

As inflation hits senior citizens Hickel pledges new state action

Results of a recent survey show that senior citizens, pioneer Alaskans, preferred Walter J. Hickel over all other candidates for Governor. The survey also showed that the pioneers were almost unanimous in their approval of Hickel's campaign to get land to Alaskans for private ownership, and in favor too, of the new homestead initiative.

Wally Hickel has addressed senior citizens several times during the current campaign, saluting them for their leadership in developing the state, and in pledging increasing understanding for the challenges of the aging population.

"Inflation is a major threat to the older adult," stated Hickel, "and we in our state programs must

find ways to alleviate inflation for the senior citizen.

"There are many federal programs, such as nutrition, transportation, health and others, and we must assure that we are getting all of the benefits possible. But we must also assure that we are reaching each and every senior citizen throughout the state with the knowledge of these programs, and then facilitate their implementation.

"We must look to job opportunities for those older adults who desire and need the added income and participation; and we must again draw them into the mainstream of our living, learning from their experience, gaining from their human concerns.

"As I have traveled the state in this campaign, I have learned much from our pioneers, our senior citizens. I look forward to gaining their counsel as I do others in the new state administration," concluded Hickel.

Ermalee and Wally Hickel will continue their meetings with Alaska's senior citizens in the Pioneer Homes, at their clubs and centers, and in local communities throughout the campaign.



THESE WORKERS' JOBS may depend on the outcome of D-2, says Hickel on a visit to a Wrangell sawmill.



PIONEER MEETS PIONEER BOOSTER — James Jackson, 102, receives an early "Happy Birthday" greeting from Wally Hickel during a mid-May visit to the Pioneer Home in Sitka. Alaska pioneer Jackson marks his 103rd birthday on July 4.



"IF IT ISN'T FUN, IT SHOULDN'T BE RUN" is the theme of this campaign's activities, says Ermalee Hickel. Here Jerry and Joyce Heckel show off their campaign attire at an Anchorage event.