

Too-Sah-You-Aht

Alaskan Missions Collection

---

10-28-1966

### Volume I, Issue 6

Tim Kennedy

Willard Outwater

# TOO-SAH-YOU-AHT NOORVIK-MIN

Vol.1 Issue 6

October 28, 1966

Noorvik, Alaska

"FOR TO ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST,  
AND TO DIE IS GAIN." Phil. 1:21

THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF WALTER AND PAULINE RUSSELL WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 23, 1966 WHILE RETURNING TO NOORVIK AFTER SETTING THEIR NETS IN THE ICE.

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

## PAULINE RUSSELL'S LAST TESTIMONY

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

Pauline Russell spoke in the Sunday morning worship service Oct. 9, less than two weeks before her death. During her message, she said she was willing to live if she could be help to others, but she was willing to die if someone would be saved. One of her favorite texts, which was her last, was Philippians 1:21. This text is used as the heading for this issue.

## LET THE BEAUTY OF JESUS BE SEEN IN ME

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

A notebook of Pauline Russell's that was written when she was twenty six years old shows her deep love for God. On the first page there is a song written down by Pauline. The verse that she copied down must have been her prayer.

This is the verse written by her on March 24, 1939;

contd. top pg.1

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen  
In me.  
All His wondrous compassion and  
Purity.  
Oh thou Spirit Divine  
All my nature refine.  
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen  
In me.

We all know that Pauline's  
prayer was answered.

## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ON OCT. 23

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

Many friends of Pauline and  
Walter came to Noorvik to give  
their testimonies for the Russell's.  
Friends from other villages who gave  
their testimony were:

Selawik--Flora Cleveland (1 Peter 5:7)  
Mae Cleveland (Psalm 46:1)  
Lucy Smith (Acts 10:34)  
Nellie Russell (Isaiah 66:13)  
(Luke 23:42)

Topsy Ramoth  
Minnie Kulhuk

contd. pg.2



testimonies contd....

Kiana---- Lucy Jackson ( John 14:1 )  
(Psalm 1:3 )  
Bessie Henry ( Isaiah 40:8 )  
Oscar Henry  
Johnny Smith  
Susie Barr

Shungnak---- Maggie Melton  
-----O-----

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD 1:00 SUNDAY OCT.23

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

Noorvik Friends Church was filled with many people who came to pay their last respects to Walter and Pauline. Friends and relatives came from Kiana, Selawik, Kotzebue, Shungnak, Kobuk and Anchorage.

Our pastor ran the service. He used songs and text to express the feeling of sorrow mixed with happiness in knowing that Pauline and Walter were home in the arms of the Lord.

Text and songs used in the funeral service were:

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13

" Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, in a moment, in the second, twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal

contd. top pg.2

must put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians  
(15: 50-57)

Some of the songs sung during the service were "Jesus Understands" "Sweet by and by", "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me", and "Blest be the tie that binds."

Minnie Morris and Mildred Sampson sang a special song. Others who sang special songs were, James Wells from Selawik, Kiana Young People, Russell Williams. by JANICE PERISHO

-----O-----

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD 6P.M. OCT.23, 1966

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

First of all we had our Song Service. After song service our pastor Earl Perisho made announcement for the weekday classes, also we had our regular church offering.

After that he gave the rest of the service to our leader. So we start service in memory of Walter and Pauline Russell.

We started from oldest woman here in Noorvik:

Mary Coffin- Pauline was a helper in our church even unofficially. She was raised in old people and she know what old people needs also she was interested teaching children. Walter when he visits he looks around what he should help me in man's work. Oh how much we will missed them.

contd. pg.3



memorial service contd....

Jenny Jackson- This past summer we were together. We always have Sunday School's. She teach as a pastor also when she talk she teach us like she is teaching little children so we may understand more about God's word. Also they were the our very own children.

Beatrice House- Not very long ago Walter came in to my house, I told him to eat. I set the table and when he start eating I asked him, "Walter have you been praying?" He called me by my name, "Beatrice, I've been praying for my kids." Also he gave me a verse. "Thou God seest me" (Gen. 16:13)

Flora Cleveland- Walter treated her coffee in his house during quarterly meeting. She told him to be a christian. He answered with a verse. "But many that are first shall be last, and the last first." (Mark 10:31) So he left me to this world I will keep on with the Lord unto the end.

Mae Cleveland- She talked about their childhood. They were raised together for a while. Also she thanked Noorvik people who helped with their bodies.

