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Edward Coffey And Ruth Kelly Married

With no one except a few close friends aware of what was going on, Edward D. Coffey, Palmer's Representative to the Legislature, and Ruth Yost Kelly, surgical nurse at the hospital, were quietly married at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht on the evening of Armistice Day.

Rev. Frieling officiated and those present included, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Biggs, the Misses Marion and Luella Batdorf, Katherine Powers, Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht and Jack Allman.

After the ceremony Mrs. Albrecht served a luncheon and later in the evening the newly married pair drove to Anchorage.

Mrs. Coffey will remain at the hospital until another nurse to take her place arrives, probably some time within the next couple of weeks. It is their hope that she will be able to reach here before Mr. Coffey, in his capacity as Secretary of the Fishermen's Union, has to leave for Juneau for a conference with cannery owners on the matter of the abolition of fish traps.

In January Mr. Coffey will have to be in Juneau when the Legislature convenes and Mrs. Coffey will be with him. After that they will probably return and make their home in Palmer.

Here's A Chance For Christmas \$\$\$

The corporation will pay 35c a pound cash for all suckling pigs delivered not later than Nov. 18.

These pigs must be thoroughly cleaned and free from cuts and scars as they are to be served on Thanksgiving tables. They should weigh between 15 and 20 pounds, though a few weighing 25 pounds will be purchased. See Mr. Cronin first on the larger animals.

Harry O'Neill Has Attractive Store

Harry O'Neill, operating under the name of The Palmer Trading Co., has a fair stock in his new store despite strike conditions and reports a brisk trade.

Mr. O'Neill has been in the general store business in Alaska for years and knows the wants of the people of the Territory. He knows their favorite brands, and stocks them.

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Zelda Pilkington Dies From Gun Wound

At 11:30 on the night of Armistice Day a small group of Palmer citizens gathered excitedly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Pilkington on the edge of town.

What they saw upon entering the tent will forever be indelibly stamped upon their memories. On the linoleum covered floor of the kitchen lay the body of Zelda Pilkington, nee King. A bullet from a .22 caliber rifle had passed directly through her heart. She lay, fully clothed except for her shoes, with one arm crossed beneath her as though thrown out in an effort to break the fall. At her head knoed Alvah Pilkington, her husband of five months.

Behind the stove stood the rifle where it had been placed by Mrs. James Smith. The Smiths, neighbors of the Pilkingtons, had been called by the husband and were the first upon the scene.

All efforts on the part of Dr. Albrecht to revive a spark of life in Mrs. Pilkington failed and he pronounced her dead.

Mr. Pilkington's statement had transpired was somewhat confused as he was obviously under the influence of liquor and he was detained by Marshal Hermon until an inquest could be held.

Commissioner Huntley took charge and at two o'clock the body was removed to the morgue.

The bullet had passed completely through the body and all efforts to find it that night failed, but in the morning it was located where it had gone into the wall and buried itself in a two by four studding. It was then determined in just what position Mrs. Pilkington had been standing when the bullet entered her body.

At the inquest Mr. Pilkington told an incomplete story, but later, behind closed doors, gave testimony that brought in a verdict of suicide from the jury.

Mrs. Pilkington was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King of Mabton, Washington, who have requested that her body be sent to them. She had been in Alaska about five years, having taught school at Seward and later in the valley. This year she had been a substitute teacher.

Mr. Pilkington, whose parents live in Miami, Florida, came north summer before last with the transient organization and stayed on with the ARRC as an employee in the accounting department.

Mrs. Pilkington's body will be shipped to the States on the MS Discoverer, leaving Anchorage on Tuesday the 17th.

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Legion-Auxiliary Observe The 11th

Armistice Day belonged to the Legion and Auxiliary here in the valley last Wednesday. At 11 o'clock services were held in the Community Hall and at noon the two organizations were sponsors of a banquet served to all ex-service men and their wives, with Boy and Girl Scouts as guests. Many comrades and their wives were up from Anchorage.

