

# Finally Got to Get Around by Myself in City of Halifax

By GRACE SLWOOKO  
Gambell Correspondent

**GAMBELL** — This is the continuation of the news about the trip with three others from here, Alaska, to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

July 8-12 was the week we were on. By this time, too, that I was getting around quite a bit by myself. I was not getting lost too much anymore. At first, I was always close to Lela Oman Gray in fear of getting lost in confusion about buildings, telephones and everything.

It was exciting to be on our program for this. There was the map on the wall and we point at places where each one of us came from.

Jeela Alikatuktuk from Broughton Island, was leading and Dr. Howard Rock from Point Hope, Alaska, who has the newspaper Tundra Times being published in Fairbanks, Alaska for years, was in lead for us.

Lela Oman Gray, who was born in Kobuk area back in the days when White man first came to their part. But she lives in many different places in Alaska ever since, as she is quite active in doing things.

She also wrote many Eskimo legends into English as soon as she learned about reading and writing. But this time she was with schools mostly at the meet-

ings. Paul Greene from Kotzebue who wrote some books, was teaching dances and string plays. He told Eskimo stories and sang songs for Eskimo dancing.

There would be a roomful of people and he would be doing the dances — and he taught them. And I did a lot of my own St. Lawrence Island dances with Mr. Greene beating his drum.

We enjoyed being with many people there. There were many things I heard about education, heritage, land and problems, but all seemed to come out fine as long as we had writings.

Writing is a treasure, we Eskimos just learned, it is beautiful. Many thanks to the teachers.

One of the places at Halifax we went to see is very interesting. It is Haliburton Memorial Museum. Thomas Chandler Haliburton was an author and an important leader of his people.

It is a very interesting place we looked around in from room to room. We even looked around his desk where he used to write during 1800's.

We also went to see Uniacke House. It was the home of Richard Uniacke, an attorney general of Nova Scotia from 1797 to 1830, now owned by the Prov-

ince of Nova Scotia and preserved as an historic site. It is a beautiful place.

Another one we saw was mementos of the Schooner Bluenose, the queen of the Atlantic for 17 years, winner of the International Fishermen's Races over her Gloucester, Mass. rivals. The Schooner Bluenose is part of the legend of sails in Lunenburg.

Then soon the day came that we were going to be on our way home. We were parting with the people we got to know and then to go apart was something anyone can treasure, so the knowledge of previous writing came in handy again. We wrote autographs and addresses and shed little tears and so on.

From the airport there, we took our journey to Boston, Mass. and we stayed overnight there. We had a wonderful time there with the people at the hotels. As we walked around, more and more interesting things like towering buildings, towns and more and more people we saw.

Boy, I never seen so many people as were at this time, as I came from the town with 400 people. All and everywhere was packed with new and beautiful sights all the way.

But we missed Irene and her people at Boston. We were hoping to see them again on our way home.

Irene is the daughter of Lela Oman Gray who is spending summer with her young husband and his folks at Boston.

But there at Boston, my mind

was always with history books we read, now at last I saw some things in real.

Then we went back to New York again, at JFK Airport, we boarded Panam but we didn't go right away. Something happened to the great, great airliner, that they had to fix it.

So after more than two hours, we were on our way again back to Alaska where the nights are as daylight. Over there at New York, when I looked out through my hotel room window at night, it is like Christmas back home, yet it is June and first part of July.

It is interesting, as in Alaska, the part where I came from, there are no more darkness in the nights in springtime.

How we flew, over mountain ranges, rivers and over Canada until we came back to Fairbanks again. There I felt back home already, even though I was far from my home, Gambell.

Back in my island home, Fairbanks, Alaska is pretty far, yet I never would have gotten there if it wasn't for the knowledge of writing I had!

But there, I spent many days with my friends and my son Richard. And I even got to see Linda Badten in her own home in Fairbanks. She is from my place, Gambell.

There is so much to write about our trip to Halifax, but I may have to send this in now be-

fore I do some more for next week, as North Star III, the freighter, is here now. I must go to work. It is unloading.



Some people believe that sprinkling wine on the table cloth brings good luck—these are not likely to be the people who have to wash the cloth.

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND  
MANAGEMENT  
Fairbanks District Office  
P.O. Box 1150  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Hereby gives Notice that Daniel W. Adney of Anchorage, Alaska, together with his witnesses Paul Riley and Paul H. Shanahan has submitted an Application to Purchase on his Trade and Manufacturing Site, Serial Number (s) F-231 for a tract of land described as:

U.S. Survey No. 4096, Alaska located on the east shore of Chandalar Lake.

Containing 65.41 acres.  
During the period of publication or within 30 days thereafter any person, corporation, or association having or asserting any adverse interest in or claim to title in a court of competent jurisdiction in Alaska, and thereafter patent shall be issued in conformity with the final decree of the court.

Harold E. Waldo  
Chief, Division of Land Office  
Pub.: July 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Sept. 4, 1974

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ATXAM CORPORATION has, pursuant to Section 12 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, filed its Settlement map, map file in the office of the Commissioner of the following designated lands:

The following sections in Township 92 South, Range 176 West, Seward Meridian:  
All and the whole of Sections 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35; and  
Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 36 (excluding Nazan Bay); Section 5 and 6 (excluding Korpvin Bay); and Section 22 (excluding Nazan Bay and USS 2015, EO 5289).  
Pursuant to 43 CFR 2650.7 any claimant who claims the aforementioned land adversely to the ATXAM CORPORATION may file their objections to the conveyance of said land with the State Office, Bureau of Land Management Office, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska not later than August 30, 1974.

