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COUNCIL NEAR END OF TERM

The short session of the Town Council held last night at the city hall and adjourned until Thursday night of next week will constitute the next to the last regular session of the present council year.

City elections will be held on April 5th after which the present council will meet only to wind up the affairs of the year and turn over the city's government to the new council.

Little business was transacted last night, all matters requiring discussion having been left until the adjourned session. Chief on the list of "hot" discussions, it seems indicated, will be the matter of vacations on full pay being granted to city employees.

This was brought to the attention of the council by the presentation of a claim by H. Wellons, operator of the city light plant, for six weeks pay during a recent vacation trip south, which would amount to \$360. The claim was questioned by the finance committee whereupon it developed that several of the councilmen had been under the impression that a city ordinance provided for vacations on full pay for all city employees.

Upon being questioned the city clerk stated that such was not the case. Mr. Wellons said he had his last vacation in 1934 and at the rate of two weeks per year believed he was entitled to 45 days on pay.

"I believe every city employee is entitled to two weeks vacation a year," Mayor Hanford stated, "but I do not believe it should be accumulative." L. M. Campbell, chairman of the finance committee, concurred in this. The mayor stated that City Clerk Chisholm has never asked for a vacation but that salaries of other employees had continued while they were on vacation.

When this custom started in Wrangell, how much money has been spent in this way and to whom, and how the council can reconcile such expenditure in view of the fact that no city ordinance covers it and no budget approved by a city council has provided for it, will be brought out at the adjourned session Thursday night.

Salv. Army Officers Home From Long Trip

Brigadier and Mrs. Carruthers returned this week from a month's trip spent in visiting Salvation Army corps at Petersburg, Angoon, Hoonah, Tenakee, Sitka and Juneau utilizing in their travels transportation by steamer, gasboat and airplane.

The trip from Sitka to Hoonah was made by plane in an hour's time. The alternative would have been a day and half on the mailboat. Brigadier Carruthers says that it was truly an inspiring sight as the plane rose at Sitka and all the little islands out toward the Pacific came into view as well as new beauties of Mt. Edgecombe and Sitka harbor became apparent. They took off at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with the air clear and the snow on the mountains tinted in rosy hue.

Their second plane trip was from Tenakee to Juneau and they found the sight very beautiful as the plane came around Douglas island affording a fine view of Mendenhall glacier.

It was Mrs. Carruthers' first trip to all the points except Juneau and Petersburg. At each place she addressed Home League meetings in addition to taking part in the night meetings held by Brigadier Carruthers. During the entire month there were but three nights on which meetings were not held. They found the Army work in good condition.

NOTICE

The Democratic meeting announced for tonight has been postponed a week and will be held at the Legion dugout at 7:30, March 11. Women as well as men are urged to attend.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA

A silver tea will be held at Legion dugout from 2 to 5 on St. Patrick's Day — Thursday, March 17 — by the ladies of the Altar Society.

NOTICE

Gilnetters' meeting Sunday, March 6, 3 p. m. Case Building. All members please attend.

Richard Kanerva.

Normanna Chorus Coming For Concert

The Normanna Male Chorus of featuring an internationally recognized concert to Wrangell on Sunday afternoon March 13th. This promises to be the finest program the chorus has ever given inasmuch as they are featuring an internationally recognized artist, Mr. Marsden Brooks of radio center New York, who for years was a featured violoncello soloist on the Standard symphony hour and was cellist for the late famous composer and symphony conductor, Victor Herbert.

At 17 Mr. Brooks played with the Boston Symphony Orchestra under D. Karl Muck. Later he played with the New York Symphony under Damrosch and was soloist for the Russian Symphony Orchestra. He toured the states in concert with a number of Operatic stars, including Anna Case, Carmela Ponselle and Leopold Guttierrez.

At present he is visiting relatives in Ketchikan and recently played in recital to a packed house at the high school auditorium. In his repertoire are included some of the most loved Scandinavian songs and this artist's rendition of them on that most outstanding of string instruments, the cello, is a rare treat for music lovers.

Another artist who is new to Alaska audiences is the accomplished soprano, Hjordis Strand Hanson of Portland, Ore., who sings in Norwegian. Edwin Sande, Ketchikan singer needs no introduction as he has appeared in Wrangell with the Elks Minstrel Show, and has been heard over the radio from Ketchikan many times.

The chorus is being directed this year by Mr. George Weeks, music instructor of the Ketchikan schools. Mr. Weeks will accompany the soloist at the piano.

The committee in charge of the present concert states that without question, this season's recital will by far surpass all previous ones.

