

U of A Publishes Archaeology Finds of Late Wm. Otto Geist

COLLEGE—The archaeology discoveries of the late Frank Otto William Geist in arctic Alaska have been published by the University of Alaska Press in "Aghvook, White Eskimo."

The book written by Dean Charles J. Keim of the university's College of Arts and Letters gives a warm account of Geist's study of the Eskimos of St. Lawrence Island.

Keim was both a personal friend of Geist and student of

his work. He spent five years compiling interviews and 1½ year's studying Geist's files in research for the book.

Geist, who was associated in research with the university for more than 25 years, was accepted by the St. Lawrence Islanders and dubbed "Aghvook." On his arm they tattooed the design of a bowhead whale or aghvook.

Keim describes Geist as a great collector not only in the areas of archaeology but in an-

thropology, paleontology, and naturalism. He was cited in these areas when he was awarded an honorary doctorate by UA in 1957.

Geist, a German immigrant, came to Alaska because he wanted to work in a new country with challenge.

"He often said 'There is so much to do' and he did it," Keim said. "It may take another 50 years to evaluate the collections he has made."

Agencies Start Training for All Minorities

Two Federal agencies have started special training programs to provide employment opportunities for Alaskans of all minority groups.

Through one such program initiated last spring by the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, native Alaskans receive training as air traffic controllers and electronic technicians. These positions have traditionally been filled through transfers of experienced personnel from other regions for tours of duty in Alaska.

The program is conducted in Nome, Alaska, and involves both job redesign and the use of special training agreements, in an effort to meet staffing needs for hard-to-fill technical specialties and to improve employment opportunities for Alaskan natives.

Another program has been developed by Commerce's Environmental Science Services Administration for the training and development of native Alaskans as weather observers.

Upon successful completion of the program which is conducted in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior Department, trainees may begin careers as meteorologist technicians.

This is a MUST (Maximum Utilization of Skills and Training) type position which formerly required college training or special skills.

The training is held in Anchorage and includes not only skills development, but also training in consumer practices and community services. Trainees receive subsistence pay while in Anchorage and travel pay to the first duty station after training.

UA Receives Bartlett Papers for Archives

COLLEGE—The University of Alaska's expanding collection of historical documents soon will include the files of the late Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett, D-Alaska.

The Bartlett files are being organized and shipped from Washington D.C. by the late senator's staff, Mary Lee Council, who served Bartlett from the time he went to Washington in 1945, is reviewing the material and forwarding it to the university.

The staff estimates that when collected the material will amount to about 500 to 600 cubic feet. Six boxes have been received by university Archivist Paul McCarthy and the remainder is expected during February.

McCarthy said the material will be stored until he receives all of it. Then he will begin organizing the papers in sequence as they were developed by the senator.

McCarthy estimates there will be thousands of papers to organize. They date back to 1945 when Bartlett first went to Washington as a territorial delegate. He served as senator from 1959 until his death last month at the age of 64.

McCarthy said Bartlett served at a time when important problems such as statehood and the transition from territory to state were solved. He said researchers would be aided by the papers dealing with these problems.

It will take about two years to organize the materials. McCarthy said this was about the same amount of time it took him to prepare the Anthony Dimond papers.

McCarthy plans to interview Bartlett's staff members to help him in correlating the papers

with the senator's office procedures and the office responsibilities of the staff.

The archives of the university were begun about four years ago and include 10 large collections of historical papers which describe the history of men, industry and events important to the development of the state, McCarthy said.

Magazine Writes About Military Hist.

The massive impact of the military on Alaska's history is graphically demonstrated in the February issue of Alaska Sportsman. "An Alaskan Military History," written by Lyman L. Woodman of Anchorage, features a two-page map showing 320 locations in Alaska where some type of military establishment has existed since October 18, 1867.

W. Howard Johnson, regional U.S. forester, contributes an article, "Our Alaskan Forest Resources." Tulle Bang of Bergen, Norway describes a long summer hike through the Brooks Range wilderness, and Ed Fortier reports in depth on the epic 18-day journey made on foot in January, 1949, by Gregory Ayac from King Island through the Bering Straits to Shishmaref.

Also featured are a goat hunting story by Duncan Gilchrist and a photo report on the Tyonek Boy Scouts by Dolores McCutcheon. Ted Ames' close-up of Charlie, Fort Richardson's pet moose, is the subject for the full color cover.



VILLAGE CHIEF—President of the village council of Alakanuk Elias Joseph, left, is posing with Francis Damian, right, head medical aide of the village. Posing with them is Alma Hanson, assistant medical aide.



FIRST PATIENTS—Little Wilfred Joseph, center, and Mary Agayar, right, were the first patients to be treated at the Alakanuk clinic. Pictured with them are Francis Damian and Mrs. Elias Joseph.

Village of Alakanuk Enjoys Its New Clinic

In November of 1968 a Public Health Service clinic was completed by P.D.&C., the construction branch of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The foreman for P.D.&C. was Al Greer of Homer Alaska. The majority of the crew were local villagers who benefited greatly

by being employed by the clinic construction.

First ones to be treated at the clinic were Mary Agayar and Wilfred Joseph.

According to Alakanuk News Messenger, the village is taking great pride in its new clinic.

Alakanuk has about 400 villagers and it is located near the mouth of Yukon River. The village has an excellent council headed by its president Elias Joseph.

New Platinum Determination

The November-December issue of ATOMIC ABSORPTION NEWSLETTER contains a procedure for the determination of platinum in mineral samples, as developed by Russell T. Swider, Analytical Chemist, Alaska Mineral Lab.

The determination of trace quantities of platinum has traditionally been a long and costly procedure.

The utilization of atomic absorption spectrophotometry analysis will greatly decrease the time and expense necessary for quantitative determinations of this rare and important metal.

Alaska Mineral Lab is the only commercial assay office in Alaska and was established less than a year ago by A.L. Renshaw, Jr., P.E., local consulting engineer.

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NOME CHRISTMAS EVE—The historic city of Nome sparkled on Christmas Eve as the residents attended Christmas plays and other activities.

The headlights of a snowmobile lights up the foreground.

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