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Jan 18 - Notified Sen Kerttula of 24 hearing - asked for him to be there

Jan 21 - Ak Rural Rehab Corp
745-3390

David Soulek -
Palmer City Mgr - proponents would be important - very important project for the Valley

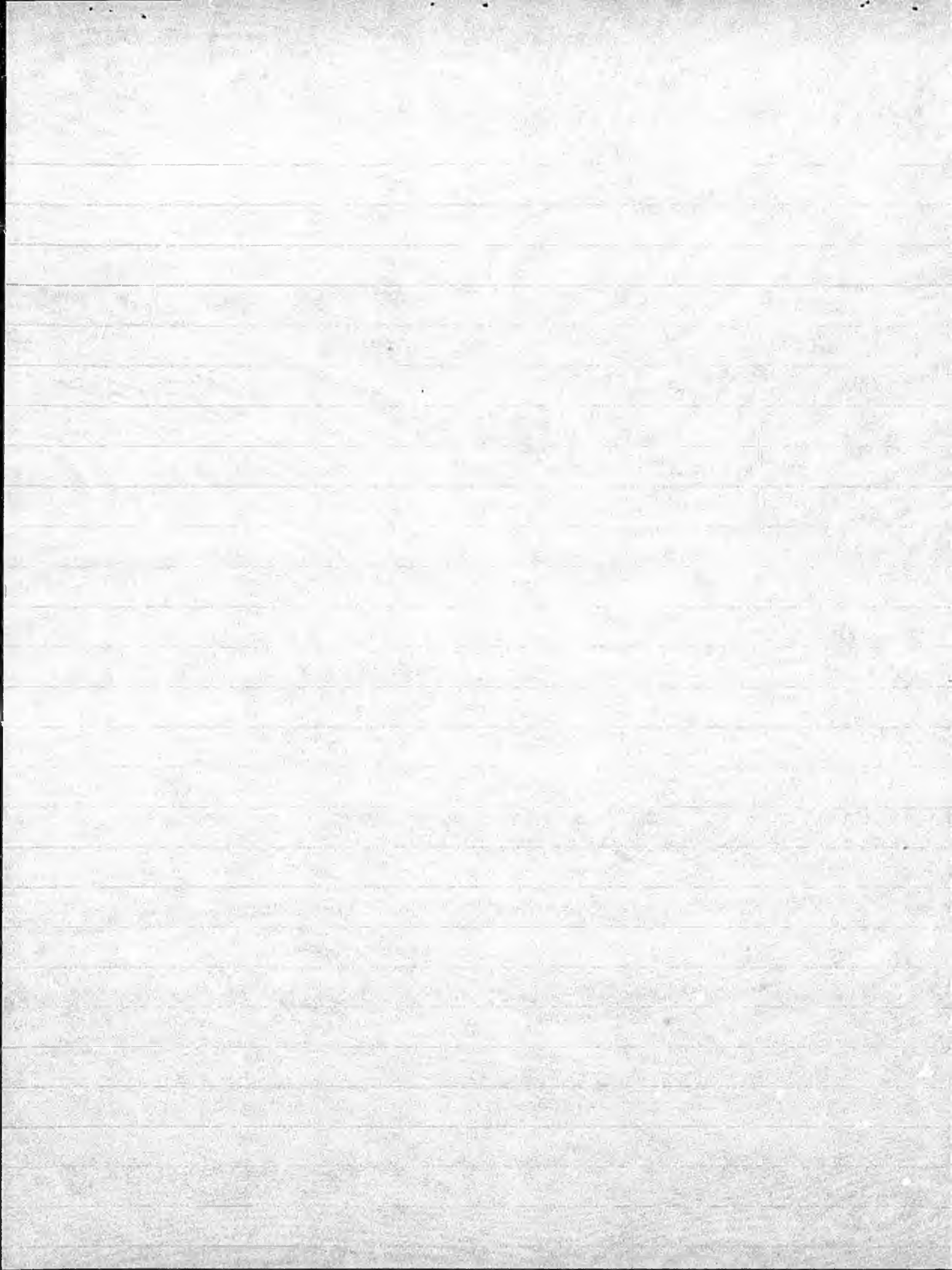
Teleconference set-up w/ Palmer & Wasilla Sr Center
hook-ups --- 4:00 p.m. - Jan 24
Called Mary - Wasilla -- she will notify

Louis Odsather 376-5748 - ^{bingles under control}
^{idea being recast}
Katie Hurley notified (Natalie 2:20 p.m.)
Ron Larson notified (fellow? 2:25 p.)

