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TENT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Saint Patrick's Day was marred by calamity when an overheated stove in the tent-home of Pilkington of the Accountant's office set the place afire.

Although the alarm did not blow, Volunteer Firemen lost no time in getting to the blaze. They soon subdued it, saving most of Pilk's personal effects.

It was explained that the failure to sound an alarm was due to the inaudibility of the telephone bell in the power-house, which cannot be heard over the noise of the machinery.

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GLIMPSES OF THE FIREMEN'S BALL

Your reporter took a gander at the Firemen's Ball, and here are a few of the highlights - -

Father Sulzman announcing: "The next number will be a song entitled 'Smoke Gets in Your Eyes'; the theme song of the Volunteer Fire Fighters of Palmer."

---'Smokey Joe' Sheely having the time of his life up on the stage in the early part of the evening.. He was later put to work by Ramsey as a watchman at the stage door.. Have no doubt about it: 'Smokey Joe' took that job seriously!

---The town of Wasilla must have been depopulated; almost all of the folks turned up in Palmer for the dance.

---Pictures of the Fairbanks Ice Carnival and of the Coronation of Miss Alaska were displayed beside the proscenium, and much interest was betrayed by all beholders. Someone tried to make off with some of the pictures during the dancing, but did not get away with them.

---The Ball became a photographer's holiday. Osky Weeda, Manley Sweazey and Johnny Long were all grouped on the Gallery, mutually taking advantage of Osky's flashlight apparatus.

---Stage decorations, installed by the Firemen, gave to the hall a regular holiday air. C.V.F.D. medals, lions and small shields bearing the U. S. coat-of-arms were prominently displayed on stage, projection-booth

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and gallery-rails. An empty chemical fire-extinguisher on either side of the stage left no doubt as to the nature of the sponsors of the ball.

---Midway thru the festivities, announcement was made of the wedding of Warehouseman Couden and Schoolma'am Potter.

---Queen Virginia I was escorted to the stage by the Firemen. She was introduced to the gathering, and was presented with a large and ornate cake. This cake was decorated to resemble the throne of her Coronation on Chena Slough in Fairbanks. It was the creation of Elmer Waugh, cook in the R.R.C.A. Messhall. It was a very beautiful bit of decorative pastry-making.

---The two station-agents, Neil Brown of Wasilla and Slim Johnson of Palmer, bragging to each other about their new and improved depots.

---Marguerite Packebusch, employed at Horton's Valley City Cafe, wrote and sang the Song of Dedication, accompanying herself on a banjo. The song was called 'The Fireman's Lament', and was sung to the air of 'Frankie and Johnny'.

---The size of the attending crowd was a revelation of the number of Valley inhabitants. Admission receipts totalled an even two-hundred dollars, which did not include women and children's admission.

---The bunch on the stage got a kick out of trying the new public address system, hearing their voices transformed into stentorian roars by the loudspeaker.

---About one hundred and fifty of the celebrants didn't get enough. When the dance was over they went to Jimmy StClair's Roadhouse for further frolicking.

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Archie Betts, Chief Accountant is back after a rather interesting time with a ruptured appendix.

The operation was a tough one according to Drs. Romig and Walkowski.

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THE FORGOTTEN NORTH

It seems odd to us that merchants in the States are so careless with orders from the North. If they can not fill the order out of their own stock they will delay shipment till they can rather than purchase from a competitor and shoot the stuff along.

Every Alaskan merchant has the same howl and now the ARRC can add its voice to the protest.

Our particular interest is in the paper situation. We buy our paper from the corporation...and we KNOW that the orders have gone in, but the supply fails to arrive.

Mr. Cronin ordered twenty-five reams of mimeograph paper on January 31st. It was to leave Seattle February 5th. We are still waiting for paper upon which to print the PIONEER.

So, it seems, we will have another double issue, for surely it will be in on this next boat.

If the latter half of this issue seems to duplicate some of the news in the fore part you will understand the reason.

March 21st marked the first day of Spring....

It wont be long now before the last snows go, and the ice leaves the lakes.. Pretty soon they'll be calling the willows 'bussy-willows' again, and plows will be ripping through the virgin soil of newly cleared land....

