



In Barrow, fresh water is hauled from a nearby lagoon. When the lagoon freezes in the winter ice bricks are cut and broken up into buckets and heated. "That's their running water."

—Photo by SUE GAMACHE

Adaptive Equipment

Disabled veterans entitled to replace or purchase adaptive equipment for their automobiles at government expense have been advised of new Veterans Administration safety and quality standards, effective Jan. 1.

An estimated 63,000 disabled veterans of World War II and thereafter are eligible or have received one-time grants, not to exceed \$3,300, from the VA toward purchase of an automobile. These then may be equipped with aids that modify operating controls.

Depending on the nature of the disability, the add-on devices typically provide for hand control of brakes and accelerator, alter position of foot controls or assist with the operation of transmission, steering and other equipment.

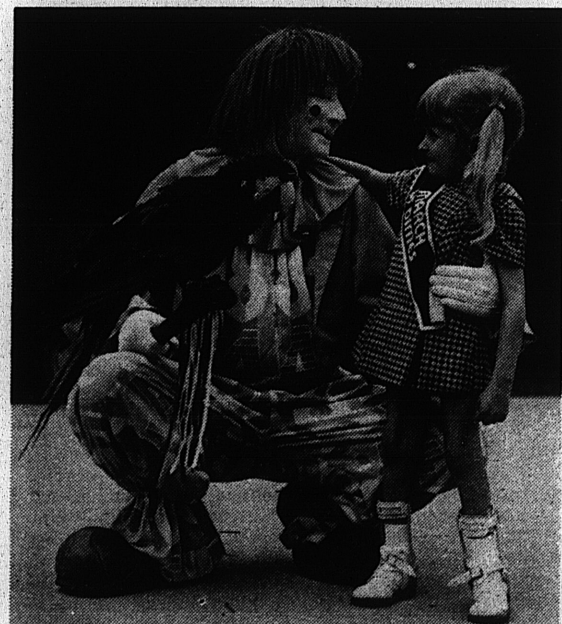
Letters to veterans who have benefited from the add-on

adaptive equipment advised that after Jan. 1 the VA will not authorize payment for equipment that does not meet the new standards.

Eligibility for automobile grants and adaptive equipment was extended this year to include 5,000 peacetime veterans with service between Dec. 31, 1946 and June 27, 1950.

The grants are limited to veterans with permanent loss or use, of one or both hands or feet or impairment of vision of both eyes to a prescribed degree, resulting from military service during or after World War II.

The VA letter invited eligible veterans to contact local VA hospitals or outpatient clinics for complete information on the new automobiles adaptive equipment standards.



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In Kotzebue—

Full-Time Legal Services

Thanks to a concerted community effort, Kotzebue now has a full-time Legal Services office. Operating from a quonset hut next door to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Local Services office and across the street from Friend's church, the Legal Services staff will serve the NANA Region and Point Hope.

"For the last two or three years the people of Kotzebue have asked for help in establishing an office," said Loyette Goodell, director of Alaska Legal Services. "We had been circuit riding out of Nome, but this was not adequate. There was a need for a full-time office."

Pam Herman, then a VISTA attorney, put together a proposed budget for the Legal Services office.

"We made substantial efforts to find outside funding without success," said Ms. Goodell. "Yet the people of the community came forward with the funding."

"Through the efforts of Maneluk and Pam Herman, people in Kotzebue were made aware of the problem," said Maneluk planner Bruce Newman.

The problem was how to fund a \$107,000 budget.

Maneluk accepted the formation of a Legal Services office in Kotzebue as a top priority and found RurAL and CETA funding for the staff salaries. Kikiktatruk Inupiat Corporation is providing office space for the law office.

NANA Legal Services will provide travel expenses. The agencies will jointly supply office furniture, a law library and office supplies.

"We opened our doors on the first of November," said Tim MacMillan, staff attorney for the new Kotzebue office, "and we have been getting business everyday since opening. We now have 120 open or pending cases."

Tim MacMillan was hired to head the Kotzebue Legal Services office after answering an advertisement in "Clearing House Review," a magazine for legal services attorneys.

