

Stickman May Run After All

After reneging a bit about running for state legislative office, Fred Stickman is apparently regrouping and plans to go ahead and run.

In his letter to the Editor, printed today on the editorial page, Stickman said, "I just have to run."

The grizzled letter writer attended the famous Fairbanks Native Association potlatch in Fairbanks last month. On his way back home to Nulato, he visited with people from Huslia, Hughes, Allakaket and Galena who were on the same plane with him.

Stickman wrote that "most of these people from these villages tell me I cannot or shouldn't back out of anything after it was in the papers, etc.," he stated.

"The way they talked to me," Fred Stickman added, "I just have to run. Of course that's on the Democratic ticket, as everyone should know now."

He said he didn't have a high school diploma, "but living here all my life, and the experience should be better than a college graduate."

"When experienced man talks," he concluded, "just listen."

Team Places 45 Kotzebue Men to Work

JUNEAU—The Department of Labor's Smaller Communities Program team placed 45 Kotzebue residents with oil industry related employers on the North Slope, Governor Keith H. Miller announced.

The Governor said the placements were made during the first three weeks of the team's current visit in the Northwest Alaska community to conduct a manpower resource survey.

In addition to the 45 placements, the SCP team referred 11 persons to the Alaska Skill Center at Seward for training and identified 20 young men for referral to the Job Corps training program.

Also, six others were referred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for consideration in the Project Hire Program of the Department of Defense.

"These 82 placements and referrals resulted from the SCP team's processing of 150 job applications and job-training questionnaires from Kotzebue residents," Miller said, "More placements and referrals will undoubtedly be made as the team moves its operations to the area surrounding Kotzebue."

According to the Governor, the team will be in the Kotzebue area until early May.

This is the third manpower resource survey conducted by the SCP team with the cooperation of local officials, civic leaders and organizations.

Similar skill inventories have been made in the Barrow-Wainwright area and along the proposed route of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System from Tok to Valdez.

"The Department of Labor organized the SCP team in June 1969," Governor Miller said "It is a vital part of our human resource development efforts to promote the hiring of Alaskans first within the State."

Fairbanks 'Hope Center' Holds Unique Month-Long Rummage Sale for Funds

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If you're the kind of person who enjoys rummaging through discarded relics in search of a bargain, then you'll really like Hope Center's month-long money raising project.

Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April 25 to May 17, goods at the former Auction City will be up for sale.

Having been defunct for months, Auction City is slated for demolition in the near future.

But, before such happens, Hope Center is going to try to sell the various and sundry goods that have found their way to the property.

Old books, bird cages, 1920 typewriters, beds, mattresses, sinks, building supplies, chairs, and tons of plumbing and electrical supplies—it's all there.

Just drive south on Cushman St. and when the Richardson Highway forks to the left, continue straight on what is called South Cushman Extension. The former Auction City is on the left just past Van Horn Road. And if you don't find what you want inside the Quonset huts there, you can wander through the junk yard outside.

All proceeds from the sale will

go to the renovation of Hope Center on 117 Slater Drive. Providing special training for handicapped adults, the center is not to be confused with Hope Cottage in Anchorage which trains handicapped children. It, in fact, has nothing to do with Hope Cottage.

According to one of the staff members of the Fairbanks Hope Center, Charlie Parr, the fund raising "Walk for Hope" that has been highly publicized recently is for the Hope Cottage in Anchorage, as were the recent benefit basketball games by the Harlem Clowns.

However, he added, on May 2 a "Walk" is planned from which 42 per cent of the proceeds will go to the center.

In the "Walk" fund raisers will receive from members of the community a certain amount of money per mile for the distance they walk.

The center needs the money from the junk sale primarily to replace a leaky roof on the present building.

Other needs include fire safety equipment, a new shower facility, a soundproof counseling room, and a testing facility.

Formerly a church, the building now provides residential accommodations for 18 adults, age 17 and over. Plans call for

converting the basement of the structure into a sheltered workshop to allow training for day-time students as well as residents. Most of the money raised during the "Walk" will be used for this purpose.

Accepting both men and women, the center takes in adults with any kind of handicap, but especially a vocational handicap. Currently housing people from all over the state, it is about seven under its capacity of 25. According to Parr, the facility is not full because it is difficult to locate and identify handicapped adults.

With its funds, 40 per cent of which are federal and state and 60 per cent from private sources, Hope Center conducts only prevocational training, not vocational training. When and if the sheltered workshop is constructed, it, too, will only offer prevocational training.

To the clients, 50 per cent of whom are mentally retarded, the services of the center are available until no longer needed. At such time, counselors try to channel the adults into a vocational training program or a job.

The center does not at this time offer vocational training, Parr said, because currently there are many such programs in the state and for the handicapped adult that is not where the need lies.

His need lies in the area of prevocational training, the staff member said.

The most important part of such training, he continued, is an evaluation done by the center. From this evaluation and the training, the center wants to be able to tell an employer that a certain applicant will come to work on time, that he will be neatly dressed, what his capabilities and his limitations are.

Thrilling All Alaska Soap Box Derby in July

The thrill of a lifetime will take place for Alaskan boys July 12, 1970. That's when the 1970 All Alaska Soap Box Derby will be held.

