New Pioneers Initiated June 6

Designated as the "Don Irwin Class," 36 new Pioneers of Alaska joined the ranks of Igloo No. 31 here last Sunday. Most of the initiates were colonists who came to the Matanuska Valley in 1935 under the auspices of Franklin L. Bowden's relocation project. Don Irwin was colony director.

Seventy-five Pioneers and Auxiliary members from Anchorage attended the initiation ceremony here. Two past grand presidents, Sid Hayner and Helen Snyder, were present. Snyder gave the address of welcome to the new Pioneers.

Two grand officers, Francis Bowden of Anchorage and Dan Ingalis of Palmer, were on hand.

The new members of the Pioneers are pictured in the top picture at right. In front row, from left, are Jack Herman, William Smith, Virgil Renick, Loren McKeehan, Melar, George Vene, Ed Holmhaak, and Ernie Honevedy. SECOND ROW: Tony Vukarynos, Larry Vazquez, Ed DeLand, Art Fox, Oscar Heylund, Palmer, Kentula, Bill Bowden, Marc Sherrod, and Nick Welsh.


Initiates into Auxiliary No. 11 are pictured in middle and bottom pictures at right. In middle picture, from left to right, are Margaret Nelson, Diana McKeehan, Vioh Lentz, Alice Vukarynos, Elv Kortula, Lilian Rufft, Irene Vene, and Irene Heylund. SECOND ROW: Priscilla Burt, Marlene Cottle, Patricia Newswend, Lorrv Lentz, Geraldine Patricia, Evelyn Herman, Mary Ann Anderson, Marion Duffy, Esther Cornelius, Pat Weinberger, Kay Pippel, Rose Marie DePriest, and Norma Benson.

In bottom picture, from row back to right, are Evelyn Hunter, Mary Kurtz, Althea Schel, Dorothy Sherrod, Ethel Mauer, Edna McKeehan, Greta Hemman, and Alice Smith.


Anchorage Auxiliary members who initiated the women's group were Marie Silverman, Patricia James, Lilian Watson, Elizabeth Bies, Selma Smith, Wanda Stapp, Sydney Joan Hazen, Lucette E. Kihon, and Lu Bowden.

Special recognition went to initiate Edna McKeehan, who celebrated her 77th birthday last Sunday.

Following the ceremony, a buffet luncheon was served.

"ALASKA 67" HAS SLIDE SHOW

The Alaska 67 Membership committee has produced a slide show on the theme of the 1967 Alaska Centennial. The show is being shown to organizations and schools throughout Alaska.

In the six minute presentation, the background of the Alaska purchase of 1957 is shown, along with an outline of the Centennial plans for 1967. The organization of Alaska 67 is explored and progress to date of the official Exposition facility in Fairbanks is noted.

The locally produced show is being used by interested groups in the state for programs and in a stem program. Thirty New Pioneers of Alaska joined Igloo No. 31 in an initiation ceremony on Sunday, June 6, at the Palmer Elks Lodge. Most were colonists who came to the Matanuska Valley in 1935. Wife and daughter of the thirti

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