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THROUGH THE SENTINEL PERISCOPE

This column isn't prepared to say how much good it will do, but we are prepared to report that the recommendations for the Wrangell water project, estimated to cost \$152,400, have gone forward to the "high brass" in Washington with the blessing of John Argetsinger, Director of Public Works for Alaska, and the Governor of the Territory. (They had to twist the Acting Governor's arm to sign it but he finally broke down and signed it with his left hand.) In substance, it says that, next to more army in Korea, the Wrangell water project is just about the most important thing in the world. And it is, too. Aside from collecting insurance, in case of fire, what the heck are we going to do with that stuff they sell at the Elks' Club for whiskey with? (Note to editor: Never end a sentence with a preposition.)

What it adds up to is this: If it's possible to get the Interior Department, which has charge of public works in Alaska, to break down with part of the three million it withheld after the Congress appropriated five million dollars for Alaska public works Wrangell will get fifty per cent of the total cost of the water project. Delgate Bartlett and the Governor are back there kicking at the barrel to try and pry something loose for Alaska but nobody is sure what will happen. It's one of those things. Meanwhile, Wrangell is showing the world that it needs a water system and is going ahead under its own steam to correct the situation which exists -- an endeavor, incidentally, which rates high with government.

This is information which Senator Nolan, Representative Barnes and Representative Locken and the rest of the Legislature will dig up anyway, so we might as well print it:

From January 1, 1950, to November 14, 1950, the two-cent gasoline tax brought into the Treasury of the Territory a total of \$634,447.12, or for the year it will run around \$750,000, or for the biennium about a million and a half dollars. Of this amount, cars paid 50.2 percent of total take. Aviation paid 31.8 per cent, and boats, (and you won't believe this) 18 per cent. In cash figures, automobiles for their gasoline paid \$328,279.04 in tax, airplanes paid \$207,990, and boats, \$118,177.48. [Who was it talking about the heavy tax on boat operation?] But give the First Division boats a bow: They came through with \$91,371.68 of the total amount. The best of the Third Division, with its alleged population and a lot of other noise could do was \$25,929.56 from the operation of boats. However, they are air- and automobile-minded up there. Their take from car gas tax was \$201,197.79 and from aviation \$162,649.50.

L. W. Sr.

NOTICE

DUE TO HEAVY HOLIDAY LONG DISTANCE TRAFFIC ALL LONG DISTANCE CALLS ARE TO BE SET UP ON AN APPOINTMENT BASIS AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE LOCAL TELEPHONE OPERATOR OR A.C.S. BEFORE DECEMBER 20, 1950.

TIMES AFFECTED ARE FROM 6 P.M. DECEMBER 23, 1950 24 2 A.M. DECEMBER 26, 1950 AND 10 A.M. DECEMBER 31, 1950 TO 2 A.M. JANUARY 2, 1951.

CALLING PARTIES ARE REQUESTED TO LIMIT THEIR CALLS TO 6 MINUTES. INTER-ALASKA CALLS ARE NOT AFFECTED.

PLACE YOUR APPOINTMENT CALL EARLY.

Sportsmen's 10th Annual Dinner To Be Held Tomorrow

Tomorrow evening, December 9, the tenth annual Stikine Sportsmen's Association game dinner will be held at 7 p. m. in Red Men hall.

At last report, ticket sellers had been cleaned out of tickets, for the number was limited to 100 this year due to the difficulty of serving more.

On the menu will be roast caribou, venison and moose leading off the excellently prepared repast -- again under the expert supervision of Mrs. Lee Tillis.

Word from Juneau assures that Regional Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Clarence Rhode will be down, and will be the main speaker of the evening, and accompanying him will be C. Howard Baltzo, Assistant Regional Director, W. A. (Bud) Elkins, Wildlife Management Supervisor, U. C. Nelson, leader of federal aid operations in Wildlife Management, and C. D. Swanson, Assistant Law Enforcement Supervisor. It is also expected that Acting Governor Lew M. Williams will be on hand, accompanying the Wildlife officials.

Opening the program Mrs. Harry Coulter, president of the Stikine Sportsmen's Association, will give the welcoming address and then will turn festivities over to Joyce Hay who will be master-of-ceremonies.

Other distinguished visitors will be Jack O'Conner, president of the Territorial Sportsmen's Association; Earl Ohmer, head of the Alaska Game Commission; Hosea R. Sarber, chief of predator control for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

It is regretted that Dan Bates, secretary of the local organization for several years will not be present. He and his family will be on their way to the states where Dan is taking up new duties with FWS. Yesterday they were presented with an ivory carving set as a token of esteem from the Stikine Sportsmen's Association and for the valuable service he has rendered the organization.

COUNCIL ASSURES MONEY FOR SCHOOL

Highlights of last night's Council meeting included an assurance to George Fabricius, school superintendent that the city would guarantee him \$2736, probably from sales tax funds, to carry on school expenses to next May. This was the amount cut by the Territory from refunds, which may later be restored through the legislature.

Applications for renewal of licenses of the town's present liquor and bar dispensaries were approved.

A bid of \$730 by Hans Enzbrunner for installing storm windows at the school was accepted. It was the only bid received.