John Pioneer will be hitching up his galluses and spitting on his hands in anticipation of a summers work toward the furthering of next year's fortunes.

And what a difference will be seen with the Advent of May, as against last May... Roads, farms and a busy community where last year were forests and silence.

We see all around us the meat of accomplishment, and it is a heartening thing to look upon.

By next March, this city in the valley will be a well-established community, bound together by the iron bonds of full cooperation and of fixed and mutual purpose.

Those who were Pioneers will then be Sourdoughs. Alaska will have tried them and found them fit. And they will find themselves wholly integrated with this huge Territory which needs so many new and ambitious settlers.

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NEW STUDENTS GRADING SYSTEM

A new grading system is to be used in the Matanuska, Palmer and Butte schools.

Its divisions and symbols will be: S--superior, H--high, N--normal X--doubtful, and F--failing.

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---Bill Young and party landed down at Dave Onkka's place in search of a Saturday night bath. Imagine their surprise when they learned it was Sunday evening!

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PROTEST LACK OF TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. Jacobson at Camp 8 says that on the nights of two recent dances at the Community Center, no transportation reached Camp 8 until a very late hour. The folks out Camp 8 way wish something would be done about this, as they'd like to come in to the dances in time enough to participate in the fun...

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DOWN TO CHINA

William Bennett of Tract 68, reports that the well-drillers have really reached down toward the middle of the earth out his way.. The well on his property is three hundred feet deep, and at present there is two hundred and twenty feet of water in it...

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CHURCH NOTICE

The Camp 8 and 9 division of the Protestant Community Church Ladies Aid will entertain the ladies of the Community Church at a noon luncheon Wednesday, April 1st at the Manse. All who can come in for the occasion, please do so.

--Mrs. Carl Erickson, Pres

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NOTICE

Cabinet Shop is making beds... Colonists desiring them, drop in at the Cabinet Shop and leave your orders.

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SOURDOUGH SAM SAYS: A quiet feller is a good-deal like a porkypine: he never jumps at anybody, but Lord help th' idjit who takes a swipe at him with his bare hand!

CHANGE IN TRAIN SCHEDULE

Effective on March 18th, the Alaska Railroad's train schedules go back to their regular summer shape.

The main-line passenger train leaves Fairbanks on Wednesday, Curry Thursday for Seward; returning northward, leaves Seward and Anchorage on Friday, and Curry on Saturday.

Freight train service changes on March 21st, when it will begin to leave Seward on Saturdays.

The Palmer-Anchorage schedule will remain unchanged.

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LETTER FROM SCHALEBEN

The PIONEER office this week received a letter from Schaleben of the Milwaukee Journal.

He says that he believes there will be a large number of visitors in the Matanuska Valley during the coming summer.

Schaleben has been lecturing on the Colony. He remarks about the great interest shown in all quarters about everything pertaining to the Matanuska Valley, adding that he would like to return if his paper gives him the opportunity.

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NOTE OF THANKS

Members of the C.V.F.D. wish to express thanks to Messrs Colish, Jacobs; Jack Matheson, Bill Young Junior, and Pearl Williams, and to all others who stepped in and aided them in putting the Firemen's Ball across.

Word has been conveyed to the Pioneer that Mr. Sheely wishes to request that all employees who are not members of the Volunteer Fire Department will stay on their jobs when a fire alarm is given unless the alarm is a general one, when all employees will be expected to respond.

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ROSTER OF C.V.F.D.

In connection with the foregoing item, follows a list of those men who are members of the C.V.F.D.:

Walter Sulzman, Chief; Jack Allan, Assistant Chief; Phil C'Neill, Secretary and Treasurer; Bill Taylor, Senior Fireman; Harry Wolfe, Harry Snyder, George Black, George Sanderson, Ken Kyger, Carl Newcomb, Elmer Waugh, Luther Noey, E. J. Crawford, Bill Young, Ken Johnston, George Small, Bill Halitt, Aylmer Peterson, L. S. Cass, Sam Chicola, Gordon Asorb, Frank Allen, and 'Smoky Joe' Sheely, Messec.

