

MILLER IRKED — State Senate President Terry Miller, left, was irked a bit about the delays and opportunities lost on Alaska's communications problems. He appointed a special

Senate committee to upgrade the status of the Alaska communications. Miller is seen talking with Sen. John Sackett, R-Galena.

Opportunities . . .

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legislation, which he cited as one of the major pieces of legislation enacted during the current session.

Among the key responsibilities of the public communications commission are those respective of educational broadcasting. The commission would

be directed to provide a system of subsidies and grants-in-aid to commercial broadcast stations or companies operating or licensed in the state for the broadcast of not more than 200 hours by each station in a fiscal year of network news, reports or public affairs programming.

The commission is also empowered to lease, purchase, construct, own, operate, manage and be the licensee of educational broadcasting stations, production centers, and all other related equipment and facilities necessary to provide fully effective educational broadcasting to the state.

Borbridge Retains Presidency . . .

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Kato, Klawock; Robert Sanderson, Hydaburg and Hope, coordinator for the Alaska Native Enrollment.

One year terms were gained by Judson Brown, Eureka, Calif; Lawrence W. Dalton, Sr., Ketchikan; Sam Demmert, Yakutat; Gilbert Gunderson, Wrangell; Alaska Federation of Natives President Roger Lang, Anchorage and Frank.

The Tundra Times was unable to reach Fair Deal Association President Darl C. Nelson Sunday, but another spokesman for the group said Fair Deal was pleased with the results.

Borbridge told the Tundra Times he felt pleased with the results too, especially with the fact that 12,151 or 76.6 per cent of Sealaska's stockholders were represented in person or by

proxy at the meeting. Only 7,826 persons or proxies were needed to obtain a quorum.

"We were pleased that so many chose to be represented and that more than 8,700 expressed their approval of the management slate," Borbridge said in a telephone interview.

"It was a successful meeting and there was — overwhelming endorsement . . . Now let's get on with the task at hand," Borbridge said.

"I was pleased with the smoothness of the meeting," he added, "we were eminently fair with everyone who wanted to be heard and bent over backwards to see that all those from Fair Deal who wanted to were heard."

Stockholders from as far as Seattle and Anchorage braved wet Juneau weather Wednesday and packed into the movie theater just off the shores of Gastineau Channel, for the start of the meeting.

As last minute changes in proxies and the late arrival of proxy forms forced the corporation to hold the meeting over until Friday, a Bank of America official charged with overseeing the election said "Due to the physical impossibility of establishing before noon Friday who has the right to vote whose proxies, the meeting is being held over until then."

Those who wished to, however, were allowed to cast their ballots Wednesday.

After the completion of elections Friday, the new board met and elected Borbridge as president and chairman of the board, with interim corporation Secretary George See as the new secretary.

While both sides are apparently pleased with the turnout, Borbridge says there is still one new issue brought on as a result of the elections.

"One of the unrealized issues will be the role of various Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel within and without the various native

organizations" he said.

Borbridge said there would obviously continue to be tangles between the native corporations and the Interior Department and that there had been very strong resentment over the way enrollment under the Land Claims Act has worked to date.

Borbridge said he was not anticipating any conflict of interest . . . but in the event that it arose, he would expect each director to take a firm stand in favor of Sealaska.

Publication On Ahtna Regional

JUNEAU—Commissioner Byron I. Mallott of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs announced publication of "The AHTNA Region."

This regional planning report on the Copper Center-Glennallen area was funded with a 701 planning grant from the department's Division of Community Planning.

AHTNA, Inc. prepared the report, with technical support from the Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center.

The planning report presents comprehensive planning data on physical conditions, natural resources, settlement patterns, economy and public services in the region and its nine communities — Cantwell, Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Glennallen, Mentasta Lake and Tazlina.

Major development issues for the region such as pipeline impact and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act are also examined. Over 50 maps illustrate the 250-page planning report. Copies are available from AHTNA, Inc., or the Division of Community Planning.

Song of Great Land . .

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standing.

"The play is fantastic," she continues. "I'm glad Outsiders will get to taste a little of what it's like to be Alaskan. This is real . . . I think it's great. It's about time something like this was done. You can read books, but it's never portrayed so poignantly. You don't walk away depressed."

Barbara was adopted in Fairbanks when she was five by the late Fred Purdy and his wife. She was the last of ten whom that unusual family adopted and raised mostly at the gold mines in Chicken where Purdy, son of an Eskimo mother and a Bostonian father, had placer and lode mines . . . "the only lode mines for hundreds of miles."

