



# RurAL-CAP

## ACTION REPORTS



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### RurAL-CAP Asks Villages to Prepare for Head Start

#### Carrington Co. Of Anchorage Donates Gear

The donation of over \$13,000 worth of heavy equipment by the Carrington Company of Anchorage to the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. was announced recently by Byron Mallott, Executive Director.

Mr. Oliver Amend, Director of the RurAL CAP Surplus Acquisition Program, working with Mr. Al Sides and Mr. Sam Ray of the Carrington Company, arranged the transfer.

The following equipment was donated: A road grader, a dump truck, a low-boy trailer and a Dodge tandem tractor.

The equipment will be used primarily at the Seward Skill Center for training students. Training will be given in both operation and maintenance of the equipment to persons from all over Alaska.

The Dodge tandem tractor and low-boy will also be used for transporting equipment to villages along the highway and to river and ocean ports for shipment to other villages in rural Alaska as part of the RurAL CAP Surplus Acquisition Program.

This program has provided heavy equipment such as caterpillars and large trucks to villages in rural Alaska for village projects. Transportation of this equipment has been a major problem in the past and the tan-



THE GROWTH OF A SEED into a complicated plant with roots, stem and leaves is fascinating. Seeing this growth process through a magnifying glass adds even more fun for the Head Start youngsters in rural Alaska.

dem tractor and trailer will be a big boost to the program.

Mr. Mallott expressed his appreciation to the Carrington Company for the donation of the equipment. Mr. Mallott stated

that this was an excellent example of how private business and the poverty program can work together to help solve the many problems facing people in rural Alaska.

#### Villages Must Agree to Provide Classrooms Free of Charge

If your village wants a Head Start program for next fall the time to act is now. Rural Alaska Community Action Program's Head Start is seeking the cooperation and support of the State Legislature, the Governor's Office and the Congressional delegation to provide a Head Start pre-school program in every village in Rural Alaska.

RurAL CAP Head Start currently operates 42 local village Head Start programs with OEO/HEW funds. State Operated Schools and BIA are both making long range plans to bring the advantages of pre-school programs to additional communities next year.

Under a plan now before the state legislature, the entire pre-

school program for rural Alaska would be coordinated between the three agencies, with Head Start initiating the new schools the first year hiring and training local village staffs and then phasing out the entire system as State Operated Schools and BIA have facilities available and the local teachers acquire additional training.

Villages which now have Head Start programs have already received budget requests. Villages without current Head Start programs may apply through their village councils using the form printed in this paper.

In order to obtain a Head Start grant a village must agree to provide a classroom at no expense for the school.

It must have two fire exits, be warm, have a low partition area for a chemical toilet and an area for a kitchen. The village must also support the school by contributing fresh food—caribou, whales, walrus, fish and birds to supplement the lunch program.

Upon approval Head Start provides the equipment (tables, chairs, movie projector, toys and teaching materials and most of the food.) The village council selects local people for the jobs of teacher, teacher aide, cook and janitor. The teacher is paid to attend an 8 week training program during the summer with other new teachers at the University of Alaska or Alaska Methodist University. Head Start pays the salaries and expenses for all employees.

Village councils who are interested in obtaining more information about this program should fill out the printed form and send it to Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Ind., Head Start, Drawer 412 ECB, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

#### Groups Sign Memorandum

The Koyukon Regional Development Corporation and the Bristol Bay Regional Development Corporation have both signed memorandum of agreements with RurAL CAP.

This memorandum of agreements, required by the Office of Economic Opportunity, permit the Regional Development Corporations to run their own programs submitted to RurAL CAP.

Andy Demoski, Regional Director for Koyukon Development Corporation, and Truman Emborg, Regional Director for the Bristol Bay Development Corporation, will be responsible in their own areas for carrying out the programs.

The RurAL CAP central staff will be responsible for providing technical assistance to the regions and providing bookkeeping services so that the regional directors can monitor their budgets.

