

# First Women Arrive In Gold Strike Area

By JACK DAUM

FISHWHEEL, Alaska, Oct. 26 (AP)—Two women and a coffee shop have come to Alaska's latest gold-happy community.

This booming tent town, extending for nine miles along both sides of the cold and sluggish Yukon river, blinked today at the arrival of the women.

One of them is Evelyn Grinnell, the wife of a Fort Yukon trapper, and the second of her sex to arrive. She immediately set up a coffee shop in her tent—equipped only with a Yukon stove, a coffeepot, a box of cups, doughnuts and some sandwiches.

Evelyn is doing a thriving business. Coffee—25 cents a cup. Coffee with doughnuts or sandwiches—50 cents.

First Woman

First woman to arrive was the wife of a Fort Yukon native who brought her along with him to share the frigid life of this gold mining camp on the rim of the Arctic.

They walked over the tundra for two days to get here. The woman, a rather attractive Indian with jet black hair, smiled shyly as she walked by with a large pack on her back. Her husband, thin and impassive, twisted his wrinkled features into a large grin when somebody yelled "Hi, Joe."

He carried a rifle, an incongruous instrument where man's most precious tool is a pick or shovel.

Strike!

The first showing of gold in this area was about 12 days ago by Clifton Carroll, who spotted pea-sized nuggets in the muck on his fish-wheel axle. Claims since have spread up and down from what is now known as the "Discovery claim."

Colors have been found consistently along a two-mile stretch of river shore adjoining Carroll's claim and there have been a few nuggets found in the frigid pans.

I have not been to the farthest claims upstream, but reports keep coming down of "colors" and a few rice-sized nuggets being panned.

Colors are minute specks of flake gold, commercially worthless but often indicative of more gold somewhere nearby.

Luxury

Some gold seekers now are living in the lap of Arctic luxury. Those whose claims are adjacent to a landing field have fixed their tents in the best Stetler fashion, with stoves, sitting facilities and improvised tables.

In the true tradition of the Northland, anyone is welcome to come in and share the warmth and swap tales. Prospectors already are eager for news from home.

The ten where I'm now sitting belongs to Charlie Biederman, F. H. Alexander, Robert Alexander, C. V. Johnson and Robert Blarene. Biederman is now here alone, his partners having returned to Fairbanks Sunday after staking claims. Biederman, a trapper from Eagle, Alaska, now is finishing the job of blazing boundary lines and sinking prospect holes.

Very Warm

The tent is about 8 by 10 feet and very warm. In the middle of the earth floor is a Yukon stove, which resembles a gasoline drum with a vent cut near the bottom to supply air to the burning wood. There's a plentiful supply of dry wood within 15 feet of the tent.

A stovepipe extends through the



A BOY AND HIS DOG—Two-year-old Tony Henson of Knoxville, Tenn., pets his dog Snowball after the dog was struck by a truck while trying to keep Tony from wandering away from his home. Snowball's injuries were not serious, and he'll be up and around in a day or two.

## Employee Sues OC&E and SP For \$100,000

Al B. Herwick, 53, who was shot in the neck six years ago while working on the Oregon, California and Eastern railroad, has filed a damage suit here against the OC&E and the Southern Pacific for \$100,000.

He is represented by Attorney U. S. Balentine.

Herwick received his injury October 30, 1943, when he was working as rear brakeman on the OC&E. While riding in the cupola of a freight caboose in the vicinity of the Summers lane crossing, a .22 calibre bullet fired from outside the car lodged in his neck.

Shooter

It was determined the shot was fired at the train by a 17-year-old boy, Benny Furness, who had taken at least two shots at the freight.

Herwick contends he has been in poor health since the time of the injury, has become partially paralyzed and is totally disabled. He charges the railroad companies with failing to furnish him with a safe place to work in view of ascertained knowledge of the companies that youngsters of the neighborhood had frequently taken pot-shots at OC&E trains with rifles.

The OC&E in 1943 was operated by the Southern Pacific.

Strike Topic

Herwick's injury recently was one point of discussion between the order of railway conductors and the OC&E management while the conductors of the road were on strike, but under the union's contract with the road it reportedly was not considered a working injury.

Anti-Profanity

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (AP)—The late Rachel K. McDowell, religious news editor for The New York Times, left the New York Newspaper guild \$3000—to distribute literature against profanity among newspaper employees. Miss McDowell, who died August 30, left an estate of \$12,500.

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## Jail Break Hero Wants Grid Ticket

PHOENIX, Ariz., Oct. 26 (AP)—Tom Stowe, the crippled night watchman whose accurate shooting killed two escaping jailbreakers Saturday, has only one request for a reward.

"I would really like to have a ticket to the football game between my alma mater, Arizona State college at Tempe, and the University of Arizona, he admitted."

The traditional game will be played at Tempe on November 12.

