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FAIRBANKS

Alaska town

1. Business district wiped out by bad fire. 5/24/1906 2. G. Wada, the Jap who first brought the news of the Fairbanks gold strike to Dawson, was nearly lynched for starting a stampede 'without justification'. The present article tells of him being kicked by a horse. D.A.Disp. 4/15/1903 A Jap named Wada was nearly lynched at Fairbanks for allegedly starting the rumor of the gold strike at Tanana, which started a stampede. D.A.Disp. 7/22/1905 A light plant for the town of F---is enroute from Seattle. D.A.Disp. 4/15/1917 pp.6; Fairbanks to get Agricultural College. Empire: 2/7/1919 Big \$180,000. fire at Fairbanks yesterday Empire: 11/12/1920/6 'Duke' and 'Prince' the two firehorses of the F.F.Dept. have been sold --- replaced by automobiles Emp. 7/25/1922/3 Snow storm at Fairbanks on July 5th !!! Emp. 9/25/1922 Fairbanks News Miner sabotaged!

Emp. 2/28/1923 Bad fire at Fairbanks---one block wiped out PATHFINDER May, 1921---Situated on the Chena River a triputary to the Tanana, about 280 miles S.E. on the confluer of the Tanana and the Yukon and is at the head of navigation on the Tanana for the steamers which ply the waters of the Yukon and Tanana rivers. It is the the interior terminus of the Gov't. railroad now building (1921) from the coast at Seward and of the Richardson highway, which has its, coast terminus at Valdez.

Founded in 1903. **Eirst** public school built in 1904 to accomodate 50 pupils----one story--two room with two teachers. See pict. and complete info. in PATHFINDER May, 1921 pp. 6. See MINING HISTORY pp. 9 same issue. See pict. and story of Guy B. Erwin, pioneer, pp. 23 PATHFINDER, May 1921. Also, Wm. T. Burns

FAIRBANKS Interior town. 4/20/1935 One dead in fire which destroyed Alaskan Hotel in Fairbanks today. ZYTY LIX ##//INØ 10/26/1935 "wo Fairbanks women burned to death in Fairbanks Hotel fire 7/22/1937 Fairbanks suffers severe earth shocks. Damaged. 7/23/1937 Fairbanks considerably damaged by quake. Worst ever recorded in the Interior. Happened at 07:09 yester day and lasted throughout the day. Houses demolished. 3/21/1938/ Half block in Fairbanks destroyed by fore last night. Temp. 20 below. McIntosh Bldg. and Nevada Bar ---6 business in all. \$150,000 losss. 9/1/1939/2 Fairbanks booming---over 40 homes built there this summer. 9/12/1939/6 K.F.A.R. goes on air Oct. 1st with Bud Foster announcing and slogan "From Top of World to You" 1/14/1957 Fire in basement of Northward Building. One dead (Wm. C.Stebbins, 47) and 14 injured. Nearly 50 jump into fire nets in 15 degree weather. 220 apts. 700 tenants but about half were out. Time 11:45 am. Out in35

minutes. No alarm sounded in bldg. purposly to avoid panic Damage estimated at #10,000. to \$15,000. 9 story bldg. largest apartment house in Fairbanks. No danger of fire getting to the apartments but smoke raised troubles. 1/16/1940/3 Population of Fairbanks 3304--was 2101 in 1930) Garden Island and Graehl have 292 and 102 resp. making greater Fairbanks having total of 3698 persons. U of Alaska and College City have 235 and Ester Village (Berry P.O) have 120 more. 1/7/1946 Half-million dollar fire in Fairbanks Sat. nite 5th. in 15 below weather. Six business' wiped out -worst fire in 40 years. Patton Hdwe, Mecca Bar, Tavern Bar, Laundry, Baily Liauor Store, barber shop, and Waechter Bros Meat Mkt. No casualties; undetermined. 4/26/1946 Fairbanks has \$300,000. fire; Northern Hotel, Pioneer Grill, Pioneer Bar, etc. 12/26/1946 Big \$300,000. fire at Fairbanks. N.C.Co, Quist Jewelry Store and Telephone Exchange.

1/4/1947 \$150,000 fire in Fairbanks early morning today. Riverside Bar and Silver Dollar Bar. No loss of life but several narrow escapes.

FAIRBANKS

Founder of town honored in Italy. (Juneau No. 1-A; pp. 2.) 4/6/1956 \$250,000. Fire at Fairbanks. The Fairbanks Lumber Supply Co. Nick Nussbaumer, operator of the lumber yard for Ketchikan Spruce Mills said flames spread so rapidly he was unable to save even papers from his desk. Started at 09:30 after an explosion had been heard in the basement of the lumber yard building.

