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## VALLEY

## NEWS

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NO. 16

## PALMER WILL HAVE A NEW HOSPITAL IF PRESENT PLANS MATERIALIZE

### WE THANK YOU.

We fail to find words adequate to express our gratitude for the spirit of co-operation and the ability to work in an emergency that was so clearly shown when our hospital burned. We have suffered a great loss and we feel it very much, but the loss is tempered by the many kind offers of help which we have received. We can still hardly believe that the patients and so much equipment were saved and we thank you most sincerely for your help and kindness.

#### MATANUSKA VALLEY HOSPITAL STAFF

Not being privileged to thank each one individually who so timely and generously contributed to our urgent need, due to the recent fire which destroyed the Matanuska Valley Hospital, We, the undersigned, do hereby take this opportunity through the columns of the Valley Settler, to attempt to express our grateful appreciation for your kindness, tho we find words so inadequate. The help of the Red Cross at this time was deeply appreciated also.

Mr. & Mrs. E.S. Moore  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Eddy  
Lois Hommens  
Bernice Winters  
Grace Kulikhon

#### TEMPORARY HOSPITAL SET UP IN PALMER SCHOOL

Permission was obtained from the local School Board and Dr. James C. Ryan, Commissioner of Education in Alaska, to set up a temporary Hospital in the school. The first floor and kitchen and dining room of the basement are being used. The first grade room has now become a nursery, the library a surgery, and two other rooms on the first floor have been converted to men's and women's wards. Mrs. Swanson's room is being used for offices. The Hospital is now ready to admit patients.

No contagious diseases will be admitted which of course includes T.B. patients. Some other place will have to be found by the First of August Cont. on pp. 2

The burning of the Matanuska Valley Hospital has meant the loss of one of our most important community establishments, but the spirit shown by the crowd of rescuers shows that the Valley can produce a great effort when called upon to do so.

The only possible way to change the present catastrophe into a more favorable situation is to erect a new structure of fireproof materials. Plans are under way for this to be done if possible this year and we are sure that each of you will co-operate. Present plans are to erect a community owned hospital and your help is needed to make this effort a success.

Dr. David Hoehn

The Valley Settler was just off the press last week when the Matanuska Valley Hospital was discovered ablaze the full length of the attic. People about town must have noticed the smoke pouring from the attic ventilators about the same time that Grace Kulikhon, who was ironing upstairs, opened a closet door to be confronted with a mass of flames. Occupants of the upstairs floor were blocked from entering their rooms and rescuing any of their belongings. By the time the Fire whistle blew most of the patients were out of the building and towns folk had entered the Hospital to save all equipment possible.

Mrs. Frank Heller, who was due to be discharged the following day, jumped from her bed to the floor and was half carried out by her daughter, Mrs. Carl Wilson, who happened to be with her at the time. She was taken to the home of Mrs. W.C. Mau across the street until Mr. Heller called a taxi and had her taken home as the Mau home was in danger from the hot blaze of the fire.

The Tuberculosis patients were taken out in the back yard until transportation arrived to get them under shelter in the Matanuska Valley Lodge living room.

Other patients were removed to the United  
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## PALMER, ALASKA

Dorothy M. Bell, Editor

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## IT DOESN'T ALWAYS POUR WHEN IT RAINS

Much as we feel the loss of our Hospital we cannot help, but feel thankful for the surrounding circumstances at the time it burned to the ground.

First, it was extremely fortunate that we had no wind at the time. For almost two weeks the wind had been blowing a gale through town and only that day had it quieted down. We could have lost the greater portion of Palmer on both sides of the tracks.

In the second place, the fire might have broken out in the night when the town and all the patients were asleep. Valuable time would have been lost in reaching the fire and rousing the patients. In all probability the fire would not have been discovered as soon.

Should it have been raining, the welfare of the patients would have been endangered. Equipment and supplies would have been damaged.

We can also be thankful that the weather was reasonably warm.

So when we take everything into consideration, as long as it happened, we can be glad that the elements were in our favor.

We hope that in the near future we will be able to have another finer and better hospital--and fireproof--of concrete if possible. Being confined in bed and helpless when a building breaks into flames over your head, must be a terrible sensation to patients. However, the patients have withstood the shock wonderfully well and are getting along fine.

We are still marveling that with the exception of Mr. Eddy being burned, no one was overcome in the burning building, hurt or trapped in by flames. With so little time to get organized and into action on the evacuation, the co-operation exhibited was most commendable.

We can truthfully say--It doesn't always pour when it rains.

## TEMPORARY HOSPITAL SET UP IN SCHOOL

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so that the school can be made ready by the first of September.

Whatever babies arrive this summer will have the unique distinction of being born in a Library and school building. If environment at time of birth is a factor in the child's development, we ought to have some brilliant and studious children.

## Palmer WILL HAVE NEW HOSPITAL

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Protestant Church.

Dr. Hoehn, who had just left the hospital before the fire was discovered, was taken word by Mrs. Mary Witt. By the time Dr. Hoehn reached the Hospital, all patients were out and the process of rescuing equipment was in rapid progress.

Dr. Hoehn then set out to get his patients rounded up and transferred to more comfortable quarters. He and William Bouvens called Anchorage and Fort Richardson for ambulances to come after the patients and beds for them when they arrived. The T.B. cases were taken to a Hospital at Fort Richardson and the others who needed continued care were admitted at the Providence Hospital in Anchorage. All were in bed again by 3 A.M. Three of the patients, Mrs. Frank Heller, Mrs. Dora Herning and Helen Staphan, were practically ready to be discharged so were sent home instead. Mrs. Herning was taken to the Neil Miller home until she could be taken to her home in Wasilla.

