

# NEWS FROM INUVIK

By LOIS KEATING

June 20, 1976—It made me sad to learn of Howard Rock's death, and somehow it seems strange to be sending news to the Tundra Times, knowing he is no longer there. Hopefully the good work he started will continue far on into the future. His work for the native people of Alaska will never be forgotten.

Spring came early this year, and break-up occurred at Inuvik during the night of May 28th, and by that time the first barges had already left Hay River

## Indian event calendar published

A 1976 calendar of Indian celebrations, ceremonies, fairs and other special events open to the public has been published by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The 40-page pocket-size booklet is designed to provide tourists in Indian country with information about historical commemorations, arts and crafts fairs, rodeos, pow-wows, Native dances, religious observances and other attractions.

Events are listed by state, dates and locations. Bried,

headed north. The shipping season is now well underway, and it is hoped that this year all barges will reach their destinations before freeze-up.

The court case brought by five members of the Indian Brotherhood of the N.W.T., who are trying to get James Wah-Shee reinstated as president, has been put off until more detailed information has been obtained. The Brotherhood has said that its own actions at the Fort Rae assembly last fall were not unfair and against the constitution.

general advice for potential visitors is included: Addresses and phone numbers of BIA field offices where additional information is available are listed. "The American Indian Calendar 1976" will be available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402. The price is \$1.05, and the stock number which should be used when ordering is 024-002-00056-0.

## Poetry contest awards prizes

Journey into Fantasy, a contest awarding cash prizes for excellence in two categories of poetry writing is being co-sponsored by the editors of two Alaskan magazines.

The categories are (1) Fantasy poetry on any subject in the tradition of such writers as Le Guin, Poe, Bradbury, Lovecraft, etc. (2) Science Fiction poetry set in the Star Trek universe.

There is no entry fee and the contest closes midnight, July 31, 1976.

The sponsoring magazines are Karmic Runes, edited by Karma

## OCS bids results announced by Dept. of Interior

The Dept. of the Interior announced recently that it has accepted high bonus bids totaling \$559,836,586.92 for 76 tracts totaling 165,543 hectares (409,057 acres) offshore Alaska on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in the northern Gulf of Alaska.

The tracts were among 189 offered in an oil and gas lease sale (OCS No. 39) held in Anchorage on April 13, 1976. The offering comprised 408,134 hectares (1,005,000 acres).

There were 244 bids received on 81 tracts, with all bids totaling \$1,732,170,868.12.

Interior rejected high bids received on five tracts for insufficiency of bid. The rejected bids totaled \$12,035,000 and covered 11,520.00 hectares (28,465 acres).

Accepted was the high bid of \$62,756,352 for a single tract (No. 78) offered by a combine of Texaco, Inc., Allied Chemical Corp., Diamond Shamrock Corp., Champlin Petroleum Co. This bid represents a value of \$27,238 per hectare (\$11,023 per acre).

Successful bids were for tracts offshore southcentral Alaska between Icy Cape and a point just east of Kayak Island.

Beck of Eagle River, which uses a wide variety of subject matter in poetry, fiction and articles and welcomes manuscripts from Alaskan writers; Stardate: Unknown, edited by Gerry Downes of Anchorage, presents original stories and poetry on the Star Trek theme. Mrs. Downes is also looking for Alaskan writers.

For further information and official entry blank send a self addressed, stamped envelope to: Karma Beck—editor of Karmic Runes, Gen. Del., Eagle River, Alaska 99577.

## Indian iron workers film available

"Walk the High Iron," a documentary film about American Indians learning the iron workers' trade, is now available for use by Indian organizations from Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Offices.

The 28-minute film, which was cited for excellence at the 1975 Chicago International Film Festival, shows Indian trainees at a special school operated by the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers under a contract with the BIA.

The school at East Gary, Indiana, was started in 1972 as an

approach to career development for Indians at least 31 years of age who might not be eligible for other apprenticeship opportunities because of age. In the four years of operation some 400 reservation Indians have learned ironworking through the 14-week course at the school.

Graduates of the course are placed in Iron Worker Locals across the country for further training as they work their way to a journeymen's card. Portions of the film were made at Ashland, Wisconsin and on the nearby Bad River Reservation.

The 16 mm color film was produced by the Film Documentary Institute of Washington, D. C. Mark Reardon was the writer and executive producer.

Following the Loucheux Games Workshop held in Fort McPherson in February (on

However, it is quite likely that before the case comes to court again, the annual Brotherhood Assembly will have taken place (scheduled to begin July 5th at Fort Norman), and that the question of leadership will be decided there—between James Wah-Shee and George Erasmus.

At the end of the last session of Territorial Council, James Wah-Shee resigned as councillor. One of the previous objections by the Brotherhood was that it was impossible for him to serve two masters by being on Council and President of the Brotherhood at the same time. However, after the resignation, Wah-Shee stated that he was not certain that he would definitely let his name stand for president—that he may decide to do something entirely different—such as go to law school. So things at this point are very much up in the air.

During this same period of confusion and unrest in the Brotherhood, the Metis Association has been having its own problems. Some of the Metis people want to join with the Indian Brotherhood, and some want to remain as a separate organization in order to retain their identity.

