

Wayne Aspinall and Lowell Thomas speak at the commencement exercises at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, Alaska in May, 1962

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Lowell Thomas talked about Hubert Wilkins. Wilkins bought a plane with money from Noel Wien. Ben Eielson was his number one pilot. They flew from Alaska over to Spitzbergen and proved there was no land in the Arctic Ocean. He mentioned Mike Walsh and Jimmy Doolittle. Thomas feels that all Alaskans have that adventurous spirit.

The students are presented for their baccalaureate degree [difficult to hear names]

Unidentified person (Dr. Wood?) talked about expectations he has for the graduating class. He talked about the development of jobs.

Unidentified student talked about the potential for Alaska. He said the senior class will be donating to the establishment of a student center.

Honorary degrees are presented by Elmer Rasmuson to Rev. Robert Armstrong, Noel Wien, Lowell Thomas, and Wayne Aspinall.

Alaska flag song.