

To Expedite Mailing—

Times to Come Out On Wednesdays

The new 1970 board of directors of the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co., the company that publishes the Tundra Times, voted to change the publishing day of the newspaper from Friday morning each week to Wednesday.

The deciding factor of the shift was to try to expedite the delivery of the paper sooner to the subscribers throughout the state and elsewhere.

According to Howard Rock, editor of the newspaper, the changeover to Wednesday publication will be done as soon as possible, possibly within the next two or three weeks.

The stockholders of the EIACP held the annual meeting last Friday at the Husky Room of the Fairbanks Inn in Fairbanks and elected generally the same slate of officers of the company that held offices last year.

The new board also changed the duration of tenure of office of the officers to three-year terms, two-year and one-year.

Elected to three-year terms are: Howard Rock, president of the board; Thomas Richards, Sr., vice president; Dorothy Perdue, secretary; and Mary Jane Fate, corresponding secretary.

Elected to two year terms are: Laura Bergt, board member; Sam Kito, member; Ronald Senungtuk, member; Rhoda Forslund Fox, member; and Peter P. Three Stars, member.

Elected to one year terms are: Bettie Harrop, member; Frieda Mackowiak, assistant treasurer; Barry Jackson, attorney for Tundra Times; Ted Ryberg, member; and Jim Bedford, comptroller.

Alternate board members are: Tim Wallis, Martha Sara, Robert Egan, Lee Salisbury, Fred Brown and Lorenz Scheurch.

The stockholders meeting was told that the outlook in the future of the Tundra Times was improving steadily financially and that by the next stockholders meeting, the financial situation should greatly improve.

The new board expressed the importance of the monthly meetings of the board for the continuing effort to improve the situation of the Tundra Times.

In view of this fact, the board voted to automatically drop

members if they missed three consecutive monthly meetings without excused reasons.

It was also decided that the board will form advisory member council in cities and towns with a view that they would be of assistance and to help to coordinate programs of the Tundra Times such as its annual banquet.

The monthly meetings of the board are held on the first Friday of each month at a location designated by the secretary of the board. They will be held at 7:00 p.m. from hereon.

Heart Month

WASHINGTON— President Nixon signed a proclamation designating February as American Heart Month. He urged public support for programs needed to solve the problem of heart diseases, which, he said, "imposes a heavy burden on the nation" in death, suffering and economic loss.

Notable progress has been made to date in fighting the disease, President Nixon noted.

"For continued gains, we look to the National Heart and Lung Institute, as the chief Federal partner, and to the American Heart Association, as the principal voluntary ally," Mr. Nixon added.

"Given the support of all our citizens to reinforce and sustain these efforts, we can have cause for optimism," The President said in the proclamation.

Since 1949, the Heart Association has conducted programs of research, medical and public education, and community service supported by public contributions to the Heart Fund, conducted annually during Heart Month. With allocations to date, approximately \$164 million has been invested in research alone.

The proclamation stated in part:

"Cardiovascular disease imposes a heavy burden on the Nation. More than half of all deaths in the United States result from Heart disease. It is also a major cause of disability, taking a tremendous toll in both suffering and economic loss. The number of Americans who have some form of heart and blood vessel

Grade School Basketball Team of Akiachak Causes Stir of Interest

By BETZI WOODMAN
(Special to Tundra Times)

Basketball has come to Akiachak on the Kuskokwim and it has turned the town on.

A team of 14 elementary school boys playing basketball, abetted by four girls leading cheers, has stirred a spirit in this community of some 300 people, which goes way beyond cheering and support for a school team.

Townfolk have caught an excitement and are busy using winter energy to build new or repair old homes. Parents and school are closer than ever before.

What's more, the spirit is spreading beyond the town limits. Already it has infected Kwethluk, some six miles down river.

And Walter Featherly, principal of Akiachak School, says everyone's happy. Especially Mr. Featherly.

Last year a new school was built in Akiachak. Two things about the Bureau of Indian Affairs school are important to the present bustle in town: it has a

multi-purpose room (rather rare in bush schools) and the men in town helped build the structure.

The former fact means there is a place where basketball (and other activities) may be carried on in proper manner.

The second point means the men were employed as carpenters and families have a little more money this year to augment income from fishing, cannery work and that earned by some at the prefabricated housing factory across the river at Bethel.

The money alone, however, can not account for the zingy atmosphere which prevails as people keep busy. Featherly says the town is "alive with enthusiasm."

Fifteen new houses are being constructed with "Bartlett funds" (which appear now to be curtailed with President Nixon's budget cutbacks). Another six or eight are going up with families getting their own lumber and handling the job themselves.

There is a new community hall and a cooperative store, now, too.

Not a little of the credit for this new spirit goes to Dick Wiegand, teacher and basketball coach. A graduate of a BIA school, Dick is half Sioux Indian and grew up on a reservation in Montana.

He and his team, the Akiachak "Beavers," have done well. They won one of three games played with Bethel—a team on the junior high level—and they have beat Dillingham twice.

Every two weeks the Kwethluk team-in-the-making comes over to use the multipurpose room (they do not have their own) and play the Akiachak fellows.

Bethel even came to Akiachak once. AND, this is the first small village to ever play organized basketball, Featherly reports.

It's "really something" when Kwethluk comes over for a game, says Featherly. Practically the whole town comes snorting over on snowmachines, along the trail and over the frozen river.

There's rarely an empty seat in the Akiachak gym and the cheers elicited by the pom-pom girls ring out across the wintry tundra.

Everyone in town coming to school for the games has done wonders for school-people relationships, Featherly reports. "Nothing done in the past 10 years has advanced the cause of education in the village so much."

It's not that basketball leads directly to appreciation of education, of course, but that the games have involved the people with the school in a happy relationship and provided the opening for even better understanding.

The first time the team planned a charter flight—about 15 or 20 minutes away by air—to play the Bethel team, there was no money for such a venture.

But basketball had already gotten into people's hearts and the villagers anted up the \$10 each team member required. Since then, the Akiachak cut of the gate receipts has been sufficient to carry on.

Members of the Akiachak team who have helped lift the town out of its former winter dulls are: John George, Carl Moses, Mike Wassillie, Walter and John Featherly, Lincoln Peter, Fritz George, Jackson Lomack, Eddie Moses, Charlie James, Golga Frederick, Moses George, George Peter and Nick Isaac.

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Clarence L. Hook, President of Cedar Homes Manufacturing Corporation, announced the appointment of Herman Roelleke as exclusive franchised distributor for the home manufacturing firm in the Greater Fairbanks-Northern Alaska areas.

Hook said, "The purpose of appointing Herman Roelleke as our exclusive distributor is to better serve these areas growing housing needs and fulfill the increasing demands for Cedar Homes structures."

Hook stated that Roelleke will be appointing dealers to represent the distributorship in key localities in the territory where the company's market research has shown a substantial demand for housing at an economical cost.

With relaxing of federal Reserve funds for housing needs and a growing demand for housing, the dealer appointments being made by Roelleke will provide substantial opportunities for those selected.

"Other distributor appointments have been made, or are



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