The meeting was called to order by President Huntley. Those present were Directors Vananoja, Linn, Rasmussen, Brix, Sandvik, Miller and Mr. Atwood of the Anchorage Times.

Mr. Atwood stated that the Times was planning on putting out a pamphlet to give visitors and inquirers reliable information. He spent some time inquiring about conditions in the Valley and the work of the Board.

A motion was made and seconded, that the Secretary execute the terms of Section 8 of the by-laws of the Matanuska Valley Farmers Cooperating Association in regard to termination of memberships, and purchase savings dividends. The motion carried.

Next in order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. Huntley was elected President, and Mr. Linn Vice President.

It was moved by Mr. Sandvik, seconded by Mr. Rasmussen, that Mr. Brix be authorized to write up a consumer's contract which would permit anyone in the Matanuska Valley to purchase goods from the M.V.F.C.A. and receive purchase savings dividends on the said purchases. Motion carried.

Mr. Rasmussen reported on a simple method that he has purchased under in Rockdale stores.
Most of the members of the Board, as well as stockholders felt that the organization had not originated from the people interested, but was developed elsewhere and forced upon the Colonists. The Colonists were inclined to blame local officials for this condition.

Investigation by the Board shows that the officials at Washington, D.C. had planned the complete setup, basing their information on previous projects and forwarded th local officials papers of organization in which blank spaces were left for only names and values. Local officials had no choice but to carry out orders.

The Board felt that while this was a very unsatisfactory beginning, the nucleus for a Cooperative was present, and that from it could grow an organization which could fill the needs of the community.

The By-laws of the organization next received a careful study. Changes were discussed, but it was felt that use of them would best show up weaknesses.

The Board then turned to the Agency Contract. This lengthy document required considerable study. Officials of the ARRC were frequently called upon to help interpret and supply information.

The result was a series of requests sent to the ARRC Board for fulfillment of obligations listed in the Contract. The first of these was a request to purchase the Trading Post's physical equipment. This was not favorably received by the ARRC Board, but a second and more detailed request was sent in.

Discussion of purchases of departments and business Management caused the matter of financing to be brought up. It was found upon studying the Agency Contract that money could be secured only from the ARRC. A request was then drawn up for a revolving fund of (continued on page 3)

It was moved by Mr. Sandvik, seconded by Mr. Frank, that we recommend that purchase saving dividends be based on tickets turned in at the end of six month periods by purchaser, and thus cut down the office work and consequently the overhead. The motion carried.

Discussion of the purchase of the commissary plan resulted in a motion that Mr. Huntley meet with Mr. Head as soon as possible and visit and appraise the Trading Post and then make a report.

The educational program and the purchase of a pring press was discussed.

It was moved and seconded, that we ask for applications for the position of field man from those qualified in the valley. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn until February 6, 1939. Motion carried.

Neil Miller -- Secretary

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Editors note:

It appears that last weeks issue carried the impression that Neil S. Miller would no longer act as Secretary of the Cooperative Board.

We wish to correct this impression. Since the annual meeting of the Farmers Cooperative, Mr. Miller is no longer a member of that board, but will continue to act as Secretary until such time as it will be possible to make this position one with regular salary.

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ARRIVAL OF COWS

The last shipment of cows arrived last week and are being held in the Fair barns as the first shipment were. One cow was lost on the way up, which is a very good shipping record.
(ANNUAL REPORT CON’T)

$150,000 to be set aside for the purpose of assuring that the MVFCA would have funds to carry on after the ARRC was through with this project. This request has been refused in a letter from the ARRC, which states that none of the $350,000 appropriation was being earmarked for future use. Investigation shows that the ARRC Board included this in its requests from Washington, but it was cut out there.

During all of this time, the Board, meeting twice a month or oftener found the innumerable details of their work becoming more and more pressing and many of them being neglected. That a Manager for the MVFCA would eventually have to be hired to assist the ARRC management make some of the Cooperative units function more efficiently was very evident, and the immediate need for him was distinctly felt. In a joint meeting with the ARRC Board, the request was made and favorably received. The need for an agricultural coordinator was also felt, and expressed at this meeting. This was also favorably received. Immediate steps were then taken to find such a manager. Applications were requested from all available sources. The result was disappointment. One candidate after another failed to live up to the needs. Today the Board faces you with a candidate under consideration, but nothing definite.

In the meantime, the ARRC Board, faced with diminishing funds, and the urging of this Board and their own manager, has consented to sell this organization the Trading Post on March 3, 1939, to release their agency on this unit, and to release other units as rapidly as possible.

Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed at times with the men on the ARRC Board, the principal objection seeming to be that too few of them were farmers or sympathetic in that direction. This feeling results in a request from the MVFCA Board for further . . .
Colonist representation on the ARRC Board. For a considerable time no action was secured on this, but finally a vacancy occurred which resulted in the election of Frank Linn to the ARRC Board. Since that time this organization in seemingly at least, is getting a some prospect of a foothold in the management of our own business.

Relations with the ARRC Board and Management have ranged all the way from extremely bitter to congenial. The patience of all has at times been almost exhausted. However, with a new season just a head, prospects of an excellent manager for our affairs and the operation of the units for this organization by itself, should encourage us to another year of effort.

During the past year the efforts of the Board have been directed towards securing for the members, satisfactory insurance, both life and fire. Up to the present however, a satisfactory group life insurance policy has not been found. The most satisfactory fire insurance is offered by the Grande. This is Cooperative, but extends only to Orange members. Nothing definite has been done on this as a representative will probably be here.

The work on the Cooperative Power and Light Plant is progressing. Preliminary work has been done. This Cooperative will be a separate organization from the MVFCA, having its own Board, of Directors and financing. The Board of the MVFCA is acting as organizing Board only.

It is the belief of this Board that our Educational Program for the past year has been weak. Our principal organ for the putting across of Cooperative knowledge is "THE VALLEY SETTLER". This paper has carried many fine Cooperative articles, but the need is for organized and sustained program such as can be developed only by a competent Manager of the whole Cooperative system, who knows where he is going and why.

Due to the fact that this organization has had no Manager, its Board has attempted to do but little control of units and services not yet turned over to the organization. The crops to be raised, how they are sold, the prices paid and the disposition of the goods, have so far been all under control of the ARRC. When asked for advice by them, which has been frequently, the Board has given their opinions, supported or criticized their action.

In conclusion, the Board then has

1st. Educated themselves for their job.
2nd. Directed to the best of their ability those few things they could direct.
3rd. Endeavored to carry out the contractual obligations of the organization.
4th. Promoted the general welfare and those things which the Board thinks will result in a stronger foundation for the MVFCA in the future.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chief Accountant has requested that we announce payday will be Monday February 6th. This is necessary as the office cannot get the payrolls ready in time on Saturday.

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"Matanuska Maid" eggs are being sold in increasing quantities on the Fairbanks market. As Cooperating members please do your part in keeping quality at the highest by SEPARATING YOUR ROOSTERS FROM YOUR BLOCK --- WE CANNOT MARKET FERTILE EGGS. This urgent plea is extremely important. Recently new customers have given us trial orders. CAN WE KEEP THESE CUSTOMERS ????
Don't miss this show!

Next week: "Checkers" with Jane Withers

ARMY MEETS PALMER TOWN TEAM

The fast Army team of Anchorage meet Palmer Saturday night in what is expected to be a fast game. The local boys are planning on working hard to get ready for the Fur Rendezvous and determined to win the game.
SUNDAY NIGHT -- AT 8:00 P.M.

Everybody is invited to attend and enjoy what is expected to be another good game.

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EKLUTNA --- PALMER
SUNDAY EVENING

SUNDAY EVENING AT 8:00 FEB. 5, the town team will meet the fast Eklutna Indians in the local Gym. This team is colorful to watch and a large crowd is expected out.

MATANUSKA VALLEY TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE

A Tuberculosis Committee has recently been organized here in the Valley for the purpose of helping in every way possible to fight this dreaded disease.

Members of this organization worked hard during the Christmas Seal Sale, to get as much money as possible to help combat Tuberculosis here in the Territory.

Officers of this worthy organization are: Mrs. Ross L. Sheely, chairman, Don W. Irwin Vice Pres., A.A. Johnson Sec'y, and Mrs. Vic Chapman Treasurer.
There will be a meeting of this organization Monday evening, Feb. 8th, in the Dormitory basement. As many people as possible are urged to come to this meeting.
1939 ANCHORAGE FOR RENDEZVOUS
Anchorage, Alaska

FEBRUARY 18-19-20-21

SAVE YOUR FURS FOR THE RENDEZVOUS WHY SHIP THEM TO THE STATES WHEN A BETTER PRICE CAN BE SECURED IN ANCHORAGE

THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF ENTERTAINMENT AT THE RENDEZVOUS

CROWING OF THE QUEEN

BOXING SKIING
BASKETBALL DANCING
HOCKEY DOG RACING

AS A SPECIAL ATTRACTION THE STUDENTS OF THE EKLUTNA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL WILL ENGAGE IN ESKIMO SPORTS AND DANCING.

