

Brandley Favors Open Presidential Primary

Kent Brandley, a candidate for the State House of Representatives from the Fairbanks district (District 16), said today he favors an open Presidential preference primary.

In an interview with the Tundra Times, Brandley said "the political managers have been in charge long enough. The people want a more active voice in selecting Presidential nominees."

He called a contest between Vice President Hubert Humphrey and former Vice President Richard Nixon "disappointing," but said it appears likely. Brandley, who favors Eugene McCarthy, said he believes many Americans would like to have a choice between Nelson Rockefeller and McCarthy. "But, the Alaskan people have not been given a chance to express their opinion," he said. "Alaska should have an open Presidential primary."

Towarak Family Death . . .

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wife Helen and their five-month old baby son Andrew disappeared mysteriously on the evening of August 4, 1967.

The bodies were discovered last month on June 16 after a person in a small plane sighted a submerged car in a gravel pond as he flew over.

The result of the inquest has spurred on a further investigation into the Towarak mystery.

The further probe is the direct result of Acting District Attorney for the 4th Judicial District Fred Crane's refusal to believe that the Towarak's family death was an accident.

"I just wouldn't buy it. I don't think it was an accident," Fred Crane had said two weeks ago.

The investigation will continue, Fred Crane told the press last weekend.

"As I've said I wasn't satisfied," Fred Crane told the Tundra Times. "There are too many people who seemed to know the family was dead in the car."

The most important one in the otherwise rather slim leads seems to be a letter written to the Fairbanks Search and Rescue dated March 24, 1968. Although the body of the letter is legible, the signature is not.

The coroner's jury was told the signature might represent a Williams, Willson or Williamson. The first name indicated that it started with the letter "E."

The letter stated that the Towarak family was in the river near Pike's Landing and that, "They mistook the road and could not stop in time and went into the ice."

Pike's Landing, however, is something less than a

He also said he favors the right of minority parties to appear on the ballot. "While I dislike much of what George Wallace stands for," Brandley said, "I believe he should have the right to appear on the ballot in Alaska."

Write in votes should be counted and reported in full, as should all aspects of the election, Brandley said.

Anchorage attorney Wendell Kay, who ran for governor in the Democratic primary in 1966, said he regards Kent Brandley as one of the up and coming young politicians of the Democratic Party. "I am confident he will make an outstanding member of the House of Representatives," Kay said.

Millard Ingraham, Brandley's campaign coordinator, said a \$5 per person barbecue to benefit the candidate's campaign fund will be held at Sumner Weed's cabin at Harding Lake on July 21.

mile from the gravel pond where the Towaraks were discovered.

The mysterious letter apparently led the coroner's inquest panel to return a verdict of foul play.

It was thought that the writer of the letter might have been a witness to the tragedy and that his mention of the "ice" might have been meant to mislead the police and that the car had gone into the "river."

The Towarak family disappeared on August 4 during the very wet month and just ten days before the great flood hit on August 14 in Fairbanks and other communities.

It was also revealed that a good friend of the family last winter had once said that the family was dead in their car. When located and questioned, he said he had been drinking and denied the validity of the remark.

Other bits and pieces of information received by the police have it that "unknown persons" had been "irritated" by Ambrose Towarak's taking a job in Nome shortly before he and his family disappeared.

It was also reported that a threat on Towarak's life had been made by a cousin but the cousin has denied that he had made such a threat.

The bodies of the victims were examined by Dr. Raymond D. Evans but he was unable to find anything conclusive because of the advanced stage of deterioration of the bodies.

When the Towarak car was found, the headlight switch had been on an on position.

When the Towaraks were last seen alive, they had gone to the Fairbanks International Airport to see a friend off.

Rasmuson Sees Establishment Of Oil Refinery in Fairbanks

FAIRBANKS (Special) — Elmer Rasmuson, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, foresees the establishment of refinery facilities in the Fairbanks area to take advantage of what he calls "one of the major oil finds in this country."

Speaking of the newly drilled Sag River State No. 1, a joint venture of the Atlantic Richfield Co., and Humble Oil and Refinery Co., which was drilled on the Arctic Slope 190 miles north of Fairbanks and which has been termed by company spokesmen as "A significant oil and gas discovery would come from the development of the allied petro-chemical industry."

"Alaska must have more refineries," Rasmuson said. "We have one now on the

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humble surroundings. His wife, who has lived in Juneau for the last three years with her parents, is originally from Denver, Colo.

