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BODIES OF ROGERS AND POST FLOWN OUTSIDE BY JOE CROSSON

Will Rogers, killed with Wiley Post in an airplane crash thirty hours after leaving here, will be buried Thursday. Private services are to be held at Hollywood, scene of the comedian's great cinema triumphs. Post will be buried in his native State Oklahoma.

Joe Crosson, an ace Alaskan pilot, flew the bodies of his friends from Point Barrow to Seattle. He made two landings at unannounced places to avoid crowds. The windows of his ship bore heavy white curtains.

From Seattle other pilots winged the bodies to Los Angeles. Post's body was to be taken to Oklahoma later. An unruly crowd at Los Angeles engaged police in a scuffle while attempting to catch a glimpse of Rogers' coffin and officers smashed the camera of a photographer who had stowed away in a wing of the ship.

America's two world-famed air travelers met death at 10 P.M. August 15th after landing on a river 15 miles from Point Barrow for the purpose of inquiring directions. Post's sleek monoplane crashed immediately after his takeoff, presumably when the motor failed, the impact crushing Post's body and badly smashing Rogers' face.

While in the Matanuska Valley on August 14th, Rogers and Post were escorted on a tour of several of the camps and inspected a few of the new homes. About the Colony Rogers said:

"Mighty nice place you got here. It's fine in the valley and the crops look good".

POSSIBILITY OF ITALY QUITTING LEAGUE OF NATIONS

With preparations for war in Ethiopia apparently progressing steadily, British Cabinet members Tuesday rushed home to an emergency meeting. They consider that they face the gravest situation since 1914. Lesser nations trembled for fear the League of Nations would collapse.

HUNT ASSURES COLONISTS OF HOMES BY SNOWFALL

LIEUT. COL. L.P. HUNT'S official report to Washington on colony construction work indicates definitely that all colonists will be in their own homes by the time snow flies. To be sure, the cottages will not be finished entirely inside, but they will be livable.

Construction of frame houses has facilitated the home building program. They grow from basement to garret with more dispatch than log houses.

Col. Hunt's report Saturday said that 23 houses were enclosed, that is, completed except for inside finishing. Sixty-nine others were under construction. Hunt said Wednesday that six more houses were started this week, leaving only 61 homes on which no work has yet been done.

Most of the homes still to be started are in the Butte Section. A camp of 150 men now is securely established there and George Moland, directly in charge of that area, believes that his men and the colonists can get the work done despite difficulties in getting materials there over an inadequate road.

No phase of the Project has "mushroomed out of the wilderness" with greater speed than the Community Center. A month ago the area was little more than a cleared spot. Now it is taking on the shape of a City.

The trading post, to house the commissary, postoffice, barber shop, cobbler's shop and general offices of the ARRC, has been painted and soon will be ready for occupancy. Behind it rises the permanent warehouse, big and sturdy and already guarding some of the Colony's valuable supplies from the elements. West of the warehouse rises the power plant.

Lumber has been placed for a temporary school, and the hospital foundation has been staked out and the basement dug.

"Everyone is cooperating and working hard," Hunt wired Colonel Westbrook of the FERA. A new spirit of enthusiasm prevails.

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MARK TWAIN once said that no town ever took on the stature of a City until it has a newspaper, and its inhabitants enough troubles to fill the columns.

Assuming that there is truth in old Mark's observations we will proclaim Palmer a City, for today the PIONEER makes its humble bow, and we grant that every frontiersman has his share of troubles. Let's not talk about them though. Instead let us talk about our brand new newspaper.

The position of the PIONEER is unique in that in its hundred percent circulation of the valley it pre-dates the telephone or any established transportation facilities which might fill the need of a news distributing agency. Through its columns you will be kept informed of all that is going on in the colony.

Progress of the work, both at the Community Center and on the individual tracts will be reported. Social activities will be announced and such services as the trading post, hospital news and fishing and berrying information will be regular features. There will be local correspondents at each camp to keep us informed of the activities in this various communities.

The PIONEER hopes to condense, figuratively, the hundred and twenty square miles covered by the project, and to bring closer together the border colonists, some of whom are almost fifteen miles apart.

POSSIBILITY OF ITALY- Continued from Page 1.

Italy defied the powers to interfere with its campaign to "disarm" Ethiopia and admitted possibility of quitting the league.

Ethiopia carried on war preparations secretly, postponing mobilization as long as a chance for peace exists.

Mussolini orders his government represented at military maneuvers on the Austrian frontier.

Please let us know if you lose or find anything. We will be glad to publish the announcement.

THE TRADING POST

UNDER this heading we will each week list any swaps you may wish to make. If you have anything around the place you do not need, trade it for something useful to you. Just let the Editor know what you have.

JAIL DELIVERY LIVENS THINGS AT CONSTRUCTION CORPS CAMP.

Two prisoners escaped from the little log jail at the Construction Corps Camp, Tuesday evening during the dinner hour, but were soon captured through the efforts of A.E. Mills, Chief of Colonial Police.

