

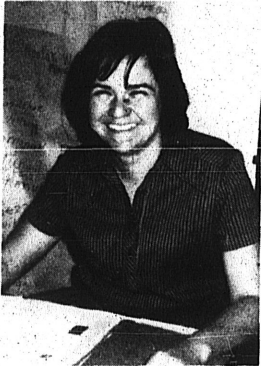
KNOTTY PROBLEMS OF NATIVE ALLOTMENTS

Linda Rowell Joins H. Start

Two new Field Trainers will be assisting Head Start villages in Alaska to maintain and improve quality programs for parents and children.

Linda Rowell, a certified teacher with a background in Early Education, will be assigned five villages: Barrow, Wainwright, Fort Yukon, Kaltag and Nondalton.

Mrs. Rowell has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education



MRS. ROWELL, Field Trainer for Barrow, Wainwright, Fort Yukon, Kaltag and Nondalton.

and a master's degree in Remedial Reading. She has taught in the early elementary grades, and has worked in recreation programs.

Charlene Thomas has an extensive background in Early Childhood Education, having received an Associate in Science Degree from Lane Community College in Eugene, Ore.

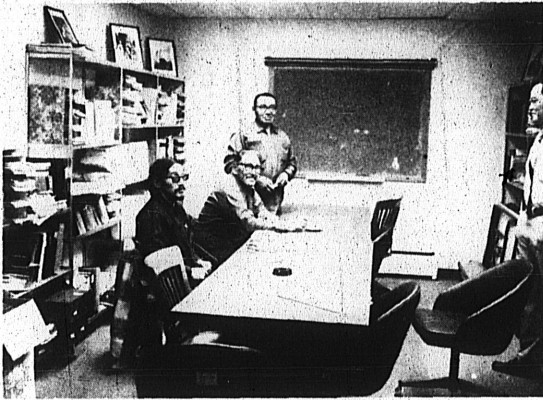
Miss Thomas has also been a teacher-aid in Head Start and other Child Development programs, and has supervised practicum students in a Child Development Center, served as head teacher for kindergarten class and assistant teacher in Lane Community College Child Development Center.

Evelyn Myers On Alcoholism Program

Mrs. Evelyn Myers has been appointed to the Initial Indian Ad-Hoc Review Committee of NIAAA. The basic function of this committee is to review grant applications that are submitted to the National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse by Indian Program from across the United States.

The first meeting that Mrs. Myers will attend is scheduled for Sept. 5 and 6 in Chevy Chase, Md. Evelyn is RurAL CAP's Training Coordinator for the seven alcoholism programs of RurAL CAP: Bristol Bay - Helen Andree; Fort Yukon - Sarah Cravens; St. Paul - Constantine Emanoff; Kotzebue - Bobby Mendenhall; Copper Center - Stewart Nicolai; Juneau - Marie Olson, and Kodiak - Ted Velanis.

Evelyn is currently holding the office of President of the Urban and Rural Alcoholism Counselor's Association, and also serves on the Alaska Native Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board of Directors.



WAINWRIGHT — (left to right) Billy Nashoalook, David Bodfish, and Jim Allen Aveoganna from Wainwright.

Restrictions?—

Native Made Articles Concern Hunters

Expressing deep concern over prospective regulations to limit items that may be sold by Native craftsmen, several Inupiat Eskimo community leaders from Wainwright were in Anchorage last week.

Mayor David Bodfish, Jim Allen Aveoganna, and Billy Nashoalook visited RurAL CAP, and together with Executive Director Mike Harper, talked with Senator Stevens, seeking his assistance.

On June 3, 1974 a list of Native arts and crafts items was published in the Federal Register as a law proposed by the Federal department of National Marine Fisheries which would restrict the selling of Native made articles to those on the list.

Aveoganna explained that for many years the only people in the villages who had income not from hunting or trapping were the schoolteacher and the storekeeper.

He said, "My father raised us without working for wages. He was an excellent hunter of polar bear, seal, walrus, whales and ducks. He fished for whitefish and grayling. Many of our coastal people to this day are striving to maintain our subsistence ways."

The Wainwright men told Senator Stevens that they understood the polar bear skins or even sealskins could not be sold as a whole unit, but that the animal skins must be cut or altered in order to be sold.

Bodfish reported, "For many households, the only income received is through the sale of these skins and this has been significantly reduced because of the interpretation of these laws. We don't want welfare, we would rather try to make a living as we did previously."

Nashoalook said that in the winter, about 98 per cent of the men are unemployed.

Harper commented he believed that if the list became part of the Marine Mammal Regulations, the effect would be economically and culturally damaging as the very existence of many artists and craftsmen would be threatened.



MIKE HARPER speaks and illustrates to the hunters from Wainwright.



EVELYN MYERS, RurAL CAP's Alcoholism Program Coordinator.

Allotments Mired By Sticky Red Tape

Early this fall, representatives of regional organizations, RurAL CAP outreach personnel, AFN people and BIA Specialists will be traveling to those people who are in danger of losing their Native allotment, in an attempt to satisfy the red tape that has been causing many of the allotment applications to be rejected.

The above-mentioned organizations have worked together to establish a simple affidavit statement that witnesses should fill out so that "use and occupancy" of a Native allotment might be witnessed and thereby improve its chances of gaining approval from the Federal Government.

Mike Harper recently visited with Roger Lang of AFN and received concurrence that AFN would push this allotment issue and do as much to coordinate this effort as possible.

This drive stems from the fact that although some 9,500 allotment applications were filed, a great many have recently been

rejected due to primarily the lack of proof that the individual Native had "use and occupancy" of the ground he or she claimed as an allotment.

"By mounting this effort to get as many affidavits available for the allotment applications, the Federal Bureau of Land Management should have enough information to grant approval," noted Harper.

Harper continued, "We hope those who read or hear of our efforts on this attempt to save allotments that were filed, will inform each other and every applicant to contact one of our agencies or their Village Council leaders."



ARNOLD NIELSEN, Bristol Bay Program Coordinator.

Gets Ball Rolling—

B. Bay Coordinator

Arnold Nielsen, of Naknek, in the Bristol Bay Region, has recently been hired to coordinate efforts between RurAL CAP and the Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation in disbursing the \$420,000 OEO Disaster Funds for that Region.

Arnold traveled to Dillingham on the 15th of August to meet with the Executive Board of BBADC to decide how to disburse the money. It was decided that \$290,000 of the money would go for labor-intensive projects directly to the 29 villages of Bristol Bay. The remaining money would be held for emergency food and fuel.

Due to a limited time factor, it was impossible to assess each of the villages needs and get the money to the villages before winter, so it was decided that each of the villages would receive approximately \$10,000 for the labor-intensive projects.

Arnold traveled to 14 villages to discuss the applications with the Village Councils and try to help them get the full amount that was needed in their particular village. Bert Reamy, the Program Specialist for BBADC, trav-

eled to the other 15 villages with the same mission.

"I feel that the people will be greatly benefitted from the money and they are enthusiastic about the opportunity to work and make it possible to enjoy the winter instead of just barely surviving it," stated Nielsen.



MISS THOMAS, Field Training Supervisor for Savoonga, Gambell, Selawik and Stebbins.