Pioneer looks forward to the 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 at that title at the annual Fairbanks Ice Carnival last Thursday evening at the inland city.

Seven judges who saw the four contestants viera 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 Gonda, daughter of Leonard "Gonda, the famous cor 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. Thrifty 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 A-charge Palmer Hockey team beat the Fairbanks pucksters in a closely played game, winning on a score of 4-2. Palmer's G. R. Anderson shot the puck 190 feet to make the longest goal ever made on a Fairbanks court. Fanny Karlovich, Palmerian Goals, was up to his usual brillant 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, contested 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 clear-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 northern style.

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

Kling, Commissioner & Kring Kling Mass Conclusively

Ernie Kling of the Kling Kab Company has been united in matrimony with Miss Mildred Ferguson, Palmer schoolteacher. Commissioner Furlong officiated at the marriage.

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

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

Victim of Sawmill Accident

Robert Canning, unfortunate victim of the sawmill mishap at Camp Ten, was laid to rest at 11:00AM on this date. A Requiem Mass was held, Rev. Fr. Merrill Sullivan officiating.

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 Baskett Ball Court.

This spacious 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.

First Baseball Casualty

The approach of the 1935 baseball season made itself felt recently, Alaska Railroad's Count Passo almost ruined his arm while practicing with a catcher's mitt, and threatened to sue the Pioneer because of the resultant stiffness.
NOVILITY TAXIDERMY ON DISPLAY

Mr. Menley Swaynezy has placed on display at the Palmer Curio Shop, Mrs. Ring's, some novel ornaments which he made from thrown mouse horns. The ornaments are not for sale, Mr. Swaynezy explains - he has placed them at Mrs. Ring's for 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 (COFFEE) POT

Sentry - "Halt! Who goes there?"
Ex - "Coffey."
Sentry - "Coffey, leave the grounds!"
Ex - "Not 'ill 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. Thelma 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 3800 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 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 without a care. They have been stuck on the 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 traps for the Duluth Taxidermists. 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.
EXTERNAL 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 which 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 bristled corpse had been a healthy and virile man, full of the joy of life; entirely unaware of an impending and remorseless death which screamed in the glittering whiteness that rimmed the whirling blade of the saw.

Our legs and arms are couched 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 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 their jobs when they have been working on for years. Such men must be protected against themselves, for their state of mind is dangerous indeed.

Boasts, vulgarity, saw-teeth, electrical apparatus, moving caterpillar tractors, heavy objects propped up at treacherous balance, unturned 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.
LETTER'S REFLECT INTEREST

Letters being received by valley residents show plainly that many outside are still keenly interested in affairs of the colony. One letter, just received by Kurt Nauj, encloses a roster regarding a series of lectures being given by "T. F. W. Wilson" who took moving pictures of colony activities during the summer. Ed, Nauj's brother from whom the letter was received, says that they created a great deal of interest.

There has been a lot of "prognostics" about here, someone to write: "But being a lover of Alaska I argue and show them written proof from you and George and that convinces some of them. It seemed as if the views of all people here can't believe the stuff that has been spread by the Alaskan quitters, after seeing them."

It is interesting to note that the letter writer records a 29 below temperature at Lena, Illinois, the day it was written.

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VOGLITSY'S - PALMER

"T = Friendly Store"

JUST RECEIVED A STUDENT OF "BLUE RIBBON VALT SYRUP"

also...

LATEST IN CRISPS IN BOTTLE CRISPS & GRAN JUICE

BOTTLE CRISPS - SYRUPS - BEER

MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES.......

VOGLITSY'S - PALMER

COLONY PAPER STORE

 OPEN 6 to 6 - SATURDAYS TIL 6:30

Let Ted fix you up for the dance

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MINING SHORT COURSE

THE PIONEER has received numerous requests for information regarding 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, dormitory and board, total of $8.00.

Beading and linen must be furnished 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

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

GEOLIGY II -- 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 here so that reactions of samples are perfectly clear to the student. When the average 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: $2.40)

ORE DRESSING -- This is a course of lectures and laboratory work on the performance of crushing and grinding machinery, jigs, hand sorting, sluicing, wet concentration methods, and amalgamation. Some work in coal washing will be done if anyone 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 circumstances. The student himself operates the furnaces under the instructor's supervision.

(Fee for this course: $2.00)

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

(The course is not open to students.)

(Courses are charged as follows: $2.50)
Mountainska Maid Eggs will Soon
Be a Noted Alaskan Product

The following orders have been
俟ished by the Corporation for
live stock and supplies:
7,000 chicks; 213 geese; 64 gan-
ders, 26 drakes, 126 ducks, 46 tom-
turkeys, 179 turkey hens, 8 rams,
544 ewes, 6 red jersey heifers, 75
brood sows, 144 milk cows, 114 horse-
s.
22 cream separators have also
been ordered.

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Guest of Honor
At Firemen's Ball

It was announced that Miss
Mountainska 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 Center

The transportation garage in the
Community Center is now equipped
with up to date gasoline dispens-
ing standards, and a transfer pump
has been installed to shunt gaso-
line from tank car to storage. This
pump recently handled gasoline at
a rate of 6,500 gallons per hour.

Who says "hooey" Bill Taylor
don't know his plumbing?

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Colony Spirit Expressed in Plans
for New Catholic Building

Plans have been drawn and fell-
ing commenced for Palmer's new
Catholic Church which is to be con-
structed north of the Community
Center on land recently purchased
from Roland Smith.

The new building will be a nov-
elty 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 inte-
grally with the main church struc-
ture, will include living room, kitchen,
bedroom and bath. The fin-
ish will be of natural logs. Inter-
ior furnishings will consist of
rustic furniture, and of products
of local cabinet shops. Native ma-
terials will be used as much as pos-
sible.

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 cre-
aton of a thing of beauty.

Father Merrill Salzmann and par-
ishioners have been very busily
felling timbers, and should soon
have enough to begin building.

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Hospital News

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

Mrs. Walker, Colonist, of Tract 2,
was born on Thursday at 8:30 PM
in a nine pound, seven ounce baby.

Patsy Fitzpatrick is a patient
in the Palmer Hospital where she
is recovering from a tonsillotomy.

News has been received from Rex
Atwood in Wasilla, 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 Vs Sedan

Club Rates & Speciality With US

Ods Nordheim
Proprietor

Community Center Barber Shop Open
From 8 to 6 -- Saturday Until 9:30
Shop Taken Over by Ted McRoberts.
Lost -- $10.00 Jarter Pen in front of Koelisky's Carl Room -- If Found Return to Pioneer Office.

Sourdough Sam Says:

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

But pioneers and such 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 years.

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

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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 R. C. Johnson and Grover Firecvidi, 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.

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STEAKEY GETS BOOST

Manley Steakey recently received 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.

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Finger waves, etc., at the Civic Center Barber Shop every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, from 10 AM until 6 PM.

Miss Reiten

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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 Mr. John Pfeiff of #78.

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

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