WASHINGTON MAN SURVEYS PROJECT FOR HOPKINS

After having spent several days making a survey of conditions in the colony, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Kingsberry, Washington, D.C. will leave Friday for McKinley Park. Dr. Kingsberry is here as a personal representative of Administrator Harry L. Hopkins.

"Even though I had read everything I could regarding the project, I wasn't prepared to see things as advanced as they are," he observed, "The clearing job is a much greater one than I had any idea.

He paid complimentary tribute to the highway commission on the many miles of road.

In interviewing 40 colonists Dr. and Mrs. Kingsberry tried to secure a fair sampling of the present situation. "If we have a true cross section, there is a higher average type of family here than you would find in almost any country in the States. I believe this community will be one of the finest in the country."

Dr. Kingsberry holds an M.R. degree from Syracuse University, N.Y. and makes his home at Yonkers.

FIGHTY MILES OF LINE TO POWER INTO VALLEY

Residents of Matanuska Valley are rejoiced to know that $115,000 has been granted to run an extension power line 80 miles from the Skilakna hydraulic plant into the valley and Willow Creek mining district. (continued on page )

ALASKA PURSEAU MAN VISITS VALLEY

"I'm astounded at the progress that has been made since I flew over this valley a year ago!" Foster McGovern, "Terry" to those who know him, said Friday after visiting the Matanuska Valley project. Mr. McGovern, head of the Alaska Purseau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, took many pictures and interviewed colonists while here and has since left for Fairbanks.

"I was surprised to find 14 different kinds of vegetables in the Trading Post. Progress in land clearing, home building, roads, is almost unbelievable. It looks good though. I asked one chap if he were happy here. He replied by saying 'If the colony drowns tomorrow, I'd stay here.' That shows that he has accepted Alaska as his home."

ARPC BOARD MEETS

A meeting of the officers and directors of the ARPC was held here Monday, with all members present except Governor Troy and Dr. Cruening. William Fouwens, colonist member, was elected to the Executive Board where he will serve with Ross Sheely, Col. O.F. Olson, F.R. Tarwater and A.A. McDonald.

LOANS SOON READY

As soon as abstracts of title are cleared, loans to old settlers who will become clients of the colony, will be acted upon.
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THE LAST MEMO

This issue will mark the end of
the MATANUSKA VALLEY PIONEER as a
mimeographed sheet. Because the
office is completely torn up with
the installation of our new press
and other equipment, we will not
have another paper out until about
the 28th, at which time the PIONEER
will appear as a press printed new-
paper. Subscribers will receive
the PIONEER until their termination
dates without any extra cost, and
papers for local distribution will
be placed in the post office.

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SIGN UP!

Let us call your attention once
more to that petition for seven
miles of road from Huilk down to the
depth water of Goose Bay. If enough
sign up Juneau will listen to our
argument, and if the road goes in
we will be able to land our freight
here at a worthwhile saving. Come
in and sign up.

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HUNTING LICENSES HERE

Hunting and trapping licenses
for the season of 1936-7 may now be
procured from Miss Kay Kennedy at
the PIONEER office.

For the information of those not
familiar with Alaska Game Laws, Jack
O’Connor, Warden, submits this con-
tinued reminder:

Open Aug. 20: For sheep, two
rams; goats, two (not kids); Cer-
ivu five.

Open Sept. 1: For moose, one bull,
beaver or grizzly bear, two; grouse,
fifteen and ptarmigan twenty-five,
with 25 as a mixed bird bag limit
in any one day.

Dec. 31 is the last day of the
season on big game and Feb. 28 for
birds.

Tex Cobb, who has been prospect-
ing in the Metal Creek region in
the V between the Matanuska and
Pikul Rivers, reports gouts on the
increase, more moose sign, but few-
er sheep. Tex should know. He’s
been in this same district every
fall for the past 15 or 20 years.

Jack O’Connor wishes to call the
attention of all to the purpose of
our game laws and the reason for
their rigid enforcement. “We are
trying to conserve Alaska game for
ourselves and posterity,” he said.

