport. The Nimanoa is lying in Tarawa with a broken tail shaft; the Margaret is on the reef at Nanumea, where she was lodged by accident when trying to enter the lagoon on September 15; and only the little Kia Kia is available for service.

Golden Wedding for Fiji Couple

MR. and Mrs. P. R. Whysall of Suva, Fiji, celebrated their Golden Wedding on November 14—they were married at Ba on that date in 1900.

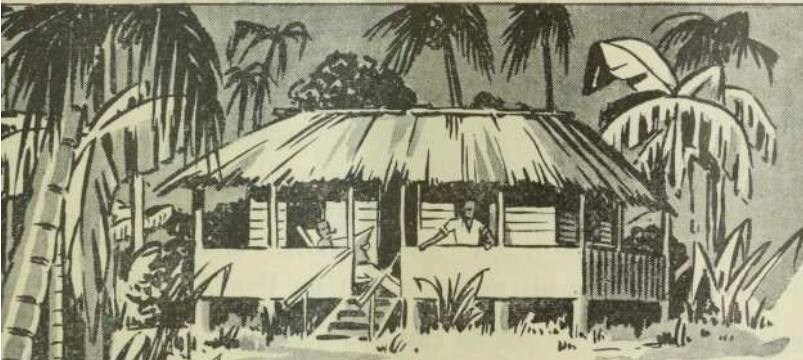
Five years before that, as a young man of 20, Mr. Whysall went to Fiji from NSW to the Levuka firm of J. C. Smith and Co. He traded in the Lau Group and Bua and was with various firms in the Ba district.

The couple have lived in Suva since 1914, where Mr. Whysall is now on the staff of A. Q. McGowan & Co.

WOMEN LEADERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC



This photograph was taken aboard the Matua, in Apia, when Queen Salote, of Tonga (centre), was on her way to New Zealand on holiday. On the left is Masiyofes Tamasese, and (right) Malietoatunu, wives of two of Western Samoa's High Chiefs. —Superflash photo.



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On October 14 the final cricket match for the Burns Philp Shield was played between the Vila Cricket Club and Fila (one of the five native teams competing). Fila won the match outright, winning the Shield by three points. Results after the conclusion of the two rounds are as follows:—Fila, 90; VCC, 87; Pangoa, 43; Erakor, 30; Mele A, 30; Mele B, nil.

On October 21 the final match for the President's Trophy (donated by Mr. S. G. Jones, managing director of Burns Philp (NH) Ltd.), was played between the Government and Commercial teams. Each team had previously won a match, a third being a draw. The final was won by the Commercial team on the first innings. The two teams are shown in this photograph—"G" indicating Government; "C" indicating Commercial.

BACK ROW: A. Collins (G), D. Freegard (G), P. Colley (G), S. G. Jones, President VCC (C), I. Lancon (G), B. Blackell (G).

MIDDLE ROW: T. Young (G), R. Warren (C), B. Lodwick (C), R. Michel (C), R. Rankin (G), J. Stegler (C), J. Holder (G), G. Husband (C), K. Matheson (C), R. Frouin (C).

FRONT ROW: O. Richards (G), G. Wislon (C), G. Chisholm (C), R. Stack (C), W. Reid (C), E. Lancon (C), G. Hendy-Pooley (G).

PAPEETE'S NEW DRY DOCK

These are the first two ships to use Papeete's new dry dock. Orohena is shown on the left, and the two-masted, 40-year-old schooner Moana, is on the right. The dock was opened by the Governor of French Oceania at the end of September.



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THE New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney have received the following donations towards their Christmas party for children:—

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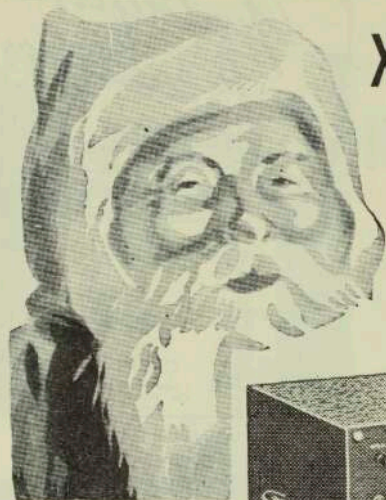
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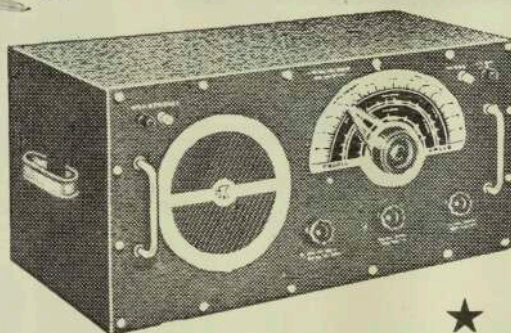
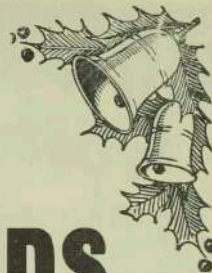
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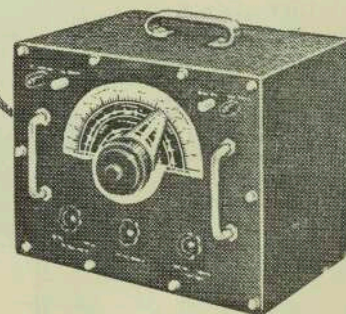
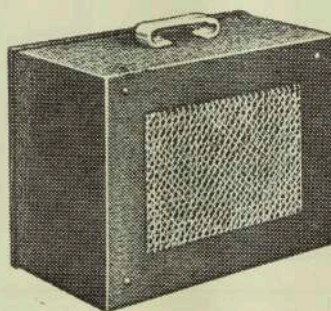


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Sir Alan Burns Was Amazed at NG Living Conditions

SIR ALAN BURNS, who was a member of the UN Trusteeship Council delegation which inspected the Pacific Trusteeship territories earlier this year, was interviewed by *New Commonwealth* (which incorporates *Crown Colonist*) on his return to London. Sir Alan, a former Governor of the Gold Coast, evidently did not think much of New Guinea. The following, published in October issue of *New Commonwealth*, tells why.

ASKED to describe unusual features in the systems of administration, Sir Alan, speaking from long experience in British Colonial territories, said he found nothing new or strange in the policies that were being pursued in the Trust Territories by the Administering Authorities. "It was in the methods by which the various Administering Authorities carried out the accepted policies that I found the greatest differences.

"In the American Trust Territory, for example, although a form of 'indirect rule' had been established this had resulted in no economy of staff or reduction in the costs of administration. On the contrary, remembering the chronic shortage of staff in most of the British Colonial territories in which I have served, the number of American officials (mostly naval officials) in the American islands appeared to me to be extravagant.

"While admiring what the US Government is doing, and the officers carrying out the work, I was left with the uncomfortable feeling that perhaps it is doing too much for the people, and is not insisting that the people themselves should go more towards their own development.

"New Guinea, under Australian trusteeship, is probably less developed than any other comparable territory in the world. Many of the tribes are extremely backward, and some are not yet under control.

"For its size, New Guinea is well provided with airfields, and air services along the coast and the interior of the territory are regular and frequent. The potential wealth of New Guinea must be considerable but it can never be developed without roads, which are practically nonexistent. A country can be opened up by air communications, as has indeed been proved in New Guinea, but it can never be effectively developed without road (or rail) transport, and I should be inclined to make road construction the first priority in New Guinea."

It was surprising to learn that the living conditions of Australian officials in New Guinea are very bad. Some improvement in their salary scales has recently been approved ("not a moment too soon for good men are to be retained in the service"), but Sir Alan thinks it will probably be a long time before they can be decently housed. "Making all allowances for the destruction caused by the war, an insufficient effort seems to have been made by Government to build proper quarters for its officers. I can imagine the consternation (if nothing worse) of an official from Nigeria or the Gold Coast when he was asked to inhabit one of the houses occupied by Australian officials in New Guinea. Having myself stayed in some of these houses, I speak from experience."

WESTERN SAMOA, under New Zealand trusteeship, he said, presents a different picture. The country has an

intelligent, friendly and hospitable people who, on the one hand, are asking for self-government (or, at any rate, for a greater control over their own affairs), and, on the other, are determined to maintain their traditional customs and an aristocratic form of local government which, as Sir Alan put it, "would strike

the believer in the sanctity of the ballot-box as the antithesis of democracy."

Much of the time that the leaders devote to long-drawn-out ceremonies and oratory could, he thought, "be more advantageously spent." But the people are happy—far happier than those in some more highly developed democracies.

Mrs. Rachael Carr, wife of the late Mr. Robert Carr, formerly a well-known planter of Ba, Fiji, has been ill recently in Sydney. She is staying with Mrs. C. G. H. Simpson, Crescent Street, Hunters Hill.

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MORE ARTIFACTS

Collection From The Baiyer River Valley, NG

THE strange artifacts shown in this photograph were all picked up in and near the Baiyer River Valley, in the Highlands of New Guinea, and col-

lected by Mr. W. MacGregor, who is the manager of the 24,000 acres experimental stock farm, which has been established in the Valley by the Administration.

The actual watershed of the great island of New Guinea appears to be just north of Mount Hagen, and lies at around 5,500 feet. Here, the streams either flow south into tributaries of the Wahgi, or north into tributaries of the Sepik. The Wahgi flows into the Purari, and the Purari finds its way through tremendous gorges southwards into Papua, and thence into the Gulf of Papua, on the south coast. The Sepik, of course, flows through a vast area northwards, and finally reaches the sea on the north coast.

The Baiyer starts as a tiny stream, a few miles north of Mount Hagen. Presently, it builds up into a small river, and flows through a magnificent valley, five or six miles wide and 30 miles long, discovered some years ago by Mr. George Greathead. This valley is one of those mysterious "no man's lands," which occur occasionally in the well-populated Highlands. For some reason, there is not a native living in it, although there are numerous villages in the foothills of the surrounding ranges.

The Administration, therefore, has been able to take possession of the whole valley, without argument. A large party, under Mr. MacGregor, has built an air-strip and a well-planned and comfortable residential station; and now the whole area is being organised as an experimental station, for cattle, sheep and pigs. Some areas are being put down in introduced grasses, but important tests

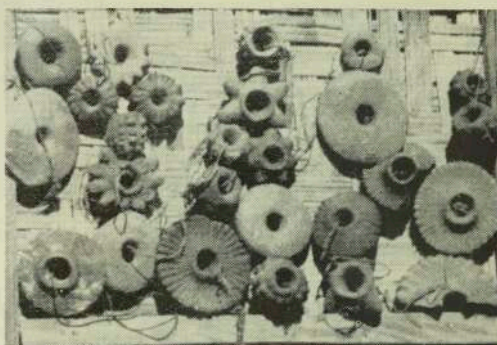
are also being made with the natural pasture, under special treatment.

When the PIM representative was there, in October, Mr. MacGregor was awaiting consignments of cattle and sheep which, it was hoped, would show the way for the establishment of a pastoral industry in this region.

Some of these artifacts—all made, with great labour, out of stone—were dug up by Mr. MacGregor's party, in the valley. None of these things is in any way connected with local uses—they all appear to belong to a vanished culture.

Mr. MacGregor had the collection ready-packed for despatch to the Brisbane Museum; but it was unpacked and set up on a board, for this photograph.

The things closely resemble artifacts which have been dug out of the ground in both New Guinea and Papua during the past 50 years—see articles and illustrations in PIM of February and September, 1950.



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Here are the 1950-51 estimates of expenditure, with the 1949-50 expenditure also shown:

	1949	1950
Dept. of Ex. Terr.—	£	£
Salaries	77,224	85,000
Gen. Exes.	11,228	12,000
Papua—Int. on Loans	4,479	4,580
NG—Int. on Loans	1,817	1,850
Grant to P-NG Ad'm'n	4,183,121	4,578,000
Printing P-NG Laws	1,250	6,000
Report on Ad'm'n	—	4,000
School of Pac. Ad'm'n	17,753	22,500
Shipping Services	85,146	60,000
Payments on behalf of former Ad'm'n	19,014	22,500
Restoration of plantations, lands & roads	31,242	35,000
Library service	1,000	1,000
Lighthouses & Beacons	1,855	11,000
Audit staff of 8, P-NG	6,407	7,148
Buildings and works for coastal and inter-island shipping	—	30,000
Purchase of new vessels	3,511	—
Lighthouse services, new vessel	23,663	10,000
Lighthouse services, buildings and works	1,125	3,000

That gives a total of £4,500,000 for Papua-New Guinea in 1949-50, which is increased to £4,900,000 in 1950-51.

It is impossible to assess the cost of Works and Housing in Papua-New Guinea. The total cost of administering the Department in 1949-50 was £1,058,035, and this year £706,000 is provided for administrative." Of this, Papua-New Guinea will cost £20,571 made up thus:

Director	£ 1,571
Assistant Director	1,230
Engineers, etc.	12,190
Clerks, etc.	3,773
Accountants	1,807

But there is nothing to show what Works and Housing are actually spending on works and housing in Papua-New Guinea. It is cleverly hidden away—but it must run far into seven figures.

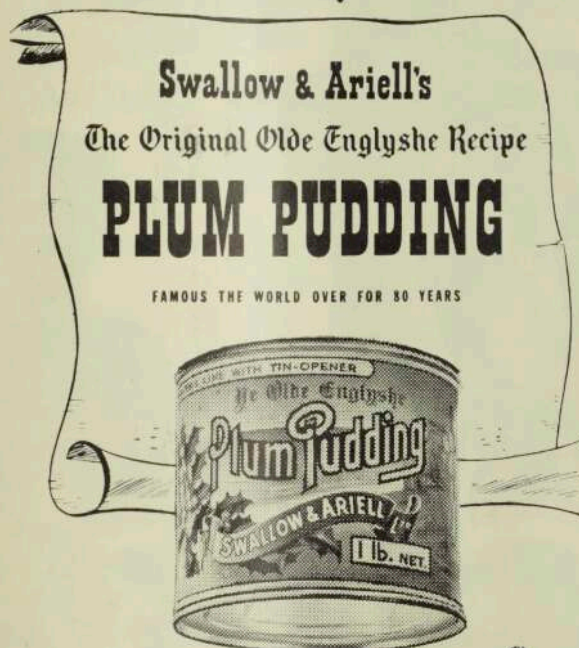
In 1949-50, Australia set aside £157,000 for "joint acquisition with NZ Government from Christmas Island Phosphate Co. (Indian Ocean) of assets and lease-

hold property." This sum was not used, and it appears again in the Australian 1950-51 Estimates.

Here are some interesting items from the 1949-50 records of expenditure:

New Guinea Timber—cost of the Royal Commission, 1949-50	£21,610
South Pacific Commission, 1949-50	45,387
(£53,500 in 1950-51)	
New Guinea civilian war pensions and education benefits	25,965
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Survey Of What Has Been Done In 1950

THE outstanding features of South Pacific Commission activity in 1950 were the progress made in the execution of the Work Programme and the holding of the First South Pacific Conference. 1950 was the Commission's first full year of operation. Half the previous year was taken up with formalities.

By the beginning of 1950 several projects were under way—for example, S/2 Visual Education, S/3 Mass Literacy, S/5 Social Anthropology, S/6 Linguistic Research, S/9 Community Development (the Moturiki pilot project conducted by the Fiji Government), H/1 Epidemiological Information (conducted by the South Pacific Health Service, Suva), H/4 liaison in Filariasis Research, E/1 Introduction of Economic Plants, E/2 Cash Crops (coconut, cocoa, rice), E/6 Development of Atolls.

During the year others were started, including S/1 Technical Training, S/7 Cooperatives, H/3 Tuberculosis, H/2 and H/5 Nutrition, E/3 Tropical Pastures, E/4 Grading of Agricultural Produce, E/7 Fisheries.

Investigations under several projects reached the stage of interim or final report, including S/1 Technical Training, S/2 Visual Aids, S/5 Social Anthropology, S/6 Linguistic Research, S/9 Community Development, H/3 Tuberculosis, H/2 and H/5 Nutrition and E/2 Cash Crops.

Projects E/11 and E/12 (concerned with support by the Commission for certain

research under other authorities) were regarded as completed.

By the Sixth Session (October-November, 1950) the Commission had received reports on Projects S/2, S/5, S/6 and S/9.

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These were still under consideration in December, and it was expected that action would be taken on them at the Seventh Session (April, 1951) when the Commission would consider whether the reports should be published, what further studies were indicated and whether recommendations to Governments should be made on the basis of these reports.

TECHNICAL TRAINING

THE report to the Commission on the important Project S/1 (Vocational Training) was completed in November by Mr. Derrick, of the Fiji Education Department, the expert entrusted with this project.

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A meeting of the Commission's experts, including educational members of the Research Council, is being planned to take place at Suva in the latter part of January, 1951, to discuss the Derrick Report and offer draft proposals to the Commission on means for improving technical and professional training in the South Pacific territories. This meeting will be attended

by the Executive Officers of the Commission, Mr. H. E. Maude (Social Development), Dr. E. Massal (Health) and Dr. H. G. MacMillan (Economic Development), and probably by the following directors of education: Mr. F. J. H. Gratton (Western Samoa), Mr. W. C. Groves (Papua-N. Guinea), Mr. H. Hayden (Fiji) and M. M. Grangle (New Caledonia).

Thus, by the Seventh Session (April, 1951) the Commission will have before it considered views and data on which its recommendations for measures by the Governments to improve and extend technical courses and schools may be based.

FILARIASIS CONFERENCE

IN connection with Project H/4, the Commission approved a recommendation of the South Pacific Conference for the holding of a conference of specialists in filariasis in Tahiti next year. Dr. Emile Massal, the Executive Officer for Health, visited Tahiti in November to make preliminary arrangements.

The conference will be attended by representatives of administrations and scientific institutions and by individual scientists interested in this field of research.

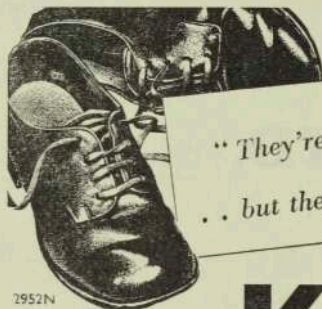
There are a number of specialists at present engaged on research into these diseases in American Samoa, Fiji, Tahiti and New Caledonia. In New Caledonia, the work is being carried out by Dr. J. Kerrest, Research Assistant to Dr. Massal.

TB RESEARCH

THE Commission's Tuberculosis Research Team (Project H/3) is also in Tahiti at the present time, pursuing the investigations which have taken them already this year to Papua and New Guinea, New Caledonia, Fiji and Western Samoa.

Their journey from Apia to Tahiti was made by schooner, Dr. Massal also having joined the ship at Suva. They hope to return to Noumea about the end of January to complete their reports.

A similar team will continue the work in other territories, and the whole enquiry into techniques for individual diag-



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diagnosis of tuberculosis should be completed by June, 1951.

The research team will then undertake a study of epidemiological techniques and this phase of the work is expected to occupy a further eighteen months.

NUTRITION

PROJECTS H/2 and H/5: Miss Sheila Malcolm has now completed her nutrition work in New Guinea and is due to return to Australia shortly. Her visit to the Trobriands was delayed by the outbreak of poliomyelitis there and during the quarantine of the islands she carried out investigations in villages near Rabaul.

After consultation with Dr. E. H. Hipsley, Director of the Institute of Anatomy at Canberra and with Dr. Massal in Noumea, Miss Malcolm will probably go next to the Solomons and the New Hebrides.

DEVELOPMENT OF ATOLLS

THE Commission is about to commence an enquiry under its own auspices into the economic development of coral atolls (Project E/6). The investigations are to be carried out in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands by Dr. R. L. Catala, of L'Institut Francais d'Océanie.

Dr. and Mrs. Catala will leave Noumea by air for Suva on December 6 and, after final preparations there, will go on to Tarawa later in the month on board the *fareau*.

Dr. Catala's task will be to study the physical environment in the islands with a view to discovering ways of increasing the quantity and variety of subsistence and commercial crops, and of improving domestic animals and fisheries.

EXTENSIONS OF WORK PROGRAMME

THE Research Council at its Second Meeting in Sydney in August recommended, and the Commission at its Sixth Session at Noumea in October for the most part approved, modifications of the programme of projects in the light of a year's experience. The more important extensions of work, to be carried out begun in 1951, were as follows:—

Health: In addition to continued work on tuberculosis, nutrition and filariasis: projects in ophthalmology, leprosy, malaria and venereal diseases.

Economic Development: In addition to the continuation of work on plant introduction, pastures, grading of agricultural produce and agricultural credits: considerably extended provision for work on the development of the resources of coral atolls (E/6), improvement of subsistence crops (E/8), and the study of measures to control pests and diseases of plants and animals (E/9).

A conference of Governmental experts on plant and animal quarantine in the region, to be held early in 1951, is being arranged. A three year programme of work on fisheries (E/7) was also approved, subject to funds being found.

Social Development: In addition to continued work on visual education, mass literacy, linguistics, and co-operatives: the establishment of a South Pacific Literature Bureau at Sydney (S/11), further community development projects (S/9), an experimental community centre in an urbanised community in the area (probably Rarotonga) (S/12), and further anthropological work (S/5).

SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE

THE holding of the First South Pacific Conference at Suva in April-May completed a full cycle of meetings of the Commission and its auxiliary bodies. The Conference was reported in the May and June issues of the Pacific Islands Monthly.

Many of the 42 resolutions were referred by the Commission to the Research Council and its advice was considered by the Commission at the Sixth Session (October). Some of the suggestions of the Conference were incorporated by the Research Council in new projects or extensions of current projects. Investigations arising out of others are being made by the Secretary-General and the Executive Officers by direction of the Commission.

The Second Conference will be held in 1953, in order to permit further development of the work programme and adequate preparations for the conference in the meantime.

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GENERAL

FOUR major meetings were held during the year: the Fifth and Sixth Sessions of the Commission at Suva and Noumea respectively, the First South Pacific Conference at Suva, and the Second Meeting of the Research Council at Sydney. In addition, one meeting of the Working Committee was held at Sydney.

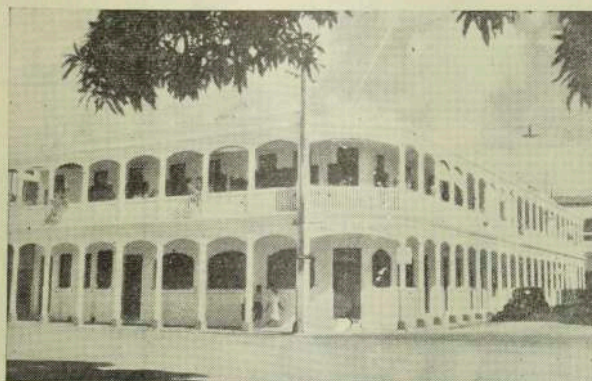
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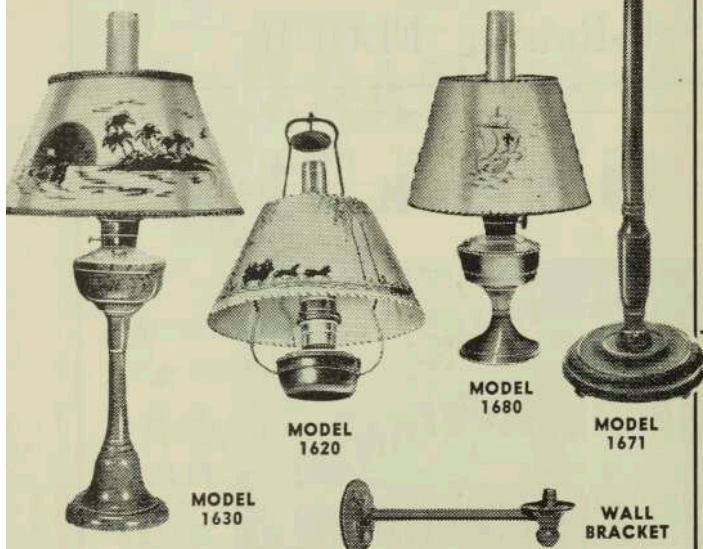


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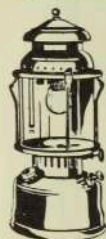
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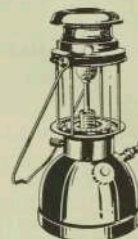


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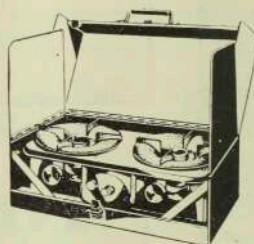
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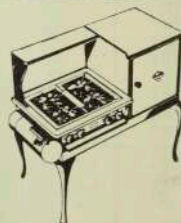
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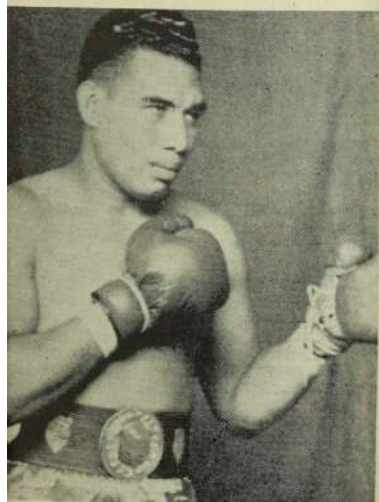
The buildings and equipment of the headquarters at Anse Vata (the "Pentagon" building) were virtually completed by the beginning of December. Six permanent houses on Mt. Coffyn, under construction by the French authorities for the housing of Commission staff, are expected to be ready early in the new year.

Brigadier F. L. Hunt retired from the service of the South Pacific Commission on November 18 at the conclusion of his 8 months' appointment as Deputy Secretary-General. Mr. J. Ryan, of the Commission staff, has been appointed Acting Deputy Secretary-General. A graduate in law of Sydney University, he has been a member of the Secretariat since its provisional inauguration at Mosman in May, 1948, and was formerly on the staff of SCOF in Japan.

During the year informal contacts were maintained with the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations, notably WHO, UNESCO and FAO (including the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council) and with a large number of institutions such as the Pacific Science Association, the Australian National University, various Missionary Societies, L'Institut Français d'Océanie, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, the New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the Institut Pasteur at Saigon, the Department of Overseas Scientific Research of the Ministry of Overseas France, the Laboratory of Tropical Diseases Bethesda Md. USA, the Bishop Museum Honolulu and the Department of Anthropology (University of Sydney).

The Executive Officers made visits to several of the territories—Dr. MacMillan (Economic Development) to Fiji, Dr. Masal (Health) to New Guinea, Samoa, Tahiti and Fiji, Mr. H. E. Maude (Social Development) to Fiji and the Secretary-General (Mr. W. D. Forsyth) visited Suva, Lautoka, Vatuokoula (Fiji), Nukualofa (Tonga), Apia (Western Samoa), Pago Pago (American Samoa), Aitutaki and Rarotonga (Cook Islands).

W. SAMOA CHAMPION



Suivai Paena, the new heavy-weight champion of Western Samoa. On November 7 he knocked out the former champion Motu (see article page 64, this issue).

Captain G. J. Webster, Marine Superintendent for the Western Pacific High Commission, has left Fiji for Tulagi, in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, where the Marine Superintendent's headquarters are in future to be.

The Rev. W. H. D. Hartley, Anglican Vicar of Levuka, Fiji, was hit by a car outside Levuka Hospital recently. He suffered some injuries to the head, and was admitted to hospital, where latest reports say he is making satisfactory progress.

Mr. W. F. Hargreaves, who has been manager of the Suva branch of the Bank of New South Wales for the past five years, has left for New Zealand on transfer.

Sir Henry Scott and Dr. C. J. Austin have returned to Suva from New Zealand, where they have been attending a meeting of the Lepers' Trust Board at Christchurch. This organisation cares for all the lepers of Fiji and most of Polynesia. At the meeting Dr. Austin showed films of the Fiji Leprosy Hospital, Makogai, and described the work being done there with the new drug.

Mr. W. M. Folkard, who has spent over 30 years in the South Pacific, and who has in recent years been acting as Controller of Imports and Foreign Exchange in Fiji, has gone to New Zealand on leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rose and their two children, of Bulolo, N.G., are holidaying at Southport, Queensland.

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NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE

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amid this orgy of loose money and high spending, have to conform to a fixed income that is always one long hop behind the cost-of-living figure. I thought they generally looked tired and harassed; but, of course, I cheered myself up with the spectacle of all those prosperous native co-operatives, concerning whom such glowing reports go out to the Trusteeship Council.

My mind somehow kept returning to memories of the old, pre-war native market, to which one carried a bunch of trade tobacco and, for the equivalent of a few pence, bought excellent fruit and vegetables from smiling natives who seemed glad to see one. The more I see of the Ward-Evatt-Murray plan for "freeing the natives from exploitation," the less I like it.

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Wau—Around this Airfield, and to the South and East, in the Wau Valley Australian soldiers fought a desperate defensive battle against a Japanese Force which advanced from Salamaua through Wandumi.

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selves in contact with numerous Japanese patrols, who had appeared suddenly and mysteriously. Only later was it learned that some thousands of Japs had gone through on the old Wandumi track, between the Black Cat and the Crysta Creek tracks, which had been cut by the Germans, and long since forgotten and overgrown.

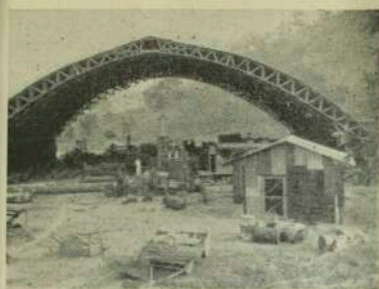
Sherlock sacrificed his men—and his own life—in a successful effort to hold the Japs long enough to allow the Kangas to organise their defences in the Bulolo Valley, in front of Wau. On the 29th American transport planes brought Australian troops from Moresby in onto the airfield, and they reinforced our bending line.

But the Japs were thrusting strong across the valley on the morning of January 30, and our position was very critical, when big planes from Papua began to unload Australian artillery with 25-pounders. They went straight into action, at the edge of the airfield, and in a few hours the Japs were smashed and retreating—one of the most dramatic incidents of the Pacific War.

Now, the only sign of it is this plaque, and the wrecks of a few planes peeping out of the kunai, here and there. ADO Seale, in charge of this district, is trying to induce someone to replace the hoarding with a worth-while and permanent memorial.

THIS impressive structure, in the Lalo Valley near the airstrip, north-east of Moresby, is all that remains now to remind the casual traveller that, only a few short years ago, the better part of 200,000 troops were spread all across the arid region, getting ready to deal with the Jap menace on the other side of the Owen Stanley ranges.

This wartime shelter-shed now houses Mr. Tom Flower's main sawmill. It brings the logs in, in big lorries, some 10 or 12 miles, from rapidly dwindling lease and the saws are kept busy. There are stacks of timber at the mill. Moresby is so great that the green timber literally is sold before it is off the saw-bench, and



livered before it is dry, and nailed into position before it gets a chance to curl.

THE three pictures (p. 87) give some idea of what is happening to the goldmining industry of the Bulolo Valley. Both Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., and New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., have put in large log-hauling and sawmilling installations, with the idea that the increasing business of producing pine and cedar timber shall compensate them for the dwindling production from their gold leases, now being worked out.

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The second picture shows some of the sawn timber, at one of the mills, ready for use in pre-fabricated houses, now being supplied to various towns in New Guinea.

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Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, Secretary of Fijian Affairs, stopped briefly in Honolulu in September, en route to Lake Success where he was advisor to the UK delegation. In Honolulu, he was described in a University publication as "Secretary of State for the Colonies in the Fijian Government."

Miss Lily Mansell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mansell of Suva, Fiji, who has been in the employ of the British Embassy in Washington, DC, USA, for the past 15 months has returned to her home for a few months holiday, before returning to Honolulu where she is to marry Ens. Arthur S. Schlofman Jr. USN.

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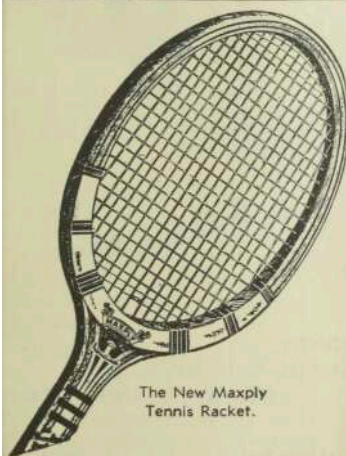
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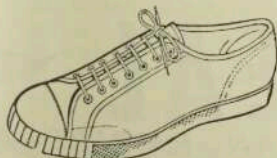
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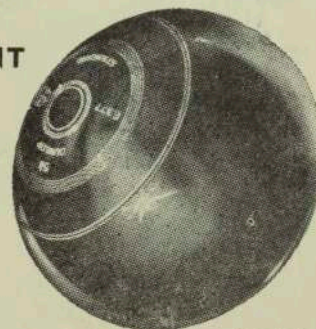


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NEW GUINEA'S ENRICHED CHINESE Another Problem for Australian Administration

CHINA, attacking treacherously and shouting arrogantly, has hurled huge forces into Korea and overwhelmed our armies. In fact if not yet in law, we are at war with Communist China, satellite of Moscow.