There is also the alternative of retaining separate organizations and then, as has been done in the Yukon, forming another combined group which would deal with issues of importance to all, such as land claims. The Metis Association has planned their annual assembly for Fort McPherson beginning July 9th, while the Brotherhood Assembly will probably still be in session. At this time they hope to resolve the question of possible union with the Brotherhood.

Another first for Inuvik is a

which I commented in my last column), there was a Hareskin Games Workshop held at Fort Franklin, which was equally successful.

The oldtimers demonstrated skills, songs, dances, games, and other cultural activities to the young people, many of whom are not working to keep these traditions alive.

The new log Ingamo Hall Friendship Centre in Inuvik, which has been in progress for over a year, is coming along slowly, and 165 more logs are being floated down the Mackenzie River next week. When it is completed, the center will be a beautiful building, and will fill a great need in this community.

Northern Games will this year be held in Coppermine from July 30-August 2nd. Unfortunately this is the same weekend as the Eskimo/Indian Olympics.

They are still trying to work out some sort of an exchange where some Alaskans can come to Northern Games and participants from the N.W.T. can go over to Fairbanks. However, the Northern Games budget has been cut this year, at the same time as transportation costs have risen considerably, resulting in this year's games being a bit smaller in number of participants. Also, some of the athletes will be at the Olympics in Montreal, followed by appearances in Toronto for the Native Heritage program at the Ontario Science Centre.

In April the consecration for the new Anglican church in Aklavik was held, in a service led by Bishop Sperry. This church replaces the former one which was burned down two years ago.

A new system is being used in the courts here now, called "diversion." This means that, instead of a person being fined or put in jail for a minor offense, he can instead be sentenced to do a certain number of hours of work for the community in which he lives—such as clean-up work, or other jobs not usually done by regular employees.

This system is in effect in other parts of the N.W.T., and now Inuvik has decided to try it also.

## HELP WANTED

The North Slope Borough is recruiting for a **Project Engineer**. Duties include executing design and construction management contracts for roads, airports, schools and other structures. Minimum employment requirements: graduation from accredited architectural/engineering school, or equivalent experience. The position requires living and working in Barrow and travel to North Slope Borough villages. Starting salary \$1,960.00 per month, D.O.E.

Send resumes to North Slope Borough, P.O. Box 69, Barrow, Alaska 99723, attention: Director, Public Works Department.

## HELP WANTED

"THE ALEUT LEAGUE HEALTH DEPARTMENT is seeking a Community Health Aide Project Director/Coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Supervise and direct Community Health Aide Services, adhere to policies of the contract to provide continuing education and consultation for maximum village health care delivery with allied health educators.

QUALIFICATIONS: Experience in health administration, public health programs and clinical medicine.

Extensive travel required.

APPLY TO: ALEUT LEAGUE HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
430 C Street, Suite 303  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
PH. 278-3567

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Juvenile Court Committee. Juvenile delinquency has been a growing problem, and both the R.C.M.P. and the Department of Social Development do not feel that they are able to deal effectively with these young people who are getting into trouble.

The Juvenile Court Committee will deal with children from nine to sixteen, and will deal with each case effectively. Before each hearing, several members of the committee will visit the child's home and talk with the parents.

In this way the committee will become aware of any problems that the child may be having at home. Then at the hearing, the parents, the child, and the committee members will discuss what actually took place, and they will reach a decision as to what can be done to help the child.

The Juvenile Court Committee has the power to do whatever they believe is in the best interests of the child. The R.C.M.P. and the Department of Social Development will be working closely with the committee.

On June 14th a by-election was held for the Mackenzie-Great Bear seat on Territorial Council, which was recently vacated by the resignation of George Barnaby of Fort Good Hope. Peter Fraser of Norman Wells won over Clair Barnabe also of Norman Wells, with a margin of 82 votes.

The rating season ended on June 15th, and from all reports, people got a lot of muskrats this year. The price was higher than ever, which was an added incentive.

## HELP WANTED

KOYUKON DEVELOPMENT CORP.  
JOB OPENING

POSITION-TITLE: Secretary-typist

RECRUITMENT CLOSES: July 2, 1976

QUALIFICATIONS: Type all letters, check mail, file, and make xerox copies when needed. Come to work (8-5) five work days per week.

JOB LOCATION: Galena, Alaska 99741

SALARY: About \$800 per month

RENT ON HOUSING: Approx. \$100 to \$175 per month.

POSITION REQUIRES occasional travel.

Anyone interested drop by the office for application or Write or phone:

Darryl Albert, Reg. Dir.  
Box 29  
Galena, Alaska 99741  
Ph. 656-1238

## HELP WANTED

DATE: June 15, 1976  
TITLE: Director of publications and information

RESPONSIBLE TO: Chancellor

QUALIFICATIONS: Required—Bachelor's degree with a major in journalism and/or public relations or a related field. Preferred—Master's degree in one of these fields. At least five years experience in news writing, publications, and public relations work; previous experience in a college or university public relations office.

POSITION SUMMARY: The Director has overall responsibility for planning and directing the public affairs of the University of Alaska, Southeast. These activities include, but are not limited to: news service, publications, special events, and public information type of activities.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Range: \$1800 to \$2400 per month. Twelve month position.

BEGINNING DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: On or before September 1, 1976.

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO: Dr. Charles O. Fer Chancellor University of Alaska, Southeast P.O. Box 1447 Juneau, Alaska 99802 CLOSING DATE: Applications, transcripts, references, and credentials must be received no later than July 30, 1976.