

13 September 1960

From: Educational Administrator
To: Naval Administrator

Subj: Rummage Sale on 13 August 1960

Encl: Purpose of Rummage Sale

1. This year's rummage sale netted \$652.00 for the Saipan District Teacher's Organization.
2. It was a big project and a great deal of the credit for its outstanding success goes to Nancy Bridwell and her committees for her very capable management and planning and also for days of just plain hard work; sorting, mending and pricing.
3. The Acting President of the S.D.T.O. did a fine job of supplying workers (teachers) to help get the halls ready procuring supplies, getting teachers to act as salesladies during the sale and also to cleanup afterwards.
4. The principal of Oleai School was outstanding in his help; he speaks Carolinian, Chamorro and English and with his jovial help he expedited the sale no end.
5. Weeks ahead of the sale the whole island was alerted by signs (made by the teachers) posted all over the island. The Mayor made the legislative hall available for the rummage sale and farmers market was decked out for the Bake Sale. Both places were very gay with placards announcing the event.
6. The Island Constabulary gave the services of two of its Officers, for the morning. A Boy Scout troop managed a "fish pond" for the small fry and the Teen Agers had charge of a soft drink stand.
7. It is a day when we all work together for a common cause and it has become almost an institution with the island people. An hour before the doors were to open there were hundreds standing in line before the door. This year it opened with a hilarious note when two very large Carolinian women become stuck in the door at the same time; neither would give way then simultaneously both were struck with the humor of the situation; they dissolved into helpless laughter which did not help the situation any but did hold up the opening a while. In the meantime the crowd shouted good humored advice to the two door-bound victims.

Enclosure (6)

8. Everybody had a big lively time.

9. The native people were gleeful about their low price merchandise and the dependents plus the husbands they pressed into service went home a bit dazed but pleased at this experience in island living.

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29 April 1960

RUMMAGE SALE

S. D. T. O. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The yearly dependent's rummage sale for the benefit of the Saipan District Teacher's Organization Scholarship Fund was instituted in 1956 for many reasons. It was begun as a token of friendship and appreciation to the Saipanese for their many courtesies to American dependents during their tour on the island. We wanted to know them better, and extend a friendly helping hand. The project outlined below, we believe, is the best kind of help for it "helps them to help themselves."

RUMMAGE-BAKESALE

The rummage and baked goods are to be donated by the dependents and sold to the indigenous people. The rummage sale brings the American personnel into contact with the Saipanese. We work with the Mayor, some of the Municipality employees, and many of the Saipanese teachers. We deal with the general buying public the day of the sale. It takes the place of one of the many community projects we would be doing stateside.

All proceeds from this sale will go into a Scholarship Fund for deserving Saipanese who are selected by a Scholarship Committee for further education.

At the time of the first sale there were no Navy Scholarships available for college education for the Saipanese. Those few who had gone to the states or Hawaii for further schooling were on privately or University sponsored scholarships. The Navy furnished transportation for those students. Naturally, the privately sponsored scholarships did not cover personal expenses such as haircuts, new shoes, etc. Families on Saipan could not contribute toward such expenditures, as any money they had was needed by those members here on the island.

We believe that the rummage sale will get the used clothing to the members of the community who most need it, and the money collected from the Saipanese buyers will be put into a scholarship fund to help their own. Thus, indirectly, they will be contributing money they could not contribute otherwise to further the education of deserving Saipanese.