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**Historical Note**

The first territorial public health laws were enacted in 1919. The Dept. of Health was created in 1921, although no money was appropriated until 1923. Health education and services to Alaska natives was provided by the Bureau of Education from the early 1900s until 1931, when that responsibility went to Bureau of Indian Affairs and later, the U.S. Public Health Service.

In 1959, when the Territory of Alaska became a state, the functions of the Dept. of Health, the Board of Health, the Dept. of Public Welfare, the Board of Public Welfare, the Dept. of Juvenile Institutions, the Advisory Hospital Council, and the Water Pollution Control Board transferred to the newly created Dept. of Health and Welfare. In 1971, the name changed to Dept. of Health and Social Services. [From *Alaska's Heritage*, Jo Antonson and William S. Hanable, c.1992.]

**Scope and Contents Note**

This collection documents health programs in Alaska from Territorial days including efforts of the Alaska Department of Health, U.S. Indian Services, and U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Doctors, nurses, public health commissioners, village health centers, marine hospitals, tuberculosis control, and rural health providers and resources are depicted in the photographs. Individuals are identified (names given) on photographs numbered 543 to 666. The collection contains approximately 50 colored slides. The collection also contains 2 boxes (13 folders) of unsorted duplicate and/or unprocessed photographs, negatives and slides. Various photographers are represented in the collection, including photos taken by Dr. Philip H. Moore, orthopedist.

Box 3 is an addition to PCA 143 and consists of photographs and negatives from the Department of Health and Social Services and portrays the department’s work in Seward and Mt. Edgecombe. Some of the photograph envelopes are stamped J. Malcolm Greany, Alaska Photographic Laboratory. There are twelve folders of items, many of which are duplicates. The 12 folders of photographs and negatives are from the years 1948 through 1951 and feature health department programs in nutrition, tuberculosis, diphtheria and vocational training.
Inventory

Box 1

1-25  Alaska Board of Health Commissioners, board meetings, portraits etc. [Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, Don C. Foster, Mrs. Dela Heist, Dr. Hymon, Dr. Scheele, George Preston, Dr. Harold V. Gibson, and others]

26-50  Nursing and Sitka Nurses [Eunice Berglund, Edna Crawford, PHN Robertson, Dr. Miel, PHN Conrad, Dr. Person, Margaret Arnstein, Margaret Swanberg]

51-71  Public Health Nurses [unidentified]

72-120  Seward Sanatorium and Gamma Globulin Clinic [Seward Sanatorium, Seward doctors, nurses]

121-186  Chronic Disease Units and Orthopedic Clinics

187-247  Mt. Edgecumbe and Tuberculosis

248-278  Alaskan Villages - Akiak, Auke Bay, Belkofski, Bethel, Candle, Chitna, Copper Center, Douglas, Holy Cross, Juneau, Kasilof, Ketchikan, Nome. (See also folders nos. 370-421)

279-303  M/S Hygiene Clinic

304-363  Sanitation conditions (and sanitation aides program)

364-369  Dental care

370-391  Alaskan Villages - Tuntatuliag, Unalakleet Unalaska, Wales, White Mountain. (see also nos. 248-278 and 390-421)

392-421  Alaskan Villages - Norvik, Rampart, Sand Point, Shishmaref, Tenakee Springs, Tetlin. (see also nos. 248-278 and 370-411; other villages may be found in other files)

409  [Herman and Tebessa Gene holding Arnold and Floyd outside of a canvas tent per Roy David at AFN conference, Fairbanks, Oct 2005.]

411  [A family in the doorway of a log house. L to R: Emma Titus, Tom Titus (baby), Frank Titus, Roosevelt Titus, Bernice Joe (nee Titus), and Kathleen Mark (nee Titus) per Larry Mark during AFN conference, Fairbanks, Oct 2005.]

