

MATANUSKANS IN NEW EFFORTS TO DISCARD RELIEF

Farmers Buy Colony Trading Post and Warehouse — Dicker for Civic Center.

Palmer, Alaska, Dec. 14.—(P) Out of the frozen hopes of an unseasonal early fall snowstorm, farmers in Uncle Sam's Matanuska colony announced today another step toward economic independence.

The Matanuska Valley Farmers' Cooperative reported the purchase of all inventory stock in the colony trading post and warehouse, which together do an annual gross business of \$220,000.

Negotiations were announced under way also for the Co-op to take over all units in Palmer's "civic center." The government-financed Alaska Rural Rehabilitation corporation has been the operator since the colony was founded as an economic and social experiment with distressed farm families from the mid-west four years ago.

Would Drop Relief.
The latest moves followed the Co-op's assumption in July of the creamery, produce and meat departments, and the statement by Co-op Manager L. C. Stock that "we must completely divorce the project from government relief."

"I anticipate that it will take five years more to place this project on a firm foundation with the proper volume of farm produce required to make the farms self-supporting and on a paying basis," he added today.

Mrs. Ivan Wilson, Matanuska Weekly editor and prominent farmer's wife, commented: "The farmers do not want relief, but an opportunity to become independent and self-supporting. The transfer, when completed, will terminate a long struggle and dissatisfaction between farmers and the A.R.R.C."

Optimism Rises.
The cooperative developments came as the settlers' optimism was rising after a snowstorm that threw a scare into the colony in October. Livestock was reported in good condition and one of the mildest winters in many years has prevailed except for a few hours below zero. Only two or three inches of snow remains in the fields.

About 40 head of bull calves and old cows were butchered after the feed shortage scare of October's storm, but farmers say it was only a beneficial herd pruning. The total estimated crop loss was placed at only about three per cent after crops which were uncut were grazed over by livestock.

Phoenix Extension Unit Meets Friday

Phoenix, Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—Phoenix extension unit will meet at 10:30 a. m. Friday at the W. F. Schlund home. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon and members

are requested to bring salad or vegetable.

"Care of the hair" will be the topic and Marjorie Van Gordon and Lois White will be leaders.

Anyone interested is cordially invited.

41 GERMANS DIE IN SEVENTH RAIL CRASH

Hagen, Germany, Dec. 14.—(P)—Seventeen persons were killed and 41 were injured last night when two passenger trains collided here. The cause of the accident was still not cleared up today.

(This was the seventh of a series of railway disasters in Germany since the outbreak of war. A total of 123 persons have been killed and more than 158 injured. Last Sunday 11 persons were killed when a passenger train struck a bus near Linz.)

Oregon's Scenery Neglected, Claim

Portland, Dec. 14.—(P)—If a choice had to be made between Oregon's timber resources and scenery, Representative Daniel A. Reed of New York would take the scenery.

The member of the joint congressional forestry policy committee told the Portland chamber of commerce "Oregon's scenic beauty is not as well advertised as it ought to be—it should bring a flood of tourist dollars, not to mention its great spiritual value."

A woman ruled the Byzantine empire for 10 years, beginning in 780 A.D. Her name was Irene and she was originally a poor Greek orphan. She married the emperor Leo IV.

RED CROSS CHAIRMAN REAPPOINTED BY F. R.; MEMBERSHIP RECORD

Washington, Dec. 14.—(P)—President Roosevelt re-appointed Norman T. Davis today as

chairman of the American Red Cross.

The action, announced at a meeting of the board of incorporators, was praised by Chief Justice Hughes, a Red Cross president, who expressed gratification that in a "period of emergency" the Red Cross chairman is "a man whose long experience in international and domestic affairs makes him a statesmanlike leader."

In connection with the meeting it was announced the organization has reached a new peacetime membership peak of 7,047,251.

Three new members were elected to the board of incorporators — Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Dr. Thomas Parran, Jr., surgeon-general; and John L. Lewis, president of the C.I.O.

Hughes, commenting on the efforts of the Red Cross to dis-

patch relief to war-torn Europe, said that "we have been thrilled at the immediate response that was given to the need of those afflicted, brave and courageous people who have been so brutally attacked."

Portland Ahead In Jobs For Jobless

Salem, Dec. 14.—(P)—The Portland office of the state employment service found jobs

for 25,194 persons during the first 11 months of this year, while the Salem office was second with 19,253.

Klamath Falls and Eugene were next with 10,753 and 6,096, respectively. Totals for other cities include Pendleton 4,012, Medford 3,276, Corvallis 3,148, Roseburg 2,898 and Baker 2,765.

Job placements over the state were up 68 per cent from last year, while jobless benefits were down 38.4 per cent.

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