Chinese Reds have been attacking us through Malaya for a couple of years. They are thrusting into Tibet and Indo-China. While our ultimate danger is Russia, the immediate threat to our security comes from these countless millions of Chinese.

The time has come to examine, rather sharply, the position of Chinese communities in British countries—in Malaya, Borneo, New Guinea and Solomons.

What, for example, is Australia going to do with the Chinese community in New Guinea? Are they to be regarded as loyal Britishers, or potential enemies?

The editor of the PIM spent some time in Rabaul in October, and examined the Chinese question there as closely as he could. His comments follow.

IF, in Rabaul, you see a huge, sleek, shiny American car rolling through the dust of the pot-holed roads of New Guinea's eastern metropolis, the chances are about 6 to 1 that it is owned by a Chinese. Class for class, the Chinese

today are easily the richest people in New Guinea. Four things have combined to make them rich:

- After the war, the survivors of the New Guinea Chinese community were compensated at least as liberally as the Europeans for war damage. They got huge sums from the War Damage Compensation Fund.

- Very large sums (taken directly out of Australian taxpayers' pockets) were distributed among the natives by the Ward-Murray regime as "war damage compensation." Most of the natives did not know what to do with the cash, and it trickled off through the trade stores, to accumulate in Chinatown, Rabaul.

- New Guinea is getting a high price for copra, a substantial price for gold, and is enjoying the expenditure of five or six millions per annum of Administration and oil search money. Today, New Guinea is rolling in money—and naturally a great deal is finding its way to the Chinese traders.

- When the Reds over-ran China, hundreds of millions of pounds of non-Communist money sought refuge outside of China. New Guinea, being only nominally British (because it is legally a Trusteeship Territory) looked good to the harassed "capitalists"; so the Rabaul Chinese became caretakers of huge sums—no one knows how much.

In most places where they have settled,

the Chinese are the artisans, as well as the traders of the community. That used to be the case in Rabaul. It is not so today. Today, in Rabaul, the Chinese are so rich that they are not inclined to demean themselves much with hard work. The older Chinese are industrious in their shops; but, generally, the younger

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There is nothing novel about air transport in New Guinea which was, in fact, among the pioneering countries in this regard. Interest attaches, however, to the introduction of air-transport in neighbouring Indonesia.

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brigade are as idle and as ornamental as butterflies.

AS Communists are unpleasant, thieving people, who do not recognise the law of meum and teum, and as most of the Rabaul Chinese seem to be definitely capitalists, it would appear to be silly to look for Reds in Rabaul. Further, Chinese are by character in-

dividualistic and opportunist. It should profit them greatly to be non-Communist in New Guinea.

I saw no single sign of Red or subversive activities in or around Rabaul's Chinatown. But the door between New Guinea and China is very wide open, and the path well travelled; and I should be surprised to learn that there

are no Red gentlemen of the Fifth Column in Rabaul. Rabaul's care-free company of young and very ornamental Chinese should be watched, now that we are at war with China.

There were 1,400 Chinese there when we took over from Germany in 1914. They had increased to 2,000 when the Japs invaded in 1942. About 1,700 Chinese and 200 part-Chinese, were re-established after the war. Today, there are probably 2,000, mostly in Rabaul, with communities in Kavieng, Lae and Madang. There are none in Papua.

Before the war, Rabaul's Chinatown was made up mostly of modest traders and artisans—good, quiet citizens who minded their own business. Today, as far as one can see, they are still good, quiet citizens—but there is a big difference. Today, most definitely, they are rich, and they are reaching out eagerly after property and power, as is the way of the rich people the world over.

They are buying and leasing plantations, wherever they can find them. I have no complete list, but here are some items from my note-book. Wong You, of Rabaul and Buka, has leased Mabiro plantation from the Catholic Mission and Madehas Island plantation from Mr W. Knox. August Chan has bought one of Rondahl's plantations on the New Ireland coast. Akun is renting one of Bertie Heron's places near Rabaul. Mary Chee has bought part of Wairiki plantation, near Kokopo; Chinese have bought some of Miles Thompson's land, for use as building blocks. Samo Plantation, in New Ireland, was bought by the Chinese some time ago at a high figure.

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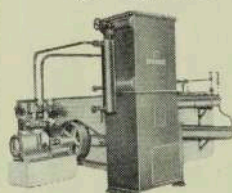
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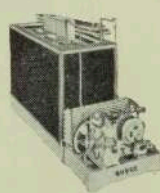
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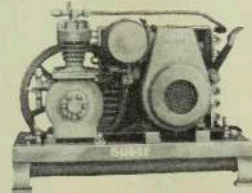
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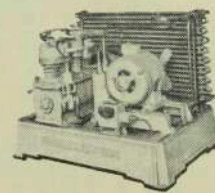
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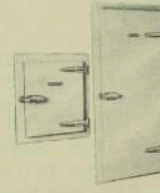
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TAHITI officialdom has been trying to discourage the beachcomber type of tourist. French Oceania attracts all sorts of people from all over the world—and a larger proportion than most of "ratbags" and plain loafers, who take advantage of the hospitable natives.

Nowadays, few people can get into Tahiti unless they put up "caution" money—that is, prove that they have sufficient means to maintain themselves while there, and pay their fares home again.

Mr. L. G. Blackman described this situation in a Honolulu newspaper. Judging by the following article, published in the Hawaii Yacht Club Bulletin, of April last, he annoyed the Hawaii yachtsmen.

ON March 20, 1950, in the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin," there appeared an article by L. G. Blackman, of Tahiti, describing what the Tahiti Government terms as "undesirable" yachtsmen who visit Tahiti. The article is too lengthy to reprint here, but a copy is kept in our files for anyone to read.

It appears that Tahiti objects to being visited by "small yachts" operated by inexperienced navigators with a crew who "work their way" to get to the glorious South Sea Islands. They arrive "without funds" and live among the native inhabitants and make a nuisance of themselves to the authorities. They smuggle typewriters, cameras, firearms, etc., and peddle them off ashore so that they can make out a hole-and-corner existence until they ship out on another tramp yacht.

Mention is also made of the recent arrival of a young woman, who was a crew member of a small yacht. She was unable to pay "caution" money required by the government of all new comers. She signed on as stewardess aboard an outgoing steamer. Legitimate visitors are welcomed by the authorities who abide by port regulations and pass over the "caution money" required.

We resent the remark made about our own Kathy Peterson, who was the "woman crew member" of a small yacht, operated by Harry Lattchen, an "experienced navigator." Kathy well represents the best ideals of American womanhood, and he made the trip purely as a tourist who wanted to see the "Isles of Enchantment." He left the yacht upon arrival in Tahiti and signed on as stewardess on a Panamanian vessel because of an undesirable situation aboard the yacht.

What makes people visit Tahiti? Does anyone have anything more beautiful than our own Hawaii scenery? No, the attraction

definitely is the primitive mode of life there. It is expensive for a yacht to make this trip just to see this extravaganza of life, and when they get there the government has other ideas for their reception.

In Hawaii we extend our arms to visitors, in genuine welcome. In Tahiti,

they also extend their arms, palms up, for the "caution" money, with a determined look on their faces, and if you do not abide by port "regulations," out you go.

Yes, you simply "deposit" \$200.00 upon arrival there, behave yourself, patronise their shops well, don't go near the natives, and you become a desirable tourist there.

Note: From the "Hawaii Yacht Club Bulletin," of April 17, 1950, Vol. X, No. 4.

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From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Nov. 30

IN Port Moresby there is a gentleman who goes by the name of Gunga Din. He drives a Works and Housing jeep, and part of his present mission in life is to conserve the town's inadequate water supply by shutting off the flow each evening.

Regularly at dusk, as he makes his rounds, shutting off the watercocks along the main pipeline, the rattle of his approaching jeep sends many a householder diving for the kitchen to fill buckets and jars. And, come the dawn, early risers must wend their way to the shower with a sparse bucket of water for the morning's ablutions.

Somewhere amid the mass of plans and specifications at the Works and Housing offices in Port Moresby is a master scheme for solving the town's water problem. In maybe one year, two years, three years — your guess is a good as mine — that plan will materialise but judging by past performances, conjecture is the main ingredient of officialdom's forecast.

Criticism, of course, comes easily enough to residents who carry none of the responsibility for such matters. But, the attendant dangers of unwashed houseboys in unavoidable close contact with breakfast foodstuffs and utensils, and unscheduled daytime failure of the water supply tend to a somewhat biased viewpoint.

Mother Nature, with her seasonal rains, may push the problem into the background for a few months. Let us hope that this relief will not mean that the future water supply plans also go into the background at Works and Housing headquarters.

A RECENT crop of week-end traffic accidents in Port Moresby again emphasises the need for the long-overdue traffic ordinance. Until this legal machinery comes into being the police are powerless, in Port Moresby, to deal effectively with cases of drunken driving. "Driving under the influence" is a major offence in most countries and stiff penalties are a sharp check on the practice.

Here, the slowness at which the urgently needed legislation is going through the red-tape channels at Canberra is hamstringing all efforts to get sanity and safety into traffic conditions in the town.

Only the traditional luck of the nebriate has saved a good round number of recent week-end drivers from a final rip to the cemetery.

THE recent Territory tour of Miss Muriel Jackson, Queensland Commissioner for Girl Guides training, and the Territory Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. A. V. G. Price, augurs well for the establishment of a sound Girl Guide organisation in Papua and New Guinea.

As with the Scout movement, it will provide a healthy and instructive outlet for the energies of adolescent natives growing up under difficult circumstances.

With the disintegration of native community life and still lacking full adjustment to European ways, these youngsters are badly in need of leadership. In the Scout and Guide movement — as with European youth — they can learn citizenship and sense of social responsibility in an environment which makes learning attractive and thoroughly enjoyable.

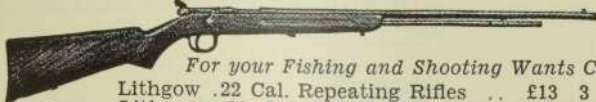
One of the heartening sights in Port Moresby is the occasional truckload of well-turned-out native Scouts setting off on their week-end camping trips. Under European leadership the otherwise aimlessness of their leisure is being turned to valuable account, both at the week-ends and in the evenings during the week.

Any European who takes a hand in this work is doing a service to children themselves, and to Australia. Neither the bad old ways nor the present official craze of give-all and expect-nothing from the natives, can help adjust them to 20th century conditions and responsibility. But the Scout and Guide system of inculcating

self-respect, loyalty, and pride in service and achievement, is one of the roads which can lead to a happy partnership of European and native peoples in Papua and New Guinea.

ADMINISTRATION financial methods appear to be in need of overhaul. Although government accounts are never in danger of becoming bad debts, delays in putting through payments are creating a bad aroma, and have put some individuals and firms in financial

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strait-jackets. In some cases these payments have amounted to only a few pounds; others have been large enough to seriously embarrass small firms, while one recent account, running into thousands, set an important concern back a tidy sum in lost bank interest.

As a collector of funds the government has a formidable list of penalties for citizens operating on a delayed action routine. Obviously, there are problems in government accounting worked on a

remote control system from Canberra, but living on a cash basis is as good a motto for governments as for individuals.

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A SOLDIER Settlement Committee has been appointed in Port Moresby to draw up proposals for land settlement of returned servicemen in Papua and New Guinea. The Committee comprises RSL members and representatives of various Administrative Departments.

Details of a pilot scheme for soldier settlement in the Sangara area are being considered, with possibly cocoa as the main crop, and tobacco and peanuts as cash crops.

In theory this project is good and is certainly worth trying. But if it succeeds in getting good agricultural land out of the Lands Department it will warrant the striking of a special medal for the committee members.

At the moment the only applicant sure of getting the land he wants is the chap asking for the standard six feet in a cemetery.

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WHEN all the wheels have stopped spinning Territory residents hope that Canberra will loosen up on further information regarding the recent visit here of Mr. C. I. Viccars.

Representing a British firm of consulting engineers, Mr. Viccars made an aerial survey of potential sources of cheap hydro-electric power in the Territory. This, plus the fact that he is a technical advisor to the New Guinea Resources Prospecting Company, was the limit of the publicity given his visit. It would also be interesting to hear more about this Company and the results of Mr. Viccars' survey.

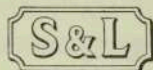
Cheap hydro-electric power and extensive mechanisation of new industries seem to be the answer to the labour problem in any large-scale development of the Territory.

It cannot be done with native labour working on the present system.

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DURING the next few weeks plans will be made for Jubilee celebrations in Papua and New Guinea in line with the Commonwealth programme.

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broad shoulders of Mr. Claude Champion, Assistant Government Secretary, who has been appointed Territory Director.

His henchmen, on this assignment, will be the District Officers who have the job of rounding up public-minded local residents for district committees.

One thing about Mr. Champion's job is that he can never complain of monotony. In the past eighteen months he has safely shepherded a Governor-General round the Territory, then an External Territories Minister, plus assorted minor celebrities with diverse objectives. With all this experience a little matter of a Jubilee should be comparatively simple.

EARNEST champions of primitive races should note that Port Moresby natives have now achieved equality in the matter of taxi privileges. Two special taxis catering exclusively for native clients are now busy bowling our brown brethren about their business in modern style.

This latest addition to Port Moresby's business enterprises seems to be sufficient answer to the over-publicised claim that all natives are underpaid. When any European reaches the stage of whistling for a taxi instead of hopping a bus or padding it out on shoe leather, it can be assumed that he is not on the breadline.

Of course, under the existing system of native wages plus accommodation, plus rations, plus free medical and hospital services, and plus a few other odds and ends, wages in the native community are what the economists call "real wages," and the take-home pay appears, for some at least, to be sufficient for them to be taken home in taxis.

Naturally there are still plenty of indigenous citizens of Port Moresby not yet used to the rigours of taxi-travel, but the fact that the natives asked for and got their own taxi services, is a clue to the general trend in native wages.

NEW FILM OF MAKOGAI

A RECENT visit was made to Makogai by Mr. Len Noerr and Mr. Charles Stinson, to make a colour photographic record of life on the famous leper island.

Mr. Noerr, recently retired from the management of the Suva Regal Theatre, hopes to travel extensively in New Zealand and Australia and intends to use the film to arouse interest in and raise funds for the leprosarium.

The cost of the film is being borne by Mr. Noerr—who has evinced an unflagging interest in the welfare of all at Makogai—and Mr. Charles Stinson gave his time and knowledge to the production.

Messrs. Noerr and Stinson were accorded a warm welcome by Dr. and Mrs. Austin and the good Sisters of Makogai.

Engineers for Fiji's Development Plan

From Our Own Correspondent

THREE engineers, Mr. E. E. Fenby, Mr. R. F. Widdourne and Mr. P. C. Kilmister have been engaged in the United Kingdom for work in projects in Fiji's Development Plan.

They are expected to arrive in Fiji early in 1951.

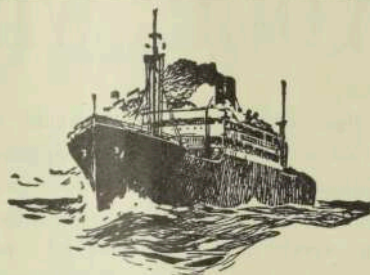
Fiji Public Works chief has been trying to recruit technical personnel in Australia and New Zealand also.

An inquiry has been opened in New Caledonia into the deeds of a tribal medicine man named Manager Ouakoupa, of Neaoua, Houailou, who has for some time been under suspicion of practising sorcery. Several natives of all ages have gone to him for treatment and in some cases they have subsequently died.

Arthur Jamieson, one of two brothers from Brisbane who have been engaged in large-scale building operations in New Caledonia, was fined heavily and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, in Noumea, because he ran over and killed a Javanese who was riding a bicycle. His

sentence was severe because he drove away without stopping, and later denied any knowledge of the accident. Another brother, before this, made the Noumea headlines when a case belonging to him, containing a very large sum in US dollars, was found shortly before the departure of a plane, for Australia, on Tontouta airfield. The police investigated, but no further action was taken.

The Rev. and Mrs. David Hoey, of the Melanesian Mission, BSI, will leave the Protectorate in November and live in New Zealand. Mrs. Hoey has been ordered to a cooler climate.



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HUNGRY NATIVES IN FIJI The Cost of Hospitality

Letter to the Editor

IT will come as a surprise to many who imagine that the Fijian natives in the copra districts, as a result of the price of copra, are rolling in wealth and living in the lap of luxury, that this is far from the case. Here is a true picture of conditions in the copra district of Yasawa, North-Western Fiji.

Following on three hurricanes early this year there came an exceptionally dry season and what the hurricanes did not destroy the dry season killed off. The drought destroyed food crops and made it impossible to plant new crops for many months. For the last few months the natives have been living on imported food and Fiji-grown rice.

During the best copra months, they have got by but with the reduced copra output of the latter months, their plight can only be termed piteous.

Some months back, assistance was sought from the local representative of the Native Affairs Department, and although it was agreed to at the time, nothing has yet been done and nothing will be done, although the money to be used for the relief was from a fund built up by deductions from the natives' own copra money.

With the lack of means to purchase imported food, the natives now are subsisting almost entirely on wild yams, which are a very precarious source of food supply, at the best.

To further their distress, the official copra restrictions are making it very difficult to sell the little copra that is available.

Only those who have had any association with native affairs in Fiji at the present time can know what a farce the District Councils represent. With the increased power of the district headmen, these Councils are called with monotonous frequency, with their oceans of words and subsequent lack of results. Unfortunately, these farces are just another menace to the food problem. Wherever, through the efforts of the villagers, a little food is beginning to grow, the district headman directs the Council to be held there, and there are empty stomachs for the villagers.

The Governor paid a visit to the Yasawa Group on his way to Rotuma. Little did he know what it cost the natives to prepare a reception—but then again it is not his job to know. From the District Commissioner to the District Nurse, all expect to be treated right royally in the villages, and few know, or care what sacrifices are made at the present period to keep up the tradition.

With TB in every village, one wonders just how much malnutrition will accelerate the extermination of this race.

I am, etc.,

VOICE IN WILDERNESS.

Lautoka, 14/10/50.

Mr. A. W. Small a well-known member of the public service of Fiji—he was stationed last in Vanua Levu—retired a few months ago, and is now a resident of St. Heliers Bay, one of the most charming of Auckland's waterside suburbs.

Mr. Bob Young, one of the most useful executive officials of the Medical Department of New Guinea, arrived in Sydney in November on long leave. He and his wife are residing, at present, at Windsor, NSW.

MANUS, N. GUINEA CALLED A CHAOTIC JUNK HEAP

OF all the New Guinea departments which attract criticism, none collects more than this curious monstrosity called Works and Housing.

It was brought into the Territory to carry out public works—one of Administrator Murray's bright ideas, presumably—and now it seems to do what it likes. It has a European personnel of over 1,000 in the Territories; it more or less influences a number of other departments; and it acknowledges no authority except its own Minister (Mr. Lemon) in Canberra.

The story of its activities in Manus is typical of what is said about it in other places.

On October 20, in Rabaul, PIM's editor was told by an official that W & H, at that date, had 268 European personnel in Manus, including women. No one could say what most of them were doing. At that date, there were 54 men waiting at Lorengau, literally doing nothing. No one knew why they were there. At Lombrum, there were about 100 men, supposed to be constructing a naval base; but only the Jap. prisoners under their control were working. It took them eight months to build a bridge between Lombrum and Lorengau; and two months later they put up a notice to say the bridge was not safe.

Two days later, the following statement was made to us by a Manus resident, JSM:

DURING the two years W & H has been operating on Manus, many heads have fallen. But it would appear that a few useless ones still remain.

One was astounded to read in a recent publication that advertisements are still appearing for tradesmen for Manus. There have been more capable tradesmen on this island than any other part of the Territory. But these men have left in disgust because of the innumerable pin-pricks and the bungling methods of the men in charge of jobs.

At present there are qualified tradesmen occupied in extracting nails from timber—a job quite within the powers of any un-trained native. The natives, too, are leaving—they also are "fed-up" with the erratic changes of policy, bosses and jobs.

The fact that Pidgin is unknown to most personnel of W & H is a serious handicap in their handling of natives.

At one stage, W & H had two excellent native Supervisors—thoroughly experienced men—but since their hasty departure, their successors, men who have been only here a short time, are just not in the race. RAN have an excellent system whereby personnel in charge of natives attend a school of Native Administration. W & H would be showing sense if they adopted a similar policy.

There is pressing need here for qualified men possessing drive, initiative and the qualities of leadership—men who will fill the place of its present atmosphere of pettiness and backbiting, which is not conducive to good workmanship or good fellowship. One can only regret that the smooth running, well-equipped Manus of the American Occupation has reverted into the chaotic junk-heap it is today.

Mr. Arthur ("Scotty") Marett, who came down to Sydney from Samarai, Eastern Papua, early in October to seek medical attention, is at present a patient in Ward 14 at the Randwick Military Hospital, Sydney. Prior to doing recruiting work for Steamships Trading Company for six months on the Eastern Coast of Papua, he was for some years in charge of STC plantations in the Conflict Group, about 70 miles eastwards from Samarai.

Island Schooner on Fire in Auckland

From Our Own Correspondent

ABOUT a week after she had returned from a 6,000 mile trading trip to Fiji, Pitcairn, Tahiti and other Pacific Islands, the New Zealand schooner Huia caught fire in Auckland harbour on November 13.

She had a full cargo, including six motor cars, 60 tons of copra and mail,

but this apparently was not damaged. Passenger accommodation was gutted and it is expected that repairs to the vessel will keep her in Auckland for several months. It was expected that she would make several Tasman crossings until the Island hurricane season is over and she could return to Pacific trading.

Miss Nell Fagan, of the Melanesian Mission, has taken charge of the Girls' School at Torgil, New Hebrides, pending the arrival of two new teachers.

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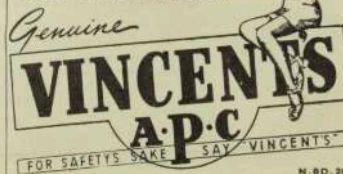
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Mr. E. J. Hallstrom, who went to New Guinea in mid-November, on an expedition into the interior, unexpectedly arrived back at Mascot a few days later. He said, "I had to go to bed because of severe chest trouble almost as soon as I arrived at Nondugl. There was a doctor and a hospital nearby, and they had all the modern drugs which could have cleared up my trouble. But they didn't have a hypodermic needle to give me the drug, so I had no alternative but to return to Sydney."

G. & E. SHIP ON REEF

GILBERT & Ellice Islands government's motor-vessel, "Margaret," on the reef at Nanumea, where she went ashore on September 15. Inspecting her are Captain Graham Miller, of the Seventh Day Adventist ship, "Fetau'ao," and Pastor J. T. Howse (formerly of the SDA at Abemama, Gilbert Islands, who was returning to New Zealand after serving for some years in G&E Colony).

Captain Mullins, skipper of the "Margaret," intended to pull her across the reef by block and tackle, as far as the natives could get her, then build a rough cradle of drums and palm so that she might float off the reef into the lagoon at the next highest tide.

The entering of Nanumea passage is a tricky business at anytime. Captain Mullins apparently lay off the island for a couple of days in bad weather, and then tried to get into the lagoon but a heavy sea threw the vessel right on to the reef.

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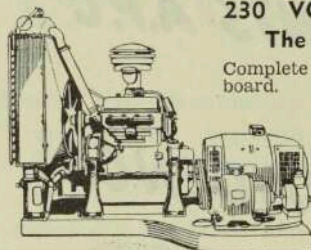
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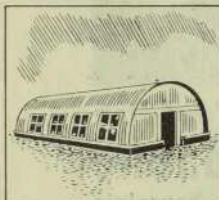
The narrow channel into the Nanumea lagoon was blasted by the Americans during the war.

The Margaret was still on the reef at the beginning of November. She has been stripped of her engine and other weighty equipment.

With the Margaret out of action, and the Nimanoa disabled in Tarawa with a broken tail shaft, the Gilbert and Ellice Government has only the small ketch Kiakia available for work among the Islands.

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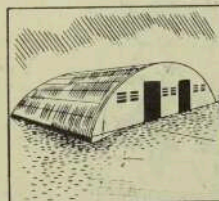
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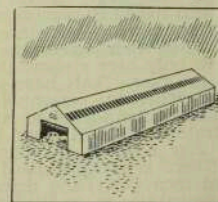
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Copra-Cocoa Prosperity in Western Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, November 20.
TWO Bank liners, Ernebank and Comliebank loaded during the first half of the month 2,000 and 1,600 tons of copra and some cocoa for the British Ministry of Food.

For the first time in years the Apia copra sheds were completely cleared by the shipments.

The copra crop is coming in now and promises to be an excellent one, as weather conditions have been exceptionally favourable. Latest price quoted is about £270 Stg. per ton f.o.b. Apia.

Importers of Apia were greatly disappointed when the last Matua left a large transshipment of English and Continental goods behind at Suva. Passenger and cargo services of the Union Steamship Company are proving more and more inadequate for the needs of Western Samoa and it is doubtful whether even the larger Tofua will be able to cope with freights and passengers now offering here.

SPC Anti-TB Team



The South Pacific Commission Anti-TB team which has been making a survey in Western Samoa. Standing are: Dr. L. P. J. Guillermin, a noted French TB specialist, and Mr. W. Hapi Love, X-ray specialist and brother of the late Captain Hapi Love, who was killed in action leading the NZ Maori Battalion in the Middle East in 1941. Sitting is Miss B. G. Balfour, bacteriologist of Melbourne.

—Superflash photo.

Another recent visitor to New Caledonia is Lieut.-Col. Bichon, who represents the Colony in the French Union Assembly in Paris.

FIJI TROCHUS PRICE INCREASE

THE price of Fiji trochus shell, while still far below the price paid for Thursday Island, New Guinea and Solomon Islands trochus, increased again in November.

Price per long ton on beach at Suva from November 17, was £90 per ton Fijian currency £A101-14).

The first Japanese vessel to call at Tahiti since the war, the Cesan Maru, arrived at Papeete in August to discharge 3,000 tons of cement. She then called at Makatea for a load of phosphate. Other Japanese vessels are expected in French Oceania shortly.

A New Caledonian football team recently visited Port Vila to contest three matches against a local side.

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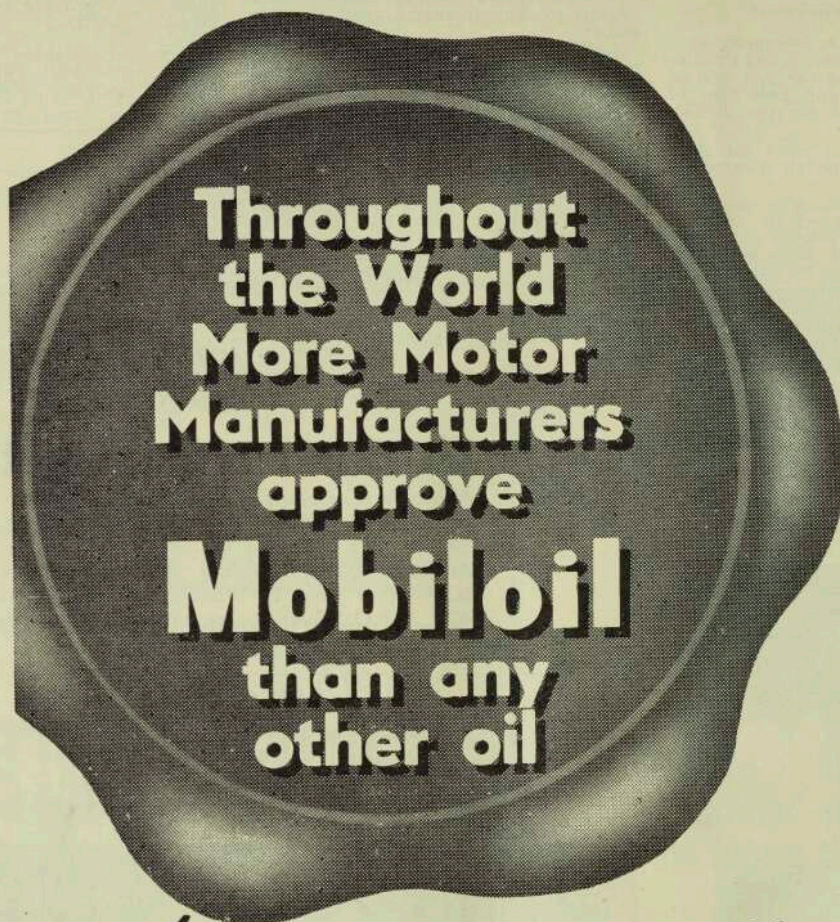
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MISS RABAU, 1950

BY R. M. RHODES

FOR the first time in its history, Rabaul, NG, on November 25, chose a "Miss Rabaul" for 1950.

The slickest chick was chosen from among 12 aspirants for the title. The scene was the New Britain Club, where the contestants paraded before a panel of five judges, consisting of three women, and two men.

Against a background of leafy palms, moon-drenched water, and the fierce light from the eyes of our starving wolves, the girls walked daintily along an improvised platform. They all wore the latest in swimsuits, specially imported from South for the occasion.

Marks were awarded for face, figure, and deportment and the judges were unanimous in their choice of the winner, Miss Norma Sullivan, who is employed by Colyer Watson (NG) Ltd. Second was Miss Louise Burrows of New Guinea Company, and third, Miss Margot Sutherland, of the Agnes Wisdom Memorial Library.

Like Helen of Troy, Miss Sullivan also received tokens for her ability to go in and out in the right places. A wide blue silken sash, with "Miss Rabaul, 1950," in letters of gold was placed about the victorious waist, and she was also presented with a dainty silver chalice similarly engraved.

The proceeds of this function are to be devoted to the Children's Christmas Tree.

Following upon the parade of Bathing Beauties, came a parade of masculine ditto. The winner of this was an exceedingly exotic figure from the Power House, whose strangely undulating bosom flashed alternately with red and green lights (from a battery one presumes).

The success of the Ball was so outstanding that the Committee hope to hold a similar event each year and enable the banner of feminine pulchritude to be passed on to the lissome lasses of the future.

And, indeed, why not, for as Oscar Wilde has said, and he should know, "Beauty is the highest form of Art, for it needs no Explanation."

Our Ladies' Clothes—And the Unclothed Native's Mind

WE have had several letters from Rabaul residents about the Miss Rabaul competition—and whether it is a good or a bad thing in a predominantly native community. There seems to be two schools of thought about this, as there are about most things in the Territory to-day where society is roughly divided into those who arrived during the

Eddie Ward era (Behinds) and those who knew it before 1942 (the Beforees).

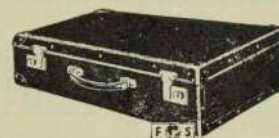
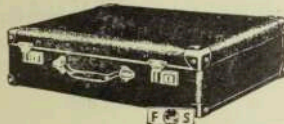
One section feels that in a whole world orientated towards Glamour and the Body-beautiful and Legs (especially Legs), it is just as right to have a beauty competition in Rabaul as in Sydney—for, frankly, if the young woman of to-day does not appeal to the senses what the heck is there left for her to appeal to?

Others feel that in a place like Rabaul, where the natives have always been sophisticated, it is not wise. The natives cannot be expected, they say, to know that exposure of the female form is a legitimate means of raising money for charity in the more civilised parts of the Western world—all they can see are white girls parading around in a minimum of clothing and even going up on to a platform so that the onlookers can get a better view.

Middle-of-the-roadsers think it would "not have been so bad" if the parade had

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been held in a hall. But the cement dance floor of the New Britain Club is in the open air and there seems to have been no way of keeping native onlookers away.

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In New Guinea there has always been a certain pre-occupation with the amount of clothing a European woman might wear in order to uphold her share of the white-man's burden. A newcomer was usually briefed by a kindly fellow passenger in the ship that bore her northwards to the Promised Land and she was usually told the sad story of some female who was stood on the mat by the local District Officer and sternly ordered to add a few inches to her tennis shorts. If such trivia were part of a DO's duties, one is forced to the conclusion that his job would be a staggering one in these days of plunging necklines, bare-top looks and what-not.

Much depends upon the woman inside the clothes; some are capable of looking wanton in a neck-to-knee Mother Hubbard. The old idea in keeping European women in adequate clothing was that lack of same unhinged the native. We have, however, never heard a native make any pronouncement about this. There has

never been any evidence to show that, while they apparently remain proper little gentlemen back in their villages where their women very often wear nothing, they are thrown all into a tizzy at sight of a piece of European female leg.

