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## DOCTOR ALBRECHT AND BRIDE WELCOMED HOME -- AND HOW!

With his bride on his arm, a big smile on his face, and a box of cigars in his hand, Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, Medical Director of the Colony, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Albrecht is the former Miss Blanche Smith of Parkersburg, Pa., and was operating room supervisor at the Abington Memorial Hospital at Philadelphia when Dr. Albrecht was serving on the staff there. From this association sprang the romance that culminated in a quiet marriage ceremony at the Anchorage Presbyterian Church last Friday evening, with Dr. J. H. Romig, assisted by Rev. E. L. Winterberger, officiating.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Romig.

Dr. Albrecht is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College and came north this year as superintendent of the Anchorage Hospital. However, when the health conditions here became a problem, he was released from his appointment and made Medical Director of the Colony.

Mrs. Albrecht was graduated from the Methodist Hospital at Philadelphia and has served in many medical institutions.

### A NOISY WELCOME

With tin cans, shrill penny whistles and healthy lungs the children of Palmer descended upon the doctor's home Tuesday evening. The noise was deafening, but it ceased suddenly when the doctor and Jimmy Moore, captain of charivariers, went into a huddle. Following the armistice parley, Captain Jimmy was seen before the candy counter in one of the stores, his army at his heels, and confronted with the problem of dividing six dollars by eighteen.

Wednesday evening Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht were again routed out, this time by his older colonist friends who marched them down to a refreshment parlor. We understand that the indemnity was somewhat heavier than the evening before.

### HUEY LONG DIES FROM WOUND

Senator Huey Long, most spectacular political figure in America, died Tuesday morning from a gunshot wound received at the hands of Dr. Weiss, a 30-year-old eye specialist of Baton Rouge.

For over thirty hours Long battled for life, but nothing the doctors could do would save him.

Dr. Weiss was cut down on the spot by Senator Long's body guards.

## SITUATION BETWEEN ITALY AND ETHIOPIA TIGHTENS

Four mobilization orders were published Tuesday by Mussolini in an attempt to test the army's ability to get into the field on short notice.

The decrees added at least 50,000 men to the armed forces of the Fascists and called in reserves from classes as far back as 1900.

Great Britain, determined to keep a sea way open to India and the Orient, has massed some of her fleet in the Mediterranean in the vicinity of Suez.

Ethiopian troops have been dispatched to the borders and Emperor Haile Selassie has asked all foreigners to Addis Ababa in an effort to guarantee their protection.

Salvadore Demadariago, Spanish chairman of the League of Nations' committee handling the Italo-Ethiopian controversy, is said to be of the opinion that there is no definite common ground for the peaceful solution of the differences of the two countries, and adds that his parleys with the delegates from Italy were very far from satisfactory.

### FUNDS RAISED TO CONTINUE SEARCH FOR LOST PLANE

With money raised by public subscription the search for the Hines plane and its party of 4 continues unabated.

Every report is thoroughly investigated in the hopes that the unfortunate pilot and his passengers may be still alive.

Tuesday pilot Steve Mills of the Star Air Service saw smoke about twenty miles north of Tyone Lakes and it is thought it might be from a fire of the missing party.

Mills didn't have gas enough to make the lakes so returned to Anchorage where he took on fuel and in the company of Pilot Goodman returned to investigate. They took along bedding and food and are prepared to make a trip afoot if it is found necessary.

The Anchorage Booster Club announces that they have raised over a thousand dollars to defray searching expenses.

Pilot Hines, with Mr. and Mrs. John Lonz and Alton Nordale as passengers, has been missing since August 19th.



--COMINGS AND GOINGS--

Last week-end brought many visitors to Palmer where perfect sunshiney weather added much to their outings.

Mrs. Anton Anderson was up from Anchorage with her two children for a visit with Anton, our chief of the ARRC engineering corps.

Mrs. F. L. Biggs visited her husband who is assistant to Mr. Ross Sheely. Mrs. Claire Brown was her guest on the trip.

Others who came on the Saturday train included Mrs. Emery Cunkle, Mrs. Leonard Hopkins and Mrs. Mabel Bender, all of Anchorage, and Mrs. J. M. McDougal of Curry. While here they were shown around the project by Mrs. Margaret Mangold and Mrs. Louise Schaffnit.

Mr. Arthur Stringer, popular Saturday Evening Post writer, made a short visit to the valley and toured the camps last week. He said he was very favorably impressed with the agricultural possibilities of the district. Mr. Charles G. Burdick of the U. S. Forest Service made the trip with Mr. Stringer.

Colonel Ohlsen's keen interest in the progress of the ARRC development here brought him in again. With him was Mr. Harold W. Snell, General Freight, Passenger and Immigration Agent of the Alaska Railroad, with offices in Chicago.

While here Mr. Snell got indisputable proof of the fertility of our soil. Some cows wandered into the cat field across the tracks and all that could be seen of them was the very top of their backs. Mr. Snell took some movies of them in color.

Professor G. W. Gasser, Director of Experimental Stations in connection with the University, is returning to Fairbanks where he is Dean of Men at the U.

Prof. Gasser reports that Dr. Jule Loftus, Territorial Veterinary for the Extension Service, is leaving for the States where he will pass upon 54 head of Guernsey cows to be shipped to the ARRC.

