



NEW picture book on Alaska, one of the first books compiled since passage of the Alaskan Statehood Bill, will be published this summer by Sterling Publishing Company. Introduction is by E. L. Bartlett, Alaskan senator.

New Picture Book Tells Of Alaska's Many Faces

ALASKA—the 49th State—in Pictures. Compiled by the editors of Sterling Publishing Company, New York City, New York, \$1.

The name "Alaska" comes from the Aleut "A-la-as-ka," meaning "the great country."

Well named, Alaska is approximately twice the size of Texas, boasts the highest mountain peak in North America (Mt. McKinley) and probably has more glaciers, gold and variety than any region which will ever become part of the United States.

If you like short nights, try Fairbanks in late June. The sun rises before 1 a.m. and sets about 15 minutes before midnight. If you prefer the reverse, on December 21 at Fairbanks, the sun rises at 9:58 a.m. and sets at 1:40 p.m. It is a land of contrasts.

There are 116 black and white photographs in the book, telling the story of Alaska's great challenge today, her vast resources and the bright promise of her fu-

ture. In clear objective pictures and sparkling text, this book points out the tremendous economic potential of this vast land and the great opportunities available in her major industries.

A vivid picture of Alaska is presented. From the totem pole country of the Tlingit Indians to the modern runways of the Anchorage airport, the photographs cover every major aspect of life in our 49th state.

Alaska's Senator Bob Bartlett points out in his introduction: "Alaska is living evidence that the American spirit of enterprise still exists. Our old national habit of following the frontier has not been lost and our national soul is still alive with the pioneer's yearning, which, God willing, will always be part of the American character."

This book provides an introduction to Alaska to those who have never made the trip there. To those who have, it incites a desire to go again.

Some Biting Remarks About Working Dogs

BURLINGTON, Vt. (UPI)—The next time you try to befriend a dog you'd better check its pedigree.

A University of Vermont animal and insect specialist says that so-called "working dogs" spend more time employed in the practice of biting than any other breed of man's alleged best friends.

Dr. Henry M. Parrish lists working dogs as German shepherds, collies, great Danes, Doberman Pinschers, sheep dogs and St. Bernards. They are the most "frequent offenders" when it comes to biting man, he said.

In a report based on bite statistics gathered in Pittsburgh, Pa., Parrish said that sporting dogs also rank high on the list of pooches who like a little nip now and then, while hounds are more apt to favor you with a wagging tail. Hounds were found to take the fewest bites per capita of any dog group.

Parrish, who declined to say whether he has been bitten by a

dog, noted that females grind out a higher dog biting record than males. Younger dogs also are involved in more "accidents," as Parrish describes the bites.

Parrish was unable to come up with any specific reason why female dogs have a higher biting record, but said it was not related to mating seasons or maternal protection of litters.

In his study of dog bite "accidents," Parrish said that only one third of the nips could be classified as malicious. Two thirds were attributed to human activities which accidentally goaded a dog into biting, and to incidents which occurred when the victims were involved in a variety of activities including petting and playing with canines.

FOUR-TIME WINNER

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UPI)—Ben Hogan has won the Professional Golfer of the Year award four times, in 1948, 1950, 1951 and 1953.

Cyclotron At OSC Given Federal Aid

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — The Atomic Energy Commission has granted Oregon State College \$13,550 for testing and instrumentation of the college cyclotron in preparation for fundamental research programs.

The OSC cyclotron was built by staff members and students in the physics department for campus research and teaching purposes. It and one at University of Washington are the only two such instruments in the Northwest.

The \$13,550 will be used to ready the cyclotron for, and support, basic research in nuclear physics and such related science fields as chemistry, medicine, and biology, according to Dr. E. A. Yunker, chairman of the physics department. Some research is already underway.