$1,000

$1,000

A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR PLATINUM BAR WILL BE GIVEN AWAY

COME TO THE FUR RENDEZVOUS WHERE OLD FRIENDS MEET

Manager
ANNOUNCEMENT

District 4 -- wishes to call a meeting at Bill Bouwens Saturday evening about 7:30 or 8:00 for the purpose of electing a new Councilman in place of Ray Gries.

Ray Gries is planning to leave as soon as possible and go outside Everyone in District 4 is urged to attend this meeting and help elect their new representative.

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MARCH OF DIMES

The "March of Dimes to the White House" is a new movement for the purpose of procuring additional funds for the Research of Infantile Paralysis. This is in addition to the President's Birthday Ball held every where in the United States to obtain money to carry on this wonderful aid to the crippled and those afflicted with the aftermath of this terrible disease.

At the President's Birthday Ball held in Palmer there were 110 dimes collected for this purpose and are now on their way to the White House, Washington, D.C.

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WANTED
APPLICATION FOR A FIELD MAN

The Matanuska Valley Farmers Co-op has announced that they are accepting applications from any one here in the valley who feels qualified to fill this position.

Please turn in your application to the Secretary or any member of the Board for consideration.

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Apologies to the Mountain View Women's Club for not printing their Club report. We have had to add more pages this week to accommodate all the news items received.

1939 HATCHERY PRICES

White Leghorn -- special breeding -- week-old started chicks: 18¢ each
day-old chicks 15¢ each
custom hatching .04 per egg in tray lots
turkey eggs will be set about April 1, .05 each egg.

Hatchery note:
Chick prices are $2.00 per hundred less this year and the ware house announces that chick feed prices are less this year than in the past so you will be able to raise chicks at a smaller cost than previous.

1939 feed prices:
Chick starter ---- per 100 -- $3.85
Growing mash ---- per 100 -- 3.40

1939 feed prices:
Chick starter ---- per 100 -- 3.40
Growing mash ---- per 100 -- 3.20

Note that feed this year is 44 to $8 per ton cheaper than last year. Come to the hatchery as soon as possible with your orders.

Following is a graph showing the goal which the hatchery expects to reach this year, and the amount of chick orders received to date.
ANNOUNCING

ALL-POINT LUBRICATION — A GUARANTEED SERVICE

WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER YOU ALL-POINT LUBRICATION
A GUARANTEED GREASE JOB THAT LEAVES NOTHING TO
GUESSWORK — EACH POINT IS CHECKED AND RECHECKED
BY MEANS OF THE COPYRIGHTED ALL-POINT SELECTOR
TO BE SURE THE JOB IS DONE EXACTLY AS THE MANUFAC-
TURER OF YOUR CAR RECOMMENDS.

PLEASE STOP IN — WE CAN
SAVE YOU MONEY ON EVERY
MILE YOU TRAVEL.

CO-OP
GARAGE
(The following letter has been received from a farmer here in the Valley, with the request to print it in this issue.)

LETTER

To the Editor: VALLEY SETTLE:

We have been told that the purpose in founding this Colony was to produce agricultural products that would find ready and profitable disposal in an already established market. "Butter is the thing," we are told, so a fifty thousand dollar creamery is built and we are supplied with a few Guernsey cows. This is a breed that under favorable conditions are good milk producers. We stable them in our so well ventilated barns that are designed along the lines and proportions of the Minneapolis Union Depot and spend a large share of our short winter day cutting and hauling wood to fire the airtight heater in a frantic attempt to "keep up" Bossy's milk and keep her calf from freezing to death. We feed dry hay (that we raise at cost of $20 to $30 per ton) with little or no succulent feed and the powers that be survey the creamery receipts with jaundiced eyes and remark that "those scissor-bills won't take care of their stock anyway."

When the poor critter goes hopelessly out of production because of lack of pasture, proper feed and care—which we are not prepared nor equipped to give her—and we "knock her in the head," colorfully cutting the carcass to the meat department. There we are offered four cents a pound and the sorrowful observation that; "Guernsey Beef is not really very poor meat you know."

After the transaction, in our dazed condition we find ourselves at the meat counter paying 50 cents for a pound of shank of "outside meat." Out of the daze, we look at our purchase. Somehow it faintly recalls a mind picture of Joe Bon's recently liquidated muley cow leaping our garden fence. Again we look at our price and turn toward the meat counter, we hesitate, perhaps we are wrong. Furrying home to do our chores we conclude that on this one occasion, "by gum" we will revel in the luxury of a stew made with "outside meat."

Construction Criticism

Get in stock that will produce milk and beef, stock that will survive winter housing in our amply ventilated barns and, in the summer, wax fat on our practically only available pasture—the woods and slashings.

Signed — C.E. Bisson

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HIGH SCHOOL WINS CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE VALLEY

The Palmer High School trims the fast Kosloskys team to win the Matanuska Valley Championship. They will receive a trophy and hold it for one year. Any one team winning this trophy twice in succession will have permanent possession of it.

The final score was 57 to 47. Ray Vorle and Cameron Erickson were stars for Kosloskys, while Miles France took scoring honors for High School with a dazzling performance to roll up a total of 23 points. If the boys hit the loop in their remaining conference games they should win easily.

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LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT

On the evening of Jan. 30th, District No. 6 met at Nile DeLands with six families present. The Council men were absent and there was no business except cards and flea hunting by Bud Campbell. All had a scratching good time and hope to have more present at the next regular meeting, Feb. 27th. at Earl Hechers.

Signed: Ruth Croosstrom

(Note: It has been learned that the fleas were on the cat. Shall we bring our own fleas to the next meeting ??)
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Have you seen the LARGE assortment of VALENTINES in the Dry-Goods Department?!?

MATANUSKA VALLEY TRADING POST
PALMER ALASKA
Open Snow Nights
SHEELY OUTSIDE

Ross L. Sheely, General Manager, is on his way outside. During the annual trip to Washington D.C., Mr. Sheely will discuss the many problems confronting the Colony at this time, with the officials there.

The Executive Committee of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation have appointed Mr. William W. Hought, Acting General Manager, during the absence of Mr. Sheely. His signature will be accepted on all documents ordinarily signed by the General Manager.

WELCOME TO PALMER

Mr. Clair L. Stock, Manager for the Matanuska Valley Farmer's Cooperating Association, arrived last Sunday. It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we make this announcement.

For months our Co-op Board have searched for a man qualified to fill this position and willing to come to Alaska and give the Matanuska farmers the accumulated experience of years.

Mr. Stock is not only well qualified, but willing and glad to be a guiding factor in the success of the Valley.

Mr. Stock has expressed his pleasure at the friendly reception thus far extended to him, and says he expects Mrs. Stock and son to arrive just as soon as traveling conditions will permit.

The most definite step toward permanent achievement for the Matanuska Co-op will, in the future, be measured with the arrival of its Manager. It marks the time when growth of business demands experienced handling. We have outgrown the past and expansion is necessary.

Thus, on behalf of every member of this Association, through the medium of our Co-op paper, we extend to Mr. Clair L. Stock, Manager, our pledged support and loyalty.

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SAVING YOUR PURCHASING MARCH 1---PREPARE GET YOUR DIVIDEND.
PUS ON SUNDAY

The United Protestant Sunday School has made arrangements with Mr. Klinopier to leave the Miller corner, in Camp 7, Sunday morning for town. The bus will call as far as Broostrum, then turn back to the main road and stop in on the Zook road, and then on in to town. This will continue till Easter if patronized sufficiently.

For those not going to church or Sunday School, regular show-nite rates will be charged.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston left last week for the outside, where they expect to remain and make their home.

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A group of CCC boys are here to begin work clearing land for the proposed airport. Twelve men are at present staying in the old Rudell place, until other arrangements can be made. The Fair barns will be moved to the slaughter house location.

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The next regular meeting of the Northland Pioneer Grange will be held at the Grange Hall, Thursday March 9th.

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AND REMEMBER MARCH 8TH. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR ALL CO-OP MEMBER IN THE VALLEY. EVERYONE IS URGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. NEXT WEDNESDAY—MARCH 8TH.

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CURE ALL?
The latest cure for belly-ache is a petition. At least we might try turning it into a headache or a burn which is more simple and easier to cure. If you haven't a petition, borrow one from your neighbor.

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WORD RECEIVED FROM
MRS. ANN SMALLEY

Word has been received from Mrs. Ann Smalley, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the world. Mrs. Smalley visited in the valley last summer and sends greetings to all Masons and Eastern Stars here from Hong Kong, where she is at the present time visiting.

Mrs. Smalley tells us that she visited approximately 1700 Masons and 1300 Stars in the Hawaiian Islands on her way around the world. When Mrs. Smalley left Palmer last summer to return home, she was preparing to start an extended trip around the world which would take her a year.

