

PLANS FOR AREA EXCLUSION INDEFINITE



NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (Front row, left to right) Jesse Wooten, Irene Hildeman, (Treasurer) Marianna Koehler, (Secretary) Til Wallace, President (Back row, left to right) Vern Phillips, Ralph Anderson, Bill Stephens and Glenn Briggs, (Vice-President).

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORMS HERE

EAGLE RIVER: Nine members of what will be a Board of 13 were elected at the organizational meeting of a local Chamber of Commerce, held last Friday, in the Lions Den of the Eagle River Shopping Center.

Those chosen to the board were: Vern, Phillips, of Eagle River; William Stephens, of Peters Creek, Til Wallace of Old Chugiak, Tom Slanker, of Eagle River, Ralph Anderson, of Old Chugiak; Jesse Wooten, of Eagle River, Marianna Koehler, of Old Chugiak; Glenn Briggs of Eagle River, and Irene Hildeman of Birchwood.

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MAT-SU SILENT ON INHERITING CHUGIAK AREA

PALMER: Robert Vroman, Chairman of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough said that he has heard no comment among residents of that area on the proposal of Representative Stan Cornelius (R) of Anchorage that the Greater Chugiak Area be excluded from the Anchorage Borough and made at part of the Mat-Su Borough.

Vroman said that he has personally investigated the fiscal aspects of this, and came to the conclusion that should such a change take place, the Chugiak area residents would have to expect to pay taxes for the entire support of the

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MEA SUB-STATION TO BE NAMED FOR PIONEER

EAGLE RIVER: A pioneer of the Eagle River area, as well as of the Matanuska Valley will be honored in the naming of the new Matanuska Electric sub-station in Eagle River.

Willard Johnson, General Manager for MEA announced today that the name of the facility will be the Walter Pippel Sub-station.

Pippel at one time owned the land on which the new sub-station is to be located. MEA purchased the land from Pippel.

The decision to name the sub-station was made at the January 26th meeting of the MEA Board of Directors.

ANCHORAGE: Clifford J. Groh, Chairman of the Anchorage Area Charter Commission, stated today that the Charter Commission has no definite plans at this moment toward asking the Boundary Commission to exclude the Greater Chugiak Area from the Anchorage Borough.

This possibility came to the attention of the public when Representative Stan Cornelius (R) made statements to both Anchorage newspapers to the effect that he had written to Groh suggesting this.

Cornelius stated that it appeared that the residents of the Greater Chugiak Area had indicated by their 7 to 1 vote against unification in last October's election had indicated their unwillingness to be a part of the unified Anchorage area, and therefore he felt it unfair to "cram it down their throats." For this reason he suggested that the Chugiak area should be excluded by the boundary commission and be made a part of the Matanuska Susitna Borough, since these two areas seemed to have more in common.

When asked if he intend to act upon Cornelius' suggestion, Groh stated that Mr. Cornelius plan was slightly "after the fact". Groh said that he had himself written to the Boundary Commission requesting information on possible exclusion of the Chugiak Area approximately ten days prior to the receipt of the letter from Mr. Cornelius. "I don't know where Cornelius got the idea", he said, "I must have a spy in my office."

Groh maintained that it is his belief that the majority of the residents of the Greater Chugiak Area would prefer being a part of the Mat-Su borough to being part of a unified Anchorage government. He said that he had gotten that impression not only during the public hearing which took place at Chugiak last year, but from the many letters which he, as chairman of the Charter Commission has received since Mr. Cornelius' statement appeared in the Anchorage papers. "They are almost all in favor of getting out of the Anchorage Borough."

Groh went on to say that the time during which the Boundary Commission could act on

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VERY INTERESTING

The suggestion of Representative Stan Cornelius which was given such front page prominence in both of the Anchorage papers was very interesting.

Ever since the meeting of the Charter Commission at Chugiak High School, we have been wondering when some one in Anchorage was going to drop the other shoe.

