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## Old Jail Building Sought As Location For A.D.F.G. Biological Laboratory

The possibility looms for the use of the old Federal jail building as a site for a biological and chemical laboratory in conjunction with research department of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The idea was suggested to the City Council at its meeting last week by Dr. Bob Parker, Senior Biologist of the Department of Fish and Game. Dr. Parker stated he thought that his department could qualify for the use of the building. A reference library would also be maintained there, he stated.

Such use of the building would enable the department to move its personnel to Kodiak, the biologist continued. He suggested the City write to the legislators both in Washington, D.C. and in Juneau, with a view to obtaining the building for this use.

Participation of the University

of Alaska was also thought to be a probability. Councilman Brechan suggested that Kodiak should pursue the possibility of locating the proposed College of Fisheries here.

Parker also stated that Kodiak is in a strategic position for research not only in the fields of fish biology and research, but also for the study of Oceanography. He stated cooperation from the Navy should be sought in this connection. The Council voted as unanimously in favor of the plans outlined.

## Associated Press Juneau Summary

The second State Legislative sessions neared the end of second week with most of the major bills in committees.

Most of the action so far is concerned with minor legislation as committees work to get more important bills out of floor.

Among bills likely up for consideration are election code, controversial employment security bill, the Governor's appropriation bill calling for 46 million dollars in State spending next year, and a bill to establish the borough system of local government.

Legislators also have before them two important and controversial reports by study groups. One is report of State Planning Commission outlining \$323 million capital improvement program and predicting tough sledding for state finances. The other report is by Local Boundary Commission which calls for annexations of two areas to Anchorage and one to Kodiak and a start on establishing the borough setup called for in the constitution. Under the constitution, annexation proposals go into effect within 45 days unless Legislature disapproves. Kodiak is listed as one of the first localities where "unorganized boroughs will be established."

A bill for creating an Alaska Ferry Authority has been introduced. This would operate ferries in Alaska.

## Measure Seeks To Curtail Fishing For Americans

Juneau (AP). Legislation to make unlawful the taking or sale of salmon, crab or shrimp at times or places not allowed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game was offered this week by Rep. Peter J. Deveau (D-Kodiak).

The measure is designed to prevent the taking of seafood outside the three-mile limit by Americans. Deveau said he hopes the measure will lead to reciprocal arrangements with the state of Washington and other states.

Foreign fishing fleets are not subject to the new law since their catch is taken outside the three-mile limit.

Deveau and other members of the natural resources committee in the House unanimously endorsed a bill to limit the sale of gear licenses to one to applicants. The bill is designed to end block buying of licenses by packing companies with fishing operations.

## Bears and Supply In Game Tonight

At 8:15 tonight the Kodiak Bears will tangle with the sharp-shooting Supply team.

This should be a good game from the spectator's point of view with the Bears out to avenge an early season defeat at the hands of the Supply team. Supply boasts two of the Base's finest players in Olson and McGregor.

Preliminary game at 6:30 will be between the JV's and VP2 2nd team.

## Girls Basketball

A high school girls basketball team will meet a Base and town group of all-stars at 7:30 p.m. on February 11.

A first in the annals of sports here, the unique game should be a drawing card. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

## Dam Repair Now Complete

Repairs to the City dam were completed January 26, according to a report of the City Manager to the Council, and water is now being impounded. Drainage on the outside of the dam was being improved, he said, and this work would be complete by January 30.

Poland estimated the total cost of the repair to the dam to be \$10,000. Yearly cost of maintenance he estimated would be \$100.

## Harry Sprague Dies In Spokane

Harry C. Sprague, 43, Director of Planning and Design Division, District Public Works Office, Kodiak Naval Station, died of a heart attack on the morning of February 3 at his mother's home in Spokane, Washington.

Mr. Sprague had been in Kodiak for about six years, and had taken active interest in Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, PTA and the Kodiak Amateur Radio Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Judy Sprague, and three sons, Robert, Edwin and Richard.

Mrs. Sprague plans to return to Kodiak by February 12 to close their home at Qtrs. 13-E. She has asked that friends who desire make a contribution to the Heart Fund in lieu of sending floral offerings.

## BPW Official To Visit Kodiak

Mrs. Marge Haagland, District Director, Business and Professional Women's Club, will visit the local BPW Club on February 22.

The regular dinner meeting scheduled for February 15 will be postponed until Monday, February 22 so that Mrs. Haagland may attend.

## Social Security Man Here Monday

E. C. Cummins, District Manager of the Alaska Social Security Administration Office, expects to visit Kodiak on Monday, February 3. He will be at the Kodiak Hotel from 3:00 to 7:00 pm on that day to talk to individuals who wish to apply for survivors insurance, old-age insurance or disability insurance benefits under the Social Security Act.

