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## THROUGH THE SENTINEL PERISCOPE

### The Demo Team

The Democrats finally decided in the late hours of last Friday night in Chicago. On the third ballot they named Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois as the presidential nominee and Senator John Sparkman of Alabama as his vice presidential running mate.

The Alaska delegation, which had won the dubious honor of voting with the "A's", right after Sparkman's Alabama, was still voting for Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee at last report. And the last official report was made by Essie Dale of Fairbanks, who apparently had been delegated to announce "Alaska casts six votes for Kefauver." For this gallant effort, Essie probably also made television. Of course, there is always the possibility that Sparkman won't see the picture.

Back in the Territory, struggling desperately to get aboard the bandwagon, Gov. Ernest Gruening, a member of Alaska's Kefauver delegation, was quoted in Juneau as saying, "there is no question in my mind that the Democratic party selected its strongest candidate in Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois."

After all, Ernest wants to hold his job if the Demos are successful in November. It would be kind of tough to have to go back to work.

### Effort At Unity

In naming Sparkman, known as a Southern liberal which means following the New and Fair Deal lines, the Democrats apparently were hoping to hold the "state rights" southern bloc in the party fold. The southerners oppose federal control of fair employment practices, a plank of the Democratic party. They hold its a problem for the separate states because of their large negro population in the south. At any rate, the convention stalled off a bolt of Dixiecrats as happened in 1948.

### Labor's Strong Hand

The strong hand of labor leaders was evident throughout the convention and obviously Stevenson has the blessing of Walter Reuther of the United Auto Workers, Jack Kroll of the CIO and other top men of the labor organizations. To win with Stevenson in November the labor bosses will now have to deliver the votes of their membership, which they have been rather successful in doing in recent years. Whether there is a swing away from the power of 8 or ten labor czars to tie up the entire economy of the country will be determined in the fall election. It was an interesting sidelight, and possibly an omen, that President Truman and Phil Murray of the CIO were able to settle the steel strike on the same day that Stevenson was nominated in Chicago.

### Jim Davis North

Pioneer Alaskan James V. Davis long operator of the Davis Transportation Company out of Juneau, and veteran Territorial lawmaker, arrived in Alaska on the last trip of the Aleutian, accompanied by Mrs. Davis and Jim's two young sons, who were going to get a fling at operating a couple of Jim's fish traps. The former fiery legislator and old-line Democrat, who now makes his home on Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound area, was watching the political conventions with the usual exuberant enthusiasm. No left winger, Jim opined the Democrats were in sort of bad shape with their Alger Hiss, mink coats, deep freezes and Internal Revenue corruption. And, of course, in Alaska they had his old political foe, Ernest Gruening. Over the years, Jim ruptured quite a few of the Governor's pet schemes. Said Jim: "It looks like a great many people are going to vote Republican. Our party seems to have gone lefty. There's another name for it, but they'd probably sue me."

### On Vote Trail

Delegate "You-can't-audit-me" Bartlett was back in the Territory this week making what may be his last try for a few votes. In his first real contest since he became Delegate, Bob polled only something over a thousand more votes than Republican Robert C. Reeve of Anchorage in the primary and indications were that if Reeve carries his home division, the Third, in October, he'll be the next Delegate. Having worked himself into the position of a virtual hireling of the Interior Department, the Delegate seems to have outlived his usefulness in Congress for the people of Alaska. A typical exar-

## WRANGELLITES WILL PICNIC IN JUNEAU SUNDAY

About 100 ex-Wrangellites are expected to gather at Evergreen Bowl in Juneau this Sunday for the second Annual Wrangell Picnic, according to word received from Juneau this week.

Under the chairmanship of Fred G. Hanford, OPS director and Wrangell mayor-at-large, committees have been working for several weeks arranging details.

It was decided to have the picnic in Evergreen Bowl this year instead of Auk Bay since the Bowl provides playground facilities not found at Auk Bay. Besides, the weather, it was said, has been something less than Florida-like this year and the Bowl has a large covered area in case of rain.

Committee members this year are: Food, Fred Hanford, James Cauley, Mrs. M. O. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baltzo; games, Leo Osterman and Gil Eide; publicity, Julius Ferney, Celia Thelle and Oren Cleveland.

