

# WIEN CONSOLIDATED 737 THRILL DIGNITARIES

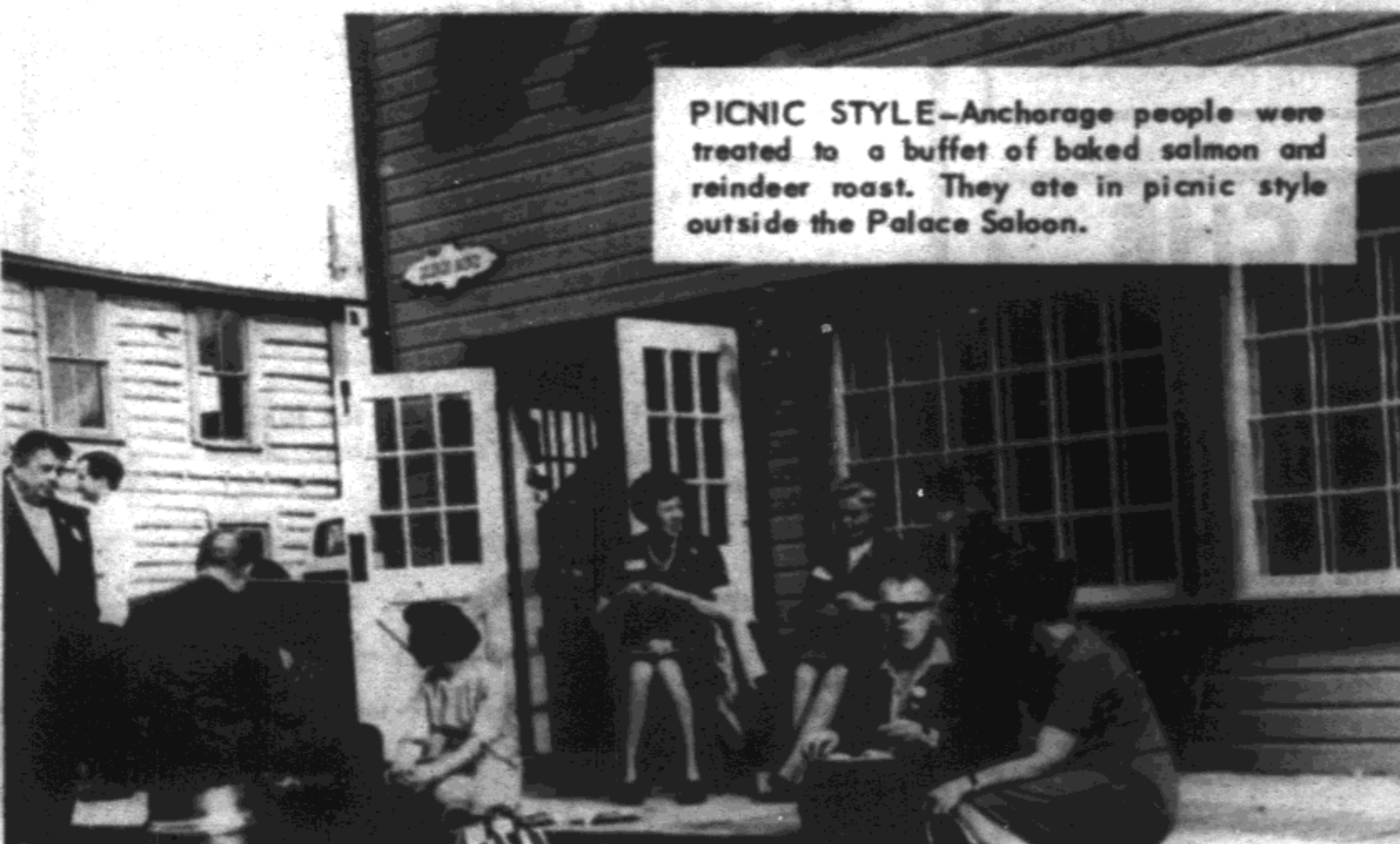


DIGNITARIES DEBARK—Leading citizens of Anchorage begin to come off the Wien

Consolidated 737 in Fairbanks.



LUSTY ENTERTAINERS—Guy Elliott on the mandolin, left, and Jim Bell on the rinky-tink piano belt out a Gay Nineties number for the benefit of the Anchorage visitors.



PICNIC STYLE—Anchorage people were treated to a buffet of baked salmon and reindeer roast. They ate in picnic style outside the Palace Saloon.

## Many Unaware Full Blooded Eskimo Captain Was Their Pilot

During the last weekend the Wien Consolidated Airline's new pure jet, the Boeing 737, proudly cleaved the Alaskan skies from Fairbanks to Nome, Anchorage, Juneau, Whitehorse, Y.T., Kenai, flew over Ft. Yukon, and back to Fairbanks.

Last Sunday 113-passenger twin jet streaked to Anchorage with a full load of Fairbanks dignitaries but very few of them knew that the sleek jet was being piloted by a full blooded Eskimo, Capt. Thomas Richards.

One passenger after learning that Capt. Richards had been the pilot, remarked:

"That's going quite a ways from the dogteam to a pure jet."

The gala Fairbanks crowd was welcomed in Anchorage by that city's dignitaries, put on special busses and then to Pioneer's Hall where a lavish buffet of baked king salmon and reindeer roast awaited them.

During the flight from Fairbanks, the passengers were treated to their favorite beverages and more of the same was available at the Pioneer's Hall.

The day before, a full load of Anchorage dignitaries were flown up to Fairbanks and were treated to the similar lavish fare at the Palace Saloon on the grounds of the Alaskaland.

The lighthearted Anchorage crowd made the most of the occasion inspecting the imposing Alaskaland, the same grounds of last year's centennial exposition.

The sunny skies added to the gala affair and many of the festive crowd ate their buffet of salmon and reindeer roast sitting on the sidewalks.

"Look at this. It's just like a picnic," someone said.

In the Palace Saloon, the Anchorageans were waited on by can-can girls who brought their favorite beverages.

Rinky-tink piano peeled out nostalgic Gay Nineties

tunes skillfully played by Jim Bell and accompanied by ebullient Guy Elliott on the mandolin. The two men also sang spirited numbers for the crowd.

On the way back from Anchorage of the Fairbanks dignitaries, Bell and Elliott also entertained playing and singing up and down the aisle.

"I've done a lot of entertaining in my life but never at 30,000 feet," said Jim Bell at the end of the flight.

All passengers during the inaugural flights were given mementos of orchids for the women and tie clasps of the 737 for the men.

Tomorrow, the sleek Wien Consolidated 737 is scheduled to begin a 3,000-mile-a-day schedule.

The service will begin at Anchorage at 8:00 a.m. to Fairbanks, Whitehorse and Juneau, then back from there through Whitehorse to Fairbanks and Nome and finally returning to Anchorage via Fairbanks at 8:15 p.m.

Wien Consolidated Airline is a merger scarcely two months old. It is a combination of Wien Air Alaska and Northern Consolidated Airlines. The titular heads of the merger are Sig Wien, president, and Ray Peterson of the former Northern Consolidated, chairman of the board.

Wien Consolidated will provide a link between more than 100 points throughout most of northern Alaska from Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Whitehorse.

The airline is slated to acquire two more Boeing 737 twin jets by next May that will carry passengers and freight simultaneously.

During winter operations, it is expected that the passenger capacity will be pared down to about 57 to provide the ships more freighting capacity.

The new twin jet 737 model can land on shorter fields than its larger counterparts. It cruises at speeds up to 550 miles per hour.



CAN-CAN GIRLS—Can-can girls at the Palace Saloon wait on the customers.