

# ALASKA

**The Author:**  
 One of the most spectacular drives I've ever made in a car is that which I have made daily this summer and last summer—the drive from Dot Lake to Toh Junction and back. I make this 48 mile drive because I work on the Alaska Road at Toh Junction.

Leaving Dot Lake for the latter destination we car find scenery somewhat like the following description — only infinitely more beautiful. To your left for the entire distance lies the Tonana River. At places it approaches the road — at one place it plunges over tremendous rocks — forming rapids. At other places it twists and curves serpent-like away from the road. Sometimes you are above it looking into it — at other times you can't see it at all. Always there are the hills just beyond.

To your right lie foothills and

which are then the mighty Alaska Range of mountains. The road runs between this range and the Tonono. At places the mountains in this 48 mile rise to about 500 feet in height — and in no place are they as low as the famed Mt. Mitchell. Their greatest height is to our west at Mt. McKinley, where they rise above 20,000 feet. At the foot of the mountains are spruce, birch, alder and cottonwood growths, and in a few places there are lowlands of "nigger heads" (these are clumps of grass growing about a foot above the water) on top of the mountains. There are no growths what soever. Although sheep and great bear control them as sovereign. In the midst of these ranges of mountains are numerous deep lakes. Some of them abounding in fish.

In the lowland beside the road you can see wild daisies, roses, lilies and other flowers. You can pick raspberries, blueberries, gooseberries, high bush and low bush cranberries, a several other Alaskan wildberries. One Rose hips make particularly delicious jelly. Here too, in these lowlands you can see moose grazing or you can see an occasional lynx or fox and countless rabbit and tiny squirrels.

It's a lovely sight to see the full moon hanging over these mountains — and the vari-colored and shaped clouds floating between the base and tip of them. On a perfectly clear day one can see numerous

riverlets leading to the lowlands. These go into the Tonono and thence into the Yukon and on to the Bering Sea. These streams are rapid during the early summer and dry during the late summer, for they fall abruptly and dump water from melting snows and glaciers, as well as occasional rain from the sides of the mountains. Some of these streams' names are named Bear Creek, Chief Creek, Robinson River, Cathedral Creek, Yerrick Creek, etc. Where Cathedral Creek dumps into the Tonono are odd formations of mountains called Cathedral Bluffs. The mountains form a huge amphitheatre suitable for the meeting place of all the old Roman and Greek Gods of antiquity. After their tips are shrouded in a vapor like cloud, even when all else are absolutely clear of clouds.

Thirty-eight miles from Dot Lake is an Ancient Indian village—Tonocross. It was through this village that the old Eagle-Valdez trail led half a century ago. Natives at Tonocross were deviled during World War II by contact with the white man's bottled booze, for there was a fair base forty-two miles from Dot Lake. The Army is currently building a gas refueling station. All along is running the Army gas pipeline — bringing serial fuel to Ladd Field and to Eilson Air Force Base and to the Arctic Training Base at Big Delta. This is currently being constructed from Hoine, Alaska through Canada and on to Fairbanks. It passes 400 feet in front of my home.

The drive is inspiring — one can see so little of man's work and so much of the superfluous handiwork of God.

While I write this I gaze outside at a sunrise beyond comparison. The time is 1:50 a. m. and the clouds are colored like some tremendous blanket of gold — only streaks — that are ever changing. They remind me of a sunset as seen from Waves (Dore County) as we gaze across the sound toward the mainland of North Carolina.

Sincerely  
 Olsa & Gavin

## Wilson Tobacco Market All Set For 1954 Opening

**By Alton B. Boswell**  
 Supervisor of Sales

When Tuesday, August 17th, comes around the Wilson Tobacco Market will begin its sixty-fifth year as an auction tobacco market.

The Market was established in 1890 with one set of buyers, selling that first year about one and one-half million pounds of tobacco. The Market has shown a steady growth through the many years of operation until it reached an all-time high of ninety-three million pounds sold in 1931, and reaching a world-wide record of money paid out in 1933, when the Market passed through its pay-off window \$52,642,458.92, an amount that no other tobacco market has been able to reach.

