

Alaska Both Modern, Primitive

Major Need Year-Round Industries

Recent Oil Discovery Adds To Riches; Lack Of Highways Handicap

By WILLIAM J. TOBIN
JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Call it the Last Frontier or the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Call it big, or rugged, or beautiful, a land of mighty contrasts. Describe it as friendly or fierce, or a place in which to stake your future, or to pull up stakes.

But most of all call it the 49th state — Alaska, the great land and soon to be the newest member of the Union.

It probably will be late this year or early January before the last formalities of admission are taken care of.

But there's no longer any doubt that Alaska—after nearly 91 years as a territorial possession of the United States—will be a full member of the Union.

Alaskan voters, turning out in record numbers, settled the question of statehood Tuesday. By an overwhelming majority they accepted terms of an admission act passed by Congress in June.

For the first time since 1912, when New Mexico and Arizona became states, a new star will be added to the nation's flag.

Twice Size of Texas
The new star will represent a vast area unlike any other under the flag — an immense chunk of land, twice as big as Texas, that spans four time zones and extends far north of the Arctic Circle.

In many respects, Alaska is far more modern than most residents of the old 48 states suspect. In other ways, she remains a vast and forbidding area that will challenge the most pioneering of America's youth.

Statehood for Alaska, to its 215,000 residents, will bring a satchel full of new problems but will settle some of the drawbacks that have hindered development in the past.

Alaska has great fish, timber and mineral industries and a great part of its economy depends on military construction programs. Most of these activities are seasonal, however, and a prime objective of the new state will be the development of year-round industry.

Oil Discovery Hailed
The brightest hope — one which promises a pulsing new lifeline in Alaska economy — is oil. Discoveries south of Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, have led industry leaders to forecast a bright petroleum future for the 49th state.

Pulp paper production—already underway at a giant mill at Ketchikan—will almost double in Alaska by 1960 when a Japanese-financed mill begins operation at Sitka.

Another hope for a big increase in industrial activity centers around explorations for coking coal along the Gulf coast near Cordova. Japanese interests are seeking fuel for steel mills. They hope known but untapped coal fields east of Cordova can be mined. Alaskans hope so, too.

More People Needed
Statehood advocates, who have battled for more than a generation to end territorial status, hope Alaska's entrance into the union will mean a population boom.

As much as it needs industry, Alaska needs more citizens to scratch its rugged face and develop potentials in minerals, power and agriculture on which its economic future depends.

It won't be easy. Alaska's location — far north of its nearest neighboring state of Washington—makes living costs high. Most consumer goods are imported.

One of Alaska's most urgent needs are highway links to the states. The only road to the "outside" is the Alaska Highway through Western Canada.

Highways Not Adequate
New highways closer to the Pacific Coast through Canada are needed. And a vast network of roads is needed to augment a slim highway system now serving scattered points in the interior. No connecting roadways link the cities of Southeastern Alaska, sprinkled on the shores of islands in some of

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River Boatmen Give Jitters To Dredge Crew

PORTLAND (AP)—People who run boats around on the Willamette River are giving the crew of the dredge Luckiamute the jitters. There is appalling ignorance of rules of the river, says Carl V. Mattson, master of the dredge.

Four blasts on the whistle are a warning signal. But most boat operators regard it happily as a greeting.

One man in a rowboat drifted over cables anchored ashore to hold the dredge against the current, while holding aloft a six-inch fish.

Water skiers have tangled themselves in the cables.

The water skiers are the biggest worry producers on the river, says Col. Walter L. Winegar, Portland district engineer. They try to pass the dredge at high speed, unaware of cables running ashore.

The dredge has been moving about from sandbar to sandbar but mostly is in the area around Wheatland Ferry, Salem, Independence, Albany, Yoncalla and Corvallis. Later drivers will go below Oregon City. Boatmen, the colonel suggests, should look to dredge "women for directions before passing it.

Teamster Probe Turns To Circus, Carnivals
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ing activities by the St. Louis area teamsters Wednesday's proceedings brought these new developments:

1. Joseph Ferrara, denounced by Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark) as a hired thug for Gibbons, invoked the Fifth Amendment 35 times in refusing to answer questions about the beating and amputating of taxi drivers in 1953.

