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GREATER CHUGIAK AREA

--EAGLE RIVER... FIRE LAKE... BIRCHWOOD... OLD CHUGIAK
PETERS CREEK

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PICTURES OF LOCAL QUAKE
DAMAGE

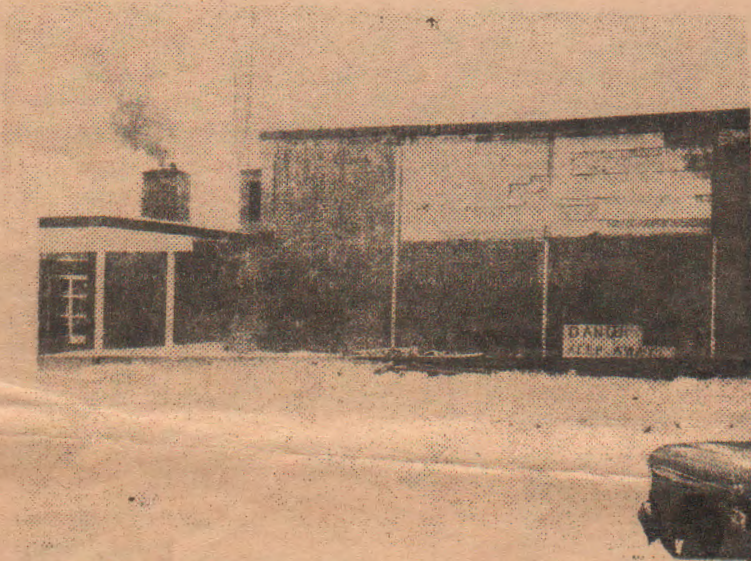
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EAGLE RIVER SCHOOL SUFFERS GREATEST LOCAL DAMAGE



"DANGER" WARNS THE SIGN IN THE FRONT OF THE DAMAGED MULTIPURPOSE ROOM OF THE EAGLE RIVER SCHOOL. FALLEN MASONRY ONLY HINTS AT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DAMAGE SUFFERED BY THE BUILDING.

CHUGIAK: While Anchorage and other Alaskan cities lay devastated from the Good Friday earthquake, the Greater Chugiak area escaped with comparatively minor damage.

The greatest apparent damage was to the Eagle River School, where the two end walls of the multi-purpose room are cracked and leaning inward approximately four feet at the tops.

The section of the Eagle River Shopping Center that houses the Valu City store suffered structural damage and broken windows.

A small concrete block building at mile 13½, which was formerly a laundry and which presently served as a warehouse for Valu City, had one complete wall fall outward.

A concrete block wall in an unfinished building at the Wallace Concrete Products plant at mile 18½ was damaged.

Other local damage appeared to be limited to breakage in homes and business establishments as this ten mile long community "rolled with the punch."

Chuck Smith, speaking for the local school system, said that there would be no school at either of the two local elementary schools until all buildings were thoroughly inspected by structural and construction engineers.

HOME BURNS FOLLOWING QUAKE

BIRCHWOOD: A private home located off Inlet Drive in Birchwood burned to the ground following last Friday's earthquake.

The home belonged to Ed Beatty, who had left it only minutes before to go check upon a neighbor, to determine if she had been injured in the quake.

Beatty said that he had turned off the fuel oil leading to his heater before leaving. When he re-

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BOROUGH BUDGET MUST BE RE-EVALUATED

ANCHORAGE: The Assembly of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough met on Monday evening along with members of the Anchorage City Council and representatives of the Borough School Board.

It was agreed that the entire proposed budget must be re-evaluated in light of last Friday's disastrous earthquake.

The foremost consideration is to get the area schools back in operation.

Although the building at Third Avenue and C Street which housed the offices of the Greater Anchorage

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TYPHOID SHOTS
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PALMER: Pricilla Bacon Public Health Nurse said that at present residents of the Greater Chugiak Area may obtain typhoid shots at the clinic in Palmer.

They are asked to listen to the local radio stations for the announcement of the setting up of a typhoid clinic in this immediate area.

