



RurAL-CAP

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## URGENT NEED FOR FREEZER FACILITIES EMPHASIZED

## Agency Awards Dr. John F. Lee

A Certificate of Special Recognition to the United States Public Health Service was presented to Dr. John F. Lee, Area Native Health Service, by Mary M. Gange, Director of the Operation Mainstream Projects, in behalf of Mr. Byron I. Mallott, Executive Director, RurALCAP's, Manpower Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at a Public Health Service Banquet held March 10 at the Elmendorf Air Force Base Officer's Club.

Mrs. Gange read aloud a letter to document this commendation, "We are pleased to present this Certificate of Special Recognition to the United States Public Health Service for their cooperation and coordination with the Operation Mainstream Work Training Program in the rural villages of Alaska during the year of 1969."

We say, "thank you" for sharing with us the opportunity to make these projects possible.

"Words cannot express the pride we have in presenting this Certificate to the Public Health Service on behalf of the villages, the Operation Mainstream Staff, and the Manpower Administration, United States Department of Labor."



Mary Gange hands out awards.

tion, United States Department of Labor.

"Although this Certificate is only a paper document, the significance is immense. Years of hope, faith, and planning by the people of the villages of Tetlin, Klukwan, Karluk, and Kotzebue have borne fruit in that needed facilities in their villages have been constructed."

"We sincerely commend all the United States Public Health

Service Personnel who have helped Operation Mainstream and the villages in completing these projects. Specifically, we would like to commend Charles Bowman, Chief of Environmental Health, and his staff including George Pederson, Field Sanitarian; Jerry Butler, Design Engineer; John Werlund, James Crum, and Lee Elsner, Project Engineers."

## Report of Third RurAL CAP Meet on March 20

The third meeting of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., Executive Committee was called to order on March 20th, 1970 in the RurAL CAP Central Office in Anchorage, by Chairman Marlene Johnson.

Also present were Lucien Poussard, Al Ketzler, Sigvald Strandberg, Byron Mallott, Walter Baldwin, Betty McCallum and Howard Scaman.

Mrs. McCallum, Director, Child Development, gave a brief report on Head Start activities. Miss Grace Agibinik was recently hired as secretary for Head Start and Mrs. Sophie Wirth was hired to fill the newly created position of Parent Involvement Coordinator.

Mrs. McCallum reported that the Parent Advisory Council will be meeting on April 1st in conjunction with the Career Development Committee to review a rough draft of next year's application.

This will be presented to the RurAL CAP Board of Directors at their May meeting.

Mr. Scaman, Assistant Director of Head Start reported that the State Operated Schools will assume full control of all Head Start programs in Alaska within a period of five years and also at that time, it is projected that the State will be operating pre-school programs in every rural village of Alaska.

Presently they are planning 9 to 15 pre-school programs and the legislature has lowered the age of eligible children to three years, so the State will be eligible to apply for federal funding.

RurAL CAP Head Start is applying for a grant which will at least double the present 42 Head Start programs for next year. On file at the present time are 84 formal applications for Head Start programs.

To insure that the present Head Start teachers will qualify under the State Operated Pre-School Program, a new license

requirement is being requested to change the requirements of certified teachers which is presently a four year Bachelor's Degree in education.

RurAL CAP Head Start is instead proposing a licensing requirement equivalent to an Associate of Arts Degree which would be a two year course with 24 college units.

Dr. Clifford Hartman, Commissioner of Education has asked for a committee to recommend licensing requirements.

Executive Director Byron Mallott reported that RurAL CAP has developed a planning grant designed to assist the Regional Development Corporations in program implementation.

## Mallott Travels to Wash. on Business

RurAL CAP Executive Director Byron Mallott has traveled to Washington D.C., New York City and Memphis, Tennessee.

He spent two days in Washington meeting with congressional and federal officials concerning RurAL CAP programs, and then flew to New York with AFN Deputy Director Al Ketzler to

Mr. Mallott stated that this proposal was developed due to the decision of the Northwest Region X not to fund a planning grant to the Alaska Training and Planning Center, and he added that ATAP will be phased out by the end of April.