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Reverend B. J. Bingle gave the invocation and later during the dinner gave a short talk. The quartette, as Pat Hammer said, set a fine example to the Boy Scouts -- they were prepared. The members are Walter Huntley, Claire Nichols, Leonard Capps, and John Hoekzema.

After the banquet installation services were held in the Community Hall. Sid Raynor, Department Commander brought two Past Commanders with him from Anchorage, Maurice Sharp and Hugh Savage, who assisted him with the the ritual of replacing retiring officers with their successors. Officers installed were: Einer Husby replacing Neil Miller as Commander Matanuska Valley Post No. 15; Lawrence Rorrison was re-installed as 1st Vice Commander; Chris Anderson succeeded Einer Huseby as 2nd Vice; Ik-Moore replaced Emil LaWalters as Adjutant, Frank Worden as

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Architect And Nurse Wed November 7th

At a very pretty ceremony held at the Staff Dormitory on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 7th, Miss Pearl Williams, Red Cross Public Health Nurse, became the bride of Harry K. Wolfe, Assistant Architect with the A R R C.

Friends of the couple filled the spacious living room and prior to the ceremony Miss Peggy Pimper-ton sang "Because." Miss Pimper-ton and Miss Ruth De Armond also sang "I Love You Truly" as a duet.

To the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss De Armond, the bride, wearing white satin and a tiara of crystals, descended the stairway on the arm of Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, preceded by Mrs. Leo Jacobs as matron of honor. The groom entered from the end of the room accompanied by Mr. Jacobs and passed between two lines of uniformed Colonial Volunteer Firemen, of which or-

The ceremony was performed before the fireplace which had been tastily decorated with green spruce boughs. The informal sermon delivered to the young couple by Father Sulzman before the ceremony may well have been taken to heart by all present, whether married or not.

Immediately following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe were deluged with congratulations and were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

Mrs. Wolfe was presented by Johnny Osseward with a check for twenty dollars presumed to have come from the office of the Federal Biological Survey as a bounty for capturing a Wolfe.

The newlyweds departed for "parts unknown in the hinterlands of the Matanuska Valley," but it wasn't long till all Palmer knew that they had taken possession of Skip Couden's cabin on Fish-hook road.

Sherrod In Charge Of Poultry Plant

Max Sherrod, who for the past year and a half has been male nurse and assistant to Dr. Albrecht, has left the hospital to take charge of the poultry plant.

Max is quite a chicken fancier and won first prize with his birds at the fair. He says that he is now on a job he really likes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrod will live in quarters to be constructed in connection with the incubator house.

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How Will It Work?

One must admire a person who will work for even the bare necessities of life rather than accept public assistance, but how will it work out here in the valley?

We are informed that a few recently discharged corporation employees are working for colonist families for their board and room. That, of course, is the individual's own business, but it surely raises hob with our already shattered wage standards. What will the married man without employment do if this becomes general?

Might not the farmer who is employing men without wage be doing something that will react on the colony group as a whole. There is the bingle angle. If even since the 15 per cent budget cut, families can board one or two extra men might not the bingle allowance be further reduced?

On Nov. 7 there were 32 colonists employed by the corporation and if it were found that any of these men were drawing wages for their labor while others were slashing their tracts for board it might very conceivably bring forth an order that no more colonists would be employed.

And, we are told, there is a statute prohibiting employment of labor without wage; that anyone so working can, at the termination of such employment, put a labor lien upon the property of the employer for such class of labor by process of law.

As we said before, it is the individual's own business, but such practice may prove a boomerang, turning out to be expensive in the end.

It will pay all farmers to keep their hen houses clean as the creamery will be compelled to dock ten cents per dozen on dirty eggs, and this deduction will be made from the "half-cash", not from the credit.

Produce clean eggs. Washed eggs will not keep well, and if washed eggs are slipped into a case the quality of valley produce will suffer.

There's Money In It

No wonder Walt Pippel says his farm is better than a lot of gold mines that are being worked in this country. "The miner might run out of pay ore," says Walt, "but that ground of mine will be a steady producer."

