

## ALUMNI NOTES

... Twichell, 37, and family  
... a short visit to Fairbanks in  
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... C. C. Dehony, 32, with her  
... two daughters, has left  
... Fairbanks for a visit to Spokane,  
... Washington. The Dehonys flew to  
... Spokane via Pollock Flying Ser-

... Arthur Loftus (Dorothy  
... 27) received a telegram April  
... informing her that her sister,  
... Charles O. Thompson (Thor-  
... 28), and two sons had  
... just reached San Francisco. Mr.  
... Thompson, 30, remains in Australia.

... Winston Spencer, 34, and his  
... wife were listed March 25 as pas-  
... sengers arriving in Fairbanks  
... aboard a Pan American Airways  
... plane. The Spencers were return-  
... ing from their mining property at  
... Seward Bay.

... Wm. W. Walton, 31, is listed  
... among the teachers reappointed  
... to the Fairbanks Public School  
... staff. This is Mr. Walton's tenth  
... year as teacher of mathematics and  
... science in the Fairbanks High  
... School.

... Dorothy Young Pattinson, 33,  
... has been reappointed as sixth  
... grade teacher in the Fairbanks  
... High School for the 1942-43 term.

... Newcomb, 42, left Fairbanks  
... last July 17, aboard a Wren plane for  
... New York. Mr. Newcomb is engaged in  
... geological research.

... Mr. Ted Mathews, accompanied  
... by his son, was on a recent plane  
... from Seattle. Mrs. Mathews  
... and son were returning from a  
... sister's vacation in the States and  
... Canada. After a short visit in Fair-  
... banks, they continued on to Amer-  
... ica. Mr. C. C. Joell to Mr. Mathews, '28.

... Wm. Walton, 31, discussed "On  
... a World at War" as a recent  
... reading of the philosophy forum  
... of the Science Society of Alaska.

... Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Shalish  
... were listed as guests at the Nor-  
... thwest Hotel. Mr. Shalish is a member  
... of the Class of '30. The Shalishs  
... live at their home at Nome, Alaska.

... Gordon Picotte, 41, has finished  
... his classes in Mining En-  
... gineering and is now in Sledmerey  
... making mineral investigations.

... John R. Wilcox, 32, passed  
... through Fairbanks on his way to  
... Wade Creek, where he will be  
... employed by the Wade Creek Min-  
... ing Company. Mr. Wilcox passed  
... the winter at the home of his par-  
... ents in Valdez.

... Miss Mollie Chamberlain  
... will become the bride of  
... Charles Tryck in the Episcopal  
... Church in Anchorage. Father War-  
... ren Penn read the service. The best  
... man was Arthur Reinicks, 41. Mr.  
... Tryck is a graduate in Civil Engi-  
... neering, Class of '41, and is now  
... working as draftsman for the U.S.  
... Army Engineers. Mr. and Mrs. Tryck  
... will make their home in Anchorage.

... A son was born to Mr. and Mrs.  
... George Hering (Patricia Hering, 35)  
... April 11.

... Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Franklin,  
... accompanied by their daughter Ina  
... Knick, returned to Fairbanks  
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## Staff For 1942-43 Is Announced

### Decline In Enrollment And Revenues Forces Reduction

Colleges throughout the United States have reported a decrease in student enrollments of from twenty to forty per cent as compared with the enrollments of a year ago; and the University of Alaska, having experienced a decline in enrollment in keeping with this trend, and a consequent decline in revenues, has been forced, like other institutions, to reduce its teaching staff in order to keep within its budget.

#### List Of Appointees

Dr. Charles E. Bunnell, with the authorization of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, announced the following appointments, which were thought to be a necessary minimum for maintaining the academic program and standards of the institution:

W. G. Waser, professor of agricul-

Frederick G. Rainey, professor of anthropology and sociology.

Murray V. Shields, professor of business administration.

Robert R. Harp, assistant professor of business administration.

Alfred W. Baastren, professor of chemistry.

William Edmund Duckering, professor of civil engineering and mathematics.

C. R. Huber, associate professor of civil engineering and mathematics.

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## First Aid Movies Shown By New R.O.T.C. Projector

An expertly planned five-reel moving picture designed to teach the rudiments of first aid to completely uninformed citizens, was shown on the campus on Wednesday, April 15. Especially effective were the reels explaining the treatment for shock and broken bones, although few persons in the audience felt that they would like to have any of the other types present apply a traction splint to them. Other subjects illustrated were resuscitation, treatment for bleeding and burns, and the making of different types of bandages.

R. O. T. C. Acquires Projector  
The movie, with sound accompaniment, was shown by the new machine recently acquired by the R. O. T. C. unit. Professor Huber was the operator.

The film was shown to the members of the Fairbanks Unit of the Red Cross.

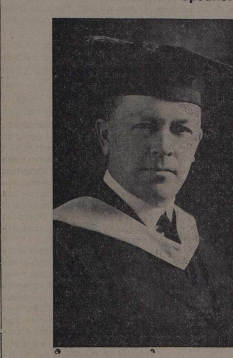
## Emergency Courses Offered

The imminent need for technically trained personnel in all branches of the armed forces makes it desirable that special courses be offered to students who, for any reason, have been unable to complete their high school preparation, and who wish collegiate training before entering the service. To meet this demand, the University announced that it will offer courses next year that will facilitate the completion of college entrance requirements with a minimum of time.

