

EASEMENTS: LUPC HEARINGS

Oldest Person in Alaska?— At 114 Minnie Lives Strong Life

By AGNES PETE

At age 114, Minnie Tucker of Fairbanks has led a long and very strong life.

Born in Rocky Point near Nome about 114 years ago, she has come through many hardships and physical injuries.

According to her daughter, Edna Wilder, Minnie's age is estimated by the fact that she was about ten years older than her husband when she married. She was born about the time the salmon berries begin to ripen in Rocky Point, so her birthday was set at August 12.

Apparently Minnie has a strong will to live with her heartening faith in God, and that He will someday come for her.

Though she has suffered many physical injuries, she has the strength to endure them. Last winter she was in a car accident necessitating her move to Careage North. When I visited her Monday she seemed well enough to want to go home.

Seeing all the snow coming down she says, "I wish it were clear so I could walk home. I have no mukluks on, though." After her accident, she needed constant care so Careage North provided a place for her.

Edna says she would like to have her, but if she has to go off to her part-time job at the University in the Home Economics Department demonstrating how to sew fur and skins,



AMAZING ESKIMO LADY — Although plagued by numerous injuries throughout her latest years, Minnie Tucker, 114 years old, has been able to shake them off and keeps living a good, strong life. — Photo by HARVEY O. HAGGARD

Minnie would worry because she was not actually in the house.

At Careage North, Minnie doesn't worry about Edna, be-

cause she knows Edna is not supposed to be there.

Several years ago, Minnie's

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Mountain Climbers, Fishermen Ask Access Across Native Lands

By DONN LISTON

Alaska Native Foundation

ANCHORAGE — Fishermen, fliers and mountain climbers all asked the Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission to provide access across Native lands for their activities here Wednesday, and the Alaska Federation of Natives urged the Commission to follow its responsibilities as outlined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

The action occurred during public hearings to provide input into a Local Easement Study drafted by the commission. Roger Lang, president of AFN, presented the corporation's position, followed by a similar position presentation by Sen. John Sackett, president of Doyon Ltd.

"The history of the Alaska Native has been one of compromise, bargaining and negotiating."

Lang criticized the manner in which the commission was doing its job, by looking at causes and considering whether easements should be granted, and urged it to follow its mandate under the settlement act.

The Settlement Act calls for the commission to identify public easements across lands selected by Village Corporations and the Regional Corporations and at periodic points along the courses of major waterways which are

reasonably necessary to guarantee international treaty obligations, a full right of public use and access for recreation, hunting, transportation, utilities, docks, and such other public uses as the Planning Commission determines to be important.

"AFN submits that the key question which the land use planning commission now must consider is how and by what criteria the determination should be made as to whether a public easement is reasonably necessary," Lang said.

"In the materials so far circulated by the commission staff, this key question has been passed over and the bulk of the discussion has been addressed to such secondary issues as the size of easements and the terms under which they are to be reserved."

The first presentation given

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Former Local Girl Wins Farm Woman of Year

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By CO LEBER

Sally Patrick didn't know the difference between sweet corn and field corn when she married an Illinois farm boy almost 20 years ago.

She learned to distinguish them quickly along with a multitude of other skills necessary for a farmer's wife and this month was named Winnebago Farm Woman of the Year by the Farm Bureau.

"The first I was outside of Alaska was Christmas of 1954 when I came down to meet Maurice's family," the Fairbanks Native said. The next year she was married and living on the farm at 2465 Centerville Road.

"My first job on the farm was driving the tractor when hay was being loaded into the barn," she said, smiling as she recalled her first experience.

Plowing, discing planting, harvesting and other farming activities soon were added to her list of duties for helping the 600 acres the family farms.

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Apartment/Hotel Complex— Bethel Boasts Modern Facility

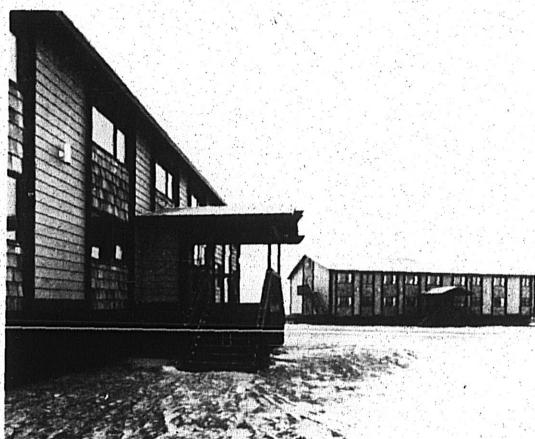
The Kuskokwim village of Bethel, Alaska can now boast of Apartment housing equal to any in remote Alaska. Owned by the Bethel Native Corporation, the new hotel and apartment complex has 40 completely furnished units and consists of two separate buildings.

According to Ralph Stefano, and Associates Consulting Engineers, of Anchorage, the project is "one of the best constructed buildings in any Alaskan Bush Community."

Stefano stated that the "material is of good quality, the construction is sound, everything fits, and there's excellent attention to detail."

Contractor for the project was Tom Gittins, of Gittins Construction based in Anchorage. Working with the project superintendent Tom Langlie, Gittins finished the project nearly two months ahead of the original completion date of Jan. 5, 1975.

The project was conceived in March of this year during discussions between the Bethel Native Corporation and Paul Kreuzenstein, an Anchorage consultant. The contract was signed



BETHEL APARTMENT COMPLEX — The Bethel Native Corporation has just completed a 40-unit apartment buildings and each unit has a kitchen with one and two bedrooms. Local people are saying that Bethel has the "nicest new apartment/hotel complex in rural Alaska."

June 15th and by July 17, Gittins had the foundation pilings in place.

Each of the pilings had to be coiled in copper and attached

to refrigeration units to keep the permafrost solid.

On the 7th of August, the framing began with a crew con-

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Destruction Along Bering Sea Coast

Courtesy of Anchorage
Daily News

By HOWARD WEAVER

NOME — Disaster officials headquartered in Nome have begun piecing together reports from villages along the Bering Sea coast, and the stories so far paint a bleak picture of widespread destruction.

Hundreds of residents in towns and villages from Wales to Unalakleet now face the winter with fuel supplies splashed across

See Nome storm disaster story on Page 2.

the snow, houses destroyed by storms, and boats scattered on the tides.

The storm apparently struck without pattern, causing extensive damage in some communities while hardly harming neighboring towns. These are the latest reports from Alaska Disaster Office headquarters in Nome:

Tin City: Four buildings were damaged by the storm, including the village store. Residents also report damage to their 10,000-gallon fuel storage tank, shaking it from its foundation.

Elim: The village reports all

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