

New Pioneers Initiated June 6

Designated as the "Don Irwin Class," 30 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 D. Roosevelt'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 Raynor and Heinie Snider, were present. Snider gave the address of welcome to the new Pioneers.

Two grand officers, Francis Bowden of Anchorage and Don Ingalls 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 Hermon, William Smith, Virgil Eckert, Loren McKechnie, Carl Meier, George Venne, Ed Holmback, and Einer Huesebj.

SECOND ROW: Tony Vickaryous, Larry Vasanoja, Ed DeLand, Art Fox, Oscar Beylund, Jalmar Kerttula, Bill Bouwens, Max Sherrod, and Nick Weiler.

THIRD ROW: Frank Cornelius, Ray McKechnie, Louie Burcher, George Hermon, Barney Anderson, Allan Scheibl, Joe Lentz, Bob Pippel, Joe Lentz, Jr., Ronald Rebarchek, Paul Nelson, and Ray Rebarchek.

Initiates into Auxiliary No. 11 are pictured in middle and bottom pictures at right. In middle picture, from left in front row are Margaret Nelson, Diana McKechnie, Viola Lentz, Alice Vickaryous, Elvi Kerttula, Lillian Eckert, Irene Venne, and Irene Beylund.

SECOND ROW: Priscilla Bacon, Marlene Cottle, Patricia Newcomb, Lorene Lentz, Geraldine Patrick, Evelyn Hermon, Mary Ann Anderson, Marian Duff, Esther Cornelius, Pat Weisenberger, Kay Pippel, Rose Marie DePriest, and Norma Benson.

In bottom picture, front row left to right, are Evelyn Harter, Mary Kurtz, Althea Scheibl, Dorothy Sherrod, Edith Meier, Edna McKechnie, Cora Hemmer, and Alice Smith.

SECOND ROW: Rosella Scheibl, Elsa Weiler, Viola Meehan, Genevieve Moffitt, Patricia Moffitt, Fannie Wiratanen, Mary Rebarchek, Gertrude Burcher, Helen Palmer, Leola Rush, Patricia DeLand, Audrey Linnebur, and Rosemary LaRose.

Anchorage Auxiliary members who initiated the women's group were Marie Silverman, Patricia James, Lillian Watson, Elizabeth Bliss, Selma Smith, Wanda Stipp, Sydney Jean Hassman, Lorette E. Kholm, and Lu Bowden.

Special recognition went to initiate Edna McKechnie, 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 clubs throughout Alaska.

In the six minute presentation, the background of the Alaska apurchase of 1867 is shown, along with an outline of the Centennial plans for 1967. The organization of Alaska 67 is explored and the 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 as a stepping stone



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. Wives and daughters of the thirty-

iliary No. 11 of the Pioneers numbered 43. Members of Igloo 31 initiated the new Pioneers, while Anchorage Auxiliary members took charge of initiation ceremonies for the women's group.