

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

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EDITORIAL

TO THE PEOPLE OF TANANA - I am writing this to thank you for your help and cooperation in rebuilding the school buildings for this year. I am sure that you all know how important cooperation is, and I must confess you really did a good job. I am hoping that nothing will go wrong with the new school so that we can have it next year.

I want to thank Miss Bortel, Mr. Romer and Miss Amundson for helping get the notice out and getting us organized in the school.

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MEET THE TEACHERS!

Miss Harriet Amundson is from McGregor, Minnesota and is a graduate of Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois. She made her first trip to Alaska when she came to Tanana August 30. She thinks winters here will be like winters in Minn. She teaches 3rd and 4th grades during the day and works on school stoves in the evening.

Mr. Herman Romer is from Bethel, Alaska. Last year he taught in Naknek. Mr. Romer attended school in Texas and is a graduate of the University of Alaska. Mr. Romer teaches the upper grades during the day and works on school stoves in the evening.

Miss Anna Bortel is from Bowling Green Ohio. She has taught in Ohio and Illinois. She taught in Valdez, Alaska before coming to Tanana last year. Miss Bortel teaches 1st and 2nd grades, is Head Teacher, and works on school stoves in the evening.

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The name of the school is The Tanana Territorial School. The boys and girls go to school in huts and some call them dog houses. There are three of these huts for school. The 1st and 2nd go in a big long hut. The higher grades go in the hut by the road and the third and fourth go in the one

that is far back. I think the kids like it in the huts. It's also hot in the huts so don't worry about your kids freezing.
Larry Grant

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE NEWS

We have finished our first reading readiness book. We have learned to write our numbers to 6. Our favorite nursery rhyme is "Hickety Pickety."

Edward Elia came back from fish camp. Donald and Ronald Carlo, twins, came from Ruby. Kenneth Tukrook visited in Kivilina.

THIRD GRADE NEWS

We have a new (?) room for our class this fall. We made pictures of fall scenes in art. In science we studied about our earth and looked at a globe. We read about a lion in our reading book.

In Health we learned that animals keep their paws clean so we're trying to remember to keep ours clean.

One day we about froze 'cause our stove wouldn't work, but Pete Miller came and fixed it. Thanks Pete.

We hope our new school will be finished before Christmas.

Chris Sommer

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

We have new books and desks this year, but we will not use the desks till we get in our new school. We are learning to do multiplication this year. The girls have been playing marbles and the boys play football but sometimes the boys play marbles too. Sometimes we have to try to get the ball away from the boys. We have to do English in the morning, but we have a hard spelling test on Friday. In health we learn about keeping our hands clean and not to spit at each other. When the boys were playing football, Rodney had a nose bleed. We learned about Betsy Ross making the first flag in America.

Linda Nicholia

UPPER GRADE NEWS

This is our fifth week in school. There are 17 people in our room. Some of the subjects we are having are Math, Spelling, Reading, Writing, English, History, Science, Health and Geography.

The school huts were banked with mud about a week ago. Philip Kennedy banked it with a payloader. He banked all five huts after Mrs. Gaede, Miss Amundson and Miss Hortel nailed old roofing sheets around the bottom of them.

The school had a movie on Tuesday. The children had to pay a dime. One was "Rodney" and the other was "Tuberculosis."

We have a new student in our class. His name is Eddy Carlo. He came up from Ruby September 16. Eddy has two brothers. All three of them are going to school. They came up with their mother. Eddy is in the seventh grade.

Did you know that John Hawkins likes school so well he went one Saturday? Finally when no one showed up, he decided to go home.

The following children were not absent or tardy during the first month of school:

Eddie Carlo, Shirley Dick, Larry Grant, Andrew Kennedy, Marshall Smith, Thomas Swenson, Helena Wheeler, Joyce Wheeler, Carol Elia, Linda Wheeler, Ellen Utickson, Edward Kennedy, Loretta Pyrd, Ruth Gaede, Judy Somaer, Shirley Wheeler, Janetter Roberts, Vernon Natsunziya, Helen Nicholia, Kathryn Polger, Eleanor Polger, Dennis Flavin and the whole third and fourth grades take the banner for there were no absences or tardy marks,

HOSPITAL NEWS

Olga Neufeld, R.N. from California and Edith King, P.N. transferral from Mt. Elmerumbe, are now working at the Tanana Hospital.

