

E. P. Dutton Co. Wants Native Grade School Children's Poems

E. P. Dutton and Co., publishing firm, is asking the native children of Alaska, Eskimo, Indian, and Aleuts, to write original poems written by themselves and they have to be unedited and they must be sincere.

Poetry entries are restricted to grade school native children in the state and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools throughout the state. There are no other rules.

The poems accepted by the E. P. Dutton and Co. will be contained in a book, an anthology of poetry written by children of minority groups

throughout the United States. The children include Black, Puerto Rican, Eskimo, Indian, Aleut, and Mexican Americans.

The entries must be sent to the editor of Tundra Times, Howard Rock, Box 1287, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, no later than September 30. The poems accepted by the E. P. Dutton and Co. will be paid for by that company.

Grade school teachers are urged to notify the children about the poetry entries and remind the children that they must be sent no later than September 30.

Gravel in Stunning Primary Win..

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Montana visiting Mrs. Gravel's parents and where their two children had been visiting during their parent's hard campaign.

Sen. Ernest Gruening has been tenacious even though Gravel has more than 2,000 votes over him. Gruening has refused to concede so far pinning his hopes on the outcome of the absentee votes.

Political observers, however, place little hope that Gruening will overtake Gravel when the tallies are counted today. Absentee votes have been estimated at 3,500.

Sen. Gruening has served Alaska for 30 years and distinguished himself during that long service as territorial governor and for the last nine and a half years as U.S. senator for Alaska.

Elmer Rasmuson, who campaigned on the "people to people" basis, covered the whole state "including villages where politicians had never been before." His campaign, in many ways, paralleled that of Mike Gravel.

Two years ago, Mike Gravel ran a hard campaign in the primary election against the then incumbent Congressman

Ralph Rivers for the U.S. House of Representatives but was narrowly beaten.

That campaign acquainted Gravel with the outlying area people throughout the North and the cordiality established then might have carried him in last Tuesday's primary election.

In another intense primary election campaign, State Sen. Nick Begich won over his fellow Democrats, John Rader and Don Wright, for the right to contest the incumbent Republican, Congressman Howard W. Pollock whom Begich will face in the general election.

John Rader, former and first attorney general of the new State of Alaska, also campaigned hard and in the process hooked his hopes to Sen. Eugene McCarthy who lost his bid for presidential nomination to Vice

President Hubert H. Humphrey, by endorsing McCarthy who in turn endorsed Rader.

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Tundra Times Banquet

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begun to roll. The banquet committee headed by board member Gerald Ivey, has made a recommendation to the Board of Directors that the banquet be held at Switzerland, a supper club on the Airport Way in Fairbanks.

The recommendation was approved by the board on August 22. The management of the Switzerland has informed the committee that the entire lower floor of the supper club will accommodate 500 people.

A combination invitation card and brochure is under preparation and the invitation committee headed by Miss Rhoda Forslund expects to send out invitations starting in about a week from today.

The cover for the invitation-brochure card was designed by the eminent Eskimo artist Ron Senungetuk, assistant professor of art at the University of Alaska.

The editor of Tundra Times, Howard Rock, is presently working to line up a banquet keynote speaker and the person picked is expected to be a nationally known dignitary.

The Alaska Federation of Natives has set its annual statewide conference date to take place in Fairbanks on October 5-6 coinciding it with the banquet. That conference alone is expected to draw about 250 native leaders from all corners of the state.

President of the Central Council of the Tlingit-Haida Indians, John Borbridge, has fired up plans to bring his seven-man executive committee.

"The committee agreed unanimously to meet in Fairbanks during the AFN conference and the Tundra Times banquet," said Borbridge.

Borbridge said that several local Central Council units were also planning to send representatives to the banquet.

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"Many of us in the Southeastern are looking forward to the event and we are speculating as to whom the keynoter or speakers will be.

"I also look forward to meeting my friends from other areas of Alaska to have the opportunity to meet with and getting to know my fellow executive committee members on the Central Council on a more personal basis," said Borbridge.

The Chief Executive of the State of Alaska, Gov. Walter J. Hickel, has already committed himself to be present at the October 5 banquet, as are Sen. Ernest Gruening, and Congressman Howard W. Pollock, Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett has accepted tentatively and on a "maybe" basis because of ill health for the past several months.

About 35 Village VISTA Associate trainees who will be training in Fairbanks around the banquet date have asked for reservations.

The Tundra Times is in the process of getting confirmation from the Kodiak Area Native Association's Harry Carter who previously offered to ship 500 pounds of king crab for the banquet fare.