The average of \$57.47 recorded on the Wilson Tobacco Market in 1933

### 3,109 Speedsters Caught In July

**RALEIGH**—The Motor Vehicles Department reported today 3,109 arrests for speeding on North Carolina highways last month.

Speeding, reckless driving and driving without an operator's permit normally lead the department's regular monthly summary of moving traffic violations.

No operator's permit with 963 arrests was in second place and reckless driving with 599 in third.

None of the offenses require revocation of driving privileges on the first count.

Other violations reported for July included: failing to stop for a stop sign 655; faulty equipment 643; improper passing 368; improper lights 298; driving on wrong side of road 291; and driving too closely 183.

The total number of Tar Heel offenders came to 7,497 for the month. Out-of-Staters added another 1,977 to the list.

was exceeded by several other markets in the Eastern Belt, but this was due to the fact that Wilson sold tobacco from such a wide area. For instance, Wilson sold tobacco from fifty-seven of North Carolina's seventy-five flue-cured growing counties and from four states. Therefore, you can understand why the average of Wilson could easily be under those markets that sell from a small area. The five best selling tobacco in 1933 had averages ranging from \$41.99 to \$37.10, yet Wilson, after selling tobacco from all areas, completed the season with an average of \$57.47.

The Market will operate the 1954 season with five sets of buyers, selling five and one-half hours per day per set of buyers. Rate of sale will be four hundred baskets per hour per set of buyers, which will give the Market a total of twenty-seven and one-half hours per day or eleven thousand baskets on each sales day. Each firm will get a sale every day. There are nineteen warehouses on the Market, of which only fourteen will sell tobacco. The other five will be used by the buying companies for receiving rooms or storage of green tobacco.

There will be nine buying companies represented on each of the five sales, making a total of forty-five buyers representing all major manufacturers as well as all the export trade. To name them, there will be American Suppliers, Inc., Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Company, J. S. I. Miller Tobacco Company, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Standard Redryers, Inc., Wilson Tobacco Company, R. P. Watson Company, Export Leaf Tobacco Company, and Imperial Tobacco Company, Ltd.

What looked like an almost complete failure thirty days ago has developed into what could be the second best tobacco crop produced in this area for the past several years. The tonnage is expected to

come close to the 1933 season, and as in the past Wilson is expecting and hoping to exceed its 1933 record. The price trend seems to be about like last season, with the common and medium grades selling well above the support levels, and the better or top grades selling from \$1.00 to \$5.00 above support levels. Just a suggestion that will enable you to save time in grading your tobacco—keep all curings separate, and in sorting or grading pick out green, red, black, or dead leaves. Make separate grades of these; then make into hands or bundles about the size of a fifty cent piece. Try to make all grades of your tobacco as large as possible, and when packing on baskets for sale get each basket as near the maximum weight of three hundred pounds as possible. Please remove all strings in grading your tobacco. They can easily jam the processing machines. I am told by many foreign representatives of the tobacco industry

that the foreign trade is complaining about our tobacco being mixed. If possible, let's try to correct as much of this as possible. We must protect our export trade in order to have a well-rounded tobacco program. The export business for 1934 is expected to be about like that of 1933.

The Wilson Market has set up an advertising system as follows: a fifteen minute program over WYOT Radio, 1430 on your dial, 11:45 to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday — this is a farm service program, giving you the Market report, and

at the same time inviting you to use this program to make your community announcements. Over Radio WYOT, 250 on your dial, a similar program. The Golden Weed Jam-boree will be presented to you over WYOT, channel nine, every Saturday night, 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock. We invite you to listen and see these programs. Along with these you will see Bright Leaf in your local newspaper once a week, bringing you timely tips about farming and other items. You will enjoy Bright Leaf's sayings — keep up with them.

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