It was amazing the way equipment and supplies came out of the burning building. Miss Laura Wolfe, nurse in charge, took over the organization of the evacuation crew in the hospital and by about eleven o'clock when the roof collapsed, beds, bedding, office equipment and supplies, records, all the surgery equipment, the big X-Ray, all three refrigerators (including a huge refrigerator) and practically every movable object on the first floor was taken out. If a wall was in the way it was chopped down. Doors were enlarged in a matter of seconds. Light articles were relayed through the windows and tractors with trailers appeared to haul articles to safety. The teen-agers were right on the job and are to be highly commended for their cool-headed assistance. It would be impossible to mention all those who were helping either in trying to squelch the flames or in saving equipment, but they had to work hard and fast to so completely defurnish a building in a matter of 1½ hours.

Mr. Eddy was the only one who received any serious burns. A few minor scratches and bruises were reported.

As the building collapsed, surrounding dwellings were greatly endangered. They were wotted down and watched.

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## EXTENSION NEWS

The 12:30 **HOMEMAKERS' CLUB** will meet at the home of Mrs. Carlson on June 6th. The main topic of the meeting will be "singercraft".

The **HOMEMAKERS' COUNCIL** will meet June 3rd at the Extension Office at 10:30 A.M. The guest speaker for the day is Mrs. Max Sherrod, president of the Alaska Crippled Children's Association of the Palmer Chapter. The organization will be explained by Mrs. Sherrod and membership cards offered the Council members who in turn will carry the message and invitation to membership in their own particular club.

Not Rushing the Season--It's Here! (or)  
Recipies for First Fruit of the Season.  
Rhubarb Punch (May Magic)

Boil together 2 minutes:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 quart of water
- Pour boiling hot over 1 quart cut-up rhubarb
- When cold, strain.
- Serve with cracked ice or cubes.
- Yield-----4 glasses.
- Stew the pulp--add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar.
- Garnish with slices of orange.

### Rhubarb Pie

Line a 9" pan with pastry.  
Put in 3 cups rhubarb cut fine.  
Pour over a mixture of:  
3 tablespoons flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 or 2 eggs beaten  
Cover top with pastry  
Bake at 425° for 10 minutes  
Lower temperature to 350 and bake 35 minutes longer.

Leaflet No. 138 on Rhubarb, How to Grow, Use and Preserve is free for the asking at the Extension Service. Get your copy.

### Gloves--in the Making

Fourteen pairs of gloves were cut last week in the Extension Office. Some have been finished and are on display in the office. An order has been placed for more leather--so if you wish to make your own gloves, come in and get your pattern fitted and when the leather arrives you will be notified by mail.

### 4-H ROUND-UP WEEK AT FAIRBANKS

The tentative schedule for the 4-H Round-Up at Fairbanks is as follows:  
Train will leave Matanuska June 11 at 4:10 P.M. and at Wasilla at 4:30 P.M. All passengers will spend the night at Curry, leaving there at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday morning, June 12, arriving at the College Station at 4:45 Wednesday afternoon. All

## PEARL WHITE LAUNDRY

YES, THESE SHEETS CAME FROM THE "PEARL WHITE"

NO WONDER HE SLEEPS

IRENE LEPAK

LOYAL ORDER of MOOSE  
LODGE NO. 793

MOOSE HALL

MEETS 2nd and 4th TUESDAYS at 8:00 P.M.  
VISITING MEMBERS WELCOME

## HELLER'S BARBER SHOP



THIS MAN NEEDS A BARBER

FOR A GOOD HAIRCUT & SHAVE

SEE FRANK HELLER



## LOU'S BEAUTY SHOP

DON'T ENVY THE WOMAN  
WHOSE HAIR IS ALWAYS  
JUST SO.

YOURS CAN BE THAT WAY TOO  
IF YOU SEE LOU or LOGIE



## SHOE REPAIR

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OUR MODERN SHOE REPAIR  
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delegates, leaders, and assistant leaders will be housed on the University Campus. Beds and mattresses will be furnished. Each member and leader attending should bring the following supplies:  
Bedding: Sheets and warm blanket (Pillow and Pillow case if needed)  
Girls: Cotton dress or slacks; one better dress for trip and banquet.  
Boys: Overalls or Cords (or similar clothing); one better outfit for trip to town and banquet  
Shoes: Sturdy, comfortable walking shoes.  
Coats: Because of cool evenings a heavy coat or sweater will be necessary.  
Toilet Articles:  
Tooth brush, tooth paste, comb, bath towel, hand towels, wash towel, soap, two or three clothes hangers, and a cup or a glass.  
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# CHURCH SERVICES

## ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Father Snod, Pastor

Sunday Mass.....10:00 A.M.

Confessions heard before Mass

Sodality Communion the 1st. Sunday  
of each month.

## SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Sabbath School..... 9:45 A.M.

Church Services..... 11:00 A.M.

## UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

Victor I. Alfson, Pastor

Sunday Services

Church School.....10:00 A.M.

Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

Christian Endeavor..... 7:00 P.M.

Evening Service..... 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Choir Rehearsal..... 7:30 P.M.

## THE VALLEY CHAPEL of THE CHURCH OF GOD

Rev. George W. Geiwitz, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 10:00 A.M.

Preaching Service ..... 11:00 A.M.

Evening Service..... 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday evening Bible Study held in  
the Private Homes.

## CHURCH OF GOD SERVICES

## BUTTE HALL

Rev. George W. Geiwitz, Pastor

Sunday School..... 2:00 P.M.

Preaching Service..... 3:00 P.M.

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Walter Zeile, Pastor

Sunday School..... 10:00 A.M.

Morning Worship..... 11:00 A.M.

Holy Communion to be celebrated every  
second month on the 4th Sunday.

LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAYS K.F.Q.D. 12:30 P.M.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Rev. A.O. Odegaard, of Anchorage will  
hold Church Services the third Sunday of  
the month at 3:00 P.M. in the

## ADVENTIST CHAPEL

## CHURCH OF GOD

## FULL GOSPEL

Rev. George Savchenko, Pastor

Sunday School..... 10:00 A.M.

