

State Is Leading in Med. Self-Help Prog.

Governor Keith H. Miller said recently that Alaska has moved from fourth place to first place in the percentage of state population trained in Medical Self-Help courses. There are 50 states in the program.

The Medical Self-Help program sponsored by the Office of Comprehensive Health Planning, Department of Health and Welfare, has coordinated 155 courses in Medical Self-Help and had trained 12,667 persons this year through April 20.

Course materials are furnished by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Teachers, school and public health nurses, the Red Cross and other agencies throughout Alaska give the classroom work.

Robert A. "Bert" Hall, Commissioner of Health and Welfare stated that Alaska has been among the top ten states in individuals trained, since the program began, and he added, "This is the second time we have been



COORDINATOR—Mrs. Dorothy Brakes helped to coordinate the Medical Self-Help Program in Alaska and contributed greatly for its success.

at the head of the list."

The program teaches measures to be taken in radioactive fallout, artificial respiration, bleeding and bandaging, shock, disaster, emergency childbirth, burns, fractures and splinting, transportation of the injured, infant and child care, and nursing care, of the sick and injured.

In Juneau alone, 4,129 individuals received the training. Elmendorf AFB was second with 1,500 trained and Fairbanks trained 1,490 in twenty eight course presentations. In Sitka 853 completed the course followed by 716 in Anchorage and 700 in Kotzebue.

Other locations with number of students trained are: Nome 421, Seward 392, Glennallen 390, Eielson AFB 225, Kodiak 220, Petersburg 200, Naknek 190, Palmer 154, Fort Richardson 150, Bethel 140, Toksook Bay 138, Old Harbor 120, Haines 90, Goodnews Bay 70, Nenana 60, Aleknagik 51, Cordova and Seldovia 50, Clear and Mt. Edgecumbe 40, Barrow 35, Skagway 30, Craig 15, and College 10.

Lawrence J. "Larry" Sullivan, Coordinator, Office of Comprehensive Planning, Department of Health and Welfare, said that Mrs. Dorothy Brakes, an Alaskan native in his office, and Ivan Lewis, of the Health and Welfare Film Library, were invaluable in assistance with the program.

Organizations interested in the Medical Self-Help Program may obtain information by writing: Coordinator, Office of Comprehensive Health Planning, Department of Health and Welfare, Pouch H. Juneau, Alaska 99801.

Psychiatric

Robert A. (Bert) Hall, Commissioner of Health and Welfare, announced that the first children's psychiatric service in Alaska which started in the summer of 1965, has been authorized another annual grant amounting to \$90,000, from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

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Candidate Kelly Proposes Alaska Develop Greatest Resource - People

A candidate for the District 15 seat in the State House of Representatives is proposing that Alaska develop its greatest resource—the people themselves.

A resident of Ruby, Kelly Painter has opened his campaign in the Interior with several proposals to put the people to work and alleviate conditions of poverty.

Having retired from the Air Force in November of 1968, the 41 year-old Democrat has lived in Alaska about seven years and in Ruby one and a half.

One of his major proposals is the establishment of a co-op in the Interior to process timber for sale and for the construction of native housing.

In 1968 he suggested a plan whereby natives in the Interior could cut down trees and raft them down the Nowitna River to a sawmill for processing and then float them down the Yukon to the villages for housing.

Introduced in Juneau, the plan, however, never got off the ground.

Such a program, Painter said would not only give the natives decent housing but some of the

lumber could also be sold bringing money into the villages. Most lumber is now brought up from Seattle, he added.

He also endorsed digging a 20-mile long canal connecting the Kuskokwim and Yukon Rivers and opening the entire Interior for logging.

Currently opposing Fred Notti in the primary, the candidate also suggested the creation of a fur co-op for the natives to handle the trapping, treating, sewing and selling of furs.

"We need to utilize the people in their own home area," he stressed, "not take them off their land," and the two co-ops would do this.

He added that he would also like to see the natives buy heavy equipment with money received from the land claims settlement and complete the construction.

Expecting to oppose Republican John Sackett in the November election, Painter said he felt the incumbent, a native from Galena, had been following the lines of the administration too closely.

He said that he plans to visit all of the nearly 30 villages in his

district, mostly by boat. The district includes Bettles, Allakaket, Galena, McGrath, Nenana, Tanana, and Huslia and last election, he said, had 2,182 voters.

In addition to talking about the co-ops, Painter said that he will be calling for more and better schools, more highways, and at least an outpatient clinic in each village where there is a year-round airport.

