

Environmental Damage at Creek-

Firm Pays \$500 for Dumping Silty Water

JUNEAU — An Anchorage construction company has paid the state \$500 in compensation for environmental damage for discharging silty water in Chester Creek last July.

Attorney General John Havelock said F. F. Green Construction Company was charged with violations of Alaska's environmental protection act after silt-laden ground water was

discharged into Chester Creek from a manhole excavation on a sewer line construction project.

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Max Brewer said his department's Anchorage staff investigated the pollution incident and ordered that the discharge be stopped immediately.

Brewer said the Department

moved rapidly to correct the siltation problem "because a heavy silt load has great potential to do significant damage to the improving ecosystem of Chester Creek."

Any environmental damage to Chester Creek "must be prevented so that its value as a source of recreation for Anchorage area residents will continue," Brewer said.

Miserable Conditions

Can Also Bring Good, Useful Things

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GAMBELL — Fall time here in Gambell, Alaska is frozen ground, high winds and rain. It rains so hard that it begins to get water on the ice. That makes it really slippery.

Miserable as it may be, we enjoy it all the time as there is always some good there, like

cleaning heavy, soaked snow for washing the seal skins, and high winds bring lots of sea foods that wash up on the shore.

But when the waves are really big, we begin to be frightened this time of year because of possible floods. It was this bad when two houses were washed out more than 50 years ago. Nothing that bad has happened since that time.

But this fall, it was bad enough to cause some flooding in the basement of one home near the north shore. That was Winfred James' home.

Our well water was salty, too. We are glad it is no more like that now.

We are always glad when the ice comes, then there are more nice, cold, calm weather. It brings clear weather.

Thanksgiving dinner is always a very enjoyable time of the year. It is during fall weather that we would fix a community dinner for the whole village. The people would get together to the church for this dinner.

Some women of the village always fix dinner of reindeer stew, doughnuts, biscuits and tea or coffee. But this year, there was a new dish. We fixed a potato salad.

When more and more young folks are out to schools in different places outside of our island home, they begin to learn new recipes. Potato salad is a new one. We like it.

Reactions..

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third term of Roosevelt.

He called for former president "one of the people you might refer to as a very common man who was ready to take on any problem at a moment's notice."

"Mr. Truman, if he were like any other senator in Washington, D.C., Roosevelt would not have picked him to replace Henry Wallace and be the vice president. He was a common man who made good," Hopson concluded.

"An outstanding American and world leader" was Gov. William A. Egan's description of Truman. He added, "We Alaskans truly have a personal recollection of the vision of this great man because he was the first President of the United States to endorse statehood for Alaska."

Truman initiated the Alaska Public Works Program for the then Territory of Alaska, bringing to the area schools and other needs. For this, as well as for other assistance he gave the state, Egan praised him.

Lt. Gov. H. A. "Red" Boucher said "He was probably the president who most represented average, mainstream America. He will go down in history as one of the men who met the challenge of the office."

"He had some very hard decisions to make while president, and he did not hesitate to make them," said State Sen. elect Keith Miller, former governor of Alaska. "Americans will miss a great man."

Former Gov. Walter J. Hickel, who met the former president while in Washington, D.C. lobbying for Alaskan statehood, said, "President Truman was one of the most basic, straightforward men I've ever met. That earthy quality gave him his strength in the presidency."

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