

Master of Ceremonies

The third anniversary banquet of the Tundra Times last Saturday at the Elks Hall in Fairbanks was a signal occasion for the staff. The staff worked very hard and wondered at times whether it would be a success and some of us couldn't help but nurse a few butterflies in our stomachs. Now that the affair is over we can say that the evening's function was a qualified success. Not taking away anything from our state's highest dignitaries who took part in the program, and great credit must be given to them, we have to say an Athabascan Indian from Tanana sparkled all the way through the progress of the evening. That man was Alfred Grant who performed the duties of the master of ceremonies.

Alfred Grant has now generated a considerable amount of talk in the city as one of the funniest men ever to come before an audience. His agile mind never stop-

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ped for a moment and what emanated from his mouth was echoed in the crowd with uninhibited laughter. Alfred had Governor William A. Egan's funnybone convulsing with mirth. The dignity of Senator E. L. Bartlett melted under the successive comical remarks. He leaned over to the Times editor and whispered, "This guy is terrific!" The president of the University of Alaska, Dr. William R. Wood, was seen guffawing under the successive barrages of Alfred's infectious humor. Other dignitaries of the state joined without effort in the comical marathon.

Alfred Grant is a slightly built Athabaskan who has had no education beyond the eighth grade. However, he was born with a natural gift—a good sense of humor. That gift came into full bloom last Saturday night to the uninhibited delight of many, great and small. We are sure that our state's highest dignitaries and the rest of the audience will join us in saying that Alfred Grant's contribution to the Tundra Times third anniversary banquet was a great one.