



TOWN ISOLATED—This is a typical winter scene in Whittier, Alaska. A thick blanket of snow covers the town, a port community 62 miles south of Anchorage. Whittier is without a road link to the rest of Alaska, yet it boasts the tallest apartment building in the state—the 14-story Hodge apartment building shown at the right of the photo. The two railroad tunnels leading into the town have doors which can be bolted shut to prevent them from being clogged with ice during the 50-below-zero winter weather. —(UPI Telephone)

Alaskan City Ranks as One of Most Fantastic Ever Populated

Whittier, Alaska—(UPI)—With the possible exception of Disneyland, this town of Whittier is just about the most fantastic 435 acres of land ever populated by man.

It is a town without any road link to the rest of Alaska, yet it boasts the tallest apartment building in the state. The two railroad tunnels, leading into Whittier have doors which can be bolted shut "just to keep things sort of private here."

Whittier, whose main business is serving as a port run by the U.S. Army, is buried deep in the glacial mountains at the head of a 600-foot-deep fjord 62 miles south of Anchorage.

There are three ways of entering or leaving Whittier, by railroad, boat or foot. And if the trip is made afoot, the most popular route is over Portage Glacier, a moving mountain of blue ice.

No Road Link

Whittier has snowmobiles, cars, trucks and tractors but none of them arrived under their own power, since the

Control Technique To Combat Insects

Washington—(Science Service)—A new insect control technique in which male flies are either destroyed or sterilized will soon be tested on some remote Pacific islands, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported here. Each week about 3,000,000 male fruit flies, sterilized by radiation, will be dropped on one test island, USDA researchers estimate. This method, successfully used to eradicate the screwworm in the southern U.S., may have to be continued for more than a year. The other method of using a special attractant to lure male flies to poisoned bait will be tested on the oriental fruit fly. Both this fly and the melon fly are serious obstacles to agricultural development of the Pacific islands.

Schrunk Asked To Intervene in Strike

Portland—(UPI)—Mayor Terry Schrunk has received a letter signed by 80 local business agents and union members asking him to intervene in the Portland newspaper strike.

Schrunk said he would give "serious consideration" to the matter. He said he was naturally concerned about the dispute and had hoped that normal collective bargaining could solve the problem.

The letter to the mayor said the strike was now beyond the 60-day mark and that federal mediation was proving "ineffectual." Another joint bargaining session is scheduled Thursday.

The Stereotypers Union went on strike Nov. 10. Since then the two newspapers have published combined editions in the Oregonian plant.

Brunettes Fine, Engineers Learn

Baltimore—(UPI)—Gentlemen may prefer blondes but meteorological engineers have found that brunettes are fine, too.

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CARS BARRED

Yellowstone Park—Automobiles were not admitted inside Yellowstone National park until the season beginning in 1915.

Salem—(UPI)—Oregon Young Democratic National Committeeman Jack Churchill, Portland, has filed for delegate, state at large, to the Democratic national convention.

LARGE NUGGET

San Francisco—The biggest gold nugget ever found in California weighed 196 pounds and was worth about \$43,000.

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The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Laura W.—I feel I am living with a stranger.

Wayne W.—She is jealous of my hobbies.

Laura W.—My husband and I have been married 19 years and have four children. We give the impression of being a happily couple, but we are far from that.

We don't have bitter arguments. It's worse than that. We never really talk to one another. We haven't much in common. We were both under 20 when we married and thought we were madly in love, but I soon saw that Wayne was a selfish person who doesn't care much about anything but himself and his hobbies.

At times I have thought of divorce. Then I decided against it for the children's sake. But I don't know how long I can bear this lonely existence. I feel I am living with a stranger. Yet I have done everything possible to be a good wife and companion.

Wayne W.—I frankly don't know what Laura wants in a husband or marriage. I have done my level best. I support my family and don't run around with women, gamble or drink. I come home every night—even when it hurts because of Laura's attitude.

The fact is that Laura is jealous of my hobbies. I like to do woodworking and have set up a shop in the basement. I also enjoy photography and have won a couple of prizes. Laura claims I "bury" myself in these things and don't pay attention to

"burying" myself. To me it is really living. When Laura is around she just gabs about relatives and the neighbors.

The Council: It appears to us that Laura has driven her husband to immerse himself as deeply as possible in his various interests as a defense against her demands. These demands are urgent and forceful, yet vague. Wayne doesn't know just what is wanted of him and we suspect that Laura doesn't either.

Apparently Laura hasn't found great self-satisfaction in maintaining her home and rearing her children. If she had her happiness would spill over into her relationship with her husband. As things stand Wayne feels that he has failed her in some way and seeks relief from his guilt in things removed from his relationship with her.

Laura maintains that she wants a companion, yet she locks the doors to companionship by setting herself up as a bitter rival to her husband's interests. She bolts the door further ever time she gives way to her feeling that her husband has failed her and that marriage has failed to provide the vague, wonderful something she had hoped for.

Another barrier against companionable happiness between husband and wife is Laura's insistence that she is holding the marriage together purely for her children's sake. We believe Laura needs her husband for his own sake far more than she supposes. She would find life without him a very dreary, empty affair.

In order to find happiness, Laura must stop demanding it. She should try to substitute some constructive action that will give her pleasure. Perhaps she would enjoy club or church work, singing with a group or taking lessons in some hand craft. When she learns to live more happily with herself, she will find more happiness with her husband—and perhaps she will begin to feel a real interest in his hobbies. They could be the very link that will bring these two closer as companions.

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UO President May Go To Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn.—(UPI)—The St. Paul Pioneer Press has reported that "reliable sources" have indicated that the president of the University of Oregon may be the next president of the University of Minnesota.

The University of Minnesota regents are expected to announce shortly the name of the successor to Dr. James L. Morrill who is retiring next July 1.

However, university officials refused to comment on the newspaper's report that Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, 51, of the University of Oregon is the preferred choice of the regents.

Dr. Wilson has been at Oregon since 1953.

In Eugene, Ore., Dr. Wilson had no comment on the report.

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