

**HISTORY OF THE WORK:** Mission work in Micronesia was begun in 1852. first missionaries sent out by the ABCFM included Dr. Gulick, son of the Gulicks who were missionaries to Hawaii, as well as two Hawaiian couples and a single Hawaiian man. Stations were first established on Kusaie and Penape. The work in the Mortlock islands of the Truk group was started w 21 years later by people from Penape. During the more than 100 years which have followed the work has been carried on by American, German and Japanese missionaries. The first missionaries which were Americans were here in Spanish times. Some of them were imprisoned by the Spanish. Later when the islands were governed by the Gemass--from 1896 until after World War I, there were German missionaries on most of the stations. In Japanese times--between the World Wars, there were Japanese missionaries missionaries on Penape and Truk.

**THE CHURCH ON PONAPE: Buildings:** In most cases the churches are the nicest buildings on the island or in the districts of course this isn't always saying too much as buildings out here aren't what they are at home or in Hawaii. Some buildings are constructed of native materials with thatch etc. others are still war scraps, several are under construction, and here in Kolonia we have a large, still war-damaged-- cement edifice which we hope will one day be a beautiful church. Two of our outside islands Mokil and Pingelap have very nice cement churches and Kusaie has recently build what I hear is a huge new church building. For the most part the people have much to learn concerning upkeep and cleaning of their houses of worship.

**Membership:** On Penape proper there are perhaps more than 50% of the people who call themselves, Protestant. On our outer islands in Penape District it is almost solid Protestant. However, this does not mean that they are all active in the church, nor have a real understanding of what it means to be a Christian. However, we do have a high percentage of church attendants as compared with most parts of the world. Yesterday here in our Kolonia church we had over 500 people in our church. This is in an area with a population of about 2000 and is considered the Catholics strong point since it is near the port where the Spanish entered and made Catholics by force.

**Activities:** Sunday services include Sunday School, deacons' or prayer meeting, morning worship and C.E. which here on Penape is sort of a "second mile" club and is made up of more old people than young. At this service all who desire may participate by giving out songs or short talks. There are services on Wed. afternoon for prayer and Bible study, and the women have meetings wach Friday afternoon. Most places have a childrens service during the week as well and in many places the Christians get together in the morning and evening for songs, prayers, and scripture reading. There are 11 organized churches on the main island, one church in the process of being organized, and six outside island churches in this district. Between the churches are 30 or more prayer houses where the Wed. and Friday activities are held.

**THE PONAPEAN PEOPLE: Physical appearance:** Brown-skinned, short on an average, men well-built in most cases, muscuäär, some very slight but others very fat especially in older years, women usually heavy for their height, hair is black, coarse, but often nicely waved--seldom bushy or kinky.

**Characteristics:** Have a child-like interest in simple things! Laugh when nervous, or when people fall, or when embarrassing things happen which we would not laugh at. They can work long and hard if challenged and

directed but under ordinary conditions come to work late and would be judged lazy. Work and move slowly, generally relaxed with plenty of time to do what they want and always tomorrow for the things which they don't enjoy.

Christian experience. To many the church and the Lord's work means everything. To others religion has taken the place of their past cultural patterns, to many it is a form. There is a need to put the meaning back into the ritual of worship and apply Christian teaching to their lives in a real rather than a legalistic way. Thou shalt not is more the emphasis than thou shalt.

THE ISLANDS: "The individual islands are of two types--coral and volcanic. The former are low and small with white sandy beaches and the constant murmur of the tradewinds through the branches over head; fitting the typical conception of south sea islands. (the Marshalls are this type. The latter are larger, slightly cooler, and mountainous. The heavy rainfall on these higher islands produce numerous waterfalls which splash down the verdant hillsides. Tropical fruits including bananas, pineapples, papayas, limes, and mangoes add variety to the staple diet of taro, yam, and breadfruit. Fish are always nearby for the ambitious fisherman. Clothing in the rural areas is simple with a length of cloth wrapped skirt-like around the waist; being a favorite with both sex and all ages. However, in the center around the American settlement semi-American dress prevails." Men take to foreign styles much more readily than the ladies and much more often wear shoes. (The above paragraph I took from an article which I prepared at the time for Christian Life magazine if you wonder at the change of construction.)

