



BASKETS—Louis Bunyon of Hooper Bay is explaining the fine points of Hooper Bay grass baskets to Gov. Walter J. Hickel when the latter made a swing to the rural areas on a National

Guard inspection tour. Hooper Bay and Nelson Island native people are famous for their excellent grass baskets.

Senator-elect Gravel Announces Appointment of Joe Rothstein

United States Senator-elect Mike Gravel today announced the appointment of Joe Rothstein of Anchorage as his administrative assistant.

Gravel said that in the position Rothstein would be his chief aide and advisor and would be responsible for the management of Gravel's Senate office and its operations.

It was the first appointment announced by Gravel since his election victory November 5. Gravel is on a post-election vacation in Hawaii.

"Joe Rothstein has an exceptional understanding of Alaska, its problems and its opportunities," said Gravel. "He will be a valuable asset to me and to the people of Alaska."

"I think it is particularly important," he continued, "to have on my staff people with his kind of experience and understanding of Alaska. And I expect to name other Alaskans to key

positions during the weeks ahead."

Rothstein, 33, served as Gravel's campaign manager for the general election contest. He formerly was executive editor and vice president of the Anchorage Daily News.

Rothstein arrived in Alaska in 1959. He worked his way from a reporter for the Anchorage Daily News to the General Management position he held at the time of his departure.

From January 1961 to May 1964, Rothstein served as a staff assistant to former Alaska Governor William A. Egan in Juneau.

Rothstein graduated from U.C.L.A. with a B.A. degree in international relations in 1958 and earned a master's degree in journalism in 1959.

Rothstein and his wife, Adele, have four children, Steven, 8; Jeffrey, 7; and six-year-old twins, Gregory and David.

Dietetics Chief to Study Nutrition On Navajo Reservation Area

Mrs. Barbara McDonald, Chief of the Nutrition and Dietetics Branch of the Alaska Native Health Area, will spend the next six weeks in Navajo Country directing the dietary study portion of broad nutrition survey.

The survey, first on an Indian reservation, is part of a nationwide activity being sponsored by the Health Services and Mental Health Administration of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Under the Partnership for Health Amendments of 1967, the Congress directed the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to conduct a national survey to determine the prevalence of malnutrition and related health problems among low income populations of the United States.

Mrs. McDonald's work prior to her assignment in Alaska was with the Navajo and her knowledge of the people and their customs will aid in getting the kind of information on eating which will have meaning.

She will train Navajo women who are bi-lingual to use the survey forms which will need to be modified in many details for the particular region being studied.

Also on the survey team will be a medical nutritionist from Vanderbilt University who will make a clinical appraisal of the

peoples' nutritional status.

In a biochemical phase, laboratory studies will reveal how individuals' bodies use the food and what nutritional problems exist, such as anemia.

X-rays will be made to show bone maturation. By comparing an established norm, the x-rays will indicate if individuals are progressing in the expected manner.

Team headquarters will be at Greasewood, Arizona although the reservation with its some 120,000 total population spreads through New Mexico and Utah also.

The Navajo do not generally live in communities in the usual sense, but in widely scattered "camps."

The Greasewood region is a mountainous plateau of 6,500 feet elevation where the altitude and sparse unfertile soil are not amenable to agriculture, Mrs. McDonald observes.

Wild game has been scarce for many years and seasonal hunting offers little in food supplement to these people. Streams and lakes are few and seldom have fish in quantity.

Sheep raising is the principal livelihood of the people, who, if they can afford to kill the animals, sometimes get their meat in this manner, according to Mrs. McDonald.

Dental Assistants

A second ten-month course for Dental Assistant Training will begin at the Mount Edgecumbe Public Health Service Hospital March 30, 1969.

Formerly a five-month session, the program was increased last year to the present length in order to meet requirements for accreditation by the American Dental Association.

Applications for the training, which must be received by February 1, 1969, are available from any Bureau of Indian Affairs Office or representative.

The course has been sponsored by the BIA and the USPHS for a number of years. For the past five years it has been under PHS auspices.

15-17 Year Old Girls Starting Senior Girl Scout Troop Tomorrow

Attention Girl Scout Enthusiasts!!

All girls age 15-17 who are interested in starting a Senior Girl Scout Troop in Fairbanks are invited to a coke party, 3 p.m. Saturday, November 23 in the First Methodist Church—Second Ave., room 107.

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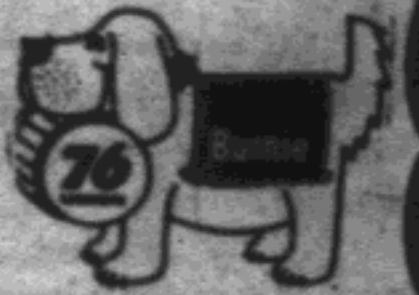
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