At that meeting a Charter Commission member brought up the idea that perhaps the residents of this area would be happier as a part of the Mat-Su borough. When a number indicated that this would not break their hearts, then the subject was pounded into the minds of those present by asking any and all who addressed the chair if they would

be interested in seceding from the Anchorage borough.

At that time we wondered why the Charter Commission was trying to make it appear that the Chugiak area people wanted out; and suggested that it might be that they were afraid that the over 1400 possible registered voters from this area could turn out en masse and scuttle their charter when it comes up for ratification.

Apparently our guess was correct. When no one from this area took the bait and initiated a petition asking to secede from the borough, the appeal to the Boundary Commission, (which admittedly originated in Mr. Groh's office) to exclude the Greater Chugiak Area from the Anchorage Borough was written.

Local reaction to this suggestion has been mixed. For the most part most of these reactions have been emotional.

There appear to be those among us who hate Anchorage so much that they would be happy to pay the higher tax rate of the Mat-Su borough just to get away. On the other hand there are those who are so enamored of the big city image and the prestige associated with it that they are anxious to continue being a part of the large municipality organization no matter what the price. Finally there are those whose loyalties are to their own pocketbooks, and who would chose the unit which promises them the most for their tax dollar.

These latter people could very well be our own silent majority, and it is they who will decide which way the community will go if it is ever brought to vote.

What is needed now is some cold, hard figures, so that we can make intelligent decisions, rather than emotional ones.

We would like to suggest this as a first project for the new Chamber of Commerce. They

could appoint a study committee who will show us just how much it takes in dollars and cents to run our schools, and how much we would have to pay in taxes if we become a part of the Mat-Su. Also what we might expect in the way of taxes if as a part of the unified Anchorage area we are having to help them pay off their bonded indebtedness.

Many have expressed the desire to form our own Borough, rather than swap one master for another. The cost of this should be computed so that a comparison might be made.

A possibility which should be considered is forming a 3rd class borough. We were informed by Robert Vroman, Chairman of the Mat-Su Borough that a 3rd class borough has only the responsibility of providing schools. It is not impossible that stripped of other costs, this area could

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The election followed the reading and approval of the proposed constitution and by-laws by the organizational committee.

These By-laws called for a board of directors of 13 members, 9 of which were to be elected by the membership, and 4 of whom will be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the remainder of the board.

Dues for the organization are to be established by the board.

The committee recommended \$50.00 per year for each business firm, plus \$5.00 additional for each employee.

In addition to active membership, associate and honorary memberships will be available. The committee recommended that associate members pay dues of \$10.00 per year. Associate members may take part in discussion of Chamber business, but are not entitled to a vote.

Board meetings will be no less than two per month, time and place to be decided. The Board Meetings will be open to the general membership at all times.

Following the election the newly chosen board met and chose their officers. President of the Chamber is Til Wallace, Vice-President, is Glenn Briggs, Secretary is Marianna Koehler and Treasurer, Irene Hildeman. The four board members to be appointed by the President have not yet been named.

The first regular meeting of the new board will be on Friday, January 30th, at the residence of Irene Hildeman in Birchwood.

Setting the dues for members will be one of the first orders

of business for the board. Anyone who own a license to conduct business of any kind in the Greater Chugiak Area is eligible for membership.

Over 40 local businesses have already pledged membership in the Chamber.

Til Wallace, new Chamber President, stated that although the By-laws call for only one meeting of the General membership each year, he hopes to have all the members meet at least once each month with the board in order to develop the interest in the Chamber activities that he feels is necessary for the organization to be a success.

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expenses of the services of their area. He said that the Mat-Su Borough is not in any position to pick up the tab for this area.

He said that under these conditions, the taxes would be somewhat higher than they are presently under the Greater Anchorage Area Borough, but he could not say if they would be higher than taxes under the proposed unified Anchorage government.

