

ALASKA COLONISTS CHEERFUL AS NEW HOMES ARE BUILT

Prospect of Good Winter
Shelters for Matanusks
Before Winter's Advent—
Crops Do Fairly Well

PALMER, Alaska, Sept. 13.—(UP)—Matanuska valley's midwest colonists were more cheerful than in months today, as prospects for all obtaining good shelters before winter improved. Crews of transient workers sided colonists and native Alaska carpenters in rushing the work. Fifty houses were completed, with 85 more under construction. Houses are yet to be started for 34 families of the government's experimental colony.

The new houses, on the whole, were better than the families had been accustomed to in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Some are built of peeled logs, some of lumber.

To Have Power Plant
At the community center the power plant, eventually to supply electricity to all the homes, a warehouse and a trading post are nearing completion.

Wet weather, forerunner of northern winter, has hampered work during the latter part of the summer. Dirt roads have become troughs of deep, sticky mud, making difficult transportation of lumber and other supplies.

School opened at Matanuska for children from camps of the colony at Wasilla, for children from camps 2, 4 and 7, and at Matanuska, there were more children than seats.

Colony Manager Don L. Irwin said temporary schools would be built. Butte camp, Palmer camp and camps 5 and 6 for this winter. Until buildings are completed, teachers will supervise home work for the youngsters.

Next year, it was hoped, a large, modern central school will serve the entire valley. Poor roads made it impossible this term. Some high school students are staying in Anchorage to attend school.

Fairly Good Crops
The ex-midwestern farmers were encouraged by first crops of hay and grain grown on cleared land of the valley. Much of it exceeded the yields to which they were accustomed.

Measurements by Irwin showed potatoes that attained a height of 84 inches, sweet clover 90 inches; winter rye 87 inches, hullless barley 41 with six-inch heads, Alaska clover 30, wild peas 36, Swedish oats 45, climax oats 36, timothy 42, Siberian wheat 36, native hay 18.

Potatoes yielded equal to the best of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and quality was good. Other vegetables varied. Garden peas yielded well and were of high quality, but frost killed the colonists' string beans before they matured. It also destroyed the sweet corn, tomatoes and melons, which seldom mature in this latitude.

Root vegetables did well. Women canned from the large community gardens for use during the winter; many families also were able to raise small private gardens.

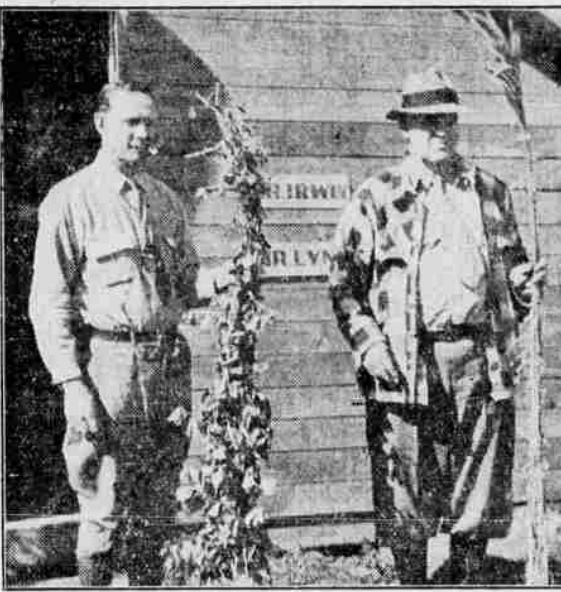
FIRE CHIEFS NAME LEADERS FOR YEAR

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 13.—(AP)—E. J. Treese, chief of the Raymond, Wash., fire department, was elected president of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs at the closing business session Thursday of the 42nd annual convention.

Chief L. B. Canfield of Beverly Hills, was chosen first vice-president and Chief Walter S. Knight of Salt Lake City was elected second vice-president.

Chief Ed Steinhauer of Redding, former Chief Jay W. Stevens of San Francisco and former Chief Charles Smith, also of San Francisco, were re-elected treasurer, secretary and assistant secretary, respectively. The next convention city will be Seattle.

