LOOK BEFORE YOU SHOOT

Harold Davis of Tract 127 suggests that anyone running around the valley should be certain of the nature of their target before shooting at anything moving in the woods.

A short time ago Harold was walking along when a couple of blow-holes zing along his head from a pipe, which made a hole in his head.

FIRE a DRILL

MORE WATER FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Once more the clamp of drills makes music in the Community Center where it is being burred for water. Unfortunately the water situation in the Community Center has been a difficult one, increasing need for fire protection and for a supply for the new school building now under construction.

PALMER DELIGHTED TO SEE FAIRBANK'S ICE CARNIVAL

On the morning of the third, a bandwagon of taxi cabs hailed a cotillion of the carnival party at Palmer and her escorts toward Matanuska to meet the northbound train, quite a number of Palmerites went along. Virginia Long takes with her the best wishes of Palmer.

There are quite a bunch of optimists in the valley; we didn't note any sourmilk amongst the summer, even though they were headed for the ICE CARNIVAL! -- but then perhaps this mild valley climate has spoiled them.

THANKS TO ANTON ANDERSON

Members of the American Legion of Palmer desire to express their gratitude to Anton Anderson for surveying an acre of land which the Legion purchased from T. N. Smith.

Plans are being forwarded for the construction of a home for the Legion Post in Palmer.

From a sufficiently low viewpoint, male-hills become mountains.

NOTHING NEW ABOUT THESE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

The fire-alarms you heard on the night of March third was only a prance a call, but it proved that the Palmer Volunteer Fire Department is right there when it comes to react.

Here are the results of the test as reported by Fire Chief Fr. Sulz-

--- FROM TIME OF DISCOVERY OF FIRE TO BLAZING OF GRENES...1 MINUTE

--- ROSE LINES PUT OUT AND ENGINE STARTED IN THREE MINUTES FROM TIME THEY STARTED TO

--- FIFTEEN SECONDS FOR ROSE LINE TO BE Laid AND ENGINE STARTED.

Our firemen are to be highly commended for their quick and efficient work. Such a speedy response may be badly needed some day.

THERE WILL BE NO MORE FIRE DRILLS...THE NEXT WILL YOU TELL MY AREN'T IT WILL BE A

OFFICIAL ACCOUNTANT TAKES ILL

Archie Betts, Chief Accountant, was flown to Anchorage Sunday by Pilot Coast Guard, and operated on that evening for a ruptured appendix.

Mr. Betts had complained of a pain in his side for a week, but the condition didn't become serious until Saturday night.

Dr. Albracht, who flew to Anchorage with the patient, was prevent-
ed from operating more due to lack of water for sterilization purposes (cont. pg 2; col 1)

ALASKA WEEKLY CALLS FOR PHOTOS OF MATANUSKA VALLEY

The Alaska Weekly, printed in Seattle, is about to get out a special Matanuska Edition. They would like to have copies of any representative photographs made during the early days of the project. (cont. pg 2; col 1)
March 6th—

THIS MORNING PALMER RECEIVED THE TERRIFIC INDICATION THAT MISS VIRGINIA BERG, RECENTLY GIVEN THE TITLE OF "MISS PALMER" AT A LOCAL CONTEST, LAST NIGHT RECEIVED FROM THE JUDGES OF THE FAIRBANKS ICE CARNIVAL THE TITLE OF "MISS ALASKA".

"MISS BERG CAN BE PROUD OF HER SOVEREIGNITY OVER THIS ENORMOUS TERRITORY. THE CITIZENS OF THIS VALLEY COLONY ARE VERY PROUD OF THEIR NEW QUEEN."

Last night speculation was rife as to the outcome of the Ice Carnival Contest.

Everyone who could get to a radio listened eagerly for news of the choice of the Fairbanks Judges. But no news was forthcoming from station KFCD. JE, the Golden-voiced announcer said during the period of news-transmission that as the train would be a bit late into Fairbanks he could not at that time advise his listeners regarding the new Miss Alaska.

