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## SUPREME DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

I welcome this Alaskan paper as I am sure you all do. As I write this I am curious about its contents and its name. I am sure it can be a means for all of us to become better acquainted and share our ideas.

I take my hat off to Mary Halm, your Grand Worthy Advisor, and to Joan Benson, your Grand Assembly Reporter who have worked very hard in gathering and preparing this issue.

In order for the paper to mean the most to each girl and to each assembly an effort must be made by all to furnish ideas and information for it. Let's apply to this paper our Grand Assembly Motto of:

"Good, better, best,  
Never let it rest,  
'Till your good is better  
And your better, best.

At the Grand Executive Board meeting in Anchorage in October the framework of the Grand Assembly program was established. All of us in Rainbow owe a debt of gratitude to the Past Matrons' Club of Anchorage for accepting the responsibility of Chairmanship of our first Grand session. Mrs. Edith Davis has since been named General Chairman with a Rainbow Girl co-chairman yet to be selected.

## FAIRBANKS VISITATION HELD THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving weekend Mary Halm, Grand Worthy Advisor, R. M. Parkins, Supreme Deputy and several of the new Alaskan Grand officers and visiting Rainbow girls made an official visitation to Fairbanks Assembly No. 1.

Following a banquet Friday in honor of the Grandies and an initiation by Fairbanks, Mary announced the appointment of Worthy Advisor, Joann Sweet to the office of Grand Immortality and Hilary Melville, P.W.A. as a Grand Page. Glee Casler, P.W.A., of Palmer No. 7 and a visitor at the Fairbanks meeting also was appointed as a Grand Page.

... Dedication ...

*This is the first issue of the ALASKA AURORA—the Alaska Rainbow newspaper, and we dedicate it and the succeeding seven issues of this term to those individuals who have given years of their time and talent to building the Order of Rainbow in our State. We also dedicate this publication to the teenage girls of our State as they prepare for the future through their work in Rainbow.*

*As we look forward to our first Grand Assembly next August 22-24 in Anchorage, may the news and inspiration contained in these pages be filled with all the colors of the Rainbow and the ALASKA AURORA.*

The Editors

## ALASKA REPORT GIVEN AT SUPREME ASSEMBLY

Following is a portion of the report on Alaska given at Supreme Assembly last July in Chicago by Mary Halm, G.W.A. for Mr. R. M. Parkins, Supreme Deputy.

In April 1961, we in Alaska were advised that we had been separated from the Washington-Idaho-Alaska jurisdiction and were the new Grand Jurisdiction of Alaska. We also learned at that time that at the close of the 1961 tri-state Grand Assembly we would not have a Grand Assembly in which our girls could participate.

We did receive a year's extension and last June the first crop of Alaska Grand Rainbow officers was installed in Washington in joint installation ceremonies.

We are now preparing for our first Grand Assembly and hope to have many visitors from other jurisdictions, to share our "New Horizons on a Golden Shore" theme and program.

One-half of one per cent of the total population of Alaska is composed of Rainbow Girls, or a total of about 1,025 members. There are 13 chartered assemblies ranging in size from 52 to 164 members.



MARY HALM—Grand Worthy Advisor

## Through the Prism

... with Mary

As our first issue of the *Alaska Aurora* goes to press Thanksgiving weekend, I believe I can speak for all of us in saying that we have an especially lot to be thankful for this November.

In this year of 1962 we have begun planning for our first Grand Assembly, have published our first newspaper and we have begun work on at least two new Rainbow Assemblies in the State.

We have enjoyed the fine reputation of our Order and have been of service to many individuals and worthy causes in our communities.

With our Thanksgiving, though, we should be doubly aware of the responsibility we have with our new opportunities and be sure that each of us contributes time and work necessary for 100 per cent success.

More about our paper . . . Many thanks to Joan Benson, our Grand Assembly Reporter for all the preliminary work that she did to get our first issue ready. My job of editing and laying out the paper was made much easier because of Joan's  
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## Featuring . . .

## Janice Whitmore Grand Historian

"Let Rainbow have a real place in your life. Let it grow with you as the days pass. Let it become a part of your movements to-and-fro." This is the best advice that has ever been given to me. Without Rainbow I am sure that my life would not be as wonderful as it is today.

I can remember my initiation. I was so afraid that they were going to make me do something on my own. Also I grew so tired along the journey I kept slipping my shoes off, hoping nobody would notice. I now know that no Rainbow Girl has to work alone. There is always another Rainbow Girl there to encourage her and for her to lean upon when the going gets rough. And when it really gets rough we can lean on God together.

As I become older I am able to understand more of each lesson that is taught and how to apply them to my life. Things that at one time meant little or nothing to me have become the very basis of my life.

Through the seven lessons of Rainbow, Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism and Service, girls are more able to do as our Lord commanded: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Rainbow love,  
Janice Whitmore  
Grand Historian

## Wrangell Installs, Fetes Ketchikan

Atta Neyman was installed Worthy Advisor for the 1962 fall term of Wrangell Assembly No. 11. Members of the Order of the Eastern Star were her installing officers reports Lorene Lyster, P. W. A. Wrangell Assembly No. 11, who now resides at 49 McIntosh Hall, University of Alaska, College, Alaska, in the same dorm as the G. W. A.

