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Tax Assessments Reduced 15 Per Cent; Tax Rate May Be Set At 19 Mills

Land and Personal property assessments have been reduced by Council at a special meeting held at the City Hall, April 4.

The Council sought a reduction in land values as figured by the City Assessor.

City Manager Bill Poland, following an executive session of the Council March 29, explored the possibility of reducing certain properties by different percentages for assessment purposes. He found on seeking legal advice that this would not be a legal assessment.

The possibility of reducing property on other percentages was then considered. Poland stated in a letter to the Council members: "Since the assessor, in making his evaluations by a prepared manual on improvements was attempting to reach a value approximately 80% of the replacement cost less depreciation, and since the only available sales experience has

shown these assessed values to be approximately 85% of market values, then it was considered equitable to lower the other types of property, namely land and personal property, to the same levels, or 85% of market value."

Poland then stated that this gave a total taxable property valuation of \$11,489,302, which would require 18.5 or 19 mills for the 1960-61 operations, depending on school district requirements and the municipal budget.

Well Child Meet Date Is Changed

The Well Child Conferences scheduled for April 13 and 20 at the Kodiak Health Center have been cancelled, according to Dora Kramer, PHN.

Anyone planning to attend on those dates is invited to come on April 27 at 2 p.m. instead, she said.

Alaska's New Election Code Signed; Provides For Electoral College Ballot

JUNEAU (AP)—Alaska's new election code went into effect with Gov. William Egan approving the complicated 88 page bill which was taken to him Wednesday evening. The urgency was prompted by the proximity of the May 1 deadline for declaring candidacy.

The new law codifies old election provisions, incorporating amendments made by the Legislature, providing machinery for new election needs because of statehood.

Major new provisions include the establishment of machinery to permit Alaska to cast first presidential Electoral College ballots,

Awards Made To Scout Pack 326

Kodiak Cub Scout Pack No. 326 were presented awards at a meeting held at the Elementary school, Naval Station, Wednesday evening, March 30.

The following awards were made: Pat Boyle, Bobcat Award; David Ogden and Rodney Mertens, Wolf Badge; Steven Crook, Gold and Silver Arrow Awards on Wolf Badge; Craig Dootson, Bear Award; Sidney Cogley, Bear Award; Joseph Stanton, Lion Award.

A skit with the theme "Home States" was presented by Den No. 6 following the Awards ceremony.

The Pack was inspected by Cmdr. W. J. McFarland, Deputy District Public Works Officer, who announced Den No. 4 as the winners of the monthly inspection.

The meeting was closed with a group sing.

Church bells, not rabbits, are said to deliver Easter eggs in Belgium and France. According to World Book Encyclopedia, one legend says that the bells, which do not ring from Good Friday to Easter, fly to Rome. They return on Easter and drop the eggs.

VFW Official Due Here Monday

James Fennel, Service Officer, Department of Alaska, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be at the Katmai Post 7056 rooms Monday, April 11.

A joint meeting of the Post and Ladies Auxiliary is scheduled for 8 p.m. that evening.

Compromise Seen

SEATTLE (AP)—A compromise between the U. S. and Canadian positions on historic fishing rights appears in the making of the International Law of the Sea Conference being held in Geneva.

Stan Patty, Seattle Times, reported the American and Canadian delegates who met privately Wednesday agreed "There is something in the wind—something big." Patty said U. S.-Canadian compromise doubtless would include a time limit on fishing rights in foreign waters.

Four Entered As Queen Contestants; Ticket Sales Up—Many Events Planned

Four contestants have entered the race for Queen of the Kodiak King Crab Festival, it was announced by Ray Martin, in charge of this phase of the Festival plans.

With the announcement of the big prizes being offered, more are expected. The grand prize which goes to the girl selling the most tickets is \$500 or two round trip tickets to Seattle, with expenses paid while there. Prize money goes to all girls entered and also to the sellers of the tickets.

There has been a rapid sale of tickets, according to Martin, with each girl marshalling a force of eager ticket sellers. A greater interest is being shown in the Festival this year, Martin stated.

The girls entered to date and their sponsors are Helen Simeonoff, sponsored by Wodlingers and Donnelley and Acheson; Betty Schreiner, Sportland; Rolanda Vickery, Thompson Transfer; and Dolores Gallagher, sponsored by the Polar Bear Cafe. One or two firms are expected to announce contestants from town and two service clubs on the Naval Station have indicated they will sponsor contestants.

Activities are expected to be many and varied for the three days. In addition to the two dances, one Friday night at the Elks Hall and the big Coronation Dance Saturday night, May 7, at the National Guard Armory, a fashion show is planned for the ladies, a mull parade for the kids on Saturday, boat and plane rides, car-

To Permit Traps In Southeastern

WASHINGTON (AP)—Proposed new Federal regulations which will permit the villages of Angoon, Kake and Metlakatla to continue to operate 11 fish traps have been announced by Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton.

