

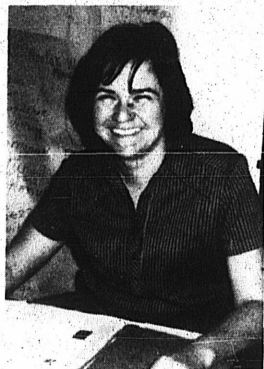
# KNOTTY PROBLEMS OF NATIVE ALLOTMENTS

## *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-aide 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.

## 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."