It is extremely pleasant to be remembered by Mrs. Smalley from the far corners of the world.

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COUNCIL MEETING

The annual Council meeting was held on March the first instead of the first of the year as it was supposed to be.

The annual report of the year's accomplishments was read by Mr. Arndt, also there was a list of things which we hope to achieve in the future.

The most important event of the evening was an amendment made to the by-laws to include all the old timers, or settlers of the valley. In the future, no line shall be drawn between settlers and Colonists. The word COLONISTS was stricken from the by-laws and it was decided to forget the word as soon as possible.

Some of the Districts have not yet elected their new representatives to the Council, but expect to do so at once.
February 28, 1939

The Mountain View Homemakers Club held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Dinkle and had a fairly good attendance. We also had two visitors and hope they will come again some time.

The topic for the day was on First Aid, and Miss Johnson gave us a number of pointers to remember which will be of great help to us in case of an accident or sickness. We wish to thank her for taking the time and trouble to meet with us.

This will be the last all day meeting for the year. The next meeting will be hold at the home of Mrs. Ed Moss on March 15th, and will start promptly at 1:30 P.M. Be sure and remember the time. The topic will be EMERGENCY MEALS and will be given by Mrs. F. Henry. Roll call will be a usable recipe for a rush meal.

The Mountain View Homemakers Club held their regular monthly Birthday party at the old La Valley residence and report a very nice time. Old-fashioned games were played, several amateur magicians tried out a number of their pet stunts, and while we waited for the coffee to boil all joined in some good old-fashioned songs. I will say that for the size of some of the men, their voices were rather faint.

Two special birthday cakes were made in honor of Mr. C. Soper's, and Mr. C. Strikler's birthdays, with candles and all the decorations. Mr. Strikler couldn't come so Mrs. Strikler had to blow out the candles. Mrs. Henry donated the pie tin that was used as a pudgel.

There will be another party next month for more birthdays so if you want a cake, be sure to tell us about it, and don't be bashful. The date will be announced later.

Mrs. A. R. Carson
Club reporter
CABBAGE AND COMMISSARS
By Ted Leitzell

(Reprint from the AMERICAN MERCURY)

He (Walter Pippel) doesn't care how much the others are coddled, and is not worried about his debts, for he is making money regularly. The important thing to him is that he can prosper without any help from the Comrades, and that his kids are going to have a real stake in the future. He is not going to relinquish his hard-earned rights without a battle. ********

A financial summary of this Utopian venture in the Valley makes even dreariest reading than a squint at Harry Hopkins' leaf-raking activities. Total expenditures have been nearly $5,000,000, and there are 164 families left on the project. Of these, one is really successful, and a handful more may make the grade without further help. The average cost per family for "rehabilitation" is thus $34,000.

But -- who knows? -- this money may have been swell spent. In individualist Walter Pippel, so successful, and in the other colonists who have failed so miserable under collectivism, we have a perfect example of what happens under the planned benefits of New Deal paternalism. We have a positive proof that, while individualists who are willing to work can make a good living in spite of an almost overwhelming bureaucracy, there isn't a chance for Relief-demoralized derelicts to be nursed toward self-sufficiency in a totalitarian Utopia. The Comrades set up their own laboratory, under their own rules, and spent your money and mine with a firm hand; the residue in the bottom of the test tube is of their own making... ***

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NEW MAIL SERVICE
SCHEDULE ** EFFECTIVE MARCH 1

NORTHWARD

Leave Seward - Fri. 7:30 a.m.
Arrive Anchorage - Fri. 12:30 p.m.
Arrive Anchorage - Fri. 2:00 p.m.
Leave Anchorage - Sat. 6:30 p.m.
Arrive Curry - Sat. 7:30 a.m.
Arrive Fairbanks - Sat. 4:15 p.m.

SOUTHWARD

Leave Fairbanks - Wed. 8:30 a.m.
Arrive Curry - Wed. 8:30 a.m.
Arrive Curry - Thurs. 7:15 a.m.
Arrive Anchorage - Thurs. 11:30 a.m.
Leave Anchorage - Thurs. 1:30 a.m.
Arrive Seward - Thurs. 6:15 p.m.

With this new schedule the northbound mail makes good connections with the air service.

The mail will close at the local office at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday and 2:00 P.M. on Friday.

1939--HATCHERY PRICES

Week old started chicks ---- 18c
Day old chicks ---- 15c each

Custom hatching

.04 c each in tray lots, etc.

Eggs will be set about April 1.

Chick orders are coming in every day.

HAVE

YOU

PLACED

YOURS?

Chick graph
ATTENTION

The River Bend Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Lentz, Wednesday March 8th, at 1:00 P.M. Roll call—Current events.

HOMEMAKERS' MEETINGS
MARCH 3—- 10th.

Anchorage------- March 3
"Rug making"

Hilltop ------- March 7
Business and social

Spruce Grove ------- March 7
"Foods For Children," at the home of Mrs. Thuma.

River Bend ------- March 8
"Home Accounts," at the home of Mrs. Wm. Lentz.

Civic Center ------- March 10
"Remodeling Clothing"
Home of Mrs. M. Sherrod.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 6 held its regular meeting at the home of Earl Hecker on Feb. 27. There were twenty-five members present. The business of the meeting was election of new officers and a general discussion of farm and crop problems. Mr. Earl Hecker was elected District representative on the Civic Council and Ivan Wilson was elected treasurer.

Over in the Butte District a meeting was held on the same evening. There were 17 members present and only 22 members in the district. Those not attending were at other meetings. Mr. Ed. Wineck was elected District representative.

Who said the Civic Council was dead? Who said there was a lack of interest in this organization? This is sufficient proof that the Civic Council is very much alive and active.

It has been reported that the same interest is being shown in every other district. There are eight districts in the Valley.

ALMER J. PETERSON
LAWER
TEMPORARY OFFICE WITH
THOS. C. PRICE
RESIDENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

FOR SALE

RHODE ISLAND RED HATCHING EGGS
INQUIRE OF

MRS. CARL MEIER

Pat was taking his first airplane ride. About 5000 feet up the pilot sent the ship into a nose dive; it was headed straight for the city below. Pulling out of the dive, the pilot turned to Pat and said: "I'll bet 50% of those people down there thought we were falling." "Yes," said Pat, "and I'll bet 50% of the people up here thought so too."
ELECTRIC BALL

BE WISE AND
PATRONIZE

DANCE your way to Electric Lights

BUY A TICKET FOR YOURSELF
BUY A TICKET FOR YOUR FRIEND
BUY A TICKET FOR GRAND-PAPPY

BUT BUY A TICKET

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR
SURVEY OF POWER SITE HAVE
ALL READY BEEN STARTED.
AS SOON AS THE ENGINEER'S
REPORT IS COMPLETED AND
SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON
FOR APPROVAL, APPROPRIATION
WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WHEN THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED
ALL PREVIOUS EXPENSE WILL BE
REFUNDED, FROM THE APPROPRIATION.
**Clearance Sale in Full Swing**

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**ATTENTION EVERYONE**

$7.25

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**Afternoon Dresses *** Latest in Styles and Colors**

**Matanuska Valley Trading Post**

**Palmer**

open show 

**Alaska**
Palmer Theatre - March 3

Joan Crawford in Mannequin

The Drama of a Shopgirl and a Millionaire

-MGM-

Also

Shorts

Next Week

Watch Posters for Next Show

Hard Times Dance

Sponsored by American Legion

Matanuska Hall
March 4th

Come Join the Fun!
Come In Costume!
Good Music!
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- FIRESTONE accessories
- STANDARD OIL products
- AUTOLITE spark plugs
- WEED Bar-reinforced
- QUAKER STATE motor oils
- PRESTONE anti-freeze
- PYCIL
- AMERICAN BRAKBLOC KLINING
- AMERICAN BRAKBLOC for bolts
- MAZDA lamps
- P & D Ignition parts
- McCORD heaters
- TRICO Windshield wipers

STOVE OIL, FOR BROODER STOVES IS IN.

CO-OP GARAGE
Headquarters for Parts and Service
GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

At the special meeting of the Co-op members held Wed., March 3, Crop and agricultural problems were discussed at length. Roland Snodgrass, pointed out the fact that there would be many additional acres planted this season and urged, that as far as possible we should increase our orders in peas and vetch seed. In view of the fact that it would be possible to secure local seed, less outside seed had been ordered this year.

It was also pointed out that the greatest problem in the valley, was the need of more produce to sell, also, closer grading of all produce placed on the market, as the exhibit on display clearly proved to those present. Thin unfattened chickens, fertile eggs, sunburned potatoes, stale cream, ungraded vegetables, and inferior quality must be completely abolished from produce placed on the market. This may result in refusing to buy produce from some farmers. The Co-op marketing association cannot afford to ruin the sale and reputation of "Matanuska Maid" by accepting any inferior quality from a few careless producers, thus, damaging those earnestly attempting to meet outside competition.

