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long ago," said Mary Jane Fate. "We feel also that we are a part of the general community and we want to take part in this drive."

The \$1,000 donation will be spread over a three-year period with \$500 down at the start and \$250 a year for the next two years.

The goal of the drive is \$1 million but the "gunjumpers" have now donated over \$700,000 in less than a month. The general fund drive begins next Tuesday on April 16.

The fund is aimed toward a \$5 million hospital in Fairbanks. The \$1 million Fairbanks fund will be matched by Hill-Burton fund in the amount of \$1 million; the State, \$400,000; Hill-Harris, \$1.2; EDA, \$1.3 million.

The above figures will leave a deficit of about \$300,000 which can be borrowed at 3½ per cent interest.

"The way the drive is going, we may not have to borrow that amount," said Ted Stump.

Tagging Bear . .

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Alaska's coast.

The Alaska study in turn is part of international studies that are being conducted by Alaska, Russia, Canada, Norway, Iceland, and the United States.

The status of polar bear and polar bear hunting have been the subject of much concern and controversy in recent years. In Alaska polar bear are important to the guiding industry and to subsistence hunters who kill the bear for their meat and for the money derived from the hides.

Guided hunters and subsistence hunters operating off the coast of Alaska have harvested in excess of 200 bear annually during the past several years.

So far this year guided or resident sport hunters have taken 140 bear and subsistence hunters have taken 95 bear.

The technique for capturing and marking bear on the high seas was developed in Alaska by Jack Lentfer, 1967. The Alaska program is far ahead of the program of other nations.

In fact, Jack assisted Norway in launching their successful program last summer. Through tagging and marking biologists hope to trace the movements of bear to determine if the same bears or groups of bear appear off Alaska's coast each year.

Some scientists have speculated that polar bear are nomadic—wandering around the polar ice cap more or less at random. Others feel bear populations are discrete or identifiable; that is, bears use the same feeding and breeding areas each year.

Solving only this controversy will be most helpful in arriving at a management program that will insure perpetuation of polar bear while providing maximum benefits to people who use the resource.

The very success of the program, however, causes some inconvenience to guides and subsistence hunters.

"Fortunately, to the best of our knowledge the drugs cause little inconvenience to the bears as the drugs wear off rapidly and are ex-



GRANT HITS FUNNYBONE—Alfred Grant, right, Tundra Times' master of ceremonies at the banquet on December 11, 1965, is hitting the funnybone of the then Governor of Alaska, William A. Egan, center, and his 1966 opponent for the governorship in the primaries, Wendell Kay, left. The two jovial public figures later conducted a sizzling running battle for the primary election which Gov. Egan eventually won.

Alfred Grant of Tanana kept the banquet audience in fits of laughter throughout the evening. Many excellent addresses were made by Gov. Egan, Kay, Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett and other prominent men and women of Alaska. Similar scenes are expected to be repeated in the October Banquet of the Tundra Times.

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banquet was labeled as "The event of the year" at the time.

Around 200 people attended including the then Gov. William A. Egan, Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett and many other prominent citizens. Joe Rothstein, executive editor of the Anchorage Daily News, keyed the event. Many fine addresses by private citizens and politicians were presented.

The success of the 1965 banquet was attributed to many dedicated persons who worked hard but its light-heartedness and humor throughout its progress was the work of its master of ceremonies, Alfred Grant, a full-blooded Athabascan Indian from Tanana.

Alfred Grant kept the audience in stitches all evening. Gov. Egan and his

future primary election opponent, Wendell Kay, who sat side by side at the head table, were kept in loud guffaws frequently as were the rest of the audience.

During the following year, the two men went at it hammer and tong for the nomination for governor which Gov. Egan eventually won.

Grant, a long-time Alaska National Guard member, taking note of the presence of Egan and Kay, commented: "If I had known Wendell Kay and Gov. Egan were going to be here, I would have come with my National Guard helmet on."

Sen. Bartlett, who enjoyed the banquet immensely, commented:

"This is the most amazing collection of politicians and statesmen that's ever

been assembled under one roof at once."

Alfred Grant will again be sought to handle the master of ceremonies slot at the October banquet according to the board of directors of the Times.

The board members expressed confidence that the October affair will draw over 400 people from all walks of life.

Succulent prime rib roast has been suggested as the main item on the bill of fare along with trimmings. Prime rib was served at the 1965

banquet much to the delight of everyone.

The support of the Tundra Times will be stressed and the sale of stock will be available as well as subscriptions. Admission price to the banquet will be decided at a later date and it will be made available to the public.

Brief native entertainment has also been suggested during the proceedings.

Persons who wish to make inquiries about the banquet may contact Tundra Times at 452-2244, or write Box 1287, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Time Changes

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on April 28, just less than three weeks hence, which would not have affected them in the first place.

Come April 28, the folks in the Kuskokwim area will again set their clocks one hour ahead. When the fall time arrives, they will again set their clocks minus one hour or to the Bering Sea Standard Time.

That will be the third time this year the folks in the Southwestern will manipulate their clocks. It's no wonder in righteous consternation they are spewing the equivalent of "phooey" at all the time fuss.

"Some people flat refused to set their clocks back on March 19," said a Fairbanks man who had been in Bethel recently.

Airline service people are not happy either because they had to manipulate their schedules.

"Airlines people said," the Fairbanks man said, "that it was hard enough to wake the people up in the morning at the usual time, and with an hour setback, it would be even harder."

and then they must seek untagged bear.

Ideally, the locations of the marked animals would be reported to the Department to aid in tracing movements, but the bear should be spared by hunters if at all possible.

The guides have cooperated by reporting the locations of marked bear and by not killing any of them.

Last year when Lentfer was developing the tagging technique, 31 bear were tagged. Three of these bear have been captured—one was killed by a subsistence hunter at Wainwright this past winter, and two were recently recaptured by tagging crews.

In addition, several were sighted on the pack ice during the summer months by the residents of Barrow.

While this small amount of evidence is not conclusive, it does prove that some bears return annually to the same areas.

tremely safe when administered properly," Lentfer said.

One bear tagged far out on the ice pack made a beeline for the Barrow area and was killed by a subsistence hunter 3 days after tagging.

Because the bear had been recently drugged, the Department recommended that the meat not be utilized even though there probably would have been no undesirable effect to humans had the meat been utilized. It merely seemed advisable to be very cautious.

The hunter experienced additional inconvenience because the fur of the animal had been marked with a dye. The dye can be removed with bleach, but it does involve extra work.

Guides also encounter tagged and marked bear which are not generally acceptable to their clients

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of whom will be selected to take six months training in electrical system operations.

At least 80 per cent of the homes and businesses in an applicant village must request the service, and the village residents will be required to assist in construction of the facilities.

In selecting villages to participate in the program, the AVEC board of directors will consider the economy of the village, since the program must be self-supporting.

Selection of the first group of villages will be made by April 26.

Village officials interested in applying to participate in the program should write to Morris Thompson, secretary-treasurer of the Coop, Pouch B, Juneau, for application forms.

In a joint statement, the Governor and Rep. Willie Hensley of Kotzebue, president of the AVEC coop, said, "This program is a vital first step in bringing urgently needed services and economic development to rural Alaska."