#### Not Entirely New

This service has been available for a number of years in the field of mathematics, where it became necessary to provide instruction in elementary mathematics, plane geometry, and solid geometry to compensate the meager opportunities for studying these subjects in some

## Commencement Speaker



President C. E. Bunnell, LL.D., will address the Twentieth Commencement of the University of Alaska.

## Rifle Team Outshoots Ladd Field

UNIVERSITY MEN WIN  
THEIR FIRST SHOOTING  
TO SHOULDER MATCH

In their first competitive shoulder to shoulder rifle match, the University Rifle Team won over the Ladd Field Rifle Team on the

University Range last month. High individual scorer was Sergeant Frank Bessel, with his students close at his heels.

Scores Listed  
The match was a three-position event, with the total scores running as follows: Sergeant Bessel, 278; Joseph Hong, 231; Silas Negovan-  
280; Justin Harding, 207; Staford Hall, 255; Paul Tschiffler, 264; Kermit Rock, 322; William Coghill, 214. The team total was 2033, as compared with the Ladd Field total of 1782.

Another Match Seen  
Officials for the match were Captain Dillum and Lieutenant Denison. A return match is scheduled soon. Sergeant Bessel predicts that with their baptism of fire behind them, and with the practice they are getting, the men ought to make an even better showing next time.

All students under 21 years of age, who are enrolled at the University, are eligible for enrollment in the Senior school, swing off the road to the left, and severed his left leg so that it had to be amputated just above the knee.

So serious was his condition that he required six blood transfusions, and on reaching the hospital, four within thirty-six hours. His father writes that Jack's condition is now good and his spirit excellent.

Mr. Oldroyd, at College when the accident occurred, lives at Cordova Monday morning, April 13. There also joined Mr. Oldroyd, and together they reached Laramie on the following Wednesday morning.

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## Rainey Analyzes Problem In Eskimo Economy

Alfred W. Baastren, professor of chemistry, analyzed "Native Economy and Survival in Arctic Alaska," has appeared in the first issue of a new quarterly, "Applied Anthropology," which is published at Harvard.

Rainey, whose published work has formerly dealt chiefly with archaeological or ethnographic matters, has become increasingly concerned over the alarming decrease in the Eskimo population of the Arctic coast, and in this article analyzes the reasons for the failure of the reindeer experiment to give new life to the Eskimos and their economy.

The failure was caused mainly, he believes, by a misunderstanding of the individualistic economy of the coast Eskimos, and by the attempt on the part of the white administrators of the experiment to restrict the reindeer herds and their herders to one locality instead of adopting the nomadic pattern of life followed in Lapland.

The problem might be solved, he feels, by returning the inland Eskimos now concentrated in the fixed villages to the unoccupied interior as reindeer nomads, and by allowing them to exchange reindeer hides for the seal oil and other coast products that they require.

Jack Oldroyd In  
Serious Accident

Jack Oldroyd, freshman student here during the year 1939-40 and only child of Loren T. Oldroyd, director of Experiment Stations and Extension Service, was seriously injured on the evening of Saturday, April 11, when the car he was driving near Laramie, Wyoming, hit a semi-truck, swung off the road to the left, and severed his left leg so that it had to be amputated just above the knee.

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### R.O.T.C. Unit Inspected

The most impressive military review in the history of the University R.O.T.C. was held on the drill field west of the Women's Dormitory on the afternoon of April 30.

Inspecting Officer was Lieutenant Colonel Milton C. Shattuck of Fort Richardson. Also on the reviewing stand were Colonel Dale V. Gaffney, Commanding Officer at Ladd Field, Captain J. D. O'Reilly, Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Sig

Wold, Commander of the American Legion Post at Fairbanks, J. H. Jones, Commander of the Fairbanks Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Maxine O'Donnell, Command Commander, President Charles E. Bunnell, Dean William E. Duckering, Professor Russell Huber, Andrew

Nerland, President of the Board of Regents, and Richard Peacock, President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Fairbanks.

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## 302 Enroll In Courses At Seward

MINING EXTENSION  
ATTRACTS 1379 STUDENTS DURING YEAR

John McMahoney and Robert Lyman have been hands full at Seward. They have not only Mining Extension class there, but two, and not only two ordinary classes at Seward. Out at Port Raymond, 150 men are registered, and the class in town has attracted 132. Mr. McMahoney started the classes, and conducted them for two weeks. But he soon left. Fortunately, Mr. Lyman was available, since the class that was planned for June had been cancelled because of inadequate transportation schedules.

As a result of the interest stimulated by the Mining Extension class in Anchorage, some of the members of the class have continued to meet as a group under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ryan, both graduates of the New Mexico School of Mines. They will invite prominent mining men to speak and will discuss various mining subjects at regular meetings.

