WIND AND DUST FAIL TO DAMPER COLONY DAY SPIRIT

In spite of wind and dust clouds the Colony Day 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. Olson, Don Erwin, Ross Easley, Governor Troy and Dr. Ernest Cruzening an all-frasco 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 folks tried their hands at rolling pin throwing, nail driving and husband calling, while the men folks ran hundred yard races and pitched horse shoes.

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

The greased pig chase was a complete fizzle. Piggy didn't know what it was all about, so he just sat down. About forty kids piled on him and he just had time to let out 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 6:30 the dance, given by the A.R.C. staff, started and everyone had a high-old time till midnight, dancing to the music of Peggy Pimberton and her Palmer Pioneers.

In all, it was a pretty full day.

Dr. Ernest H. Cruzening, who was present when the idea of this colonization project was first broached by President Roosevelt, showed a 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 woods.

He was particularly interested in our hospital as he is a graduate doctor of the Harvard Medical School himself. We talked with all the patients and discussed the ailments of each with Miss Peters 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 THE ON YESTERDAY EVENING

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

The Invocation and Benediction were both given by Rev. Frieling, and the address of the evening by Dr. J. J. Lechman. Music was furnished by the orchestra, with a violin solo by Wilbur Lossing and a piano solo by Mrs. Henry Harrison. There was a vocal solo by Leonard Call and a duet by Margaret Pimberton and Virginia Berg. The valedictory was delivered by Pearl Berry, sole member of the senior class, and presentation of awards was made by Anthony E. Harmon, Territorial Supervisor of Schools.

Eighth grade pupils included: Velvin Berry, William D'Archer, Miles Faren, Pauline Emmert, Virginia Hunt, Lorraine Nethery, Charles Moore, Dale Harrison, Jean Sendvik, Dorothy Anne Healy, Walker Studer, Lucille Tull and June Wadsworth.

It was a happy bunch of children who awarded the exercises with a three months' vacation ahead.
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ILL WILL IN THE MAKING

It is becoming increasingly ap-
parent that there will never be one
hundred percent co-operative mar-
keting of valley raised produce, and
without just that there will always
be difficulty in standardizing
prices.

Since Mr. Sheely returned from
Washington with the promise of funds
for loans to old settlers who will
sign up to join the proposed co-op's
marketing program, we have tried to
find out how the old settler feels
about the idea. A surprising num-
er have said that they want noth-
ing to do with any loans or agree-
ments.

"Why should I?" asked one who had
some very definite views on the sub-
ject. "Haven't they shewn us all
along that we don't belong? Isn't
it enough when they tell us that we
can't buy in the commissary, for
cash, while the colony group can get
anything they want on credit? And if
I want lumber which they sell on 60
year credit for $25 a thousand I am
told my money is no good, to buy my
lumber somewhere else, and that
means I pay $35 for the same stuff.
Would it hurt then to give the old
settler a little break on things of
this kind?"

We suggested that it was the
government's policy never to enter
into competition with existing pri-
ivate business.

"Private business," exclaimed
the old timer, "Isn't it enough that
A. A. Shonbeck gets a cut out of ev-
every drop of gasoline and oil that's
sold here; every truck, car and
tractor that the government has pur-
chased? He was never in the lumber
business before; why does the gov-
ernment feel so keenly about protec-
ting one man at the cost of all us
old settlers?"

"I am not blaming the colonists,
they have nothing to do with it,
but certainly, after being treated
for a year like an unwanted step-
child, I have no heart for entering
into the co-operative set-up. They
can keep their loan."

This, unfortunately, is the quite
understandable attitude of many with
whom we have talked.

NAMES CHOSEN FOR CLUBS

The women of District No. 1 held
their second Home-makers' Club
meeting at the home of Mrs. Guil-
ford Lemmon on Thursday afternoon.
They chose "Maintain View Home-
makers' Club" as the name for their
group and elected the following of
icers: Mrs. Guilford Lemmon, pre-
ident; Mrs. Eil Lesh, vice-
 president and Mrs. Edward Moss,
secretary-treasurer.

At which the business meeting there
was a discussion, led by Miss Ruth
DeArmond, district home demo-
stration agent, of handicraft 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
Larsen on June 11.

The "Pleasant Valley 4-H Club"
with 15 charter members was or-
organized at Butte on Tuesday afternoon.
The club elected Lorraine McTech-
nie president, Dorothy Newville
vice-president, Angus McTechnie
secretary-treasurer and Jean Mc
Sandvik news reporter.

Several projects chosen by the
members included garden, cot-
ton, hog, calf, chicken raising, and
sewing and baking. The latter
project, with six members, include:
Angus McTechnie and Dale Sandvik
the first boys in the valley to
sign up for baking.