Those not informed may receive instruction upon request. There is no excuse for bringing poor produce to market, because it CAN BE RAISED here. Therefore, be prepared when you bring poor produce to market—don't say we didn't tell you. (continued on page -2-)

PREPARATION FOR CHICKS NECESSARY

From all authority and reliable information on the raising of poultry we discover this: that one sure way to insure healthy flocks of chickens is to take first class care of the baby chicks from the time of hatching until the time of production.

The time of preparing for chick brooding is at hand, and preparation must be made in advance for the arrival of the chicks. Cleaning, disinfecting, fresh litter on the floor, chick hoppers and waterers in place and ready to be placed around the hovers, and the brooder running at proper temperature when the chicks arrive, are all parts of the preparation for them.

The chief factors for success in brooding, in addition to having a comfortable house, are temperature and feed. Although the weather is colder when early brooding is being done, it is not necessary to keep the brooder at any higher temperature than it is kept in normal season brooding. As a matter of fact, the tendency in recent years has been to keep temperatures lower in the brooder room than formerly. Just so the temperature is satisfactory under the hover, the room temperature need not be any higher when brooding is done in March, April or May.

A temperature of about 95 degrees is recommended as sufficient for starting the chicks. This temperature may be lowered 5 degrees a week until 80 or 85 degrees are (continued on page 3)
The matter of more storage space for fall crops was brought up and it was suggested that a larger root cellar be constructed in the Civic center for the storage of root crops in the fall. Also, suggested, that logs and labor could be donated by the farmers to build this cellar, and the expense of other material would not be impossible to get some way. It was believed that the ARRC would grant permission to use the land for this purpose.

Two cellars were considered necessary for storage of various crops which demand different temperatures.

The idea of an agricultural library met with favor and it was suggested that the Board of directors buy a few good books from time to time and make them available to every one.

The most urgent question was: what shall we raise? This was answered by a decision to send out forms to every farmer, who in turn would fill in these blanks, stating the acreage and kinds of crops expected to plant. The field man would then make a careful study and calculate the shortage of various crops. In this way, there would not be any great waste and every one would be practically assured of a market for all produce raised.

It was also suggested that some parts of the valley were more adaptable to certain crops than others and if possible, soil tests should be taken, or a test of the vegetables from the farm cellars to determine which crops each section should raise.

One fact has already been determined, that every farm can raise two kinds of vegetables; good and those not so good. Potatoes may need to be raised only on certain soil to produce a saleable product, also, it is very important to stabilize our crops, and plant the kind of vegetables that the market demands. For instance, it has been proven that four kinds of potatoes do well in the valley, while two of these kinds will compete with outside potatoes. This fact has been proven by testing approximately 110 or more kinds of potatoes at the Experimental farms as well as other places in the valley. If it has been proven which kind will compete on the market, why spend more time experimenting?

Every one raising vegetables for the cannery must raise the kind required for that purpose. For vegetables to place in storage, kinds must be selected for their keeping qualities.

Mr. Clair L. Stock, Manager for the Co-op spoke of the promising possibilities forseen for the valley and said, "we have the best set-up of any Co-op in the world so far as I have observed during my association with eight different Co-ops." Mr. Stock spoke of Co-op policies and said he believed in giving work to those deserving according to their ability to handle the job. He believes in loyalty of personnel, working for the interest of the Co-op and all its members. After all, Co-op means cooperation of members.

Mr. Don Irwin, manager of the Matanuska Experimental farm gave some very interesting facts about raising potatoes and other crops. He said potatoes should be kept in storage at a temperature of 34 to 36 degrees. Also, that by test, potatoes will loose 5% of their moisture content during storage. Potatoes should be kept in a dark place rather than a light place.

There shall be cooperation between the Extension Service and the Co-op Field man. This new added advantage of Field man should promise solution of every problem. Let's dig in.
reached. It may be necessary for an additional week or two, depending upon the severity of the weather outside, to hold this temperature. In normal brooding, the temperature may be continually reduced until it is finally done away with at about 6 weeks.

There is one thing to be remembered in early brooding, and that is the lack of summer sunshine. To remedy this, it is necessary to feed some cod liver oil, also a glass substitute in the windows which will admit the ultra-violet rays of sunlight will greatly help.

The chick guard placed around the hover is necessary to protect from drafts when the doors are opened to enter, also, to prevent the chicks from straying too far from the brooder stove.

Feed is next in importance. Any chick that is healthy and alert is looking for something to eat and drink. There are several methods of feeding, all of which have brought good results. The all-mash system of feeding chicks is very popular; some feed grain and mash and some start on mash and later change to mash and grain after a few days.

Beware not to over crowd at the feed or drinking fountain. Have plenty of room to insure each chick a good square meal. Otherwise some will be crowded out and you will soon have a number of weak ones in your flock. By all means prepare for the chicks before you take them from the hatchery.

It is a good plan to light up the brooder stove several days before bringing the chicks home. If there is any reason why it will not work right, it can then be remedied without disturbing the chicks.

Many possibilities lie just ahead.

Did you know that the Matanuska Maid truck makes at least three trips to Anchorage every week and never takes less than a ton and a half of farm produce to the trip? Did you know that sometimes the truck makes four trips a week? And did you know that besides this, there is at least a ton of produce sold and shipped over the rail road to way points every week? This is what is happening every week this winter and we are unable to supply the demand for your produce in Anchorage alone.

During the season of green vegetables our dales amount to a great deal more.

With the increase of dairy stock in the valley and the increase of acreage under cultivation, we should be able to more than double this amount another year. If plans go forward to build a storage cellar to keep green produce in perfect condition all winter, think what this will mean.

Then, too, there are innumerable products which in the past, we have not tried to market. As the quantity and quality increase we can begin to increase the items for market.

CHICK PREPARATION
CONTINUED
ELECTRIC BALL

BE WISE AND
PATRONIZE

DANCE your way to
Electric Lights

BUY A TICKET FOR YOURSELF
BUY A TICKET FOR YOUR FRIEND
BUY A TICKET FOR GRAND-PAPPY

BUT BUY A TICKET

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR
SERVICE OF POWER SITE HAVE
ALL READY BEEN STARTED.
AS SOON AS THE ENGINEER'S
REPORT IS COMPLETED AND
SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON
FOR APPROVAL, APPROPRIATION
WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WHEN THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED
ALL PREVIOUS EXPENSE WILL BE
REFUNDED, FROM THE APPROPRIATION.

DATE
MARCH 11
HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAM

The Sourdough Club will meet on March 14, with the subject under discussion -- Pernials. Mabel Bingle--leader.

The Glacier View Club will meet on March 15. Subject of discussion --Emergency meals -- Mrs. C. Sjodin

Mt. View -- also, Emergency Meals Will meet on March 15, with Mrs. F. Henry, leader.

Butte Club-- Meat substitutes Will meet on March 16, with Mrs. Joe Sieber and Mrs. Don Mekechnie leaders.

Anchorage will meet on March 17. Subject-- St. Patrick's Party with Mrs. Heaven, leader.

Anchorage Garden demonstration on the same day, given by H. Estelle.

Anchorage 4-H Clothing demonstration will be given by J. Hazel Zimmerman on March 18.

The Hilltop Club will meet on March 21, Subject-- Meat Substitutes with Mrs. C. Swoboda leader.

Civic Center will discuss, color for the Individual on March 24, with Mrs. Kling and Miss Zimmerman as leaders.

APRIL 1st. WHO? APRIL FOOLISHMENT WHERE? PALMER WHAT?---- MORE LATER

YOUR LAUNDRY WORK IS GUARANTEED DAILY DELIVERY SERVICE RUSTY'S LAUNDRY

CREAMERY BUILDING PALMER

RATE OF DIVIDEND PAID

Several requests have been made regarding the rate of dividends paid on the various departments.

In answer to these requests the accounting office has given the following figures: the Trading Post paid 5.75%, the Warehouse 9.2%, and the Garage paid 8.21%.

FOR SALE

RHODE ISLAND RED HATCHING EGGS INQUIRE OF MRS. CARL MEIER

FOR SALE

TWO GOOD PUREBRED GUERNSEY BULL CALVES. ONE 4 WEEKS AND ONE 10 WEEKS OLD-- SEE CLAIR PATTEN

ALMER J. PETERSON LAWER

TEMPORARY OFFICE WITH THOS. C. PRICE RESIDENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

LOCALS

Mrs. Clair L. Stock and son are leaving Seattle on the next boat for Palmer, Alaska, where they will join Mr. Stock.

The Senior Class play has been set for April 8. This is something to look forward to. They will expect and rightfully deserve loyal support from parents and friends.

Mrs. Margaret Cope is expected to arrive tomorrow at Palmer, where she will have charge of the Commercial course in the school.