Engineer Anton Anderson tried a number of times to locate people on that tract, but they didn't like it. It isn't a very attractive location. But it was not looks that Pippel was after.

When he sifted a hand full of the dirt through his fingers and saw the tiny shell matter in it he began to look further. He found that the old survey corners put in twenty years ago were under about eighteen inches of fine soil that had been blown in from the river bars. Here was land that was building, not eroding, and the shell matter supplied lime. The topography of part of the tract was such that it was protected by the high bench to the north. In this protected area he planted his garden.

Proof of his good judgment is in the credit checks he got from the commissary. Ten days ago he was bunching the last of his radishes, and this week he delivered lettuce, cauliflower, spinach, parsley, green onions and carrots.

In Anchorage the housewives put their orders in ahead for Pippel's vegetables as he has been unable to supply the demand.

Since word of his success as a truck farmer has been given publicity outside, Pippel says he has as high as fourteen letters in one mail, all asking for agricultural information.

Cheap Insurance

When you buy Christmas Health Seals you are not only aiding a worthy cause, but you are buying protection for yourself and your children.

Your chances of contracting tuberculosis are just about one sixth of those run by your grand parents. Why? Because of the scientific control of the disease.

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Don't send those seals back! Put a dollar in that blue envelope which will come to you through the mail. It's cheap insurance.

A Job For The S. P. C. A.

A sad tale of stock abuse was brought to the office the other day. One farmer, (we were unable to ascertain his name as the man didn't want it said he was tattling on a neighbor) has his horse pastured in a field that our informant tells us has no more feed in it than the floor of this print shop. The horse is out night and day during this none too balmy weather while stalls stand idle in the barn and hay lies stacked nearby. We are told that every rib can be counted on the horse which was in fine condition during the summer.

Efforts are being made to have the Revenue Cutter "Boxer" come to Seward and pick up the idle men who have recently been discharged from the job here. This would be a God-send. Many of these men will be so broke if the strike continues another couple of weeks that they won't be able to get out and will be needing assistance from the Territory all winter.

Let's hope that the government sees the emergency and does away with that red tape ruling that only government employees can ride on government boats. If they can't charge a fare, be-
~~cause of the ruling, into private business~~
angle, let them haul the boys out at the \$1.10 a day subsistence rate which applies when government employees travel. It wouldn't hurt anything to give the working stiff a break like that.

"Oregonia"

In spite of the Portland "Oregonian" states, it came out one of the better September 23 with representations that smack of representation rather than grace. The "Oregonian" part: "One of our Washington respondents sends the information that an original champion project, back from a visit, is most dour frame of mind. The plan, at the beginning, was that each settler should have forty acres of land, with stock and equipment, at a cost of \$3,000. But the \$3,000 per family has already been used up and each family has only ten acres. Revised estimates are to the effect that it will cost \$12,000 to carry out the original program.

On top of all this is the fact that the Matanuska farmers, while they may be made self-sufficient from the standpoint of food and other supplies, have no cash market where they can sell enough farm produce to pay back any of the \$12,000."

We don't see how anyone could possibly have visited here and gone away with the idea that the colonists had only ten acres each. Quite the contrary. Many tourists this summer expressed surprise that such a number had larger farms. None are smaller than forty acres and the average is 52.3 acres per family.

As to the individual debts, such statements are pure rot. They do not even approach such a figure, and some colonists owe as little as two thousand dollars.

No market We thought that question was settled long ago. The actual figures on produce imported that can be raised here have been printed often enough. Here they are again, agricultural commodities, all of which can be raised here. The report is over the signature of Colonel O. F. Ohlson, general manager of the Alaska Railroad, and represents shipments through Seward during 1935. It is well to keep in mind while reading this, that only about an eighth of the population of Alaska is served through this salt water terminus of the Alaska Railroad.

