



**SPRING CENTENNIAL WORKSHOP**—Forty delegates from all over Alaska converged on Fairbanks last week to discuss the Alaska Centennial Celebration in 1967, its problems of organization, fund raising, permanent installations and public relations. The principal speaker was Judge Vernon Forbes of Fairbanks, Chairman of the Alaska Centennial Commission. Shown in the photo are some of the delegates to the Centennial Workshop. From left to right: Charles Wenger of Fairbanks, Doris Volzke, Ketchikan, Romaine Hardcastle, Sitka, Andy Mathisen, Petersburg, Herb Adams, executive director of the ACC, Juneau, Alice Harrigan, Sitka, and Genevieve Harmon, Juneau.

### Johnson Names Kookesh as Angoon Postmaster

President Johnson has sent to the Senate the nomination of Ramona D. Kookesh to be postmaster at Angoon succeeding A. A. Hamburg who has retired.

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The CVS student body is composed of Aleut, Eskimo, Indian, Negro, and White students from all corners of Alaska—from Yakutat to Pt. Barrow, from Dillingham to Nome, from Nulato to Hooper Bay.

The school is staffed by Jesuit Priests, Sisters of St. Anne, and lay volunteers. The latter serve as teachers and technicians in the classroom, laundry, kitchen, and boiler room.

Of the thirty members of the Class of 1965, ten will attend college this fall. Ten are bound for vocational training schools, five are entering the armed services.

Seven are members of the National Honor Society. The others were active in the various extra-curricular activities offered: Civil Air Patrol, dramatics, debate, chorus, and sodality.

Veterans Administration clerks displaced by computers in automatic data processing systems, are being retrained for better positions as typists or punch card operators whenever possible.

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was practically impossible. What were the villagers to do? Getting the radio going seemed the best prospect.

Immediately the men tried to get the generator working to furnish power. For some reason it wouldn't work.

Without their knowing, the janitor had turned off the fuel line to the generator. The generator's motor wouldn't start. The men didn't give up, however. They figured out a way to feed fuel into the motor and finally the motor started.

Voices and lips began to transmit the word "emergency" into space at once to anyone who might hear their channel KWC-51, Minto, Alaska. For hours they transmitted with no response. There was atmospheric disturbance and much static on the air waves. Wakeful eyes kept vigil during the night. Ears listened intently. Still no response.

Someone out there did hear their signal, however. Not in a surrounding village. Not in nearby Fairbanks. But way out in the lonely stretches of the Bering Sea the distress call was picked up by a radio-man on the North Star III, a Bureau of Indian Affairs supply vessel.

At once the operator sent the message to Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island. Savoonga relayed it to Nome. Nome immediately transmitted it to Fairbanks, which in turn contacted a doctor at Native Health Service Hospital at Tanana.

The message from the time it was picked up by the North Star had traveled about 1,800 miles, perhaps even more, before it arrived at the interior hub city of Fairbanks, 45 miles from Minto.

By that time the fierce winds had died down. The villagers heard the

roar of an airplane motor. A plane with a nurse landed and took the expectant mother to St. Joseph's Hospital in Fairbanks where little Dudley J. Smith was born.

Said one Minto resident, who prefers to remain anonymous, "Dudley thanks those of us who helped but in so doing, the common effort warmed our hearts. We need to say 'thank you' to Dudley also—for in helping him we made friends of selfless people we have never seen."

"We grew in understanding of one another across vast distances that sometimes seem so far indeed and so cold."

"The distant reaches of Alaska's land and sea became warm—and so were the faces and hearts of unseen friends that Memorial Day evening—friends helping a friend to be born."

"And because it is that way, and even as Dudley thanks us, we thank him—and all of us together thank the Almighty Father who gave us what we have and the means with which to help."

## Tundra Times Classified Ads Get Results

**REINCARNATION CASES.** Information about cases in which persons (children or adults) seem to remember having lived before is sought by University scientist studying this subject all over the world, and preparing scientific monograph on the subject. Send information to: Dr. Ian Stevenson, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.

### Job Opportunities

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