

Alaskans To Learn Cost Of Statehood In Special Report

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—Shortly after July 4, Alaskans may gain an idea of what it would cost for them to become independent of the United States government through formation of a 49th state, the State of Alaska.

George Sundborg, an official in the Bonneville authority's economic department and previously a Juneau, Alaska newspaperman and employee of the National Resources Planning Board which labored in Juneau for several years, will issue at that time his report to Alaskans on what statehood would mean to them. The Territory functions under a congressional organic act of 1912.

Mr. Sundborg is the author of "Opportunity in Alaska," a book whose close appraisal of job and economic opportunities in Alaska has become somewhat of a handbook for newcomers and would-be Alaskans. At the moment he is doing research on statehood for Alaska at his home in Portland, Oregon. He was in Anchorage and Juneau for a time to gather facts, and late in May attended the U.S. Maritime Commission's hearings in Washington on proposed ocean freight rate increases in and out of Alaska.

Mr. Sundborg was employed by the Alaska Statehood Association of which Mrs. Evangeline Alwood of this city is president. A candidate for the territorial legislature this year, she did considerable research on statehood at Juneau two years ago for an earlier statehood association. The Association which

Gasoline Prices Are Raised in 11 States

CHICAGO—Standard Oil Company (Indiana) has authorized its representatives in 77 States to advance normal and subnormal consumer and dealer tank wagon prices on all grades of motor and aviation gasoline three-tenths of a cent a gallon.

The increase was effective Wednesday, June 5, in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

Standard said the advance reflected increases in the cost of making gasoline and the usual seasonal stiffening of demand. It waxes out a reduction which the company announced Jan. 10. OPA approval was unnecessary, the company said, because the new prices will not be above ceilings.