“Alaska is the greatest game coun-
ter under the American flag. It
should and must be preserved, not slaugh-
tered off as in certain sections of
the States.”

There will be a meeting of the
Matanuska Valley Conservation Asso-
ciation at the PIONEER office Wed-
nesday evening at 7:30 on the 19th.

All members are asked to try and
be present as some matters of im-
portance are to be discussed. Miss
Kennedy will be there to issue lic-
enses at that time.

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FIGHT FILMS COMING

Under the auspices of the Coloni-
al Volunteer Fire Department four
4 round bouts of local talent will
be followed by the first Alaskan
showing of the films of the Joe
Louis-Max Beer fight on Saturday
evening, August 22 at 8 o’clock in
the Community Hall. The same tro-
gram, but with different local
fighters, will be repeated on the
23rd.

On Labor Day pictures of the Joe
Louis-Max Schmeling fight will be
shown and bouts are scheduled be-
tween victors of the elimination
contests. This feature will wind
up the fair activities.
ALASKAN WRITER TO VISIT MATANUSKA COLONY

Barrett Willoughby, popular Alaskan writer who was born in the Territory and has written numbers of books, short stories, and articles on her homeland, will spend some time in Matanuska Valley beginning about Sept. 2, she said in a letter to Jack Allman this week. She is interested in attending the First Matanuska Valley Fair.

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IT WON'T BE LONG NOW

Water is rising rapidly in the Knik river with occasional ice cakes bobbing down to the sea. It looks as though Lake George was working away at the weak spot in the big glacier dam and those who have tickets for any day this week may wake up some morning to find themselves a few dollars richer. Father Sulzman, Kay Kennedy, and Jack Allman worked most of last night getting an automatic clock arranged.

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MASONIC CLUB BEING ORGANIZED

At a meeting called last week by Dan Dalva and Joe Flakne, 27 Masons foregathered in the community club room in the basement of the dormitory. It was decided that a social club of Masons from the various lodges would be organized and plans are now under way. Some time, perhaps not too far in the future, a regularly appointed lodge may be established here.

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FOR SALE: Used Minnesota Sewing Machine, drophead style...$10.00

See Mrs. Otto Peterson Tract 166.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY SUPERINTENDENT

Supt. Harold L. Thuma and family returned last week from Manhattan, Kansas, where Mr. Thuma had been attending summer school. Today he made preliminary announcements relative to the opening of the school year.

School begins, he said, Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. First day children will be returned to their homes by noon. Any child in the district that is now or will be six years of age before Feb. 1, 1937, may enter the first grade.

"There will be no kindergarten," Mr. Thuma said, "The length of day that a bus haul necessitates, makes schooling for children under six seem inadvisable."

The Territory will furnish free transportation for school children living in areas more than two miles from school, which possess a school population of six or more. The White River company of Ketchikan, Alaska, has contracted to provide this transportation.

The district of 1936-37 will combine the following 1935-36 areas: Matanuska, The Butte, Camp Seven, and Palmer.

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REPUBLICANS MEET

Republicans rallied last Saturday night at the Community hall. Following a picture show the following speakers were introduced by P.M. Snodgrass: Harry McCain, Lester Gore, J.L. Gill, and Noritz Andressen.

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FOR SALE: Threety-seven young sheep, 10 Hampshire belted and 17 Euros. Bill Kyne, Tract 91.
POWER LINE (continued)

This grant is from the Rural Electrification Administration and allocated to the Anchorage Power and Light Company, whom, it is understood, will undertake construction work at once.

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EXTENSION CONFERENCE
TO OPEN TUESDAY

The first annual conference of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Alaska will open a three day session at Palmer on Monday, August 12th.

Two days will be devoted to conference work and talks by Lorin T. Oldroyd, Ruth A. Peck, Ross Sheely, Jule E. Loftus, Ruth De Armond, Joe T. Flakne, W. F. McClarty and W. A. Lloyd, Director of Extension, Western Division.

Wednesday is Experiment Station Day with Joe Flakne and Ruth DeArmond in charge. At the Station a Women's Program and a Farmer's meeting will be held. There will be talks by Miss Pearl Williams, Don L. Irwin, A. A. Shonbeck, Col. J. F. Olson and a local minister.