Odsather - residue of ARRC will go to State
Managed Geol Crowder
1935 put together
Fed Emerg. Relief Act
since 1946-47. Ten Board of ARRC
Committee of Six - coins ready to sell in March

Crowder - Will be there to testify -- will be w/ Odsather

Jan 24 - Joyce Kerttula - 4:00
Nate in Hurley's ofc
Gene in Larson's ofc
Carol in Senate Advisory get info on Exec Order





Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

Senate

Committee on Community and Regional Affairs

April 16, 1985

Mr. George Crowther
Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corp.
248 E. Dahlia
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Mr. Crowther:

I enjoyed chatting with you about the 50th Colony Anniversary Celebration that you are busy putting together. It sounds wonderful and I am only sorry that I very likely will not have returned from California with my Mother's furniture in time to share in the celebration.

Attached is a copy of the information that I showed you on the book by Mr. Orlando W. Miller, "The Frontier in Alaska and the Matanuska Colony". I am also including a copy of the FDR Executive Order that I obtained through the Law Library.

Good luck to you and your important festivities!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yvonne M. Alford".

Yvonne M. Alford (Miss)

P.S. I hope I am able to get one of your bingle sets!!

6953: Jan. 25 Certain part time employees, paid from emergency funds administered by the Interior Sec'y and Public Works Administrator, exempted from the salary classification established of E. O. 6746 of June 21, 1934.

6953-A: Jan. 28 * Agreement between certain members of the Painting, Paperhanging and Decorating Division of the Construction Industry and certain employees in Wheeling, W. Va., approved.

* Has form of a proclamation.

6953-B: Jan. 29 * Agreement between certain members of the Painting, Paperhanging and Decorating Division of the Construction Industry and certain employees in Natrona County, Wyo., approved.

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6954: Jan. 31 Amendment to the Code of Fair Competition for the Distilled Spirits Rectifying Industry approved.

6955: Jan. 31 Code of Fair Competition for the Automobile Manufacturing Industry amended. XXI NRA Codes 203.

6955-A: Feb. 1 Wool Textile Work Assignment Board charged with administering Paragraph 2 of Section III of the Wool Textile Code until 30 days after the report of said Board to the President. XXI NRA Codes 577.

6956: Feb. 4 E. O. 6917 of Dec. 11, 1934, creating the Federal Prison Industries, Inc., amended to correct the spelling of the names of two members of the Board of Directors.

6957: Feb. 4 Certain described lands in Alaska withdrawn for classification and in aid of such legislation as may hereafter be proposed.

6958: Feb. 4 Certain described lands in Nevada reserved for the use of the Navy Dept. in connection with the Hawthorne Ammunition Depot.

6959: Feb. 4 Tongass National Forest, Alaska, diminished and the excluded lands restored to entry under applicable land laws.

6960: Feb. 4 Killisnook Migratory Bird Refuge, N. J., enlarged by the addition of certain lands, subject to use of the Commerce Dept. in connection with the Finns Point Rear Light Station.

6961: Feb. 4 Trust period on allotments to Indians of the Klamath Reservation, Oreg. expiring during 1935, extended for 10 years.

6962: Feb. 4 Trust period on allotments to Indians of the Colville Reservation, Wash. expiring during 1935, extended for 10 years.

Exec Order # 6957

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By virtue of my authority as the Attorney General of the State of Alaska