Last August, Wrangell Rainbow girls entertained about 30 Rainbow members from Ketchikan Assembly No. 2. Ketchikan girls spent the night in Wrangell to help start Mary's first official visits. The Ketchikan girls put on the initiation first, and then the same evening, following a potluck dinner, Wrangell put on the degree work for Ketchikan.

Wrangell's "Grandie" is Sherry Smith, Grand Faith, who is a freshman this year at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.

## Minstrel Quartet Charms Seward No. 6 Fathers

The Father-Daughter "Way Back When" Banquet in Seward was complete with a black face quartet and honky tonk piano.

Kathy Lanman, Janice Whitmore, Jeanine Drinkall, Susan Reid and accompanist Robin Shingleton ran through "Daddy" to the tune "Mammy" and "I'm In Love With You Daddy" to the tune of "I'm In Love With You Honey" from underneath their burnt cork smeared faces.

The piano was "honky-tonked" by placing paper underneath the hammers. Jayni Tressler played a grand arrangement of "Mergie." The quartet will also be performing for Mason's Night at Eastern Star.

Luella Johnson, Worthy Advisor is working on Masonic Hall kitchen improvement as her term's project.

### Clean Highway

Rainbow is really a part of Seward. One of their service projects during Jeanine Drinkall's term was to clean up eight miles on the Seward-Anchorage Highway in the pouring rain last summer. Many favorable comments were had on this project.

While they were busy cleaning the radio announcer said, "Please drive slowly when you see girls on the highway — don't splash them! They are not drowned rats even though they look like it, they are Rainbow Girls cleaning up our highway."

Other service projects included working in the hospital wherever and whenever needed, serving for a Masonic banquet, decorating tables, serving and providing entertainment for an Eastern Star banquet, a dance to raise \$15 for Grand Assembly and making carry-ins for the same.



JOANIE BENSON—  
Grand Assembly Reporter

## JOANIE'S JABBER

Alaskan Rainbow Girls finally have their own paper complete with a name. If you keep sending your news we will have one of the best Rainbow newspapers printed. Congratulations to Sitka Assembly for suggesting the winning name.

Well, I've finished writing all your articles. I hope I interpreted all your information correctly — I was a little unsure of some things. Thank you for cooperating so well. A special thanks to you assemblies that returned your questionnaire so quickly.

I sure enjoyed getting to know so very many of you this summer during Mary's visits. Rainbow certainly is a wonderful organization that is overflowing with the "neatest" people.

I understand that Donna Sandstrom, Grand Religion was knocked out recently during a girl's basketball game. I wonder if she was fighting with the referee.

The Mother Advisor of Seward (could that be Mrs. Drinkall?) is afraid of bears and moose so she really chaperones her girls well when she takes them on trips to the "tullies." On a recent picnic a couple of girls persuaded her to let them walk back to town. On the way back they saw a grasshopper and a bear too. Imagine her reaction to that!

In case you like to watch girls cry, try a visit to Anchorage No. 5. They have been proclaimed the wettest assembly in Alaska. It doesn't take much to

get their tears a rolling — tears of joy, that is. But while you are there stay clear of Trena Hage, W.A. She tried to drown P.W.A. Kathy Flynn by tossing her in the lake. You may be her next victim!

### Hi From M.S.U.

By the way, howdy from "the Big Sky State," Montana! It is still hard to believe that I'm not in Alaska anymore and at Montana State University. I miss the "frozen wilderness" (as many people here seem to think Alaska is) but love Montana. I have to be loyal to both now. The girls around here are just as friendly as you all are.

There are several Rainbow Girls in my dorm and we plan to attend some meetings here in Missoula soon. Why don't you write and ask all your questions about Montana and college? I'll try my best to write back promptly. I know how busy you must be but if you have a chance I would love to hear from you.

Please keep sending your articles and news items. We miss the assemblies that don't get their items in.

See you next month.

Joanie Benson  
Grand Assembly Reporter

## Slave Day Held By Cordova No. 4

Louise DeVille, W.A., has Cordova No. 4 Assembly slaving away. They followed the suggestion of the Grand Worthy Advisor and held a "slave day."

Money is being saved to purchase a Rainbow flag for the Assembly room. Just for a fun dance, the girls held a dance on that spooky holiday, Halloween.

Dorene McLaughlin, Jr. P.W.A., had a special project during her term to purchase medallions to hang from the officers' jewels.

Donna Sandstrom, Grand Religion, during her term as the charter Worthy Advisor of Cordova Assembly, started the Assembly's annual big money raiser, a Community Birthday Calendar. Club and organization meeting nights plus birthdays are listed on the calendar.

When Lora Dettinger, recently appointed Grand Page, was Worthy Advisor, she was the Cordova Ice Worm Queen. As queen she represented Cordova in the Fur Rendezvous parade in Anchorage.



Alaska Grand Officers installed at Grand Assembly in Spokane are pictured here. In back, left to right: Danna Poor, Gr. Drill Leader; Joann Widdifield, Gr. Chaplain; Jaynie Tressler, Gr. Hope; Mary Halm, Gr. Worthy Advisor; Sharon Vitt, Gr. Charity; Colleen Kendall, Gr. Recorder; Sherry Smith, Gr. Faith; Sybil McClure, Gr. Nature; Joan Davis, Gr. Exec. Board. Front row: Mrs. Freda McClure, Gr. Mother

Advisor; Linda Brittell, Gr. Confidential Observer; Sandy McBrayer, Gr. Service; Linda Cope, Gr. Love; Janie Hanks, Gr. Outer Observer; Mrs. R. M. Parkins, Supreme Deputy; Betty Query, Gr. Choir Director; Joan Benson, Gr. Assembly Reporter, Ann Butcher, Gr. Lecturer; Donna Sandstrom, Gr. Religion, and Charles Wilson, Gr. Exec. Board.

