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## PIONEER

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### MR. IRWIN TO RESIGN

Effective May 31st, Don L. Irwin, Assistant to the General Manager, resigns his post, returning to his former position as Chief of the Experimental Station at Matanuska.

As yet no one has been appointed to take Mr. Irwin's place with the A.R.R.C.

Mr. Ross Sheely goes to Washington on official business connected with the Colony, and will return in a couple of weeks.

### TO START HOME HYGIENE CLASSES

Miss Pearl V. Williams, Red Cross Public Health Nurse, announced today that beginning next week she will hold a series of classes of instruction in home hygiene and in the care of the sick. Classes will be held from 1 to 3 PM on Wednesdays.

### ORGANIZE LADIES AID SOCIETY

The community church organized its Ladies Aid this week. About 20 women had luncheon at the Manse.

Mrs. Carl Erickson was elected President, Mrs. Rorrison is to be Secretary.

The next meeting will be held on the first Wednesday in May; when a Noon Luncheon will be served at the Manse.

### NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM ARRIVES

Palmer has received its new fire Alarm system. However it will be some time before the apparatus is installed.

The system comprises twelve stations, with boxes for both inside and outside installation.

Breaking a glass in the front of the alarm box causes a spring contact to close, actuating the alarm signals.

### GUS GELLES A VISITOR

Gus Gelles of Anchorage, owner of Sallie's Sweet Shop, was a recent visitor in Palmer.

BUY PIONEERS AND SEND TO FRIENDS....

### NET RAIDERS

Tony Vickaryous of Tract 163 was recently a victim of net-raiders who cut up his nets in the lake near his farm

Vickaryous says he knows who the raiders are, and wishes they'd square up for the damage they have done.

### CLOSE SHAVE

Walt Manginen's three-year-old child walked right between the legs of a vicious horse which had already taken a couple of kicks at Walt on previous occasions.

Walt says that when he saw the youngster do that, his heart went right down in his shoes.

But the horse never moved.

### MYSTERY

Lynn Robinson, Corporation employee, received by mail a purse which he had lost in Seattle two years ago. The purse arrived with a two-year-old hock ticket and Robinson's seaman's papers. It had been forwarded in a plain envelope with no note of explanation enclosed.

Johnson has no idea whom the finder might have been, or how they could have known he is in Alaska.

All of which goes to prove that if someone wants badly enough to find you, they probably will do it.

### HARD TIMES

It don't look as though the depression is being felt very badly around Palmer... Eight of the Colonists now own automobiles.

### ANOTHER FIRE

On the morning of April First, a fire broke out in an empty tent back of the old hospital row, but firemen had responded by the time the alarm was sounded, and speedily extinguished the blaze.

FOR SALE----5-passenger Nash Sedan Advance Six Model..Reasonable... ENQUIRE BOB'S TAXI SERVICE, PALMER



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SCHAKEL WINS A PIG

Elmer Schakel, Palmer cabbie, left the dance last Saturday night richer by one young and inexperienced porker. The pig, donated to Miss Pearl Williams by M. D. Snodgrass, was the prize of a raffle held to provide funds for the Red Cross Flood Relief Fund.

Pressed as to his intentions regarding the critter, Schak' averred he might tie a pink ribbon on it's neck and make a pet out of it -- --but then, he confessed that a tremulous feeling at the pit of his stomach and a watering of his mouth might lead to fresh roast pork and applesauce...

NOTE OF THANKS

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted in making the 'Pig Raffle' for the flood victims, such a success.

"First of all, my thanks are extended to Mr. Snodgrass who donated the little animal; then to Bernadine Reitan, and to Messers Allman, Bill Young Jr., Joe Sheely and Wm. Bouwens, whose efforts made it possible to realize the sum of \$14.50.

--Pearl V. Williams,  
Red Cross Public Health Nurse."

SLIM JOHNSON'S CASTLE

If Depot Agent Slim Johnson's chest seems to be a bit larger than usual, blame it on the new and very swellegant Palmer depot, living quarters attached, which Slim now calls "Home Sweet Home". Varnished floors, panelled walls, modern and spiffy lighting fixtures, a nice big concreted cellar with an Iron Fireman feeding the furnace, rooms galore with all the necessary closet space....No wonder Slim is proud of that castle of his.

Leif Strand's B&B Gang made heap magic when they built that station. They seem to have left very little to be desired.

NEW ANGLE ON ANDERSON

A muck-stick still fits Anton Anderson's hand. ...Think of it! An engineer and surveyor who has spent years with bow-pen and transit, reverting to type that way!

That was on the 31st, when the chinook thaw charged the roadside ditch before Anton's tent office with muddy water. He grabbed a muckstick and started shovelling. In just a little bit, the water was merrily on it's way. Anton said it made him feel home-sick, the shovel fit his hand so well.

GOES F.D.R. ONE BETTER

"Mrs. Godfrey takes charge of weather."  
(Headline in Anchorage Times of recent date)

...Who says Alaskans don't rate authority?

ORCHESTRA HOLDS DANCE

On Saturday night, March 25th, a dance was held in the Palmer Community Halls under the auspices of the "Palmer Pioneers". The hall closed at midnight, whereupon many of the celebrants went to Jimmy Saintclair's to wind up the night.

COLONEL OHLSON VISITS

Twice during the past week, Palmer has been visited by Colonel Ohlson, General Manager of the Alaska Railroad. His private car was set out on the team track while he inspected the Colony and conferred with General Manager Sheely.

Mr. Sheely leaves for Washington today on official business.

AURORA FOREALIS

On the night of March 30th, about midnight or slightly after, there appeared a very beautiful and impressive display of the Aurora. The eastern sky, behind the mountains, was lit as though by the sunrise, and an enormous, thick arch of bright greenish light extended all the way across the northern heaven, losing itself beyond the mountains to westward.