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QUARTERS NEEDED

Anyone who can accommodate a family with rooms and breakfast during the Fair please list your name with M. D. Snodgrass. We should house as many as possible, saving many the daily trips to and from Anchorage.

Please state prices for room and meals when you send in your listing.

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FOR SALE: Fancy .45 Colt Peace-maker. Inquire at PIONEER office.

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FOR SALE: New 'Sagless' springs & New Champion size oil heater stove, either for $6.50. Inquire PIONEER

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GET READY FOR THE FAIR

If you have something that will interest people -- something you have grown or made -- why not send it in to the Fair where everyone may see and enjoy it?

Look over the premium list and see if you can't make up an exhibit from your field or garden. Or perhaps about poultry, hogs, calves, cows or cattle. There must be quality in the exhibits, so always keep fit for showing in mind.

Any colonist who has a barn that can be used for covering stock pavilions or sheds, it will be appreciated if he will loan them to the committee so that livestock can be properly housed. Please print your name on any tarpaulin you bring in or leave word with Mr. Snodgrass or at the PIONEER office and they will be sent for.

The committee is looking also for special entertainment talent. There is plenty of it here among the valley residents and a tip from those who know of talent will be appreciated. Suggestions along this line will also be welcome. Pass along any information you have to Mr. Harold Thuma, chairman of the program committee or to M. D. Snodgrass, Fair Manager.

An auto car will be stationed at Matanuska prior to Aug. 25, ready to take any livestock on that date for exhibition at the Tanana Valley Fair, arriving at Fairbanks the next day.

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MINNEAPOLIS VISITOR HERE

Mrs. Gertrude Neal Lamm, stepmother of Mrs. Harold Alexander of Tract #9, left her School Supply business in Minneapolis to pay her granddaughter a visit. Then she went off for a tour of the Interior, but has returned for a stay in the valley...."The most beautiful in Alaska," she says.
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VALLEY CITY BARBER SHOP

DELIVER FRIDAY

JACK COPE, PALMER AGENT
GLACIER DAM BROKEN

Because we were late in getting to press we are able to report the results of the First Knik Glacier Ice Pool.

With the automatic clock all set and the river rising rapidly there was a lot of excitement on the Knik bridge this evening. For long minutes it was anybody's money on when the clock would trip, and at exactly 5:17 the wire tightened and the first first ice pool was over. Witnesses were Game Warden Jack O'Connor, Miss Kay Kennedy, Doctor Erick Schlaikjer, Deputy Marshal Jack Hermon and Jack Allman.

When the cans were opened under the supervision of Ed Cronin it was found that some close guesses had been made.

A split ticket purchased by Frank Shank and Al Green of Anchorage was marked for 5:30 but, only 13 minutes off. They won 50% of the money.

Ernest Valentine was in for 5:02 and took second. Valentine works over at camp 10. Third prize went to Ex-senator C. W. Gausted, now employed by the Road Commission at Mile 146. His ticket was marked for 4:32. Thirteen others were on the 14th, but out of the money.

The total number of tickets sold were only 219 and the expenses for printing of tickets, clock, labor of setting, etc., amounted to $25.80. The balance of $133.20 was divided $66.60, $57.35 and $36.65 -- 50, 30 and 20%.

Because of the late start the pool was small and it was decided by the committee not to go to the expense of putting out a book of listings, but if anyone wants to check up on their guesses all tickets are being held at the Pioneer office.

It wasn't a very big affair this year, but next summer the sale will start early, and someday maybe we can catch up with Denana.

4-H CLUB MEETS

At a meeting of the 4-H Club at the school auditorium on Friday, August 7, it was decided that the members dish towels, pot holders and stuffed toys done by the 14th. Eleven members were present and Duane Lee was elected news reporter because of the absence of Virginia Hunt. The meeting was adjourned to August 14.

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Jaye Spencer broke the sawing record one day this week when he ran 216 logs through the mill in eight hours. The boys out there on the other side of the river are sure getting out lumber.

NEILL SCOTT

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