2. Barney Dandridge, who has served as a St. Louis constable, took the Fifth Amendment too in refusing to say whether he had participated in gunplay or beatings involving Teamsters members.

3. Howard H. Hartman, former recording secretary for Teamster Local 405 in St. Louis, told the committee he quit in 1953 when he couldn't find out anything about the unit's finances — and specifically what happened to some \$18,000 raised for a welfare fund.

4. Three men referred to as goons by McClellan declined to answer whether they had done strong-arm work for Gibbons run locals or had been mixed up in any murders.

They were Lou Shoulders Jr., son of a former St. Louis police lieutenant, and brothers Wilbourne and George Harville. Shoulders' father was convicted of perjury in a grand jury investigation centering on \$300,000 missing from ransom in the 1953 kidnap slaying of 6-year-old Bobby Greenlease of Kansas City.

Welfare Money Probe Launched In Douglas
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along with several others, touched off a probe. It involves a woman and her son drawing emergency welfare assistance who were involved in an assault and battery case. They allegedly were drunk when arrested.

Dist. Atty. Avery Thompson asked how they could get money to buy liquor while on welfare rolls. The woman readily admitted exchanging food rations for liquor, with which she bought liquor, it was reported.

Brought to the attention of the Douglas County Grand Jury at its last session early this month, a general investigation was requested.

Several grocers already have volunteered information. Some say they are "being pressured" to give cash for "welfare chits" under threat that customers will "take their business elsewhere."

The welfare commission, headed by County Commissioner Frank Ashley, also wants to know to what extent this practice has been going on.

BUSINESS NAME FILED
Donald and Helen Behar of Coos Bay filed a new business name certificate with the county clerk Wednesday to operate a rug and upholstery cleaning establishment in Douglas, Coos and Curry counties. They will operate under the name Herbert's Rug Cleaners, with headquarters in the Airport building, North Bend.

LATER SCHOOL BUS TIME
A short day is in prospect for students of Days Creek School when it opens Sept. 2.

Supt. Larry Burton said today that buses will start an hour late that morning and that school will let out at 2 p.m. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Burton also asked that mothers of first grade pupils accompany their children to school the first day.

the most scenic land in America. Tourists traveling from the states to view the scenic attractions of Alaska including the highest mountain in North America, Mt. McKinley, and hundreds of age-old glaciers — are one of the area's biggest industries.

Alaskans hope many more of their sister-statesmen will come as tourists to visit the newest member of the union. They hope many there will return to cast their fortunes in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

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Funeral Set Friday For Mrs. Markham

Funeral services for Mrs. John H. (Patsy) Markham Jr., 34, Myrtle Creek, will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the Myrtle Creek Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Markham died in a Eugene hospital Tuesday after a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 30, 1923, in Hoquiam, Wash., and Aug. 7, 1941, was married to Markham in Longview, Wash. They came to Douglas County in 1946. She was a member of the Episcopal Church in Myrtle Creek, Eastern Star in Riddle and Daughters of the Nile.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include four children, Mary, John, Kathleen and James, all of Myrtle Creek, and her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ramstad of Seattle.

The Rev. Loren Bush will officiate at the funeral where ritualistic services will be conducted by Eastern Star members. Burial will be in Roseburg Memorial Gardens. Gutz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek, is in charge of arrangements.

Favors Severance Tax On Timber
SALEM (AP)—L. H. Williams, a member of the Lane County Taxpayers' Association, told the state Tax Commission Monday that a severance tax on timber would be better than the present system.

He testified at the commission's hearing on timber tax variations now in its eighth week.

Williams was a member of the board which reduced assessments levied by the county assessor 68 per cent.

He had been unable to appear when other members of the board testified earlier.

He explained there was a possible discrepancy in the amount of timber assessed owing to a change from the sample plot to the wedge prism method of determining stands.

Also scheduled to testify today were Jack P. Bathrick, property appraiser for the Douglas County assessor's office, and George Neuner, a Roseburg attorney who will speak on behalf of a group of Douglas County timber operators.