At the same time he will purchase 8 pure bred Guernsey cows and one Guernsey bull for the Experiment Station. Also 2 registered Rambouillet rams, and, if they can be obtained on the West coast, 2 Brown-Swiss cows.

CHURCH NOTICES

Weather permitting, Field Mass will be held at Camp 1 by Father Sulzman at 8 o'clock Sunday. The open area near the First Aid Station will be utilized for the devotional service.

At 10 o'clock there will be another Mass at Palmer, held in the Post Office end of the Trading Center as last Sunday.

Reverend Bingle, who is away on a trip to Seward, announces that there will be no Morning Worship Sunday at the Community Church, but states that Sunday School will be held as usual at ten o'clock in the Library Tent on 'C' Street. Classes will be under the direction of Mrs. Victor Johnson.

Lutheran Services will be held by Rev. Mr. Frieling at 11 o'clock in his new tent on 'A' Street in the Palmer camp. There will be Sunday School classes at the same tent an hour earlier.

LOST: George Davis lost his bed roll somewhere between Camp Ten and Palmer. It contains clothing and personal effects besides bedding. Will the finder please leave it at the General Office of the ARRC at Palmer?

KOSLOSKYS \*\*\* PALMER

Just Received

LADIES SHOES AND LINGERIE

INFANTS ACCESSORIES

CHILDRENS WEAR

EVERYTHING FOR MEN, WOMEN

AND CHILDREN

IF WE HAVEN'T GOT IT WE

WILL GET IT FOR YOU!!!

DON'T FORGET, WE CARRY

PALMER'S MOST COMPLETE

STOCK OF MEN'S WORKING

CLOTHES, INCLUDING A

FULL LINE OF FOOTWEAR

ALSO

WOODS SLEEPING BAGS

DRUG SUNDRIES

ALL AT "OUTSIDE" PRICES



## A SEASONAL PLEA

Rex Atwood's SPRING is SUMMER around, but until he finds it he is the FALL guy.

Some time ago a spring leaf for Mr. Atwood's car arrived, but went out with some other things to one of the Colonists by mistake.

Will the party who received it please bring it in, or tell Mr. Atwood where he can pick it up?

## READING MATTER ON HAND

Any Colonist wishing a few magazines or a book for the kiddies will find a few on hand at the office of the PIONEER.

Someone from Anchorage sent a box of reading matter here, but it arrived while we were out and their identity remains unknown.

We wish to thank them for their generosity and thoughtful act.

One of the first questions asked by Eleanor Cohen, a tourist with Father Hubbard's party, was about our plans for a library. We explained the situation and the other day a bundle of magazines arrived in the mail; sent by her from Juneau. We thank her.

From our mail we know that the PIONEER is going into many corners of the States and perhaps there are some of our readers out there who have books for which they have no further use. If so we would welcome them.

Because we don't know to what extent this plea will be answered, nor what funds will be available, it is necessary to ask that any shipments be prepaid. Freight is much cheaper than express and the books would arrive in plenty of time for our winter reading. Everyone is too busy now anyway, but a good book makes a mighty fine companion on a long winter evening.

Books, either fiction or fact, dealing with Alaska are particularly desirable.

## BIG PEAK GETS APPROPRIATE NAME

The big peak across the Knik River south-east of Palmer will hereafter be known as Pioneer Peak, the name officially selected.

Pioneer Peak is a constant challenge to all the pioneers who enjoy mountain climbing, and a prize -- a leather medal or sumpthin' -- goes to the first Colonist to scale it. Must have proof, though. Better take a mirror with you and flash back the signal, that would be easier than carrying wood and announcing success by a fire. Who is going to be first to place his name at the top of Pioneer Peak?

## WELL! WELL! WELL!

If a mine is a hole in the ground that is owned by a liar, how about a well?

So many people jump Ross Sheely about wells every day he has developed a severe case of artesianitis. This is an odd malady where the victim dreams continuously of driving a pipe into the ground three or four feet and then getting it blown out of his hand by a gusher of artesian water.

Ross was right in the middle of one of these spells when an idea struck him. He is going to buy an old abandoned railroad tunnel up here on the deserted Chikaloon branch, split it up into well sizes and distribute them free. Get your order in early, Ross is liable to wake up out of his dream any time.

## GOOD NEWS COMING UP

Captain Perkins, in charge of construction, and Architect Jacobs were caught with their heads together and happy grins on their faces.

When asked what it was all about Captain Perkins only grinned the wider and shook his head.

"Have some good news for you in a few days," he said.

Neither of them could be made to elaborate on the statement, but it was noticed that the blueprint which they had been studying was the ground plan of the big central school.

Are we going to get it this fall after all? Let's hope so.

A teacher at Matanuska says that she has twenty classes a day, and that no one can accomplish much under those conditions.

Mr. Ring, who has eight in his family, says that he would rather the children missed six months of school than to see all the material and equipment for the main building lay there idle while temporary structures were built. He is only one of the Colonists of this mind.

The main school building will fill other needs than just that of a seat of learning. It will house the wood-working machinery with which many of the thrifty will build furniture from the fine birch trees around here. It will have a recreation hall in which meetings and dances can be held, or the young can hold athletic games. It is needed.

For Sale: Tent and frame with small cast iron cooking and heating stove installed. Together or separately. Inquire Architect.