LEITION PURCHASES CEMETERY NEAR MAIN HIGHWAY TURN

Matanuska Valley Post #15 of the American Legion has purchased an acre of land fronting on the main Anchorage-Palmer highway just east of the Frailing residence.

Plans are being formulated by a committee of the Post for the erection of a suitable log building for the Legion Home.

The location is within easy walking distance of the Community Center and still out of the higher priced area. It is 200 feet square and comes off the south line of "Hard-working Snitty's" homestead.

BINGE MONEY NOW IN USE AT THE COMMISSARY

Binges of aluminum and brass in the denominations of standard money are now being issued to colonists in amounts equal to their budgetary allowances. They will greatly simplify the matter of keeping accounts, especially as regards the dealings between colonists. Heretofore it has been necessary for the accounting department to make charges against one colonist and credit another for such things as direct milk purchases and the like. Now the binge will be the medium of exchange directly between the parties concerned.

In spite of the fact that only a colonist can use the binges for purchases at the trading post it is very probable that they will become "Matanuska Valley Money" before long. Already one taxi man has offered to accept them for his service.

FEBRUARY IN SCHOOL SOON TO BE OCCUPIED

It is expected that home-stay pupils (all those served by teachers living at Tract 97) will soon be attending their classes in the new school building.

A conference between Mr. Sheely, Mr. Jacobs and School Superintendent Harold Thuma has arrived at the date of March 16th as the probable time when the switch of teaching schedules can be made.

FAIRBANKS ICE CARNIVAL ALL SET FOR A BIG CROWD

A telegram addressed to "Hon. Ross Sheely, Mayor of Palmer," has arrived from the Mayor of Fairbanks inviting him to take part in their celebration. The wire reads:

"FAIRBANKS EXTENDS TO THE CITIZENS OF YOUR CITY AND VICINITY A CORDIAL INVITATION TO JOIN WITH US IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE COMING ICE CARNIVAL STOP FAIRBANKS LOOKS FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE DELEGATION FROM THE QUEEN WITH EVERY ASSURANCE OF AN ENJOYABLE CELEBRATION"

EB COLLINS MAYOR

There is little doubt but what those who visit the inland city will have a fine time. Fairbanks is noted for her ability to put things over in a big way.

The Alaska Railroad has scheduled an excursion train which will pass through Matanuska at 7:45 AM on March 6th. The fare will be $19.15 for the round trip.

The train will go straight through with only a stopover for a meal at Curry. It will return from Fairbanks on the 9th.

MODERN RECREATION RESORT IS POPULAR WITH PALMERITES

Palmer can now offer visitors all the advantages of her older sister cities in the way of an evening's entertainment.

James St. Clair's Lake Resort offers the tired "Palmer Business Man" a place where he can relax after hard labors. Good food, music and dancing are now offered and when the ice goes out of Cottonwood and Finger Lakes there will be good fishing.

VALLEY GIRL IN HONOR STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY

Junitha Cooper, former Matanuska High School student now attending the University of Alaska, made the first semester honor roll according to figures recently compiled by Carl H. Franklin, Registrar.

Junitha, a sophomore in Arts and Letters, was second highest in her class and fifth highest in the University with a grade of 2.80 out of a possible 2.00.
TWO CHOSEN TO FILL COLONIST VACANCIES

Two more names have been added to the colonist roster this past week. C.E. Bissel takes over the Heart place, Tract 127, and Jack Bourdon is moving onto Paul Ahrn's former place, Tract 114.

Mr. Bissel, whose family will be here shortly from his former home in Zethikana, says that since he has been here he has never seen anything to change his original idea that this whole project is a fundamentally sound proposition. He has farmed in the States and worked for the past twelve years in Alaska. He considers himself fortunate in being permitted to settle on a tract and does not expect to encounter any of the pioneering difficulties that hampered him in settling upon frontier land in the mountains of Idaho.

Jack Bourdon, who waited for his wife to come in and lock the valley over before placing his application says this will be a change for him, with the work he encountered in trying to whittle a home out of the wilderness of Eastern Oregon where he and his young wife had to rack all their supplies on their backs from a railroad twelve miles away.

