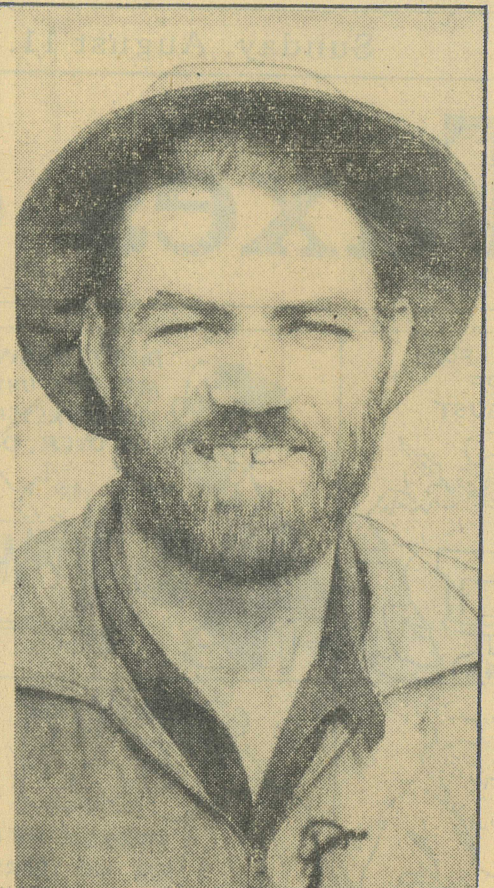


# Now This Looks Something Like the Oldtime Pioneering



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**W**HAT with Will Rogers suggesting that Matanuska colonists need a polo team, maybe you have been wondering whether there is any pioneering going on. Norris C. Sturdy (right) at least looks the part; he's from Stambaugh, Mich., and is the first one to grow the beard approved by the ninety-eighters. At the left are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pakonen of Iron Mountain, Mich., with the skin of a 400-pound bear shot by Pakonen and Harry Nichols. It's against the law to shoot black bears but Nichols and Pakonen said they had to shoot in self-defense when the bear approached the Pakonen porch. Mrs. Pakonen fainted in the yard when running for help.

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