But this morning all concerned were overjoyed to hear that Miss Berg had been chosen.

A telegram was dispatched to Fairbanks:

"MISS ALASKA
JUST HEARD OF YOUR SUCCESS WE ALL FEEL ELATED AND WISH TO EXTEND OUR SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE AND YOURSELF
WE KNOW THAT YOU CHARGE THE FESTIVITIES AS ONLY YOU CAN CHARGE THEM AND RETURN TO US THE SAME LOVELY GIRL WE SENT TO REPRESENT US";

"CITIZENS OF PALMER"

A telegram received here this morning by the President of the Palmer Chamber of Commerce, said that Miss Berg won by a vote of four to three. The message was sent in by Jack Allman, traveling editor of this paper.

We all join in expressing our great pleasure in hearing that Miss Berg has been conferred the title of Miss Alaska.

And we can hardly wait for the Palmer delegation to return so that we can get an earful of news from the Ice Carnival.

For example, we wonder why it is that the Proxy of the Chamber of Commerce has been grinning maliciously whilst sharpening up a great big meat-axe....

It seems that he got a telegram (which is all right in itself) but after he signed for it a wicked glitter filled his eye.
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--CHIEF ACCOUNTANT (cont. from p. 1)
Mr. Sheely received a letter from Mr. Betts recently. Mr. Betts said that he spent a couple of pretty tough days, but he's on the road to recovery now.

--Alaska WEEKLY --(cont. from pg 1)
If you have any such photos, send them in. The Alaska Weekly will guarantee safe return of them.
Address: Alaska Weekly, 5th at Lenora, Seattle, Washington.

SPRING... COMIN' UP!
First sign of Spring: Mr. Irwin breezed into the PIONEER office with a pocket-full of seed catalogs and an enthusiastic gleam in his eye. He was gazing absently at an advertisement for a hardy variety of corn. What'll you bet we have some roasting' cars this fall?

SPRING SEED SALE
Mr. Irwin announced that there will be a seed sale at the Commissary next week. It won't be so very long before the thrills will be getting their exercise up and down the rows.

RETURN BASEBALL EQUIPMENT
All those who have baseball uniforms or other equipment, bring them in to the PIONEER office, as there is now a place made for their storage in the new gymnasium.

USE PALMER MOTOR SERVICE
--AT YOUR SERVICE--
TAXI----and----TRUCK
See VERNIE ROBINSON

RESULTS OF ORCHESTRA CONTEST
After much burning of midnight oil, Judges Sulzman, Don Irwin and Jack Allman decided after due deliberation that Palmer Pioneers would be the name of the new Colonial Orchestra.
Genevieve Ring submitted the winning title and is entitled to take her boy-friend in free to all dances where the "Palmer Pioneers" play.
Keep your eye open for a year. At the next affair the committee bets on Jack Sheely.

FOUND: Fountain pen found in Timekeeper Young's office. Owner please identify.

Small necklace with crucifix found at dance by Mrs. H. W. Edwards. Now at Pioneer office. Owner may have same if will identify.

Also found at the dance, one lady's glove and a one-dollar watch. Both at Pioneer office.

FOR SALE: EXCELLENT HIGH-PRICED GUITAR FOR SALE AT A REASONABLE PRICE. A WORTHWHILE SAVING.
SEE JACK HERNAN
One pair of skates mounted on size eleven shoes - practically new. On sale at Pioneer office - Price $2.00

VALLEY CITY CAFE
CAKES PIEs PASTRY AND BREAD DAILY
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HORVIT'S VALLEY CITY

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COLONY CAB SERVICE
A BRAND NEW FORD V-8 SEDAN

CLUB RATES A SPECIALTY WITH US
Hans Nordheim Proprietor

Buy PIONEERS and send to friends
STILL THE NEW PIONEER

[Editor's note: These are a welcome contribution and we hope to receive more of them]. Our correspondent is unknown to us, as we found the following on our desk after an absence from the office.

