

TUNDRA TIMES' STAFF WISHES BEST FOR EVERYONE

Momentous Year Ahead Seen by the Staff

As the year draws to a close, the staff of the Tundra Times would like to send our wishes to all of the many people in Alaska who read our paper and help make it a success. This could be a momentous year ahead.

Hopefully, before another Christmas is past, the issue of land claims will be yesterday's news, and the Alaskan Natives can use their newly developed potential as Alaskans and Americans without abandoning those things that are valuable in their way of life.

To most of us at the Tundra Times, Alaska is a new experience. Our most recent writer, Madelyn Shulman, came to

Alaska last spring from New York. Our composer operator, Susan Samson, a late arrival from Minburn, Iowa.

Our editor, Howard Rock, came to Fairbanks from his home at Point Hope several years ago to help establish a voice for the Alaskan Natives that could reach the people in the villages and the people outside who have little comprehension of what Alaska is.

So, we'd like to join to wish all of our many friends and readers throughout Alaska, and the world, a most Merry Christmas and our best wishes for a New Year which will bring the blessings of peace to all mankind.



NEWSPAPER EDITOR—When the picture was taken back in 1939, Tundra Times editor Howard Rock never thought he would be one. He was studying art at the time at the University of Washington art department in Seattle. He is a

bit older now. If you see him at close range, you can see two gray hairs in his hair above his forehead. He decided to use the picture after failing to find a picture taken last year.



TUNDRA TIMES REPORTER—Mrs. Madelyn "Maddie" Shulman is the Tundra Times reporter. Standing beside the tiny office Christmas tree, Maddie is reading one of many cards received by the office from throughout the nation.



COMPOSER OPERATOR—Mrs. Susan Samson, composer operator for the Tundra Times, is shyly posing for her picture. She was rather reluctant to show the rest of her face after

having an excellent picture of her eye taken two weeks ago looking through a hole in a seal skin on which Ralph Kowchee had drawn a dramatic Alaska scene.

Brigham Young Univ, Enrolls 500 Indians

Students from the Navajo tribe number nearly one-half of over 500 Indian students enrolled this year at Brigham Young University, President Ernest L. Wilkinson announced.

With more Indian students on campus than any other university in the United States, BYU this year has students representing 71 tribes and 16 blends, coming from 32 states and 7 foreign countries.

"Total enrollment is up 150 from last year chiefly because (1) more students have been helped financially by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) and private donors;

(2) the Donner Foundation financed a pre-college orientation program;

(3) the Indian Placement Program of the Mormon Church has been successful and is expanding; and

(4) the BYU General College, under Dean Lester B. Whetten, has provided students with "success" experiences," reports Dr.

Royce P. Flandro, chairman of the BYU Indian Education Department.

Of the correlated Mormon Church programs for Indians, five are "feeders" to BYU, Dr. Flandro said. These feeders are the ecclesiastical stakes and missions, general Church auxiliaries, Indian seminary program, and the student placement program which extends throughout the West.

At BYU this year, Arizona (which has the largest Indian population in the U.S.) leads all other states with student enrollment hitting a total of 163, followed by Utah with 79, New Mexico with 66, California with 25, Montana with 21 and Oklahoma with 19.

Geographically, Indian students have come to BYU from Alaska and Washington on the west to New York and Florida on the east, and from foreign countries of Canada, Chile, Columbia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru.

A total of 21 Sioux, 12 Hopi, 10 Shoshone, and 7 Paiute, Cherokee and Mayan make up the largest contingents of tribes in addition to the large number of Navajo.

"It's encouraging to see that 249 students re-enrolled from the spring semester," Dr. Flandro said, "because this means that students are extremely interested in obtaining professional training and a degree. Many of these graduates will return to the reservations to help their people."

A total of 260 Indians are in this year's freshman class, 138 are sophomores, 69 juniors, 44 seniors, 9 graduates, and 1 master, Dr. Flandro reported.

Most of these are members of the Mormon Church; 30 were not at registration time but two have joined the Church since the semester began.

To date, BYU Indian students have earned 16 associate degrees (two-year degrees), 61 bachelors degrees, and six masters degrees—the bulk graduating since the early 1960's.

Many of those who earned the master's degree have gone on to professional schools or are working on a Ph.D.

With the Indian Education Department acting as a catalyst, Indian students are aided by various BYU departments and services—from financial aids to counseling to housing up through graduate assistantships.

Most Indian students enroll in General College with thousands of other students until they decide on a major field of study.

General College includes a department for students with undetermined majors, a General Curriculum Department with specially selected teachers and small classes, a Guided Studies Department for skills improvement, the Indian Education Department, and Tutoring Service.

The average monthly Social Security payment to a retired worker is now \$116—more than five times the amount paid in 1940 when the payments began.

If your Social Security check is lost or stolen, notify your Social Security office immediately.

Salvation Army Yule Feast

Captain Lawrence Holmes, Corps Officer of the Salvation Army, has announced that extensive arrangements are being made to host the annual Christmas Dinner at the Salvation Army Auditorium, located at 10th and Stewart streets.

This is a traditional affair in keeping with the true meaning of Christmas. Numerous individuals and agencies are assisting in this effort to assure that those in need are afforded an opportunity to have a real Christmas dinner with all the festive trimmings.

The time of the dinner will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., December 25th. Last year, some 300 persons attended the dinner, and it is hoped that as many will be on hand this year to enjoy the fellowship and the fine meal prepared under the auspices of the local Salvation Army Board of Directors.