

Historic Malamute Saloon Burns Up Pipeline Southern Terminus Is Valdez



FAMOUS TOURIST ATTRACTION

HISTORIC SALOON BURNS—One of the most popular tourist stops at Ester near Fairbanks, the Malamute Saloon, burned to the ground last Wednesday morning. The rustic old building, 61 years old, with gold rush days equipment, the establishment drew hundreds of tourists as well as local people throughout the season. Don

Pearson, owner, did his recitations of Robert Service's poems, including the popular, The Shooting of Dan McGrew. Pearson estimated the loss at \$100,000. Fire officials are probing the burned ruins for possible clues of arson.

—JIM BEDFORD Photograph

JUNEAU—"The Port of Valdez is the southern terminus of the 800 mile Trans-Alaska Pipeline," Governor Keith H. Miller announced last week.

The Governor and his staff met with Trans-Alaska Pipeline officials this week.

Construction surveys are underway for the 48-inch, \$900 million project to transport oil from the North Slope to an ice free port in the Gulf of Alaska.

The pipeline project is a joint venture of Atlantic Pipeline Company, British Petroleum Pipeline Corporation, and Humble Pipeline Company.

The finished line will be a common carrier operating under the rules and regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Department of Transportation.

The route of the pipeline, which will have an initial capacity of 500,000 barrels per day, has been established from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez.

The exact alignment of the route has not been determined. Engineering, geologic and environmental consultants are continuing their studies for the determination of the alignment.

The latest in technological devices are being used, including remote sensing and ground proofing techniques, taking into con-

sideration the preservation of the ecology of the areas as well as the placing of the pipeline for most efficient use.

The results of these studies will be made available to the State of Alaska.

Plans call for a major portion of the line to be placed underground. In those areas where the line must be above ground, suitable crossings will be provided for the movement of wildlife migratory animals and other access needs.

Studies for the location of the southern terminus for the pipeline have indicated that Valdez is the port. Port operations consultants have agreed on the selection, as well as tanker captains who have studied the situation at Valdez.

Provision for the most modern innovations for environmental protection in the dock staging area have been made.

The initial operating stage of the pipeline is expected to be on stream by 1972, calling for five pumping stations over the 800 miles. The line will have a maximum capacity of 2 million barrels with 12 pumping stations.

Plans include a complete automated operation, however, crew facilities and micro-wave communications system are included at each of the proposed pumping stations.

Pipe for the project has been ordered with delivery of the first portion scheduled for this year.

R.G. Dulaney, Chairman of the Owners' Management Committee of Trans-Alaska Pipeline System told the gathering:

"The interests of the pipeline engineer and the interests of the conservationist coincide. A good job of conservation."

Governor Miller congratulated the officials of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System on the depth of research, the care expressed for the maintenance of environment and for their cooperation.

"The operation will be compatible with the best of economic development and environmental preservation," the Governor said.

Pat Locke . . .

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"After careful deliberation, I feel it is time for me to step aside from directing the activities of the Native Welcome Center in the hope the position will be filled by an Aleut, Eskimo, Tlingit, Haida, Tsimpsian, or Athabaskan Alaskan."

According to Mrs. Locke, the new Director will need experience in office administration, knowledge of village life in Alaska, and understanding of problems and issues confronting residents of rural Alaska.

The Native Welcome Center Board of Directors is now seeking a new Director, Persons who are interested in applying for the position are being urged to write to the Center before June 30.

Letters should state briefly the applicant's experience, education, and any special interests or qualifications which apply to the position.

Letters should be addressed to the Board of Directors, Anchorage Native Welcome Center, 105 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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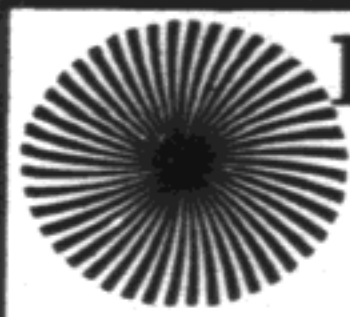


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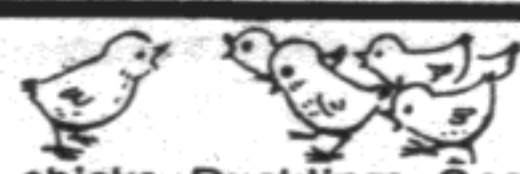
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