Let's hope for more news at regular intervals from the Cagm 10 area employed during the past four years, but relief agencies state that they have participated in all the benefits of the present Administration.

Great activity around here - everybody doing something to help develop the colony.

Mr. Moland's carpenters are hammering away lustily and making real progress. This disease some time ago, is the result of his logging crew being busy repairing down in Tennessee and is now out of danger. That is a satisfactory, and his return is being eagerly awaited by his many friends, and also by the Colonists, of whose Corporation presents a scene similar to those in the states in the early days.

We notice George makes his morning rounds in time to pick up all the small kids living furthest from school - a kindly act much appreciated by the parents.

The "Buzz-gang" has been busy this past week and has gone round their half of the town so nobody has to buck wood by man-power.

The boys claim that by the size of Van's woodpile, he is trying to beat Mr. Moland's half-million mark.

A Community meeting was held in the schoolhouse and everyone was there except Lloyd Bell who was busy slathering another acre with the aid of a lantern. It was unanimously carried that we support the recommendation of the corporation to grow feed and more feed on any land that is available, and a committee was formed to carry out the program.

Mr. Jackson from Anchorage seems to be a frequent visitor in our valley, and is making many friends. We hear that one of our members tackled him on Theology, and the debate lasted until three A.M., with the honors going to Mr. Jackson.

We hear over our radio that another serious case of "Lam lollies" has broken out in Anchorage. It is reported that several of the Republican delegation has contracted the disease, and is in a serious condition - even his mind being affected; his main hallucination being that the Colonists like lollies too.

That one symptom in itself shows how serious his case is, as seventeen or more years ago many of those same Colonists were going over the top showing gum - they were heroes then.

His close friends claim that his state of mind is due to the fact that he has been practically unmolested employed during the last four years, but relief agencies state that he has participated in all the benefits of the present Administration.

It seems that the old vexed question of 'Pioneer Peak' versus 'Ben-Aa-Due' has arisen again, and that the ancient and honored name has been adopted by our worthy chief engineer, whose ancestors lived, loved and stole cattle under the shadow of the ancient peak.

Well, let it be 'Pioneer Peak' if they wish it! The old gang who christened it back in '35 will not mind, and they realize that Basile does sound like a doubtful character, but we suspect that amidst the ring of axes and the crash of falling timbers, sturdy pioneers who came up in '35 will raise to wire their streaming brows, gaze reverently up at the peak, and murmur: "Good Old Ben!"

The sun is really working now and the housewives out here are hollering for sawing to protect the new sitting room carpet.

Anybody from the other side of the river who wishes to bath in our glorious sunshine are welcome to be a frequent visitor in our valley, and is making many friends. We hear that they make no attempt to remain here.

Interesting experiments are being conducted on the Bergen farm to determine the most efficient method of clearing land. They are being followed with close attention by everybody here.

Our school master has gone to Anchorage for the week-end. We hope he minds his step when foraging with Art and Howard.

FOR SALE: Good bed - Simmons Mattress, coil springs - metal bedstead. See HOWARD LYNCH.
First Annual Firemen's Ball
Community Hale
Palmer
March 14th Admission
New
One Dollar

The Dance of the Year
Every Year
Music by Peggy Pumpert and "Palmer Pioneers"

HOSPITAL NEWS

Little Harry Jacobs is now getting along fine. He has been suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

Jim Ferguson may be confined to the hospital for some time. X-ray examination shows a crushed vertebra sustained when scaffolding fell on him.

John Pfeiff's bad knee is getting along fine, I hear.

A mystery which has been baffling Dr. Albrecht has been solved...

The scratched finger of Jerry Kindgren's two-and-a-half month old baby got that way because she scratched it on a TOOTH!

RAILROAD OPENING NEW STATION

The passenger train made its first official stop at the new Palmer Depot today. Slim Johnson, the station agent, is working like a beaver to get his new sanctum sanctorum into a state of finishment. That's fine!

