

# **We offer greetings and a glimpse into the future**

The staff of the Tundra Times neglected to extend best wishes to our readers for the New Year, an oversight we'd like to make up for now as the first month of 1978 comes to a close.

We would like to assure you that every effort will be made to produce the kind of newspaper you want to read. We always welcome suggestions about our coverage of news, and we diligently try to respond to such suggestions. If you think we are covering an issue or an event poorly, or ignoring something that you think is important, please call or drop us a line.

Although it is unfortunate, we sometimes have to leave out articles because we cannot afford to pay the printer for a 12 or 16-page paper. On the opposite page is an advertisement for ad salespersons which we hope will help solve this problem.

If you happen to be in Anchorage, feel free to call our correspondent there, Nancy Harvey. After a stint at the Alaska Native Foundation, and overseeing the production of our special subsistence issue, she is resuming weekly coverage of events important to Native Alaska in the southern part of the state. You can find her at the RurAl CAP offices on Eagle Street, 279-2441.

For those of you who may be wondering what's happening with our front page, we should explain. In response to comments from some readers and certain difficulties in production, we will stick with the tabloid format, that is, one feature story and one big photo on the front page, unless an important hard news story comes up. In that case, we will run a standard front page with three, maybe four stories. We received comments that by putting a feature on the front page, we were shoving some important items to the back pages where they might be missed. At the same time, we feel the tabloid format, well-used, gives us the opportunity to treat an issue at more length, or cover people, places and events with a special note of compassion and significance.

We are open to suggestions for front page feature stories, especially stories about people and communities. Here are just a few of the ideas we have cooking for future issues:

- The Governor's Race (Who's In It and Why);
- Doyon, Ltd. Bankrolls a Motion Picture;
- Christine Yazzie, First Woman President of a Regional Corporation (Ahtna, Inc.);
- Tok, the Town Where Alaska Begins;
- The Race for Royalty Oil, Two Native Firms Neck and Neck;
- Spring Along the Yukon River.

Besides your comments, we welcome your stories and photographs. We pay competitively for photos and short stories. For good long stories, we can negotiate.

The Tundra Times is your newspaper, please help us make it responsive to your informational needs.

Happy New Year!

The Tundra Times Staff