To repeat, it is not just a matter of dressing or undressing, but more a matter of behaviour, particularly the behaviour of men and women when together. There were numerous cases of native men assaulting European women before the war in Rabaul; there probably have been some cases since. Reasons behind each of these incidents are more than mere scantiness of clothing.

That is in general. The convivial atmosphere of a ball, a parade of attractive girls in scanty clothing, frankly got up to appeal to the senses and nothing else, is probably something else again. Now, having stated the two sides of the question we leave it for Rabaul to decide.

AS THE ISOLATED TRADER SEES IT

(Old Trader Edwin Gold writes—not for publication—a note from little Mangaia in the Cook Islands.)

YOUR editorial note in July just about describes the state of cities to-day—thousands of electrical appliances and no current, thousands of state pensioners and no funds, thousands of peace treaties and no peace.

I was surprised at the optimistic tone of your remark that the Reds may be deficient in sea power. Me no tink!

I am afraid that we are due for some infernally unpleasant annoyances here in the isolated parts of the Pacific. The Muscovite may be better equipped than is thought—there has been a Five Year Plan since the war ended.

To me, the outlook is scaly in the extreme. The preposterous situation of an "allied" (what an anti-climax, if it even tuates!) Germany and Japan being incorporated in the UN, plus press praise of "our gallant German forces" and our "invincible Japanese resisters of the Red tyranny," will contrast very weirdly with the writings of 1941-46.

I've no patience with this weathercock inconsistency of history. We said in 1815 about Napoleon, all that was said late about Hitler; yet Bonaparte now figure as a noble hero in history. Doubtless Hirohito and Co., and the surviving members of the Nazi hierarchy, will be the Splendid Fellows of the coming struggle.

Well, I do not imagine blunt PIM will drift with the stream in that matter knowing what the foul little yellow men did in Melanesia when they had the upper hand. The Russkies are equal savages in war, and we may expect a full share of new horrors. It is with cynical amusement that I see cartoonist Minhinnick ("New Zealand Herald") get an OBE for clowning, while the man who warned against Japan in the thirties, and Russia in the forties, gets nothing when the honours list comes out. It's a mad world, my masters.

Things are rather tight just now. The orange season is a failure, but two steamers are coming this year. No mon' n fun! If war comes they will be tighter still.

With glum resolution we prepare again to be meatless, saltless, sugarless (in two senses), in the dark regarding the War News and generally fed up to the gills with international folly.

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Apart from these four, the children known to be living in Queensland and eligible are:—

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Collection at New Guinea Club, Brisbane	7 6
Total to November 30	£349 8 2

Mr. H. M. Watson has arrived in Fiji to take up his appointment as Principal Auditor.

Anglican Bishops, the Rt. Revs. J. D. Hand and P. N. W. Strong (New Guinea) were present at the reception given the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Fisher) in St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane, on November 8.

The Fiji European cost-of-living index which is "unofficial" (it was started by the late Mr. C. H. Carne and is now done by the officers of the Labour Department, working on Mr. Carne's records) shows that there was no change in the second quarter of 1950. The index number remains at 185—the base year, of course, being 100.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McAllister and family recently terminated their term of service as Education Officer and Infant Mistress, Niue, and left by the Maui Pomare to take an appointment in NZ. The McAllisters were popular with the Niueans and received a large number of farewell presents in the shape of baskets, hats and other island products.

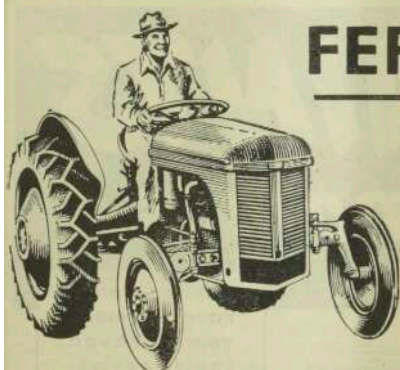
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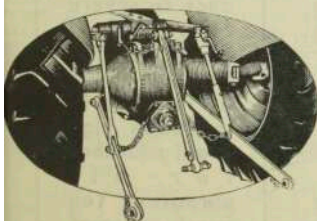
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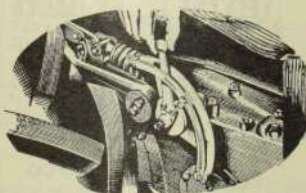
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Noumea's Modern Department Store

ALTHOUGH a great deal has been done to modernise Noumea, capital of New Caledonia, in recent years, the old pioneer type of construction still predominates, even in the town proper. In this setting, therefore, visitors are struck by the recently completed modern department store of Ventrillon & Cie, with the adjacent premises soon to be occupied by the Ed. Pentecost organisation, at the corner of Noumea's two main streets, Rue Georges Clemenceau and Rue de l'Alma.

Plans for the building were prepared by Australian architects and consulting engineers in 1945, the old Ventrillon building was dismantled in 1946 and work commenced on the new store in early 1947. The larger corner section was finished earlier this year.

As Noumea is built on reclaimed land, finding a firm foundation for the 300 piles, and keeping the water level down

balcony. A caretaker's flat is also on this floor. A lift serves all floors.

The section which will be occupied by the Ed. Pentecost organisation has its entrance on the Rue de l'Alma and this portion of the building will be served by a separate lift. There will be a fancy goods and stationery department on the ground floor with extensive provision for the display of periodicals and books; the first floor will be partly storerooms but with some space to let; second floor will be administrative and the third floor will comprise three large flats each fronting the balcony and with views over the town and harbour.

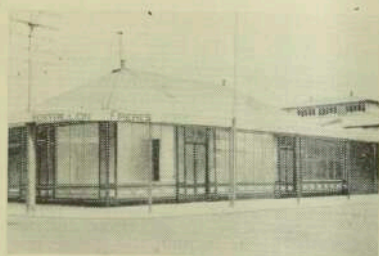
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Speck of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, New Guinea, with their two young daughters, are at present on leave in Western Australia.

Mr. A. J. Tattersal of Apia, W. Samoa, recently returned to the Territory after a prolonged health trip to New Zealand. It is said that Mr. Tattersal's name is known in all corners of the globe—all tourists and all US Servicemen stationed in Samoa during the war, have bought his photographs.

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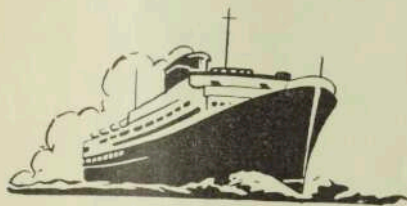
And Ventrillon and Cie's Corner, 1950.



was a big problem. Pile-driving and pouring of the foundations upon which the heavy steel structure was to rest, took months. The project was begun at a time when shortage of materials for all building was at its most acute. Robert Gillespie Pty., Ltd., of Sydney, undertook the difficult job of procuring materials or of having them manufactured, not only for the store itself but for its fittings and furniture. They also recruited suitable Australian tradesmen and sent them to Noumea to undertake the different phases of the work.

Today, Ventrillon & Cie greet their customers with a large and imposing corner entrance and, once inside, that same customer feels that he has entered a large city department store. The island's excellent timbers have been used cleverly in cabinet work, and display cases show the merchandise to advantage.

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A daughter (Annette), was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wichman, in South Dunedin, N.Z., on October 22. The Wichmans are now living at 265 King Edward Street, in that city, but formerly they were residents of Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Mrs. Wichman was Miss Dorothy Price.

Messrs. L. and A. E. Noerr, who have run the Regal Theatre, Suva, Fiji, for the past 20 years retired from business at the end of October. Management has been taken over by Mr James Crawford and Mr. T. P. Mulelly, who in recent years have interested themselves in stage productions in Suva.

Tutuila Visitors to Niue For LMS Centenary

From a Special Correspondent

IN connection with the Centenary of the London Missionary Society, which is being held to commemorate the arrival of the Samoan Missionary Paulo, the Niueans resident at Tutuila, American Samoa, chartered the Manua-a-tele to pay a visit to their island.

About 80 people spent four days on Niue visiting relations and suitably paying homage to the memory of Paulo. Amongst those who made the trip were Colonel and Mrs. Rollo V. Ladd, of San Diego, California, at present visiting Tutuila, and Mrs. Max Hallack and Mrs. Mele Pritchard.

All pronounced the venture a great success and an approach has been made to the American authorities to allow the ship to be chartered for a similar trip next year.

The main celebrations will take place on the arrival of the London Missionary Society's vessel the "John William VI," with some 40 representatives of the Samoan Church. This party will be led by the Rev. P. Knightley and will include most of the leading LMS churchmen from Upolo and Savaii besides some descendants of Paulo.

The celebrations will continue for four days and will be characterized by meetings which will include the entire population of the island, for the whole community are adherents of the LMS.

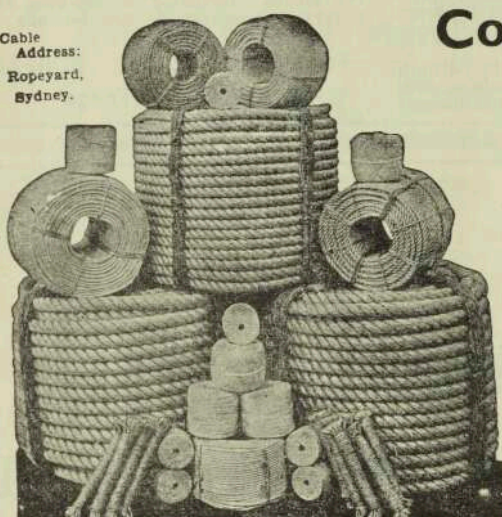
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OLD RECORDS OF PAPUA AND N. GUINEA

Plea for Manuscripts

Letter to the Editor

HAVING recently spent some time in the Mitchell Library, Sydney, investigating source material on the Territory of Papua, I should like to bring several matters to the attention of your readers.

An important part of the historian's craft involves the collection of evidence; and, generally, the most valuable evidence is that which is contemporary with the period the historian wishes to study.

For the historian interested in Papuan history, there is now a good deal of invaluable material readily accessible in Australia. The Mitchell Library, particularly, has a rich collection of printed works dating from the very beginnings of European penetration of Papua. The Melbourne Public Library also has an impressive collection, especially of nineteenth-century publications.

Printed publications are not the only useful historical sources, however. Manuscript letters, diaries, account-books, and unpublished materials of other kinds, have often proved invaluable to historians working in many fields. Unfortunately, not as much of this sort of material has been preserved from past centuries as historians would wish.

European penetration of Papua and New Guinea has been so recent, comparatively, and the temptation to record experiences has been so much stronger in a strange environment, that there must certainly be a large amount of manuscript material, relevant to the history of Papua and New Guinea, which has not so far been accessible to historians.

The Mitchell Library has some richly rewarding manuscript material. The copious diaries of Dr. Lawes, of the London Missionary Society, have proved especially valuable to myself. These diaries of Dr. Lawes, however, form a high percentage of the total manuscript material in the collection.

There must be many other documents, just as valuable, in the possession of Government officials, missionaries, planters, commercial men, etc., or in the possession of their descendants. I should therefore like to stress the usefulness of such materials for the historian—in the hope that those who possess manuscripts of this sort will be persuaded to make them available to the Mitchell Library, where they may be accessible to those whose chosen task is the reconstruction of the past.

The stage has been reached when historians can profitably attempt to build up a full and accurate account of Papuan history since the coming of the white man. Australian historians are now beginning to interest themselves in this work. Much material is already available. It seems obvious, moreover, that those who are concerned with Papua's present could be greatly assisted by the provision of full and accurate accounts of Papua's past.

In conclusion, then, may I again point out that any manuscript material in the possession of Territories' residents could greatly assist historians in this task. Those who believe that the task is worthwhile may like to assist by offering manuscripts to the Trustees of the Mitchell Library, Sydney, or by making provision for the disposal of their papers in this way after their death.

I am, etc.,

MURRAY C. GROVES.

History Department,
University of Melbourne.

MOBILE CLINIC FOR NIUE

THE Niue Island's Medical Services received a Mobile Clinic by the November Maui Pomare. This should prove invaluable on an island as large as Niue and will considerably ease the burden at present being placed on the Hospital.

It is intended to use the vehicle for Infant Welfare work and general medical purposes.

Mrs. O. C. Rossiter was staying with her sister-in-law, Lady Barraclough, in Sydney in November while she recovered from an accident sustained in New Guinea. She will return home to the Territory after Christmas.

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OLD TIMERS

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By R. W. Robson

P. MORESBY, Oct. 31.

THE Old-Timers—the German settlers, and the Britishers who established the Australian regime here between 1920 and 1930—are becoming painfully few, and hard to find.

In Moresby, energetically establishing a brewery to cater for PNG's insatiable thirst, I met Joe Bourke, who was the first police officer at Edie Creek, in the Year One. Later, I enjoyed the hospitality of his charming home in Wau, and heard the piquant story of how he kept Cecil Leven under restraint on a trumped-up charge of murder, while certain of the Old Gang tried to rush through certain plans relating to gold leases. Joe is still the pioneer; and Wau, staging a come-back as the Territory's Number One hill and health station, needs him.

Up in Edie Creek, doing very well as tributaries for NGG, I found our timeless friends, Norman and Mrs. Neale, the veteran Sutherland, and the incorrigibly

young Alice Bowring. Apart from their sluicing, and some good gold being got out of the old Day Dawn by a small party under Bob Franklin, Edie Creek is a ghost town.

Alec Malcolm and Ossie Ireland, of Wau, who have had all their plans regarding timber leases thwarted by Departmental stubbornness, are now going tributating in the Gorge for NGG, and should do very well. NGG has changed its policy, and is now letting out its good country to experienced and trusted Old-Timers; and this may give a new lease of life to the "small" miners, who were being driven out by high labour and other costs.

Some of the best of the old hands are being employed by NGG at Golden Ridges,

where they now are tunnelling into a shoulder of the mountain on a huge plan (based on cyaniding) which may give startling results. The re-establishment of the mill is far advanced.

ANOTHER of the timeless Old Timers, W. R. McConnon, is getting almost sensational results from his Koranga



Photographed at Edie Creek, on the spot from which millions of pounds worth of gold were removed. Left to right: Old-Timer Alec Malcolm, Mrs. Ossie Ireland, Mrs. Malcolm, and Old-Timer Norman Neale. House now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Neale in the background.

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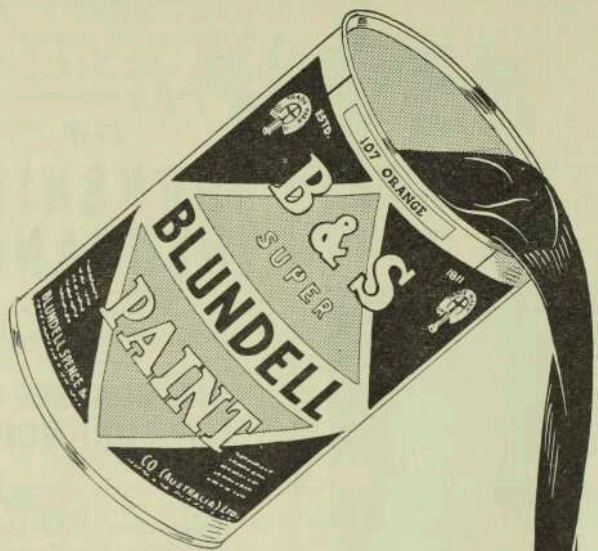
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Sluicing, tributary for NGG. Apart from BGD, Koranga has been one of the most consistent money-makers in the Territory, always under McConnon's direction. He now presides, like a gum-booted patriarch, over a very well-equipped township of contented workers—Wau's main suburb. Already, his enormous nozzles have despatched a couple of mountains down the Bulolo to Lae, and two more mountains, reckoned to be full of gold, are soon to melt away and follow.

As I strolled with Mac around his domain, he casually picked up an enamel basin from under a house. It seemed to be filled with black sand. It was a clean-up from some race "down the creek," brought in by some trusted boys, and there were 30 or 40 ounces there, worth about £10 per ounce. No one up here worries about a little thing like that. I thought of Sydney's heroes, Dugan and Mears murdering bank managers for a roll of bank notes.

Down in The Gorge, I found Norman Wilde, still getting gold out of the turbid stream for the Cliffside outfit; while a couple of hundred yards away his fellow Old Timer, Bob Day, with a hundred natives, was blasting and straightening the ever-perilous road, now a busy freight-hauling highway.

Just around the corner, in the mouth of Edie Creek, old Tex Thomas's courageous widow is working his gold lease, with satisfactory results.

SURVEYING the vast BGD establishment in the Bulolo Valley, it was hard to believe that this had all been wiped out in 1942-3, and entirely restored since 1945—an achievement worthy of this model American-Australian company.

The main concerns of the much-respected manager, Mr. Lars Bergstrand, were the establishment of a new timber industry, right alongside his huge gold-dredging organisation, and the restoration of one of the big, deep-digging dredges, sunk many months ago in a curious accident. A large slice of bank collapsed into the water; the resulting wave turned the floating dredge right over. After solving some very complex engineering difficulties, the dredge has been turned over and set back on its own floating bottom, and is now being re-conditioned.

This Bulolo timber industry is going to develop as a big thing for the gold companies, and for Wau. It was described in November PIM.

Driving down the Wau-Labu road with Alec Malcolm in his tireless jeep, I had word of some of a few old hands fossicking around the Balune and Watut, but they are pitifully few. They came back hopefully enough in 1945-46, but the Ward-Murray attack on private enterprise created for them conditions which were intolerable, and many have drifted away.

Ned Rowlands and the Wilson Brothers are still hanging on in that new gold area at the back of Wabag, in the Highlands—the area in which the new Adelaide concern, Goldmines of New Guinea Ltd., is showing an interest. Mr. J. C. Coldham, for the company, has been in there lately.

Near Mumeng—up in the high grasslands, between Bulolo and Labu—I met Mick Leahy energetically farming 600 acres; and I learned that, with equal energy and optimism, Jim Leahy is farming near Garoka, and Danny Leahy near Hagen—surely the Pacific's outstanding example of a family of brothers, after pioneering a gold industry, turning to and are pioneering a pastoral industry.

I have taken it upon myself to compile the history of these almost legendary Leahy Brothers, and it is published in the Magazine Section, this issue.

IN a house at the back of Lae, quite by accident, I came upon Bill Money (one of Edie Creek's original Big Six) and S. A. Webb, who was an official at Lae over 20 years ago. Although a shrewd business man, Bill Money remains socially unpredictable. He told me stories which, if hosed for a week, would not be admitted to the vicar's tea-table.

Jim Taylor (who, as a DO, was associated with the Leahys in the discovery of the Highlands) is now a private farmer in the Highlands, out Chimbu way. No one likes him any more—rightly or wrongly they blame him for the Native Labour Ordinance, which Socialist Eddie Ward used to flay the New Guinea "capitalists."

"Yorkie" Booth, with a white beard and a dog the size of a house, was living in Mrs. Stewart's hotel in Lae. After three decades in and around the Morobe field, Yorkie has retired to a more leisurely life. His most treasured possession is a file of official correspondence, showing that 20 years ago he was seeking permission to cut, and raft down the rivers, the Bulolo pine and cedar for which everyone is now scrambling. Unfortunately, prescience doesn't pay dividends.

At Garoka, in the Highlands, I met J. Wilton, another Old Timer of the Goldfields. He is doing a good job as boss of road construction works. He took a little time off to give me, in simple Goldfields language, his views on Highlands labour; and he sent kind regards to the old fossickers everywhere.

OUT on the Rai Coast, and in Rabaul and Bougainville, I was back among the Old Timers of the coconuts. As I listened to their chorus on subjects related bitterly to labour and costs and prices, there seemed to be a great many of them; but that was only because they

have lost none of their ancient capacity for giving tongue against oppression and misunderstanding. Actually, one missed that area affected by the Montevideo Maru tragedy, which destroyed 300 civilians.

I was delighted to meet Jock Maclean, of Rangarere plantation—in from the Bainings to welcome home his son and new daughter-in-law. Jock—whose up-right carriage still bears testimony to many once familiar faces—especially in the old goldfields days, and fossicked far

afeld before he adopted the coconut palm. He was cut off by the Jap invasion; but, eventually, after great hardships, he escaped via New Ireland, Buna and the Owen Stanleys. In New Ireland, he was associated with young Con Page and others (who were murdered by the Japs) and he says the lives of himself and others were saved by the heroism and hospitality of Mrs. Schuitze and her sister

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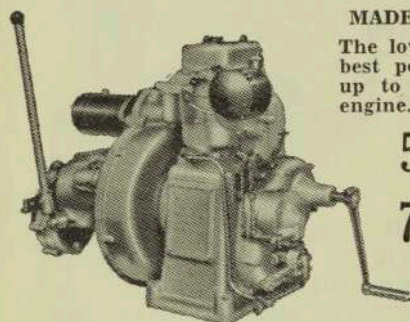
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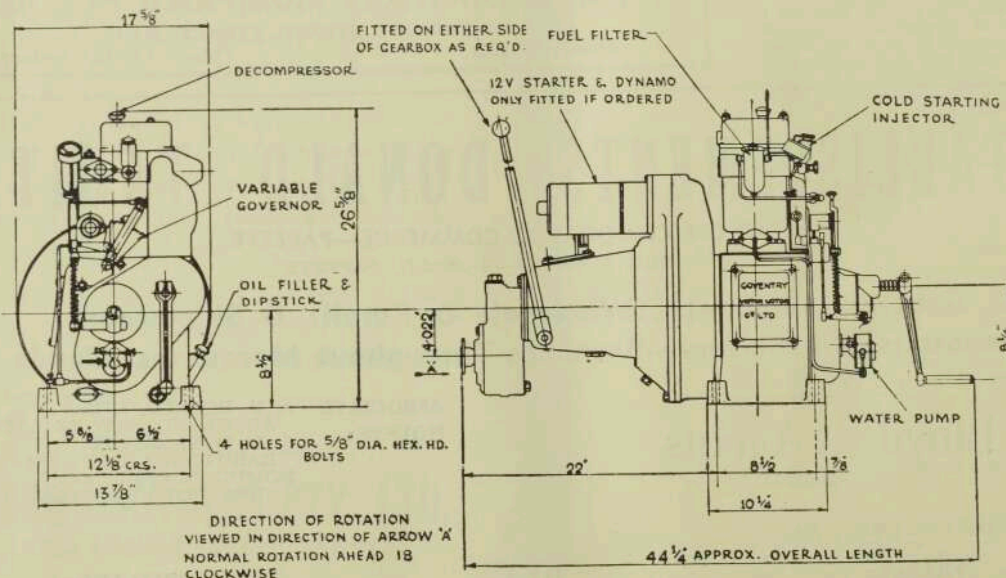
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MAGAZINE SECTION

Territories Talk-Talk

By "Tolala"

AS this is the season of Peace on Earth, Goodwill to all Men, let me wish you as happy a Christmas as it is possible to have with East and West snarling at each other, and trite remarks being bandied about concerning the use of the atom bomb.

Reference to the present snarling reminds me of remarks made to me in 1944 by an Indian Medical Officer (we were both guests of the Japs at the time) relating to India's New Messiah, who had foretold in detail (according to my informant) the Second World War some years before it broke, and stated also that following it, another war would break out between the USA and the USSR with ultimate victory for the former.

We'll let it go at that, and change the subject.

I SEE where one Arthur Westhoven, a former War Disposals Commission executive "will remove war goods from the Rabaul-Kokopo area." Apparently he has tendered for the job and the government will have first right to buy all goods found. The report adds: "The new tender basis marks the end of the days when speculators made fortunes out of army goods."

Tut, tut! Surely not!—Any way, it's nice to know the game is to be kept clean.

I wonder if there is a family connection between Arthur and Joseph Charles of the same name; the latter was at one time chairman of the Disposals Committee of the Ministry of Munitions; Public Service Arbitrator and so forth? There should still be a few good pickings left in some of those outsized Jap fox-holes around Rabaul.

FLYING saucers are everyday news, but now we have flying houses. A Lae report tells of Qantas flying out housing material from Bulolo to Lae, and a complete house is landed in Lae in five DC3 trips. The Qantas settlement was officially opened early this month and has 23 houses for staff quarters. Setting a good example to the Administration it seems.

"SOUTH PACIFIC" is a small periodical produced monthly by the Australian School of Pacific Administration, and usually consists of articles of a high-brow nature, dealing with colonial administration. In the November issue, however, there is an illuminating extract taken from the "Report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific on New Guinea, August 15, 1950."

Personally, I have seen little reference to the activities of this Mission, but apparently it delved into the doings of one Paliau of Manus, an indigene of that group who collected six months hard labour in April, 1950, for spreading false reports and what-have-you. I strongly suspect that the famed Paliau is closely related to, if not the same gent who was an ex-police boy during the Jap regime in Rabaul, and more familiarly known as Sam. He was popular with the Jap Kempei Tai and one of those who were reported to have witnessed many of the executions of our airmen and others.

After a concise, and thorough resume of Paliau's activities the Visiting Mission came to the conclusion that he was not connected with any "cargo cult," "but considers it likely that the causes of both movements are the same," due to sudden impact of armed forces, provided with large supplies of food, clothes and that sort of thing, on native traditions. In short, revolution instead of evolution in introducing civilisation. Naturally, the Manus district, which has suffered more than any other (including Rabaul) from the introduction of irresponsible armed forces, Chinese buyers of war goods for China, and a heterogeneous collection of Works and Housing staff, is fertile ground for the sowing of any Paliau-like seeds.

Had the native never discovered that the whiteman had feet of clay there would never have been all this social and political mutiny in the form of cults and so forth. We only have ourselves to blame for a great deal of the trouble as a result of the attitude adopted by so many Europeans towards the native. A quality we can never recover in a black country, once it is lost, is prestige. Nowadays there are so many who have no desire to recover it; some who have never known it existed.

A CURRENT example of the changed attitude in native countries is the fact that the British Colonial Office cannot find applicants for hundreds of "luxurious jobs" with annual salaries ranging from £2,000 to £2,500. In an endeavour to secure applicants the Colonial Office issued a booklet painting rosy pictures of life in the "outposts of the Empire," but frankly stated "There is no longer such a thing as the whiteman's prestige."

That is a grim statement, to say the least, and from a nation upon whose flag the sun never sets!

"CHANNELS choked in Moresby and Canberra" reads a cross-heading in one of Editor Robson's articles on the Territory (PIM, November) and quotes informed people as suggesting decentralisation and delegation of authority to escape the many bottle-necks.

I have often wondered whether the Territory would not have been far better off if its High Authority had been located about 10,000 miles farther away than Canberra. In German times with no radio, and the nearest cable station at Yap in the Carolines, Governor Hahl administered the colony with little interference from Berlin. He had the power and was expected to carry on according to the broad lines of policy. He also had the ability. Ever since the Territory came under Melbourne and then Canberra, it has been the shuttle-cock of political battledores.

THE inadequate salary of the Administrator—as compared with his opposites in British Malaya and Nigeria—was mentioned not so long ago by Mr. Osborne, MHR, in the House when the estimates were under discussion, and £5 million was ear-marked for P-NG, which he claimed was by no means enough for the needs of the Territory.

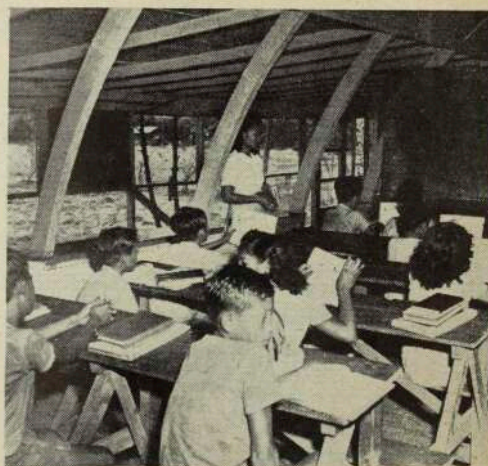
Remember that TNG was self-supporting and building up a reserve in the B4 years?

The same member referred to the Administration Service as "patchy," except at the top where there were men "of whom any Colonial administration could be proud."

More recent events, judging by complaints from the Public Service rank and file in PM seem to indicate that if salaries and working conditions for the lower grades are not vastly improved there soon will be no service in the Territory at all.

(Continued next page.)

HEALTH AND EDUCATION IN THE CAROLINES



Sir Alan Burns, as you will see elsewhere in this issue, thinks that perhaps the Americans are doing too much for their Trust Territory people and not making them do enough for themselves. But the US Government feels that their efforts on behalf of the Micronesians are well worth-while. Here on the left, a staff physician at a hospital on Mokie Island in the Carolines examines a small native child. The hospital is run by the United States Military Government. On the right, we see the inside of a schoolroom in the same group where the youngsters are using American-type school readers.

—Photos from United States Information Service.

In fact had they been wharflies or coal miners they would have been out on strike years ago. The Head of the Public Service in P-NG is by no means a winner in the Popularity Stakes.

A DOLLAR-SAVING plan recently evolved by the Australian Government, may not be accepted as a popular idea by Territories' motorists accustomed to having the latest stream-lined cars from the U.S.

The plan is to import North American chassis to Australia, fit them with bodies there, then ship the assembled units to P-NG. I can see some of the more choosy Asiatics (accustomed in these days to nothing but the best) taking rather a dim view of this procedure and wondering why dollar-earning copra cannot foot the bill.

(Ed. Note: Before the war, if not now, cars imported direct from the United States to New Guinea were, because of favourable tariff, very much cheaper than similar cars in Australia. This passion for forcing everything through the Australian bottleneck will probably mean that Territories residents will wait two or three years for a car, if they get it then. It is doubtful if the saving in dollars will do much to restore the balance of trade.)

BITS AND PIECES . . . World traveller and author, Hakon Mielche of Denmark has published another book, "After you, Colombus." He wrote some good stuff about the islands several years ago. . . . Minister Spender told the House recently that second-hand copra sacks were now allowed to enter P-NG and that if any planter could not get them to let the Minister know about it.

LATITUDE ZERO

Green of the jungle, creeping closer,
Rank vegetation slowly rotting,
Smell of the long-dead putrefying,
Sound of the old leaves always dropping;
Sight of the bush life ever dying.

Dark of the evening, starlight glowing,
Noise of the bush rat ever gnawing,
Death in the darkness always ready,
Buzz of the insect always boring;
Moon on the water, soft and steady.

Light in the east sky, dawn commencing,
Sounds of the night things shrinking
from sun,
Sound of the bell, the white man ringing,
Work of the day already begun;
Voice of a native mournfully singing.

Scream of a parrot, flashing of red wing,
Thud of an axe, while tall timber falls,
Young women laughing, brown baby playing,

Man stops work on hearing their calls;
Sees at the hut brown bodies swaying.

Here is the tropics, land of the native,
Claimed by the white man ever advancing,
Tramped by prospectors looking for
reef-gold,
Dream-land of new-chums, fortune
chancing;

Where dawns of the ages have
always been old.
Talasea, NG.

PAUL PHILLIPS-VEIRKE.

Dr. Kenneth Emory, lecturer in Anthropology at the University of Hawaii, has been doing field work on Kapingamarangi Island. Transportation difficulties delayed him there until December.

The Secret Life Of Professor Wilson

BY R. M. RHODES

PROFESSOR J. WILSON, a scientist from Canada, has a very interesting theory and has travelled an average of 400 miles per day since he left Toronto, trying to prove it.

Recently he was in Rabaul, NG, where the volcanoes interested him, as they, of all the volcanoes he has ever inspected, are the exception to the rule, which may help to prove the Professor's theory (whatever it is).

While he was in Rabaul, the following interview took place. Our scribe, too, now has a theory—about Professors.

TO-DAY I interviewed that elusive personality from Canada, Professor J. Wilson . . . or, did I?

The Professor, who looks more like the bobbysoxers' dream of the All-American athlete, than the traditional Professor, gave me his views on the Territory. Or again, did he?

We had a mad conversation which went something like this:

"Oh, Professor, I believe you have a very interesting theory, upon which you are working at the moment?"

"Say, haven't we all?"

"Oh, yes, but I don't mean THAT ONE. I mean the purely scientific theory you have, which if you can prove it, will startle all geophysicists the world over. Something to do with the ground . . ."

"That one? Well of course I just couldn't possibly talk about that in words of one syllable."

"Couldn't you translate it for us?"

"Well, say, I guess not. Not so you would understand it. It is a little difficult to explain to anyone except a Scientist. See what I mean?"

"Yes, I do see that Professor, but could you . . ."

"Now here's something which IS news. To-day I had the most wonderful day I've had since I arrived in the Territory. I inspected a coral reef—I saw little blue fishes . . ."

"Were they doing anything that could be interpreted as at all scientifically interesting?"

