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SAFETY BOARD APPOINTED

A safety board has been named for Palmer with Leo B. Jacobs, Architect, as Safety Engineer and Henry Colisch, E.C. Pierce and George Moland as Safety Inspectors.

The purpose of the board is outlined in the following memorandum from Don Irwin to the heads of all departments.

"The duties of the Safety Board shall be to give advice concerning, and to supervise all matters pertaining to the safety of the community; to initiate and apply safety regulations for the entire community, and specifically for such community enterprises as the power plant, garage, machine shops, saw mills, canning plant, guards for machinery, etc. One of the prime duties of the Safety Board shall be to originate and vigorously prosecute a safety educational program.

"All department heads are asked to cooperate to the fullest extent with the Safety Board. Matters coming to their attention at any time which require regulation by the Safety Board should be reported at once to one of the members."

(Signed) Don L. Irwin.

LEGION AUXILIARY ACTIVE

A report from Mrs. Neil Miller shows that the American Legion Auxiliary is functioning in spite of the handicap of bad roads and the resultant lack of transportation which no doubt accounted for the small attendance at the joint meeting at the Bingle residence on Tuesday the 28th.

Mrs. Miller says that the committee in charge of the lunch at the dance last Saturday canvassed the town for cups, and all that could be found were 18 (some of which were cracked) that survived the rough usage at the mess hall.

These the steward kindly loaned with the stipulation that they be returned in time for breakfast. Well, we understand, they are used in relays.

It was decided at the last meeting to call for a donation of cups and spoons, so if you have any odd ones on hand, regardless of size, shape or composition, that you don't need, bring them in for use at meetings, food sales etc., until such time as the Legion Hall kitchen can be furnished.

The Auxiliary managed to prolong their meeting to such an extent that the hungry Legionnaires grew impatient and prepared the lunch themselves. It was tastefully done under the leadership of Emory Mangold, and was much appreciated by the women, especially since the men also washed the dishes.

The next joint meeting will be May 26 at the Bingle residence and Auxiliary members are asked to bring food not requiring a plate, such as sandwiches, cake or cookies. Also, bring your own cups and spoons.

Draw a circle around the date on your calendar and DON'T FORGET.

CORPORATION EXTENDS THANKS

"TO MEMBERS OF THE C.V.F.D.

Thank you, boys, for your fine work at the warehouse fire. The officers of the Corporation greatly appreciate the spirit and manner in which you undertake to safeguard the community from our greatest menace, Fire.

And to all other volunteers who assisted at the warehouse fire, we extend our appreciation. Had the fire not been kept from spreading to inflammable material close by, we would have suffered a much greater loss."

(Signed) Don L. Irwin
Acting Gen. Mgr. ARRC.

Miss Lois Spencer would appreciate all contributions such as press clippings, etc., pertaining to the project.

This material, Miss Spencer explains, is for a scrap book she is keeping for Mr. Sheely.

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Doctor Albrecht is in receipt of word from his mother in Bethlehem, Pa., that she heard his voice over the ether when we put on the coast-to-coast short-wave broadcast here some time ago.

Doctor's mother said that it didn't come in very plain, but that she heard the 'school children singing: When It's Springtime in Alaska.'

What a kick she will get when she hears that Doc's was one of the voices "right out in front!"

It would be interesting to know just how many have had word from the States that the broadcast was received.

That Palmer and the radio broadcast are associated in people's minds is quite apparent. Charley Moore wrote a letter to a little sweetheart of his in Georgia. She addressed her answer to: Charles Moore, Radio City, Alaska, and I'll be darned if he didn't get it.

And all this reminds us that we are to have our own radio station right here in Palmer. The U. S. Signal Corps is installing a small transmitter which will be operated on regular schedules once or twice a week. There will be no news broadcasts, nor will there be any entertainment programs, as the Signal Corps can not enter into this field.

The purpose of the station will be to facilitate distribution of bulletins for the benefit of the colonists; the quickest and most efficient way of reaching them.

It is possible that there may also be lectures pertaining to work and development of the tracts by Mr. Sheely, the Agricultural Agent and others.

