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PALMER MAKES HERSELF KNOWN AT FIRST ICE CARNIVAL VISIT

Palmer, the newest town in Alaska, had the honor of furnishing the Territory with its first Miss Alaska when our own Virginia Berg was crowned to that title at the annual Fairbanks Ice Carnival last Thursday evening at the inland city.

Seven judges who saw the four contestants parade in evening gowns, bathing suits and ski outfits gave the honor to Virginia in a vote of 4 to 3 over Miss Fairbanks, the attractive Sigrid Sennala, daughter of Leonhard Sennala, the famous dog race driver.

After winning the title of Queen of the Ice Carnival Miss Berg was presented with a necklace of nuggets and told that the town was hers.

At the termination of the Ice Carnival parade, the coronation of Miss Alaska was held on the ice of Chena Slough, before the town. Mayor Collins made a speech eulogizing the event. Timothy Twitchell, leading a group of natives in Eskimo garb, paid homage to the new queen in native style, greeting her on behalf of the natives of Alaska.

The Anchorage-Palmer Hockey team beat the Fairbanks pucksters in a closely played game, winning on a score of 4-2. Palmer's Gar Anderson shot the puck 100 feet to make the longest goal ever made on a Fairbanks court. Pansy Karlovich, Palmerian Goalie, was up to his usual brilliant stuff. The game was a hot contest notwithstanding a temperature of 11 above zero.

A wrestling match between Bill Lyons of Palmer and "Alaska Pete" Anderson, conceded by all onlookers to be a plenty tough one, was won by Anderson. Bill gave "Alaska Pete" a run for his money and avows that the next match will be a clean-up in his favor.

All in all, Palmer made history for Palmer during the three day visit. Fairbanks threw her doors open and entertained the delegation from here in true northland style.

Her invitation to visit next year carries with it a promise for a bigger and better Ice Carnival.

KLING, KOMMISSIONER & KUPID KLINCH KASE KONCLUSIVELY

Ernie Kling of the Kling Kab Kompany has been united in matrimony with Miss Mildred Ferguson, Palmer schoolteacher. Commissioner Huntley officiated at the nuptials.

Everyone joins in wishing the new couple all the good fortune in the world.

The genial Ernie, being a cab driver, can teach Mildred lots of things of interest to schoolteachers; she will no doubt reciprocate by teaching Ernie how to compute fares.

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VICTIM OF SAWMILL ACCIDENT LAID TO REST AT PALMER

Robert Canning, unfortunate victim of the sawmill mishap at Camp Ten, was laid to rest at 11:30AM on this date. A Requiem Mass was held, Rev. Fr. Merrill Sulzhan officiating.

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REOPENING OF COMMUNITY HALL

Now that the Community Hall is finished completely, the first use for its polished floor will be to greet the feet of celebrants at the Firemen's Ball on March 14th.

A public address system comprising microphone, amplifiers and loud speaker has been installed. The floor is marked off for use as a Basket Ball Court.

This capacious hall is truly a credit to its builders. It is very outstanding asset to the community.

It will find much use as an amusement center, being equipped with sound motion picture projection apparatus as well as all the other necessary adjuncts to communal recreation.

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FIRST BASEBALL CASUALTY

The approach of the 1936 baseball season made itself felt recently. Alaska Railroad's Count Pasco almost ruined his arm while practicing with a catcher's mitt, and threatened to sue the PIONEER because of the resultant stiffness

NOVELTY TAXIDERMY ON DISPLAY

Mr. Manley Sweazey has placed on display at the Palmer Curio Shop, Mrs. Ring's, some novel ornaments which he made from thrown moose horns. The ornaments are not for sale, Mr. Sweazey explains - he has placed them at Mrs. Ring's so anyone who cares to may have an opportunity to see what can be done with these horns. He has suggested that novelties may be made for tourist trade next summer, using thrown horns for material.

THIS TAKES THE (COFFEY) POT

Sentry - "Halt! Who goes there?"
Ed - "Coffey."
Sentry - "Coffey, leave the grounds!"
Ed - "Not 'til tea leaves."