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FISHING, AND HOW!

Manley Sweazey and a party of other fishermen spudded holes thru the ice of a small lake back of the farm of Harry Sears (the old Kindergarten place) and Manley came back with 165 Rainbow Trout and two or three small Silvers. He's satisfied now, as he believes he has every fish who swiped his bait last summer. Sweazey had a lot of fun giving most of his catch away.

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FRANK LINN NOW SHARE-CROPPER

Frank B. Linn, an old-timer who has lived in our Valley for 8 years, is now a share-cropper on Thuma's place.

Linn is a former dairyman at the Matanuska Experimental Station.

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LEGION NOTICE

Member of the American Legion who are coming in for the Legion meeting at the Butte on March 27th be sure to be ready in time so that those in charge of transportation can get them into Palmer to leave for the Butte by 7:45 P.M.

Women are to bring cake, cookies and ice-cream.

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INGENIOUS GROUP NAME

Bill Hynek recently suggested that the name 'Wis-minn-igans' be applied to those Colonists who came from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan.

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR PALMER STUDENTS

Mr. A. E. Schoettler, Supervisor of Vocational Education in Territorial Public Schools has arrived in Palmer, and will establish classes in Farm Mechanics in the local School.

The classes are to include instruction in forge work, farm building architecture and home economics.

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Nick Weiler of Tract #2 reports 44 inches of ice on Cottonwood Lake right back of his place. This seems almost impossible when one thinks back over the springlike days we have had.

LOSE ANYTHING: S.E. Gardner found a fountain pen in the trail.

A few pairs of overshoes left at the dances still remain unclaimed at the PIONEER office.

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PALMER DOG DERBY WINNERS

Palmer produced her share of winners in the Fairbanks Dog Derby.

As the Dog Derby Fund was under-subscribed, 'consolation prizes' of \$7.25 each were given instead of the scheduled ten.

Palmer winners were Red (Stampede) Robertson; Arron Wicklund, and Robert Canning, who, ironically, was killed in a sawmill accident before he could cash in on the prize.

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SUGGESTIONS TO HOUSEWIVES

Do you find yourself or your children becoming tired and drowsy for no apparent reason?

Perhaps a change of temperature in the room would make you feel better - an open window or door will do much to relieve that drowsy feeling. If a window could be left open all day without causing a draft it would not be necessary to constantly open the windows or doors. Change of air in a room also does much to remove cooking odors which collect.

A good thermometer would help to keep the room temperature at an even range - usually 65° to 75° Fahrenheit - a pan of water on the stove will also keep the air moist.

Sudden changes of temperature from extreme heat indoors does much to invite the 'Common Cold'.

(Pearl V. Williams, Red Cross Public Health Nurse.)

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SAINT PAT'S DANCE AT WASILLA

There was a dance held at the Wasilla Community Hall on the night of March 17th. It was sponsored by Pat Hart and Mel Gehrman. A number of Palmerites attended.

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NOTICE

Beginning Wednesday, March 25th, 1936, I shall be in my new office to the right of the entrance to the Community Hall. My hours will be from 8:00 to 11:30 A.M. every Wednesday morning.

Any person wishing information about health problems may see me at that time....

PEARL V. WILLIAMS
Red Cross Public Health Nurse.

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CHURCH NOTICE

The Seventh Day Adventist Church of Palmer wishes to announce that Sabbath School will be held at 1 o'clock Saturday Afternoon in the log hall behind Bert's Drug Store.

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SOURDOUGH SAM SAYS: "I aint seen it happen yet that a downright ignorant man ever lost an argyment."

BASKET-BALL AND ALASKAN WILD-LIFE SLIDES

There will be a basket-ball game between two Palmer teams this coming Saturday (March 21st) at the Community Hall. The teams were chosen by Harold Thuma.

After the game Mr. Sackman of Anchorage will show 125 stereopticon slides depicting Alaskan scenery and wild-life.

Admission will be fifty cents for all persons over 12 years old. Bus fare to the hall will be 10¢.