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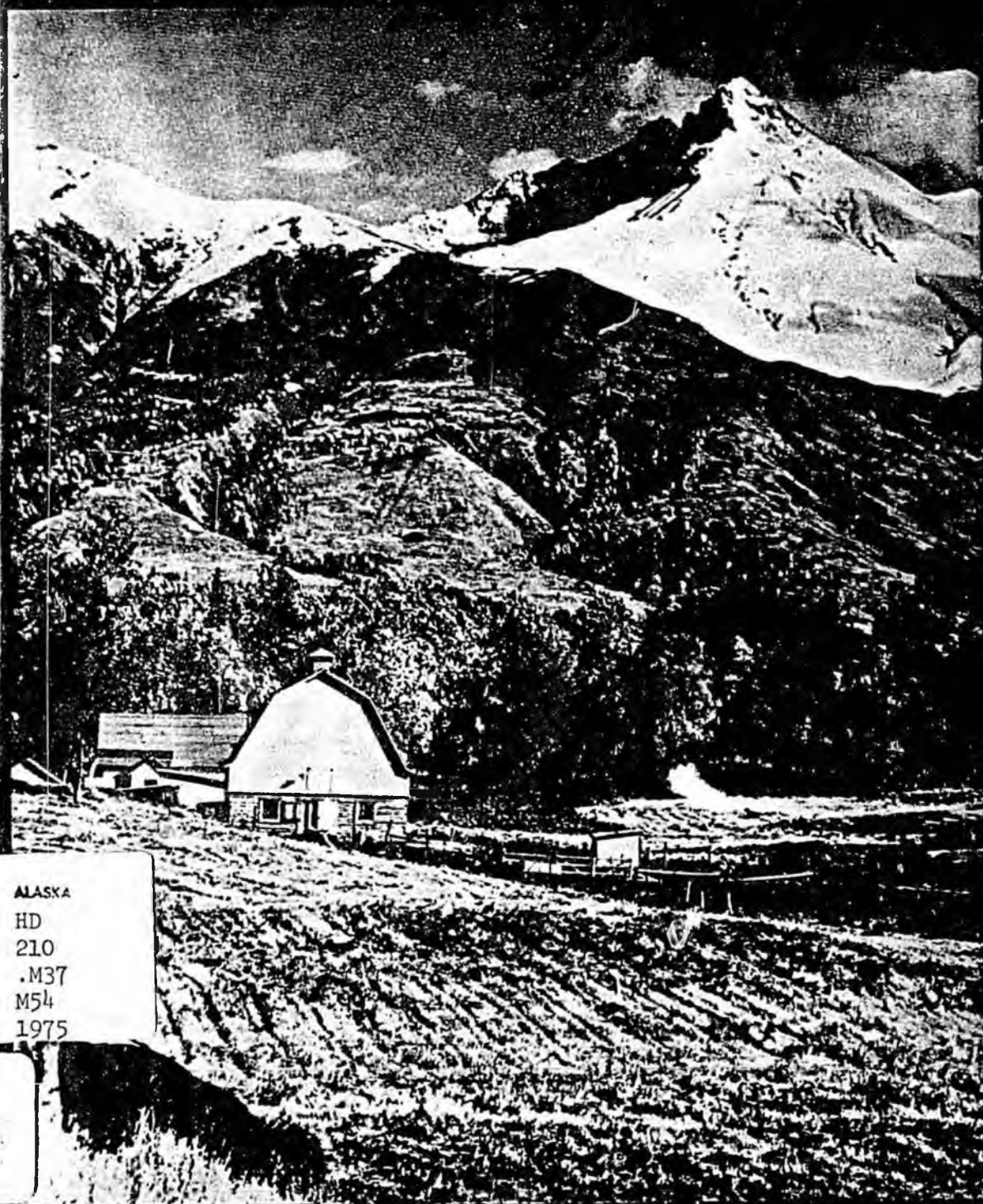
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Orlando W. Miller is a professor of history at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

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Capital Room
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FOR TELECONFERENCE HEARING -- THURSDAY -- JANUARY 24th, 1965
4:00 P.M.
WASILLA LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

THE ALASKA RURAL REHABILITATION CORPORATION: 1933 -- 1985

1. FEBRUARY 4, 1933. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6957, BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, SET ASIDE 8,000 ACRES OF LAND IN THE MATANUSKA VALLEY FROM HOMESTEAD ENTRY.
2. FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ACT OF 1933 WOULD BE USED FOR FINANCING A COLONIZATION PROJECT FOR THE MATANUSKA VALLEY, ALASKA.
3. EARLY FEBRUARY OF 1933, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE ALASKA RURAL REHABILITATION CORPORATION WERE DRAWN UP IN WASHINGTON D.C. AND RUSHED TO THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA IN JUNEAU, FOR ADOPTION BY THE 1933 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.
4. SO, WAS BORN, THE MATANUSKA VALLEY COLONIZATION PROJECT.
5. THE PROJECT MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA FOR ALASKA.
6. MR. DON L. IRWIN, OF THE MATANUSKA VALLEY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION AT MATANUSKA, BECAME THE FIRST GENERAL MANAGER OF THE PROJECT.
7. 208 FAMILIES FOR THE COLONY WERE SELECTED FROM THE STATES OF, MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN, AND MINNESOTA.
8. THE FAMILIES ARRIVED TO A TENT CITY IN PALMER, ALASKA, DURING MID AND LATE MAY OF 1935.
9. BY NOVEMBER OF 1935, MOST OF THE NEW FAMILIES WERE ESTABLISHED IN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOMES, AND OUTBUILDINGS.
10. THE A.R.R.C. IS ADMINISTERED BY A NINE (9) MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
11. THE A.R.R.C. IS, AND FUNCTIONS, AS A LENDING INSTITUTION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPERS IN THE STATE OF ALASKA.
12. THE A.R.R.C. REPRESENTS THE FEDERAL LAND BANK OF SPOKANE, AND, ACTS AS AN AGENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA, FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT LOANS.
13. AS OF TODAY, THE A.R.R.C. HAS ASSETS OF SOME TWO MILLIONS, AND, NO LIABILITIES.
14. THE A.R.R.C. HAS A LIFETIME INTO PERPETUITY, BUT, IN CONDITIONS CHANGE, OR WARRANTS, OUR FIRST OFFER FOR "TAKE-OVER" GOES TO THE STATE OF ALASKA.
15. 1985 MARKS THE 50th YEAR OF THE A.R.R.C.. THE A.R.R.C. IS ONE OF, -- IF NOT THE ONLY ENTITY OF IT'S KIND -- CREATED UNDER THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ACT OF 1933, ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN IT'S ORIGINAL MISSION.
16. THE A.R.R.C. PLANS A TWO DAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, SLATED FOR, JUNE 8th AND 9th, 1985.
 17. SATURDAY JUNE 8th: PARADE -- CITY OF PALMER
PARADE RECEPTION -- FOLEKWING