Among the hundreds of letters that fell on the editor's desk last week are two which were of interest to many in the colony.

Eugene J. Carr, "Trouble Shooter Extraordinary," is now busy with a similar job to the one he had here.

He is located at Madison, Florida, on the Cherry Lake Farms Rural Industrial Community Project.

Mr. Carr says that they have there 5500 acres of community property under cultivation with 1000 head of beef cattle and 600 hogs, in addition to milk cows for dairy purposes.

The project covers approximately 11,000 acres and calls for the construction of 100 new houses within the next 90 days.

Mr. Carr says that his work there is practically completed and that his next assignment takes him to a desk in Washington where he has accepted a position in an administrative capacity within the Administration.

The second letter is from Jack Lund. Jack says they had quite a stormy trip down, but all finally landed in Duluth right-side-up-with-care. They are having some tough weather back there according to him. It was 32 below zero while he was writing the letter.

Jack says he will be seeing us all in the Spring. In the meantime he is keeping busy building bear dens at the Duluth Zoo Gardens. He sends greetings to all.

Bill Wade of the power plant crew has just received the sad news that his twenty-year-old son passed away at Carlisle, Iowa, a victim of bronchial pneumonia.

NEXT LEGION MEETING AT BUTTE

The next meeting of the Legion; in conjunction with the Auxiliary, will be held on Friday the 27th at the Butte Community Hall.

The invitation was given by the Butte members at the last joint assembly and repeated with emphasis at the Tuesday stag gathering.

Apparently they expect to entertain in royal manner. It is hoped that the weather man will be kind and that members do not forget that the date has been changed from Tuesday to Friday for this one occasion.

Usual transportation will bring all to Rev. Bingle's home from where the trek to the Butte will start at 7:45 PM. Women are to bring cookies and ice cream.

On Saturday, March 21, the Legion Auxiliary will serve lunch and sell cooked food at the Commissary. Women of the Auxiliary are asked to send in their contributions for the sale.

This sale is conducted for the purpose of furnishing the women with a method of earning their dues.

Mrs. B. J. Bingle
Publicity Chairman

COMMUNITY CHURCH NOTES

The Camp 8 & 9 group of women folk interested in, or connected with, the Community Church are asked to meet at the home of Mrs. Erickson at 2 PM on March 20th.

At a meeting of ministers and one lay delegate of the Presbytery of the Yukon a review of the Protestant Community Church at Palmer was made and the organization went on record as highly endorsing the Federated Church Constitution as worked out by the Local Church Council, and recommended to its higher organization not only a continuation, but an advancement of the work here. Reverend Bingle was elected representative to the annual assembly at Syracuse, N.Y. May 28th.

Lloyd Bell of 194 has just received a letter from his favorite cousin whom he had not heard from in years. She is a nurse at Morningside, Asylum for the insane of Alaska, at Portland, Oregon.

She writes that she is expecting him almost any boat now.

Watch your step, Lloyd, Marshal Jack Hermon is looking for a trip outside as escort, and he's pretty busy hunting up a subject.

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ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF SAFETY

The tragedy of the hideous death of Robert Canning is still fresh in the minds of the workmen of Palmer. The writer served on the Coroner's Jury which investigated the accident that caused the unfortunate saw-mill hand's life. He saw the horrible mutilation which the teeth of the saw had inflicted upon him.

One remembers such things. A feeling of sick horror wells up from deep within one when he thinks of how, on the day before, the waxy and truncated corpse had been a happy and virile man, full of the joy of life; entirely unaware of an impending and merciless death which screamed in the glittering whiteness that rimmed the whirling blade of the saw.

Our legs and arms are coupled to our brains. The brain is fully capable of keeping legs and arms out of lots of dangerous places -- that is, if the brain is given a chance to work.

Many of us hate to think. Some seem to believe that any show of thoughtfulness on his neighbor's part is a sign of cowardice or of weakness. There are some who mistake carelessness for bravery.

But the brave man is the fellow with the courage to take his time when in a place where to hurry may mean to die!

Then too, of course, it becomes a habit with some men to grow calloused to dangers connected with jobs they have been working on for years. Such men must be protected against themselves, for their state of mind is dangerous indeed.