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STRAYED---ONE TEAM OF SORREL MARES IF FOUND, NOTIFY CORPORATION OR MR. BARRY OF TRACT 140.

REWARD OF TEN DOLLARS TO FINDER, OFFERED BY MR. BARRY.

LOST -- Left in Dormitory: ONE CASE FOR GLASSES, property of Miss Zelda King. If found, bring to PIONEER OFFICE.

!!NOTICE!!

IN FUTURE, ANY COLONIST CALLING ON PLUMBING DEPARTMENT FOR PLUMBING OR REPAIRS WILL BE CHARGED ONE DOLLAR PER HOUR FOR LABOR PLUS 15¢ PER MILE TRANSPORTATION.

----Bill Taylor, Chief Plumber.

...TO UNSTOP A SINK DRAIN...

Mr. Taylor requests that the Pioneer print the following:

"If your sink-drain becomes clogged, look on the drain pipe beneath the floor. You will find a cleaning plug there. Simply unscrew this plug. You will then be able to loosen the obstruction by using a piece of wire."

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. MACDOUGAL.....

NORTHERN LIFE "3 in 1" POLICIES PROTECT YOU THREE WAYS LIFE ---- ACCIDENT ---- HEALTH ALL IN ONE RELIABLE COMPANY.....

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VALLEY CITY CAFE

CAKES PIES PASTRY AND BREAD

GOOD EATS!!

CIGARETTES....CANDY....TOBACCO

FORTON'S VALLEY CITY CAFE

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FLYING PHOTOGRAPHER HERE FOR N.B.C. BROADCAST

Fred Ordway of Juneau, Alaska's Flying Photographer, earned his title by over 60,000 miles of photographic flights throughout the Territory.

On a recent trip to the States, Ordway covered 8,000 miles, flying from Seattle to Chicago over north-western airlines, continuing to New York from which city he flew to Los Angeles via Denver, thence up the coast to Seattle.

Says Fred: "During the entire flight, only three cancellations were made due to inclement weather in the East.

"Alaska's trail-blazing pilots fly under weather conditions the existence of which in the States is considered sufficiently bad to cause cancellation of flights.

"The United States is a network of lighted airways, airports equipped with every safety device such as beam-radio beacons and weather observation instruments, all of which are under the constant supervision of the Department of Air Commerce. And considerable money is spent in trying out innovations that may be of possible assistance to air navigation and to build up the safety factor, while the same congressional body responsible for this high safety factor totally ignores Alaska, and the great need of airport improvements in Alaska."

Mr. Ordway is at present in the Matanuska Valley taking photographs for use by Eastern publishers, and considers every possible credit is due the heads of the Colony, who are apparently doing an impossible job in the face of adverse criticism. He says he believes from personal observation that the Colony is due to become a success.

In conversing at random with Colonists and with other residents of the Matanuska Valley, Mr. Ordway states that he has not heard a single remark from any individual or group indicating dissatisfaction with the Colony, management, Alaska; in fact, an optimistic spirit prevails throughout the Valley.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Two of the Ruddell children and Janet Sherrod recently had their tonsils removed at the hospital.

Born to Mrs. Gilford Lemmon on Friday the Thirteenth: an 8-pound boy.

Billy Zook coasted into a stump at a good speed, injuring his left side so badly that for a few days he was in a critical condition. However, the danger is now past, and he is rapidly recovering.

Kenneth Tozer has been discharged from the isolation ward, where he has been confined with a case of Scarlet Fever.

John Pfeiff has returned home after 6 weeks in the hospital with a bad knee. He will, however, be returning to the hospital three times each week for baking treatments.



MORE LOCAL HISTORY MADE

The Colonial V.F.D. turned out in a body this afternoon (March 20) for a group photograph by Fred Ordway. The only ones of the Fire-laddies to miss out were Assistant Fire-chief Jack Allman and Honorary member Ross Sheely, who were busily engaged in getting the National Broadcasting Company program arranged for the next day.



WELL, WELL! COLUMN

---Looks as though Prosperity had finally turned that corner---

Many Colonists have neglected to come in for their cash allowance.