This year's picnic will feature a gigantic barbeque with trimmings of potato salad, baked beans (Mrs. M. O. Johnson style), ice cream, pop, and perhaps, some beer.

The picnic committee extends an invitation to any Wrangellites who happen to be traveling through or visiting in Juneau Sunday to drop in at the Bowl and renew acquaintances. The picnic starts at 1 p. m., August 3.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT OPENING TODAY

The entire Southern District was opened to commercial fishing at 6 o'clock this morning, it is announced by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Also opening at 6 a. m. today was the southeast section of Clarence Strait and the north Behm Canal area.

All other closures remain in effect until Monday, August 4, at 6 a. m., local FWS agent Monte Clemmons said.

## WRANGELL FISHERMEN ARRIVE HERE DIRECTLY FROM BRISTOL BAY

Nine Wrangell fishermen, who have been fishing in Bristol Bay until its closure last Saturday, flew in to Wrangell yesterday in the Alaska Coastal Airline PBY, making the flight from Bristol Bay in a matter of about six hours. This is the first time for a direct flight without stopovers in Anchorage or Juneau.

Those returning were George Case, James Martin, M. Gadd, W. Makela, H. Bradley, J. Ferguson, L. Borge, Tom Case, and Gordon Peterson.

## VISITING GRANDDAUGHTER

Mrs. Mary Ritz of Auburn, Washington, arrived here on the last northbound trip of the Aleutian.

She is the grandmother of Mrs. Herschel Harding and is making her third visit to the Harding family. She plans to stay about three months.

## CIVIC CLUB TOMORROW

Wrangell Women's Civic Club will hold its regular 1:30 p. m. dessert luncheon and meeting tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Ben Engdal. Mrs. Donald House will be hostess, assisted by Mrs. Doris M. Barnes.

## HUBBARD CRUISE PARTY ON ALEUTIAN

Father Bernard Hubbard of Santa Clara University, known as the Glacier Priest, will be aboard the Alaska line vessel Aleutian when she calls here Monday northbound, carrying a total of approximately 135 round-trip passengers. It is known as the Father Hubbard Alaska Cruise. Escorting the party with Fr. Hubbard will be J. J. Conner of the Northern Pacific Railway; Mrs. O'Leary, secretary manager for Fr. Hubbard and Ed Levin, long time assistant to Hubbard. The cruise is being sponsored by the Northern Pacific and several national Catholic publications.

ple is his perennial cry about fish traps, knowing full well he can't do a thing about them because Al Day, head of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a division of the Interior Department, opposes the elimination of any special type of fishing gear and has so advised Bartlett in a letter. Up here trying to bag a few votes, Bob will give the subject great vocal attention. Back in Washington, he'll abide by the wishes of the Interior Department which he has done fairly consistently since 1944.

## BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS ISSUED BY INTERIOR DEPT.

WASHINGTON — The 1952-53 hunting regulations for shooting doves, band-tailed pigeons, ralls, gallinules, scoter, eider and oldsquaw ducks in the United States and waterfowl in Alaska were announced this week by the Department of Interior.

Interior Secretary Oscar Chapman said regulations for migratory waterfowl and woodcock hunting will be announced late next month. Daily shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

In Alaska the seasons and bag limits for hunting ducks, geese and brant and coot are as follows:

First Division and the Kodiak-Afognak Island group: Sept. 29 to Nov. 13. Second, Third and Fourth Divisions: Sept. 1 to Oct. 25; provided that scoter, eider and merganser ducks also may be taken in the Third Division west of 152 degrees west longitude from September 7 to December 21, and in the Second and Fourth Divisions from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15.

### Bag Limits

Daily bag limit for scoters and eiders is 10 singly or in the aggregate of all kinds and the possession limit is not more than 10 singly or in the aggregate. The daily bag limit for American and redbreasted mergansers is 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds with no possession limit after the first day of the season. Limits for other ducks not over 5 a day with 10 in possession. Other limits: coot, 15 daily and 15 in possession; brant, 3 daily and 3 in possession; geese, 3 daily and 6 in possession of one kind or in the aggregate of all kinds.