Helen Wells- Walter use to tease me not to go back and forth to my home town and Noorvik. We all know that they will be missed a lot but God will be in their place. The verse I had in mind is found in Psalms 116:15.

Mildred Sampson- Pauline is like a spiritual sister to me. When we were 12 yrs. of age we accepted Jesus as our savior. So we keep on with him until this day. In our way as a christian sometimes the way is hard but when we trust in the Lord he helped us. I was born on Sept., 1913. Pauline was born Oct. 28, 1913. I know I will miss her..I trust God to help me. Many times in summer

contd. top pg.3

when we have no pastor, she used to take pastor's place. I had the same verse what Helen had, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15

Esther Curtis- Pauline was my spiritual mother. Everytime I come to Noorvik or wherever she could get to see me to encourage me to go on with the Lord. Twice in different times she gave me this verse. Joshua 1:5 Walter is my namesake in Eskimo.

Molly Coffin- These couples are my closest friends. We use to eat together. Talk as we were sisters and brothers. We all know we will missed them. I have this song since I heard about these she sang three verses in translated. "Farther Along We'll Know All About It."

Pauline Harvey- I had that same song that Molly had. Just before I heard about Walter and Pauline. One evening everyone was in bed in our camp. I was staying up when everyone was sleeping. When that verse came into my mind. I sang it once and stop for awhile but when I can't keep silence. I start to sing it again. I thought to myself what will happen again. Pauline is like a real sister to me. Walter was my brother-in-law too.

Minnie Kahlhuk- Walter was once my brother-in-law in his very first wife. I sure loved him very much.

Minnie also sang a chorus of "God Leads His Children Along."

George Melton- Gave the closing adress.

by Violet Pungalik



THE CHILDREN OF NOORVIK WRITE IN THEIR OWN WORDS OF THEIR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS  
FOR WALTER AND PAULINE RUSSELL.

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

Pauline and Walter was good to us. She was a good story teller. She was good Sunday School teacher. Walter made a good big boat and a good sled. Walter was good to us too. It was a sad day when they died. Everyone came to funeral from every place. They had a good big house. She use to tell about God. We all missed them. They are in heaven now, and they are praying to us. She wants us to be good as she told us. And she wants us to be Christains.

by TEDDY SMITH

-----O-----

Pauline was a teacher in weekday class. Pauline and my mother were going to teach in the weekday class. Walter was a good woodsman. When it was winter he used to get very big logs for firewood. Before Walter died he made a new brake for his sled. I think he was getting ready for the winter. I think he would get wood for this winter. Now Sidney Foster is staying in their house.

by VIRGIL COFFIN

-----O-----

We was have sunday school teacher with Pauline when she was alive. She was good teacher in church. She always tell the good stories. And she always tell the kids to be quiet in church when she was going to pray. She like to sing In the Sweet by and by in the sing books. She always tell kids stories about anything. One day she tell us about the little boy in the sunday pix from the little kids sunday pix. Sometime she teach adult and intermedies too. Pauline and Walter

drown above Noorvik by one camp then left some of their things to their camp.

by JOSHUA MELTON and  
NITA CARTER

-----O-----

Long ago Pauline and Walter was kind to kids. She told us some good stories every Sundays. She tells us stories at our homes and at church and in her house. She is a good women to us. Walter and Pauline was going to see the net. They went to the good place. After they finish there net they were going back threw the thin place. They went down and it happened that the dogs did freeze too. Except one dog went back. They died Oct. 20 at Thursday.

by BOBBY WELLS

-----O-----

The dog didn't want to leave Pauline and Walter. He had pumpys when the night came my mother said. And Thomas and Roger went to look for them. They was at Jack Pungalik camp. But they did not see them. Peter saw the kellycoo and mitens on the ice. Walter Russell and Pauline was floting. They saw matches on the ice so they talked about them man and woman. Walter was on the down and Pauline was on the top. Pepples said they throw match on the ice. People cryed becues the woman have told storyies about Jesus and about God about chireldren up in heaven old people are in heaven babys at heaven to. Peoples liked to hear about storyies even chireldren. Pauline was good to us. She liked kids and some old mens and some old peoples. I liked Pauline and Walter, my mother liked Pauline and my Daddy liked Walter Russell.

by JANET PUNGALIK



children's letters contd...

