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Teacher Sees Frontier in Alaskan Territory

BY HERB WILLIAMS

After living up in Nome, Alaska for the past year and teaching in the elementary school, I find it has been a real adventure for me and a very successful one. Nome is located on the western coast of Alaska bordered by the Bering Sea, about 350 miles south of the Arctic Circle and some 250 miles east of the continent of Asia which is Russian territory. The town can be reached by air the year around, but from October to May the water is frozen and the boats are only able to come to Nome from June to September. There are no main roads from any of the other larger cities, so the local population depends upon Pan American, Alaska and World Airlines and the Alaska Steamship Company for their needs.

The population of Nome was 1970, living on the site of the once famous mining town at the turn of the century which had the highlights.

were 45 pupils in the high school. I was assigned the 7th and 8th grades which had a combined attendance of 37 students of which 24 were girls. We covered the same assignments and subjects as the schools in the states, but you have to go into more detail explaining many things that the students already know a little about. Spelling is the subject the students like the best and you find some very good spellers in the school. There were thirty teachers in the school, nine in the elementary and four in the high school.

HERB WILLIAMS

Prices High in Alaska

of the gold rush, numbered 30,000 people. The Nome elementary school had only 250 students and there

were three newspapers in the territory, the Western News, the Nome News and the Nome Daily Union.

No Groceries

You mention living in Alaska when talking to people here and the first question you generally get is, "Is the cold weather in Nome you can only describe as a bite in the year around. The day I left there early in August was 47 degrees and arriving here in Portland it was 101 degrees, quite a difference when you are used to the cool weather. If the mercury reaches up into the high eighties, the natives and other citizens think it is a heat wave. This is the hottest day of the year so far, I kept record of was 27 degrees below

low zero. The climate is a day cold and it doesn't take long to get used to the change of weather in Nome. The average temperature during the winter was 18.15 degrees below. One thing unusual a person finds in living in the far north is the beautiful Northern Lights that flash across the sky at night, they are really a sight to see. On the shortest day of the year, the sun shines from 10:16 in the morning and sets at 1:13 in the evening. In the summer the sun is quite a change because of the 24 hours of daylight. The sun ranges from 5:30 to 5:30 in the evening.

Prices High

A few household items for the women might be the food problem, you would have to figure that everything you bought here will cost twice as much in Nome. For a few examples: bread is a local food, flour, I am told, 14 c. a loaf, fresh milk flown in twice a week, 55c a loaf, fresh milk flown in twice a week, milk 40c a quart, eggs 40c a dozen, and it doesn't take long to figure Alaska the new front for

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Youth Counselor Back From Camp

Back from Camp Westwind near Ocean Lake where she was a camper this past summer, Miss Emma Emanuel. Miss Emanuel spent four weeks at the camp counseling a 16-18 years-old age group.

Her duties consisted of directing the various activities, building, cooking, archery and crafts. A graduate of Commonwealth and State college, Miss Emanuel plans to return to Williams University where she will be a senior majoring in psychology and education.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Emanuel, 3132 S. E. 96th avenue.

All smiles in the sunny sunshine of her back yard is Marlene Hardy, 13-year-old prep. Anticipating her first year in college, she plans to attend Portland State. She is the Islander of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardy, 3132 S. E. 11th avenue.
No Civil Rights Overnight

Looking back upon all the unabated heat and fervor of the recent political conventions, one sees very little salvable evidence to either assuage the conscience of or satisfy the deep-founded desires of Americans disposed to or longing for civil rights legislation.

The Republican party practically ignored considering the seriousness of the Democratic convention became beholden to civil rights legislation but by some very astute politics, it would seem, became, instead, blantly embittered otherwise.

We can take heart, however, in the fact that there was demonstrated a good deal of political consciousness of—moreo than in any other convention year. It is a definite though small sign of progress—in the great fight and considering the intricacies of political functioning—in this case party unity, states rights and the filibuster—it became difficult for the majority to make civil rights legislation become a reality overnight.

The 87-year-old record of the American Negro reveals amazing progress, but it is also compiled of many small wins, which are relatively, of little significance. And so let it be with the 1952 civil rights planks, which, when considered separately, show little significance.

In terms, however, of a more enlightened and greater public consciousness minority Americans do stand closer to the realization of their great project.

Delegates Return From Conference

Home from attendance at the 87th biennial convention of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs held at Minneapolis, Minn., is Mrs. Bernadette Plummer, president of the Oregon YWCA, and Mrs. P. C. Dehn, vice-president. Mrs. Plummer reports that the convention attracted about 800. women from around the nation.

Mrs. Irene McCoy Gain, a member of the Oregon delegation, and Mrs. Leonard Simpson, a member of the East Coast delegation, were appointed to the executive committee of the convention.

The Oregon YWCA chapter at the convention was represented by Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Joann Harburn, Mrs. George Dugel, Mrs. Chester Bledsoe, Mrs. George Penn, Mrs. Helen Brown, Mrs. Robert denton, Mrs. Robert Simons, Mrs. Robert Sargent, Mrs. Victor Smith, and Mrs. Robert Stovall.

