

"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Editorial Comment—

Alaska and Its People Generous with Honors

From this humble corner, the editor of this newspaper would like to express his deep gratitude for all the honors and awards his own State of Alaska has been able to confer upon him in this year of 1974. What makes it seem so much more personal is the fact that he has been extremely fortunate to have gotten to know so many fine people great and small in his own homeland. This is, indeed, a great contributing factor in being able to receive each gesture of honor with a more personal gratitude because he is walking, and has walked, on the same level with his friends throughout the state.

And so it was during the past Sunday. His friends were there — representing all — the little people of the state, those in between and those who became renowned throughout the world. What a great backdrop of humanity before which honors can be bestowed, thrilling, scintillating, poignant and personal. There were moments of deep gratitudes — moments of true unselfishness — moments capable of making themselves indelible in man's memory.

Thank you, Alaska.

H.R.

The Alaska State Museum is accepting photographs for Alaska Positive, 1974, a statewide photographic exhibit open to all Alaskan photographers.

Alaska Positive will be on exhibit at the State Museum in Juneau July 10-Aug. 4. It will then tour the state.

Application forms giving details and deadlines may be obtained by writing the Alaska State Museum, Pouch FM, Juneau 99801. They are available locally from:

U of A Museum
College, Alaska 99701

We encourage all Alaskan photographers, both professional and amateur to submit photographs.

The deadline for entries has been extended to June 30, 1974.

In Memoriam—

KESHORNA

How cold the sward about you,
Keshorna,
Glinting frosts, swirling drifts
of snow,
Driven by unfeeling wind!

Then a brief respite of a single
moon, whence
The great sun traverses the sky
around,
Defying the accustomed horizon,
nourishing therefore,
A cluster of forget-me-nots that
burst into a soulstirring blue
upon your simple Arctic grave.

How slight and frail you were,
But you faced with humble
courage
The unkind elements, that were
your lot,
And, thus, emerged triumphant
With a generous share of love
for your fellow man.

I was blessed with deeper love
You bestowed upon me,
Keshorna,
Love, divinely tender,

Love that seemed caressed with
a touch of heaven.

Recollections fail me now.
You uttered no words of
endearment,
But I remember well a
gentle hug,
Adoring light within your eyes
that told me of love more
than ten thousands words.

How cold the sward about you,
Keshorna,
Glinting frosts, swirling drifts
of snow,
Driven by unfeeling wind!

However cold your resting place,
My heart within me whispers,
"Your rest is blessed in quiet
peace.

Because you gave so well your
love
To your fellow man and me,
A son to you, Keshorna."

—HOWARD ROCK

Letters from Here and There



Kasigluk Church

Church Needs Repair

Easter 1974

Dear Friends;

We are writing to you on behalf of a small Christian community located in Kasigluk, Alaska. Kasigluk is an Eskimo village of 250 persons, located 20 miles west of Bethel, near the Kusko-kwim River.

Because I was a former VISTA Volunteer in that community, they have asked me to help them raise \$7,000.00 for the renovation and expansion of their church.

The following is a quote from a recent letter that I received from them. "The Church was built in the summer of 1933 in the month of August. The size was 18 ft. x 24 ft. It was paid with mink pelts and we bought an organ with our Church money. We added 8 ft. in the year of 1953. The foundations are rotting fast, floor joists are beginning to get rotten, windows are falling apart, the roof leaks, wind blows through the cracks around the windows in winter, and snow comes in through the cracks around the windows. The walls are warping and rotten areas are visible. Benches and pews squeak."

If there should be one who would donate a little please have them send their donations to:

Mr. George Keene,
Church Elder
Moravian Church
Kasigluk, Alaska 99609

Please ask those who donate money to also send us their name and address, for we would wish to thank them.

In addition to the almost complete renovation of their Church, they plan to add a room for their children's Sunday School service and buy a larger oil stove so the adults and children can be warm during the winter months.

