

17 Villagers Receive Hearing Aids at Workshop

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"I can hear now! I can hear everything!"

After a week of testing, instructions, and lip-reading classes, seventeen villagers received hearing aids last week from the North Alaska Hearing Workshop in Fairbanks.

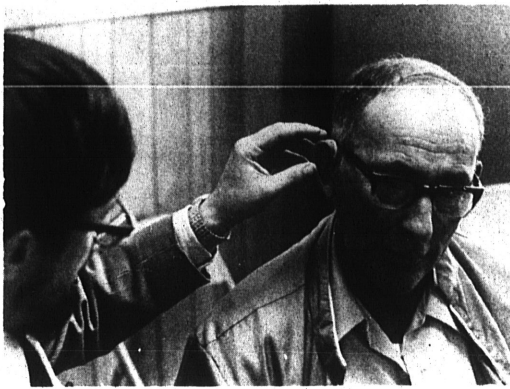
Recommended by their public health nurses, they were flown in from villages as remote as Anaktuvuk to participate in this extensive new program.

In most cases, transportation and room and board, as well as the hearing aid itself were all provided free under the combined efforts of the State Health and Social Services, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the facilities of the Alaska Crippled Children's and Adults' Center and the Satellite Project.

The participants were: Elizabeth Tommy of Nenana; Amos Morry, Anaktuvuk; Abraham Oldman, Hughes; Ron Tunik, Barrow; Andrew Johnson, Nulato; Maggie Morry, Anaktuvuk; Dorothy Stone, Tanana; Lavine Williams, Hughes; Eddie Hildebrand, Nulato; Jack Ahgook, Anaktuvuk; Jonathan David, Minto; Alfred Starr, Nenana; Eliza Attla, Huslia; Benedict Nicholas, Ruby; Donna Folger, Tanana; and Erna Nollner, Huslia; Tom Henry, Huslia.

Fred Fetterman of Fairbanks who has worn a hearing aid for years but was being fitted for a new one almost became like one of the staff, contributing practical, everyday advice to people receiving hearing aids for the first time.

There were a few brought in for the workshop who did not



CHRISTMAS IN JUNE — The gift is hearing. Seventeen villagers were flown in to take part in a week-long workshop in Fairbanks. John Devens, audiology supervisor, fits Eddie Hildebrand from Nulato with a hearing aid designed especially for him. The new aids opened up the world of sound and human communication for the villagers.

qualify for help under any of the existing programs. They were brought in anyway. As the group met on the last day for final instructions and farewells, there was a phone call. Harry Carter announced that the Alaska Federation of Natives would pay the bill for those participants.

A dramatic change took place between Monday and Friday, as the world of sound and human communication opened up. One of the public health nurses described it as "Christmas in June." The gift was one of hearing.

When John Devens, audiology supervisor, asked for complaints and suggestions for improvements, there were virtually none. Overwhelmingly, the villagers praised the program and registered

only delight and gratitude at the results.

"I hear words I didn't hear for a long, long time," said one.

One woman with normal hearing accompanied her husband to the workshop to share the experience with him.

She expressed what the new hearing aids would mean, not only to the persons receiving them, but to the families and friends.

"I don't like to yell at my husband," she said.

She described the strain on the family when there is a hearing loss, and how children will often stop talking to the parent who cannot hear.

"When we get back home," she said, "my kids will talk to him so easy now. The kids will also listen to him. Anybody who help my husband like this with no money, I thank them."

Although most of the villagers had never met before and were strangers at the beginning of the week, by Friday they a close, warm, sharing group,

talking excitedly to one another.

The program is designed to encourage them to go back to the villages and teach others how to use a hearing aid. In the past, villagers have received aids through the public health nurse.

Often they arrived by mail and there was no one to help them learn how to use and take care of them. The new aids were put back in the box, placed on a shelf, and forgotten.

This is not likely to happen with this enthusiastic group of villagers from the North Alaska Hearing Workshop. They have been instructed on every phase of use and upkeep. The hearing aids WORK for them.

"Everything sounds very different from before," said one man. "I can hear the birds now. When we go home, back to the village, I can hear the birds."