"Nope, guess you couldn't say they were. They were just sitting on the reef looking right back at me. Yes, it was the most wonderful day. At five this morning I climbed Matupi Volcano. Then I climbed Vulcan after breakfast. Then after that I ascended the Mother Volcano, and yet a fourth whose name eludes me. Now, those volcanoes really are something. I haven't seen anything like them since I left Canada. You know we have volcanoes there?"

"Just a moment, Professor. What do you think of our volcanoes, as a man of science. Do you think they are liable to blow their top at any moment?"

"Well, no, I don't think so. I don't think so at all!"

"May I quote you on that Professor?"

"Sure, sure, I don't see why not. Yes, you may certainly quote me on that. Of course, I don't know the first mortal thing about volcanoes. But I don't see why you shouldn't say that I don't regard this one as the least dangerous . . ."

"Oh dear, I don't feel in the least as though we are getting anywhere. I'm sure this isn't what the Public expects from a Man of Science."

"Now, now, don't you take it badly. Say, the last reporter who interviewed me in Australia said he is never going to interview another scientist just as long as he lives."

PIM Crossquiz -- No. 12

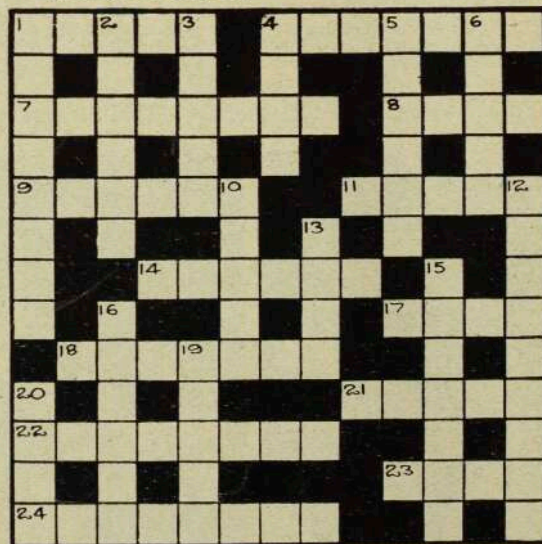
(Solution on page 59)

ACROSS

- 1.—What was the name of the substance supplied as food to the Israelites?
- 4.—In which Roman basilica were held the most important religious councils?
- 7.—Who was the first consul of France?
- 8.—Who commanded the Allied forces at the end of the first World War?
- 9.—Which Russian seaport was bombarded by English and French forces in 1854?
- 11.—Which noted English poet of the XIXth century died at the age of 25?
- 14.—Who founded the system of "animal magnetism?"
- 17.—Who made the first highpressure steam engine?
- 18.—Who built the Suez Canal?
- 21.—What is the popular name of paralysis?
- 22.—What was the maiden name of Shakespeare's wife?
- 23.—In the Eastern Church what is the name of a religious painting?
- 24.—What is the capital of Manitoba?

DOWN

- 1.—What is the capital of Liberia?
- 2.—Who invented logarithms?
- 3.—Which ancient Roman city is situated on the Rhone in France?
- 4.—What is symbolic of Great Britain?
- 5.—Who built the famous Tower in Paris and the Panama Canal Locks?
- 6.—Which Indian city was defended by Clive in 1751?
- 10.—Which tributary of the Oise flows in the



NE of France through a department having the same name?

- 12.—Who is the famous American philosopher and poet of Spanish parentage?
- 13.—What is the term for a set of stabling round an open yard?
- 15.—Which famous English detective story writer was abandoned by unknown parents and found by a Billingsgate fish porter?
- 16.—Who formulated the laws of gravitation?
- 19.—What is the name of the native Algerian cavalry in French service?
- 20.—Who wrote "Pygmalion?"



Prince Tongi hears his voice played back on the wire recorder.

WHAT promises to be a new development in the use of motion picture film will soon be tried out in the Pacific Islands. While in Sydney recently, Prince Tongi, Premier of Tonga, spent several days at the production studios of Commonwealth Film Laboratories Pty. Ltd., studying the basic problems of film production in the Islands.

Prince Tongi is a man of ideas: but he does not let it go at that. He tries his ideas out, in practical fashion.

His intention is to photograph short documentary and educational material throughout Tonga and send it to CFL laboratories for processing, cutting and editing. A rough work-print, when assembled will be airmailed back to him and

Learning By Seeing

MODERN PRINCE WILL USE MODERN METHODS

By Lex Halliday

a Tongan commentary adapted on his own wire recorder, both wire and work-print being returned to Sydney for final processing. Special techniques have been worked out to enable 100 per cent. lip synchronisation to be applied with the aid of the wire recorder.

Prince Tongi, acting in his capacity as Chairman of the Tongan Centenary Commemoration Fund Committee, has again displayed a keen appreciation of the many uses of motion picture film.

Almost two years ago he established a mobile film circuit screening 16 mm. entertainment and documentary films to Tongans in villages throughout Tongatabu. These proved so successful that further circuits were established in Vavau and the central Tongan group.

Patrons pay regular admission charges but all profits help to swell the Commemoration Fund's coffers, and in turn provide bursaries for Tongans studying at Australian and New Zealand Universities.

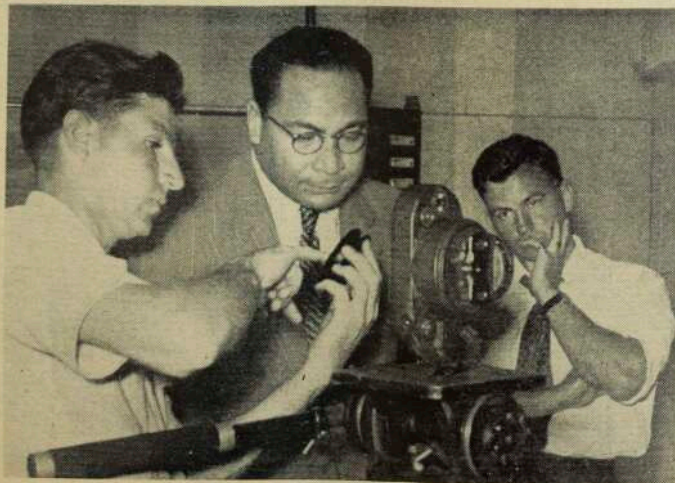
Having established the outlets for film and an appreciation of the motion picture

in his islands, Tongi has now taken the logical step of using this medium of popular entertainment as a means of education.

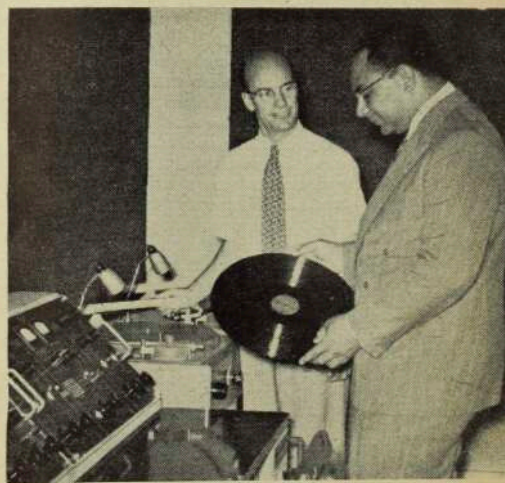
No doubt his interest in film production was stimulated by a desire to record fully the growth and development of Tonga's newly proposed industry, peanut growing, from its conception to maturity. Should plans for developing this crop reach fulfilment they will represent an achievement well worth recording on film.

Prince Tongi's proposals have another significance in view of the attitude towards visual aids recently taken by the South Pacific Commission during its sixth session.

The Commission favoured the encouragement of existing facilities for film production in the Islands and for individual Island Governments to produce their own films. Tonga's new experiment will no doubt receive the full blessing of the Commission. It certainly will receive the keen attention of educationists throughout the Pacific.



Commonwealth Film Laboratories Chief Cinematographer, Mr. Harry Malcolm, explains the intricacies of a 16 mm. camera to Prince Tongi while producer-director Lex Halliday looks thoughtfully on.



Discussing problems of sound recording with the chief sound engineer. On Tongi's left is the gadget which can "mix" eight sound channels simultaneously.



The Leahy brothers feed their native labour lines on food-stuffs bought from the surrounding villages.

TOP: Jim Leahy presides at a regular Saturday ritual. The native women bring in bags of kaukau; Jim's assistants weigh the stuff; and Jim, from his little cash-box, pays promptly according to weight.

LOWER: These Hagen natives are waiting outside Danny's back door for him to purchase their kaukau. These carrying bags are woven out of cane, with a strong stick as a backbone. When not being carried, suspended on their backs by a cord from their heads, the bags stand upright on the stick. Note the things on the hilltop, behind. On the left is the framework of Danny's unique new house (see article). In the centre is a plane propeller on a high tower, directly coupled to a generator. The wind, up here, never ceases to blow—and Danny always has light.



Danny Leahy (right) with Pilot Robins, of Guinea Airways, at Mt. Hagen, in the late 'thirties.

Life was never dull for the Leahy brothers

By R. W. ROBSON

ABOUT the best thing that New Guinea got out of its famous gold discoveries of the 1920's was a string of Leahy brothers—Mick, Paddy, Jim and Danny (named in the order of their appearance on the Morobe goldfields).

At the end of 1921, Sharkey Park re-located the rich Koranga gold, found in Bulolo Valley in 1913 by his old mate Darling, and forgotten during World War I. "Foxing" by Sharkey and his mates, plus the incredible difficulties of the terrain, discouraged any kind of rush; but, as large packages of gold dribbled out, various old prospectors smelt something, and began to creep in through Salamaua. By 1925, about 100 miners were in there, washing gold out of the Koranga and other creeks which flowed into the Bulolo.

In February, 1926, W. G. Royal somehow clambered over the sheer precipices behind Wau (they climbed over 3,000 feet in a few miles) and discovered the fabulous riches of Edie Creek. Then the rush really started.

DOWN in Toowoomba, Queensland, the eldest son of the Leahy family of four sons and five daughters, Michael, then in his middle twenties, had been listening to tales of NG gold. In 1926, soon after Bill Royal's discovery, he walked in from Salamaua and joined the Big Six, who were literally lifting gold in lumps out of the Edie.

Mick was more than eager to dig gold, too; but, like scores of others, he was crippled by lack of labour and supplies. Recruits were scarce, and supplies were carried in over the mountains, on the backs of men.

Mick began "contracting." He got more gold by performing essential services for the mining community than if he had dug it himself. It was he who cut the first mule-track up and over the razor backs between Koranga (Wau) and Edie.

Paddy Leahy joined Mick at Edie Creek in 1928, and with him engaged in various enterprises. Next year, 1929, Jim joined Mick and Paddy; and the Leahy brothers became known in roadmaking, mining, transportation, recruiting and prospecting.

Big, strong, handsome fellows, with an amiable disposition and a shrewd and ready wit, they were held in high regard throughout the

Morobe district. Mick had the imagination and was always ready for a new enterprise. Jim had the cool business head and administrative ability, and he kept the feet of his volatile brothers on the hard earth. Danny—then a good-looking youngster just out of his teens—joined them in 1931. The quartet prospered. They bought and developed a good gold lease on the Watut in 1932.

By 1930, the Leahy brothers were widely known as recruiters and prospectors, with a record of success in the unexplored and uncontrolled country to the north and west.

IN 1930, Mick Leahy and Mick Dwyer, prospecting and recruiting, went from Lae to the Markham River, and crossed over the divide onto what they thought was the headwaters of the Ramu (which flows away northwest to the north coast of NG). Actually, they were on the Durantina, and in a tangle of rivers which, until then, had baffled the very few whites who had got over into this area.

The party followed the Durantina, which led into a bigger and still bigger river, which flowed away southwards into the central mountains. They could not get back, so they somehow fought their way through the mountains, to come out eventually at Port Romilly, on the Gulf of Papua. Then, for the first time, it was realised that the great Purari River, which discharges into the Gulf of Papua, actually has its source on NG's Central Highlands, only a few miles from the source of the Ramu. The Durantina (which is not part of the Ramu, but is a tributary of the Purari) flows through the Benna Benna country the first (or most easterly) of the great valley systems which make up the now famous Central Highlands of NG. It was then that Mick Leahy got his first real glimpse of what they called the "grass country"—in other words, the Highlands.

NEXT year (1931) Mick and Paddy had their closest of many close calls. They were prospecting in the region westward of the Bulolo, among the Kukukukus—very dangerous and treacherous little jungle men, who fought anyone, white or black.

Just before daylight one morning—it was only four days after Baum, a prospector, was murdered, in the same district—the Leahys' camp was attacked. Mick went outside, saw a native beside the door, thought it was one of his own boys; then had only time to shoot before the native's club crashed on his head, and he fell unconscious. Paddy, although surrounded by Kukukukus, kept on shooting and was helped by their own boys.

The battle lasted for an hour. Arrow after arrow found its mark in Paddy, but none touched a vital place. Paddy pulled out the arrows, and kept on shooting.

When daylight came, the savages cleared out. Mick presently regained consciousness, and took charge—Paddy, by now, was a cot case. They carried Paddy for four days, and got back to the Bulolo. That club blow deafened Mick permanently, in one ear.



IN 1932, the Leahys were engaged by New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., to go and prospect the Benna Benna country. Danny, who had been with BGD Ltd., now joined them. They got good gold prospects in the Garitufa Creek; and, near there, in the Benna Benna, they made an airstrip. At Christmas, 1932, Pilot Bob Gurney, in a Guinea Airways Gipsy Moth, with ADO Jim Taylor as passenger, came over with Xmas comforts; and when they got a signal that the strip was OK, they landed.

Early 1933, Mick and Danny Leahy and Charles Marshall struck out from their base camp at Benna Benna, crossed into the Goroka Valley system and, from an 8,000 ft. peak beyond, they got their first glimpse of the great Wahgi Valley system to the westward.

In 1933, Major Harrison (NGG) came in in a new Guinea Airways plane piloted by Grabowski; and, with Mick, Jim and Danny Leahy, they took a long flight westwards over the Wahgi valley system. Until then, they had thought the Wahgi might be the headwaters of the Sepik; but it was now identified by Mick Leahy as the Wahgi, a big tributary of the Purari, which flowed away south into Papua. Around the confluence of the Wahgi and Purari they saw the Chimbu valley system—known to-day as one of the biggest and most densely populated of all the valley systems.

A few weeks after that, the Administration hired a DH plane piloted by Tommy O'Dea, and sent in Mr. J. L. Taylor, ADO and Goldfields Surveyor Ken Spinks. They picked up Mick and Dan Leahy and had another good look at the Wahgi-Chimbu country.

The next development was that the Administration party (led by Taylor) merged with the NGG party (the Leahy brothers) and they walked in and made an air strip at Minji (26 miles east of Hagen); and Pilot Grabowski brought in a geologist named Kingsbury, in a Fox Moth. Then the ground party pushed still further on, into the Mount Hagen area, and made an air strip at Ogelbang, and a base camp; and pilots Grabowski and Bob Gurney went in there with Guinea Airways planes.

Altogether, that expedition was in the region between Benna Benna and Hagen for about a year. "Then," said Danny Leahy, in giving me some of the foregoing details, "we went South for a spell, and Jim Taylor gave an illustrated lecture in the Sydney Museum about this new country—and it was there that we saw you."

(The detailed description of this expedition, given in Sydney by Mr. J. L. Taylor and Messrs. M. J. and D. J. Leahy, in November, 1933, being the first disclosure of the discovery of the New Guinea Highlands, was the most important geographical event in the South Pacific in 50 years; yet it was practically ignored by the Australian newspapers. The issue of the Pacific Islands Monthly of December, 1933, however, carried a full report of the lecture, and over three pages of photographs taken by Mick Leahy. These clear pictures of the Highlands natives' system of agriculture aroused great interest.)

NGG Ltd., closely examined all the gold-bearing ground pegged by

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TOP: At Mumeng (about 2,500 ft.). Mr. and Mrs. Mick Leahy, with their favourite dogs. From this position, outside their house on a hillside near Mumeng (on the divide between the Markham Valley and the Snake Valley) Mick looks out over a vast area of rolling, green uplands, where his Hereford cattle fatten on native pasture.

CENTRE: At Kuta, Mt. Hagen (about 6,000 ft.) On the fertile slopes of a mountain which the Leahy brothers discovered and got title to 15 years ago, Danny Leahy grows coffee, innumerable food crops, pigs, sheep and cattle. Here is Danny, looking over some of his prize pigs.

LOWER: At Goroka (about 5,000 ft.) Here, Jim Leahy has a few hundred acres of flat valley land, where he produces coffee, various food crops, and cattle, sheep and pigs. With water brought across from the mountain-side, he is making interesting experiments in agriculture. In this picture, Jim discusses matters of mutual concern with some fellow-residents from the swarming villages around his farm.



These snapshots, taken at random, give some idea of the quality of the stock that the Leahy brothers are producing in the Highlands.

TOP: Some of the 200 pigs which Danny Leahy has bred so successfully at Kuta, 1,500 ft. above Mount Hagen station.

SECOND: Some of Mick Leahy's large herd of fat Herefords on his 600-acre property near Mumeng.

THIRD: Danny Leahy inspects some of his newly-shorn sheep—mostly Romney Marsh. Some have been mated with black Javanese sheep, which gives a promising cross.

FOURTH: Fat, contented cattle on Jim Leahy's farm at Goroka.

All the Leahy brothers are introducing European grasses; but all say that, under certain conditions, they can get good results from the indigenous pastures. Three of these photos

Tropicalities

A LONG many miles of the Bulolo River flats there are vast, unsightly heaps of bare gravel—the tailings from the dredges which have worked over the ground. Someone said to me that he supposed those horrors would remain there indefinitely. But I noticed that already rough vegetation is beginning to hide the unsightly masses.

I am reminded that, during the past 25 years, the people of the Roxburgh district, in Central Otago, New Zealand, planted thousands of pinus radiata on the apparently endless heaps of dredge tailings which once made that region hideous. To-day the whole area is covered by a vast pine forest which not only makes the district beautiful, but represents now almost incalculable wealth in terms of timber. There may be, there, an idea or two for New Guinea—RWR.

A CORRESPONDENT in the United States tells us that recently a South Pacific reunion took place in Flemington, New Jersey, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Furnas (he wrote that excellent book on the Pacific, *Anatomy of Paradise*). A number of Americans interested in the area, including the former president of Standard Oil, Mr. Walter Teague, and Mr. and Mrs. James Michener who had recently returned from the South Seas, were invited to meet Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, of Fiji, who was then acting as an advisor to the British delegation to the United Nations. He created a most favourable impression by his wide knowledge and good humour, and he later was the subject of a lengthy story that was syndicated in 300 American newspapers, wherein he was upheld as one of the world's learned men who are working for international friendship.

ONE of the first Christmas greetings received by our editor this year came from the Misses Parham, of Suva, Fiji, and takes the form of a small book of verses written by their mother, the late Mrs. H. B. R. Parham. The booklet is called a *Fiji Floral Calendar* and contains a verse for each month of the year, the subject in each case being a Fiji native flower that blooms in that month.

Mrs. Parham was a distinguished botanist and the study of the Colony's flora was one of her chief interests. She was a member of Fiji's old school of pioneers and PIM's editor remembers his meetings with her with pleasure.

He recalls, also, but with less pleasure, that once when he was taking tea with her in her Suva garden, her pet tortoise bit him.

Mr. B. E. V. Parham, OBE, MA, Chief Agricultural Officer of the Fiji Department of Agriculture and a member of the Research Council (Economic Development) of the South Pacific Commission, is her son.

APPROACHES recently made to the natives of Mangaia, Cook Islands, for the installation of an orange-squeezing plant with view to export of juice for soft-drink factories in NZ, were not successful. They recalled to an old-timer the defunct "Rarotonga Limejuice Company" of more than half-a-century ago, when an eccentric Hebrew named John Salmon (the only Jew CI history immortalises) commenced a similar enterprise.

This man, who came to the Islands on spec.—adventurers could, then—married a minor native Queen, not Rarotonga's reigning one.

His subsequent pompous proclamations, in which he calls himself "Prime Minister," are still treasured by officialdom.

Salmon appears to have started his company on a shoestring, with a few barrels, and an old boat to "juice" his limes in, by the simple process of getting natives to tread them down, with bare feet, like the old Roman wine-makers. For a while the juice, exported to USA, went well, and he made money. But later he altered his manufacturing process—and there lay the hitch.

After several shipments, an awesome letter arrived from a US attorney-firm, re certain "improvements" to the product, now labelled as "best fortified lime-juice" (a few of these gaudy labels are also still extant). Upon the arrival of this epistle, the limejuice company went into liquidation—the stuff had been "fortified" by the cunning proprietor with seawater!

Salmon is also remembered for his amazing success in persuading a firm of US cartmakers to supply a fleet of Conestogas—brakeless four-wheeled buggies—for one of his enterprises without COD, or other financial preliminary. A few of these veteran buggies are said to be still rattling around Rarotonga.

Poor Salmon died long ago, and had fallen upon evil days, due to the untimely death of his "Queen," in his last years, losing all his land.—EG.

By proclamation, the name of the administrative district of Kieta, New Guinea, has been altered. In future, it will be known as the District of



A photographic copy of this drawing (artist unknown) was sent in by Superflash Studios, Apia. The subject is Mr. Len Moran, of Sydney, who as well as doing some Pacific wandering, has guided the destinies of the Sydney Polynesian Club for many years. He has been guide and philosopher to practically every Polynesian to visit Sydney, and during the war years he and his club did much entertaining of servicemen.

Bougainville. It required half a page of the Gazette, and a dozen "whereas-es" to effect the change.

A SOLOMON Islander, Tetavi, member of the crew of an Islands ship calling at Sydney, put aside 3/- to buy Christmas presents for his two young daughters back in BSI. This, for Sydney, Christmas 1950, was slightly inadequate. But with the indulgence shown all Islanders these days a Sydney doll manufacturer presented him with two, £3/10/0 dolls. This achieved the usual publicity and Tetavi's photograph, complete with glamour dolls, appeared in the newspapers.

It was recorded, also, that when in the doll storeroom, Tetavi was offered a choice—a black girl doll, or a white doll. He spurned the black girl doll. There should be a moral in this, but we don't know what it is.

PROMOTION. This appeared in Sydney Truth of November 19:

Archbishop Bodger, of New Guinea, the man who was largely responsible for the building, by natives, of the magnificent cathedral in that part of the world passed through Sydney this week on his way to England. It should be; Canon John D. Bodger.

The cathedral referred to is at Dogura, Papua.

DR. MARGARET MEAD, a distinguished American anthropologist, who did field work in the Sepik River district of New Guinea just before the war, and in Samoa before that, will be one of Australia's Jubilee visitors next year. She will lecture on education.

At present she is Associate Curator of Ethnology at the American Museum of Natural History and a lecturer at Colombia University. After seven years in civilization she says that she is sick of it. She would like to live with an aborigine tribe for a year to get the taste of it out of her mouth. That's not original, of course. There are plenty of Australians who have lived seven years in Sydney who would like to go live with the aborigines. The only difference is that Margaret Mead probably will go; Sydneysiders just play around with the thought.

She has theories on other things besides anthropology. One of her pronouncements is that any woman can get herself a husband these days unless she is deaf, dumb and blind. Dr. Mead has been married twice, both times to men in the same line of business as herself. In private life she is now Mrs. Gregory Bateson. They have a daughter, Cathy, who will come to Australia next year with her mother.—J.T.

THE Suva Indians are original if nothing else. Noticed a sign recently outside an enterprising bookshop on Suva's main boulevard, "We are subscriptions for all American magazines."

I peeped inside and decided, well maybe the proprietors had a trifle overestimated their value on the American market!

However, further along the street, I found a more truthful sign for the announcement said, "Souvenir and Curious Shop." And it was.

Journeying on my way I came across another proudly displayed signboard: "Pianos, Organs, and musical instruments, tuned by experts to satisfaction."

Of the customer I hope! But it confirmed my suspicion that some of the noises my young daughter extracts from our piano are just noises, and not music at all.

Then I see advertised in our local paper: "Try Messrs. So-and-so. Dressmakers and Tailors. Give us a trial. You will be surprised at the results."

I'll say!—PERETI.

ADMINISTRATION in Papua and New Guinea is difficult enough, in any circumstances; but imagine how complicated it becomes when the basic records covering 20 years have been lost.

When the Japs came suddenly into New Guinea in 1942, and the Europeans temporarily withdrew, nearly all basic records covering the period 1920-41 were destroyed or disappeared.

A notice in the Gazette of November 20 announces, formally, that the following are, for the purposes of the Lost Registers Ordinance of 1950 declared to be Lost Registers: Registers of Firms and Persons; of Companies; of Administration Leases; of Mining Leases; and of Births, Deaths and Marriages. In the case of New Guinea, the lost records covered the post-German period; but in the case of Papua, they apparently extend back to 1912.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM MURDOCH McLEOD, whose death was reported in November PIM had 50 years at sea—mostly in South Pacific waters—and was well-known to old-timers (and some more recent residents) of the Pacific Islands.

He went to sea in 1900, by 1910 had his Extra Masters ticket, and between 1911 and 1915 served with the AUSN Co. and Burns, Philp, Ltd. in the following ships: Suva, Maranoa, Moira, Wyreema, Levuka, Amra, Arawatta, Tambo, Moresby, Morinda. In these craft he gained a wide knowledge of the Solomons, Gilbert and Ellice, Marshall and Caroline Islands, etc. The latter group which became a Jap. Mandate after World War I was later closed to the rest of the world and when American forces were preparing a landing there during the Pacific War, Captain McLeod's accurate and painstaking notes and sketches were of great value to them.

Following an interesting career in World War I in "mystery ships," he joined the Wellington Harbour Board as a pilot in 1919. He became Deputy-Harbourmaster in 1936.

His retirement in 1945 did not mean the end of his interest in the Pacific; in 1946 he acted as Harbourmaster at Apia for six months and in 1947 he was in Honolulu in command of the former LST Rawhiti, now a familiar sight in the Pacific.

Solution to Crossquiz on page 54

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Stevenson's Tomb

Tusitala—The Teller of Tales—Was Born 100 Years Ago

By E. E. Bush

THE centenary of the birth of Robert Louis Stevenson at 8 Howard Place, Edinburgh, on November 13, 1850, did not pass unobserved in Western Samoa, the land of his adoption.

Several parties made the pilgrimage up Mt. Vaea in the cool of the afternoon to pay tribute to Tusitala. Some took flowers; one took the standard of Scotland; one a copy of "Vailima Prayers." In the stillness of that forest, gathered around his tomb, we listened to the words of his prayers for Success, for Evening, and that last prayer which he wrote on the day before his death:

"Look down upon Thy servants with a patient eye, even as Thou sendest sun and rain; look down, call upon the dry bones, quicken, enliven; recreate in us the soul of service, the spirit of peace; renew in us the sense of joy."

As we placed our flowers, and read the prayers, we realised that many people throughout the world, to whom the name of Robert Louis Stevenson means much, would wish to be in that place, on that day. We, therefore, were greatly privileged that we could gather there and pay our homage, although neither this nor our flowers were ours alone; they were the respectful remembrance of the whole coterie of Stevenson lovers, given by those whose good fortune it was to live in the land he knew, the land in which he found health and happiness, the land wherein he lies in everlasting sleep.

We read again the inscriptions on his tomb, familiar though they are. His epitaph, written by himself, and known to every schoolboy, is placed on one side of the tomb. On the opposite side, in a Samoan translation, are those beautiful words from the Book of Ruth: "Whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God. Where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried."

They have carved a thistle and a hibiscus into the tomb. He had fond memories of his native Scotland, and the symbol of the land of his birth tells us that, at heart, he remained a Scotsman. The hibiscus reminds us of what he found in the tropics—in Hawaii, in the Marquesas, in Tahiti, and those other islands of his cruises in the Casco and the Equator, and chiefly in Samoa,

the land that so captivated him during the Equator's cruise that he bought 300 acres of land, and there raised Vailima, the house in which he ended his days. In the tropics he found some health, and much gaiety, beauty and colour.

So they carved a thistle and a hibiscus. At the end of the tomb is a plaque that records the fact that the ashes of Fanny, his wife, are placed within his tomb.

We left him there, alone with the flowers of our tribute, alone with the silence of the forest he loved, alone . . .

Under the wide and starry sky.

Our duty was ended. Our pilgrimage was over. We descended the hill in the gathering evening.

That evening the programme from the Government Radio Station, 2AP, Apia, included a speaker who recalled something of the life of Tusitala in Samoa. Reference was made also in the Samoan session to the centenary, and the Requiem was sung, in English, by a Samoan choir.

IN 1944, on the 50th anniversary of the death of R.L.S. (December 3), the Anglican chaplain in Apia, then planning to build a new church for his flock, decided to make it a memorial chapel to the great writer.

The Anglican community in Western Samoa is but a small one, but its beginning goes back over 60 years.

In 1886, Bishop Suter, of Nelson, NZ, was commissioned to investigate the need of the ministrations of a priest in this land.

He recommended that a chaplaincy be established, and this was done, but not for another 35 years, when the Rev. W. E. Moren came to minister to local Anglicans. For his flock, he built a temporary church, in grounds above the town of Apia. In faith, Moren laboured serving the community, added to since 1918, by the Lutherans, for 12 years, to be followed, in 1943, by the present chaplain, the Rev. C. W. Whonsbon-Aston, a priest of wide experience in England, Australia, New Guinea and Fiji.

A chance visit to Stevenson's tomb in 1944 inspired the new chaplain, and in a corner of the Chaplaincy grounds, on December 3, that year, the then Ad-

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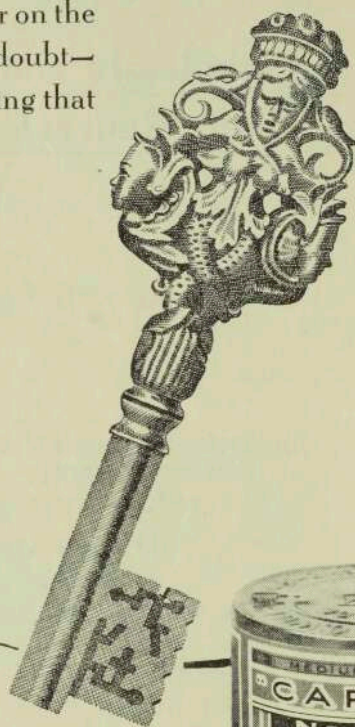
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NG OLD TIMERS

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—both of whom later died on their plantations during the Jap occupation.

I found a very interesting Old Timer in the housekeeper at the Rabaul hotel—Mrs. Frost, who came to New Guinea as long ago as 1924, with her late husband, a steamer-captain. Their son now is an aviation engineer with Qantas. Mrs. Frost has held various Territories jobs, before and since the war, and is esteemed by both young and old Territorians. She is headed for Wau soon, to reside in cold air with her old friend Mrs. Bowring, at Edie Creek.

I SUPPOSE I must include among the Old Timers men like Ned O'Brien, Middleton, Bliss, Schilling, E. J. Wauchope, of Madang, Chipper and Stokie, of Rabaul, and Fred Archer, Jimmy Joyce, and Jack Ellis, of Bougainville; but they are so energetic and tireless to-day in bringing the lowly coconut to market that they seem part of the modern bustle.

You haven't seen a human dynamo in action until you have met John Stokie coming along a Rabaul avenue in full war-paint (khaki overalls and digger hat); and the spectacle of Jack Chipper, simultaneously directing sawmilling, lightering, engineering, motor vehicle rehabilitation, building, and what-not, while tearing from place to place in a shining car, suggests nothing of age or decrepitude.

Still, they all belonged to the Time Before; and every one of them, I think, did yeoman service in the jungles during the black years, with the best of the mainland's Old Timers.

Perhaps because I am myself now a grave and reverend seigneur, and because I cannot find much preoccupation with New Guinea's future in the lighthearted messes where most of the Time Behinds

usually assemble, I think that the Administration still must look mostly to the Old Timers for practical help in getting these Territories back onto the road to real progress and economic equilibrium.

POSTSCRIPT—In Moresby, on my way home, I learned that two more of the Old Timers True had passed on—D. H. Osborne, of the Eastern archipelagoes, who wrote copiously in the PIM about the old days before World War I; and Percy R. Hinds (dead at Kikori on October 27) who came to the Papuan goldfields 30 years ago, and was one of Captain Fitch's first staff men.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Duane left Niue by the Maui Pomare recently and will spend several months in New Zealand.

THE BOY'S BRIGADE AT NIUE

THE Resident Commissioner of Niue, Mr. C. H. W. Larsen, who is Patron of the Boys' Brigade, recently inspected all the Companies, about 450 boys, and assisted the Chaplain, the Rev. M. G. Check, MA, LTh, in the dedication and presentation of the Battalion Colours.