422-450  Medical social and sanitation aides programs

451-493  Miscellaneous (see also Misc. 863-895, Misc. 1288-1321)
494-542 Public Health - Marine Unit / Hospitals and Health Center [Mt. Edgecumbe, Sitka Sanatorium, Maynard Columbus, Valdez Community Hospital, Cordova Community Hospital, Ft. Yukon, Fairbanks Health Center, Petersburg Hospital, Bethel Health Center, Ketchikan Health Center, Matanuska Valley Health Center, Haines, Homer, Naknek, Anchorage 1953, Valley Presbyterian Hospital Palmer, Betty Smethurst, A. J. Zeberl]

Box 2

543-666 Anchorage Health Centers and Health Offices (people identified in photographs)
667-699 Fairbanks Health Center/Yukon Health/Juneau Health Center
700-757 Public Health-ADH Exhibit/Mid-wife Classes/Railroad Unit
758-781 Fairs, posters and exhibits (See also 1322-1349)
782-788 Voluntary agencies and laboratory
789-807 Interior Itinerary
808-844 Scenery
845-862f X-Rays
863-895 Miscellaneous [Includes: Kiana, AK, Allakaket, Pat Rydstrom, Miss Whitney, Punky Jones, Bea Shepard, Maurice Plotnick, Commissioner Fred McGinnis, Harman, Dr. Friedman, Maynard Columbus Hospital Nome] (see also 457-493, 1288-1321)
896-973 Home care of the tuberculous in Alaska [Views of William and Emma Brown family taken by William L. Paul, Jr. for publication Home Care of the Tuberculous in Alaska by Frances and William Paul for the U.S. Indian Service in 1953.]

Box 3

974-1007 Tuberculosis Control [M.V. Hygiene and Mobile Health]
1008-1076 Itinerant Nurses; memo from Helen Hartigan, Chief, Sec. of Nursing to Gertrude Sipple, PHN, Barrow, Mar. 5, 1958. [Also: Eskimo and other Alaskan Native mothers and children, Tanacross chief, Tanacross cache, Tanacross graveyard, Tanacross ANS school, Gambell, Savoonga, Tok, Public Health Nurses Morgan and Ongren]
1077-1146 Public Health Nurses (see also Itinerant Nurses 1008-1076)
1147-1175 Bone Bank [Includes Dr. Edith Sappington, 1946, nos. 1165-1168]
1176-1204  Eye and Ear testing [Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital]
1205-1214  Crippled Children
1215-1226  Children’s Orthopedic Hospital/Mt. Edgecumbe
1227-1252  Nurses
1253-1287  Health
1288-1321  Miscellaneous (see also Misc. 457-493, Misc. 863-895
1322-1349  Posters (See also 758-781)
1350-1405  Scenery
1406-1440  Hospitals/Medical Centers [slides]:

- Anchorage - Providence Hospital
- Barrow - ANS Hospital
- Fort Yukon - Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital
- Kenai - Kenai Health Center
- Klawock Health Center
- Palmer Hospital
- Seldovia Health Center
- Seward Sanatorium
- Maynard MacDougall Memorial Hospital (Nome) and other unidentified locations with nurses and Catholic Sisters.

1441-1458  Villages, village residents [slides]

- Golovin - gardening (1)
- Hughes (1958) - 1 view
- Point Hope (1959) - 3 views
- Savoonga mid-wife (1)
- Shak (1959) - 4 views
- Tanana - 1 view
- Teller (1955) - 1 view
- Usibelli Mine - 1 view
- Unidentified locations

1459  Nurses float, 1954
1460  D. Whitney [Dorothy Whitney?] 5/1947
1461  Anchorage ANA Officers, 1954
1462  Arne Bulkely (Beltz) 5/1957
1463  [?], Tallitzer, Landoe [3 nurses], 5/1948
1464  Tununak, getting water.

**Box 4 – Addition to collection**

**Folder 1**    Food Poster Pictures/Negatives

[Alaska Department of Health Exhibit at Sitka; 1 of 2 views]

[Alaska Department of Health Exhibit at Sitka; 2 of 2 views]

“Pre-School Health Goals” [exhibit]

“Contact Print of original drawing; signed” [Natives at camp site on water’s edge in foreground; Native in boat in background; negative included]

“Contact Print of original drawing; signed” [3 scenes of camps, drawing used for poster about the nutritional value of berries; negative included]

[Photo of poster: “Berries A Good Food”; negative included]

“Contact Print of original drawing; signed” [Natives at camp site on water’s edge-features dogs, tents, drying skins; negative included]

“ADH Exhibit, ANB Convention at Sitka, Nov. 1948” [negative included]

[Exhibit: “Milking Parlor”]

“Matanuska Fair Exhibit: Construction Steps In Building Pit Privy”

[Matanuska Fair Exhibit of Food Items; 2 photos; Morley Photos, 1949]

