A fire of undetermined origin broke out at 6:10 this evening, completely wiping out the old warehouse narrow space to the lumber piles, and contents, also the U.S. Signal Corps Station which occupied a corner of the building.

The Colonial Volunteer Fire Department was on the job early with all equipment, but the dense and acrid smoke made entry to the seat of the fire impossible.

Elmer Vaug, Bill Talley and some between the burning building and the other boys crawled across the blazing lumber piles where they office floor and into the main storage area, to where they could hear what sounded like freezing cream, but smeared on their faces and in spite of this the first three named were scorched. Bill's too tough to let off a fire eat through his skin.

Others flew and lit on storage tanks that the big 40 'cats' were dragging away. Residents along the railroad track began emptying their homes of personal belongings. Fire Marshal Kelman was busy advising the citizens to hustle in what he had learned as a fireman in other Alaskan towns. Chief Bill Taylor, his face roasting a lobster red, was everywhere at once.

Don Irwin, from a vantage point atop the open storage shed, shouted out the location of new fires. And, within an hour the roaring flames had consumed the low building to the ground. The danger was past.

No more property was not destroyed due to the efforts of the fire crew and volunteer employees.

Mr. Irwin estimates the loss at $25,000, including the building.

The reason for the low estimate is the fact that much of the stuff in the warehouse was by now a roaring storage there was saved.

The building was by now a roaring storage there was salvaged equipment.

A chemical fire extinguisher from the Transient Division of the U.S. Signal Corps hit the center of the building and hit a hundred feet in loss of the machinery equipment.

The business site had been the warehouse and six new machines, and one of the six new machines and its owner.

With a rattle like shot, a cloud of smoke and fire, index cards of heavy rifle ammunition started going off. There was no need for guards to keep the spectators back as those waves of heat swept out.

The fire itself created a draft and soon flames were leaving the dry wood charred, smoldered and then burst into flames. It began to look like a scene of a victory for the blaze. Water was called into play and nozzlemen Sammy Gialda, Phil O'Neill, Karl Ramsey and Bill Young charged in that terrifically hot valley.

Protection was from the mud they sounded like freezing cream, but smeared on their faces and in spite of this the first three named were scorched. Bill's too tough to let off a fire eat through his skin.
AN AWAKENING

Reactions have started coming in on our "Pet Peeve" editorial of last week. A very valuable column woman, one who with whom one can discuss a subject without it becoming an argument, took us to task.

"It hurt me, Jack," she said, "to read your meaning into that piece. You as well as said that the government don't particularly care whether we, the original colony group, stay here or leave. I find your first awakening to the fact that this might be the case.

We repeated what we had said editorially: That whether they stayed or not wouldn't affect the ultimate success or failure of the project; that success would be lived in all these things would圆满; and the rich soil, nearly establishing an agricultural community here in the valley when, after all, is the crux of the entire proposition.

The government cannot be concerned with the individual. It is a matter of small consequence to Washington just who lives and develops a town here. They want a farming district in this section, and they will have it.

With the water rising in the Tanana about all one can hear nowadays is: "Has she busted yet?" And they don't mean banks or boils. It is the ice at Nananda they are worrying about. She's due to go any time now and every fresh report on conditions up there carries a potential threat of heart-failure for someone. Well, after all, winning a sixty thousand dollar pool would be quite an event in a person's life.

It's a strain on the alphabet, but it certainly is a space saver the way Washington hands out letter groups to bureaux and employees.

L.T. Oldroyd, PED of U of A, J.T. Flakne, DAK, Miss Ruth Jack, FDL and Miss Ruth Dearmand, D'DA, have all arrived here during the past week and are establishing their various offices from which they will direct school activities dealing with home economic problems and agricultural science.
It will be just a year tomorrow since the Allen Fredericks of Tract 87 left their home in Minnesota and Mrs. Fredericks and the girls missed the home in Minnesota and Mrs. Fredericks and the girls missed the home in Minnesota and Mrs. Fredericks and the girls missed the home in Minnesota and Mrs. Fredericks and the girls missed the home in Minnesota and Mrs.

FREDERICKS

WILLIAM

CAMILLE

OF THE ORIGINAL TEN FAMILIES WHO LEFT HILLSIDE TOGETHER ONLY THOSE OF MAY WILSON AND RUDOLPH LACONDA HAVE RETURNED.

NOTICE

To whom it may concern: We will not be responsible for any debts contracted for by Earl Samborn.

SIGNED: FREDERICKS

LOUIS LACONDA

LOST: Camron Erickson lost a pair of basket-hall trunks somewhere between Palmer and Tract 58.

Mrs. Edwards lost a shebebeck at the last dance. Return PIONEER.

Lost at the last dance, a flat black leather handbag. Return PIONEER.

Allen Jacobson, brother of A. A. Jacobson of Tract 48, arrived from the States last week and intends making his home here in the valley.

Bill Henke of Tract 81 has some fine redlin logs for sale. All strain and a short haul to town. See him.

Geo. Connors and Dave Johnson were the first to drive a car all the way from Anchorage on the new highway and over the Kalk bridge. The old fellow sure looked like she had been through when they got here with her, too.

Frank Robertson, the book, lost a pair of glasses at the fire. Anyone who saw Frank working there can understand that he was lucky not to lose more than that. He was right in the middle of things.

Vernon Olmstead of Tract 22 is turning out some mighty nice articles in native buckskin days. Have you seen his buck tray stands and book ends? Or the fine piece of inlay work Father Selzman had on display here at the office?

The families of Geo. 

Christensen

and

John Willsing left for the States on the last boat. The Christensen family are living on the property since their own home burned the ground last week.

SEE PICTURES OF THE WAREHOUSE FIRE AT

KOSLOSKY'S

"The Friendly Store"

GROceries

CLOTHING

HARDware

GAS & OIL STATION

Drugs

Tobacco

SOFT DRINKS

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= Specials =

This Week =

KILLSBERRY'S RED COFFEE 35c#

Borden's Milk 48c gallon. 4.75

Reliance Brand Greenhouse Plums 25c

RED LODGE PEARS 80c 104

Mexican Tobacco 3 for 25c

Reliance Fruits for Salton (large) 30c

Ladies Silk Stockings 3pr 1.45

Ambassador Toilet Tissue 4 for 35c

HAVE YOU TRIED TANG?

See Samples as long as they last.

DEER'S SEEDS ALWAYS

Do Cut Forage

Mother's Day

May 10th

KOSLOSKY'S

"The Friendly Store"

Almane, Alaska
HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Palmer High School was honored with the presence of Mr. Iller of Eklutna as speaker at their Saturday assembly class. He told of the Eklutna Indian School where he is Mechanic. His talk included a few well founded morals for us to remember. We were hoping his talk would carry over into the next period and thus save some class work, but the sudden sounding of the alarm for fire drill at 1:30 brought an abrupt conclusion and ruined our homes.

SCHOOL BUSSES

Mr. George Lemon is driving the bus for both the Matanuska and Palmer schools. Lately the roads have been in bad condition and the Matanuska scholars are missing school because the bus can't get through. Classes were closed on April 17th and it has not yet been determined when they will start again, perhaps next week if the roads dry up a bit.

The Finger Lake bus can not make its full run and children living beyond where it turns should try and reach one of the regular stops.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BOARD

Several inquiries have been made concerning the status of the new school board for vocational education recently formed. These members were appointed by the local council at the request of Mr. A.E. Schönfeld, Supervisor of Vocational Education for the Territory. They are to meet with the local superintendent and vocational teachers in order to work out a feasible program in vocational education for the Palmer School District.

Their powers are advisory only, and they have no funds to expend.

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