

Gastronomic Event This Calendar Year Means Tasty 'Eulachon'

By

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For people who calendar their year by gastronomic events, spring means a tasty treat of hooligan. These smelt are available in the early spring as they ascend the glacial streams to spawn.

Where these streams are crossed by roads, the average person can dip net his own. In Ketchikan, a boat or two may bring in a quantity for

sale. However they are obtained, they are a spring event.

The name Hooligan is an easier phonetic version of the Chinook name Eulachon. Be-as-it-may, the fish is cherished for the flavor and richness of its flesh.

It has a high oil content; so much that, when the fish is dried, it may be used like a candle and the name candle-fish is also applied to it.

Hooligan may reach 12 inches long and have adapted to glacial streams for spawning. The eggs attach themselves to grains of sand and hatch in 2 to 3 weeks. The muddy water hides them from the birds or animals that would eat them.

The current carries the young fish to sea where they grow to maturity. They are seldom taken except on their spawning run.

Fried crisp, the little fellows are delicious. Preparation is often no more than washing off the glacial sand and popping them into the skillet.

The bones are soft and may be disregarded. Without a meal or two of these tasty little fish in the early spring, the year somehow seems to have gotten off to a bad start.

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Assn. Forms Scholarship Fund Committee

The Mt. Edgecumbe Alumni Association now has a permanent mailing address - P.O. Box 280, Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska, 99835, and is working to establish an address book on the alumni.

The Association has formed a Scholarship Committee, which is working on fund raising projects with the idea of awarding a scholarship this year.

Other new committees are a Membership Committee, to try to increase the membership, an Attendance Committee to try to get members to attend meetings, and a Publicity Committee to advertise meetings and projects.

Ideas in the planning stage include a dinner, the Mt. Edgecumbe High School Seniors and the Alumni Association, possible sponsorship of a basketball team in the local city league, and possibly a bowling team.

Don't Discount This One's Ability

Said the glass of beer to the bottle of gin:

"I'm not much of a mathematician but I can and do add to a man's nervous troubles, subtract cash from his pocket, multiply his aches and pains, divide his property with bootleggers so that fractions only remain for him.

"Moreover, I take interest from his work and discount his chances for health and success."

Governor Appoints Mark Jacobs, Jr.

Mark Jacobs, Jr., of Sitka has been appointed Director of the State Rural Development Agency by Gov. Walter J. Hickel.

The 43-year-old Alaskan Native will take over the position April 1 from Patrick Ryan, who will become a Special Assistant on the Governor's staff.

"I am very pleased to have a man with Mr. Jacobs' ability to understand the people and problems of our rural areas in this position," said Hickel.

Jacobs father, Mark Jacobs, Sr., is a life-time fisherman and a Past Grand President of the Alaska Native Brother-

hood.

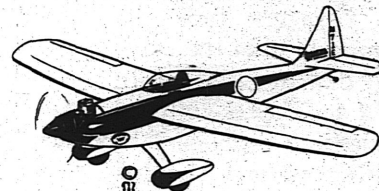
The younger Jacobs has been a member of the ANB at Sitka for 20 years, and has served as treasurer, secretary and vice president of the group.

Jacobs graduated from Sheldon Jackson School in 1947, and subsequently studied political science and pre-law at the University of Dubuque in Iowa.

He is presently working for a major construction firm as supervisor of blasting operations.

Jacobs' wife Adelade was born at Lemon Creek, outside of Juneau. They have five children.

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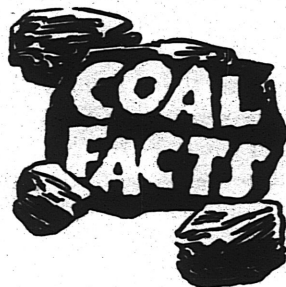
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