Pauline and Walter went fishing and they went throw thin ice. Kids like Pauline and Walter. Pauline use to tell storys and we use to listen to her when she tell storys. We sure like Pauline and Walter. They had dogs with them too. They had 4 dogs and 1 came back and 3 dide.

by TOBY SAMPSON

Pauline and Walter drown throw a thin ide and there dog and foods and that was a bad luck. These kids was feeling bad. Pauline was very very good to us. We feel very sad. Some people come to N oorvik they feel very bad too. They die on Oct.20. There fire was on still when they die. Some people was very sad too.

by PAULINE WELLS

MONEY FROM FIRST MOVIE DONATED TO PAY  
FUNERAL EXPENSES  
\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

The Medical Fund Committee agreed that the first show of the year the money collected from the entrance and refreshments would go to the expenses used for Walter and Pauline Russells coffin and graveyard expenses.

The total of expenses ran to--157.00  
Money collect by Med.Fund-----136.00  
Robert & Nana Patterson gave---- 5.00  
Mother's Club paid----- 16.00

Pauline Russell helped put up the screen for movies just the night before the tragic accident happened. She sure die a good job that night. The part of the screen is on the right side of the screen and we will miss her any-time we need volunteers for village projects as she was always willing to help at all times.

by ROBERT NEULIN

SOFT ICE TAKES LIVES OF NOORVIK COUPLE  
THURS DAY

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

reprinted from the  
Nome Nugget (Oct.24,1966)

Word reached Kotzebue Friday morning that Walter and Pauline Russell had drowned at Noorvik. Seemingly they failed to return to the village Thursday evening and when their dogteam came in without drivers the next morning search was made and the bodies found.

It is thought that faulty ice was the cause of the tragedy.

They are survived by several children, Homer Russell and Josephine Sampson of Kotzebue; Parolee Geman of Anchorage and Mercy Foster of Noorvik. Walter also leaves a brother Orvén, at Selawik and a sister Rosa Francis, of Kotzebue.

Interestingly, Walter's father died by drowning years ago at Council and his son David drowned at Juneau in 1965.

Pauline leaves a brother, Billy K.Sheldon a long time postmaster at Noorvik and members of the Jackson family of Kiana.

The funeral was held at Noorvik Sunday and all the children and many friends of the family were there.

Two grandchildren that Walter and Pauline were raising are going to miss them keenly, too.

by ALFRED G. FRANCIS



## SOME MEN SHOUT LET IT SNOW!

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

Men with snow travelers are crying for snow, but it seems like Mr. Sunshine is smiling down daily. So men keep that temper down eh? or your bearings if not you might fly apart. Dogs are better yet!

This is written by a person with out snow cat but has dogs.

## REPORT FROM MEETING IN ANCHORAGE

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

I arrived at Anchorage Tuesday, October 18, 1966, 7P.M. and stayed at the Roosevelt Hotel.

After some phoneing and looking around we finally found the place where the StateWide Native Conference was taking place, called the Adiecam on 4th Ave.

Committees were formed on the following subjects:

1. Economic Development
2. Health and Welfare
3. Education
4. Land Claims
5. Friendly Relations

Each committee discussed a certain subject and made resolutions which were read by the CommitteezPres.

Robert Bennett was there for the discussions. Copies of these resolutions will be sent to the Noorvik City Council at a later date. This was the first time such a meeting was held in Alaska this gave us a chance to get organized. And I hope good things to come from it.

by LEO GEFTE

## FUN ON THE ICE

\*\*\*O\*\*\*

We have fun in the ice. They make back of the lake. Want were skate in the ice something. That was Russells. How I going tell you a story that Pauline tell us. The man was in them mountain. Some people go and get him. They were with the dog they were going across the ice.

by Leslie Sampson

## FRIENDS CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*O\*\*\*

Weekday Bible Classes were held Thursday for children and adults. We are studying the Gospel of Mark.

Teachers for the various groups are as follows:

Old People: Pauline Harvey  
Mildred Sampson

Young People: Helen Kagoona  
Violet Pungalik

Intermediates: Russell Williams  
Martha Smith

Juniors: Hannah Wells  
Willard Outwater

Primaries: Bertha Coffin

Beginners: Minnie Morris

Minnie K. Sheldon

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND CLASSES

## Class Schedule:

Beginners.....3 P.M.

Primaries.....3:30 P.M.

Juniors.....4 P.M.

Intermediates.....5 P.M.

Young People.....7 P.M.

Classes will meet in the Bible Training School classroom on Thursday.

by JANICE PERISHO