MATANUSKA CROPS GROWING FAST



Don Irwin (left), head of the agriculture division in the federal government's colonization project in the Matanuska Valley of Alaska, and Rex Beach, author, display some of the crops which have been cultivated in the project this summer. The colonists are growing crops for their own use. (Associated Press Photo)

ASSASSIN'S ACTION MYSTIFIES FAMILY

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Mrs. A. C. Broussard, sister of Carl Austin Wells, Jr., Huey Long's assassin, said today she knew "nothing, absolutely nothing" of a charge that her brother had drawn lots, and lost, to determine who should eliminate the Louisiana political dictator.

The charge was made by Earl Christenberry, Senator Long's secretary.

"We are as much in the dark as we ever were," Mrs. Broussard said. The family of the spectacled, serious minded Baton Rouge eye and ear specialist who, after shooting Long, was mowed down by Long's bodyguards, could give no explanation of his act.

15-YEAR SENTENCE FOR BREAD THEFT

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 13.—(UP)—The story of Les Miserables and Jean Caljean was recalled today when Andrew Sturges, 38, of Vancouver, Wash., was sentenced to 15 years in state prison for stealing a piece of bread and butter.

Sturges admitted entering the house of Mark Drake, Twin Gates, Wash., taking a piece of bread, some butter and a kitchen knife to spread it with.

Because he served a term in Monroe reformatory 20 years ago, Judge John M. Wilson was prevented from giving Sturges a suspended sentence for second degree burglary. A new Washington law requires imposition of the maximum sentence for every crime. The parole board will have authority to reduce the prison term.

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RADIO SHOW OPENS TO LARGE THROG; GIRLS' BAND A HIT

First of Amateur Entertainers Heard in Contest—
Show Closes Saturday
Night in Sparta Building

The Radio Dealers' Show was accorded a big send-off last evening, when displays were presented the public in the Sparta building, Main and Riverside. The three-day show, continues this evening and Saturday with the finals in the amateur contest scheduled for appearance Saturday at 7:30.

The Harmony Honey, local girls' band, appeared in new musicians' uniforms and made a real hit with the visiting throngs. W. F. Quisenberry, as master of ceremonies, drew many a laugh as he introduced the competing amateurs in the popular contest to determine the best amateur vocalist and instrumentalist in southern Oregon.

The committee in charge of the amateur opportunity contest has announced that entries will be accepted up until 7 o'clock this evening. If applicants will report at that hour to the KMD studios.

Cash prizes totaling \$50 will be awarded by Mr. Quisenberry following announcement of the judges' decision on Saturday night. Radio dealers of Medford have joined together to present the big show, and in addition to the entertaining features, the display includes exhibits from the fall line of 1935 radio sets, special visual electrical displays, and a host of special demonstrations. The radio committee has also placed some modern de-

Waitress to Actress



Virginia Lee Porter, 21, was employed as a waitress at a San Diego, Calif., exposition cafe when she placed second in a beauty contest. She did such a good job of understudying in a film made at the fair that officials interested themselves.

RUNNELLS, PULLMAN EXECUTIVE, PASSES

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Clive Runnells, 47, vice president of the Pullman Company, died at his Montecito home today after a long illness. He was graduated from Harvard university in the class of 1900. Surviving are his widow and two sons.

The Blue Coat hospital of Liverpool was established in 1798 for orphans and fatherless children born within the borough.

P. E. O. ENLISTED FOR SAFETY ON NATION'S ROADS

YELLOWSTONE PARK, Wyo., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Picturing the present day "highway slaughter" as a greater menace than war, Mrs. Ota Babcock Miller of Des Moines, Ia., enlisted the national membership of P. E. O. for an active part in safeguarding the nation's thoroughfares.

Women of America, she said, speaking to the national convention of the order at Mammoth lodge, should become thoroughly safety conscious, forcing the "reckless driver from the highway through an aroused public sentiment."

Mrs. Miller, former member of the Iowa executive council and originator of the Iowa highway safety patrol, is

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a former supreme president of P. E. O. Discussing the history of the organization's revolving fund by which student loans have been made since 1908, Mrs. H. J. Raney of Chicago said more than 5,000 girls had been aided toward a higher education, and that loan losses amounted to less than one-half of one per cent.

Mrs. Raney is chairman of the board of trustees in charge of the loan fund.

The village of Jak in western Hungary has an eleventh century Dominican convent whose church is reputed to be one of the finest examples of Romanesque architecture in that country.

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