Cummins noted that people who drew monthly social security benefits during 1959 should file an annual report of their earnings with the social security Administration if the total earnings for employment exceeded \$1,200.00 in 1959. April 15 is the deadline for filing the annual report. The representative also noted that as of the latest tabulation of social security beneficiaries in the Kodiak Island area, there were 184 receiving monthly benefits totaling \$9,011.00 per month.

## Hingston In Town

Bill Hingston, official of the Washington Fish and Oyster Company, of Seattle, spent a few days in town this week before going on to Port Williams.

## Four Die When Fearless Sinks

The fishing boat Fearless, struggling to port with a load of king crab, was a victim early Saturday morning of a stormy sea off Cape Chiniak and sunk with four men aboard.

With the aid of the local Coast Guard planes, all bodies were recovered at daybreak by the crab tenders Sunrise and Logger.

The victims were identified as Capt. Orville O. Sandvik, 49, Seattle; Clyde Welcom, about 49, Anacortes; Howard Benner, about 50, Bellingham, all crewmen of the Fearless, and Peter Walkoff, about 23, who was hitching a ride from the southeast end of Kodiak Island to his home here.

First word the Fearless was in trouble came in a desperate SOS at 4:15 a.m. AST.

"Request immediate assistance. Awash astern. Located off Cape Chiniak with cargo of crab. Trying to launch boat. Will not last long. Having great difficulties."

Twelve minutes later all contact between the doomed boat and the Coast Guard air detachment here was lost.

Gusts up to 65 miles an hour whipped up mountainous seas and heavy snow blotted out all visibility.

The Logger, a 104-foot power barge operating as a crab tender, was the first to reach the scene about 10 miles south of here and found one body.

The three other bodies were spotted by two Coast Guard search planes. Two were picked up by the Logger and the other by the Sunrise, an 86-foot seiner.

Debris from the Fearless and the dory in which the men tried vainly to escape were found later washed ashore at Cape Chiniak.

The Fearless had been fishing for king crab for the Kachemak Canning Co., Seattle, off the southeast end of Kodiak Island at Jack Bay.

Another crew member of the Fearless, James Keehn of Bellingham, owed his life to illness. He was recuperating in a hospital when the vessel went down.

Sandvik has been skipper of the Fearless since Dec. 27. At the time of the accident, the vessel was hauling live crab from the firms 14-foot boat fleet to its cannery at Ouzinkie.

The president of the company, William A. Ritter, said the boat was valued at \$100,000.

Pete Walkoff, Jr. is survived by his wife and children and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walkoff, Sr.

## Bill Pinnell Married Jan. 29

The marriage of Mrs. Rena Buroker to Mr. Bill Pinnell took place on January 28 at the Methodist Church at Choteau, Montana. Mr. Pinnell is a guide and game hunter in partnership with Morris Tollifsen, with headquarters at Olga Bay on Kodiak Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinnell are expected in Kodiak at a later date.

## Tenant Scores Garbage Service

A dispute between an irate tenant and the garbage collector came before the City Council at the last meeting, when R. A. Lovern, tenant in question, appeared before the City group in protest.

Lovern, who resides at 1552 North Blvd, stated that his garbage service was unsatisfactory. He said that his house was the only one in the neighborhood that did not have a driveway. However, he said he placed his garbage can about 15 feet from the road off the slope.

The City Manager read the ordinance governing garbage collection, which states the can should be placed as close as possible to an access road. He said it appeared that Mr. Lovern's garbage was not placed at an unreasonable distance from the road.

Construction by the Aleutian Homes Agency will be sought of a platform on which to place the can.

## Parcel Post Rates Raised

New parcel post rates, representing an average increase of 17 per cent, went into effect Feb. 1. Small packages will show the greatest increase, as larger packages will actually go for less.

New parcel post charts were ordered, Acting Postmaster William Lamme said, and when received a distribution will be made to business houses.

## Who Pays What?

A taxpayer is seeking interest on the purchase price of property obtained at a City tax sale on May 26, 1956, which sale, he said, could not be validated.

Tony Perez was the purchaser. His contention in the above claim for the purchases not being validated was that, in one instance, due to a prior sale by the Marshall's office in Anchorage, which was unknown to the City until 1959, and in the other cases because the property was in the U.S.S 444 which is Russian Orthodox property. Taxes had been assessed nevertheless, against the tenant.

City Clerk Douglas Preston stated that Section 16-1-129 A.C.L.A. 1949 provides for such interest to be paid upon redemption of the property within the prescribed two year period, but in the cases in question no redemption was made, as the sales had been invalid. Perez, he said, wished his original cost returned plus the interest at 15 per cent per annum.

The Council voted to instruct the City Clerk to consult the City Attorney for an opinion.

## Observe Week

The 10th anniversary of the National Beauty Salon week will be observed beginning the week of Feb. 7, according to an announcement by the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association.

## MRS. LARRY WODLINGER GONE TO MONTANA

Mrs. Larry Wodlinger left last Sunday for Montana because of the death of her father.