Tournament Features Double Header Games

(By George Case)

Basketball fans look forward to the first of a series of unofficial tournament games to be held tonight in the municipal gym.

Metlakatla Town Team will engage Wrangell Town Team in tonight's first event. It will be the first time these two teams have met in several seasons. In the second game Klawock will again tackle Wrangell Institute. They returned Thursday from Kake where they met defeat in two games but their chances against Institute are now greatly improved as at Kake they annexed M. Grant and L. Austin into their lineup. Both men were stellar hoopsters of Kake's victorious five and are former Institute students.

Of the team from Annette Island we know very little save that Metlakatla turns out some bangup melon tossing units as Wrangell and others have learned to their sorrow in the past. We know, however, that they trounced the Kubby team, league leaders of Ketchikan, and were in turn beaten by the Tongass Five, second in command of the league.

Of the other three teams the following facts are known and tend to bear out the conviction that scores tell little of a team's quality and that speculation as to the victors of the tournament is a very difficult matter.

Town Team won from the Institute; Institute won from the Town Team. Both games were close.

Klawock lost to both teams. Kake was victorious over both teams.

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Tomorrow night Metlakatla meets Institute and Klawock again meets Wrangell's Town Team.

It is not probable that anyone interested in the excellent ball games we have witnessed this season will miss the contests that start tonight. It is expected that the basketball season and fans anticipate a stirring finish.

CURTIS FAMILY MOVES TO NEW HOME SOLD BY H. R. NETTLETON

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Curtis and daughter Ginger moved this week into their new home at the head of McKinnon avenue which they recently purchased from H. R. Nettleton.

The six-room house, which was thoroughly remodeled two years ago commands a full sweep of the harbor and is a very desirable property.

BUSINESS MEN AND SEINERS MEET WITH LOCAL CANNERY OPERATORS

A meeting of representative business men and fishermen to whom the present gloomy outlook of the Salmon Industry in general and of Wrangell salmon packers in particular, is of vital interest, was held at the city hall last night following a short session of the city council.

Included in the fifty men present were Karl Thiele and H. Kittilsby, president and vice president of the Diamond K Packing Company, F. S. Barnes, president of the Wrangell Packing Co., and J. J. Coulter, vice president of the ARB Packing Company, who had been invited to attend the conference.

Mr. Thiele on being called upon made a very clear presentation of the problems now confronting the cannery operators.

"Last year I was a member of the Labor Board of the Salmon Industry that negotiated agreements with the unions," said Mr. Thiele. "The industry gave the men employed in all its branches recognition all through the A. F. L. I want to say this: 'I am not here to favor either one or the other, the CIO or the AFL.'"

"Concerning the Diamond K, people have been asking me, 'Are you going to operate?' I have but one answer: I do not know.

Unsold Salmon

"Last year," continued Mr. Thiele, "the Diamond K packed 84,000 cases of salmon. I have not until now told anyone outside of Mr. Kittilsby the position we are in. We tried to maintain a price of \$1.25 a dozen for pinks and \$1.20 for chums. As a consequence we have sold 750 cases of reds and 250 cases of chums and have unsold in the warehouse 83,000 cases of salmon. Some companies have sold more; some have been compelled to sell at \$1.15. Conditions over which none of us have control are such that I don't know if we can maintain the market. If the price goes to \$1.00 we will take a loss of \$1.00 on every case. (4 dozen). I doubt if any one in the Salmon Industry can make a profit under \$1.25 a dozen. We have been trying to hold the market. If it goes to \$1.00 its going to break the majority of the smaller packers. You understand I am talking about pinks, the major pack in Southeastern Alaska.

Negotiations Not Finished

"The day I left Seattle we had not finished negotiations and working agreements with any union. The Fishermen's Union in western Alaska is asking a 10 percent increase over last year. Some unions have asked 40 to 60 percent increase over last year.

"No one in the industry can operate," stated Mr. Thiele, "unless he first has assurance that he can continue through the season without interference. Now supposing we do come to some agreement with the unions. What shall we do with the salmon on hand?"

"We went into operation last year with less carryover than we ever had. We packed six million cases of which four million cases are still unsold.

Lack of Curtailment

"From some quarters comes talk of curtailment. How can you curtail the pack except not to operate? Supposing agreements are reached with unions what are the small packers going to do with stocks on hand? They must dispose of these before they resume operations. All right; what are they going to get? Then are they going to be in position to resume?"

"Suppose conditions are such that

DAVIS — KAER

Miss Verna Davis and Mr. John Kaer were united in marriage Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lloyd. The ceremony was performed by Judge Richard Suratt in the presence of a few intimate friends.