Because she "grew up" with geology, Barbara says, "it seems right" to go on with these studies. Summer travelers on the Taylor Highway will remember her "Rocks for Sale" sign at the end of the Purdy Drive at Chicken.

She plans to do graduate work in this subject and would like to be a consulting geologist in Alaska.

Barbara's mother, whose own book on life at Chicken will be published this spring by Random House, taught her daughter at home through the fifth grade. The Purdys would head for Chicken as early as they could in spring and stay until late November.

Then there were winters and School in Fairbanks, Hope, Dot Lake and Tok. Because of her father's progressively bad heart disease, he took his family to California for winters later and thus Alaskan Athabaskan Barbara was graduated from the unlikely high school of Twenty Nine Palms.

She came back north for college at AMU where she has been the whole three years. She is enthusiastic about life at AMU — "neat" is her favorite superlative.

Tall Jim Dybdahl, a fine blend of Tlingit Indian and Norwegian, is a tenor in the chorale of "Song of the Great Land". He says he is "totally involved in the show and even though I'm a basketball player at heart, I, like the others, sacrificed much to be part of this moving play . . . I've passed up two basketball tournaments!"

Jim has "always been with music." He was an outstanding member of his high school choir and represented Hoonah at the spring music festival at Ketchikan. He was also named Outstanding Member of his choir for the year.

Hoonah has a good history of music involvement, Jim relates. "The old timers all had their own instruments and a band. Then this dropped off for a while, but now profits from the town liquor store provided \$15,000 to the school for new instruments and a music instructor. The very first year the school rated third in the Music Festival."

Jim is particularly happy to have a legend of Hoonah included in "Song". The story of "Little Fish" which Barbara Purdy has a part in, comes from his home. "Frank Brink, the director, has transposed the story of Alaska into poetry — real stories, and it gives me a neat feeling. It catches the feel of Alaska."

The experience of being in the show has been exhilarating, too, Jim reports. There was a fine rapport with the audience at Pullman, Washington where the American College Theatre Festival regional competition took place.

"The energy level was so high, you could feel everyone respond. Our music director Jon Carlson (AMU music professor) kept the spirit high and the winning did something for us, too."

Jim, a freshman, came to AMU on recommendation of his brother who also attends. He likes the freedom which helps such projects as "Song of the Great Land" come into being.

When the group returns to Alaska after side trips for performances in Pittsburgh, Pa., Moline, Ill., and Dallas, Texas through arrangements by Methodist Churches and friends of AMU, they will have travelled some 8,000 miles.

At a reception, April 28, each performer will be given a specially designed bronze medallion from Amoco Oil Co., who with American Airlines is sponsor of the Festival and paid expenses for the Washington trip.

Governor Williams A. Egan will present the medallions during a special ceremony in Anchorage.

Magnificent Book . .

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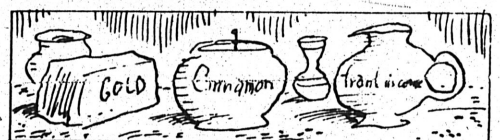
studies, and from there on it proceeds to give marvelous illustrations of all the tools and artifacts these people produced. There are hundreds of books out on totem poles and carvings, but hardly a one which shows the tools and techniques by which they were formed.

Some people are only interested in the aesthetic value of the finished product in art. Others wish to know how and why they came to be and how they were fashioned. For the latter group, this is the book you've been looking for!

I would highly recommend this book for any level in the schools, for those interested in archaeology, and most of all for anyone who loves informative and well-illustrated works. Over the years, I have studied under some of the great scholars of the Northwest Coast such as Erna Gunther and Philip Drucker. I wish that I had owned this book at that time — my education could have been vastly improved.

The book also provides a challenge to other archaeologists and illustrators here in Alaska. I know that we have several people here in our State who can do equally beautiful work in illustrations — and equally good writers and archaeologists.

I look forward to the day when — as a teacher — I can look at my shelf and see texts like this for all of Alaska. "Artifacts" is the first and finest so far — may we have many more!



In early times, cinnamon was ranked in value with gold and frankincense.

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Letters

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and Game predicts for this coming year. The very least should be a fishing subsidy for NOT fishing.

Enclosed you will find a list of the points we sent to you on January 21, 1974. We are certain you have considered our problems in depth and we would like to know what you have planned to help the residents of Bristol Bay.

Very sincerely,
Bristol Bay Native Association

Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
Executive Director