

# ALUMNI SPECIAL EDITION

## ALUMNI NOTES

John Leman, '38, was recently in the Ketchikan, Alaska, to visit his family. Leman's father was formerly in the State of Alaska. Leman has been a member of the territorial staff of the Governor's Office.

Malheur, '38, has completed his term as president of the University of California. He has returned to work on mining property on American

letter to a friend, William L. Leman, '38, who is now in the Chamber of Commerce in the magnificent plant in California. Leman reports that he got in on a lot of experimental development work during the last April of California for more than three months.

present address of Fred Kuznetsov, '38, is Route 1, Box 164, Sausalito, California.

News newspaper reports that Leman died in February of 1941 for the Northwestern University. Leman was made president of the organization. Mr. Leman, '38, was B.S. degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Leman, '40, who enlisted in the Army early last fall, has been returned to the Air Corps. News is reported at Fort Richardson.

Carl Kaiser, '40, is no longer a member. Christmas greetings from home brought the news that he married last April. Mr. Kaiser reports of Steel Fabrication for the Dominion Bridge Company of London.

Henry DeBary, '38, has completely recovered from his bout with pneumonia and is once more on the job. DeBary is frequently seen on campus, as this semester he is helping to a class in place mining

Harry Egan, '40, has left Fairbanks about a P. A. ship for a winter trip in the States. Miss Egan has been employed by the Western Commercial Company and the Lacey Street Theater.

Recent news from Al Elvengren, who graduated from the Chemistry Department, is that he is now in St. Louis, Missouri, and working for the DuPont Chemical Company.

Recent issue of the Juneau Daily News reports the return to Juneau of Mrs. Joseph Plakke, after a year's visit by her parents. Mrs. Plakke is a member of the Class of '38.

News item in an Anchorage paper reported the recent visit to Juneau of George A. Lingo, '27. Lingo was a lieutenant in the Navy. Lingo formerly directed the Public Land Office for the First Division, is now stationed at Fairbanks.

John Ronan, '41, who started her mining career as teacher in the Yukon Territorial School at Kodiak, Alaska, returned upon the closure of this school to the Kodiak Public School.

### PRESIDENT

## 57 Alumni Serving Uncle Sam

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## Past Record Of Alumni Is Revealing

Activities Sponsored By Association Have Been Numerous

When John Seaton Shanley, the senior class of 1923, was graduated, he automatically became the entire Alumni Association of the University of Alaska.

It was not until five years later, however, when the number of graduates totaled sixteen, that the Association was formally organized with George Lingo as president and Dorothy Roth Leffert as secretary-treasurer.

The activity of the organization in its early years was limited and no new officers were elected until 1934, when the following were chosen: John B. Boswell, president; Donald MacDonald III, vice-president; Leslie Spencer Bryant, secretary-treasurer; and Dorothy Roth Leffert, who was William McCarthy, members of the executive committee.

In 1934, a resolution was passed by the Association and addressed to the Territorial Legislature urging construction of a fire-proof dormitory for women and the changing of the name of the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines to the University of Alaska.

In 1939 another election of officers was held and John Boswell and Donald MacDonald III were re-elected and Frances Meale became secretary-treasurer, with Robert Leffert and Frank Redmond executive employees in the various essential war industries. These are times when trained persons are at their greatest value to their country, and our alumni are ready and able. Today, barely three months since the United States entered the war, we find that 57 of our alumni are taking an active part in the war effort.

Beginning with the Class of 1941, numbering 33, we hear that 18 of them are engaged in such work.

John DeGrande, Pat O'Neill, Marshall Lombert, and Donald Markl are all in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Joe has his wings and is now Lieutenant DeGrande, flying for Uncle Sam. Pat is a cadet at Kelly Field, Texas. Marshall and Donald have not word of their activities, but we know that Marshall was accepted by the Air Corps, and Donald was applying for a non-flying appointment in the Air Corps.

James Ellingsworth and Clait Wahno are both in the Army and stationed at Fort Richardson. Rumor has it that so many alumni and former students are serving there that a section of barracks is referred to as the "Club Dorn."

Art Reinkens and Charles Tryck went to work as draftsman for the U. S. Army Engineers immediately after graduation.

Everett R. Erickson, Head of the Department of Education, has been invited to address a reception meeting during the World Federation of Education Associations Conference to be held in Montreal, Canada, early in July.

In 1937 Professor was a guest speaker at a meeting of the Tokyo Conference of the World Federation of Education Associations.

## Two E. M. Degrees To Be Granted At Commencement

John C. Boswell, '29, and L. C. Doherty, '30, will be given E. M. degrees on Commencement, May 14, 1942. Requirements for the E. M. degree are the minimum of five successful years of practicing the profession of Mining Engineer and the preparation of a thesis.

Mr. Boswell, who has a record of thirteen successful years as a mining engineer, is at present Superintendent of Mining at Ester Creek for the U. S. Smelting, Refining and Mining Co., P. E. Department. The subjects of his thesis are the Ester-Cripple Creek project and the placer quartz project.

Mr. Doherty, who can claim twenty successful years as a mining engineer, is now Supervising Engineer for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Mr. Doherty's thesis will treat of general placer methods.

## Percy Lucha Dies in Gun Accident

Percy Lucha was instantly killed Sunday, March 8, when the gun he was cleaning, preparatory to going target shooting with friends, went off and shot him through the head. The rifle by which Lucha met his death was one which he used as a

member of the Auxiliary Police Division of the Civilian Defense Unit in Juneau.

Friends said that Lucha always kept it loaded, but he evidently forgot there were bullets in the chamber. He was attempting to sight down the barrel when the gun went off.

Lucha had an appointment with friends for a late breakfast to be followed by a hike to the Basin, near Juneau, for shooting practice. One rifle which he intended to take with him had already been cleaned and a

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## Grads Living In Anchorage Organize

31 U. of A. Alumni Chapter Members of Branch Chapter

Anchorage and vicinity, having attracted more than 27 Alumni members, will soon have the first organized Alumni chapter or branch. Although not formally organized as a branch chapter, Alumni in Anchorage have long been active as a group. Reports of banquets, welcoming parties, and impromptu gatherings have from time to time reached Alumni headquarters.

The most recent event of this nature was the banquet tendered by the Alumni chapter at the Anchorage last month. More than sixty Alumni and former students participated in this banquet, which is described in detail elsewhere in this issue.

Charter Members  
Alumni who will be charter members of the Anchorage Chapter of Alumni are: Jack Adams, '39; Anderson (Palmer), '39; Bart Bedline (Fort Richardson), '39; Millie La Bell, '41; Helen Carlson (Wasilla), '40; Bill Cushman, '37; Edgar Carlson, '39; William Dean, '40; Al Dickey (Wasilla), '39; Jim Elingworth, '41; Helve Zmatt, '39; Howard Estelle, '36; Woody Johnson, '40; George Karstenlund, '39; George McCoy (Luckyhook), '41; Olavi Kukkonen, '38; Ken Kyrer, '40; Alice Mikami (Mrs. R. Snodgrass), '35; Roy Nelson, '41; Henry D. Niese, '40; Gordon Riddle, '41; Art Reinkens, '41; Leo Rhode, '40; Leo Saarla, '38; Roland Snodgrass, (Palmer), '32; Harold Strandberg, '37; Fred Strandberg, '41; David Tewkesbury, '37; Charles Tryck, '41; Olavi Wahto, '41.

