

# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ACT MEETING

## Tots, Parents Meet Teachers— Head Start Starts In Anchorage

Three and four year olds and their parents got a chance to meet their teachers during an open house held at Fairview and Inlet View Elementary Schools.

Nearly 100 families have enrolled in the program, a Federally funded program of health, early education, social services, nutrition, and parent involvement operated by the Rural Alaska Community Action Program.

Head Start recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, and teachers were enthusiastic about the participation of parents at the open house.

Eunice Long, a teacher at Inlet View, felt that, "The open house activities provided an opportunity to introduce the community, parents, and children to some of the goals of Head Start. I am impressed with the turnout."

Beth Overstad, another teacher at the Inlet View Center, was equally enthusiastic, "Parents got to look at the environment that will give their children a varied experience, allowing each child to make a successful break from home, learn to be with other children, become familiar with a group setting, and learn security in a new environment."

Kalex Saxton, the Anchorage Head Start Coordinator, said that, "We have a strong



LEFT TO RIGHT: Donna Rodriguez (Parent) of Nelson Rodriguez and Beth Overstad.

commitment to work with the whole family, not just the child."

Parents for this year's program have been meeting during the summer, helping to design the program, and attending educational and recreational activities.

Over 50% of the children to be enrolled this fall have had complete medical screening.

The Anchorage Head Start program is working with a number of agencies to insure that follow up care is provided for children with special needs.

Several staff are taking a course in child development and developmental disabilities with the Early Childhood Education Program at Anchorage Community College.

## Anchorage Meeting Discusses Decisions Made in Wash.

On September 3, Mary Stachelrodt, Director of Rural Energy for RurAL CAP, attended a meeting in Anchorage on the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act. The following are Mary's comments:

Decisions made in Washington, D.C. without thought or consideration of the adverse effects on rural Alaskans was demonstrated when a Civil Action 660/73 was declared in July.

RurAL CAP has been administering an Emergency Fuel Loan Program. Out of 12 villages assisted with loans, 10 villages had to have the fuels flown in by charter. Other statewide communities that found other sources of funding had fuel flown in. Those fuels were heating, gasoline, Blazo, kerosene, and propane.

In the Fort Yukon area, there are four villages: Chalkyitsik, Birch Creek, Arctic Village, and Venetie, that rely on their supply being flown in from Fort Yukon by Air North. These are charters by request. There is very heavy dependence on gasoline for subsistence hunting and fishing all year round.

In the NANA region, the reindeer herding project depends on fuel flights during the grazing movement. Sno-go's have to have gasoline for herding. Deering had fuel flown all last winter. Selawik, is the same. Ambler is dependent on Blazo, kerosene to be flown in in five gallon containers.

Shungnak and Kobuk have a mounting problem. Winter supplies (fuel included) were enroute by way of Yutana and got stuck on a sand bar. The only way to get supplies out is by air. Tanana is again concerned because the local store will not be dealing with gasoline or heating fuel sales. Individuals will have to fly in fuel in the case of shortages. Countless examples for charter fuel flights can be named, Region by Region.

My main concern — having dealt with the rural villages, and not just with the fuel shortages, but communications, transportation and the mail system are bad and very slow.

How will Toksook or Nightmute be able to get a waiver to meet the emergency fuel situation if they have to go to Bethel to the local FAA and file for an exemption.

They in turn make an appeal to some decision makers in Washington, D.C. who deliberate over the situation and make a determination and in the meantime a lot of time is lost and Paul John or James Charlie can't go seal hunting or fishing because his snowmobile is out of gas and the village has no supply.

Other suggestions would be:

1) Blanket exemption of Alaska air carriers.

2) Blanket exemption of Alaska air carriers flying into villages with no other means of access.

3) Delegation of authority to exempt air carriers to Chief of FAA in Alaska, especially on emergency exemptions.

4) Blanket exemption of fuel flights and carrying ammunition in Alaska.

5) Automatic approval of initial applications under these regulations, subject to later rejection (to allow immediate deliveries rather than a three-month delay).

Local decisions should be able to be made on the spot. The Department of Transportation could have the prerogative to investigate.



### IT'S A SNAP!

If you're traveling with a brand new camera, shoot a roll or two of film before you leave. That way you won't goof if your son happens to get Henry Kissinger's autograph along the way.

Even if you were a dud in mathematics, it's a snap to pay for something in foreign currency if you remember to pack a currency-converter. It's a good idea to have one sitting in the top of your handbag.

One free, no strings-attached gift for parents staying at Holiday Inns around the world is a standing invitation for all their kids under the



ages of 12 to share a room with them — free unless an extra bed is required. This means that the kiddies can see Europe — and live in the best hotels — without costing their parents a cent for lodging. It's on the house!

## Kotzebue Has New PCC Administrator



APPOINTED — RurAL CAP appoints Elizabeth L. Goodwin as administrator of the Parent Child Center in Kotzebue. Children up to three years old attend the center.

Elizabeth F. Goodwin, a native of Kotzebue, has been appointed by RurAL CAP as Administrator of the Parent Child Center in Kotzebue. The center is for children up to three years of age.

Miss Goodwin, who studied elementary education at Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage, is scheduled to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in June.

One of her main objectives while working for the Parent Child Center is to get more parents and volunteers involved in the program. She would like to have the center be a bilingual center and have senior citizens volunteer to tell stories and work with the children, she said.

She would like to see the center change from a drop-in center to a parent-child involvement center with a good education program. She also hopes the center will serve as a referral agency for various social services. Miss Goodwin said she will encourage

the family day care home licensing program so homes will be licensed and charged uniform fees.

Before being employed by RurAL CAP, Miss Goodwin worked as a counselor for Alaska Children's Services, as the assistant city clerk in Kotzebue, and most recently as a disc jockey for radio stations KOTZ in Kotzebue.



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Geraniums get their name from the German word for crane since it's believed the fruit looks like a crane's bill.