Govt. Brief Opposes Integration Delay
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er Eisenhower himself sees any difference, Hagerty said he hadn't asked the President. He promised to do so later.

Technically, Rankin's no-delay brief, filed a few hours before the court opening, was addressed to the specific situation at Little Rock. But it contained a general do-it-now argument which could apply in any situation where public opposition to desegregation is the basis for efforts to hold off immediate mingling of the races in classrooms.

Eisenhower, in speaking of a slower approach Wednesday, added that he believed the Justice Department brief—the one filed today by Rankin—would not diverge greatly by his own views.

Two Barriers Targeted
The two barriers the NAACP wants knocked down are:

The order by the U.S. District Court in Little Rock permitting a 2½-year delay in integration; and a ruling by the Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis staying its order which would void the 2½-year delay. The stay by the Circuit Court was granted pending a decision by the Supreme Court.

The government's brief, filed by Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin, said the original decision of the Circuit Court knocking out the 2½-year delay was clearly correct.

The government brief, filed in response to an invitation from the Supreme Court for the Justice Department to take part in the case, said the high court has full power to grant the relief asked by the NAACP. It said further that such relief should be granted.

Stressing that the only purpose of the stay granted by the Court of Appeals was to give the high court an opportunity to consider the merits of the government's argument that the whole Little Rock litigation be decided in one bundle.

Consolidation Of School Districts Being Planned
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Creek, Glendale and Tiller at Canyonville High School.

Sept. 17: Roseburg and Roberts Creek at Central Junior High School in Roseburg.

Sept. 24: Gardiner, Ash Valley, Reedsport Elementary and Union High at the Gardiner School.

Oct. 1: Scotts Valley, Curtin, Gunter, Drain Elementary and Union High, and Yoncalla Elementary and Union High at Drain Elementary School.

Oct. 8: The committee will meet with County Assessor Morris Bowler and the county Planning Commission for recommendations as to boundary changes.

Flying Blasted Stump Kills Man On Tractor
GOLD BEACH (AP)—Sylvester Callison was driving a tractor on one side of the hill when a demolition crew blasted a stump on the other side.

The impact hurled the stump over the hilltop and onto the 38-year-old Albany man as he drove the tractor on a road building project.

Callison suffered pelvic and hip fractures, and died two hours later en route to a hospital.

Votes Of Oregon Congressmen At Session Told

WASHINGTON (AP)—How Oregon members of Congress were recorded as voting on final roll calls of the session just ended:

Senate
On Carroll (D-Colo.) motion, adopted 41-40, to send back to committee bill designing a safeguard state laws against nullification by federal laws in same field (thus shelving the bill): Morse (D) and Neuberger (D), for the motion.

On passage, 71-12, of bill to raise benefits under railroad retirement and longshoremen's compensation acts: Morse and Neuberger, for.

On passage, 66-15, of compromise bill setting up national defense education program: Morse and Neuberger, for.

On passage, 57-20, of bill to raise national debt limit from 280 billion to 358 billion dollars: Neuberger, for Morse, against.

On Ellender (D-La.) amendment, rejected 36-45, to cut 100 million dollars from military funds in 3½ billion dollar foreign aid appropriation bill: Morse, for the amendment; Neuberger, against.

House
On bill, rejected 59-182, to provide for minerals stabilization program: Ullman (D) and Porter (D), for the bill; Norblad (R) and Green (D), against.

On passage, 260-56, of bill providing for construction in District of Columbia of a national cultural center: Ullman, Green and Porter, for the bill; Norblad, against.

On passage, 244-64, of bill authorizing \$500,000 appropriation for Pan American games to be held in Chicago in 1959: Norblad, Ullman, Green and Porter, for the bill.

On passage, 212-85, of compromise bill setting up national defense education program: Norblad, Ullman, Green and Porter, for the bill.

New Teachers Receive School Board Approval
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The committee expired June 30.

The three board members present, Chairman Wayne Crooch, Dudley Walton and Darley Ware, told Supt. M. C. Deller they would be present at an orientation meeting of all certified personnel Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Joseph Lane Junior High School. Lefty Hiatt of Roseburg radio station KYES will speak on "The Challenge of Teaching."

