

Tips For Consumers

Jobs On Alaska Pipeline Are Elusive

Many people who are going to Alaska in hope of obtaining lucrative work on the trans-Alaska pipeline are finding something else instead. What awaits them is high unemployment, few job opportunities, an extremely high cost of living, and, in addition, very cold temperatures.

If you're thinking about

going to Alaska to find a job, the Better Business Bureau urges caution, unless you have a written, confirmed job offer.

There are not even enough jobs for the people who live in Alaska now. In June, the unemployment rate in Alaska was 8.6 percent. Roughly one out of every twelve Alaskan workers is unemployed.

The pipeline's general

contractor has an agreement with major labor unions calling for most jobs to be filled from labor union sources, regardless of whether the jobs are unskilled, semi-skilled or skilled.

Dozens of construction companies under direct contract with the contractor are doing the work. These firms do the hiring for pipeline work

through their collective bargaining agreements with unions. Preference is given to Alaskan residents.

Two-Dollar Hamburger

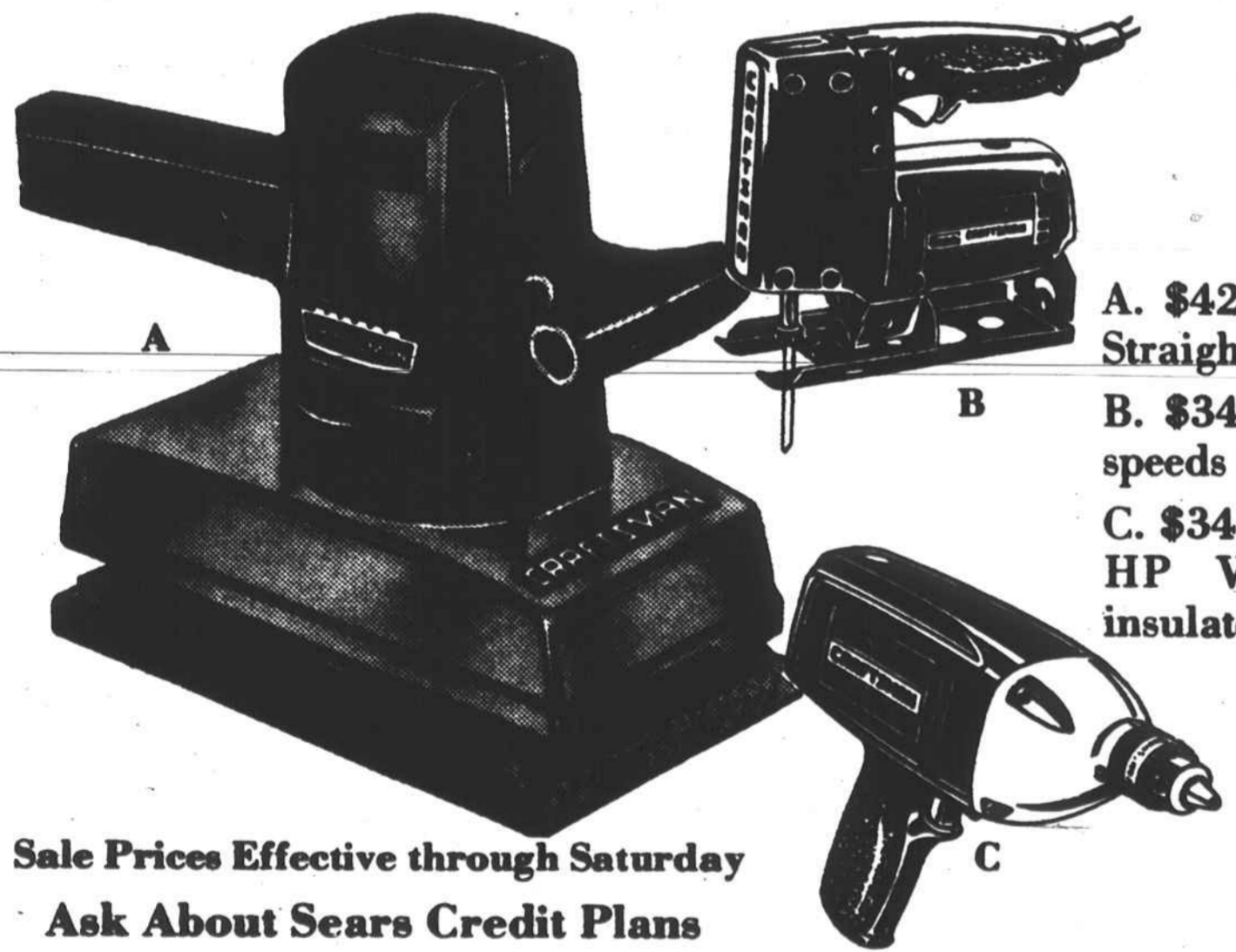
The cost-of-living in Alaska is 20 to 35 percent, or even higher than in the rest of the United States. For instance, a plain hamburger can cost \$2 to \$3. To buy a milkshake, you might pay about \$1.60 or \$2. A

Washington, D.C. priced \$175 two-bedroom apartment rents for about \$300, or even twice that amount, in Fairbanks.

If, in spite of these facts, you are still interested in looking for work in Alaska, the Alaska Department of Labor suggests bringing arctic clothing, at least \$1,000 for the first month's expenses, and a round-trip plane ticket!