Bourdon's ambition is to have a string of twenty milkers. "I know I can make it pay," he says. Bissel expects to go in for hogs in a big way. "Pigs is pigs," he says, "especially when you go to buy them over a meat block in this country."

Pioneering is not new to either of these men. Young, frigid searchers for a permanent home, it is understandable that they both got their worst jitters as soon as it was announced that many of the vacancies created by the return of former colonists were to be filled by Alaskans.

"It was a chance that only a fool would overlook," said Mr. Bissel.

FRED BETTER, "TO HAS HAD THE BARKET SORP AT THE COMMUNITY CEN

T, WILL "COME ALL FORMER CUS

TORS AT HIS NEW LOCATION IN THE VALLEY CITY HOTEL BUILDING.

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

William O'Neill, brother of Phil of the Trading Post, was a visitor to the valley during the week. It was a hurried trip, something of a solo honeymoon, for Bill.

Pig bride of the day before, Violet Lundell, Anchorage school teacher whom he had met when they were students at the University of Alaska, couldn't leave her duties even to make the short trip up to visit Phil and Alice.

Ted Wright, flashy right defense of the Palmer hockey team, has gone to Seward where his wife is expecting the blessed event. Ted was a little nervous when he left but said that he expected to pull through all is split evenly. You need not be fixed by a schemer. The winner gets the whole business, barring a tax which Uncle Sam appropriated in a case where two or more people strike the same winning date, hour and minute, the money is closest you take the money just the same.

The device which sets the time for the payoff is simple and foolproof. In the center of the river, 200 feet from the railroad dock, a tripod is set up. Its legs are frozen into the ice of the river. From the top of this tripod to the top of the stiff-leg of an unloading derrick on the dock is stretched a length of No. 9 telegraph wire. There is an appreciable amount of slack in this wire, and to the slack a finer wire is attached which runs into a sealed sheet-iron box locked to the top of the stiff-leg. Inside the box is a Waltham 8-day chronometer with a special clock-stopping device. The finer wire is attached to this device, and when the ice moves, the slack tightens the fine wire, causing the clock to stop.

Ten days before the anticipated movement of the ice day-and-night watchmen are on the dock making sure that no one tampers with the mechanism.

When that clock stops, someone is certain to be made happy

Here's a list of ten years of ice movements. To find out if, MAYBE you can learn a system:

1925-May 10--- 6:32PM
1926-April 26-- 4:03PM
1927-May 13-- 5:43PM
1928-May 6-- 4:48PM
1929-May 5-- 3:41PM
1930-May 8-- 7:01PM
1931-May 13-- 9:23AM
1932-May 1-- 10:13AM
1933-May 8-- 7:30PM
1934-April 30-- 3:07PM
1935-May 15-- 1:32PM

The ice has an unhurried habit of moving when it releases, and attempts to forecast are difficult regardless of how much you study the thickness, the amount of snow in the hills and other governing factors.
NOTICE!

All mothers, housewives and young ladies over 15 years of age, who are interested in classes in "Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick," will please be at Mrs. King's Handicraft Shop on Wednesday, March 4, at twelve noon. We shall discuss the requirements for the course, our meeting places and the material for lesson #1.

Pearl V. Williams
Red Cross Public Health Nurse.

Lawrence Rorison, of Tract 112, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Anchorage hospital last week and is reported as doing nicely.

Lawrence has been troubled with his side for some time and was anxious to have the trouble removed before he went into the heavy spring work.

Marion Bores of Tract #41 now has his own truck with which he makes a specialty of hauling live stock.

Henry Colisch, genial superintendent of construction at the Community Center, has received the sad news that his 18 year old daughter failed to recover from an operation in Seattle. She was an only child. Hank wishes to extend his sincere thanks to the boys under him who expressed their sympathy by wiring flowers for the funeral.

"Being away from home at a time like this is tough," says Henry, "And a gesture like that from the boys hits a fellow pretty deep."

A fine baby girl was born to Mrs. Harry Jensen at the Palmer Hospital. If you want to see a proud daddy just stop and talk to Harry for a few minutes.

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