Mr. Wyne Ware returned last week from the Outside and was accompanied by a charming bride. At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Wyne Ware are visiting his parents in Camp 7. Congratulations and best wishes.
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CO-OP GARAGE
Headquarters for
Parts and Service
The Butte Homemakers' Club met with Mrs. Ray McKechnie March 2. The attendance was very good. Mrs. Sieber and Mrs. Ray McKechnie gave us material on "Emergency Meals". Each one was required to plan an emergency meal that could be prepared in half an hour. This meal had to be prepared from what each knew she had in her cupboard. The variety of meals was quite surprising.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Loren McKechnie March 16. Come and bring your neighbors. Our meetings are anything but dull, to say nothing about our delicious Pot Luck Luncheons.

Mrs. Lloyd Bell
Club reporter.

Don't forget to attend the dance tomorrow night. If it is impossible to attend, buy a ticket. Remember what it is for. The proceeds will finance the survey for electric power in the valley.

LAST PAGE !!

Don't forget to take a look at the last page of this issue. This is the blank form to be torn off and used to inform the field man of your crop intentions. Carefully fill out this blank to the best of your knowledge and turn it in to Roland Snuggrass or Mr. Stock.

After carefully checking these forms and making calculations on the market prospects, it will be easier to advise on what crops there is a possible shortage, if any. This method will protect everyone from raising the same thing, and thus not being able to market it this fall.

Fill out this blank and return it as soon as possible.

Orders received at the hatchery to date, amount to 13,200. The first orders have been hatched.

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TWO CAR LOADS OF CLEAN FRESH GROCERIES JUST ARRIVED

PILLSBURY BEST ALL PURPOSE FLOUR 2/49s GUNNY $5.00
49 sack 2.55

ELBOW MACARONI 3 lbs. .25
POWDERED SUGAR --BULK-- 1 lb. .10
FANCY LARGE ITALIAN PRUNES 10 lb. .95
AIRFLIGHT PEANUT BUTTER 2 # jar .35
ALAMEDA CATSUP 14 ounce bottle .15
HARMELS SPAM 12 ounce can .32
COCONUT LONG SHRED SWEET 1 lb. .20
SAYER PITTED DATES 1 lb. .15
RELIANCE WHOLE GRAIN G.B. CORN 2s ----2/for .35
PANTRY WAX PAPER 60 sheets pkg. .10
CRISCO WITH FREE CRISCO BOWL 6 # can 1.50
LIBBYS STRAWBERRY JAM 5 # can .85
LIBBYS ASSTD. FRUIT JAM 5 # can .70
LIBBYS ORANGE JUICE 12 ounce 3/for .25
S & W FANCY BLACK FIGS 1 lb. .15

MATANUSKA VALLEY TRADING POST
PALMER ALASKA
NATAHUSKA VALLEY FARMERS COOPERATING ASSOCIATION

Name __________________________________________ Co-op No. ________ Date __________

The following information will be needed to outline an agricultural program for the Valley for this year. Please fill out this questionnaire and get it to the Co-op Office by Friday, March 17. Please write any explanation, comments, criticism, suggestions, etc., on the reverse side.

LIVESTOCK ON HAND (Fill in number of head behind class listed).

BULLS _______ MILK COWS _______ (Bred) _______ 2-Yr. Old Heifers _______

YEARLING HEIFERS _______ HEIFER CALVES _______ BULL CALVES _______

(Bull calves to be slaughtered.) __________________________________________

HORSES _______ COLTS _______ No. MARES BRED _______

SHEEP _______ BOARS _______ SCOWS _______ FIGS _______

HEN (Leghorns) _______ (Reds) _______ (Rocks) _______ (Minoreas) _______

(Giants) _______ (Others) _______

GEASE _______ DUCKS _______ TURKEYS _______

OTHER LIVESTOCK __________________________________________

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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION ______ GALLONS DAILY.

WHAT HAVE YOU FOR SALE?

STOCK ______

HAY ______

VEGETABLES ______

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BUY?

STOCK ______

HAY ______

FEED ______

Roland Snodgrass
PALMER WILL HAVE A HOSPITAL

NEW HOSPITAL IF PRESENT PLANS MATERIALIZE

The burning of the Matanuska Valley Hospital has meant the loss of one of our most important community establishments, but the spirit shown by the crowd of rescuers shows that the Valley can produce a great effort when called upon to do so.

The only possible way to change the present catastrophe into a more favorable situation is to erect a new structure of fireproof materials. Plans are being made for this to be done if possible this year and we are sure that each of you will co-operate. Present plans are to erect a community owned hospital and your help is needed to make this effort a success.

Dr. David Hoehn

The Valley Settler was just off the press last week when the Matanuska Valley Hospital was discovered ablaze in the attic. People about town have noticed the smoke pouring from the attic and about the same time Grace Kulikoff, who was ironing upstairs, opened a closet door to be confronted with a mass of flames. Occupants of the upstairs floor were locked in their rooms and were in great danger of their belongings. By the fire whistle blew most of the patients were out of the building and townsfolk had entered the hospital to save all equipment possible.

Mrs. Frank Hollor, who was due to be discharged the following day, jumped from her room to the floor and was half carried out by her daughter, Mrs. Carl Wilson, who happened to be with her at the time. She was taken to the home of Mrs. O.C. Maus across the street until Mr. Hollor called a taxi and had her taken home as the Maus home was in danger from the hot blaze of the fire.

The Tuberculosis patients were taken out in the back yard until transportation arrived to get them under shelter in the Matanuska Valley Lodge living room.

Other patients were removed to the United States Post Office.

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We thank you.

We fail to find words adequate to express our gratitude for the spirit of cooperation and the ability to work in an emergency that was so clearly shown when our hospital burned. We have suffered a great loss and we feel it very much, but the loss is tempered by the many kind offers of help which we have received. We can still hardly believe that the patients and the much equipment were saved and we thank you most sincerely for your help and kindness.

MATANUSKA VALLEY HOSPITAL STAFF

Not being privileged to thank each one individually who so timely and generously contributed to our urgent need, due to the recent fire which destroyed the Matanuska Valley Hospital, we, the underequipped, do hereby take this opportunity through the columns of the Valley Settler, to attempt to express our grateful appreciation for your kindness, tho we find words so inadequate. The help of the Red Cross at this time was deeply appreciated also.

Mr. & Mrs. E.S. Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Eddy
Les Howard
Barnie Winters
Grace Kulikoff

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TEMPORARY HOSPITAL SET UP IN PALMER SCHOOL

Permission was obtained from the local School Board and Dr. James C. Ryan, Commissioner of Education in Alaska, to set up a temporary Hospital in the school. The first floor and kitchen and dining room of the basement are being used. The first grade room has now became a nursery, the library a surgery, and two other rooms on the first floor have been converted to men's and women's wards. Mrs. Swanson's room is being used for offices. The hospital is now ready to admit patients.

No contagious diseases will be admitted which of course includes T.B. patients. Some other places will have to be found by the First of August Cont. on p. 2.
IT DOESN'T ALWAYS POUR WHEN IT RAINS

Much as we feel the loss of our Hospital we cannot help, but feel thankful for the surrounding circumstances at the time it burned to the ground.

First, it was extremely fortunate that we had no wind at the time. For almost two weeks the wind had been blowing a gale through town and only that day had it quieted down. We could have lost the greater portion of Palmer on both sides of the tracks.

In the second place, the fire might have broken out in the night when the town and all the patients were asleep. Valuable time would have been lost in reaching the fire and rousing the patients. In all probability the fire would not have been discovered as soon.

Should it have been raining, the welfare of the patients would have been endangered. Equipment and supplies would have been damaged.

We can also be thankful that the weather was reasonably warm.

So when we take everything into consideration, as long as it happened, we can be glad that the elements were on our favor.

We hope that in the near future we will be able to have another finer and better hospital—and fireproof—of concrete if possible. Being confined in bed and helpless when a building breaks into flames over your head, must be a terrible sensation to patients. However, the patients have withstood the shock wonderfully well and are getting along fine.

We are still marveling that with the exception of Mr. Eddy being burned, no one was overcome in the burning building, hurt or trapped in by flames. With so little time to get organized and into action on the evacuation, the co-operation exhibited was most commendable.

We can truthfully say—it doesn’t always pour when it rains.

TEMPORARY HOSPITAL SET UP IN SCHOOL

Cont. from p. 1

so that the school can be made ready by the first of September.

Whatever babies arrive this summer will have the unique distinction of being born in a library and school building. If environment at time of birth is a factor in the child’s development, we ought to have some brilliant and studious children.

PALMER WILL HAVE NEW HOSPITAL

Dr. Hochn, who had just left the hospital before the fire was discovered, was taken word by Mrs. Mary Witt. By the time Dr. Hochn reached the Hospital, all patients were out and the process of loading equipment was in rapid progress.

