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Guide to Collection

Wood, Ann Pearson

Ann Pearson Wood Slide Collection, 1959

PCA 534

69 Color Slides
1 Folder

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ACCESS: The collection is unrestricted.

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PROCESSING: The slides have been kept in the original order, with numbers assigned by the donor; the collection begins with number 8 and ends with number 68; some numbers are used more than once, and these have been assigned letters, e.g. 38A, 38B, and 38C. Slides were placed in Mylar, and the donor's CD copy of the images was housed in the master file for PCA 534.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

After Ann Pearson graduated from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1957, she worked in San Francisco for a year, keeping sales books and saving money for a summer in Europe. Her next goal was to try journalism; and, in the latter part of 1958, she was hired by Morgan Coe as a reporter for the *Daily Alaska Empire* in Juneau. During 1959, she also took on assignments as a UPI stringer, primarily covering the Alaska Legislature for the *Anchorage Daily News*. While working in Juneau, under the byline Ann H. Pearson, she reported on subjects associated with Alaska's year of statehood. In 1960, she moved on to cover legislatures in Oregon and California for UPI, eventually covering the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., before retiring for a decade to start a family. Later, she returned to journalism in the Washington, D.C., area as a medical reporter.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The slides in this collection were taken in Juneau, Alaska, during 1959, the year that Alaska became the 49th state. All the slides, of varying quality, were taken by Ann Pearson (Wood), a young reporter for the *Daily Alaska Empire*. Included are images of the Fourth of July, the Alaska statehood parade, the raising of the new 49-star flag, and the celebration ceremony.

SUBJECTS

Alaska statehood; Fourth of July celebrations (1959); parades and processions; United States flags; Juneau, Alaska, history

INVENTORY

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| 8-15B | Winter and spring scenes of Juneau, Gastineau Channel, and Mt. Juneau |
| 20-20A | Mayor crowns queen before statehood parade in 1959 |
| 21-38C | Fourth of July/Alaska statehood parade, 1959; large banner announces the annual Salmon Derby later in the summer |
| 38 | Parade float in statehood parade, 1959, displaying, "The longest board sawed by the smallest mill in the largest state" |
| 39-40 | Honor guard, queen and court, and band, lined up on either side of the Capitol at start of statehood ceremony, July 4 th , 1959 |
| 41 | Governor William A. Egan speaks at statehood ceremony |

- 42 New, 49-star, United States flag is raised
- 43 & 44B Monument to Alaska is unveiled at statehood ceremony, 1959
- 44A Queen and court at ceremony honoring new 49-star flag
- 44, 45 & 45A Helium-filled balloons are released, carrying metal plates
- 46-49 Fourth of July, 1959, evening fireworks; letters "JUNEAU" and "49" are visible
- 50-54 Alaska statehood celebration continues with a boat flotilla parade and races
- 52 Queen's boat in flotilla parade, with queen seated in bow on large white polar bear skin
- 55 Band concert at sunset during statehood celebrations
- 56-62 Views of Gastineau Channel
- 63 People gathered at night outside; signs behind read "Juneau Squadron Civic Air Patrol" and "Emblem Club"
- 64-68 Hixon Building fire in Juneau