

Village in Path Of Wild River

Fairbanks, Alaska, May 25 (AP)—The ice-choked, bank-hurdlng Kuskokwim river bore down on the river-mouth village of Bethel today and the air force pondered the feasibility of further bombing along the massive ice pack which has driven the stream out of its channel.

Reconnaissance reports indicated water is flowing over the ice pack and already is within two feet of flood stage. Fliers said they believe Bethel is going to be under water whether the ice is bombed or whether nature is allowed to take her course. The river already has leaped its banks along the 200-mile course from McGrath to Aniak.

Populated by about 400, mostly natives, Bethel is situated where the Kuskokwim broadens into an estuary emptying into the Bering sea. It is a point of transfer for cargoes from seagoing vessels to river craft during the summer, and damage there could be costly to the entire Kuskokwim basin.

Reconnaissance reports indicate that the Yukon river has reached its peak at Galena, 300 miles west of here. The situation had been regarded as critical.

B A Degrees for Grade Teachers

Portland, May 25 (AP)—Grade school teachers should be required to have bachelor's degrees after 1955. That is the recommendation of the Oregon Education association commission on professional standards.

Walter E. Snyder, Salem, a state department of education assistant supervisor, is chairman of the newly formed Oregon commission on teacher education and professional standards, a branch of the association.

Other commission members include: Dr. Stanley Williamson, Corvallis; Dr. George Martin and Miss Florence Beardsley, Salem; Dr. Paul Jacobson and Miss Marie Tinker, Eugene; Mrs. Lillie Esselstyne, Pendleton; Mrs. Alice Ottis, Grants Pass.

Illiteracy data last collected by the Census Bureau in 1930 showed illiteracy in the United States had been cut to 4.3 per cent.

Independence Helps Band Uniform Fund

Independence—The concert presented by the music department under the direction of Mrs. Carol Van Maanen and Paul Dodd has netted some \$235 for the band uniform fund.

The Independence PTA assisted in the details of putting on the concert. Committees are as follows: Ticket sales, Mr. and Mrs. Bev Walker; publicity, Mrs. Jan Powell; decorations, Mrs. M. Nelson, Mrs. Powell; programs, Mrs. Van Maanen, Paul Dodd; ushers were Mesdames Gowan, Peyree, Dodson, Podvent and Dodd.

After hearing the progress the bands have made since organizing about two and one-half years ago, enthusiastic plans are underway to add to the uniform fund.

Recruits for Navy Are Dinner Guests

Silverton—Two young men from Silverton, entering the navy, were complimented by their parents in birthday anniversary dinners, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans entertaining at their Darke street home in a dinner for their son Allen. Guests included the complimented guest's grandmother, Mrs. Maude Timm, his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gustafson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans and Duane, Lila May and Arthina, and Miss Patty McIlwaine of Salem.

For a cousin of Allen Evans, and the same age, Eddie Conklin, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Conklin had a family dinner Sunday, with others present, the Ed Conklins of Salem, grandparents of Eddie, Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Kirk and Reta of Sweet Home, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kropp and Ronnie and Miss Donna Thomas.

Henrys Leave Farm at Zena

Zena—Leaving for their new home at Keizer, June 1 are Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Henry who have owned and operated their 256 acres of tillable land, prune, cherry and pear orchards for the past 30 years. W. W. Henry is a grandson of Major Walker who was among the early pioneer settlers who located on donation land claims at Zena.

His mother, Mrs. D. G. Henry was a daughter of Major Walker and with her husband, D. G. Henry lived on the farm which eventually became Mr. Henry's. The stately white home on the acreage, which is set back a distance from the road, is surrounded with well kept lawns and flower beds.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Henry have been much interested in improved dahlias and chrysanthemums and have shown them and taken prizes with their exhibits at flower shows. Active in all community affairs including civic, social and religion.

Mrs. Henry is past president of the Spring Valley Home missionary society and has been treasurer for many years. Entertaining for Mr. and Mrs. Henry with a dinner for 14 was Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smart, and Saturday, May 28, Mrs. Roy E. Barker and Mrs. Byron Purvine are to be hostesses for an evening affair to which old friends and neighbors will be invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hammock, have purchased the W. W. Henry farm and with their three sons, Robert, Ronnie and Johnny will take possession on June 1. Mr. Hammock formerly owned a farm at Mission Bottom. He retired as manager of the Haag Implement company on Silverton Road.

