

# THE KNIK ARM COURIER

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Chugliak, Alaska .10¢



Merry  
Christmas,  
Everyone

## MAIL TRUCK DELAYED BY COLLISION

Tuesday morning the Star Route mail truck driven by Dave Steeney was side swiped by a truck which was trying to avoid a car which had stopped suddenly. No one was hurt and the mail truck was able to travel after the Territorial Police surveyed the damage and Postmaster Swanson determined that the mail was all there and undamaged.

## FIVE ARRAIGNED ON VOTE FRAUD CHARGES

Five men charged with violating election laws were arraigned in U.S. Commissioner's court Monday morning. The five, charged with voting in both the Chugliak and Eklutna precincts in the November 25th elections are Alex Haaf, Joe George Chilligan Jr., Mike Yakasoff, Andrew Yakasoff and John Chilligan. Conviction could mean a fine up to \$500, or a prison term up to three years.

It is hoped that the phone survey sheets may be gathered and evaluated by Jan. 1.

## W. STEPHENS HOME TAKES FIRST IN LIGHTING CONTEST

It was a Solomon's decision for the judges of the Christmas lighting and decorating contest. A group of six citizens of our community during two evenings, viewed and judged the entries and with great difficulty arrived at a decision. All the entries, particularly at the private homes, were outstanding. It was regretted that it was not possible to award prizes to the runners-up.

First in the private homes division was awarded to the W. Stephens home. There, on a dias of snow, was a group of hand painted figures portraying the manger scene, with Mary and the Babe flanked on either side by six huge red illuminated candles. The group was surrounded by a group of spruce trees, and high on the top of one was suspended an Angel. The trees and the roofline of the house was outlined with blinking lights.

Runners-up in the home division  
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Chugliak Volunteer Firemen are still looking for the lady about to have a baby and Nurses Mrs. E. Pottle and Mrs. Jim Cook, are still standing by if she is found.

## LOCAL PILOT AIDS SANTA

Ed Bellringer of 23 Mile, along with other flying members of the Palmer Elks Lodge flew to Talkeetna last Sunday to deliver Christmas stockings to the children of that area, along with baskets of food for needy families. A program was held at the OAA recreation hall where Santa showed up to present the stockings.

## LITTLE GIRL LOSES FINGER

Little Susan Irish Leonard, 3 years old, lost the middle finger on her right hand Monday evening when she had it caught in the door of the Leonard trailer home in the Peters Creek Area.

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## MAX PYLES BURNED IN EXPLOSION

Last Friday evening Max Pyles started to light the oven on the gas range and was thrown across the kitchen by the force of the resultant blast. It was believed that the oven valve had been opened previously by one of the smaller children, for the accumulated gas in the oven was the cause of the blast. Max was badly burned on his left hand and arm and had his handsome thick red whiskers singed so badly that he had to cut them off so now does not have a good start for the Rendezvous.

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Monday afternoon at about 4:00 p.m. a boiled over tar pot brought a half dozen firemen and neighbors of Max Pyles running to put out a fire. The blaze was controlled before and damage was done.

## BASKETS FOR NEEDY

Ten community organizations including six churches, will distribute baskets to 13 Chugliak families this Christmas. Representatives of the ten organizations met last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Al Stratton and organized their effort so that no needy family in the area would be neglected. Anyone wishing to contribute to these baskets is asked to stop at Mrs. J. Nichols home at the Oldie Inn.

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**CHRISTMAS 1958**

It's Christmas Eve!

The snow is falling soft and clean, covering all the scars of 1958.

This is the first Christmas of The Knik Arm Courier, but we hope there will be many more. We hope to give you a better paper as we learn. We hope you will help us to do so by letting us know when you are pleased or displeased. We hope you will give us the news but above all, at this Christmas Season, we hope that Everyone, Everywhere, will know Peace and have the Spirit of Christmas in their Hearts.

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A reader has suggested that The Courier run a Poll on all of the "Mots" in our community for this past

year - such as:

The 5 most outstanding people, those who have contributed most to the good of the community this past year.

The most popular teenager

The most improved yard  
And any other "The Most" which you readers can think of.

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People are thinking about our Telephone System.

Dal Oberg says, "The whole telephone deal is silly."

The thing I think is silly is that we have a cooperative system but it is not a cooperative. The idea that I have to pay a toll to talk to my own brother who is on the same phone system is ridiculous. Our own board can do something about that."