Shooting hours will be the same as last year, one-half hour before sunrise to one hour before sunset, except on the opening day when shooting begins at 12 noon.

## WRANGELL HONOR STUDENT LEAVES FOR COLLEGE IN STATES

Miss Carolyn Mickelson, Wrangell High School honor student, who graduated last May, left Saturday for the states where she will enter Skagit Valley Junior College at Mt. Vernon, Wash., in September. Miss Mickelson was Valedictorian of her class and was presented with a \$400 scholarship by the Elks lodges in Alaska for being the Territory's outstanding student during four years of high school work.

Miss Mickelson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mickelson of Wrangell. She plans to major in business law.

Miss Mickelson will spend a few days in Seattle visiting her father who is a patient at Laurel Beach Sanatorium and then will go to Burlington, Wash., to complete arrangements for entering school. About the middle of August she is leaving for Salt Lake City, Utah, where she has been invited to visit Miss Jon Lee, daughter of Gov. J. Bracken Lee at the Governor's house. Miss Mickelson and Miss Lee have been "pen pals" for several years. She will visit there until time to return to Washington for the opening of school.

## LEMKE IN TOWN

George Lemke, former science and mathematics teacher in Wrangell high school, was in town this week for a few days visit. The family lives at Mt. Edgecumbe at present.

## PICNIC PARTY FOR ALICE TREVA REISCHL ON SIXTH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Keith Reischl entertained a group of young friends July 28 to honor her daughter, Alice Treva Reischl, who celebrated her sixth birthday.

Because of the good weather, a picnic birthday party was held in the yard of Alice Treva's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo McCormack. The Reischls are summer visitors at the McCormack home.

Games were played and the refreshment table, set out-of-doors, was centered with a large birthday cake of pink, white and chocolate layers and gayly decorated icing. Guests invited to enjoy the afternoon with Alice Treva were Sharon Beals, Bonnie Grant, Cheryl Miller, Richard Sorset, Benny Curtis, Margaret Hall, Luanne Maxand, Trudy Maxand and Mary Ann McCormack.

## VISITING IN JUNEAU

Mrs. Einar Otteson flew to Juneau yesterday for a short visit with relatives there. Her son, Eric, flew up last week.

## HOSEA SARBER MISSING IN PILLAR BAY AREA

A sea and air search was continuing in the Pillar Bay area at Kulu Island for Hosea Sarber, Fish and Wildlife Service agent, who failed to return from a patrol trip into Rowan Bay near there Monday evening.

Regional FWS offices in Juneau expressed doubt that the 55-year-old father of two will be found alive.

Monte Clemmons, local agent, flew to the scene Wednesday to assist in the search, returning that evening in the FWS Grumman piloted by Regional Director Clarence Rhode.

The 14-foot outboard powered boat in which Sarber was last seen was found late Monday evening floating just outside the entrance to Rowan Bay by Del Friemuth, FWS pilot.

Friemuth had taken off from Ketchikan to search the vicinity after Sarber failed to return to the parent craft Black Bear from which the smaller boat had been launched in Pillar Bay. Cisney Doyle, engineer, remained aboard the Black Bear and gave first notice of Sarber's disappearance.

### Boat in Good Order

According to reports to FWS headquarters in Juneau, the small craft was in good order, with a rifle and pair of binoculars in undisturbed positions and the lever on the 25-horsepower motor set in the "start" position.

The circumstances brought two possible theories from officials but neither lent much hope that Sarber is alive.

One theory is that the missing man may have suffered a heart attack while cranking the heavy motor and fallen overboard. A physician reportedly advised him recently of a weak heart. The other theory is that Sarber slipped and fell while leaning over to free the propeller of kelp or seaweed.

The hope that he stepped ashore, after which the boat drifted away, was dissipated by the position of the motor lever which would have been in the "stop" position under those conditions, FWS officials believe.

The weather has been calm in the area.

The Black Bear and the Coast Guard vessel Cahoon from Sitka, besides FWS planes and a Coast Guard plane are searching the area. About 20 men are scouring the shores, Clemmons reported.

FWS officials said that a man of Sarber's experience would almost certainly have made himself visible to searchers if he is capable of doing so.