We're as glad to see that box-car closed up as Slim is. We hope you enjoy your new home, ole codfish!

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Tuesday evenings between 9 & 10
Round-trip fare including 4-hour stopover in Palmer...

To Butte at 8:05 P.M. or return at 11:25 P.M.

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YOUR TRAVEL PURCHASES WILL BE TAKEN AND BEHEVED FOR A HOMESTYLE FARE.

IF YOU DESIRE THIS SERVICE, USE A PLAIN ON TRACT 250, AND GIVE "TILL 8:30.

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"The Friendly Store"

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Strainers, Pancake Turners...

--- Spoons and Spatulas

15c to 25c

Also a fine line of Ivory and Gray Enamelware for the Kitchen.

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NEW INVASION OF THE KOYUKUK

Jack McCord and Jimmy De Cicco are headed toward the Northern Light and the treasures of Idaas. Jack, a veteran gold-seeker well-known throughout the Territory, is figuring on looking over a few bars on the Koyukuk. He is taking Jimmy along to show him how it's done.

They're going into country where very few white-folk's live, and will probably be gone for some time. Jack took along some knick-knacks and calico to give to the Indians, and Jimmy is not only hefting a No. 1-sized pack, but also a heap of burning curiosity to see what it's all about.

It's all old stuff to Jack, but he never gets tired of it.

We'll bet that the boys who know Jimmy way back in N'Yawk will get some highly interesting letters when he comes down again.

Good luck, you guys; say you strike it rich!

JACK FEBYAN GETS FRANK CLARK'S GOAT

Jack Febyan, local well-digger and inventor, says that he and the Spanish Kid don't want to see any more goats for a while...

Frank Clark, Palmer farmer, wanted one to give milk for his family, so Jack cranked up his Rattle-Tea, and he and the Spanish Kid pushed off for Lee Hickson's place at Kilk to get one. They hit blizzards and drifts going and coming, and if Jack hadn't been coddling that shuddering Guaracha of his for the past ten years, the drifts would have fixed their clock.... As it was, the goat got sea-sick and fixed up Jack's expensive sheepskin upholstery in a big way.

"Maire de Dios!" says Jack, "No more will I after a blazed goat unless she has found her sea-legs."

FOR THE HISTORICAL RECORD

When Manley Swozy hung out his shingle in the window of Horton's Hotel, presently he formally opened the Katunaska Valley's first Insurance office.

CAN'T SEE THE WOODS FOR THE TREES

Fritz Herman of tract 43 says he got a hang out of the conditions at Jack Lund's place. Jack ordered a load of coal, then the driver came to deliver the coal, he couldn't get wave transmitters out of automobile close to Jack's house because of the ignition systems. When he's cool short-wave code stations, all the autos in Palmer seem to be slipping him the bird.

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--SEE--

MANLEY E. SWEAZY

C.L.U.

AT HIS PALMER OFFICE

ROOM NUMBER TWO--"ONTON'S HOTEL"

AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS

CASH ORDER AND TRAVELERS CHECKS

--AT THE NEW PALMER DEPOT--

Slim Johnson, Agent.

ROBERT CANNING KILLED

Robert Canning, employed at the A.R.R.C. sawmill at Camp Ten, was accidentally killed this morning when he attempted to cross the saw-rig to aid foreman Jeff Morley in locking the speed of the saw.

Canning fell into the saw and both his legs were completely severed at the hips. Death was almost instantaneous.

Surviving him is a wife who is at present in Fairbanks. It is not known if he leaves any children.

Mr. Sheely and Mr. Irwin have attempted to contact his Canning.

The remains are being held at Palmer pending instructions as to their disposition.

Canning was thirty-eight years of age.

A meeting of a Coroner's Jury in the new Community Hall resulted in the rendering of a verdict of death by accident.

Razzberries via Radio

The radio fiend in the Pioneer office yodels that he wishes somebody to figure a way of making long wave transmitters out of automobile short-wave code stations, all the autos in Palmer seem to be slipping him the bird.