Included in this plan will be the securing of approximately six VISTA Volunteers, experienced in planning development, who will be assigned and stationed within the regional development corporations.

Mr. Mallott further reported that the Western Community Action Training Inc., has reorganized and have changed their programs title to the Northwest Social Services Systems, Inc. Mr. Ernie

meet with Ford Foundation officials and other agencies to discuss AFN programs and activities.

From New York, Mallott and Ketzler flew to Memphis to attend the annual convention of the National Association for Community Development. They expect to return to Anchorage on April 15th.

## Law Firm Gives Retainers Fees

The Law Firm of Ely, Guess, Rudd and Havelock have donated to RurAL CAP, an in-kind contribution of \$250.00 per month or \$3,000.00 per year in retainer fees.

## RurAL CAP Board Next Meet Apr. 30

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of RurAL CAP will be held in Kodiak on April 30th and May 1st.

## Four People Get Promotions Or Title Change

Ann Reid has been promoted to Chief Accountant of RurAL CAP and Carol Sturgeon has been promoted to Accounting Technician.

Howard Scaman's title has been changed to Assistant Director of Child Development, and Sharon Tillman's title has been changed to Administrative Coordinator of Child Development.

## There May Be Millions Of Red Salmon Surplus In Dillingham Area

Mr. Truman Emberg, Center Director for the City of Dillingham has reported to RurAL CAP follow-up activities in support of the Nushagak Fisherman's co-op, which has EDA approval as the operator of the cold storage plant to be constructed by the City of Dillingham. The Co-op now has 150 members.

The Togiak Village Electric System (AVEC) is now in operation, and the major problem in Togiak at this time is the need for a bulk storage fuel facility.

Clarks Point, Aleknagik, Pilot Point and Manokotak are in the process of incorporating as 4th class cities with the prospect of AVEC projects as the result. Proposed consumer co-ops have also been proposed for Ekway, New Stuyahok, Dillingham and Togiak.

Mr. Emberg is presently researching plans for the construction of a seafood processing plant

in Bristol Bay with particular emphasis on shellfish and herring resources. This would improve the basic economy by creating new jobs, and providing more employment in the off-peak salmon years.

Mr. Emberg has advised RurAL CAP that it appears there will be a surplus of some five million red salmon above the canning capacity which will be caught in the Bristol Bay area.

There is a definite need for more freezer ships in the area, and the problem could be particularly serious in Ugashik and Pilot Point.

Dillingham has further been very active with respect to the interception of Alaska salmon runs by the South Koreans. Mr. Emberg reports that this situation is still critical.

## KAVS Asks for Newsletters

The Kodiak Aleutian Vocational School requests that native associations currently sending their newsletter or newspaper to the school also send a copy to both the girls' and the boys' dorm.

About 150 students from villages and communities throughout the state are currently enrolled there. Many of them, the director of the Regional Center, Dolores Padilla, wrote, stop in the center to read the publications from their village or region.

Copies should be sent to Kodiak Aleutian Vocational School; Boys Dorm (Girls Dorm); Box 886; Kodiak, Alaska. 99615.

## Shively to Bethel

RurAL CAP Deputy Director John Shively flew to Bethel March 18th for the annual meeting of the Alaska Village Council Presidents.

Thirty-six council presidents or their representatives were in attendance as well as many interested on-lookers.

AVCP set up a non-profit corporation called "AVCP COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC." with six directors, Edward Hooper from Unalakleet, Isak Hawk from Eek, Eddy Hoffman from Bethel, Margaret Nick from Nunapitchuk, Pannie Alexie from Holy Cross and Pia Thompson from St. Mary's.

AVCP attorney Clifford Groh was also in attendance.

Various subjects were discussed at the meeting including the land claims, voter registration, the AVCP contract with the Public Health Service for the paying of Health Aids, and the selling of shares in AVCP, Inc.

While in Bethel, Mr. Shively also met with the Bethel Housing Committee who indicated they wished to re-negotiate their contract with ASHA.

Phillip Guy, who is acting chairman of the Housing Committee in the absence of Robert Nick, will be formalizing this re-negotiation in the immediate future.