Commodity—	Value
Veal	\$ 13,467.20
Beef	208,724.12
Pork	64,237.95
Mutton	22,758.43
Poultry	59,624.65
Butter	189,468.95
Cheese	22,361.23
Ice Cream Mix	104,822.62
Potatoes	37,362.72
Carrots	3,147.74
Turnips	874.69
Cabbage	6,374.35
Leaf Vegetables	12,807.60
Eggs	158,428.85

This totals \$904,461.15, actual landed value. Milk, probably because of oversight, was omitted from Colonel Ohlson's report, but the figures for the fiscal year of 1933-34 give the total Alaskan imports of this commodity as \$282,269, quite an item in itself, bringing the grand total well above a million dollars.

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Local Gun Grabber Gets Hoose-gowed

A mania for collecting guns without going through the formality of purchasing them has brought a heap of trouble upon K. Staiger, who has been here in the camp for about a month.

Staiger was picked up Sunday by Deputy Marshal Jack Hermon after it was found that he had a half dozen guns that had disappeared from valley residents.

At a hearing Monday afternoon before Commissioner Huntley, Staiger plead guilty and was taken to Anchorage where he will stand trial.

Some Good Ideas

Joe Flakne of the Extension Service suggests that now is a good time to get your supply of dirt for hot beds and flats for spring.

Another suggestion from Joe is that you get your young pigs onto the market. Fall pigs, he explains, will not make profitable gain during the winter months on purchased feed. Lack of sunshine and green food is a contributing factor.

The turkeys that were brought in for breeding stock are too valuable for Thanksgiving dinners. Why not a nice roasted pig?

Carl Drager, City Attorney, and George Kennedy, Hardware merchant, were up from Anchorage on business last Tuesday.

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Marietta. Marietta who? Marietta meal at Sally's that met with her approval.

Slaughter-House Well Abandoned

"You can never tell about wells in this country," says Forrest Kelsoe who is in charge of drilling. The slaughter-house well prompted that comment. Kelsoe and his crew drilled six hundred feet to tap salt water at the site just below town, and less than a quarter of a mile distant is that fine well on the old Dunklee place; thirty some feet of fine water.

The well at the slaughter-house has been abandoned.

A Pig Shoot? ? ?

Because of the strike situation there will be no turkeys for Thanksgiving tables, so how about a "Pig Shoot?" Just as much fun, and what's nicer than a nice roasted piglet on the table with an apple in his mouth? Within reason, too. The very best fall pigs are only worth about \$1.00 for each week of age or about the same per pound as turkey would cost. If interested see John Kirsch or leave word at the PIONEER office.

WILLOW

Jim Gleason snowshoed down from Willow last Monday and reports five feet of snow. Gleason had been working at the Martin mine which has laid off its crew of 22 men. He reports that the Gold Cord has also closed down on account of a shortage of supplies due to strike conditions.

The Fern is still operating and the Lucky Shot is working about 100 men.

Honesty Will Out

There really are some honest people in the world after all. Frank Ring used to sell Rawleigh products back in the states before he joined the colony when it was formed. Last week a fellow came up to him and paid him \$4.10 he had been owing for stuff purchased five years ago.

When

Sourdough Sam says the end of the world will be here . . .

When Colonel Ohlson takes a trip to the states on Heinie Berger's boat.

When Oskey Weeda is stumped for a comeback.

When L. B. Jacobs loses his temper.

When Donald MacDonald turns down a single-tax argument.

When Anton Anderson runs out of poetry to recite.

When Doc Albrecht gets in a hurry.

When Harold Thuma gives a direct yes or no answer to a question.

When Horton finishes the Valley City Hotel.

When Dave Markham starts to teach a Sunday School class.

Sheely Off For Washington, D. C.

Ross Sheely, Gen. Mgr. of the ARRC, left from Shonbeck's field by plane last Friday morning for a flight to Fairbanks.

From the inland city Mr. Sheely will fly to Juneau where he will take boat passage outside. He expects to be gone about six-weeks, but may be able to clear up the business of next year's budget and return sooner.

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Movie News

SEE the "Tactical Blunder" that wiped out 100,000 men and mutilated twice as many!

SEE the hands with "silken touch" that sealed the doom of innocent lives!

