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Governor Issues Alcoholism Wk. Proclamation

JUNEAU—Gov. Walter J. Hickel has praise today for the National Council on Alcoholism and the Office of Alcoholism as he issued a proclamation designating Nov. 26—Dec. 2 as Alcoholism Information Week in Alaska.

The Governor said the council and Office of Alcoholism deserves praise for "its efforts in educating the public about the dangers of alcoholism, the nation's fourth major health problem and a serious threat to the lives of over 6 million persons in the United States today."

Hickel's proclamation continued, "The cost of alcoholism in human suffering, in disintegration of family life, in economic attrition to the individual and the community is incalculable."

"I urge the people of Alaska to support the Office of Alcoholism in its campaign to alleviate and eradicate this problem."

Area Director's Wife Mona Dies in Seattle

Mrs. Mona Morken, wife of Owen D. Morken, area director in Alaska for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, died last Saturday in Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

Mrs. Morken succumbed following an operation to remove a malignancy in her lung.

She was buried yesterday at Bemidji, Minn. where the Olson Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Owen Morken came to Alaska two years ago to replace Robert Bennett as area director for the BIA. Bennett is now Commissioner of Indian Affairs in Washington.

Well Drilling 71 Ft. at Hooper Bay

(From HOOPER BAY STARLIGHT)

By PETER LAKE

Last week, two well drillers came to drill a well. Maybe it's for BIA. They started drilling November the 10th or 11th of this month.

There are three helps for the well drillers. They are Peter Black, Matt Green, Roy Joseph.

They been drilling for about a week now. Maybe it will take them about two weeks or so.

Last time I know how many feet it was, it was 71 feet down from the surface.



HONORED—Lindell H. Page of Beaver, Alaska, was among 47 youths honored in the Kodak-sponsored National 4-H Photography Program at the 46th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, November 26—30. Pictured with Lindell, a state trip winner, is Donald M. Lewis, Jr., manager of advertising and customer services for Kodak's consumer markets division. The award winner's work was supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Alaska Nat'l Guard Hikes Pike to Lt. Col.

Major Joseph N. Pike of Bethel, commanding officer of the 2nd Scout Battalion, 297th Infantry, Alaska National Guard, was informed by Colonel Henry H. Hardenbergh recently that he had been advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Col. Hardenbergh is the senior Army advisor for the Alaskan Army National Guard.

LTC Joseph Pike has the unique distinction of being the first Alaskan Scout Battalion commander to attain the highest possible

rank authorized for such a unit.

Col. Pike formerly lived in Sitka as an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and U.S. Public Health Service.

Pike is the past post commander of the Sitka Post 13, American Legion; member of the Mt. Verstovia, Masonic Lodge 291; and past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Baranof Chapter 15.

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Joseph N. Pike reside in the City of Bethel.

Aerial Wolf Hunting Popular

Aerial wolf hunting is becoming a popular sport in Alaska. According to Bob Hinman, Regional Game Supervisor for the Interior Arctic Region, Alaska Department of Fish and Game issuance of aerial permits steadily increases from year to year.

"The demand by non-residents for aerial wolf trophy hunts is becoming very popular, especially in conjunction with their polar bear hunts," said Hinman. "One experienced trophy hunter said the downing of

his large male wolf was the most exciting hunt he had experienced. It's really tricky shooting," commented Hinman.

Hinman explained that an aerial permit is required by both pilot and hunter to hunt wolves or coyotes from the air.

Permits are issued free of charge at the Fish and Game office located in the State Court and Office Building, 604 Barnette, Room 116.

Expired permits must be returned to the Fish and Game Department.

Churches, Agencies Pooling Facilities Against Alcoholism

Some of the major church community members of the City of Fairbanks are now undertaking a project designed to alleviate the problem of alcoholism in the city.

Known informally as COMPAS, Community Property and Service Corporation of Fairbanks, the non-profit sponsoring organization is composed initially of the Episcopal, Catholic, 1st Methodist, and University Presbyterian Churches.

The project is known as the Fairbanks Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center and it is located in the Episcopal churches' St. Matthews Hall in the city.

The program of the Center said, "This facility is established solely for the male alcoholic. There are no barriers to admission through accident or race, creed, color or political affiliations."

"The need for a similar facility for women is recognized, but it is not felt feasible to operate the center co-educationally at this time."

The sponsoring organization said in its report:

"The first project undertaken by COMPAS has been the alcoholic rehabilitation center located in St. Matthews Hall. The Center began operating on November 1,

1967, with ten men in residence, will have room for 16 members by December 1, and should expand to 30 during the coming year."

Admission is by direct application by the alcoholic, or by referral from a sponsoring agency. All admissions will be screened by a reviewing committee composed of members of the advisory board of the facility.

This committee is chiefly made up of sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous. The COMPAS will work closely with that organization in its operation.

The following are the criteria for admission:

1. That the applicant be an alcoholic.
2. That he wishes to do something about his problem.
3. That he be willing to abide by the house rules of the facility, and to make constructive use of the resources offered.
4. That abstinence be practiced while a resident.

In addition, the committee will evaluate the applicant's alcoholic history. Incurables who do not seem to have at least a fair chance for recovery will be eliminated, the program said.

The sponsoring agency will review the history of

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Editorial—

Tripartite Could Be History in the Making

The recent meeting of the native leaders with one of the United States' highest officials, Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall, may prove to be a milestone in which the first nail was driven toward the building of a justifiable solution to the land problem in Alaska. Udall's spirit of cooperation, as well as that of the State, and the one that was built up among the native leaders was the establishment of a necessary starting point. From this vantage point, this spirit of cooperation should spell that the three-way effort might come closest to producing a land measure that would meet with majority acceptance.

The atmosphere that was created among the three areas of concern did not come about easily. It was a painful road that could have developed into an impasse. It didn't, of course, and thanks to the men who were big enough to do a little soul-searching and come up with a spirit of give and take.

The land question in Alaska is an enormous problem with complexities that baffle men's minds. As far as the

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