STRAYED: ONE SORREL MARE. IF FOUND, NOTIFY CORPORATION OR MR. GUST RASCHKE OF TRACT 154. REWARD OF TEN DOLLARS OFFERED BY MR. RASCHKE.

FOUND at Basket-ball game in the Community Hall: One pair of mitts. Finder is Eddie Moore. Loser apply at the PIONEER office.

THE PIONEER CAB

GEORGE LEMMON.....DRIVER
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VALLEY CITY CAFE

CAKES...PIES...PASTRY...AND BREAD
FRESH DAILY
"GOOD EATS"
CIGARETTES...CANDY...TOBACCO

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RIDE IN COMFORT---NEW FORD SEDAN
CLUB RATES A SPECIALTY WITH US
HANS NORDHEIM.....Proprietor

SAVE YOURSELF THE TROUBLE OF WRITING LETTERS

Slip the home-folks the news by mailing them copies of THE MATANUSKA VALLEY PIONEER.

PRESIDENT'S BALL MONEY SENT TO WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION

The proceeds from the President's Ball, held on February 22nd, were sent to Washington by Howard Lyng, accompanied by the following letter:

"The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt The White House, Washington, D. C., Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find money order in the amount of \$105.15, made to the order of the Warm Springs Foundation.

"The sum represented in the money order is the net proceeds accruing from the Colonist's Ball commemorating your last birthday, and held at Palmer, Alaska, in the new Community Hall built in connection with the Matanuska Colonization Project for the use of the Colonists.

"The Ball unfortunately could not be held on the proper date in conjunction with the other towns and communities of Alaska, due to a prevailing epidemic of Smallpox throughout the Valley, which necessitated a quarantine.

"Your birthday was celebrated by the Colonists on February 22nd, the birth-date of another Great American who like yourself is greatly loved for his great humanitarianism.

"While the sum is not large, it should be remembered that the Colonists have not as yet become self-supporting, and small as it is, it is sent along as a slight token of esteem and affection for a great leader who has accomplished so much toward the rehabilitation of the ordinary citizen.

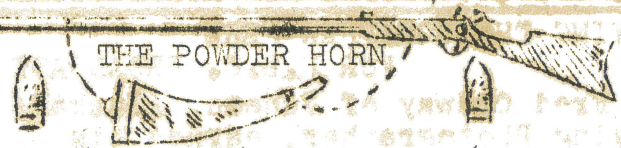
"The Colonists look forward with confidence in the future under your wise guidance, and feel that during your next four-years-term as head of the Nation, they will have achieved the goal of every free-born American -- financial and economic security for their respective families.

"Respectfully and sincerely yours -- (signed) Howard Lyng, Chairman of the President's Ball."

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---The statement of the President's Ball, rendered by Howard Lyng, who was the Chairman of the Ball, is as follows:

Table with financial details: Total receipts \$186.00, Expenses: Decorations \$12.30, Punch 5.45, Police: Wm. Bouwens and C. Kurtz 10.00, Rent of Hall 25.00, Transportation 28.10, Total Expense 80.85, Balance 105.15



Palmer, Alaska, March 17th, 1936. To the POWDER HORN:

Some time back a notice was furnished by the two representatives that a meeting would be held in District No. 2 at a named place. Several of us have taken time out, walked over, and have been disappointed. We decided that to be fooled twice is plenty.

I would suggest this: if you have something and want it, take care of it. If you don't want it, why, get rid of it.

Trusting to find better service in the future, I beg to remain George Connors, Tract 132.

March 24, 1936.

Experience is the best teacher. Ten years in Alaska - from Nome to Ketchikan, riding horses, boats, airplanes, diving bells, and what-not, I THOUGHT I'd been taken for rides, but not 'til a Palmer, Alaska, taxi-driver (my compliments Oklahoma) took me for a real ride - I can taste it yet - nor will I forget. Had he been an Alaskan, well, I just wouldn't have been taken, that's all.

Taxi rates in Palmer are a certain suicide for the cab owners.

Their motto seems to be:

"When we get 'em, Boy, how we hook 'em."

Maybe the visitors will laugh last at that --- I wonder!