Morning Devotion..... 11:00 A.M.

Located on the Anchorage-Palmer Highway  
in North Palmer.

# PALMER BUS SCHEDULES

LEAVES ANCHORAGE DAILY EXCEPT

SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

LEAVES PALMER DAILY

9:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY BUS LEAVES ANCHORAGE

9:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

GULKANA BUS LEAVES ANCHORAGE on  
MONDAY FRIDAY 9:00 A.M.

PALMER TICKET OFFICE & WAITING ROOM in  
the PALMER FOUNTAIN CAFE  
CO-OP RECREATIONAL HALL

ANCHORAGE PHONE..... MAIN 460

# CHARKA BUS LINES

AUTO

BONDS

# ED. COFFEY INSURANCE

COFFEY INSURES EVERYTHING---REMEMBER?  
PHONE MAIN 136 ANCHORAGE--ALASKA

FIRE

ACCIDENT

LIFE



## PALMER HOSPITAL FIRE Cont. from p. 2

The Electric pole containing the transformers was ablaze at one time and the main switch had to be thrown in order to put out the blaze. The radio pole attached to Mr. Harriss's house also caught on fire. The house in which Mr. and Mrs. Harriss live stands on the same lot as the hospital and was in the gravest danger. Fired crept through the grass to within a few feet of the house. The rescuing crew then moved into his house and began moving things out across the road. Mrs. Harriss, who was in the basement washing, didn't come up until the Hospital was almost ready to collapse. The sight of the burning building was a great shock to her. For two days after the fire the Harriss house was without heat or water.

Patients in the Hospital at the time of the fire were:

Bobby Peterkin, Frank Nicholi, Claire Anderson, Mrs. Carol Macklin, Mrs. Frank Heller, Baby Irene Nicholi, Baby William Billum, Helen Stephan, Lucile Euphranie, and Mrs. Dora Herning.

Mrs. Carlton Kaiser had just taken her new daughter home, who has the distinction of being the last baby born in the Hospital.

Nona Bailey had just returned home that day.

The Matanuska Valley Hospital served the people of the Valley for more than ten years and had more babies born in it than most hospitals can claim. Most children in the Valley under ten were born there.

## NOTICE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday June 3rd in the Grange Hall. Members are urged to be present and others invited to attend and join. Many important Community problems are discussed at these meetings.

VETERANS get your requests for Housing in to some member of the American Legion. They may be able to help you <sup>find</sup> some place for your family.

FOR SALE HOUSE

HOUSE, PARTLY FURNISHED, SHERROD AVE.  
1/2 MILE NORTH OF TOWN  
FULL 50' x 200' LOT AND NEW CESSPOOL  
BUILT IN KITCHEN CABINETS, ELECTRIC STOVE  
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AUTOMATIC LEPICK AIR CIRCULATOR ATTACHED  
OTHER FURNITURE ALSO INCLUDED, WATER  
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UNTIL JUNE 8, 1946. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT  
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## AT THE PALMER THEATER

FRIDAY MAY 31 ST.

PAN AMERICAN

PHILLIP LERRY-AUDREY LONG  
ROBERT BENCHLEY

SUNDAY JUNE 2

ANCHORS AWEIGH

FRANK SINATRA-GENE KELLY  
KATHRYN GRAYSON

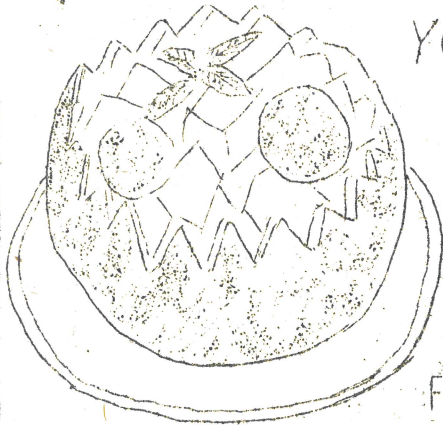
NEWS OF THE DAY



# TRADING POST

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WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A COMPLETE LINE OF--

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COME IN AND GIVE OUR BABY DEPARTMENT A VISIT.

JERSEY KNIT PAJAMAS

POLO SHIRTS

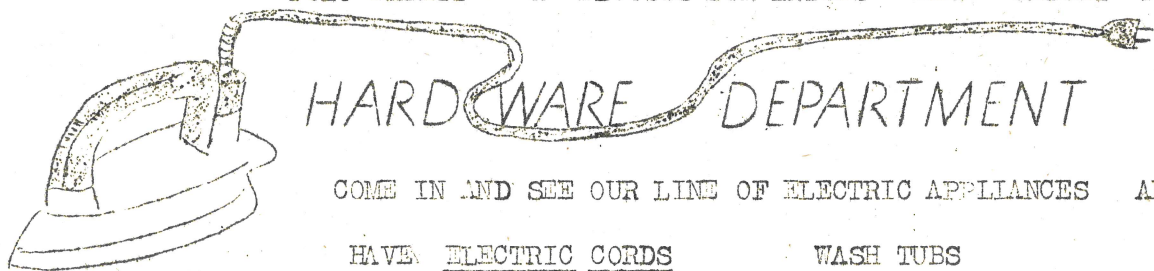
DRESSES 3-10 YEARS

PINAFORE APRONS

CORDEROY & PLAID SKIRTS 2-6 YEARS

WE ALSO HAVE--

combs bobby pins twill tape chair sets and  
POLO SHIRTS & BLOUSES FOR LADIES and LADIES' PANTIES



HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

COME IN AND SEE OUR LINE OF ELECTRIC APPLIANCES AND WE

HAVE ELECTRIC CORDS

WASH TUBS

MEAT DEPARTMENT

WE MAY BE SHORT OF BEEF and WE MAY HAVE NO BUTTER but WE DO HAVE

PLENTY OF MILK EGGS and COLD MEATS

WATCH OUR COUNTER FOR CUTS OF PORK AND POULTRY

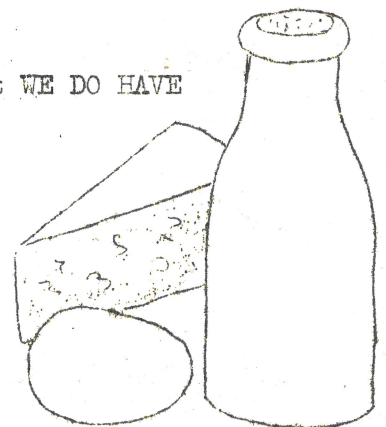
CREAM HELPS OUT IN PLACE OF BUTTER

PICKLED PIGS FEET

HAM

BACON

WIENERS





## 4-H ROUND-UP WEEK AT FAIRBANKS

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## Miscellaneous:

Mosquito repellent, notebook, pencil, camera, and book or magazine to read on train.

It is also suggested that Club members bring substantial lunches for their meals on the train. On the return trip lunch may be purchased during the noon stop at Healy.

Eligibility of members to attend the 1946 Round-Up:

Club presidents and secretaries are preferred, but if this is not possible substitutions may be made by the leader. Any Club member who failed to complete his or her project for the year 1945 is not eligible to attend. Members must be thirteen years of age or older.

All 4-H Club members planning to attend the University Round-Up should have their Health records checked with the Public Health Nurse in order to find out if they require special consideration.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE ROUND-UP

Wednesday Evening-Home Movies and reception

Thursday-Demonstrations and Meetings.

Evening: Trip to town & Free Show.

Friday: Forenoon-Demonstrations

Noon-Hike to farm & Lunch there.

Afternoon-Tour of College Buildings.

Evening: Party

Saturday- Forenoon: Classes

Afternoon: Shopping trip to Fairbanks.

Evening: Program of Music and games.

Sunday- Forenoon: Trip to Church

Noon: Excursion to Ladd Field

Evening: Vespers

Monday: Forenoon & Afternoon: Preparation for stunt night. Leader training meeting

Evening: Stunts.

Tuesday: Forenoon: Hike to Alberts Farm

Evening: Banquet Party-Dances & Games

Wednesday: Forenoon & afternoon: Weiner

Roast at 4-H Monument. Evening: Farewell party.

CABINET SHOP  
CHARLES ELTON

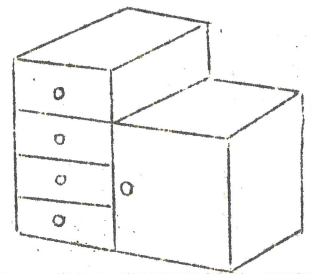
CABINET WORK

FURNITURE REPAIR

WINDOW FRAMES

DOOR FRAMES

Located West of the  
Grange Hall



## SHAMROCK



## BAKERY

CAKES

COOKIES

PIES

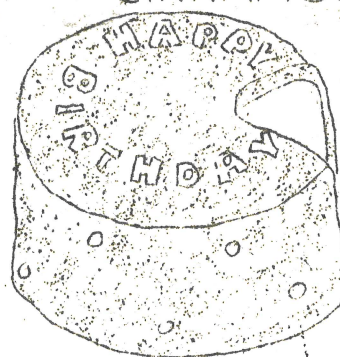
DONUTS

TEA RINGS

JELLY ROLLS

CINNAMON ROLLS

BREAD



ALWAYS  
FRESH

SO  
DELICIOUS

## AT THE VALLEY THEATRE

SHOWS  
for DANCES  
BILLIARDS

FRIDAY MAY 31

7:15 9:00

## FAMILY NITE

## RHYTHM ROUND-UP

HOOSIER HOTSHOTS -- GUIN WILLIAMS  
BOB WILLIAMS and HIS TEXAS PLAYBOYS

SATURDAY JUNE 1

7:15 9:00

## ROUGH TOUGH &amp; READY

CHESTER MORRIS --  
VICTOR McFAGLEN

SUNDAY JUNE 2

2:30 7:15 9:00

## JIVE JUNCTION

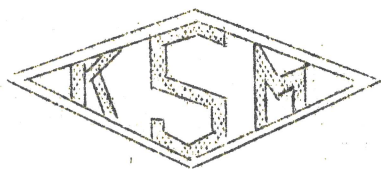
DIACKIE MOORE -- TINA THAYER  
INTRODUCING: GENA YOUNG

DANCES EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT

BILLIARDS EVERY DAY AT 1:00 P.M.



ANCHORAGE  
SAND & GRAVEL  
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FOR YOUR CONCRETE NEEDS  
"BUILD IT WITH CONCRETE"



BUILDING MATERIALS  
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MATANUSKA ROAD  
SOUTH OF PALMER

JOHN REED--MANAGER

#### LEGION AUXILIARY ORGANIZED-PALMER

Mrs. Noma Ellis, Dept. Sec'y of the American Legion Auxiliary, came over from Anchorage to help organize the Legion Auxiliary. Those present were, Mrs. Harriss, Mrs. Rasmussen, Mrs. Grant France, Mrs. Miles France, Mrs. Lyle Bruckbauer, Mrs. Gary LaRose, Mrs. Louis Ungaro, and Mrs. Francis Henry. Temporary officers were elected. There will be another meeting soon. The Secretary will send out cards to all who are eligible to join. We hope to have a good turn-out at the next meeting.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD

The Matanuska Valley Post held a Memorial Service at the Palmer Cemetery today in honor of the Veterans of past wars. The Legion ceremony was executed in a manner befitting the occasion. Three comrades are interred in the local Cemetery.

