

Tundra Times Designated for Land News Media for Villages

All of the land claims attorneys for the regional native organizations in Alaska have agreed that Tundra Times should be used to get land claims information to the villages in the state.

The push for this was initiated this week by the firm of Jackson and Fenton of Fairbanks, attorneys for the Tanana

Chiefs and the villages that organization encompasses in the Interior Alaska.

Tundra Times is widely read throughout Alaska and the subscription list covers all or most of the villages from Barrow to Nome to Bethel to Tanana to the Aleutian Chain and South-eastern Alaska.

"We will get good information to the Tundra Times every week," said Jackson and Fenton firm in its newsletter to the villages it represents. "So please subscribe to it."

Barry W. Jackson and Thomas E. Fenton set down an example in their newsletter:

"A good example of the use of Tundra Times is the recent articles concerning Tanacross and its problems.

"Because of the articles many state and federal officials have become aware of the Tanacross claim and will probably try and change their policies in dealing

with Tanacross land.

"Also, because of the articles, CBS has sent a camera crew to Tanacross and a show will be presented on nationwide television dealing with the Tanacross claim in September."

The Columbia Broadcasting System team headed by Mike Wallace and Paul Lowenwater has been filming scenes in Tanacross, Kotzebue, Anchorage and other places. Chief Andrew Isaac, Rep. William L. "Willie" Hensley and other land claims proponents have figured in the filming.

Mike Wallace, who heads the 60 minute nationwide show on CBS, is famous for his point blank searching type questions.

It has also been indicated that to add interest and to widen the scope of the Tanacross land problem and the general land claims situation, Mike Wallace has been seeking those persons who might be against the native land assertions.

Willie Almost Wins Free Trip To Esk. Olympics

Rep. William L. (Willie) Hensley took part at the Eskimo games at Kotzebue during the town's 4th of July program.

"I almost won a free trip to the Eskimo Olympics in Fairbanks," Hensley smilingly told Tundra Times this week. "If I hadn't been tired I would have won the trip."

Hensley said he took part in the Eskimo hi-kick. He was beaten out by Wilfred Lane who will represent Kotzebue in that contest category.

"I had gone fishing and came back 4th of July morning at 7:00 a.m. and joined the games later that day but I was tired," said the Eskimo legislator.

Hensley has always been a creditable contestant in Eskimo games in the past. He and his attractive wife April and their young son are residing in Kotzebue this year.

Hensley, 26, is a busy young man. He is a member of the steering committee of the Alaska Federation of Natives that is involved in the complex native land claims matters.

He is also the chairman of the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, an agency that is coordinating village electrification program in Alaska.

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A Unique Idea— Robt. Willard Proposes Model Village Approach

Robert Willard, Project Director for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, informed the Tundra Times last week of a proposal to solve the problems confronting Alaska rural villages.

Willard, who has served as the First Chairman of the Juneau Citizens' Committee for Model Cities, calls the concept the "Model Villages" approach. The program, he said, is a direct result of his experience with the Juneau project.

Willard envisions a multi-agency approach in selecting these "model villages" and solving the more pressing problems of housing, poor health, lack of industry, and the lack of job opportunities.

In a letter to Senator Ted Stevens office, Willard singled out the village of Angoon as an example of how his proposal would function.

"As an example, using my hometown which I know most about," he said, "the community needs are all public works projects, i.e., a dock is needed, as are the following: road improvements, adequate sewage, a grid-iron, recreation areas, electrification, a clinic, schools and a library."

Willard stated, "If Angoon were to be selected as a 'model village,' then it should be coordinated to create perpetual and meaningful employment and training during this development."

The key to using this type of approach, Willard said, is citizen participation. The villagers would identify their own problems and come up with their own solutions. Any technical assistance required would be provided by

agencies involved in the project Willard stated.

A consultant would study the problems and the proposed solutions. "He returns to his office and draws a comprehensive plan for the community that will take five years to complete," Willard said.

To finance such an inter-agency effort, Willard advocated joint public funding. He recommended full implementation of the Native Housing Act as was initiated by the late Senator E.L. Bartlett.

He also recommended that Congress consider appropriating an additional \$9 million as an amendment to this housing act.

Willard outlined the benefits of his proposal. "The rationale," he said, "is that it has not only perpetuated income on a meaningful basis over five years, it has been an orderly development for needed and meaningful improvements that are imminently needed anyway."

"The greater benefit gained, however," Willard stated, "is that the individuals have learned work habits that would and could be useful to list if he should move to an urban area where he will have to take employment to live."

Willard added, "He may have learned a skill, and he has overcome the feeling of dejection by living off of welfare checks."

He suggested that if 50 villages were selected in a model village program, a tremendous impact would result. Such a program, Willard concluded, would tie in beautifully with the proposed Kennedy-Stevens Safe Water Facilities Bill, Native Housing, as well as Federal or State public works projects.

Prudhoe Supply Tugs Tugged Way to Barrow

The tugs Apollo and Jupiter towing the docking barges Arctic Fox, Lemming, Ptarmigan and Caribou reached Barrow yesterday. "Ice conditions were good yesterday between Barrow and Prudhoe but a northerly wind has blown in and pushed the ice back to shore," said D. W. McLean, project manager for Arctic Marine Freighters (AMF).

Casey Escher, Administrative Assistant to the General Manager of Puget Sound Tug & Barge (co-venturers in AMF with PAC & Alaska Barge & Transport) will arrive in Fairbanks tonight to round up the 130 experienced cargo handlers going to the Slope to offload the 38 barges at Prudhoe, Oliktok, and Beechey Pt.

The men will be coming from Kenai, Kotzebue, Barrow and all over Alaska.

A total of more than 70,000 tons of dry cargo and nearly 30,000 tons of bulk petroleum products is on its way to the North Slope oilfields via the Bering Sea. The first vessel departed Seattle on June 23rd and the last one will leave July 20th, according to D. W. McLean.

BP Oil corporation is shipping more than 32,000 tons of dry cargo and 75,000 barrels of petroleum products to the Arctic;

next largest shipper is Atlantic-Richfield.

Other shippers are Dowell, Western Geophysical, Burgess Construction, PAC North Slope Construction, Union Oil, Standard Oil, and Mobil Oil.

Firm Awarded Contract for Tanker Terminal

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—A contract for engineering, design and other related work on marine facilities for a tanker terminal on the Gulf of Alaska near Valdez has been awarded to Fluor Ocean Services, Inc., of Houston, Texas, by Trans Alaska Pipeline System.

Trans Alaska Pipeline System is a project of Atlantic Pipe Line Company, BP Pipe Line Corporation and Humble Pipe Line Company.

The terminal will be the Southern point of a 48-inch diameter pipeline that will transport crude oil 800 miles from the Prudhoe Bay area of Alaska's North Slope.

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