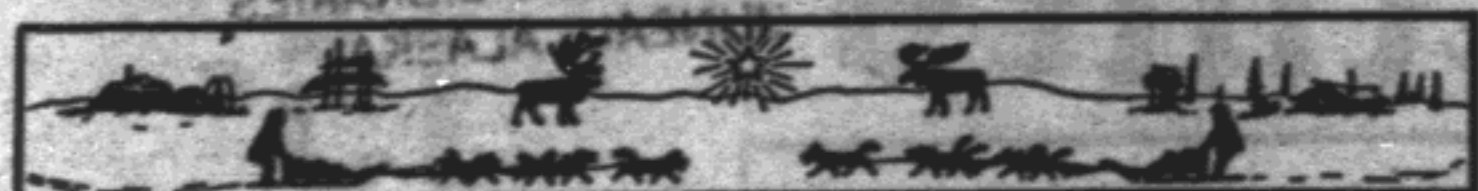


"I may not agree with a word you say but I will defend unto death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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The Sad Fact . . .

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not bother to think any further than their noses. They are the drag and stumbling blocks in the efforts of the native people to better themselves.

The native leaders of the present time and the future have a big job to do. They are not only battling tremendous odds against the dominant culture that has, and is, closing in on them to find ways of amicably working with it, they are, also, battling the short-sightedness of the unthinking portion of their own people. They don't need the latter to hamper their efforts toward a better life for the general native population in Alaska. The goal is too noble a target to be complicated by childish jealousies of the frustrated natives who, whether they know it or not, are a minus factor in the effort.

We hope that every village council president will read this editorial carefully and inform their people of what the native leaders are up against. Many of those presidents should understand what we are trying to say because they themselves have had to go through the same experiences when they attained the head offices of their communities. Any leader should not be hampered by those who neither have the abilities nor skills to do the job themselves.

Such jealousies have resulted in the resignation of some leaders "to keep peace in the family." When this happened, the community suffered in its effort to progress. Improvements toward the general good of the village that might have been affected were delayed because of the disgusting jealous tendencies of some of the local people with this resulting fact—the community in question suffered a lot longer than it would have had those people cooperated instead of acting like brakes in efforts toward progress.

The above situation on the village level is multiplied many times when it comes to regional and statewide native leadership. These levels are the areas where good progress can be made toward the general benefit of the native people of Alaska. Despite difficulties encountered, some of which were needless jealousies of their own people, our leaders have made amazing progress toward betterment. Outside of the legal counsel, and other needed technical assistance, the progress that has been made can largely be credited to them because it was the logical way to proceed knowing best the needs of their people.

Whatever stature they have carved for themselves was of their own making without selfishness for the most part nor by trying to be better than any of their own people. Genuineness of purpose to benefit the general native population of our state can readily be found among our native leadership. To accuse them of "trying to be better than us" is disgustingly gross, childish attitude they do not deserve.

Those who persist in making such accusations may, some day, find themselves reaping the fruits of their leaders' efforts that are being made today, although they may not fully deserve them.

Arctic Village Children Write About Problems

By YOLANA JOHN
Arctic Village, Alaska

The weather is no good today. The airplane turn back to Fort Yukon because he saw the weather is no good. We are mad now.

It is cold this morning. I don't like the weather is no good. Today is Friday. It will be made the sky is cloudy all day. The end.

By ISAAC, JR.
Arctic Village, Alaska

The airplane turn back to Fort Yukon. And I don't like it.

By TRIMBLE GILBERT
Arctic Village, Alaska

Since we broke with our snow-go, we just about run out the firewood. We hope our snow-go part come this coming Friday. I like summer better than cold weather.

Reader Writes Poetic Letter

Dear Editor:

I want something for my fellow colleagues.

A carpenter working with his Tools

There is no one he fools
The wood he take
He might break.

If he appears to be cool
He is no fool
For he takes to wood glue
And he has no time to feel blue.

ISAAC EBEN

Poem—Destination-ALASKA

(Editor's Note: A Menomoneie, Wisconsin woman has dreams of living in Alaska but while driving up to do so, she ran into dire difficulties. The following poem she wrote is self-explanatory.)