Applications for Housing for Veterans are being worked upon; and if a sufficient number are secured within the next few days, the Project will be presented to the F.S.H.A. for action. Comrades who wish to be enrolled should contact members of the Legion within the next day or two.

The next regular meeting of the Legion will be on June 12, at 8:00 O'clock. Come and bring new members.

Mrs. Vince Stephan and children from Kenai are visiting friends and relatives in the Valley this week.

VALLEY



SERVICE

MARSH

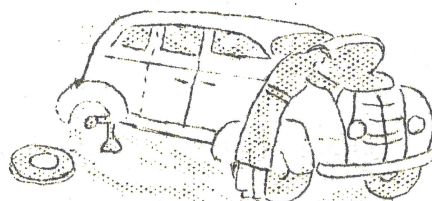
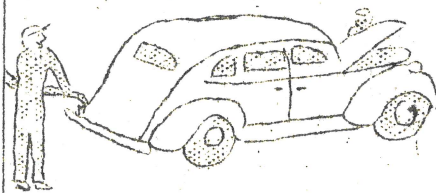
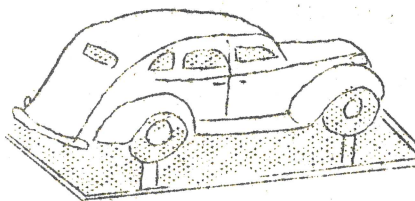
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ONE-STOP STATION FOR YOUR AUTOMOTIVE NEEDS

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WEEK DAYS

8:00 AM. --- 10:00 P.M.

DANCE NIGHTS

TO 2 AM. ---

SUNDAYS

12 P.M.



## RELEASE

HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN DEPARTMENT, May 22.

Activity in the Enlisted and Officers' Reserve Corps is entirely voluntary, and the government has no intention to force workers to leave their jobs for periods of military training, the War Department announced.

An Enlisted Reservist normally signs up for a definite term in the reserves; and during that time may, if he desires, take advantage of military training and special schooling which the Army plans to offer, but he will not be forced to undergo training. He has the option, at the end of his Reserve "hitch", of reenlisting or of serving his connection with the Reserve. The same conditions apply to Reserve officers, except that their commissions are limited to five-year terms.

The purpose of periodic military training will be to qualify him for promotion in the Reserve. If he does not choose to undergo this training, he will relinquish his right to advancement.

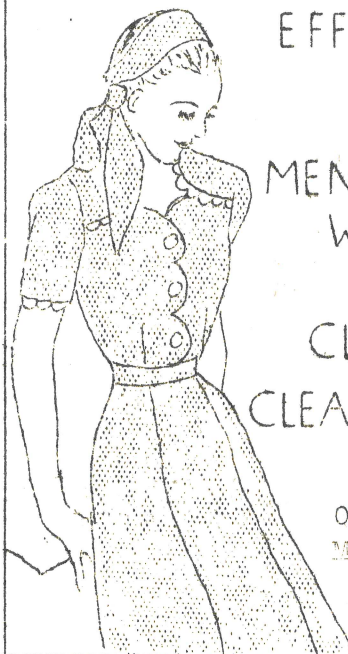
A Reservist is no more subject to call to active duty during the present emergency than is any other American citizen of military age who has served in the Armed Forces, and the War Department stresses the fact that it does not contemplate calling up Reserves during the existing emergency. The present emergency will continue to exist until Presidential or Congressional action is taken to terminate it, the statement concluded.

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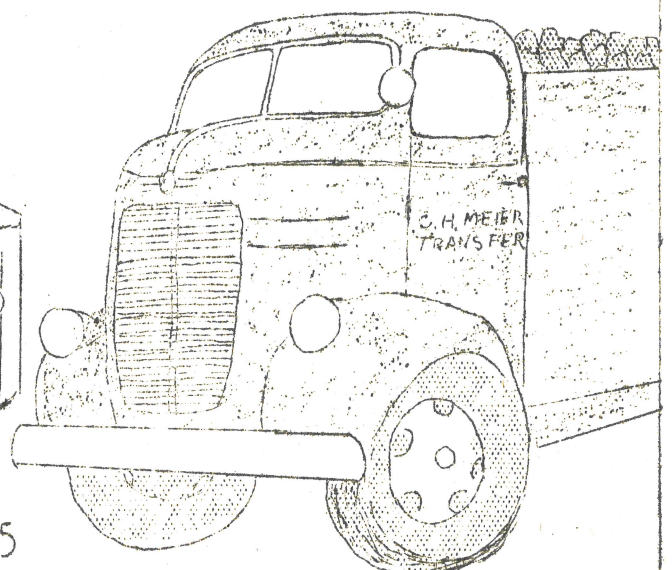
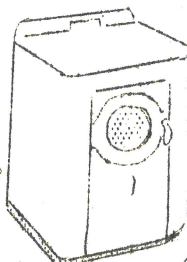
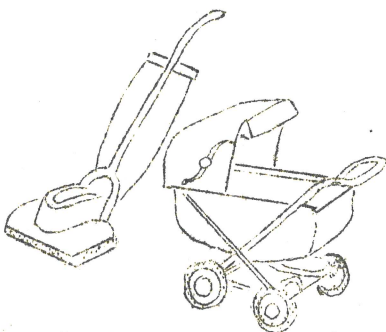
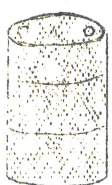
OPEN 5 DAYS A WEEK  
MONDAY thru FRIDAY

MARY WITT

C. H. MEIER TRANSFER

PALMER AND ANCHORAGE

FOR YOUR COAL-  
FUEL OIL AND OTHER  
MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS.