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Kay's Notations

Kathryn H. Bogle, Social Editor

Mrs. Ione Hanger, a school teacher from Omaha, was the inspiration for Dr. and Mrs. D. N. Uchtank to invite about 60 of their friends to their home in Irvington for cocktails and dancing last Saturday evening. Indoors two punch bowls and the air-conditioning unit made the party lively in spite of Portland's heat wave. However, many guests sought quiet conversation on the cool wide verandas of the house. After her visit with the Uchtanks, Mrs. Hanger went on to Victoria B.C. and to Seattle before returning to Omaha.

The Herman Plummers brought their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Parker of Seattle to the Uchtank's party, Mr. and Mrs. Lea May of New York City were at the party, too. Mrs. May was a relative of the family, including a niece, Mrs. Don Sanders and her husband, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Ferguson who once lived in Kansas City branch of the NAACP.

Miss Rose Marie Brock and Plummers for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Wills have a big party at their home for a great many of the visitors to see the thrilling hydroplane races on the lake.

From Reno, Las Vegas, Miss Rose Marie Brock and Plummers attended the wedding party of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hanger, a school teacher from Omaha, and Roy Livingston. They first met while attending the University of Nebraska.

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Kuts Prove Too Much
For Apes in 8 to 1 Win

With Bob Herndon's brilliant three-hit pitching leading the way, Kappa Alpha Psi romped over an athletic-chy Alpha Phi Alpha nine-8 Sunday at Columbia park.

The climax of the annual Alpha-Kappa picnic, the game held little consolation for the losing Alphas as they watched "Bullet Bob" set down 16 brothers via the strikeout route. It was the second successive win for the Kappas in the softball series. And they wasted little time in getting to Alpha's moundsmen lefty Wilson Walker. Alert baserunning by Art Shephard and Herndon accounted for two runs in the second inning.

Score Two Runs

They tallied twice more in the fourth and once in the fifth. A spectacular running catch by A Phi's Ted Burger of Shephard's line drive to deep right center field choked off any more would-be Kappa runs in the fifth. Burger's fine stab came with the bases loaded.

Although the Kaps scored two more runs in the sixth inning, their offense was purely cosmetic. It wasn't until the Kappas had scored their eighth and final run that the Alphas came to life. Hamilton's screeching drive to left field-by far the hardest hit ball of the game-was good for a double in the ninth.

Bownman's Drive Hot

Joe Bowman's liner to shortstop U. G. Plummer was just a little too much for the old timer to handle and advanced Hamilton in the next frame. A Plummer error on a passed ball for the Alphas' side run of the game.

Richard Neal, of Neal Drug, and E. Shelton Hill proved no fluke when, hit in succession by the Portland Urban league, played second and shortstop respectively for the lively Kappas. Hill proved no fluke when, hitting for Shephard in the eighth, he promptly bashed Walker's first offering for a single to center field. He was thrown out in an attempted steal of second.

Next on the Greeks' athletic agenda is a team golf tournament slated for the first part of September.

Leisure Hour Tourney

The Leisure Hour golf club is holding its annual links tourney on Saturday, August 26 at Travatian Country club.

Club members expect 100 out-of-town golfers to swell the ranks of competition. Tourney entrance fee is $10. This includes the ultra-luxury dinner-dance in the clubhouse. Non-golfers can purchase tickets to the dinner-dance for $5 by contacting Vernon Gas- kis, 48th 1943.

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With the Shirley game set for Saturday, August 23, these two city all-stars rush through their ball-handling paces. Here Ken Deane, Roosevelt, hands off to Washington's Cute Counts. Cute plans to enroll at OTY soon. (Allan deLay photo.)

Ruth Reed Hosts
Backyard Brunch

A back yard brunch proved quite the thing for guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reed, 1516 S. 42nd avenue, Sunday, August 17. Given in the honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee Simpson of Los Angeles, the brunch was held in the attractive back yard of the Reed's. Tables were set up with big twin umbrellas to shield the run from the guests.

Guests at the afternoon food fest included Attorney and Mrs. U. G. Plummer; Dr. and Mrs. David Untabach and the doctor's mother from Kansas City, Mrs. C. U. Utabach; Mrs. Cora Minor; Mrs. Letitia Brock; Attorney and Mrs. Carl Johnson of Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dancy, Mrs. Sophia Grebe; William Hilliard and Miss Beverly Brock; Mrs. Clara Graham; Mr. and Mrs. Will- iam Williams; Mrs. Edwards; and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee Simp- son.

Brodie Hosts Plan Football Party

Benny's First House, formerly the Fraternal hall, to be the scene of an after-game-get-together for Warren Van Brocklin, Wodey Lewis, Ollie Mabson and other members of the Los Angeles Rams' and Chicago Cardinals' professional football teams, according to Bentley Hamilton, club manager.

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