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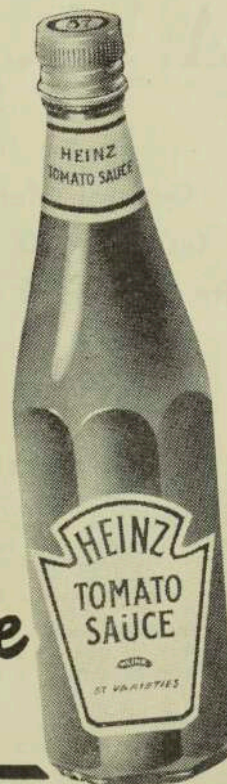
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Mr. J. H. (Lofty) Bower and his wife and family left Apia, W. Samoa, in November to seek new pastures in New Zealand. For many years Mr. Bower has been Gaoler at Tafaigata Prison.

Miss Sheila Wesley-Smith was married to **Mr. Norman Draper** in Melbourne at the end of November. Both are members of the Baptist Mission in New Guinea and will return to work there next year.

MONTH OF SPORT IN APIA

From Our Own Correspondent

SPORT events of a great variety have attracted public interest throughout Samoa during November. On November 7, a packed house at the Tivoli Theatre witnessed the boxing match for the heavyweight championship of Western Samoa between the title holder, Motu, of Apia (36 years, 224 pounds) and

the aspirant, Suivai, of Saleimooa, (26 years, 210 pounds). The fight was disappointing, as it soon became apparent that the champion was no match for his younger and fitter opponent, who possessed skill, aggressiveness and speed. The seventh round brought the end, when Motu was caught with a right to the head and went down for the count.

Mr. G. S. Chisholm, donor of the championship belt presented the trophy to the new heavy-weight champion of Western Samoa, Suivai.

The Armistice Day Race Meeting, held on Saturday, November 11, was unfortunately marred by heavy showers which turned the course at Apia into a quagmire and made the going difficult. In spite of all difficulties an enthusiastic crowd watched the eight events of the day contested by good fields and the tote paid some good dividends.

The Apia Rifle Club opened the new season on November 17 at the Vaivase Range with a pleasing little function which at the same time, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Club which was formed by a group of riflemen in 1925. About 60 members and guests, including the High Commissioner, **Mr. G. R. Powles**, spent an enjoyable afternoon in excellent weather and beautiful surroundings.

The Club has enrolled a full membership and a successful season is anticipated. The Club will have to establish a new range next season, as the present site is required for the new Government Boarding School, the construction of which is to begin soon.

Dr. and Mrs. John Akerman, who with their three children, have been living in Wewak, New Guinea, will shortly be leaving Australia for Assam where they will live in future.



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NZ REPORTS ON HER ISLAND TERRITORIES

Drift of Native People to Dominion Cities

THE New Zealand Department of Island Territories recently issued annual reports in handy booklet form for Western Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue and the Tokelau Group.

An extra book was issued for the Cook Islands. It is printed in two colours and has numerous drawings and photographs and although its exact purpose is not clear, it is easier reading for the layman in search of information about the Cooks, than the official report.

WHENCE CAME THE ORANGES?

From this coloured booklet we learn the possible source of the now famous Cook Islands oranges, the Group's main export crop. According to a native legend, the first men to see Rarotonga were the Bounty Mutineers who lay off the island shortly after the mutiny of 1789. The story goes that "There came a large white ship but the people did not land. One of the Chiefs went aboard and reported that they had taro swamps and young breadfruit trees (on board). It was thence we obtained the first oranges . . ."

Discovery of the Group is credited to Captain Cook who on his second voyage (1773) found Manuae. On his third voyage he again visited the Group, Mangaia being his first landfall after leaving Queen Charlotte Sound, NZ. But although he cruised around among the islands he had difficulty in finding suitable anchorages and most of his contact with the Islanders was with those who ventured out in canoes to his ship. The Group did not become well known until the pioneer missionary John Williams, of the LMS, visited there in 1823. For the next 60 years it was rigidly ruled by the missions who introduced their famous Blue Laws, some of which survive until today.

Cook Islands became a British Protectorate in 1888 and came under the control of New Zealand in 1901.

Although the Cook Islands are New Zealand's chief source of oranges and other tropical fruits, this Group, like the rest of the Dominion's Island territories, can be classed as a responsibility rather than as an economic asset. Straight-out grants to the Cooks have fluctuated from year to year and range from £11,000 in 1938 to £100,000 in 1949.

THE TOKELAUS PAY THEIR WAY.

The Tokelau Islands which came into NZ's territorial boundaries as recently as 1949 (although they became a British Protectorate in 1877) are shown to be just about self-supporting—revenue last year, copra, handicrafts and postage stamps, being £4,550 and expenditure £4,471—of which the amazing sum of £52 was spent on education.

Population is about 1,400 and at the last count there were 43 more females than males.

DRAWN TO THE BRIGHT LIGHTS.

ONE of the most interesting things contained in the reports is that section dealing with the welfare of Islanders now living temporarily or permanently in New Zealand—2,000 of them, which shows the strength of the drift of these people to what they evidently consider to be some sort of Mecca. The drift would likely become a flood if more sea and air transport were available.

These Islanders always have been attracted to the Dominion, but the numbers going there up until the war were small in comparison with the influx that has taken place since 1945. It all stems from post-war prosperity in the Islands and in the Dominion, plus the fact that

jobs are now easy to get in New Zealand. Most of these folk are clustered together in Auckland city. Natives of Niue and Cook Islands, being New Zealand citizens, are admitted freely. Samoans have slightly more trouble in being accepted as permanent residents.

The NZ Department of Islands Territories set up a branch office in Auckland in 1945. The officer appointed to control the office has had long experience in Cook Islands and Samoa, is familiar with their languages and has been able to iron out many of their problems. The Government has also given financial support to the London Missionary Society which has appointed a full-time officer, with missionary experience in the Islands, to

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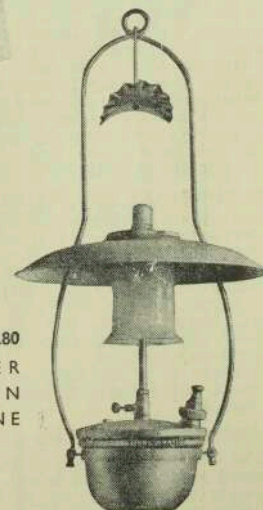
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THESE reports show conclusively that although possibly unimaginative, New Zealand's administration of her Island Territories has for many years been undertaken in a spirit of duty and not for material gain—if that ever was the purpose.

The casual reader of the reports is left wondering why New Zealand should bother, except for that intangible, now discounted thing called prestige. It is hard to see that the Dominion would be one whit worse off if divorced from her Island territories tomorrow. Can the same be said of the Island Territories?

MISSIONS' APPLICATIONS FOR NG LAND

A TOTAL of 41 applications will be dealt with at the meeting of the New Guinea Land Board on December 4. Of these, 32 have been lodged by Mission bodies for leases of land—14 by Lutherans, 12 by the Catholics, and 6 by the Seventh Day Adventists. Nearly all the applicants—including a handful of private people—are seeking land in the Highlands district.

The marriage of Miss Joan Kelly, only child of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kelly, of Yass, to Mr. Oliver Wood, youngest son of Commander W. E. Wood, RN (ret'd.) and Mrs. Wood, of Nadi, Fiji, will take place at St. Stephen's Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney, on January 11. Commander and Mrs. Wood are expected to arrive in Australia for the wedding.

LONELY 'YANKS' ON A TORRES STRAIT ISLAND

Letter to the Editor

AS I come from Thursday Island, I was interested to read in October PIM an article in reference to Deliverance Island. I know it well. Deliverance is somewhat like Green Island, off Cairns only much larger; and if my memory serves rightly, it is about 75 miles north-west of TI.

There used to live there, some years ago, two half-bred Yanks whose staple diet consisted of fowls and turtles. The fowls were the progeny of some fowls left there by a pearler who had made his base there.

The Yanks had a lugger there, but they let it rot, as they were quite content to live an "idyllic" life, not being interested in any angle of civilisation or its amenities.

Deliverance is not far from Dutch New Guinea, where there are natives of a ferocious character, who would like the chance of looting the Torres Strait Islands. If war came between us and the Indonesians, they might have the chance they want.

There is no land visible from Deliverance, which stands alone in a wide sea. I do not know whether anyone is there now. The last time I was on TI, in 1949, no one knew. We often used to call there, years ago.

I am, etc.,

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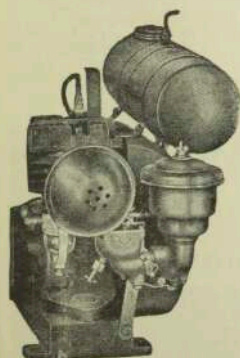
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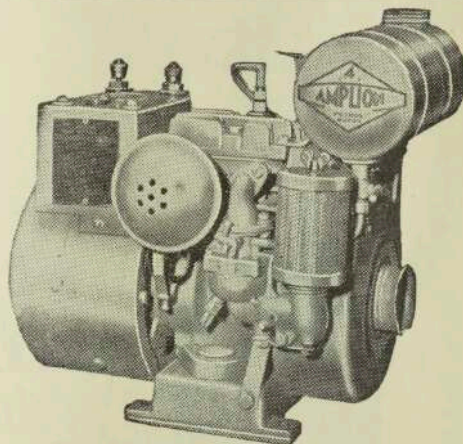
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Of the 4,200 students who took the Queensland University examinations this month, 400 students were overseas or in other Australian States. There were two students in New Guinea, one in New Britain, one in Fiji, one in Singapore and several in the United Kingdom. Papers were flown to overseas centres well in advance of the Queensland exam timetable, and, under supervision, were done at the same time as the Queensland exam.

In the opinion of the Anglican Bishop of New Guinea, the Rt. Rev. P. N. W. Strong, who visited Brisbane recently, the Commonwealth Government is trying hard to develop New Guinea. He said that co-operatives had been started in the native villages, for plantations, rice growing, copra making and sawmilling. He could see no solid grounds for the Indonesian Republic's claims to Dutch New Guinea, because the Papuans were not akin to the Indonesians.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FIJI SOCIETY

MEMBERS who attended the annual general meeting of the Fiji Society in Suva in November, decided to re-organise the Anthropology and Ethnology section.

Dr. I. Verrier is this year's chairman of the section. The active interest of everyone with information relating to the life and customs of the Fijian people will be enlisted.

A new section of the Society was established under the chairmanship of Mr. P. A. Snow, for the study of the history and literature of Fiji, to compile a bibliography of published works on Fijian culture, history and ethnology, and to investigate historical records and documents. It is also intended to prepare a topographical index of the Colony. Much information is already available, but the Society hopes that Colony residents will make available, for study and record, any information they possess.

The new Council of the Society elected for the ensuing year were: president, Hon. Harold Gatty; members, Messrs. J. M. Hedstrom, J. F. A. Taylor, B. E. V. Parham, H. M. McMillan (hon. secretary), P. A. Snow, J. Falvey, W. J. Blackie, Dr. A. S. Prater and Bro. Peter (hon. treasurer).

Nearly 200 delegates attended the Seventh Day Adventist quadrennial conference in NSW between November 19 and 25. They came from Australian States, New Zealand, Solomons, Tonga, New Hebrides, Fiji, Papua-New Guinea. One delegate was Kata Ragoso from BSI who, during the Pacific war, organised rescue parties which saved the lives of many Allied servicemen.

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LIFE WAS NEVER DULL FOR THE LEAHY BROTHERS

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the Leahy brothers; but none of it was valuable enough to be worth development.

IN those expeditions the Leahys conceived a strong love for the Central Highlands, and they determined that some day they should link their future with the development of this rich and beautiful region. It was after that first visit to Mount Hagen—after NGG had turned down the gold possibilities—that the brothers got land rights over the low mountain called Kuka, where Danny Leahy has his home to-day.

Between 1933 and the outbreak of war, the Leahys were goldmining, contracting, prospecting, recruiting, and generally doing very well for themselves.

With their knowledge of the country and their skill in handling natives, the Leahys were of great service to both Australian and American forces during the Pacific War (1941-1945); and all of them, as commissioned officers, carried out special jobs. The war held tragedy for Danny, however.

Danny just naturally became involved in hush-hush jungle work. He directed rescue operations, led lost parties out to safety, located and built jungle roads, harassed the Japs, and did a good deal of useful spying. His eating was on a catch-as-catch-can basis—often out of tins. Towards the end, he noticed his sight curiously out of focus; and, finally, they rushed him away for expert attention. He ended as a notable patient in the famous Mayo Clinic, in America.

It is explained that Danny probably was born with some weakness of the optic nerve system; that his failure to get necessary vitamins during those severe years in the jungle developed the weakness; and, by the time it was recognised, much of Danny's sight had gone, permanently. He can see well enough, looking straight ahead; but he has no vision on either side. The experts say that, while he remains healthy, he will hold his sight; and Danny, out on his Highlands farm, is literally wallowing in vitamins, and is one of the cheeriest and healthiest men I ever have seen. He is not yet 40.

AFTER the war, the brothers went their several ways. But, in three directions, they still remain as one: They love New Guinea, and will live nowhere else; he who injures one Leahy, injures the lot, and had better don armour; and they are fiercely enthusiastic about experimental farming.

All are well endowed; and all are putting their money back into New Guinea. Mick is believed to have made many thousands out of War Disposals transactions; Jim owns a large wheat-ranch in Queensland, and wheat is better to-day than gold; Danny has washed thousands of ounces of gold out of the two mountain streams which border his large holding near Hagen.

Mick, with one of the prettiest wives and quite the prettiest youngster in NG, farms 600 acres on the Mumeng-Nadzab range, 4,500 ft. up. Jim farms a couple of hundred acres of rich valley floor, five miles out of Goroka, and 5,000 ft. up. Danny has apparently about a thousand acres at Kuka, over 6,000 ft. up, five miles south of Hagen. Paddy, the most sentimental of the quartette, has not settled anywhere. He spends most of his time in the more civilised centres of NG, nursing an inside that NG has more or less ruined.

The farming operations of the three Leahys, although quite independent, have a remarkable similarity. And all are of considerable importance to NG.

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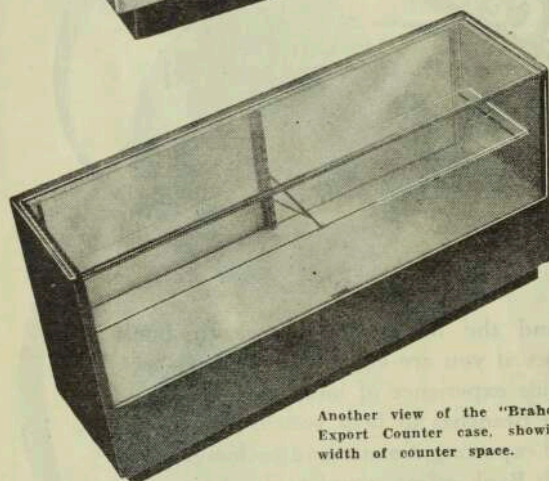
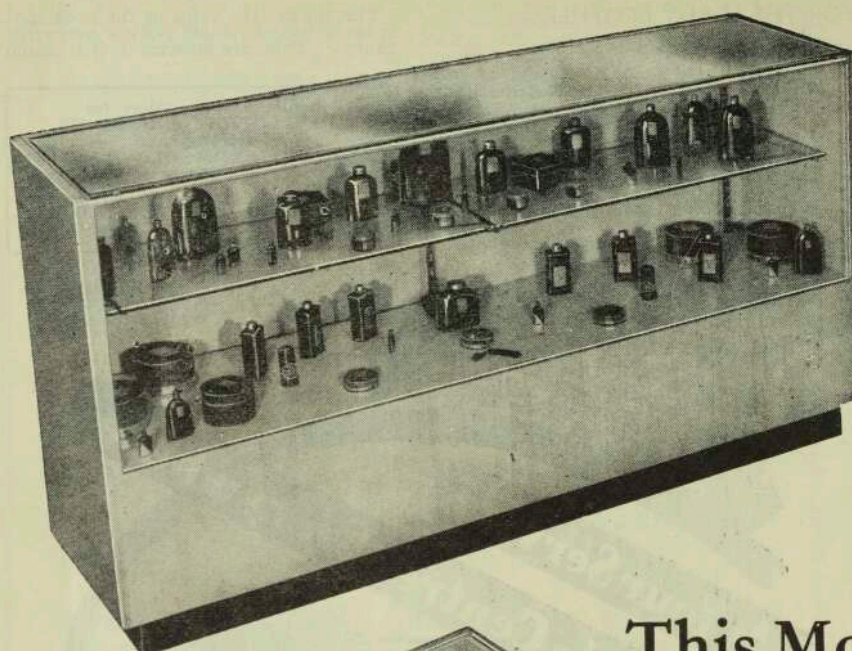
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Mick has Hereford cattle (a very big herd), sheep and pigs, as well as a wide selection of ducks, geese, turkeys and Australorp hens. Jim has 16 Shorthorns, a dozen Romney Marsh sheep and a score of pigs, with which he is experimenting. Danny has a very large heard of very good pigs, a selection of cattle, and Romney Marsh and Javanese sheep, in the crossing of which he is making an interesting experiment.

Jim and Danny have planted considerable areas with Blue Mountain coffee; all three are growing every kind of food crop they can think of; and all are enthusiastically making experiments with introduced grasses.

Seen from high up, those valleys seem to be an endless series of lush meadows. The grass however, is mostly kunai, or similarly coarse and apparently useless stuff. But certain of these indigenous grasses are quite acceptable to European animals. That herd of Mick Leahy's Herefords (see photograph) has grown fat on a natural grass, which Mick had cut and top-dressed.

Danny gave me interesting data. He said that *Phalaris Tuberosa* grass grew magnificently in clumps, but did not stop erosion, which was heavy in the Hagen district. He praised Kikuyu which covered the ground like a carpet. He found red clover fair, and white clover very good. The best of the lot, in that it stopped erosion and gave excellent pasture, was a mixture of Kikuyu and White Clover, especially in shaded places.

ALL the brothers said that they had had much valuable help from Administration officials—especially the Department of Agriculture. An expert will come a hundred miles to study a sick animal or the strange behaviour of a

crop. Officials went to endless trouble to select for them the most suitable strains of coffee.

I heard indirectly, however, that Mick had had a raw deal from some of the stuffer kinds of bureaucrats.

It costs a small fortune to transport a single beast from Australia to the Highlands. Naturally, Mick wanted to select his own animals. But officialdom wouldn't have it. A Government agent down South—for whose judgment Mick has no respect whatever—chooses the animals for shipment; but Mick has to pay for them and try to establish a flock or herd with them. The typical Canberra touch.

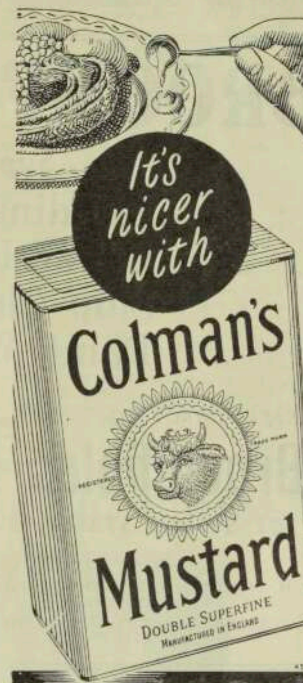
The Administration spends thousands on foodstuffs (mostly imported) for its labour lines. Mick wanted to grow kaukau, rice, etc., on his place at Mumeng, quite handy to Lae. In this direction, officialdom gave him neither help nor encouragement.

THESE Leahys are as practical as they are ingenious. To light his attractive modern, 2-storey house, Jim dug a 5-mile water-race. Water turns a Pelton, geared to a generator. Another race, with a bigger Pelton, drives a saw-mill.

I called unexpectedly on Jim, as he was sitting down to luncheon, and shared his lunch. No special preparations. But lunch consisted of pork chops, green peas, tomatoes and potatoes, followed by strawberries with passionfruit and cream—every item grown on the premises. That's how Farmer Jim Leahy lives!

At Danny's place, a propeller on his everlastingly windswept mountain-top turned a generator, and Danny has light and refrigeration. Nearby was the framework of a new 2-story house, being made of pit-sawn timber. Bearded natives, who still carry spears on their normal

peregrinations, were busily hand-planing some soft timber for the interior. Danny is teaching the local natives to shear sheep, spin wool, cure hides, milk and



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Sepik. I was shivering—yet we were only 5 degrees from the equator.

I WONDER why New Guinea has not done more to honour the Leahy brothers, most faithful and most enterprising of her pioneers. Somewhere along the line of valley systems, I believe,

there is a Mount Michael and a Mount Leahy. That does not seem adequate.

Maybe, when all this post-war muddle and confusion are past, and Australia begins to realise the value of the newly-discovered Central Highlands, they will place a special memorial at Goroka or somewhere there, in honour of the brothers.

Or—better still—why not change the spelling of Lae to Leahy? The pronunciation is the same, and Lae (Leahy) is destined to be the busy sea-port of the Highlands.

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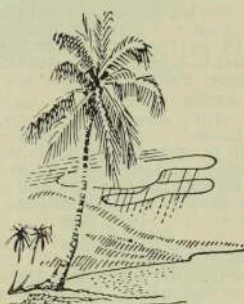
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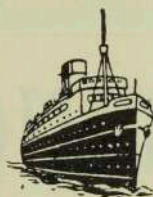
From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Nov. 22.

THE High Commissioner of Western Samoa, Mr. G. R. Powles, left Apia, with Mrs. Powles, on November 20 by plane for Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr. Powles will later proceed to Lake Success to attend the meeting of the UN Trusteeship Council during the debate on Western Samoa.

A Mr. Edser, of London, who arrived in Brisbane recently by the Bulolo, said that timber was so plentiful in New Guinea, walnut logs were being used for house rafters. Tremendous quantities of other good timber were standing untapped in New Guinea jungles. For the past 15 months Mr. Edser had been building houses in New Guinea and New Britain. He intends to set up a business in Sydney as a housing contractor.



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We have had the privilege of viewing the sample and can describe it thus: It is made of the heaviest, strongest chrome-coloured leather seen this side of 1939. The soles consist of a three-quarter inch thickness of solid leather, with a horse-shoe built into the heel and the toe studded with two rows of square nails. The top, for strength, is in keeping. If sold retail, the leather in these shoes would push the price up to about £3/10/-. The weight of the sandals may be a little less than the weight of heavy army boots—but not much.

The native police of P-NG have gone barefoot for half a century, so, one feels, there should be an excellent reason why Authority feels it incumbent upon it now to force the lads into these close relatives of a wooden sabot. They will probably be fine for riding in a jeep, or making clonking noises around the police barracks, but patrolling is not altogether a lost art in New Guinea and when these sandals are caked with a few pounds of mountain mud they will be about as easy to get about in as a ball and chain. The Japs had the right idea when they took to the New Guinea jungles in canvas sneakers.

It may be argued that the sandals will prevent foot casualties, but if this is the reason for issuing them it might have been better to go the whole hog and produce regulation shoes. There is plenty of room at heels and toes for mud and leeches and other irritants to find their way in.

It seems that the Sydney Technical College was not so concerned with producing something suitable for the native

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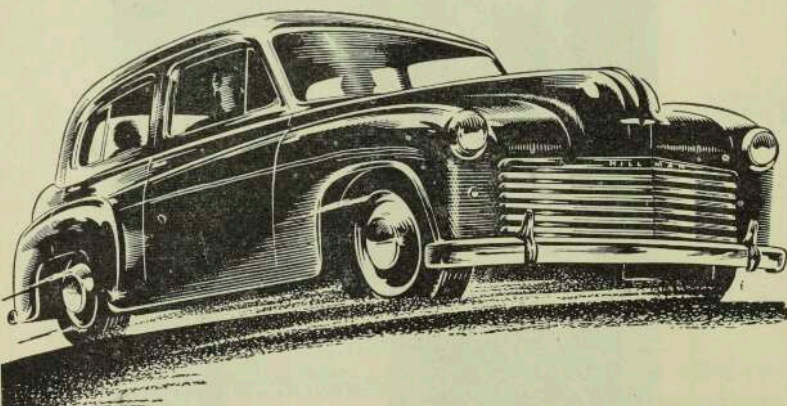
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not only get a life-time of service from them but at the end of his allotted span will be able to hand them down to his children.

Big Increase in Salaries for P-NG Native Police

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY Nov. 30. A NATIVE policeman's lot in the Territory is likely to be a happier one (if money has anything to do with happiness), for pay rates are taking a big jump. And since the increases are retrospective to January 1, 1950, the native police are in for a tidy windfall.

The plain fact is that police wages have been so low, compared with the big money being paid by private enterprise and government departments for semi-skilled labour, that it has been difficult to get and retain police boys.

Under the new rates a third year constable who has previously been getting 30/- a month, will now get 45/-. A corporal's wages (on promotion) increase from £2/5/- to £6/10/- a month; Sergeant-Major Second Class jump from £5/5/- to £12/10/- on promotion, and another £2 after two years. A Sergeant-Major 1st Class gets £17/10/- per month—an increase of £7/10/-.

This is worth a moment's calculation: £14/10/- a month, plus uniform, plus rations for self, wife and children, plus free quarters, light, water and transport, medical treatment, and, in some cases, marginal payments for certain skills. The policeman's lot ought to be a happy one.

A European employee in the Territory, with £14/10/- a month left in cash after supporting a family and paying sundry other costs, would count himself lucky.

ERSATZ COCONUT CANDY

WHAT to do with surplus sweet potatoes—the Australasian Confectioner gives us this idea:—

AMERICA'S wartime "ersatz" candy made from sweet potatoes is coming back into the news. For some unexplained reason the US Bureau of Agricultural Economics recently decided to have some coconut brittle made up from sweet potatoes and try it out on a cross section of the public. To the surprise of most of those involved in this seeming waste of energy, over 40 per cent. of the people on whom it was tried declared that they liked it better than regular coconut brittle. Moreover, the investigators discovered, it "stood up" better to handling and storage.

Now they're looking for some candy-making firm to turn the stuff out on a commercial scale. One optimistic group assures the potential manufacturer that he'll make a small fortune with it. That group, however, might be slightly prejudiced in its favour—they're the sweet potato farmers of Alabama.

Mr. G. B. Milner, of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, was recently in Tonga to make recordings of the language for academic purposes. But he has brought back a fascinating selection of discs covering Tongan poetry, paddle songs, dance songs, and, of course, love songs. Some of these songs were heard in Australia on the ABC National Programme on December 10.

THIRD TERM AS SUVA MAYOR

Mr. T. W. Alport Barker

AT the annual meeting of the Suva Town Council on November 15, Mr. T. W. Alport Barker was elected Mayor for a third term.

In August 26 he was elected to the Legislative Council as the European member for the Southern District. Mr. Barker has given something like 30 years to the public life of the Colony. He was an elected member of the Council for 22 years before he lost to Mr. A. A. Ragg in 1944. In 1947 he lost to Mr. Ragg again but in 1950 he came out on top.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Murphy of Lae, New Guinea, recently.

Among delegates at a conference of police chiefs in Sydney in November were Deputy Commissioner W. J. G. Holland, of Fiji, and Commissioner J. S. Grimshaw, of Papua, New Guinea.

Carols sung by the choir of St. Matthews Church School, Wamira, Papua, were heard in an ABC radio programme in Australia on the afternoon of December 10.

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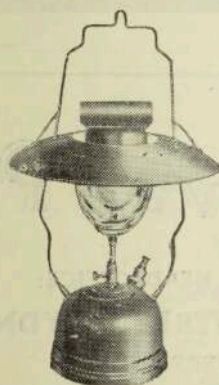
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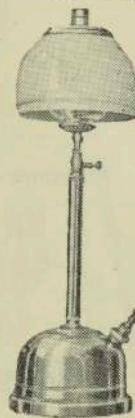
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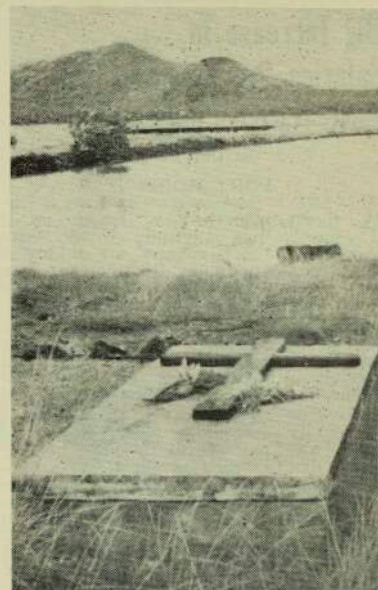
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There are 89 Australians working in New Guinea, Melanesia, Polynesia, Malaya, and among the Australian aborigines, who have been sent through the Australian Board of Missions. There are 83 missionary candidates in various stages of training at the present time.

History was made in Rabaul, New Guinea, in early October. The first native ever to purchase a refrigerator has obtained one from a local store, and threatens to go into business with it, making and selling ice-cream to his brown brothers.

A Famous Frenchman is Buried Here



Near the sea on Bora Bora, French Oceania, lie the last remains of Alain Gerbault, yachtsman, writer and tennis champion. He died in Portuguese Timor during the war, but a French gunboat a year or so ago removed his remains to French Oceania, which he loved so well.

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News Notes From Port Vila

From Our Own Correspondent

VILA, November, 16.

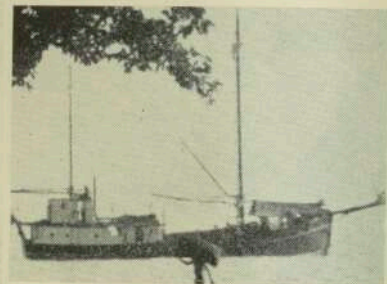
THE opening ceremony for the observance of Armistice Day in Vila was the usual Remembrance Mass in the Roman Catholic Church at 9 a.m.

At 11 a.m. the Resident Commissioners, Mr. H. G. Flaxman and M. P. Anthonioz together with a returned soldier from the community, laid wreaths upon the Cenotaph overlooking Mele Bay.

Afternoon celebrations were of a less solemn nature when the first race meeting held in the New Hebrides for some years attracted a large crowd. The course was the local air strip, built by the Americans during the war and used now solely by Air France on its fortnightly visits to the capital.

An event which aroused much interest was the Ladies Race, won by Mrs. O'Ryan in a field of five contestants.

In the evening a ball was held at the Mathew Rossi Stade.



Picture shows the BP 80 ton AK Koro loading copra from Malasa, Undine Bay, several weeks before she was wrecked at a point a mile or so directly starboard from where she is shown. A private concern purchased the wreck from the Queensland Insurance Company, and have been successful in raising it. It is reported that after temporary repairs, at the point where the ship was raised, it will be brought into Vila for more extensive and permanent repairs. What the salvagers intend doing with the vessel is unknown.

OUR new Resident Commissioner, Brigadier Judge H. G. Flaxman, is an expert in international law and a widely travelled man. He arrived in Vila some months ago and will now take up official residence on Iririki Island in Mele Bay following the departure from Vila of the retiring RC, Mr. R. D. Blandy. Until the appointment was announced, Mr. Flaxman occupied the post of British Judge on the Joint Court.

THE recent visit of HMAS Culgoa to Port Vila provided occasion for a round of social and sport activities. Under the command of Lieutenant Commander V. G. Jerran, the frigate arrived in the port on the morning of October 28. Tennis, football and basketball teams from the ship were invited to play local teams and on the afternoon of their arrival a cricket team played a combined Vila team.

Officers and men were entertained ashore at private homes and at the Vila club. To return the hospitality shown them, Lt. Commander Jerran and officers entertained 60 Vila residents at a cocktail party on board the vessel on the eve of its departure. Guests were shown around the vessel.

This goodwill visit of the Culgoa was noted for the excellent behaviour of the

men. It is hoped in Port Vila that the Culgoa will show the flag here again.

THERE were a few puzzled frowns and amusing incidents when Vila's Anglo-French population was introduced to the old Canadian flirtation barn dance at the Jacques Tassy Tennis Club ball. Although this particular ball was the second at which the music for the dance had

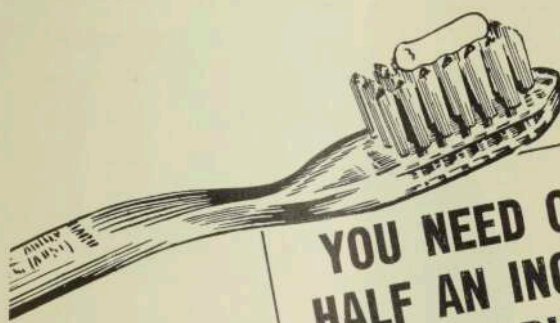
been played, people were not familiar with this innovation.

The ball was a success and marked the end of the 1950 tennis season. Main event of the night was the presentation of the trophies to the winners of the various club competitions.