(Photo by Ken Warford)

## ALASKA GRANDIES '62-'63

Grand Worthy Advisor	Mary Halm, Ketchikan No. 2
Grand Worthy Assoc. Advisor	Ingrid Lee, Fairbanks No. 1
Grand Charity	Sharon Vitt, Turnagain No. 10
Grand Hope	Jaynie Tressler, Seward No. 6
Grand Faith	Sherry Smith, Wrangell No. 11
Grand Recorder	Colleen Kendall, Nugget No. 13
Grand Treasurer	Arlene Bowers, Juneau No. 3
Grand Chaplain	Joann Widdifield, North Star No. 9
Grand Drill Leader	Danna Poor, Juneau No. 3
Grand Love	Linda Cope, Palmer No. 7
Grand Religion	Donna Sandstrom, Cordova No. 4
Grand Nature	Sybil McClure, Ketchikan No. 2
Grand Immortality	Joann Sweet, Fairbanks No. 1
Grand Fidelity	Stefanie Newell, Anchorage No. 5
Grand Patriotism	Luana Garroutte, Kodiak No. 8
Grand Service	Sandy McBrayer, Sitka No. 12
Grand Confidential Observer	Linda Brittell, Sitka No. 12
Grand Outer Observer	Janie Hanks, Palmer No. 7
Grand Musician	Annette Davidson, Anchorage No. 5
Grand Choir Director	Betty Query, North Star No. 9
Grand Lecturer	Ann Butcher, Turnagain No. 10
Grand Historian	Janice Whitmore, Seward No. 6
Grand Assembly Reporter	Joan Benson, Kodiak No. 8
Grand Mother Advisor	Freda McClure, Ketchikan No. 2
Grand Executive Board	Norma Brekke, North Star No. 9
Grand Executive Board	Barbara Peterson, Anchorage No. 5
Grand Executive Board	Joan Davis, North Star No. 9
Grand Page	Judy Elisen, Juneau No. 3
Grand Page	Hilary Melville, Fairbanks No. 1
Grand Page	Lora Dettinger, Cordova No. 4
Grand Page	Glee Cassler, Palmer No. 7
Grand Page	Jeanine Drinkall, Seward No. 6

\*One More Page to be Appointed

## Over 100 Alaskans Attend Last Tri-State Grand Assembly in Spokane

Alaska really was well represented at Grand Assembly in Spokane in June. With all the Alaskans sitting together at the meetings everyone could tell that there were over 100 of them. The Grandies and the Alaska girls stayed at the Davenport Hotel where many took advantage of the heated pool.

Three busy days started with the Alaskan breakfast in the hotel's Isabella room. Besides eating a delicious breakfast some business for our Grand Assembly was taken care of.

That afternoon a large group of girls and adults received the Grand Cross of Color Degree after a filling lunch.

### Officers' Gowns

Throughout the sessions the Grand Officers wore floor length gowns of lavender taffeta with white, silver flecked net over the skirts. They formed an "M" for Mother Advisors, to whom the Assembly was dedicated, when they marched in. Jeannie Kunz, Grand Worthy Advisor, looked very majestic in her white, floor length, lace gown as she "reigned" in the Grand East.

The Grand Choir members were also identically dressed in white brocade floor-length formal. Their incoming formation, a huge eighth note, followed the theme of the sessions, "Heavenly Harmony".

The busy Grand Pages were seldom still long enough to

really observe their gowns that were similar to the Grand Officers' — white illusion net over lavender taffeta.

### Historical Installation

Highlights of the sessions were the crowning of Miss Service, announcement of the Service Assembly, election of a new Grand Worthy Advisor for Washington, Idaho and her Grand line officers, announcement of Alaska's first Grandies and of course the installation that made Rainbow history.

In a dual installation the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers of Washington and Idaho and Alaska assumed their offices.

Our tall, red-headed Mary and Washington and Idaho's petite Sherry Siebold were an inspiring sight as they stood at the altar together and took the vows of the Grand Worthy Advisor.

## Featuring . . . Donna Sandstrom Grand Religion

My trip with our Grand Officers visiting your Assemblies has been filled with many wonderful memories and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your hospitality.

It was my privilege to witness initiations, see your ritualistic work and to take part in bestowing the highest honor that Rainbow can confer, the Grand Cross of Color.

To the initiate I say, my sister, this night will leave an im-

### Rainbows of God's Summerland

By Joshua Goodwin

There is a Rainbow in God's  
Summerland

They call it Faith  
It makes the promises O so sure  
The things unseen, the more  
secure,

And doubts they fade away  
Life it binds to a Christian goal,  
Purifies the heart, expands the  
soul

There is a Rainbow in God's  
Summerland

They call it Hope  
In spite of wounds or guilt of sin  
It deftly draws us back to Him  
And Life begins anew

Its smiling beam drives clouds  
away  
And adds new lustre to each  
day.

There is a Rainbow in God's  
Summerland

They call it Love  
Its base rests on the omnipo-  
tence of God

Its radiance piercing to the sod  
And brightens all around  
Its dazzling beams they sweep  
away

The unbelief and doubt that fain  
would stay.