12 Fairbanksans Taking Speech

From the office of President Charles E. Bunnell comes the announcement of another short course, Public Speaking I, which is meeting three times weekly in the City Council Chamber in Fairbanks.

The course in speech, which is being sponsored by the Voluntary Service Bureau of Fairbanks, is limited to sixteen registrants. The class meets from two to three every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.

Enrollees learning the practical aspects of public speaking are Mesdames Belya Bayles, Margaret Berge, Jessie S. Bloom, E. C. Bryan, Willard Hanson, Amanda Hanson, Fay C. Hurley, Ruth Leger, H. M. Lindberg, Ed Ross, Esther Turnbull, and Eva A. Winkler.

Howard Estelle (Ag. 37) divides his time between his poultry farm on the Spreng Road and employment with the Alaska Road Commission. He is a member of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. Also Mikami Snodgrass (B.A. '35) is a member of the ARRC. Leo Rhode (A.S. '40) is Senior Clerk with the Alaskan Public Clerk Service at the Headquarters Office in Anchorage. David Tewkesbury (A.S. '37) is a reporter on the staff of the Anchorage Daily Times. Gordon Pistic (Mining '41) has completed his classes in Mining Extension work.

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20th Commencement Will Grant Total Of 24 Degrees

At the Twentieth Commencement, which is to be held on Monday, May 18, the awarding of 34 degrees will add 31 new names to the Alumni roster.

Bachelor of Arts Degrees will be given to Simon John Newcomb, who has majored in anthropology, and to Ruthlyn Elliot, whose major is history and political science.

Department of Education  
Those who will receive the degree of bachelor of education will be: Gene W. Rhode, Irene Frances Reintrom, Louise Seaberg Dickey, Margaret Jackinsky Pearl, John B. Banish, Margaret Turner Asst. Lewis Housler, and Joan V. Anderson.

Business Administration  
Five bachelor of business administration degrees will be awarded to: Eleanor Liddle England, general business; Carolyn Elizabeth Hagstrom, secretarial training; John W. Kessel, accounting; William George Strecker, general business; and Ruby Martha Hagstrom, accounting.

Bachelor of Science  
Science degrees will go to J. Freeman Tromble, general science; Stuart L. Seston, general science; Rodney Morton Ahlson, general science; Patricia P. Houlihan, geology and mining; Frederick Malde, geology and mining; Oliver Jackson, mining engineering; Charles J. Jenney, pre-medical; John Melvin Collette, civil engineering; Arthur C. Hiltner, mining engineering; Francis (Continued on Page Four)

Food Preparation Class Sponsored  
The Department of Home Economics in cooperation with the Home Economics Extension Service is sponsoring a class in home preservation of food. This class follows the one in general, and everyone interested is invited to attend.

The first meeting of this class was Tuesday evening, March 17. The class will meet once a week for the next five weeks. Already twenty members have enrolled in the class. The meetings are held at the Fairbanks Public School from seven-thirty to nine-thirty on Tuesday evenings, and everyone interested is invited to attend.

## Jackinsky, Pearl Wedded March 16

On Saturday evening, March 16, Miss Margaret Jackinsky was married to Lieutenant Albert Lawrence Pearl. The wedding was performed by Lieutenant Orville Odum, Ladd Field Post Chaplain.

Mrs. Pearl is the daughter of Walter Jackinsky of Nulikish. She is a senior student at the University of Alaska and will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education at the coming Commencement.

Lieutenant Pearl is personnel officer at Ladd Field. He has lived in Alaska since August, 1937. A graduate of the University of Nebraska, Lieutenant Pearl came to Alaska to be manager of the University Club. Prior to entering service at Ladd Field, he was also Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University.

A cable just received by relative gives the welcome news that Mrs. Thompson (Florence Roth, '27) and two sons have safely reached Melbourne, Australia, while Mr. Thompson was also Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University.

Writing on March 3, Stephen M. Johnson, '41, reports to Alumni headquarters that he is now an officer in the United States Naval Reserve. Johnson is assigned to the branch of service that has to do with the interpretation of aerial photography. Johnson's address is: 2135 Greenwood Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois.

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## Out of the Mailbag

Appropriately enough, the first letter we pulled out of the old mailbag comes from no less important an individual than our first alumnus, John Sexton Shanley, the whole of the Class of '23.

From New Greta, New Jersey, we give you Mr. Shanley:

Greeting. You have caught me at a very busy time, but I hasten to give you a few lines. Hardly any one ever refuses a request to talk about himself.

I always consider myself a very successful man, not because I am a millionaire, which I am not, but because I have been able to live a well rounded life and to have had many pleasures in moderation. In short, I am a happy man. That, after all, should be the aim of higher education. We can't all be wealthy, we can't all be leaders, but we may still be able to live a very satisfactory life.

After graduation at the old Alaska Commercial College and School of Mines, I was Principal of the school at Nenana. I left for the States the next year intending to take some graduate work and re-

### Alumnus Number One

turn to Alaska. (I still hope to.) I taught science and was high school principal in California for three years, taking graduate work at Stanford, the University of California, and at Modesto Junior College.

I became interested in producing educational motion pictures and was busy with my own producing company for about ten years. This work took me abroad to some extent and I am miles in Cuba, England, all over Europe, and in Africa.

Seven years ago I started with the Civilian Conservation Corps, doing work with visual helps in their program of Adult Education. I am still with them.

When one starts to talk about himself, it is so pleasant to continue. I lost my wife several years ago but have three lovely daughters. These are the only distinction I have ever felt entitled to except for the distinction of being the first grad of the Farthest North.

I am a Junior. I belong to the Cornell Club in New York, the Knights of Columbus in Atlantic City, the Exchange, the Orange and the Legion.

I have developed a little reputation as a preacher and once in a while supply a local pulpit. The drawing power is not my knowledge of the Bible, but what I know of Alaska. Everyone likes to hear about Alaska.

I still like to travel. Went South with the children last winter and last October went to Quebec. Went through the town where the McCombe boys live and called them out. They were both away one. John I believe, in Scotland with the Forces, Robert in an Air Corps Station in Canada.

In brief, I am not a Big Shot, why have all the headaches of being that? I get a kick out of life just living and being one of the home folks. I do want my daughters to have a college education, and our choice is the University of Alaska, but aside from that I haven't any ambitions.

I still think that my most stimulating intellectual experience was the winter of 1922-23 when I met

the sole student in one of President Bunnell's classes. Two evenings a week in literature and economics. I met on the Presky's desk, analyzing Presky's Recruits. I saw Far Horizons during those winter evenings.