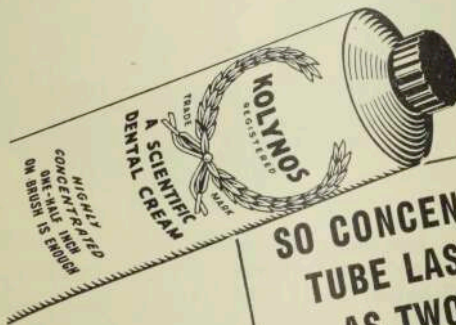
While most Vila balls are notable only for the fact that the organisers seem bent on segregating the French people from the British, the tennis club's policy of ignoring nationality proved, at this ball, the eagerness, willingness and ability of both French and British to mix in with one another. The precedent created could be adopted as standard.

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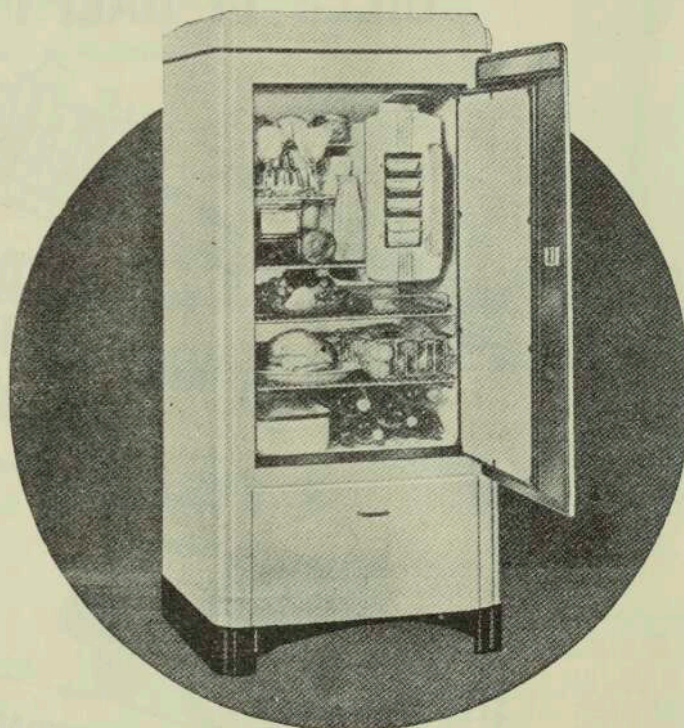
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It had become the accepted practice to place all French guests at a bail at tables along one side of the hall, and all the British at tables the other side. No one seemed to know why—it is just the custom.

Anglo-French relations in Port Vila are extremely cordial, especially among the older residents, and any opportunity to further them should be seized upon. Maybe this can be done by the barn dance, which belated as it may be, is in Vila to stay!

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The Condominium water carrying service of Vila has been hard pressed of late to keep pace with the urgent demand of residents for water to fill their tanks. With no rain for over a month, Vila's household tanks have long been dry.

Optimistic housewives who thought October an ideal month (because of the advent of the change of seasons) to plant their gardens, have seen their seedlings sprout then wither—or not sprout at all.

There is no permanent water supply in the town, only rain water; and a regular supply of that is necessary to keep the tanks full. The once much talked-about water reticulation scheme is not so much talked about now-a-days. However, at the time of writing the appearance of the sky is promising and those who can read the signs predict rain within 24 hours. Rain clouds which accumulated during the "drought" were always quickly dispersed or blown northward.

Rain will also be welcome to cool the atmosphere which for the past week has been as oppressive as the hot season which promises to be long and severe this year.

One commercial company recently reported that its labour line had taken a rest for a day or so because it was "too hot to work!"

INDICATIONS of the manner in which the cost of living in the New Hebrides continues to soar is found in the recent circular sent around to members of the New Hebrides Club announcing an "extraordinary meeting" of members to discuss, among other things, an increase in monthly fees.

The very high cost of living in this Group is due mostly to the high cost of freight from Australia, the sole provider of the bare necessities of living in these islands.

The following is given as an indication to prevailing prices (in Australian currency):—

Tinned fruit, 3/- tin; freezer cargo eggs, 7/6 doz; freezer cargo butter, 5/9 lb.; tea, 8/6 to 8/9 lb.; last onions received, 1/- lb.; potatoes, 6d. lb.; flour, 7d. lb.; rice, 9d. lb.

These are but a few items which are indispensable to the housewife and the prices listed are the lowest in town.

A recent noticeable increase was that in the price of English cigarettes. In a week they jumped from 3/6 to 4/3 a tin of 50.

Only about 20 members of the bride and bridegroom's families were able to be accommodated in the tiny Bong Bong Church (NSW), for the marriage of Miss Jill Throsby to Mr. Peter Chauncy on October 6. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Throsby, of Throsby Park, Moss Vale, and the bridegroom is the only son of the late Mr. A. A. Chauncy, of Rabaul, and of Mrs. J. Goldhill, of Point Piper. Miss Pamela Chauncy was one of the bridesmaids.

Two Councillors of the French Union, Madame Paule Malroux and Monsieur Charles Dumas, have arrived in New Caledonia, by Air France.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pound who have spent the last four years in Rabaul, NG, arrived in Brisbane in November. Mr. Pound has been instructing natives in motor mechanics and Mrs. Pound opened Rabaul's first and only post-war frock shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charon and Miss Roberte Charon, were in Sydney in October en route to Tahiti where Mr. Charon is Consul for Norway. They have spent the last year travelling in America, Europe, Scandinavia and North Africa.

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Sister Ilma C. Townson, of the Anglican Mission, Papua, was the speaker at a Medical Mission service held at the Brisbane Congregational Church on November 19.

The Nickel Company ship Quebec has been loading a shipment of 3,000 tons of iron ore from the Carenage Bay in New

Caledonia; and is also to load giobertite at Voh, for Australia. The island authorities faced with an adverse balance of trade, are anxious that the Commonwealth should take iron ore exports from the vast limonite deposits on the Plaine des Lacs, formerly exploited to a limited extent only by the Japanese from the little port of Goro.

SDA CAMP MEETING AT KOLOMBANGARA

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Nov. 1

THE Western Solomons Mission of Seventh Day Adventists held a Camp Meeting and Conference Session at Kukudu, Kolombangara, from October 12-20. The Camp Meeting was attended by more than 3,000 native people from all over the Western Solomons.

Houses were specially built to accommodate those who assembled for meetings in a huge pavilion with seating accommodation for nearly 3,000. All European staff of the SDA Western Section, and most of the Eastern Section staff, were present.

The Coral Sea SDA Mission and the Australasian Inter-Union SDA Conference were represented. Native delegates took their full share in the business of the conference. School and village choirs sang, a brass band was in attendance, and a massed Mission Choir sang the Hallelujah Chorus. The Meeting is the second large Camp Meeting held this season by the SDA Mission. The other was held in August at Bena Bena in the New Guinea Highlands.

Mrs. Alex D. Fauth, New Guinea, has been ill in Sydney, but has now recovered. She and her husband volunteered over three years ago to go as lay workers to the Society of the Divine Word Mission in N.G. Mrs. Fauth has been teaching the native girls and Mr. Fauth has been supervising building work.

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NG's ENRICHED CHINESE

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tions. One man said, jokingly, "Well, I might consider £60,000" (a figure which he thought represented double the value of his property).

"You shall have the money tomorrow," replied the Chinese merchant to whom he was talking.

Here is a list of the coastal vessels owned by Chinese in New Guinea:

Vessel:	Owner:
Anna	Wong You.
Calias	Martin Chan.
Himau	Bernard Chan & Chin Him.
	Hap Hing Shipbuilding Company.
Malvin	E. Achok & J. Seeto Chee.
Niree	August Chan.
Olobo	Gabriel Chow Sing Yip and Bros.
Sarvil	Cheong Fat & Seeto Yook Ling.
Ulagio	Braun Chan

All are registered in Rabaul, except Anna (Buka) and Sarvil and Ulagio (Kavieng).

WHILE in Rabaul, I was invited by a Chinese friend to a party, to meet some of the principal Chinese business men of Rabaul. I was hospitably entertained in a very friendly atmosphere.

We sat around, and talked frankly. I, myself, introduced the problem of race discrimination. The Europeans were planning a tennis tournament in Rabaul—for Europeans only. There are some pretty good Chinese players in Rabaul, and they did not at all relish the fact that they had not been invited to enter the tournament.

"It has nothing to do with tennis," I said, trying to explain the thing as I saw it. "It is not racial discrimination. Under the Trusteeship, you have the same rights here as the Europeans.

"It is more a matter of your loyalties. To whom do you give your allegiance—to the British flag, which flies over this country, and whose hospitality and protection you enjoy, or to your mother country, now becoming so actively nationalistic? Until they are sure of where you are going, the Europeans naturally preserve the community boundaries."

The older Chinese indicated that their sympathies and interests lay wholly within New Guinea. The younger Chinese, smiling and courteous and speaking excellent English, left one to infer what one liked.

Those younger men talked eagerly of their plans for education. Many of their class already are undergoing education in Australia—others are going soon. They plan to become the professional men of New Guinea—doctors, dentists, lawyers and so on.

I suggested gently that New Guinea really needed good artisans, first-class technicians, useful boatmen. But at this the gleam went out of their eyes.

MUCH of the worth-while building in Rabaul has been done by the Chinese.

When they returned after the war, they established themselves on both sides of a long street in the southern area, out towards Matupi. They built there the most unwholesome-looking double row of corrugated iron shanties I have ever seen, and they have carried on there ever since

as traders, restaurateurs, lodginghouses, etc. That is Chinatown South, and an unpleasant sight it is.

More recently, most of the bigger firms have moved back to the site of the original Chinatown, and there have built themselves plain, but goodlooking and solid buildings of fibro and cement—mostly in use as well-stocked stores.

They partly fill two or three short, wide streets. The rest of Chinatown probably will follow them, to this more desirable location. Somehow, I cannot see these shrewd traders leaving the trading area around the port, and following the Ad-

ministration across Blanche Bay to the carefully planned town of Rapopo—which, so far, is still entirely a plan.

There are only a couple of thousand Chinese in this huge area, the home of over a million natives. But, because the natives are so very backward, the Chinese are a community of considerable importance, in the peculiar circumstances of New Guinea. And they are here to stay. A wise and experienced Administrator probably could influence them a good deal, and make some real use of their qualities. But will New Guinea ever get a wise and experienced Administrator?

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NEWS NOTES FROM THE GOLDFIELDS

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, NG, November 30.

A FETE and exhibition held at Bulolo on October 21 to raise funds for the Hobby Centre and Sunday School in that District, made £392. The exhibition hall was extremely good and the judges, Mesdames R. Franklin, A. Bowring (both of Edie Creek) and J. Given of Wau, had a difficult job in making awards.

ON October 29, the bachelors of Wau entertained the residents of Wau and surrounding districts at their Annual Ball. The night began with savouries and cocktails at 7 p.m. and continued until breakfast at 6 a.m. the following morning. The band played, favours were distributed and decorations, which had been brought from South, were greatly admired. This first post-war Bachelors' Ball outshone anything we have previously seen in this district.

A LARGE patrol left Slate Creek on October 30, for Menyama, 10 days' walk away. Assistant District Officer Lloyd Hurrell is in charge of the party consisting of 14 Native Policeboys and 100 carriers—Cadet Patrol Officer Keenan is accompanying Mr. Hurrell. The party intends to establish a post at Menyama, in the centre of Kukukuku country. There was a post there before the war.

This was the patrol that Assistant District Officer Doug. Parrish was to undertake but owing to an accident he had to withdraw.

MRS. PRICE of Port Moresby Girl Guide Headquarters and Miss M. Jackson of Brisbane Girl Guide Headquarters visited Wau, November 1-3, to ascertain whether a Girl Guide Movement would be possible in the Wau-Bulolo districts. They decided that there were insufficient girls of Girl Guide age here and therefore Brownie packs will be formed.

Anglican Coadjutor Bishop, the Rt. Rev. G. D. Hand, visited Wau on November 5-6, his first visit since he was consecrated earlier this year. He also visited Bulolo and Lae.

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS, LTD., at Wau, are now supplying pre-cut houses to Port Moresby at the rate of 20 per month—in addition to 50,000 super feet of timber per month to the Department of Works and Housing, Lae. This company's saw-mill cut a total of 225,293 super feet of timber in October; 117 tons of timber were freighted to Lae by road, in return for 115 tons of inward freight.

THE New Guinea Citizens' Association (Wau Branch), held its Annual Show on Sunday, November 12. The exhibits were of good standard although there were not as many as last year. Mrs. R. Franklin of Edie Creek won the cup for the aggregate score of points; and Mr. Norman White, of Wau won the cup for most points scored for vegetables exhibited.

THE citrus orchards in the Bulolo Valley are proving a great success but to keep the trees healthy they are sprayed monthly.

Mr. Austin Ireland's 600 citrus trees show great promise; 100 mandarin trees are in full bloom and the lemon and grape-fruit are just beginning to flower. The orange trees are bearing. Mr. Ireland hopes that next year he will be marketing his fruit in the district. The

trees were 3½ years old when planted and have now been in for 2½ years.

Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., have also planted a small orchard of citrus trees which arrived on the last Mangola. They are expected to be bearing in 1952. There are 125 oranges, 50 mandarins and 25 grapefruit.

SEVERAL small shops have opened at Wau recently and are proving a great boon to the residents. The new picture theatre was officially opened by the Assistant District Officer, Mr. H. P. Seale, in October.

The new District Office is being speedily

erected by the local contractor, Mr. L. Young, and appears to be an impressive establishment.

SUPREME Court sittings were held at Wau this month when Chief Judge F. B. Phillips visited here for a week. The Crown Prosecutor, Mr. O'Driscoll, accompanied him and on the 21st they left for Lae to hold sittings there.

ON November 18 Ivor Novello's Three-Act Play, "Full House," was put on at the War Memorial Hall by the Wau Dramatic Society. The producer, Mrs. I. Connell, was congratulated on the fine performance. Worthy of special mention were Mrs. Kath Owers and Miss Jo Keating who played their large parts exceedingly well.

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THE Naughty Nineties Buffet held here at Wau Club on November 25 was a huge success and proceeds (£200) went to St. Augustine's Church, Wau.

Mr. Len Young, local contractor and builder, has been given a contract to build the Mining Warden's Office which will adjoin the new District Office. Work is expected to commence at an early date.

On November 27, two babies were born at the Wau Hospital—a daughter (Ann) to Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevens of Wau; and

a son (Peter Allen) to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peters of Golden Ridges, Wau.

Visiting Wau at present in connection with New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., are Messrs. A. J. Cotter, E. D. Cameron and J. H. Kitto. They are members of the well-known Sydney firm of Priestly & Morris, Public Accountants.

Mr. E. J. Wauchope of Hansa Bay, near Madang, New Guinea, arrived in Sydney recently. He does not intend to return permanently to New Guinea.

MADANG NEWSLETTER

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADANG, Dec. 1.

ABOUT 23 years ago a young girl, Miss Roma Bryant, went to Rabaul. Now, as Mrs. Charles Bates, wife of Madang's District Commissioner, she leaves the Territory with the good wishes of friends throughout the Territory of Papua-New Guinea.

In Manly, NSW, Mrs. Bates will make a home for her eldest daughter, Patricia, who recently left school, Hilary and infant son, David. Later in 1951, the family will be joined by Mr. Bates when he will take long service leave.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Bates was on the staff of Burns Philp, Rabaul; she was an active member of the Rabaul Dramatic Arts Society and among other talents, she numbered dressmaking, cooking and floral arrangement.

She returned to Rabaul with Mr. Bates after the war. They were transferred to Madang about 18 months ago. On December 1 an afternoon party was arranged by the ladies of Madang, when an air-travel bag was presented to her.

AT a meeting of the local branch of the Public Service Association, it was decided not to protest against recently increased hours of work. But members seemed unanimous in their decision that where the extra time had been worked by many as a free will gesture, making it compulsory savoured of a loss of freedom.

Comparisons with other Colonial Services point to the fact that the New Guinea service rates low as regards housing, salaries and free servants, therefore it seems a peculiar policy to lower standards still further.

Senior men are staying here just long enough to qualify for their pensions; the junior men are looking out for more suitable employment; while it is unlikely that newcomers will join a deteriorating service.

ON Guy Fawkes' eve, the Club ran a well-attended ball. During the evening a competition was held to decide who was the most appealing wife and who the most desirable choice for a husband. Mrs. Tom Cunningham and Mr. A. Robson came in as winners.

A NEW type plane, the Drover, succeeds the old Dragon in local Qantas service. With a higher ceiling and more speed the new aircraft is expected to be better for the unexpected hazards of the New Guinea Highlands.

THE Treasurer of Papua-New Guinea, Mr. H. A. Reeves, and the Chief Auditor, Mr. Gordon Farmer spent some time in Madang recently reviewing staff and general conditions.

FIRST week in November saw the unbeaten Administration cricket team suffer its first defeat. Only District Commissioner Bates kept up the bowling standard of the Admin. team with 3 for 56. Brian Krickenbeek scored 67 with some dashing batting in partnership with John Frazer with a score of 46. Apart from Jim Kernan (34) and Geoff Kennedy (35), the Admin. batting was weak. For Commerce, the best bowling average was Jim O'Brian's with 4 wickets for 35. Final score gave the win to Commerce with a total of 157 against Admin's 147.

Golf also is in favour in Madang. At a meeting, early in November, a committee of five, Messrs. C. Bates, R. Johnstone, W. Burdus, F. James and J. Es-son were elected. Mr. Reg. Johnstone won the Handicap on opening day.



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MRS. DAVE REES, back from leave in Brisbane, says "I've come back for a rest." While on leave his wife and son were admitted to hospital and he had to take the two younger children everywhere he went. The day after he landed he was on his way to Dylup where he will work on one of the plantations for NG Estates. Mrs. Rees and the children will join him in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Longmore, with infant daughter, Janice, go South on leave on December 18. He is local manager for Vacuum Oil. On their return they will move into a new Bulolo type house on Kalibobo, adjacent to the lighthouse.

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TWO new roads are nearing completion on Kalibobo. They are an improvement on the unfortunate scheme on the older road where so many homes front on to the backyards, garages, fowl pens and boys' houses of the coastal homes. Madang people still wonder why the beautiful waterfront cannot be utilised for residential areas.

The European Hospital still holds up, despite its wartime service and the fact that Dr. Mervyn Deland condemned it early in 1946. We wonder how soon the dream hospital, modernly equipped, with sound-proof privacy for the patients, modern conveniences for the nursing staff and better facilities for the medical officer, can be expected. Sister Kiernan has done a grand job in improving the appearance with gay curtains and paint but it is not big enough or convenient enough to suit the requirements of a district of 495 Europeans. It is understood that plans for a new hospital are in the blueprint stage.

Nothing has yet been done on the new wharf but staff quarters for the contractors are nearly completed.

OVER the past few months there has been an increase in small boats.

Canoes, dinghys, sail boats and outboards star the harbour and the passage to Sek during the weekend and after working hours. Another increase has been noted in dogs and pups, who add atmosphere to the domestic scene with an oc-

casional fight. Bicycles, too, are becoming an additional means of transport in the area. :: :: ::

SITTINGS of Supreme Court in Circuit commenced at Madang on November 30. Chief Justice F. B. Phillips presided. A long list of cases—all native—were listed for hearing.

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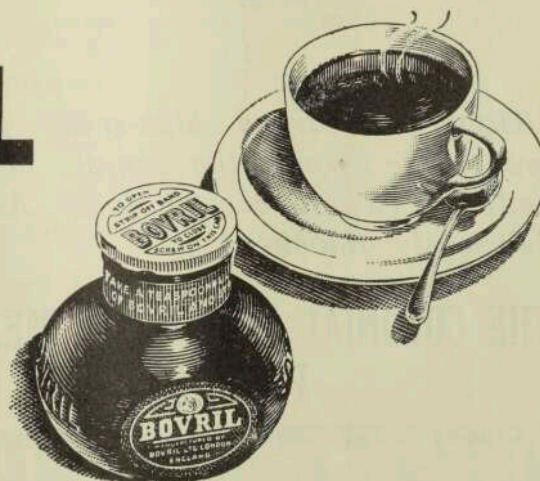
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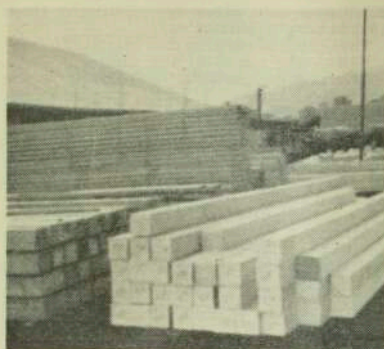
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NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE

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Lae and swelter. However, the motor-drivers on the long weary haul between Lae and Bulolo, when they break their journey there for a cold beer, bless the name of Mark Schultz, who built the modest pub.

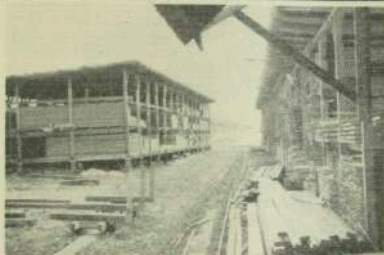
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THE beer consumed annually in Papua-New Guinea totals some fantastic number of gallons—about 350,000. It is not draught beer—it is all carried in in bottles. That quantity of beer would require well over a million bottles.

Held in high esteem when full, bottles, when empty, are more or less a pain in the neck. No one thinks it worth while to transport them back to the hungry bottle-markets of cooler climes. So they just naturally form useless and growing



Empties—No one wants them, now.



Papua to overcome the tragic house shortage.

The third photo shows pine logs just brought out of the gullies of the Wau Creek by NGG Ltd., and being prepared for transport to the mill at Wau.

Some of those great Bulolo pines will produce 10,000 super feet of sawn timber. Many go up to 250 and 270 feet. BGD cut one that, from the ground to its top-most branch, measured 293 feet.



THIS is the hotel at Mumeng, high up on the grassland country, between Lae and the Wau-Bulolo area. The idea of providing Lae folk with a cool week-end seemed quite good, but somehow the Lae folk prefer to remain in



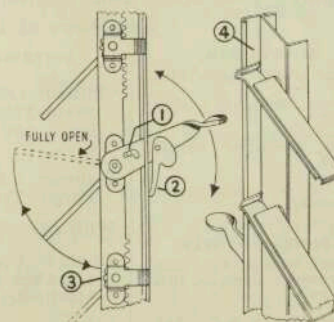
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mountains around the back premises of the tropical hotels.

Photo shows one section of the pile that may be seen at the edge of the jungle near the Hotel Cecil in Lae, New Guinea.

HOUSEWIVES of Moresby, if they had their way, might add another medal to the several decorations acquired by Captain Bobby Gibbes in the 1939-45 unpleasantness. One of the planes of Gibbes

Sepik Airways now flies regularly to Garoka, loads up with the very fine potatoes and cabbages produced in the Highlands, and drops down over the central mountains into Moresby, where the fresh food is very welcome.

The plan seems to be economic; but, whether the profits are there or not, Bobby Gibbes probably will continue the service, because of his love for the Highlands, and his eagerness to do something towards the development of the new country. He has joined the small but notable band of farmers in the Highlands and, at his place near Hagen, he is experimenting, to see whether he can produce passion-fruit on a payable basis. It is largely a matter of transport and preservation. There is a huge market for the pulp in Australia, if it can be got there in satisfactory condition.

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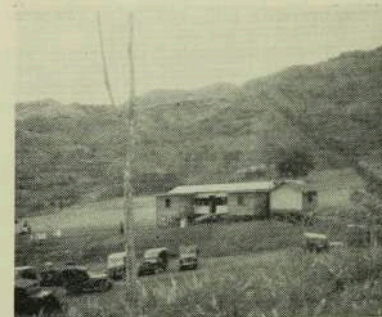


The plane in this picture had just been loaded with cabbages by these primitive "Chimbus." Their costume consisted of a woven fringe in front, and a tail-piece of fresh green leaves.

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IF one wanted to be fanciful, one might call New Guinea the Land of the Dying Jeep. The jeep is one of the few good things that Papua-New Guinea got out of the war. There are hundreds—thousands—of them, all over the Territory; and they seem to have been made for just the kind of rough transport most in demand here.

This is the Wau golfers' modest clubhouse on a Saturday afternoon; and, of the 10 vehicles patiently waiting there for



the end of 19th hole ceremonies, no less than nine were Jeeps.

Incidentally, while this is the smallest, it probably is the prettiest golf-course in the Islands. They have just acquired land alongside, which they have named the Eric Feldt Reserve (in honour of a former notable official who still is held in

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Auckland	Dec. 11-12	—
Suva	Dec. 15	—
Honolulu	Dec. 22	—
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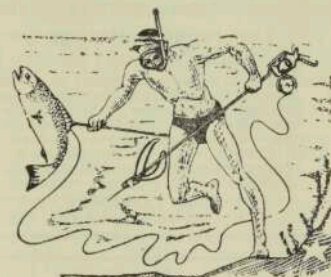
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Pago Pago	Dec. 16	—	Feb. 17
Apia*	Dec. 17-19	Jan. 20-22	Feb. 18-20
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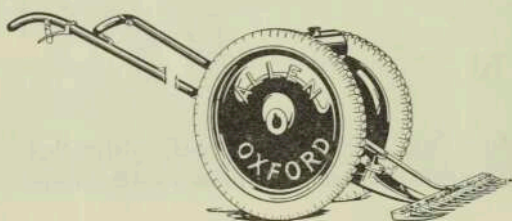
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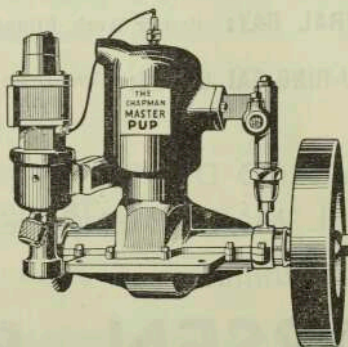
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NORFOLK ISLAND.—Regular service from NZ by NZ National Airways; from Sydney by Qantas; from Fiji by NZ National Airways.

LORD HOWE ISLAND.—Regular weekly service from Sydney by Qantas and Trans Oceanic Airways.

FIJI.—Regular services from Australia by Pan American, BCPA and CPA (to Nadi); Auckland by NZ National Airways (to Nadi); from Australia by Qantas (to Laucala Bay, Suva); from Auckland by NZ National Airways (to Laucala Bay, Suva). Irregular calls from Australia to Laucala Bay, Suva, by Trans Oceanic Airways. Regular service from Suva to Labasa by NZ National Airways.

WESTERN SAMOA. COOK ISLANDS AND TONGA.—Regular service from Fiji by NZ National Airways.

TAHITI.—Monthly service from Noumea by TRAPAS plane via Fiji, W. Samoa, Cook Is.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA.—Regular weekly service from Darwin to Biak by KLM under charter to NEI Government.

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Planes leave Auckland every Tuesday and arrive in Vancouver the following Wednesday. The Southbound trip to Auckland commences from Vancouver every alternate Friday. Every other Friday the service commences at San Francisco.

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The fares for the Pacific flight are: Sydney-Nandi (Fiji), £A57/15/- single, £A103/19/- return. Sydney-San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles or Vancouver, £A265/8/- single, £A477/15/- return. Auckland-Nandi (Fiji), £NZ31 single, £NZ55/16/- return. Auckland-San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles or Vancouver, £NZ197/3/- single, £NZ354/18/- return.

Douglas DC6 aircraft carrying 48 passengers (seated) or 37 passengers (in sleepers) and a crew of nine are used on the service.

Pan-American— Trans-Pacific Service

PAN-AMERICAN World Airways Clippers now provide the following services in the South Pacific, using DC4 planes, equipped with Sleep-ettes:—

Planes leave Sydney Thursday and Sunday for San Francisco, via Tontouta (New Caledonia), Nadi (Fiji), Canton Island and Honolulu.

The return flights are made from San Francisco every Tuesday, Saturday, via Honolulu, Canton Island, Nadi and Tontouta; and from Seattle every Tuesday, via Portland, Honolulu, Canton Island, Nadi and Tontouta.

Planes leave Auckland every Thursday and Sunday, and fly via Nadi, Canton Island and Honolulu to San Francisco. They leave San Francisco for Auckland every Tuesday and Saturday by the same route. Fares, in Australian currency, are:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Single.	Return.
Sydney-Seattle	265 10 0	477 18 0
Sydney-Frisco	265 10 0	477 18 0
Sydney-Honolulu	217 15 0	391 19 0
Sydney-Fiji	57 15 0	103 19 0
Auckland-Seattle	246 5 0	443 5 0
Auckland-Honolulu	199 0 0	358 4 0
Auckland-Fiji	39 0 0	69 15 0
Auckland-Frisco	246 5 0	443 5 0
Sydney-Noumea	37 10 0	67 10 0

(Time-tables and fares subject to alteration without notice.)

To convert to Fiji currency, reduce above each kilogram of excess.

Free baggage allowance is 30 kilos per person. Excess baggage charged at 1 per cent. of single fare; per kilo up to 10 kilos; ½ per cent. for every kilo over 10 kilos.

Trans-Tasman Service Sydney—Auckland

TASMAN Empire Airways, Ltd., operate a flying-boat service between Rose Bay, Sydney, and Mechanics Bay, Auckland, with a

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Fares: £35 (A), £28 (NZ), single; £63 (A), £50/8/- (NZ), return.

Passenger reservations may be made in Australia at any office or agency of Qantas Empire Airways (General Agents), offices of TAA and all leading travel agents. In New Zealand book through TEAL (Auckland and Wellington) or any leading travel agents.

Trans Tasman Services Sydney—Wellington

TASMAN Empire Airways, Ltd., operate a regular flying-boat service between Sydney and Wellington with Solent flying-boats.

Services depart Sydney at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday and depart Wellington at 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. The flight crossing time is 7 hours.

The fares are: £A35. £NZ28 single; £A63, £NZ50/8/- return.

These services will be increased to a 3-per-week frequency on October 30.

France—Indo-China— Aust.-N. Caledonia

THE French national airways, Air France, runs a monthly service between Paris and New Caledonia, and return. Stops are made at Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Saigon, Batavia, Darwin, Brisbane.

DC4 Skymasters are used in the service between Saigon and New Caledonia, Lockheed Constellations between Saigon-Paris, and Messageries Maritimes are agents in Australia.

Fare between Brisbane and Tontouta (Noumea) are £30/12/6 single, £55/2/6 return. Sydney-Tontouta, £37/10/- single, £63/17/6 return.

Darwin—Netherlands New Guinea Service

THE service between Batavia, NEI, and Biak, Netherlands New Guinea, has been discontinued and a new service from Darwin to Biak and return has been inaugurated.

The service is run by the Netherlands Government, with DC3 aircraft, chartered from KLM Airlines. The service is run once weekly.

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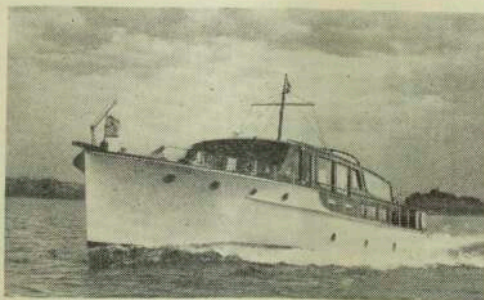
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New Caledonia— New Hebrides

TRAPAS (French Air Line) operates a service between Noumea and the New Hebrides. The plane leaves Noumea every alternate Tuesday, and flies direct to Vila and Santo, and returns. Return fare for the journey, Noumea-Santo, is approximately £42 Australian.

Sydney—Queensland— New Guinea

Q.E.A., Ltd., operate regular services between Sydney and Port Moresby, Lae, Finschhafen, Madang, Rabaul, Bulolo and Wau, via Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns. This service is known as the "Bird of Paradise" Service and DC4 Skymaster and DC3 aircraft are used. The Skymaster aircraft leaves Sydney every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

at 6.30 p.m. and, making a night flight calling at Brisbane, arrives at Port Moresby the following morning at 5.35 a.m. and Lae at 7.55 a.m. The Skymaster leaving Sydney on Saturdays also calls at Townsville between Brisbane and Port Moresby, making the arrival times at Port Moresby and Lae 1½ hours later than normal. The return flights depart Lae at 9.40 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, and 7.30 a.m. Mondays, arriving at Port Moresby at 10.55 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; 8.45 a.m. Mondays; Brisbane at 6.45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; Sydney at 10.45 p.m. on the same days. The service on Mondays also calls at Townsville between Port Moresby and Brisbane.

The Skymaster which reaches Lae on Wednesday mornings connects with a DC3 which departs Lae at 2 p.m. for Bulolo and Wau, returning to Lae the same day.

The DC3 aircraft which leaves Madang at 3.45 p.m. on Tuesdays, arrives at Lae at 5 p.m. and the passengers nightstop and connect with the Skymaster, leaving Lae on Wednesday mornings.

