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Alumni Notes

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which since October, 1941, has been operating mines for the Compania Minera La Clucta at Agrovana, Nicaragua. In Christmas greetings Mr. Doran wrote that he was experiencing an urge "to return to the Southwest to engage in doing something to throw at the Japs, instead of digging out gold which is immediately reburied in the ground," and would not likely renew his contract with his company.

Bruce Thomas, '38, has returned to Fairbanks to join his family during several months out of town on an engineering project.

John S. Shanley, '23, formerly assigned with the C.C.C. as a Camp Recreational Advisor transferred, when the C.C.C. was discontinued, to a position with the U. S. Food and Drug Administration. His headquarters are 415 Federal Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y. At the time of writing Shanley had just returned to his headquarters after a week in the flooding area of West Virginia. In closing Shanley writes "My children are developing into three lively girls as might modestly admit, to be expected."

Robert McCombe, '31, now signs himself as Ptl. Lieutenant. Xmas greetings from the McCombes were in the year mailed from Belleville, Mo.

Herbert Brazil, '30, and wife, the former Patricia Macdonald, devote their life as C.A.A. Radio Operators in a recent letter to President Bumell. Mrs. Brazil who writes the letter, tells of the 13 hour trip in a small boat to reach their new home, which is on an island 120 miles from Cordova. Landing was made exciting by the fact that the island has no harbor, which made necessary the riding to shore in a small skiff on top of a breaker. It is impossible to land the food supplies or personal effects so the Brazils are subsisting "on all the eggs of the albatross" left by a contractor crew. Also they found very good eating the liver of a seal. All the Patricks and Herb are enjoying their adventures, their comfortable quarters, and their work as radio operators missing nothing in the way of civilization.

Tom Loftus, '21, is reported to now be in the employ of the Northwest Service Command, and will continue his residence in Fairbanks. Since graduation Mr. Loftus has been an engineer with the Fairbanks Exploration Branch of the U. S. Smelting and Refining and Mining Company.

Earl Anderson, '41, will leave town for Nome, Alaska, there to report and take charge of the Bureau of Mines office.

Margaret Turner Assteth, '42, is teaching in the state of Michigan.

Mrs. Mamie Butler (Violet Johnson), '30, secretary to President Bumell, has again taken up residence in the home in Fairbanks. During Mr. Butler's absence, she resided on the

Lt. George Polk Eludes The Japs

Editor's Note: (The following article on Lt. George W. Polk, '28, is reprinted from the New York Herald Tribune, February 14, 1943.)

"Lieutenant George W. Polk, a Navy flier formerly on the foreign news desk of the New York Herald Tribune, has written to his wife, Mrs. Mary Catherine Polk, of an air fight north of Guadalcanal in recent months in which his plane was shot up and he lost his bearings, landing at last with only forty minutes' supply of fuel left, off an island which he thought was Guadalcanal but which was not.

"The Japanese were not far away, but natives found Lieutenant Polk first and relayed him from village to village until he was inside the radius of routine American patrol.

Seven days later an American pilot picked him up.

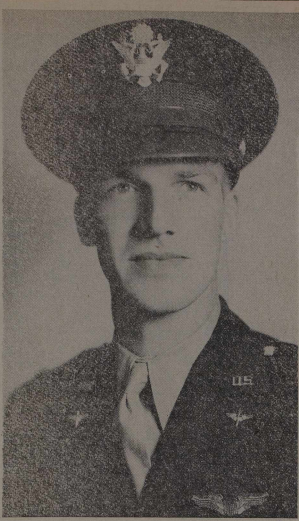
Encounters Jap Planes

"Lieutenant Polk was on an emergency mission, alone in his two-seater plane, when he encountered the Japanese planes. He and his rear-seat gunner had been on a routine patrol and Lieutenant Polk was just finishing his supper when orders came to search for a fighter pilot who had been forced down at sea.

"There was just about time to reach the position given before dark.

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Campus in the Women's Dormitory.



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Mary Quirk, '35, is now with the Fire Command at Ladd Field. Miss Quirk was formerly with P.A.A. and at one time was secretary to President Dunsell.

Harold Culver, '33, is now an Ensign in the Navy, serving somewhere on the West Coast.

A son was born February 18, to Mrs. Bruce I. Thomas, (Charlotte Lynn, '31, Mr. Thomas is a member of the class of 1933. This is a second child and son of the Thomases.

Mrs. Thomas Christensen (Norma Christensen, '40) recently experienced a fire, which destroyed their home and caused Mrs. Christensen and two small children to make their escape in the early hours of the morning.

From Anna Hyatt Huntington world famous artist, the University has received a splendid gift, a polar bear in bronze. Mrs. Huntington's bronze are found in nearly all large art collections in this country and Europe. She has received innumerable medals and other honors from art societies all over the world among them the Rodin medal. She is also a Chevalier as well as an Officer of the Legion of Honor. The University is indeed fortunate to have received such a gift.

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summer of 1942 on archaeological reconnaissance in cooperation with the U. S. Army on the building of the highway. Dr. Rainey is now connected with the Board of Economic Warfare in Washington, D. C.

