BODIES OF ROGERS AND POST FLOWN OUTSIDE BY JOE GROSSON

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 triumph. Post will be buried in his native State Oklahoma.

Joe Grosson, 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 CUTTING LEAGUE OF NATIONS

With preparations for war in Ethiopia apparently progressing steadily, British Cabinet members Tuesday urged 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.

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HUNT ASSURES COLONISTS OF HOMES BY SNOWFALL

LIEUT. COL. I.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 82 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 had 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 material 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, houses the commissary, postoffice, barber shop, cothi's shop and general offices of the AHRC, has been painted and soon will be ready for occupancy. Behind it rises the permanent warehouse, big and sturdy and already yielding some of the colony's valuable supplies from the elements.

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.

"Exciting the new coming and working hard," Hunt wired Colonel Westbrook of the FERA. A new spirit of enthusiasm prevails.
THE MATANUSKA VALLEY PIONEER
Published weekly—Palmer, Alaska.
Jack Allman, Editor.

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

Assuming that there is truth
in Mark's observation we will
proclaim Palmer a City, for today
the PIONEER makes its humble bow,
and we grant that every frontiers-
man 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 facili-
ties which might fill the need of
a news distributing agency.

Through its columns you will be
kept informed of all that is go-
ing on in the colony.

Progress of the work, both at
the Community Center and on
the individual farms will be reported.
Social activities will be announc-
ed and such services as the trad-
ing post, hospital news and fish-
ing and berrying information will
be regular features. There will
be local correspondents at each
farm to keep us informed of the
activities in this various com-
unities.

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

POSSIBILITY OF ITALY—
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Italy defied the powers to in-
terfere with its campaign to "dis-
terrify" Ethiopia and admitted possi-
bility of quitting the league.

Ethiopians carried on war prepar-
ations secretly, postponing mobi-
лизation as long as a chance for
peace exists.

Mussolini ordered 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 Construct-
ion Corps Camp, Tuesday evening
taking 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 hooch cave 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 as to what it is. In a short
space of four hours the arrest
had been made, the jail
break accomplished and the re-
capture effected.

At a hearing Wednesday before
Mr. Carr, Acting Commissioner, the
five men accused of disorderly
conduct and disturbing the peace,
were sentenced to 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 Hoff-
man.

HUGE QUANTITIES FREIGHT
ARRIVING WEEKLY AT PALMER.

FREIGHT has been rolling into
Palmer in an unprecedented volume
for several weeks. The most not-
cable shipment comprised 1,350,000
feet of lumber for homes and the
Community Center. Most of it had
to be hauled off along the rail-
road right-of-way to release the
freight cars for further immediate
use, but it was quickly hauled out
to homesteads or re-stocked into more
damage-proof piles.

In addition farm machinery has
arrived from time to time and sev-
eral 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.
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. "Pukun," Father Hubbard plans to return in early fall.

MRS. Lydie 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 handiwork to show in connection with her helpful suggestions on homemaking.

ARVILLE SCHALDEN, 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 Schalsten for his cheerful help in getting this paper started, also for his stories on the Rogers-Post funeral arrangements and the construction program.

MISS Dorothoe 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 new to Miss Campbell for she worked on the development at Red House, N.Y. with Mr Eugene Carr when he was sent there as trouble shooter for the F.B.S. Miss Campbell came here last week from Hoosac, Alaska, where she had 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 Boesch, well known Alaska author, and Albert E. Torhume, writer of dog stories, were visitors at Palmer, on August 20th. Mr Boesch 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 Chaney 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 letter, Lucille River, 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 B. Ostrove, Physician for the Construction Corps Camp at Camp 41, reports general health conditions are 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 41 at Camp 41, 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 $103,000.00

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 $285,000.00 set aside for the Road Commission to use in the vicinity of Anchorage the administration reserved $185,000.00, for the surving of 10 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 highly right for the driving of piles for the Knik River Bridge. It is expected that there will be thirty men employed at the bridge site within the month, and supplies are now arriving on the scene.