These Rainbows in God's Sum-  
merland

Are Faith and Hope and Love  
Where could such graces ever  
come

But from above?  
They enter life with beams so  
bright

They penetrate the darkest night  
And the greatest one is LOVE.

### Official Visit Plans

Before Grand Assembly in August, Mary Halm, G.W.A. will make two more official visits. She will visit her home assembly, Ketchikan No. 2, December 27, and then in the spring, about March 23, will visit Nugget No. 13. She attended a meeting at the latter last September, but it wasn't an official visit.

print on your soul and as the lessons of the Rainbow Colors are unfolded to you, so will life open its doors to you, one at a time and you may be positive you will not enter the wrong door if you let the lessons taught by Rainbow guide you.

It was gratifying to find that a spirit of friendliness and co-operation prevails in our assemblies and that throughout the state you are all earnestly striving for perfection in ritualistic work. It was such a pleasure to see you "do your best".

To those upon whom the Grand Cross of Color was conferred, be ever mindful that service does not end when the honor is attained; it just begins. The years that stretch ahead demand further service.

So my sisters let us live such a full Rainbow life that our rays will radiate throughout this beautiful state of Alaska and let our first Grand Assembly be a memorable one.

God Bless You All,  
Donna Sandstrom  
Grand Religion

### "Sound of Music" Juneau Theme

"The Sound of Music" was the theme of Sue Strahmeyer's installation as Worthy Advisor. She plans a banquet for the Eastern Star during her term.

The Rainbow Girls were busy, busy, busy in our capitol city on their slave day and at their rummage sale during the summer term. Measuring the Eastern Stars' waists and charging them a penny an inch was fun and helped the treasury. They find dances another way to raise money.

Scavenger hunts and picnics join the list of enjoyable activities.

There's four Grandies in Juneau — Mrs. Berthele Elisen, Grand Deputy for the Gulf of Alaska area; Arlene Bowers, Grand Treasurer; Danna Poor, Grand Drill Leader; and Judy Elisen, Grand Page.

### Palmer No. 7 Girls Have Booth at State Fair Plan Holiday Activities for Fall Term

Dorothy Gagnon, Worthy Advisor keeps her Rainbow sisters in the limelight so they're almost as famous as Palmer's moose. They had an ice cream booth at the State Fair, a spaghetti dinner for visiting Masons, and a car wash.

The hospital that they help support must be very thankful that Reverend Mark Sexson created our Order.

One of number seven's Grandies, Linda Cope, Grand Love, was selected as Miss Congeniality at the Alaska State Fair.

During Janie Hank's term (Jan. '62) Janie started a contest between the number of members present on each side of the Assembly room at each meeting. The side having the most officers, members and guests sitting there win prizes such as cookies, key chains or candy. Janie is the Grand Outer Observer.

A slumber (less?) party and

cook-out at the fireplace of Marne Hanks, M.A. was enjoyed by all on the Grand Worthy Advisor's official visit in August.

The day following Thanksgiving, Palmer Rainbow girls their Christmas candy canes stockings in Palmer and the surrounding area. Later in the the girls gathered at Momms Lake for an ice skating party.

Worthy Advisor Glee Casler has several holiday activities planned during her term. They include a "Come-As-You-Breakfast" and a Children's Christmas party for the girls' families as well as the sponsor families.

Palmer Assembly voted to give each girl a month to visit to the Assembly's newly adopted Grandparents from the Mas Home at Zenith, Washington.

The money that the girls are ushering at the Theater Guild plays will be sent to the hospital help support.

### Through the Prism . . . (Continued from Page 1)

stack of neatly types articles written from the questionnaires that most of you sent in from your assemblies.

Also a special thanks to Glee Casler, W. A. of Palmer No. 7 and newly appointed Grand Page who helped design the name plate for our paper.

Speaking of appointments, Hilary Melville, P.W.A. of Fairbanks No. 1 was appointed a Grand Page during my visitation Thanksgiving and Joann Sweet, present W.A. of Fairbanks, received the office of Grand Immortality.

Assemblies please get your questionnaires completed with as much information as possible and send them to Joan Benson, 301 Brantley, Montana State Univ., Missoula, Mont.

A reminder to all assemblies: It's not too early to start planning for your Grand officers' reception. You must consult with them on the invitation list, date and program.

I enjoyed having Ann Butcher, Gr. Lecturer; Donna Sandstrom, Gr. Religion; Janie Hanks, Gr. Outer Observer; Glee Casler, Gr. Page, and "Rusty" Laurie who is from Anchorage No. 5, stay with me in the dorm during Thanksgiving weekend. The girls were more than a little amazed at the antics of college girls which, while they were there, ranged from throw-

ing girls into showers to throwing impromptu dances in dorm lounge.

"Rusty" also enjoyed visiting with her sister Sonny who lives in McIntosh Hall and who, the way, was recently crowned "Miss University of Alaska

Kathy Flynn, P.W.A. Anchorage No. 5 also was in Fairbanks over the weekend for my special visit, and stayed with friends in town. She lived in Fairbanks several years ago.

Daddy Parkin's son Chuck, Past Master Councilor of Fairbanks, and freshman at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, enjoyed chauffeuring the girls back and forth to meetings.

I can't wait to show off my slides at Grand Assembly. member girls — all that you made you do just for one picture. "At least one photo every official visit." I kept telling you.