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Items of work consist of the following: 6,750 cubic yards of Selected Material; 2,400 tons of Crushed Aggregate Base; 6 linear feet of 30" Pipe Conduit; surfacing alternatives consist of the following: Alternative "A": 41.6 tons of MC-30 for Prime, Alternative "B": 56.3 tons of CQS-1 Emulsified Asphalt for Slurry seal; 282 tons of Aggregate; and 12.6 tons of CQS-1 Emulsified Asphalt for Prime.

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Melvin Charlie - Minto and Lucy Carlo - Fairbanks.

The executive officers elected by the board, are John Sackett - President, Tim Wallis - Vice-President, Melvin Charlie - Treasurer and Lucy Carlo - Secretary.

The following is a statement of the board: "Under the directives of the full Board of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, we as the Executive Committee must bring back our Articles and By-laws to the Tanana Chiefs Board at our next meeting in September for any changes in the governing structure."

"We are incorporated as a profit making body, however, our activity at this time must continue to be a building of an informational and management system so that all of the interior people understand fully the activity of this corporation, and that they are an integral part of this corporation."

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This project will consist of hot asphalt pavement on 4.4 miles of the North Tongass Highway from the N.C.L. (M. 2.3) to Mile 6.9 and 2.1 miles of shoulder paving on Tongass Ave. from the N.C.L. South to 3rd Ave. All work located at Ketchikan, Alaska.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 7,800 cubic yards of Unclassified Excavation; 12,700 tons of Crushed Aggregate Base; 10,300 tons of Hot Asphalt Pavement; 616 tons of 200-300 Asphalt Cement; 35 tons of MC-30 Liquid Asphalt; and 29 tons of CRS-1 Cationic Emulsified Asphalt; 1,000 linear feet of barrier type Curb and Gutter; 500 square yards of Concrete Sidewalk; 234 linear feet of 18" Pipe Conduit and 190 linear feet of 12" Pipe Conduit, and miscellaneous items of work. All work shall be completed in 150 Calendar days.

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ANCHORAGE — A land use and environmental survey contract has been awarded The Arctic Company, Ltd. of Anchorage, by the Indians of Quebec and the Inuit Eskimos, Canada.

The survey will be conducted in La Grande River basin, on the east coast of James Bay, where the Quebec government contemplates constructing a \$5 billion hydroelectric project, it was announced by Terry T. Brady, Vice President of The Arctic Company, Ltd.

In March the company announced it had been awarded a study contract by the James Bay Development Corporation,

the Quebec government agency in charge of hydroelectric development in Quebec's north.

"The award by the Indians and the Eskimos shows the deep concern these native people have for the environment, land use and land selection. A substantial environmental baseline study must be conducted in that region if all concerned are to understand the effects of large scale projects," Brady said.

The main Arctic Company research team will arrive in the Hudson Bay area around mid-July, Brady explained, and they will move into the La Grande area from Fort George.

Borough Approved ...

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following the counting in Nome of 140 ballots questioned in the North Slope Borough election.

The Supreme Court hearing began at 4:05 p.m. Monday before Justice Jay Rabinowitz, who allowed himself to be disqualified because of ownership of North Slope oil leases.

In arguing before the court, Joseph Rudd, attorney for the oil companies, said that the litigation would almost certainly involve a third party, the North Slope Borough, if a stay was not granted. The Alaska statutes permit a challenge to the legality of a borough during a six month period subsequent to its creation.

Arguing as respondents to the oil companies' petition for a stay on certification were Assistant Attorney General Cranston and Arctic Slope Native Association General Counsel Fred Paul.

Cranston likened the petition by oil interests to the "Lady, while throwing out the bathwater, was throwing out the baby with it." Were a stay granted, he said, the borough itself would experience a lengthy

delay in organizing.

Attorneys for the oil companies argued that, should the borough be later found to be unconstitutional, they would suffer a loss of tax money paid to the new government.

Cranston responded to that argument by quoting the oil attorneys as previously stating the oil companies were in no danger of immediate taxation.

ASNA attorney Fred Paul told the court that, "If the borough is stopped, even temporarily, it will become very difficult for it to get organized in 1972."

Such a way, he said, would be "very arduous" for the borough.

Justice Connors, in ruling that there were no grounds for a stay on certification, removed the last obstacle to formation of the North Slope Borough. The oil company petition was the second sought against the creation of the borough. On June 20, Superior Court Judge Eben Lewis granted a temporary stay of certification until June 27.

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