

## Shaan Seet Begins Reforestation Project

During the second week in October 1981, 25,000 Sitka Spruce seedlings were planted on approximately 90 acres of Shaan Seet, Inc., timber land. Shaan Seet, Inc. is the village corporation representing the Natives of Craig, Alaska. The planting operation was coordinated by Steven Anderson, Central Council Forester with assistance from Shaan Seet staff, and Kerry Howard, Forester for Sealaska.

Planting for the operation began last fall when Craig students were hired, with the help of Title XII funds, the Tlingit and Haida Private Industry Council to collect cones. The cones were collected in burlap sacks and sent to Silvaspeed Company in Washington. The cones were processed in a dryer to extract the seed which was sown in February of this year and the seedlings were grown through September. Using seedlings which were grown from seed taken from the area to be planted will increase their chance of survival.

The seedlings were shipped to Ketchikan by air freight and then transported by ferry and truck to Craig. The spruce seedlings averaged about 5 inches of root stock and 60 to 100 inches in height. Thirty-five thousand seedlings were shipped and ten thousand were sold to Sealaska to be planted on the Big Salt area.

A professional tree planting company, Ferguson Management Company, was contracted to plant the seedlings. In addition, two shareholders,

Donna Dix and Harold Irvine were hired by Shaan Seet to train with the professional planters. The crew and trainees planted on both Shaan Seet and Sealaska lands.

It is hoped during future planting operations on Native and non-Native land previously trained shareholders will be hired.

The reasons for planting part of the first lands harvested by Shaan Seet were twofold. First, as an initial effort, the corporation became familiar with the logistics and costs of a planting operation. Secondly, the area which was harvested was originally mostly hemlock and had a high percentage of pulp wood. The hemlock trees on the coastal side of the mountains, have a condition called fluting which decreases the value of the timber. By planting spruce, the corporation can control species and stocking levels in an effort to increase the value of the timber during the next cutting. It is also hoped that by comparing the planted area to a non-planted area that the corporation will develop economic data to evaluate the investment return of planting.

Roger Allington, General Manager, Shaan Seet Incorporated said, "I'm very pleased that the corporation's Board of Directors is farseeing in providing for the planting effort which will not only bring economic benefits to the corporation but will bring positive aesthetic values to the community."

Ketchikan, November 8-14, 1981.

Our group included Brenda Horton, Kathy Martin, Gina and Art Chappel, James Johnson, Sam Gowen and our chaperon, Harold Johns. We were recognized by the Grand Camp as part of the "official" observers of the convention and kept a daily log of the convention business for our Indian Studies class and also to help with our individual reports to the Juneau Indian Studies board.

Some of the highlights of the convention for me included the standing ovation given to Mrs. Mildred Sparks, when she was honored as ANS Grand President, Emeritus. It gave me goosebumps up and down my arms.

I also enjoyed the Native dancing. I dance with a Juneau group and like the idea of many different groups dancing together on one program.

Attending the convention gave us a chance to meet many interesting people, quite a cross section of personalities. I think everyone learned from one another, regardless if they were trying to teach something or not. I also thought it was great to be part of a large group that felt very much a family: a family concerned about issues, political and non-political, and doing something about issues like substance education, health and social services.

I hope some day all people will not have to have some kind of conflict with one another.

In going to the convention, I built up pride as a Native Alaskan. I hope to attend the next ANB/ANS Grand Camp Convention in Kake next year.

Robin Wilson, Student



Robin Wilson, Juneau High School student, addressed the Grand Camp delegates. PHOTO - LAIRD JONES

The new deputy director formerly was chief engineer and then general manager of Tlingit-Haida Regional Electrical Authority and also has worked for the Alaska Department of Highways and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He served in the Army, completing duty in 1972 as a captain.

Martin was born in Kake. He graduated from the University of Alaska in 1969 with a degree in electrical engineering.

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**WASHINGTON** - Interior Secretary James G. Watt has "postponed or delayed indefinitely" the controversial Bristol Bay lease sale, and made other adjustments in the accelerated drilling schedule for Alaska to accommodate the objections of Gov. Jay Hammond. Watt added that "extra precautions" will be taken in the lease sales planned for the Arctic including the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. The first sale in Bristol Bay is currently scheduled for April, 1983.

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**ANCHORAGE** - A Superior Court Judge has ruled that the state has the right to restrict the number of people allowed to fish commercially, but the way Alaska has gone about it is unconstitutional, because it allows permit holders to sell or bequeath their permits. Judge Victor Carlos agreed that the system "results in an unjust discrimination." Assuming a willing seller, the availability of permits is based solely on ability to pay. At present at Bristol Bay drift net permit is valued at \$78,911. The ruling came in Judge Carlson's decision to overturn the misdemeanor convictions of the Ostrosky sisters for fishing commercially without a valid entry permit and illegal possession of commercial fish. The state is "virtually certain" to appeal the decision according to Assistant Attorney General John Gaguine.

**KETCHIKAN** - Rodeo cowboys are few and far between in Alaska, but Herb Bell of Channel Log at Nichen Cove, Tuxekan Island, most certainly could qualify. He roped a stranded killer whale and guided it to deep water after it had been trapped by an outgoing tide. Bell reported that the whale was most cooperative, seeming to sense that he was trying to help it. The whale swam seaward when the water became deep enough.

## High School Student Attends ANB/ANS Convention

Robin Wilson story.  
My name is Robin Wilson. I am a junior at the Juneau-

Douglas High School. I am also a member of the Juneau Camp No. 2 chapter of the Junior ANS. Through a course in Indian Studies at the high school, myself and several others were able to attend the ANB/ANS Grand Camp Convention in

## For Your Information

### SPRUCE ROOT BASKET WEAVING

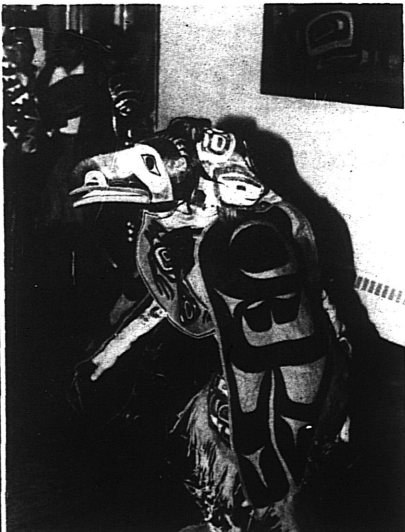
The University of Alaska, Juneau, will be sponsoring a workshop in basket weaving at the Alaska State Museum.

If you have the desire to learn the art of spruce root basketry this will be your chance. Instructors for this course will be Selina Peratrovich and Delores Churchill. All materials and instruction will be included in the course fee of \$75. The course will be offered for university credit.

The workshop will be a two-week course, offered from December 7-18, 1981. It is scheduled to run from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. daily. If you are interested or would like further information call Robbie Banko at 456-2901 - Alaska State Museum.

Juneau - Robert Martin, of Juneau, has been appointed Southeast Regional Deputy Director of Design and Construction in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Commissioner Robert Ward announced today.

Martin, 39, joins the staff of Director Charles Matlock who is responsible for design and construction of regional highways, harbors, buildings and aviation facilities.



Nathan Jackson doing the Raven Dance at the unveiling of the Raven Plaque at the Ketchikan Cultural Heritage Center during the Grand Camp convention week. PHOTO - LAIRD JONES