Speaking of my visits — really was thankful for the opportunity I had to talk to many of you last summer. I traveled around the state on my official visits. It was a proven to me that no matter what unique things there are in the organization of each individual assembly — the girls are all pretty much the same — of fun, hard-working and dedicated to making Rainbow beautiful order that it is.

With Rainbow love,  
Mary Halm,  
Grand Worthy Advisor



Nine designates from Anchorage and Palmer received the Grand Cross of Colors degree in a joint ceremony put on by the new Alaska Grand Officers September 2. They are from left to right, front row: Vic Spangle, Travis Williams, Virginia Richardson, Bernice Richardson, Marian Huston, Mrs. Branton,

Mrs. Driggers, Helen Butcher and Jane Wesley. In the back row: Myrtle Weiss, Donna Sandstrom, Betty Joe Wilson, Lynn Wesley, Mary Halm, Marie Weiss, Betty Query, Trena Hage, Ingrid Lee, Sharon Vitt and Robert Parkins.

(Photo by Travis Williams)

**Featuring . . .**

**Janie Hanks  
Grand Outer Observer**

Since my initiation into Rainbow, five years ago, Rainbow activities have played an important part in my life. As Rainbow girls we constantly strive to follow the teachings of Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Patriotism, and Service. Did you notice that there is a lesson missing from the preceding sentence? At the first glance, you know something is missing, but you don't know what. Rainbow is a mixture of all the lessons. All are

equally important, and none can be left out.

A Rainbow assembly can be compared to a well made cake. Flour, the basic ingredient is the meeting hall, the ritual, and the members. Eggs are the advisory board, who are usually "pretty good eggs". Shortening is the Mother and the Daddy advisors who keep things running smoothly. Spices are the fun and the social activities in Rainbow. After the cake is baked, be sure to clean the dishes with Tide, because Tide is a hard worker, and Rainbow needs lots of those.

Your work in Rainbow can be most rewarding if you learn your parts well, and use your ideas to help your own assembly.

With Rainbow love,  
Janie Hanks  
Grand Outer Observer

**Featuring . . .**

**Betty Query  
Grand Choir Director**

I feel so honored to be able to appear in our Alaskan paper. Just so I won't waste too much of this precious space I'll mention just a little about our Grand Choir this year.

There are 13 active Assemblies in Alaska, therefore we hope to have a minimum of two choir members from each Assembly and a maximum of five. If everything goes according to plans we hope to have a 40-member choir.

The 1963 "Grand Choir" will be dressed in solid white floor length formals and carry their music in folders of blue and gold (Mary's colors). I hope we can sound as nice as we'll look.

**State Executive Board Answers  
Many Grand Assembly Questions  
In Anchorage Oct. 26-27 Meeting**

At the Grand Executive Board meeting in Anchorage, October 26-27, many decisions were made and plans formulated for Alaska's first Rainbow Grand Assembly which will be held August 22, 23, and 24, 1963, in Anchorage.

The exact building that will house the Assembly room isn't definite yet. If it is possible, every Rainbow visitor to Anchorage will be housed in a private home.

The Past Worthy Matron's Club of Anchorage consented to the general chairmanship of Grand Assembly and will provide leadership for the various committees. Mrs. Edith Davis is general chairman within the group.

Every Assembly in Alaska that wishes to work for the August meeting will soon be given some job for Grand Assembly by the Matron's Club.

Inter-assembly competition at Grand Assembly will include drill teams, scrapbooks and skits. More detailed information on these has been mailed to the various assemblies.

Although the three-day program for Grand Assembly isn't in final form yet, it will include on the first night an open Rainbow talent show.

Instead of working in areas, the Grand Deputies will be in numbered districts. The Grand

Deputies will assist R. M. Parkins, Supreme Deputy, in the general supervision of Rainbow, in the organization of new assemblies, and in the issuance of dispensations.

District No. 1: Mrs. Bernice Lefferson (Mrs. William), 516 Farewell Ave., Fairbanks. Assembly presently at Fairbanks.

District No. 2  
Mrs. Berthele Elisen (Mrs. Oscar), Box 1314, Juneau. Assemblies presently at Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Wrangell, and Skagway.

District No. 3  
Mrs. Edna Drinkall (Mrs. Hal), Box 491, Seward. Assemblies presently at Cordova, Seward, and Kodiak.

District No. 4  
Four Assemblies presently in Anchorage area and Palmer. These assemblies will continue to request dispensations and direct questions from Mr. Parkins.

## WHAT IS AT THE FOOT OF THE RAINBOW?

(Nevada: Rainbow Trail)

