

Wien Consolidated Department of Highways This Week Passenger Traffic Up Offers Bids to Build Road to Slope

Wien Consolidated Airlines October passenger traffic was up 49.2 per cent over the same month a year ago A.E. (Bud) Hagberg, System Vice President-Marketing, announced today.

During the same period mail increase amounted to 22.6 per cent and freight was up by 34.6

percent. The increase is attributed to the oil activity on the North Slope and the acquisition of the Boeing 737 fan jet.

Wien Consolidated's second 737 fan jet is to be delivered the first part of December and delivery of the third is scheduled for May 1969.

NYC Picks Atona (Noni) Woods For Enrollee of the Month Here

Atona (Noni) Woods has been chosen as the enrollee of the month. Noni lives in Fairbanks and is attending Monroe High School.

She plans to attend college, but has not yet decided what her major will be. We feel certain however, that she will be successful.

Noni has worked in several different offices in the Fairbanks area. She has always in each work site received very high praise. She first went to work in the District NYC office as an assistant to the secretary. Noni soon learned all the various bookkeeping and secretarial duties involved in running the office.

She did such a fine job in learning these duties that when the secretary went on vacation, Noni assumed the full duties of the secretary which included getting out the payrolls and typing all the reports and correspondence to the various NYC

projects and our main office in Juneau.

Her next work site was Winter Repair Office where she helped with the secretarial work. The Governor hoped that by giving the people a tax reduction it would help them get back on their feet after the flood.

Noni's duties in this office were helping prepare the very technical reports that were made by the engineers that had inspected the various flood damaged homes in Fairbanks and surrounding area and also included some bookkeeping, typing, filing, etc.

By this time her reputation had grown and the people from the Alaska Legal Service asked if Noni could learn how to run their office so that she could fill in for their secretary while she went on vacation.

Well, of course we said yes, and this fall she started learning how to prepare the various court reports and the typing of the lawyer's briefs.

She did a very fine job and received nothing but praise for this endeavor. Because of these accomplishments we feel that she will make a very fine editor of your NYC Newsletter.

Congratulations, Noni, on being the NYC Enrollee of the Month!!! (Keep up the good work.)

Dan Lisbourne

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recent general election.

ANICA is under the control of the BIA.

"Mr. Paul Jones of Deering, Alaska has been automatically promoted to the presidency of ANICA until the next election in another year. He is filling in my unexpired term," said Lisbourne.

Paul Jones is the first vice president of the cooperative.

Dan Lisbourne said that Paul Jones had written him a letter recently and indicated strongly that he would seek removal of Winfield Erwin, Jr., the present general manager of ANICA with offices in Seattle.

Jones also said that there was a possibility that the board of directors of ANICA would meet sometime before December 31. Among the discussions would be about hiring of a new general manager.

Another discussion would be the possibility of relocating the general offices of ANICA to Alaska.

"I wrote to Paul Jones that if he holds the meeting to invite me. I feel that having been president of ANICA for 12 years, I can be instrumental to the board on subjects that will be discussed at this meeting. I can, perhaps, act as an advisor," said Lisbourne.

"Since I no longer work for the BIA," Lisbourne continued, "I can express my own opinions. My hands had been tied during my employment with the BIA and as everyone knows, ANICA is under control of the BIA."

Dan Lisbourne and his family lived in Nome while he worked in the campaign setup for Elmer Rasmuson.

He applied for a job with the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory in Barrow and was accepted. He and his family flew to Barrow last week.

Lisbourne hopes to put in nine more years of government service so he can become eligible for retirement pension.

Townsite Lands

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of the people from Hoonah, Angoon, Klawak, Craig, and Hyaburg," said Carlson.

Carlson's wire protest to the BLM in Anchorage reads as follows:

"I wish to express in strongest terms possible my protest and objection to the award of land within the native townsite area to persons of other than native blood.

"The native claim to the townsite area long antedates all other claims. We demand the reserving of the sovereign right of title to the aboriginal inhabitants."

Scallops . . .

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coast scallop beds. Inadequate conservation measures and stiff foreign competition have devastated the east coast beds.

"The scallop fisheries in the North Pacific have the potential to be as great an industry for Alaska as the King crab. It is gratifying to me that this resource will be preserved for the benefit of all Alaskans," Bartlett said.

In the last year production of the Alaska scallop industry increased from practically nothing to 8 per cent of U.S. domestic scallop consumption. It is expected to rise to about 15 or 16 per cent of domestic consumption next year.

Those who offend us are generally punished for the offence they give, but we so frequently miss the satisfaction of knowing that we are avenged!
—TROLLOPE

JUNEAU— Gov. Walter J. Hickel announces that the Alaska Department of Highways will issue bid invitations this week to build about 360 miles of winter resource road from Interior Alaska to the Arctic North Slope.

The road was proposed by the Governor to extend from Livengood, about 80 miles northwest of Fairbanks, on north and west to Stevens Village on the Yukon River, and from there on up through Bettles and Anaktuvuk Pass to the North Slope.

The Governor announced plans to build the winter road earlier this week after receiving verbal assurances from the trucking industry that it would be used to haul supplies for North Slope oil drilling operations.

Hickel received wires today from 15 representatives of the Alaska Truckers Association, independent truckers, and related industries, pledging that they will haul a minimum of 36,000 tons of supplies to the North Slope over the winter road upon its completion this winter.

In addition, the truckers said they should be able to haul substantially more than 36,000 tons this winter if they can secure additional truck rigs.

