FIRST COLONIST WEDDING IS
CULMINATION OF A REAL ROMANCE

Don Cudl did real again in the Valley at 9 P.M., Friday, February 7th, when the Rev. E. R. Bingle, united Betty Herman, of the Ply-
mouth, Wisconsin Henns, and Matt Onkka, whose family halls from
Bruce Crossing, Michigan, in the bonds of matrimony at the home of
the groom.

Our Betty left the ranks of the contestants in the Beauty Queen
race just prior to its conclusion, being her own judge in attaining
the prize of a husband.

The ceremony was held in the living room of the home which was
attractively decorated for the oc-
casion.

The bride was presented to her future succouse by her father, Jack
Herman, Chief of the Colonial Po-
lice. Matt was attended by Fred
Herman, brother of the bride. Bet-
ty’s attendant was Dorothy Onkka.

The two young ladies presented a lovely appearance, the bride
gowned in all green and the brides-
maid in peacock blue.

Following the ceremony many
friends of the young couple joined
them at the table where they presided
for the first time as host and hostess.

During the dinner an announce-
ment about the newlyweds was heard
from Radio Station KFQD, Anchorage,
and a musical selection was played,
dedicated to the new Mr. and Mrs.
Onkka. Later the guests enjoyed
dancing to music provided by the
new Colonial Orchesta.

Among the guests present were
Ross L. Sheely, Mr. and Mrs. Don
Irwin and Inabelle, Rev. Merrill
Sulzmann, Bill Taylor, the Gust
Schiebels, George Lemmons, the
Lakes and Laakkos, the Vasencos
and ye Ed.

Congratulations, Betty and Matt.

Another of Cudl’s darts landed
in Palmer when Martha Irvin, daugh-
ter of Mrs. and Mr. Winfield Irvin
of Anchorage was married to Fred
Putledge on Monday evening, Feb-
lith, by Judge Huntley.

Martha was formerly employed at
the Valley City Cafe and Fred at

Sally’s Shoppe.

The wedding came as a surprise
to their host of friends, many of
whom joined them at an informal
reception at the Valley City after
the ceremony held at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

And there are those who say
there was still another wedding
here over the last week-end, It
has been rumored, broadcast and
written up in the paper, but we
don’t know anything about it up
here. So what?

FAIL! THE QUEEN!
LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!

With truly regal bearing, Miss
Virginia Berg, winner of our
Beauty Queen contest, accepted
the crown of “Miss Palmer” at the
big dance opening our new Commu-
nity Hall Saturday evening.

It wasn’t until the very last
minute that the judges were able
to announce the winner as it was
a very close race between Virginia
and Miss Beatrice McNally.

Early in the evening Bee was in
the lead, but the final tally as
reported by Judges Howard Lyons
and Doctor Albrecht gives Virginia
8444 and Bee 7689 votes.

When Mr. Sheely placed the
crown on the blond head of “Pal-
mer’s Toast” and she so gracious-
ly acknowledged the honor there
were few in the hall but felt
that Virginia has splendid chance
of winning the title of “Miss Al-
aska” when she competes at the
Fairbanks Ice Carnival in March.

Virginia, willowy in an ankle
length gown of black satin velvet
was strikingly beautiful as she
accepted the congratulations of the
crowd. It was Vivian Stoddard
who broke the routine solicitat-
ions by wishing her a happy birth-
day as well as success at Fair-
banks. Hardly anyone in the hall
knew that Virginia had been nine-
teen years old for just fifteen
minutes when the crown was placed
on her head.

Virginia, Alaskan born, is 5
feet 7 inches tall and weighs
130 pounds. Good luck, gal!
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WELCOME NEW COLONISTS

The Matanuska Colonization Project has without doubt benefited by the enthusiastic spirit of the new colonists members it has just acquired.

Elsewhere in this issue is an account of the drawing of tracts by nine men who will fill the vacancies created by the return of former colonists.

It is to these men that we wish to extend a hearty welcome.

We still think as we did in last week's editorial that these men are disapproving, in a most effective manner, all the unjust claims that have been made against the project and its management; against the valley and its agricultural possibilities.

E.F. Perrine, who has farmed in the valley on rented ground, and who has observed every phase of the development of the project, told us today that it was the best brook he had ever had. Others said, in effect, the same thing.