MacMillan was formerly a VISTA attorney in Little Rock, Arkansas. He also was in private practice in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. MacMillan is a graduate of the University of Pittsburg Law School.

"A major source of our practice will be Native allotment applications. There's approximately 1,000 Native allotment applications and we will potentially be handling all of them," said MacMillan. "We will be handling non-fee generating,

non-criminal cases for some 4,600 people of the NANA Region and Point Hope, which has a population of about 380."

Working with MacMillan is a VISTA attorney, Jeffery Spring, paralegal, Barbara Carter and legal secretary Mary O'Hara. In addition to the Kotzebue staff there are three paralegals in surrounding villages working on allotment problems: Edward Lee in Shungnak; Delores Barr in Deering; and Billy Ticket in Kobuk.

"The only thing I really did was stick it out until someone else found the funding," replied Pam Herman in response to a question about her contribution to the permanent Legal Services office.

Ms. Herman is no longer a VISTA attorney. She is working as director of the

Johnson-O'Malley program for Maneluk. But she plans to return to the practice of law after taking the Alaska Bar Exam next summer.

"There is still a real demand for private attorneys in Kotzebue as well as the Legal Services attorneys, said Ms. Herman. "It would be hard to come up with a number, but it is my impression that nearly everyone has some legal problem that is unresolved and have no one to turn to."

According to Pam Herman, the firm of Larsen, Timbers and Van Winkle, who have the public defender contract in Nome, are the only private attorneys in Northwest They get into Kotzebue about once a month.

Alaska Legal Services provides legal assistance for low-income persons with civil cases.

Bethel Power Fails . . .

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complex, by flying in a new generator the very night of the fire.

"It's a 150 kilowatt and it saved our necks," Hoffman, corporation president, said. "Not everybody was so lucky."

Hardest hit was the ill-fated 200-unit housing development, Bethel Heights, which originally cost about \$3.9 million to build and plumb and, since the late 1960s, about \$4 million in repair.

"We hear it has a million dollars in losses this week. . . Everything is frozen up there. The main line, sewer system, everything," Hoffman worries.

But, for the most part, people have remained in their homes rather than move to the National Guard Armory as is usual in an emergency.

"It's pretty rough around here," the mayor concluded. "But we're holding our own."

Inupiat University . . .

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both the farthest north and farthest west four-year institution of higher learning in America.

The university serves Barrow, Point Hope, Point Lay, Wainwright, Nuiqsut, Anaktuvuk Pass, Kaktovik and Atkasook. There is one coordinator in each of these villages.

Most of the classes are taught in the educational facilities that are already present in the villages, however, there are some correspondence courses that can be taken at home. The students taking these correspondence courses meet with the people

from the university at a given time and report on their progress in classes and also to get new materials.

According to Bill Vaudrin, "students in business administration are already working in the community."

"The university is not even a year old and already we've got input into the community," Vaudrin added, "and in the future the number will increase."

For more information about any aspect of the university contact Bill Vaudrin, P.O. Box 426 Barrow, Alaska 99723, or call 852-6671.

Willard Bowman . . .

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passage of the Bartlett Bill (1966) guaranteeing Pribilof people fair working conditions and full citizenship, which was signed in Anchorage by the late President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Bowman served with the Human Rights Commission seven years. In 1970 he and Anchorage dentist Josh Wright became the first Blacks elected to the state legislature.

He was in the second year of his third term and chairman of the powerful House Rules

Committee at the time of his death.

The legislator, a Democrat, was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., and moved to Alaska in 1950 following seven years with the U.S. Navy. He was a veteran of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and served throughout World War II. He was 56 at the time of his death.

Bowman is survived by his widow, Maria, and two children.

Unusual Trip . . .

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the ice would move out enough to allow the unloading. Eventually the remaining supplies aboard the ship had to be unloaded in Nome for transport to the villages.

But all the supplies had been unloaded at Diomed, the one village which cannot be reached by alternate means. And Karl Welm had completed what is probably one of the most complicated telephone repair trips anywhere.



In Tahiti, it was once believed that if a centipede crawls over a sick person, he will be cured!

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