[Health Department Exhibit Poster: “Frontier Health Problems”; features woman doing a touch-up of lettering]

[Photo and Slides of Poster: Title XX (20) and CWS-IV-B]

[Photo of Poster: “Fish A Good Food”]

[Photo of Poster: “Seal Meat Seal Oil Good Foods for Good Health”]

[Photo of Poster: “Berries A Good Food”]

[Negative of Poster: “Mother Eat the Right Foods for Good Teeth for Yourself and Baby”]
[Photos of Posters: (1) “Mother Eat the Right Foods for Good Teeth for Yourself and Baby; (2) “The Growing Child Needs the Right Foods to make Good Teeth”; (3) “Give Your Baby A Good Start – Breast Feed Him”]

[Photo of Poster: “Good Teeth – Good Looks!”]

[Photo of Poster: “Three Good Meals EVERY DAY”]

[Photo and Negative of Poster: “Fish A Good Food”]

[Photo and Negative of Poster: “Garden Fresh & Wild Vegetables & Fruits”]

[Photo and Negative of Poster: “Seal Meat Seal Oil Good Foods for Good Health”]

[Photo and Negative of Poster: “Give Your Baby A Good Start – BREAST FEED HIM”]

[Photo and Negative of Poster: “Fish Livers – Seal Livers”]

[Photo and Negative of Poster: “BONE and TOOTH Making Foods”]

[Photo and Negative of Poster: “VITAMIN FOODS for Strong Teeth & Gums”]

[Photo and Negative of Poster: “GOOD BREAD IS GOOD TO EAT – It is Healthy Food Too”]

[Photo and Negative of Poster: “Home Canning Means A Good Food Supply for Winter”]

[Photos (6) of Health Department Exhibits, n.d.]

Folder 2 M/V Health

[Health Department Boat-“M/V Health”]

[Dental Exam – “Photo by Joseph Alexander”]

“Skipper Haugen, Dr. Blair and Dr. Albrecht at launching of M/V Health, 1949” [Photo by Joseph Alexander]

[Skipper Haugen of M/V Health; photo by Joseph Alexander]

[Galley of M/V Health; photo by Joseph Alexander]

[M/S Hygiene Clinic; photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

[M/S Hygiene; photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

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[Nutrition Clinic; M/S Hygiene; photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

[Health Exam; M/S Hygiene]

[Nutrition Clinic; M/S Hygiene]

[Dental Exam; M/S Hygiene; photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

[TB Clinic – PCA 143-285]
[Clinic; M/S Hygiene; photo by J. Malcolm Greany – child gets wrist bandaged]

[Clinic; M/S Hygiene – woman gets weighed]

[Clinic; M/S Hygiene – child gets cut bandaged; photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

[Clinic; M/S Hygiene – discussion about X-ray; photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

[Clinic; M/S Hygiene – line of children and man; photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

[Dental Exam; M/S Hygiene – closeup of dentist and patient; photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

“The beluga, small white whale, comes up river and furnishes choice meat and oil to residents along the Yukon. In background, M/V Yukon Health on the “big river”.

“Babies and Mothers both attend health conference on board M/V Yukon Health”

“Eskimos arriving at M/V Yukon Health by small boat. Yukon Health must “stand out” in main channel of big river.”

“Eskimos in the waiting room of the M/V Yukon Health”

“Nurse checks Eskimo child’s height and weight”

“Crew had to free Yukon Health from ice at mouth of river to ready it for summer’s work, 1950.”

[Packets of Negatives: (1) M/V Health Boat; (2) M/V Health Barge; 6/23/49]

[Engine Room – unidentified vessel]

[Galley – unidentified vessel, 1 of 2]

[Helm – unidentified vessel]

[Examination Room – unidentified vessel; 1 of 2]

[Examination Room – unidentified vessel; 2 of 2]
[Galley – unidentified vessel; 2 of 2]

Folder 3a  Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center  May 1951

#38 – “Miss Louise Davis, head of the ANS Mt. Edgecumbe high school Home Economics Department keeps a watchful eye on the practice students who are learning to be excellent cooks.”

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#37 – “At the ANS Mt. Edgecumbe school, girls learn how to cook and serve good meals, preserve food, sew and keep house. This practice unit has an oil range. Next to it is a practice unit having a wood and coal burning stove.”