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WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

With everyone wondering what changes may be imposed on our future plans by last Friday's terrible earthquake, we of the Courier must also stop and take stock.

We were fortunate that our equipment came through without any damage and we will be able to continue to print.

However, we were unfortunately low on paper and other vital supplies.

It is very possible that it may be a long time before an unlimited supply of paper and ink may be available in the Anchorage area, and until the exact situation becomes known we will ration what little we have on hand.

We hope that some kind of paper will be available until regular supplies are once more in stock.

We may be forced to return to printing on single sheets stapled at one corner, and even to printing on whatever size or color we can beg borrow or steal.

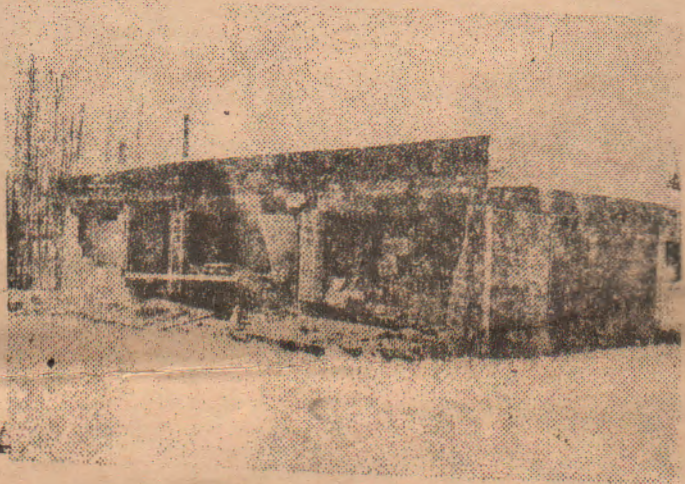
This we do promise; as long as any paper of any kind or any ink is available, there will be a Knik Arm Courier.

Some more drastic measures such as printing every two weeks instead of weekly may become necessary. We foresee that some of the more frivolous features (such as Dear Martha, Little Midge or the Cook of the Month) may have to be eliminated until the emergency has passed. However

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(The future)

... continue to keep the community informed of the events vital to our way of life as long as we are able to do so.



MORE EVIDENCE OF THE FORCE OF THE GOOD FRIDAY EARTHQUAKE IS SEEN IN THE SHATTERED WALLS OF THE FORMER LAUNDRY WHICH HAD BEEN SERVING AS A WAREHOUSE FOR VALDEZ CITY.

Sorry folks, but that old earthquake scared me so bad I can't think of anything to say. See you next week, maybe.



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all members of a survey team which were presently checking all school buildings in the quake area.

Smith said that numerous cracks had appeared in the walls of the classroom section of the Eagle River School and in the primary building at the Chugiak School. The main building of the Chugiak School which is not of concrete block construction showed no visible damage.

Bill Benyish, Chugiak School principal, reported that two days after the quake, the water supply at the school apparently disappeared. An inspection is in progress to determine the cause of this.

The Chugiak High School which is presently under construction in the Birchwood area, showed no visible damage from the quake. Smith said that at this time he had no way of knowing if the quake will in any way delay the completion of this building.

The Eagle River Bowl appeared to be undamaged from the quake and a report from Kenai indicated that the Kenai Bowl, which is also owned by Bush Lanes Inc. was also undamaged.

Glenn Briggs, spokesman for the Shopping Center Corp stated that the estimated damage to the building would run from \$3,000 to \$3,500.

Surprisingly, the section of the Shopping Center building which houses the Eagle River Post Office and the Pegge Lee Bakery did not have any broken windows, or other apparent structural

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damage. This section of the building had been constructed at a later time than the original section.

Harry's Auto Parts at mile 14 1/2 reported broken windows and there was some damage to the plumbing at Eagle River Laundry Center.

There was no other report of major damage to local business establishments.

CHUGIAK WITHOUT POWER ONLY SHORT TIME

CHUGIAK: The Greater Chugiak Area was without electric power only a short time following the Good Friday quake.