Well, the ice has gone out at Nenana, and now we can settle down to work for another year. April 30th at 1:58 was the hour; a fairly early one compared with the average in past years.

Many localites came close, and one, John Romer, who works with the steel gang on the big tank, cuts in with one 44th of the half won by the Covich pool. This win will give Romer about \$700.00.

Roland Pasco came within 7 minutes, and Tex Alcorn closer yet with

a miss by 3 minutes. At that, Tex walked off with the stakes from three 'minute' pools, and the resultant celebration brought him two months in the Anchorage hoosegow. Tex just couldn't stand all that prosperity. He got hold of a couple of bottles of 'Malemute Sweat' and loaded up. Everything would have been all right if he hadn't tried to burn up his tent and then tell all the neighbors where they could get off.

NOTICE!

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a Homemakers' Club in District #1 will be held at the Lechner home at the Experiment Station Farm at 1:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 7. All women are urged to attend.

Miss Ruth Peck, Home Demonstration Leader for Alaska, and Miss De Armand, Home Demonstration Agent for the Matanuska Valley, will be present to help with the organization of the club. Miss Peck will give a short demonstration which will be of interest to all.

Arrangements for similar meetings in other districts will be made soon.

Some idea of time saved through travel by 'plane in this country can be judged from the following.

Ed Coffey, who is 'tops' in the race for nomination to the lower house on the democratic ticket, is leaving soon for the fishing grounds at Bristol Bay.

By boat the trip would ordinarily take 14 days. Ed will go by 'plane and be there in three hours.

John Kirsch's proposed hunting trip to Kodiak Island has fallen through due to the inability to get a boat, and all 'planes are so busy that he would have to wait a week for one. So John and his neighbor Glen Doughty are starting out Tuesday for Brownie country easier to reach. They don't know yet where they will go, but they promise to return with trophies.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the voters of the valley for the confidence expressed by your votes for me at the recent primaries. I assure you that in the event of my election this fall I will establish a record justifying this confidence. Eu. Coffey.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Frank Ring, Iris Ring, the three Pfeiff children, Beverly Sorrenson and Merle Anderson were all in to the hospital during the week for tonsil and adenoid removal.

Kathryn Kennedy, daughter of Postmistress May V. Kennedy is suffering from mastoiditis and a condition of the middle ear. Earl McHenry has also been having ear trouble.

Ken Corliss got his hand in a bad spot when the crane swung while loading a disc harrow onto a truck, with the result that one of his fingers was badly smashed. His injury was treated at the hospital and he was discharged, but it will be some time before the hand will be of much use to him again.

Runar Mattson, who is convalescing from an operation for hernia, will be going home soon.

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BUZZES FROM THE BUTTE

Mrs. Lloyd Bell was in from the Butte to report that their two hives of bees are already working full time, from 9 in the morning until six at night. She reports that they wintered well and are now gathering pollen, probably pussy willow as they are now out in great quantities.

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

"Red" Frodenberg has arrived in camp and will now be permanently located at Sally's Cafe where he has an interest.

Charles O'Leary, of Nome, has signed up as electrician under Chick Perrine.

John Turner of the accounting office has been called back to Juneau.

Bob Chanquist, who has been prospecting for the past couple of months around the Panhandle, is back in camp.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Johnson wish to thank everyone, and especially the Nile DeLands, for all the aid that has been given them since they suffered the loss of their home by fire.

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FOR SALE: Charles Moore has a 26" bike he wants to sell for \$5.00

PHILCO, 7 tube battery radio set in A1 condition. \$120 value \$35.00

SCHOOL NOTES

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GRADE NEWS

1st & 2nd: The primary grade pupils have been having quite a few disruptions in their school work due to the following: Doris Moore of the first grade has scarlet fever and has been in quarantine for one week. Because of the burning of her home Patty Johnson was absent a few days. Bobby Fennett has been suffering from a sprained ankle. Ronald Emberg left recently for the States.

3rd & 4th: These grades are using the gymnasium for recreation now, running relay races and playing active games.

