



APPORTIONING BELUGA—Although the spring Pt. Hope whalers main quarry is the bowhead, they also hunt the beluga whale. Here the women are apportioning a beluga

whale. The photo was taken by Julia Lane, a Pt. Hope grade schooler.

—Photo by JULIA LANE

Rev. Gurr Appointed To Serve Bethel Area

Rev. John E. Gurr, S.J., has been appointed by Bishop Gleeson as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Bethel to succeed Rev. Neil Murphy, S.J., now assistant at Fairbanks.

The Bethel parish includes the entire Kuskokwim River Valley from Medfra-McGrath to Platinum. Rev. Robert Corrigan, S.J., is stationed at Aniak and assists with his Piper Super-Cub.

Father Gurr will take up his new duties June 1 and continue as Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese, with Rev. Thomas Gallagher, S.J., acting as assistant in Fairbanks.

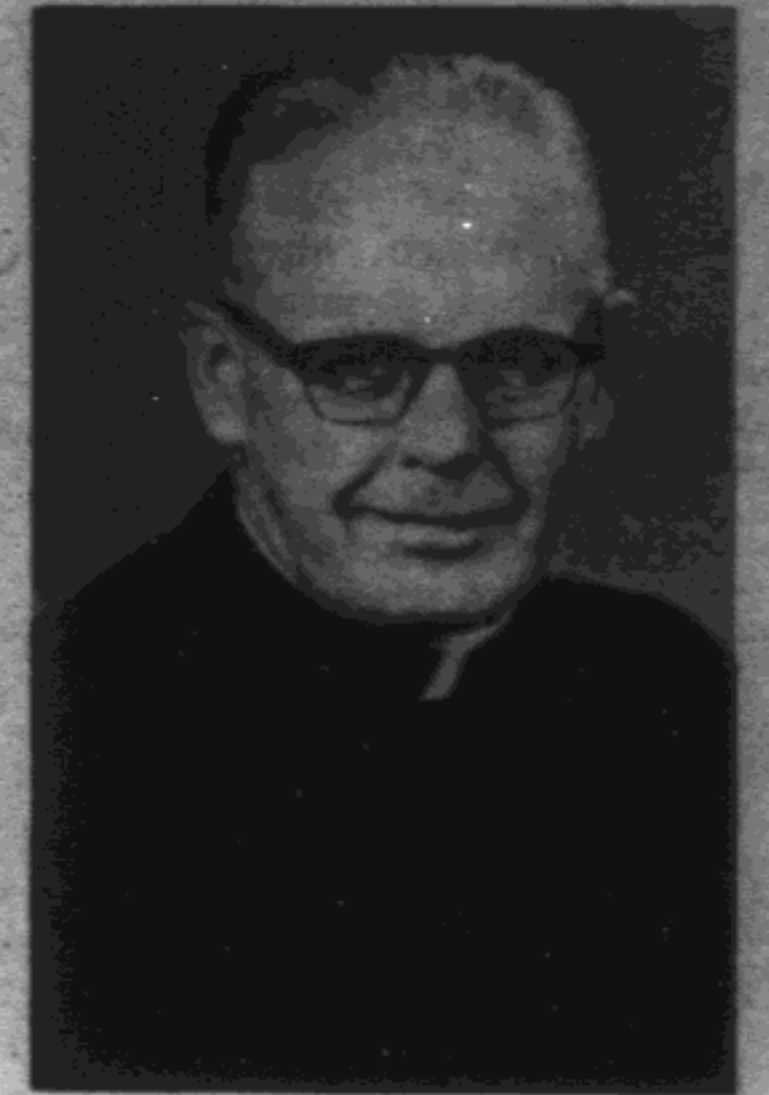
Since coming to Fairbanks in June, 1965, Father Gurr has served as Vicar General of the Diocese, Superintendent of Schools and Rector of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Last year he was acting pastor two week-ends of each month for the Hiway parish of Delta-Tok-Northway. He is a member of the Fairbanks Council of Churches and was recently appointed to the Midnight Sun Council Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America.

He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Community Action Agency since its beginning three years ago and was Chairman of the Board for six months last year.

He is Chairman of Hillcrest, Incorporated, at present.

"I hope Fairbanks will continue to be good to the boys at Hillcrest. Ty Potts and his staff are doing a fine job there and it is sad that more boys cannot be



Rev. John E. Gurr, S.J.

accepted. There is a great need for this service and as the Home begins its third year some thought must be given to expansion of facilities. Other cities and towns in Alaska, of course, benefit from Hillcrest and help it along."

Rev. Gurr was born in North Yakima, Washington, February 12, 1913 and came to Douglas, Alaska, aged 10 months when his father became the first manager of the newly established First Territorial Bank of Alaska in that mining city.

He attended St. Ann's schools in Douglas and Juneau, where his father was City Clerk 1921-1923, and public schools in Wrangell. He was graduated from Gonzaga High School in Spokane in 1930 after two years of boarding school there.

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last year by Mrs. Marlene Johnson, president of the board of directors of ASCAP, and Larry Brayton.

The program was presented to the ASCAP board on January 10 at a special meeting where it was amended and reworked and submitted early in February to the OEO.

Brayton had high praise for the assistance of Joe Smith of the OEO. Smith is

resident in Alaska during the current year while working on rural program assignments.

"This will be a cooperative association and will spin off from the control of ASCAP's administration in about eight months," said Brayton.

The program is scheduled to get underway in about three weeks after receiving clearance from all agencies involved.



STUDENT OFFICERS—Before school was over recently, Mt. Edgecumbe high school students near Sitka held an election for student council officers. Elected president was Ronald Itta, Barrow Eskimo; vice president, Vicki Burgess, a Haida Indian from Hydaburg; secretary, Gloria Riley, an Athabascan from Minto; treasurer, Louie John, Athabascan from Circle; member-at-large, Effie Vent, an Athabascan from Huslia. From left to right: Louie John, Effie Vent, Gloria Riley, Ron Itta and Vicki Burgess.



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