The Governor said, "Since my election two years ago, we have insisted that the trucking industry had to produce some firm commitments that such a road would be used before we could authorize such a project.

"Now that this assurance has come, we can take another important step to open up the Arctic. The events of the past days, and the backlog of tonnage on hand, proves that economical, year-around transportation to the Arctic is needed.

"This winter road will be a move in that direction—a move toward a year-around transportation corridor."

Highways Commissioner Cosby Steen told the Governor he expects the road to be finished by mid-January, cold weather permitting.

Paradoxically—unlike the Lower 48—cold weather is needed for winter road construction because of the necessity of building ice bridges. Such bridges will be used to cross both the Yukon River at Stevens Village, and the Koyukuk at Bettles.

Steen said he expects eight to

ten bidders on the project.

The bids will be issued in three, roughly 120-mile sections between Stevens Village and the road terminus on the North Slope.

The competing contractors will be free to bid on any or all of the three construction sections.

In order to get the project under way as rapidly as possible, the Governor said, the Alaska Department of Highways will begin immediate construction on the initial section of the winter road on the 60-mile leg between Livengood and Stevens Village.

Steen has estimated that it will take about ten days to complete this portion of the road. At the same time, using native workers from the Stevens Village area, the state will begin construction on the first ice bridge across the Yukon.

The highways chief said he expects six to eight native Alaskans will be employed as equipment operators on the Livengood-Stevens Village road work,

and an additional 10 to 15 men from the area will be employed on the ice bridge construction.

Reporting to the Governor, Steen said, "By starting right today on the first leg of the road from Livengood, we can get a jump on the weather. By the time we reach Stevens Village, the ice bridge across the Yukon should be well under way."

Steen said the bids on the major portion of the road—the 360-mile section on northwest from Stevens Village—will be opened on Dec. 10.

The Governor has placed a ceiling of \$350,000 on the winter road project, and a majority of the membership of both houses of the next Alaska Legislature have approved the plan in telegrams to the Governor.

In an earlier wire to the legislators, Hickel asked for their support for a supplemental appropriation to the highway department budget for fiscal 1968, up to \$350,000, to fund the winter road.

Riles Barrow Folks . .

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when a year or so ago we were given the go-ahead to file for native allotments. Both the BIA and the BLM cooperated in assisting us with our filings when they knew that 99 of them were in the Naval reserve."

"Why the sudden reversal?" continued Hopson. "Leaves a lot to be discussed. Why didn't the Navy come out a year ago and say we can't file on NPR No. 4? Does this imply that because of this latest jurisdictional snarl that the Navy is in fact trying to limit the use of the land by the Eskimo?"

Hopson said that it might be interesting to research the ways in which the Barrow area land was declared a Naval reserve.

"It's clear cinch that the man who took the news to the lower 48 some 47 years ago didn't find the seeps by accident. I'll give you one guess," Hopson pointed out.

The Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4 was established back in February 27, 1923.

Hopson went on to say that it was also interesting to note that although only the oil and gas are reserved that it now becomes impossible to even file for a native allotment which in itself does not include mineral rights.

Hopson told the cabinet officials that somewhere along the line that they were going to have to give whether by an act of Congress or otherwise.

"But to claim the oil and gas in NPR No. 4 and by stretching the extent of the Navy's jurisdiction over NPR No. 4 and say that you control the surface too, is pure nonsense and callous dereliction of duty and miscar-

iage of authority," charged Hopson.

He said he would dare the officials to produce an Act of Congress specifically conveying surface rights to the Navy, rather than by implication or regulation.

"How would you like to be in my shoes one time?" said Hopson. "Live on the Arctic Slope, try to work for a living, hunting for your meat on the table, your house mortgaged, own no real property, not by choice but by government regulation, and watch the State and federal government take all the land away from you and have to put up with a Secretary of the Interior unwilling or unable to make an honest effort to help you hang on to something that you felt was yours all the time. . . ."

"It ain't easy."

VHS Choir . . .

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ka. The school is in its tenth year of operation and is recognized by the State of Alaska as a four year high school.

There are 37 students in the enrollment, 28 of which are in the choir.

The choral group is under the direction of Wally Bays, principal of the high school.

The purpose of the school is to teach and train Christian Eskimo, Indian, and Aleut young people for Christian leadership among their own people.

Principal Bays states that the choir programs will include choir music, guitar and voice ensembles, testimonies, and songs in native language.

FRIEND MOURNS BUSH PILOT

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he was, Santa Claus, Mickey Mantle, and Roy Rogers, all rolled into one. . . .

And although months have passed since circumstances placed us many thousands of miles from our Arctic home, and we now reside on a mountain top rather than on the flat tundra, their hero has not faded in their sometimes short memories. Every small plane overhead is greeted with, "Hi, Bobby" or There's Bobby

plane overhead is greeted with, "Hi, Bobby" or "There's Bobby Fischer," and their favorite pretend game consists of transforming a large chair into his plane, for an Arctic visit.

While writing a Thanksgiving letter to our Wainwright friends yesterday, I asked each of my three pre-schoolers what they missed most about the village. One of my little Eskimo sons looked at me thoughtfully and then replied, "I miss Bobby Fischer!"

Won't we all. . .

JUDY FISHER

Education Meet

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for additional state and federal funds and a review of school facilities, curriculum and the future of Mt. Edgecumbe.

The congressional delegation expects that the conference will also explore the concept of regional high schools, the future of Native education in Alaska and the roles to be played by the state and the BIA.

Vocational education, the boarding home program and the BIA policy of sending Alaska children Outside to high school will also be matters of consideration.