



**METLAKATLA MARCHING BAND**—Gov. William A. Egan has designated the Metlakatla High School marching band to represent Alaska at the annual Rose Festival Parade in Portland, Oregon in June. The city of Metlakatla on Annette Island is now busy raising money to pay for travel expenses for the excellent high school band. Gov. Egan will ride in the parade during the festivities. Contributions to the travel fund for the Metlakatla band may be sent to Mrs. June Allen, THE KETCHIKAN DAILY NEWS, Box 79, Ketchikan, Alaska.

## Metlakatla Band to Represent State in Portland Rose Parade

The highly rated Metlakatla High School Marching Band has been designated by Governor William A. Egan to represent Alaska in the annual Rose Festival Parade in Portland, Oregon. The band will perform on Saturday, June 12.

The Ketchikan Daily News had received an invitation for the outstanding Metlakatla band from the Portland Rose Festival and relayed the proposal to Gov. Egan.

"It is a great pleasure," the Governor responded, "the name Metlakatla band official Alaska representative at Portland Rose Festival in June. Although not possible to allocate state funds for project, am pleased to lend wholehearted support and wish every success in fund raising campaign for it. Am sure this tremendous group will bring great credit to Alaska. Best wishes, William E. Egan, Governor."

Walter Wesley of Metlakatla wrote:

"We, in Metlakatla, are very proud and happy that the Governor has chosen our school band to represent all of Alaska at this occasion. However, we feel certain that Governor Egan has honored all Natives of Alaska because if and when they take part at this festival, they are really representing the Natives of Alaska.

"For that reason, we are asking you through the media of your newspaper, you may help us in any way possible in our fund raising campaign. . . . I am sure whatever you can do will be of immense benefit to all of us in Alaska . . ."

The theme of this year's parade in Portland will be "Out of the Scrapbook." 50 or more floats resplendent with natural flower decorations will convey the spirit of the past.

Mrs. June Allen, writing for The Ketchikan Daily News, pointed out, "Metlakatla too will be marching in the spirit of the past because it was just 56 years ago that the Metlakatla band piled into the boat Marietta and traveled to Seattle to march in the parade for the Alaska Yukon Exposition.

"Many of the boys and girls in the present band are grandsons and granddaughters of the original group that went to Seattle."

The 55-member marching band, including color guard and twirlers, will leave Annette Island on June 10 and come back on June 13.

If the group arrives early enough they will have a chance to see Lawrence Welk and his band that will perform on the night of the 10th in the Portland Coliseum.

The city of Metlakatla has started a fund raising campaign. The marching group will stage band concerts in Ketchikan.

Contributions towards the fund may be sent to Mrs. June Allen, The Ketchikan Daily News, Box 79, Ketchikan, Alaska.