

# Miss Ruby Tansy Recovering Well From Grave Car Collision Injuries

\* Miss Ruby Tansy who was gravely injured in a three-car

collision last August is back in Fairbanks.

She visited the Tundra Times office this week and walked in with the aid of a specially made cane.

Although she got around with difficulty, Miss Tansy was smiling and saying, "I'm feeling much better now. I'm starting to eat better also. You know I lost 30 pounds and I was just skin and bones for a long time."

Back in August, Ruby was driving with some other people to her home village of Cantwell when a car ahead of them attempted to pass another, but the

car being passed apparently speeded up and the collision resulted.

Miss Tansy suffered multiple fractures of both arms and legs along with other injuries. She was in a serious condition for some time at the PHS Area Alaska Native Service Hospital in Anchorage.

Ruby is anxious to get back to work but at the present time she can do only limited work.

She is a graduate of the University of Alaska with a degree in mathematics. She has been active in native organizational work in the past.

## Memorial Valentines by Woman Go to Psychiatric Institute Folks

In loving memory of her husband John J. Thompson and two friends who met their deaths in a plane crash on September 3, 1965, Mrs. John J. Thompson

of 225 North Flower Street, Anchorage, Alaska, provided valentines for all patients at the Alaska Psychiatric Institute.

Decorated valentine boxes were given to all wards. This is the fourth annual special remembrance by Mrs. Thompson.

"When I was a child, we did not always have money to buy valentines, and so we made them. I remember how much these meant to us, and I want to provide some joy to others in memory of my husband," Mrs. Thompson said.

# Scare Tactic Dubbed Marijuana Article

February 26, 1969

Dear Editor:

As an interested reader, I am compelled to comment on your recent article dealing with the dangers of marijuana.

In the last issue of the Tundra Times, at page two, the author could raise but one substantial argument against the use of marijuana, and this was an obscure reference which alleged in part: "... the user may try stronger substances, including heroin." However, this conclusion is totally invalid as any degree of factual investigation has consistently failed to support this claim. The articles reasoning, in effect, suggests that we outlaw necessities such as airplanes because some aircraft in the past was involved in an accident. In any event, heroin is virtually nonexistent here in Alaska, and also, most of us realize that heroin kills.

If any single factor can be said to contribute to teen-age experimentation with hard-core narcotics, it would probably be our attraction to the forbidden fruit, (pot) and the resulting discovery of your deceit—that your marijuana boogie man is nothing but a paper tiger. This discovery could possibly jolt the adolescent mind into questioning the establishments opinion concerning stronger substances.

Would it not be a more truthful and reasonable approach to our youth if we eliminated the boogie man scare tactics and forbidden fruit status of pot? The present unenlightened furor over this harmless herb is not very becoming to we native Alaskans. Certainly a more realistic and progressive move would be to enact legislation regulating the sale and use of marijuana in the same way liquor is regulated. Not only would such a procedure assist in curing our Second Avenue drunk problem here in Fairbanks, but it would also tend to curb the State's growing tendency towards passing laws against the symptoms of societies illnesses while ignoring the underlying causes of the sickness.

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His duties will be to conduct research and technical studies in planning and development work in Census Districts 21, 22, 23. His job will involve public relation work with the villages and Governmental authorities in the area. He will organize, execute and recommend to his Board of Directors courses of action on special projects. He should study and review all public programs such as highways, port development, public works, airport development, school locations and military installations work to coordinate these efforts towards the overall economic benefit of the Region. He should review and update statistical information and general plan proposals as need arises.

He should be knowledgeable or educationally capable of learning modern planning principals and practices. He should have a capacity to learn and understand social and economic problems and principal of engineering, architectural and public administration. He must be able to work independently with minimum supervision conducting research. He must be able to communicate information pertinent to his job assignment in a clear, concise form either orally, written or a graphic form.

The following things will be considered of primary importance:

1. The ability to converse and communicate in the Inupiak language.
2. Ability to understand the social and cultural structure of Eskimo society and village and their organization structures.
3. Length of continuous residency in and familiarity with the area and the villages of the area.
4. Must be able to relocate or reside in Kotzebue, Alaska, if hired.

If interested, forward resume of education and work experience to the Alaska Federation of Natives, Attn: Fred Selkregg, Economic Development Coordinator, 1689 C Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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