

RurAL-CAP

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OEO REGIONAL DIRECTOR VISITS REGION

Policy Committee Meeting

The Head Start Policy Advisory Committee met in Anchorage May 10-11. Some 16 members and alternates attended the two day meeting held in the downtown Federal building.

The meeting was called to order the morning of the 10th by temporary Chairman Marion Henniger of Yakutat in the absence of Clarence Jackson, Chairman, of Kake who arrived later.

The main order of business for the State PAC was to read and approve the RurAL CAP Head Start Grant Application for the 1972-73 school year. Approval of the Grant came on the second day of the meeting.

Among various other business, the PAC moved to transfer one of the Head Start Field Training Supervisors from Kotzebue to Nome.

Members attending were: Clarence Jackson, Chairman, Kake; Loree Field, Fort Yukon; Pam Smith, Old Harbour; Edna Leavitt, Barrow; Beatrice Brown, Hoonah; Lena Coffee, Kotzebue; Marion Henniger, Yakutat; Dorothy Shinn, Copper Center;

Bill Ambrose, Nulato; Eva Kriger, Juneau; Lucien Poussard, Anchorage; William Gumlickpuk, New Stuyahok; Jerry Tungyan, Gambell; Carl Motgin, Napakiak; Carol Johnson, Juneau.

Guests included: Willie Allen and Gloree Field, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Child Development, Seattle; Ernie Brannon, State Economic Opportunity Office; and Ed Jones, Regional Training Officer, Head Start Program, Alaska Methodist University.

RurAL CAP Staff, attending were: Peggy Sherman, Director of Child Development; Kay Moore, Administrative Coordinator; Marge Semaken, Ray Coppock, and Freda Russell, Field Training Supervisors; and Candy Kunuk, Secretary.



URGES CONTINUING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION — James L. Young, OEO Regional Director, addressed a meeting of RurAL CAP regional directors and staff, emphasizing the development of regional corporations to bring policy-making power close to rural people.

Jas. Young of Seattle Regional Office Cites Progress of RurAL CAP

James L. Young, Regional Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity in Seattle, made a quick trip to Anchorage last week and spoke with regional development corporation directors and Area Community Developers.

Mr. Young, whose responsibility covers virtually all OEO grants-in-aid to the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, emphasized his continuing support of RurAL CAP and its regional system of policy-making.

"OEO has been a close partner with RurAL CAP for some time now," said Young. "Almost three years ago, the regional office strongly urged the CAP board to concentrate its efforts and resources on the development of regional corporations in order to bring policy-making power as close to the people in the bush as possible."

"Since that time, a great deal of progress has been made and

a number of the regional corporations have been very successful. I urge you to keep up this community organization effort in the future, because

"I am personally concerned that this is the right way to go, especially in light of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and its impact on regional development."

Mr. Young also discussed the whole future of OEO programming in light of projected plans for reorganization of the executive branch of the federal government.

He emphasized that, whether the poverty program is transferred into a new Cabinet level Department of Community Development or remains in a separate agency, the commitment to the original mission of OEO remains strong and will continue to influence the course of domestic policy in the future.

Kookesh Joins CAP— On-the-Job Training for Summer

A new member of the RurAL CAP staff for the summer is Floyd Kookesh, a senior from Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

Floyd is a Tlingit Indian from Angoon, southeast Alaska, and is 17 years old. Presently, he is the executive director of the Mini-AFN at the school and is also president of the student council.

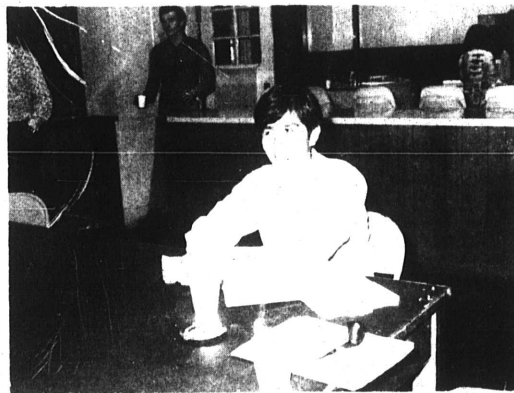
Fulfilling one of the objectives of the Mini-AFN youth program operating at the school, he will receive on-the-job training and will have the opportunity to observe other agencies such as the Alaska Federation of Natives, learn how they function, and most important, be able to gain first-hand knowledge regarding the implementation of the Land Claims Settlement Act.

He will remain with RurAL CAP for the summer, when he will return to school, conveying what he has learned to the student body.

Floyd commented that the Mini-AFN program has been a great success and has proved to be valuable toward alerting the Alaska Native youth of current

affairs in the state.

The youth program at Mt. Edgecumbe High School operates under a grant from RurAL CAP.



YOUNG EXECUTIVE — Floyd Kookesh, who will be in the RurAL CAP office this summer, is president of the Mt. Edgecumbe student council and also director of their Mini-AFN.

Hooper Bay's Napoleon New CAP Assistant

Hooper Bay is the home of Harold Napoleon, the new Assistant Trainer at RurAL CAP.

Napoleon was educated at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, where he majored in Political Science and History.

Since beginning at RurAL CAP May 15, Napoleon has been familiarizing himself with objectives, policies, and goals of RurAL CAP.

Currently he is working on a Standard Operating Procedures manual designed mainly for RurAL CAP Regional Offices.

This handbook will provide answers to questions found in these Regional Offices concerning, "Where to go," "How to do," and "What to do."

Eakins of DID of DED Seeks Alaska Firms to Sub-Contract

Dick Eakins, Acting Director of the Division of Industrial Development of the Department of Economic Development, announced today, the Division is seeking Alaska manufacturers for sub-contract work on the "space shuttle" program.

"We want to contract manufacturers, fabricators or assemblers of any of the materials that will be used in the space shuttle program," Eakins said.

"Products could include any stage of production for metals, plastics, fabrics, electrical systems and components and paper products."

"The space shuttle system is budgeted for 5.5-billion dollars," Eakins said, "and a sizeable proportion of the material components will be sub-contracted. We would like to direct some of the space program monies into Alaska where possible."

"This materials production program," Eakins said, "is not limited to the large industrial corporation, but can be accommodated to a very small firm having the capability of producing a single part. An attempt is being made to sub-contract work out in all of the 50 states."

"If Alaska firms can provide quality production at a competi-

tive price, there is every reason to believe they will be successful bidders."

Alaska firms who are interested in bidding for sub-contract work and feel they will qualify

are urged to contact the Division of Industrial Development in Juneau, or the Anchorage office.

CATS AND KITTENS

Hundreds of unwanted and homeless cats and kittens are killed in Fairbanks every month. Don't be guilty of contributing to their pathetic picture. If you are concerned or would like to adopt a lovely neutered or spayed cat, call your local Pet Pride representative for information. Phone 456-7198.

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