Dendrochronology In Alaska

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types of ring chronologies in Alaska. One characteristic tree is timber line and can be recognized in specimens obtained from the 5000-foot elevations of the interior near Fairbanks to the west coast, where timber line descends to sea level. This growth record seems to be related largely to the year-to-year fluctuations in mean June temperature. Its persistence over an area 500 miles across indicates a long-time tendency to general uniformity in temperature fluctuations over much of central and northern Alaska during June. Another chronological type is found in river-bottom trees of the interior. Here the growth reaction seems to include the effects of temperature during an annual interval of ground thaw longer than one month. Intermediate elevations in the interior show tree records intermediate between the two chronologies.

"By dating the buried wood in frozen silt deposits in central Alaska, the author finds evidence indicating repositioning of the silt in one locality. Precisely dated stratigraphic maps of such wood bearing deposits seem to be a future possibility.

Determines Dates

"Many occupation dates of Alaskan ruins have now been determined by the tree-ring method. These dates are determined mainly from driftwood. Another possible application of tree ring dating from the

Alaskan chronologies is the tracing of ocean currents by determining the source of the driftwood. Local variations in chronology should permit identification of ground specimens with various river systems and sites. However, much further research on the local ring chronologies throughout the Arctic, and especially in Siberia, remains to be done.

"Although its archeological implications are extensive, perhaps the most important contribution of this paper is made to the field of climatic studies. A network of ring chronologies, when these are shown to be related to fluctuations in some climatic elements, makes possible the determination of aerial variations in the march of the element, the duration and intensity of maxima, and similar indexes that contribute to an understanding of climatic changes."

According to a recent letter to one of the faculty members, Mr. Giddings is assisting Dr. Douglas of the University of Arizona, the originator of the techniques of dendrochronology, during the absence of Mr. Schulman, also of the University of Arizona, in climatic applications of dendrochronology.

Loren St. Amund, former University basketball star, will join the Army next week. He will be inducted at Ladd Field.

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Pat O'Neill Is Promoted To First Lieutenant

Pat O'Neill has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Air Corps.

Pat O'Neill graduated from the University in 1941 with two degrees, B.S. in Mining Engineering (Bachelor of Science) as well as B. Min. E. (Bachelor of Mining Engineering) the latter being his first-year degree.

Lieutenant O'Neill was born at Cordova and is a graduate of the Cordova High School. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Neill, now live in Anchorage.

Like many other former students of the University, Lieutenant O'Neill received his flight training at different Texas fields, in his case from Harmon, Randolph, and Brooks fields.

Article By Rainey Is In The National Geographic Mag.

An article describing the new Alaska-Canadian Highway, known to Alaskans as the Alcan, and its problems of construction by Dr. F. H. Rainey appeared in the February, 1943 issue of the National Geographic Magazine. This article, entitled Alaskan Highway an Engineering Epic, deals with the mosquitoes, mud, and mudslides obstacles which faced Army engineers pushing through the thick forests and uninhabited wildernesses from Fort Saint John, Canada, to Big Delta, Alaska, almost 1700 miles of highway, literally carved out of tough country.

Dr. Rainey, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Alaska from 1935 to 1942, spent part of the

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Ask Around You

... able bit of propaganda, call an international attitude, don't make any change in it. But, just a minute, look at what you see in the center of the north-pole; Tobin is right over his head behind you at Norway, Alaska, China, had the peace. The war was a... You can't be a hermit in an egg shell and survive now, so meet your neighbors in life, help and appreciate. You may have a... has a ribbon later.

International Relations Club (represent in cooperative plan is designed to help the world. We're very near Wednesday at the one form of learning sugar-coated, and it's best of them to say "It won't happen again."

Military Ball Is Highlight Of Season

Pat Egan Is Elected Coed Commander

Highlighting the social season at the University of Alaska and fulfilling all military requirements was the Fourth Annual Military Ball presented by the Military Department on Friday, February 26, from 7:00 to 12:30 p.m. in the University Gymnasium.

The collocate honor of Co-Ed Commander elected by the Advanced ROTC, was given to Miss Patricia Egan, Sophomore student and resident of Fairbanks. "Pat," as she is called by her numerous local friends, made a thoroughly military appearance. She wore black and red taffeta, which formed a contrast and shone with her light golden brown hair and the white ceremonial cap.

Drill Presentation

At about 11:00 p. m., the Drill Squad, consisting of Commander, R.O.T.C. Lt. Benjamin Arkison, and members, Lt. Leon Anderson and Robert Famerock; Sgt. Frank Barovich, Richard Bradford, William O'Connell, and Merle Johnson; and Cpls. Thornton Wright, William Hanks, Kenneth Beck, John Sagar, and Robert Mease, performed their

drill presentation with finesse. Then the dancers watched, while Major Neil W. Glim of 44th Field, Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University, escorted Miss Egan to her throne. On the way, she reviewed the Drill Squad, flashing a smile on each member as the past. Major Glim placed the white satin corsage upon her head in dramatic and elegant ceremony.