Building Buy Considered
Supt. of Buildings and Grounds Guy E. Davis was given approval to inspect surplus buildings at Camp Adair. The district is considering purchasing one of the surplus buildings for a warehouse. The buildings can be purchased for approximately \$20, dismantled and transported to Roseburg for approximately \$750 to \$1,000 and re-erected for an estimated \$8,000.

If one of the surplus buildings is purchased it would be re-erected next to the present warehouse on Garden Valley Blvd. In April, Roseburg voters defeated a special bond issue calling for \$35,000 to construct a shop storage building. The vote was 715-542.

Davis also presented a four page report listing the accomplishments of the maintenance department during the summer months. The report included statements concerning paving, excavating and painting.

Chairman Crooch asked Supt. Deller to send a letter to the subcommittee of the faculty, he said. Of the 247 teachers working for the district now, 82 of them were here in 1952, the superintendent added.

The Douglas County Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts also asked the Roseburg and Glendale school districts to meet to decide on a boundary change suitable to both boards. Several members of the Roseburg board expressed the opinion that they were not aware of any particular problem concerning boundary lines between the districts but if there is one they would be glad to meet with Glendale school officials.

Next Roseburg School Board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10, three days after classes start.

Teen-Age Street Party To Be Held Indoors
The site for the teen-age street party scheduled by the new YMCA-sponsored teen-age club, has been moved inside.

It will now be held Friday night in the Community Building at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. All teen-agers and their parents have been invited to attend the party, which will include entertainment, table tennis and dancing.

The party starts at 8 p.m. and will continue to 11:30. No charge will be made for the affair.

One of the major purposes of the party is to poll teen-agers to determine if they feel a teen-age recreational center is needed.

Elkton Sets Registration Day For Schools, Sept. 3
By MRS. C. W. HENDERER
Registration day for both Elkton schools will be Sept. 3. School will be dismissed about an hour earlier than normal on the first day.

A faculty day will be held Sept. 2. Purpose of the meeting will be to organize for the first day of school. Mrs. Neva Siller, county health nurse, will meet with the faculty.

A new course in foreign languages will be offered for the first time. The subject will be French. Fees and meal tickets will be sold the same as last year.

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Quemoy Invasion Threat Spurs U.S. Defense Activity

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Nationalist and U.S. planes conducted joint air defense exercises today over the coast of Formosa as Red Chinese batteries continued to pound the Nationalist-held islands just off the coast of mainland China.

The announcement by the U.S.-Formosan command gave no details of the joint air maneuvers. But it obviously was designed to point up American backing for the Nationalists in hopes it would deter the Red Chinese from trying an invasion of the offshore islands.

As the Communist artillery attack on the Quemoy Island group pounded through its sixth day, Nationalist intelligence sources reported Red land and sea movements they interpreted as the prelude to an invasion attempt.

A Defense Ministry spokesman said the Reds battered Quemoy with more than 16,000 shells in the 19 hours before dawn and that sporadic shelling continued through the daylight hours.

The fact that the Reds have expected more than 100,000 pounds of shells added weight to the belief that an invasion attempt is imminent.

TOKYO (AP)—Peiping radio said today Red China has warned Nationalist Chinese defenders on Quemoy to "withdraw, since the island is doomed...a landing is imminent."

The message said Communist Chinese forces "are determined to liberate the coastal Chinese islands and Taiwan (Formosa)," Peiping reported.

Fires Still Raging In Oregon Forests
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contained but not controlled. Hunt said that meant there was a line around it but no assurance the line would hold when the winds come up.

The Canyon Creek fire was at 1500 acres today, burning in an area 2½ miles by a mile in the rugged country on the north side of Breitenbush Creek.

S. T. Moore, dispatcher at the Detroit Ranger Station, said it was controlled on three sides Wednesday night but this morning was still spreading through green timber on the north side.

Three helicopters were put to use ferrying men to the fire lines. It is a 3,000-foot climb through cliff-cut timber. The copters were putting the men on the lines both swiftly and in fresh condition, Moore said. Planes were dropping supplies to them.