Fred K. Ordway.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Don Thompson and Joe Baker of the National Broadcasting Company, arrived, put the Colony's big broadcast over, and departed again, remaining in Palmer four days.

They will be catching the next boat south for the States.

Fred K. Ordway (Alaska's Flying Photographer) was a visitor in the Colony for a few days. He took numerous pictures throughout the Valley, photographed the broadcast, and is now on his way to Juneau.

R. E. Baumgartner of Seward, Democratic candidate for Territorial Representative, is visiting friends in Palmer.

FOR SALE... A BRAND NEW UNDERWOOD "CHAMPION" PORTABLE TYPEWRITER... SEE "PIONEER" OFFICE FOR PARTICULARS... PRICE, \$50.00

NBC PUTS PALMER ON AIR FOR NATION-WIDE BROADCAST

Don Thompson and Joe Baker of NBC set up a broadcasting studio in the new school building at Community Center with an experimental short-wave transmitter, the same one that had crossed the Pacific in the "China Clipper."

After a couple of attempts to get satisfactory results while the coast-to-coast time was clear, they managed at 9AM on Tuesday to send out a program, the participants of which were all Palmerians.

The broadcast was picked up by a commercial RCA station at Point Reyes, California, and from there sent by land line telephone all over the United States to stations of the Red and Blue networks.

The thirty minute broadcast was a continuity which presented the interesting phases of colonial progress in the Matanuska Valley.

Peggy Plimpton and her Palmer Pioneers furnished musical interludes during the broadcast. Spoken were: Ross Sheely, Father Merrill Sulzhan, Don Irwin, Anton Anderson, Leo Jacobs, Frank Biggs, Dr. Albrecht, Vernon Olmstead, Reverend Bingle and Jack Allan.

Mrs. Frank Ring and Mrs. Ernie Kling furnished the information which would be of interest to the ladies.

Now, for those who are interested in the mechanical set-up of the transmitter: It is a crystal controlled radiophone using 100 watts of power which is furnished by two large twelve volt storage batteries which light the tubes and drive a generator to furnish plate current.

It is compactly built and carried in a ventilated metal case about half the size of a steamer trunk. The generating unit is in a smaller case and is separate from the transmitter.

The unit worked very well despite the fact that we are hemmed in by mountains which have a tendency to check radio signals and somewhat cut down the effective range of a station.

CAMP TEN NOTES

Loren McKechnie, I. M. Sandvik, Laurin Smith, Leonard Bergan, Paul Nelson and Vince Stephan are cutting logs preparatory to setting up a sawmill on the McKechnie tract.

Kenneth McClarty, Butte teacher, will hold vocational classes each Monday in Palmer. The classes will be in gardening, poultry and pig raising and kindred subjects.

Mr. McClarty will devote full time to this work after school has closed for the summer.

PALMER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE SPORT MATCHES

The Palmer Athletic Association was formed at a meeting held in the PIONEER office last week. "Andy" Anderson was elected President, Elmer Quam Vice President and Dave Moody Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Beatrice McNally was appointed to the position of securing talent for girl teams.

A membership fee of one dollar was agreed upon, and this fee will entitle members to the use of the equipment and the hall on regular practice nights, to the exclusion of all non-members.

All girls interested in basket ball are asked to see Miss McNally or Dave Moody. Miss McNally will be at the hall Friday evening, the 27th, when the first basket ball practice will take place.

NEW RESTAURANT TO OPEN

Eula Simpson and Helen Leik, daughters of Alaskan Hunting Guide Jim Simpson, will open a restaurant in Palmer about the first of May. The new business will be next door to Bert's Drug Store.

Jim, his two daughters and his grandson, Jack Leik, plan on making Palmer their permanent home.

TO BRING BACK BRIDE? MAYBE!

When Luther (Oskey) Weeda left Palmer last week for the States he said it was on a hurry-up trip to get drug supplies for the store. He planned on staying over just one boat at Seattle.

That isn't very long to spend on a big shopping tour, but there are those here in Palmer and at Anchorage who remark slyly that it is plenty of time in which to get married.

Well, we'll just have to wait and see. Can't tell about Oskey.