#### INFORMATION FOR SKIT ON TYPICAL DAY OR WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE TERPSTRA TRIBE

CHARACTERS AND EARLY MORNING ACTIVITIES. Our new little alarm clock, Marshall Jeffery is usually the first to appear on the morning horizon. His lusty wail breaks the morning's silence anytime after 4:30 am and continues without interruption until month has likewise appeared with a warmed bottle in hand. The early morning arising hour is appreciated on mornings when daddy has to take off quickly for our school campus in Oa, a good 2 hours run if conditions are favorable. Marshall know however, that daddy doesn't go to Oa every day and so usually doesn't wake before 5:30 and of course sometimes later. The big bed in mom and daddy's bed make a fine romping place so daddy is seen out too to make room for two sleepy red-heads, Michael (8½) and Merrill (7) who have staggered across the hall to join the Marshall. He soon wakes them up by pulling their hair and pinching their noses. This activity usually gives mother time to fix the breakfast and daddy time to feed the chickens.

Ordinary Day--Chet: Say Monday. Mornings--starts out at desk doing book work on church records etc., callers come to ask counsel or get instruction concerning some part of the work, time out to go to local merchants etc. for supplies for work etc., afternoon, walk to government office building to attend to matters of business which involve the mission, prepare for classes. 7 to 9 pm. class for young people at the public intermediate school, from 50 to 70 students attended this class last year. Tonight is the first class of the new school year.

A Tuesday a month: Meeting with the 30 Penapean ministers. Starts at 9 am. Has morning session running until noon, then time out for a lunch which we usually have next door in the little odd school building. I have usually seen that nice, a hot drink and something else has been prepared for the meal. Afternoon session starting again at 2 and running until late afternoon and sometimes an evening session. After this meeting if it ends in time Chet will take off for the run to Oa as he is there on ~~Tues~~ Wed. and Thurs. If he doesn't get off in the late afternoon he leaves at day-break in the morning. School schedule at Oa for Chet.

Wed/ 7:30 Chapel.

8-10 Supervisor of PTS students teaching Church History class to OCTS students.

10-12 Teacher of Church History for PTS students.

2-4 Class 2nd " " " " "

In evening talks over problems etc. with the Hayhows, counsels students, shows slides or filmstrips if on hand etc.

Thurs. 7:30 Chapel Chet in charge

8-10 Supervisor of PTS boys teaching Science to OCTS students.

10-12 Teaches Religious Education to OCTS students

2-4 Personal Life class for PTS boys.

After 4 pm returns to Kolenia should get in by dark if possible.

Now on Fridays and Saturdays, Chet is sometimes out in the other districts doing visitation etc. staying over for the church services on Sunday and returning late in the afternoon. Other weeks he is here in Kolenia helping to encourage the work along in the repair of the church here, meeting with the leaders in the church meeting once a month etc. On Sunday he attends the services of this church speaking usually. If in Kolenia on Sat. he usually has a service at the hospital. Now this is about an outline of a quiet week. There are so many special things which come up at different times in the year that I think that this might not be a typical week in actuality. The summer months are all filled with special schools. Two series of special meetings are held in Kolenia each year. Three other gatherings are held in between these. When there are field trips to the outside islands as well, plus of course the many other things which can't be mentioned but perhaps this is a bit of an idea.

Marges Day: By 9 am I should have my morning chores done and should know if a girl is coming to help with the baby some and other duties such as washing, ironing etc. If a girl comes I usually give the morning to work on correspondence for this station or as Mission Secretary for the Micr. Mission, mimeographing, making of posters, etc. I of course cook our meals and often at noon have others to feed as workers students, in from Oa or the like. From 1-4 I teach Michael and try to get other odd items done at the same time if Marshall permits. I have an American SS at 4 pm on Sunday and will be working with Chet on the two English classes (Bible) which are held Sunday morning and Monday evenings. I meet with the leading women about every quarter to go over their Bible studies and have also worked with the Sunday School teachers. Evenings often give opportunity for study, more correspondence, sewing etc. We have no radio or telephone at present to consume our time nor no newspaper to read! (We do own a radio but it seldom works. Likewise our Japanese is too rusty (not that we know any) to enable us to understand most of the stations which have good reception. Actually Kolenia does have a few telephones for the Americans and we may get one soon to save the government people time when they want to get in touch with us.