School Land

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has requested withdrawal of two tracts of land totaling 4,035 acres for school facilities at Tuntutuliak, Alaska, Burton W. Silcock, Alaska State Director of the Bureau of Land Management announced.

Withdrawal of the land from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws was requested.

The BIA desires the land as a site for auxiliary facilities to the existing school plant, including the relocation and completion of a sewage treatment plant.

This project will prevent the pollution of the small stream which flows through the village. The sewage disposal facility is needed to remove a health hazard existing in the community and construction is planned for this season.

Tuntutuliak is a Native trustee townsite of approximately 145 inhabitants located about 50 miles southwest of Bethel near the west shore of Kuskokwim Bay.

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Could you please send me some information on Cherokee Indians

Thank you
Nelinda Phillips

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Since we are several thousands of miles from the Cherokee country, we are not exactly in a position to inform Nelinda Phillips any fool-proof information on the Cherokee Indians. We know they are, and were, residents of the Southeast United States around the Smoky Mountains area. We also

know that the Cherokees have a progressive type history. They developed thriving farm type industries before they were forced to move westward toward Oklahoma. They also had a newspaper during the early U.S. colonial times; had a good school system going before they had to move westward toward Oklahoma. Cherokee progressiveness is reflected in the modern times by William Keeler who is the Phillips Oil Corporation president. Keeler is of Cherokee extraction. There are others, of course. Nelinda Phillips can probably find out more about the Cherokees by visiting the Cherokee reservation near Ashville, N.C. in the southwest part of the state.)

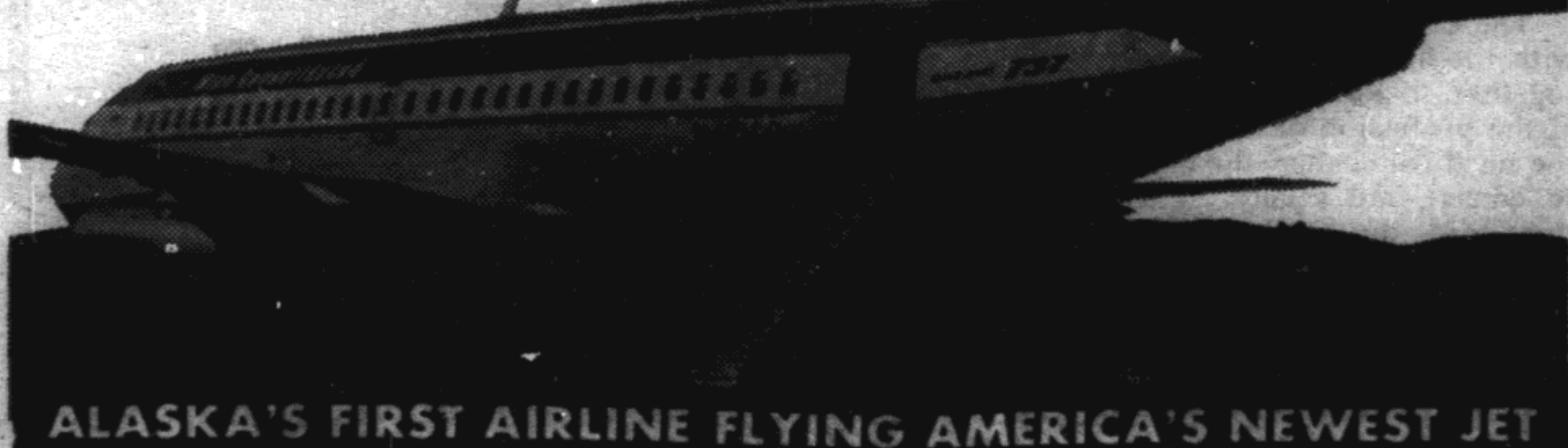
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This project consists of seal coating the existing highway between the city of Kodiak and the Naval Air Station, a distance of 2.8 miles. This project is located on the island of Kodiak, Alaska.

Items of work consist of the following: 8.6 tons of MC-30 Liquid Asphalt for Prime Coat; 60.7 tons of CRS-2 Emulsified Asphalt for Seal Coat; 850 tons of Cover Coat Material; 23.9 tons CRS-2 Emulsified Asphalt for Bituminous Surface Treatment; and 225 tons of Cover Coat Material for Bituminous Surface Treatment.

All work shall be completed by August 15, 1970.

Plans and specifications may be obtained by all who have a bona fide need for them for bidding purposes from the Chief Design Engineer, P.O. Box 1467, Juneau, Alaska 99801. Plans may be examined at Department of Highways District Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Valdez.

Robert L. Beardsley
Commissioner of Highways

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