Belts, pulleys, saw-teeth, electrical apparatus, moving caterpillar tractors, heavy objects propped up at treacherous balance, upturned nails projecting from boards lying on the ground, all are dangerous as rattlesnakes. If you would avoid them, it is necessary that you should THINK!

We must be watchful of all these things. Not only may one save his own life or prevent some terrible injury to himself, but he may also prevent an accident to someone else.

To say that a happening is an accident is to admit that it is wholly or partly unexpected when it happens. No one ever deliberately suffers an accident. If he intended to do it, or if he knew it was coming and did nothing to stop it, we'd say that he was either crazy or plain dumb.

We all start out with the best of intentions, then sometimes wind up in the emergency ward, or worse, in a coffin.

One minute's carelessness can put you in a spot - then, boyoboy! what a job you have climbing out, or explaining it to Saint Peter afterward.

When you see nails, pick them up, or turn the board over, or beat the nails down. Perhaps by doing that you will save someone from a bad case of lockjaw or bloodpoisoning.

See a heavy object leaning so it will fall if someone sneezes in front of it? -- Look up the foreman if he is handy, if he isn't, get some help and straighten it before it flattens somebody into the mud.

All laboring men have to take a few chances on their lives. But there are chances he can avoid taking, if only he will use the old bean once in a while.

Death is our most permanent institution. No man has ever been known to grow a new arm or leg once he has lost one.

Safety is as safety does....
ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF SAFETY.

WANTED.. MINING TIMBER CUT ON THE PALMER ROAD NEAR JUNCTION OF WASILLA ROAD. GOOD TIMBER, GOOD PAY. WRITE FERN MINE, WASILLA, FOR PARTICULARS. T. S. MAC DOUGAL.

VALLEY CITY CAFE

CAKES, BREAD, PASTRY AND BEER

GOOD EATS!!

CIGARETTES, CANDY & TOBACCO

MORTON'S VALLEY CITY CAFE

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THE FIREMENS BALL

ON MARCH 14

March 12, 1936

MINING SHORT COURSE

LETTERS REFLECT INTEREST

THE PIONEER has recieved numer-ous requests for information regard- ing the Miner's Short-course at the University of Alaska. The following will be of interest to enquirers.

The short course begins about the middle of November and lasts ten weeks. Tuition is free. Following are the expenses of the course:

Materials, registration, dormit-ory and board, total of \$62.00.

Bedding and linen must be furn-ished by the student.

A \$10.00 deposit is required of every dormitory resident.

Needed books can be bought at the college Co-op at a very reasonable charge, the college making no profit from book sales.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

GEOLOGY I -- Elementary Geology, which gives information about that part of the science needed by the average prospector, showing him how minerals are deposited and where to look for them. There is a collection of minerals on display for use in connection with the course.

GEOLOGY III -- Mineralogy which teaches the prospector how to test his samples to find out if there are minerals of value in them. There is enough chemistry brought up so that reactions of samples are perfectly clear to the student. When the av-erage man finishes this course he will be able to recognize at sight or by simple tests all of the more important minerals in the field.

(Fee for this course: \$2.00)

ORE DRESSING -- This is a course of lectures and of laboratory work on the performance of crushing and grinding machinery, jigs, hand sort-ing, sluicing, wet concentration methods, and amalgamation. Some work in coal washing will be done if any-one so elects.

(Fee for this course: \$2.00)

METALLURGY -- Fire Assaying. This teaches the student how to sample and prepare minerals for analysis, and how to assay for silver, gold and lead under ordinary circumstanc-es. The student himself operates the furnaces under the instructor's sup-ervision.

(Fee for this course: \$3.00)

MINING I -- Mining Methods. These are lectures and laboratory work covering prospect-development, in-stallation and operation of mining machinery, timbering, stoping and mining of ores, smelter contracts and shipments, preliminary surveying and mining law. Considerable work is done in the school mine-plant, oper-ating compressors and air-drills.

CAMP COOKERY -- Selection of suppli-es and cooking under camp conditions

(Fee for this course: \$2.50)

Letters being received by val-ley residents show plainly that many outside are still keenly in-terested in affairs of the colony.