Vroman was then asked if this did not indicate that the taxes under the Mat Su Borough would be around the same as those if the area would become a borough separate from either Anchorage or Mat Su. He indicated that there could be some savings in Administrative expenses should Chugiak join the Mat-Su, but otherwise the expense

of running their own borough would probably be very much the same.

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exclusion without the consent of the residents of the area has past for this year. This must be presented to the Legislature within the first ten days of the session. He said that the only way that the exclusion could be accomplished before the next session of the legislature was by an election held in this area. At such an election the local residents could choose to remain in the unified Anchorage area, become a part of the Mat-Su Borough, or perhaps form a borough of their own.

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support its own schools without too high a mill rate.

It is only after these facts have been presented to the residents of this area that they should be expected to make a choice of where they want to live...in the Anchorage Borough or in the Mat-Su; or perhaps if we are really powerful enough to scare the Anchorage people into wanting to get rid of us, then we may very well be strong enough to go it alone.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor:

Refer to recent news item in the Anchorage Daily Times and Daily News: Now comes forth the Great White Father (it has come to Mr. Cornelius attention that the people of Eagle River-Chuglak Area feel their common ties lie with Mat-Su rather than Anchorage). Therefore, exclude them so unification of any sort can be established for the metropolitan area of this borough - standard politics - divide and conquer!

Fine, but please, shouldn't Rep. Stan Cornelius, R - Anchorage, quit placing words in our mouths until he can control his own?

If Eagle River, Birchwood and Peters Creek must sever our ties, we will go it alone, and successfully, I might add.

Anchorage has nothing we need that they don't until they establish good government; neither does Mat-Su. Most of all, we don't need ill advice; we need leadership and the Charter Commission may do this if they are left alone.

Mr. Cornelius states several sewer and water systems are required if we stay with Anchorage. His short vision does not provide the representation the Anchorage Borough needs. Nor does it represent the public pulse.

This world has more than one sewer and water system, and Anchorage needs the water of Eagle River within ten years; or perhaps Mr. Cornelius suggests Anchorage desalinate, filter the sewage, silt,

glacial milk from the inlet, and inject noticeable chlorine in every glass of treated sewage and at a cost of several times that of their current good water and future supply available only from Eagle River.

This is the extent of the Cornelius plan. The secession bit originated in City Hall, was injected to Eagle River by Mr. McMahan of Anchorage, a member of the Charter Commission.

To this, Mr. C. Groh, Chairman of the Charter Commission, is well aware. Mr. Cornelius should be. I would recommend the Charter Commission do the job for which they were elected; i.e.; unify the area; provide for represented service areas that may purchase what they need; provide for payment of debts by those who incurred them; discontinue providing free advertisement of the few rural loud mouths who want no government - likewise for the Anchorage dictators; assure acceptability of unification by doing home work that will stand up under investigation; not by eliminating opposition, checks and balances. An equitable fair charter will be approved in our area just as well as elsewhere.

We don't like City Dock fiascos, fire fiascos, electric and generator fiascos, stinking sewage fiascos, long distance phone fiascos; and most of all, we don't like the cost of the Anchorage stupid power struggle.

I believe Anchorage citizens are also fed up with paying the bills of those who would perpetuate their position by kicking the political football. The one thing none of us need is newspaper front page coverage of anyone's destructive stupidity!

Mr. Cornelius says, "the only democratic way to handle the problem is to have the Jnnean boundary commission change the boundary"; there-

by eliminating the determination by local majority vote!
Brilliant! Absolutely brilliant!

Harvey M. Pullen Jr.
Eagle River

LADIES CLUB NAMES ART SHOW THEME

EAGLE RIVER: The theme for the 1970 Chuglak Spring Art Show was chosen at the last meeting of the Chuglak Ladies Club.

This meeting was held last Thursday, January 22nd at the home of Phyllis Smith in Eagle River.

The Ladies Club, which sponsors the show, has chosen the theme of "Wildlife of Alaska". In addition to the regular prizes, the club offers a special prize to the painting which best depicts the theme of the show.