The power went off automatically as the violent tremors rocked the area, and remained off until almost ten thirty that evening.

The power again went off approximately 1:30am and remained off until after 3am Saturday morning.

Crews had discovered that (next col)

(power)

the quake had caused the ice of Lake Eklutna to shatter into smaller chunks and these were clogging the penstock, etc.

Residents of the Palmer area were without power for a longer period of time due to the power poles which cross the Matanuska Bridge being down.

Although residents of the area have not been asked to refrain from using any major appliances such as clothes dryers, all unnecessary lights and other uses should be kept at a minimum.

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CHUGIAK CHAPEL

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 Rev. Bernard Tewell PASTOR
 Sunday School.....9:45a
 Morning Worship.....11:00a
 Evangelistic Service.....7:00p
 Bible Study & Prayer meeting
 Wednesday.....7:00
 Christ's Ambassadors (Young Peop.
 FRIDAY.....7:00pm
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 Rev. Joseph E. Shirey SJ
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 CONFESSIONS...sunday...3:45-4:15pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Mile 14 EAGLE RIVER
 Rev. John P. Camp Jr. PASTOR
 Sunday School.....9:45 am
 Morning Worship.....11:00am
 B.T.U.....6:00pm
 Evening Worship.....7:00pm
 Wed. prayer meeting.....7:30pm
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 GIRLS AUXILIARY...Thurs...3:30pm
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 Sunday Worship.....10:00am
 Prayer meeting..Wed.....7:00pm

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Mile 19 OLD CHUG.
 Rev. Roland Fritz PASTOR
 Sunday School.....10:00am
 Morning Worship.....9:00am
 Walther League.....7:00pm
 Ladies Aid...1st Tues.....7:30pm

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Mile 19 OLD CHUG.
 Alfred Weger BRANCH PRES.
 Priesthood meeting.....6:00am
 Sunday School.....10:30am
 Sacrament meeting.....6:00pm
 Primary...Sat.....3:45pm
 MIA...Tues...11th & E St. Anch.....7:15pm
 RELIEF SOCIETY Wed. 7:00pm

CHUGIAK METHODIST CHURCH

Mile 18 OLD CHUGIAK
 REV. LEO CRAMER PASTOR
 Sunday School.....9:45am
 Worship Service.....11:00am
 Jr. Hl. MYF. Sun.....6:30pm
 Sr. Hl. MYF. Sun.....8:30pm
 Jr. Choir...Wed.....3:45pm
 Sr. Choir...Thurs.....7:30pm

CHURCH OF THE WILDWOOD

Mile 14 Eagle River
 COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Sunday School.....10:00am
 Morning Worship.....11:00am
 Evening Service.....7:00pm
 Prayer & Bible Study...
 Wednesday.....7:00pm

Where were you when the earthquake struck? is the question everyone is asking his neighbor these days.

Most of the residents of the Greater Chugiak Area were in their homes at dinner when the shaking of the earth drove them out of door.

However, many had taken advantage of the school holiday to take their families to Anchorage and were in that ill fated city when the quake struck.

Chuck Smith, local school official had just returned from a rabbit hunting trip near Chitna and had stopped at a store in the Muldoon area close to his home. He was waiting in his car for his young son who he had sent into the store to buy a newspaper when the ground began to shake. As the intensity of the quake increased he saw a man run from the building carrying the boy just as the wall behind them collapsed.

Many of those who worked in Anchorage and at the bases were enroute home at the time. Those in cars admitted that they at first believed something had gone wrong with the steering mechanism of their car as the vehicles became increasingly difficult to control.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bellringer and their three small daughters were in the balcony of the Fourth Avenue theater at the time. The main feature a Walt Disney cartoon "The Sword in the Stone" had just begun when

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(where were you)

the building began to shake. As the intensity of the quake continued to increase screams of frightened children filled the darkened building while the film continued to be projected on a screen that resembled a rug that was being shaken.

Elmer Richardson of Fire Lake was on the roof of the Lathrop Building constructing a greenhouse at that time.