Clara Jones Society Guest Brown's Home

Gervais—Mrs. Sam Brown entertained the Clara Jones Missionary Society at her home with 18 members answering roll call. Visitors were Mrs. Robert Jones; Mrs. Fred Hall; Mrs. Nina House and Mrs. Jacob Cutsforth.

Mrs. Clara Jones gave the Year Book of Prayer and Mrs. David L. St. John gave the devotionals.

Mrs. Coble De Lespinasse of Hubbard was guest speaker who spoke on "Juvenile Delinquency."

At the refreshment hour, Mrs. Kenneth was co-hostess.

Showers Are Given For Mrs. Nieme

Turner—Two complimentary showers were given recently. Mrs. F. W. Nieme (Ruth Bones), was the guest of honor at the Leslie Petersen home with Mrs. Lyman Kain co-hostess.

Winning prizes were Mrs. Melvin Holt, Mrs. E. E. Ball, Mrs. Nieme, Mrs. Srofield, Mrs. S. J. Roberts and Mrs. Bones. Other guests were Mesdames LaRont, Wisching, V. N. Bones, Bud Petersen, Chas. Standly, Harlan M. Bones, Mrs. Morris Petersen and Albert Jensen.

Pledges Picked At Assembly

Tapping for membership in four honorary organizations on the Willamette university campus took place during the award assembly held Tuesday. Those tapped included:

Cap and Gown: Betty Ferguson, Doris Gragg, LaFyne Showay, Inie Lou Wilhelm. Sigma Alpha Chi: William Mac Dougall, Donald Benson, Ted Loder, Lowell Maudlin, Sherman Bliss, William Merriam, Larry O'Dell, Doug Nicoll, Charles Gutzler, Jack Larson.

Beta Alpha Gamma: Patricia Stanton, Mary Lee, Marge Aldinger, Jackie Johnson, Patricia Rice, Sue Mello, Delores Spelbrink, Leah Adams, Beverly Gusterson.

Blue Key: Tom Bartlett, Jack Gunn, Robert Skirvin, Howard Lorenz, Ray Loter, Larry Stocks, Roger Adams, Richard Endsley, Charles Patterson, Robert McMullen, Gil Oliver, Jack Brown, Burnell Ambrose, Art Dimond.

General Spoor Dies

Batavia, Java, May 25 (AP)—General Simon B. Spoor, 47, commander of Dutch forces in Indonesia, died today.

Grand Island Farm Products Progress

Grand Island—Twelve acres of Marshall strawberries are ripening at the L. W. Scroggan farm here. Seven pickers started the season picking the first of this week. Fifty pickers will be employed at the field when the ripening is in full swing.

Alfalfa and clover cutting in 34 acres at the Frank Finnicum farm to fill two silos 12 by 35 feet size will be started with their own crew and equipment. A large dairy herd of registered Jerseys are kept on the farm.

G I Draws Death On Rape Charge

Guam, May 25 (AP)—A sentence of death was pronounced today on Pvt. Calvin Dennis, Negro airman of Frederick, Md., in the rape murder of Miss Ruth Farnsworth.

A 20th airforce court martial found Dennis guilty and assessed his punishment the same as that of his half brother, Pvt. Herman Dennis, of Calvert and Seguin, Texas, who was sentenced to die last week.

Calvin Dennis denied participation in the crime. But he admitted being present when Miss

Farnsworth was slugged and carried into the jungle December 11. After the girl was raped she was left to die.

A third Negro, Sgt. Robert Burns, 32, of Spokane, Wash., will go to trial Friday in the case.

Sinking Island May Close Up Shipyard

Los Angeles, May 25 (AP)—Unless Terminal Islands stops sinking, the navy may have to close its \$180,000,000 shipyard there. The announcement was made yesterday by Rear Adm. Grover C. Klein, assistant to the chief of the bureau of ships for naval shipyards.

During an inspection of the facility, engineers told him parts of the island have dropped four feet and that the portion on which the yard is located is

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Matthews Sworn In As Secretary

Washington, May 25 (AP)—Francis P. Matthews of Omaha, Neb., was sworn in today as secretary of the navy.

In the same ceremony Gordon Gray of Winston-Salem, N. C., took the oath as undersecretary of the army and Dan A. Kimball of Los Angeles, Calif., was inducted as undersecretary of the navy.

subsiding at least three inches a year. Some naval engineers blame nearby oil pumping for the sinking. The facility employs 7,500 persons.

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