

AOGA Mgr. Would Assist Task Force

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association, a division of Western Oil and Gas Association, offered "every possible assistance" to the task force named last week by Governor Walter J. Hickel to find methods to improve Alaska's labor situation.

"Our organization stands ready to assist in any way the task force needs," said Carl E. Weidman, AOGA manager.

"Our industry welcomes this decisive step forward in coming to grips with problems tied closely to the economic development of Alaska and the petroleum industry.

"Governor Hickel is bringing together people and resources which can be brought to bear on our problems. We believe this is the way to approach the task," the association manager said.

"Members of the task force represent an appropriately wide cross section of elements most vitally involved," Weidman observed. "We are gratified that such qualified people have made themselves available to work together."

"The task force has a very important job to do. Our in-



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dustry shares with other Alaskans a common interest, and our members intend that the association lend fullest support."

"As the problems are solved and this large state grows economically, our industry will grow with it. Our goals are the same," Weidman concluded.

Semaken Survives Copter Rotor Wounds

Not many people tangle with the tail rotor of a helicopter and live to tell about it.

During the manning operations on Fire 6D8, this summer, in the Lake Minchumina area, Mr. Gilbert Semaken, a 12 year BLM firefighter from Kaltag, Alaska, was critically injured when he disembarked from a helicopter, and while concentrating on the large rotor above, stepped into the whirling blades of the tail prop.

After a month and a half in Bassett Army Hospital, Gilbert returned to Kaltag this past week rejoicing that he would soon see his wife, Margaret, his two children, Matthew and Gloria, and his ten dogs.

His one regret was not the eye patch, or the stiff arm, it was that because of the sensitive skin graft he would not be able to trap this winter.

"The doctors say it will be a couple of years before I will be able to trap and fish," he said. "It is going to be hard to get adjusted to a new way of life."

When he was struck down on August 2, Gilbert's left arm was severed, his left eye gone, and the left side of his face seriously disfigured.

Fully conscious, Gilbert directed the first aid efforts and it was only after a pit was dug, filled with branches, and he was covered with every available coat was he able to sleep.

Two companions ran five miles to use the walkie-talkie. Gilbert was then taken to the hospital at Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks.

"Some of the wire sutures in my arm caused an infection and I was put in isolation for fifteen days. It was like being in jail. But it's ok now."

Home for the winter, Gilbert plans on returning to Fairbanks next summer to continue working for the Bureau of Land Management.

This is one person who tangled with the rotory prop of a helicopter who is alive and who is winning.

Grant Rejected by Local Governments May Go to AFN

JUNEAU— A federal grant which was turned down by Alaska's local governments may end up being put to good use by the Alaska Federation of Natives, Gov. Walter J. Hickel said.

"The economic development of rural Alaska through the efforts of the people who live there is a major goal of this administration," Hickel said. "The AFN application for the

Economic Development Administration grant dovetails precisely with this goal."

Hickel said Joe FitzGerald, chairman of the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska, and Clyde Courtnege, Alaska Field Administrator for EDA, are working closely with the state of further the AFN application.

An original EDA plan to form large economic units in the State was approved by officials of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in the Railbelt area and by Haines, Hoonah, Craig, and Juneau in Southeast.

Borough and city officials elsewhere in Southeast and the Railbelt area feared the new economic unit plan would mean an additional layer of govern-



HAPPY COUPLE—Miss Irene Sandra Widmark and Roy J. Tansy were married recently in Juneau at the Northern Lights Presbyterian Church by Rev. Dr. Walter J. Soboleff. Miss

Widmark is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Widmark of Juneau and Roy Tansy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Jake Tansy of Cantwell. The couple now make their home in Cantwell.

Miss Irene Sandra Widmark and Roy J. Tansy Take Nuptial Vows

Miss Irene Sandra Widmark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Widmark 723 West 10th, has become the bride of Roy J. Tansy, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Jake Tansy, Cantwell, Alaska.

The two were married recently at the Northern Lights Presbyterian Church in Juneau, by the Rev. Dr. Walter A. Soboleff.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore

an empire style gown of peau-de-soie trimmed at the neck and wrist with lace accented with sequines. The dress was enhanced with a diamond shaped chapel length train trimmed with lace.

Her shoulder length veil fell from a peau-de-soie pill box trimmed with a pearl leaf decoration. The bridal bouquet was a white orchid with a purple heart surrounded by stephonotis.

The bride chose white and yellow as her wedding colors. The bridal attendants wore yellow and apricot print dresses. Emma Widmark was the maid of honor, Randi Widmark, Edith Jacobsen, Mary Ann Rexford and Ruby Tansy were bridal attendants, and Kimberly Duke was the flower girl.

Eric Carlson was the best man with Ray Wiebe, Clarence Duke, Morris Thompson and Walter Baldwin as ushers, and Micheal Goldbach the ring bearer.

The mother of the bride wore a two piece pink lace dress with gold and beige accessories and an American beauty rose corsage. The mother of the groom was unable to attend the wedding.

A reception was held in the Filipino Community Hall after the ceremony. A three tier octagon shaped wedding cake decorated with white roses and lilly of the valley was made and decorated for the bride by her mother. Miss Tom Paddock served the cake and Mrs. Walter

A. Soboleff poured.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerviso Igtanloc, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Igtanloc, and Mr. and Mrs. Doglass Goldbach helped with the refreshments. Mrs. Clarence Duke was in charge of the guest book and the gifts.

Special out of town guests were sisters of the bride and their families Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Duke and daughters of Tok, Mrs. Dick Jacobsen and daughter of Sand Point, and Uncle Richard Peters of Sitka. Father of the groom R. Jake Tansy, brother Alfred Tansy, sister and brother in law Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wiebe of Cantwell, and sister Miss Ruby Tansy of Anchorage also attended.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Eric Carlson, Cantwell, Miss Mary Ann Rexford, Fairbanks, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Johnson, Angoon, Mrs. Andrew Hope Sitka, and Cyril George, Angoon.

For a wedding trip the bride and groom went to Ketchikan, Fairbanks, and Anchorage, and are now at home in Cantwell.

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