The Skymaster which leaves Sydney on Saturdays also connects with a DC3 from Lae to Rabaul, and the Skymaster leaving Port Moresby for Sydney on Mondays connects with the DC3 from Rabaul to Port Moresby.

The DC3 aircraft leaving Sydney on Mondays and Fridays at 8.15 a.m. for Lae, calling at Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns and Port Moresby makes an overnight stop at Townsville, and Port Moresby is reached at 11.10 a.m. and Lae at 1 p.m. the day after leaving Sydney.

Return trips are made from Lae to Sydney on Thursdays, departing Lae at 5.35 a.m., and from Port Moresby to Sydney on Tuesdays, departing Port Moresby at 7.35 a.m. for Sydney, calling at Cairns and Townsville, and Brisbane, arriving at Sydney at 10.15 p.m. the same days. Rockhampton is an optional port of call only on the southbound journey.

The aircraft which reaches Lae from Sydney on Tuesday, flies on to Madang, returning to Lae the same afternoon.

The aircraft which reaches Lae from Sydney on Saturdays flies to Rabaul on Sunday, via Finschhafen, nightstops at Rabaul, and flies direct from Rabaul to Port Moresby on Monday morning.

Bookings may be made at Qantas offices at any of the towns named. At present, berths are available only to passengers holding official permits to visit Papua or New Guinea.

QANTAS SUBSIDIARY SERVICES IN PAPUA-NEW GUINEA-SOLOMONS

Qantas Empire Airways run the following subsidiary services in Papua, New Guinea, and British Solomons:—

A Douglas DC3 leaves Lae, New Guinea, every Thursday, and flies to Rabaul, and Kavieng, and returns to Lae; but every alternate Thursday the plane goes on from Kavieng to Manus, and returns via Kavieng to Rabaul (overnight) and returns to Lae on the Friday morning.

Every Wednesday a plane flies from Lae to Madang and Wewak, and thence, via Madang to Rabaul. It returns from Rabaul to Lae on Thursday. This service is primarily for the carriage of native labour to and from Wewak, and Europeans travelling on this service are always advised of the fact.

Every alternate Monday, a Qantas Catalina flies from Port Moresby, westward to Daru, via Yule Island, Kerema, Kikori, Lake Kutubu and Lake Murray, remaining overnight at Kikori and returning to PM next morning.

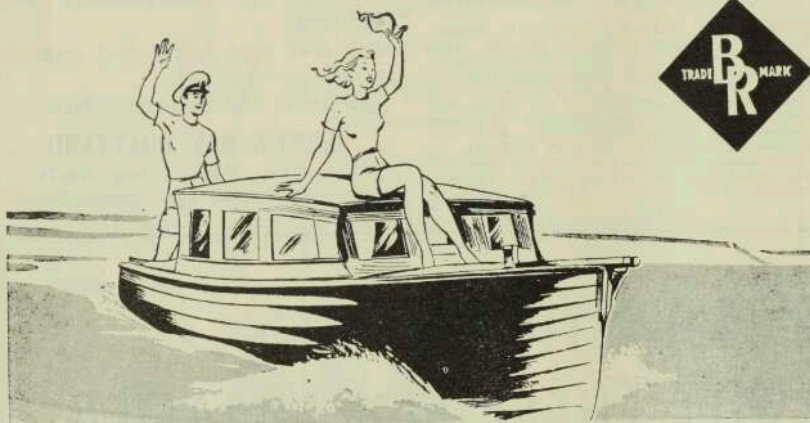
Every alternate Wednesday, a Qantas Catalina flies from Port Moresby eastward (dep. 9 a.m.) and calls at Abau and Samarai before flying out to the Archipelagoes in the afternoon. Calls are made at Esa'ala and Losuia (where an overnight stop is made), and the following day (alternate Thursdays) at Deboyas Lagoon, before returning to Port Moresby, via Samarai and Abau.

Every alternate Monday, a Qantas Catalina leaves Port Moresby for Rabaul, via Moewe Harbour, and Talasea (New Britain); next morning Tuesday) it flies to Buka, Kietla, Buin (Bougainville) and returns to Rabaul; next morning (Wednesday) it flies to Talasea, Moewe Harbour and Jacquinot Bay, and returns to Rabaul; and next morning (Thursday) it returns from Rabaul direct to Port Moresby. (Optional calls are made at Inus and Linden-hafen.)

Every alternate Monday a Qantas Douglas flies from Lae to Rabaul, and continues on to Honiara (British Solomon Islands), via Torokina, Vellalavella and Yandina remains overnight at Honiara; and returns to Lae the following day Tuesday), over the same route.

Every Tuesday and Friday a plane leaves Port Moresby at 7.30 a.m., reaches Kokoda at 8.35 a.m., flies on to Higatura (Popondetta) at 8.55 a.m., and leaves again for Port Moresby at 9.5 a.m., reaching there at 10.15 a.m.

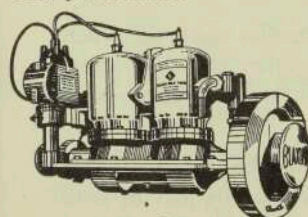
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Every Thursday departs Madang at 7 a.m. for Wabag, Baiyer River, Mt. Hagen, with optional calls at Kerowagi and Chimbu, and returning to Madang at noon the same day.

Every Friday departs Lae at 6.30 a.m., calling at any or all of the following places as required: Asolaka, Aiyura, Arona, Banz, Bena Bena, Chimbu, Goroka, Kalaipit, Kainantu, Kerowagi, Kup, Mt. Hagen, Nadzab, Nondugl, Ogeibeng, Wabag, Wabumunda, Minj.

Daily, except Wednesdays and Sundays, depart Lae at 3 p.m. for Bulolo and Wau, returning direct from Wau to Lae the same day, arriving at Lae 5.5 p.m.

Sydney-Norfolk Is.

Qantas run a DC4 Skymaster alt. Thursdays (returning same day) from Sydney to Norfolk Island. Fare, £22 single; £39/12/- return.

(For Norfolk Island, see also under NZ National Airways.

Sydney-New Hebrides

QANTAS operate a service to the New Hebrides with Sandringham flying-boats calling at Noumea, Port Vila and Espiritu Santo. Frequent non-scheduled flights are made, subject to the approval of the Governments concerned.

NZ National Airways South Pacific Services

THE Pacific services run by the New Zealand National Airways Corporation are as follows:—

AUCKLAND-NORFOLK ISLAND-FIJI-TONGA-WESTERN SAMOA-COOK ISLANDS: A "Douglas" airliner leaves Whenuapai, Auckland, on alternate Tuesdays at 9 a.m. (January 9 and 23, etc.) for Norfolk Island (arr. 12.55 p.m.; dep. 2 p.m.), Nadi (arr. 8.40 p.m., dep. 5.40 a.m. Thursday), Nausori (arr. 6.25 a.m., dep. 7.30

a.m.), Tonga (arr. 10.50 a.m., dep. 11.50 a.m.), *Faleolo, Western Samoa (arr. 4.5 p.m. Wednesday, dep. 8 a.m. Thursday), Aitutaki, Cook Islands (arr. 1.50 p.m. Thursday, dep. 2.50 p.m.), Rarotonga, Cook Is. (arr. 4.5 p.m.).

The aircraft departs from Rarotonga on the return journey on alternate Saturdays (January 13 and 27, etc.) at 8 a.m. for Aitutaki (arr. 9.15 a.m., dep. 10 a.m.), Faleolo, W. Samoa (arr. 3.15 p.m., dep. 8 a.m. Sunday), *Tonga (arr. 10.55 a.m. Monday, dep. 11.50 a.m.), Nausori (arr. 2.40 p.m., dep. 3.40 p.m.), Nadi (arr. 4.25 p.m., dep. 5 a.m. Tuesday),

Norfolk Is. (arr. 10.55 a.m., dep. 12 noon), Whenuapai, Auckland (arr. 4.50 p.m.).

*Crosses International Date Line.

AUCKLAND-NORFOLK ISLAND: A "Douglas" airliner leaves Whenuapai, Auckland, every Sunday at 8 a.m. for Norfolk Island (arr. 11.55 a.m.), and departs on the return flight at 12.55 p.m., arriving at Whenuapai at 5.45 p.m.

On alternate Sundays (January 7 and 21, etc.), a second service is also operated, leaving Whenuapai at 9 a.m., arriving Norfolk at 12.55 p.m., departing again at 1.55 p.m., and arriving Auckland at 6.45 p.m.

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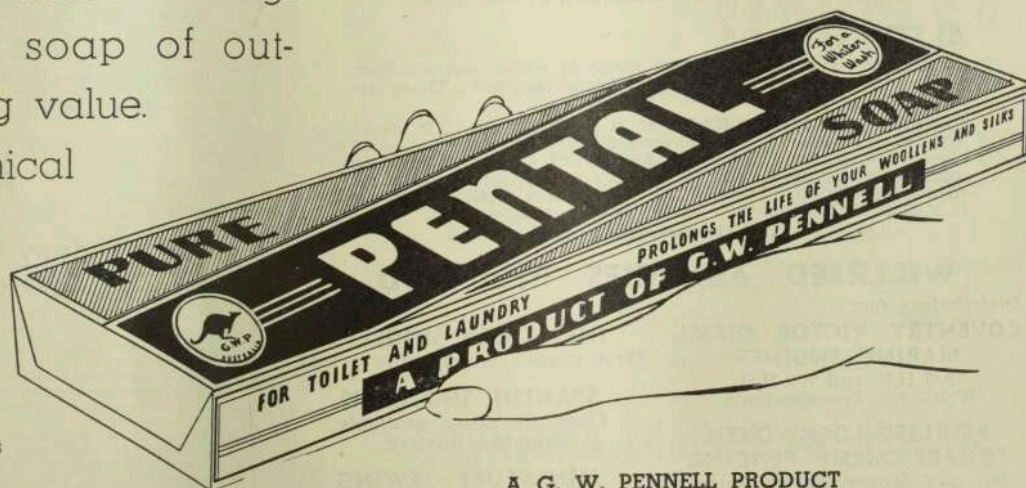
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NOTE: Sydney-Moresby service expected to start in January or February.

SYDNEY-HOBART: The company now runs a twice-weekly service direct to Hobart, Tasmania, from Sydney. It will be possible, therefore, for passengers to book from Moresby to Hobart, making an overnight stop in Sydney. Fares are: £10/10/- single, £21 return.

N. Caledonia-Tahiti

TRAPAS (Societe Francaise de Transport Aeriens du Pacifique Sud-Noumea) runs a monthly service from New Caledonia to Tahiti Western Samoa (Papeete), Cook Islands (Aitutaki) to Papeete, where it arrives at about 11.40 a.m., two days later. One evening is spent in Nadi and one night in Aitutaki. The plane returns by the same route in the following week. Fare from Noumea to Papeete is 16,000 Pacific francs single, and 28,800 return. (160 Pacific francs equal £1 Australian.) While the plane is at Papeete it runs one round trip between Papeete and Bora Bora.

(This service was temporarily suspended in late November.)

Sydney-Noumea-Suva

THE following is the time-table of the Qantas Sandringham flying-boat:—

Sydney	dep. 9.30 p.m. alt. Tues.
Noumea	arr. 6.30 a.m. alt. Wed.
Noumea	dep. 8.20 a.m. alt. Wed.
Suva	arr. 2.30 p.m. alt. Wed.
Suva	dep. 6 a.m. alt. Fri.
Noumea	arr. 10.30 a.m. alt. Fri.
Noumea	dep. 12 noon alt. Fri.
Sydney	arr. 7.15 p.m. alt. Fri.

Intending passengers may book through Qantas offices in Australia, Burns Philp (South Sea) Company, in Suva; and J. Brock, in Noumea.

The fares for this service in Aust. currency are:—

	Single.	Return.
Sydney-Noumea	£37 10 0	£67 10 0
Sydney-Suva	55 10 0	99 18 0
Noumea-Suva	20 5 0	36 9 0

CPA Sydney-Vancouver Service

CANADIAN Pacific Airlines, Ltd., run a trans-Pacific service between Sydney and Vancouver. For the present there will be one northbound and one southbound trip per fortnight. Stops are made at Nadi (Fiji), Canton Island, Honolulu and San Francisco. The northbound flight commences from Sydney every alternate Tuesday.

Four-engined, pressurised "Canadair" aircraft are used; 36 passengers can be carried and a crew of 7. Overnight accommodation is provided at hotels in Nadi and Honolulu, which is of course, complimentary.

Fares are (in Australian currency): Sydney Vancouver, San Francisco-Los Angeles and Portland-Seattle, £265/8/- single, £477/15/- return; Fiji-Vancouver, £207/8/- single, £373/7/- return; Sydney-Fiji, £57/15/- single, £103/19/- return; Sydney-Honolulu, £217/13/- single, £391/16/- return.

Bookings may be made at the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand, Limited, Sydney, or Melbourne; Union Steam Ship Co. of NZ, Ltd., Fiji, Canadian Pacific Airlines, Vancouver; Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Sydney or Melbourne.

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Aircraft depart Mechanics' Bay, Auckland, a half hour after midnight, each Tuesday, and operate to the following time-table:—

dep. Auckland ..	0.30 a.m. Tuesday
arr. Suva ..	7.00 a.m. Tuesday
dep. Suva ..	9.00 a.m. Tuesday
arr. Lambasa ..	10.00 a.m. Tuesday
dep. Lambasa ..	noon Tuesday
arr. Suva ..	1.00 p.m. Tuesday
dep. Suva ..	7.00 a.m. Wednesday
arr. Auckland ..	1.30 p.m. Wednesday

Fares (Single): Auckland-Suva, £31 (NZ), £34/9/- (Fijian), £38/15/- (Aust.); (Return): £55/16/- (NZ), £61/19/- (Fijian), £69/15/- (Aust.).

Suva-Lambasa (Single): £4/10/- (NZ), £5 (Fijian), £5/12/6 (Aust.); (Return): £8/2/- (NZ), £9 (Fijian), £10/2/6 (Aust.).

Reservations may be made through TEAL New Zealand, Qantas or TAA (Australia), NZNAC (Suva) or any leading travel agents.

Papua-NG Local Services

MANDATED Airlines, Ltd., of Lae, New Guinea, and other private operators, run air services between Lae and the New Guinea mainland centres of Wau, Bulolo, Madang, Wewak, Aitape, Mt. Hagen, Finschhafen, Moresby, Kokoda—in fact anywhere in Papua or New Guinea where there is an air-strip. These planes carry passengers, mails and cargo on regular schedules or charter flights.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AT ALEISA SETTLEMENT

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, December 1.
ON November 29 elections were held at Aleisa settlement for the offices of Mayor and Council of this sole European municipality in Samoa.

They resulted in the re-election of the former Mayor, Mr. W. F. Betham by 24 votes to 19 recorded for Mr. J. Stowers and 16 for Mr. E. Westbrook.

Messrs. R. Webster, A. Smith and A. P. McFarland were elected Councillors.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson, formerly of Rabaul, celebrated their silver wedding recently at their new home, which overlooks the harbour at Hobart, Tasmania. They have called their house, "Namanula," after the suburb of Rabaul where they lived in the 'thirties; and their beach cottage "Tavui," after another place where they lived. If any Territorian knows the meaning of the word "Tavui," he is invited to write to Mrs. Jackson at Namanula, 8 Virgo Avenue, Mount Stuart, Hobart, who has asked for the information.

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BY a new regulation dated September 14, it is provided that the Advisory Council which assists the Resident Commissioner in the administration of the British Solomon Islands shall consist of not more than five Non-Official members (who shall be non-natives and not in the Government employ), not more than five Native members (who may be in Government employ) and an undefined number of Official members, who shall be in the service of the Government.

There seems to be a determination on the part of the British Colonial Office to admit natives to this Council; although, as in New Guinea, it is very doubtful whether there are any BSI natives who have attained a standard of life entitling them to membership, and whether they would be of any use at all if they were admitted.

It is incumbent on the Government to appoint at least one native to the Council, because there cannot be a quorum unless at least one Native member is present.



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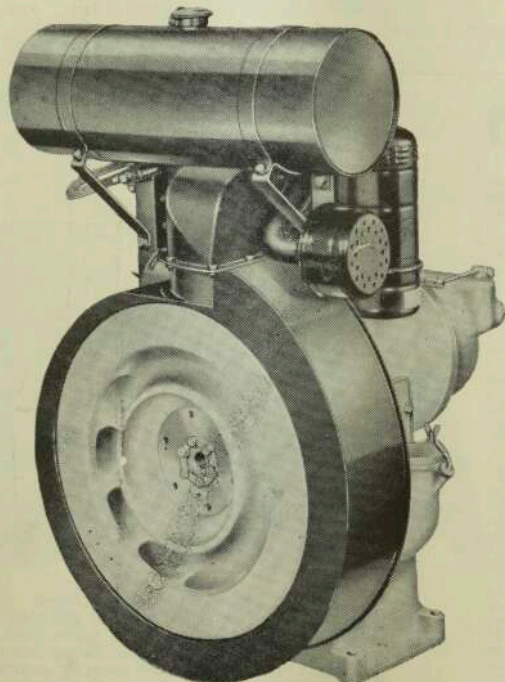
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DEATH OF H. W. FREEMAN

THE death, following an appendix operation, occurred at Lautoka, Fiji, on November 12, of Mr. Henry Walter Freeman, manager of the Lautoka Branch of Morris Hedstrom Ltd.

Mr. Freeman was the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. Freeman, and was born at Rewa 43 years ago. He was a keen sportsman and a well-known footballer. His brother, Major R. O. Freeman, died in Sydney a few months ago.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Evelyn Gaspard, a son and a daughter.

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE

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high regard) and, when they get it licked into shape, they will have a 9-holes course.

The jeeps are becoming aged, battered and decrepit, and there seems to be no adequate provision for their maintenance, renewal and replacement. The jeep, one of the most useful tools these Territories ever had, seems destined to become a war-time memory. I presume jeeps are still being built; but the Nabobs of our time say we may not sell our gold and copra for dollars, and so we cannot have any more jeeps.



THIS little picture, taken in Madang in mid-October, illustrates what the critics mean when they say the coastal shipping service in New Guinea is falling down on the job. The main trouble is not so much the little ships themselves, as the fact that the wharves are not numerous or big enough to accommodate the little ships, when they come in loaded with cargo, eager to discharge and get away.

On this occasion, in Madang, the stores behind this wharf were bulging with copra—evidently, some vessel from overseas was overdue. Meanwhile, half a dozen small ships were lying in the picturesque little port, awaiting their turn at the discharge wharf and, as shown here, piling up three deep.

THE WD Millionaires, they call them in New Guinea—and there are quite a lot of them. WD stands for War Disposals.

When the Army departed, the two Territories were simply littered with wealth. Gold and coconuts have made many men rich; but—if they could but have seen it—these riches were as nothing to what has been gathered up by the bright lads who got in early on the War Disposals goods.

Papua-New Guinea is absorbing anything from three to seven millions a year of Australian taxpayers' funds. Much of that call on Australia could have been avoided if only those Disposals goods had been sold to the Administration at the same prices as they were sold to speculators, and the Administration had re-sold piece-meal. As it was, they were more or less given away, and shrewd gentlemen from everywhere made fortunes. Some of the fortunes stayed in New Guinea, but most of them emigrated.

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Here, picked up in passing, is an example. I noticed, at Tom Flower's sawmill, a small mountain of galvanised wire rope. Mr. Flower bought some discarded naval apparatus—huge nets, or something like that—for a few pounds; for another few pounds he had the connections unscrewed; and the resulting rolls of wire rope—very handy in all kinds of industry—is worth a great deal of money.

BETTER PORT FACILITIES FOR NEW GUINEA

HAVING been asked questions in the Australian Parliament about the shortage of shipping facilities in New Guinea—which, according to Mr. McColm, MP, was interfering with the shipment of copra to Europe—the Minister for External Territories (Mr. Spender) said that measures were being taken to improve the position. Tenders had been called for wharf repairs at Port Moresby and for new wharves at Madang and Kavieng. Certain additions had been made at Rabaul, and a new wharf was now in use at Lae.

NG Highlands Described to PI Society Members

THE Pacific Islands Society, at its meeting in Sydney on November 22, heard an address from the President, Mr. R. W. Robson, about the Highlands of New Guinea. Mr. Robson had just returned from a month's visit to the Territory, and had spent some days in the Highlands.

The speaker pointed out that when Australia took over New Guinea in 1920, the country had only a coconut economy. By 1940, it was a coconut and gold economy, and the Territory was self-supporting. Between 1942 and 1945, the country was subjected wholly to a military economy. Between 1945 and 1950, it had experienced a Socialist economy, in which it was absorbing each year many millions of pounds more than it was earning. Now, as the result of the discovery of the New Guinea Highlands (a vast, rich region which, until 1933, Australia did not know she had) the country was threatened

with another kind of economy. Was it any wonder that one found frustration and confusion all over Papua and New Guinea!

In December the members, instead of listening to an address, met on the 19th at their annual Christmas cocktail party, when many guests were entertained.

New members: Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Hawkins; Dr. L. G. M. Baas Becking; Mr. and Mrs. W. Nicholson; Miss Helen Sheils.

Mrs. T. P. Nicholson, an old and respected resident of Suva, died on December 4, aged 86. Mrs. Nicholson went to Fiji about 60 years ago, as a teacher, and there married Mr. T. P. Nicholson, the well-known Suva boatbuilder and designer, who died two years ago. She is survived by two sons and three daughters. Mrs. Nicholson was the sister of the Hon. T. W. Alport Barker, Mayor of Suva.

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34 or 36 HOURS?

PNG Public Servants and The Working Week

From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Dec. 5.

THE public servants of Papua and New Guinea are still meeting and protesting about the recent increase in Administration working hours from 34 to 36 weekly. But even in a "civil service" war, words are poor weapons against authority, and so far only an optimistic gambler would put money on the civil servants' chances of getting back to 34 hours.

On his return from abroad, the Minister for External Territories, Mr. Spender got a lot of questions fired at him from the floor of the House about the increased hours, and a good tally of protests had also stacked up on his much over-loaded desk. Mr. Spender said some of the protests from the Public Service Association had reached him before he went overseas, and he had told the protest delegations that "in view of the difficulties involved" the increase should not be considered excessive. He promised to further consider the matter, but did not see any prospect of restoring the old hours.

The PSA went back into action then and mustered up another deputation from among its members on leave in Australia, including the Association Secretary, John Irvine. From brief cable reports Mr.

Irvine apparently saw several people in Canberra, including Mr. Spender. Another in the long series of anti-increased-hours meetings, scheduled originally for early December, has been postponed until the 15th. This will give the PSA a chance to hear, first-hand, what happened when Mr. Irvine got to Canberra.

Meanwhile, although the PSA and its increasing number of branches throughout the Territory, continue to oppose the move, the Public Service Commissioner, Mr. Head, continues to stand pat and watch the by-play now taking place between the Association and Canberra.

The civil servants are hammering the point that any change in hours should have been the subject of negotiation between the External Territories Department, the Administration (or whoever pulls the strings on the puppets), and the Public Service Association. There is something in this argument, but it is difficult to demand reclassification and other improvements (?) in the service without being prepared to throw something into the kitty as well. Anyway, negotiation would have been more diplomatic, even if diplomacy moved inexorably towards a predetermined decision. That phase of the business at least would have had plenty of precedent in much higher circles.

Perhaps John Irvine's report will ring down the curtain on the episode; perhaps Mr. Spender will have the last word on the subject in the House before the session ends.

But, so far, the only definite thing about the whole business is that the new siren installed at Konedobu screams out its "down tools" signal at 4.03 instead of 3.30 PM.

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Botanist Degener In Fiji On An Anti-British Hate

WE have received from Mr. Otto Degener, of Hawaii—that indefatigable producer of books with a botanic flavour—one of his latest contributions to Pacific bookshelves—namely "Naturalist's South Pacific Expedition—Fiji."

Mr. Degener spent 8 months in the South Seas, before World War II, as a member of the scientific expedition organised by Mrs. Anne Archbold, and which travelled in the famous ocean-going junk, Cheng Ho. This colourful account of their voyage on the Cheng Ho, and of his search in Fiji for botanical specimens, is of interest to the general reader as well as to the botanist. Mr. Degener has a racy style and can tell an excellent story.

The book was published in 1949, and one Honolulu reviewer described it as "an account of botanising, of social studies, of cannibalism, of fire-walking, religion, native treatment for leprosy, Fiji drums, tattooing and pet doodlebugs. . . . Degener . . . discourses on the copra industry, witchcraft, native chewing-gum and jungle intoxicants."

In this book, Mr. Degener rather strongly criticises British Colonial rule as he saw it in Fiji, and he contrasts the condition of the Fijians unfavourably with what he is pleased to describe as the emancipated Hawaiians. However, as no one is likely to accept Mr. Degener as an authority on the merits or otherwise of Colonial rule, it is not necessary to accept seriously his references to Colonialism. His books on botany are interesting and valuable; but, as a writer on political affairs he goes into that class of Americans who, in the past 50 years, by their persistent and ill-informed pre-occupation with Colonial affairs in South-east Asia, laid the foundations for the present unholy mess there.

There was no trouble in our North-west Pacific frontier while Brown Brother was kept in his proper place under the system of Colonialism, and helped gradually to assume the responsibilities of self-government; but, since the New Planners

have given us an independent Burma, and India, and Indonesia, and Philippines, our troubles have mounted high and are still mounting. . . . If Mr. Degener's idea of a well-governed Pacific Territory is seen in that rather mongrel array in Hawaii, then most people probably will vote for Fiji as it is under British "Colonialism."

ANYONE who knows the real Fiji, and in the light of that knowledge reads Mr. Degener's book, will question the honesty of Mr. Degener's conclusions, in relation to British rule there.

It looks very much as if Mr. Degener is an Anglophobe who used his opportunities in Fiji to feed his anti-British hates. There is proof of this in his persistent, unsupported accusation that the British, for their own selfish purposes, keep the Fijians in a state of peonage, and that the Fijians are miserably poor, ill-treated and dispirited. He refers on page 277 to Fiji as "a colony whose white population with

very, very few exceptions considers the kai Viti sub-human"; and he quotes and heartily endorses the statement of a hate-ridden negro: "The British Empire is one of the greatest enslavers of human beings."

It is indicated that Mr. Degener tried to bounce one or two British officials, and was put back into his place with a thump. He formed a friendship with a Fijian youth, who called him "father"; but when he wanted to take the Fijian back with him to Hawaii, to be a sort of "son" and personal servant, the Fiji authorities very wisely refused permission. Whereupon Mr. Degener, in capital letters, says the Fijians are "truly island prisoners," and cuts loose with a paean of hatred of all things British.

Perhaps we had better leave it at that. Mr. Degener publishes the book himself (see advertisement in this issue) and its price is \$5—which, in our debased British currency, is over £2.

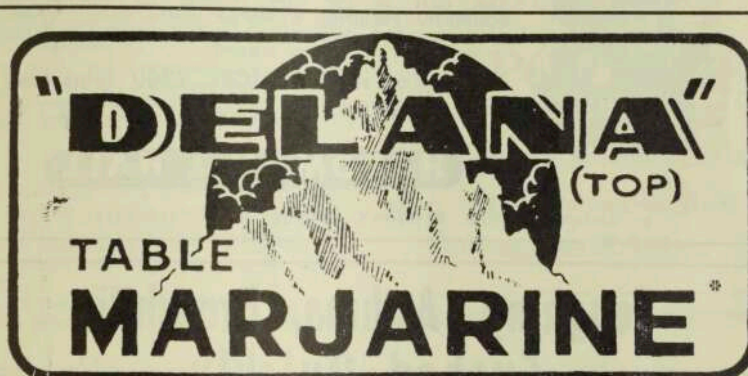
Tusitala

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ministrator of the Territory, the Hon. A. C. Turnbull, laid a stone that commemorated the death of Tusitala, and would, in due season, become the chief cornerstone of a new church.

And now, in 1950, fulfilment. The stone was moved to the place where the Church would rise, and on All Soul's Day this year, in the presence of the Lord Bishop in Polynesia, the chaplain and the congregation, was re-set by the High Commissioner of Western Samoa, the Hon. G. R. Powles.

In the course of his address, Mr. Powles spoke of the visit of Bishop Sutor in 1886 and the long years to the institution of the chaplaincy in 1931. This did not mean, however, that the Church of England in this place was neglected, for some workers for the L.M.S. were Anglican priests. Mr. Powles spoke in high praise of the work of the honorary architect, Mr. A. Schaafhausen, who designed the building, and referred to the happy coincidence that the contractor for the foundations, Mr. A. Betham, had been baptised by Bishop Sutor during his visit in 1886.



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DEATH OF FATHER BOUSQUET

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Father Bousquet arrived in the Colony in 1892, and served at Ra, Savu Savu, Solevu and Lomary. He was highly respected and well-known throughout Fiji.

AROUND THE WORLD FOR A LAMP-WICK

From Our Own Correspondent

MANGAIA, Cook Is.

THE style-cramping shortage of parts, glasses, wicks and burners for the oil-lamps still in use in the outer Cook Is., referred to in July PIM, has been

slightly relieved by the arrival of a supply of British chimneys.

The type of Welsbach-Miller-Aladdin, etc., lamp that takes a tubular wick, with or without mantle, is, however, a different proposition. Replacements have been short for years. The writer, who uses a Miller lamp well over half-a-century old, with the almost-legendary crystal "lustres" of Victorian days still around its frame, had, even pre-war, great difficulty in procuring wicks for it. Desperate, I recently applied to a well-known English magazine for the address of a firm able to supply this type. The magazine contacted a company specialising in oil-lights; they wrote to their agents in Fiji. In due course, a tubular wick was forwarded from Suva.

The lighting situation with us of lower CI is, however, only slightly improved. We want fishtail burners, both "No. 1" and "No. 2" sizes; and we want them of brass—the inferior substitutes of gilded tin, offered during the war, had a bad habit of "flashing down," when blown-out, into the front of the lamp, with risk of a fire. In a thatched hut, this is no small danger.

Petrol or kerosene gas-lamps, are not greatly favoured by the native buyer here at Mangaia. Insufficiently-simple in operation, and too many gadgets, they have not supplanted the simple item, that never goes wrong, standard here for 70 years.

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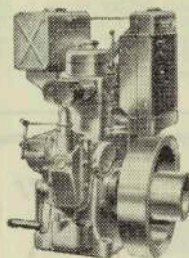
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From its aerials in 1914 went out the famous signal that was probably responsible for saving Suva from a naval bombardment. The German Pacific Fleet was known to be near Fiji, and the Governor sent out a signal in plain language, inviting the Captain and Senior Ward Room Officers of H.M.A.S. "Australia" to a function at Government House.

The Germans picked up the signal, congratulated themselves on their narrow escape, and sheered off at top speed. H.M.A.S. "Australia" happened to be far away in New Guinea waters at the time; but the Germans were not to know that, and the bluff succeeded.

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RABAUŁ ROUNDABOUT

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUŁ, Dec. 5.

RSL officials and committee are pleased with the decision of the Supreme Court regarding the distribution of the Anzac House Fund, which totals £3,000. (A pre-war fund of which Mr. A. J. Gaskin was sole surviving trustee. He applied to the Court for a direction in October).

The direction of the Court, which fulfils the wishes of the RSL regarding the use of these monies, is as follows:

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- For the relief of distressed returned servicemen in the Rabaul area or their dependents, including Ex-servicemen and their dependents who are resident in said area.

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RABAUŁ enjoyed two "gurias" of noticeable strength this month. The first occurred on Saturday night, December 2 at 3.29 a.m. and was short but very rough. The second came on Monday night at 2.25 a.m. and, although not as violent as the first, was of much longer duration. Lights sprang up all over Rabaul which indicated residents evacuating their beds. Some confessed they even packed that little bag, which according

to the wording of official instructions should contain a variety of items, including small children.

Who can deny that there is something particularly demoralising about "gurias" at this hour, when one feels oneself at the mercy of the unseen and unknown. One can easily conjure up a vision of the macabre, such as an agitated parent stuffing his smallest children into a little bag. This is possibly the atmosphere of panic the official had in mind when he wrote that strangely worded evacuation instruction.

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A MEETING was held during the month by RSL members to discuss plans made earlier this year for the reformation of the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. All members are very keen and during the visits of General Nimmo and Lieutenant-Col. McLeod to Rabaul, the RSL Club offered the use of their rooms for the purpose.

The RSL communicated with Lt-Col. McLeod and a date has been arranged for him to revisit Rabaul on December 4, when it is hoped to finalise plans for the NGVR.

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ON November 29 a meeting of all Public Service Officers was convened to form a sub-branch of the Public Service Association, and to discuss the new regulations which are to be introduced.

There were 55 officers present, and from among these office bearers were selected.