Sufficient for the Day is the Evil thereof. I will close with my best, as always. Hope the pictures will do.

Sincerely,  
John S. Shanley  
Subaltern

From Margaret Thomas Murie, '34

The "story of my activities since graduation," which was requested, may be pretty adequately outlined by the following dates:

Graduated June 13, 1934; married August 18, 1934 at Anvik, Alaska to Olaus John Murie, a biologist with the U. S. Biological Service, now on the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; honeymoon trip into northern Alaska, the headwaters of the Koyukuk, in the Endicott Range. A son, Martin, was born July 16, 1937; daughter, Joanne Elizabeth, born May 21, 1937; meanwhile another trip north, in the summer of 1938 to the headwaters of the Copper River in the Arctic. December 16, 1931, another son, Donald Olaus, was born at Jackson, Wyoming.

Since July, 1937, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, has been Mr. Murie's official headquarters and here in 1939 we built a home. A large part of each year has been spent out in the mountains, studying "the Hole," studying the abundant wild life, so our children have spent their childhoods largely in camp and out of doors. Through the years there have been numerous trips east to Washington and New York, one summer traveling and camping through the interior of British Columbia; one summer traveling through the whole southwest, including Death Valley and the Charles Sheldon Antelope Range in Nevada; and best of all, two summers, 1936 and 1937, back in Alaska. On the second trip I had the unforgettable experience of the trip to St. Lawrence Island. That summer I was living on the campus and working on the St. Lawrence Island manuscript based on Otto Geist's notes from the Island. Aside from this manuscript and a few others, and some short articles on Alaska subjects for magazines, my "special activities" have been secretarial work for my husband and the varied community projects in which anyone living in a small and rather isolated community is bound to become interested. Just now the community projects are a Little Theatre group and the promulgation of a U. S. child-recreation center and playground for our young folks, and old folks, here in Jackson.

As for special interests, anything to do with Alaska of course still stands at the top of the list. We are continuously thankful to be stationed in a locality very similar to Alaska in many ways. Skiing has become the special interest of our whole family in winter, and in summer, swimming, canoeing, hiking the mountain trails.

All this, of course, in addition to keeping house and cooking for a very healthy and always hungry family! And I do like to keep up with what's new, or old and very good, in literature. No day is ever long enough, and I don't like to begin to feel old yet, could a wife even though there is a great tall son ready for college next September!

John B. Dorsh, '34

We are comfortably settled in a camp 60 miles from Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. There are five of us gringos to manage and keep peace among about 700 natives, most of whom are illiterate. Some few of them read and write, but the majority of them sign their names with their thumb prints.

The region is nearly arid, contrary to all ideas regarding the rainy tropics, and the vegetation is reminiscent of the deserts of the Southwest.

There are two seasons, the wet and the dry, covering about 700 natives from November to May and from May to November, respectively.

I could write volumes on the customs and caprices of the people and their superstitions. A dozen times a day I ask myself "Am I my brother's keeper?" And the answer is always in the affirmative.

Now as for my record since graduation. From 1934 to the end of 1938 I worked as fieldman for the

## Alumni's Past Record Revealing

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impetus of a greatly increased membership from the larger classes of the late thirties. Due to life memberships were set and a new constitution was adopted.

**First Commencement Banquet**  
The first Commencement Banquet given by the Association was held in the University Club, at which time the Class of '39 was welcomed into the alumni organization. Since then, banquets have been held annually and have proved very successful.

In 1940 the feasibility of the association's undertaking some large project of benefit to the University

was discussed.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER**

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Give my regards to all who may remember me.

Sincerely yours,  
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that prevailed because of the war, the project was later abandoned.

**First Broadcast**

This same year the Association went on the air for the first time over KFAR in Fairbanks with a broadcast arranged by Genevieve Francis Meak and delivered by John G. Boswell.

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Professional Degrees

John C. Bunnell and C. D. Meak are candidates for professional degrees.

Thomas E. '32, in a letter of March 17, writes that he still is Cities Service Oil Company of Chicago, Indiana. He finds his with the company is very interesting, and especially at present, important.

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# Who's Who among the Firsts

By Frances Meols

finding myself in a twenty-first century catalog and I found that something unusual I was compiling a listing was first. The only applicant for such a compilation was that ever since that day, when I succeeded in placing the phrase "first in place and first in time" in his countryman to win a prize in a Washington contest, the primordial has been a fascination for me.

## First of Firsts

Anton Shanley, 23, has the honor of being the only person to start Commencement here in Room 201 of the Administration Building. Since his degree was granted from the Department of Agriculture, he actually gained priority in the Agriculture.

## First to Advance

James tries to convince himself the University of Alaska is private's institution has Commencement numbers two and three. Commencement number two in '24 was held for the first of granting (Marjorie E. now Mrs. Olaus J. Murie) degree of Bachelor of Business Administration, and thereby making the first to be graduated from the Farthest North Institution of Learning.

## First in Home Economics

Commencement number four and one more to be a woman, the degree. To Jamie Warren went the distinction of the first graduate from the student of Home Economics.

## First Native Son

James' brother, John, to graduated, shares the honor of description of Commencement number four. Donald John, who received his first in the Engineering in 1936, has the distinction of being the first of the first born in the Territory.

## First With Honors

He and accident could not foretell the foreground, and with the first of the first had an almost earned a distinction entirely his own efforts. I refer to James Roth, the first to be graduated with honors.

## First Return

The Class of 1938 was not without distinction, for at that time a new engagement with learning when completed, and Ted Loftus' husband has graduated from the institution, a degree as Engineer of Mines.

## Minor Goes Feminine

John, and Genevieve had proved a male, hearty, and depicted that she could take it. A degree in geology and mining made Genevieve Parker (now Mrs. John Loftus) the first, and so far, the first woman to be graduated from School of Mines of this University.

## Kobuk First Civil

Robertson of the Class of '37, who was the first of the Department of Civil Engineering. As an individual, Kobuk was graduated with the knowledge that he was a scholarship at Cornell University for graduate study.

## First Chemist

and the Department of Chemistry came up with its first graduate in the person of Philip.

## First Awards

Exhibited in Library hall are the University honor plaques of the University. First on the Kora Plaque for the outstanding achievement and Character of the University are: Hilda Reinikka, 36, now Mrs. Chet Hylja. The first name appeared on the Powell Memorial Plaque was awarded given to the outstanding woman of the senior class, Lois Spencer, 34, now Mrs. Chet Hylja. Robert S. Brier, 31, is the first to win the Brumback Memorial

# B. A. Department Ranks Second In Enrolment

By Bettie Harrop, '35

The Business Administration Department of the University of Alaska has in the past decade become one of the most popularly attended departments of the institution. At the present writing, the Business Administration has the second largest enrollment in the University and its total of forty graduates is second only to the total number of graduates of the School of Mines.

