

Betty Harrop To Coordinate Times Banquet

The Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co. executive committee and members of the board of directors met last Friday at the Traveler's Inn and discussed further plans for the next Tundra Times banquet to be held in Anchorage next year on October 4.

An important development approved by the Tundra Times officials was the naming of Miss Betty Harrop to handle the public relations and coordination of banquet plans of the native newspaper.

Miss Harrop at the present time is an alternate board member and the approval of a full board membership for her is expected in the near future.

Betty Harrop is the director of Alumni Services and Graduate

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Placement at the University of Alaska. She has long been active in the social affairs at the university and the City of Fairbanks.

The theme of the Anchorage banquet will be "Cultural Contributions of the Native People of Alaska."

In conjunction with the banquet, the governing body of the newspaper hopes to initiate and develop the finest and largest showing of native arts ever shown to the public in Alaska.

Fine arts division of the exhibition will include oil paintings, watercolors, woodcuts, pen and ink or pencil drawings, sculptures in stones, woods and metals.

The arts and crafts division will include many things like finest parkas, finest native footwear, baskets, carved ivory, carved wood items, authentic models of umiaks (skinboats), kayaks, sleds, masks, fine beadwork, and many other items.

All of the art pieces will be done by Indians, Aleuts, and Eskimos. As the plans now stand, all items will be offered for sale unless otherwise requested by individual artists.

Tundra Times officials have made one stipulation however; That a small percentage of the money for each item sold will go toward a Tundra Times newspaper fund to help to defray any expenses incurred by the exhibition effort.

The greatest bulk of the money received for each art item will, of course, go to individual artists.

Times officials have also approved a plan to hold a formal opening and reception for the arts exhibition in Anchorage where dignitaries will be asked to officiate in the program.

It was also decided that the exhibition should be of several days duration. The length of time of the exhibition period will be decided at a later date.

Tundra Times editor, Howard Rock, is now in the process of trying to get the services of a nationally known figure to be the keynote speaker at the October 4, 1969 Anchorage banquet.

The newspaper will announce the person once he agrees or commits himself to be the keynoter.

Miss Betty Harrop said she will be going to Anchorage later this month. She will, at that time, consult with people there to discuss banquet plans and will look into the location possibilities of the event.

She will also look into getting an appropriate exhibition space for the Tundra Times native art show.

Board member, Ron Senungutuk, associate professor of arts at the University of Alaska, is planning to assemble an exhibition package of fine silver artistry, sculptures, and other art

pieces which he will select from the works of his native Alaskan students.

It is also expected that Senungutuk, an Eskimo from Cape Prince of Wales, will submit some of his fine art pieces.

The director of the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Lloyd New, has directed his arts director to assemble a unit for exhibition in Anchorage.

Along with scores of Indian art students from throughout the United States, the institute has in its enrollment a good representation of Alaskan native artists in its art courses.

Native organization heads in Alaska will be contacted so they may help and encourage their people to assemble arts and crafts in their respective areas for Anchorage exhibition.

Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, has already scheduled the annual convention of the statewide organization at or around the Tundra Times banquet date.

Around 250 or 300 delegates are expected to attend the AFN convention. Most or all of the delegates will attend the banquet.

It has also been planned that a team of finest Indian dance performers and their Eskimo counterparts will put on dance exhibitions at the banquet.

Governor of the State of Alaska, the congressional delegation, and many of the state's dignitaries throughout Alaska will be invited to the banquet and the native arts exhibition.

A no-host cocktail hour will precede the banquet.

Tundra Times executive committee and the board of directors have set the admission price at \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. The dress for the banquet will be semi formal.