

Migrant Geese Won't Land

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The geese resting on the Creamer's Dairy property along College Road are complaining to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game that the snowmachine noise is driving them insane.

"Charlie Creamer has allowed snowmachine enthusiasts to use his property all winter and now he agrees we should have some peace and quiet while resting and feeding here until the Minto Flats and other marshes open up," honked a gaggle of geese over the machine noise.

Bounty Stopped . . .

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are now worthless, the attorney general's office said. In other action this week the Fish and Game board tabled a proposal to open up a musk oxen hunt on Nunivak Island. However, Commissioner of Fish and Game Augie Reetz assured the News-Miner that this proposal would be taken up and acted on before the board's meeting adjourns. It has been recommended by the Department of Fish and Game that a controlled

"The military stripped snow from the field and rumor is that the local bird watchers are placing grain out for the hundreds of geese and other waterfowl coming to Creamer's in the next two weeks. After all, there will be a lot of glass-eyed people out to take a gander," said one feathered gentleman as he flicked the ashes from his cigar.

"Seems that many people have adopted the theme from the last National Wildlife Week, which was, 'Learn to live with nature,'" added Madame Goose.

hunt be conducted on Nunivak Island to combat musk oxen overpopulation. Recently, 15 musk oxen were successfully transplanted from Nunivak Island in the Bering Sea to Nelson Island near the mainland.

The animals were released near the village of Tununak, where they joined at least seven of eight animals transplanted in a similar operation last year. The animals were all calves except for one yearling.



MUSK OX TAGGING on Nunivak Island during transplant operation last month. ADF&G Photo by R. T. WALLIN

Birchell is New BIA Supervisor For Bethel Area

Richard P. Birchell has been appointed superintendent of the Bethel agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Sen. E. L. Bartlett was informed last Friday.

Birchell, who is now serving as BIA supervisor of the agricultural extension agency at Nome.

He succeeds Charles A. Richmond as the Bethel supervisor. Richmond was promoted to BIA Area Director for Alaska.

Birchell, 47, entered federal service in 1949 as an instructor in Dairying. He joined the BIA in 1959 as a principal teacher in Venetie.

In 1964, he was appointed agricultural extension specialist with headquarters in Kotzebue and was subsequently promoted to the Nome post.

Birchell was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico and is a graduate of New Mexico A & M College with degrees in agriculture.

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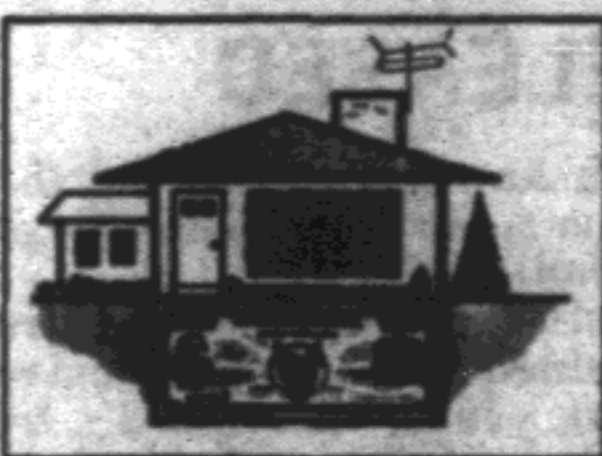
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The report describes St. Paul as having "all the external manifestations of the typical company town. It has an orderly layout and relatively excellent physical facilities. Employment is available to all residents, either on a permanent or seasonal basis."

However, the report concludes that the price of these benefits has been limited mobility, restricted political power, a requirement for a cash wage to sustain existing living standards, and dependence on a single industry—fur sealing—over which the people have no control.

Some changes have occurred in recent years, according to the report. The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries now places greater emphasis on economic operation of the

sealing industry and is attempting to phase out its community and welfare responsibilities.

At the same time, the people of St. Paul have assumed some of the transferred proprietary functions and their leaders have worked for a greater degree of self-government with support from state and federal officials.

"This report is one of the most detailed analyses of an Alaskan community ever made," said Victor Fischer, director of the institute.

Fischer, along with Dr. Don C. Foote, a geographer at McGill University in Montreal who will join the institute later this year, and Dr. George W. Rogers, senior economist with the institute, wrote the report.

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