## 1924

Margaret R. Thomas, Mrs. Olaus J. Murie was the first business administration graduate. She received her diploma in 1924. She holds the

other. He is quite deaf and doesn't speak. He is a member of the banking fraternity, because associated with the First National Bank of Fairbanks. Vica was awarded his degree in 1929.

## 1930

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Friday, June 29

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First in Mathematics

Ernest Trigstad, 33, excelled in mathematics during undergraduate years to the extent that he was the first to be awarded the James Gordon Sless Prize.

First in Politics

This distinction goes to George A. Lingo, 27, when he became a member in the case of the Fourth Division, House of Representatives, Territorial Legislature, Session 1932 and 1935.

First in Athletics

1933. The appointment of Bettie Scheller (Mrs. R. B. Harrop) to the Student Athletic Committee gave to Bettie the honor of being the first woman ever to serve on this Committee.

Further distinction of being the first woman graduate of the University.

At present she is residing at Jackson, Wyoming. Witford and motherhood never caused Mrs. Murie to put aside her business training. Throughout the years Mrs. Murie has been secretary to her natural husband.

Since 1924 thirty-nine others have followed in Mrs. Murie's footsteps, although it was not until 1928 that the senior class contained another B. A. graduate. At the commencement exercises of that year, Frank P. DeWitt, now assistant cashier and trust officer of the First National Bank of Fairbanks, received his sheepskin. Following closely on Frank's heels was Albert Vics, who is a member of the banking fraternity, because associated with the First National Bank of Fairbanks. Vica was awarded his degree in 1929.

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## 1940

The class of 1940 added three new graduates to the roll—Lawrence "Barney" Bayer, Helen Carlson, and Leo Rhode. Barney is clerical for the Controller at the University. Helen is teaching at Westlake, and Leo is with the Alaska Fire Control Service in Anchorage.

## 1941

Last year's graduating class included business majors Millie Lu Bell, Harold Grosvenor, and Roy N. Nelson. Millie Lu is doing secretarial work with the C. A. A. in Anchorage. "Shake" Grosvenor is Fairbanks recently to take charge of the Employment Office at Kodiak. Roy is reported as pursuing the elusive figures as an accountant in Anchorage.

## REGISTRAR ANNOUNCES PHIPPS EXAMINATIONS

The University Registrar announces that the 1942 Phipps Scholarship Examination has been moved about one week. The examinations are now to be held on April 8, and 11. Delays in transportation have forced the postponement. Nome, Palmer, and Unga have reported that they will be replying from other high schools have not yet been received.

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## Notes and Quotes Out of the Past

A complete file of the "Farthest-North Collegian," a Saturday afternoon free for browsing, and the result is a collection of notes and quotes which will help Alumni of twenty classes to recall pleasant memories.

### December, 1924

Cross-country ski race postponed until spring. The following men think they can beat the record set by Art Loftus last year and so have enrolled in the run: Art Loftus, Clarence Burgh, Jack Martin, Joe Loftus, Ted Loftus, (27), and John Lane.

### March, 1925

The College inaugurates this year the practice of holding regular assemblies. Opening address was given by President Bunnell in September and since then addresses have been given by a number of Fairbanks citizens and others.

### March, 1926

The "Farthest-North Collegian" staff is composed of Donald A. Morgan, (26), editor; Genevieve Parker, (28), associate editor; Thelma Blacker, (28), business manager; Frank DeWree, (28), assistant business manager; Robert McCombe, (31), advertising manager; John McCombe, (27), circulation manager.

### December, 1926

"Farthest-North Collegian" staff is composed of John McCombe (27), editor; Genevieve Parker (28), associate editor; Charles Thompson (30), assistant editor; John C. Boswell (28), business manager; Richard Boyd, advertising manager; Earl Parsen, circulation manager.

### June, 1927

A private initiation of the Mining Society is held in the main building of the College on October 24. New members are John A. Deane, A. D. Roberts, L. C. Doherty, Larry Anderson, Robert Mize, Harold Ritsander, Robert Lyle, John R. Wilson, and Harvey Alsos.

Tommy Thompson and Jack Boswell became partners in taxi service between Fairbanks and College.

### March, 1928

Dean Ernest N. Parry and four mining students leave College on Tuesday, March 27, on a geology field trip into the Healy River country. The students making the trip are Tommy Thompson, Jack Deane, Jack Boswell, and Larry Doherty.

### November 29, 1929

The College's first dramatic offering of the school year, the play "Mr. Temple's Telegram" is given at the Empire Theatre, November 15.

### February 24, 1930

Special Mining Issues

Engineers will hold open house on March 15. Ball on following evening.

### March 31, 1930

Collegians have big time at annual Engineers' Ball. St. Patrick appears in person, accepts, initiates, and knights Larry Christopher Doherty (30).

Play "Officer 666" to be given soon, Moose Auditorium.

### May 31, 1930

The officers coming year Men's Dorn are elected as follows: President Alvin Polet, Norm (32); Vice-President, Sam Moyer, Anchorage; (30); Secretary, Donald Pothorpe; Treasurer, Joseph Flakke (34).

Thomas Ek (32) wins the tennis tournament.

### September 1, 1930

Elizabeth Grigby and Violet Lundell (34) have the good fortune of seeing a black bear near College bright and early one morning.

### October 1, 1930

We suggest that if Bob Mize (31)

does not stop trying to sink "Around the Corner" that he be taken "Down by the Railroad Track" and dumped in the slosh.

### November 1, 1930

Record attendance marks fourth annual Halliwell's dinner held by members of the Men's Dorn—first started with the opening of the present Men's Dorn four years ago.

### February 5, 1931

College players to present "Cappy Rick's" soon.

### March 2, 1931

On Tuesday, February 10, a debate is held in the Business Administration Club. The question is "Resolved that the chain stores are an asset to the American people," the affirmative being taken by Sidsie Pratt (32) and Kenneth Sheghey (31), and the negative by Alvin Polet (32) and Norma Clausen (32).

### April 1, 1931

Smoker and banquet sponsored by Mining Society thoroughly enjoyed.

### May 1, 1931

Cornell fellowship awarded to first Civil Engineering graduate, (Walter Kubon, 31).

### June 1, 1931

Inge Tristad (31) is given second annual General Business Award. Trackmeet is held May 16, 31. Civil Engineers hold election and have banquet. Robert Lyle (32), (28) associate editor; Thelma Blacker, (28), business manager; Frank DeWree, (28), assistant business manager; Robert McCombe, (31), advertising manager; John McCombe, (27), circulation manager.

### June 1, 1931

Commercial Club holds annual banquet at College. Those on the banquet committee are: Joseph Flakke (34), Violet Lundell (34), and Kenneth Sheghey (31).

Civil Engineers invade historic Chena city for our 21st anniversary.

### October 1, 1931

Student assembly called to order September 23 by Alvin Polet (32).

### November 2, 1931

Kangaroo contest sentences Polet (32) for misconduct.

