

Overtrapping of Beaver Seen by Native Indian

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Grayling is now five years old and so far it is not on the maps.

Our location is 20 miles above Anvik on the Yukon River.

We have progressed to the point of a finished village now with complete running water system to every home and all that is lacking now is electricity for the village which, if we ever get it, would make our village 100 per cent improvement from our old village of Holikachuk.

With beaver trapping open now, some of the men are out trying to get some beaver. Trapping for beaver is not the same as it was years in the past as this area is just

about trapped out of beaver.

Every year, the trapping in this area has been getting worse. I hope the Fish and Game would close beaver trapping before all the beavers are gone from this area.

This would give the beaver a chance to build up.

Now with the use of airplanes and snow vehicles, they surely are heading for a thing in the past.

There isn't much happening here in the village at the present time. With the weather getting warmer, our village is awaking to the good season of spring.

And I hope to write a longer and more interesting article in the next issue of Tundra Times.

Ex-officio Post for 'Lone Eagle'

JUNEAU—Gov. Walter J. Hickel announced that Gen. Charles A. Lindbergh, the "Lone Eagle" of Atlantic solo flight fame, has agreed to serve as an ex-officio member of the NORTH Commission, the task force appointed by the Governor to spearhead efforts to open up Alaska's Arctic through extension of the Alaska Railroad.

Hickel said Lindbergh accepted the appointment despite a policy he has followed for more than a decade of "staying away from public projects, and the public eye."

"Gen. Lindbergh has turned down many, many opportunities to serve with important boards and programs around the world," Hickel said, "including a recent invitation to serve on a major U. S. commission on space exploration."

"However, during his visit to Juneau, the general made it very clear that he is deeply interested in Alaska, and that he is willing to help in any way he can, in conserving Alaska's great natural beauty and resources, while also advancing its economic development."

The Governor added, "Gen. Lindbergh's visionary outlook, his great energy, and his vast experience in so many areas of communications and transportation will be of tremendous value to the NORTH Commission."

In a rare public appearance here last Tuesday, speaking before a joint session of the Alaska Legislature, Lindbergh called Alaska "one of the key areas of the world," in an address largely devoted to the subject of conservation.

The speech was Lindbergh's first publicly in 10 years. Earlier he told the Governor he would agree to the appearance because of his "tremendous interest in helping Alaska."

The general flew into Juneau Sunday from Hawaii, accompanied by Sam Pryor, a close friend and member of the NORTH Commission. Both Lindbergh and Pryor

are vice presidents of Pan American World Airways.

The two flew on to Anchorage last Wednesday, pausing in the Cook Inlet city for a few hours before boarding a polar flight for Tokyo.

Lindbergh is the third

person appointed to the NORTH Commission as an ex-officio member. He joins Sargent Shriver, head of the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity, and Brig. Gen. George M. Jones, commanding officer of the USARAL Yukon Command at Ft. Wainwright.

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Ketchikan Girl Cops Essay Prize

A young girl from Ketchikan will soon be going to the nation's capital as first prize winner in Alaska's "Ability Counts" essay contest.

The winner is Enid Carol Elway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Keaton. This 17 year old senior at Ketchikan High School will receive a round trip to Washington, D. C. and \$100 for expenses, as well as a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond.

The annual "Ability Counts" essay contest is sponsored in Alaska by the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Labor.

In congratulating Miss Elway on her efforts in the contest, Thomas J. Moore, Commissioner for the Department of Labor, also commended the Alaska Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, for contributing funds for the round trip to Washington, D. C. and expenses.

When in Washington, Miss Elway will attend the Annual Meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and will compete with contest winners from other states for national prizes.

The runner up in the Alaska contest is Vernita Julia Katchatag from East High School in Anchorage. Receiving honorable mention were Ron Lambert from Fairbanks and two students from Anchorage, Marvin Nelsen, Jr. and Nancy Cobb.

The students received U. S. Savings Bonds donated by the Fairbanks Kiwanis Club, Alaska State Bank and Matanuska Valley Bank of Anchorage, Jim and Ione Couch of Fairbanks, The First National Bank of Anchorage and the Alaska Lumber & Pulp Co. of Sitka.

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