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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 ci-gars in his hand, Dr. C. Earl Al-brecht, Medical Director of the Col-

ony, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Albrecht is the former Miss Blanche Smith of Parksburg, 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 doc-tors 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 Addas Ababa in an effort to guarantee their protection.

Salvadore Demadariago, Spanish chairman of the League of Nations' committee handling the Italio-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 f 4continues 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 mis-

sing 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 defra

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

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THE MATANUSKA VALLEY PIONEER 11 Published Thursdays by ARRC 11 at Palmer, Alaska. Jack Allman Editor 11 Subscription rate \$2.50 per year. Single copies 5 cents locally, 10 cents by mail. Advertising rates on request.

Huey Long had very decided opinions. He fought every man who did not hold with his tenets. He used a most powerful weapon -- an almost perfect political machine.

Doctor Weiss also had decided opinions. He had no political machine with which to fight back, so he bought a revolver.

Huey Long is dead. Doctor Weiss is dead.

If an individual or a nation cannot be convinced of a doctrine by reasonable argument it is useless to try and force it down its throat.

Ask the first five men you meet about winter weather conditions in the valley and you will get five different answers. Some of those who formed premature opinions of the impracticability of farming in this region, and who are too stubborn to change their minds, will even tell you that it freezes hard every month in the year.

It is about time this question was settled once and for all so we turn to the only really authentic record, that of the observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau located

at the Experiment Station.
Over a period of twelve years we find that the lowest recorded temperature was 34 degrees below zero, and the hottest was 84 above.

From the more detailed records of an average year we learn that there are only four months when zero weather may be expected.

August is the wettest month with around seven inches of rainfall, and over the twelve year period the average amount of snow that fell was $43\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

The somewhat frontier-hardened young son of one of the Colonists reported for school at Matanuska on the opening day. He was questioned by the teacher in an effort to establish his grade standing. The following conversation between them took place.
Teacher: "Can you read?"

Teacher:

"Nope." Pupil:

Teacher: "Do you know your ABCs?"

"Hell no, I only been Pupil: here fifteen minutes." LOCAL VETS TO MEET FRIDAY EVE

For the purpose of signing the application for a charter, and for the electing of permanent officers, Temporary Chairman Ed Coffey has arranged for the use of the Library on 'C' Street for Friday evening September 13th.

At the meeting last week there were twenty-eight present, but Ed says he wants to see at least ten

more this time.

Rex Atwood, who has already been elected permanent secretary, says that complete paraphernalia for the establishing of an Amer-ican Legion Post will be here for use at the next meeting after Friday's.

BUDGET COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

Mrs. Lydia Fohn-Hansen, Assistant Director of Home Economics for the University of Alaska's Extension Division, left Monday on the MS Kasiloff for Homer in connection with her work. There are about fifty families there and Mrs. Fohn-Hansen will hold classes similar to those she has been conducting here.

When she returns, about September 26, Mrs. Fohn-Hansen will form a committee of the Presidents of the various Women's Clubs to work with her in the formulating of a budget to regulate the purchase of food and clothing. It is expected that the budget plan will go into effect with all Colonist families on the first of October.

COL. HUNT'S PROGRESS REPORT REFLECTS ACTIVITY

Lieut. Col. LeRoy P. Hunt's report for last week shows only 31 houses left to be started, and that is a small percentage of the hundred and minety house construction jors that the ARRC faced three months ago.

Forty-seven wells have been completed and besides the six rigs which are working double shift some

are being dug by hand.

The dry weather has done wonders to the camp #10 road and those who have been over across the river say the Butte bunch have their housing problem licked.

At the Community Center buildings are appearing on all sides. The garage is framed and under room and the hospital is up one floor. Foundation trenches are dug and the forms are going in for the bakery.

The two ten thousand gallon rue.

tanks are up on their rlatforms, and one of the sewage disposal pit. has been dug with the second halt completed.

-- 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 Fost 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 H.

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 Guernsy cows to be shipped to the ARRC.

At the same time he will pur-

At the same time he will purchase 8 pure bred Guernsy cows and one Guernsy bull for the Experiment Station. Also 2 registered Rambouilet 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 Talmer camp. There will be Sunday School classes at the same tent an hour earlier.

LOST: deorge Davis lost his hed roll somewhere between Camp Ten and Palmer. It contains clothing and personal effects besides hedding. Will the finder please leave it at the General Office of the ARRO at Palmer?

KOSLOSKYS *** PALMER

Just Received

LADIES SHOES AND LINGERIE

INFANTS ACCESSORIES

CHILDRENS WEAR

EVERYTHING FOR MEN, WOMEN

AND CHILDREN

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 PAGS
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 Ju-

neau. 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 selec-

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 or 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 blue. print which they had been studying was the ground plan of the big central school.

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

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

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 s 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.

Tent and frame with For Sale: small cast iron cocking and heat ing stove installed. Together of separately. Inquire Architect.