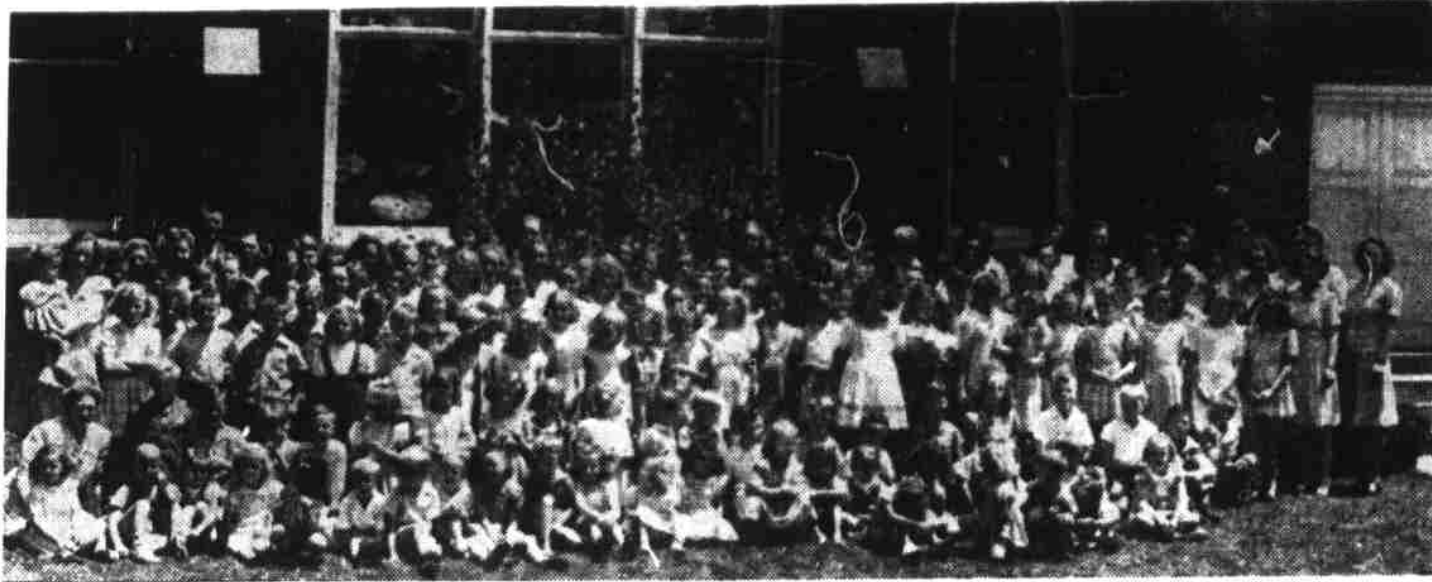
Causes Coudburst

The so-called coudburst is caused by violent uprushes of air which prevent the condensing raindrops from falling to the ground. When a large amount of water has accumulated at high levels and the upward currents weaken, all of the water falls at once. During a severe coudburst at Porto Bello, Panama, almost 2 1/2 inches of rain fell in three minutes.

has chapters in leading Alaskan towns, plans to publish Mr. Sundborg's findings as to cost, advantages and disadvantages, in booklet form.

Alaskans will hold a referendum vote on statehood at their general election in October. Proponents see this vote as a crucial one in Alaskan history.

Record Attendance At Baptist Daily Vacation Bible School



Here are part of the 170 pupils who enrolled at the Daily Vacation Bible School held at the First Baptist church recently. There were 25 members of the faculty, and the school had a daily average attendance of 140 students. This is the largest school ever had here. The picture was made the last day of the school by Ingram, Skyland Studio.

Business, Civic, Political Leaders Push For Project

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merce, in discussing the matter at the meeting Wednesday night. "First it would serve to develop the lower end of Haywood county which virtually is without adequate highways," Mr. Ray began. "Then he enumerated the other three reasons:

"Second, the highway would serve as a commercial road affording a water-level route from Waynesville to Newport, the natural north-and-south route for travel. The highway would also serve as a scenic attraction, as it would pass through the famous Pigeon River Gorge, which is unsurpassed for beauty in this area.

"Third, the road would permit the adequate development of what many consider to be the finest section of the Park—the Cataloochee and Big Creek areas.

"Fourth, would permit access into and the development of the Pisgah National Forest, which lies along the eastern side of the Pigeon River in that section," he concluded.

The conference held Wednesday night also discussed the present pavement mileage in each county in Western North Carolina, and it was found that Haywood had far below the average in this area although the population, car and truck registrations here are far above those of many other counties that have more miles of paved roads.

The county-wide committees, representing civic interests, business, and political groups, plan to meet within a few days and formally start waging what is considered the most consistent campaign on any new highway project ever staged in this area.

Conferences have been held with representatives of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and others are scheduled, including a motorcade over the proposed site.

"This Newport Waynesville highway would benefit all of Western North Carolina. It should have been built years ago, and there is no use delaying longer," one Haywood political leader said, as he pointed out the surplus now in the State Highway fund.

Among those who will take the lead in pushing this project, includes Charles Ray, David Underwood, C. N. Allen, M. D. Watkins, William Medford, G. C. Ferguson, George A. Brown, D. Reeves Noland, John M. Queen, R. V. Welch, Clifford E. Brown, Sam M. Robinson, W. J. Damtoft, Glenn C. Palmer, and Jonathan H. Woody.

Women in Aviation

Women are not new to aviation or aviation to women. Napoleon had a woman minister of air, Madame Marie Blanchard, when there was much experimentation going on with balloons. A woman who flew a balloon seven months before the Wright brothers' airplane flight in 1903, lives in New York today. She's Mrs. Henry Breckinridge, the former Aida de Acosta, who went aloft near Paris.

Rare Wine

Before the war, owners of several German vineyards, when having a crop of unusual excellence, would produce, for sale to connoisseurs, a special wine which rarely exceeded 400 quarts in quantity as only the finest grapes were used. Among these wines was the famous "Trockenbeerenauslese," a cask of which, containing this small quantity, has brought as much as \$30,000.

Cotton state congressmen predict that Congress will extend the government's cotton purchasing program—at not less than parity—for the 1946 lint crop.

