

# Newspaper Tree Prog.

FAIRBANKS — Most people are familiar with "family trees," but not everyone is aware of the "newspaper tree" program at the University of Alaska.

"In order to make our newspaper holdings more accessible to the public, we have decided to publish lists of the newspapers that have been published in various Alaskan communities over the years," said H. Theodore Ryberg, statewide director of libraries.

"The first newspaper tree to be completed lists the papers that have been published in the Fairbanks area," he said, "and we plan to compile the same type of information for other newspapers in the state."

The Early Fairbanks Newspaper Tree gives a brief history of the 16 papers that have been published in Fairbanks and Tanana from 1903 to the present. Items listed include names of editors, length of publication and which issues are available in the university library either on microfilm or in hard copy.

In 1903 Fairbanks had three newspapers, the "Fairbanks Herald," the "Fairbanks Miner," and the "Fairbanks News." The "Herald" and the "Miner" each published only one edition, but the "News" has been published continually to the present as the "Evening News" and the "Daily News-Miner" (1915-present, incorporating the "Tanana Miner.")

The library has representative or nearly-complete holdings of most of the papers. The staff is interested, however, in obtaining missing copies. Missing from the collection entirely are: the "Fairbanks Alaskan Churchman" (1906-1921), "Fairbanks Facts" (1913-14), "Fairbanks Herald" (1915), the "Fairbanks Record" (one issue only was published on April 6, 1915), and the "Socialist Press" (1914-15).

Richard Kurial, a library assistant at the university's Elmer E. Rasmuson Library in Fairbanks who is compiling the newspaper trees, said that a tree for the Nome papers will be completed this month.

Anyone interested in obtaining copies of the newspaper trees may write the library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks. The individual papers are available at any public or university library through inter-library loans.