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## Commencement Speaker Decade Ago

On May 15, 1932, at the Twentieth Commencement of the University of Alaska, then called the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, President Charles E. Bunnell delivered the Commencement address. On May 18, 1942, the University of Alaska will hold its Twentieth Commencement, and President Bunnell will again deliver the address.

Leader For Twenty Years  
For more than twenty years Dr. Bunnell has guided the affairs of the institution, and, more than any other individual, has been responsible for its growth from a few frame buildings and a handful of instructors and students to a university that is nationally known, especially for its high standards of technical instruction and for its achievements in arctic research.

Born in Pennsylvania  
Charles E. Bunnell was born at Dimock, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1878. A farmer by birth and devoted to the occupation of his father, of whom the first to come to America was with the New Haven colony in 1638, he has never claimed a city as his home.

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## Rousing Concert Given By Army Band In Gym

The University was treated to a rousing matinee concert by the Fort Richardson Infantry Band in the Gymnasium on the afternoon of April 16. Enthusiastic thanks were extended by everyone who attended to the members of the band, Captain Henry H. Wolking, leader, and Chief Warrant Officer Ernest B. Gentile, conductor, for their success in routing the blues intricate for spring fever.

The complete program follows: "The Collegian," by Yoder; "Soldiers on Parade," by DeLaas; "The Moequitos Parade," by Yoder; "College March," by Yoder; "Antony March," by Zimmerman; "La Carline," Russian mazurka; "Rhythm Medley," St. Louis Blues, Milenborg Jags, Some of These Days; "Gems of the Gai Nineties," and "H. M. Jollies," by Alfrod.

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## PERCY LUCHA

In those comparatively idyllic and now-distant years of the middle thirties, no one in the University contributed so much to its good cheer as "Percy" Lucha, whose death by accident was announced in last month's Collegian. Perk had a delightful flair for humorous detail that made Collegian readers turn first to his column, "Campus Glimpses." Perk, who was the college barber, made his shop the resort of all those with bored or broken spirits, in the days when there was no coffee counter. The secret of his charm was his spiritual stamina and his understanding of human hopes and human foibles. For Percy Lucha came to get an education when he was already a mature man. He had not completed high school, but that didn't stop him. He made up his deficiencies and went on to train himself to be a responsible post in government administration. He found his proper place in the Employment Service, understanding the needs of people and helping them to find the right work.

Everyone will miss Perk. He was that kind of person.

## THE FORTUNES OF WAR

During the ten years preceding the outbreak of war, the University made definite and hopeful strides towards maturity. It was given a music department, its staff in arts and social sciences was increased, it obtained fine, young, well-trained instructors to carry much of the heavy and important burden of teaching the lower-divisions courses.

The war has wiped out those gains. The music department is a total casualty. Many courses in the arts that had been gradually added must now be dropped. And most of the young instructors who have joined the teaching staff during the past few years will be missing at next September's faculty meeting.

Everyone interested in the usefulness of the University laments this academic retrogression. Facilities and educational programs cannot be rebuilt in one or two teaching seasons. Our only hope—and that hope altogether too distant to furnish much cheer—is that reconstruction after this total and culturally devastating war will create an Alaska that will clamor for more higher education than it had before.

## Alumni News

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April 12, 1942. The Franklins have spent the winter in Seattle. Mrs. Franklin (Vivian Walter) is a member of the Class of '35 and Mr. Franklin is a member of the Class of '36.

Miss Marie Quirk, '35, left Fairbanks for Seattle, April 15. Miss Quirk has been transferred to the Seattle office of the Pan American Airways.

Miss Millie Lu Bell was a campus visitor from Anchorage over the week-end of April 11.

Robert Lyman, '34, University instructor in Mining Engineering, returned to headquarters April 13. Mr. Lyman was accompanied by his bride.

It is reported that Elia Lundell, '39, resigned her position in Seattle with Pan American Airways, went to California, and was married to Dick Mahan on April 11.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Neill (Violet Lundell), members of the Class of '34, returned with their children William and Sally to Atlin for the mining season.

James Ellingsworth, '41, is reported as having left Port Richardson to enter an officers' training school in the States.

Three alumni flew to Anchorage in a Lavery plane on April 15. They

were Mrs. Jack Adams (Katherine Peterson, '38), Millie Lu Bell, '41, and Robert Lyman, '38.

Flora Mikami, '41, became the bride of John Newcomb, member of this year's graduating class, on Friday evening, April 17, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

It is reported that Joe Davidson, '41, now Lieutenant DaGrande of the U. S. Army Air Corps, is seeing service in Australia.

Janie I. Cameron, '35, writes from Honolulu the sad news of her brother, Bert I. Cameron, who was at one time a student at the University. Death was caused by overwork and strain due to extensive activity in the Naval Civilian Defense organization. Mr. Cameron leaves a widow and small daughter.

In the April 17 issue of *Jensen's Weekly* is found news of Gene Karstensen, Class of '39.

"Mr. and Mrs. Henry Karstens of Fairbanks announce the marriage of their son, Lieut. Eugene Karstensen, to Shirley Babette Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Henry Ross of Denham, Indiana. The wedding took place in Oklahoma City, April 4, in the Baptist Church.