Sprink is in the air. A lot of the boys have been out limbering up their arms for the coming baseball season.

In front of the Post Office last Saturday afternoon. Somebody said something against Minnesota. Somebody took it up. And the next minute eight fists were flying. Sock! Bang! Biff! First one down and then another. It was all over in about five minutes. Harold Hoagson, Cecil Kurtz, John Funk and Red McLaughlin had all had a grand time.

Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday eve, the 31st. PIONEER OFFICE

AID THE RED CROSS

*****TELEGRAM*****

JUNEAU, ALASKA, MAR. 20, 1936

TO THE MATANUSKA VALLEY PIONEERS:

FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA NEW ENGLAND STATES AND OTHER CENTERS OF POPULATION BETWEEN THE NORTH ATLANTIC SEACOAST AND THE ALLEGHENY MOUNTAINS HAVE CAUSED A MAJOR DISASTER TO A LARGE PART OF THE COUNTRY STOP MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE CALLED ON THE RED CROSS FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF INCLUDING SHELTER FOOD CLOTHING AND MEDICAL CARE STOP THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RAISE A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO MEET THIS SITUATION WHICH AFFECTS ELEVEN STATES STOP ADMIRAL CARY GRAYSON IS IN DIRECT CHARGE OF RELIEF WORK AND ALREADY HAS ONE HUNDRED TRAINED DISASTER WORKERS IN THE FIELD STOP ALASKA IS CALLED UPON TO HELP IN THE WORK OF RAISING FUNDS FOR THE FLOOD SUFFERERS STOP THE RED CROSS IS ALREADY ORGANIZING IN EACH CHAPTER TO RAISE MONEY STOP CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS FUND THROUGH THE RED CROSS SHOULD BE GENERAL STOP IT SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO RED CROSS MEMBERS STOP ALASKA QUOTA HAS BEEN FIXED BY THE RED CROSS AT THE SUM OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS STOP IT WOULD BE GREATLY TO ALASKA'S CREDIT IF SHE WOULD GO OVER THE TOP AND CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN IS ASKED FOR STOP I URGE THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY TO GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THIS FUND TO AID SUFFERERS AND TO REMEMBER THAT HE WHO GIVES QUICKLY GIVES DOUBLY STOP I URGE EVERYONE IN ALASKA TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE RED CROSS WORKERS AND GIVE AS MUCH AS HE CAN AFFORD TO THIS HUMANITARIAN CAUSE.

(signed) JOHN W. TROY GOVERNOR OF ALASKA

A PROFITABLE MORNINGS WORK.

The other day, Jake Spencer, who keeps things straight at the Material Yard, was walking out the track north of town, when two miles from Palmer his dog cornered a coyote under an ice ledge on the Matanuska river which parallels the track at that point.

Jake cut himself a club and moved in to help the dog. A couple of socks, and now Jake collects twenty dollars bounty.

BAUMGARTNER A VISITOR

Visiting Palmer on official business is R. E. Baumgartner, Seward attorney and Democratic candidate for the Lower House. He is staying with friends who live here.

BUY PIONEERS AND SEND TO FRIENDS...

EGGSACTLY, 'EGBERT, 'T WAS AN EGGCELLENT EGG!!

Big Jack Hayes, like other night workers at the power house and garage, takes his lunch with him.

"This is how we used to do it when I was a kid in school," said Jack, picking up a hen fruit and rapping it sharply against his forehead.

Seems the cook had made a mistake. The egg that smashed flat on Jack's brow was not hard boiled but raw as they come.

They say Jack is still hunting for the cook who will admit the error.

THAT MARRIAGE RACKET

No, not as bad as it sounds -- but a noisy time in any man's language was the charivari which shattered the stillness of the valley night down at Tract 161 where the quartette of newlyweds are living.

Mrs. Victor Johnson (at whose home all the courting took place before the two school teachers started out to do their own house-keeping) and the warehouse bunch were the "racket-teers" and they did such a good job that Skip Couden still has the jitters.

"Noisiest outfit I ever saw," said Ernie Kling. "Nearly wrecked the joint. Glad that's over."

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