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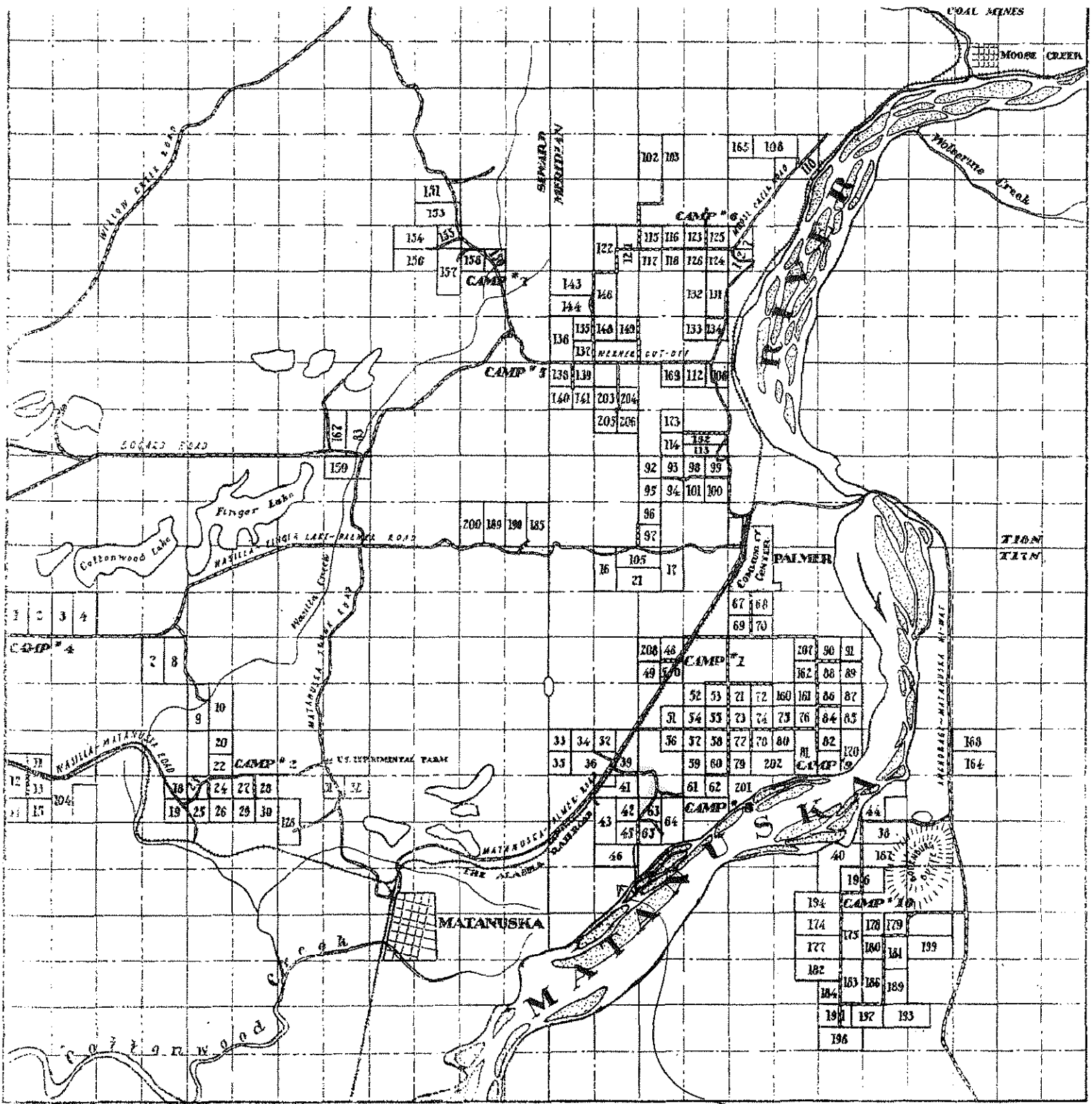
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Construction 1916-1920?

MATANUSKA—THE HAPPY VALLEY *mlloed*

1935?

61° 30' North Latitude

HOME OF "MATANUSKA MAID" PRODUCTS

149 15' West Longitude

The Matanuska Colonization project has taken deep root in Alaska's most beautiful and most fertile valley. A huge semi-circular wall of mountains five thousand feet high shut off the flood of intense cold from the interior of Alaska. Proximity to Cook Inlet, tempered by the warm waters of the Japanese Current, gives the valley a climate to be envied.

The agricultural lands lie on the valley floor and benches. That around, and extending south from Palmer, as well as that at the "Butte" and near camp 2, is about 240 feet above sea level. The rest has an elevation in the neighborhood of 350 feet. Fingers of graveled roads reach every tract on the project and connect the triplet towns of Palmer, Wasilla and Matanuska with Anchorage over the recently completed highway.

Each little numbered area on the map is a 40 or 80 acre colony farm where comfortable houses, big barns, plowed land, fences and grazing stock have turned the birch and spruce-clad valley into a real and productive farming community. Less than two years ago moose and bear foraged unmolested over these homesites.

The white squares are quarter sections and much of the land is held by old settlers, who, with the colonists, are making farming history for the territory and focusing the eyes of the world upon Alaska.