

# RurAL-CAP

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# CAP ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM GETS UNDERWAY

## 35 Villages Recipients—

## For Head Start Buildings

A \$128,000 supplementary grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity has been awarded to the Rural Alaska Community Action Program for renovation of Head Start build-

ings. Some 35 villages will be recipients of the funds to improve the condition of their buildings and for the purchase of necessary items such as: sinks, stoves,

refrigerators, furniture and playground equipment.

Labor will be donated by the residents of each village totalling 50% of the funds they receive.

## Peter Kunnuk Hires Six Counselors For Rural Work

Peter Kunnuk, Program Specialist for RurAL CAP, announced the hiring of six alcoholism counselors employed under the agency's recently funded alcoholism program.

They are: Margaret Schultz Kotzebue; Lena Andree, Dillingham; Evelyn Myers, Juneau; Charles DeWitt, Copper Center; Emil Borikoff, Unalaska; and Ted Valanis, Kodiak.

Kunnuk who will be in charge of monitoring the \$150,000 program stated "We believe this program will have a tremendous

effect in the rural areas. By the mere fact of not having enough information published and distributed on the effects of alcohol, has lead it to become one of the major problems in our State."

Kunnuk went on to say "We are also looking forward to working closely with other agencies who deal directly with alcohol and its related problems so that we may complement each other resources and enrich the scope and content of this program."

## For VISTA Program—

## Charles Sauvage Appointed Director

RurAL CAP has recently been notified that the Alaska Office of Economic Opportunity Field Representative, Charles Sauvage, has been appointed Director of the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program.

In a letter of congratulation, John Shively, Executive Director of RurAL CAP, expressed his appreciation to Sauvage for continuing to advocate for the agency at the regional office in

Seattle, while maintaining his responsibilities for monitoring activities, to ensure that programs were being run effectively and according to OEO guidelines.

Sauvage will continue to work out of the OEO Regional Office in Seattle. Replacement for the field representative has not yet been announced.

## Upper Yukon Development Corp. Meets

The Upper Yukon Development Corporation regional board met in Fort Yukon on June 17-18, with all but one of the twelve villages in the region represented.

Alaska Legal Services lawyer Len Aspern, discussed with board members the feasibility

of securing a tract of land that would be used only for reindeer, and also the possibility of having "custom adoptions" recognized legally.

Throughout the rural areas, people adopt children by merely having the youngsters live with their families, and these are

termed "custom adoptions."

A resolution was passed that the Social Security Administration and other government agencies be requested to initiate regulations to recognize Native "custom adoptions", so that benefits will be available to the children who have not been legally adop-

ted but who are recognized as adopted by other people in the village where they live.

In other business, a resolution was passed to request that the State Sanitation Department refrain from closing the cannery at Rampart as it is a vital part of the economy of the area.

Officials from the Health, Education and Welfare Department in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Seattle were in attendance at the meeting and discussed Social Security services.

Don Young, Representative for the 16th District, gave a legislative report and participated in a question and answer session.

Among other items discussed was establishing a sawmill to provide lumber for eleven houses which will be built in Venetie and the need for equipment at Chalkyitsik.

It was decided to hold the next board meeting in Fort Yukon in September, with a firm date to be set later.

## Gordy Jackson Weds Patsy

Miss Patsy Haugen and Gordon Jackson, Executive Director of the Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program, were married June 2, 1971 in Anchorage.

They left June 4 for Hawaii and Jackson returned to his office in Juneau on June 18.

Jackson joined the RurAL CAP staff as a program development specialist in 1969 and a year later became the director of SEACAP.

Mrs. Jackson is a former employee of RurAL CAP and had worked as a secretary in the Human Resources Department in the Anchorage office since May, 1970. The newly married couple will live in Juneau.

## 25 Laws Involved—

## 1971 State Laws of Concern To Rural Areas Compiled

A legislative report compiled by Richard Pope, Legislative Aide for the Rural Alaska Development Group (RADG) is ready for dissemination throughout the State.

The report contains a brief summary of 25 laws passed during the 1971 session of the State Legislature which, primarily, are of concern to rural residents.

Also included in the report are a list of newly funded projects and positions. The final portion of the report contains a list of bills which the rural legislators will be working on next year.

Members of the Rural Alaska Development Group are comprised of the following: John Shively, Executive Director of RurAL CAP and Chairman of

RADG; Harry Carter, Executive Director of the Alaska Federation of Natives; Philip Byrne, Director of Alaska Legal Services; Loyd Hodson, Manager of the Alaska Village Electric Co-op; Joseph Smith, Director of Community Enterprise Development Corporation; and Bud macatee, Executive Director of the Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency.

## \$10 Million Increase—

## License Revenues

JUNEAU—Revenues from licenses and taxes collected by the Department of Revenue over the last fiscal year increased by \$10,348,642.50 which represents a 11.45 percent gain in total gross collections.

Sport fishing and hunting licenses accounted for \$1,544,056.50 of this income; Commercial fish, vessel and gear licenses for \$527,466; commercial fisherman's (residence) license, \$235,650, and out of state commercial, \$205,170.

Sport fishing and hunting revenues showed an increase of \$41,864.36, but the commercial fishing business was down from the year before. Licenses for fishing vessels and gear dropped \$39,964.75.

Resident commercial licenses were off \$8,110 and out-of-staters \$15,330 than last year.

## Disabled American Veterans Opens Office in Juneau

Disabled American Veterans has opened an office in Juneau to represent and counsel Alaskans. This is a major veterans organization with more than 300,000 members. It serves as an official spokesman for the nation's disabled war veterans.

"Contrary to popular belief, the disabled veteran does not receive government benefits automatically. In every case a claim must be filed, evidence secured and legal entitlement

## 19 Villages Surveyed—

## Telephone Service for Bethel Area

BETHEL—A survey of 19 bush villages has just been completed as part of RCA's Ala-

scom's comprehensive plan to provide telephone service to 142 remote sites in the Lower Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region.

The firm plans to have phone service operational in its initial survey area some time this

winter.

In charge of the current survey are Robert W. Pierce, marketing sales manager; James W. Pate, marketing representative and installation engineer; and Pete West from the firm's Anchorage headquarters.

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