According to tradition, the entire assembly participated in the Grand March. Miss Egan and her escort, Daniel Wilcox, president of the Associated Student Body, led. Following were honorary guests, Major Neil W. Glim, Dr. Charles E. Bunnell, President of the University, Colonel Dale V. Ostrey, Commanding Officer of Ladd Field, William Edmund Dackering, Dean of the University Faculty and Mrs. Dackering, Lieutenant J. F. Dennison, Assistant Professor of Military Science, Captain Fabus L. Baker, Fairbanks Co., Alaska Territorial Adjutant, Albert H. Johnson, Commander, American Legion, Post 11, and Herb Finch, Commander, V. F. W. Post 323.

Patricia Egan

Patricia Egan, Co-Ed Commander of the ROTC, is shown in a black and red taffeta dress, wearing a white ceremonial cap. She is standing next to a man in a military uniform, likely the Co-Ed Commander.

Parties Decorations

Decorations were patriotically appropriate, Sandbags and bayonets met the guest as he entered. Then he noticed the far background of blue and white, accented only by the gold stars on either side of the Co-Ed Commander's throne. Flags of the allied nations lined the sides of the room, and a mixture of white and blue formed the ceiling. Guests agreed that the music provided by the Ladd Field "Melody Ladd" was exceptionally fine for the occasion.

Entertainments consisted of a delicious punch, set forth by the chairman, R.O.T.C. Lt. George Dahl, and members of the committee, Cpls. John Bacon, and John Johnson, and Chief Richard Walden.

R.O.T.C. Lt. Donald Cook was chairman of the Decorations Committee, assisted by Sigs. Frank Barovich, William O'Connell, and Merle



JOHN J. AMEND, former student from Seward, who recently received his wings from the flying school at Sheikof Field, California. (official photograph U. S. Army Air Forces)

To Forget

Our exchange editor handed us this bit from the PRISON MIRROR, a publication of the prisoners of the Minnesota State Prison. It is a fragment of an address by Harry B. To Harry B. We say rood thought, and thanks.

"If our society and our democracy hasn't been altogether successful it is partly because of the inability of all of us to forget—to forget, mental past, and social past, and so far as the prisoner is concerned, criminal past. So long as there is remembered what a Jew is, what a Negro was, what an Oriental is, what a Frenchman did and an Englishman did and a Russian did; so long as there is remembered the ignorance and shame and mistakes of people as individuals and as races, different people will never be able successfully to live together no matter how broad the land or herde the effort."

Pinnacle Again Makes Appearance

The Pinnacle, mimeographed student publication appeared again last week after nearly a year's absence. It is clever, well-written, has good cartoons and serves an excellent purpose in taking care of local activities of interest to members of the student body and other University members.

Good organization was displayed by all the R.O.T.C. committees, and credit should be given to the chairman of the Clean-up committee, Lt. Benjamin Arkison, and members, Lewis Johnson, Robert Kelly, Howard Misovich, David Mulgahy, Robert Peterson, Mark Ringstad, Joseph Shely, and Richard King.

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The pretty white satin corsage cap was kindly made by Mrs. Captain C. R. Huber, as a gift to the Co-Ed Commander.

This great honor has been bestowed on three co-eds in the past years. Miss Fern Ayre Rivers, Miss Dorothy Heyler, and Miss Maxine O'Donnell Race.

"Pat," justly animated, his said simply and sincerely to her friends, "Yes, I was truly thrilled, and thank-you."

Snag Point Village Is Described

Editor's Note: The author of this bit of Alaskan geography is Dick Osterlake, peppy student from Fairbanks, who plays the accordion and who has a voice and a wit that would make the best of us.

Snag Point is a small town situated on the Northern coast of Nushagak Bay. Before the white man came the Natives called it Chugachineo. "I don't know what the name means, though. Then the white men renamed it Snag Point because of the fact that there is a large point above the town that had a great deal of snags on it. The fishermen used to drift past there with their fishing nets and they would get tangled up with these snags."

Up until 1903, the Alent population of the town was about 300, there being very few white men there.

In 1908 a Territorial Public School was set up for the Natives. Hardly any of them speak English.

In 1919 a flu epidemic raged through that section of the country and killed over half of the Native population.

"The white and the half-breed population there is now at 150 during the winter. No Natives live there during that season. In the summer months the population is about 600, that of the winter."

The Dillingham post office was moved up to Snag Point, and the office at Snag Point because its population is larger than that of Dillingham. Dillingham is located about four miles below Snag Point.

The chief modes of livelihood for the people of this locality is fishing, and, at the lower end of Dillingham, a large cannery is situated. Most of the workers are supplied by Snag Point.

A Look Back

These are important days to the Territory of Alaska. These are important days to its institution of higher learning, the University of Alaska. These are hard days. Hard for all of us, and more so for the schools and school heads throughout the land. It might be well for us now to take a look back over the rough path over which the founders and today's head of our past, look over the rough path over which the founders and today's head of the University of Alaska have come.