(2) FAIRBANKS 3/29/1948 Gale hits Fairbanks. 16 planes wrecked. Winds 60 to 75 miles per hour. 11/24/1948 Big fire in Fairbanks. Jessens Weekly, book shop, Nerland's paint whse, etc. Believed started by a "fire-bug" More on 11 26/ 148 paper. 1/19/1951 So cold in Fairbanks that perishables in the Cold Storage plant froze. 1/23/1951 One-half million dollar fire. Temp. -42° One man burned to death. (??) check figure --- could be 4 or even 11 but my figure was not clear.) Hoses frozen and had to use snow to fight the fire. Temp. 50° below Nort Pole Bakery, Coop. Drug, A ewelry Store, Burns Apts. Kay's Curio Shop, Arcade Cafe, etc. 1/25/1951 More----five fires at once in Fairbanks. 7/14/1952 Four dead, several missing in Pioneer Hotel fire at Fairbanks. 7/15/1952 More on Fairbanks fire; 3 dead and 5 missing; and 8 injured. 7/16/1952/2 Four dead; 5 missing in fire. 7/17/1952 Five dead now.... and 5 still missing.



FARMING IN S.E.ALASKA

In early days.

SEARCHLITE 2/27/1897/p-3 VG article on truck gardning in S.E.Alaska mentions the Baker & Hubbard ranch near Killisnoo (later Knudsen's Ranch)





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FIRES Alaskan towns.

1. Juneau Mar. 19, 1906 Louvre Theatre (D.A.Dispatch) 2. Wrangell, 3/26/1906 Business district wiped out. 3. Fairbanks 5/25/1906 Business district wiped out. 4. Cleary City 11/16/1907 Wiped out. D.A.Disp. 11/18/1907 5. Douglas 3/10/1911 D.A.Disp. 6. Iditarod burned lastnite; \$250,000. D.A.Disp. 4/11/11 7. Hadley Mill and box factory go up in smoke 5/30/1915 8, Rochester N.Y. in flames 2/27/1904 9. Baltimore, Md. burning Feb. 27, 1994

	FIRES						
		Major fires of U.S. etc.					
1.	IROQUOIS THEATRE FIRE	(Reader's Digest Nov. '57)					

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See file card thus headed in Blue Index Files (4 x 6) "Midas" -- First vessel to (steam) round Cape of Good 1. 2. Hope. pp. 53 in Vol I No. 1. American Mercury. Emp. 6/11/1920/8 Pict and info. on new steam trawler "Marion" of Gloucester, Mass. First vessel in world to 3. be equipped with steam-electric drive. 150' long; 500 tons disp. and cruises 9000 miles on 61 tons of fuel Empire: 9/13/1920/2 Pict and info. concerning the United States' first large diesel freighter the "Cubore". She is 11,500 tons and propelled by a Bethlehem 2-cycle oil engine of 3200 h.p. 469' x57' x 37' Up until this time all of the worlds large diesel carriers have been made by Northern European countries ...

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FISH COMMISSION 1888-1905 Made investigations in Alaskan waters and contributed to its geography, since 1880. New maps for 1888 and 1889 list names due, it is said, chiefly to Mr. Samuel Applegate.

FISHERIES, CONTROL OF Alaskan fisheries. 1. Emp. Oct. 10/23/1918 Easternmen oppose control of Alaska fisheries. VG.

FISHING FIGHT (Between Sports Fishermen and Commerciah) V.G. Elks Magazine April 1956 pp. 6.

FISHING FOR CANNED SALMON From "Diamond Knot" WG. pict. and info. pp. 61; S&S Fall 1955

FISH TRAPS

1. V.G. See 3 x 5 file card on PAUL, WILLIAM L. Emp. 11/5/1928/3 V.G. a quarter page trap leasing bill that Wm. L. Paul took back to Wash. D.C. and received \$6000. for from three canneries. 12/19/1928 New Bureau of Fisheries regulations: Some traps eliminated. Face of floating trap not to exceed 100' depth and lead limited so that face of trap not over 900' from shore. Also limit size of seine boats .. 4/26/1929/5 Canadians want same rights as Americans---Fish traps to stay unless abolished in Alaska. Admit that perhaps fish might increase. 6/27/1929/8 Fish traps will be closed in fall fishing. 4/30/1932/8 97 of the 157 fish traps closed for the 1932 season are in S.E. Alaska. 12/31/1932/8 Henry O'Malley closes 53 traps in S.E.Alask: two of which are owned locally --- one by Dr. L.P. Dawes and the other by Geo Franklin. 4/1/1933/8 Judge Kehoe introduces measure which would abolish fish traps --- in Territorial House.

