

## LETTERS to EDITOR

Bethel Prematernal Home  
Bethel, Alaska 99559  
January 31, 1969

Letter to the Editor:

The Bethel Prematernal Home would like to thank you for printing our story and picture of the Home and its funding problem.

Many people in this area have recognized the plight and taken action.

The Village Councils Presidents Native Association had a group meeting in Bethel the week of January 14. During this time they discussed the Home and its role in the Kuskokwim area. It was the popular feeling to help support the home in its present need and the V.C.P.N.A. gave \$600.00 to the Home to be used as needed.

The city has in the past been paying all the utilities except water. Because of the lack of funding by RurALCAP, which handled water, the city has absorbed it along with other utilities.

Another fact which is sometimes overlooked is the women themselves donate a sum towards their stay here. This figure shows that there is a real feeling of responsibility to the Home regardless of the lack of money in the area. During the year of 1968 the average contribution was \$104.00 with the highest being \$278.00 in August. This year has started out with a contribution of \$109.00 for the month of January compared to \$00.00 in January of 1968. These contributions consist of \$5.00 here and \$20.00 there depending on the financial status of the family at the present time.

All of these incidences indicate a real interest and need for the home. Getting information to the public is a real important way in having the Home recognized for this need.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Jeanne Toomer RN  
Director

Women in the Home:

Mollie Hendrickson, Theresa Gump, Annie Cleveland, Susie Alexie, Mary George, Jane Wiseman, Agnes Boliver, Anna M. Sipary, Nellie Joshua, Olga Edwards.

THE DRUM  
Box 1069  
Inuvik, N.W.T.

Dear Howard:

I was surprised to read your editorial in the Tundra Times issue of January 10—'Paper Does Belong in the Scheme of Things.'

Who would knock the Tundra Times? Your paper is a model of objectivity, realism and well balanced reporting rivaled by few and equaled by none.

The strength of America is the strength of many little people like yourself. We Canadians may walk a different trail but we can still admire the qualities that make America strong.

May the 'Tundra Times' continue to grow in influence and stature.

Yours truly,  
Tom Butters  
Editor

302 Storry Ave.  
Monona, Wisconsin

Dear Sirs:

I would like a pen-pal. Would you please put it in your paper. I am a ten year old girl. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I like outdoor sports. All my friends have pen-pals and I'd like one too. I'd most like someone younger than 13. Anyone would do.

Yours Sincerely,  
Penny Crapp

# Kotzebue City Police Commissioner Says

January 30, 1969

Mr. Howard Rock, Editor  
Tundra Times  
Box 1287  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Mr. Rock:

In regards to the January 17, 1969 paper heading "Liquor Bootlegging Alarms Kotzebue Folks," I do not know whoever wrote the column got his story. (1) The first council meeting of the year 1969 new officers were sworn in; and, complaints were made about two coffee shops being open after 1:00 a.m. followed by lengthy discussion. The State trooper explained that people would have to file a complaint before him or the City Police then they could take action on personal complaints, and the council agreed to take action. (2) One woman said she told the police last summer; she didn't say she was after the police. (3) I did not hear other towns people say they also attempted to make complaints before without success. Being a Police Commissioner, I think, we have two hard working men naming Trooper Bob Boatright and City Police Bill Stevens. They have been doing their best with the conditions we have such as roads and so forth. I don't think they are lacking enforcement. (4) As for one man who tried to make a complaint during the meeting, the Council heard his complaint. He asked if he could make a complaint now. Then the Mayor said he could. So I stopped the mayor from taking statement. I said "I will not have a statement made during this meeting." Then the question came from one woman why I wouldn't allow a statement made during this meeting. So I explained that anyone wishing to make a complaint would have to make a statement to the City Police or the State Trooper. I also stated I would not have the City Police serve a hearsay statement and present to court. So the man did make a complaint to the City Police the very next day and the complaint was served.

I would like to say a few things about people writing about Kotzebue and putting it on paper. I think we just have too many do gooders here in Kotzebue who never stayed here long enough to find out about anything. They put church people together and talk

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Dept. of Fish & Game  
Div. of Commercial Fisheries  
January 29, 1969

refers to opposition of the  
"Department of Fish and Game

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Mr. Frank Bavilla, Sr.  
President  
The Village Council  
Goodnews Bay, Alaska 99589

Dear Mr. Bavilla:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on your letter published in the Jan. 17 issue of the Tundra Times. The last paragraph of your letter



# POLICE COMMISSIONER . . .

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to them that they should do this and that, while they didn't know they just make Kotzebue's name look bad. If they think Kotzebue officials aren't doing anything about complaints they better remember that on the next election to vote these good people that can do everything.

Thank you.

Yours truly,  
Elmer Armstrong

# Letters to the Editor

Box 206  
Tok, Alaska  
January 4, 1969

Dear Editor:

My Encyclopedia Britannica tells me an American oil Co. made a contract in 1958 (see concessions) with Iran and the National Iranian Oil Co. (government owned) which required:

1. Payment of \$125,000,000 bonus
2. Annual rental of \$400-\$600 per square kilometre (247.11 acres)
3. Expenditure of \$82,000,000 the first 12 years for exploratory work.
4. An income tax of 50% of net profit
5. An equal division of the other 50% with the national Iranian Oil Co.

All the national magazines refer to Alaskan oil deposits as even greater than the fantastic ones of Iran and Iraq. Think what this would mean to the people of Alaska in terms of housing, factories, building, mineral exploration, education, farming, fishing, health facilities, electricity.

Our children would be integrated in a self sustaining economy. A wise Providence put this oil deposit under our soil.

It's wise regulation by our elected officials for our benefit would be one of the finest things

human beings could have the opportunity to do.

Yours,  
Mellie Terwilliger

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in taking over our area for wild-like preservation." I would like to strongly emphasize that the Department of Fish and Game, which is a State of Alaska agency, is not involved in the planning or management of the proposed Cape Newenham Refuge. This is strictly a function of the U.S. Department of Interior, a Federal Agency.

In a sense, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will be actively involved with "wildlife preservation" in managing the area's new commercial salmon fishery. This fishery will be managed to provide a maximum sustained yield which involves the "preservation" of sufficient salmon each year for spawning purposes.

I still plan to visit Goodnews Bay in late March or early April and am looking forward to meeting you then.

Sincerely,  
Ron Regnart  
Area Mgt. Biologist

cc: Huizer  
Middleton  
Baxter  
Tundra Times  
Platinum Village Council