The date of the Art Show has not yet been definitely set, but will very likely be either the last weekend in April or the first one in May.

The next regular meeting of the club will be on Thursday, February 12th at the home of Rusty Bellringer in Peters Creek.

There will be a special meeting of the contest committee on Thursday, January 29th at the home of Katie Phillips in Old Chuglak.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB 4, 1970

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Baked beans
Corn bread and butter
Strawberry icecream
1/2 pint of milk

THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 1970

Veal cutlet w/gravy
Mashed potatoes
Sliced pears
Cinnamon Rolls
1/2 pint of milk

FRIDAY, FEB. 6, 1970

Fish sticks w/tartar sauce
Green salad
Corn saute
Hot Roll and butter
Apple crisp
1/2 pint of milk

DR. SHORT TO TALK TO PTA

BIRCHWOOD: Dr. Eugene Short, Coordinator of the Anchorage Borough School District Vocational Education Advisory Council, will be the principal speaker at the February meeting of the Chuglak High School PTA.

This meeting will take place on Monday, February 9th in the school multi-purpose room.

Dr. Short will be talking of vocational education and the total district concept.

The meeting starts promptly at 8:00pm.

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REACT CALLS PUBLIC MEETING

EAGLE RIVER: The public is invited to attend a meeting of Chugiak REACT, to be held on Thursday, February 5th starting at 7:00pm in the Eagle River Elementary School.

REACT is a group of citizen band radio operators who work to assist local fire and police officers by relaying emergency messages, help direct traffic in case of accidents and monitor the citizen band 24 hours a day in order to be of help whenever it may be needed.

A guest speaker at the meeting will be an accident investigator from Elmendorf Air Force Base, who will speak on that subject. There will also be two films, one on defensive driving, called "Seven Deadly Skids", and another entitled "Wheels of Destruction," which shows the Ohio Highway Patrol in Action. The latter film is not recommended to be viewed by children.

Residents of the Greater Chugiak Area are welcome to attend this meeting and get to meet the members of REACT and to learn more about the organization.

Following the meeting refreshments will be served.

OMICRONS HOLD WORKSHOP

FIRE LAKE: Omicron Sorority held a workshop on January 24th, at the home of Mrs. Mary Wallis at Upper Fire Lake.

The workshop was directed by the committee chairman for the Sweetheart Ball, Mrs. Laura Carlock. It was very successful, due to the help donated by the husbands of the group.

Refreshments of Chili and Sloppy Joes were enjoyed by all.

COURIER ROUTE IS OPEN

EAGLE RIVER: A Courier route has just become available in the Eagle River Area.

This route is along Artillery Road and south on the Glenn Highway from Artillery to the bridge.

Any boy or girl interested in delivering papers in this area is asked to call the Courier at 688-2513.

LOCAL MAN GETS CITATION

KNİK BRIDGE: A local driver was cited for basic speed following a two car accident which took place at the new Knik River bridge on January 22nd.

According to the Alaska State Troopers, an Army wrecker was pulling a jeep out of a ditch with a flagman present to stop traffic.

Lowell J. Williams, of Wasilla was stopped by the flagman, but the driver of the following car, Samuel R. Wintersteen, of Eagle River, was unable to stop in time, and crashed into the rear of the 1965 Ford Station Wagon that Williams was driving, inflicting an estimated \$1,000 damage.

Wintersteen's 1966 Ford pickup sustained an estimated \$300 damage.

Williams complained of suffering from whiplash.



CUB PACK TO MEET

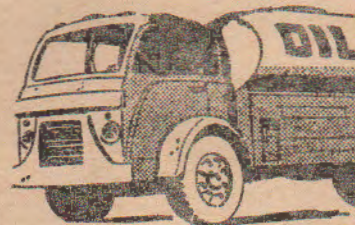
EAGLE RIVER: There will be a monthly Pack meeting of the Cub Scout Pack 223 on Thursday, January 29th in the multi-purpose room of the Eagle River Elementary school.

The meeting will start at 7:30pm.