SEE the "scraps of paper" that hurled sixty million men at each other's throats.

SEE the "Famine" that shriveled the bodies of babies and destroyed the souls of men!

SEE the fury of scientific slaughter pitted against the flesh and blood of human for-tresses!

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RATES: Fifteen cents per line for first insertion; ten cents per line each subsequent insertion. Count 5 words to the line. Minimum charge fifty cents.

WANTED—100 eight foot, and 100 six foot fence posts. See Walter Pipple, Tract 106.

FOR SALE—Fifty-seven acres of fine land near Wasilla. Right on the highway and railroad, with Cottonwood Creek running across the corner. A wonderful location. \$450.00. See Allman, PIONEER office.

WANTED—A small gas motor. See John Meehan, Tract 56.

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FOUND—A "Flood Control" book by J. A. Loyer, Tract 62.

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FOR SALE—1931 Chevrolet Sedan. Recently overhauled at cost of \$102.00. In fine shape. Been run only 25,000 miles. Gus Swanson, Wasilla.

LOST—A topcoat with Wm. H. Black Co. the maker. Light gray in color. See Fritz Hermon.

FOR SALE—Excellent Officers Model Target. 38 special with 7½ inch bbl. with box shells and a new Lawrence quick draw spring clip shoulder holster, sell complete for \$37.50 or trade for good used typewriter. J. V. Kirsch, T. 64

FOR SALE—1931 Studebaker Dictator. Good shape. New battery. New heater. Good rubber. A bargain. See Ed Coffey or Jack Allman.

TRADE—firearms, telescope sight, weaning pigs for cash, Leghorn pullets, or what have you. J. V. Kirsch, Tract 64.

BOAR SERVICE—Fine big boned, large bodied Duroc. J. V. Kirsch, Tract 64. N12

WANTED—Paper hanger to do two rooms. Everything, including tools, on the place. J. V. Kirsch, Tract 64. N12

FOR SALE a 16 gauge Remington Sportsman shotgun, practically new. \$35.00. Nord Nathe at the Trading Post office. 11

"Chuck" Blanton, aviator, parachute jumper, big game hunter and trainman now with the ARR, says that the abundance of rabbits along the line points to a good trapping year. Maybe that has something to do with the report of Kay Kennedy that there has been a epidemic of trapping licenses issued recently. Looks like a number of the boys are heading for the hills.

FOR SALE
Young mink from the Caswell Lake Fur Farm. Olson and Overby . . . Largest Fur Ranchers in Alaska.
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Mills Closed After Very Busy Season

With the closing of the mills only a few days away that sawyer rivalry at the mills took on fresh impetus. Spencer's pride was hurt when his record was smashed by Vance Garrison, so Jake stepped out and cut 10,718 feet of lumber on a No. 2 American mill in eight hours. When the final shut-down came on Nov. 4 over 2,000,000 feet had been cut on three number 2 American mills since July 1st, according to "Curley" Bisson who was in charge of operations.

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Weather Report

From Don L. Irwin at the Experiment Farm where there is installed an official government meteorological station, we have received the following figures on the weather for the month of August September and October.

Max. Temp.	75°	66°
Min. Temp.	40°	20°
Mean high	67°	57.7°
Mean low	48°	35.4°
	Inches	Inches
Precipitation	1.62	1.62
Days clear	6	10
Days part cloudy	12	9
Days Cloudy	13	11

The date of the first killing frost was September 3.

For October the maximum was 64 above and the minimum 22 above, with precipitation 4.61 inches, days clear 1, partly cloudy 8 and cloudy 22.



"I'll admit that it's fun, and in this country sometimes an economical necessity, to shoot rabbits, but I protest against persons from outlying camps coming down to my place every time they want to go bunny shooting, sometimes killing as high as thirty.

My place is close to Palmer and some of the town folks would like a little shootin', too.

(Signed)
Jack Hermon

Social Group Meets Each Sunday Eve

A popular social group of valley is the Young People's Meetings, held every Sunday evening at the home of Reverend B. J. Bingle.