BANQUET, THAT EVENING
 - SUNDAY JUNE 9th: GRAND PICNIC -- ALASKA STATE FAIR GROUNDS
18. CITY OF PALMER -- MAT-SU BOROUGH -- PALMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -- CHURCHES --
-- ORGANIZATIONS -- ALL PREPARING SOMETHING EXTRA -- SOMETHING SPECIAL --
19. THE "SAIL" OF "RE-EDUCATED" ANNIVERSARY KIDGEE -- USED IN THE TRADING POST

AS A MEDIUM OF "EXCHANGE" FOR PURCHASES OF COMMODITIES.

"A FINDER'S DREAM" -- 50 YEARS OF SEARCHING -- AND, LAST SPRING --
--1964 --LOCATED THE REMAINS OF THE BIRCH "DIE" IN A
SEATTLE WAREHOUSE -- WHAT A FIND !!

20. A.R.R.C. MANAGER -- GEORGE CROWTHER -- WIFE -- BETTY
A.R.R.C. SECRETARY -- MARJORIE MATLOCK -- HUSBAND -- BOB
-- THE STAFF --

21. AS FOR MYSELF -- LOUIS ODEATHE -- I HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT
FROM ITS INFANCY -- ARRIVING ON THE SCENE FROM ANCHORAGE, ALASKA IN LATE
MAY OF 1955.

I STARTED AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COMMISSARY -- AND IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME --
BECAME THE STORES DEPARTMENT MANAGER FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT.

I HAVE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM FEBRUARY OF 1949, AND HOLD THE
SENIORITY LISTING AMONGST THE BOARD MEMBERS --

I TURNED ASIDE, LAST OCTOBER, THE PRESIDENCY OF THE A.R.R.C., WHICH I HAD
HELD FOR MANY YEARS -- IN ORDER THAT I MIGHT FULFILL MY DUTIES AS CHAIRMAN
OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE ***

TO DATE WE HAVE OUR PLANNED AGENDA UNDER CONTROL -- THE RESULTS, OF WHICH,
WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON THE OUTCOME OF MONIES TO FULFILL THE PROGRAMMING AGENDA.

OUR EFFORTS ARE DIRECTED TO THOSE 202 FAMILIES THAT CAME TO, AND PIONEERED
A NEW ALASKA. THEIR ENDEAVORS -- THEIR TENACITY -- THEIR SACRIFICES, HAVE
CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING ALASKA GREAT.

LET'S WISH THEM A GLORIOUS 50th --

THE ALASKA RURAL REHABILITATION CO-OP

Louis Odethe
A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

The Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation -- 1935 - 1985

1. February 4, 1935, Executive Order No. 6957, by President Roosevelt set aside 8,000 acres of land in the Matanuska Valley from Homestead entry.
2. Funds appropriated under the federal Emergency Relief Act of 1935 would be used for financing a colonization project for the Matanuska Valley, Alaska.
3. Early February of 1935, articles of incorporation for the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation were drawn up in Washington, D.C. and rushed to the Governor of Alaska in Juneau for adoption by the 1935 Legislative Session.
4. So, was born the Matanuska Valley Colonization Project.
5. The project marked the beginning of a new era for Alaska.
6. Mr. Don L. Irwin of the Matanuska Valley Agricultural Experiment Station at Matanuska became the first General Manager of the Project.
7. 20 families for the colony were selected from the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.
8. The families arrived to a tent city in Palmer, Alaska, during mid and late May of 1935.
9. By November of 1935 most of the new families were established in newly constructed homes and outbuildings.
10. The A.R.R.C. is administered by a nine member Board of Directors.
11. The ARRC is, and functions as a lending institution for agricultural developers in the state of Alaska.
12. The ARRC represents the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, and acts as an agent for the Department of Revenue for the State of Alaska for Agricultural development loans.
13. As of today the ARRC has assets of some two million dollars and no liabilities.
14. The ARRC has a lifetime into perpetuity, but, if conditions change, or warrants, our first offer for "take-over" goes to the State of Alaska.
15. 1985 marks the 50th year of the ARRC. The ARRC is one of-- if not the only entity of it's kind--created under the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933--actively engaged in it's original mission.
16. The ARRC plans a two day anniversary celebration slated for June 8 and 9, 1985.

