WIND AND DUST FAIL TO DAMPEN COLONY DAY SPIRIT

In spite of wind and dust clouds the Valley turned out in force last Saturday to properly celebrate the first "Colony Day," an institution that is planned to make an annual affair.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the speakers took their places on the stage of the Community Hall. After short talks by Col. Gillison, Don Irwin, Ross Sheely, Governor Hay and Dr. Ernest Gruening an All Friend luncheon was served in the park area before the Trading Post.

Following lunch were the sports, ranging from a tug-of-war to a horse race. The women folk tried their hands at rolling pin throwing, nail driving and husband calling, while the men folk ran hundred yard races and pitched horse shoes.

It was really the children's day. Little girls tried running with egg in spoons and sprinting 50 yards, while their brothers rode bicycles and tried to climb the greased pole.

The greased pig chase was a complete fizzle. Pixie didn't know what it was all about, so he just sat down. About forty kids piled on his crib but just had time to let one squeal.

The pie eating contest was a huge success, resulting in ten dirty faces (they were blueberry pies) and ten belly-aches.

The sports wound up at 4:30 and at 5 o'clock coffee and cake was served at the mess hall. At 5:30 the dance, given by the ARRC staff, started and everyone had a high-old time till midnight, dancing to the music of Percy Pimpton and her Palmer Pioneers.

All in all, it was a pretty full day.

Dr. Ernest H. Gruening, who was present when the idea of this colonization project was first broached by President Roosevelt, showed keen interest in everything while here. By arranging for a plane to take him to Fairbanks from Wasilla additional time was at his disposal and he visited a number of the farm tracts.

He was particularly interested in our hospital as he is a graduate doctor of the Harvard Medical School himself. He talked with all the patients and discussed the ailments of each with Miss Powers who acted as his guide.

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BACCALAUREATE SERVICES HELD SUNDAY MORNING

Baccalaureate Services were held at the Community Hall at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

The program consisted of music by the orchestra, songs by the choir and the audience, and a bible reading by Rev. Ernest Crabbe, who also pronounced the Benediction.

The sermon, which included an interesting account of the origin of the baccalaureate ceremony, was given by Rev. Father Goldman.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD TUESDAY EVENING

First Commencement Exercises of the Palmer Public School were held at the Community Hall Tuesday evening, May 20th.

The Invocation and Benediction were both given by Rev. Frielings, and the address of the evening by Dr. J. S. Henscher. Music was furnished by the orchestra, with a violin solo by William Hassen and a piano solo by Mrs. Henry Garris. There was a vocal solo by Leonard Carr and a duet by Margaret Pimpton and Virginia Berg. The valedictory was delivered by Earl Perry, sole member of the senior class, and presentation of awards was made by Anthony D. Kerns, Territorial Supervisor of Schools.

Eight grade pupils included: Velvin Perry, Will Drogchin, Miles France, Patricio Farrow, Virginia Fant, Lorraine McKeonie, Charles Moore, Dale Harrison, Juan Sandvik, Dorothy Anne Socley, helen Sisler, Lucille Taylor and Janet Vasanaoj.

It was a happy bunch of children who attended the exercises with a three weeks vacation ahead.
The women of District 9 held their second Homemakers’ club meeting at the home of Mrs. Guilford Lemon on Thursday afternoon. They chose “Maintain View Homemakers’ Club” as the name for their group and elected the following officers: Mrs. Guilford Lemon, president; Mrs. El Larsh, vice-president and Mrs. Edward Moss, secretary-treasurer.

After the business meeting there was a discussion, led by Miss Ruth Deavorn, district home demonstration population of handcraft products suitable for sale in the Craft Shop at the Community Center.

The next meeting of the club is to be at the home of Mrs. Fred Larson on June 11.

The “Pleasant Valley 4-H Club” with 15 charter members was organized at Butte on Tuesday afternoon. The club elected Lorraine McKechnie president, Dorothy Newville vice-president, Angus McKechnie, secretary-treasurer and Jeanne Sandvik news reporter.

Summer projects chosen by the members included garden, coll, sig, ball, chicken raising, and sewing and baking. The latest project, with six members, included Angus McKechnie and Dale Sandvik the first boys in the valley to sign up for beehive.

Charter members include: Constance Andrews, Mary Draghorn, Victor Falk, Herbert Falk, Jack Heuer, Patricia Peremore, Donovan Lentz, Edwin Lentz, Jane Lentz, Angus McKechnie, Lorraine McKechnie, Dorothy Newville, Leila Peterson, Dale Sandvik and Jeanne Le Sandvik.

OLAY PALVERSON TO TEACH

Saturday may have been Colony Day to most of us, but it was something far more important to Olav Palverson, Engineer’s Assistant.

A few years ago, while teaching school in Minnesota, Olav had dreams of sometime holding a similar position among the natives of Alaska. That dream was slated to come true when Mr. Kames had Olav sign a contract which will make him ready for this year coming at Bethel, near Bering Sea on the Muskekin River.

