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PIONEERS TAKE ANCHORAGE -- FAIRBANKS TAKES PIONEERS IN FAST HOCKEY MATCHES

The Palmer "Pioneers" showed up well in fast company when they attended the Anchorage Winter Sports Tournament last week-end.

The first clash was with Fairbanks on Saturday morning when the Pioneers took a 9 to 3 trouncing. It was, however, a much better game than the score indicates, every play being hotly contested.

The score at the end of the 1st period was 2 to 1, and it was when the 2nd started that the boys from the valley felt their shortage of men for Fairbanks came out with a strong line-up of the college boys, giving them almost a whole fresh team.

It was the first time for our goalie, Pansy Karlovitch, in that position, and though he fought the puck with the fury of a demon the boys from the interior continued to score. About the middle of the last period, with the score 7 to 1, "Grandpa" Biggs came out of a mix-up with the puck and took angle try at the goal. His stick was half blocked and the rubber disc barely crept for the target. Losey, Fairbanks goalie, turned the color of a beet when it slipped past him.

Near the end of the game Nord Nathe whizzed in a fast one and the score stood 3 to 1 at the finish.

The line-up:

Palmer (3)		Fairbanks (9)
Anderson	C	McFarland
Nathe	RV	Motschman
Wernberg	L	Anderson
Davidson	RD	McDonald
Quam	LD	Huffman
Karlovitch	G	Losey

In their first game with the Anchorage team Palmer came out best at 4 to 1. Quam played an exceptionally good defense game throughout and Gar Anderson's tricky puck carrying had the host city boys a little bewildered.

In the second game with Anchorage, considered by many as the best match played during the tournament, every inch of every advance was fought for by both sides. It was tight hockey from the first whistle till both tired teams retired from the ice, Palmer having

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PRESIDENT'S BALL SET FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 22nd.

Mr. Howard Lyng, General Chairman, has kindly consented to write for us the set-up for the President's Ball, being held on Washington's birthday rather than that of the President because of the quarantine effective at that time.

As this is a social event being held for the express benefit of the people of the Valley and especially the Colonist group, we urge that everyone come. Arrangements have been made whereby those Colonists who have not been engaged in outside employment will have the admittance charge advanced for them.

Parking space for the youngsters will be supplied in the form of cots and mattresses where they can rest when tired.

There will be no charge for transportation and busses and trucks will follow the routing utilized for the Xmas party.

The music is to be supplied by the Colonist Orchestra organized by the Rev. Merrill Sulzman. This band has been practicing nightly for the dance and has developed into a fine musical organization.

The Community Hall will be fully completed and the President's Ball, put on by the Colonists and the Palmer Democratic Club, will be an eminently fitting manner to dedicate it.

The real purpose of the affair aside from a get-together for the Colonists, is to raise a little money as a contribution to the pet charity of President Roosevelt, the Georgia Foundation, which he established several years ago for the relief of children of the U. S. A. suffering from infantile paralysis.

It will be an extremely nice gesture on the part of Colonists and residents of the Valley to turn out in force as an expression of affection and thankfulness to the man whose vision and energy is directly responsible for this great project, and the hundreds of happy homes now occupied in the Valley.

Howard Lyng
General Chairman

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nished on request. Weekly PIONEERS
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The following is in answer to
queries from interested colonists
who have asked us why, up here in
a farming community, we are so in-
terested in The Dimond Fish Bill.

The Bill, which calls for the a-
bolishment of all fish traps in Al-
askan waters, promises to be one of
the hardest fought pieces of legis-
lation affecting Alaska to come up
in years.

Passage of the Bill will bring
to Alaska a tremendous increase in
population, and that population will
be just that much larger a market
for Matanuska Maid products.

Here is our argument:

Canada, where fish traps are pro-
hibited, used 17,000 men to put up
their pack in a normal year like
1934. That same year Alaska used
25,000 men to put up just FOUR times
as much fish. These figures are from
the Bureau of Fisheries.

Had Alaska no traps it would have
taken 68,000 men to put up our pack.
These men would make their homes in
Alaska, and the ratio of employed
family heads to non-producers (that
is women and children) is 1 to 3,
meaning that it is conceivable that
the fishing industry might be run
in such a manner as to bring Alaska's
population well above a hundred
thousand.

In the Bristol Bay district,
where traps are prohibited, the boys
last season collected in the neigh-
borhood of twelve hundred dollars
apiece for eighteen days fishing.
That's good dough in any man's lan-
guage, and what better set-up than to
have a farm, leave it during the
month of July (when there is little
to do) and make a quick stake!