6/28/1933/6 Arsonists, destroy Pyramid Pkg. Co. traps, cut web, leads, etc. Freeburn askes U.S.Marshalls for help. 8/8/1933/5 C.G. to aid Nakat Pkg. Co. cannery at Hidden Inlet. One of their traps has been cut loose and damaged by vandals --- presumably B.C. fishermen. 1/6/1934 Frank T. Bell orders 93 traps permanently closed in Alaska----60 of them in S.E.Alaska. --all listed. 5/1/1934 VG Jim Davis and J.E.Berg ask a court injunction agains Lewis Trap Co. and Wm. L. Paul. It seems that a trap license for Davis' East Pt. trap site had been issued to both parties, but Davis put in the trap. Wm. Paul towed a log over the lead and anchored both ends so the trap wouldn't catch fish. VG squabble. ... 11/8/1934 Wash. State votes 200 to one to abolish traps. 1/21/1935 30 fish traps eliminated --- only 370 left in Alawka. Had over 800 a few years ago! 3/2/1935 Fish trap Tax and "erring bill killed! 10/15/1935 United Fishermen of Alaska urge abolition of fish traps in meeting at Seward. 12/5/1935 J.Chamber of Commerce against abolition of fish traps. VG article.

FISHTRAPS

V.G. picts. and story in A.S. Mar. 1956 pp. 17. 3/8/1939 VG on fish trap memorial. (Vic. Rivers and Norm Walker argue on issue. Walker favors. 3/10/1939/5 Fish Trap Bill Dies. 3/7/1939/2 Senate votes 5 to 3 to abolish traps. 5/29/1939 Seiners to water-picket cannerys to force closur of at least 20% of traps.... 6/7/1939 Seiners reported to have taken over cannery at Craig---kick bosses, etc. out and hold premises! Want to force 20% elimination of traps immediately. (This report was exaggerated) 6/8/1939 Pickets stop "Lakina" unloading cannery supplies at Ketchikan. 6/10/1939 Hearings on actions of seiners will be held next Tues. in Juneau. Must show cause -- order sent out. 6/13/1939/8 VG. William Paul and Nick Bez fight in court over ownership of trap at East Point, Fishery Point and Basket Bay ... 6/15/1939 Court restraining order halts seiners picketing.

6/23/1939 Fish trap hearings to be held in Juneau this fall says Seaton Thompson 1/8/1940/2 Fishtraps listed for elimination. 4/26/1940/8 Average catch of the 443 fish traps in Alaska was 82,426 fish last year. 4/5/1941/8 Gov. Gruening vetoes fish trap bax bull. Praised by Judge Arnold (Would have raised tax from \$200. to \$300. 5/5/1942 VG. The new fish trap regulation of H.L. Ickes gives Indians the right to file on every trap site of the white people. 6/24/1942 VG. (pp 6) Wm. L. Paul of the Tee Hit Tons, file suit against P.A.F. to get the Pt. Colpoys trap.

FIVE FINGER ISLAND

Lighthouse

 Page 4--May 23 1901 DAILY ALASKAN (Skagway) Info. Nov. 1900 "Dirigo" hit near by and badly holed Br. str. "Tees" also hit near by but not hurt. FLAG, ALASKA'S

Designed by Bennie Benson. 3/3/1939/6 Benson to get only the original \$1000. for his flag. \$334.85 interest on his bond will be held up by a "penny-pinching" legislature. Henry Roden wanted to know why Benny didn't go to U. of Alaska. Sen. Joe Hofman quipped that he wanted to learn diesel engineering not basketball---the former which is not tanght there.