Oil Head Says Highway Fund Is Adequate

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estimates North Carolina's road system can be improved and expanded to meet the most exacting needs of the State's motorists. The only thing necessary is to make sure by necessary legislation that these revenues are spent exclusively for road construction and maintenance. To do otherwise would not only be a travesty on good judgment and sound fiscal policy but a breach of trust with highway users who pay out annually millions of dollars in gasoline taxes for better roads and highways."

Using charts to illustrate his points, Mr. Sparger showed that in 1941, a total of \$1,252,461 was applied to the general fund of the State from the inspection fees collected by the State. "The inspection fees, along with the gasoline taxes should all be put into the highway fund for highways, and not in the general fund," he declared.

"Back in 1937 the Legislature added this section of the Revenue act when it appeared that there might be a deficit in the general fund. The argument at the time was that the 'school doors must be kept open.' Mr. Sparger then pointed out by saying, 'the only time the school doors of the state have ever been closed during a school term was last winter when bad roads forced them to close. We need our roads improved in order that school buses can get the students to the schools.' The general fund had a surplus of 70 millions at the time, the speaker said.

The present taxes on gasoline were shown as follows:

State Tax	6c
Inspection Tax	1 1/2c
Federal Tax	1 1/2c
Total Gasoline Tax	7 1/2c

The chart showing the number of miles of all-weather roads in each county in this area proved interesting to the group, as it showed Haywood far below the average in the number of all-weather roads.

County	All-Weather	Low-Type
Rutherford	229 miles	851 miles
Haywood	80 miles	373 miles
Henderson	77 miles	514 miles
Jackson	84 miles	334 miles
Macon	89 miles	423 miles
Madison	72 miles	486 miles
Swain	73 miles	160 miles
Transylvania	75 miles	243 miles

The group voted to adopt a resolution calling for a transfer of about \$3,000,000 already put into the general fund from gasoline taxes to the highway fund. The resolution adopted was as follows:

"WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly of 1937 adopted subsection b of Section 406 as part of the Revenue Act providing for the transfer of approximately \$3,000,000 from the Highway Fund to the General Fund if such transfer was necessary to prevent a deficit in the General Fund; and

"WHEREAS, the present law providing diversion of Highway Funds under certain circumstances has been an incentive in the past to increase the fund appropriations beyond anticipated revenues; and

"WHEREAS, it is generally agreed that if a transfer of highway funds to the general fund occurs under this section that it will necessitate a reduction in the amount of money that would under normal circumstances be expended in the construction and maintenance of the secondary road system in North Carolina.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

"That Haywood County Petroleum Industries Committee, at a meeting in Waynesville, on the 18th day of June, 1946, by a unanimous vote, records its membership in favor of the repeal of subsection

Four Waynesville Boys Now At Camp Sequoia

Among those enrolling at Camp Sequoia on Monday were four Waynesville boys, including Standford Massie, Jeff Heese, Wilburn Davis and Tommy Hudson. The camp is near Weaverville.

Weeds Killed The Easy Way By Rock Salt

Homeowners can save themselves many hours of back-breaking work this summer by spreading rock salt now on walks, driveways and tennis courts to keep weeds from springing up. If they have already appeared, the salt will kill them off just the same. All ground that is not used for growing flowers, shrubs, grass or vegetables can easily be kept weed-free in this way.

Depending on whether the weed growth is vigorous or light, from 2 to 4 pounds of rock salt per square yard of ground will effectively destroy poison ivy, bindweed, giant and dwarf ragweeds, to mention only a few, as well as the pollen-bearing that cause so much misery to hay-fever victims. Since salt is non-poisonous, it cannot harm human beings or animals and can be handled freely without damaging hands or clothing.

During the first good rain, rock salt dissolves quickly and seeps into the ground to attack the roots of these plants and kills them. Weeds responsible for choking drains are killed off before they have a chance to spread further. Usually one application will last all summer if applied when the plants are young. More stubborn growths can be cleared off within two seasons.

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