Dr. Gaede left Tuesday on a medical field trip up river. Dr. Crawford came to take Dr. Gaede's place for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Miller and Mike and Mr. and Mrs. Rochelle went hunting. Jeanie Elia took care of Miller's baby. When Jeanie worked Mrs. Gaede took care of the baby. After work Jeanie took care of it until they returned home from hunting.
Carol Elia

After shooting a moose and spending 4 hours packing the meat to a sandbar on

which his plane was resting, Dr. Gaede spent thenight in a sleeping bag only to get up the next morning and fly the meat to the airport and then haul it back and forth to the hospital. But the exercise didn't hurt him for the next day he was to be found calmly playing basketball.

John Hawkins

VILLAGE NEWS

Tommy Evan and his wife Elizabeth came down from Rampart Saturday night. They brought their baby down for clinic and left again Tuesday morning. They left by boat.

David Elia and his family came up Sept. 16. They moved Carol and Edward up so they can go to school. Carol and Edward are staying with their grandma. (Last report is that the Elias have come home to stay, too.)

We have shows three times a week. Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday. They are mostly about Westerns and Mystery. It starts at the Community hall at 7:30 p.m. and ends around 9:30.

Congratulations to all the successful hunters who have brought home the meat! We'll be looking for a potlatch this winter!

Many of the Tanana men are employed at the new school. We were sorry that two men were hurt while working on the new school. They both went to Fairbanks. We are anxious for that new school, but take it easy, men!

Mr. Smith is to be thanked for all his hard work on the shelter wells--that goes for his wife's help too!

The C.A.A. made it possible for us to have electric lights by hooking us up to the hospital lines.

Mr. Esias Dick is the school janitor this year. He has been busy working on his new house too.

Larry: I just spotted a leopard.
Teacher: Don't be silly, they grow like that.

TALENT SHOW: OCTOBER 17

A STORY

This is what I did in the summer. I went swimming across from the town of Ruby. In the summer days it always gets hot. The water is very clear and cool. We go fishing and hunting. When we go fishing we always go across the river. It is very good fishing. When we go hunting we go out the road to mining camps and visit the traps there. Sometimes we camp out in the woods. It is very good to camp out.

We always go out the road to cut wood for our fuel. We cut dry timber.

The road of Ruby is about 60 miles long. It goes all the way to Peckman. It is a very good place to hunt.

When the moose start to run, most of the people get their meat for the winter. Some people get a bear for their food. We have shows once a week.

We have a very big school at Ruby. It is a very good school. We have a store too. And we had a very good teacher but he died, and we had to get another one.

Well, that's all I got to say--Goodbye.
Eddie Carlo

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TALENT PROGRAM

CALLING ALL TALENTED PEOPLE OF TANANA!

Can you play a guitar, a horn, violin, or any other musical instrument? Can you give a humorous reading or sing a song? If so, please contact Miss Dortal at the school and sign up for the Talent Program October 17. If we have enough participants, we will have the program at the Community Hall. Sign up by Frid, October 10.

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Irky: Where's Helena today?
Shirley: She's in the hospital.
Irky: In the hospital! What happened?
Shirley: She came down a ladder ten minutes after someone took it down.

Andrew: Does your mother spank you?
Charles: Sure.
Andrew: Does your father ever spank you.
Charles: Sure
Andrew: Who hurts the most?
Charles: I do.

Teacher: Johnny, what words are most commonly used in arithmetic.
Johnny: I don't know.
Teacher: That's correct.

A man and his wife were both writing letters when the husband stopped and looked up with a worried look on his face. "What's the matter dear?" asked his wife. "Why-er- I had it on the top of my tongue and it is gone."

"Never mind" she said. "It's bound to come back, dear."

"But this won't come back. It was a three-cent stamp."

Once a man went on a diet. First day he cut out liquids; second day he cut out starches; third day he cut out solids; fourth day he cut out paper dolls.

Little Joey came running into the kitchen and exclaimed, "Mama, Oscar's the funniest man in front of our nose. "Is that so, darling?" said his mother. "What is he doing?" "He's just sitting on the sidewalk and yelling at the banana peeling I left there."

After the school children saw the films on tuberculosis, one of the primary children was heard saying, "I don't have turkylosis."

Dr. McQueen, the dentist, is busy filling teeth and also pulling them. He seems to have a way with the children for as soon as they come to school they say "Is it time for me to go see the dentist?"

Tanana Cranberry Bread (6/11)

2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt
1 orange - juice and rind
2 tablespoons boiling water
2 tablespoons melted shortening
1 egg
1 1/2 cup cranberries
1 cup nuts
Pour orange juice into cup, add shortening and boiling water to make 3/4 cup liquid. Grease bread pan. Let stand 20 minutes before baking.
Bake at 350° for 50 minutes.