Mrs. Til Wallace who is an employee of Bagoys Florists was in that store and had just scrambled to safety when the land on which that building was located broke loose and fell.

Bruce Robinson of Peters Creek was approximately thirty feet under water in a cell at the site of the Matanuska-Knik River bridge construction when the quake began.

Despite the many dangerous positions in which the above found themselves, there were no reported casualties among local residents, and life in this community continues much the same as it did before the quake.

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turned the house was engulfed in flames.

Neighbors seeing the smoke went to attempt to assist him.

Bill Gould, the first to arrive at the scene said the building was completely involved by the time he got there.

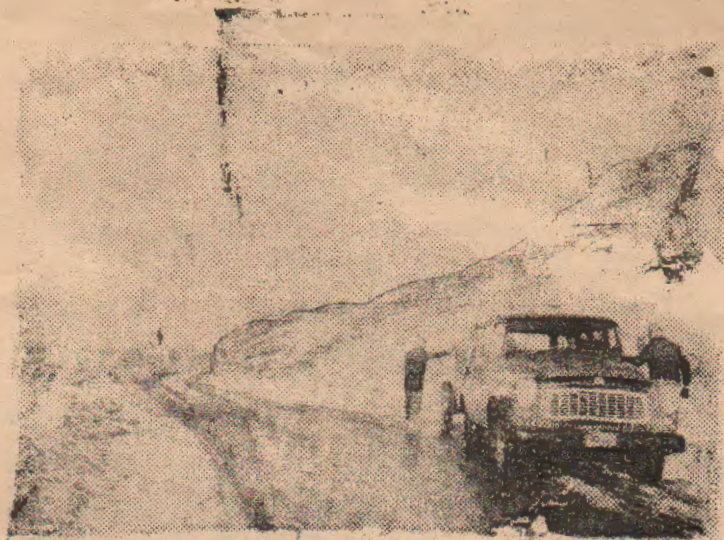
Attempts to call the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Company were hampered by the disruption of some phone lines by the quake.

Electrical power had been cut off by the quake, and the cause of the fire is not yet known, but it is assumed that the earthquake was in some way responsible.

SNOW SLIDES BLOCK GLENN HIGHWAY

GOAT CREEK: Massive snow slides, triggered by the earthquake last Friday blocked the Glenn Highway near the Knik Bridge for some time.

Word that the highway was impassable led to rum-
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MEA CREWS WORK TO REPLACE POWER LINES THAT WERE TORN DOWN BY THE MASSIVE SNOW SLIDE CAUSED BY THE GOOD FRIDAY QUAKE.

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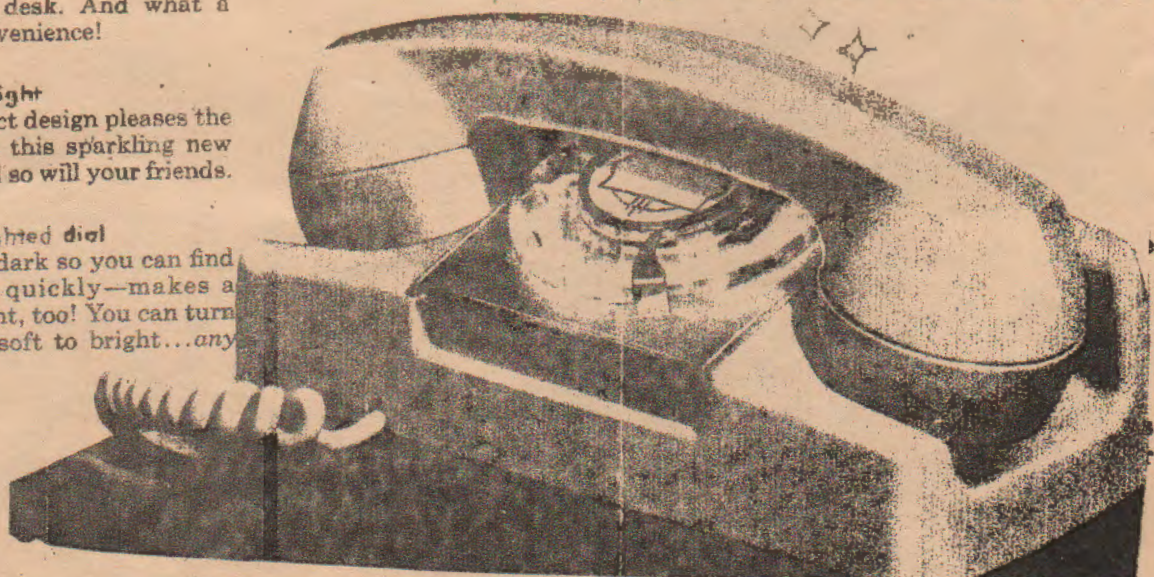
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ROAD DAMAGED BY
QUAKE