From February 15, 1915, when a bill was introduced into the 63rd Congress of the United States granting to the Territory of Alaska four sections of land for a site for an agricultural college and school of mines, to the 13th of September, 1922, when the College was dedicated, there were arguments, decisions, calculations, hopes, fears, doubts. On March 4, 1915, an act was signed by President Woodrow Wilson and his signature gave official birth to the hopes for an institution of higher learning in the Territory.

"By this act," wrote Mrs. Luther C. Hess in the June, 1925, issue of the Collegian, "Congress gave to the Territory of Alaska sections 1, 6, 31 and 36, surrounding and including the Agricultural Experiment Station near Fairbanks as a site for an agricultural college and school of mines and section 33 in every township in the Tanana Valley between parallels 64 and 65 north latitude and between the 145th and 152nd degrees of west longitude, an area comprising many thousands of acres of land for the support of the college, thereby encouraging the Territory to establish within its boundaries an institution of higher learning."

When Mrs. Hess continues in this article to recount how she, Delegate Wickersham, and Mrs. Wickersham, the Reverend Eugene Lumpkin, Brother of St. Matthews Church in Fairbanks, came out to College hill to decide upon the exact spot for the college. "Delegate Wickersham said, Mrs. Hess, mark the exact spot where the Alaska Agricultural college will be located." "I took a small tree and tied a handkerchief to it to mark the spot."

"A few days later volunteer workers cleared a roadway and place for the crowd that would gather for the ceremony, erected a platform for the speakers, made the concrete block for the corner-stone and on July 4, 1915, at 2 P. M. Tanana Lodge, No. 162, P. & A. M., under a special dispensation of the Grand Lodge, laid the cornerstone for the first building of the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines."

But now the battle was only half won, an appropriation had to be secured from the Territorial Legislature. Arguments and objections ensued. Most people thought it ridiculous to establish an agricultural college at Fairbanks—if it was going to be any place it should be in the Matanuska Valley, they said. Pro and con flew the talks. Some said it was too early, there were too few people in that area, and transportation was a problem.

The college enthusiasts countered with the present is the time to establish the College—not a bit too soon, there are more farmers and more land under cultivation in the Tanana Valley.

Finally on May 3, 1917, the bill was approved. "By this act and a subsequent one, the Legislature appropriated four sections of land granted by Congress . . . accepted \$60,000.00 for buildings and equipment."

At last on the 13th September, 1922, the College was dedicated. Mrs. Hess describes the scene. "The school children carrying the flags, headed by a band, marched from the school building down Cushman street over the bridge, where the Governor reviewed the parade. The school children, in which took them to college. At the entrance to the grounds, and College professors in caps and gowns, stood attention as the long line of automobiles filed by, then fell in line and marched to the College."

"On September 15th, 1922, at nine o'clock, the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines opened its doors for work. Six students were enrolled."

"Thus in the fresh pioneer spirit of all American's College days in the world, the good, God-fearing days by ahead, it is well for us as students, faculty, and administrators to look back and take strength from the past's lesson: "Not much is impossible. Keep up the fight. Clear days are sure to come."

Fatalities Less Than 1 Per Cent At Guadalcanal

Navy Surgeon General McIntyre said Navy fatalities among the wounded at Guadalcanal are less than one percent, compared with an average of seven per cent wounded in World War I—due principally to use of new medical discoveries in treatment of wounds. The President appointed Hlt. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, Chief of Special Services of the War Department, as chairman of a committee which will work out plans for post-war education of young men whose school years are interrupted by entrance into the armed services. The President instructed the maximum number of W.A.C.'s from 25,000 to 150,000 men. More than 1,000,000 soldiers have applied for benefits on behalf of their families under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act.

Articles by Alaskan Appear in National Geographic

The "checkboxes" and "sarcophagi" should find much interested reading the September issue of the National Geographic Magazine; there are two articles written of Alaska by Alaskan Governor Frazier H. Crane. His timely writing of "Stretches Alaska Looks Ahead" is made increasingly absorbing by the many colored photographs by the many colored photographs and a map of Alaska. Following the "checkboxes" and "sarcophagi" there is an article that has proved interesting especially to the students and faculty of the University. It was written by the illustration of the anthropology Professor at the University of Alaska, Frosch G. Ratney, and is an enlightening review of "Discovering Alaska's Oldest Artifacts." Crane's timely writing of material gathered through his explorations of ancient Eskimo ruins at Point Hope.

(Mostly inexcusable)

She: You remind me of the ocean. He: With, restles, and romantic? She: No, you make me sick.

I'm getting hungry Betty; is this enough stuff for this hour?

POET'S CORNER

CINQUAINS

In the Emerald depths
Of a dreaming pool
Forest guarded—I find
Peace.

Back
Against dim
Morning, the pines
Murmur to the winds
Frayers.

Hush—
Tread softly
In this place
All things are worshipping;
Hush.

Even
The restless
Lake is hushed
When night folds her robe
To go.

TWO MORE CINQUAINS

Colors
Strain the drab black
Lives of men and mice and
Leaves instead of gray, the dawn
Forenight.

Dawn kissed
The world slumbers
Quite unaware that day
Gives rhapsody to all who come:
Alhure.

