



Bethel Youngsters and Residents Enjoy Christmas Puppet Show

A unique Christmas puppet show for the children in the southwest Alaska outlying areas was nixed by inclement weather during the middle of December.

The show was shown twice in Bethel, however, but five other

villages missed the showing because of raging blizzards, 30-35-mile winds. The blizzard later turned into rain creating glare ice in and around Bethel. It was also accompanied by fog.

The puppet show was staged by Anchorage amateur puppeteers, Jane Pattison, Ronnie Lynn, Danny Lou and Phillip DePalmer.

The puppet show was sponsored by Wien Consolidated Airlines and the 1st National Bank of Anchorage.

After the storm, the weather was suitable for flying but snow-clogged airstrips in five other villages prevented the puppeteers from making the trip.

Due to inclement weather, Aniak, Holy Cross, St. Mary's, Hooper Bay and Russian Mission

missed the show.

Bethel school children enjoyed the first puppet show they have ever seen.

PUPPET VIEWERS—In varying attitudes of interest, Bethel's small school children are viewing their first puppet show. The show had a Christmas theme with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, an elf, a snowman, an Eskimo man and some other characters. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Due to a bad storm, five other villages had to miss the puppet show. The staging of the puppets was sponsored by Wien Consolidated Airlines and 1st National Bank of Anchorage. An amateur puppeteer group, the troupe members were Jane Pattison, Ronnie Lynn, Phillip and Danny Lou DePalmer, all from Anchorage.

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PUPPETEERS—An amateur troupe of puppeteers from the City of Anchorage last month performed for the school children and residents of Bethel. Five other villages missed the show due to inclement weather. The puppeteers are showing their homemade puppets and they are, from left

to right, Jane Pattison, Ronnie Lynn, Phillip and Danny Lou DePalmer. The trip to Bethel was sponsored by Wien Consolidated Airlines and 1st National Bank of Anchorage.

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