

## Building Has g Pioneers

### Ec. Dept. Fall Tea

University of Alaska home department held its annual Friday, November 16, to 4:30 p.m. in the home lounge on the third floor of the Memorial Building. It was invited.

Formal fall open house was of the foods and cookery in the direction of Prof. Lola. Lead of the department. Decorations were hanging the related art class. Rena Clark, assistant promoter economies.

ly asked that persons as they were to participate in a friendly atmosphere, refreshments which the red.

Members are Elizabeth Jean Gilbert, Myrtis Met Weaver, Geraldine Norma Swanson, Myriam, Patricia Donnelly, and Mary Jane Fate.

## tion Official Campus

thy Novatney, territorial commissioner of education week on the University campus last July to give the department's viewpoint on methods and matters to the summer session.

held interviews with incidents.

they presented a public travelogue on Australia at the Mines building audience.

they returned to the University in May from Australia for four months she studied on a fellowship from the Alaska Technical Assistance. The schools she studied in many rural areas and all cities of the states of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia.

## er Groups Scholarship

Engineering groups in Alaska the acute lack of trained men have taken action to help the shortage.

Chorage Post Society of Military Engineers and Air Force Sub-section, American



**HISTORY ON RECORDS**—Alvin O. Bramstedt, center, general manager of the Midnight Sun Broadcasting Company, and Dr. Ernest N. Patty, president of the University of Alaska, hold one of the many recordings of Alaska's pioneers the broadcasting company recently presented to the University. At right is John Mehler, University Librarian, who said the records will be of considerable assistance in any sociological study of Alaska and its pioneers, and will prove invaluable for research into the opening up of the interior.

## Recorded Interviews Of Alaskan Pioneers Presented To U Of A

Today or 500 years from now the Alaskan pioneers of the 1890's and early 1900's will divulge in their own voices the Territory's rich and colorful past for history researchers at the University of Alaska library.

This was made possible by the Midnight Sun Broadcasting Company's recent gift of a large collection of recorded interviews with the old-timers. Their ranks have thinned even more since Alvin O. Bramstedt, general manager of the company, started the series in 1946. Bramstedt presented the collection to Dr. Ernest N. Patty, university president, and Librarian, John Mehler.

"I started the series because I believed the considerable available material should be collected while it still was possible to do so," Bramstedt explained. "I knew radio audiences would be interested in hearing the pioneers relate from their own lips their background and experiences. I also felt that these first hand accounts should be made available to posterity. When I began the records in 1946 I planned to give them to the University of Alaska so they will be available to researchers on Alaska history."

Bramstedt broadcast the series under the title "Here's A Pioneer." Recently the company revived the series with Val Greuel, KFAR news editor, conducting the interviews. Bramstedt said the University will receive recordings of this series which also will appear on the new KFAR-TV schedule about the first

## English Dept. Offers M.A.

Starting second semester, students will be able to earn a Master of Arts degree in English at the University of Alaska as a result of graduate council action this week.

Dr. Minnie E. Wells, head of the department of arts and letters which is offering the degree, said the works of Jane Austen will be offered next semester. The course will be scheduled for Saturday morning so school teachers can enroll.

If it seems justified, the department will offer two courses each succeeding semester," Dr. Wells explained.

Second semester will commence Jan. 29. Registration is scheduled for January 21.

Regulations for the M. A. degree in the University catalog.

## Certificate Of Appreciation Awarded Posthumously To McCall For Rescue

The Department of the Army posthumously awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. John McCall for his heroism displayed in the rescue of injured miners last May.

Brig. Gen. M. S. Carter, deputy commander of the Alaska, presented the certificate and a

## Miss Fish Is "First Lady" Of Miners

Miss Isabelle Fish, campus nurse, was crowned "First Lady of the Year" and presented a large bouquet of American Beauty roses by the University of Alaska mining students at their annual Miners' Ball Saturday in the gymnasium.

Arthur T. Tunley, president of the Mining Society, told the large crowd that the organization wished to honor Miss Fish for "her meritorious work on campus throughout the school years, and especially for her untiring devotion to duty recently during the mass inoculation of gamma globulin."

"Miss Fish has been in charge of the infirmary for almost five years," Tunley said. "She has always been willing to go far beyond the call of duty in ministering to her students, both as a nurse and unofficial advisor."

Guests of honor at the formal ball were Dr. Charles E. Bunnell, president emeritus of the university, and Dr. and Mrs. Neil W. Hosley. Dr. Hosley is university dean.

Patrons and patronesses were School of Mines Dean and Mrs. Earl H. Beistline, and Professors and Mesdames John R. Hoskins, Harry B. Groom, Jr., and Nalin R. Mukherjee.

Vice president of the mining society and ball advertising chairman is Don Clark. Ball chairman was George Bloom, Donald Stein was refreshments chairman, and Harold Livingston supervised the decorations.

The Southernaire provided the music.

## Films Shown Of Argus Rescue

Two Air Force men recently at

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Engineering groups in Alaska  
acute lack of trained  
have taken action to help  
shortage.  
Anchorage Post, Society of  
Military Engineers and  
Age Sub-section, Amer-  
of Civil Engineers each  
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### GENERAL PAYS VISIT

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### Study Of Alaska

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of the year.

### Historical Wealth

Each record contains a wealth of  
material for historical researchers.  
Those seeking information concern-  
ing early medical practices in Alas-  
ka and the Yukon Territory will be  
able to obtain it by listening to the  
record concerning the late Dr. A. A.  
Sutherland, "Dean of Alaska doc-  
tors". He went to Dawson City in  
1897 and moved to Fairbanks in  
1904.