The 3rd & 4th have decorated their class room with pictures of birds which should be seen in this vicinity.

Those receiving 100% in spelling are: Mary Jane Bennett, Phyllis Jensen, Jimmy Pippel, James Monroe, Gene Bailey, Eleanor Hynek, Lloyd Thorson, Evelyn Pfeiff, Charles Monaghan, Betty Lou Rorrison, Margaret Jane Duncan, Betty Jo Clayton, Irving Connors and Francis Barry.

5th & 6th: The Honor Roll for these grades is: Lucille Monaghan, Robert Pippel and Billy Bouwens.

The Wilding family have left Palmer, taking their son, Lyman, from school.

This group will soon be starting a spelling contest, the pupils getting 100 will add one point to their side; the losers pay a forfeit to the winners at the end of the year.

7th & 8th: Dale Clayton of the 8th is back in school after being ill for a few weeks.

The 8th grade is reviewing various subjects in preparation for the achievement examinations to be sent from Juneau to be administered during the last week of school.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

The men are working as rapidly as possible on our building. The basement is all cemented. The installation of the light fixtures has been completed, the steam and water pipes have been laid and the studdings are in for the partitions.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Father Sulzman spoke to the high school last Saturday on fire prevention, giving some interesting experiences of his own as well as some important advice on the prevention of fires.

The World and United States History classes have changed their system of study. Instead of general reading and answering of questions the students are each assigned some subject of current history on which to give brief reports. Talks this week have been on the unit: "News of Modern Lands." Next week the unit will be: "Interesting Personalities of To-day's News."

4-H Clubs

Miss Peck, the Home Demonstration agent from Fairbanks, gave the girls a short talk on 4-H clubs last Saturday. There is to be a 4-H Club formed at Palmer for girls between the ages of fourteen and twenty, this organization to be led by Miss Ruth De Armand, Demonstration Agent who will be permanently located here.

During the meeting Mr. J. T. Flakne, Palmer District Agent, was introduced to the girls.

CORRECTION

In the last issue of our school notes a mistake was made regarding the coach of the girls' basketball team. Miss Janet Borges has been coaching the girls three afternoons a week. Miss Borges reports excellent progress and the City team will have some worthy competition next season.

FIRE DAMAGE

In the warehouse fire many school supplies including surplus text books, part of the reference library, janitor's supplies, some equipment for vocational education the final examinations for the 8th grade and a few Territorial records having bearing on the equipment in the rooms were destroyed. Also a number of books from the Matanuska and Fairview Schools were lost.

The school fire of the previous week was started by defective wiring, and what might have been a catastrophe was averted by the quick action of Fob Lathrop, the janitor, whose calls for help awakened even those across the railroad tracks.

YOUNG PIONEERS

by
Helen Arndt

It seems Spring has certain effects on some people, which, to others are quite inexplicable. We know of one such case which happened a short time ago.

The spirit of Tom Sawyer is alive in all young boys especially at this time of the year. Two young pioneers decided that Palmer was too dull (don't see why with all the fire excitement we have had) so they decided to go off on a vacation to last from Thursday until Sunday. As camping equipment they took a gun, an ax borrowed from an old settler, one dozen eggs and a can of beans. They also took a dog with them to whom they could give all the excess food they could not eat.

When they were about 2 1/2 miles from town a car overtook them. They were a strange looking trio, but the driver picked them up. After the explorers were in the car they decided they wanted their dog with them. After exhausting the patience of the driver, who told them they could not have the dog in the car they decided to finish their journey afoot.

Darkness was almost upon them, when, to their dismay, they heard a hoot owl and decided it was the wrong time of the year to go camping. Retracing their steps homeward, they saw in the distance the light of a farm house. This, they thought, was luck, but upon asking for a ride to town and receiving the brief answer "No," they resumed their journey. About a half mile further on they saw two figures looming up in the distance. When they met them, they were gladly surprised to find it was their two older brothers who had been searching for them all evening. We might add here that they preferred to stand up during the major part of the next school day.

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of short sketches written by pupils that will appear in connection with the school notes.)

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