Willie is a graduate of George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He has attended the University of Alaska at College. He has also done graduate work in law at the University of New Mexico.

His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quisenberry. She formerly worked as a secretary to State Sen. Brad Phillips. Before coming to Juneau, she was an art major at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Miss Diana Hammet of Juneau, a close friend of the bride, was the maid of honor while a close friend of the bridegroom, Miss Lorie Baker, was a junior bridesmaid.

A former classmate of the University of Alaska, Willie Allen, was the best man. Byron Mallot and Morris Thompson, both good friends of Willie Hensley, acted as ushers.

The wedding ceremony was officiated by Pastor Richard A. Miller. The bridegroom as a boy lived with Miller for a time at Kotzebue.

Miller is now Baptist minister in Sitka, living there with his wife Opal.

No one knew exactly where the young couple were honeymooning. They were, however, said to be at Kotzebue yesterday celebrating 4th of July in the bridegroom's hometown.

A 100 people gathered at Juneau to witness the marriage ceremony in the Juneau Methodist Church.

A reception was held in the Vanderbilt Hill home of the Rev. Joe Patterson, a close friend of the bride's family.

The young couple may make their home in Kotzebue in the future.

Kenai with a capacity of 30,000 barrels per day, but we will need a refinery in the north to turn the production of crude into useable fuels. Our greatest benefit comes when we start manufacturing in Alaska."

Rasmuson said the discovery of oil in significant amounts on the Arctic Slope "will go a long way toward the building of industry that is so sorely needed here in the state. Natural gas, a valuable side benefit of oil deposits,

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VISTA Associates . . .

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he said.

Morgan said the program was aimed at developing leadership in the VISTA field work and if it is successful, it could eventually be taken over by the native people in the future.

He said that for future programs, "we would like to draw three project directors from the village volunteers for Kuskokwim area, Upper Yukon-Seward Peninsula, and the Fairbanks area north that would include Kotzebue and the area north to Barrow and Kaktovik on Barter Island."

"We also hope to find a person among this group next year who would be the coordinator of the whole area of the native volunteers," said Morgan.

He said there were three area directors at the present time and they are: John Shiveley, Fairbanks area; Bill Evans, Yukon-Seward Peninsula; Rick Newton, Bethel-Kuskokwim.

John Shuler with offices in Anchorage is the director for VISTA in Alaska.

The formal proposal submitted for funding the VISTA Associates program stated:

"The purpose of the VISTA Associates program is to train potential village leaders in the science of village organizations. The VISTA Associates service will be an educational experience that will be primarily geared to the development of the human resources found in the rural villages."

"The specific concerns of this training experience will include the following: 1) Leadership development. 2) Village oriented thinking. 3) Application of government programs to village needs. 4) Instruction in basic business and governmental procedures. 5) Preparation for employment with agencies concerned with social and economic development in Alaska villages."

The 8-month service period was picked between October and May because it was felt that the October date would be the earliest possible time that an effective well planned village volunteer program could be implemented.

It was also felt that the VISTA Associates who would be involved in such a program would leave the villages to work in summer

employment or be involved in food gathering or subsistence living.

"Also," the proposal states, "it is during the winter month that everyone has returned to the villages and it is during this period that the concept of a community is present."

"Because this is the only time of the year that people have a real identification as a village, the Associate would be best able to involve himself and the villagers in community oriented activities."

The 25 positions of the VISTA Associates will be based on the submission of a comprehensive and detailed 8-month project proposals submitted by the village councils and VISTA Volunteers now in villages and the recommendations of potential VISTA Associates.

Each person recommended to be a VISTA Associate will be interviewed in order to determine his qualifications based on the following considerations:

- 1) Potential leadership abilities.
- 2) Full time member of the community.
- 3) Command of English.
- 4) Capacity for social growth.
- 5) Potential interest and concern for the future of this village and the progress of the people.

The village VISTA Associates will be paid \$215 per month plus, the village VISTA will get \$50 put away for him each month.

He will get the money saved for him when the program is over.

Commenting on his new position as coordinator for the VISTA Associates Program, Joli Morgan said, "It is a creative job in a very unique program."

He said that after a short training session, the village volunteers will return to their villages and work on equal basis with the VISTA Volunteers from the Lower 48 who are now there.

"The volunteers will work on projects and programs drawn up by the village councils," Morgan said. "This associate program is part of a plan to phase-in native citizens into positions of responsibility and leadership. We want to work ourselves out of jobs."



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