This year marks the 33rd anniversary of the international coasting competition and co-Derby Directors Court Marchant and Bob Beatty are anticipating the largest turnout in local race history.

All boys 11 through 15 years of age are eligible for the All-Alaska race.

In announcing plans for this year's Gravity Grand Prix, Court Marchant said that 1969 proved to be a landmark in Derby history as the program reached more youngsters at the local level than ever before.

"The Soap Box Derby received enthusiastic support from city governments, parks, and recreation departments and youth organizations around the country. Thousands of underprivileged youths were given opportunities to participate in the program," Court said.

"The Derby has so much to offer—challenge, thrills, the reward of accomplishment. I en-

courage all Alaskan boys to participate."

Signing up for the Chevrolet Soap Box Derby is easy. Eligible boys may enter by visiting a sponsoring Chevrolet dealer with a parent or guardian. Dealers have free rule books in stock now, which include complete instructions for building a car.

Winner of the 1970 All-Alaska Derby will receive a handsome trophy and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond from Chevrolet, and an expense-paid trip to Akron, Ohio, to race in the All-American Gravity Grand Prix August 15, 1970.

Approximately 260 local champions will compete at Akron's famed Derby Downs. In addition to champions from nearly every state, representatives from several foreign countries will be racing for the \$30,000 in college scholarships, awarded by national sponsor Chevrolet.

Organized in 1934 and now recognized internationally, the Soap Box Derby is sponsored locally by the Anchorage Daily News and Alaska Sales and Service.

Juneau Vote Getter—

Bob Loescher Wins Assembly Seat

Juneau City Councilman Robert Loescher won his bid for a seat on Juneau's new Assembly in last week's local elections.

Loescher, one of the first Natives in history to sit on the Juneau City Council after his election last October, was the top vote-getter in Juneau for his Assembly District.

He ran against 12 other candidates. Throughout the area, 33 candidates sought 9 Assembly seats including the office of Mayor.

The special elections came as a result of passage of Juneau's new Unification Charter establishing a combined area-wide city-borough government. Loescher had supported the Unification

measure.

With 200 absentee ballots still left to be counted, Loescher ranks as the fourth highest vote-getter throughout the area. He was third in the rural area, tied for second in Douglas (now part of the new government) and was first in Juneau.

Loescher, 22, graduated from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado April, 1969. He is a member of the Tlingit-Haida Central Council and the Alaska Native Brotherhood.

Since his return to Juneau, he has been employed by Alaska Legal Services Corporation, a poverty law program in Alaska. He lives with his wife, Helen, and 15 month old Robert Jr., in Juneau.

Demos Call for Speedy Land Claims Settlement

"Now that all the dust has cleared and we have had time to review the work that was done, it was a productive convention for the Central District Democrats," District Chairman Bettye Fahrenkamp said, "We passed resolutions and platform planks in almost every area of importance to the people of central Alaska."

Some representative examples of resolutions are:

WHEREAS there is a critical problem in the area of drug abuse, alcoholism and mental health and

WHEREAS there is not sufficient aid for these problems:

BE IT RESOLVED that the state establish a system of local centers to give medical and psychiatric care to those in need of it.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central District Democratic Convention urge passage of a Homestead Exemption Law designed to maintain the security and dignity of the homeowner on the last frontier.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Alaska fulfill its constitutional obligation by assuming full financial

responsibility for public schools capital and operating costs.

WHEREAS there are valuable wildlife resources in the Aleutians and there is a great concern over atomic fallout, and

WHEREAS there are valuable human and ecological resources in the rest of Alaska and on the rest of the globe, and

WHEREAS a large number of atmospheric atomic tests yielded a disappointingly slight amount of useful scientific data

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that further atomic tests be postponed until additional evaluations of the potential dangers are made by a qualified impartial board of scientists who are not affiliated with Governmental agencies or private companies directly involved in these tests.

Some representative examples of platform planks are:

—Urge our legislature to continue to uphold the concept of employer-employee collective bargaining procedures and to oppose any legislation aimed at passing laws which prohibit free collective bargaining.

—Demand the right to be the masters of our technology and environment and in doing so to commence upon a program of environmental reform and control which will safeguard future generations from inheriting a sterile and depleted planet. This will be our most important commitment regardless of cost, political, or personal inconvenience.

—Support legislative action to utilize Alaska's oil resources but urge a cautious leasing policy within the framework of human needs and environmental effects.

—Support immediate initiative by the state to establish and utilize a statewide telecommunications and public broadcast network.

—We believe that the State should utilize all available funds provided for school lunch programs and to guarantee that all children can participate in the program.

—The Democratic party shall actively support the setting aside a generous portion of monies created by development and sales of Alaskan resources; said monies to be used to create a state bank fund to promote low interest

loans and financing for both new and already established Alaskan business firms.

—Insist upon a speedy, equitable settlement of the Native Land Claims, giving favorable consideration to the demands of all native groups. We urge that the state take all possible steps to expedite, and if necessary force a resolution of the issue so that orderly development of the State can proceed.

"We believe that we have the beginning of a platform which is worthy and which will be endorsed by the people of central Alaska and the entire State," concluded Mrs. Fahrenkamp.

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