Street Sup't. Frank Zepp reported that boys, or even grown-ups have been target practicing at the garbage dump, killings or injuring ravens and seagulls; using bottles for targets with the result that the roadway is hazardous for automobile tires. Council decided to ask the U. S. Marshal's help as it was pointed out, the dump is in a game preserve and shooting of fire-arms is forbidden by federal law.

Dr. John O. Bangeman, of the property committee reported that cost of putting Firtex on walls and ceiling of city hall office was \$246. (Ed: We'd go into detail and tell you what an improvement it is in looks and heat saving if we just had room. You'll see it when you pay your light bill.)

NOTICE

Anyone found dumping garbage on the beach within the city limits will be prosecuted in accordance with the City Ordinance.

COMMON COUNCIL
Town of Wrangell

To Give Concert Here



DESIRE LIGETI

Joining with other cities of the north, the Wrangell Concert Association will present two concerts this season by top ranking artists in the same high class as the program played her by Maxim Schapiro and Luigi Silva. Desire Ligeti, bass-baritone, and Marcus Gordon, pianist, will be heard on Monday, December 18, in the high school auditorium at 8:30 p. m. Virginia Davis, lovely lady of the concert stage will come in March with her "Portraits in Song."

Desire Ligeti has a rich musical background to draw on for his fine concert programs. As a child he studied violin and piano with teachers in Budapest and later, at college, his voice attracted so much attention in the glee club that he was advised to seek an audition with the famous voice teacher, Bela Szabados, who at once suggested the Royal Hungarian Conservatory for the young Ligeti's studies. Here he studied six years with Szabados and then went into opera.

In 1932, the noted German conductor, Erich Kleiber, recommended Ligeti for the Berlin Opera Company but before his first season was completed the Nazis took over and Ligeti left for Czechoslovakia and Poland to sing in concert tours.



MARCUS GORDON

For six years he sang in the Royal Hungarian Opera and then accepted an invitation to head the voice department of the Academy of Music in Manila. He was there when the Philippine Islands were invaded but he remained to teach privately and finally to have a part in the arrival of the U. S. forces and to play 34 concerts for them. He helped re-establish the Manila Symphony Orchestra and then came to San Francisco where he made his debut in 1946.

He has been guest artist with the New York City Opera Company and, with the New Orleans Opera, sang at the San Antonio Opera Festival with much acclaim.

South America has claimed this singer between his American engagements. He sang with Kirsten Flagstad and other world famous artists in a gala performance of "Tristan and Isolde." Central American cities also heard Mr. Ligeti and in this country his appearances with the leading symphony orchestras as soloist has brought him before concert-goers in Minneapolis, Dallas, San Francisco, Toronto, Tucson, Sacramento, Oakland and other leading cities.

In radio Ligeti has made broadcasts nation wide for the Standard Oil Company sponsorship with Lily

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DAN BATES TO BE BIOLOGIST FOR FWS IN 6 WESTERN STATES

Dan Bates, who has been local fishery management biologist for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the past three years, was planning to leave today for the south where he will be with Region No. 1 of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Bates, with Mrs. Bates and their two children, Becky and Susan, were sailing aboard the FWS vessel Penguin II.

Bates' new headquarters will be in Portland but his field as biologist will include the six western states of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada and Montana. Directly upon his arrival in the states he will go to the San Joaquin Valley in California to take part in a series of coho and king salmon studies.

Bates has been with the Alaska division of the Fish and Wildlife Service for the past twelve years. He was stationed in the Cordova area before coming to Wrangell.

The family's departure will be regretted by the many friends they have made in Wrangell. Bates has served as secretary for the Stikine Sportsmen's Association for the past two years.

ANB HALL FLOOR REPAIRED, REFINISHED

The floor of ANB hall has been repaired, refinished and polished and is all in shape for the big ANB and ANS dance being held there tomorrow night.

New boards have been put into the center section and all of the floor sanded and varnished.

Louis Paul committeeman, said today that basketball, volley ball and badminton equipment has been ordered and is expected to be here by the first of the year. After its installation, the hall will be turned over to these sports and anyone is welcome to participate in its use.

Proceeds from these sports will go into upkeep of the hall.

FINAL FIGURES SHOW ALASKA TO HAVE A POPULATION OF 128,543

WASHINGTON -- Final population figures for Alaska and Hawaii from the 1950 census were announced this week.

They were: Alaska 128,543 and Hawaii 409,794. That was the count as of last April 1 to which the 1950 census was tied.

The census bureau provided this additional data:

Alaska recorded a population gain of 56,110 or 77.4 per cent over the 1940 census. Its population had grown 22.3 per cent between 1930 and 1940.

Hawaii gained 76,464 or 18.1 per cent from 1940 to 1950, compared with a 14.9 per cent gain from 1930 to 1940.

Alaska's 1940-1950 population increase was described by the bureau as the "greatest growth rate for any decade since the 1890-1900 gold rush."

ST. PHILIP'S GUILD TO HAVE XMAS PARTY

St. Philip's Guild will hold its Christmas meeting and party next Wednesday evening, December 13, at 8 p. m. at the Joe Petticrew residence. Members are asked to bring a gift not over 50 cents in value.