"Lieutenant Karstensen is a graduate of Fairbanks High School class of 1935, and the University of Alaska. He majored in civil engineering. After graduation he enlisted in the Army. Lieut. Karstensen was sent last June to the U. S. Army Technical School at Champaign Field, Rantoul, Illinois. He was

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course, and was graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1907 with the degree of A. B. His major was Greek. A transcript of his scholastic record discloses 1 C, 4 B's, and 61 A's, of which 10 are listed as in "Honor Courses." Among his extra-curricular activities football was first, baseball second, and tumbling third. Heavy farm work, the hard way to make the schedule for such seasons.

## Friendship of Mathewson

He is proud of the fact that Christy Mathewson, two years his junior, also attended Keyhole Academy and played with him in the K. A. football team. Then later, when Christy came to Bunnell, both were together again. In his college days Bunnell played football, Bunnell played quarterback in baseball his position was shortstop, and he did not give up the sport until several years after he came to Interior Alaska. The humorous incidents of games at Flat, Ruby and Fairbanks are speedily recalled.

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On this trip East he was married to Mary Ann Kline, a classmate at Bunnell. Both were appointed to positions in the Bureau of Education school at Kodiak, where they taught for two years. In 1903 they moved to Valdez, where both taught in the public school for two years. Mr. Bunnell continued at principal of the Valdez schools until the fall of 1907, when he resigned to accept a position as assistant cashier in the Fairbanks-Alaska Bank. The banking experience was short-lived. He relates it took six weeks to be relieved of the principalship of the Valdez schools, but only nine days to close the bank, upon finding to his satisfaction it had more liabilities than assets.

## Master's Degree

Upon leaving the States, Mr. Bunnell studied law by correspondence courses and later, upon going to Valdez, to get practical experience in the law offices of Edmund Smith, Esq. He was admitted to the Bar at Valdez on November 23, 1908. On January 1, 1909, a partnership was formed between Mr. Smith and him which continued until May 15, 1912, when Mr. Bunnell moved to Seattle.

## Political Experience

In 1914 Mr. Bunnell was nominated for the school in December and received the commission of second lieutenant. He was stationed at various army posts, but in 1916 and his bride are making their home.

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He was defeated by James Wickham, Republican candidate. It was during this campaign that he first came to Fairbanks. He says that after the seven-day trip from Chitina to Fairbanks on a bodesford Ford with "Bob" Sheldon, fare \$175 plus meals for "Bob", and privileged to ride down the hills, there was no sting in political defeat. Also the trip was sufficiently long for each to know the other better with every mile accomplished and thus to form a lasting friendship as the result of pioneer automobile travel.

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Just prior to the expiration of the four-year appointment, and on the eve of his going to Versailles, President Wilson sent Judge Bunnell's name to the Senate for confirmation of a reappointment. Delegate Wickham immediately filed charges and a protest against confirmation. The policy eventually adopted by the Senate was to refuse to confirm appointments made by President Wilson. Judge Bunnell was reappointed five times during those years when the post-war political war was in progress. His reappointment was never confirmed, but at the second four-year period he served from January 13, 1919, to December 4, 1921, a period of nearly three years. In the meantime he was completely exonerated of all the charges filed against him confirmation by Delegate Wickham. Among his treasures of those days is the letter from Senator Stirling of South Dakota, who with Senator Norris of Nebraska, and Senator Ashurst of Arizona comprised the sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and to whom were

referred the charges made by Delegate Wickham. By July, 1921, it was known that within a short time President Harding, following the policy of "to the victor belong the spoils," would appoint Republican judges to succeed the Democrats serving under appointments by President Wilson.

On August 11, 1921, Judge Bunnell was elected President of the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines. The change in judgeship occurred on December 4. Three days later, on December 7, 1921, President Bunnell assumed the duties of the position to which he had been elected. An interesting sidelight on the founding of the institution is the fact that the motto, "Ad Bunnellum," on the seal of the University was proposed by Mrs. Bunnell.

The only child of his marriage, Jean, was born at Valdez in 1909. Her freshman and sophomore years having been completed at the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, she transferred to junior standing at Stanford, from which institution she was graduated in 1931. Then followed a year at the University of Grenoble in France, a year at the University of Munich in Germany, and back to the United States with a year at Columbia. At present time is in service with the War Department in San Francisco as a volunteer.

In recognition of twenty-five years of service that reflected favorably upon his Alma Mater, Duck-

nell University at its annual Commencement in 1935 conferred on President Bunnell, the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.

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## Inside Afghanistan:-- Crossroad Of Conquest

By ERNEST F. FOX

To most people Afghanistan is one of the few remaining mystery lands of the world, ranking in respect with the country around Lhasa in central Tibet, the interior said to be central Arabia, and the country drained by the upper Amazon. Unlike these other places, however, she has remained one of the few lands not cut off by physical barriers alone, but rather because for centuries she has, as a matter of policy, isolated herself from her neighbors. Up to a few years ago the Afghan authorities refused emphatically to permit any foreigners to enter their kingdom except on very special, supervised missions. Shortly after the First World War this policy was temporarily revised and a few foreigners were admitted—mostly through exchange of political representatives with Great Britain, Russia, and some of her other neighbors. But civil war within the country soon drove these strangers out, and until as recently as 1937 Afghanistan remained practically an unknown land. Some general information about the mountain districts that face the Northwest Frontier of India was available from British-India Army sources, but most of our popular notions of the country were still based on Kingling's stories and verses dating from the later Afghan Wars, and so little is known of some of the northern mountain districts that Marco Polo's reports were still drawn on for information.

