

Galena Spring Carnival—

Preserve Old Games

On April 5, 6 and 7 Galena held its Annual Spring Carnival. The basic theme of the carnival this year was the perpetuation of the old Indian sports.

With the onslaught of civilization, many of the old Indian ways are being changed or forgotten. The people of Galena are trying their best to prevent this from happening.

The highlight of the carnival was a 5-mile Men's Cross-Country Snowshoe Race. New to the event, it is perhaps one of the most grueling contests in Alaska.

Years ago trappers would tend their trappelines on snowshoes, and this race was a test of their endurance. Younger boys and men in the villages would train for months to compete.

Each family would be represented by their most accomplished snowshoer.

Nowadays snowshoes are rarely a part of everyday life, so the race is all the more difficult. In spite of this, 13 of the 14 entrants finished the entire five miles.

The top honors were taken by Howard Albert of Ruby, William Solomon of Kaltag and Billy Demoski of Galena, respectively.

The ladies also had a chance to show off their snowshoe prowess in a one-mile race on the river. First place winner was Marilyn Demoski of Koyukuk, while second and third places went to Joyce Pitka and Betty Huntington, both of Galena.

Another big attraction was the Men's Dog Sled Race. It was a two-day, 16-mile event with

prizes for first heat, second heat, and total time. Mushers entered from all the surrounding villages.

The Best Total Time Winner was John Folger of Tanana. Second was Leonard, Kriska of Last Chance, third was Kenny Sam of Huslia and Emmitt Peters of Ruby was fourth.

Not to be outdone, the women had an exciting 8-mile dog race in which Ann Green of Galena and Fairbanks proved to be the best woman musher this year. Second place went to Eleanor Yatlin of Huslia and Galena, third place to Dee Dee McCarty of Ruby, and fourth to Lois Huntington of Tanana.

One of the concessions to modernization was a series of snow mobile races, including Men's and Women's Speed Races, and the main event a 100-mile Cross-Country Race.

Four classes of snow machines competed in the ten 10-mile laps. The over-all winner with best time was Gary Williams of Galena, with an average speed of 58 miles per hour over the tough course.

Two weeks earlier the young people had their own carnival with much the same events as the senior carnival.

The great turnout for the junior carnival showed that the young people are just as concerned with preserving many of the old ways as the adults are.

Loss of Birth, Wed Licenses No Deterrent

JUNEAU, ALASKA April 2, 1974 — David A. Andrus, director of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Juneau, advises veterans not to allow loss of a birth certificate or marriage license to deter them from applying for benefits.

Andrus cited a regulation in effect since October 1971 under which less formal proof of marriage and birth are acceptable in establishing claims for higher benefits.

"A veteran's or widow's certified statement of marriage is sufficient on applications for compensation and education benefits for veterans, widows and orphaned children, provided neither he nor his wife has been married before, and VA has no contradictory information on file," he explained.

The director noted that a certified statement now is acceptable regarding birth of a child of a veteran's marriage and as proof of age and relationship in disability cases.

"Before the regulation change," Andrus pointed out, "VA required all statements of marriages and births to be supported by formalized documentary evidence."

Certified statements also are sufficient in death cases where a claimant's statements corroborate those of a veteran in connection with a claim for any VA Benefit, he added.

Scholarships

Applications for the NROTC Navy-Marine Corps College Scholarship Program are now being accepted for students planning to enter college in the fall of 1975.

This program offers financial aid for four years in college. The Navy pays tuition and educational fees, books, uniforms and \$100.00 per month subsistence allowance.

The purpose of the program is to provide civilian-educated career officers to serve the American people in the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps. Upon successfully completing baccalaureate degree requirements and completing summer training periods, students are commissioned officers in the regular Navy or Marine Corps.

Applicants for the program will be considered based on scores obtained on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the college Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), Princeton New Jersey, or the American College Test (ACT) of the American College Testing Program, Iowa City, Iowa.

