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FIELD TRAINER ROWELL HOLDS WORKSHOPS

200 Pieces
Of Legis.
Reviewed

ANCHORAGE — Seventy people from all areas of the state met in Juneau this week to review over 200 pieces of pending legislation. Most of the participants represented private Human Resource Development agencies and Native organizations.

According to Phil Smith, Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) executive director, the conference was one in a series of meetings sponsored by RurAL CAP. The Alaska Federation of Natives and the Dept. of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA). Smith added the Juneau conference covered the areas of education, health and social services, fish and game, justice, housing, rural government and communications.

Some of the matters discussed at the conference were an expressed concern and the possible conflict of interest of Dr. Robert Hiatt, University of Alaska president, being considered for membership on the Standard Oil Company of Ohio board of directors. And the conference gave high priority for passage of HB 26 which creates regional electrical authorities.

The group gave strong support to the concept of seven superior court districts instead of the present four as proposed by HB 239.

The group strongly favored SB 136 which would create a local government commission to study subdividing the unorganized borough into administrative units. The meeting also gave high priority to SSHB 24 which relates to public education in the unorganized borough.

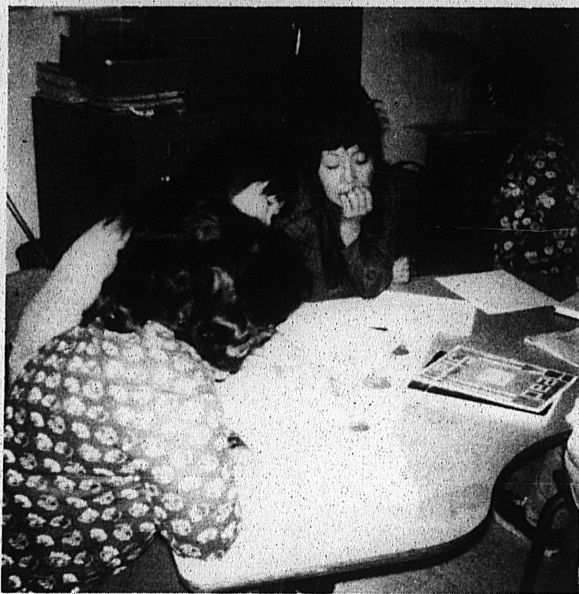
The participants stressed the importance of legislation needed to meet the energy crises in the bush, specifically the establishment of a \$2,000,000 revolving loan fund allowing communities to purchase bulk storage tanks and other fuel related facilities.

A high priority was also given by the group to CSSB 120 which provides DCRA \$1,200,000 for making payments to day care centers for low income parents allowing them to work and a proposed bill appropriating \$281,000 to match federal funds for Head Start programs and parent child centers throughout the state.

The consensus of the participants was the conference was a success but more followup strategy needs to be pursued according to Smith.



Galen, a second century Greek physician, prescribed dogwood leaves for wounds.



MANAKOTAK WORKSHOP — Participants in the Head Start Workshop from Togiak included Mary Bovilla, Teacher Aide; Elena Whymn, Teacher-Director; Marie Snyder, Teacher-Aide; and Massa Gamechuck, Teacher-Director.



KALEN SAXTON

Anch. Head Start Coordinator

Ms. Kalen Saxton has been hired as the new Anchorage Head Start Coordinator for RurAL CAP. She has a BA degree from Alaska Methodist University in Sociology, and was recently the Assistant Coordinator for the center for Health Sciences at the University.

Kalen has worked in the past for Alaska Children's Services as the Family Day Care Coordinator at the Center for Children and Parents, as a pre-school teacher with the Center, and also has worked with the Anchorage Head

Start program when it was operated by the Anchorage Community College.

She has been a member of the Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children for the past five years, and in 1973 was AAEC's delegate to the National Association for the Education of Young Children's conference in Seattle.

Ms. Saxton is also active in the League of Women Voters, and serves on a number of education committees for that organization.



SHANNON TIDWELL is the new Field Trainer for Kodiak, Manokotak, Old Harbor, St. Paul and Togiak. Shannon has a BA in Speech from California State University at Long Beach, and has done graduate work in education there and at Alaska Methodist University. She has taught in Northway and Fort Greeley schools for State Operated Schools and prior to that taught in California. Shannon was brought up in Long Beach.

Head Start Training
For Teacher-Directors
And Teacher-Aides

During the month of March, Field Trainer Linda Rowell conducted three mini workshops. These training sessions were held in Manakotak from March 3-7, in Kodiak from March 10-13, and in Nulato from March 17-20. These sessions were conducted for the benefit of teacher-directors and teacher-aides in the Head Start program.

The workshops in Manakotak and Kodiak were based on the same format and covered the topics of administrative procedures, home visits, program ideas, child development and behavior and discipline.

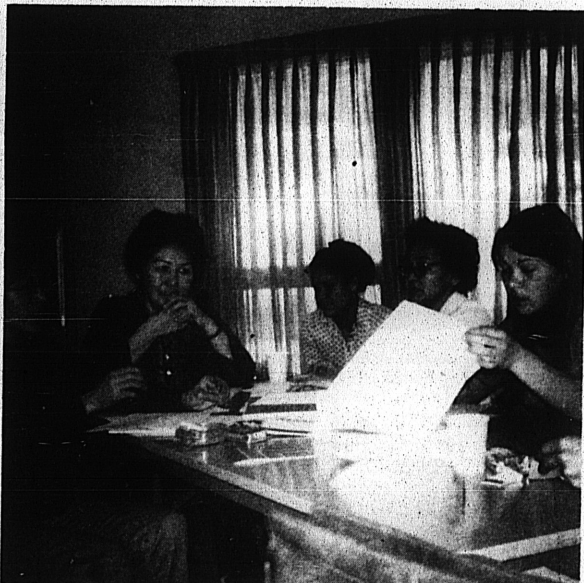
The program in Nulato also included sessions on parent involvement and first aid since the trainer had assisted these programs earlier in the year and had covered some of the more basic material.

The trainer was generally pleased with the eager

participation and idea sharing which occurred in all the workshops. The production of theme-oriented daily lesson plans, long-range lists of activities, and individualized planning for home visits was valuable time well spent.

These plans and ideas can be taken back to their individual centers and put immediately into action.

Mrs. Rowell said that this was the first and most basic workshop, and that other sessions are being planned for next year to continue improvement of the Head Start programs.



KODIAK HEAD START WORKSHOP — Attending the 3-day session were, from left, Christine Larionoff, Teacher-Director from Old Harbor; Nida Williams, Teacher-Aide from Kodiak; unidentified parent; Sophie Simeonoff, Teacher-Director, Kodiak; and Wilma Christensen, Teacher-Aide, Old Harbor.



Some people believe that getting your head wet in the rain on May Day prevents headache for a year.



Some people believe that putting a knife in milk will make the cow go dry.



In the South Pacific, some islanders believe in spirits whose favorite sport is to count the toes and fingers of sleeping people and gossip about them!