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EDITORIAL . . . Charles Wheeler

### KEEPING SCHOOLS BETTER

To keep a school better you must not be absent from school. Keep those school yards clean and the main important thing is to learn something in school. Schooling is an important thing you will use all your life. From your schooling you get better jobs in life.

"We are but minutes, use us well."

For how we are used we must some day tell.

Who uses minutes, whole hours may use.

Who loses minutes whole years will lose."

SCHOOL NEWS . . . Helen Wheeler

There are 27 children in the bigger room. There are 4 third graders, 5 fourth graders, 5 fifth graders, 4 sixth graders, 1 seventh grader, 5 eighth graders. And in the littler room there are 24 children. There are 14 in the first grade and 10 in the second grade. There are 51 children who are going to school in the Tanana Day School.

Edith O'Brien was sick and she stayed away from school for a day. We are glad she is back to school again.

Chief Alfred Grant is the new school assistant. We are very happy to have Chief Grant with us.

Carol Elia started to school Sept. 23rd. We are all glad to have her come to school.

Wayne Nicholia was sick and in the hospital. The first and second graders wrote letters to him and also drew pictures. He came back to school Friday.

We hope to have some very fine educational films shown at the school this year. Dates for these movies will be announced when the films arrive here.

Regular movies will not be held at the school this year as a government school is not permitted to run shows in competition with community shows in a village.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Francis, former teachers in Tanana, are now in Mount Edgecumbe School. Mr. Francis is a Guidance Director for students. Mrs. Francis is an assistant in the Girls' Dormitory.

Miss Fredda Kyro is teaching in a school on Ladd Field, Fairbanks.

Miss Florence Feldkirchner and Miss Anna Bortel are the new teachers at Tanana. Miss Feldkirchner has been a teacher in Alaska for a number of years. She came from Fort Yukon. Miss Bortel taught for three years in Valdez, Alaska before coming to Tanana. They both like the school here very much.

Miss Lois Morey, Territorial School Supervisor, visited here Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. She was happy to see the school had been repaired.

Alfred Grant our school janitor is sick. We hope he will get well soon.

Mr. Max Penrod, Mr. Carmody of Juneau, and the Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs from Washington D.C. visited here August 28th. They made a tour through the school building. Mr. Penrod feels quite sure we may have a new Territorial School built here next summer. "e hope we do get the new school.

Mr. William Thomas, B.I.A. carpenter from Fairbanks, spent several week here this past month repairing the school building. The school rooms were painted pretty light colors, a new roof was put on the entire building. The old roof was full of holes. He also repaired the

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electric wiring and it is now much safer. Many little things were repaired so that the building is much more comfortable. We appreciate all the good work which was done on the school building. A number of the village men assisted with this work.

We all miss the students who are attending school at Wrangell. We hope they are enjoying school there.

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HOSPITAL NEWS . . . Joyce Wheeler  
Marita Wall

Jane Tansy, practical nurse, has returned from a vacation spent at her home in Cantwell, Alaska.

Ambrose Kozevnikoff has been in Fairbanks for a few days with his son, Toddy's family.

Jimmie Minook returned Wednesday from a hunting trip - Successful?

Dr. Gaede, Jim Kimble, and John Long were among the lucky hunters who brought back a moose.

June Lawrence spent her last week-end off in Kotzebue. She went fishing while there.

Ralph Holmberg has a few days off to look for a moose.

New employees are: Mary Stickman from Nulato and Dorothy Henry from Galena, both employed as nursing assistants.

Late news from Dorothy Pitka who is in the hospital in Fairbanks is that she is cheerful and resting fairly well in spite of the casts she is wearing.

Hannah Joseph has resigned and left for Fairbanks. We will miss her cheerful face.

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VILLAGE NEWS . . . Harriet Grant

Barney and Pat Herbrieg moved into their new home. They bought Toddy Kozevenikoff's house.

Richard Grant went up Rapids on Sept. 23rd. to get his dogs. He came back the same day.

Nelson Joseph went back to Fairbanks Saturday, 21st, after working on Richard Grant's house. Richard will finish the rest of the house.

Henry Kokrine took Marion Edwin back up to her camp. She was here for a few days.

The Tanana and Yukon boats are pulling out. The Tanana just made it's last trip when it stopped here. We won't be seeing it until next summer.

Art Omittuk, who is Lulu Nicholia's brother, came Sept. 24th to visit his sister.

Lest, Lee Jr., and Alfred came back from hunting Sept. 24th. They were out for about a week.

Allen and Betty Starr got married on Sept. 21st. There was a dance for them that night. At the dance they served cake, coffee, gum and cigarette's.

Sophie Albert and her son came down from Fairbanks on Sept. 24th to visit her parent

Maston Beaver, U. S. Commissioner from Fort Yukon, was a visitor in our village last week.

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CHA NEWS . . . Charles Wheeler  
Joe Ballard

Mr. & Mrs. John Andrews went to Fairbanks Sept. 21st and came back Sept. 24. They went to Fairbanks to do some shopping and to get some dentist work done.

John Ballard went to Edmonton, Canada, He left on Sept. 13 to go to school.

Floyd Wheeler and Roy Folger went moose hunting Sept. 24 and came back the 26th. They went again Sept. 27. They went up the Tanana River.

Anna Bortel has moved into the apartment above Harris'.

FOEM . . . Edith O'Brien

Winter is coming,  
Spring is far away;  
Summer is a faint humming,  
Autumn you are here today.