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#8 – “In the ACCA room at the Orthopedic Unit of the Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center, convenient new cabinets keep in tidy order clothes of all sizes and types for the young patient[s] who rapidly outgrow the clothes with which they arrived at the hospital. ACCA volunteers generously send clothes, and kindly ACCA representative Mrs. Kate Robertson, makes any necessary alterations for the young wearers.”

#9 – “This over-size “tea cart” is the highlight of parties sponsored by the Alaska Crippled Children’s Association for children of the Orthopedic Unit at Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center, Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska.”

#10 – “Casts don’t interfere too much with enjoyment of a birthday party if one learns how to adjust to them. Birthday parties are sponsored each month at the Orthopedic Unit in the Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center by the Alaska Crippled Children’s Association. They include gifts, games, ice cream.”

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#26 – “Although unable to leave her bed, this pretty young patient at the Orthopedic Unit of Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center, Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska, still manages to fix an attractive “hair do” for herself.”

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#22 – “These two little fellows enjoy a game of “catch” despite the handicaps. The youngsters are patients at the Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center Orthopedic Unit at Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska, under treatment for bone tuberculosis and both have shown marked improvement since hospitalization.”

#12 – Some might complain about the discomforts of lying on a board like this, but the little orthopedic patient here is enjoying a birthday party sponsored by the Alaska Crippled Children’s Association each month at the Orthopedic Unit, Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center, Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska.”

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Folder 3b  Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center  May 1951

#5 – “Another corner of the ‘ACCA room’ at the Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center Orthopedic Unit harbors games and toys for birthdays and special occasions. Working closely each day with the children, Mrs. Kate Robertson, ACCA representative, knows when small patients have special need for diversion, and when birthdays come around the ACCA and its volunteers furnish the topys.”
The boys from Mt. Edgucumbe Vocational School at Mt. Edgucumbe, Alaska, take a special pride in this “shore boat” which carries passengers between Mt. Edgucumbe and Sitka, Alaska. The “Arrowhead” was rebuilt and refit in the Vocational school ship building shop.

It’s ‘all ashore’ as passengers disembark from the shore boat ‘Arrowhead’ which provides transportation each half hour between Mt. Edgucumbe and Sitka, Alaska. The ‘Arrowhead’ was rebuilt and refit by the boys from Mt. Edgucumbe Vocational School in its fine ship building shop.

The ‘Teddy’ plies between Sitka and Mt. Edgucumbe. The little shore boat is kept in repair and operation at the Vocational School shops.

The shore boat ‘Teddy,’ carries passengers between Mt. Edgucumbe and Sitka, Alaska. Boys from the Vocational School at Mt. Edgucumbe repaired the craft in the school’s ship building shop.

A camouflaged World War II hangar now houses the work shops of the Mt. Edgucumbe Vocational School at Mt. Edgucumbe, Alaska. The huge structure has plenty of space to accommodate a crane, lathes, ship building shop and much other manual training equipment.

Casts don’t interfere too much with enjoyment of a birthday party if one learns how to adjust to them. Birthday parties are sponsored each month at the Orthopedic Unit in the Mt. Edgucumbe Medical Center by the Alaska Crippled Children’s Association. They include gifts, games, ice cream.. and cake, ..which he has in his mouth.

The modern architecture of the Federal Building in Sitka, Alaska, contrasts with the Indian totem pole and the ancient cannon which are reminiscent of cultures which predominated in Sitka’s past history.

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Small patients such as this child, a patient at Mt. Edgucumbe Medical Center, Orthopedic Unit, benefit by the latest scientific advances in treatment of tuberculosis of the spine.”

Not a bit ‘camera shy’ this smiling youngster, a patient at the Mt. Edgucumbe Medical Center, Orthopedic Unit at Mt. Edgucumbe, Alaska, benefits from the latest scientific advances in treatment of tuberculosis of the bone.”

The ACCA birthday party in May 1951 brought this little patient a Panda to sit up in bed with her.”
#2 and 3 - “These young fellows are doing a little “mat work” to keep their arm muscles in trim while legs are being straightened at the Orthopedic Unit, Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center, Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska.” [photo by J. Malcolm Greany; Niokie Duskin (at rear); Donald George Eakas in front]

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Folder 3c  Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center  May 1951

#73 - “Shops at the Mt. Edgecumbe Vocational School are equipped with a wide range of heavy machinery and specialized tools inherited from the former 60,000,000 naval installation that occupied the island in World War II.”