### January 1, 1932

Polet (32) and Reed fight terrible grudge match. College players to produce "Loose Ankles" in Fairbanks.

### February 1, 1932

Resident Alumni are guests of President Bunnell. Three less half of Alumni are present.

### February 1, 1932

Clifford Smith (27) tells mining Society of his two-years' at the Malay States.

Charles Herbert (34) is new head of Student Body Association.

Minor A's awarded for tumbling. Al Polet (32) and Tom Rogers are first to receive letters.

### March 1, 1932

Seniors elect Donald Mueller (32) Class President, Norma Clausen (32) Secretary.

### May 1, 1932

Miss Helen Link (36) is elected Queen of May. Colorful ceremony.

Ruby Olson (34) wins Business Administration Club Scholarship prize of \$100, offered for best work done by Club members.

Snodgrass (32) to have name engraved on Brumback plaque.

### December, 1932

Joseph Flakke names athletic committee composed of Harry Brandt, John Baldwin, and Bettie Scheffer.

### March 1934

Graduating class puts Charles Herbert in President's chair and Frances Meah, Secretary-Treasurer.

### May, 1934

Largest class in 12 years.

### May, 1934

Jack Boswell talks to Civics on Boulder Dam construction at a special meeting, March 25.

Violet Lundell is elected May Queen.

### July, 1934

B. A. graduate, Lois Spencer, opens public stenographer's office in Fairbanks.

### October, 1934

Men's Dormitory Association swings into action September 13.

When meeting was called to order by President Bruce Thomas.

Deck Drowning is chosen Froch class president.

Business Administration Club gives a party at the Junes cabin.

### November, 1934

Herbert Brandt wins horseshoe tournament.

Woodrow Johnson's birthday occasions some merriment on November 14 in Dormitory Dining room. Ivar Skarland announces the event.

### January, 1935

Ivar Skarland is chosen editor of yearbook, Denali.

Boswell is elected Alumni President for ensuing year.

### February, 1935

Bill Chasen is elected President of Dramatic Club for second semester.

### April, 1935

Charlie Sundholm wins prize in Carnival ski races.

Hilja Reinkinn tops list of semester grade averages.

Jim Stewart speaks at C. E. meeting.

### May, 1935

Louis Smith is elected President of club which will receive books from Carleton International Relations Foundation.

Girls of Dormitory are hostesses at tea for faculty on Saturday, April 30. Flora Harter, President, and Hilja Reinkinn, Vice-President.

### May, 1935

Skarland and Lundell take skiing honors.

Marie Quirk will reign as Queen of May at B. A. dance.

### June, 1935

Glen Franklin, new President of Student Body.

Hautala, new President of Mining Society.

Pat O'Neill elected Dormitory President.

Hilja Reinkinn to head women's Dormitory.

### September, 1935

U. of A. students take part in Dawson events. Pat Thompson, Louis Smith, and Glen Franklin chosen to play on Fairbanks team.

### November, 1935

1934 grad, Bill O'Neill, talks on placer mining at a meeting of the Mining Society called October 16 by President Harvey Hautala.

Vieno Wahlto is elected President of Dramatic Club, "Big Hearted Herbert" to be given December 6.

Roland Snodgrass was to graduate work at Colorado.

Arts and Letters Club frames constitution, elects new officers. Officers for coming year are Florence Walker, President; Arvo Wahlto, Vice-President; and Margaret Snodgrass, Secretary-Treasurer.

### December, 1935

Dancing and farce feature first Arts and Letters party.

Perry Lecha will be editor and Pat O'Neill business manager of yearbook, Denali.

### January, 1936

Dramatic club play scores big success, "Big Hearted Herbert" produced with distinction by Professor Goulichew, David Tewkenbury and Viero Wahlto star.

### February, 1936

Louie A. Smith will run for Legislature.

Howard Estelle tells of trip to Panama.

Albert Dorsh is elected President of Rifle Club.

### March, 1936

U. of A. first military ball is marked success.

### May, 1936

Junior Prom with Oriental decorations draws large crowd.

Campus skiers form ski club.

### June, 1936

Moana Monkanen is May Day Queen.

From here to the present, the grade's memories should be sufficiently clear.

## Looms Are Kept Busy by Thirteen

Miss Ruth Tucker, head of the Department of Home Economics, reports that the looms in the Department of Home Economics are being kept busy by short course students. The following persons are enrolled in this class: Mrs. Clara Woodden, Mrs. Alice Wilson, Mrs. Lela Tjore, Mrs. Dorothy Trehan, Miss Rose Berndt, Mrs. Grace Oden, Mrs. Mary Jo Bramhall, Mrs. Clara Busby, Mrs. Jean Thorstein.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brenner, Mrs. Ruth Lager, Mrs. Rhoda Anderson, and Miss Mary Lou Slade.

## U. of Arizona Honors Giddings

Louis Giddings, 32, has received an appointment, with the approval of President Charles E. Bunnell, as an honorary research associate on the staff of the University of Arizona's Tree-Ring Laboratory.

Giddings, who has been instructor in Anthropology since past year at the University, has been doing research in dendrology for several years, the results of which are soon to be published in a monograph entitled "Dendrology in Northern Alaska." University of Arizona and University of Alaska are co-sponsors of the publication of this monograph.

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# With 18 of the 94 Children of the U. of A. Alumni

## THE TED LOFTUS CHILDREN



Nancy and Jule Loftus, daughter and son of Ted Loftus, '27.



## FUTURE U. OF A. CO-EDS



Barbara Jean and Patricia Dawn Shanley, ten and twelve-year-old daughters of John S. Shanley, who writes that the girls are planning to attend the University of Alaska.

## Donald Loftus



Donald Roth Loftus, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Loftus, (Dorothy Roth, '27).

## B. B. A-ER'S OF TOMORROW



Three more future candidates for the Business Administration Degree, Jo Anne, Joyce Marie, and Patricia Harrop—daughters of Professor and Mrs. E. R. Harrop (Bettie Scheffler).

## A Car and a Girl



Judy Rogge, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rogge (Patricia Rogge, '35).



## The Youngest Shanley



Shella Shanley, now eight years old and the youngest daughter of John S. Shanley.



## Little Miss Franklin



Ina Lucille, two-year-old daughter of Glen and Vienne Franklin, '36 and '37 respectively.



## SON AND DAUGHTER OF THE ART LOFTUS



Dorothy Ann and John Hastings, children of Art and Dorothy Roth Loftus.

## Just Vacationing



John, Robert, and Marion Boswell, children of John C. Boswell, '27, vacationing at Lake Harding near Fairbanks.

## Recent Evacuees



Allen and George Thompson, sons of Tommy and Florence Roth Thompson, on the steps of their home in Singapore, from where they were recently evacuated.