WORK, NOT GLORY

We've been rocked: We've been hornswoggled: We've been made the innocent victim of false representation:

One doesn't expect to be taken in by a gentleman of the cloth, but that is just what happened to us.

We feel we have a howl coming - and here it is.

We call on Reverend F.ther Sulzman, chief of our local volunteer fire department and who fights fires both here and hereafter, dropped into the office not long ago wearing his most benign smile. He told us of the new equipment that had just arrived and with all the suavity of an insurance salesman he sold us the idea of becoming Assistant Chief.

We appealed to our civic spirit.

We promised fame and glory. We even promised us a little red hat -- said he'd write to Ex Woman for one.

With rosy visions of heroically rescuing fair damsels from burning buildings, we fell for the idea.

Then what happened?

Fires! Lots of them. The dormitory...Bill Tyler's tent...the gasoline rack at the garage...the water tower tent...the Valley City Cafe. And we rushed madly to each one.

For what? For damsels...fame...glory? Not a bit of it. And after the fires are out.....

There's the fame in working half the night filling extinguishers? There's the glory in getting your pants burned off with splashing acid?

Again we say we've been taken in. We'll never believe another preacher.

AUXILIARY OFFICERS ELECTED

The Auxiliary of the Matanuska Valley Post #15 of the American Legion held their regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon, February 12th at the home of T.L. and Mrs. Bingle.

Twelve members were present and a full complement of officers was elected, after which steps were taken toward the securing of a charter.

Officers are as follows:

Pres. Mrs. Grace Anderson
1st V.P. Mrs. Beatrice Hantley
2nd V.P. Mrs. Margaret Yergold
Secretary Mrs. Margaret Miller
Treasurer Mrs. Lila Ennis

Counsel Mrs. Thos. Huseby
Historian Mrs. Ida Bingle
Sgt. at Arms Mrs. Sorenson

The next regular meeting will be held with the Legion on the 26th, 8 P.M., at the home of T.L. and Mrs. B.J. Bingle.

CO-OP COMMITTEE NETT

The committee on organization for the Matanuska Co-operative Association met Wednesday at E. Irwin's office and passed upon the articles of incorporation they have drawn. Ir. F.D. Schogrus is Chairman of the Committee, with Don Irwin, E. Rykkes, Lawrence Drehorn and G.C. Erix as committee men.

Last week we stated that Gust Schiebel couldn't dry up his cow. Bill Taylor drooled in, like to tear his cow apart and laboriously wheezed:

"My don't he go see Anton Anderson? Anton didn't have any trouble drying up his well."

FOR SALE: Aandy Jiffy Yak: Uses films 127, 3327, F 127 or just plain 127. $3.80. Go Chuck acre the PIONEER nowadays.
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE TO OPEN HERE IN MARTH

From Fairbanks comes word that there will be an Agricultural Agent and a Home Demonstration Agent assigned to work exclusively here in the valley, devoting their entire time to the interests of farming, home building and boys' and girls' 4-H Club work.

The Agricultural Agent will be the first appointed to this position in the Territory and the Extension Service was pleased in announcing that Joe Flake, who is to hold the post, is a graduate of the University of Alaska.

Miss Ruth Beck of Wisconsin will have charge of the Home Demonstration work, replacing Mrs. Lydia Pohn-Hansen who has resigned from the service.

For five years Mrs. Pohn-Hansen has held that the future of Alaska depends upon happy homes, and when she resigned she simply said that she feels that her own home comes first. "This," said Lorin T. Oldroyd, Director of Extension who replaced Mr. Ross L. Sheely, "leaves us little ground for argument."

Women of the Valley will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Pohn-Hansen will not be back this summer. Last year she rendered invaluable assistance to the colony wives in the matter of advice on proper methods to preserve Alaskan fruit, fish and vegetables, and in the matter of showing them how scarce time can be turned into cash by home handicrafts.

A meeting for the colonists and old settlers of District #3 is called for Sunday at 1 P.M. at the former Hank Roughan place, Tract 137 where the loop road turns off the Warner Cutoff.

The purpose of the get-together is to discuss important council matters.