The subject to be discussed at this week's meeting is "Male White and Twenty-one," a published article which recently appeared in a popular magazine. Miss Ruth DeArmond is this week's leader.

The meeting will start at 7:00 p. m. sharp and everyone is welcome.

Former Miss Revelle Now Proud Mother

News was received here Thursday of the birth, on October 24th at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fairbanks, of a daughter, Rose Marie, to Mrs. M. W. Moore, the former Rita Revelle who was secretary to Eugene J. Carr during his connection with the project.

Friends here in Palmer wish to congratulate the happy young couple, who now reside at Paxson's on the Richardson Highway.

Many ARR Employees Being Layed Off

Railroad employees are being discharged right and left. The drastic cut in personnel hits Palmer with the discharge of Earl Ramsey on the first of the month, and the laying off of Jess Ward this week. Reasons given are that in-as-much as there is no freight coming in, the employees can be dispensed with.

Anchorage is the town that is hurt by the suspension order. The shop mechanics, office force and train operators form a very large percentage of Anchorage citizens.

Warning

Deputy Marshal Jack Herman wishes to warn all valley residents that sneak thieves have invaded the district and suggests that all exercise precautions against theft. Guns, binoculars and other readily salable articles of value should be locked up.

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**Fireman Score
Another Dance**

(This story, all set up and ready to run, was crowded out of the last issue, by late news. Ed.)

The firemen scored again with their successful masque ball on Halloween. The large crowd thoroughly enjoyed itself, and many were the beautiful and unique costumes present.

During an intermission there was a floor show which was opened by a regular Boswell Sisters' trio composed of three of our local school teachers, Peggy Pimperton, Lee Thoma and Lorinda Ward, who called themselves the Colonial Dames, dressing the part and looking mighty sweet.

Little Darlene Higgenbotham then sang a song and did her tap dance from the stage. Darlene also won the prize for the best child's costume.

Next on the bill was George Small with a lot of fancy steps, and then there was an impromptu piano and sax duet with Peggy Pimperton and Father Sulzman performing. They gave the audience a liberal education in this new game of knock, knock, before playing their music.

Mrs. Myles Highland, right from the auld sod, if you please, entertained with a real Irish jig and Francis Biggs did a sleeping car porter's buck and wing.

Jack Laakko played a solo on the judges. Mrs. Jacobs, Dr. Albrecht and Joe Flakne awarded the prizes, giving the most original to a big burlap elephant. Proves that there's no favoritism when a GOP symbol like that can win a prize. Looked like a Republican elephant, too. You know, kinda wobbly . . . like it was on its last legs.

The best sustained characters were Mrs. Wilson and Mr. McHenry as Turks and the finest costume went to Mrs. Rickard who wore a beautiful crepe dress in the regulation orange and black of Halloween.

Francis Biggs as a colored swell out for a night's fun got the prize for the most comical costume.

The excellent music furnished by the orchestra kept the dancers on their feet until 2 o'clock and everyone said they had had a wonderful time.

**Charles Moore
Reports Meeting**

A meeting of the Midnight Sun 4-H Club was called for the purpose of election of officers on November the third. Mr. Peterson the club leader and Mr. Flakne our extension agent both gave short talks on discipline for the club and also the possibility of sending several members of the club to the Portland Livestock Show next summer. Meetings were decided to be held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

The result of our election was: Bud Ring, Pres., Victor McGuire, Vice Pres., Don Saindon Sec. and Charles Moore club reporter. The club now has fifteen members. Three new members who have joined are Don Saindon, Victor McGuire, and Ken Meiers. The other club members, most of whom are carrying over their garden or livestock projects from last year are: Edward and Bud Bouwens, Jack Lee, Lloyd Thorson, Bud and Bubby Ring, Dale Rorrison, Joe Sheely, Melvin Barry, Edward and Charles Moore. At this time a birthday party for Mr. Flakne was discussed. Now the party is over and it was a huge success. A big four layer cake was served and everybody had a good time on Joe's eighteenth birthday. Joe says he does not expect everybody to believe this but it is the truth just the same.