# Bowed To Squad

One of March 6, Alaska's championship team scored a victory against the for-  
gopians squad from An-  
chorage was tied in first  
game of the defensive play  
the first three quarters  
ending by 24-20. Uni-  
champs. Impressively  
through the strong rival's  
to sink, five baskets and  
one to take the lead and  
one point, after the big  
gain-Schoenfeld combined  
in one goal shot be-  
hind whistle of this post-  
poned game.

Seasonal period, Hag-  
5 points, Hoch 4, and  
1 while tall-boy Stein  
3 gold points and shortie  
one goal in the last two  
of play while the college  
42-24.  
played with remarkable  
tactics in the enemy  
Hagars did superb work as  
er and high point-maker,  
an, Hilde, and St. Amund  
to lack the power and the  
back the coach, over-confi-  
quent, Hopkins' boys  
at passers and powerful  
essentials 6 foot 5 inch Stein,  
ed under his basket to piv-  
all into the loop with ease  
ants.

**Hard Fight**  
First quarter, Stein's height  
ay to control the ball in  
one when it landed against  
board gave Gerlach's men  
of trouble in getting the  
ball near the basket. With  
and the varsity's weak  
ed under his basket to piv-  
all into the loop with ease  
ants.

**Second Quarter**  
ed to lack the force and  
not pass. Though they  
their ball into the hands of  
opponents, the collegians  
essentially headway as Hoch,  
ay St. Amund each made a  
to end this quarter 10-15,  
Hagars' favor.

**Third Quarter**  
the third quarter the Uni-  
versity

# Cleary Hill Scene of Ski Club Meet

As a climax of a series of open  
competitive ski races which have  
been held since the beginning of the  
new year, the University Ski Club  
met at Cleary Summit, where George  
Dahl barely missed having his name  
on the Hirsch-Weiss trophy by 5  
seconds when Kay Huber, young  
high school lad, skied to front position  
with the fastest time at even-  
40 seconds in the half mile down-  
hill event.

Though Dahl did not win the trophy  
honor, he certainly deserves  
great credit for his outstanding  
ability which he demonstrated  
at Cleary Hill. Don Wilcox took  
third place with 0.41.5 seconds; Ker-  
mit Rock 0.42.4 seconds; Bob Pey-  
son 0.45 seconds; and Ed Fancher,  
who won 1st place in the slalom  
race on March 22, was timed at

ally boys played a better brand of  
ball in their passing and defense  
work that enabled them to cut the  
opponents' lead still more. Hopkins'  
pace-setter, Bullock, accounted for  
three field goals against the  
Champs 10 points. The score ended  
24-20, Varsity still trailing.

**Last Quarter Close**  
During the last period, the clamor-  
ous Fairbanks crowd shouted with  
delight as the league-leaders turned  
in 10 straight points before the last  
two minutes of play, when the Al-  
berchites, sending the match was  
almost to a close, bore down on their  
passing and throwing that netted  
them six points before the final  
whistle.

Great credit goes to Coach Ger-  
lach's boys for making such a re-  
markable stand in the final quarter  
to win the approval of Fairbanks'  
fans, that this season's 1942 Champs  
is a real superior ball-club that can  
long be remembered.

**Varsity**  
Godard (3) ..... (5) Bullock  
Hagwara (3) ..... (6) Emberg  
Hilde (3) ..... (4) Stein  
Hoch (3) ..... (4) Winter  
St. Amund (3) ..... (4) Schoenfeld  
O'Brien (3) ..... (5) Wise  
S ..... Dempster

138.5.  
Since the first meeting of the Ski  
Club held in October, 1941, Don Wil-  
cox's enthusiastic plan for the col-  
lege skiers has been accomplished  
with good, beautiful results.  
It may be said that this season's  
ski success has been due to the mild  
comfortable climate and abundance  
of snow.

A summary of results of previous  
races are as follows:  
At college jump on March 15.  
1st—Bill Huttala (town) — 26' 9"  
2nd—Fancher — 26' 8"  
3rd—Rock — 27' 5"  
4th—Dahl — 28' 5"  
5th—Ulrich — 28' 6"  
6th—Wilcox — 29' 4"  
Station at Birch Hill—Ed Fancher,  
University ski-aker, defeated Fair-  
banks' top skier by 6.9 seconds.  
1st—Fancher — 0.36.7 seconds  
2nd—H. Huttala — 1.03.6 seconds  
3rd—Wilcox — 1.08.6 seconds  
4th—Foster — 1.14.4 seconds  
Other participants were: Ulrich,  
Rock, Dahl, Kay and Don Huber,  
(high school), Buckmaster (town).  
Wigger (town) and Fosse (town).

George Dahl established the long-  
est jump this season at 39 feet and  
3 inches.  
1st—Dahl — 39' 3"  
2nd—Rock — 36' 5"  
3rd—Fancher — 29' 11"  
4th—Ulrich — 35' 5"  
5th—Wilcox — 29' 4"

In this jumping event Dahl and  
Rock were tied at 26' 5". In extra  
jump Dahl jumped 42', but fell near  
the end of the slide which was a  
matter of dispute and which caused  
another jumping round. Rock was  
taped at 39' 6".

In their second extra jump Rock  
was marked at 41', but was disquali-  
fied on a fall, while Dahl came  
through with the winning distance  
of 39' 3".

Arrangements have been made to  
issue prizes for the events on the  
several races which were held March  
15 and 22nd. In addition, the men's  
clothing stores will issue two big  
prizes based on a point system. The  
system is arranged so that there are  
100 possible points for each race  
and a skier must have completed in  
at least 3 events to be considered  
eligible.

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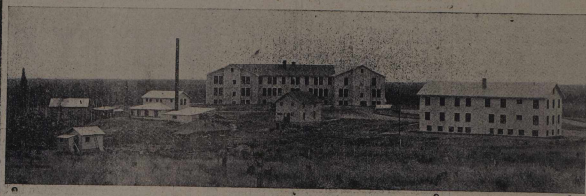
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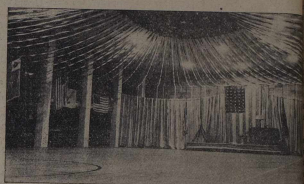


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# An Ancient Political Argument

By JAMES V. FLETCHER

Monday morning several weeks ago a false report from the broadcast from KFAH, we were surprised to find had mixed feelings. Of the kind, because we had a clear sign that our were weakening and that the would be ended so much as at the same time we were troubled. What, we would happen to us if peace were sure? What would we great airplane factories? the millions of young soldiers find jobs? Who to pay taxes for the use of the goods of our war in and, worst of all, what to rehabilitate the enemy in order to make them a new international econ-

Year of Peace we were afraid. We were of the problems of peace, we were of the problems of war. Wars because we find ourselves a complicated and baffling enigma as we human beings are. The class is a relatively simple problem in preference to the actual problems of peace. I want to think that the of the world is the "terrible nation" we feel that the and modern science have new and different problems. Many interesting we are experienced by such words as Communism, Totalitarianism, Democracy as if they stood for patients that the world were before us.

matter of fact, the concept of democracy and fascism was and fought bloody. Many of the present century were the empire dominated (ancient Athens and her rivals) and the city states dominated (ancient Sparta and her power-rivals). Many interesting we could be drawn between the Non-Confession War and the conflict, but is even more interesting to us that war is a constant between the two great periods of antiquity—Plato and Aristotle.