STORIES

## Moose Hunting Trip

## THIRD GRADE . . .

## Summer

This is what we did last summer. The family and I went down to camp. When we got down there we helped pack up things. In the morning Dad, Mom, Shirley and I went over to the fish wheel, then we came back and played. The day after we had a picnic.

Kathryn Dick

## This Summer

I went on some picnics with my family, across the river and down the road. Sometimes we went picking berries. I have been playing with my dolls with my sister. My daddy made swings and we had fun on them.

Rebecca Holmberg

## Summer

This summer my family and I went on a picnic up the river. My daddy cut some wood. Kathryn and I threw rocks on the beach.

On Monday Carol started school and the teacher liked to have her in school too.

This summer we played games with the children. Sometimes we went down to the boat and played on swings.

Linda Wheeler

## FOURTH GRADE . . .

## Hunting

I went on a duck hunting trip Sept. 22 with my dad and mother and we went up the Tanana River. We went up Green Slough. We went up the lake and we got 8 ducks. Then we came back and landed on the bank and had some cocoa. There we saw a seagull and dad shot at it and shot a piece of its wing off. It sat in the water and floated down the river. We went home.

Michael O'Brien

## EIGHTH GRADE . . .

## Berry Picking

A few summers ago we (our family) decided to go picking berries over at Hay Slough. So we packed our lunch and started over. When we were going back in the slough, we saw five moose. We couldn't kill them because it was against the law at the time. Then we came to a place where Mom said would be a good place for picking. We picked a few hours and came back.

Harriet Grant

On September 15th, Sunday afternoon, Floyd Wheeler and his son went on a moose hunting trip up the Tozitna River about 50 miles. They stayed up the Tozi River for one day and a half. On their way up they camped and slept over night. The next morning they floated part way down the river. While they were floating, they saw a young bull above the rapids. At nine o'clock they went by to a slough which they saw fresh moose tracks. Coming out to the river they saw the moose and Floyd shot it. By 3:30 p.m. they had the moose in the boat and were home by 5:30. On the way down, Floyd got a shot at a wolf.

Charles Wheeler

## MY TRIP

Last August Dad, John, Him and I left Tanana and headed up river to stay six days camping, fishing, climbing hills and hiking. The first day after a slow ride we camped about thirty miles up the river. The next day we went up a little creek to an old Galena miner's. We found where his cabin had been and many other things. Then we went to where he had been digging. He had blown his shaft in and had left a lot of loose rock. We went back to the river.

When we got back to the river, we ate and decided to go up to Morelock Creek and fish. But when we got there the creek was muddy. We decided to go above Rapids to Bear Creek and fish. But again we had bad luck, for there had been other people there before us and fished the creek of all the fish, but one and he would not bite our bait. So with no fish we went down to Rapids and bought a salmon, then we went to Morelock and camped for the night. The next day we went to the Five Mile cabin up Morelock to see if two miners Mr. J. Vogler and Mr. E. Herst were there. When we got there Dad said, "I don't think anyone is here." But we heard someone call us and it was Joe and Earl. They were eating. We talked and after a while we went to the mine and panned gold and got some color. Dad made a deal with Mr. Vogler for Dad to go back to Tanana and get some meat and vegetables for them, and we would stay there. Dad came back the next day and we stayed at their camp for three days.

In that time we had rides on the cat, hunted, fished and played in the mine.

Joseph Ballard

## Skating

My hobby is skating, because I just like to skate out on lakes and streams. The only time we skate is usually in October or November. There are a couple of places we can go skating around here. One place is in back of the school house on the Cat Trail. Another is on Lake Oscar. Sometimes we can go skating out along the edge of the river. Once in a while we bring out a sandwich and some candy bars and eat them while we are out there. We usually come home at 6:30 or 7 p.m.

Eileen Wheeler

## HUNTING PTARMIGANS

Last year I used to go hunting every Sunday and Saturday. The flats behind our house is the place I used to hunt ptarmigan. One day I was out on the flats hunting when I saw a whole group of ptarmigan. I shot and wounded one and the others flew away. I shot and killed the wounded one and hung him up in a tree and followed the other ptarmigan. I found the group of ptarmigan, I shot, and missed. I cocked the gun again and fired at one ptarmigan. He fell over and the rest flew away. There were no trees near so I left it there. I had only six shells left.

I chased the group of ptarmigan. I was about two hundred yards away when they flew away. I shot three times and missed each time. They flew so far I couldn't see them so I started to follow my trail back. I picked up the two ptarmigan I had shot. I was home in time to eat.

Fredrick Minook

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St. James' Episcopal Church has had a busy building program this summer. A new log rectory has been built and Coleman and Anne hope to be in their new home by Christmas. The Church, too, has been worked on. New windows from the Old Mission were put in and a new oil furnace is being installed so that the church will be warmer this winter for its people.

## A TREAT

The boys and girls had a surprise at school Monday. Miss Feldkirchner made cake for them. Birthdays celebrated in September were Harriet Grant, Edith O'Brien and Charles Albert.

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An antique collector passing through a small village stopped to watch an old man chopping wood with an ancient ax. "That's a mighty old ax you have there," he remarked. "Yup", said the villager, "it once belonged to George Washington." "Not really!" gasped the collector. "It has certainly stood up well." "Of course" admitted the old man, "it's had three new handles and two new heads."

A magazine story