

# Aggie Gets Rich In Alaskan Trip

ALAN ALLEN  
Did you hear the one about the guy who went to Alaska for three months, fished 10 days for salmon, and grayling, and made \$600 to help pay for his education?  
It's no joke. David Constance, senior in building construction, just got back last summer. "When I got to Fairbanks," he said, "it was 10 degrees and the ice was breaking up in the Chena River. I wasn't what I had expected. I had left my coat in my suitcase."  
"I had \$70 when I got off the plane and figured it would last five days. If I didn't have a job when I would head out for Anchorage and try there. On the fourth day I got lucky; I got a job. It was with the only non-house (house) builder in town. I started out at \$7 an hour. Boy, I was amazed. I was tickled to death to get that."  
He worked there a week, then he and two workers decided to subcontract the framing of houses. "I guess I began averaging \$10 to \$12 per hour then. We worked for a flat sum and on an average house I made about \$600 in five to seven days. The most money I made on one house was \$1,000 in eight days."  
Between jobs Constance said he spent his time at the University of Alaska where he made friends and at nearby rivers where he enjoyed fishing. "The salmon were running when I was there," he said, "and in one place on the Chena River they were so thick

it looked as if you could have walked across them. I had never used a fly rod before, but I caught fish up to seven pounds the first day I tried."  
Constance said he was impressed with the people he met and their generosity. For three weeks he lived in a borrowed tent. The next four he spent in an ice-fishing house his boss loaned him and ended the trip in the five-bedroom home of a family that was on vacation.  
He took the overnight fishing trips with people he met there and used their equipment. "All I took with me were Levi's, shirts, two pair of dress pants, a coat and a sleeping bag. I guess they have to be nice because of the hard winters and need for cooperation."  
Constance said he thinks a skilled laborer has a fair chance at a job there, but they're hard to find few jobs available. I got my ers to go just for the money," he said, "because even residents find few jobs available. I got my job because a man broke his leg and because of my background in construction."  
Constance said the worst parts of the trip were the one-dollar hamburgers, the 60 cents per gallon for gasoline and the mosquitoes. "The mosquitoes were worst in July," he said, "they were everywhere. My God, you've never seen so many mosquitoes in your life. They were terribly bad, and big. And they loved me. If you ever go to Alaska be damn sure and take plenty of mosquito repellent."

## THE BATTALION

# Senate Passes 'Clean Air Financing Act'

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—A "Clean Air Financing Act" using public credit to finance pollution control by private industry sailed through a Senate committee Wednesday with no dissenting votes.  
The bill, sponsored by Sen. Jack Hightower, D-Vernon, would let political subdivisions construct pollution control facilities through the use of tax-exempt bonds, and then lease or sell the facilities to industry.  
Industry could claim investment tax credits and normal depreciation allowances, but would be required to pay ad valorem taxes on the facilities, whether they owned them or leased them.  
"It's simply a way by which business and industry can finance control facilities," said Hightower, noting such a plan already exists in Texas for water pollution control.  
He said 30 other states have such an arrangement.  
"If we fail to pass this bill we're not permitting our industry to be competitive."  
Wade Spillman, speaking for the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas, said the measure would "facilitate earlier compliance with air control standards."  
"It's whole purpose is to aid business and industry in Texas," Spillman said.  
The measure was changed to exclude water districts but include multi-county districts in financing the bonds, on a suggestion by Jack Davis, general manager of the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority. Also included are cities, counties, towns, and other political subdivisions.  
"If you're going to play, we

want in the game," Davis said. He feared excessive competition among governmental units to attract the bonds but his recommendations to modify the bidding process were not adopted.  
There was only one witness against the measure, Houston attorney L. A. Greene, a member of a group known as Help Eliminate Pollution.  
Greene said he disagreed with the concept of using public credit to finance private industry, "but that policy has already been settled in Washington." He was referring to a federal law under which Hightower's bill can be implemented by the states.  
But Greene said the Texas Constitution may prohibit the legislation.  
"This can't be resolved by me," he said. "It will be settled elsewhere."  
Asked if that meant in court, he said yes.  
Greene also asked the committee to toughen the bill's language on requiring industry to pay ad valorem taxes on any equipment it obtains under the bill.  
He said the Houston domed stadium was built on public credit, yet its valuation was fixed at only \$1 per year.  
"But wasn't that a political decision?" asked Hightower.  
"Yes, senator, that's what I'm trying to head off," Greene replied. "I would hope each rendition under this bill is not a political decision."

# Eighty More POWs Return, Express Gratitude To Nixon

(AP)—Eighty more freed prisoners of war arrived back in the United States Wednesday, this time taking an express route that brought them to military bases across the country and reunions with their loved ones.  
Four huge Operation Homecoming jets travelled up to 11,000 miles from Clark Air Base in the Philippines to carry their passengers, still savoring the taste of freedom, to bases in Maryland, Texas, California and Illinois.  
At each of the bases, the former POWs expressed thanks at being once again on American soil and gratitude to President Nixon for having engineered the peace.  
"Our motto was unity before self," said Air Force Col. Frederick A. Crow Jr. at Andrews Air Force Base, just outside of Washington. "Our objective was to return with honor. We have accomplished our task."  
Crow, of Gloucester, Mass., acted as spokesman for the 21 POWs to arrive at Andrews. Following the pattern at the other bases, some men were checked

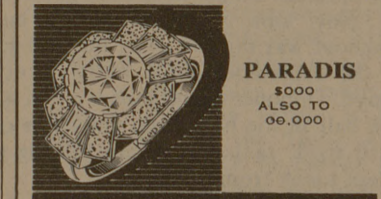
into a medical facility at the base and others were flown to military hospitals elsewhere in the region.  
Crow expressed thanks to "our God, our commander-in-chief, our families and all the people of this wonderful, wonderful country, and indeed of all the world who have worked so hard to bring us home."

## Bulletin Board

**THURSDAY**  
Business Administration Wives Club will have a demonstration and exercise session at 7:30 p.m. at the Figure Salon.  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will meet in Room 2C of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.  
Christian Science Organization will have an organizational meeting for Asher House at 6:30 p.m. at 201 Boyett St.  
Association Of Mexican American Students will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Architecture Building lobby to discuss upcoming events.  
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