That, it would seem to us, is
pretty fair insurance in case of
crop failure, but as long as there
are company owned traps the number
of independent fishermen will be
limited and employees will be ship-
ped in from the States and receive
their pay after return, leaving lit-
tle of their earnings in Alaska, and
holding short period jobs that could
and should be filled by resident Al-
askans who have other interests to
keep them in the country the year
around.

Contrary to his original plans
Mr. M. D. Snodgrass is now selling
lots in his addition South of Fin-
ger Lake Road and West of the R.R.
tracks.

Bert's Drug Store is the first
lessee to take the advantage of
acquiring permanent title and now
owns the property upon which his
store stands.

Mr. Snodgrass announces that
he has other ground ideally sit-
uated for either business or resi-
dence sites, and for sale at the
purchaser's terms.

FOUND: Black female dog, long
hair, white on nose, two hind feet
and chest. The Clinton Johnsons
have her at Tract 148 and will
keep her until called for.

FOR SALE: Silvertone phonograph
with about forty records. Cabinet
size. \$10.00 PIONEER OFFICE.

Pair 7 foot maple skis with har-
nesses. Also poles. All in ex-
cellent condition. Cheap. PIONEER

Mantel type seven tube Airline
radio. Electric. \$17.50 See it
at the PIONEER office.

A dandy Jiffy Kodak. \$3.50 See
Chuck Moore, the PIONEER newsie.

MacKenzie River Huskey with har-
ness. One year old and broke to
drive. Twenty bucks Harry Sears

Bonus application blanks will
be distributed and records filled
in at the next meeting of the Mat-
anuska Valley Post of the American
Legion, to be held Tuesday evening
at the home of Reverend Bingle.

Transportation will be furnishe
as in the past so as to arrive at
8 o'clock.

F. S. Lee will pick up members
from camps 8 and 9 and the school
bus from out north will come throu
camps 5, 6 and 7. Camps 2, 4 and
10 will be provided for by the com-
mittee.

Arrangements have been made to
have all the application blanks
for the Baby Bonds filled at this
time so be sure and bring your nec-
essary papers. And don't forget
your thumbs, either. You have to
be finger-printed.

FOR SALE: 110 volt converter for
electric radio. PIONEER office.

Walter Sackman, expert photograph-
er, will be in town Saturday and
is open for engagements.

Buy PIONEERS and send to friends

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT FORMED

Tuesday evening saw the inauguration of the Colonial Fire Department.

Father Sulzman, Chief, presided and Assistant Chief Jack Allman read the new constitution which was unanimously adopted. The election of Phil O'Neil as Secretary-Treasurer completed the roster of officers and a list of all members will appear in PIONEER shortly.

The next meeting is called for Monday evening, the 24th at the office of the PIONEER.

William "Bellowing Bill" Taylor will address the meeting, sotto voce, on the condition of our present water supply.

The new Fire Department will be affiliated with the National Fire Protection Association.

Wonder which school teacher it is who has just recently cancelled her ticket reservations for return to the States at the end of the school year.

We understand that Skip Couden is shopping for a house and expects to settle down for some time in the valley. May even get himself a putt putt, so we hear.

Bruno Ueek (he's the old timer who bored a hole in the exact center of the bull's eye to win a turkey away from us by an inch) has just received a chack from Sears and Roebuck and the award for having sent in a prize winning dressed mink pelt. Bruno takes great pride in the manner he cares for all his skins.

The Ladies of the Legion Auxiliary will hold a Bake Sale at the Commissary Saturday P.M., February 29th.

All Auxiliary members are asked to send in contributions.

Mrs. Bingle
Publicity Chairman

Members of Executive Council of Protestant Community Church met at the home of the Neil Millers' on Saturday night. The business of the evening included plans for a church building and permanent organization.

The response to the Sunday Worship has been sufficient to encourage the Council to make plans for a permanent building.

Don't forget to sign up for your PIONEER subscription, please.

FAMOUS PIONEER LIKES COLONY PROJECT SET-UP

Jack McCord arrived in the valley yesterday for his first visit after eighteen years.

Projects are not new to Jack. In '15 he was instrumental in founding the town of Livengood where he sunk the first hole onto real pay in the Tolovana district.

In '22 he interested the Standard Oil and Southern Pacific in the petroleum possibilities of the Alaska Peninsula. There, expenditures of over two million dollars in roads and drilling operations brought into being the town of Kantak.

In later years he established a cattle and sheep industry on the islands to the westward and founded the settlement of McCord on Sitkalidak Island where he has his permanent residence. On Sitkalidak and Chirikof Islands he and his associate have fourteen hundred head of cattle and eleven hundred sheep.