Lasting about an hour, the display was very intense.

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WHO WILL HOLD THE WINNING NUMBAH???

So far, Palmer has seemingly had a touch of Midas-luck. Everything has turned out pretty well, what with three Palmerians holding winning tickets on the Fairhanks Dog Derby, and Miss Palmer walking off with the Miss Alaska title.

The only thing now lacking is an Ice Pool winner from Palmer; and the burning question of the day is: WHO IS GOING TO GRAB OFF ALL THOSE BUCKS WHICH HAVE BEEN POURING INTO NENANA, AND WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO POUR IN THERE UNTIL APRIL 12TH?

So far, the breaks have been with Palmer... and it only takes one dollar's worth of ticket to hit it, if you happen to guess right!

BUY PIONEERS AND SEND THEM TO YOUR POME-FOLKS.... THEY ARE CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN PALMER....



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These liquid spring days make a feller feel like a fly that has poked its foot into the sticky fly paper. They do say that if a man's foot will slip, spring will kick it out from under him.

That warm sun sort of poisons the blood with an immovable indifference as to the results of his acts, and a man so afflicted is hardly to be blamed for the results of it.. ONLY, the fellow whose foot slips now, will only have to blame his own judgement if he don't do right by his obligations.

An ocean trip is a nice vacation, but it does not last long enough.

So, stick to your knitting, boys. The lazy Springtime feelings will be over very shortly, and when the plow has its nose stuck down into the furrow, you'll have the same sensation the slot-machine player has when he thinks he might hit the jack-pot.

So go to it! Fortune is at your elbow.... if you lose, you can only blame yourself!

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CHANGE IN CATHOLIC CHURCH SCHEDULE

Mass will be held at the New School building at 8 and 10 A.M. on Palm Sunday.

There will be a notice regarding Easter Services next week.

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DONT BLOW SOME FRIEND'S HEAD OFF

Francis Henry has noted that Colonists have been practicing their marksmanship on trees along the various roads. That's fine and dandy, but did you ever stop to think that in shooting across the roads, you might sink a .30 Calibre slug into the head of some passer-by? And when you come to think of it, you'd feel pretty sick if you blew half the face off some neighbor of yours.

Use some consideration, fellers, and probably you may save yourself a lot of nightmares at later dates.

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COMMUNITY CHURCH NOTICE

Special Easter Service- Palm Sunday and Easter. Held in Gymnasium. All who can get transportation, come in.

PALMER'S FIRST EASTER.

FEEL LIKE RAISING HECK ABOUT IT?

There's been some misunderstanding about the Powder Horn, from the way things look.

That magazine of dynamite is open for anything from a pop-gun salute to a ten-hour barrage; it will minister to any ailment from a mild headache to an awful pain in the neck....only thing is: the contributor must sign his or her name to the letter. Profane or obscene matter will not be printed. So if you have a growl coming - or if you only think you have, shoot it in.

DOGS

Ballard Dean of Tract 159 says he wishes some folks would use a little consideration. He is trying to raise mink, and has been having quite a lot of trouble due to strange dogs harrassing his animals.

There are too many loose dogs running around the Colony as it is. Persons owning them should take pains to keep track of them; to see that their pets do not do damage which might exasperate someone to a point where he might feel it necessary to take harsh measures in protection of his property.

Many a regrettable argument has begun over lax control of dogs. Let us hope nothing like that will happen in the Colony.

DORGS

The expectant looks on the maps of the dozens of purps who haunt the rear of the mess-hall at meal-time would wring the heart of a brass detective... Some day someone will walk out of the mess-hall with a sandwich in his hand, fall down, and get so mixed up with the pooches he'll come out of the melee wagging his tail.

DISGUISES

The spring snows of last week certainly brought out the black glasses. There were more mysterious people ambling around Palmer with dark spectacles on... But that is lots better than sporting a pair of sore eyes. Old Sol puts out a brilliant glare, hitting the newly fallen snow.

FIRST REDBREAST

Lawrence Rorrison, Tract 112, claims he saw the first robin of the season out at his place a couple of days ago. Won't be long now before the kids will be going bare-foot in the mud.

HOW ABOUT A PIONEER, MISTER.....



HOSPITAL NOTES

Recently Mrs Walter Marganen and Mrs Leroy Hamman were operated upon for appendicitis. Both ladies are doing quite satisfactorily now.

Mrs Manganen is the first person to undergo a major operation in the new Palmer Hospital.

SHEELY OFF FOR STATES

Don Irwin was authority for the statement that on Wednesday Ross Sheely asked for transportation to the States.... AND HE GOT IT.

This doesn't mean that he is quitting the project because he can't get along with himself.

He is bound for Washington on a hurry-up business trip, in connection with his duties as General Manager of the Project.

FATHER HUBBARD TO PAY COLONY A RETURN VISIT IN JULY

Father Hubbard, celebrated Glacier Priest will arrive in Palmer on July 3rd, with a party. He is bringing with him Nick Cavaleri, chief cameraman for Frank Buck, and who filmed 'Bring Em Back Alive', and 'Wild Cargo'. Cavaleri will shoot scenes of the Colony.

LOST --At Dance in Community Hall last Saturday: Red Linen Handkerchief. If found, bring to PIONEER office.

LOST -- a Parker Vacuumatic fountain pen.. was a present to Bill Young.

REWARD TO FINDER

FOUND by Lloyd Thorsen: RED SCARF Owner apply PIONEER office.

NICK WEILER

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TRACT TWO

COTTONWOOD LAKE FARM

.....TO THE LADIES OF PALMER.....

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WILL BE IN PALMER APRIL 8TH

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Harriet Kepler-Matanuska

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