One such letter, just received by Marty Novak encloses a poster regarding a series of lectures be-ing given by Mr. H.W. Snell who took moving pictures of colony ac-tivities during the summer. Ed, Marty's brother from whom the let-ter was received, says that they created a great deal of interest.

"There has been a lot of propa-ganda spread here," Ed writes. "But being a lover of Alaska I argue and show them written proof from you and George and that con-vinces some of them. Mr. Snell's pictures prove beyond a doubt that Alaska is a fine place...a land of promise. They are so convincing that people cannot believe the stuff that has been spread by the Alaskan quitters, after seeing them."

It is interesting to note that the letter heading records a 20 below temperature at Lyons, Illi-nois, the day it was written:

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(Adv.)

KOSLOSKY'S - PALMER
"The Friendly Store"

JUST RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF
"BLUE RIBBON MALT SYRUP"

also

LATEST THING IN BOTTLE CAPPER &
ORANGE JUICER
BOTTLE CAPS - SYPHONS - BEER
MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES.....

KOSLOSKY'S PALMER

COLONY BARBER SHOP

OPEN 6 to 8 - Saturdays til 9:30

Let Ted fix you up for the dance

"MATANUSKA MAID" EGGS WILL SOON
BE A NOTED ALASKAN PRODUCT

The following orders have been dispatched by the Compositon for live-stock and supplies:

7,000 chicks; 213 geese, 64 ganders, 26 drakes, 126 ducks, 46 tom-turkeys, 179 turkey hens, 6 rams, 544 ewes, 8 red jersey boars, 75 brood sows, 144 milk cows, 114 horses.

92 cream separators have also been ordered.

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GUEST OF HONOR
AT FIREMEN'S BALL

It has been announced that Miss Alaska is to Guest of Honor at the Firemen's ball to be held here on March 14th.

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UP TO DATE GASOLINE STATION
AT TRANSPORTATION GARAGE

The transportation garage in the Community Center is now equipped with up to date gasoline dispensing standards, and a transfer pump has been installed to shunt gasoline from tank-car to storage. This pump recently handled gasoline at a rate of 6500 gallons per hour...

Who says "Roarin' Bill" Taylor don't know his plumb-bing?

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COLONY SPIRIT EXPRESSED IN PLANS
FOR NEW CATHOLIC BUILDING

Plans have been drawn and felling commenced for Palmer's new Catholic Church which is to be constructed north of the Community Center on land recently purchased from Roland Snodgrass.

The new building will be a novelty in church-construction. It is to be a simple, straightforward expression of log construction in a purely northern manner, embodying the frontier influence.

The interior is to be of logs, with rustic furniture to conform with the rustic architecture. The main altar will be of stone, the side altars of wood.

Living quarters, built integrally with the main church structure, will comprise living-room, kitchen, bedroom and bath. The finish will be of natural logs. Interior furnishings will consist of rustic furniture, and of products of local cabinet shops. Native materials will be used as much as possible.

The church will not be equipped with stained-glass windows.

When finished, it will be the first purely ecclesiastical building of the Palmer Community. The

building constructed during the early days of the Colony has been used as a joint worshipping place by all faiths extant in Palmer, has served as a library, later as a dormitory.

The new church will be one of the show-spots of the town when completed.

Thanks are due to Architects Jacobs and Wolfe who have applied much of their spare time to the plans of the building. Their joint efforts have resulted in the creation of a thing of beauty.

Father Merrill Sulzmann and parishioners have been very busily felling timbers, and should soon have enough to begin building.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

Frank Linn severed the index finger from his left hand while working on a buzz-saw at one of the camps, and Frank Ryan, working at the same place, suffered lacerations of face, scalp and hip in a similar accident.

Mrs Weiler, Colonist, of Tract 2 gave birth on Thursday at 5:50 PM to a nine-pound, seven ounce baby.

Foggy Fitzpatrick is a patient in the Palmer Hospital where she is recovering from a tonsillectomy.