Rewards

Already Stowe has been voted rewards. The Maricopa sheriff's posse plans to give him \$200 and the police department is making up a reward of its own. The county board of supervisors has a motion pending to increase his \$195 monthly salary.

Stowe, who suffered a crippling shoulder and arm injury in his youth, killed a pair of ex-convicts awaiting trial for murder. His first shot felled Charles Edward McEwen and his second Edward Corcoran. Two other escapees gave up during the courthouse gun battle and a fifth, the notorious Jack Tatum, 27, escaped and remains at large.

NEW BASE SOUGHT

WALLA WALLA, Oct. 26 (AP)—Preliminary negotiations were completed yesterday for use of the former Walla Walla army air base as a training camp for 1500 members of the air national guard in the four Northwest states. The field is used now as a city-county airport.

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## Joint Lucky Peak Bid Recommended

WALLA WALLA, Oct. 26 (AP)—The \$1,169,755 joint bid of two firms on initial construction work at the Lucky Peak flood control and irrigation dam in Idaho has been recommended for acceptance by Col. William Whipple, district army engineer.

The bid was submitted by the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging company, Seattle, and the Macco corporation of Paramount, Calif.

The contract covers construction of a tunnel, including excavation for an inlet channel, at the \$21,000,000 Boise river project.

STRIKE AVERTED

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (AP)—Stoppage of milk deliveries to 11,000,000 consumers in the metropolitan area was averted early today by tentative settlement of a threatened strike of 15,000 milk drivers and handlers.

## Courthouse Records

Marriage Licenses  
WHITT-HUNT—Irvin Lee Whit, 21, salesman, native of W. Va., resident of Klamath Falls. Constance June Hunt, 20, secretary, native of Ohio, resident of Klamath Falls.

Complaints Filed  
A. B. Herwick vs. Oregon, California and Eastern Railroad, a corporation, and Southern Pacific company, a corporation. Suit of judgment seeking payment of \$100,000 damages. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

Margaret Watson vs. George Hanson; Northern Piggy Wiggly company, a corporation; Oregon Piggy Wiggly company, a corporation. Suit of judgment seeking payment of \$100,000 damages. Harry D. Bolvin, U. S. Balentine, attorneys for plaintiff.

Owens Adjustment Service Incorporated, a corporation vs. Frank Baltzer and Eva Baltzer, his wife. Suit seeking payment on the sum of \$5 with interest thereon at six per cent; on the sum of \$178 with interest thereon at six per cent from June 15, 1946; R. F. McLaren, attorney for plaintiff.

Emil Roder vs. Glen Flowers and Tena Flowers. Suit seeking judgment on the sum of \$600 as costs and disbursements. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

Ruby Case vs. William Case, suit for divorce. Couple married June 9, 1938, in Grand Junction, Colo. Charges cruel and inhuman treatment. Seeks custody of two minor children. U. S. Balentine, attorney for plaintiff.

Joan Muecke vs. E. T. Muecke, suit for divorce. Couple married August 12, 1945, in Klamath Falls. Charges cruel and inhuman treatment. Seeks custody of one minor child, alimony of \$50 per month. Harry D. Bolvin, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court

E. W. Atkins, trespassing. Fine \$10.

Alford Zane Woody, hunting pheasant during prohibited hours. Fine \$14.50.

Gary Benjamin Chrestlieb, having an over limit of geese in his possession. Fine \$29.50.

Gary Benjamin Chrestlieb, hunting for migratory waterfowl between sunset and sunrise. Fine \$29.50.

Robert Lee Wallis, having over limit of geese in possession. Fine \$29.50.

Robert Lee Wallis, hunting migratory waterfowl during prohibited hours. Fine \$29.50.

William Creighton Roberts, hunting migratory waterfowl during prohibited hours. Fine \$29.50.

Lyle P. Grace, knowingly uttering and publishing a forged bank check. Waived preliminary hearing. Bail set at \$1500, committed.

Carroll Lee Pitts, overloading truck and trailer combination. Fine \$24.

James Alex Keener, tandem axle overload. Fine \$18.

Lewis Hersel Austin, tandem axle overload. Fine \$20.

William Arnold, combination overload. Fine \$10.

Ledford Andrew Schumaker, axle overload. Fine \$7.

Luther Carl Smith, overloading truck and trailer combination. Fine \$27.

James Alex Keener, operating truck of excessive height. Fine \$7.50

Glen Elester Thomason, operating truck of excessive height. Fine \$10.

William L. Buchanan, overloading truck axle. Fine \$20.

John Severin Pledger, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Fine \$154.50.

E. C. Latourette. Property settlement calls for sale of property in Portland with the first \$10,000 being awarded to Mrs. Pearson. She will also receive \$280 a month alimony until January, 1953.

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OREGON CITY, Oct. 26 (AP)—Elizabeth C. Pearson was granted a divorce in circuit court here yesterday from State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson. The decree was issued by Judge

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