Have you ever driven the Alcan
And seen the lovely sights
Of big blue lakes and flowers in Bloom
In the almost daylight nights?

Then you come to a number of Miles
Where the road is slippery; you Roll,
And with all your greatest efforts
The car is out of control.

You come to in a Canadian Hospital
In a town in the wilderness wilds,
With ribs and a chest that are Broken,
Car gone, plus your "Kitty" and Files;

And things you were taking to Alaska
To the homestead you worked to Acquire,
And you heart still travels the Alcan
But you'll get there by plane
With a flyer.

Let me ask you, is God with us People
Who can't seem to make the Long grade?
And I'll say, just keep on trying—
Maybe the goal will be made.

—GERTRUDE Z. HINNANT

Letters to the Editor

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November 15, 1968

Dear Sir:

Sometimes people are appalled at the extent of the native claims. I thought, therefore, that the following quotation by former Secretary of the Interior, Julius Krug, is worth repeating. It is taken from a formal letter dated March 13, 1948, from Mr. Krug to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Senator Butler, in hearings before the Committee on a proposed act to repeal the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to create Indian reservations in Alaska, Senate Bill 2037 and S.J. Res. 162, 80th Congress, Second Session, at page 596 of the printed hearings:

"With regard to the reservation of lands for native groups in the Far North, I am informed that, in the great Arctic plain, as much as 240 square miles, or roughly 150,000 acres, may be required to produce a family income of \$1,200 per year."

Yours very truly,
FREDERICK PAUL

502 Kellum St.
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Nov. 17, 1968

Gentlemen:

Once more the search for the Alaska Mother of the year—1969 is under way, sponsored by the State Business Professional Women's Clubs. Due to the fact that the National meeting will be held earlier than usual this year, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, April 29th to May 4th - nominations for the honor must be in my hands not later than January 10th.

Anyone desiring applications may contact me by addressing mail to 502 Kellum St., Fairbanks, Alaska or calling 452-3530. The American Mothers organization who sponsor the National organization, is a vital, growing organization with clearly defined objectives. It has already had considerable success in reaching its goals, but as the need for its work increases, so must its influences be extended.

Originally, the American Mothers program was incorporated in the Golden Rule Foundation. In 1933 it became a separate division of the Foundation, with its declared purposes being: To strengthen the role of the mother in the home; to give to the observance of the annual Mothers Day spiritual quality.

It is of interest that the first honorary chairman was Sarah Delano Roosevelt, mother of former United States President, Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1935, Mrs. Roosevelt designated the first American Mother—Mrs. Lucy King Johnson of Georgia. Mrs. Roosevelt remained honorary chairman until her death in 1941. The next honorary chairman was Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, who holds this post today.

In 1950, the American Mothers Committee was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, but it was not until 1954 that it actually became an autonomous organization, functioning as an entirely independent body. Since that time, it has had two great presidents. Mrs. Lillian D. Poling recently deceased, a woman of great intellectual and spiritual strength who dedicated her all to the American Mothers' cause; and

Mrs. Dorothy Lewis our present competent, resourceful, dynamic and highly-spiritual leader.

The annual naming of the American Mother of the Year is designed to hold before the mothers of America the ideals of motherhood. The chosen mother must exemplify those virtues which internalize in family members spiritual strength, moral fortitude, and a sense of civic responsibility that leads toward worthy life accomplishment on the part of her children.

The six basic qualifications for the American Mother are:

1. That she be a successful mother as evidenced by the character and achievement of her individual children.
2. That she be an active member of a religious body.
3. That she embodies those traits highly regarded in mothers: courage, cheerfulness, patience, affection, kindness, understanding.
4. That she exemplifies in her life and conduct the precepts of the Golden Rule.
5. That she have a sense of responsibility in civic affairs, and is active in service for public benefit.
6. That she be qualified to represent the mother of America in all responsibility attached to her role as the National mother.

Marge Haggland
(Mrs. Paul B.)

Life always gets harder toward the summit—the cold increases, responsibility increases.
—NIETZSCHE

The melancholia of everything completed!
—NIETZSCHE

We can never be sure that the opinion we are endeavoring to stir is a false opinion; and if we were sure, stifling it would be an evil still.
—JOHN STUART MILL

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