—Maxine Race.

TEST FEVER

I must not sleep
my books
Lie before me
the print blurs and runs
before my eyes
I must not sleep
I stare long at a single word
it is only a meaningless symbol on
a white page
I must not sleep
I must not sleep

Across the way a noise
moving furniture
the girls ran up and down
down and up
the world's a rosy mist
in the late falling sun
my books lie meaningless be-
fore me
I must not sleep.

—Maxine Race.

10 Years Ago
From Tre Collegeion

Otto William Gest, recently re-
turned from a two years expedition
to St. Lawrence Island in Bering
Sea, lectured to the student body
and faculty on Hauling the Bow-
head Whale.

Margaret Ulrich, Mary Walsh
Amy Kramer, and Josephine King
spent the week of February 12 at
Fairbanks public schools in observa-
tion and practice teaching.

The rifle club is holding matches
with three universities and an Al-
askan organization: the University
of Nevada; University of Washing-
ton; Washington State and the De-
nial Rifle and Pistol club of Ancho-
rage.

"Quipped the column "Aurora":
"We've been expecting whale blub-
ber at meal times ever since we read
in a Pennsylvania college paper that
we are all Eskimos and that the
professors lecture in parka and
mukluk attire."

Mrs. Denise McMikle (formerly
Denise Coyne of Ruby) left with her
husband for the Outside in the lat-
ter part of December. Mr. McMikle
has been connected with the P. C. C.

Mrs. Margaret Peterson (Margaret
Blankinson) passed through Fair-
banks on her way to Anchorage re-
cently. Both she and her husband,
a pilot flying out of Nome, are for-
mer students at the University.

Native Food
Plants Of Alaska

BY FINN BAILEY

You should have an understand-
ing of the classification and the
terminology used in describing a
plant. The four divisions of the
plant kingdom are the algae and
fungi (Thallophytes), the moss and
lichen (Bryophytes), the ferns
(Pteridophytes), and the seed bear-
ing plants (Spermatophytes). Only
spermatophytes are considered in
this course, along with their family,
genus and species names. Certain
general characteristics determine
what families plants belong to, such
as the rose family (Rosaceae), apple
and pear, crucifers (Cruciferae)
whose blooms look like a
Greek cross, cabbage and radish;
and legumes (Leguminaceae) whose
blooms has a standard, two wings
and a keel, peas and beans.

In order to recognize a plant by
its description we must be familiar
with the different terms used for
the different kinds of margins, ve-
nations, the attachments and types
of the leaves of different plants. The
margin may be smooth or toothed;
venation may be pinnate or palmate.
The tips may be acute, blunt, or
ovate; attachments may be petiole
or sessile. The type may be simple
or complex. The arrangement of in-
flourescence serves as a means of
recognizing a plant. If the pedicels
arise from the same level such as a
carrot, sunflower or dandelion it is
determinate; if the pedicels arise
from different levels such as fire-
weed, nasturtium, or gladiolus, they
are indeterminate. These are only
a few of the names used to describe
plants.

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ture 214, are learning.
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L. George Polk Tudes The Japs

(Continued from Page 2)
L. George Polk cut off with his rear runner. Reaching the top, he put on his running lights and began flicking his landing light on and off. It was looking for an aircraft plane.

"The orders had told me," Lieutenant Polk, "that a fight was circling the man in the air. I was looking for a plane approach me. Suddenly I saw one going toward me with its lights on. I turned toward him and flashed the navigation signal. He did not answer. I switched off my lights, but the damage had been done. It was one of two Jap two-place scout planes. To make a long story short, I got shot me up pretty well, particularly in my back, waist and in my radio, etc. I dodged and tried to get away. Of course, I had a rear-seat man, who normally just has been manning the rear seat as I was looking out the light. Some forty minutes after the landing got under way, I climbed up some rainclouds and started to land. I didn't know where I was. I was in a dark night. Light, there simply had not been to keep up on my navigation was over open sea miles from land.

Headed For Greenland
I had to start for some place, so I just got going, figuring my whereabouts as well as possible. I was headed for Greenland. The weather got dirtier and dirtier; it was very dark, of course. I could not land the sea and float, for I knew my boat was badly shot up. Had it not been for the engine, I would have had to drown, taking a chance that could get the engine turned up by night. I flew until I had enough left for forty minutes of flying and landed on a small island. I felt that the outline looked like Greenland.

I started to follow the coast line. A few minutes later I sighted a house. It should not have been there, then I knew that it was not Greenland; I had to land in strange territory, lost, and perhaps I was in the midst of a trap. I landed by instrument (it was raining) some five miles off shore in order to insure that the plane would sink but be available to the Japs. When I inflated my rubber boat (the thing his boat of CO2 plugging in what boat was a great cheer, for I thought I had a lifeline, anyway). The surf was roaring and I meant that I reached it. I thought of the many surf rides I had seen with Jack in California and thought that the experience would be very undeniably it did not. The boat was pounding on jagged coral, it was being; for another there was some current parallel to the surf.

