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Tanana Yukon Historical Society meeting

January 26, 1961

Fairbanks, Alaska

Pt. 1

The society's secretary read the minutes of the December 22, 1961 meeting. The treasury report is read.

Charles Keim reports on the cost of the Tanana Yukon Historical Society producing a historical magazine based on estimates of a printing company in Fairbanks. They would be required to print a minimum of 5000 copies to be able to get them for .84 cents each. If they order 4000 then they would cost 1.05 each. He talked about having a local organization to underwrite the cost of the publication. He talked about the inclusion of an advertisement in the publication and where they could possibly be placed within the magazine. Charles talked about the negative aspects of including ads within the historical magazine. Selling advertisements would reduce the costs considerably. He had an example of an envelope sold by the Montana State Historical Society and said they might consider using a similar envelope to sell with the magazine. He thought the state of Alaska might be interested in placing advertisements to attract people to Alaska. He talked about the type of advertising that would be acceptable. He suggested choosing the appropriate type of information to be included within the magazine to make it appealing to the ordinary reader and have historical value. Charles gives examples of the type of information that would be good choices for the magazine. He requested that the members submit ideas such as diaries to him. Different people talk about possible submissions. Charles asked for old publications with information about Alaska history. He talked about copyright issues. The publication would not come out on a regular basis. It would be published from time to time. Someone from the audience talked about having tapes transcribed. At this point he doesn't see anyone being paid for the information. He asked for material to be submitted as soon as possible. They hoped to boost membership through the publication. There was a question from the audience about having advertising in the publication. Charles said he would prefer that they didn't have any advertisements but conservative advertising is probably a necessity. There were suggestions from the audience for advertisers. Charles had plans to go to advertisers with a mock up of the publication.

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Charles Keim continues to talk about selection of material for the publication. He talked about the planned timeline for the publication. All those present at the meeting introduce themselves: John Mailer, John Harold, Alma Matlock, Charles Keim, Bill Cashen, Lou Lewinski, Edby Davis, Andy Wicken, Harrie Hughes, Sid Jarrett ?, Bruce Kelly, Lawrence Simpson, Jim Cassady, ?, and Florence Manville.

Lawrence Simpson is a representative of the city Department of Parks and Recreation. He talked about the interest that his department has in the plans for the Pioneer Park. Thomas Mather from the News-Miner arrived to take a photo of the TYHS members.

February 23, 1961

Charles Keim explains that the introductions are for the benefit of the tape recording. He calls Frances Baker to read the minutes of the previous meeting on January 26, 1961 (see above) and a treasury report. Charles asked Lou Lewinski to report on a proposed cooperative arrangement between the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Tanana Yukon Historical Society for the preservation of historical materials. Lou Lewinski reported on meetings that were held on January 20, 1961 and January 24, 1961. It was agreed that the materials could be stored at the university museum. Lou Lewinski explained that the problem is there is no one to catalog the material that is brought in. There was a discussion about the storage of the material and making the material available. Alma Matlock talked about a recent acquisition of materials. Charles Keim talked about the historical society acting as a collecting agency and cataloging it briefly before it is turned over to the university. Harrie believes the university should keep the material perpetually. Frances Baker doesn't think it would take too long to simply catalog the material each month before it is sent to the university. Charles Keim asked people to bring material to the next meeting to get the collection started. He suggested that they come up with a plan for making the material available to the public. He thought that if the university doesn't have the funds that they could look for money from foundations to set up the material. Charles planned to

release a news article about their plans to collect the material. Someone suggested that the type of material desired should be explained.

Charles Keim talked about the material for the historical magazine. He had received the article about the man who biked from Dawson to Nome around 1900. He believes this can be edited down to an interesting article.

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A discussion with the audience about the material to be included in the magazine. Charles Keim talked about appointing an editorial board to do authenticity and editorial work on articles for the magazine. He wanted to form a committee to select a group of people to be considered for the editorial board. He feels that the members should vote on the members of the board. Donald McDonald is discussed. Charles asked Frank Young, Harrie Hughes and Lou Lewinski to put together a group of possible editorial board members.

The rest of the tape is a duplicate of H97-175-30 Adriana Coyle.