I am sure that you are aware of the recent Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act and of the news concerning the trans-Pacific pipeline. Obviously there is not money in that Settlement Act for Church activities, and the economic impact on individual income is still a long way off. The trans-Alaska pipeline will have little if any impact on the village of Kasigluk. The distance of the pipeline route from the village of Kasigluk is approximately the same distance as Washington, D.C. to Indiana.

We apologize for having to copy this letter, we know it would be difficult for any one church or individual to contribute the total of \$7,000.00. We would appreciate your consideration of this request. The community hopes to raise the money by the end of May, so

they can order the building materials and have them shipped up on the summer barge to Bethel. They will contribute the labor, tools, design, and land.

If you would wish any further information, please feel free to contact us:

Mr. and Mrs. Joli Morgan
1042 "H" Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Phone No. 277-7981

Respectfully yours,
Joli Morgan
On behalf of the
Kasigluk Moravian Church

Your Dental Health

The contents of this series of "Dental Health Talks" was originally prepared by the American Dental Association. They are made available for Tundra Times through the Public Health Education Office of the Alaska Native Health Service.

It is well known that our dental health program in Interior Alaska has not yet reached everyone needing dental services. This is especially true about the people in the rural communities. However, everyone understands how important it is to take care of our teeth which is a part of our total well-being.

No. 11 — What the Dentist Does

Most of the treatment provided by the dentist today is pain free. In fact, many patients who go to their dentist for regular care never know what it is to experience dental discomfort.

One of the simplest yet most important things a dentist does is to take x-ray pictures of your teeth and supporting bone structures.

Such x-rays are essential because they not only spot hidden cavities and the early signs of gum diseases but they can even save your life by detecting certain types of oral cancer early when they are curable.

Providing modern dental care without x-rays would be like asking someone to fix the engine of your car without looking under the hood. The x-rays can help your dentist see inside your teeth and jaws, hidden areas between the teeth and the portion of your teeth beneath the gums.

For example, small cavities that are concealed beneath old fillings may go undetected without the use of x-rays. The cavity may grow unnoticed until it reaches the pulp of the tooth and causes severe pain. Often it is then too late to save the tooth.

Besides cavities, x-rays can detect such conditions as abscessed teeth, extra teeth, signs of periodontal disease and other diseases of the gum and bone structure, large and crooked roots and broken and retained root tips.

Favors Capitol Move

May 16, 1974

Dear Editor:

Alaska is on the move so let's move the Capitol. The Indian or Eskimo has never taken a stand on the movement of the Capitol in the past. This year the Indian and Eskimo can make his feeling known. All the leaders who I've spoken to since last fall were one hundred per cent in favor of the Capitol movement. I am for the Capitol move for several reasons.

The first reason is we must get the Capitol located where all the people of Alaska will have an equal chance to get to the Capitol, rich or poor. Now only the rich can get to the Capitol.

The second reason is you need to have \$500 in your pocket to get to the Capitol and back from Galena. Where is the poor going to get the \$500 from to try and make his views known?

The third reason is someone stated it's going to cost the people of Alaska \$500 million to move the Capitol. It's no strain off the Indians from the village.

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Your dentist may want to take complete x-ray pictures of your mouth. How often he does this will vary with your particular oral health condition. He has been trained to take your x-rays with maximum safety to you, and the amount of radiation from dental x-rays reaching the more sensitive cells of your body is less than that you receive from natural sources such as cosmic rays or the natural radiation in other materials.

Even before the dentist uses x-rays, the first thing he will do will be to give your teeth and mouth a general inspection. He will check for decay, abnormal wear, loose teeth, the way your teeth meet (occlusion) and any diseases of the soft tissue. He will look for signs of improper chewing habits.

One of the routine tasks for the dentist or his hygienist will be to clean the stains and mineralized deposits, called calculus or tartar, off the teeth. For many people this professional cleaning must be done about every six months, although the need varies with the individual.

In some of the dentist's activities, such as cleaning teeth and removing decay, he is aided by a handpiece, a modern instrument capable of 30,000 to 250,000 revolutions per minute. It enables him to complete in seconds procedures like decay removal that used to take minutes. The handpiece is also equipped with water or air to cool the teeth.

(Next article: "Reducing Dental Costs")