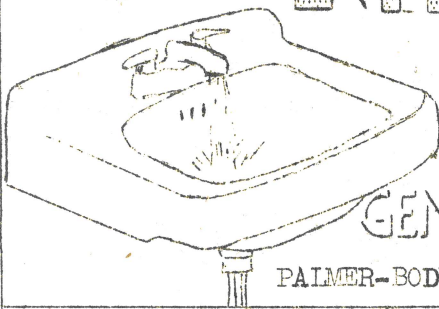


PALMER-ALASKA

BOX 1745



# PUMPING & REPAIR

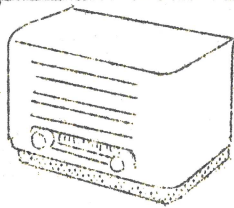


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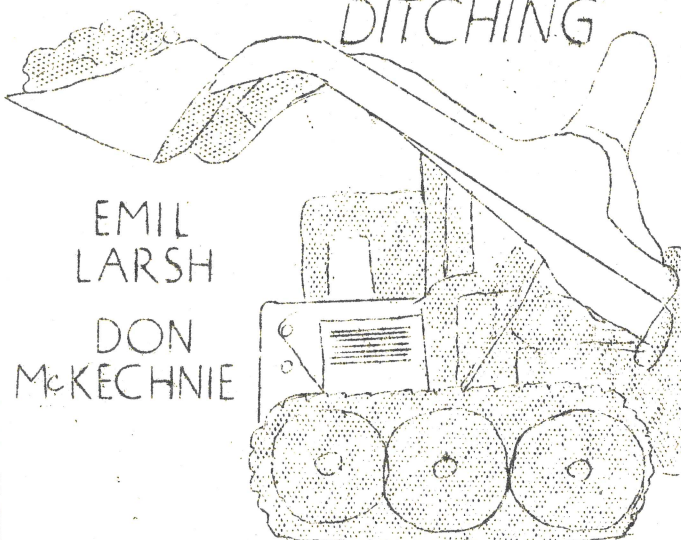
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ADVERTISE  
IN THE  
VALLEY SETTLER

## HERE & THERE

Bonnie Moore is spending her annual leave visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore, and friends in the Valley. She has been employed the past year at the Alaska Air Depot at Elmendorf Field. She plans to leave June 4th for Fairbanks where she will be employed at Ladd Field.

Miss Lois Hemmens and Miss Bernice Winters left for the States Friday evening. Miss Hemmens came to the Valley last fall and was one of the nurses in the Matanuska Valley Hospital. Miss Winters arrived here in January and was Office Nurse at the Hospital. Both Miss Hemmens and Miss Winters were living in rooms over the Hospital at the time of the fire. They lost their clothes, some money and other possessions in the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eddy and Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Moore, employees of the Matanuska Valley Hospital, lost all of their clothes and many other possessions when the Hospital was burned to the ground last week.

Mrs. Carl Wilson and children, Gwen, Rocky, and Terry, will leave for Fairbanks by plane this coming Friday where they will join Mr. Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson has been staying with her mother, Mrs. Heller, until their house was vacated so that they could move into it. She has also been able to take care of her mother during the latter's convalescence from her recent operation.

The Editor of the Valley Settler has been partially "laid up" again, but the Valley Settler will come off the press just the same. Jean Emery has been enlisted to help out.

Everyone feels bad about the loss of the Hospital, but there are so many things that we find for which to be thankful. The wind, which had been blowing a gale through Palmer for more than a week, had died down and did not come up again until the fire was practically out. The fire broke out before people were in bed and thus no lives were lost. It would have been much worse had this happened in the winter. So while we regret the loss of the Hospital, we are thankful that surrounding conditions at the time of the fire were in our favor.

Mrs. Jane Peterkin came up from Anchorage to be near Bobby while he was in the Hospital with his broken leg. She was staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lentz. During the early hours of Friday morning, she was awakened to be told that Bobby was enroute to Anchorage via an ambulance because the Hospital had burned. Mrs. Peterkin took a taxi and followed her son to Anchorage.



### EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

The Hospital Staff wishes to express their deep appreciation to all those who assisted so effeciently in helping to remove patients and equipment from the Hospital during the recent fire and for the shelter so kindly provided by the United Protestant and Lutheran Churches. Those of the Staff who lost their personal belongings are also very greatful for the aid given them by the Community.

### FIRST BABY BORN IN TEMPORARY HOSPITAL

The first baby to have the distinction of being born in the temporary quarters provided by the school, is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Yarbrow who arrived Wednesday evening.

### FIRST MEDICAL PATIENT

Mrs. Harry Winner is the first medical patient admitted to the Temporary Hospital.

### GUESTS IN PALMER ON THURSDAY INCLUDE--

Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, Commissioner of Health; Dr. Leo Gehrig, Tuberculosis Consultant; Miss Marjorie Heseltine, nutrition consultant; Miss Erika Gordon, Medical social consultant from the U.S. Children's Bureau in Washington D.C.; Miss Pearl McIver, principal nursing consultant, from the U.S. Public Health Service; Mrs.

Winifred Porter, Orthopedic nursing consultant; Miss Florence Eby, Interior Public Health Nurse Supervisor; And Miss Dorothy K. Whitney, Director of Public Health Nursing from Territorial Health Department.

Miss Annette Jacobson, Seldovia; Miss Hilda Hill, Anchorage; and Mrs Elizabeth Erickson, Cordova; all Public Health Nurses returned to Palmer with Miss Ruth Havenor from the Institute and are her guests.