Applicants for the 1975 NROTC Navy-Marine Corps Scholarship Program must: 1. Apply for and take either of the above tests specified at their own expense by November 1974. The first testing dates are April 6, 1974 for the SAT and April 26, 1974 for the ACT. Arrangements to take the test can be made by contacting high school counselors.

2. Arrange with the appropriate testing agency for the submission of their test scores to the NROTC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program, Iowa City, Iowa. Scores must be released by November 3, 1974 in order to insure receipt by the deadline date of December 15, 1974.

3. Apply for the NROTC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program before November 1, 1974 in accordance with the 1975 NROTC Bulletin. The 1975 NROTC Bulletins contain the eligibility requirements and applications and are available from high school counselors or the nearest Navy or Marine Corps Recruiting Station listed in your telephone directory. Collect calls will be accepted.

Brd-Home to Receive \$1.8 Million

By MARILYN RICHARDS
Boarding home programs will receive approximately \$1.8 million for the 1974-75 school year.

The programs were in a state of limbo for a while because the state was hesitant to fund them in hopes federal monies might. When the governor sent down his budget he left open appropriations for the programs that they might be funded through the general fund in case the Johnson-O'Malley funds were not approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

It turned out that the boarding home programs do not qualify for federal monies. The JOM funds could not be used for the programs because the programs are labeled as "special education needs" while JOM is earmarked for "basic education needs."

Time was running out for the programs until the JOM people and rural legislators, said State Sen. John Sackett (R-Galena), met with the governor to determine what source would fund the programs.

The governor then sent a letter to Rep. Oral Freeman (D-Ketchikan) and Sen. Clifford Groh (R-Anchorage), chairman of the House and Senate Finance

Committees respectively. The letter stated that funds from the general fund were allocated for the boarding home programs.

There are 17 boarding home programs in the state, including the eight contractors' and nine state programs, all of which are funded by the state. Programs exist in Nome, Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, Kodiak and Bethel. Contract or programs are those operated by Native organizations.

Carol Drake, Fairbanks coordinator of the Tanana Chiefs' program, said that with only a \$1.8 million appropriation, the programs in the state "will be hurting." She explained that last year, state funding was over \$5 million for all programs.

Tanana Chiefs handle seven boarding home programs in the Fairbanks region which includes Fairbanks, Tok, McGrath, Ft. Greely, Nenana, Tanana and Galena. Drake estimated that it takes \$500,000 to operate the Tanana Chiefs' programs and said that "\$1.8 is rather small." Two hundred seventy one students are enrolled in their programs. Drake and Melvin Charlie, TCC president, plan on taking action soon to get more money before the legislature convenes.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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LEGAL NOTICE

Dept. of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

LEGAL NOTICE:

The Bureau of Land Management has a requirement to lease two lots in the City of Kotzebue. Adjacent lots are preferred. Each lot must have a minimum area of 7,350 sq. feet. The smallest boundary of any one lot will be 80 ft. in length. City sewer and domestic water lines must adjoin a boundary for each lot. Lots must be free draining and must not accumulate surface run-off for a period in excess of 24 hours. These lots will be used for placement of modular housing units. A gravel pad will be constructed on each lot by the Bureau of Land Management. The pads and housing units will be removed at the expiration of the lease or the pad may be left at the owner's option. The lease is desired for five years firm, renewable for five additional years.

Interested persons should submit offers to the Bureau of Land Management, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, Attn: Procurement Officer. The following information must be included:

1. Identification of lots offered by townsites block and lot number.
2. Size of lots.
3. Location of city sewer and water lines with respect to each lot.
4. Price proposed for each lot per month.

Offers must reach the above office by May 3, 1974 in order to be considered.

Representatives of the Bureau of Land Management plan to be in Kotzebue, at the City Hall, on April 22 and will answer any questions. Mr. Leo Shaffer, in Kotzebue, may be contacted for information or contact Pearl Harvey, Bureau of Land Management, in Anchorage at 277-1561.

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