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NAVY MEN CARRY ON TRADITION OF MAN FOR WHOM THEIR SHIP WAS NAMED

The U.S.S. George Eastman (YAG-39), currently at anchor in Pago Pago Harbor, was named for a millionaire philanthropist who made his money by popularizing the hobby of photography.

The man who developed the Eastman Kodak Camera Company gave away more than \$100 million to such famous educational institutions as the University of Rochester, the Eastman School of Music, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tuskegee and Hampton Institutes and the Rochester Dental Dispensary.

The more than 90 enlisted men and officers, who serve aboard the 442-foot long Navy all-purpose ship, keep alive the tradition of George Eastman.

Yesterday morning, in behalf of the officers and crew, Capt. George Oncea, presented two large cartons of clothing to Department of Safety Commissioner Dewey Allen.

The clothing will be given to prisoners in the jail of American Samoa. Captain Oncea said the clothing had been left behind by personnel who had been discharged or transferred to other vessels. The gift to the American Samoan prisoners represented about a year's collection of clothing.

Most of the articles of wearing apparel consisted of shirts, shoes, trousers and T.-shirts.

The George Eastman was commissioned in 1943 as a merchant cargo ship. After being taken from retirement in 1951, she has been fitted out with many scientific instruments and nuclear detection and measurement devices.

The vessel, which displaces 11,600 tons, has remote control gear. This system enables the ship to be guided by a crew sealed in an especially designed cubicle with the vessel.

With this equipment, the George Eastman can, with full safety to her crew, be taken into areas of heavy atomic fallout.

The skipper of the vessel is a veteran of 20 years service in the Navy, though he is only 38 years old. Captain Oncea is a native of Pennsylvania, and attended Florida State University.

He is married and lives with his family in Honolulu where the George Eastman is normally berthed.

BANK LOAN PREREQUISITES FOR PHASE II HURRICANE HOUSING

Curt Haug, manager of the Bank of American Samoa, today outlined requirements for those Hurricane Housing recipients who wish to go on to Phase II construction.

Those who wish to apply for a Phase II loan must bring with them to the bank a recorded copy of their separation agreement and a copy of their lease. The maximum loans available for Phase II are \$2,600; they are given only to those applicants who have good credit, including satisfactory past loan experience.

The Bank of American Samoa is not at the present time making loans for new houses, Haug said. Loans are also being extended to qualified applicants who want to repair their existing house. Applicants for this type of loan must bring with them to the bank a recorded separation agreement, building permit, two copies of the cost of repairs, and the plans as approved by the Public Works Department.

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FORMER MAPUSAGA TEACHER WILL RETURN HERE AS PRINCIPAL

A former Mapusaga High School teacher will return to that school this fall as principal. Vaughn T. Hawkes, of Provo, Utah, will replace Principal Roy Miller who is returning to the mainland.

During his previous tour of duty here in the Mapusaga school, which is sponsored by the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Hawkes served as a math and science teacher.

Hawkes went back to Utah last year to work for his master's degree at Brigham Young University in Provo.

A native of Preston, Idaho, Hawkes earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Utah State University in 1961. He taught in Shelley, Idaho and later at Mapusaga where he was also supervisor of the church-owned plantation.

He was a missionary in Western Canada, and has served as a stake president and on Mutual Improvement Association (MIA) boards. He is a Sunday school teacher in the BYU 39th ward.

Hawkes will take over in August when Miller and his family return to the Salt Lake City area where the present Mapusaga principal expects to continue in school administration work.

COMMUNITY THEATER READIES "TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON"

The Island Community Theater players are putting the finishing touches to "Teahouse of the August Moon" which they will present this Friday and Saturday in Lee Auditorium.

Curtain time both nights is 8 o'clock.

One of the island's best known performers, Peter Creevey, tops the star-studded cast. Creevey is cast in the role of the Okinawan interpreter, Sakini, who sets the scene for this hilarious story of the American Army's post-war occupation of Okinawa.

Jay Barr is cast as the blustery Colonel Wainwright and Jerry Spencer is the confused Captain Fishby. The choice role of Lotus Blossom, a first class geisha girl, is played by Mari Jennings.

Others in the cast include David Gillmore as Sergeant Gregovich; Beverly Young as Miss Higa Jiga and Charles Hall as Captain McLean.

The play is under the direction of Keith Gordon.

NEW CENTERS SEEK TO IMPROVE TIDAL WAVE WARNING SYSTEM

In the event of danger from a tidal wave to any Pacific island, including those islands of American Samoa, the island inhabitants will get plenty of warning.

A National Tsunami Warning Center has been established by the Environmental Science Services Administration in Hawaii.

That center will coordinate with an International Tsunami Information Center in Honolulu, recently established to improve international cooperation in making tsunami warnings timely and effective.

The information center was established to fulfill United States commitments to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The center will improve the dissemination of tidal wave warnings, collection of tidal wave information, encourage tidal wave research, and promote the exchange of scientific and technical personnel among participating nations.

The National Tsunami Warning Center will serve the United States areas, including Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Guam and American Samoa.

Tidal waves are usually caused by undersea earthquakes.

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