Thomas Johnson, president of the Northwestern Reindeer Processing Co., Nome, is being contacted to see if he could make about 150 pounds of prime reindeer meat available and if so, it will be made into huge pots of stew.

The entrance fee to the banquet has been set at \$10 per person. The money realized will go toward helping the Tundra Times financially and to pay for the banquet.

Additional funds will be sought by selling Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co. stock. Special table for this purpose will be set up at the banquet hall on the evening of the October 5 banquet.

SJC Asks 16 Banquet Seats

Orin R. Stratton, president of the Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, has requested that 16 reservations for the Tundra Times October 5 banquet be set aside to accommodate the college's

Advisory Board. Stratton has called the fall meeting of the board to take place during the Alaska Federation of Natives annual conference to be held October

Asia Journalists Coming

The group will arrive in Juneau by air from San Francisco Sunday, September 8 and then will visit Clear Air Force Station and Fairbanks before concluding the tour at Anchorage September 13.

During a two-day stop in Juneau they will confer with Governor Walter J. Hickel and other state officials and will be overnight guests in the homes of Juneau residents.

After touring the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System site at Clear, the party will fly to Fairbanks and will visit Alaska land, and the University of Alaska.

The journalists will arrive at Elmendorf Air Force Base the afternoon of September 11 and will be hosted by Lieutenant General Robert A. Breitweiser, commander in chief, Alaska, at a reception that evening.

Health Aides...

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to develop their program proposals which will lead to the contracts. These guidelines will also help councils outline methods of accomplishing the objectives they establish as desirable for good health procedures in their communities.

PHS physicians and other officials have long recognized and appreciated the fine service most health aides have given, usually as volunteers with only occasionally financial compensation from their villages. Their dedicated service to their communities has made it possible for PHS physicians to extend their care over a vast area where constant care in person is impossible.

This link between the village and the service unit hospital in each geographical area is a vital one. These lines of communications have even more significance in the consideration of good health practices because the community health aide is regarded as one of the important stimulants of such practices to prevent illness and accidents in

5-6 in Fairbanks.

"My purpose for having the Advisory Board meet in Fairbanks at this time is to provide us with an opportunity to continue our close identification with the Native population of the State," said Stratton.

He said that Sheldon Jackson was founded to meet specifically the educational and spiritual needs of the native Alaskans.

"It has, with long history, been an advocate and educational center for native Alaskans who could for many years not receive an education elsewhere.

"As an accredited two year college Sheldon Jackson today is still concerned about its primary purpose of serving the Alaskan native," said President Stratton.

Humphrey

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Vietnam war protesters who battled with police and National Guardsmen 25 floors below the Vice President's suite in a Chicago hotel.

Humphrey will pit his strength against the Republican nominee, Richard Nixon, for President of the United States on November 5 general election.

her (sometimes his) community.

PHS is encouraging formation of health councils and health committees throughout the rural areas. Responsive communication between the professional agency and these experts from the community level is the goal of those involved in the talks.

This subject and its many ramifications is being presented by various PHS officials and regional native association meetings.

John Borbridge, Native Affairs Officer for ANHAO, is principal spokesman. Dr. John Lee, director of ANHAO, met with AFN board members in Anchorage recently to discuss both this matter and the effect of the PHS budget and personnel limitation on native health services.

Funding for the project has been requested for at least two years. PHS officials point out that once a village council engages in such a contract to employ the health aide, the way is opened for similar arrangements with other agencies.

Handicapped..

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and corridors, by lowering drinking fountains and telephone stands, and by providing restroom facilities that handicapped persons can use.

Other firms and institutions, in their blueprints for new factories and office buildings, have made specific plans to include such conveniences and features "at little or no expense," he asserted. But, Mr. Russell added, "only the surface has been scratched."

"Most public buildings, factories and business offices standing today were constructed when no thought unfortunately was given to the needs of the handicapped," Mr. Russell continued.

"But time and experience have shown the short-sightedness of such planning. And times have changed since these buildings were erected. Today, through rehabilitation, education and training, carried on jointly by government and private facilities and groups, countless thousands of Americans formerly considered 'unemployable' are ably filling jobs in industry, government and business.

"But all this training and education is of limited use if barriers prevent these rehabilitated people from getting to work or from enjoying proper working conditions."

THANK YOU

My sincere appreciation to the voters for support given me in the primary. A special thanks to the many who worked on my behalf.

I will continue to work hard for victory in the general election to justify your confidence.

*Cordially yours,
Ed Merdes*