

# Letters to the Editor

Beaver, Alaska 99724  
December 5, 1967

Tundra Times  
Box 1287  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Sir:

We want to thank you for publishing the picture of our son, Lindell H. Page, in your popular Alaskan native newspaper, Vol. 5, No. 99, dated December 1, 1967.

The school pupils and school staff members look forward each week to the arrival of the paper. In addition to the many news articles we often see newsworthy reports on acquaintances and friends in other communities of Alaska. One of which we remember with elation was the article concerning the appointment of Mrs. Nora Guinn as a District Judge for the 4th Judicial District of Alaska.

Your weekly newspaper is a unifying and uplifting medium which is doing much to promote pride in the native Alaskan. Such promotion advances this necessary ingredient of pride with greater speed and certainty when it gets encouragement from more than a few sources. Alaskan natives are on the move with your paper one of their foremost incentives.

Nelson M. Page

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Akhiok Village

December 11, 1967

Dear Sir:

Please put this article in your Tundra Times.

Our many thanks and appreciation for the help of Frank R. Peterson and Ralph L. Eluska and the whole staff of Alaska State Community Action Program.

Also DeWayne Marley and the staff of Public Health and Welfare service.

And Thomas Pillifant and the whole staff of Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Akhiok Village Council

Walter Simeonoff, President

Nulato, Alaska

December 14, 1967

Dear Editor:

United States mail is pretty valuable. At least that's the way it was when we carried it with dogteam.

When you sign your name on a contract to deliver it a certain day or so, at least that's the way it was when we carried it with dogteam. Lot of times we risked our lives in the spring and fall, but it just had to go.

Since the airplane started to carry the mail here in the Bush 30 years, the mail is always late—and seems like no one gives a damn.

I carried the mail between Ruby and Nulato, 100 miles, six days a week for six and a half months I never was

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one day late. If it got tough, we hired snowshoers for five dollars a day. I did that only twice.

We have sno-machines that could carry the mail between Kaltag and Galena. It will give at least about five men employment, as we need employment here.

At one time, the mail was at Galena for nine days when the thermometer was down to 50 below zero. The FAA wouldn't let the plane fly—too cold. They don't know when you get in the air it was 20 degrees warmer, and besides that year, there was four dogteams training for the Anchorage race and four sno-gos. At least they could hired these boys, but no one seems to give a damn.

In the '30's, I was called to carry the mail to Kaltag 36 miles for \$23.00, 72 miles with 200 pounds of mail while the Yukon River was still running ice. Not safe yet. Next trip, 400 pounds and 600 pounds the next.

One year we got Christmas mail January 13. Thirty-three days no mail. That's the record.

There is only one winter the mail was on time when Bill Knox was flying the Pilgrim for Pan Am with Fred Milligan.

I saw them land here when we couldn't see the island and Milligan used to tell us about the trip. He used to say, "If birds fly, we can fly, too."

Look into this. It might pay some way.

—FRED STICKMAN, SR.