

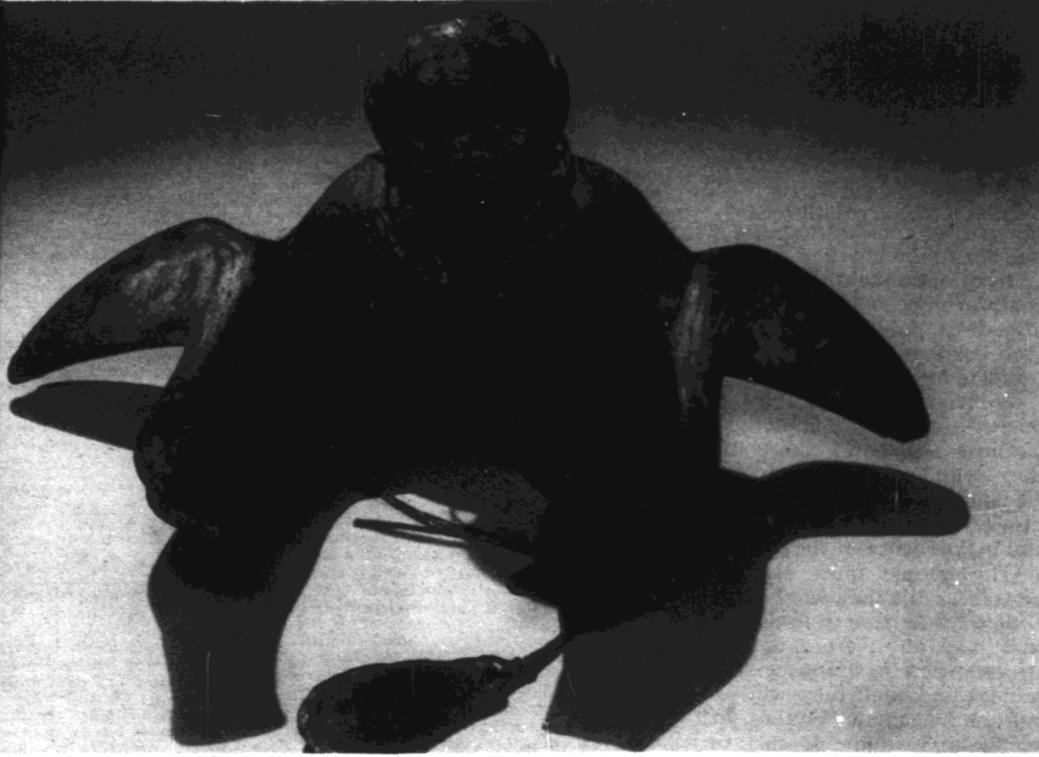
For Community Facility— Ft. Yukon Receives \$10,000 RDA Grant

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller's Office announced that a \$10,000 Rural Development Agency grant has been awarded to Fort Yukon.

The funds are to be used to pay for the installation of sewer

and water lines necessary for the construction of a community facility under a Neighborhood Facility grant.

Representative Don Young, R-Fort Yukon, was instrumental in obtaining the grant.



THE FLYING MEDICINE MAN

'Muktuk' Donates Flying Medicine Man To Anchorage Arts Museum

One of the most interesting and popular artifacts on display at the Anchorage Historical Fine Arts Museum is the "Flying Medicine Man" from the permanent collection donated to the Museum by Col. "Muktuk" Marston.

It is carved from whale vertebra and shows signs of having been used as a fire vessel or wind-shield for fire and probably was a ceremonial object depicting a Shaman who broke the sound barrier with his swift wings many years before Christ.

When Col. Marston acquired it over twenty-five years ago in Pt. Hope, 150 miles southwest of Barrow, it was no longer being

used by the people of that village. It's excellent condition is due to having lain in the preservative permafrost countless years.

Colonel Marston was one of the original donors and charter members of the Cook Inlet Historical Society and his gift of many Alaskan objects and artifacts forms the basis for the Museum's permanent collection.

"Private collections belong to the Museum," he said, "they belong to all the people. A Museum cannot be built on borrowed things and I intend for all my 'Alaskana' collected over the years to go to the Museum as a gift to the people. We have suf-

fered a cultural disaster in that more Alaskan historical items are in various other parts of the world than are in Alaska."

"These rare and priceless items belong in our own museums," Marston said, "not in cities 'outside' or in private collections where there is the risk of fire or theft or being sold by heirs of estates. Alaska has been plundered of its anthropological and historical treasures for years. It still is.

"We have a Museum and we should support it in every way possible. Permanent donations are a very real need here," he said. "These objects belong to all of us. We, and the thousands of interested visitors to our city, should be able to see them."

Colonel Marston's philosophy is, "The Museum was built to house our history over the centuries and the many interesting and colorful items natural and man-made, from Alaska's beginning on through the various ages to the present.

"We need to be generous as well as proud in sharing these riches by giving them to our fine Museum. They will be safe there and stay there for our future generations of Alaskans."

Commercial Fishing Licenses Deadline June 1

The Fish and Game Department reminded commercial fishermen today that June 1 is the deadline for purchasing salmon vessel and net licenses for the Yukon district and Kusko-kwim district, including the Quinhagak and Goodnews Bay fisheries.

There is no deadline for the remainder of the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim area.

Deadline for the remainder of the state was April 15.

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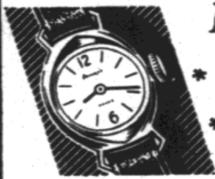


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