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John Shively Named RurAL CAP Exec. Director

John Shively was selected executive director of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program during the agency's two-day Board of Directors' meeting which commenced February 4 in Juneau.

Shively was selected from a slate of 27 eligible applicants. For the past year he has held the position of deputy director of RurAL CAP and, for the

past month, has served in the capacity of the acting executive director.

In other action, the RurAL CAP Board of Directors seated new members as follows: Jim Wilson of Grayling, representing the Koyukon Development Corporation and Caleb Pungowiyi of Nome, representing the Inupiak Development Corporation.

Representatives of the Governor's Office are: Dr. Fred McGinnis, Commissioner of Health and Welfare; Eben Hopson, Special Assistant to the Governor from the Commissioner's Office; and Don Perkins, Director of the Rural Development Administration.

Robert Renshaw, Mayor of Nome, represents the Northwest Mayors' Association.

Inclement Weather Postpones Workshop for 12 Villages

The RurAL CAP Head Start workshop for 12 villages in the Kotzebue area which was to have been held in Kiana the week of January 11th was postponed due to bad weather. The workshop will be re-scheduled for sometime in March.

During the week of January 19th through the 23rd the Head Start workshop was held in Bethel for Head Start staff from 6 villages.

In addition to Parent Involvement and Career Development, a one credit course entitled Methods of Language Development in Pre-School and Education was taught by Mrs. Connie Smith, Assistant Head Start Regional Training Officer for the State of Alaska, stationed at the University of Alaska.

Besides 12 to 15 Head Start staff members who earned credit, about 4 or 5 Bethel residents, mostly Teacher Corps Trainees, earned one college credit for the course.

The week of January 25th,

another workshop was held in Mountain Village for the employees of 6 other Head Start

Film Preview

A 15 minute film, produced by the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, entitled "With These Tools," will be previewed by the Agency's Board of Directors at their meeting in Juneau, February 4th.

The film is a documentary based on RurAL CAP's Village Equipment Mobilization Program.

Demonstrating how rural Alaskan residents have helped themselves through the use of proper equipment, the film cites two primary examples—that of Elim and Clark's Point—where the villages used their equipment for such projects as the clearing of a new road, hauling materials for the construction of new houses and the relocating of homes.

programs. Mrs. Smith taught the same course for college credit.

In addition, Emma Widmark, of the University of Alaska's Extension Services in Home Economics, worked with cooks from four Head Start programs that week.

In both of these workshops, Health Aide Trainees from the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp. spent several hours with the Head Start staff members discussing health problems in their villages.

At both workshops a mock Parent Advisory Committee meeting was held as part of the Parent Involvement aspect of the workshop.

The meeting at Mt. Village was filmed on video tape by one of the RurAL CAP Field Training Supervisors.

The week of February 1st, a similar workshop also involving college credit is presently being conducted in Hydaburg for 5 Southeastern Alaskan villages with Head Start programs.

Army National Guardsmen to Train at Camp Carroll

Army National Guardsmen from across the northern portion of the State will gather in Anchorage this weekend to begin their annual two-week training period.

The majority of the men will be Eskimo Scouts, members of the 1st and 2nd Scout Battalions, 297th Infantry. Nearly 1000 Scouts will live and train at Camp Carroll, the Guard training site on Fort Richardson.

Also taking part in the camp will be members of the State Headquarters Detachment and the 10th Ordnance Platoon. About half of the total strength of the Headquarters Detachment, 30 men, will function as an administrative support element for the Scout units.

Remaining members of the headquarters will perform the

same function for the 3rd Battalion (Mechanized) in March. The 40-man Ordnance Platoon will provide maintenance of vehicles, weapons and other equipment for the encampment.

Most of the Scouts will arrive on Friday and Saturday by commercial airlift from their home areas. The airlift will begin on Thursday, as small bush planes alight in villages across the northwest section of Alaska.

The Scout detachments in the villages will be flown into larger villages and into central points such as Nome and Bethel. From these points they will board large aircraft for the trip into Anchorage.

Nome and Bethel are the headquarters locations for the 1st and 2nd Battalions, respectively.

The majority of the training time will be spent in familiarization with new weapons, the M-16 rifle, and M-60 machine gun, and some items of new communications equipment.

On top of the class and range time spent with this equipment, the men will take part in a five day field exercise, moving from the permanent billets at Camp Carroll into tents in the training areas bordering Eagle River.

New weapons and training programs will not be the only new items at camp this year. The first permanent masonry barracks for the camp area are ready for occupancy, and will be used by Co. A, 1st Scout Battalion.

These one-story block structures are part of a continuing

program to upgrade Camp Carroll to a first-class National Guard training site. They were completed this winter, at a cost of \$200,000.

Over the next seven years, the programs will result in a total of 58 buildings, including barracks, latrine facilities, dining halls and administrative and support buildings.

By the end of the period, all of the quonset-type buildings now in use will be removed.

For 15 members of the Scout

units, this camp will be especially arduous. The men are applicants for commissioning through the U.S. Army's Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga.

During this winter camp they will receive special preparatory training for their OCS tour later this spring.

Under the direction of Lt. Kenneth G. Martinez of Anchorage, they will follow a daily routine which has been carefully

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