Since Time immemorial, since Time first began,  
 An oft-asked question, has plagued the mind of man.  
 This has always been answered, in one way or another,  
 Often by an older sister, a friend, or a mother.  
 One of the answers frequently given, by the young and the old,  
 Is that at the end of the Rainbow, you'll find a pot of gold.  
 This seems to be a good answer, and one that seems to please,  
 But is it truly the answer, which leaves the mind at ease?  
 To test this old answer, is a very simple thing you do,  
 Just try to find the golden pot, my girl, it is really up to you.  
 For you are the center of this world, as we all know,  
 You are the central point, where your journeys must begin  
 to go.  
 You must travel over land and sea in your search of the foot of  
 the bow,  
 And yet when you finally get there, wherever you go,  
 You'll not find that iron pot, nor the shiny pieces of gold  
 But rather, you'll find simply nothing of which to get a hold.  
 The foot of the rainbow, which you see up in the air,  
 Is just always over the horizon, and never on the square.  
 So what is at the foot of the rainbow, my girl?  
 To find out, we'll give a simple test a whirl!  
 You take a spray of water, a little wind, and bright sun,  
 Spray the water into the air, and let the water run.  
 Look into the Sacred East, with your eyes turned towards  
 Heaven,  
 And there before you, are all our colors, mixed in even.  
 So, there you are, exactly in the right place to find,  
 What truly is at the foot of that beautiful, colored rind.  
 The answer is simple, and so easy to see,  
 The answer for all of us to know—it's really just you and me!  
 We are the "foot of the rainbow," and each of us has his own,  
 We can use our treasures to build the most beautiful lives  
 known—  
 Or we can misuse our life treasures, as so many of us do,  
 On selfish and thoughtless living, to others being untrue.  
 It is not just my thought, but others who have passed before,  
 The lessons we receive in Rainbow, the lessons galore  
 Will help us spend our lives wisely, you know,  
 And wisely spend our treasures—granted at the foot of the  
 bow.

Assembly No. 19, Las Vegas  
 —Dad Geo. Stearns

## Surprise Breakfast Fun for Kodiak No. 8 Initiation Practice Followed Hotcakes

Kodiak Assembly had a rude awakening Saturday morning September 29 — and early too. Worthy Advisor, Elana Ross decided to kill two birds with one stone by having a fun project and an initiation practice too. Elana staged a "come-as-you-are" sour-dough hot cake breakfast followed by the practice.

It was a well kept secret until the night before when the line officers were informed they would have the dubious honor of awakening 44 girls at 7:30 the next morning.

### Hairstyles "Way Out"

Needless to say the variety of attire and hairstyles were out of this world and would probably, if released to high fashion authorities, have set a new look called the "Pale Sandman Twist".

Kodiak finds selling Rainbow chocolates to be a big money maker and sell them regularly.

The members usher at the Alaska Music Trail concerts. Renewing old toys to be dropped in one of Kodiak Island's Indian villages by the Coast Guard at Christmas time is the big service project during Elana Ross's term.

A Halloween costume dance was recently held at the Elks' Club.

### \$50 Scholarship

Carolyn Rockstad, Junior Past Worthy Advisor received the annual Assembly scholarship of \$50. This is a newly organized project to help a deserving senior Rainbow Girl with her college expenses. Donations to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, the Alaska Crippled Children's Association,

Alaska's Grand Assembly, and a chair in support of an Eastern Star project completed the summer term's service projects.

The money for these donations was raised at a popcorn and pop booth at the King Crab Festival, a spring dance and a car wash.

For Founder's Day the Rainbow Girls on the island where the crabs and bears run big had a roller skating and "bring a sack lunch for you and your guests", party.

### Service Award

Kodiak was awarded second place in the Service Assembly contest that Jeannie Kunz started last year when she was Grand Worthy Advisor. The girls are very proud of this honor since they were the only Alaskan Assembly to place in the competition.

Luana (Cookie) Garrouette, Grand Patriotism served as Kodiak's Worthy Advisor in January 1961. Joan Benson, Grand Assembly Reporter was Worthy Advisor in May of 1960. During her term she started the "Big Sister" program.



Nugget Assembly No. 13 provided beautiful decorations for the all-Anchorage banquet for the Grand Officer's visit, September 2. The girls dressed a doll to resemble the Grand Worthy Advisor and later presented her with it. Left to right are: Donna Sandstrom, Gr. Religion; Sharon Vitt, Gr. Charity; Ingrid Lee, Gr. W.A.A.; Mary Halm, Gr. W. A.; Ann Butcher,

Gr. Lecturer; Betty Query, Gr. Choir Director; R. M. Parkins, Supreme Deputy; Jaynie Tressler, Gr. Hope, and Trena Hage, W. A. Anchorage No. 5 and Grand Musician before she resigned due to her family's leaving Anchorage.

(Photo by Travis Williams)

# ON SERVICE . . .

(Given April 18, 1962)

When each of you joined this Assembly, the Sister of Faith met you at the door and reminded you that you were entering a life of service. The lessons of the Color Stations run from Love to Service, and the Sister of Religion defines it as "Love and Service." There can be no true Service without love, and true love leads inevitably to service. To help you start in this life, the Order of Rainbow makes a list of suggested services that a girl may perform, and awards points, and eventually color bars for them.

## Turnagain No. 10 Works With DeMolay Boys

Karen Barnes, Worthy Advisor doesn't have much trouble in getting the support of the DeMolay boys since her brother is a Master Councilor. The two assumed their positions in the East at a double installation.

Their first project is a sleigh ride and skating-dancing party.

A slumber party offers plenty of time to get work done the fun way. Turnagain gals made a quilt for a Thanksgiving basket at theirs. With the Anchorage Chapter of DeMolay they are planning a big Christmas party for the Turnagain Children's Home.

Just to keep that treasury shining the girls also will sell Christmas candy and Christmas candles.

The service project during Jr. P.W.A. Sandy Hollis's term was cleaning and readying the classrooms for use at the Alaska Crippled Children's Treatment Center.

To raise money to send members to Grand Assembly in Spokane last June a rummage sale, car wash and plant sale were held. The Mother's Club helped out too with a coffee and doughnut sale in conjunction with the rummage sale.

