

Kahklen . . .

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administration in 1967.

He has been associated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for more than 20 years in Alaska and an additional 13 years experience as a principal in the BIA schools of the Navajo Reservation in Arizona.

In addition Kahklen worked for more than a year in the Model Cities Program in Juneau as director of the Employment Guidance Center.

The Chatham School Board felt that Kahklen was, by far, the best qualified candidate for this important new administrative position, which is one of the 21 new districts created by the dissolution of the Alaska State Operated School System effective June 30, 1976.

NANA

mergers . . .

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Corp., Kivalina, Sinuakmeut Corporation, Koovukmeut Inc., Noatak Napaaktukmeut Corporation, Putoo Corporation and NANA.

Board members of the Kikiktatruk Inupiat Corporation in Kotzebue had voted previously not to let their stockholders vote on merger. Each village corporation board had the option of allowing their stockholders to vote as a village on merger.

The two-hour special meeting on merger went smoothly in the packed gymnasium of the Kotzebue School, concluding in about two hours. Participants then adjourned to the school cafeteria for a feast of Eskimo and Hawaiian foods.

Plans for the merger began well over a year ago, in an effort to avoid costly repetition of services and insure financial stability of all corporations in the region founded under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Extensive studies had shown that odds were slim for small village corporations succeeding, because cost of operation was bound to eat up most land claims payments of a basis of population.

In total 72.8% of the people holding NANA Class A stock and 60.8% of those holding Class B stock voted in favor of merger. The 10 villages in favor of merger also had strong margins.

The day of meetings and festivities began with snowmachine and dog sled races and reindeer pulling sleds across frozen Kotzebue Sound, under clear skies with the temperature at about 20 below zero. The chill dampened nobody's spirits however.

The merger meeting date had been preceded by the quarterly meeting of the Friends Church at Kotzebue and some folks were saying that entire villages were emptied because everyone wanted to be there.

After the merger meeting, well over 1,000 people feasted on a variety of Eskimo delicacies ranging from duck soup to agutook (Eskimo ice cream) in several flavors. There were also macadamia nuts, pineapple, papaya, banana chips and poi—gifts from Hawaiian visitors seeking their own land claims settlement.

Native leaders from Canada and Greenland, just back from a meeting at Barrow, also attended, as did U.S. Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska; State Sen. Frank Ferguson, D-Kotzebue; State Rep. Brenda Hta, D-Barrow and Alaska Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development Tony Motley.

Game board adopts changes in hunting regulations

Hunters can expect nearly 70 changes in next year's hunting regulations when the 1976-77 hunting and trapping regulation booklets are distributed to license vendors in July.

The regulation changes were adopted by the seven-man Alaska Board of Game, which met in Anchorage recently to consider more than 250 proposals submitted by the public and by the Fish and Game Department. The new regulations become effective July 1.

The board placed restrictions on caribou hunting seasons and bag limits in many units, closing hunting during the October rutting season and during the spring and summer for Units 17 and 19.

The board also passed regulations which will restrict the sale and trade of caribou meat in Units 22-26 in Northern Alaska, require that caribou meat in these units be salvaged within 15 days and will reduce the caribou seasons and bag limits there.

The board also adopted several changes in next year's moose hunting regulations, placing restrictions on that portion

of Unit 9 south of the King Salmon River.

The new regulations will require that bull moose taken there have three brow tines, or a spread of at least 50 inches. In addition, antlers of moose taken in that portion of the unit must be sealed by a Fish and Game Department representative in King Salmon or Kodiak.

The board restricted moose hunting in Unit 17, establishing a 10-day September hunting season. An early season antlerless moose hunt in Unit 16B and the remote portion of 16A was approved and the November moose hunt in 16B was deleted.

The board expanded wolf hunting seasons and bag limits in several areas where wolf predation problems exist, but rejected all proposals to reinstate aerial wolf hunting by the public.

Several new special-use areas were approved, including a mountain goat viewing area near Cordova and a new controlled-use area near Wood River in the Alaska Range which will restrict the use of motor-

ized vehicles for hunting.

The board also restricted the use of aircraft for bison hunting on the Copper River. The Dyea Closed Area near Haines was deleted, and the boundaries of several closed areas near Juneau were clarified.

The Eagle River drainage and Hillside area within the Chugach State Park near Anchorage were closed to all hunting except small game hunting with shotgun or bow and arrow.

Indian Creek and Falls Creek were closed to sheep hunting and a portion of the Eklutna Closed Area was reopened to sheep hunting. The shooting of red squirrels in the park was prohibited.