They were: Mr. G. Lang, chairman; Mr. Martin Munro, secretary; committee members, Miss Jean Parle, Messrs. J. Palmer, W. Kyte, C. Showman, and I. Clarke.

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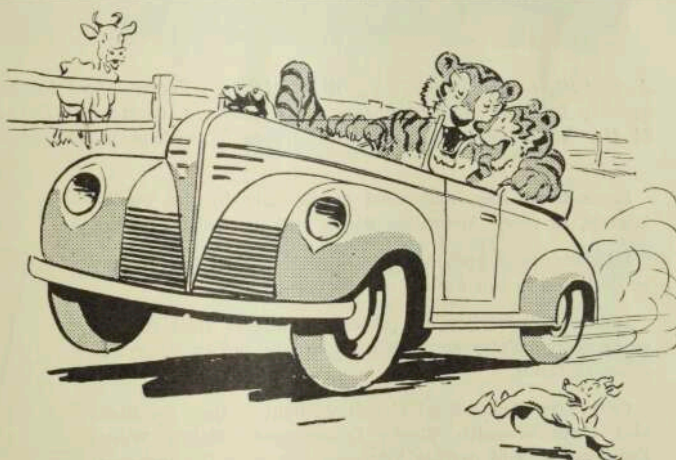
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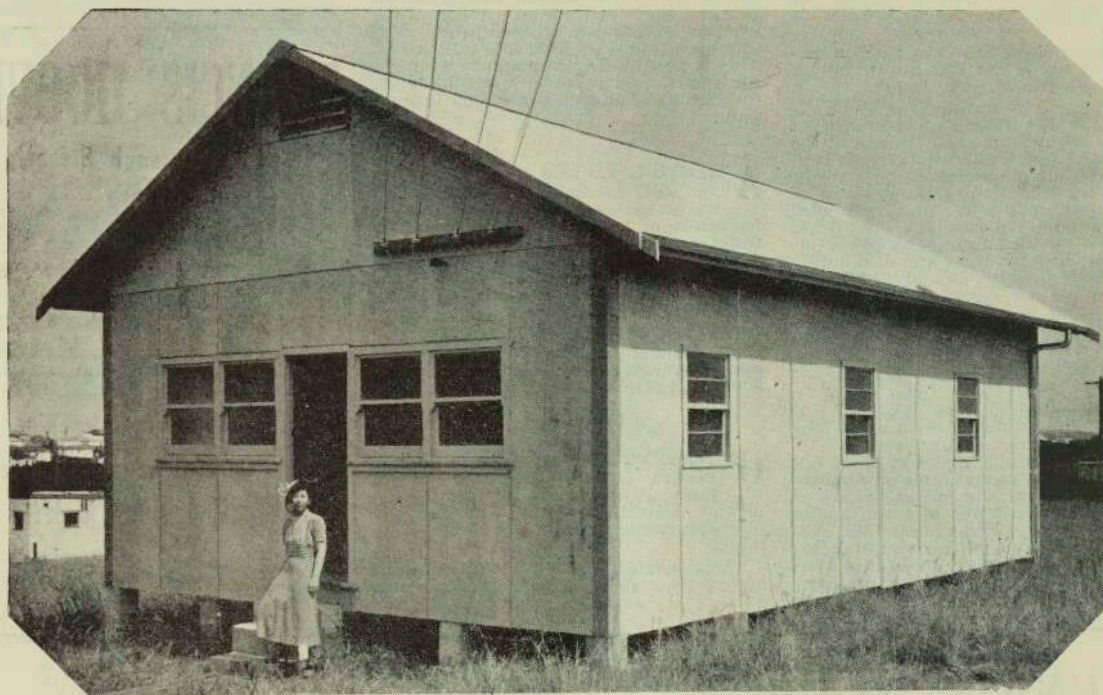
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UPON the retirement of Mr. John Gilmore from the Presidency of the New Britain Club, a new President has been elected—none other than the well-known and popular Wes Scope, winner of the men's Bathing Beauty Parade at the Club's last successful function, the Bathing Beauty Ball.

He should make a worthy successor to Mr. Gilmore, who has served the Club well and faithfully since its inception three years ago.

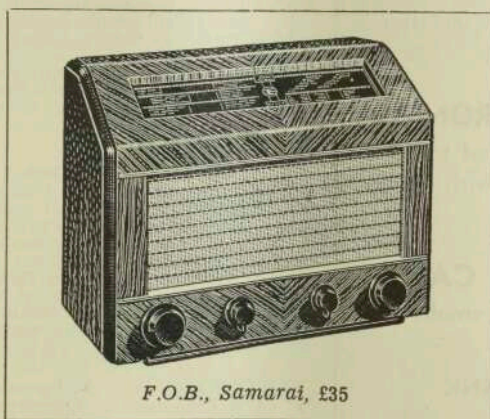
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ON December 4, the ABC announced the death of Norman Winning at Jakarta. He died at the hands of Indonesian rebels. This news is of particular interest to

Territorians, inasmuch as Lieut.-Col. Winning, DSO, was Commander of the 2/5th Australian Independent Company, that attacked the Japs at Salamaua in 1942. On this occasion he led his gal-

lant Company in what was the first ground victory gained by the Allied Forces in the South-West Pacific. It was for this that he was awarded the DSO.

News of his death held particular interest and regret for two men in Rabaul to-day. They are Randall MacLean and D. M. O'Farrell. Together with Winning, they started off in the same company as troopers at the outbreak of war in the Pacific. They became friends, and all later gained their commissions.

Before the war Norman Winning was a rubber planter in Java, Randall MacLean was in Sourabaya, and D. M. O'Farrell was in Salamaua. Mr. Winning was the only one of the three friends to return to his former place of residence.

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EARLY this month one of the much-maligned Works and Housing employees put on a really good show. With a wild yippee and a demonstration of the swallow dive, he entered the Rabaul swimming pool. But, unfortunately, the pool happened to be empty at the time. He emerged from hospital several days later.

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A SUCCESSFUL patrol has been carried out in the Mokolkol country, in the region of Open Bay hinterland, on the island of New Britain. Seven Mokolkols were persuaded to return to Rabaul with the patrol, which was led by acting ADO Fienberg, accompanied by Cadet PO Normoyle (Junior), and Forestry Officer Heather.

The "captives" consisted of two men, one woman, and four children. The men are about 33, and 38 years of age and therein lies the tremendous success of this patrol. Previously only aged men, women, or children have been picked up by expeditions into the Mokolkol stronghold.

They said that there is only this one Mokolkol village, containing twelve males, one youth, eight adult females, and about ten children. It seems incredible that this tiny band of hill-people should dominate and terrorise, as they do, about 500 miles of country.

The natives will be taught Pidgin and in a few months time it is hoped to send them back to their village as proselytes of civilisation.

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OUR three clubs—the RSL, the New Britain, and the New Guinea Club—have all combined this year to raise funds for the Children's Christmas Tree and Party. Previously this has been held at the New Britain Club, but this year it will take place at the New Guinea Club. So far monies collected total over £400, and since the guest list of children is 130 they are assured of a magnificent tree, and party.

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FOLLOWING upon a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce, which called upon the District Officer and asked that something be done about the state of the roads in Rabaul, particularly Malaguna, which is a main artery for shipping at the main wharf, improvements have been carried out extensively.

Heavy loads of coranus have been put down, and now that we have had rain, the roads have been vastly improved. Driving along them is no longer the shattering experience that it was for so long.

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WE WOULD like a clear-cut statement of policy from the Government on this matter of shifting the site of the capital. Apparently, it is still the intention to shift the site, but business interests seem to have decided to stay in Rabaul. New Guinea Company has

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erected a new manager's residence, in Yarra Avenue, which certainly looks permanent, and we hear that the Shell Company has bought land from Burns Philp along the waterfront for the purpose of installing large fuel tanks. The man in the street, confronted with such conflicting evidence can only scratch his head and wonder.

AN astonishing pine-apple was brought into town recently by Mr. Norman Duncan, of Talalili Plantation. The fruit consisted of fifteen pineapples, each complete with top knot, growing from the one stem, but flattened into bas-relief in the shape of a fan. Mr. Duncan has challenged other growers to produce something as good.

AFTER a prolonged and uncomfortable dry spell, Rabaul has finally enjoyed some rain. The dry has lasted several months and has reminded old residents of a six month drought which they had in 1930, when it was so dry the birds pecked the coconuts in an endeavour to get a drink.

Over the last few weeks several hundred points of rain have fallen, and indications are that the North-west wet season is about to commence. When this begins residents will, of course, begin to speak nostalgically of the dry.

DEATH OF MR. G. COLES

THE sudden death on November 23, of Mr. Gilbert Coles, while on holiday at Korolevu, Fiji, was a shock to local residents.

Mr. Coles, who was 65, was born in Australia and prior to his retirement was a traveller for the soft goods company of Rylands Ltd. which has traded in the Island groups for many years.

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M. STOEGBNER, partner in the firm of Stoebner and Pierron, general mechanics, Santo, New Hebrides, was the victim of an assault on November 18. He was shot in the stomach, rushed to hospital, but died before morning. It is understood that M. Stoebner's son also suffered from gun-shot wounds of a minor nature.

M. Pierron has been arrested and charged and it is reported that he has been escorted to Noumea.

Mr. Harold Manning, of Ocean Island, is a cricket enthusiast. He travelled 4,000 miles to Brisbane to see the first Australia—MCC test of the present series, and will follow the MCC team from State to State for the rest of the tests.



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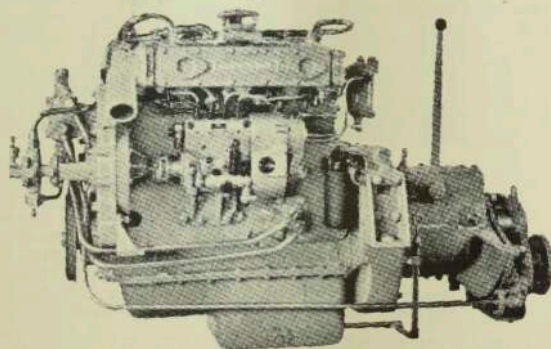
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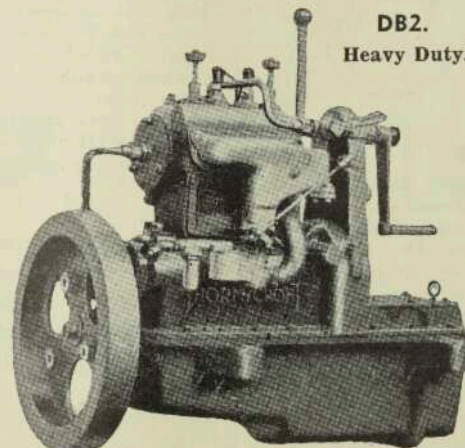
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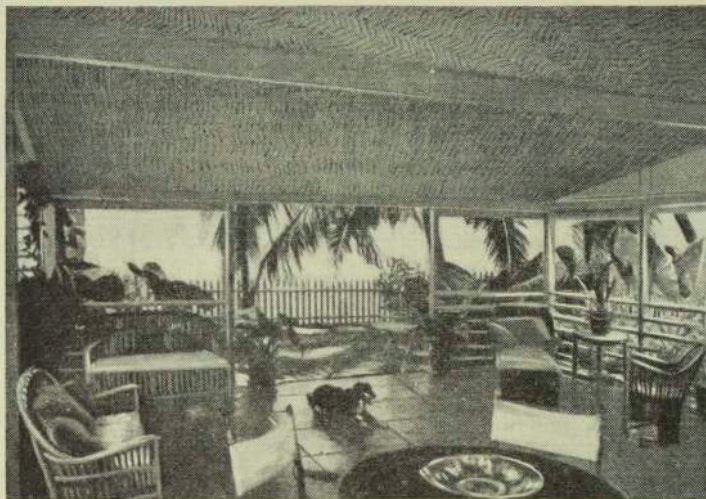
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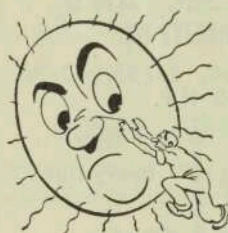
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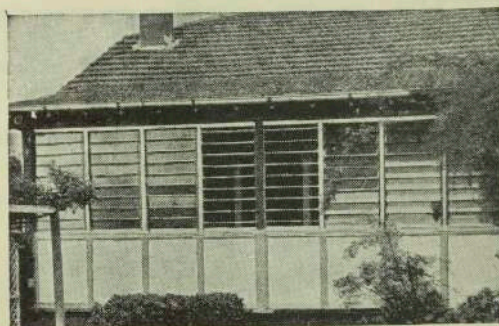
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HOW FIJI GOLD COMPANIES ARE FIGHTING OPPRESSIVE TAXATION

A WAR of words between the Government of Fiji and the companies which own the rich goldmining industry there, directs attention to the extraordinary change that has taken place in the relationship between governments and goldmining concerns since the governments became more or less dominated by Socialist theories.

In the old days, by giving them substantial concessions in taxation, and in other ways, governments encouraged mining enterprises to invest their funds in the search for gold. Enormous sums were lost in such enterprises—but the gold-mining investors were always encouraged to try again because they were free from taxation and enjoyed other privileges. It was sound thinking on the part of the governments, because gold has a fixed international value; and the government of any country with a rich gold industry was seldom troubled with financial problems.

The Melbourne financial group headed by Theodore, Wren, Cody and others was thus encouraged by the British Colonial Office to develop and exploit the Tavua Goldfields, in the northern part of Viti Levu, Fiji. As a result the Emperor and Loloma companies were successfully established, and the Colony of Fiji has benefited enormously from the millions of pounds worth of gold they recovered.

It seemed a happy arrangement for everyone. But Socialism was taking command in Australia (where Emperor and Loloma are owned) and in Britain (which is responsible for the government of Fiji).

The first trouble came when the two companies were met with an inflexible demand for double taxation. The Government of Fiji imposed a heavy tax upon both the gold produced and the profit of the companies; and the Government of Australia, with total disregard of the ethics of the situation, insisted upon imposing income taxation upon the dividends of the shareholders when they arrived in Australia for distribution.

Because of this manifest injustice—there was no indication of such taxation demands when the companies launched their enterprise—the late Mr. Theodore fought both Governments until the day of his death.

For example, the Fiji gold companies had set aside a certain sum to be used in investigating and developing the goldfield that is known to exist in the Berande area of Guadalcanal, in the British Solomon Islands. A subsidiary had been formed, an organisation created and men were already in the Solomons, when the British Socialist Government let it be known that it would demand a very large share of any gold discoveries made in the Solomons.

Mr. Theodore immediately cancelled all plans relating to the Solomons and withdrew his prospecting party. As a result, there is no gold coming out of the Solomons—and there is not likely to be. The goldfield there is not a "small man's how"—it can be worked profitably only by a big company, with big resources.

Mr. Theodore's answer to the Australian Government's attempt at double taxation was to withhold dividends from the Australian shareholders. Instead, he put into operation the rather unusual plan of keeping what officially are the profits in Fiji (where they are used as working capital) while he returned the subscribed capital to the shareholders in a series of payments extending over years, and which took the place of dividends. Officially, the shareholders' capital has been returned

to them—and this is free of taxation, of course; but they still own in Fiji, in respect of each share, a large sum of money which officially represents the accumulated profits of the companies—but which they can only get, free of Australian taxation, if they go and live in Fiji.

MR. THEODORE is dead but in this respect his soul goes marching on. The Emperor and Loloma companies held their annual meeting in Melbourne on December 1, and the chairmen of the respective meetings (Mr. P. F. Cody, for Loloma, and Mr. Wallace H. Smith, for Emperor) each directed attention to the punishing taxation that was being now imposed upon the companies in Fiji. They said that the Fiji royalty charge was now equal to 7½ per cent. of the value of the gold won as against 5 per cent. previously. Mr. Cody said this action by the Fiji

Government was extremely harsh, and offered no inducement to the mining companies to explore and develop other areas.

The annual accounts showed that Emperor, in the year ended June 30, made a profit of £161,752 Australian, compared with £76,202 in 1949 and £56,637 in 1948. Loloma made £142,850 Australian, compared with £128,083 and £88,939 in the previous years.

These increased profits are due in part to the action of the British Government in depreciating Sterling. Australian and Fijian currencies were similarly devalued; but the product of the mine (gold) held its value, of course, in the world's market. Both companies also are receiving a large and increasing revenue from their heavy investments in other companies.

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Highland Labour Not Always The Right Answer

From a Special Correspondent

RABAU, Nov. 30.
THERE is growing dissatisfaction with the Chimbus (Central Highlands natives) among employers of native labour in New Guinea. Most of these people have persevered with these boys—it is about a year now since the

first of them came down from the Highlands—but many, including those with a reputation as "good native labour men" have apparently decided that they are not worth while, are signing them off and returning them to the Highlands.

Coconut Products at Madang recently returned 150 of them, and Mr. Geoff Bliss, of Dylup Plantation, in the Madang district, is also reported to be returning the same number. There are various other rumours of dissatisfaction.

The main trouble seems to be that these boys need much more time to get used to the idea of working for a living than do other labour—Aitapes, Sepiks, etc. Most Chimbus (and I speak from experience) are very slow in movement and if they possibly can will sit down to work. For example, it is not unusual to see a Chimbu sit down to sweep a floor or chop wood. The just cannot get used to the idea that some show of speed is desirable.

This labour is expensive in the first place and as they come only for 12 months, plantation people naturally expect them to adapt themselves fairly smartly and gain enough efficiency to cut their quota of copra each day. When many months pass and they show no signs of this or of even earning their keep, naturally the master gets a little impatient.

There are only isolated cases yet, of boys being sent back before their time is up but there seems to be more coming.

It is reported from New Ireland that one plantation that has Highland labour has had five copra-drier fires in three months. They are asking for an inquiry.

If they have done nothing else, of course, the Chimbus can be said to have relieved the pressure on low-land native labour to some extent. These more civilised natives may now be offering more freely for work.

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A photograph taken after the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Boswell, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boswell, of Three Kings, Auckland, to Mr. Hugh N. C. Monckton, in Auckland, on October 31. Miss Boswell is an LCTL and a speech therapist. Mr. Hugh Monckton is a Bachelor of Engineering and AMICE, resident in Dunedin. He is the younger son of Mr. H. Claud Monckton, lately Adviser on Native Affairs, in the Fiji Government, now retired. The family is well known in Fiji.

HAPPY WEDDING CEREMONY IN SUVA

A WEDDING of much public interest took place in Suva in October, when Mr. Harry Joseph Apted, of the PWD Headquarters staff—and the most successful all-rounder in the Fijian cricket team that toured New Zealand two years ago—was married to Miss Betty Spowart, member of a well-known Fiji family.

The marriage was solemnised at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. R. Spowart, and Mr. E. F. Apted was best man. Afterwards, a reception for 600 guests was held at the Club Hotel ballroom. The Hon. Sir Hugh Ragg, MEC, and Hon. T. W. A. Barker, CBE, MLC, MEC, in happy little speeches, referred to this uniting of two of Suva's most respected families. The Hon. P. Costello, MEC, amused the guests with reminiscences of the pioneer days of the families; and Mr. P. A. Snow, Acting Assistant Colonial Secretary (President of the Suva Cricket Association, and leader of the Fijian cricketers in New Zealand) in a witty speech, described the bridegroom's sporting propensities.

The Hon. Ratu George Cakobau, MLC, acting Roko Tui Kudava and vice-captain of the touring team, and the Hon. Ratu Edward Cakobau, MC, MEC, MLC, District Officer, Levuka, and also a member of the touring team, referred to the distinguished

sporting ability of the married couple. Mr. C. R. Carne (of Carpenter & Co. and a vice-president of the Suva Cricket Association) advised the bride of the possibilities of "grass-widowhood" attending marriage with such a capable sportsman as the bridegroom.

SANDY CREEK IS SLUICING AGAIN

EXTENSIVE repairs, alterations and improvements to its race line allowed Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing, Ltd., to resume sluicing operations on the company's Watut property, in New Guinea, on November 16. Uninterrupted sluicing, to December 2, produced 146 ounces of gold, out of 5,480 cubic yards of material.

In the year ended March 31 last, this company made a loss of £2,100—the result mainly of its water supply being either interrupted or cut off for long periods. This was the result of lack of maintenance during the war. The outfit appears now to be in good order, and better things

are hoped for. The company gets revenue from its own sluicing operations and from a tributer who has its Sandy Creek property. The original subscribed capital of the company was £77,500, with a general reserve of £21,512; but this has been written down substantially as the result of a revaluation of the Sandy Creek property, and the shareholders' funds now total £32,456. The Directors are Messrs. H. G. Hyde (chairman) J. W. Hinks and A. J. Smeaton.

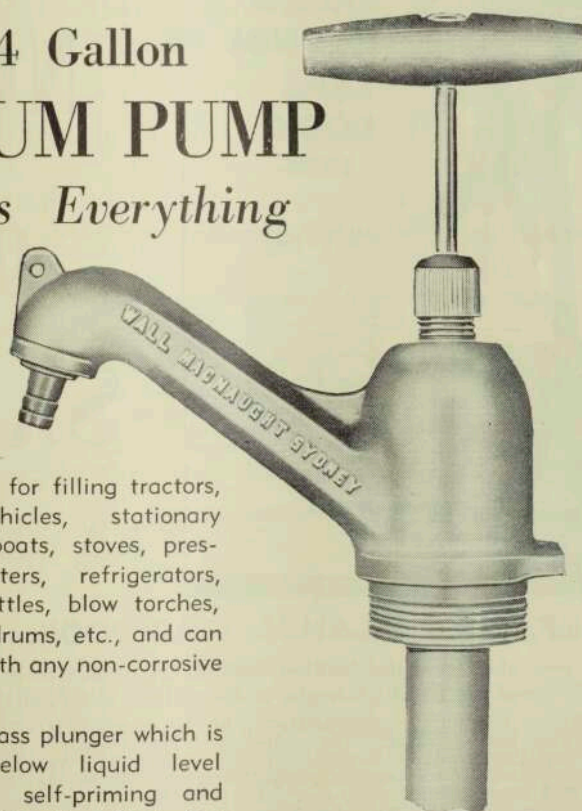
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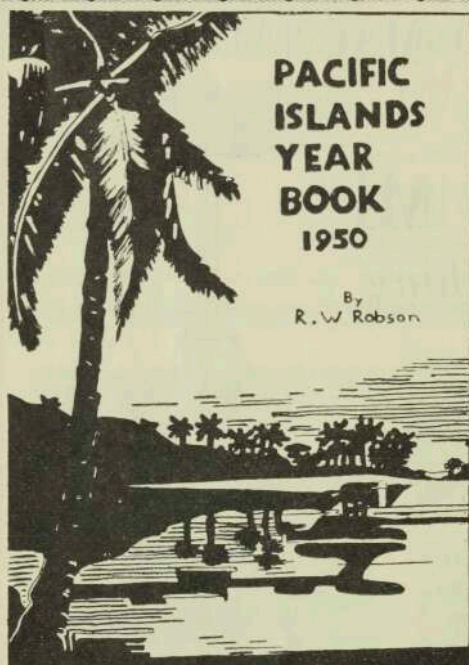
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POPULAR DOCTOR LEAVES APIA

Dr. John Brunt and his wife say good-bye to Western Samoa from the deck of the November Matua. With their two young sons they will live in Palmerston North, N.Z. Although he has been a comparatively short time in the Territory, he is one of the most popular medical officers Samoa has ever had. Both Europeans and Samoans saw him go with real regret.

—Superflash photo.



PROGRESS OF APC IN PAPUA

ADVICE from the Australasian Petroleum Co. Pty., Ltd., on Dec. 4, stated that all of the company's drilling sites in Papua are progressing satisfactorily and according to schedules planned by the company's overseas advisers in London and New York a few months ago.

Two contract seismic parties are operating in the Delta area. A refraction party is working between the oil seepage area of Puri, 50 miles inland, and Uramu Island in the outer Delta.

A refraction party recently arrived in Papua and is at present perfecting a survey technique best suited to local conditions and will follow this work by mapping out in detail favourable structural features disclosed by the refraction party after broad reconnaissance.

The Wana test bore is drilling below 9,000 feet and is being carried to maximum depth to obtain as much information as possible on the stratigraphy of the Delta.

These activities will help decide further test drilling sites so that available crews and outfits can be employed without interruption. Preliminary work, such as prefabrication of staff quarters, is being undertaken so that sites can be quickly established when they are selected.

A.P.C. is still actively pursuing its search for oil in the Vaialala River area. Foundations for a second test at Hohoro have been completed and an outfit is being erected. Large stocks of barytes have been gathered in the area in case the squeezing type of mudstone formations encountered in No. 1 test are met at the new site which is expected to begin drilling in January.

West of the Delta area, Island Exploration Company has commenced drilling at Omati and a gravity meter reconnaissance survey is being carried out near the Turamu Estuary. If the survey brings favourable findings a more detailed seismic investigation will follow.

DEATH OF MR. C. H. G. HONSON

MR. C. H. G. HONSON, a highly respected Chinese member of Suva's business community, died on November 20, after an illness of some months. He was 58.

He went to Fiji from the Kwangtung Province of China in 1908 to join the firm of Sang On Tiy, of Suva, banana shippers and general merchants.

When that firm ceased operations, he joined Mr. C. F. Sang, in 1919, under the firm name of Jang Hing Loong, which went into liquidation in 1940. He then became managing director of the associated firms of Joong Hing Loong Co., Ltd., and Honson, Ltd.

Mr. Honson was widely known for his genial and hospitable nature and his ready generosity. He is survived by his widow and 13 children.

In November, Mr. T. E. Warburton, manager of Messrs. Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., Madang, New Guinea, went South on leave. Mr. N. A. Wettig is acting manager.

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ISLANDS cocoa prices are usually based on the ruling rate for Accra cocoa (West Africa), quotation for which in early December had dropped to £257/10/- Stg. c.i.f. (equivalent to £321/17/6 Aust.) for December-February shipments. Quotation supplied by Colyer Watson (NG) Ltd., Sydney.

Pacific cocoa beans were quoted (sellers) nominally on the Sydney market in December at—

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W. Samoa: Sydney agents reported in mid-December that the price of Samoan cocoa dropped another £30 per ton during the month—to £285 Samoan (Aust. £358/15/-) per ton. (Samoan currency equals Sterling.)

TROCHUS SHELL

Nominal Sydney quotations in December were: Thursday Is., £140 per ton, f.o.b.; New Guinea, £160 per ton, c.i.f.; Sydney: Solomon Is., £165; Fiji, £P90 (£A101/14/-) per long ton on the beach at Suva; New Caledonia, approximately 14,000 francs per ton, Noumea.

COFFEE

Nominal quotations are—
New Caledonia: Production exported to France at above normal rates (equivalent to £A400, per ton for Arabica, £A350 for Robusta).
New Guinea and Papua: Nominally £350 to £370 per ton (c.i.f.), according to quality.

VANILLA BEANS

Papeete merchants recently quoted 325 francs per kilo for French Oceania vanilla beans.
Price for Tahiti beans quoted in Sydney (by J. C. Merrillees Pty., Ltd.) is: White Label, 12/6 per lb., c.i.f., Sydney.

RICE

Price of rice shipped from Sydney to Islands ports was fixed on May 1 for the 1950-51 season at: £50 per ton White and £54 per ton Brown.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL

A nominal quotation in Sydney in December was at £130 per ton, c.i.f., for f.a.q. shell.

PEARL SHELL

By a term contract between the Otto Gerda Company (USA) and the majority of Torres Strait pearlers, TI shell prices were fixed in 1949 (for three years) at: Sound grades, £A325 per ton, f.o.b.; TI: "D" grade, £A225; "E" grade, £A125—all plus bonuses.

The 1950 Torres Strait pearling season reopened in May. Purchase price for the independent pearlers' output, after negotiation with overseas buyers, was finally set at approximately: £A580 per ton for Sound grades, £A465 for "D" grades and £A340 for "E" grades. Individual parcels of Sound shell have sold for as high as £A600.

COPRA

Papua-New Guinea.—Production Control Board's fixed price, delivered to ship's slings of ANGPCB warehouses, as from May, 1950: At main ports, Hot-air Dried, £48/10/- per ton; Smoked, £47/17/6 (subject to premium up to £1/5/- for superior grades). Official price (as from May, 1950) for Papua-New Guinea copra sold in Sydney to crushers: Hot-air Dried, £67/15/-; Smoked, £67/2/6. Australia has a 9 years' contract with Britain for the disposal of all Territories' copra surplus to her own needs, and the above prices come up for review in March, 1951—it is expected that the 1951 price will be around £5 higher than the present rates.
Fiji.—From January 1, 1951: £55/5/- Fijian

per ton, FMS; the 1950 price was £53/14/3 Fijian per ton. Fiji has a 9 years' contract with the UK Ministry of Food for all copra exported.

New Hebrides.—Price at Vila and Santo: £52 Aust. per ton.

Western Samoa.—Producers in 1950 received £45 Samoan (par with Sterling) per ton, of which £3 was held for a Stabilisation Fund, under a 10 years' contract with the UK Food Ministry.

Fr. Oceania.—Papeete merchants recently have paid 9,350 Pacific francs per 1,000 kilos for Tahiti copra.

RUBBER

Sydney trading firms use the London and Singapore day-to-day quotations as a basis when buying Papuan rubber. Overseas prices in early December fell from the record November levels by 20 per cent. An average rate in mid-December for No. 1 grade RSS was:—Spot: Nominally 51d. Stg. per lb., c.i.f., London (equivalent to 63½d. Aust. per lb.); Singapore: RMA No. 1 172 cents per lb., f.o.b.

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Enterprise of N.G.	b27/6	s12/6	s1/9
Guinea Gold	b13/3	b1/10	b2/1
N.G.G., Ltd.	b1/10	b1/8	b1/8
Placer Development	b68/6	b145/-	b122/6
Sandy Creek	b1/5	s1/-	b3d
Sunshine Gold	b6/5	b8/-	b7/6

PAPUA

Cuthbert's Misima	s16/6	b3d	b3d
Mandated Alluvials	b3/8	b2/-	b3/-
Oil Search	s3/11	b3/8½	b3/5½
Orion Oil	b5/-	b2/-	s2/1
Papuan Apinaipi	b4/11	b2/-	s5/-

Price of Gold.—Commonwealth Bank of Australia's fixed price for gold bought in Australia and Territories is: Fine oz., £A15/9/10; Standard oz., £A14/4/-.

Exchange Rates

The following exchange quotations show the rate existing in Sydney in mid-December:—

Fiji

Through Bank of NSW and Bank of New Zealand—Australia on Fiji on basis of £100 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; selling, £A113. Fiji-London on basis of £100 London:—

	Buying	Selling
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telegraphic transfer	111 2 6	113 0 0
On demand	111 2 6	113 0 0

WESTERN SAMOA

Through Bank of New Zealand—Australia on Western Samoa on basis of £100 Samoa: buying, £A123/12/6; selling, £A124/10/9.

	Buying	Selling
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telegraphic transfer	100 7 6	101 10 0
On demand	99 9 3	101 10 0

Samoa on New Zealand, on basis of £100 NZ:—Buying, £100; selling, £100/10/-.

Samoa on Fiji, on basis of £100 Samoa:—Buying, £111; selling, £110.

Samoa on USA, on basis of £1 Samoa (telegraphic transfer): Buying, 2.7991 dollars; selling, 2.7588 dollars.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Commonwealth Bank of Australia (branches: Pt. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and Bank of New South Wales (branches: Pt. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote an exchange rate between Australia and Papua-New Guinea of 10/- per £100.

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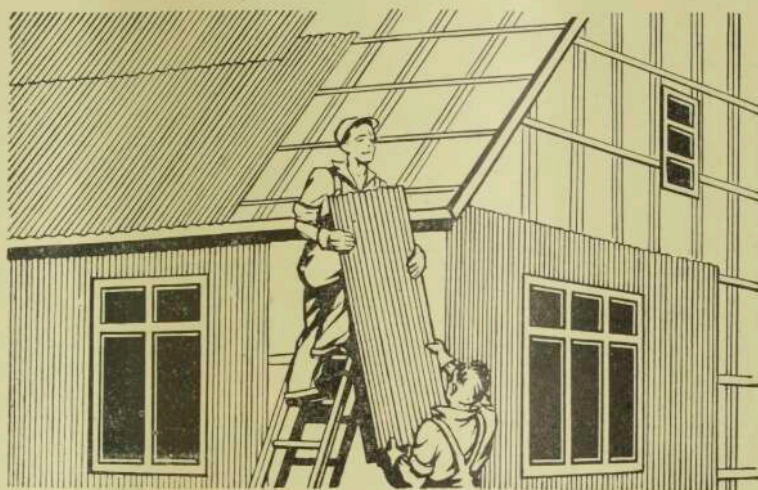
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