Danny Bell was one of the first people to work to get phones in the area when the opportunity arose to be rid of the old Fire Company hand crank lines. He worked like a beaver and took applications for membership at the time that The Latakuska Telephone Association became organized. He was

told by the board at that time that this area would have direct connection to either Palmer or Anchorage. R.E.A. and engineers had verbally promised that. Danny feels that he was misled and so passed on this misleading information for the M.T.A. system still leaves Chugiak isolated from the rest of the system. Danny says, "That statement actually sold me on buying into the system. I had expected to at least be able to call Palmer or I wouldn't have bought a phone." I believe this obligation should be fulfilled as soon as possible to the satisfaction of all in this area."

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**26 DIED LAST CHRISTMAS**

How can you help to prevent loss of life and suffering this Christmas? Here is what the National Board of Fire Underwriters suggests: Set up tree in a cool part of room, standing it in a pail of moist earth or water and away from doors or exits. Check electric wiring and discard sets with work or frayed cords.

Merry Christmas

FROM Marie, Jim & Bruce

MOOSE HORN

# Church News

LIGHTING CONTEST - cont.

**CHUGIAK ST. ANTHONY'S**  
Catechism, Saturday, 1: pm.  
till 2: p.m.  
At Eagle River C.D. Hut  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
E.C. Chron, Minister  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
D.T.U. 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

First Wednesday of Each  
Month the Following Groups  
Meet at 7:30 p.m.

Girls Auxiliary  
Sunbeans

Women's Missionary Union  
Men's Brotherhood

ALL ARE WELCOME  
Nursery Open During Services  
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**CHUGIAK CHAPEL (Assemblies  
of God)**  
Rev. Bernard Tewell  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Christ's Ambassadors 6: p.m.  
(Young People)  
Evangelistic Service 7:30 pm.  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
Friday 7:30 p.m.  
A Cordial Invitation and  
Welcome is Extended To All.  
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**BIRCHWOOD BAPTIST MISSION**  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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**METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Nelson Moyer  
Sunday School 10:00 am.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN CHAPEL**  
Alf S. Jarman, Minister  
Sunday School 10:00 am.  
Morning Worship & Communion 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Services 7:30 p.m.  
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**EMANUEL GOSPEL**  
Rev. Joseph Overy, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Morning Prayer  
Meeting 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting  
& Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Fellowship, Friday  
7:30 p.m.  
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**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT  
CHUGIAK CHAPEL**

At 7:30 p.m. Today the  
Chugiak Chapel will present  
their Christmas Program.  
There will be carol singing,  
recitations, special music  
and a Choir number by the  
Intermediate and Young Peo-  
ple. At the close of the  
program there will be a  
treat for all and you are  
cordially invited to attend  
this Christmas Eve service.

division were the I.W. And-  
erson home on the old Eagle  
River road, which had a  
decorated and illuminated  
window in religious stained  
glass theme, and the Mars-  
hall-Pryde home which also  
featured an illuminated  
window. The Stephens were  
awarded a gift certificate  
in the amount of \$13.00  
First place in the Civic  
Group was awarded tot the  
Methodist Church which also  
featured a manger scene  
docked with green boughs.  
Their prize was a gift cer-  
tificate in the amount of  
\$7.50  
First place in the Business  
group went to the Doll-Art  
Studio at 23 mile. This  
display featured a village  
from the pages of Charles  
Dickens. A small white  
church, a cozy cottage and  
a stately mansion made up  
the background while in the  
foreground stands the smil-  
ing vicar of the church and  
the lady of the manor list-  
ening with pleasure to the  
music of the jolly musicians  
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Merry Christmas  
and Thanks to the  
Many Ladies for their past  
Patronage.



Bea's Beauty Shop

**THE  
WALL  
WAY  
HOUSE**  
MILE 23  
Christmas  
Greetings

**Country Disposal  
Service**  
Offers you **DEPENDABLE**  
GARBAGE PICK - UP \*\*\*\*\* ONCE A WEEK  
\$3.00 PER MONTH  
EAGLE RIVER - BIRCHWOOD - CHUGIAK - JETERS CREEK  
PHONE: HO.-2-5200 or Drop a Card to M.F. TILLSVOLD  
STAR ROUTE, 23 MILE

# COMING EVENTS

Christmas & New Years Eve Holidays - Most meetings suspended

★ A Merry Merry Christmas

from

THE

BIRCHWOOD

BUILDING

MATERIAL

YARD



## FREE DANCE AT CARNIVAL HALL

The first of an expected series of free "Audition" dances was held at the Carnival Hall on Saturday night December 20th. Several orchestras will try out so that one may be chosen to play at regularly scheduled dances. The attendance was small due to the short time given last week for publicity, however, those present enjoyed the evening very much and found the music good. The band, a four piece orchestra, was composed of members of the military with a female vocalist. Ladies of the Friendly Neighbor Club sold coffee, pop and cake. It is hoped that the next such affair is better attended so that the ODA can again present the enjoyable affairs of last winter.