Alaska outlawed the use of such traps but the Supreme Court last year enjoined the state from interfering until it was determined whether the fishing rights were preserved to natives under provisions of the Statehood Act. The regulations would provide that during the 1960 season and until otherwise authorized villages may operate the same number of traps as in 1959.

Seaton said, "The best legal advice I have been able to obtain is to the effect that these fish traps are fishing rights protected by the Statehood Act."

Elks Lodge Officers Are Installed

The B. P. O. Elks Lodge 1772 officers were installed during ceremonies at the lodge on Friday evening.

Seventeen officers were installed. These included Archie L. Zehe, Exalted Ruler; Robert Dawson, Esteemed Leading Knight; Thomas Frost, Jr., Esteemed Loyal Knight; James Eggemeyer, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; William

Unger, Tiler; Eldon Lester, Secretary; Stan Nelson, Treasurer; Wally Valen, Chaplain; Jack Metzgar, Inner Guard; Russel Panchot, Esquire; Charles McIntyre, Assistant Esquire; Loren Chester, Special Officer. Pete Ramaglia, newly elected trustee, was installed also. The four other trustees are Russel Wright, Jess Blinn, Henry Haag and James Zieba.

nival events, skin diving displays, crab shucking contest, and many, many more.

A special Festival button has been ordered, with an appropriate crab insignia commemorating the event.

Arrangements are being made to include on the program for both dances acts from the highly successful variety show, Poop-Deck Panic.

Booths are still available, and organizations or individuals may make arrangements for them by contacting Chuck Weir, or Chuck Powell or Gibb Monroe.

Visitors from out of town are expected in for the three day event. PNA is publicizing the festival throughout Alaska and the West Coast. Hotel accommodations are limited here, and homes are being sought with sleeping rooms available. Mike Fitzgerald at the Kodiak Hotel is listing all available accommodations.

Will Construct Kenai Pipe Line

ANCHORAGE (AP)—Plans for the construction of a 20 mile common carrier crude oil pipeline and marine terminal facilities on Kenai Peninsula have been announced by Standard Oil Company of California, Western operations branch.

The cost is expected to exceed four million dollars, with completion scheduled for mid-1961. It will include an 8 inch line to Nikiski on Cook Inlet, 20 miles west of the producing area.

Edris Acquires Kodiak Creamery

A change in ownership of the Kodiak Creamery was announced this week by the new owner, Charles (Chuck) Edris. The change became effective April 8.

The Creamery, formerly a branch of the Matanuska Valley Cooperative Association, has been operated by Fred McIntyre nearly 3 years. Edris said he does not contemplate any immediate changes in operation but will specialize in ice cream.

McIntyre will remain here for a few weeks to do some hunting and fishing before he goes to the Mainland. He and Mrs. McIntyre plan to go Outside in June or July.

Vessels Cook Aided By Coast Guard

Sunday, April 3—A Coast Guard UF flew into Dutch Harbor on radar during a snow storm to evacuate Fred Mottland, ship's cook, from the fishing vessel, Martin Dale. Mottland was suffering from a suspected cardiac condition.

The UF was manned by LCDR Don Vaughn, Lt. Paul Breed, Leister AL2, Myers AF2, and McCary HM2.

The patient was taken to Griffin Memorial Hospital where he was reported later to be improving.

Service Awards Presented To Ruth Arneson

Meritorious work performance brought awards from the Department of the Army to Mrs. Ruth Arneson, chief operator of the Alaska Communications System long distance telephone section here Friday, April 1.

Mrs. Arneson, Civil Service employee, was presented a Sustained Superior Performance Award, while the other certificate was an Outstanding Employee Rating. The presentation, made by M/Sgt. Archie L. Zehe, Station Commander, also included a check for \$150 as part of the award for outstanding service for the period from October 1, 1958 to September 30, 1959.

Witnessing the ceremony were the entire staff of ACS Kodiak, Postmaster and Mrs. William Lamme, Deputy Magistrate Mabel Fenner and other friends.

Mrs. Arneson began working for ACS Kodiak in 1951 and was one of the first civilian operators hired here. She is also the first member of the local ACS staff to receive the Department of Army Awards.

Cake and coffee were served following the presentation ceremony.

Canadian Vessels In Alaska Waters

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill to extend a waiver allowing Canadian vessels to provide service to Southeastern Alaska until June 30, 1961, has been signed by President Eisenhower.

Similar legislation, passed annually since 1947, permits Canadian vessels to serve certain ports U. S. ships cannot.