Managers To Reach Shore
Finally I did get ashore, having my boat, been almost drowned, but after having been battered and quite a bit on the coral, I stepped off my rubber life belt and simply wrapped it up and hid it in a hole so that the Japs would not be definite information regarding my place I had come ashore. Then I tucked into the bush and carefully searched my 45-year 48, which was a bit of a nuisance. It was as dark as the inside of a cow. I spent two hours getting to the 300 yards into the interior; the volcano character of the land here faster and farther progress possible. I crept under some dense bushes and tried to get some sleep. I knew that the next day might be a bit rough.
"About an hour before dawn I heard voices. (Seven lines of type were here.) I couldn't take a chance, so just as the sky lightened I climbed into a position which I thought would put me right over the "henry" camp from which I had heard voices. My position was in between the roots of a bayonet tree. My roots were about four feet high and over my position were twisted tree runners and vines.
There I sat, determined to spend my day, if necessary, and to spend it. I hoped to see into the camp, but the situation and lack of information developed, I did not see into the camp, unfortunately, when the light came, in-

In New York Larsen's New

Dr. and Mrs. Hrolf Larsen and young Ole, last year's residents on the campus, are now located at Rockwell Center, New York Dr. Larsen, formerly with the Danish National Museum in Copenhagen, is now at the American Museum of Natural History, working on the joint project (with Dr. Rainey) on the Iustak Culture.

Ski Club Has Outing

The Ski Club sponsored an informal meet on the Birch Hill course on February 21. Young Kay Huber of the High School took the down hill race, and Bill Huttala, formerly of Fairbanks, won of Ladd's team.

Dangerous skiing conditions made it necessary to postpone the meet scheduled for February 28 on the University.

PAT BLISS

Pat Bliss, who left the University as a Junior a year ago to take up aviation, is now with the Wren Airways. Alaska, Pat has almost completed his training for a license as commercial pilot.

R. RAGLE, MAJOR

Richard Ragle, formerly instructor in the School of Mines, and later instructor in Civil Aeronautics, is now Major-Ragle in the Air Force. Major Ragle has seen service in the Aleutians.

R.O.T.C.

University of Alaska College, Alaska, Department of Military Science and Tactics.

January 27, 1943
Subject: Appointment of Cadets to R.O.T.C. Cadets.

The following appointments for the second semester, 1942-43, are announced:

To be Cadet Second Lieutenant: Benjamin Atkinson, Donald Cook.

To be Cadet First Sergeant: Fred Hays.

To be Cadet Platoon Sergeant: Gunnvald Dahl, Alfred Steger.

To be Cadet Sergeant: Frank Hennrich, John Haggstrom, William Oghill, Walter Johnson.

To be Cadet Corporal: John Bayoy, Carl Haggstrom, John Johnson, Andrew Maccorvic, Kermit Rock, Owen Rye.

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Air Corps Beat V-Men 32 To 26

By LEYMER BASS
On February 20 the Polar Bears, commonly known as the Varsity, lost their first league game of the season. When the white cube took the first game in the second round robin, the Air Corps came out six points ahead, beating the Varsity by the score of 32 to 26.

The end of the first quarter saw scores at Varsity 4, Air Corps 7. It was not until sometime in the second quarter that the Polar Bears got a lead over the Air Corps. The Varsity scored 10 points during the third quarter. He is to exact, The Air Corps ran up a sizeable lead in the last quarter by scoring 15 points.

The boys in defeat showed a lot of determined fight and spirit. The type of game they played needs no essay.

The greatest showing yet made this year by the gull-winged Polar Bears was against the Grays. As the final score of 62 to 49 attests, the boys were not feeling. The brightest of the brightest spots of the game was the breaking of a league record by Dick King, Varsity center, King raring up a grand total of 24 points for the evening. We take our hats off to the Varsity, and to the league second-breaker, Dick King.

Using all the explosives that I could find in Webster's, I still couldn't express how much I still feel after the game. He was smiling and happy, as was everyone else on the campus. Of the fans who watched the game, there are few that will forget it for a long time to come. Each member of the team played good, hard ball, and their efforts were applauded by their followers.

On Tuesday, the 18th of February, the Varsity played its last game in the second round robin. Battling with the same speed and determination that took them to victory against the Grays the Polar Bears trimmed the Elks' Anilers with a score of 46 to 23.

Owen Rye, an engineering freshman, was the first student to be called into the armed forces under the 18-year law. Owen will take his basic training at Ladd Field.

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Informal Ski Meet At Birch Hill

An informal dinner-dance, sponsored by the University of Alaska, was held at Great Circle on January 20. Over twenty couples attended, although it was the event of the year. Professor and Mrs. Renshaw "chaperoned" the party.

On January 31 the Ski Club participated in the first down-hill race of the year. There were skiers from the Army, Fairbanks, and the Fairbanks High School. Unfavorable weather conditions kept the skiers at home the next Sunday.

On the 14th of February a downhill race was held on the Birch Hill course. A high school boy, Kay Huber, who has skied around the campus since he was able to walk, took the first place.