Charter members include: Con-
stance Andrews, Mary Drehorn,
Victor Falk, Barbara Falk, Jack
Heimer, Patricia Heimer, Donovan
Lentz, Edwin Lentz, Jane Lentz,
Angus McTechnie, Lorraine McTech-
nie, Dorothy Newville, Lelila Pet-
erson, Dale Sandvik and Jean Mc
Sandvik.

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OLAY FALVORSON TO TEACH

Saturday may have been Colony
Day to most of us, but it was
something far more important to
Olay Falverson, Engineer's Assis-
tant.

A few years ago, while teaching
school in Minnesota, Olay had
dreams of sometime holding down a
similar position among the natives or
wild white men. That dream was slated
to come true when Mr. Barnes gave
Olay sign a contract which will
make him teacher this coming year
at Bethel, near Bering Sea on the
Kuskokwin River.

About the first of next Septem-
ber Olay will fly over the Al-
aska Range to take up his duties
with the six classes of whites
and natives who make up the well-
known lower country trading cen-
ter population.

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

Joe Flaim, Agricultural agent, informs us that raspberry and rhubarb plants are available to all who want to set them out right away. They may be obtained from Lawrence Morrison at Tract Hill.

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.

Silicon and Wilbur Loger made the steelman's final gesture when they both climbed up and stood atop City Armour 9:09. They will carry the ball the night before they left a select line of souvenirs and all kinds of photographic equipment.

Nifty little place Denny Hewitt has opened up there in the Valley City Barber Shop. They will carry the ball the night before they left a select line of souvenirs and all kinds of photographic equipment.

Charles Cadwaltzer, Wasilla merchant, suffered a painful accident last evening when a pinch bar used in repairing the cattle chute slipped and cracked in his forehead between the eyes.

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 at 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 Shetland stock were unloaded from the train that brought them on the final leg of their journey from Deer Lodge, Montana.

FOR SALE: SPALDING TRUCK BODY TO FIT ANY SMALL CAR. ONE YEAR OLD AND COST $25, 'WILL SELL $15 CASH. Inquire PIONEER office.

FOR SALE! TWO YOUNG TRAVELERS SAYS DUE TO FEARFUL EARLY ATTACK, See M. T. Sheffess

THE PIONEER CAB
SPECIAL RATES FOR FISHING PARTIES, THEY'RE RITING OUT AT COTTONWOOD MAKE UP A PARTY THEN SEE GEORGE LEMON PROPRIETOR

WANTED TO BUY: TWO YOUNG PIGS. IF YOU HAVE THEM TO SELL, GET IN TOUCH AT ONCE WITH THE NORTHERN LIGHT FUR FARM, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

VALLEY CITY CAFE
A CAFE....PIES....STRAWBERRY AND BREAD FRESH DAILY

PAIN T PROGRESS

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

And that addition to Forton's, which will also be a restaurant and ice cream color is something to be proud of, too. The part upstairs will double Ralph's hotel accommodations.

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And Rosolky's sure are putting the dog nowadays. Colony Day they all broke out in tan linen coats and high-class standards in the States. Bob Rock, manager of the grocery department, absolutely defies you to ask for something they don't carry. Harvey Buckridge who is in charge of the hardware is doing a big business in guns and fishing tackle. Leo and Jim, who also work there are kept pretty busy at the gasoline pump now that so many new cars are showing up in the valley. World spends most of his time selling quarterns into the big new automatic record playing machine which recently arrived.

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

Port's Drug still 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 Possiter thought he was leaving trouble behind when he gave up his tract and returned to the States he was mistaken. A letter from Palmer says that Hank was arrested by Saint Louis County authorities for non-support of his family.

FOR SALE: Three 4 month old cats, 1 billy and 2annies. Fine Irish knitting stock which was brought into the country to furnish milk for the hospital. $40.00 each is clean. See or write A. J. Young, Coche, Alaska, care of Alaska RR.

FOR SALE: New Perfection Inrsenator. Big burner, oven can top. 11 enameled cost $30 sell $25. Three quarter horse gas engine in all condition. $27.50 PIONEER office or Kieban. #185.
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 an 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 Kennedy are both getting along in grand style and Dorothy White will soon be discharged.

Here’s a hospital note that deserves space in the Belief-It-or-Not column. Dr. Albrecht is importing a nurse to act as superintendent of the hospital.

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

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

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FISHING IS SPLENDID

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

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George Conners has a lot right on the Anchorage Highway 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. Or leave word at the PIONEER office.

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

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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.

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

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