

NEW ETV SCHOOL TO BE DEDICATED AT ASU TOMORROW

A new consolidated elementary school at the historic village of Asu, on Tutuila's remote north shore, will be dedicated tomorrow. Governor and Mrs. Owen Aspinall, Director of Education Roy D. Cobb, and a number of Department of Education officials will attend.

The dedication, coordinated by High Chief A.U. Fuimaono, county chief of Leasina County, will begin at about 10 a.m. after officials have arrived on the Coast Guard cutter Cape Providence and from Fagasa by outboard motor boat. The dedication will begin with a presentation of ulas, and the formal cutting of ribbon by Mrs. Aspinall at the entrance to the school grounds. There will be an invocation, a brief sermon by an Asu Catholic catechist, and remarks by Cobb, Governor Aspinall, and Talking Chief Lea'e, representing Asu village.

An official party from the governor's office and the Department of Education will ride around the eastern end of Tutuila on the Cape Providence to reach Asu. The Cape Providence will depart from the customs dock at 7 a.m. All others attending the dedication should drive to Fagasa and take any of three outboard motor boats to Asu. These boats will begin leaving from Fagasa at about 8:30 or 9 a.m.

In all cases, men are advised to wear canvas shoes (e.g. tennis shoes) and light-weight trousers. Women may wear slacks or Bermuda shorts but must also bring a dress or skirt to put on after arriving on shore at Asu.

Asu is one of the last villages in the territory to obtain a new consolidated school. A similar school at Fagamalo village, further west on the north shore, will be completed later this month. All schools are designed to receive instructional television.

Asu Named "Massacre Bay" After Historical Incident

Tomorrow's dedication of the new Asu Consolidate Elementary School will take place at one of the most historic sites in American Samoa. Asu has been frequently called Massacre Bay because of an unfortunate incident between Samoans and part of the crew of two ships commanded by the French explorer J.F. LaPerouse in December 1787. LaPerouse and his men were the first palagis to set foot on Samoan soil.

Here is an abbreviated account of the incident as described in the book "Amerika Samoa," written by Capt. J.A.C. Gray:

In 1787, the French ships L'Astrolabe and Boussole, commanded by LaPerouse, passed along the northern face of Ta'u, traded with the friendly residents of Olosega, and approached Tutuila from the north with the hope of filling the ships' casks with fresh water. On December 10, 1787, one French party landed at Fagasa and another went to Asu.

While LaPerouse was at Fagasa, a Samoan man leaped into one of the French boats and attempted to steal an iron spike; he was "seized, chastized and ejected." The would-be thief was from Western Samoa, which at that time included Tutuila under its jurisdiction. The Western Samoan told his fellow countrymen in the area about the incident, and consequently a number of them were waiting for part of LaPerouse's crew when they returned to Asu the following morning December 11 to get water.

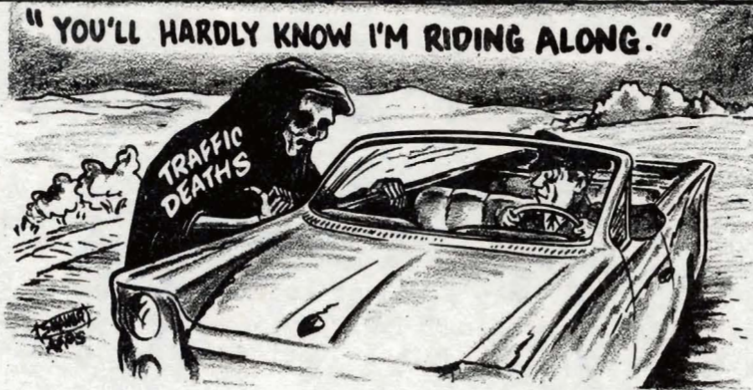
From the start, the French disliked what they saw. About 200 Samoans awaited them menacingly, and while the French filled their casks, the number grew to an estimated thousand. The leader of the French party tried to pacify the crowd by giving glass to a chief, but this seemed to anger the rest of the crowd. At about 3 p.m., when the French were ready to depart, the Samoans started throwing stones. The leader of the French party, DeLangle, was the first to be hit; he was promptly clubbed to death. Several other members of the water expedition were also killed, but some made their way back to the ships offshore.

LaPerouse was angered when he heard about the massacre, but he restrained from firing upon Asu, partly because he could not position himself well enough to bombard the village. After three days, he left the dead ashore and departed from Samoa.

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Capt. Gray writes that the evidence exonerates the Asu villagers themselves from responsibility for the massacre, for after the fighting was over, and the Western Samoans had left, the village residents buried the French dead with honors and preserved their graves. Until about two years ago, a French ship visited the site about once a year.



A long Labor Day weekend starts tonight.