### Summer Fun

The girls journeyed to Flat Lake for three days of fun in the sun — water skiing, swimming and boating were on the agenda. Sharon Vitt, Grand Charity started this tradition during her term as Worthy Advisor in May of 1961.

Ann Butcher, Grand Lecturer, also hails from Turnagain Assembly. She was Worthy Advisor in January of 1962.

The Assembly's float placed second in the Fur Rendezvous Parade, their scrapbook received an honorable mention at Grand Assembly and their drill team took second place at their first appearance in the Fair Day Parade in Palmer.

New members start out eagerly, studying the list, and working for points, and earning color bars. Soon, if she really looks for ways to serve, a girl discovers that the list is far from complete. Old people, or sick people enjoy visits or errands run for them. Harried mothers may be eternally grateful to have their children amused for an hour or so. The opportunities are endless if you really look.

Then a girl starts to make another discovery — that the true reward of service is not really a color bar to hang on her formal. These are after all, only base metal, cold and hard. But the smile on the face of some one you have helped — be it a patient in the hospital, an eager little Brownie Scout, a Sister in trouble, or perhaps your Worthy Advisor, whose burden has been lightened by your faithful performance of your duties, the better flavor of your own Thanksgiving dinner, when you know someone else is dining on turkey instead of bread, because of you, and the feeling deep inside you when you know a crippled child is getting better because of your help — these things are the pure gold. Only then does a Rainbow girl begin to guess at the other things in the pot of Gold that could not be shown to her when she was initiated.

And it is then that she becomes careless in making out her pointsheets, or neglects them entirely, and perhaps this is as it should be, for the one last lesson that Rainbow can give you to carry on into your later life, is that service for its own sake, brings its own reward — deep in the heart of a girl, or a woman.

—Mrs. Norman Sutliff  
Assoc. Mother Advisor  
Kodiak Assembly No. 8

"Happiness adds and multiplies when you divide it with others."

## Featuring . . .

Jayni Tressler

## Grand Hope

Hello Rainbow Sisters,

I'm Jayni Tressler and I will be serving as your Grand Hope throughout the year. I consider this a great honor and I will do my best to live up to it.

I have been in Rainbow for five years and served as Worthy Advisor just a year ago. Rainbow means a great deal to me as its lessons in life exemplify the teachings of our Great Creator.

It is my firm belief that if each one of us lived each day our Rainbow lessons, we would all be living examples of truth and beauty and love.

Each initiations I take part in, each Grand Cross of Color service I see, yes, every meeting I attend only serves to strengthen this belief. I am sure many of you feel the same. Our beautiful order is truly a wonderful one.

I hope all of you are looking forward to Grand Assembly as much as I am. As I visited several Assemblies this fall, I couldn't help but notice the enthusiasm the girls had for it. I'm sure all of us will follow our Grand Worthy Advisor's advice and carry our share of the load as we strive toward New Horizons On a Golden Shore.

God bless you and I'll be looking forward to meeting you all at Grand Assembly.

In Rainbow love,  
Jayni Tressler

## SHARING

By Joshua Goodwin  
(Grandfather of Mary Halm)

If I have had a pleasant day  
And you had one of sorrow  
Should I not wish that you  
might have  
A joyous day tomorrow.

If I were young, and big and  
strong  
And you were old, and grey  
Should I not help to bear the  
load  
And help you on your way.

If I were rich and you were  
poor  
Your burdens hard to bear  
Should not I give from what I  
have  
To help your burdens share.

If I have talents, "wondrous  
gifts"  
And you were commonplace  
Should we not both together  
work  
To bless the human race.

If I should tell you God Is Love  
And you did not agree  
Should I not try to show the  
right  
As it was shown to me.

For what are pleasures, strength  
or wealth.  
Belief or talents rare,  
If not to use, where God hath  
need  
To answer someone's prayer.

### Transit to Heaven

Love your right motive;  
It is the ship that braves  
Temptations, trials,  
And other troubled waves.  
Cherish it! Trust it!  
For truly it can sail  
Straight into heaven,  
When other vessels fail!  
—Althea Brook Hollenbeck

### GOSSIP

There is so much good in the  
worst of us  
And so much bad in the best  
of us  
That it ill becomes any of us  
To find fault with the rest of  
us.

## Anch. No. 5 Building City Rainbow Park

Anchorage may soon have a "Rainbow Park." Assembly No. 5 has raised \$170 for supplies and are now busily working on a playground for the community's children to enjoy.

Under the leadership of Kathy Flynn Jr. P.W.A., the Assembly earned some money with a car wash and a dime-a-dip dinner (exactly what the name implies). The members prepared various casseroles, salads and desserts for the dinner which was well advertised and open to the public.

After the meal, entertainment in the form of a variety show was provided. Two local retail stores contributed door prizes.

During the summer the girls hosted a Founder's Day picnic and a Summer Lover Dance. A DeMolay boy from each Anchorage chapter is chosen to be a summer lover. Bob Carpenter and Jerry Dison are the new summer lovers.

## Grand Worthy's Poem

Several of the assemblies that were visited by Mary Halm, Grand Worthy Advisor, last summer requested that a portion of her speech be reprinted so that individual girls might have copies.

