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CONSTRUCTION OF LAST HOUSE GETS UNDER WAY

On Tuesday the sills for Lloyd Bell's house were laid, marking the beginning of the end of the huge home building program which the colony faced last June.

A hundred and one houses have been roofed and all others are in various degrees of construction, many almost completed.

Work on the barns is going ahead and fifteen, some to hold as many as twelve head of stock, are completely finished.

Things still hum at the Community Center. The excavation for the school basement is more than half dug and the interior finishing of the hospital has been started. The bakery shop is up, as is the cobbler's shop, but there is work yet to be done on both. The concrete floor of the big garage has been poured and trenches to carry the steam and water pipes network the entire area.

"A city grows where once a
wilderness has stood,
"As Nature humbly bows her
head to will of man."

POWER PLANT GETS TEST

About eight o'clock Wednesday evening a small group of men shouldered into the windy darkness along the road to the Center. Inside the power house a gasoline lantern was lighted, throwing into weird shadows the many pieces of machinery.

Bill Bordine stood beside the big red Diesel, turned a valve. Two hundred pounds of compressed air slugged into the cylinder. Slowly the big wheels turned. The huge engine barked, then purred to her full speed while the whine of the generator grew into a steady hum.

Lieutenant H. V. Martin, in charge of engineering, stood before a black panel covered with gadgets. He threw in a switch.

Above his head three electric bulbs glowed; at first they were only a dull orange in color, then brighter, brighter.

Electricity, with all its manifold uses in the life of man, has come to Palmer.

LEGION DELEGATION -- DRUM CORPS PAYS VALLEY A HURRIED VISIT

Because they had only four hours from arrival until the departure of their train, there were some expressions of disappointment among the forty odd legionnaires, ladies of the Auxiliary and Cordova Legion Drum and Bugle Corps members who paid the project a visit Thursday.

Everything possible was arranged for them by Mr. R. A. C. Atwood. Busses met them at the train and they were taken for a tour around the loop, but as some of them said: "We saw just what is visible from the road; enough to whet our appetites and make us want to prowl back into the woods and see more of those beautiful homes."

After the ride luncheon was served and then the drum and bugle corps, snappy in silver helmets, white shirts and blue trousers, marched the length of the camp, playing snappy tunes that were familiar to the many ex-service men who stood on the sidelines.

Stanley J. Nichols, 2nd Vice Commander of the Department of Alaska, reports a fine turn-out at the Seward convention. After hearing the plans of the members for an organization here he said Palmer would have a post the whole Territory would be proud of.

WAR CLOUDS GATHER OVER BLACK EMPIRE

Ethiopia has closed to commerce her frontier with Eritrea and Haile Selassie has massed all his troops in the northern provinces along the border.

Italy's government spokesman has stated that Rome has adopted a policy of patience and that the next move is up to the league.

If funds can be obtained from the Works Progress Administration Alaska will be included in the proposed census of vocations and businesses, according to a report from Delegate Dimond.