### Early Law

Historians interested in early ef-  
forts to bring law and order to the  
Territory will find considerable ma-  
terial in the recording by the late  
John J. (Jack) Buckley, pioneer  
fire chief and U.S. deputy marshal.  
He arrived in Fairbanks from Cir-  
cle City and Dawson in 1904. He  
joined the Fairbanks Fire Depart-  
ment in 1905 and remained in the  
organization until 1918. His record-  
ing includes an account of Fair-  
banks' disastrous fire of 1906.

Dr. Andrew Nerland, president of  
the University of Alaska Board of  
Regents, made a recording which  
describes his arrival in Alaska from  
Seattle in 1898. He went over Chil-  
koot Pass that same year. He pro-  
vides a colorful insight into early  
mining camp life, mining activities  
in the Fairbanks area and the great  
snowslide between Sheep Camp and  
Scales, which took more than 60  
lives.

Other records contain equally  
rich information on Alaska's past,  
narrated by the men and women  
whose lives will form the early  
chapters in any books concerning  
the territory. Some still are alive  
and adding to that history. Others  
have taken the final trail.

Librarian John Mehler said the  
records will be of considerable as-  
sistance in any sociological study of  
Alaska and its pioneers, and will  
prove invaluable for research into  
the opening of the interior.

Researchers and others interested  
in Alaska's historical past will be  
able to use the records by contact-  
ing the library in advance.

### U of A Students Marry

Two University of Alaska stu-  
dents were married last June in the  
First Presbyterian Church, Fair-  
banks, by Rev. Victor Alfson in the  
presence of 75 guests.

Sally Hastelin, daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. Earl S. Haseltin of Valdez,  
was given in marriage by her father  
to Robert E. Harris, son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Ernest A. Harris of Esk-  
a.

The newlyweds are continuing  
their studies at the University.

succeeding semester, Dr. Wells ex-  
plained.

Seven courses will commence  
Jan. 29. Registration is scheduled  
for January 21.

Regulations for the M. A. degree  
are in the University catalog. Dr.  
Wells urged interested persons to  
take immediate steps to apply for  
the graduate study Admission  
blanks are available at the dean's  
office.

The following course additions  
will be offered: Early Nineteenth  
Century Prose, a detailed examina-  
tion of the prose literature of the  
Romantic period, excluding the no-  
vel; The Art of the Novel, the ex-  
amination of the technique of a  
major artist. Different novelists  
may be presented in different se-  
mesters; Old English, a survey of  
Old English grammar with reading  
of some texts; The English Lan-  
guage, a historical and descriptive  
survey; Middle English Literature,  
the reading of representative texts,  
exclusive of Chaucer; Special To-  
pics, subjects and credit will vary.

The work toward the M. A. de-  
gree will require a thesis. Maxi-  
mum credits which will be allowed  
toward the degree will be 12. Dr.  
Wells said a minor may be accept-  
ed in a related field for possibly 10  
credits.

## Trap Nights Help Thin Ranks Of Mice

College, Alaska, needs no Pied Pi-  
per to lead the present high mouse  
population to its doom in the Chena  
River.

The University of Alaska mam-  
malogy class is cutting a large  
swath in the population by means  
of "trap nights". They are designed  
to secure specimens for laboratory  
study and to teach the students how  
to operate a small mammal trap  
line.

Teaching the course is Dr. Brina  
Kessel, associate professor of bi-  
ological science. The highest number  
of mice caught by one student dur-  
ing a trapping period was 65. The  
lowest number was 12, with the  
average approximately 30.

Dr. Kessel said the most frequ-  
ently caught rodent is the red-backed  
mouse. In second place are meadow  
mice. The students also catch many  
shrews. The red-backs are widely  
distributed and the meadow mice  
are more restricted to grassy areas  
near ponds. The shrews are found  
mostly in wooded areas.

Dr. Kessel said the red-backed  
mice are so numerous now because  
they apparently are near the high  
point of their four-year cycle.

## Films Shown Of Argus Rescue

Two Air Force men recently at  
the University of Alaska showed a  
motion picture film on the air phase  
of the rescue of Pfc. George Argus  
from Mt. McKinley late this spring.

Staff Sergeant Richard Gregory,  
5001st Photo Lab, Ladd AFB, took  
the movies while rescue operations  
were underway after Argus sur-  
vived a mountain fall but was so  
badly injured his companions were  
forced to leave him to get help.

Lt. Edward Markley, 74th Air  
Rescue Sqdrn., Ladd AFB, helped  
Sgt. Gregory edit and caption the  
film. Lt. Markley said the film now  
is used for training purposes. It  
credits all organizations involved in  
the rescue.

## Research Between University And USAF Discussed

Brig. Gen. B.S. Kelsey, USAF,  
this summer flew to Alaska from  
Thule, Greenland, to confer with  
Dr. Ernest N. Patty, president of  
the University of Alaska, concern-  
ing possible scientific research be-  
tween the University and the Air  
Force.

Gen. Kelsey is deputy director of  
research and development office,  
deputy chief of staff, development.  
His headquarters is Washington, D.  
C.

Several staff members accompan-  
ied the general on his flight along  
the rim of the Arctic.

## Ketchikan Opens Col For First Time In Se

Ketchikan's Community College o-  
pened in September with an enrollment of 12.

Ray M. Bassett, director, informed  
of Alaska dean, about the opening and  
rollment will increase. The Ketchikan  
charge of the college which is af-  
filiated with and accredited by the  
University.

The Ketchikan college is pattern-  
ed after the one successfully func-  
tioning in Anchorage after its open-  
ing last year.

The college serves four groups:  
Adults who desire to further and  
broaden their formal education.

Students who desire to earn col-  
lege credit without leaving their  
own community. Some of these plan  
to transfer for advanced work.

Adults who wish to erase high  
school deficiencies.

People who wish specialized voca-  
tional and interest training.

Like other members of the school