Bonus Folks

Four thousand three hundred thirteen Alaskan old timers will be receiving bonus checks after April 1st. Of these 43 will also April 1st. Of these 45 will also receive a bonus for March because they applied before March 1st but too late in February to be processed. Two hundred three persons neglected to send in their application stubs. Others sent in the stubs and a whole application signed stub is necessary.

The biggest problem is in regard to the many absences for the state. The bonus law for the state. The bonus law requires that recipients notify the department of administra-tion whenever they plan to be out of the state for more than

It further stipulates that the bonus payments then be stopped

When the recipient returns to the which the recipient retains to the state, he may reapply; however, he may not reapply for 12 months if his absence was for more than 180 days. Most recipients have advised

our office when leaving Alaska for over 30 days. A few have

Reports have come to us that these few also signed the re-application stub, affirming that they will not be leaving the state for more than 30 days

Falsification is punishable under the law. Conviction "is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both" and forfeiture of all rights to bonuses illegally received

Wintering in other states and collecting bonuses while there is a violation of the law.

American, Siberian Eskimos Visit-

Little Diomede and Big Diomede Islanders Meet on Ice

Little Diomede Island Eskimos met with their Siberian counterparts from Big Diomede on the ice between the two islands last week for the second

Last year, the two groups met in a similar fashion, ex-changing gifts. This year, one Lit-tle Diomeder traded his Timex watch for a Russian's 21 jewel timepiece, with both sides in laughing agreement that the laughing agreement that the American had gotten the better of the deal.

They also exchanged cigarettes, reindeer meat, artifacts, candy, and vodka.

Little Diomeders met for the

first time on Monday of last week with a small group of Native Siberians and agreed to

meet again on Tuesday.

It is believed that the Russians are seeking passports so that they may visit Little Dio-mede by skinboat this coming

Little Diomede, for its part, would like to secure landing rights on Big Diomede in order to obtain year-round air service. In the summer, their small island is not suitable for a landing field, and their only means of reaching the mainland is by reaching the mainland is by walrus skin boats. During winter, aircraft land on the ice.

No one was certain whether the meetings were observed by the Russian look-outs on Big Diomede

Letters ...

(Continued from page 2) dogs 4:00 o'clock in the morning to go fishing and sometimes to get wood for the store for \$4.00 a cord and come to school at 9:00 o'clock then take off after 3:00 o'clock to make money or get grayling for the winter

Six hours a day for kids to go to school now is too long. I noticed that in Fairbanks.

My relatives don't know what Pretty soon they get bored and lonesome. I'm getting the same way down here. have no job after working all my life. I'm going crazy and I want to lay down and read, sleep want to lay down and read, sleep and die - but I can't die vet. The doctor told me I was ready to die in 1965. That's not only the doctor, one at Elmendorf hospital and one at Alaska Native Hospital at Anchorage. That's seven years ago.

I think this schooling is too much for some kids. How would you like it if you stay in school for six hours a day and you don't know what you're in there for? That's the way I was when I was young when I had the pep, energy, stamina. I just had to drive dogs, haul wood, look at fish traps, play football and cut wood for the house to keep warm.

The first thing I learned when I was nine years old was to cut wood for the house. And my sisters to pack water, wash dishes and cook dog food. We had 29 dogs for 12 years. We fish all summer for them. That was our way. That's the kind of schooling I had and I think it's the best - for me anyway.

Well, the deadline is March 30 and my birthday is 31st, 1907, Easter Sunday. brate 31st and Easter Sunday. I have three birthdays. I'm talking about about that. the March 30 enrollment. I'm still waiting for my land settlement. I would like to have it so I can enjoy the money what I been fighting and writing for for years.

Fred Stickman, Sr

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