There were five men confined in the makeshift hoosegow at the time, but only two had crawled through the hole they had dug under the log wall when the alarm was sounded by the guard on duty.

Chief Mills is claiming some sort of record, but is not quite certain what it is. Within the short space of four hours the arrests had been made, the jail break accomplished and the recapture effected.

At a hearing Wednesday before Mr Carr, Acting Commissioner, the five men accused of disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace, were given a sentence of thirty days in jail and a fine of \$10.00.

They will serve the time in the jail at Anchorage, where they were taken by Deputy Marshal Joe Hoffman.

HUGE QUANTITIES FREIGHT ARRIVING WEEKLY AT PALMER

FREIGHT has been rolling into Palmer in an unprecedented volume for several weeks. The most notable shipment comprised 1,250,000 feet of lumber for homes and the Community Center. Most of it had to be hurled off along the railroad right-of-way to release the freight cars for further immediate use, but it was quickly hauled out to homesites or restacked into more damage proof piles.

In addition farm machinery has arrived from time to time and several trains have brought in trucks for the colony's transportation fleet. Added to the seventeen trucks originally bought for the project, they have been whipped into an efficient transportation unit. Eugene Carr said that forty-eight loads of lumber were hauled in a day, despite some of them going to the far corners of the colony, over some roads not yet ready for heavy hauling, and in some instances to a distance of ten miles.

--COMINGS AND GOING--

FATHER Bernard Hubbard, S.J., familiarly known as the "Glacier Priest," visited the colony on August 16th, bringing with him a party of eighty one tourists. They spent an hour visiting the various camps before returning to Seward, where they sailed on the S.S. "Yukon". Father Hubbard plans to return in early fall.

MRS. Lydia Fohn Hansen, Assistant Director of Home Economics of the Extension Division of the University of Alaska, has established headquarters at Camp No. 1, at Palmer. She will have a display of handicraft to show in connection with her helpful suggestions on homemaking.

ARVILLE SCHALEBEN, who has been representing the Milwaukee Journal here at the Project since the first colonists arrived, is leaving Thursday for the States. We wish to thank Mr Schaleben for his cheerful help in getting this paper started, also for his stories on the Rogers-Post funeral arrangements and the construction program.

MISS Dorothea Campbell, Director of the Bureau of Public Health Education of the West Virginia Health Department, has reservations on the S.S. "Alaska", sailing from Seward the 23rd.

Colonization projects are not new to Miss Campbell for she worked on the development at Red House, W. Va. with Mr Eugene Carr when he was sent there as trouble shooter for the F.E.R.A. Miss Campbell came here last week from Hoonah, Alaska, where she has been visiting. Our thanks to her also, for her helpful suggestions about starting a paper, and for her article on health conditions appearing in this article.

REX Beach, well known Alaska author, and Albert P. Terhune, writer of dog stories, were visitors at Palmer, on August 20th. Mr Beach has signified his intention of returning next week to make a more complete tour of the project.

MRS Johnson, from Camp Seven, returned home Wednesday from Anchorage Hospital where she underwent an operation.

MRS Chanecy Poore and infant daughter returned Tuesday to their home at Camp Seven.

HEALTH CONDITIONS GOOD AT ALL VALLEY CAMPS

Health conditions show a marked improvement in the valley according to Dr C. Earl Albrecht, physician for the Colonists. There are but four patients in the Isolation Hospital, two recovering from scarlet fever, one from measles and one from infantile paralysis. The latter, Lucille Ring, is showing decided improvement.

All parents are urged to watch for early symptoms of disease in their children and to consult their physician at once. The common cold may be the forerunner of measles, diphtheria or some other communicable diseases. Where groups of children congregate, communicable diseases often appear, whether it be in Alaska or the States, unless great care is taken, said Dr. Albrecht, who feels that all danger of an epidemic is past, provided the Colonists use the ordinary precautions.

Dr Earl E. Ostrom, Physician for the Construction Corps Camp, reports general health conditions good, with no one in the hospital at present.

NEW COLONIST ARRIVES AT CAMP HOSPITAL

A lusty seven and one-half pound baby girl joined the Colonist group at 6:15 Wednesday morning.

She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Marion Poore of Tract No. 41 at Camp 8, and is the fifth child born in the Matanuska Valley since the arrival of the Colonists.

Dr C. Earl Albrecht who attended the mother reports both patients in splendid condition.

ANCHORAGE-MATANUSKA ROAD IS ALLOTTED \$100,000.00

The Alaska Road Commission has been allotted \$100,000.00 by the Public Works Administration. The money is to be used to complete the Anchorage-Matanuska Highway.

Of the \$225,000.00 set aside for the Road Commission to use in the vicinity of Anchorage the administration reserved \$125,000.00, for the surfacing of ten miles of road now under construction in and around the Colonization Project.

Hawley W. Sterling, Assistant Chief Engineer of the Road Commission, visited Palmer on Wednesday and reported that conditions are nearly right for the driving of piling for the Knik River Bridge. It is expected that there will be thirty men employed at the bridge site within a month, and supplies are now arriving on the scene.