Dr. Hochn then set out to get his patients rounded up and transferred to more comfortable quarters. He and William Bouwens called Anchorage and Fort Richardson for ambulances to come after the patients and bed for them when they arrived. The T.B. cases were taken to a Hospital at Fort Richardson and the others who needed continued care were admitted at the Providence Hospital in Anchorage. All were in bed again by 3 A.M.

Three of the patients, Mrs. Frank Holler, Mrs. Doris Heming and Helen Stephan, were practically ready to be discharged, so were sent home instead. Mrs. Heming was taken to the Neil Miller home until she could be taken to her home in Wasilla.

It was amazing the way equipment and supplies came out of the burning building. Miss Laura Wolfe, nurse in charge, took over the organization of the evacuation crew in the hospital and by about eleven o'clock when the roof collapsed, beds, bedding, office equipment and supplies, records, all the surgery equipment, the big X-Ray, all three refrigerators including a huge refrigerator and practically every movable object on the first floor was taken out. If a wall was in the way if was chopped down. Doors were unlocked in a matter of seconds. Light articles were relayed through the windows and tractors with trailers appeared to haul articles to safety. The teen-agers were right on the job and were to be highly commended for their cool-headed assistance. It would be impossible to mention all those who were helping either in trying to squelch the flames or in saving equipment, but they had to work hard and fast to as completely extinguish a building in a matter of 2½ hours.

Mr. Eddy was the only one who received any serious burns. A few minor scratches and bruises were reported.

As the building collapsed, surrounding dwellings were greatly endangered. They were dotted down and watched.

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EXTENSION NEWS

The 12:30 HOMEMAKERS' CLUB will meet at the home of Mrs. Carlson on June 6th. The main topic of the meeting will be "singercraft".

The HOMEMAKERS' COUNCIL will meet June 3rd at the Extension Office at 10:30 A.M. The guest speaker for the day is Mrs. Max Sherrod, president of the Alaska Crippled Children's Association of the Palmer Chapter. The organization will be explained by Mrs. Sherrod and membership cards offered the Council members who in turn will carry the message and invitation to membership in their own particular club.

Not Rushing the Season—It's Here! (or) Recipes for First Fruit of the Season.

Rhubarb Punch (May Magic)

Boil together 2 minutes:
1 cup sugar
1 quart of water
Four boiling hot
1 quart cut-up rhubarb
When cold, strain.
Serve with cracked ice or cubes.
Yield———4 glasses.
Stew the pulp—add 1 cup sugar.
Garnish with slices of orange.

Rhubarb Pie

Line a 9" pan with pastry.
Put in 3 cups rhubarb cut fine.
Pour over a mixture of:
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup sugar
1 or 2 eggs beaten
Cover top with pastry
Bake at 425° for 10 minutes
Lower temperature to 350° and bake 35 minutes longer.

Leaflet No. 138 on Rhubarb, How to Grow, Use and Preserve is free for the asking at the Extension Service. Get your copy.

Gloves—in the Making

Fourteen pairs of gloves were cut last week in the Extension Office. Some have been finished and are on display in the office. An order has been placed for more leather—so if you wish to make your own gloves, come in and get your pattern fitted and when the leather arrives you will be notified by mail.

4-H ROUND-UP WEEK AT FAIRBANKS

The tentative schedule for the 4-H Round-Up at Fairbanks is as follows:
Train will leave Matanuska June 11 at 4:10 P.M. and at Wasilla at 4:30 P.M. All passengers will spend the night at Curry, leaving there at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday morning, June 12, arriving at the College Station at 4:45 Wednesday afternoon. All delegates, leaders, and assistant leaders will be housed on the University Campus.
Beds and mattresses will be furnished.
Each member and leader attending should bring the following supplies:

Bedding: Sheets and warm blanket (Pillow cases if needed)

Girls: Cotton dress or slacks; one better dress for trip and banquet.

Boys: Overalls or Corduroys (or similar clothing); one better outfit for trip to town and banquet.

Shoes: Sturdy, comfortable walking shoes.

Coats: Because of cool evenings a heavy coat or sweater will be necessary.

Toilet Articles:
Tooth brush, tooth paste, comb, bath towel, hand towels, wash towel, soap, two or three clothes hangers, and a cup or a glass.

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Palmer Bus Schedules

Leaves Anchorage Daily Except Sunday
10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Leaves Palmer Daily
9:00 A.M. & 8:00 P.M.

Sunday Bus Leaves Anchorage
9:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

Gulkana Bus Leaves Anchorage on
Monday Friday 9:00 A.M.

Palmer Ticket Office & Waiting Room in
the Palmer Fountain Cafe
Co-Op Recreational Hall

Anchorage Phone........ Main 460
CHARA BUS LINES

ED. COFFEY INSURANCE

COFFEY INSURES EVERYTHING--REMEMBER?
PHONE MAIN 136 ANCHORAGE--ALASKA

FIRE

ACCIDENT

BONDS

LIFE
PALMER HOSPITAL FIRE Cont. from p. 2

The electric pole containing the transformers was ablaze at one time and the main switch had to be thrown in order to put out the blaze. The radio pole attached to Mr. Harriss's house also caught fire. The house in which Mr. and Mrs. Harriss live stands on the west lot as the hospital and was in the gravest danger. Fire crept through the grass to within a few feet of the house. The rescue crew then moved into his house and began moving things out across the road. Mrs. Harriss, who was in the basement washing, didn't come up until the hospital was almost ready to collapse. The sight of the burning building was a great shock to her. For two days after the fire the Harriss house was without heat or water.

Patients in the hospital at the time of the fire were:
Bobby Peterkin, Frank Micholl, Claire Anderson, Mrs. Carol Macklin, Mrs. Frank Heller; Baby Irene Micholl, Baby William Billum, Helen Stephan; Lucille Rohrman, and Mrs. Dora Hering.

Mrs. Carlton Kaiser had just taken her new daughter home, who has the distinction of being the last baby born in the hospital.

Nona Bailey had just returned home that day.

The Katamuka Valley Hospital served the people of the Valley for more than ten years and had more babies born in it than most hospitals can claim. Most children in the Valley under ten were born there.

NOTICE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday June 3rd in the Orange Hall. Members are urged to be present and others invited to attend and join. Many important Community problems are discussed at those meetings.

VETERANS get your requests for housing in to some member of the American Legion. They may be able to help you some place for your family.

FOR SALE

HOUSE

PARTLY FURNISHED, SHERROD AVE.
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4-H Round-Up Week at Fairbanks
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Miscellaneous:
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It is also suggested that Club members bring substantial lunches for their meals on the train. On the return trip lunch may be purchased during the noon stop at Holy.

Eligibility of members to attend the 1946 Round-Up:
Club presidents and secretaries are preferred, but if this is not possible substitutions may be made by the leader. Any Club member who failed to complete his or her project for the year 1945 is not eligible to attend. Members must be thirteen years of age or older.

All 4-H Club members planning to attend the University Round-Up should have their health records checked with the Public Health Nurse in order to find out if they require special consideration.

Tentative Program for the Round-Up
Wednesday Evening—Home Movie and reception
Thursday—Demonstrations and Meetings.
    Evening: Trip to town & Free Show.
Friday: Forenoon—Demonstrations
    Noon—Hike to farm & Lunch there.
    Afternoon—Tour of College Buildings.
    Evening: Party
Saturday—Forenoon: Classes
    Afternoon: Shopping trip to Fairbanks.
    Evening: Program of Music and games.
Sunday—Forenoon: Trip to Church
    Noon: Excursion to Ladd Field
    Evening: Vespers
Monday: Forenoon & Afternoon: Preparation for stunt night. Leader training meeting.
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Mrs. Noma Ellis, Dept. Sec'y of the American Legion Auxiliary, came over from Anchorage to help organize the Legion Auxiliary. Those present were, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. N. Hansen, Mrs. Grant France, Mrs. Milos France, Mrs. Lyle Bruckbauer, Mrs. Gary LeRose, Mrs. Louis Ungaro, and Mrs. Francis Honry. Temporary officers were elected. There will be another meeting soon. The Secretary will send out cards to all who are eligible to join. We hope to have a good turn-out at the next meeting.

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD

The Matanuska Valley Post held a Memorial Service at the Palmer Cemetery today in honor of the Veterans of past wars. The Legion ceremony was executed in a manner befitting the occasion. Three cannons are interred in the local Cemetery.

Applications for Housing for Veterans are being worked upon, and if a sufficient number are secured within the next few days, the Project will be presented to the F.S.H.A. for action. Comrades who wish to be enrolled should contact members of the Legion within the next day or two.

The next regular meeting of the Legion will be on June 12, at 8:00 O'clock. Come and bring new members.

Mrs. Vinco Stephan and children from Monai are visiting friends and relatives in the Valley this week.

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The purpose of periodic military training will be to qualify him for promotion in the Reserve. If he does not choose to undergo this training, he will relinquish his right to advancement.

