



LAY MINISTER GETS SCHOLARSHIP—The First Annual Gray Tilly Memorial Scholarship was presented to Rex Okakok of Barrow, at the Annual Governor's Day Awards Luncheon at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Okakok, seen with his wife, was presented the scholarship by Lola Tilly, left, professor of home economics emeritus. The scholarship comes from an endowment established by Mrs. Tilly and a group of her friends. This year it totaled \$450. Okakok is a lay minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Fairbanks and plans to study the ministry. (UA photo):

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serve as regional headquarters for Sealaska Corporation which, under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, is responsible for Native Alaskans enrolled in Southeast Alaska.

The purchase of the site, known as the Henri-Filler property, was confirmed following an agreement with the land owners, Joseph Henri and George Filler, of Juneau.

The property, now serving as a public parking lot, is described as lots 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 of Block 77 of the Tideland Addition to the City of Juneau.

Borbridge indicated that the

final decision to include retail shopping facilities will be made by the Sealaska directors following analysis of current feasibility studies.

"If evidence supports our preliminary findings, there appears to be a demand for first class retail space in the downtown area. If that is the case," Borbridge continued, "Sealaska's directors want to offer this type of commercial space to the local business community."

Alaska Appraisal and Research Corporation, of Anchorage, was retained by Sealaska Corporation to assemble and evaluate the data needed to determine the potential for downtown Juneau office space.

The study, which evaluated 37 central area office buildings concluded that there appeared to be a demand for a substantial amount of Class A office space within a period of no more than five years.

Borbridge said that Sealaska intends to "build up," that is to erect a tall building with a reduced ground floor area to permit attractively landscaped areas at the ground level.

"Economic projections indicate that the Sealaska building will provide an attractive return for our stockholders' equity and, in addition, provide a permanent and attractive contribution to the community," Borbridge concluded.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fairbanks North Star Borough has been issuing Sales Tax Exemption Cards, to individuals and businesses who qualify, since February 19, 1975. This card permits persons who live outside the Borough, expeditors for businesses, or persons conducting business outside the borough, to be exempted from Sales Tax on purchase of items to be taken outside the Fairbanks North Star Borough for use.

The Sales Tax Exemption Card is available at the Borough Sales Tax Office at a charge of \$5.00 EACH and may be renewed annually.

For additional information come to the Borough Sales Tax office, 514 Second Avenue, Room 103, or call 452-4761, ext. 32 or 33.

Pension-Welfare Plans

Sample copies of the EBS-1 plan description reporting form for private pension and welfare benefit plans were made public recently by Assistant Secretary of Labor Paul J. Fasser Jr.

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 requires administrators of most plans to file this form with the Department of Labor and to deliver to plan participants and beneficiaries a summary plan description.

The deadline for filing the EBS-1 form and for delivering the summaries is August 31, 1975.

Most pension and welfare benefit plans will receive in the mail within a few weeks the copy of EBS-1 they are to file.

A supply of the form will also be available in approximately two weeks at the area office of the Labor-Management Services Administration, Room 3135 Federal Office Building, 909 1st Avenue, Seattle, Wash. 98174, telephone (206) 442-5216.

Village Schools

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awarded to Toombs and Company, Inc. of Fairbanks.

A \$2,042,577 school will be built at Shishmaref by September of 1976, under a contract let to Northwest Construction Company of Anchorage.

The school will be for 35 students in grades 8-12. The building will include classrooms, multipurpose room, arts and crafts, shop, commons, and kitchen.

A \$232,589 addition to the Noatak School will serve approximately 20 in the ninth grade. The 2,000 square feet of classroom will be completed by September of 1976, by Bill Ray Construction Company of Fairbanks.

A \$287,304 airport is being built at Tuntutuliak. The contract was awarded to Harmon Brothers Construction Company of Palmer.

Work consists of construction of a silt and dirt landing strip 100' by 2,500', with a 100' by 200' parking apron and an access road of approximately 5,200. The construction is to be completed by January of 1976.

Barrow School...

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them to meet the Life Safety Code as outlined by the State Fire Marshal. We are still prepared to honor this commitment which we anticipate will cost from \$2½-\$3 million."

Antioquia said the initial phases of this improvement had been completed, and other work was continuing.

Montie Slusher, a school district official, acknowledged that some work had been done but was inadequate.

Tilley said it would probably be more feasible to build a new school. However, Slusher said although a new school was projected, drawings have not been approved and construction probably could not begin for another two or three years.

Brower said BIA has told the school district they can "only do so much and that's it, and that won't take care of the problem."

Slusher added, "Is it morally or ethically right to ask us to do what they should have been doing for years." He said whatever amount of money BIA commits to the project, BIA has indicated that no major work could begin until a year from this summer, which might prevent opening of the

school next fall.

The problem is further aggravated by over-crowding. Because grades 3-4 and special education classes were forced to move from a condemned building into the Day School Complex. The complex, originally built for 240 students, now holds approximately 650.

While the borough-BIA dispute drags on, according to Tilley, the life and limbs of teachers are in danger.

Graduation...

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Fairbanks, Anna Jacobson, Kwethluk, and Richard Romer, Bethel.

Students receiving bachelor of science degrees are Denise Major, Glenallen and Annabelle Towarak, Unalakleet.

Stanislaus Nevak, Chefornak; and Sarah Seeberger, Kotzebue, will receive bachelor of business administration degrees.

Rita Hunter, Marshall, and Eileen MacLean, Barrow, will receive bachelor of education degrees.

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