Sarber has been with Fish and Wildlife in Alaska since 1935. He was stationed in Petersburg but was as well known in Wrangell as in that town, having been in charge of this area at times when Wrangell had no local agent. He has many friends here who have expressed deep concern over his disappearance.

## 20-CENT WAGE BOOST FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK

Tom Charlton of the local carpenters union, has been advised by Frank Marshall, AFL district representative, that all brotherhood members in construction, including pile driversmen, have approved pay rates of 20 cents an hour over 1951, retroactive from Feb. 1. Back pay is to be paid at the first payroll period after July 14.

## BILL TAYLOR STARTS PRIZES FOR DERBY

William Taylor of the Wrangell Transfer is first at offering prizes for the deer derby, sponsored annually by the Chamber of Commerce, according to Jack Krepps of the Chamber Special Events committee which has charge of the event.

Taylor is offering 10 gallons of oil to the youngest hunter bagging the smallest legal buck and 10 gallons to the oldest hunter bagging the largest buck.

Hunting season opens Aug. 20 this year.

## MRS. PETERSON HERE

Mrs. Gordon Peterson and two children, Stephanie and Carol, arrived in Wrangell yesterday from their home in Seattle. They flew up via Pan American Airways to Ketchikan and by Alaska Coastal from Ketchikan to Wrangell.

Mrs. Peterson is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Ferguson and came here to join her husband who has been fishing in Bristol Bay and arrived here from there yesterday morning.

The family will be here, until the end of the fishing season.

## FISH PACK OVER 23,000 SHORT THIS YEAR COMPARED TO 1951

The salmon pack in Southeastern Alaska is 23,207 cases short of the pack last year up to the period ending July 26, 1952, according to figures issued this week by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A total of 58,669 cases were reported up to July 26 as compared with 81,876 last year. Broken into species the case pack is as follows:

Ketchikan — reds, 40; pinks, 1,050; chums, 541; cohoes, 128; total, 1,765; total last year, 7,449.

West Coast — reds, 324; pinks, 970; chums, 378; cohoes, 3,143; total, 4,815.

Wrangell-Petersburg — reds, 9,423; Kings, 661; pinks, 3,322; chums, 2,159; cohoes, 2,691; total, 18,313; total last year, 33,743.

Eastern — reds, 360; pinks, 420; chums, 9; cohoes, 40; total, 829; total last year, 382.

Western — reds, 3,314; Kings, 202; pinks, 4,936; chums, 5,927; cohoes, 7,978; total, 21,537; total last year, 28,985.

Icy Strait — reds, 5,719; Kings, 184; pinks, 688; chums, 898; cohoes, 113; total, 7,602; total last year, 2,030.

Yakutat — reds, 3,254; Kings, 512; pinks, 6; chums, 6; total, 3,982; total last year, 9,287.

Total, SE Alaska — reds, 22,534; Kings, 1,559; pinks, 11,458; chums, 9,925; cohoes, 13,193; total, 58,669; total last year, 81,876.

In Central Alaska the total pack to July 26 was 687,696 as compared with 691,364 last year.

Western Alaska had almost twice the pack of last year. A total of 780,565 cases was reported up to July 26 as compared with 386,134 last year. The total figure for Alaska is also over last year with 1,526,930 cases as compared with 1,159,374 to the same period last year.

## PETITIONS OUT ASKING FOR SHOW IN OLD GYM

A small stir has been caused in Wrangell since Mayor Vern Smith withdrew his offer to rent the old gym from the Town of Wrangell to set up a motion picture theater until a new one can be built to replace the one destroyed by fire.

Smith withdrew his plan after protests were heard from a group of people that have since formed an organization known as the Parent and Kids Association. (See story elsewhere in today's Sentinel.)

Smith had offered to rent the gym for \$75 a month, make the necessary repair work and maintain the place.

Yesterday, a group headed by L. M. Williams, Jr., Don House, Mrs. Frank Denney and Mrs. Herschel Harding started a petition around town endorsing and encouraging establishment of a theater in the gym for the recreation of all the people in Wrangell. They cited that the new gym and the fire hall and a room in the City Hall, are already available, or will be when school starts, for the use of supervised children's activities.

By this morning 73 persons had signed the petition, which will be presented at the next Council meeting. Another petition is also out in favor of the motion picture project for interested young people to sign. This petition had 20 names on it after being out two hours last night.

