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SCHOOL NOTES

By Eva Delaney.

When school opened Monday morning 189 pupils registered, an increase of 29 pupils compared with the opening day of last year. A great many visitors were present at the exercises among whom we were glad to welcome the entire school board.

An announcement was made that a special program was to be given in the Eagle hall at 8:30 p. m. on Constitution Day Wednesday of this week. The program will be under the auspices of the school and the high school glee club will furnish the musical part with the exception of the solo. The program in full will be given in tomorrow's Citizen.

During vacation the school building was thoroughly cleaned and many improvements were made among which a new cloak room for the upstairs girls is especially noticeable. This is built over the stairway directly opposite the superintendent's office.

The grass on the school grounds has been cut and the apparatus tested so as to make it perfectly safe for the children.

The janitor's room has been remodelled and made very comfortable.

In the science room all the apparatus has been cleaned and put in order, the tables, desks and chairs varnished and all the floors oiled.

A large portion of the supplies ordered have already arrived and the remainder is expected on the next boat.

An improvement which we all especially appreciate is our newly tuned piano which has been put in first class shape by Mr. Fleischman. The perfect condition of the piano enhanced the lovely solo which Dorothy Roth played in assembly. Three new faces are noticeable among the faculty. Miss Shuman will have the mathematics of the high school and Miss Edmonds will teach French and the Commercial course.

A feature of assembly was the presentation of diplomas to the 15 members of the last year's eighth grade class who were Lucy De Wree, Frank De Wree, Vivienne Hamilton, Helen Young, Roden Davis, Marie Sumi, Mary Schater, Florence Roth, Theodore Buzby, Stella Herrington, Beatrice Belling, Iris Hineckley and Anna Bergman. The announcement that every one had passed the territorial examinations and was admitted to the high school without conditions was greeted by a high school yell for the large incoming class.

The following students having completed satisfactorily the first 25 drills in penmanship required by the Palmer company were awarded eight buttons: Le Torie Burrell, Boyd Hering, Loyd Pintherton, Russell Bellerby, William Hering, William McCarty, Mercevin Anderson, Richard Boyd, Marie Miller, Albert Visea, John Butterveich, Billy Lumpkin, R. K. Lavery, Kenneth Morgan, Adler Nordale, John O'Shea.

James Vernetti, Agen Wilbur, Norma Clausen, Dorothy Geis, Charibell Mayben, Janet Preston, Wilma Pirainen, Ethel Sumi, Cremon Stewart, Stella Mafer and Mary Zimmerman.

The following having completed additional work were awarded Progress Pins: Clarence Burglin, Harvey La Zelle, Geneva McGowan, Dorothy McCarty, Harold Bently, Fred Douse, Edna Kramer, Phyllis Anderson, Warren Clark, Charles McGrath, Helen Franklin, Margaret Stewart, Franklin Zimmerman, Calvin Franklin, Helen Durand, Norman Burglin, Sigrid Bredie, John Clark, George Butterveich, Franklin Schafer, Virginia Raymond, Althea Morgan, Arthur Hering and Martha Geis.

Eleven completed the entire course and were awarded the final certificate: Stella Herrington, Vida Gustad, Thomas Tonseth, Edward Bartlett, Mary Miller, Marguerite Wilson, Selma Larpel, and Helen Rasmussen.

Last spring a prize of ten dollars was offered by the territorial Women's Christian Temperance Union for the best essay on the effects of alcohol on human beings. Twenty-five schools competed for the prize and the best essay of each was sent to Seattle to be judged by a committee of educators in that city. The essay written by Margaret Collins of our school was the unanimous choice of the judges and the ten dollars was presented to Miss Collins in yesterday's assembly.

We lost one member of our Senior class this year Miss Margaret Thomas, but we are proud of the fact that Miss Thomas, during the summer completed her entire high school course and this month enters Reed College. We are proud of the fact that another member of our Senior class, Russell Bellerby has an appointment to Annapolis which he is to enter next spring if he passes the necessary examinations which, judging from past records he will not fail to do.

CALL FOR BIDS

Bids will be received by Tanana Rifle Club for building two bulkheads at their rifle range just south baseball park as follows: One bulkhead 20 ft. long, 12 ft. high, 5 ft. thick; one bulkhead 12 ft. long, 9 ft. high, 5 ft. thick; both to be built of small logs well notched in and filled with sand. Logs will be furnished on the ground. Bids must be in not later than 5 o'clock Tuesday, Sept. 16th. For further particulars see G. B. Erwin, secretary.

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SUMMERS TELLS OF WORK WHICH BUREAU PLANS

The department of agriculture, thru its weather bureau, is trying to correct the erroneous impression prevailing thruout a large part of the United States regarding weather conditions in Alaska. Under the direction of Melvin B. Summers, meteorologist, in charge of the Alaska section, climatological data is gathered from the stations thruout the territory, assembled in monthly and yearly reports, and distributed thruout the States for the enlightenment of those outsiders who believe the sun never shines in Alaska.

Mr. Summers, who has had charge of the work in the North during the past three years, is now in Nenana on an annual tour of the territory, estate holding new and reopening old stations and looking after the work generally. He reached Nenana on the steamer Alaska, and will return to the coast by way of Fairbanks and the Richardson trail.

In a conversation with a representative of The News last evening at the Southern hotel, Mr. Summers spoke very highly of the manner in which the stations of the interior thruout the territory are conducted. Accuracy and regularity in making observations are of the highest importance to the bureau, he says, and the results thus far have been very satisfactory, particularly so in view of the fact that much of the work is voluntary.