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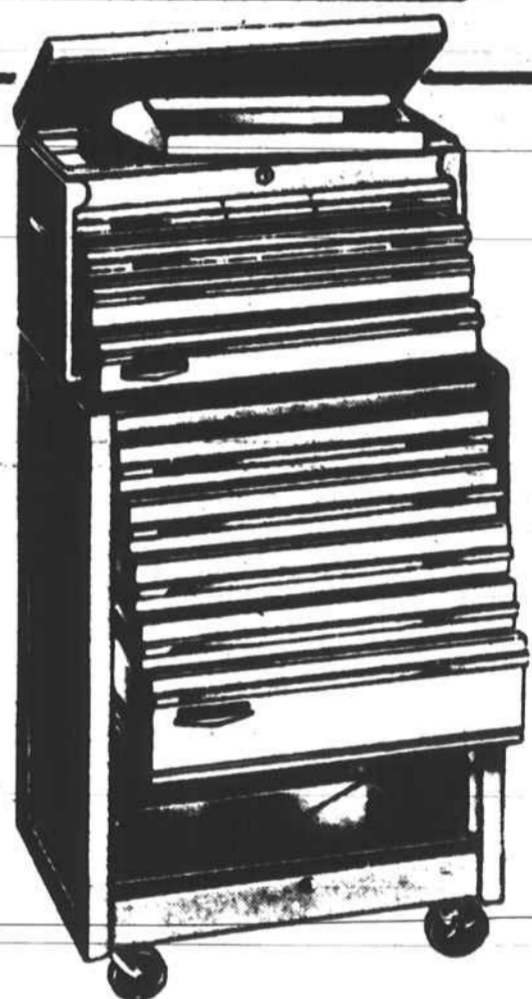


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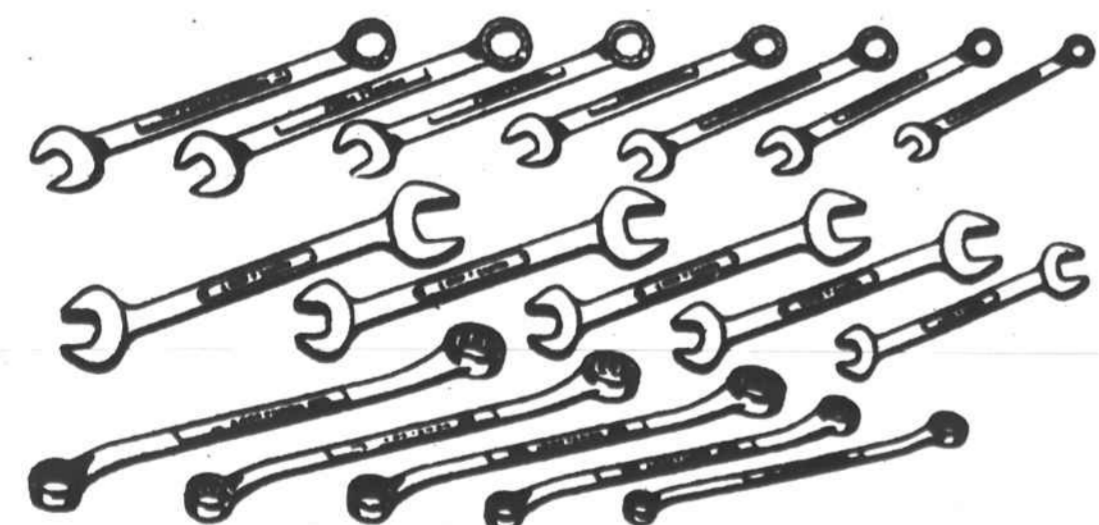
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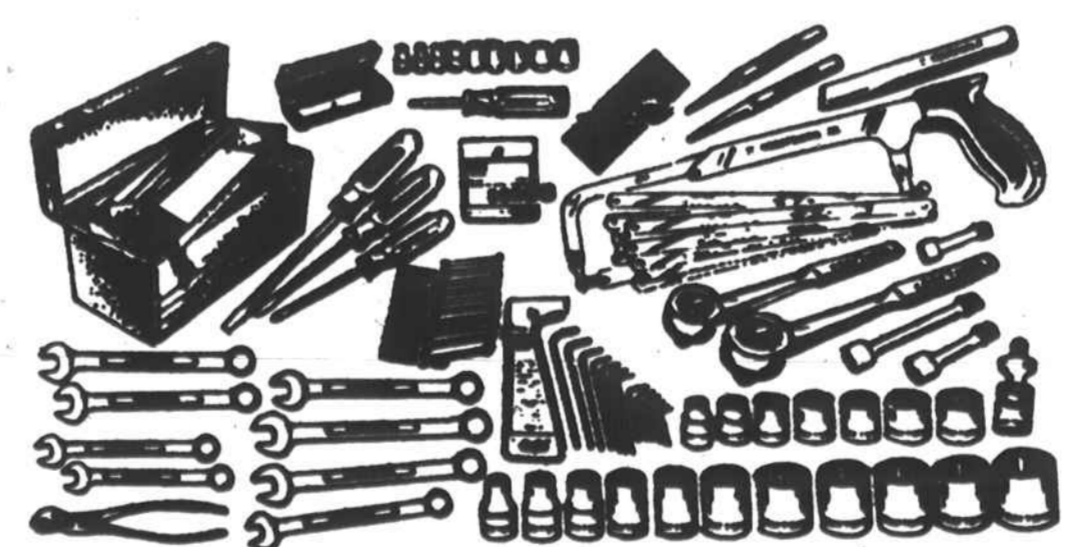


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