**Mineral Exploration**  
Then, rather unexpectedly, the Afghans invited an American mission to consult with them on the possibility of developing oil and mineral resources in the country. These discussions eventually led to the formation of a company that was granted concessions to these resources, and as a geologist for this company I was sent to Afghanistan, along with two other American geologists, to begin explorations. This was in the summer of 1937. We sailed to India, traveled by rail to the city of Peshawar on the Northwest Frontier, and then drove by car through Khyber Pass into Afghanistan, where we began our work separately. During the following autumn, and spring I crossed the country several times by car, traversed about 1700 miles by horseback and camel caravan through the interior mountain provinces and the southern desert fringe, and then came out by a German air line which was then trying to establish a service between Kabul and Berlin. The following sketch of Afghanistan is based on observations made on these journeys.

**Strategic Location**  
Afghanistan, which covers an area about as large as Texas, is situated at the western end of the great Himalayan mountain barrier between India on the east and Russia (or Persia) on the north and east, and so situated, she has for centuries held a position of great strategic importance, because all of the important trails into India from the north, the west, and the east converge and pass through all of Afghanistan by two important routes—one over the mountains and down the famous Khyber Pass, and the other around the southern fringe of the mountains into India through Kandahar and Quetta. In the past, practically all the invasions of India have come by one of these routes, and it is by one of these routes that the present German thrust toward the southern Russia and Persia has come. Accordingly—and rather ironically now that a greater threat of invasion comes from Japan in the East—the British defense of India has always been concentrated against the Afghan frontier, and directed

or indirectly this has led to the many British-Afghan wars.

Physically, Afghanistan is a country of great extremes—extreme heat, extreme temperatures, extreme altitudes. All of the central and highland areas are high mountains and rugged, with extreme cold in the mountains in winter and extreme heat in the lowlands in summer. In the northeast, where it joins the high Pamirs, some of the peaks rise to over 34,000 feet above the sea, 15,000 feet higher than Mt. McKinley. On one trail in these northern mountains I took a horse pack-train over a high pass over 15,000 feet high—2,000 feet above the peak of Mt. Hayes—and we crossed many other passes between 5,000 and 10,000 feet in elevation. From the high country the great Hindu Kush range trends westward and forms the central, mountainous backbone of the country, gradually diminishing in height and dividing into lesser ranges with deep, intervening desert valleys, until in the southwest it melts away into an arid, desert lowland. Here our traverses were mainly by camel caravan, and we encountered hot summer fairs, the burning sun and in winter gathers the drifting snow.

**Population Unknown**  
There may be 7,000,000 people in Afghanistan, or there may be less; that many, their number is difficult to estimate and still more difficult to count. There are only a few large towns: Kabul, the capital, located west of Khyber; Kandahar in the southwest; Herat, in the west; Khashabad and Mair-i-Shari in the north on the Turkomen plains facing Russia. Elsewhere there are small, isolated villages stand boldly by the trails or nestled in the hundreds of hidden mountain valleys, and from these—though to the stranger the sterile countryside appears uninviting—a hundred men, or a thousand men, can appear suddenly and from no apparent settlement.

**Nomad Merchants and Shepherds**  
The nomads are very diverse in all respects. They may be grouped roughly into two classes, the settled villagers and the nomads. Of the nomads a few are merchants, carrying the trade of the north by camel and donkey caravan over the trade routes down to India. But mostly they are wandering shepherds, living in black homespun tents, driving their heads of sheep and goats and their pack camels with them as they follow the seasons to fresh pastures. Summer finds them in the highest mountains; autumn finds them retreating down into the foothills; winter, they find the snow-covered, open of the southern lowlands, often far down into Baluchistan and India. In the spring they retrace their route to the mountains as the advancing season gradually brings fresh grass to the higher elevations. Naturally these people are of the same indefinite origin as all the gypsies who range through southern Asia into Europe.

**Villagers**  
The villagers belong to various tribes and are of various origins. North of the mountains are the tribes and Turkomen from across

the Oxus; in the southern desert the tribes are a mixture of Persians and Hindus; in the heart of the country the mountains the Hindus are present. Mongoloids, descendants of military colonists led by Genghis Khan during the Mongolian invasions, in old Kaffa-i-Bian, north of the Khyber, and they are possibly of Greek origin, relics of the invasion of Alexander the Great, along the Indian frontier the war-like Indians of Durrani, Chitral, etc., are probably of Turkish origin, though some of them claim descent from the lost tribes of Israel. Most of these people are isolated from each other by high mountain ranges.