## GRAHAM'S SERVICE

BRING US YOUR--

REPAIR WORK  
OVERHAULING  
GREASE JOBS  
WELDING & MACHINE  
WORK

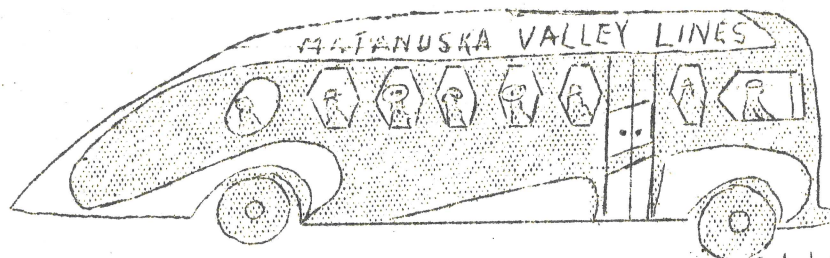
RELIANCE  
CONVERSION  
BURNERS

for your

COOKSTOVES  
HEATERS & FURNACES



GAS OIL FUEL OIL



# VALLEY

## BUS SCHEDULES

#### ANCHORAGE BUSES LEAVE PALMER DAILY

9:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.  
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#### PALMER BUSES LEAVE ANCHORAGE DAILY

9:30 A.M. 5:30 P.M.

#### WASILLA BUSES

LEAVE PALMER 12:30 P.M.  
LEAVE WASILLA 2:30 P.M.

#### JONESVILLE SUTTON ESKA BUSES

#### LEAVE PALMER DAILY

7:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.

#### LEAVE JONESVILLE DAILY

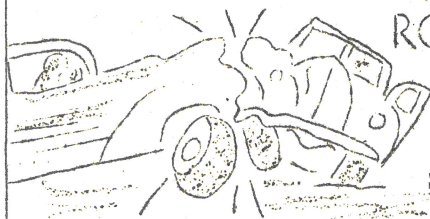
8:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.

MATANUSKA VALLEY LINES INC. OFFICES  
LOCATED AT FOURTH & D STREETS in  
ANCHORAGE PHONE--MAIN 451

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VALLEY LINES INC.  
CITY AND VALLEY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



# PALMER --- BODY FENDER & PAINT SHOP



ROY KNAPP

LOCATED ON  
MATANUSKA ROAD

SOUTHERN PALMER

## PALMER FOUNTAIN & CAFE

WE SERVE --

"MATANUSKA MAID"  
PRODUCTSREAL CREAM WITH  
YOUR COFFEE

STEAK

DINNERS

FOUNTAIN  
SERVICE

ICE CREAM

### FROM THE SURPLUS PROPERTY OFFICE

Five leading veterans organizations recently announced that they would support efforts of the War Assets Administration to wipe out abuses of certification to buy surplus property. The announcement followed a meeting of the Veterans Policy Committee of the War Assets Administration consisting of representatives of the organizations, with the WAA officials.

The Veterans Policy Committee declared a benefit which Congress had conferred upon veterans as a group was being jeopardized by unscrupulous persons who were perverting the provisions of the Surplus Property Act and the procedures of the WAA to acquire Goods which should go to veterans seeking legitimately to avail themselves of their right to purchase them.

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### OWEN JONES FAMILY and DR. DORSEY FAMILY MAKING TRIP TO STATES OVER HIGHWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones and children, Dona Rae and Owen Jr., who formerly were residents of Palmer; along with Dr. and Mrs. Frank Dorsey and sons, Arthur and Donald, are planning a trip to the states over the Alcan Highway. They will have two automobiles with trailers completely equipped with supplies of food, tents for sleeping, first aid and everything that will be necessary on a long trip of this kind.

Dr. Dorsey, former dentist of Palmer, and his family are also well known in the Valley.

### DONALD BARRY WINS \$25 U.S. SAVING BOND

It has been learned that Donald Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barry of Palmer, has recently won a \$25 U.S. Saving Bond in a Nation wide contest conducted by the Pillsbury Institute of Flour Milling History. Donald's entry was "Food Plank for Peace."

### DOROTHY SWANDA WILL MARRY SOON

A marriage licence has been issued to James G. Jordan, operating engineer from Avalon, California, and Dorothy Swanda, daughter of Frank and Minnie Swanda of Anchorage. The Swanda family came to the Valley in 1935 from Pine City Minnesota and have many friends in the Valley.

Members of veterans organizations who are approached with proposals for misuse of their certificates to buy will be urged to report such proposals to Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Compliance Enforcement Division WAA, Railroad Retirement Building, Washington D.C., it was announced.

The veterans group also will assist the WAA in combating violations of the law in surplus disposal which involves abuse of the priority or preference of any other group under the Surplus Property Act.

Mr. Carroll told the committee that representatives of his division had uncovered indications that a small minority of veterans had acquired surplus property for others after certifying that the property was for their own use. He pointed out that such veterans laid themselves open to prosecution for violations of the U.S. Criminal Code and the Surplus Property Act, which call for severe penalties for obtaining government property on false representation.

Under a War Assets Administration regulation, any evidence of irregularity in the acquisition of surplus property is reported to the Department of Justice. Investigation and prosecution is made by the Department of Justice.



## HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. Kenneth Macklin of Anchorage had major <sup>surge</sup> a few hours before the hospital burned. Mr. Macklin is a driver for the Yellow Cab Co.

Mr. Claire Anderson, ARC employee at Glen Allen, crushed his left little finger when the endgate of a dump truck fell on it. The finger was amputated just a short time before the hospital burned.

The patients that were evacuated to Anchorage are all getting along well. Dr. Hoehn has been down twice and reports that none suffered any serious damage due to the hurried moving.

Mr. Harold Eddy, hospital maintenance man, suffered 3rd degree burns, but is improving rapidly.

Helen Stephan and Mrs. Herning of Wasilla were patients, but were able to go home instead of having to go to Anchorage.

Dr. Hoehn was scheduled to appear on the program at the Public Health Institute being held in the Pioneer Hall in Anchorage this week, but due to the emergency caused by the burning of our local hospital, he was unable to take part.

An Orthopedic Clinic is being planned for sometime in June to be held in Anchorage. At that time crippled child-

ren from this district will be examined to determine the extent to which they need hospitalization.

Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, who is now in Anchorage at the Public Health Institute, will be in Palmer next week to confer with people here regarding the building of a new hospital.

