

## Robert Herman of Nome Appointed To Centennial Commission Post

JUNEAU—Gov. Walter J. Hickel this week appointed Nome businessman Robert Herman to the Alaska Purchase Centennial Commission, replacing John Reader, also of Nome, who has resigned.

Herman will serve until June 30, when the commission will be discontinued.

Judge Vernon D. Forbes of Fairbanks, chairman of the commission, has scheduled a meeting of the group this Thursday in Juneau.

## Bob Baker Dies in Crash ...

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instantly while Mary Hayes survived a 16-hour ordeal in bitter cold before she was rescued by an unnamed Savoonga Eskimo.

Miss Hayes had suffered cuts, bruises, cracked and broken ribs when the crash occurred about eight miles west of the village of Savoonga.

Mary Hayes spent two hours trying to free herself from the wreckage despite her injuries and then spent the next 14 hours painfully moving around to keep warm resting only for brief periods.

Bob Baker ran into difficulties when the Savoonga airport was closed by white-out conditions. He apparently tried to set down the plane about eight miles from Savoonga when the mishap occurred.

The plane cartwheeled and

then flipped over killing the pilot and injuring Mary Hayes and leaving her in a dangerously difficult situation but from which she heroically managed to free herself despite her wounds.

Savoonga Eskimos began searching the island when Baker's plane failed to land after circling the airport.

"I never knew a man could look so beautiful," Mary Hayes said after being rescued by the Savoonga Eskimo who had made a search with a sno-go.

Miss Hayes was flown to Nome where she had emergency treatment at the Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital. She was taken to Anchorage Public Health Service Hospital last Sunday accompanied by Dr. Owens of the Kotzebue PHS hospital.

Miss Hayes is 45 years old. She came from Wisconsin and has been a nurse for many years in the Public Health Service system in Alaska.

Bob Baker, a former Wien Air pilot, is survived by his wife and seven children in Kotzebue.

His body was recovered by the Savoonga Eskimo searchers.

## Feasibility Study On Prefab Plant

Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett this week announced that the Economic Development Administration has awarded a contract for \$35,140 to Walter Butler Company of St. Paul, Minn., to conduct a feasibility study of housing prefabrication plant at Bethel.

Bartlett stated that the study has as its principal objective the design and construction of a pilot assembly plant building to be used for the prefabrication of housing units for Alaskans in the remote areas.

"This is one of the most imaginative and constructive steps taken," Sen. Bartlett said, "to assist Alaska native people to obtain the housing they need and want."

"The pilot plant will mean production of decent housing, creation of jobs, development of a cash economy and the provision of training, all in a remote area."

"The project developed by the EDA at the urging of Federal Field Committee,

depends for success upon all federal and state agencies concerned with the development problems of Alaska's remote areas."

Bartlett said that it was his understanding that the plant could be used in the Alaska Native Housing Program, in the Public Housing Program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or could be purchased by individuals.

If it is found feasible, the EDA would make funds available on a grant and loan basis to the City of Bethel for construction of the plant.

The plant would be retained by Bethel as a community building after its use as a manufacturing plant has ended.

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