

Denise Taylor Driving for TT at North American Races **Homicides Report—**

145% Jump in South Central



DENISE ELLEN TAYLOR, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Taylor, rests with her sister's dog, Sasha, after coming in fourth of thirteen entrants in the three-dog, three-mile race held last Sunday at the Alaska Dog Mushing Association, Inc. track off Farmer's Loop Road in Fairbanks. Denise will be sponsored by the Tundra Times in the junior dog races scheduled during the first week in March in Fairbanks as part of the North American Championship Dog Races.

emergency . . ."

Denise, not yet in kindergarten then, helped save her mother's life. It happened this way:

Late one evening her mother, Alma, had a heart seizure. Denise, knowing her father was at work, tried to reach him by phone. For some reason the phone call did not get through.

Then she called the telephone operator for help. She didn't know her address, but she read her phone number to the operator and told her where her father worked.

From this information the operator was able to call an ambulance and the police and notify Jesse Taylor of the emergency at his home.

"When I got home the ambulance and the State Police were already there," Taylor said.

Denise had been aware of her mother's heart condition for some time, Taylor said, and stayed up with her mother on evenings when he was at work.

Now, years later, under the sponsorship of the Tundra Times, Denise will enter the North American Championship Dog Races in Fairbanks as a junior musher, urging her three dogs—Pearl, Polar Bear and George—to run as fast as they can.

Homicides reported to State Troopers in areas other than the larger municipalities showed a 145 per cent jump in the southcentral region of Alaska as against a five per cent increase for the entire state, the Department of Public Safety announced today.

Seventeen persons in the region met death at the hands of another compared to seven the year before.

The high rate in the southcentral area was not reflected in Southeast or Northwest. Southeast troopers reported no homicides in 1971 as against one for 1970 for a drop of 100 per cent.

There were three homicides in the northwestern area in 1971 compared to eleven the year before for a decline of 73 per cent for the year.

No particular pattern was established for the large increase in the tabulation for Southcentral.

Weapons involved in the Southcentral homicides were as follows:

Gun 9; knife, 3; rocks, 2; wrench, 1; and hands, 2. Three homicides in other areas showed guns used in two of the cases and

a knife in the third.

Alcohol was a contributing factor in nine of the 17 cases. Other important contributing factors in the homicide tabulation were matters relating to sex, family disputes, arguments, and robberies.

Six of the 17 homicides involved native people and eleven were whites. No negroes were involved.



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A seventh grader at Main Junior High School in Fairbanks—Miss Denise Ellen Taylor—will carry a sign with the name of the Tundra Times on her sled when she competes in the three-dog junior dog mushers race in the North American Championship Dog Races in Fairbanks in March.

Denise, who has been racing for two years, says her dogs used to run away with her, but now she has better control.

Denise, the oldest of four children, learned dog racing from her father, Jesse Taylor. All of his children participate in dog racing.

He teaches the children to train their dogs.

Denise was first mentioned in the Tundra Times on May 1, 1965, when a picture of her wide grin (she was missing some baby teeth) was used to publicize a St. Louis scientist's need for baby teeth to help him determine the radiation count in human beings.

Later that year, on May 24, Denise made the editorial page of the Tundra Times when this newspaper presented her with the North Star Award for "her amazing presence of mind in an

Ryan Predicts 5000 Japanese Tourists in Alaska

Commissioner Irene E. Ryan of the Department of Economic Development has predicted a first-year total of up to 5,000 Japanese tourists in Alaska as a result of the new marketing program being carried out by her department and the Alaska Visitors Association.

The prediction was made as Commissioner Ryan spoke in Juneau to a group of 16 North west Orient and Pan American airlines interline staff members on a week-long tour of Alaska tourist attractions.

"Because of the liberalized currency regulations in Japan, we are assured an economic benefit amounting to millions of dollars, even during this first year of activity," said Mrs. Ryan. "This international effort cannot be stressed too much. It is simply the key to the growth rate of Alaska's fourth largest industry—tourism."

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