#74 - “Shops students at the Mt. Edgecumbe Vocational School have rehabilitated and rebuilt much of the old machinery left at the former naval base when it was turned over to ANS. Students also keep shore boats, buses and other island equipment in repair and operation.”

#72 - “Students laying down the keel and framework for a new boat in the Mt. Edgecumbe Vocational School’s boat building shop.” May 1951

#75 - “Continuing their studies in classrooms in the Orthopedic Unit, these young patients graduated with the Mt. Edgecumbe eighth grade in May, 1951. They are shown here on their way to the exercises. All three were discharged from the hospital this spring.”

#70 - “Dr. Robert Staff and the “Bone Bank” at Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center.”

#71 - “This kitchen utility unit was made entirely by carpentry students in the Mt. Edgecumbe Vocational School shop. Other students built the house into which this unit and other student-made furniture was placed.”

#59 - “Physical Therapist, Florence Bouzas, directs shoulder exercise at Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center Orthopedic Unit.” (1 of 2)

#60 - “‘Sixty Moore,’ who lost a leg due to freezing in the Interior’s cold winter, is learning to walk with a new one at the Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center Orthopedic Center. He is about 65.”

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#1 – “Exercise is an important part of treatment in some orthopedic cases and here the hydrotherapy tank is being used as a miniature swimming pool to the delight of three young patients (Adolf Osterhaus; Jimmy Kingik and Ralph Kapjohn (or Capjohn) at the Orthopedic Unit of the Mt. Edgécumbe Medical Center, Mt. Edgécumbe, Alaska. Cheerfully scrubbing the huge chrome tank after the “swim,” Physical Therapist Florence Bouzas remarked that “Boys enjoy a variation of hospital routine…”

#58 – Physical Therapist, Florence Bouzas, directs shoulder exercise at Mt. Edgécumbe Medical Center Orthopedic Unit.” (2 of 2)

#35 – “Portable electric ‘steam tables’ transport food from Mt. Edgécumbe Medical Center kitchen to the wards where it is kept hot while being served on individual trays.”

#55 – “Mt. Edgécumbe Medical Center’s newly remodeled kitchen is clean and efficiently arranged. Meals for patients of all units are prepared here.”

#54 – “Miss Mary H. Milbury, head dietitian, Mt. Edgécumbe Medical Center, confers with chefs.”

#17, 18, and 19-A – “After lessons come games in the Orthopedic Unit at Mt. Edgécumbe Medical Center, Mt. Edgécumbe, Alaska. Many of the children are wheeled to their classes, like the little girl with the long braids who must remain on her cart. Others have become well enough to walk and to sit up. The schoolrooms in both the boys’ and girls’ wards were decorated and largely furnished by the Alaska Crippled Children’s Association.”

#51 – “Richard Segura and the Boys Ward Friend Hyson on the playground at the Orthopedic Unit, Mt. Edgécumbe Medical Center.” [photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

#52 and 53 – “Richard Segura, the “Miracle Baby” who had TB of both elbows and knees, now can play like other little boys. Streptomycin, good food, rest and care made the amazing change.”

#36 – “Students in the ANS Mt. Edgécumbe Vocational School learn to use tools of their chosen trade.” [photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

#11-A - “Casts don’t interfere too much with enjoyment of a birthday party if one learns how to adjust to them. Birthday parties are sponsored each month at the Orthopedic Unit in the Mt. Edgécumbe Medical Center by the Alaska Crippled Children’s Association. They include gifts, games, ice cream..and cake.”

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#48 – “School for the smallest patients deals with B for boat. Teacher in the orthopedic ward school room is Mrs. Murphy.” [photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

#23 – “This young man (David Carroll) will really be ‘going places’ soon. A graduate of the Orthopedic Unit’s school at Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center, Mt. Edgcumbe, Alaska, we see him here strengthening his leg muscles on a stationary bike before returning to his home after treatment at the Center.”

#49 - “School for the smallest patients (Alex Olempia, Bobie Toliterkera, and Philomen Borderin) deals with B for boat. Teacher in the orthopedic ward school room is Mrs. Murphy.” [photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

#19 - “After lessons come games in the Orthopedic Unit at Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center, Mt. Edgcumbe, Alaska. Many of the children (Barbara Kapjohn, Grace Morgan, Myrtle Demente, and Ethel Athlok) are wheeled to their classes, like the little girl with the long braids who must remain on her cart. Others have become well enough to walk and to sit up. The schoolrooms in both the boys’ and girls’ wards were decorated and largely furnished by the Alaska Crippled Children’s Association.”