A Reservist is no more subject to call to active duty during the present emergency than is any other American citizen of military age who has served in the Armed Forces, and the War Department stresses the fact that it does not contemplate calling up Reserves during the existing emergency. The present emergency will continue to exist until Presidential or Congressional action is taken to terminate it, the statement concluded.

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Ronnie Moore is spending her annual leave visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore, and friends in the Valley. She has been employed the past year at the Alaska Air Depot at Elmendorf Field. She plans to leave June 4th for Fairbanks where she will be employed at Ladd Field.

Miss Lois Hemmens and Miss Bernice Winters left for the States Friday evening. Miss Hemmens came to the Valley last fall and was one of the nurses in the Matanuska Valley Hospital. Miss Winters arrived here in January and was Office Nurse at the Hospital. Both Miss Hemmens and Miss Winters were living in rooms over the Hospital at the time of the fire. They lost their clothes, some money and other possessions in the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eddy and Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Moore, employees of the Matanuska Valley Hospital, lost all of their clothes and many other possessions when the Hospital was burned to the ground last week.

Mrs. Carl Wilson and children, Gwen, Rocky, and Terry, will leave for Fairbanks by plane this coming Friday where they will join Mr. Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson has been staying with her mother, Mrs. Heller, until their house was vacated so that they could move into it. She has also been able to take care of her mother during the latter's convalescence from her recent operation.

The Editor of the Valley Settler has been partially "laid up" again, but the Valley Settler will come off the press just the same. Joan Emery has been enlisted to help out.

Everyone feels bad about the loss of the Hospital, but there are so many things that we find for which to be thankful. The wind which had been blowing a gale through Palmer for more than a week, had died down and did not come up again until the fire was practically out. The fire broke out before people were in bed and thus no lives were lost. It would have been much worse had this happened in the winter. So while we regret the loss of the Hospital, we are thankful that surrounding conditions at the time of the fire were in our favor.

Mrs. Jane Potarkin came up from Anchorage to be near Bobby while he was in the Hospital with his broken leg. She was staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lentz. During the early hours of Friday morning, she was awakened to be told that Bobby was enroute to Anchorage via an ambulance because the Hospital had burned. Mrs. Potarkin took a taxi and followed her son to Anchorage.
EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

The Hospital Staff wishes to express their deep appreciation to all those who assisted so efficiently in helping to remove patients and equipment from the Hospital during the recent fire and for the shelter so kindly provided by the United Protestant and Lutheran Churches. Those of the Staff who lost their personal belongings are also very grateful for the aid given them by the Community.

FIRST BABY BORN IN TEMPORARY HOSPITAL

The first baby to have the distinction of being born in the temporary quarters provided by “he school, is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Yarbro who arrived Wednesday evening.

FIRST MEDICAL PATIENT

Mrs. Harry Wimmer is the first medical patient admitted to the Temporary Hospital.

GUESTS IN PALMER ON THURSDAY INCLUDE—

Dr. G. Earl Albrecht, Commissioner of Health; Dr. Leo Gehrig, Tuberculosis Consultant; Miss Marjorie Herzeine, nutrition consultant; Miss Ede Gordon, Medical Social consultant from the U.S. Children’s Bureau in Washington D.C.; Miss Pearl Melver, principal nursing consultant from the U.S. Public Health Service; Mrs.

Winifred Porter, Orthopedic nursing consultant; Miss Florence Bby, Interior Public Health Nurse Supervisor; and Miss Dorothy K. Whitney, Director of Public Health Nursing from Territorial Health Department.

Miss Annette Jacobson, Soldovia; Miss Hilda Hill, Anchorage; and Mrs. Elizabeth Erickson, Cordova; all Public Health Nurses returned to Palmer with Miss Ruth Havénor from the Institute and are her guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones and children, Donna Rose and Owen Jr., who formerly were residents of Palmer, along with Dr. and Mrs. Frank Dorsey and sons, Arthur and Donald, are planning a trip to the states over the Alaska Highway. They will have two automobiles with trailers completely equipped with supplies of food, tents for sleeping, first aid and everything that will be necessary on a long trip of this kind.

Dr. Dorsey, former dentist of Palmer, and his family are also well known in the Valley.

DONALD RAINY WINS $25 U.S. SAVING BOND

It has been learned that Donald Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barry of Palmer, has recently won a $25 U.S. Saving Bond in a Nation wide contest conducted by the Pillsbury Institute of Flour Milling History. Donald's entry was "Food Flask for Peace."

DOROTHY SWANDA WILL MARRY SOON

A marriage license has been issued to James C. Jordan, operating engineer from Avalon, California, and Dorothy Swanda, daughter of Frank and Minnie Swanda of Anchorage. The Swanda family came to the Valley in 1935 from Pino City, Minnesota and have many friends in the Valley.

Members of veterans organizations who are approached with proposals for misuse of their certificates to buy will be urged to report such proposals to Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Compliance Enforcement Division WAA, Railroad Retirement Building, Washington, D.C., it was announced.

The veterans group also will assist the WAA in combating violations of the law in surplus disposal which involves abuse of the priority or preference of any other group under the Surplus Property Act.

Mr. Carroll told the committee that representatives of his division had uncovered indications that a small minority of veterans had acquired surplus property for others after certifying that the property was for their own use. He pointed out that such veterans laid themselves open to prosecution for violations of the U.S. Criminal Code and the Surplus Property Act, which call for severe penalties for obtaining government property on false representation.

Under a War Assets Administration regulation, any evidence of irregularity in the acquisition of surplus property is reported to the Department of Justice. Investigation and prosecution is made by the Department of Justice.

Continued in next column
HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. Kenneth Macklin of Anchorage had a minor fire in front of the hospital burned. Mr. Macklin is a driver for the Yellow Cab Co.

Mr. Claire Anderson, a work employee at Glen Allen, crushed his left little finger when a door of a dump truck fell on it. The finger was amputated just a short time before the hospital burned.

The patients who were evacuated to Anchorage are all getting along well. Dr. Coehn has been down twice and reports that none suffered any serious damage due to the hurried moving.

Mr. Harold Eddy, hospital maintenance man, suffered 3rd degree burns, but is improving rapidly.

Helen Stephan and Mrs. Berning of Wasilla were patients, but were able to go home without leaving having to go to Anchorage.

Dr. Coehn was scheduled to appear on the program at the Public Health Institute being held in the Pioneer Hall in Anchorage this week, but due to the emergency caused by the burning of our local hospital, he was unable to take part.

An Orthopedic Clinic is being planned for sometime in June to be held in Anchorage. At that time, crippled child-
ren from this district will be examined to determine the extent to which they need hospitalization.

Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, who is now in Anchorage at the Public Health Institute, will be in Palmer next week to confer with people here regarding the building of a new hospital.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Ethel King plans to fly to Wrangel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sandvik are visiting at the home of Dale’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Sandvik.

Jalmar Kertula has returned from College, Alaska where he has been attending school this past year.

Pete Sandvik went to work for the road commission at Fairbanks after school was out this spring. He is driving truck.

Leo Swanson came up from Kenai last Thursday evening just in time to help at the Hospital Fire. Due to the strike of cannery workers, Leo is temporarily out of work.

Mrs. Dave Eldridge has been transferred from the Grocery Department to the Dry Goods Department.

Mrs. Carl Shonors is leaving this week, Friday, for Kansas where she will visit her parents this summer.

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RECEPTION TO BE GIVEN AT SANDVIK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Sandvik will hold Open House Sunday afternoon June 2, at their home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sandvik who recently married at College, Alaska. All friends, school, Shrine, and Legion associates are invited.

The FIRE DEPARTMENT of PALMER HELD MEETING MONDAY EVENING.

In order to become better organized for fighting fires the Palmer Volunteer Fire Department held a special meeting last Monday evening. More effective use of equipment will be emphasized in drills.

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Patriots celebrate with flag burning

by Michael Bowen

A group in Palmer will celebrate Flag Day tomorrow by burn- ing the American flag.

No, these people are not radicals relishing the sight of Old Glory in flames. Rather, they are the American Legion Post 15 performing their honorable duty of disposing of unserviceable flags.

The flag burning ceremony, which is open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 14, in the front parking lot of the Palmer Tourist Information Center.

Palmer Post 15, under the direction of Commander Donald Robertson, is reportedly the only American Legion post in Alaska that performs such a service.

According to legatee Bob Maloney, 87 torn and ragged flags are scheduled for burning.

"These flags are brought from all parts of Alaska. Two flags were even sent up from Trippet, New Jersey," Maloney said.

After the flags are inspected by three different stations, they are brought to a burning rack where they are doused with diesel fuel and set aflame. Only seven flags will be burned for public observance. The other 80 will be treated similarly in a private ceremony.

As a prelude to the burning, the Air National Guard from Kulis Air Force Base will present a special ceremony called the "Avenue of Flags." All the flags ever flown over the United States will be displayed, with a brief dissertation given for each. Senior Master Sergeant, Jayne Short, will serve as the director and narrator.