17. Saturday, June 8th -- Parade, City of Palmer
Parade Reception following

Banquet that evening

Sunday, June 9th -- Grand picnic -- Alaska State Fair Grounds

18. City of Palmer, Mat-Su Borough, Palmer Chamber of Commerce -- Churches -- Organizations -- All preparing something extra-- something special.

19. The "sale" of "re-coined" anniversary bingles -- used in the Trading Post

As a medium of "exchange" for purchasing commodities.

A finder's dream -- 50 years of searching -- and, last Spring, 1984 -- located the remains of the bingle "dies" in a Seattle warehouse -- what a find!!

20. ARRC manager - George Crowther -- wife Betty
ARRC secretary - Marjorie Matlock -- husband Bob

The staff

21. As for myself -- Louis Odsather -- I have been associated with the project from its infancy -- arriving on the scene from Anchorage, Alaska in late May of 1935.

I started as an employee of the commissary, and in a short period of time became the store's department manager for the entire project.

I have served on the Board of Directors from February of 1949. And hold the seniority listing amongst the Board Members.

I turned aside last October, the Presidency of the ARRC which I had held for many years -- in order that I might fulfill my duties as Chairman of the 50th anniversary celebration committee.

To date we have our planned agenda under control...the results of which will be dependent upon the outcome of monies to fulfill the programming agenda.

Our efforts are directed to those 202 families that came to, and pioneered a new Alaska...their endeavors, their tenacity... their sacrifices...have contributed to making Alaska great.

Let's wish them a glorious 50th....

The ALASKA RURAL REHABILITATION CORP.

/s/ Louis Odsather
A member of the Board

NOV. 26, 1984

A.R.R.C. 50th COLONY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JUNE

8th - 9th, 1985

PROPOSED BUDGET -- INCOME & EXPENSES

BASED ON AN ATTENDANCE OF 400

PARADE	___	FLOAT	___	BAND	___	FAVORS	(SATURDAY 8th)	\$	500.00
PARADE RECEPTION	___	BOROUGH GYMNASIUM	___	OR	___	400 @ \$5.00			2,000.00
		FINGER FOOD--COFFEE -- ROLLS -- SNACKS		(GET ACQUAINTED GATHERING ET AL)					
BANQUET	___	TABLES	___	CHAIRS	___	LINEN	___	DINNERWARE	(SAT)
		JANITORIAL	___	TRUCK/TRANSPORTATION	___				(8th)
		FOOD	___	ET AL	___	400 @ \$30.00			12,000.00
PICNIC	___	FAIRGROUNDS	___	TABLES	___	CHAIRS	___	PAPER GOODS	
		TRUCK?TRANSPORTATION	___	FOOD	___	ET AL		(SUNDAY)	
				400 @ \$10.00				(9th)	4,000.00
BUS TRANSPORTATION	___	FAIRGROUNDS	___	TO AND FROM PALMER	___			(SUNDAY)	
				CHARTER -- 12:00 to 6:00 P.M.					500.00
HALL/FACILITIES		RENTAL	___	UTILITIES	___	SET-UPS	___		
				BANQUET	___	FAIRGROUNDS	___	2 DAYS	500.00
LABOR TRUCKING	___	VEHICLE EXPENSE	___						
		TRANSPORTING	___	TABLES	___	CHAIRS	___	SUPPLIES	___
		SET*UPS	___	JANITORIAL	___				
		200 HRS LABOR	@ \$15.00						3,000.00
		VEHICLE RENTAL	2 DAYS PLUS EXTRA						400.00
			BEFORE AND AFTER						
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REGISTRATION EXPENSE		RIBBONS	___	SEADGES	___	PINS	___		
		PRE-REGISTRATION LABOR & EXPENSE							
		REGISTRATION DAY AT BOOTH LABOR	400 @ \$2.50						1,000.00
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 (\$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00) 50,000.00

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 1,000 SETS @ \$15.00 15,000.00

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 \$ 80,000.00

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