Folder 3d  Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center  May 1951

[Woman and child] PCA 143-120.

#67 – “Preparing bone to be kept in sterile condition in “Bone bank” until needed in bone surgery case. [1 of 2]

#68 - “Preparing bone to be kept in sterile condition in “Bone bank” until needed in bone surgery case. [2 of 2]

#69 - “Milling bone from “Bone Bank” for use as replacement material in bone surgery cases at Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center Orthopedic Center.”

#66 – “Visiting Room at out-patient Medical Clinic, Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center (ANS).

#64 – “Back view of new TB Sanatorium at Mt. Edgcumbe, showing original building which houses the Orthopedic Unit.”

#65 – “The new TB Sanatorium (ANS) at Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center.”

#63 – “Nurses at Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center relax in a corner of the nurses home – the “Mt. Edgcumbe Club”. Scenically located at the edge of salt water, the nurses have easy access to boating and fishing.”

#62 – “Quarters can be very pleasant at the Mt. Edgcumbe Club – nurses home at the island Medical Center.”

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PCA 143-282 “Patients at Alaska’s itinerant public health clinics in outlying areas receive a general health check-up, including chest x-rays.” [photo by J. Malcolm Greany]

PCA 143-190 – [no description - young boy on clutches, left leg in cast]

Packet of unidentified negatives.

PCA 143-252 “Bethel 1952”

#33 – “Time off finds these nurses from the Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center all set to go after the “big ones” that lurk in the waters adjacent to the hospital.”

#32 – “Just about ready to ‘shove off’ on a fishing expedition, these nurses from the Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center find good fishing practically at the back door of the hospital.”

#34 – “Two of the nurses from Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center look approvingly at their “catch.” Th proximity of good fishing to the Center and the tales about the “big ones” lurking in the waters nearby lures ‘sourdough’ and ‘Cheechako’ alike to explore the fishing grounds.”

#44 – “Dr. Philip Moore, Dr. Joseph Deisher, Dr. Staff and Miss Zina Kiziuta study x-ray of patient during ‘rounds’ at Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center Orthopedic Hospital.”

#45 – “Dr. Moore, Dr. Staff and Dr. Deisher observe young orthopedic patient during ‘rounds.’”

#46 and 47 – “Scars of lesions show on the leg of this still sick young patient who, Dr. Philip Moore was telling the staff at Mt. Edgcumbe Orthopedic Hospital, “is a little fellow with a lot of TB.”

#56 and 57 – “Braces to support victims of TB of the spine and the neck, as well as especially adjusted soles for shoes are made in the Orthopedic Unit’s Brace Shop. Alex Marks, former hospital patient, is brace maker.”

#76 – “The hydrotherapy tank at Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center Orthopedic Unit also serves occasional recreational purposes under guidance of Physical Therapist Florence Bouzas.” [Photo is taped to half a manila folder; conservation measures should be taken.]

Folder 4 Prints/Negatives

PCA 143-201 “Some might complain about the discomforts of lying on a board like this, but the little orthopedic patient here is enjoying a birthday party sponsored by the Alaska Crippled Children’s Association each month at the Orthopedic Unit, Mt. Edgcumbe Medical Center, Mt. Edgcumbe, Alaska.”
Small photos (63) and negatives.

“Cooperation! Small patients help and amuse one another, and patients who can walk visit those who are bed-ridden.”

“The Physio-therapist applies heat to the leg.”

“Dr. Moore, Dr. Staff and Dr. Deisher observe young orthopedic patient during ‘rounds.’”

[Hydrotherapy tank at Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center Orthopedic Unit]

“The nurse reassures a young/patient while his cast is being dried by the blower. The cast shown is of light-weight Airelite material”

“Eskimo patient with tuberculosis of the spine. Caught in the early stages, this case can be cured. The Bradford Frame holds the injured spine in position, and although the child may spend several months on the frame, he is more comfortable there than he would be without support. Tiny patients seem to be comfortable and contented in this position.”

“X-ray equipment at Mt. Edgecumbe hospital is the most complete available, to photograph all possible bone conditions.”

“Physio-therapist guides muscle exercise while young patient relaxes in the hydro-therapy tub.”

