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Fire Protection In Southeast

The Southeast Alaska Community Action Program, Incorporated, (SEACAP) has made arrangements for the mass purchase of fire extinguishers and smoke detectors for Southcentral rural communities and the Ketchikan area.

These units (which will be sold at a considerable savings), are recommended and approved by the state fire marshal's office as a part of a program initiated by SEACAP along with the state fire marshal.

These fire extinguishers will be sold for \$21.10 and they are ten-pound, Fyre Fyter brand, all purpose, dry chemical, extinguishers.

The smoke detectors sell for \$33.30 and are a Smoke Guard brand.

Anyone desiring to be a part of the mass purchase effort within the next 10 days, have been instructed to contact Dick Whittaker in Ketchikan who has been coordinating the effort in the Ketchikan area.

Sea Mammals Hearings Due

Word was received by Rural CAP Executive Director, Michael C. Harper, that the National Marine Fisheries, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of the Interior, have agreed to hold public hearings on the proposed regulations for the Sea Mammal Act Articles.

The Act prohibits the making of any arts and crafts by use of "mass copying devices," but according to Harper, it would seem that the Federal Government's fears are groundless as there are no two recourses open if production rose significantly and appeared to be harming the mammals:

First, the Act states specifically that taking mature mammals or using them for arts and crafts must be accomplished in a manner which is not wasteful.

Therefore, if numbers of mammals were being left to rot, further killing could be stopped.

Second, if mass-produced non-traditional items were made, but there is no waste of meat or oil, the Act still allows regulation of total slaughter directly.

Harper commented that prohibitions of particular end-uses might be considered an infringement on innovation in arts and crafts.

He noted that the Act does not require a listing of "authentic Native articles of handicrafts and clothing," and, since the list in the Federal Register is not intended to regulate the taking of a species or stock of marine mammal which is depleted, there is no requirement or authority for the regulations under Section 101 (b) of the Act.



ERNIE NORTON — Mayor of Kotzebue and Executive Director of Mauneluk, who says he doesn't believe in disrupting ecology in the state, because "It's the basis for our livelihood!"

Akutan and Nikolski Get Water Treatment Projects

Dimitri Philemonof, Regional Director of the Aleutian Planning Commission, the Non-Profit Corporation of Rural CAP for the Aleutian Chain, reports that he has received word from George Pederson of the Alaska Area Native Health Service, Office of Environmental Health, that there is a water treatment and distribution project are located in Akutan and Nikolski.

In Akutan, there has been 342 feet of 4" insulated transmission line laid down from the dam to a new treatment building which was built in the community. Also, 750 feet of distribution main has been buried and connects to 25 homes.

The treatment building contains a chlorinator, a fluoridator, and a contact tank. Pederson commented that the project is 90% completed. Philemonof says, "We are very fortunate to

have this service provided and we are grateful to Pederson and his organization for the help that they have rendered."

In Nikolski, a well point, pumphouse, and treatment and distribution system has been completed.

A new well point was driven to a depth of 27 feet and an 8 by 12 foot pumphouse containing a jet pump, three 220 gallon hydropneumatic tanks, chlorination equipment and an air compressor was installed over the well.

One thousand seven hundred feet of distribution main and copper service lines to the 23 homes has been laid.

Each of the 23 homes received a utility faucet and several families purchased sinks which were optional and in these cases, reports Pederson, "The house service line was connected directly to the sink."



The old water system shows faults where it is leaking after an effort had been made to repair it. (Akutan)

Kotzebue Mayor to Lead New Programs

Ernie Norton, the Mayor of Kotzebue, has recently been hired as the Executive Director of Mauneluk Association, Incorporated, which is the non-profit corporation of Northwest Alaska Native Association (NANA). He was hired by the Mauneluk Board of Directors in February.

1974. Norton was previously the Director of the Parent Child Center in Kotzebue.

The bookkeeping for Mauneluk is performed by Ray Coppock, former Field Training Supervisor for Rural CAP's Head Start Program. The secretary is Helen Gudmundson.

Programs include a contract with the Public Health Service which will employ three people — these positions are presently being advertised; and a grant from the Economic Development Administration to assess economic development possibilities in the area.

Two people have been hired under this program, Nick Land as Planner, and Reggie Joule as a Planner Trainee. A two-month extension has been received, and it is expected that another 10-month grant will be given.

Also, June Nelson has been hired as Counselor under a Johnson-O'Malley funded program; and Mauneluk will be hiring a Projects Director for their Cultural Preservation Project, as well as 10 other persons who will be stationed in villages on this program.

Mauneluk has applied for prime sponsorship of a new federal program, Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), to provide manpower training, and employment opportunities for people in their area.

Norton said that they hope the

program will be in full swing in December.

Services to the villages in their region, upon request, include educational counseling, technical assistance to Village Councils in accounting, Revenue Sharing, economic development, Indian Education, and a construction of public buildings.

Norton attended the University of Alaska for two years as a business major, also attended the Oklahoma Baptist University, and for two years was an Intern in ARTIC, which is a program to produce Native teachers. He is married and has two children.

Norton commented that Mauneluk has a good start, but he feels there is much to be done. He is enthusiastic about the programs they presently administer, looks forward to expanding their services in the region, and is most appreciative of the strong leadership of their Board of Directors.

The five members of the Mauneluk Board are: Vince Schuerch, President of the Board, Mayor of Kiana, and long-time supporter of Mauneluk and Rural CAP Programs; Gordon Mitchell, Jr. of Noatak, who is involved in local affairs; Isaac Douglas of Ambler, who is a well-known dog musher; Senator William Hensley from Kotzebue; and Joe Ballot of Selawik, who is active in village matters.

"A Water System Operator and an alternate (chosen by the residents of the community of Nikolski) were trained, while working on the project along with informal training sessions, by the Public Health Service Foreman and Field Sanitarian, Paul Day, to make the project 100% complete," added Pederson.

"In Sand Point, another community located in the Aleutian Region, there will be a new water system, sewage collection and treatment project starting later in the summer.

It is also hoped that the village of Atka can receive similar improvements once they have new housing," commented Pederson.



Landscape after backfilling in Nikolski