

# Conwell Heads Food Stamp Program in Kotzebue Area

The Food Stamp Program which opened in Kotzebue on July 15, 1968, is now in full operation in that area according to Mrs. Beverly Gilmer, Acting District Representative for the State Welfare Office in Kotzebue.

Mrs. Evelyn Conwell, a long time Kotzebue resident is heading up the program for the area.

To date, Mrs. Conwell has

covered all of the ten villages in the Kotzebue Welfare District, and has certified several people as eligible for the program in each village.

In addition, Mrs. Conwell has established Food Stamp Agents in each village who can take applications for the program.

These agents include, Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Ambler; Mrs. Josephine Morris, Kiana; Oscar

Swan, Kivalina; Guy J. Moyer, Kobuk; Kenneth M. Ashby, Noatak; Mrs. Violet Pungalik, Noorvik; Mrs. Annie Frankson, Pt. Hope; Mrs. Lottie Ballot, Selawik; and Mr. George O. Cleveland, Shungnak.

Mrs. Conwell will take applications for the city of Kotzebue.

Already several households in each village have chosen to

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participate in the program. Residents of Kotzebue purchase the Food Stamps from Mrs. Conwell, at the C-Y Corporation Building each Monday.

Residents from the outlying areas purchase the stamps by sending a money order to Mrs. Evelyn L. Conwell, Box 41, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752. Mrs. Conwell, in turn will send their Food Stamps via the U.S. mail.

The Food Stamp Program is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Agriculture & the State Division of Public Welfare. It is designed to help all low income families purchase more & better foods without spending more money.

Eligible households purchase a certain amount of Food Stamps & in addition receive a certain amount of stamps free.

Mrs. Conwell has been working for two months now getting the program set up in the Kotzebue area. In addition, Mr. Jim Kelly and Mr. Les Horn from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Anchorage have already certified all of the retail food stores in the area to take the Food Stamps.

Anybody in the Kotzebue area desiring to apply for the program or wanting more information may contact Mrs. Conwell at 442-3751 in Kotzebue or by writing to her at Box 41, Kotzebue.