The bride was lovely in a full-skirted white net dress with bolero type long sleeved satin jacket held at the neckline with a jeweled clip. Gardenias formed her corsage and one was caught in the curls at the crown of her head.

Open house was held throughout the evening at the Lloyd residence during which time many friends called to offer congratulations and best wishes to the popular young couple.

Mr. Kaer has been a member of the clerical force at Campbell Bros. store for the past ten years. His bride is the daughter of Mrs. E. J. Davis of Hillsboro, Oregon and has lived in Wrangell for three years.

Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hurley the newlyweds left Sunday morning to spend the week at the Bushy Island fox ranch of Miss Olive McCay. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Kaer

will begin housekeeping at his residence property in the north part of town. Next fall they will leave Wrangell for a four-months' visit at his old-home in Aalborg, Denmark.

MISS EVA SUMPTION MARRIES OLYMPIA MAN

The following account of the marriage on February 22 of Miss Eva Sumption, carried in the society columns of an Olympia, Wash., paper will be of much interest to the brides' many friends in Wrangell.

In the presence of a few relatives and close friends Tuesday morning at St. John's Episcopal church Miss Eva May Sumption, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sumption of Olympia became the bride of Arvo M. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Williams of Junction City. The Reverend Elmer B. Christie read the single-ring ceremony at 11 o'clock.

For her wedding the bride wore a black tulle with white accessories and a corsage of gardenias. The ceremony was followed by a buffet luncheon at the home of the bride's parents at 1413 East Bay Drive, with the table attractively decorated

Factors In Financing

"This business of ours is governed by many factors", Mr. Thiele declared. "I can't operate unless I borrow money. There is but one place to go—the bank. We must have sufficient collateral to cover our loans. We must have prospects of a successful season. The banker does not loan his personal money. He loans from his deposits—money deposited in his care by you. He is under obligation to protect your interests by protecting your money. He must not loan on poor risks. Always this problem of cannery operation comes back to being your problem, just as much as it is my problem.

After Mr. Thiele had answered a number of questions from persons in the audience the mayor called upon F. S. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes stated that he had listened very carefully to what Mr. Thiele had said and it was evident Mr. Thiele had spent a great deal of thought on the subjects covered; that while Mr. Thiele was talking from the Diamond K standpoint, his statements revealed the position of practically every independent packer.

"And when I say independent packer," said Mr. Barnes, "I mean operators who depend upon seiners for their fish and do not belong to a group of canneries."

While in Seattle, Mr. Barnes stated, he had made a study of market conditions and from information obtained through some of the most prominent brokers he found

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Warden Arrests Eight For Game Violations

Hosea Sarber, game warden, returned this week to his Petersburg headquarters from a three-weeks patrol trip of the Juneau, Petersburg and Wrangell districts. He used the flagship Seal for the trip, with K. C. Talmage as captain. No other warden was aboard. Mr. Sarber covered the outlying sections as well as the inside country, including the entire west coast of Baranof island and the Icy Straits country.

Eight men were apprehended for violations of the game law, including three fox farmers in the Sitka district. One fox farmer, E. Hodges of Sitka, pleaded guilty in court to taking deer illegally during the closed season and to using deer meat for fox feed. He was given a fine of \$100.00 and forfeited his rifle. One other fox farmer, Oscar Sirstad of Sitka, was given a fine of \$250.00 in the Sitka Court and forfeited his rifle for taking deer during the closed season, and Axel Larson, Sirstad's employee was fined \$50.00. They were butchering domestic goats at the time they had the deer carcasses. Also, Jesse Bassford of Wrangell was apprehended in Juneau for trapping before season opened.

This patrol was made during the cold weather and during the entire trip no dead or weak deer were found. This winter has been very easy on the deer and they have come through in fine condition, Sarber reports. There was no snow at all on the west coast of Baranof Island.

Mr. Sarber returned to Juneau in time to appear at the game commission meeting during the last three days of the session. C. W. Crouch and George Hoosic, both of the Game Management Department from Washington, D. C., who were in attendance at the meeting, came south on the Seal as far as Petersburg where they took passage on the Alaska Wednesday morning for Seattle enroute to Washington.

Colorful Ceremony Held For Boy Scouts

Sponsored by Merlin Elmer Palmer Post, American Legion, Troop number 600, Boy Scouts of America was installed at Legion hall Monday night by E. M. Campbell, past post commander, who officiated as installing officer for the troop committee composed of James Lovett, Leo Osterman and Geo. J. Fabricius.