There will be only a short business meeting with election of officers taking place. The Christmas party will follow the business of the evening.

WING TO SEATTLE

U. S. Commissioner Joel Wing is planning to leave Wrangell on December 22 for Seattle where he will spend Christmas. His office will be closed during his absence, but he will return from the south on the afternoon of December 27.

AMERICAN TROOPS FLEE BEFORE REDS TO ESCAPE BY SEA

Thousands of American and Allied troops battled desperately today to break through fiery Red Chinese traps in efforts to reach the Korean east coast. There, they will probably be removed in a mass by sea.

Red Chinese forces were reported close behind one retreating force of 20,000 at Koto airstrip and were on both sides of the canyon trail leading down to the Sea of Japan. Others were scattered in the northwest to reach American's escape port in northwest Korea.

NEW NURSE ON STAFF

Miss Sarah Graham, registered nurse, arrived here Monday on the Baranof to join the staff at Bishop Rowe hospital.

Miss Graham is from Monaghan's Texas, and came here from San Angelo, Texas where she was working in a hospital.

She got her training at St. Edward's hospital at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

There are three registered nurses and one practical nurse on the staff of the local hospital.

POST OFFICE TO BE OPEN NEXT TWO SATURDAYS

Postmaster E. R. Sharnbroich announced today that the local Post Office will be open tomorrow afternoon and the following Saturday afternoon until 5 p. m. to accommodate Christmas mailers.

The dates are Dec. 9 and 16.

FATHER PASSES

Sgt. Malcolm E. Morrison, of the local Signal Corps office, returned from Juneau this morning.

He went up to attend the funeral of his father, John G. Morrison, 90 years of age, who passed away this week.

The elder Morrison was one of the Channel area's oldest residents, having gone to Treadwell in 1894.

HOME FROM PORTLAND

Mrs. Mildred Chase, proprietress of Mildred's, ladies' apparel shop returned home Wednesday by plane from Portland where she was called due to illness of her mother. She reports that her mother is improving slowly.

WANTA GETA GOAT?

Lee Ellis, local big game guide, said today that the Fish and Wildlife Service is interested in obtaining mountain goats for transplanting. Anyone interested can obtain bid forms from him.

TONSILS OUT

Dr. John O. Bangeman performed five tonsillectomies on children at Bishop Rowe hospital this week.

They were Hughie Hall, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Hall, and four, Wrangell Institute children: Flora and Nellie Simeon, Roger Albert and Andrew Belderly.

The following patients were admitted and discharged: Alice Amator, Ethel Kelly, Bertha George. William Walter was admitted, a medical patient.

51 Singers To Give Concert December 17

If you need your glasses to read fine print, better plan to bring them with you to the Christmas concert Sunday afternoon, December 17. The audience will join in the chorus in singing three well known carols accompanied by an instrumental group from the school as the opening portion of the concert. If you enjoy carol singing -- and who doesn't -- this is your chance. Words will be handed to you by the ushers.

Starting with 55 singers, the group has been remarkably constant and 51 will appear in concert unless something unforeseen happens. Only one has dropped out -- a lack of interest; two have been taken down and one was enlisted to help with the accompanying.

R. P. MacCreary has consented to be the narrator for the scriptural text which connects the musical numbers into the story of the nativity. Another Mac -- R. W. MacCreary, has worked out the lighting.

The group is grateful to the board members and the Superintendent for the use of the school for rehearsals and to Bernard Lanting for having it warm. And most of all, to Fred Cunningham who has offered the use of the Coliseum Theater for the concert.

DEER DERBY ENTRANTS MUST HAVE WEIGHTS IN BY TOMORROW A.M.

U. S. Deputy Marshal Jack Krepps announced today that entrants in the recent deer derby must have their weights of animals turned in by tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at his office in the Federal building.

Among the possible winners so far, with weights of the animal entered are: Mrs. Jerry Neilson, 104 1/2 lbs.; Charles Metz, 154; Ronald Schwartz, 146; Tom Voorhees 142; Al McKibben 134; Harry Thorburn and Forrest DeWitt, 128 pound animal each -- each a two point buck; Eugene Wells, 123 1/2; Harry Foreman, 115.

Krepps reminded the successful hunters that he is also interested in the size of the horns and the number of spikes.

STOCKING FILLERS TO MEET

Jack Kepps, in charge of the Stocking Fillers, announced that a meeting will be held Tues. evening at 8 p. m. in room 204 of the Federal building. He urged representatives of all organizations in the town to attend.

WATCH FOR MINTREL SHOW SOON SEA SCOUTS

THE CASSIAR FEATURES THIS SUNDAY

BAKED HAM

SUNDAY MORNING SPECIAL

Black coffee, tomato juice, and a short lecture

Cassiar Cafe

Open 7 a. m. until midnight (later on Saturday nights)
MR. AND MRS. LLOYD GOODRICH

Sat. Dec. 9 ANB Hall

Good music Adm. \$2.00

DANCE

On Our Newly Polished Floor

Lunch Sale 8:00 p.m.

By A.N.B. & A.N.S.