

Mtn. Village 8th Graders Write About Election

(Editor's Note: The following report was written by Mountain Village eighth graders. They are: Elmer T. Beans, Martha P. Beans, Ephrim Joe and Marie L. Prunes.)

On Tuesday, November 14, 1967 the people of Mountain Village elected five members to their first advisory School Board. Those elected are: Marie T. Beans; Willie Peterson; Mae Alexie; Paul Johnson; and Fred Stille.

Mrs. Marie T. Beans was born at Ouzinkie and raised in Kodiak. She attended school at Afognak and graduated from high school at Eklutna in 1938.

After high school graduation she worked as a cook in the PHS hospital at Mountain Village and has been a resident of this village for the past 29 years.

Other service to the village includes 12 years as medical aide, president of the women's club for 4 years, 3 years as a 4-H leader, and one year as a union delegate.

Concerning her election she stated: "I will try my best and I thank those who chose me."

Willie Peterson came to Mountain Village about 17 years ago. He was born 7 miles up river at old Andreafsky. The years of his

youth were spent in various summer and winter camps around this place.

Mr. Peterson went to school at Mountain Village for three years then went three the seventh grade at Holy Cross.

The remainder of his education has been gained through practical experience. Mr. Peterson has been a National Guardsman for the past 6 years and has taken training as a mechanic. He has been a village councilman and is now in his first year as a Volunteer Policeman.

In closing the interview Mr. Peterson said, "I hope the advisory school board will do good and help in the education of both young and old people alike."

Mae Alexie, a life long resident of Mountain Village attended the B.I.A. school here. Past experience as a village leader includes 12 years as medical aide and 4 years as a 4-H leader. She is presently vice-president of the women's club.

Concerning her election, she stated: "I am glad to help as much as I can."

Paul Johnson was not available for an interview but it is known that he is a National Guardsman and formerly was a weather observer and substitute medical aide.

He also served on the village council and is a past council chief.

Fred Stille, a native of Illinois, was graduated from Granite City (Ill.) High School. After serving as a paratrooper in World War II he attended Saint Louis University and was graduated from there in 1953 with a degree in business administration.

He came to Alaska in 1958 and has taught school in Nenana, Galena, and Mountain Village.

For the past three years he has been a bookkeeper for the Sheppard Trading Co. He also is a 4-H leader.

In closing, Mr. Stille said: "I'm happy to have been elected and hope that the

advisory school board will be able to institute programs, increase educational opportunities for the young people and older of Mountain Village."

The new advisory school board held its first meeting on November 16. Mr. Fred Stille was chosen as chairman and Mr. Willie Peterson was chosen recorder.