Reporter
Charles Moore

**Students Get
Fire Drills**

A school fire department has been organized and under the instruction of Chief Taylor is being drilled in the use of the equipment installed in the building.

Big Game For Boy

If 14 year old Carl Onkka were a Sioux Indian lad he would now be a fell fledged brave. He has brought down his first big game. Not a buffalo, though, but a moose. A shot through the jaw at 200 yards dropped the three-year-old bull with 42 inch horns.

Knock! Knock! Who's there?
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Legion Auxiliary

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Sgt. at Arms; Lawrence Arndt continued in as Finance Officer and Reverend Bingle as Chaplain.

Mrs. Eleanor Marsh, Departmental 2nd Vice Commander of the Legion Auxiliary presided at the installation of officers. She was assisted by Mrs. Edna Raynor, President Unit No. 1. Officers elected at the joint meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Einer Huseby on Oct. 27th were: Mrs. Grace Anderson, President; Beatrice Huntley, 1st Vice Pres.; Vera Rorrison, 2nd Vice Pres.; Margaret Miller, secretary; Lila Ennes, Treasurer; Mable Bingle, Historian; Vivian Sorenson, Sgt. at Arms and Inez Lusbey as Chaplan.

At an executive meeting held

at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Sheely on Monday, Nov. 2, the following chairmen were appointed: Americanism, Dorothy Bell; Child Welfare, Mable Bingle; Community and Service, Inez Huseby; Constitution and By-Laws, Vera Rorrison; Fidac, Margaret Miller; Finance, Lila Ennes; History, Mable Bingle; Junior Activities, Beatrice Huntley; Legislation, Ada Mary Moore; Membership, Vivian Sorenson; Music, Mabel Fox; National Publication, Eugenie Lee; National Defense, Hilda Hermon; Poppy, Vivian Stoddard; Publicity, Margaret Miller; Rehabilitation, Charlotte Sheely.

The next, a joint meeting, will be held at the home of Chris Anderson on Tuesday, November 24th.

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Considering the rapidly increasing population of the Territory and the fine protective tariff offered by the high rates of the Alaska Steamship Company and the Alaska Railroad, it looks as though an extensive and stable market is something these farmers "have the most of."

C. Of C. Meeting

Members of the Palmer Chamber of Commerce are asked to attend a meeting to be held at the PIONEER office on Friday evening, November 20, at 7:45 p. m.

Subjects to be discussed are the installation of a red reflector for night warnings at the dangerous corner near Rev. Freiling's residence, and the matter of controlling the interference to radio reception being caused by the number of individual light plants operating in the town.

Hospital Notes

During the past week Kenneth McClarty, Shirley Herried, Virginia Becker, Charles and Margaret Smith all had their tonsils and adenoids removed. Mrs. Jeff Morley was at the hospital for medical treatment and Wm. Becker for surgical treatment of one of his ears.

While Doctor Albrecht was busy at the Pilkington home at one o'clock Thursday morning a

baby girl was born to Mrs. Vernon Jones. Nurse Katherine Powers handled the delivery by herself.

Donald Gulberg, who was kicked in the head by a horse has made a remarkable recovery and has been returned to his home. His left eye, according to Dr. Albrecht, is at present sightless, but there are hopes that at least partial vision will be restored.

Sonya Hansen, wife of an ARRC carpenter, was admitted for surgical treatment and Alberta Ezi, a native girl from Matanuska, has been discharged after a case of near pneumonia.

Fountain Lunch

Open For Business

A fountain lunch and chili parlor has been added to Palmer's business district. Located next door to the Dunklee Building, it bears the rather appropriate name of "The Rose Bowl."

No doubt the tag line will be: "It's The Berries," thus using the names of both proprietors, Mrs. Jack Rose and Frank Berry. Mrs. Rose will run the front end of the house while Frank presides over the big range.

A feature which will be popular is the small banquet room at the rear where private dinners will be served.

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