EKLUTNA: A deep crack in the Glenn Highway in front of the Eklutna Hydroelectric plant has made it necessary for traffic to detour through the plant yard. The road surface parted and dropped below grade for the distance of several hundred feet.

The crack was the aftermath of Friday's earthquake.

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SURVEY TEAMS INSPECT
SCHOOLS

CHUGIAK: Survey teams from Anchorage last Monday inspected both the Chugiak and the Eagle River Schools for earthquake damage.

A report of their findings is expected within a few days.

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ors that the quake had destroyed the Knik River Bridge.

Road crews worked rapidly to clear one lane and traffic was able to proceed.

The slide, which is an annual occurrence was much wider and appeared to have come down with much greater force than in years past. The ridge of snow from the slide extending far out into the Knik River.

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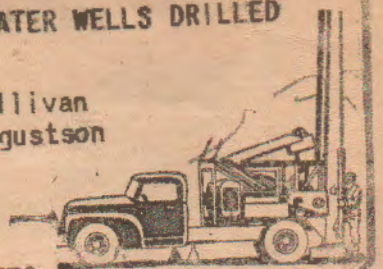
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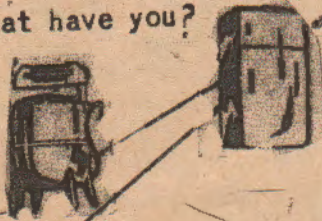
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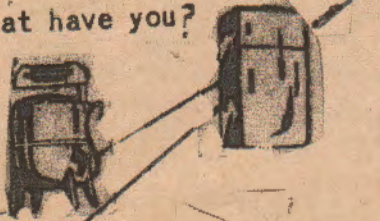
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has been crushed, most of the records were salvaged, including those of the recent property appraisals of areas outside the Anchorage Independent School District.

It was felt that this appraisal could continue without interruption.

The Assembly will meet again on Monday April 13th to again consider re-evaluation of the budget; at which time the extent of damage sustained by the quake may be known.

LADIES CLUB VOTES TO RAISE SCHOLARSHIP

EAGLE RIVER: The Chugiak Ladies Club, meeting at the home of President Billie Moore voted to raise their annual college scholarship from \$200 to \$250. This decision was arrived at in (next col)

(Ladies club)

view of the success of the recent style show as which funds for that scholarship has raised.

The group also voted to remove the limitation which stated that the recipient of that scholarship must attend either the University of Alaska or the Alaska Methodist University. Applicants for the scholarship may now select any University or College of their choice.

Only students who reside within the Greater Chugiak Area are eligible.

Any high school senior interested in applying may do so through regular channels at East Anchorage High School.

The next meeting of the club will be at the residence of Lydia Pierson in Eagle River on April 9th at 7:30pm.

(Lunch)

The Eagle River school as soon as that building has been declared safe for classes, according to Frank Cline, school principal.

The school kitchen is not located in the damaged part of the building, and although the multi-purpose room will be roped off, arrangements will be made to feed the children in their classrooms.

SWIMMING CLASSES DISCONTINUED

FT. RICHARDSON: The Lions Club sponsored swimming classes, which were being conducted at the Ft. Richardson pool have been discontinued until further notice.

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