

Letters from Here and There

Appreciates Publishing Of Letter

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October 13, 1974

Dear Howard Rock:

I want to thank you for publishing my letter about my Aunt Minnie Brady. My friend John Lombard sent me the copy, and also sent to me your story about Punnik and Puneak. I read it and I cried, I couldn't help myself, it was so beautiful and brought back to memories I had as a child, I hadn't really forgotten my childhood, which is the reason I suppose that I am writing a book called "THE WILD ROSE".

I have been longing to come home so badly for years, and your story, (while it brought joy, it also brought such a sorrow for what can never be again). Forgive the misplaced commas, etc., while people tell me I can write I never had any training, and did not learn punctuation.

John asked me to help write about the Native drug abuse and alcohol program they are starting. I know only too well the harm alcohol did to my family and friends of mine. I wish I could write what our family and friends suffered behind this problem given to us by THEM. The suffering it has caused us, but it is only too well known. I wrote a poem concerning it and am submitting it to you with the hope that someone will read it and benefit from it, even only one. Of course I know that it is not that well written, probably not good poetry but it is the best that I can do.

Thanks again for reprinting the story. I remember when as a child FAIRBANKS WAS MY TOWN, or at least I thought it was. I went wherever I wanted, visited all the old sourdoughs, played in the fields where the wild flowers grew, and was what was considered a child of nature. No restrictions, freedom then such is not known today, and I

was only three and four years old. Since John Lombard was so generous as to give me a subscription to the Tundra Times, am looking forward to reading more of your stories.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alice Corpuz

No Booze, No Gambling

Old Man's Camp
Pipeline, Alaska
October 16, 1974

Dear Editor:

Well Mr. Howard Rock, I'm disgusted with you and your Tundra Times. I haven't seen the last one yet and I'm pee'd off at you, but you're still my best friend.

Well, I'll be here six weeks tomorrow. This camp is about the best living quarters I've been. Everything is up to date and everything is free. That's the best part of it. No booze, no gambling, but you name it — we have it.

There have been quite a few boys that know me from the villages and Fairbanks but some went on what they call R and R. If you work nine weeks straight then you get Rest and Recuperation for two weeks and then come back and go back to work. Well, I'm just over the hump — six weeks and three more to go, that's if I last that long.

I came here with only summer clothes and the wind blows 25 to 40 at times. That's rough without a parky.

The longer I stay Uncle Sam is getting richer. He gets 468 dollars a week out of my check. I don't mind it too much only I don't like them Republicans in the Senate playing with my money because I call myself a Demo.

I would like to know how many people in the villages all over Alaska vote for the Republicans. It's about time they wake up and vote straight Democrat ticket right down the line. Anyway I don't vote anymore since they want me to register. Well anyway if I was voting, even though Hammond is my friend, I wouldn't vote for him. I'll vote for Egan, a Demo.

Wake up Howard and send the paper here. Thank you!

Fred Stickman, Sr.

P. S. John Lombard, Fresno California, thank you for the 10 spot for the radio telephone. If everyone could send me 10 spot like you, it would be nice. I'm on the North Slope oil deal making big money for Uncle Sam, but when I go home, that is if I do, I'll try to buy one. Then I suppose I have to have a license to talk over it. I'll see. Thank you Mr. Lombard and Lena Andree at Dillingham. Hope to see you some day. It's a slim chance as I am almost the end of my rope. Like they say, one foot in the grave. Good luck, best wishes from loving friend Fred Stickman, Sr. Good bless you.

Tentative Draft of Amendments To Children's Rules

Superior Court

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State of Alaska
Fourth Judicial District
Room 424, 604 Barnette St.
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Chambers of
Gerald J. Van Hoomissen,
Judge

September 23, 1974

TO: All Interested Persons
Re: Amendment of Children's
Rules

I'm enclosing, herewith, a copy of the tentative draft of the proposed amendments to the Children's Rules of Procedure governing the Alaska courts and agencies dealing with children before the courts. These rules have not yet been adopted by the Supreme Court and before such adoption the children's rules committee seeks your comments and recommendations as an interested person or agency in the handling of children cases. It is the intent of the committee with the Administrative Director of the court system and the Chief Justice that public hearings be held to take testimony with regard to the children's rules and the handling of children's cases generally to gain input which will be helpful to the committee in preparing the final draft.

The public hearings will be held in Ketchikan, Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks during the week of November 18, 1974 at a time and place to be announced by advertisement in local papers. Persons interested in commenting upon or suggesting change in the proposed rules will be heard at public hearing, either in person or their testimony may be submitted in writing in lieu of oral testimony. I would appreciate any written comment or suggestion that you may have submitted to me not later than November 8, 1974 so that they may be discussed at the public hearing.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter please do not hesitate to call on me. Your concern and interest in this matter is truly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Gerald J. Van Hoomissen
Superior Court Judge