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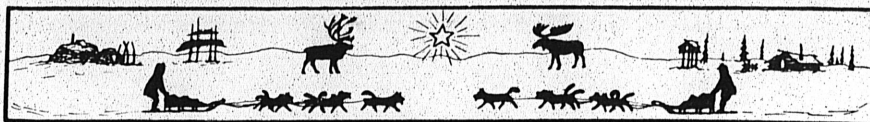
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Natives critical of implementation

Comic books big hit at Kotzebue

By MARGIE BAUMAN

KOTZEBUE—A line forms clear out into the hall every Wednesday as young readers come to check the new supply of comic books in Kotzebue's first bookstore.

While that may be somewhat of an irony to traveling utility consultant Keith Ragsdale, who opened the shop to provide the populace with something else to read, Ragsdale is pleased with the store his shop has caused.

A huge order of children's books, shipped to him by accident, got things off to a roaring start.

Unaware that he had received the wrong order, Ragsdale had employees stock the shelves with everything from "Raggedy Ann" to "Little Tootle" and residents began snapping them up for their offspring.

The children followed in pursuit of comic books.

And, Ragsdale found, much to his surprise, that western novels are a big hit too in this predominantly Eskimo city of 2,400.

Ragsdale came to Kotzebue from Anchorage more than a year ago, to plan a functional, modern telephone system for the northwest area.

As he stayed in Kotzebue and his affection for the residents increased, Ragsdale was dismayed to find that there was nothing to read.

"There were guys with PhDs reading comic books," he said.

The reason was that this flourishing community, which has acquired a cable television system, modern hotel and several

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CHECKING OUT the new supply of comic books at Kotzebue's new bookstore are Harold Jessup, left, and Randy Walker, both 10. The shop got its big break when a book supply firm accidentally shipped in a large number of children's books.

Photo By MARGIE BAUMAN

Alaska Native leaders, state officials and representatives of other Alaskan interests testify during Senate hearings

WASHINGTON—Alaska Native leaders, a state official, representatives of various Alaska interests and Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, were critical of the Department of the Interior's handling of certain facets of the implementation of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANSCA).

They testified during the first day of Senate Interior Committee oversight hearings on issues concerning implementation of the settlement act. Further hearings, at which more Alaskan groups and an interior official will testify, are scheduled for Monday.

Most of the persons who testified before the committee today said they were concerned with the delay in conveying land titles to Native groups, who have now made all their land selections.

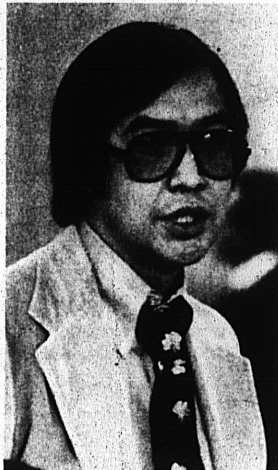
"Although section 14(A) of the act (ANSCA) provides that titles to lands selected by Native corporations are to be conveyed immediately after selection,

inordinately long delays are occurring between selection of land by Native corporations and transfer of title to the corporations," Gravel said.

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Gordon Jackson announces candidacy for state House

Gordon Jackson, a former outspoken member of the Anchorage Emergency Rent Review Board, announced June 21 his candidacy for a House seat in Anchorage, District 11. Jackson filed as a Democrat and brings with him considerable local and state leadership experience.



GORDON JACKSON

He is a member of the Southcentral Democratic Committee; Chairman, Rural Alaska Community Action Program; vice chairman, Alaska Commission on Post Secondary Education; chairman of a university task force; and many others.

He also served briefly on the Anchorage Bicentennial Commission.

Jackson, 30, a lifelong Alaskan, lives at 5360 Little Tree Street with his wife Patsy and two sons, Brian and Scotty.

His is employed with the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., and currently serves as executive vice president.

Dewayne Brothers circus goes to Barrow

(story courtesy of Fairbanks Daily News-Miner)

By JUDY BLAKE

Residents of Barrow, Alaska's farthest north community, on July 6 will behold a strange sight. Stepping out onto the permafrost from a giant Hercules air cargo plane will be a big gray visitor from warmer climes—an elephant.

There'll also be a camel, a lion (Elsie, from the movie "Born

Free"), four bears, several horses, four ponies and a mule.

A traveling zoo? Not exactly. Instead, the circus is coming to Barrow.

TCC/JOM holding workshops

The Tanana Chiefs Conference/Johnson O'Malley office with funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is holding regional workshops for

Sponsored by the Barrow, Fairbanks and College Lions Clubs, the event will be the farthest north appearance of a

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informing TCC villages of JOM funding procedures. At the same time, recent information about other educational proposals will be given.

Two representatives from each village school board or education committee will attend the regional workshops. These workshops are scheduled for two days, and most workshops will be held in July. Participants will be discussing the educational needs of their students, and writing Johnson O'Malley proposals based on the inmet needs.

A workshop in the Anvik region is scheduled for June 24 and 25. July 2 and 3 is the Galena area workshop. Fort Yukon area will have the JOM workshop July 8 and 9. Tok area will be July 15 and 16. A Fairbanks workshop is scheduled for July 22 and 23. McGrath area will meet July 28 and 29. Additional time will be added if a region wishes.

Johnson O'Malley funds will be based on a specific amount of money for each student in a JOM program. In previous years Johnson O'Malley proposals

Hensley resides in Anchorage with his wife, Abbe, and daughter, Priscilla.



WILLIE HENSLEY

Early in his career, Hensley wrote a widely acclaimed paper on the Native Claims Settlement, headed the formation of the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative and headed the land claims task force in 1968.

Elected to the State House of Representatives in 1966 and 1968, he chaired the Health, Education and Welfare Committee and became chairman of the State Democratic Party. He also served one term in the State Senate between 1971 and 1974.

Hensley helped draft the Development Cities Act and the Historical Preservation Act. He later was the president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.

Originally from Kotzebue, Hensley attended the University of Alaska and received a degree in political science from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Willie Hensley to serve on Alascom board of directors

ANCHORAGE—RCA Alaska Communications, Inc., announced today that William L. "Willie" Hensley has agreed to serve on Alascom's board of directors.

Alascom President Ben W. Agree said Willie Hensley's unique knowledge and experience in business and public service make him an ideal addition to Alascom's board of directors.

Currently the chairman of the Capital Site Selection Committee, Hensley is also president of NANA Environmental Systems, Inc. He serves as secretary of the board of directors of NANA Regional Corporation.

Hensley's other directorships include chairman of the board of the Visual Arts Center and chairman of the board of the United Bank Alaska, an Anchorage bank owned by five regional corporations.

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