- The result was as follows:
- 1-K. Huber (Fairbanks High School), 61 seconds.
- 2-Loren Anderson, G. Dahl, W. Gunnason (U. of A.), 62 seconds.
- 3-Major Lund (Army), 63 sec.
- 4-F. J. Hildstrom (Town), Lindholm (Army), 64 seconds.
- 5-Pakory (Army), 65 seconds.
- 6-K. Rock, D. Osterhouse (U. of A.), 66 seconds.
- 7-Thomas (Army), 67 seconds.
- 8-B. Brown (U. of A.), 68 seconds.
- 9-Mattson (Army), 70 seconds.

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And Hockey Season Starts

The shifting snow of a tenacious Arctic winter were defeated by the Polar Bears in the final play-off series of 17 contest scheduled by the University of Alaska's hockey rink this season. Some explanation of the Bear's long delayed win over the strong "Jack Frost" appreciation because appears when it was announced that Dick and Don University Experimental Team boys, were called into the line-up of the Polar Bears to give the team a poorer league spark, notable lacking in past performances.

With spectacular end-around goals and line drives by the two dark hawks mustered into the play by the University team, the great by the Snow Flakes was a frenzied conclusion. The game lasted in early Saturday noon until late in the evening when the Bears made a clean sweep of the field, flooding the rink under an inch of water.

With victory comes the assurance of a hockey team for the season of 1943 and competition has been promised from a Ladd Field team made up of several experienced Eastern players. It is expected the University will be able to put a strong team on the ice as practices to date have evidenced healthy enthusiasm for the sport. The extreme cold weather and the lack of sufficient water made the flooding of the rink

Donations Made To The Museum

Barrels Gives Beads After Skeleton

Mr. Barrels and Mr. Noren, who last summer discovered an old burial, consisting of a skeleton and a large number of beads, now have donated the beads to our museum. Previously they had donated the skeleton, as reported in an earlier issue of the Collegian. The find was made near Eagle. As the beads are the best means of dating the find, the discoverers felt that the beads would be of much greater value here than in a private collection. We are deeply grateful for the donation.

Dr. Charles D. Converse, formerly Anatomist at the University Experimental station, is now Lieutenant Converse, stationed somewhere in Oklahoma.

At an earlier date impossible, a relatively short time remains in which winter will allow the use of the ice for skating, therefore full cooperation of all students is necessary in cleaning and flooding the rink in order that it will be unable to the maximum degree.

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Robe Gets Doctorate From Yale

Cecil F. Robe, Professor of History at the University, has just been granted the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Yale University.

Professor Robe came to the University of Alaska in 1926, and is now one of its oldest members in years of service on the faculty. From 1933 to 1935 Professor Robe did advanced work at Yale, finishing all



CECIL F. ROBE

his required work except the Ph. D. thesis. In the 1936-1938 period he directed a research project in history, made possible by a grant of the Rockefeller foundation to the University of Alaska. Its purpose was to collect material on early Alaska history.

Dr. Robe's thesis deals with the early years of Fairbanks and the Tanana Valley. Information was obtained from many old and varied sources. Among these were the following:

The Brooks Collection in the University of Alaska Library, The University of Washington Library, the Territorial Library at Juneau, Library of Congress, the General Land Office, the Alaska Division of the United States Geological Survey. Dr. Robe interviewed a large number of old-time residents of Fairbanks and Alaska in general, and had access to pictures from early days, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Robe.

Dr. Robe also holds a B.A. degree in Latin from University of Oregon and the M. A. in History from University of Washington. It is hoped that Dr. Robe's thesis will be published as soon as the war is over. Much of the material is of military value, preventing its publication under the present conditions.

Mining extension courses are being carried out on schedule, except that the course at Skagway had to be cancelled when it proved impossible to find a place to conduct classes. Skagway is experiencing a boom, with all available housing facilities taxed to the limit already. Mr. C. H. Aulrey is now conducting the course at Haines.

William Reed has completed the course at Fort Raymond and is now giving a course at Seward.

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Native Food Plants Of Alaska

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In this column is taken from "Plants Eaten by the Eskimo" by Dr. J. P. Anderson in the American Journal of Botany, 1929. "Edible Wild Plants" by Oliver Moody published by McMillan; "Food Plants of the North American Indians," United States Department of Agriculture, Miscellaneous Publication Number 237; edible wild plants as listed by Martha Louise Black in "Yukon Wild Flowers," "Alaska Wild Flowers," by Ida White Sharples, and the herbivora of the University of Alaska.

It is also necessary to know how to prepare and preserve the edible parts of wild plants once they are found. The Eskimos preserve almost everything in oil, but also, deer, dog, and consume wild plants at the time of picking.

How To Cook

The manner in which plants can be prepared for eating is taken into consideration when the individual plants are discussed. Parboiling the stalks and roasting the roots and bulbs of plants is helpful in getting rid of bitterness. In the family Araceae, Symplocarpus foetidus (skunk cabbage), Arisaema trichophyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit) only found on the coast, and Calla palustris have a pleasant flavor when parboiled. When roasted the roots of Nymphaea peltata (water lily) of the family Nymphaeaceae will make a meal. In the family Typhaceae the roots of the Typha latifolia (cattail) may be eaten in the same way and were esteemed by the early settlers of Virginia and now like mikagaba. Either pressed and mounted specimens or Mrs. Jostling's water paintings of the wild plants are exhibited in class as the plants are discussed.