Plato's "Republic" is written a long book, the title in which he described he thought was the perfect being an Athenian, and when he was troubled times have the democracy found itself had, out-tricked, and out-fought powerful and cunning Sparta, their allies, he dreamed of a state in which every man would go on to do that task which he was best fitted. Only the best of talents and the best of men, thought Plato, would be able to do the political duties. These leaders of the state, whom he called guardians, would be drawn from the best young men would be the most effective citizenship administration of the state.

Plato, consequently, is a city dictatorship. To be sure, his idea was to be something like the perfect physical type of the Spartans. They were also philosophers, trained in logic, and conscious from boyhood of the duties of the state, and ardently in their desire to establish the earthly justice. And from the state, Plato hoped, might arise a philosopher king, because he would have a clear knowledge of the truth, would never make a mistake.

Communism among Elites. The leaders, or guardians, would be the best of the conventional of the state, and the democratic society. They would possess no property of their own, and no children. They would renounce their social pleasures of peace. And they would be constantly aware that the good of the state is more important than the good of the individual. Being members of an elite class, they would know what was best for members of other classes. They would tell the masses what songs to sing, what food to eat, and what articles to produce for the use of the lesser class. Occasionally, too, says Plato, it would be necessary for the leaders to tell lies to common people for their own good.

## Official Lies

"If anyone at all is to have the privilege of lying," he says, "the rulers of the state should be the persons, and they, in their dealing either with enemies or with their own citizens, may be allowed to lie for the public good. But nobody else should mingle with anything of the kind, and although the rulers have this privilege, for a private man to do this in their return is to be deemed a . . . heinous fault."

In order to keep their blood pure, the guardians would be mated with women as nearly their equals physically and mentally as it is possible for women to be. The most heroic soldiers would be given opportunity to leave the most numerous property and scientific breeding of human beings would be continually arranged by the older guardians.

The children would be taken on military expeditions, in order to learn early in life the craft of war, and to become toughened to hardship and danger. For to live dangerously was to be the satisfaction of the guardians. Personal happiness was an ideal unworthy of the leaders of the state. "If any of our guardians should try to be happy in such a manner that he will cease to be a guardian," says Plato, " . . . then he will have to be taught otherwise. If he would be content, he should say to him: Stay where you are when you have the offer of such a life."

In fairness to Plato, it must be conceded that he sincerely believed this to be necessary to the formation of a beneficent state. Starting with what he believed to be the self-evident truth that all men are essentially unequal, he went on to build his ideal state upon a foundation of aristocracy, a government by the best. And those best men, he thought, would continue to be wise, brave, temperate, and just, and could not misuse their glorious privilege of ruling the others.

## Aristotle Objects

Aristotle was not so sure. Perhaps his personal experience was sufficient to do with making him skeptical of Plato's political perfectionism. In the first place, he had known Plato intimately. He had been a student of Plato for fifteen years. And bright students upon a foundation of aristocracy, a government by the best. And those best men, he thought, would continue to be wise, brave, temperate, and just, and could not misuse their glorious privilege of ruling the others.

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Aristotle, and although Aristotle once admitted that, in theory, the perfect government is a benevolent monarchy, he remained coolly skeptical of any system resting on the merits of one man or one group of men, and kept his attention fixed upon the capacities and shortcomings of human individuals, upon whom the state must rest.

Aristotle objected first of all to Plato's theory that the state should be a perfect unity, or, as we would say, a totality. The beauty of a state should consist of diversity and variety, thought Aristotle, with as much unity in it as diversity as possible. Just as harmony in music consists in the concord of different sounds, so should a state consist of agreement among different individuals and different interests. Plato's state would, Aristotle thought, be uninteresting as a piece of music made up of a succession of octaves. We must think first of all of the vigorous and satisfying activities of individuals, and not criticize those individuals if many of their activities have no apparent usefulness for the state.

## Plato's Communism Cited

Aristotle next attacked Plato's theory that private property should be abolished and that all goods should be shared in common. His argument, which is still the best criticism ever made of thoroughgoing communism, is this: Property is this: Property is held in common, but in a certain sense, held in common, but as a general rule, private. For, when everyone has a distinct interest, men will not complain of one another's property, and they will make more progress because everyone will be attending to his own business. Men should be led by education to share liberally with one another, but not to share their property, and to cooperate with others spontaneously. Above all, men should remember how much pleasure they derive from private property, especially the property of the state. If men shared all things in common, no one could any longer be really generous, for he would merely be giving someone else part of the common property. Aristotle put this in his argument. Aristotle put his tongue in his cheek and says with obvious understatement that he doubts the feasibility of sharing with one another.

Moreover, Aristotle believes that to share property and wealth, she speculates, some society in the past would surely have found it to be a workable scheme.

## Regulation of Consumption

Plato thought the best way, he thinks, to regulate the possession of property is to educate the desires of men instead of taking their belongings from them. Moreover, Aristotle believes that any state that permits extremes of poverty and wealth is undermining its own political health and he agrees with Plato that no man should have more than the necessities as much property as the poorest man in the community. Just as extremes of wealth produce strife between classes, extreme differences in the wealth between nations produce war.

Perhaps the most modern contribution to Aristotle's political thinking is his belief that the welfare of the state depends ultimately on the success of its schools. He was far in advance of his time in his demand

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## Alumni In And Near Anchorage

William Casshen, '37, ex-Collegian editor and now teacher in the Anchorage Public Schools, reports a news item of interest concerning Alumni in Anchorage vicinity.

To Outlen and Leo Rhodes, '40, who was requested to revive Casshen's journalistic style, goes our appreciation for these news items.

Teaching in the Anchorage Public Schools are William Casshen (Gen. Ed. '37), Henri Estlin (Edue. '39), Joseph W. Dean (Edue. '40), and Robert Higgins, Albert Dickie (Edue. '40) is teaching at Independence Middle, Joan Anderson (H. Ec. '40) is teaching at Palmer, and Helen Carlson (B.A. '40) is teaching at Wasilla.

## Engineers Near Anchorage

Last summer four engineering professors and a dozen undergraduates were employed with the U. S. Army Engineers at Fort Richardson. Several graduates have remained on the project through the winter.

Wendover Johnson, (C. E. '40) is an assistant engineer with the surveying department. Arthur Reulanka (C. E. '41) and Charles Tyeck (C. E. '41) are employed as drafters. Roy Nelson (B.A. '41) is a clerk with the West Section, U. S. Engineers.

With the U. S. Engineers at Portage Bay is Olavi Kulkola (C. E. '39), who is in charge of the surveys at the Whittier end of the route. Harold Section, U. S. Engineers.