"The whole ceremony is quite impressive. I think the public will enjoy it," said Maloney.

The American Legion, an organization for the mutual benefit of veterans and their dependents, promotes patriotism and community service. There are 2.7 million members in approximately 16,000 Legion Posts nationwide.

Lawmaker to consider constitutional amendment

Editors Note: This is the third installment of stories based on interviews with legislators who represent the Mat-Su Valley. This week State Rep. Katie Hurley, D-Wasilla, chairwoman of the House State Affairs Committee, said this week her committee this summer will look at formulating a constitutional amendment to establish an independent salary commission that would set pay scales for the governor, lawmakers and top bureaucrats.

Hurley also said she may continue pushing her bill next session to repeal the controversial $46,000 per year pay raise for legislators, which narrowly failed to pass to the House last session 21-19.

Hurley's pay raise repeal bill remains in the House Judiciary Committee, where it will either sink or swim next session. If the Alaska Legislature again turns up its nose at the pay raise issue, then voters will have the final say in the November, 1986, general election.

Lawmakers generally work hard during the four months they are in Juneau, Hurley said, but the work they put in during the remaining eight months of the year doesn't justify their annual salary.

However, there may be a motion behind lawmakers' reticence to kill their own pay increase, Hurley said.

"I believe it has something to do with retirement," she said. "Retirement for a legislator is based on (his) three highest (pay) years. Everyone who qualifies wants to get in their three years" before the issue goes to a vote of the people, or the Legislature repeals the raise. But Hurley said lawmakers may be more willing to repeal their pay increase next session, in order to avoid it becoming a campaign issue in the upcoming election season.

The long-term solution to the pay issue, she said, may lie in an amendment to the state constitution to establish a salary commission, similar to one adopted by the municipality of Anchorage several years ago.

Although Hurley said "I don't like to meddle in the constitution," she added that it may be the only way to remove salaries from the political arena.

Much of her work this summer, she said, will be conducting research into the possibility of drafting a constitutional amendment that could be placed on the ballot in the future.

In addition to the pay issue, Hurley last session was actively involved in legislation addressing the Longevity Bonus Program, beefing up the Alaska Permanent Fund, liquor licensing, the Older Alaskans Commission, games of chance and campaign ethics.

And like many of her fellow lawmakers, Hurley next session will be looking at ways to cut the state budget in the wake of dwindling state revenue.

Although some programs Alaskans have enjoyed over the years are likely to be axed by the legislature next year, Hurley said cuts also can be made in lawmakers' personal expenses to help defray costs.

For example, she said, lawmaker's 10,000 pound shipping allowance from in the home town to Juneau and back again each session is too much. As a member of the Joint House Senate Legislative Council, Hurley was unsuccessful in changing that policy last session.

"But is seems to me some money can be saved here," she said.

She also said the legislature will have to take a hard look at the way it distributes money throughout the state. While rural school districts end up with huge surpluses of some money, more populated areas struggle to make ends meet.

But Hurley does not want to see further cuts in funds that support the Legislative Information Office (LIO) network in Alaska. She said the LIO system is one of the few ways citizens can keep up to date on what is happening in far away Juneau.

As a whole, Hurley said the Mat-Su Valley fared well this year, with most of its priorities financed by the state.

"We did a lot better this year," she said. "Cooperation was very evident.

Colonists return to good old days

by Mike Raven

"This has been a great reunion — truly sensational," said Colony Days committee Chair- man Louis Odsather, who was already living in Anchorage when the 1935 Matanuska Col- ony was formed. Odsather ran the commissary, which later became the trading post.

"I got to know each and every one of the colonists. I attended more open houses and barn par- ties than anyone else in the Valley and I've kept in close contact. There are about 30 or 40 of the final colonists here who moved Outside shortly after settling here in '35 and have not been back since."

Quite a few of the returning colonists were reunited for the first time in as many as 50 years at Friday's registration pro- ceedings in the Irwin Building at the fairground. "The sight of the colonists and the embraces were overwhelming," Odsather said.

It took seven months for the committee to organize the Col- ony Days activities, he said ad- ding that the weekend had been "very successful."

The daughter of colonists Neil and Margaret Miller, Janell Mickel and her husband, Eugene (Jiggs), returned to Palmer this weekend from Dubois, Wyo., for the first time in 35 years. "There are some people here I haven't seen for even longer than that, some of the fellows were in the service when I left, "

Jiggs and Janell met when he was stationed here in the Air Force. The reunion weekend, he said, had been "fantastic. Everybody's just thrilled to death and I'm sure those that couldn't make it will be very disappointed."

Janell's sister, Priscilla Bacon, who still lives in Palmer, also attended the reunion. She went Outside to college and worked in Seward for a number of years.

Reunion — Many colonists who returned to Palmer last weekend had not seen each other for almost 50 years.
Colonists return to Palmer

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of years before returning to Palmer in 1951.
Bruce Graham moved to Ketchikan from Mt. Vernon, Wash., in 1925. He arrived in Palmer in 1936 and opened the area's only garage and service station. He also worked as a machinist/welder for the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Commission.

He and Ralph Caruthers built the Valley's first swamp buggy, he said, and used it for moose hunting. Graham later worked for the Dept. of Fish & Game "when there was only two of us in this part of the state." He retired at age 72.

His wife, Leland, has only been in Alaska for 14 years and though she was not a colonist, she said she thoroughly enjoyed the reunion.

"It was wonderful to see the contrariness and fellowship they felt for each other. They were so glad to see each other. They went through some rough times — sad times, good times..."

A set of "biggles" was handed out to each colonist by committee member Larry Vasanoja. The biggles were metal coins manufactured by the federal government for use in the colony as money. "Everything was bought on credit in the colony," Vasanoja said. The biggles were used for one-and-a-half years and saved the commission department and stores from a lot of work in keeping track of every purchase made on credit, Vasanoja said.

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Couple’s lives shaped by Colony

by Jo Blahut

Louis and Estella Odsather weren’t part of the contingent of settlers who came to the Mat-Su Valley in 1935 as part of the Matanuska Colony Project, but both became an integral part of it.

Louis, of Norwegian stock, was a young logger and adventurer from Ballard, Wash., when he arrived in Anchorage in 1935.

Estella arrived in the Valley with her parents in 1935. They came from Wyoming. Her father, Don Irwin, had been appointed manager of the University of Alaska’s Experimental Station.

But, stepping back two years into the history that was to affect their lives, it began with the birth of the Colony Project in Washington, D.C., in 1931, and the peak height of the Great Depression was sweeping the nation.

Americans, especially those in agriculture, were in dire financial straits, and Washington had to do something to help.

Someone had come up with a plan of embarking on an experimental agricultural project of sorts—of putting some of the farmers from Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota into developing farming in Alaska. President Roosevelt thought the project had merit and gave it the go-ahead. Congress passed the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933 which included the Matanuska Valley project.

After the Irwins arrived in the Valley in 1935, Estella’s father was elected into becoming the first general manager of the Colony project.

Back in Anchorage, Louis got himself appointed to the Colony project, too. He was general storekeeper in charge of all supplies. That also included assuming the job of chief steward for the hastily thrown-together dormitories

Louis and Estella Odsather have hundreds of artifacts going back to the Matanuska Valley Colony Project days displayed on the walls of their home on Wasilla Lake. They are especially proud of the flag of Alaska, signed and given to them by their friend, Benny Benson, designer of the flag.

Estella, however, went on for home economic studies at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, and Louis went on with the business of running the commissary for the colonists. But it was inevitable, shopping on Saturdays worked every time, and Louis and Estella were married in the Presbyterian Church of a Thousand Logs in Palmer in 1937. Theirs was the first wedding in the little church.

A year later, they bought a little store on Fourth Avenue in Anchorage and called it Lucky’s Self-Service. The store grew along with Anchorage. In 1953, they sold it and Louis took on the hotel business. He bought out the old Parson Hotel on Third and H streets, the first real hotel in Anchorage, he said. Later, he sold that to Hickle Development Co., and became a silent partner in an insurance firm.

His experience with managing the colony dormitory probably influenced his interest in architecture, and he designed and built a three-story business office building on Second and E streets. He sold that in 1969, but his interest in land and acreage was piqued and he began some real estate development of his own.

Louis and Estella have three children; Richard and Kenneth in Fairbanks, and Kathy in San Francisco who manages a hotel. There are four grandchildren.

In 1976, they moved to their home on Lake Wasilla, which is a study in uniqueness. The house itself was built from logs taken from the old colony gristery, Louis said. Its addition is part of an old Alaska Communications System building and wood from the first temporary hospital in the colony.

The house’s interior widens eyes in wonder, for most of all the wall space is covered with artifacts taken from colony days. It’s memories of times and people past that are kept fresh; reflecting from the multitude of pictures, the awards and the antiques, Louis and Estella’s life and their great involvement in the Matanuska Valley Colony Project.