McCord has seen many settlements established in the mining centers, but we were interested in what he thought of our valley and the project. When questioned, he said:

"That struck me most forcibly when I first toured the valley yesterday was the apparent permanency of the community. Unlike mushroom mining towns, this place has been built to stay.

"These present, substantial houses, barns and improvements; this Community Center with its schools, hospital, gymnasium and other useful buildings, will last for fifty years as they are.

"The fact that these home tracts are connected by good roads with each other and with the railroad, Community Center, Willow Creek Mine, Matanuska, Wasilla and Anchorage, foretells for a certainty that these home tracts will always be occupied by someone, whether Alaskans or outsiders.

"I believe the majority of these colonists will stay, but if they do not there will be plenty of Alaskans to take their places.

"These colonists, I notice, have children - lots of them. They, no doubt, are happy in the thought that they are building for the future safety of these children.

The youngsters will be reared with good food and shelter, near splendid schools and medical attention, and in a land of opportunity.

"These people are living in an amphitheater of beauty and the coming generation will love the country and become a major asset of the Territory.

How about a name for the orchestra?

HOCKEY --

played the entire game without one substitution.

In the second game with Fairbanks Coach De Cicco insisted upon a straight defensive game and the final score proved him right for they held the combination Fairbanks and College teams to a score of 3 to 1.

On the ice Guy "Andy" Anderson generated the Pioneers like an officer in the field and with the help of Tyro Pansy Karlovitch managed to hold the score down. With only four substitutes for replacements, De Cicco did his best to keep fresh men on the ice, but the boys from the interior were too much for the 'Boiler Makers' as the crowd dubbed the Valley team.

In the fast play on the ice the local boys were somewhat handicapped by unfamiliarity with the rulings of Forbes Baker, who refereed all games except the 2nd between Fairbanks and Palmer. They soon picked up the 3 blue line idea, though, and there was little penalizing. Verne Johnson refereed the game Monday morning.

Bob Barnett, Ted Wright, Francis Biggs and Dave Moody all did their share as subs, with Dave doubling as a sweeper. Your reporter heard one of the rink managers ask his partner about cleaning the ice between quarters. The other fellow said it wouldn't be necessary as Moody had played the last period. Some of the boys call Dave "Sitting Bull" now.

The last night Anchorage gave a wonderful banquet to all the competing athletes and they will give a short speech of thanks, complimenting all upon their fine sportsmanship.

LET MANLEY E. SWEAZEY, C.L.U., WHO SELLS NORTHERN LIFE "3 in 1" POLICIES, SHOW YOU HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF "ALL WAYS" WITH ONE POLICY LIFE ACCIDENT HEALTH ROOM 7 AT HORTON'S VALLEY CITY or AT THE PIONEER OFFICE PALMER.

OLE'S TAXI

COLONY CAB SERVICE

A BRAND NEW FORD V8 SEDAN

CLUB RATES A SPECIALTY WITH US

Hans Norheim

Proprietor

Mr. Sheely announces that after the first of March there will not be any more 'back time' credited. If you have any time coming get it in before this date.

Mr. Kling, who for some time has been manager for the Palmer Motor Service, is no longer connected with that organization.

HOSPITAL NOTES

June France, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant France, suffered an injury to her ankle while sledding and was treated by Dr. Albrecht.

John Pfeiff, who cut his knee and then sprained his leg while on a trip to the glacier, is getting along as well as can be expected, considering the seriousness of his injury.

John Herdman, whose back was hurt in an accident at the Community hall will be out in a few days.

Carl Jepson, Nome Sourdough, who has been working as a carpenter for the Corporation the past 5 months, suffered a painful accident when he slipped on a wet spot on the floor and crashed into the coal scuttle, cutting his lip to the extent that Dr. Albrecht had to take 7 stitches.

Jep is resting easily and will be out and around again in a few days.

Skip Couden is over his aggravated case of hives and back on the job.

Oscar Gill, Mayor of Anchorage, got the low-down on this Pledge Brown from a friend in Ketchikan.

Brown is the nut who has been cleaning up out in the States with some of the craziest stories about the project that has ever been written. Here are some excerpts from the letter Mayor Gill received.

"....he (Pledge Brown) was tossed in jail here at Ketchikan for stealing a woman's purse during a drinking party....left town without paying his bills and has since been passing off as editor of the Chronicle.

"The Department of Justice has his record which includes car theft, and forgeries in Arizona and California. There are many charges against him."

Mrs. Oscar Eyclund of Tract 94 is in receipt of the sad news that her father was killed by a falling tree while working on a WPA project at Bear Lake, Wisconsin.