No doubt there will be many more people on the road going for picnics and the like over the holidays and the traffic will be much heavier than it was last year due to the increased number of cars arriving in the territory.

If you are going to be one of the drivers on the road over Labor Day, plan that everyone else on the road is going to do something that will suddenly involve you in an accident. This means you must be MORE CAREFUL and alert than ever.

Think a couple of hundred yards ahead and don't get caught in a tight spot.

Constantly concern yourself with the six cars that can directly affect you: the one ahead; behind; approaching; passing; ready to pull out from the roadside; and the deadliest one of all, the ONE YOU CANT SEE.

On every curve, at every interesection, a black-cloaked hitch hiker will beckon you for a ride. He will insist, "You'll hardly know I'm riding along."

Dont't let him ride with you.

50 TOKELAUANS, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER WILL MAKE VOYAGE TO TOKELAU

Fifty Tokelauans and Tim Carroll, a social studies teacher, will leave Sunday on the YF-340 on a 36-hour voyage to the island of Fakaofu, in Tokelau.

For many of the Tokelauans it will be the first visit to their homeland in many years; for some, the first visit ever, because they were either born on Tutuila or Swains Island.

Carroll said the YF-340 would drop off medical supplies at Swains Island enroute to Tokelau, which is located about 280 miles northwest of Tutuila.

There is no regular passenger service between Tokelau and American Samoa.

The Tokalauans will attned the dedication of a London Missionary Society Church on Sept. 5 and a fiafia afterward. The YF-340 will return to Pago Pago next Thursday afternoon.

50 Tokelauans, Social Studies Teacher Will Make Voyage To Tokelau (cont'd)

Tokelau is under New Zealand rule, and its three atolls cover only four square miles. Its population in 1963 was listed at about 1,900. The Tokelauans, who like the Samoans are Polynesians, have their own language and own traditions.

Carroll said he will take many photos which he will use to make Samoans aware of the rich heritage of Tokelau.

The YF-340 is scheduled to depart at 4 p.m. Sunday.

INTERMEDIATE COURSE IN SPOKEN SAMOAN WILL BE OFFERED SEPT. 18 TO OCT. 19

An intermediate course in spoken Samoan will be offered three nights a week, starting Sept. 18 and running through Oct. 19, it was announced today.

The course will be taught by Polo Manumā, who holds a master's degree in education, and who recently taught a course in elementary Samoan for palagis.

"Students taking this course need only a modest knowledge of Samoa," Manumā said.

Manumā said the course syllabus is being developed with the textbook "Let's Speak Samoan," which was written by Mormon missionaries. Copies may be purchased at Mapusaga School.

The class schedule will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday Tuesday and Thursday evenings, in Building "A", Utulei Campus.

Fee for the course is \$10, payable to the instructor on Sept. 18.

TAYLOR CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Governor Owen Aspinall said today that anyone in American Samoa wishing to contribute money in the memory of Dr. John L. Taylor, staff consultant to the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, may do so through the Governor's Office. All contributions will be given to a memorial scholarship fund that is being established in his honor.

Dr. Taylor visited American Samoa many times and knew several people here.

WOMEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED AT FAGATOGO COURTS OVER WEEKEND

A women's tennis tournament will be held over the holiday weekend, John Samia, recreation director, announced today.

Samia said that those persons desiring to compete should be at the Fagatogo courts no later than 2 p.m. tomorrow.

The tourney will conclude Monday.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT

Channel 4: (5:00) Music (7:00) News (English) (7:15) Funny Company (7:20) Friendly Giant (7:34) The Lucy Show: "Viv Moves Out" (8:00) What's New (8:30) Wagon Train: "Zeke Thomas Story".

Channel 5: (5:00) Music (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) News (Samoan) (7:34) The Lucy Show "Viv Moves Out" (8:00) Hennessey: "Mail To The Chief" (8:25) Funny Company (8:30) Wagon Train: "Zeke Thomas Story" (9:20) News (English).

TV FOR SATURDAY: Channel 5: (7:00) Woody Woodpecker (7:25) Flag Day 1967 (7:49) Disney Feature Movie: "Sammy Wayout Seal" (8:20) Disney Feature Movie: (9:15) Wide World Of Sports.

TV FOR MONDAY: Channel 4: (5:00) Music (7:00) News (English) (7:15) Funny Company (7:20) Friendly Giant (7:34) Leave It To Beaver: "Hair Cut" (8:00) What's New (8:30) Encore Paris. Channel 5: (5:00) Music (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) News (Samoan) (7:34) Leave It To Beaver: "Hair Cut" (8:00) Watch Mr. Wizard (8:30) Encore Paris (9:21) 20th Century: "Beachhead At Anzio" (9:46) News (English).