The bureau now has about 89 co-operative and special observers thruout the territory, who supply the bureau reports for the compilation of climatological data. For the purpose of weather forecasting, two reports daily are required of eleven stations, at widely separated points. These reports are flashed to Juneau and to Washington, D. C., at 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. Juneau time and from there the weather conditions of the next day are determined.

Forecasting was not a huge science last winter, Mr. Summers admits, but he hopes to be able to improve the service greatly during the coming winter, as a result of having established new stations covering a sufficient area to insure fairly accurate calculations. Still better results would be insured by the establishment of a station in Siberia, because of the air movement from the west to the east, but that, Mr. Summers says, is out of the question at present. The stations making these special reports, which are available at a number of points in the States along the route taken by the messages forwarded to Washington twice daily, include Sitka, Eagle, Tanana, Nome, Noorvik, Akhiak, Atka, Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, St. Paul, Valdez, and Juneau. The stations at Noorvik, in the Kobuk country, and Atka, in the Aleutian Islands, were established this summer.

The forecasting service will begin on October 15, but it will not include daily reports as was the case last winter. The intention of the bureau, Mr. Summers says, is to supply Interior Alaska with advance information only when marked weather changes indicated. Variations of a few degrees will not be taken into account.

Since coming to the Interior, Mr. Summers has arranged for the re-opening of stations at Ruby, Circle and Hot Springs, and for the establishment of a new station at Light. Arrangements also have been made for keeping a record of weather conditions in the Kantishna country.

Taking barometric readings for the purpose of determining accurately the altitude of Tanana, which the records now shows, has an altitude of 599 feet also has occupied the time of Mr. Summers since his arrival here. The bureau he says, was unwilling to accept the registered altitude of the army town when it was known positively that Nenana, which is several hundred miles up stream, has an altitude of only 352. The bureau estimate of the Tanana altitude is approximately 290 feet. The readings were taken at Nenana, Tanana and several other stations simultaneously.

for the purpose of determining the actual pressure at the desired point, and when this data has been worked over by the bureau the altitude of Tanana will be known for a certainty.

Accuracy and regularity in making observations are the watch words of the bureau. Mr. Summers says there are about four thousand stations in the United States, and most of the observers are untrained, many of them unpaid, and still others only a small amount monthly—ample for the actual work required, but hardly enough to be attractive as remuneration. Yet notwithstanding the necessity for depending so largely upon the voluntary services, the bureau records are remarkably complete and accurate, due to the fact to the interest displayed by the observers entrusted with the work.

Many of the observers have splendid records, covering many years of service, but the peer of them all, says Mr. Summers, is a resident of West Chester, Pa., Dr. Jesse C. Green, who has kept a daily record of precipitation and temperature, without a single break, made at the same spot every day during that period 62 years.

The records were started by Dr. Green long before the weather bureau was organized, but the work is now done as a part of the regular service.

The veteran observer is a retired Quakoo dentist and, altho he is more than 100 years of age, he still looks after this station when he is at home and sees that the records are kept properly when he is absent. In order that there might be no mistake when he left home, long ago, saw to it that some one member of his family could read the instruments properly. Nenana News.

MARSHAL MAKES THREE CHANGES AMONG DEPUTIES

DEPUTY POPELL, TRANSFERRED TO CIRCLE TO RELIEVE SPENCER WHO GOES TO FT. YUKON; MCGUIRE WILL COME TO FAIRBANKS OFFICE.

According to a statement made yesterday by U. S. Marshal E. T. Erwin, several changes are to be made shortly in the lineup of the Fourth division deputies.

Deputy Marshal E. H. Poppel, who has been stationed at Chitina since his return from the States where he served in a "leather neck" training camp, will leave this morning for Circle where he will be stationed for the next few months at least. He will relieve Deputy Spencer who has been at Circle for several years.

Deputy Spencer will be sent to Ft. Yukon, at his own request and relieve Deputy Marshal McGuire. The latter will come to Fairbanks as soon as the transfers are effected and will probably be assigned in this vicinity.

DOUSE LEAVING AT 11 THIS A. M.

VICTORY DEPARTS FOR NENANA AT 11 O'CLOCK FROM PIONEER DOCK.

The launch Victory arrived from Nenana yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock with two passengers and the remains of Timothy Murphy. The passengers were E. Glendening and C. A. McPherson.

Captain Douse is scheduled to leave with the Victory on its return trip this morning at 11 o'clock from the Pioneer dock. Reservations can be obtained at the Pioneer hotel.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Probate Court for Fairbanks Precinct, Fourth Division, Territory of Alaska.

In the matter of the estate of Michael Saroff, deceased, No. 214. To the Creditors and all persons interested in the above estate and in the partnership estate of the deceased in the freighting and teaming business carried on by Trefon (Tony) Saroff and the deceased in his lifetime:

TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned, by consideration of the probate court in and for Fairbanks Precinct, Fourth Division, Territory of Alaska has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of deceased, and as well to administer and wind up the affairs of said partnership. Therefore notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of deceased or against said partnership are required to present the same with proper vouchers or proof to the undersigned administrator at the office of L. R. Gillette, attorney at law, in the First National bank building in Fairbanks, Alaska, which is hereby designated the place of business of the administrator, within six (6) months from the date of service of this notice to wit on or before the 8th day of April, 1920, or the same will be barred as by law provided.

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