George Karabinski (C. E. '36) is employed with the engineering division of the Civil Aeronautics Administration at Anchorage. Millie Lou Bell (B.A. '41) is a stenographer in the Anchorage office of the C. A. A.

## Delight Dean Weds

At a ceremony performed December 27 at the Anchorage Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Boyd R. Cuthbert, Miss Gertrude Bisset of Anchorage became the bride of Dwight W. Dean, a graduate of the University of Alaska in the Class of 1940.

Mrs. Dean is secretary to Miss Ruth Sammons of the University Agricultural Extension Service. The bridegroom is teaching this year in the Anchorage Public Schools and is Captain of Company A of the Anchorage Home Guard.

December 7, 1941, the twentieth anniversary of Charles E. Bannell's services as president of the old University of Alaska in Fairbanks, was the inspiration for the sonnet written by Druska Carr and printed on the editorial page of this issue.

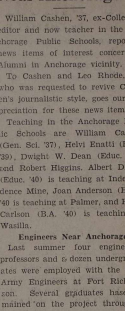
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## The Outlook for Mining

By CHARLES F. HERBERT, '34

The ability to anticipate events is the most valuable faculty that any man can possess; and history is replete with stories of successful enterprises from the earliest decipherable records to present-day "News Analysis" Magazines and papers are filled with articles predicting the length of the war, probable campaigns and so on; general states and economists study their maps and figures more tirelessly than his eyes any heroed career poured his eyes into a crystal ball. Even in Alaska, so miners see a certain gradual pulled over gold mining, there is a certain speculation about the outlook for mining in post-war Alaska.

Nearly every good American is now sure, probably a little too sure, that we shall win the war. For the purpose of this article we shall assume a complete victory but with the realization that only a tremendous catholic endeavor of all Americans can assure a complete victory rather than a hazardous armed truce.

### National Emergency

The unprecedented governmental debt we now have and the huge war costs that will continue to mount those a huge load on our economy. Government borrowing on such a large scale almost inevitably means inflation. The question is not so much as to whether or not we shall have inflation as to how inflation will be controlled and whether the price of gold will again be raised. Devaluing the dollar would enable the government to make a large profit on its gold bond but even the profit on twenty-three billions of dollars of gold sales in comparison with the probable war debt. While the price of gold may be raised it is equally probable that production taxes would take a good part of the increased price.

The fact that this country has adopted better methods with England, Russia, China, Turkey and various South American Republics by means of Lend-Lease Agreements loans as a real threat to the present monetary situation. gold. Furthermore, the Roosevelt-Churchill statements promise equal opportunity for all in world markets; since only a few have gold it is presumed that a continuation of barter agreements is anticipated in the post-war period.

### Value of Gold

If gold should lose its pre-eminent position as a money it is time-honored rank as a royal and valuable metal would certainly save it from serious loss of value. However, the United States may be unwilling to increase its hoard and still not permit an open market. If foreign trade should be controlled by the government gold mining might possibly be put on a quota basis. That would sound ridiculous to nearly all gold miners but not at all silly to some of the newer economists who hold that gold is valuable only while labor and materials are being expended to extract it and that to obtain the full value of gold deposits they should be mined slowly.

### Gold Taxes

War taxes will certainly hurt gold mining for some years to come. Particularly they will affect the individuals, partnerships, and small companies that would like to raise themselves into the class of important producers by reinvesting their profits.

### Government Control

In the past few years governmental control over industry has increased greatly. Some miners hope that after the war there will be decreased control so far as to the present outright State Ownership or even Communism. It is true that under war pressure we are losing many features we had long considered to be inherent in our democratic form of government. Some of these may never be regained but it is very unlikely that our destinies would be entrusted to the queer collection of gorillas and panmy-wasals that make up the American Communist Party. Rather we shall find a continuation of governmental control over industry since the

great majority of people will demand that a government that can organize and execute a great campaign to defeat the powerful enemies should organize a peace without armistices. How this control will affect Alaska mining will depend to some extent on the contribution to the public welfare that can be made by the industry. That, of course, is a radical view from the viewpoint of a shareholder or owner, but it may be correct.

### Bright Spots of Future

Fortunately there are many bright spots in the future. First of all, transportation facilities will be improved by new and better roads, modern airfields, and improved railroad. Although much of Alaska is considered so inaccessible that only gold mining can be profitable it is obvious to anyone that distance to the coast are not great and good roads could permit low-cost haulage so that many districts of Alaska could compete with mining districts in the States. Perhaps the military construction work will go far enough to greatly accelerate the development of base metal mines in Alaska.

New equipment developed for war work is eagerly eyed by the miners. The bulldozer has done much to promote mining in the past few years but improvements in tanks promise changes in this important unit that could greatly extend its scope. For instance, rubber tracks might reduce the operating costs of bulldozers. The long - heralded freight plane might become an actuality and the famous "Japs" ought to find a wide use in the hills.

### Reveling Prospecting

With national interest in Alaska caused by the war in the Pacific, with the International Highway actually, and with many men seeing Alaska as members of the armed forces or workers on bases, it is possible that prospecting may be revived. If so, it is likely that some valuable discoveries may be made, not particularly of gold placers but rather of base metals and some of the less commonly known metals for which the demand is increasing.

The first world war left mining in Alaska nearly prostrate until after the price of gold was raised. Perhaps this war will do the same, but there will be the difference that much of the defense work will have permanent value and war technology will furnish new equipment and transportation means and improve the old. Against this is the likelihood of a government attitude that miners would consider minimal to their interests, and a tax program that will probably not be so wisely prepared that small concerns can readily increase their assets. Still, it is against probable hardships and disappointments, the miners pit courage and persistence they may draw from the many widely mineralized districts of Alaska wealth greater than ever before and land the territory to an important place in a greater, fairer, and more powerful United States.

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Last month, Leo Rhode, Senior Clerk, Alaskan Fire Control Service, with headquarters in Anchorage, made a 2500-mile aerial tour of Westward Coast and the Arctic Coast in connection with official duties of his office. The trip was flown Rhode, '41, plane owned by the Alaska Game Commission, and piloted by his cousin Clarence J. Rhode, Administrative Assistant for the AGC, with headquarters in Fairbanks. The trip started at Fairbanks, and ended in Anchorage eight days later.

Mr. Robert Maddox (Jane Runyan '39) arrived in Fairbanks from Whitehorse aboard a Pullack plane, Thursday, March 15. Mrs. Maddox plans to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Runyan, for the duration. Mr. Maddox, Class of '39, is with the Armed Services. Since their marriage in Las Vegas, Nevada, on

September 14, 1940, Mr. and Mrs. Maddox have made their home in Moguel, Arizona, and Pasadena, California. Mr. Maddox was employed by the Phelps-Dodge Corporation.

Charles Tryck, '41, draftsman for the Army Engineers at Ft. Richardson, Alaska, has been frequently seen in company with a former "Miss Anchorage." It has been re-

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