

Pipeline all laid on December 6

ANCHORAGE, December 6, 1976—All of the pipe for the 800-mile trans Alaska pipeline is in place.

Completion of pipe installation came yesterday at Thompson Pass, about 20 miles north-east of Valdez, Alaska.

While all of the 48-inch-diameter mainline pipe is now in place, a number of tie-in welds remain to be completed before the pipeline is one continuous length. That will occur next spring when the final segment of pipe is hydrotested and the last tie-in weld is made.

About 160 miles of the mainline pipe remain to be hydrotested next year, the majority of it in Section 5, the pipeline's northern most construction segment.

The first sections of pipe for the project were installed on March 27, 1975, at the Tonsina River, about 55 miles north of the site of yesterday's final installation.

Construction of the project's pump stations and Valdez tanker terminal is continuing. The stations and the terminal are more than 80 per cent complete and facilities required for initial start up operations are scheduled to be finished by next spring.

At the beginning of this month, about 10,000 persons were employed in construction of the project, including supervisory and craft personnel. Of the total, about 3,900 were at work on the pipeline, 3,700 were at the terminal and about 2,500 were at the pump stations.

Reamey named to top BBNA post

Bert Reamey, Dillingham, was named executive director of the Bristol Bay Native Association by BBNA Executive Board which held meetings early this week. Reamey will be filling the position held presently by Hjalmer Olson who has resigned effective at the end of the month.

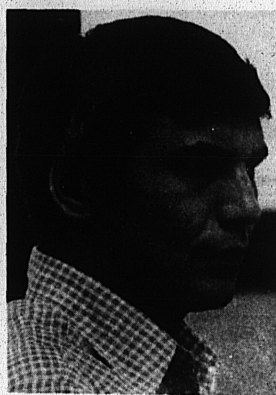
Reamey has worked in re-

search at the University of Alaska with the Institute for Social, Economic and Government Research; as a research developer for the Tanana Chiefs in Fairbanks and as a Program Development Specialist for Rural CAP.

Other BBNA employees include Lori Roque, Executive assistant; Carmen Hall, Chief

Accountant; Julie Wiese, CETA Trainer in accounting; Paul H. Post, CETA manpower Director; Amelia Christensen, CETA Manpower Specialist; Thomas Tilden, J.O.M. Secretary; Andy Golia, Economic Planner; Freeman Roberts, Bristol Bay Regional Development Council Planner; and Dee Dee Bennis, Planning Secretary.

CEDC general members meeting begins today



HJALMAR OLSON from Koliganek, Alaska, served as Alaska's representative on the board of directors of the National Congress for Community Economic Development (NCCED), in addition to his two year term as chairman of the board of CEDC.

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hear. We would also appreciate original and traditional stories and plays both by and for children as well as jokes, games and crafts. We'd like to hear tapes from your village as well children talking about their special interests or perhaps doing a play they wrote or singing or playing instruments. Perhaps there is an especially good story teller in your village whom you would like to share with others.

The more we hear from you, the better the show will be. We all have a lot to share and the more you participate the more varied and interesting the materials will be.

The age group we have in mind is 4-10 but we sure would be happy to consider material that would appeal to children a little younger or older. Again, we want to provide a means for the consideration and airing of material for and by children. Please record on cassettes and tapes sent to us would be returned so they could be saved or reused. Please both label them and record on them a name, address to which they can be returned.

We hope to be hearing from you soon so that you will be hearing each other over KYUK and having fun doing so!

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Reifel appointed new BIA commissioner

Ben Reifel, a former South Dakota Congressman and an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, has accepted a "recess appointment" as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

President Ford announced the appointment of Reifel December 7 following a recommendation by Secretary of the Interior Thomas S. Kleppe. Reifel succeeds Morris Thompson who left the post November 3 to return to Alaska as Vice President of the Alcan Pipe-

line Co.

Reifel took the oath of office in a ceremony in Secretary Kleppe's office December 7.

Reifel, 70, worked 22 years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs before beginning five terms in Congress in 1960. He started with BIA as a Farm Agent on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He later was Agency Superintendent at Pine Ridge and at the Fort Berthold Agency in North Dakota. He was, from 1955-60, Director of the Bureau's Aberdeen Area, which includes North and South Dakota and Nebraska.

A World War II Army veteran, Reifel is a graduate of South Dakota State College. He received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard in 1949. A John Hay Whitney Foundation Opportunity Fellowship enabled him to continue at Harvard for a Doctorate awarded in 1952. He has received honorary doctorates from both the South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota.

Reifel served without compensation as an Assistant for Indian Affairs to the Director of the National Park Service from 1971 to 1974. He was Director of the American Indian National Bank when it was organized in 1973 and served as Chairman of the Board from March 1974 until he retired from that position in March 1976.

He is president of Arrow, Inc., an Indian service organization, a member of the National Advisory Council of the Boy Scouts of America and on the Board of Trustees of the Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. He is a member of the National Advisory Council for the Education of Disadvantaged Children and has been chairman of the National Capitol Planning Commission. He has been active on a number of other civic commissions and task forces.

Reifel was born on the Rosebud Reservation in 1906. His mother was a full-blood Indian and his father a German-American.

McGrath area villages are consolidated

Four villages in the Doyon Region have joined together to form one corporation-MTNT, UNITED. The Consolidation Agreement was signed on October 29, 1976, between CHAMAI, INC. of McGrath, GOLD CREEK, LTD. of Takotna, DON LEE, INC. of Nikolai, and SESEUI, INC. of Telida. The merger of these village corporations into one large unit will provide for better representation for each village, greater strength, and will help unify the efforts of each in developing a viable business corporation.

The benefits of such a consolidation are great. There will be far less expense involved in maintaining one corporate office rather than four; only one annual meeting will be necessary, thus the time and money involved in holding four separate meetings will be avoided; and shareholders will have stronger representation on the Board of Directors, with each having at least one very capable representative. With less expenditures and a broader capital base, the value of the stock held by shareholders in MTNT, UNITED will be increased.

The Directors of this new corporation are: Ernest Holmberg, McGrath; Peter Snow, McGrath; Dorothy Anderson, Takotna; Tony Alexia, Nikolai; Agnes Petruska, Nikolai; Nick Alexia, Nikolai; Steve Eluska, Telida.

Demientieff director on Doyon board

Samuel S. Demientieff has been selected to the Doyon Board of Directors. He was chosen by the Board from several candidates at their meeting November 5-6.

Born in Holy Cross in 1939, Sam has lived and worked in Fairbanks since 1947. He is currently employed by Tanana Chiefs Conference as Village Coordinator in the Village Assistance Program. In this position, Sam acts as liaison between village councils and village management people in carrying out sections of the Indian Self Determination and Educational Assistance Act. Prior to assuming these duties Sam was Program Director with Tanana Chiefs and also responsible for forming Fish and Game Advisory Committees through the Interior of Alaska.

Sam attended the University of Alaska where he studied mineral and petroleum technology. He is a member of the State Board of Fisheries, the Fairbanks Outboard Association,



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and is a student pilot.

Regarding his feelings on being chosen a Board Member, Sam stated, "I would like to work for continued success for Doyon now and for the future, and to try to establish a closer rapport between the stockholders and the Doyon Board and management."