The villagers are either farmers or warriors. They live in small adobe huts or rooms built together in fenced-in villages, and are surrounded by water from the mountains that can be used for irrigation. Every village is either completely walled, or is protected by a mud fort or block-house, and many of their walls show the scars of rifle bullets, evidence of civil wars and the petty feuds that still endure between the villages. They grow wheat and barley and other grains for their own use and for trade with the nomads. From their gardens come some of the best fruit in the world, particularly grapes, apricots, melons, and mulberries. Recently, on the northern plains, they have grown enough cotton for export to India. From the combined flocks of the villagers and the nomads they produce enough wool for domestic use (for cloths, rugs, felt), and an ample melt supply—one of their most contentious meat animals being the large, fat-tailed "Marco Polo" sheep. From these flocks also comes their most important export in the form of "Persian Lamb" skins.

**Mohammedan Religion**  
All of the people, regardless of class or tribe, profess the Mohammedan religion, and under the direction of the local priests or mullahs, dominates their life. Being polytheists, they have not kept pace with the changes that have taken place in other parts of Islam, and being extremely independent, proud, and reactionary, they resent the introduction of change from outside their borders. The Koran is their sacred code, and accordingly they live now much as their Holy Prophet lived over thirteen hundred years ago. Consequently, their mode of life differs greatly from our own, particularly in respect to the position of their women, their customs of marriage and divorce, their little habits of daily life, and the religious and domestic fanaticism that one finds among the eastern tribes.

As in some other Mohammedan countries, the women are strictly segregated from men, with the exception of some of the nomads and one or two of the interior tribes, a stranger—either Afghan or foreign—is never permitted to look upon a woman's face. Even if a woman remains behind their own veils, or if in a public place, in a bazaar, or on the trail they are fully veiled. If you ask an Afghan the reason for this he will tell you proudly that their women are beautiful that unless they were veiled a stranger could never resist his desire for them.

More than anywhere else, in Islam the father is still the basis of the family. If a young man wants a wife, or if (as appears more often be the case) a son becomes restless and his mother thinks that he should have a wife, the boy's mother will approach the mother of some eligible girl known to her and propose a marriage of the young folks. Theoretically, at least, the young people have never seen each

other until they meet for their marriage ceremony, although most Afghans assure me that this was usually accomplished, somehow or other, before the marriage. Before the marriage vows are made, each has the right then to refuse the other if there is any disappointment when they meet. It is said that this is seldom done. If the boy should refuse the girl, he is expected to leave the village and not remain to embarrass the pitted bride. After the first marriage, when the boy again becomes restless and wants another wife, his first wife has a voice in the selection. As he grows older, a man may take others, the number being limited usually by public opinion and his ability to support his family to a total of four. Should he ever tire of any of them he may obtain a legal divorce by simply stating publicly, on three different occasions, "I divorce thee . . ." re-

ferring to the disfavored one. But divorce, however simple, is rare and frowned upon by most of the people. A woman is not granted the privilege of divorce except on very special grounds, and she is granted no right in the courts except through representation by her father or brothers. Adultery is said to be punishable by death if the charge is proved, the guilty parties being taken in the fields and stoned by their outraged neighbors. But it appears that it takes three eye-witnesses to prove the charge. If a married man dies, his nearest male relative, usually his brother, inherits his wife and their children, so that every man, despite the privileges of his youth, faces the chance of having his life be hurried by a legal responsibility.

**Table Manners**  
Within the home one must be usually reserved where the men gather

and sit cross-legged on the floor around a central, open, fire to drink their tea and eat their brown bread and mutton and to smoke their cigarettes water-pipe. Table manners are rather unattractive, especially when eating from a common, using the fingers of his right hand to take his food. After the water-pipe is started, passed from mouth to mouth, the Afghans use tobacco, and a few of the far northern use opium, only a rare few take alcohol.

**Attitude Towards Foreigners**  
As a nation the Afghans are abundantly hospitable, but Afghan hospitality has a flavor all its own. Through their long history of violence and civil wars they seem to despise and fear strangers.

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## Skiing Ends

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photograph there is nothing left to do but strap on the skis and point them down the trail for home while the moon or aurora illuminate the beautiful Alaskan night.

### Trip To Summit

Besides these ski cabin parties, the two trips to Cleary Summit are of great social interest in the world of the Ski Club. On Sunday, March 22, a large bus chartered by the ski club crawled up the Steeple Highway and emptied its energetic cargo at Cleary Summit. Patches of color caused by ski suits were soon swirling over the fluffy white snow, made dazzling by the warm sun starting out of a rich blue sky. The snow was so soft and fluffy that many would-be skiers tried skiing on their sides. There were sandwiches to slay that empty feeling before the down hill race which proved a source of interest. When everyone had exhausted his energy the group packed up and left, reaching College before 5:30 o'clock.

Two weeks later, on Easter Sunday, four private cars took those of the ski club who were interested to Cleary Summit again. In spite of the melting condition at College, the snow was in perfect ski condition at Cleary although the day was warm enough for Dahl to disengage with his shirt in (so he said) perfect comfort. After the spectacle of a most thrilling slalom race the cars were packed with tired skiers and started towards College.

