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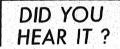
Fisheries Grant

(Special to the Tundra Times) Sheldon Jackson College has received a two-year grant of \$137,584 from the Louis W. and Maud Hill Family Foundation to develop an applied fish-eries science program for native Alaskans.

According to John D. Taylor, According to John D. Taylor, the foundation's executive di-rector, the grant will be used 1) to promote native Alaskan ed-ucation by providing an ed-ucational career ladder for Indians, Aleuts and Eskiucational cateer acutor to: Indians, Aleuts and Eski-mos; 2) to improve salmon fish-ing by moving SJC into an es-tablished place in fisheries sci-ence and to demonstrate the feasibility of salmon ranching as a source of self-sustaining funds for the program; 3) to promote interagency cooperapromote interagency coopera-tion and 4) to provide technical assistance and advice to various Indian, Aleut and Eskimo and

other private groups. Utilizing this grant, Sheldon Jackson College will become Alaska's first non-governmental agency involved in private fish-ery development.

Derek Poon, SJC fisheries instructor, developed the pro-gram submitted to the Hill Fam-ily Foundation. (Continued on Page 6)



If you saw or heard an air-plane flying between Anchor-age and Fairbanks early in the morning of Tuesday, July 15, 1924, Wien Air Alaska wants to know.

The airlines is on a people hunt for those who were in the Territory on that historic day 50 years ago when Noel Wien made the first flight ever be-tween the two cities in a Hissopowered Standard J1 airplane. Now Wien Air is celebrating

the Golden Anniversary of Noel Wien's achievement and they want to share with old-timers who remember the event.

Anyone who remembers – and doesn't mind telling that it was half a century ago – is asked to communicate with the nearest Wien Air Alaska, station mana-

In Fairbanks it is 452-2171 d in Anchorage 279-8657. Wien Air wants to know who and

you are, where you were during that flight and what you remember of it. The water-cooled open cock-

ine water-cooled open cock-pit plane had been shipped to Alaska by steamship and rail and assembled at Anchorage dur-ing June that year by Wien and mechanics William B. Yunkers and Art Sampson.

Jimmy Rodebaugh, an Alas-ka Railroad conductor, had hired Noel to fly for the Fair-banks Airplane Co.

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GETTING READY FOR THE BIG EDUCATION MEETING at Fairbanks July 16-17 are at left, Gordon Jackson, vice president for Human Resources, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. and Mitch Demientieff, conference chairman. The cooperative confer-ence on "Education and the World of Our Children" was organized by the AFN Human Resources. — Photo by MARGIE BAUMAN

Home Is Where the Heart Is, BUT-Land Allotments Can be Lost

By LAEL MORGAN Eskimo Fred Gordon was born in 1905 in the Barter Island area. As a boy he camped and hunted with his family, travel-ing all along the coast from Canada to Barrow, but there was one spot they called home. His family built a log cabin there and an ice house and a smoke house. He honeymooned on the site and one of his daughters was later born there. It was natural that, when

ti was natural thay, when Gordon picked a spot for his native land allotment, he chose this site, but now it looks like it may never be legally his. Before the Congressional Land Claims Settlement, Alas-

kan natives were given the op-portunity to claim land that they had traditionally used and occu pied. The act was rather like the Alaskan homestead act but in-Alaskan homestead act but in-stead of clearing and planting 160 acres, natives were required to show they had used the land, for a continuous five-year period.

Although the act existed for years, few natives ever heard about it until just before the land claims bill passed. Know-ing passage of the Land Claims Act would revoke the land al-lotment act, a number of native organizations and the Rural Alaska Community Action program made a concerted effort in 1971 to inform natives of their opportunity to acquire their hunting and fishing grounds. Although many filed at that

time, very few patents have been granted to date and many applications have been refused.

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government land withdrawals such as Anaktuvuk Pass, it ap-pears title will be granted eventually. To date only five Anak-tuvuk claims have been turned down and those mainly because the land claimed had oil shale which had been withdrawn by

the government. "Some of the people pur-posely took oil shale not knowing it had been withdrawn. They went for the big money instead of staking their hunting ground,' (Continued on page 6)

Strategy Session To Discuss Bush Education

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By MARGIE BAUMAN

A strategy session billed as a conference on bush education gets under way at the University of Alaska July 16, in hopes of making recommendations for im-proved rural education a reality. At the heart of the conference is a report recom-

mending that enabling legislation for the Alaska State Operated Schools System be amended to make the system a transition one and laying out the steps of transition.

The report was prepared by the University of Alaska's Cen-ter of Northern Education on request of the Alaska Legisla-ture Interim Committee on Pre-Higher Education and the Alas-tion, in cooperation with the AFN Human Resources Committee

More than 1,000 copies of the Pre-Higher Education Re-port have already been distribu-ted and the July 16-18 conference at the Fairbanks campus will deal mainly in strategies to make recommendations within the report a reality.

"Hopefully some recommen-dations will go in August to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee and candidates (for political office) will take a posi-tion on pre-higher education in the unorganized borough," said Gordon Jackson, one of the key organizers of the conference.

Jackson is the vice president for Human Resources, Alaska Federation of Natives Inc., which is the major sponsor of this conference on "Education and the World of Our Children."

Mitch Demientieff of Nenana, who was hired on a contract basis to organize the conference, will serve as its chairman. will serve as its chairman. Given full participation from the regional Native corpora-tions, "I don't think the Alaska Legislature or state administra-tion can deny the rural Alaska people control over the educa-tional system," Demientieff said. "Therefore, I would encourage everyone to come and participate," he said. Over 700 invitations to the

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conference have been mailed out, to individuals and organizations involved in rural educa-

tions involved in rural conca-tion. "The strategy (for imple-menting these recommenda-tions) will be developed by the whole conference," said Jack-son, "The Human Resources Committee will take a look at its recommendations and do everything in its power to imeverything in its power to im-plement them."

What troubles Jackson most. he says, is the present "tri-partide system" of delivering educational services to the bush.

"The State Department of Education deals with about 29 municipalities; SOS provides ed-ucation to over 100 rural communities in the unorganized bor-ough and the Bureau of Indian Affairs also funds several schools in the unorganized borough,' he said.

"Delivery in a tri-partide system can only be an unequitable way of providing services in the (Continued on page 6)

ZACK HUGO with BLM man Chuck Larson at Hugo's land allotment site near Anaktuvuk Pass The caribou horn is Hugo's marker. — Photo by LAEL MORGAN Photo by LAEL MORGAN