The AEC has cooperated with the college on construction and instrumentation of the cyclotron since it was first started and has contributed approximately half of the total construction costs. Cost of the OSC cyclotron was only a fraction of the price of a similar machine built commercially, however, because of the work done by staff members and students, Yunker explained.

Fifty tons of steel were used in the core of the magnet and more than 5½ tons of copper strap were required in winding the magnet coils. Concrete walls, 30 to 48-inches thick, surround the cyclotron as shielding against radiation.

Every precaution has been taken to guarantee maximum protection for staff members and students working with the cyclotron, Yunker emphasized.

An example of the importance of the cyclotron for teaching purposes is the fact that six graduate students have already written their advanced degree theses on design and operation of the cyclotron, Yunker said.

Physics department staff members who as a committee have directed the cyclotron project include Dr. R. R. Dempster, Dr. David Nicodemus, Dr. Larry Schecter, Dr. J. J. Brady, Charles Filz, and Dr. Yunker, chairman.

Weed Control Guide Out

An up-to-date weed control guide for Oregon farmers, orchardists, and home gardeners has just been published by the Oregon State College extension service.

New chemical controls that have passed recent field trials are included in the booklet, "Weed Control Recommendations for Oregon." Residents of Oregon may obtain free copies from county extension agents or the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Handy reference charts list all major crops or plants to be protected, the recommended chemical for weed control, how and when to apply the chemical and special comments for each crop.

Another section is indexed according to common weeds and the recommended control. Precautions on handling of certain chemicals and care of spray equipment are also included.

FARM HOUSING DEcriED

ITHACA, N.Y. (UPI)—A Cornell University researcher says about 77 per cent of all farm-houses in the U.S. are substandard and there's little prospect of an immediate improvement.

Prof. Glenn H. Beyer, director of the Cornell housing research center, said most of the substandard dwellings are in the cotton belt.

INDIAN GIVER

RANDOLPH, Vt. (UPI)—Village foreman Dick Hedding issued a public plea for the man who borrowed the village's water pressure pump two years ago to return the machinery so area water pipes could be cleaned out.



SILVER ANNIVERSARY—The great silver strike of 100 years ago is commemorated in this 4-cent stamp. Design is based on an old print showing Henry Comstock, right, at the Mount Davidson, Nev., site of the rich silver deposit discovered June 8, 1859. Stamp will go on sale in Virginia City, Nev., June 8.

Oregon Farm Bureau Plots New Course Of Action

SALEM—The Oregon Farm Bureau Board of Directors in a special session on May 25 gave unanimous backing to a new approach to solving the problems of agriculture. The program presented by a five-man committee of county presidents gives increased emphasis on the county farm bureau units and encompasses the marketing side of the business of agriculture.

The planning ahead committee recommended that each county work toward the establishment of a county office and that a research staff and three fieldmen be added to the present four-man staff of the state organization. One of the main jobs of the research man would be to provide information and organization toward the forming of bargaining associations within the framework of the farm bureau.

The proposed program will be taken to the membership for study and approval prior to the midsummer meeting scheduled in August. If approved, the plan will go into effect at the beginning of the membership year this October.

Other parts of the new program would encompass such services to the membership as an appraisal

service to aid farmers who have utilities or highways crossing their land, a bookkeeping service on a county level, tractor insurance with death benefit for members, estate planning service and a young peoples department.

Said Gerald Detering, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau, "The committee has done an outstanding job of pin pointing the needs of farmers in Oregon, and we feel the new program will be of great value to every farmer in Oregon."

The trend is toward more work in the bargaining field, said Detering, and our program committee has given us a start in that direction. Through study and acquainting our membership with the problems of marketing we hope to be able to live up to the new program theme of setting the pace for Oregon agriculture.

Every farm bureau county in Oregon will be setting up a special meeting to evaluate the plan and to discuss the program among meetings to evaluate the plan and to discuss the program among the membership. The board of directors in recommending the proposed program stated in a motion that the true test of the approach to solving problems would be up to the members.

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