Also in effect for next year is a permit system for mountain goat hunting in Units 7, 14 and 15.

The Game Board rejected all

but a few of the trapping proposals submitted.

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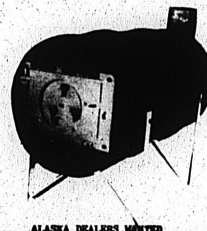
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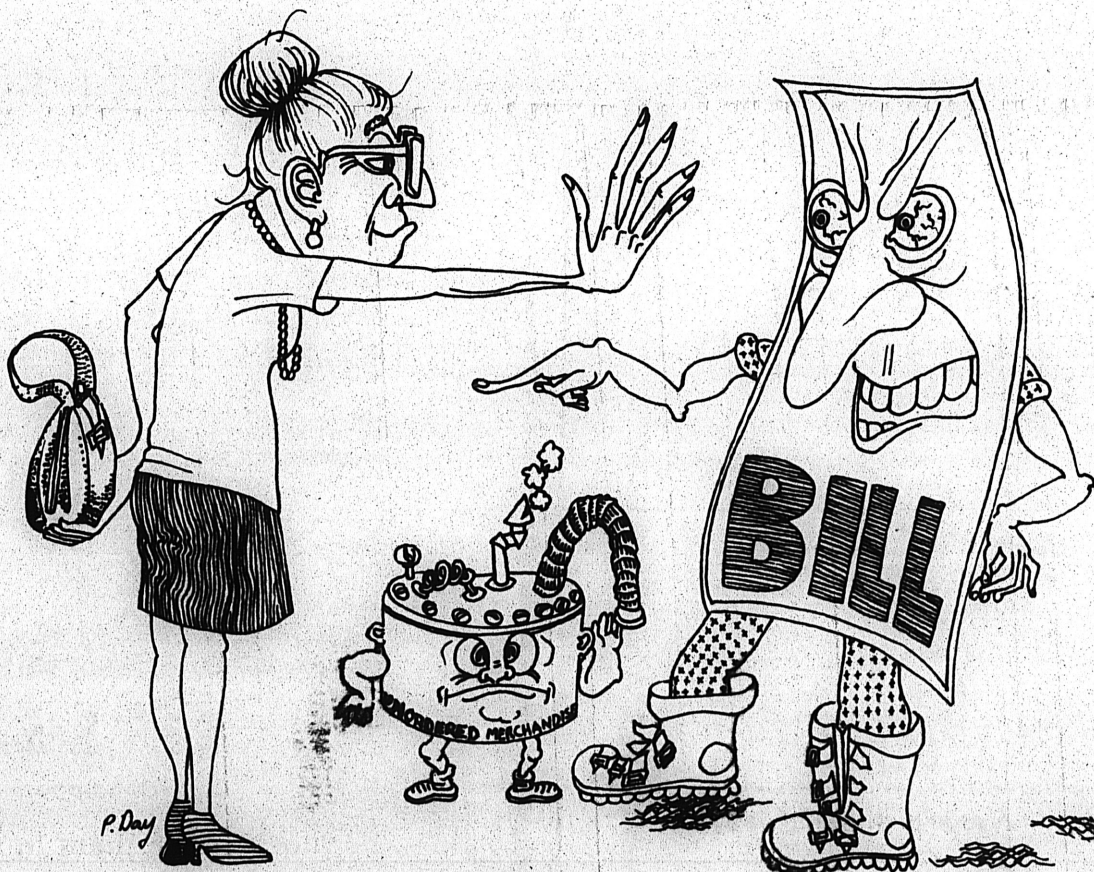
and a power struggle ensued with the Alaska Federation of Natives International (AFNI) gaining control. It was AFNI's slate of officers that voters considered in Utah and AFNI that picked the meeting location.

Since only about 3% of 13th Region's stockholders live in Utah, the election site was open to question. An estimated 43 to 46% of the voters live in Washington State, 8 to 10% in Oregon and about 23% in California.

Despite the power struggle it appears the 13th Region will remain very much in the picture.

"There is no possibility the 13th Region will go under at this point," maintains Morris Thompson, commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. "But after the next election, would-be stockholders will be given the option of staying with the 13th or returning to Alaskan corporations. Supposedly stockholders will then be better informed."

But since 11 out of 12 resident corporations were against creation of the 13th, heavy recruitment programs can be expected and the ultimate enrollment of the 13th remains in question.



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