Women of the Week
In Fairbanks

A pioneer bride, a top Fairbanks citizen is the choice this week for "Woman of the Week." The Daily News Miner and Clark's Florists are happy to present Mrs. James Barrack with the title and a bouquet of flowers.

Ruth Barrack first came to Fairbanks in the spring of 1910 with her brother, William, who is still residing in Fairbanks. It was on her way to the territory that she met James Barrack aboard the steamer "Alameda" coming from Seattle. The young Miss Campbell stayed in Fairbanks about one year, then returned to Iowa, where she was born.

The next year, on January 19th, 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Barrack were married in Denver, Colorado and left immediately for the territory. Upon their arrival here, they boarded a train at Seward and rode as far as Hurricane Gulch, which at that time was the railroad end. Together with her other honeymoon couple, the Barracks loaded their belongings on the railroad car and traveled for 90 miles until they reached Healy, where they again boarded a train.

Ever since then, Mrs. Barrack has lived in Fairbanks in the true pioneer tradition. She and her husband have helped to make the city grow and have been active in all charitable drives and organizations. Perhaps Mrs. Barrack is best known for the tremendous amount of work she has done in the Alaska Crippled Children's Association. She has been president of the association for four years and through the drives and dances they have raised a total of $10,000 yearly. Much credit is due Mrs. Barrack.

In the early 20's Mrs. Barrack became active by joining the Republican party as a committee member. During this time she was also active in the Carnival association and for a number of years after it was incorporated.

As a Senior Mother Advisor for the Rainbow girls, Mrs. Barrack was a great factor in its beginning and served on the advisory board for three years. She also helped to organize the Parent-Teachers Association, served in the PTA as president and secretary.

Obviously a good leader, she has served in many organizations holding many offices. Mrs. Barrack is a past president of the Pioneers Auxiliary, No. 8, and matron in the Eastern Star in 1933 and is present as a trustee. Also with the Eastern Stars Mrs. Barrack served as Matron of the General Assembly in San Francisco in 1940.

Other activities include the Eagles auxiliary, the Soroptimist club, of which she is a past president and was delegate to the convention in 1950 in Seattle, the Amaranthus, the Gray Ladies, the Episcopal church, a life membership in the Country club and at present is social chairman of the Fairbanks Concert association.

In addition to aiding and helping in many organizations, Mrs. Barrack found time to raise three lovely daughters, Bonnie, Beverly, and Barbara, all of whom are married and living outside. The Barracks saw each of the girls attend college and graduate.

In the past year two new activities have entered into Mrs. Barrack's life, which were never there before. They are her two young grandchildren, Paul, 5 months and Jim, 6 months. They are the apple of her eye and a hat she'll show you their pictures.

Mrs. Barrack has had a warm and full life here in the territory. Her heart and her dreams are wrapped up in her wonderful family with second place going to her many wonderful friends and her organizations. With great pleasure she prides the title of our "Woman of the Week."