THE KNICK ARM COURIER WILL BE OUT NEXT WEDNESDAY ALSO DUE TO THE HOLIDAY

## SHOPPING IN CHUCIAK

Dependable inexpensive removal of trash and garbage is something most of us are interested in. Trips to the community dump are both distasteful as well as inconvenient and the knowledge that our garbage will be picked up regularly is quite a relief. The COUNTRY DISPOSAL SERVICE is one of the oldest garbage removal agents in our community. Formerly known as Grasse Materials, this route is now being operated by Mr. Morris Tiensvold of 23 Mile. Mr. Tiensvold will pick up garbage and trash weekly in clean well maintained equipment for only \$3.00 per month. He is always on time and guarantees satisfaction or "Double Your Garbage Back". (This with a grin) So why not call the Country Disposal Service at Ho. 2-5220, for automatic trash pick up to keep your yard neat and clean.

## CHUCIAK GARAGE



General Auto Repair

WEEKDAYS - EVENINGS - WEEKENDS

WALTER LASSAHL .... PROPRIETOR

LOCATED AT RALPH DOYLE'S SHOP - 17 MILE BIRCHWOOD LOOP ROAD HO.-2-5566

Honestead 2-5237



Grocery and Cabins

GEORGE & ADDIE ALLEN

Seasons Greetings

Merry Christmas and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

To All Our Friends  
McGarrs - Eagle River Shopping Center

SPENARD WOMAN WINS DOLL

"HOLLY", the doll which was raffled by the Friendly Neighbors Club, was won by Mrs. Mary Todd of Spenard. The ticket had been sold to her the day of the drawing ( December 20th) by her sister-in-law, Marie Petronovich. Mrs. Todd will have no difficulty finding a Mother for the doll as she has three small grand-daughters. The drawing for the doll was held at the Dance at Carnival Hall where Holly was on display all evening.

Word has been recieved here that MR. & MRS. DICK BARGER and DAVID are very happy at The Copper Valley School. Dick is assistant to Father Spills who is in charge of construction. Last summer Dick made more concrete block than all the other workmen. David is a sixth grade student and a member of the School Student Body.

FIRE WORKS DISPLAY

Don't forget the Fireworks Display on New Year's Eve about 5:00 p.m. at Tom Slankers Far North Trailer Park

May the Blessings of  
 the  
 Christmas Season  
 Live in your heart  
 until  
 Christmas  
 Comes Again!  
 The  
 Far North Fuel



Merry Christmas to All

WE WILL BE

CLOSED DEC. 30 & 31

FOR INVENTORY

& ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

HO. 2-5491

EAGLE RIVER HARDWARE

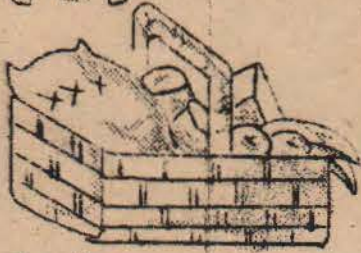
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# MARKET

# HOURS

MONDAY thru SATURDAY - 11:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
SUNDAYS - 10:00 AM to 6:00 P.M.

Closed-All Day Xmas



# BASKET

Eagle River Shopping Center

A Merry Christmas  
to All - From The Gang at the Market

# Meat - Air Fresh Acme Basket

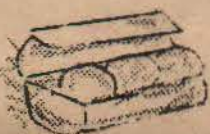
SWIFTS- EVERSWETT SLICED  
BACON - 59¢#

Cut-Up

FRYERS - 69¢#

PORK STEAK - 63¢#

# Produce



TUBE TOMATOES - 39¢

CARROTS - 19¢#

# Groceries



23¢#

HOLIDAY OLEO



4 oz. VIENNA SAUSAGE - 25¢

Libby's

GIANT TIDE  
83¢

CORNED BEEF - 12 oz. - 55¢

CORNED MUTTON - 12 oz. - 45¢

IRIED BEEF - 5 oz. - 79¢

12 oz. RITZ CRACKERS  
35¢

6 oz. Heinz  
concentrated  
TOMATO JUICE  
2/29¢

DEEP-FRYER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_