“Preparing solutions to be used in tests in the hospital’s laboratory.”

“Movies on the ward supply entertainment. (Films sent in by Alaska Tuberculosis Association.”

Folder 5          Slides and Captions by Dr. Milo Fritz in Anchorage7/8/50

1.  “An important part of clinical examinations of the eye is determining the power of the extra-ocular muscles.”

2.  “The ophthalmologist often checks the need for vertical prisms by repeating the results found with the refractor with the trial lenses and trial frame.”

3.  “The shadow test or retinoscopy is more easily done if a member of the family holds the child and a kind nurse steadies the infant’s head.”

4.  “When drops are put in a patient’s eyes, hold the dropper far enough away so that it will not be brushed by the patient’s eyelids. A piece of Kleenex is much better than a grimy fist.”

http://www.library.alaska.gov/hist/hist_docs/finding_aids/PCA143.pdf
5. “Two ophthalmologists leaving St. Anne’s in Juneau.”

6. “The books she sits near are a mystery to her because the corneas of her eyes are so badly scarred.”

7. “The tuning fork is part of the equipment necessary for testing ears.”

8. “Vertical ocular deviations always call for a conference between all ophthalmologists present – in this case two.

9. “The cover test is a most important way of eliciting information concerning the muscle balance of the eyes.”

10. “A good and complete ophthalmological examination always includes examination with the slit lamp and corneal microscope.”

11. “One of the necessary chores is the fitting of spectacle frames where there are no opticians or dispensing optometrics.”

12. “Waiting to be ‘dropped’.”

13. “The refractor is a great boon to the busy ophthalmologist. Its pitfalls and limitations must be carefully understood if errors are to be avoided. The stand here, made of plumbing pipe, was designed by an ophthalmologist’s wife.”

14. “One of the necessary chores is the fitting spectacle frames where there are no opticians or dispensing optometrics.”

15. “A few corny jokes sometimes put a small patient at ease.”

16. “Nobody knows the trouble this slit lamp has seen—a large number of badly scarred corneas caused by phlyctenular keratoconjunctivitis.”

17. “The cover test again.”

18. “Corneas scarred by repeated attacks of phlyctenular keratoconjunctivitis are extremely sensitive to light and the gentlest manipulation, to say nothing of drops.”

19. “The otoscope is used to examine the ear canal.”

20. “The busy resident from Duke University leaves after a morning’s work at St. Anne’s.”

21. “With the retinoscope one can objectively prescribe spectacles for the child too young to cooperate.”

22. “Putting in a prism to make ‘the red line run through the center of the white light’.”

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23. “Say ahhhh.”

24. “Do you see the little “L” in the square up there?”

25. “Inside the living eye is the only place where living arteries and veins may be examined without surgery.”

26. “A skilled ophthalmologist can learn much from the use of the cover test.”

27. “Unless someone makes available X-ray treatments for my scarred corneas and unless a corneal graft is performed on one of my eyes I will go through life seeing the world as you would see it if you were looking at it through the bottom of a milk bottle.”

28. “You mean I don’t have to wear glasses all the time, doctor?”

29. “If I wasn’t blind when I came in here, doctor, I sure will be after all these lights you have shined in my eyes.”

30. “Measuring the interpupillary distance.”

31. “Miss Riley pulls off ‘a good one’.”

32. “All the instruments necessary for a complete ophthalmological and otolaryngological examination and for the commoner surgical examinations in these two specialties can be enclosed in three small footlockers and one small wooden box. Total weight, 332 lbs.”

33. “There is no test like the cover test.”

34. “Glasses have never helped me, doctor. I had many attacks of sore eyes when I was a little girl. They did not hurt me much but now my corneas are so badly scarred that I cannot read and the light hurts my eyes.”

35. “The retinoscope often gives the first evidence of a conical cornea.”

Folder 6  Seward-Anchorag e  TB X-Ray

[Alaska Tuberculosis Association exhibit.]

[Portrait – Don Plotnick]

[Portrait – Dr. Adams, Director]

“Sputum samples from all corners of Westward Alaska arrive at the Anchorage District Laboratory for examination.”
“Seward Sanatorium”

“Surgeons remove 3 ribs in first stage of thoracoplasty operation. Permanent collapse of a portion of the lung will allow faster healing. (Seward Sanitorium – 1951)”

[Treatment at Seward Sanatorium]

[Mealtime at Seward Sanatorium]

“Pneumoperitoneum consists of injecting air into the abdominal cavity to push up the diaphragm under the damaged lung and thus relax the diseased area.”