The ambitious plans of the ski club announced by President Don Wilcox last fall have been more than realized. Abundance of enthusiasm and the best snow conditions in years has given members of the ski club, pleasure hunter and competitor both, plenty of opportunity for many happy memories. In spite of the confusion caused by the war, the Ski Club has ended one of the most active and successful seasons it has ever enjoyed.

At the Military Review on April 30, honor awards were given to James Williams, John Schumacher, Richard Braafadt, Frank Baronovich, and Robert Ferneroch.

## Democracy

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the country, but with the new and possibly voluntary outbreak of strikes it is evident that the people are making a decision to exploit the democratic way. We are in no position to oppose this and to deny so-called "dictator" government action unless we, too, are doing our part. If we are willing to act when the demand is made or there is an opportunity to volunteer, then we are qualified to criticize the un-democratic methods to which the government may resort.

If we are fighting this war to make the world a more secure place in which to live we must now point to the reconstruction. This is the job which youth should lead, as it will be our generation which will govern the post-war world. We must be ready to make economic concessions which will bring about more equitable distribution throughout the world. We must be willing to cooperate with other countries rather than to compete with them. But if we are too greedy to follow this course, then the only other alternative is to arm ourselves to such an extent that our children will be militarily strong enough to subjugate any nation or combination of powers.

The job immediately ahead is not pleasant, for we must make every sacrifice for our country and our homes.

## Plans Of Seniors

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final work towards graduation at the U. of A. His chief interest and preoccupation at present is with the ionosphere. Already he has encountered ionospheric work in both Peru and Australia.

ELEANORE LUCILLE ENGDAHL comes from California, but has attended four years at the University of Alaska. She is interested in general business and is enrolled in the School of Business Administration. Eleanor has been active in dramatics and on the Denali staff. Since she has been employed in the

Extension office at the University, probably she will continue there during the summer.

FRANK YURG, who graduated in January, is now an employee of Siemens-Drake at Kodiak. He majored in mining engineering, a part of the School of Mines.

WILLIAM GEORGE STROECKER of Fairbanks, Alaska, attended the New Mexico Military Institute before coming to the U. of A. Here he has been studying general business in the department of Business Administration. He is a member of the U. of A. Swing Orchestra. After graduating, Bill plans to work for his uncle.

MARGARET TURNER AASETH has come to the U. of A. from Wisconsin. Her temporary home is in Hope, Alaska. Previously, she attended Taylor Normal and East Claire State Teacher's College. She is enrolled in the Department of Education, and plans to teach after graduation.

RODNEY MONTEN OLSEN, whose home is Fairbanks, Alaska, graduated from high school in Seattle and has attended the U. of A. exclusively. He has been taking General Science with a major in physics. Now he is working with Dr. Brannahl and the ionosphere.

GERALD ARTHUR OTTEM comes from Billings, Montana. He is enrolled in the School of Mines at the U. of A. and his particular interest lies in the field of placer mining. During his Senior year he maintained straight "A" on the honor roll. After graduation, he will join the Air Corps Engineers.

RUBY MARTHA HAGGSTROM comes from Nenana, Alaska. At the U. of A. she has majored in Accounting to the Department of Business Administration. In her Senior year, she has been president of the B. A. Club. She plans to work in Fairbanks after graduation.

ROBERT HERRICK SAUNDERS came to the University of Alaska from Sugar Grove, Pa. He is enrolled in the School of Mines, majoring in geology and mining. Bob received the American Legion Cadet Award at the end of his first year at college. After graduation, he plans to help with defense in some way.

J. FREMONT TROMBLE of California is known for his climbing of Mt. Hayes. He is finishing up

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That Johnson Affair

...received in the last mail from Paul Kubota, Supervisor of Publications at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. The student of the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, the former U. of A. student attending U. C. L. A., has some news brevities we have the following one because of it to the coeds on our campus interested in reading or communications may see...

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**Brown's Note:** This is an expedition in the winter short story. The story has appeared in three different columns, and was written by three different contributors, the last three of whom have not previous knowledge of the actions within the story in the collection. For various reasons the three contributors have asked to remain anonymous.

**INSTALLMENT III**  
Cuddles sat at me with lifeless eyes. Her lips parted and first she came to the happenings of this ghastly evening was revealed. "Monica, don't let me go! Your eyes, your eyes, don't look at me that way!" With these words echoing across the empty life, Cuddles broke into a hysterical fit to last for many hours.

When Lance returned from the telephone in the main building I did not like the look on his face. He was sitting at the living room to wait Dr. Frederick. "Gee, Cuddles is even glaucous with her hair down," I said, more to myself than to the remaining three—another corpse, two out of this world.

**Dr. Frederick Arrives**  
It was an act of God that Dr. Frederick arrived before the police. With him I entered the study to find the scene I had previously taken on the two scientists so that they might be more comfortable in their minims existence. The total lack of expression attracted Dr. Frederick at once and a quick diagnosis assured him that a hypo was necessary. The shock of the hypo shocked the lifeless eyes of the two men, and it was that I, too, came back to Dr. Johnson's study from a fainting spell.