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D.A.Disp. 7/29/1899 Lynn Canal and Dyea swept by flames. D.A.Disp. 6/2/1905 pp.4; Bad brush fire is destraying timber backof Douglas today. Emp. 5/30/1922 Forest fire threatens Goddard Hot Springs. Emp. 5/30/1922/8 Forest fire near Stoney ranch on Glacier Road, Junear, covers 3 acres. Emp. 5/31/1922 More on Goddard fire. Emp. 8/16/1927/6 Forest rangers fight fire at Ioukeen Cove. Emp. 7/16/1928 Bad forest fire reported at Whitewater Bay1 Emp. 7/18/1928/3 Forest fire in Whitewater Bay extinguished after an Shr. fight by ranger and fire crew. Emp. 7/30/1928 Forest fire reported on Katzehin Flats. Emp. 8/28/1928 Forest fire still raging at Whitewater Bay; Over 500 acres destroyed already. 7/3/1946/8 Bad forest fire on half mile front in Mitchell 7/19/1948/8 Forest Service busy with 5 forest fires in SE 5 acres in Tenakee Inlet; another on S. side of the inlet

another at Baranof Lake; one in Long Bay near Skagway and the fifth in Mitchell Bay. 9/13/1949 Forest fire in Mitchell Bay. 7/31/1951/5 Crews fight 6 hr. battle with fore t fire on Barlowe Island.





Emp. 8/X8/1922/6 "Ranger III" sunk at Strait Island in Sumner Straits; Capt. Ed Clark. #mp. 8/11/1922/6 More on "Ranger III" --- hit rock 15:00 onAug. 8 and sunk. Emp. 8/12/1922/6 More on complete loss of "Ranger III" Emp. 10/7/1922/8 C.T.Gardner, supervisor of Tongass Natn'l Forest with U.S.F.S. leaves the Fore t Service to go in business with Sawyer & Reynolds. V.G. Emp. 4/25/1923/6 "Weepoose", Capt. E. Thompson, of the U.S.F.S. is in Juneau today. Emp. 3/15/1985 M.S. "Forester", Capt.Bernie Aiken, left for Hoonah with dynamite for the ECW trail crew working there Emp. 9/9/1925/8 "Ranger IV" sinks in Farragut Bay. Later raised and repaired. Emp. 8/14/1926/6 "Chugach" new vessel of Forest Service. 60' x 14' and has a 75 h.p. Atlas-Imperial diesel being installed at Ketchikan. Launched and being towed to Ketchikan for eng. installation. Emp. 8/17/1926/5 "Chugach" here and goes to station at Cordova. Built by Lake Union D.D. at Seattle. and towed to Ketch. Capt. E.M. Jacobsen, Eng. hor Hofstad, Cook



FOREST SERVICE

8/21/1929/8 F.S. is building a new 50' vessel at Ketch. 9/23/1929 "Ranger 7" nearly sinks at Gov't. dock float last night. Broken pump discovered by crew of "Highway" 2/1/1930 U.S.Foress Service created Feb. 1st 1905 and has birthday party at office. V.G. info on Chas. Flory, Bert Heintzleman, etc. 5/23/1932/3 "New vessel "Forester", Capt. Lyle Blodgett, arr. Juneau on maiden trip. She will be turned over to Bapt. Geo. Peterson of the "Ranger 7" Cost \$17,000. to build Has new 80 h.o. Industrial type Atlas-Imperial diesel. 55' x 14' x 5.5' Built and Launched at Seatth 11/18/1932 See paper and file card on Lofgren, Wallie, cook on the "Forester" who was shot by Nick Giatros. 7/31/1934/3 Geo. Peterson of Forest Service, retires, at 62. Was with the Gov't. 25 years 12 days. Bernie Aiken takes over the "Forester" 12/27/1937/6 "Forester" and "Ranger IX" lost wannigan in N.W. gale in Chatham Straits off Basket Bay and it went ashore

FOX FARMING

In S.E.Alaska.

D.A.Disp. 11/5/1900 pp.4 Says that the str. "Newport" arr. Juneau from the Westward with 90 pair of foxes which will be left off at Mary Island for a fox farm that is to be started on the Island. Empire: 9/25/1919 pp.8; H.J. and C.J. "Kinky" Alexander and Wm. Dodge, incorporate as the Hoonah Fox Co. and will buy an ishand in S.E. Alaska to rais foxes --- (This is the first mention I have found of fox farming in the Panhandls.) Their capital stock was \$20,000. Empire: 10/7/1919 pp.3; Hoonah Island is to be the Alexander Bros. fox farm. They got their foxes from James York the Sumdum fox farmer. Empire: 8/14/1920/8 Joe Ibach to start a fox ranch on Inian and Lemegurier Islands ... Emp. 2/4/1922/8 Regulations for leases of fox islands is issued....V.G. Emp. 3/13/1922/8 Complete list of all 83 of the Islands in S.E.Alaska leased for fox farming.

Emp. 3/8/1924/ Indian fox poacher shot and killed on Pybus Bay Island by Ole Haynes, caretaker. Emp. 3/10/1924 Ole Haynes exonerated....