Here is the poem with which she began her talk on building Alaska's first Rainbow Grand Assembly:

### THE BRIDGE BUILDER

By Will Allen Dromgoole

An old man traveling a lone highway  
Came at the evening cold and gray  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim  
The sullen stream held no fears for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And builded a bridge to span the tide.  
"Old man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You're wasting your time in building here.  
Your journey will end with the closing day;  
You never again will pass this way  
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide  
Why build you this bridge at even-tide?"  
The builder lifted his old gray head:  
"Good friend, in the path I have come, he said  
There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This stream which has been as naught to me,  
To that fair-haired youth may pitfall be:  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.

## Fairbanks No. 1 Receives Certificate

Our northernmost Assembly, Fairbanks No. 1, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for notable assistance in the Crusade to Conquer Cancer.

During Joann Sweet's term in the East money will be raised through bake sales, dances and a candy sale. Hikes, picnics, and slumber parties are the fun activities planned.

Hilary Melville kept her Assembly sisters busy during her term as Worthy Advisor, last summer. The girls helped with the Cancer Crusade and lent a helping hand to the Eastern Star in their projects.

Their sachet making party around Valentine's Day must have been sweet smelling fun. It helped the treasury too because they sold the end products. Other money was raised through bake sales and a dart game at the Golden Days' celebration.

All work and no play makes Rainbow a dull organization so the Worthy Advisor organized a hike, swimming party, slumber party and dance. Not all on the same night.

## IMPORTANT CHANGE

(From The Covenant,  
Colorado Rainbow Newspaper)

Some folks are short and chubby;  
Still others, tall and thin.  
We can't do very much, of course,  
To change the shape we're in.  
Yet it's a big improvement,  
As well as lots of fun,  
To change a frowning countenance  
Into a smiling one.

## FRIENDSHIPS

(From Rainbow Trail,  
Nevada Rainbow Newspaper)

Friendships are windows—  
all the day long,  
They let in the sunlight of  
laughter and song;  
They banish the gloom from  
the house of my heart,  
And oh, the good cheer  
that those windows impart.

Friendships are windows—  
life's joy cannot fade  
From the house of my heart  
'til I pull down each shade,  
So I fling them wide open  
each morning anew,  
And one first of all,—the  
window toward you!

## North Star No. Nine Has Many Money Making, Service Projects

The projects of Worthy Advisor Betty Query, are selling Christmas candy, a pot luck dinner, the traveling basket and a Halloween costume dance.

The service project for the term is to support an overseas orphan. The cost is \$10 a month and the orphan will correspond with the Assembly. Members are also encouraged to write letters to the child. The money needed for this project will come from bake sales and the traveling basket.

### Young Assembly

North Star Assembly is one of the youngest assemblies in Anchorage — only four years old!

The Service Project for Junior Past Worthy Advisor, Lynn Wesley's term was Woodhaven Rest Home.

Five girls went to Woodhaven every week of last summer. They planted flowers, weeded, wrote letters, made candy, took magazines, and clothes. Through the traveling basket and a car wash, \$56 was raised to be used for a new wheel chair.

Other service projects that have been done in the past by North Star include contributing to the Eskimo Student Loan Association, which aids Eskimos in going to college, and helping needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

### Money Projects

Money-making projects vary with the seasons of the year. The summer term has the Shrine Circus which is held in Anchorage yearly for about a week. All assemblies work together at the hotdog and hamburger booth. Everyone enjoyed rich profits this year—each assembly received over \$500.00.

During the fall terms the girls have a Halloween Carnival at Ft. Richardson and sell Christmas paper or candy.

Fun projects for the '62 summer terms were many. A feat for North Star was taking 25 girls and 3 adults to the Grand Assembly of Washington, Idaho and Alaska in Spokane. The drill team was the first team from Alaska ever to participate in Grand Assembly and won a special award.

Also at Grand Assembly two members of North Star received the Grand Cross. They were Joann Widdifield and Lynn Wesley. The last night of G.A. the members of North Star held a farewell party for two mem-

bers, Carol Fittell and Barbie Wanderer.

### Grand Officers

North Star has four Grandies: they are Norma Brekke and Joan Davis, Grand Executive Board; Joann Widdifield, Grand Chaplain and Betty Query, Grand Choir Director. Betty Query was selected as Teen Citizen of Elmendorf A.F.B. for the month of May.

The drill team has won high acclaim also, a first place in this year's Fur Rendezvous, a second in the Golden Day's festival of Fairbanks, and a first in the Palmer State Fair parade. The team has also given many performances for basketball and baseball games.

Some of the highlights of the '62 summer term were a slumber party, the Shrine Circus, making a float for the Fourth of July parade, a Founder's Day church service, a Daddy-Daughter Bar-be-cue, drill team trips, Friendship Night, a car wash, a midnight bowling party, and a Mother-Daughter luncheon and fashion show.

Worthy Advisor Lynn also started something new in her term, a Big Sister Project. After being initiated, new girls get together with their big sisters and the Mother Advisor and the Worthy Advisor and they learn all about Rainbow, how to ballot, what Rainbow teaches and in general, anything they did not understand about the initiation.

The Advisory Board sponsors a project in which they sell personalized North Star candy. The Mother's Club also crochets poodles of all different colors to help the girls.

Betty Query who is Grand Choir Director took office as Worthy Advisor on September 8 at Aurora School. Her theme of Friendship was carried out in the colors of pink and white with large and small hearts of pink satin trimmed with pink and white flowers.