PALMER COLD  
STORAGE

CACHE YOUR  
FOOD  
THE

MODERN WAY

FRESH MEAT

ROASTS

CHOPS

STEAKS

WE CARRY--

BORDEN'S SPREADS

MEAT SAUCES

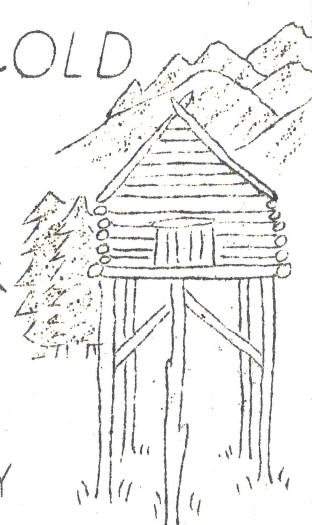
PICKLES &

RELISHES

FRESH CORDOVA

CLAMS &

CRABS



## KOSLOSKY'S

"THE FRIENDLY STORE"

DRY GOODS

COTTON BATTS - MOUNTAIN MIST COTTON BATTING  
5 BOLTS DRAPERY MATERIAL IN GAY PATTERNS

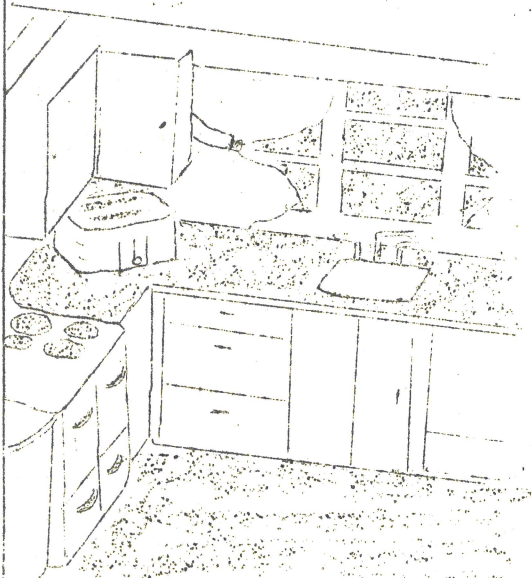
DRESS UP THE KITCHEN WITH NEW EQUIPMENT

SILEX COFFEE MAKERS HOT PLATES  
OPEN STOCK WHITE DINNER WARE PRESTO COOKERS  
ELECTRIC ALARM CLOCKS ENAMELED KETTLES  
MEASURING CUPS & SPOONS

CLOTHING

BOYS' GRAY FLANNEL SHIRTS  
CHILDREN'S COVEREDS IN FLANNEL  
MEN'S LIGHT WORK TROUSERS

OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.





## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Ethel King plans to fly to Wrangel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sandvik are visiting at the home of Dale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I.M. Sandvik.

Jalmar Kerttula has returned from College Alaska where he has been attending school this past Year.

Pete Sandvik went to work for the road commission at Fairbanks after school was out this spring. He is driving truck.

Leo Swanson came up from Kenai last Thursday evening just in time to help at the Hospital Fire. Due to the strike of cannery workers, Leo is temporarily out of work.

Mrs. Dave Eldridge has been transferred from the Grocery Department to the Dry Goods Department.

Mrs. Carl Showers is leaving this week, Friday, for Kansas where she will visit her parents this summer.

### RECEPTION TO BE GIVEN AT SANDVIK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Sandvik will hold Open House Sunday afternoon June 2; at their home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sandvik who were recently married at College, Alaska. All friends; school, Grange, and Legion associates are invited.

### The FIRE DEPARTMENT of PALMER HELD MEETING MONDAY EVENING.

In order to become better organized for fighting fires the Palmer Volunteer Fire Department held a special meeting last Monday evening. More effective use of equipment will be emphasized in drills.

## GENERAL HAULING

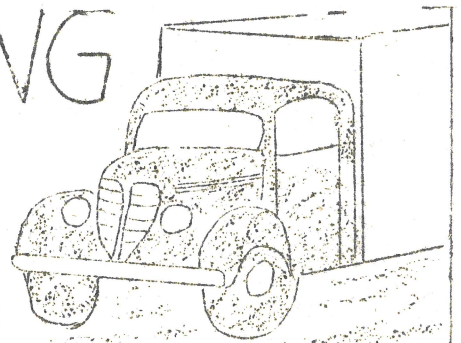
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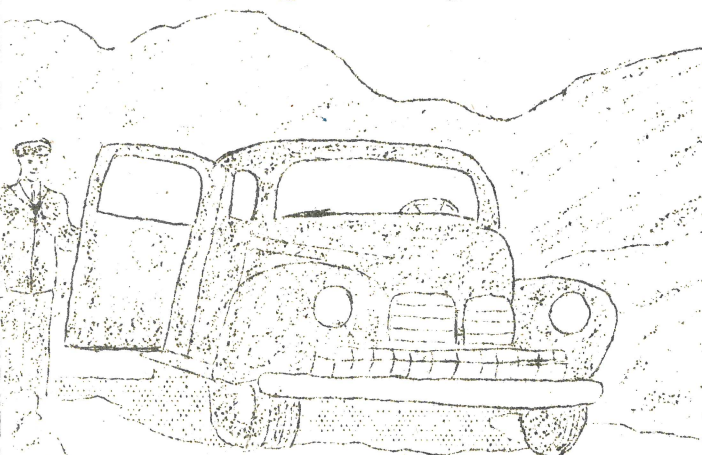
TIMBERS

PALMER-ALASKA

BOX 783



## CO-OP GARAGE



IF YOU INTEND TO DO ANY MOUNTAIN CLIMBING THIS SUMMER - BETTER HAVE YOUR CAR CHECKED AT THE

CO-OP GARAGE

STOP AT THE CO-OP FOR ---

GAS OIL OVERHAULING TIRE REPAIR

KEROSENE CLEANING FLUID