Orchidaceae, the orchid family might seem to have plants to rare to be conveniently found and used for food, but the both of the Calypso bulbosa (rare in the interior, but abundant on the coast) may be boiled for food, also the root like structures of the parasitic Corallorhiza innominata. The leaves and flower stalks of the Spiranthes romanoffiana (Ladies' Tresses) can be used as a salad. In the family Polyganaceae (smart weed) which include buckwheat, the leaves of Polygamon alpinum, (wild rhubarb), Ranunc. arcticus, and Polygamon occidentalis can be cooked in the same manner as regular cultivated rhubarb.

Robt. Anderson, 41, of the Territorial Department of Mines, who has been stationed at the University is expecting to leave for Nome where he is to be stationed, within a few days.

BEAR TRAP

As trapping goes, we're out to kill—no pull in your necks and close your balls. Open season has now been declared on your little old pishpan.

Wall Johnson and Hertrude Freitag caught themselves a cat and then turned allogamia maniak. At least Hong's cat is no more seeking some warm quilt spot to snuggle. The boy wonders with steel knife and heart (?) cut deep into the heart of pussy and watched the wonders of creation. They learned not one thing.

You can take the boy out of the country but it's hard to get the country out of the boy. Just for example take the kid with the cane. The boy is sitting in a cackler circuit where the line is smooth and the hook is sharp. Just stand back boys and watch the girl rip the Pelican jaw for a loop.

"Daisy Mae Cried" should be ridge-running any one of these days now. She-all rads' tandem on her coffee trips, her bus trips, her—trips. If you all know what I-all mean, you-all are on the beam.

Shearland claims the Basement Bums of the Main Dorm jack the place up every night and then let the whole thing fall about six feet to its original foundation. Gonasson, Bailey, "B-F-H," Rock, Hong and Oscar-hong eat a football game going along about 1:00 a. m. every morning. Waterbury Barovich pushes a wash-tub up and down the field (hall) after each play and repairs centred during the quarters. The seismograph records an earthquake occasionally, the Prof. says there is one going on continuously.

Kendler was again caught using nicotine. Someone ought to tell the little dear that snuff habits will stunt her growth.

Robe's favorite time is now "TIME-ON My Hands." And yours truly is Boulder Dam glad (the rock required by censor) she's not on mine. This happens to be a majority opinion.

Looks like Betty Weir is trying to be Miss Alaska Yank-Girl. Boy! Think how busy she'd be in a place like Camp Dix. She's so busy here she barely has time to get a cup of coffee—for the average customer, if mean.

It is easy to believe that in the summertime Joe Hong wears a sweater over his mouth to keep the flies off. He claims that is why he likes Alaska so well, the summers are so short.

This has been a good girl. She does not merit mention in this column.

If Lena got the mail out as quickly as the male gets Lena out, our letters from home would lose their historical value.

Memo to the girl in OHIO: The Broken spoke class at 12:00 midnight now, but your true blue Johnnie boy doesn't get home until 5:00 a. m. Seems the kid has taken up the study of a foreign language. He is now translating, "Alice in Wonderland." I wonder?????

The meek and mild shall inherit the earth. No truer words were ever spoken. Robinson, and that makes up a pauper. Honesty is also the best policy. If the little Napoleon keeps it up much longer he'll be shot, and justly.

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History Of Pictures Fairbanks Are Wanted

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Street, Wendell Avenue was the bon-ton thoroughfare. The judge the mayor and the machine shop and horse-shoeing establishments used the narrow walking right-of-way. The post office, a huge, one-room log building also bordered "the Broadway of Fairbanks." Mail arrived via boats and sacks of letters were thrown in piles on the floor. Excited southerners rushed into the building to try to find the long-awaited message. No order. No post boxes. All was confusion.

Surrounding Fairbanks were the scenes of many stricks. Hundreds of prospectors "picked and shovelled" for the yellow metal they sought. Men hoisted buckets of dirt "with a dindias and discharged them into sluice boxes, where a flow of water separated the gold from the gravel.

An Episcopal evangelist and a Presbyterian minister followed the stamped into the churchless camp and held Sunday services in Marsden's saloon. The proprietor, sport that he was, unfolded and spread his only white sheet over the glass and decanters while the Rev. C. E. Kile and Rev. C. P. Ensign conducted the first church services before the entire population of the new town.

A Forest Princeval

A view of the Tanana Valley at this time disclosed the few log cabins of Fairbanks and Chena and a few recently built trails winding from distant camp or seacoast. Nothing else in the way of civilization. Indian camps lined the river, but not a wagon-rail, no school house, nor a white child, not a soldier, nor even a grave bearing a white man's name added the suggestion of permanence. The lumberer took his way through the unbroken forests; caribou herds

—Barbara Barrard.

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