### HEAD START Application Form

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

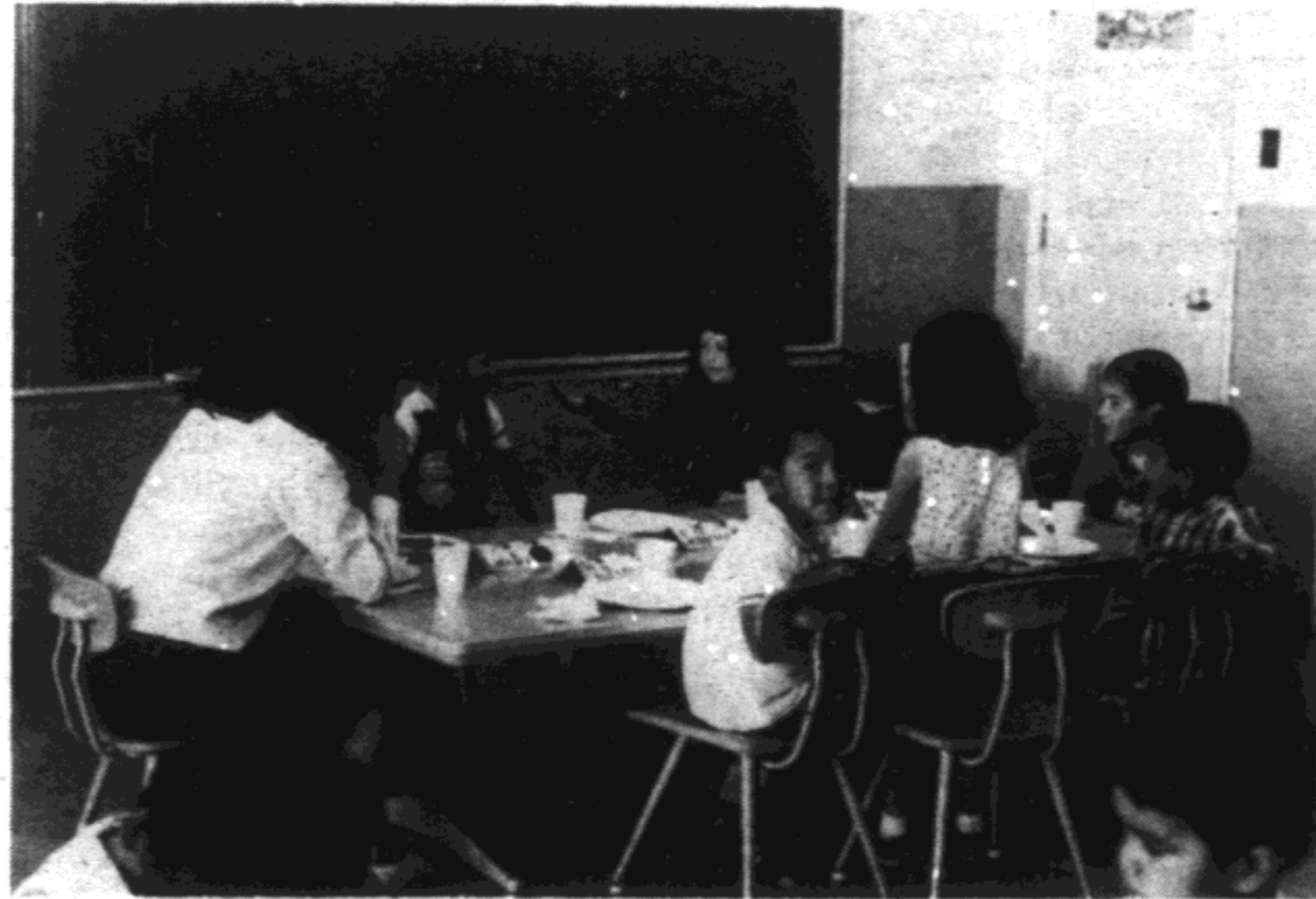
FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Village)

TO: RurAL CAP  
Drawer 412, ECB  
Head Start  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

1. In September our village will have \_\_\_\_\_3, \_\_\_\_\_4, and \_\_\_\_\_5 year old children who would attend a Head Start school.
2. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ building, size \_\_\_\_\_x\_\_\_\_\_ feet.  
Kitchen area (if separate) \_\_\_\_\_x\_\_\_\_\_ feet.  
Store-Room (if separate) \_\_\_\_\_x\_\_\_\_\_ feet.  
Summer Store Room \_\_\_\_\_x\_\_\_\_\_ feet.
3. We could also donate some \_\_\_\_\_ for heating.  
(wood or oil)
4. We have electricity. Yes \_\_\_\_\_, No \_\_\_\_\_.

Please send us more information as soon as possible.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Members village council)



HEAD START children in rural Alaska take part in a nutrition program which includes two snacks and a hot lunch every day. Mealtimes are fun times when the children are encouraged to regard eating and talking as a social event.

#### RurAL-CAP Director Mallott Awards Kotzebue City Council

Operation Mainstream Director, Mary Gange, presented the Kotzebue City Council with an award of merit from Executive Director of RurAL CAP, Byron I. Mallott.

The award was given for the more than \$16,000 in wages which was contributed by the City Council to supplement the

wages paid in the Operation Mainstream water pollution control project.

The project involved the laying of sewer and water lines for the City of Kotzebue and was part of a major public health service effort to provide water and sewage treatment to the citizens of Kotzebue.