



# RurAL-CAP

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# MEETING NUDGES ENERGY LOAN INCREASES

## Nondalton House Bulges With 15 Kids

The house in Nondalton which is serving as a temporary center while the new building is being completed bulges at the seams with 15 children, 3 teaching staff members, and frequent visitors.

Although activities are limited because of the crowded conditions, the staff makes the best of the area and their materials. The children are content and having many enjoyable learning experiences in the program.

The staff have excellent ideas for setting up learning centers and for creative activities when they are in the spacious new center.

The frame of the new building is erected and completion is now dependent upon receipt of needed materials. The children, staff, and parents are anxious to see the new center completed and the program installed in the building.

Nondalton's program is presently functioning well, but will be further improved improved by the move.

## Transcript Available For Viewing

A public hearing in Anchorage Feb 3-4 drew much public comment on the U.S. Department of the Interior's draft environmental impact statement assessing impacts of proposed increases in Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) acreage for oil and gas leasing.

According to Edward J. Hoffmann, manager of the Alaska OCS Office, the official transcript of the public hearing is now available for public viewing in his office.

"We have only one copy of the transcript," Hoffmann said, "but anyone interested in the record of the public hearing is welcome to come examine it." The Alaska OCS Office is located at 800 A Street in Anchorage.



EVERYBODY LIKES A GOOD STORY! — All Nulato's children assembled to hear a story, in the Head Start center.

## Stories Fascinate Head Starters at Nulato Village

Developing an interest in books and listening skills is a primary goal of any preschool program as they prepare their children for school and reading. The Head Start program in Nulato is doing an excellent job of developing these pre-reading skills.

The children in Nulato are very enthusiastic about books and will approach anyone in the classroom to ask this visitor to read a story. Stories are read to all the children as a group, small groups, and individuals.

Often times a child can be observed sitting off by himself savoring the pictures in a book or "reading" his own story as he flips the pages.

Reading stories to children is an excellent way to develop language skills and comprehensive skills. As the story is read, questions should be asked about the text and the pictures.

The child should be asked "what will happen next" before the next page is turned or at the end of a story to "tell what happened in the story".



A STORY ABOUT A CIRCUS — is told to Fort Yukon Head Start children by Teacher-aid Loree Fields. Poster in background advertises circus day that the center recently enjoyed.

Stories are a way for the child to learn about the world around him. A love of stories and books assures a good attitude to approach reading in elementary school.

## Motions Score in Favor Of Emer. Energy Prog.

At their February 10-11 meeting in Juneau, the RurAL CAP Board of Directors made several motions that effect the CAP Emergency Energy Program.

One motion was to increase the maximum loan amount from \$1500 to \$3,000. This is the emergency fuel purchase non-interest loan for communities that run out of fuel this winter and spring.

Also, to speed up the loan process, the executive director and one concurring executive committee member can review and authorize loans when submitted by Mary Stachelrodt, Energy Planner-Coordinator.

The following are excerpts of the

report Mrs. Stachelrodt made to the RurAL CAP Board in Juneau: "Alaska is growing, and along with this growth comes change. New programs mean more energy requirements to operate and maintain these programs (housing, new businesses, power plants, etc.).

These programs and power plants in turn bring a new awareness, and the desire to have new appliances that all demand more energy.

"All the regions must consider energy as part of their overall development planning. Otherwise, we will have disasters as we have had in the past: cold houses, no surplus of fuel, no electricity."

A resolution passed by the board supported legislation to ease the impact of the energy crisis in rural Alaska: It was resolved that the Governor be empowered to declare an energy emergency and to direct State agencies, including the Alaska Disaster office and the Air National Guard, to immediately respond to an energy shortage; and, that the Legislature appropriate "two million dollars for a low-interest revolving loan fund to be administered by the Division of Rural Development Assistance in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, for the purposes of installing bulk fuel storage in villages that do not presently enjoy those facilities. Also, that the Legislature encourage the research and development of alternative energy sources through a grant program; and that the Governor be requested to direct all State agencies to consider energy needs as a major concern when rural development projects are being planned.

Various regions will be asked to participate in some way to advocate or support the legislation that was proposed by the resolution on the revolving loan fund.

Mrs. Stachelrodt attended an Energy Conservation Seminar in Portland on February 17, and spent a day in Seattle talking to various agencies concerning the rural energy problem.

She visited the Federal Energy Administration Region X, Community Services Administration regional office, and also contacted the Ace Tank Company while Outside.



STATE POLICY COUNCIL Representatives Trudy Wolfe of Hoonah, Andrew Ekak of Wainwright and Carl Evon of Manokotak (right to left) weigh policy decisions at the meeting at the Holiday Inn in Anchorage. C/D staff member Virginia Hilliker is at left. Mrs.

Wolfe represents the Office of Child Advocacy. Representatives Evon and Ekak represent village programs in the areas where they live.



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