

Letters to the Editor

March 14, 1969

Dear Mr. Rock and Board Members:

Thank you very much for sending me the nice letter and the stock certificate. That was very nice of you, and I appreciate it very much.

I think Tundra Times is one of the best newspapers in Alaska. Though the paper may seem small, it has a lot of good information and interesting news. I was very proud to sell Tundra Times for you, and I was glad to sell it. Many people in Wrangell, especially the older ones, are very eager to get the Tundra Times newspapers. I know they appreciate your good, faithful work in printing all the news.

I wish you good luck as you keep on doing this fine work.

Sincerely,

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Editor
Tundra Times
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Editor:

I note with interest the impending Alaskan Native land claims settlement being considered by our national Congress.

Personally, I believe such a settlement is long past due. I am, however, concerned over the nature of the settlement so far discussed. It has centered around a land and a cash decision. I have no qualms about the land portion of the native claim. However, to bequeath cash to the current generation, who really are no more entitled to it than past or future generations, is a mistake. This has been demonstrated time and again in settlements with other Indian groups of America.

As an alternative to an individual cash settlement, I suggest the Alaska Federation of Natives receive any moneys apportioned. AFN could then utilize the proceeds in an orderly development of an economic base throughout Alaska which would aid present and succeeding generations. Moneys could also be used for special education needs to augment the economic development. The validity of this approach can be seen in the current management of the Tyonek group.

Sincerely,
L.S. Rankin

March 15, 1969

PROCLAMATION Wildlife Week

Dear Editor:

The other day I wrote a letter to the News-Miner but I didn't see it. I guess it's too rough. It was to the Governor about myself. How much tax I pay, and I am 62 years old and I'm born here. I should be getting paid for my land, instead of me paying \$3,858.24 a year tax. I would never pay it, but it's taken out of my paycheck.

Another thing that bothers me is I work only 5 days a week. I go down to Fairbanks and I see a lot of women working. Like driving mail truck, etc.

I use to work 7 days a week all summer for the Alaska Railroad. Keep you in good physical condition, instead of going to town and slop up all that money at the bars. Two days your whole paycheck is gone. Thank you.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Wildlife Week, sponsored in Alaska by the Department of Fish and Game, will be observed March 16 to March 22, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 1969 is "Provide Habitat—Places Where Wildlife Live." Alaska joins in a nation-wide campaign to increase the understanding of citizens of the important role habitat plays in the welfare of wildlife and the importance of wildlife to our economic and esthetic well-being. Wildlife populations can survive only as long as their habitats or living areas are intact. We must fight pollution of all types, protect against litter, and utilize our resources in a manner to prevent soil erosion. Wasteful and destructive techniques of utilization must be avoided. Progress will continue to make inroads into the amount of living space for our wildlife, but we must develop our resources in ways that will have the least damaging effects on natural environments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith H. Miller, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim the week of March 16 to 22, 1969 as

WILDLIFE WEEK

in Alaska, and urge all citizens to be aware of and assist in providing suitable areas for our wildlife.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Alaska to be affixed the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.

/s/ Keith H. Miller
Governor