I heard Dr. Frederick asking, "Bill, oh Bill, what on earth has happened to you, old man? You act as though you had seen a ghost." "Seen a ghost? Little old you know just what you had seen in the room the past few hours, let alone being able to describe it. Didn't it already killed one person and probably caused the minds of the brilliant men as well as upsetting poor Cuddles?"

**We Are Questioned**  
The next morning Tana, Dr. Frederick, and I were taken down to the District Attorney's office where we were questioned. We told what little we knew and were asked specific questions about time and conditions of the person in the room when men entered.

It was Mr. Morris, the District Attorney, a brief outline of Dr. Johnson's experiments in extrasensory perception, and, as best as I could, the reason to believe that the brilliant minds of the two men overstepped and the people in the room had snapped under the strain. **Miss Long-Green Murdered!**

"Mr. King, the reason we asked about this morning was to question you on facts and not on Dr. Johnson's experiments, although I must admit they fit into this some way. The reason I asked you down, I repeat, was to inform you that Miss Long-Green was murdered. Her condition and heart failure was caused by shock. Shock enough to

kill a battalion of men. She died of neurotic poisoning, which was given to her in some manner so that she swallowed it. Having an over-stomach, she was very susceptible to any such means of taking this particular type of poison. At present we are having this analyzed in our lab, and this might help us in our quest. Dr. Frederick informed us that very few people knew Miss Long-Green has such an ailment. This answers the field down to a select few, if you know what I mean."

"That afternoon as I walked back to Dr. Johnson's house I tried to recall the events of the past twenty-four hours. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Ruskulnikov were in the hospital still in a coma. Tana was down at the District Attorney's office attempting to explain her father's theories to the satisfaction of the police. That left Miss Caraway with her nurse in the Johnson's home."

**I Visit Cuddles**  
As I turned the corner I noticed Dr. Frederick leaving the house and getting into his automobile and driving away. I couldn't blame him for his frequent visits to the Johnson house now that Cuddles was there. If he could see her, so could I—and me, I said.

She had already been under a questioning by the police and had found no satisfaction to the case. I entered the house and was ushered up to her room. On the way I thought of the distinctive knock Miss Caraway had received from the men on our campus and how I was about to put it into practice.

Cuddles had her eyes closed. "Tana, a murderer!" I fairly leaped from my seat. Then my mind brought back some of the little things. The telephone call, the psychological state of mind she put me in to accept her presence that I was to see. My condition that night was one of a person under a spell of mild hypnosis. While thinking these thoughts I heard the voice of Mr. Morris continuing.

**Tana Confesses**  
"When Tana learned that her father had lost his mind completely, she broke down and confessed to the crime."

"Dr. Johnson always had been put him under while he experimented in his fields of phobias. The night in particular Dr. Johnson put the three callers under, then called Tana in so that he could also be placed under a hypnotic condition."

"After placing her father under, she took a few dehydrated crystals of neurotic venom from an envelope and dissolved it in water, and through power of suggestion, Miss Long-Green drank it. While this was going on the Russian came to long enough to recognize Miss

Johnson as being in the room, but lapsed back into his coma without recognizing any needs or action. The police acted slowly enough for Tana to leave the room and plan her act. Meanwhile, Miss Long-Green started to suffer the agony of neurotic poisoning, which is a very unpleasant death. The others in the room recognized her condition, but assisted it with unwelcome causes. The sight of death caused Dr. Johnson to lose his mind completely. Miss Caraway saw the lady die right next to her—thus causing the remarks that you heard on your arrival."

**Tana's Motive**  
"Tana's motive was to eliminate Miss Long-Green so that her nephew and she might be married. For several years she had stopped them from marrying and for months Tana had planned what seemed to be a perfect crime. Had she placed the right key in the broken lock as she followed you in, she might have succeeded."

That evening as Cuddles and I walked down the Commons I again thought of our college horror novel. Miss Caraway. How little I knew then how well it would apply now.

**Key Is Chose**  
"The clue that started us on the right track was your testimony regarding your breaking down the door to the lab. When we arrived and examined the door we found a key in the lock of the wrecked door. It seemed probable that a key should stick in the lock while you jarred such a heavy door enough to break it in. But, when we tried the key and found that it didn't turn the lock we knew that the killer had locked the door from the outside, after finishing the ghastly crime. There were only three people who could have replaced that key—the wrong key, yourself, Dr. Frederick, and Tana. Dr. Frederick was in surgery at the City Hospital at the time of the crime. Frankly, we suspected you up until an hour ago, when Tana confessed the crime."

"Tana, a murderer!" I fairly leaped from my seat. Then my mind brought back some of the little things. The telephone call, the psychological state of mind she put me in to accept her presence that I was to see. My condition that night was one of a person under a spell of mild hypnosis. While thinking these thoughts I heard the voice of Mr. Morris continuing.

**Tana Confesses**  
"When Tana learned that her father had lost his mind completely, she broke down and confessed to the crime."

"Dr. Johnson always had been put him under while he experimented in his fields of phobias. The night in particular Dr. Johnson put the three callers under, then called Tana in so that he could also be placed under a hypnotic condition."

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