DATED this 30th day of June, 1974.  
Lawrence Prokopouff  
Secretary-Treasurer  
ATXAM CORPORATION  
Atka, Alaska 99695  
Pub. Aug. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 1974

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF  
LAND MANAGEMENT  
Fairbanks District Office  
P.O. Box 1150  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Hereby gives Notice that Hal Waugh of Ketchikan, Alaska, together with his witnesses Willis G. Hardy and Jimmy B. Smith, both of Fairbanks, Alaska has submitted application to purchase on his Headquarters Site Settlement Claim, Serial Number (s) F-9098 for a tract of land described as:

U.S. Survey No. 5713, Alaska, located on the northwestern shore of Inialak Lake at the mouth of Tobuk Creek, Alaska. Containing 5.00 acres.

During the period of publication or within 30 days thereafter any person, corporation, or association having or asserting any adverse interest in or claim to the tract of land or any part hereof may file in the proper Land Office, under oath, an adverse claim setting forth the nature and extent thereof; and such adverse claimant shall within 60 days after the filing of such adverse claim begin action to quiet title in a court of competent jurisdiction in Alaska, and thereafter patent shall be issued in conformity with the final decree of the court.

Harold E. Waldo  
Chief, Division of Land Office  
Pub.: July 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28; Sept. 4, 11 & 18, 1974

## Franklin Bluffs

(Continued from Page 1)

seemed satisfied with conditions and the training received, but some were anxious to move on to journeyman status.

No complaints were expressed, although at least one voiced objection to a frequent change in supervisors.

"You just get used to one boss, and then you get a new one," he said.

Non-Native workers at the camp generally expressed a "no complaints" attitude toward the trainees, stating that "They work, like everybody else here."

Six trainees are in the Teamsters program. They are Charles Pitka of Beaver, and Phillip Bergman, Warner Bergman, Paul Koyukuk, Edison Williams and Gordon Williams, all of Alakakak.

The three Labor trainees are Bellamine Alvanna of Nome, Dale Paul, Tanacross, and William Field, Noorvik.

There is one Operator apprentice, Jim Kubanyi of Fairbanks.

Most of the trainees have been at the camp about five weeks.

Management personnel indicated that there has been some turnover in the Native trainees, with some leaving and not returning without any stated reason.

Charles Pitka of Beaver, a Teamster trainee, said he had been at camp about five weeks. He will have two weeks off in October to vacation at home. When asked if he would be returning, he said yes.

Kugeruk said the number of Natives at camp was not up to the figure that they hoped to have. With approximately 350 men and women in residence, at least 10% or more of that figure should be Natives.

The Alaska-hire rule does not seem to be fully followed at Franklin Bluffs camp, as several workers interviewed indicated they were from the lower states.

Some of these were in specialized fields, but many were laborers. It would require deeper investigation to determine if this hiring practice was one of necessity or negligence.

Never before has such an opportunity to work and learn a trade while being paid a solid wage been available to the Alaskan Native, and participation should be helped and encouraged to the fullest extent.

## Letters

(Continued from Page 2)

budget by providing health programs, namely alcoholism, in meeting the priorities expressed by the rural areas. Our planning recognizes the establishment of an Alcohol Awareness Program with outreach workers in each of the villages within our region. I am hopeful that the funding for this program will come from the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. The State of Alaska's reduced alcoholism programs will be minute in the over-all rural health delivery system in the implementation of these alcoholism programs. Therefore, I am optimistic of the future funding of alcoholism programs on behalf of the State of Alaska if the responsibility to the residents of rural Alaska by supplementing the state's alcoholism budgets.

It is with great concern that I write this letter as an advocate of the Native population residing within the TCC region. The City of Galena is now not going to have an alcoholism program which has undoubtedly proved its successfulness to the state. I look forward to a trip to Juneau in the very near future and request that I be given the opportunity to meet with you on this

serious problem and others that the Tanana Chiefs Regional Health Board (TCRHB) have identified in their deliberations. Enclosed you will find a copy of the TCHA work program for FY 75. The work program is projected partially into 1976. I hope this identifies the programs which we will be involved in the oncoming year. Alcoholism programs at this time are not expressed in narrative form in this work program because of the inability of the TCHA to identify the exact funding resource from which we may implement a comprehensive alcoholism program. However, alcoholism programs are needed now and shouldn't only be plans for the future.

My office and staff are open and welcome your suggestions or comments. Please call on me if I may be able to further clarify my comments.

With best wishes,  
Sincerely yours,  
TANANA CHIEFS HEALTH  
AUTHORITY  
Claude Demientieff  
Director

## JOHN B. COGHILL

UNION OIL DISTRIBUTOR

for Tanana and Yukon River Villages  
also in the Nenana, Clear, Healy areas  
P.O. BOX 268, NENANA, ALASKA



## SAVOY BAR

423 2nd

OWNER: CURLY LEVI  
MANAGER: TOMMY FULLER

Delightfully Unique!