



CENTURY NOTES

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—Don Wright, brother of famed Fairbanks musher Gareth, has assumed the role of coordinator for the Native Cultural Exhibit sponsored by the Cook Inlet Native Association in Anchorage.

—The U.S. Army Field Band, a most prestigious musical ensemble of some 110 men, will come from Washington, D.C. to play in Alaska August 23, through September 2. Concerts are set tentatively for Anchorage, Fairbanks, Fort Greely and Juneau.

—The iridium which is being considered for a limited number of the mint struck medallions, is a by-product of platinum mining. Non-soluble in acid, the metal has many unique uses, among them, fine writing points. It reportedly sells for \$180 an ounce and will come from Alaska's own Good News Bay.

—The U.S. Army's Big Picture documentary film on Alaska, which had a special pre-view during Rendezvous in Anchorage, had its nationwide release Tuesday, March 14th. The picture was in color and sound and ran for 30 minutes.

—Hoonah, which boasts being the largest Tlingit Indian village in Southeast Alaska, will continue a town beautification campaign throughout the Centennial year. Launched last year by the Hoonah Lions Club, the project will include a picnic area constructed in joint effort with the U.S. Forest Service.

—An old railroad engine doing useful but un-trainly duty at Nome as fill for the seawall these last 15 years is to be resurrected by Pioneer Herb Engstrom, assisted by the city and

chamber of commerce. It will be sandblasted, painted and redignified with its old identity; Seward Peninsula Railroad. The old chugger ran between Nome and Anvil Creek, over the hill to Dexter to Salmon Lake and the Kougark Mining region some 30 miles or so inland from the coastal fogs. Charles Lane of the wild Goose Mining interest put it into service originally.

—A rare bird is being wooed to participate in the Aviation Show at Anchorage in June. A "Pilgrim," low-wing single engine mono-plane built by Fairchild about 1932 for American Airlines, is still doing duty for a fishing company out of Yakutat. Its old virtue of carrying much weight on one engine is still an advantage to the concern which is having the machine overhauled in Seattle at present.