Besides installing the troop, Mr. Campbell swore in Scout Master Austin E. Moe and Assistant Scout Master Russell F. Pederson. A short address on the spirit of scoutdom was given by Mr. Pederson after which Mr. Moe brought the troop to attention. The pledges of the troop were given in the form of the candle ceremony. Upon its conclusion badges were presented first to the patrol leaders, Bernard Iversen and Robert Pederson, and then to the others of the troop, Raymond Lewis, Richard Stokes, John Feller, Ernest Steik, Vernon Wies, Charles Jenkins and Billy Lloyd.

Mr. Moe outlined the scope of the work the boys have been doing and the scouts offered an exhibition of knot tying.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake, cocoa and coffee were served by Mrs. Fabricius, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Osterman. Miss Harriet Caldwell brought her Girl-Scouts-to be to the meeting, but not more than a fourth of the parents expected were present.

DEAL PENDING FOR ARB CONTROL COLD STORAGE

A deal is pending whereby the ARB Packing Company will gain control of the Wrangell Cold Storage through purchase of the stock owned and controlled by N. Nussbaumer, J. J. Coulter said today when inquiry was made as to the rumors which are in circulation here.

However, said Mr. Coulter, definite word as to the closing of the deal has not yet been received.

Mrs. Oscar Carlson is leaving on the Andrea for Seattle. She is making the trip primarily for medical attention, but will spend all the time she can with her son Carl Carlson and family who live at Stellaacoom.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have established their home here, where both are widely known. The bride, who was graduated from high school in Wrangell, Alaska, operates a beauty shop here. Mr. Williams attended Grays Harbor Junior college and was graduated from the University of Washington. He is employed here with the state tax commission.

THIELE TELLS FISHERMEN TO UNIONIZE

In the course of the citizen's meeting last night with the local cannery operators, Karl Thiele, president of the Diamond K Packing Company, stated forcefully his belief in the necessity of unions saying they were vital in the protection of the working man. However, he cautioned fishermen and cannery workers against blindly following organizers who came in from the outside, oftentimes without credentials and always with a hand itching for dues.

At this point John Severson of the Wrangell local, Alaska Furse Seiners' Union asked:

"Mr. Thiele, if the people in Wrangell want to organize, how can we obtain a charter. We have tried seemingly in vain, for a charter from the AFL. Do you know any other way?"

"When we started the union last year," Severson continued, "we did not want affiliation with any outside union. We wanted complete autonomy. But later in order to have the support of a strong organization back of us we applied for a district charter from the AFL. Our request, we were told, was sanctioned by Mr. William Green, head of the AFL and by a Labor Board. We want absolute control in Alaska. We want to be independent. Then the AFL appointed a Mr. Silver as investigator, and for four months Silver has investigated. But who does he investigate? Does he investigate us? No; he investigates the bunch in San Francisco who have been opposed to our getting a district charter and who have been trying to get control over us. In addition to San Francisco claiming jurisdiction, Puget Sound comes in and demands control of us. Now, we have taken the stand that if the AFL will not issue us a charter we will get one from some other source."

Mr. Thiele replied that he had no authority to speak for the AFL but that he believed the charter as desired could be secured. Then in all earnestness Mr. Thiele said: "I want to caution you to safeguard your interests for what you think is the best welfare of every man in the industry. Don't rush into affiliations with any one. You have a tremendous power. Keep it for yourself."

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Two Million Asked For Alas. Air Base

WASHINGTON, D. C.— Delegate Dimond recently appeared before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations which was considering the War Department appropriation bill and requested an appropriation of two million dollars to commence work on the Army air base authorized for Alaska under the Act of August 12, 1935, commonly known as the Wilcox Air Defense Act.

The Delegate pointed out that Alaska lies on the direct route between the main body of the United States and the Orient and that, owing to circumstances which have occurred during the past year, it is more than ever important that Alaska be adequately defended and that any hostile power in possession of Alaska would be within easy striking distance of the United States—the distance between Ketchikan and Seattle being only 747 miles.

He further invited the attention of the Committee to the flight recently made by the six Army bombers, commonly called "flying fortresses" from the United States by way of Lima, Peru, to Buenos Aires, capital of the Argentine Republic, and said that it would be impossible for those particular ships to operate in Alaska because we have no airfields large enough to accommodate them; and that it was a thousand times more important to prepare adequate defenses for Alaska than it could possibly be to aid in the defense of the South American countries, no matter what justification there might be for such assistance to those countries.

He again told the committee that the line between Yokohama and the main body of the United States by way of the Aleutians is 1,400 miles shorter than a line between Yokohama and the United States which would pass through the Hawaiian Islands.