## SON BORN

A son, Robert Wayne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hammer at Bishop Rowe General Hospital July 29. The baby weighed nine pounds two and three-quarter ounces at birth. Mother and son are doing nicely.

## DELORES PAULSON GOING TO BEAUTY SCHOOL

Delores Paulson, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson, received notice yesterday that she has been presented with course of study at the Mary Stone Beauty School in Seattle. The course covers a year's work.

Miss Paulson, who graduated from Wrangell High School in May, plans to leave about the middle of September to take advantage of the gift.

## BILL JENKINS HOME

Bill Jenkins returned to Wrangell today from Bristol Bay where he was engaged in the 1-day fishing season in that area.

## VOTE ON SEAWALL EXPECTED SOON

Regular meeting of the City Council will be held at 7:30 Tuesday evening in the Council chambers at which time the Council is expected to take up the matter of a special bond election for construction of the proposed seawall.

Donald Wilson, director of Alaska Public Works agency, and Lester Marx of the Washington office, were through town this week en route to Ketchikan and conferred with Mayor Vern E. Smith. The Mayor reported the APW officials were ready to go ahead with the seawall and it now remained for the city to hold an election to determine whether the voters want to bond the town to pay its share of the cost.

Estimated cost of the project is \$276,000 of which the city would pay half of this amount, \$138,000, the city has been promised \$25,000 from Territorial road funds and \$25,000 from aviation funds, leaving a balance of \$88,000 the town must raise. As no other funds are available, a bond issue is necessary the Mayor pointed out.

## NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED IN WRANGELL TO AID KIDS

A new organization, Parents and Kids Association (PAKA), was formed by a group of local persons at a meeting in the American Legion Dugout last Monday evening.

Aim of the new group is to lease the old school gym from the city and set up a recreation program for children in the building.

The meeting was called to order by temporary chairman Mrs. Homer Rooney with 17 persons present. The Rev. Paul Evans was elected permanent chairman of PAKA after Mrs. Rooney, Mrs. Hugh Hall, and Mrs. John Maxand declined the nomination. In accepting the chairmanship, Rev. Evans admonished that the group must go ahead and succeed with its program or be the "laughing stock" of the community.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Loyal Binkley, vice chairman; Mrs. Rooney, secretary, and Mrs. John Maxand, treasurer.

Before forming the new organization the group discussed acting as a special committee of the Parent-Teachers Association or the Civic Club. Mrs. Hugh Hall, president of the P-TA, said she had talked to P-TA members and the majority of them were opposed to the idea, and the group meeting that night did not all consist of P-TA members.

After a brief discussion on asking the Wrangell Women's Civic Club and Library Association to sponsor the group, the Rev. Evans suggested that the group form its own organization, which was done.

A discussion was held on what fixing would be necessary to put the gym in shape for children's programs and how it would be done. Mrs. Maxand asked Fourth of July Committee Chairman Ned Zenger if his organization wouldn't be glad to donate to the new group. Zenger was non-committal. The group also wondered what became of the treasuries of the five now-inactive Scout troops in Wrangell.

Before continuing too far with plans for its program the organization appointed its new officers a committee to attend the next council meeting to try and lease the gym from the city. It was suggested to ask for a five year lease, at one dollar a year, with the organization doing the needed repair work and paying for the utilities.

Next meeting of PAKA was set for the Monday following the next Council meeting, to be held in the fire hall. The Council meets next Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Attending last Monday's meeting were the Rev. Evans, Ned Zenger, L. M. Williams, Jr., and Mesdames Homer Rooney, Loyal Binkley, James Myers, Fred Cunningham, Hugh Hall, Bill Hakvist, William Eastaugh, Mary Ferguson, Irene Ingle, Art Nelson, Don Kangas, John Maxand and Frank Young.

## CONTRACTOR ARRIVES FOR WATER PROJECT

S. E. Thorpe, well known Juneau construction man who has the subcontract for the excavation work on the new city water system under contract to Stock and Grove of Anchorage, arrived here yesterday via barge with supplies for the job. He came from Ketchikan where he has been since shortly after the first of the year on contract work for Morris-Knudsen.