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ANSWER: According to Mr. Jack Spake, Acting District Engineer of the Department of Highway, there are no plans at present for re-alignment of the Birchwood Loop Road. He said that the Highway Department does have plans for re-surfacing and drainage work on Birchwood Loop, but this will be done only if funds for this project are approved by the Legislature. At present, this does not look too promising for this year. He said that he had received word only this morning that the legislature had cut \$3,000,000 from the budget for projects of this type.

(The Community Question Box will try to answer any question that is of general public interest. If you have a question, call 688-2513, or write Community Question Box P.O. 1166, Chugiak Ak. and we will try to find the correct answer.

MEETING TO FORM LOCAL YOUTH FOOTBALL

EAGLE RIVER: Mr. Larry Munson, of the Anchorage Youth Football Association, will be meeting with Chugiak Area residents interested in promoting this sport.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5th, at 7:30pm in the Eagle River Lions Den in the Eagle River Shopping Center.

Mr. Munson will show films explaining the Youth Football program.

Parents of prospective players are invited, as well as local businessmen who might be interested in acting as sponsors.

MOTHERS MARCH LAST WEEKEND

CHUGIAK: The Mother's March of Dimes was conducted last weekend in the Greater Chugiak Area.

Since there were areas in which no marchers were available, it has been requested that anyone who was not contacted please use the mailers for their contribution.

A special thanks has been extended by the local chairmen to all those who participated in the march.

MOVIE AT BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCH.

BIRCHWOOD: Friday, January 30th, will be Movie Nite at the Birchwood Elementary School, according to a spokesman for the Birchwood Elementary PTA.

The film is a heart warming enjoyable story of a boy who is given a new foaled colt on his tenth birthday, and the devotion that grows between them.

The performance starts at 7:30pm. General Admission is 50¢ per person.

EAGLE RIVER DEMOCRATS PLAN CAUCUS

EAGLE RIVER: There will be a Democratic Caucus for the Eagle River voting precinct on Friday, February 13th at the GOAL Community Center in the Barber Shop Building.

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TOASTMISTRESS CLUB MEETS

OLD CHUGIAK: The Knik Toastmistress Club met on January 21st at Spring Creek Lodge.

Even though the electricity in the ara was out for a time, the members made a special effort to attend.

The traveling trophy, presented at each meeting by a vote of the members, is awarded to the individual who has contributed the most to the meeting.

The trophy is now with Mary Ann Kohler, for her excellent imaginary trip to Italy, and is shared by Clede Stephens for her unique pre entation of topics.

Members are reminded, the next meeting will be held the first Wednesday in February, at 7:30.

Prospective members and visitors are always welcome. See you all at the next meeting.

SNOWMOBILES SUBJECT OF COMPLAINTS

BIRCHWOOD: Alaska State Troopers have been receiving complaints from Birchwood Area residents of snowmobiles running up and down the Birchwood Road at night without lights.

They have pointed out that this is not only a dangerous practice, but that it is against the law to operated snow mobiles on public roads.

VERNA LENTZ NOMINATED TO BEST DRESSED

ANCHORAGE: An Eagle River woman has been nominated as one of the 10 best dressed career women in the Anchorage area.

Mrs. Paul (Verna) Lent, of Cornado Road is one of the candidates in the annual contest sponsored each year by the Anchorage Business and Professional Woman's Club in conjunction with the Fur Rendezvous.

Mrs. Lent is secretary of the Eagle River Elementary School. Her name was proposed by the Chugiak Ladies Club.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN HURT IN ACCIDENT

PETERS CREEK: The Alaska State Troopers did not have any details on an accident which took place at Mile 24 late last Sunday afternoon.


According to a spokesman for Chugtak REACT, a car had come over the hill and crashed into a pick-up truck which had just turned out of a side road. The truck was towing a snow machine on a trailer at the time.

There was one injury, an unidentified woman who was taken to Providence Hospital by the Chugiak Fire Company Ambulance.

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