About the first of next September Olav will fly over the Alaska Range to take up his duties with the mixed classes of whites and natives who make up the well-known lower country trading center today.

A new school building is being constructed at Bethel.
PLANTS AVAILABLE

Joe Flakme, agricultural agent, informs us that redberry and shubert plants are available to all who want to set them out right away. They may be obtained from Lawrence Morrison at Tract #112. ———

Many thought that the mounting of the ten inch copper ball on top of the big new water tower marked the completion of the job, but it didn't.

S1 Jason and Wilbur Ingram made the steelman's final gesture when they both climbed up and stood atop the ball the night before they left the camp. Ninety feet means nothing to those fellows. ———

Charles Cadwallader, Wasilla merchant, suffered a painful accident last evening when a pitch bar used in repairing the cattle chute slipped and crashed him in the forehead between the ears. The blow knocked Cad out for over a half hour, but we understand he is all right again today. Cad's accident was only part of the excitement that Wasilla last evening. The little town echoed with the rumble of hoofs and the bellowing of cattle as the two hundred and some odd head of Glenn Beck stock were unloaded from the train that brought them on the final leg of their journey from Deer Lodge, Montana. ———

FOR SALE: SPAINLING TRUCK BODY TO FIT SMALL CAR, ONE YEAR OLD, AND COST $25. "WILL SELL $20 CASH." Inquire PIONEER office. ———

FOR SALE: TWO "YOUNG RAPICINE" SOWS DUE TO FARROW EARLY AUGUST. See M. T. Stock raising! ———

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PALMER PROGRESSES

Have you noticed what a swell place that new restaurant is going to be. Jim Simpson and his two daughters are sure going to open in class.

And that addition to Horton's, which will also be a restaurant and ice cream parlor, is something to be proud of, too. The dining rooms will double Rain's hotel accommodations.

Nifty little place Donny Hewitt has opened up there in the Valley City Hotel $3.09. They will carry a select line of souvenirs and all kinds of photographic equipment.

And Koslowsky's sure are putting on the dog nowadays. Colony Day they all broke out in ten linen coats like a high class store in the South. Bob Beck, chief of the grocery department absolutely defies you to ask for something they don't carry. Harvey Baskridge who is in charge of the hardware is doing a big business in guns and fishing tackle. Leo and Jan, who also work there are kept fairly busy at the gasoline pump now that so many new cars are showing up in the valley. Hurley spends most of his time slinging quarters into the big new automatic record playing machine which recently arrived.

Sally's Cafe still retains its genial atmosphere and entices to the needs of the inner man. Red Frodenberg insists that you leave there satisfied.

Bert's Drugs lives up to the old tradition: "Try the drugstore first! You can get everything from a wool shirt to an automobile down there." ———

If Hank Rossiter thought he was leaving trouble behind when he gave up his tract and returned to the States he was mistaken. A letter from Duluth says that Hank was arrested by Saint Louis County authorities for non-support of his family. ———

FOR SALE: THREE 4 month old goats, 1 billie and 2 ewes. This Swiss milking stock was brought in to the country to furnish milk for the hospital. $40.00 each is cheap. See or write A. T. Young, Caniae, Alaska. ———

FOR SALE: New Perfection Varanco range. Five burner, oven on top. All enamel, 16 cost $30.00. Three quarter horse cow gas engine in all condition. $27.00. ———

PIONEER office of Stieben, #19.
HOSPITAL NOTES

A 7 pound and 8 ounce baby girl was born to Mrs. Anton Anderson on Friday evening, May 15th.

Anton, Locating Engineer for the ARRC, says that this thing of standardized production is a direct result of his engineer's training.

This is their third baby, third girl, and they have all weighed the same to the ounce. Mother and daughter are both doing splendidly.

Kathryn Kennedy and Roberta Hemmer are both getting along in grand style and Dorothy White will soon be discharged.

Here's a hospital note that deserves space in the Believe-it-or-not column. Dr. Albrecht is importing a nurse to act as superintendent of the hospital.

LOST: At Colony Day dance or at Horton's Cafe, a dark blue star jacket. Buttons sewn on with white thread. Notify PIONEER.

We don't know what it's all about, but the Butte boys say that Lloyd Fell is still talking of the long he had with General Pershing at the celebration Saturday.

FISHING IS SPLENDID

Anglers report the rainbows as striking in fine style. Many big catches have been brought in from Vasailla Lake and Cottonwood and Wolverine Creeks.

George Conner has a lot right on the Anchorage Winway adjoining Rev. Fielding's house and will consider building any type of house for rent or lease or sale. See him if you have anything of this kind on your mind. Call at PIONEER office.

FOR SALE: Seven tube General Electric radio in fine condition. $25.00. See lamplight Red Robertson or leave word at PIONEER.

If there is any truth in the reports we've been getting, just about every home in the valley will have bear rugs on the floor. Already there have been around fifteen blackies killed in the valley this season.

Mrs. Cecil Kitzo of Tract #51 has just received word of the death of her mother back home in Wisconsin.

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