Four hundred men were concentrated today on the north side of the fire. Another 400 were spread out on the other three sides for mop-up and in fighting some 40 to 45 other fires in the Detroit district, most of them small.

It was raining at Detroit this morning but the clouds began to break up. Winds of 8 to 15 miles an hour were forecast but Moore said they pick up velocity over the lake at Detroit and hit the flames at a swifter tempo.

The fire is burning up the draws and side drainages of Breitenbush Creek. Moore described it as burning briskly at dawn as it fed on concentrated fuels.

Another of the state's important fires of the week, the Bunker Creek blaze 25 miles northwest of Grants Pass near the Rogue River, was controlled Wednesday night. The lines still were holding today.

Mildly humidity Wednesday of about 50 per cent was a help in control, H. C. Obye, supervisor of Siskiyou National Forest, said. A light sprinkle that came during the day was of small help he said, but the rising humidity along with an evening fog helped and the fire made no run during the day.



N. Douglas Fair, Drain, Opens Today With Night Show

The North Douglas Fair began today at Drain with the first of a series of nightly shows slated for tonight on the midway.

Edith Bush, Drain correspondent, said a cartooning exhibition and performance by talent contest winners will feature the evening programs. For the teen-agers, a dance will be held in the community hall, with another dance to follow Friday night. Both dances are set for 7 p.m.

Among features of this year's fair will be fashion shows, staged by the high school future homemakers and merchants. Conducting the shows will be home economists from various firms.

Various North Douglas communities are sponsoring the entertainment and food booths. Sponsoring communities will reap the proceeds.

A fair highlight will be the annual parade, slated for 11 a.m. Saturday. A midway auction will follow the parade on Saturday afternoon.

The fair will be capped by the Queen's Dance Saturday night. Music for the affair will be furnished by Skipalong Hathaway's band.

Clothing, Goods Asked For Victims Of Dillard Fire
Household goods and clothing for members of the J. T. Jones family of Dillard who lost everything in a house fire Monday are badly needed, according to the Red Cross.

Most needed, Mrs. Pauline Reese, executive secretary, said, are articles of clothing for the seven Jones children, especially the two youngest boys. The Joneses have six boys, ages 2, 4, 8, 12, 13 and 16 and a daughter, 14.

The Jones' home at Dillard was destroyed by a fire believed to have started in the kitchen. Their car also was lost.

An old washing machine is urgently needed for the family, Mrs. Reese said. If persons having articles of clothing, bedding, furniture, cooking utensils or dishes will call the Red Cross office, the articles will be picked up by the Red Cross and delivered to the family.

While Mrs. Jones is looking for another place for the family to live, the children are staying with friends and relatives, according to Mrs. Reese.

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The damages were asked from the state department, James F. Johnson, its director, and Loren Kramer, its financial responsibility chief.



Myrtle Creek Sets Date For School Registration

Students attending Myrtle Creek primary and elementary schools will register Sept. 4 for a full day session with their individual instructors. Pupils may be re-assigned later to balance the teacher-student load.

Students in Myrtle Creek school district No. 19 who attend grades 1 through 7 at the Tri City school will register Sept. 4. No special assignment has been made for the students, but they will be assigned to a teacher after registration.

Freshmen and seniors will register at the Myrtle Creek High School Sept. 2, and juniors and sophomores will register Sept. 4. Full time classes in the high school will be held Sept. 5.

President Of Rebekahs Pays Canyonville Visit
Edna Oster, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, made her official visit to Bertha Lodge 188 at Canyonville Friday evening.

Mary Weaver, grand junior warden of L.E.A., Helen Bauer, district deputy of Relief 185 of Riddle, and District Deputy Erna Burgin of Bertha 188 were honored with the president.

A rededication service was part of the evening's entertainment by the lodge. Centennial dresses were worn by the officers, and a centennial plate of the city of Canyonville's 100 years celebration was presented to Sister Edna.

A cake decorated with the president's slogan, "Take Time" was served by Betty Brady at the close of the meeting.

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