COITINGS AND COMINGS

Miss Lois M. Spencer, former secretary to Registrar-Controller Carl L. Franklin of the U of A, has arrived to take up her duties as secretary to Mr. Sheely, a duty with which she is quite familiar as she worked with Mr. Sheely in this capacity when she was with the Extension Service of the U.

Manley E. Sweney, Insurance Counselor with the Northern Life of Seattle, arrived Saturday and will make his headquarters here for an indefinite period.

Ruth Sock, colonist daughter who stayed on after her parents left, is leaving by the next boat.

MINE VACANCIES FILLED AT SATURDAY DRAWING

Five tracts, each with homes on them left by returning colonists, were awarded by lot before the trading post Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

On slips drawn from a hat held by Mr. Lyng were the numbers of the vacancies. Immediately, the lucky nine were assigned to their new homes and put on the colonists rolls by Mr. Sheely and Mr. Irwin.

Barry Sears drew #76, Ed Vines #174, Bert Marten #64, G.T. Nelson #27, C.H. Verrine #283, Lee Marshall #220, Rex Piers #201, Chas. G. Elliott #608. Number 46 was drawn by P.L. Conover, but because of difficulties in completing arrangements has since been awarded to Lutt Onkka, who on Friday became the head of a family, making him eligible to join the colony.

With the raise in grade from 2nd to 3rd class our new post office now combines many new features.

The boxes are no longer as many missed rides back to their tracts because of having to stand in line.

Ricky Bonds in the denominations of 25, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 dollars are now for sale through the window. Irregular money orders can now be released here. Postal savings will still be accepted by Mr. Felter, but it is still necessary to have the deposits transferred to Anchorage as they are too large to mail.
PRESIDENT’S BIRTHDAY BALL

The President’s Birthday Ball, which was previously postponed will be held in the new Community Hall on Washington’s Birthday, Saturday February 22nd.

While it is unfortunate that the Ball could not be held in conjunction with the other cities and towns of Alaska, all seem to agree that it should be held.

No finer token of esteem and respect can be rendered to the man whose far seeing vision enabled this city to rise up among the chief cities of the land. It was a matter of pleasure and social pride for all people.

The Ball will be held under the joint auspices of the Colonists and the Palmer Democratic Club and the following committees have been appointed:

ARRANGEMENTS
Rev. B. J. Bingle
Mrs. Neil Miller
Mrs. C. H. Perrine
Mr. Jack Herman
Mrs. T. N. Sanvik

DECORATION
Mr. Wm. Hauens
Mrs. Frank Ring
Mr. C. H. Perrine

FINANCE
Mr. Wm. Bennett
Mr. Jack Allman
Mr. Ed. Coffey

ADVERTISING
Mr. Jack Allman
Mr. Ed. Coffey

Howard Lyng
General Chairman

Mr. Thuma reports dumping of garbage rather haphazardly along the roads. There is a ruling out that all garbage must be dumped into the river. Just a word of warning to whoever happens to be driving those trucks out.

FORD SALER: McKenzie River Huskey, one year old, broken to driving, harness. Twenty Bucks. Harry Sears

Somebody lifted 100# of flour and other provisions from the end of the beer barrel. No idea where.

Someone blew two washtubs belonging to Charlie Ruddell on tract 17 full of holes. He's all turned up and says there are plenty of bugs around there is anyone wants to target practice.

It wasn't a facial that made Ralph Horton's face so red the other day. It was a "finger wave". And we don't mean the kind the beauty operators give you either.

Louis Odsgater's contemplating a lecture tour under the auspices of the W.C.T.U.

It is understood that Mr. Odsgater will talk on the "Evils of Drinking", presumably busing his argument on personal experiences.

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E. N. KLINK
MANAGER

February 13, 1936

Ray Wilkes of tract 12 and Rudolph Leander of tract 14 dropped in to tell us that they are "Pulling the pin", but no reasons given. We will have them later.

A special train will leave for the Fairbanks Ice Carnival from Anchorage on March 5th going straight through to Anchorage. Overnight stop will not be made at Curry in either direction. The fare for this train will be one way fare for the round trip. Tickets will be honored on this train only. The fare from Palmer is $19.55.

ROUNO: One lady's fur lined glove. Call at Pioneer Office and identify.

LOST: One Coleman lantern at the dance. Notify Harold Voice of tract one or Pioneer Office.