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Jeff Davis, king of the hoboes

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Harrie Hughes, reading

Harrie Hughes reads a letter from Jeff Davis. Jeff Davis writes about his trip from Cincinnati to Fairbanks, Alaska. He is a member of Knights of the Road. He traveled from Seattle to Fairbanks by plane with a group of self-proclaimed hoboes for a convention. They stayed for three weeks in Fairbanks. Jeff talked about the hobo picnic and hobo ball which was organized by Harrie Hughes and raised proceeds for the crippled children's association. He talked about Leonard Lubman and Sophie Stebbins. He met up with Earl Pilgrim who he knew in 1914. Jack Hughes also attended the convention. Newspapers covered their convention and several reporters interviewed members of their group while they were in town. He was able to see the town of North Pole. He visited the Wonder Bar and the Gold Rush Bar. He then flew to Anchorage before leaving Alaska. He talked about the different members of the Knights of the Road.