“Proof positive that a thoracoplasty operation is not disfiguring.”

“Pupils at Anchorage Junior High School have their blood typed as one phase of the territory’s civil defense program.”

“Blood typing Anchorage”

“Civilian volunteers give invaluable assistance in the Anchorage blood typing program.”
“All school children in the Anchorage area had their blood typed recently.”

“The surgeon examines the patient’s bronchial tree by use of a bronchoscope.”

“Luncheon is looked forward to with anticipation by the patients.”

“X-rays are made periodically to detect the course of the disease.”

“Fluid is drawn from spinal canal of patient suffering from tuberculous meningitis. Modern drugs have reduced the once-fatal disease to a low fatality rate. (Seward Sanitorium 1951)”

“Health facts stressed at Anchorage Health Center by means of an attractive display.”

“Polio nursing clinic Anchorage, 1950” [1 of 2]

“Polio nursing clinic Anchorage, 1950” [2 of 2]

“A nurse of the Anchorage Health Center gives a typhoid “booster shot” to a school child. Typhoid immunization clinics are held on each Friday afternoon and evening.”

“Reports of laboratory findings are mailed to all corners of the territory.”

“The tuberculosis consultant examines the X-ray of a tuberculosis case.”

“Water samples are tested to determine the presence of harmful bacteria.”
“Tuberculosis consultant at Anchorage Branch Office confirms diagnosis by X-ray.”

Folder 7 TB Control Program Prints/Negatives

Sleeved negatives

“PHN & Diptheria”

[TB Control Program Exhibit]

“Yukon Health (boat) at Kwiguk, 1950”

“Sitka Nurse” [Native woman and child]

“Mobile Truck Unit II” [X-rays and gloves hanging outdoors]

[Unidentified contact prints and negatives]

Folder 8 Health & Social Services Contact Printed Filmstrips/Negatives

#8 10/58 Unalaska water supply

#14 10/58 King Cove & water supply

#15 3/58 Bethel

#18 4/58 Kiguk – masks

Folder 9 Slides/Photos/Sno-glo Safety Slides

Slides

“Small TB patient at Juneau Indian Hospital surrounded with presents & toys, he is too shy to sit up.”

“TB Patient at Govt. Hospital”

[Unidentified]

“TB Ward – Mr. Mathews, US Govt Hospital, Juneau, Nov. 1948”

“Technician Bill Durrance places child in right position at X-ray machine during School Survey, Juneau - 194 “TB Patient at Govt. Hospital”
[Unidentified]

“TB Ward – Mr. Mathews, US Govt Hospital, Juneau, Nov. 1948”

“Technician Bill Durrance places child in right position at X-ray machine during School Survey, Juneau – 1949”

“School Children getting X-Rays at A D H, Juneau.”


[Unidentified]

Photographs

[Unidentified portrait]

20 unidentified color photographs – one shows a road sign indicating Point Barrow, Alaska.

Booklet: “Sno-Glo Safety” Set 5; 25 unidentified slides

Folder 10 “Prevent Frostbite Booklet – Slides”
Presentation of 32 slides: “Prevent Frostbite,” produced and distributed by Alaska Area Native Health Service and Alaska Division of Public Health. [Includes narration script for slides.]

Folder 11 Health & Social Services Pictures

Layout of presentation on the subject of rehabilitation. Pictures found loose and separated from presentation pages.

“Small engines repair leads to auto-mechanics course”

“Small engines repair leads to auto-mechanics course. Camp has snow machines and mini-bikes used as reinforcers and as real basis for course work.”

“Dormitory living area target of capital improvement funding”

[Group of students]

“Modern school building on campus w/complete wood working shop & gymnasium”

“Another small engines repair”

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“Wood working shop provides outlet for much creativity”

“Another small engines repair”

[Child stands on top of automobile]

“Open classroom w/individualized instruction utilizing cont---- management”

“The school building completed 1972” [Alcantra Youth Camp Educational Unit]

“Another school shot”

Folder 12  Problem Negatives
Unidentified negatives.

Box 5 – Duplicate photographs (4 folders)

Box 6 – Duplicate photographs (3 folders)
  Negatives (6 folders)