News has been recieved from Rex Atwood in Washington, D. C., that Mrs. Atwood has presented him with a five-pound, three-ounce girl. The child was born at 5 PM on February 25th. Mother and child are doing well.

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OLE'S TAXI		
COLONY	CAB	SERVICE
A BRAND NEW FORD V8 SEDAN		
CLUB RATES A SPECIALTY WITH US		
HANS NORDHEIM	PROPRIETOR	

COMMUNITY CENTER BARBER SHOP OPEN FROM 8 to 8 --- SATURDAY UNTIL 9:30 Shop Taken Over by-- Ted McRoberts.

LOST--- \$10.00 Parker pen in front of Koslosky's Card Room -- If found return to PIONEER office.

SOURDOUGH SAM SAYS:-

"The guy who's struck it rich has no way o' tellin' who his real tillikums are; but the poor feller don't have any trouble findin' out who his friends are."

BUY PIONEERS AND SEND TO FRIENDS

PALMER TO GO ON THE AIR

According to a wire received by Mr. Sheely from Colonel Westbrook the National Broadcasting Company is sending Production Manager Don Thompson up here some time this coming week with equipment enabling him to broadcast from Palmer over a nation-wide hook-up.

Short speeches and skits are to be arranged and rehearsed. They will be designed to give short and intimate glimpses of the development of the project during its first year.

Mr. Thompson, who is being flown in by Pilot Joe Crosson, was due here the tenth, but was delayed and will probably arrive the first part of this coming week.

ALASKA MUTUAL BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION IN LOCAL FIELD

An all-Alaskan life insurance company, the Alaska Mutual Beneficial Association now has a local headquarters in Anchorage. The company is represented by B. C. Johnson and Grover Fireovid, who have a temporary office in the Parsons Hotel at Anchorage. They were in Palmer recently, securing fifty applications during their visit, and stated that they would return around March 20th.

Their organization has its main headquarters in Juneau and its policies are available only for persons living in the Territory of Alaska.

SWEAZEY GETS BOOST

Manley Sweazey recently recieved a bit of good news when he was informed by his home office that he had been made Territorial Supervisor of the Northern Life Insurance Company.

Finger waves, etc., at the Civic Center Barber Shop every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. From 10 AM until 8 PM.

Miss Reiten

Escar Chaney and family of #161 have declared their intention of returning to their former home in the States.

Mrs. Chaney is a sister of Mrs. John Pfeiff of #76.

Gar (Andy) Anderson, boss steam-fitter, says that they've cut his crew down and now he has to go to work himself.

Your reporter recalls a few things that he saw on the trip to the Fairbanks Ice Carnival..... Mayor E.B. Collins stepping a high wide and fancy light fantastic with Miss Alaska.... Chub Douglas, Livengood mining man, trying to make up his mind about returning to the diggings..... the Dawson hockey team offering plane trips to the Dominion city to a trio of Anchorage belles..... Bee McNally expressing sympathy over Andy Anderson's hockey stick shiner.... Miss Egegik trying to tell Fairbanksans how to pronounce the name on her banner.... Miss Nushagak having the same trouble.... Miss Unalaska winning a swell argument with that good looking Fournier lad from Dawson..... Betty Watson trying to stretch the day in an effort to keep all engagements.... Her sister and Donald McDonald arguing everything except 'single tax'..... Jean, leader of the Anchorage orchestra, making collections in an unmentionable piece of bedroom furnishing..... Nord Nathey trying to get some sleep on the train.... Queen Virginia I succeeding.... Butch Brandt wrestling seats in an effort to make all the ladies comfortable..... Harold Koslosky telling all to 'Come up and see me sometime'.... Ralph Horton hunting tickets.....

KOSLOSKY'S PALMER "The Friendly Store"

SKADS OF SKEINS FOR YOUR YEN FOR YARN..

Also KNITTING KNEEDLES and Material for Colorful Scarves And Knitted dresses

Many New Useful Items in the Hardware Line 'ENAMELWARE AND DISHES

JUST RECEIVED

A New Winchester Model 71, .348 Cal Rifle -- Will have a COUPLE MORE Next Week....

Koslosky's "the friendly Store"

