

Letters from Here and There

Mt. Edgecumbe School
Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska 99835
April 28, 1972

Morris Thompson, Area Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Box 3-8000
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The Mt. Edgecumbe-Wrangell School Board has agreed at a duly called meeting on April 28, 1972, that the move should not be made from Mt. Edgecumbe to Wildwood for the following reasons:

The Kenai Borough School system appeared to be a very traditional school with no apparent individualized instruction.

Our students need special education in Developmental Reading and other specialized programs and these programs will take time and money to implement.

In order to educate our students in Alaska, we should think first of bringing Alaska students from Chemawa and Chilocco back to our state rather than eliminating an educational institution in Alaska that is already established.

Wildwood could be an additional boarding facility in Alaska, but it should not replace Mt. Edgecumbe School. There should be a comparison made of operational expenses at Mt. Edgecumbe and Wildwood and further study on the impact on students, personnel and community.

Sincerely yours,

Nicholas Kompkoff, Chairman
Mt. Edgecumbe-Wrangell
School Board

Pet Pride Orphans Committee
of Alaska
1½ Mile Peger Road
Fairbanks, Ak. 99701

Howard Rock
Editor
Tundra Times
510 2nd
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Rock,

Our committee would like to thank you for the publicity we have received from the Tundra Times. It was greatly appreciated. As you may know, the object of our organization is to vastly improve the plight of the cats of Fairbanks and surrounding areas through the education of the public, establishment of additional mini-shelters to house strays, and the creation of a big clinic-shelter. With the help of your generosity, we feel that we are at last off to a promising start towards accomplishing these goals.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rebecca Arteaga
(Secretary)

HOPE CENTER

May 9, 1972

President
Chamber of Commerce

550 1st
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Fairbanks Rehabilitation Association, Inc., of which Hope Center and Hope Industries are a part, wishes to commend your efforts in behalf of the handicapped by your sponsorship of the Walk for Hope. Any effort which brings to the community an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the problems of the handicapped is very much appreciated by those working in the field.

We trust that in your campaign for Walk for Hope you will point out that the funds to be raised apparently will go primarily to Hope Cottage in Anchorage, an institution for the profoundly mentally retarded. We ask this because many Fairbanksans who are concerned about mental retardation confuse the purpose of this fund drive and believe that money raised by it will go to Hope Center here in Fairbanks. Hope Center and Industries together offer the only fully integrated rehabilitation program for the mentally retarded in Alaska. The purpose of the Fairbanks Rehabilitation Association's program is to provide the training needed by the mentally retarded to become as self-supporting as possible. We believe a majority of the mildly and moderately mentally retarded can, with appropriate rehabilitative services and training, become employable and self-supporting to a degree, either through employment in the community or in a workshop such as Hope Industries.

The Fairbanks Rehabilitation Association, Inc., through Hope Center and Hope Industries does, of course, need the support of the community of Fairbanks, financially as well as in increased acceptance by Fairbanksans of the mentally retarded working and living among them. Therefore, we should appreciate your making it clear to those participating in the Walk for Hope that their efforts will not be in aid of Hope Center of Hope Industries but in aid of Hope Cottage of Anchorage.

Sincerely yours,

Mary A. Nordale, President
Fairbanks Rehabilitation
Association, Inc.