Emp. 7/3/1925/2 Fred Patton, fox rancher from Storm Island is in Juneau. Emp. 4/12/1928/2 Big fox island deal----Three Hill, Inian and Sullivan Ids. all sold today. Some history. See card on WILDE, OTTO for some info. Also on IBACHS 4/25/1903/3 More about fox farming. See also 1/24/1903 ---started 13 years ago... THE ALASKAN (Sitka)



FRESHWATER BAY

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Baranof Island

Emp. 2/9/1921 8 Mexican tells 'funny tale'. Says he was held prisoner by four men in F.W.Bay and made to work a still. Escaped and made way to Juneau, etc. V.G...

FROZEN OVER HARBORS

Alaska and States.

2/2/1950/8 C.G. "Citrus" had to break ice at Klawock. 2/6/1950 VG pict of fishing boats frozen in at Salmon Bay Terminal in Lake Union (Seattle, Wn.) KETCH, FISHING NEWS. 2/5/1937 Ketchikan Harbor frozen over on Feb. 4th. Old timers recall 1909 when it froze solid and people walked across to Pennock Island, (Some claim it froze all the way to Hadley!)

FUNTER BAY

Lynn Canal Hbr.

D.A.Disp. 11/19/1901 pp-2; Sam Silverman is in Juneau and plans to go to Funter Bay to look over the'War Horse' property there--

D.A.Disp. 1/18/1902 pp-s More good stuff on R.G.Willoughby and Harry Williams' claims in Funter Bay..

D.A.Disp. 9/23/1918 (EMPIRE) W.S.Peckovich received his 1st load of sawmill machinery for his Funter Bay sawmill, near his mine, on the "Admiral Goodrich".

Empire: 7/22/1919 pp.8% Old mill at Funter Bay will be started up again this year says Sam Peckovich.

Empire: 6/2/1920/8 W.S.Peckovich's mine tender "Sandy" arrived in Juneau for supplies.

Empire: 7/8/1920/8 Funter Bay Mine develops on large seale 500 ton capacity.

Empire: 2/23/1921/7 Chas. Otteson and W.E.Nowell, of Junea own the claims in Funter Bay known as the Alaska-Dano Mines.

Emp. 7/29/1921 Mill at funter Bay will soon be built says Supt. W.S.Peckovich. Emp. 9/20/1921/8 Funter Bay Mill is operating. Emp. 10/2/1923/8 Alaska Dano Mine at Funter Bay is to open in the spring. (Otteson's Mine???) Emp. 1/14/1926/6 Two large diesels to come to Admiralty Alaska Gold Mining Co. at Funter Bay about the 20th of Jan. says W.S. Peckovich. Emp. 3/23/1926/2 W.S.Peckovich now has his new 100 h.p. diesel installed at Funter Bay mill. Emp. 3/26/1926/2 Mike Wall will drive the main tunnel at Funter Bay for the Admiralty Island Alaska Gold Mng.Co. Emp. 4/14/1928 Crew, under W.S. Peckovich leaves to open the Mine at Funter

FUNTER BAY

Some history of discovery of nickel at Peckovich's Mine. also dates of discovery etc. PAGE 1. Juneau No. 1-A Emp. 5/7/1829/8 Funter Bay mine to hire more men. Stroller's 8/20/1921--Chas. Otteson, Pres. of Alaska-Dano Mines Co. is in from property at Funter Bay. 10/14/1938/6 Troller of Geo. Ford found sunk in Funter Bay, no sign of him around. May have gone to Ketch. with Fred Patrick. Investigating. 10/17/1938/6 Ford and Patrick found O.K. at Funter Bay. 9/5/1939/8 Fred Patrick Loses eye and nose when 12-gage shotgun goes off in his face at Elfin Cove.



FUNTER BAY I all a d anno meren i Mar and a second Mines, canneries.etc. 8/20/1931/8 The Admiralty-Alaska G.M.Co. stock is selling at a fast clip ... Juneau investors are Henry Roden, Al White, Dave Housel and Sam Peckovich. 4/29/1936/7 700' dock being built at Funter Bay for Sam Peckovich's Mine. 1/5/1944/3 FWS "Bluewing" is tending Aleut camp at Funter. 5/18/1944/3 Gov't. men to Funter to arrange to send Aleuts back to homes in Pribiloffs, etc. 6/2/1944 Over 400 Aleuts safe back on Pribilofs says Ickes. 5/2/1945/3 All Aleuts reported back in their Aleutian Id. homes.