

Although some readers, who obviously do not scan our pages with the diligence they should, said they noticed nothing amiss in last week's issue; this writer did take notice, too late to do anything about it, and would like to apologize and briefly explain.

For one thing, the lead headline on the front page looked something like this:

STATE SUBSISTENCE BILL MAKES ROUNDS

All I can say is, after being awake nearly 30 hours, and pasting up for nearly 15, it looked okay to me when it went on. It was particularly embarrassing to me, for I had just reprimanded our Staff Artist for a doosey of his own, perpetrated the week before:

GOVEYES LAWMAKERS ON SUBSISTENCE

By which I meant to say that the Governor was looking to the legislature for subsistence legislation. My man either refused to tell me what a "goveyes" is, or chose to clothe his guilt in innocence of such a creature.

The other problem last week was a typesetting disaster, caused when I sat down to explain why that issue was late going to press. After explaining that the Staff Artist was absent taking final exams at the university, I confessed that I myself had made a late start. Initially, I cited the cause of my tardiness as "unavoidable domestic duty," then changed my mind (thinking this a little sarcastic) and typed "unavoidable personal commitments." Why I simply didn't explain that my wife was in Anchorage on urgent family business and I had to stay home and watch the kids, I'll never know. Nonetheless, the machine spit out both my evasions and a bunch of other junk that I never noticed.

Allow me to say, briefly and sincerely, I am sorry for the diversion from high standards.

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