

Work Experience Program Pays Off for 3 Women

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FAIRBANKS—Yes, there is a program for people who are too proud to take welfare. It's the Work Experience Program, a Bureau of Indian Affairs sponsored in-service training plan, run by the Fairbanks Native Welcome Center. And results are heartening.

"The program is unique. General assistance funds have never been used like this before," begins Miss Jeanmarie Larsen, who has directed WEP since its beginnings in November, 1970. "We've had 58 people start. Twelve have finished with the job they were directly trained for. Five accepted non-training oriented jobs, two got married, five left the Fairbanks area and 20 are still in training."

To sign up for the plan trainees must be in a tight enough financial pinch to qualify for BIA general assistance and must be willing workers ready to learn.

Training positions have been found with the U.S. Public Health Service, Arctic Research, the Fairbanks North Star Library and other government and private businesses.

A wage of \$2.10 is provided by WEP plus additional money for trainee dependents and business provides instruction in new fields.

Joining the list of successful grads this month are Edna Rice of Barrow and Shirley Joseph of Ft. Yukon who have just completed a tough 22 week assignment at the Arctic Research Lab.

It began with daily classes and on the job training as lab technicians. Out of five to start the program Mmes. Rice and Joseph are the only survivors. Mrs. Rice, who never graduated from high school, managed to keep up with homework very well.

"I used to work in a hospital years ago," she explained. "That helped."

Mrs. Joseph has always had an interest in medical research and had several science classes in high school to draw on.

The Research Lab is not funded to hire the girls permanently but the trainees are not worried about finding a job. In fact an anxious would be employer was scheduled to talk with them right after the Tundra Times interview.

"That really hurts," lamented Dale VanDonse, one of the Lab researchers. "We train them and now we don't have room in our budget to hire them and have to watch them go to someone else. We're very pleased with these young ladies. They have taken a lot of work off our hands."

Also scheduled to complete

training this month is Lorraine Williams of Allakaket who has done very well at the North Star Borough Public Library. She's not sure where she'll work on completion of her 22 weeks of training but she knows she's a lot better qualified than when she signed on.

"I had gone to secretarial

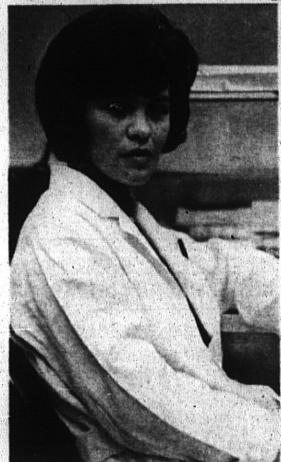
school down in Oregon and dropped out so I ended up taking care of six kids down in Palmer. Now I know I can get a good office job. If they don't have the budget here—and they're not sure yet—I think I may be able to work at the University of Alaska."

Miss Williams started training

with two girls who dropped out to get married. And that is apparently an additional benefit to on-the-job training at the library. Miss Williams met a young man there, too, and will

marry him next month.

Prospective employers and would be trainees (single or otherwise) should contact Miss Larsen at the Welcome Center, Tel 452-1648.



SHIRLEY JOSEPH



LORRAINE WILLIAMS



EDNA RICE

Senator Stevens Joins Sponsorship Of January Blood Donor Month

U.S. Senator Ted Stevens has joined in sponsorship of a resolution calling for January to be proclaimed as National Blood Donor Month.

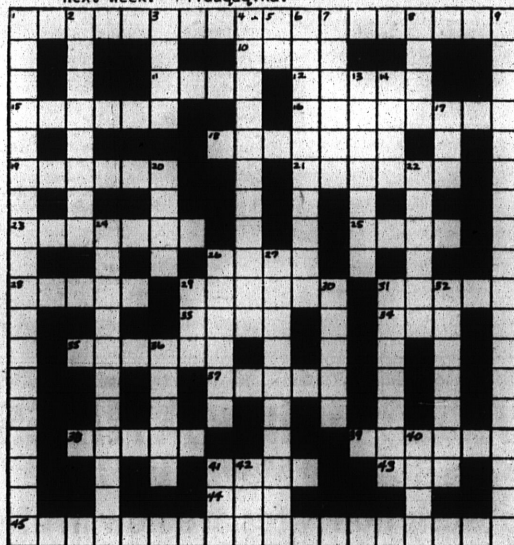
The measure calls on President Nixon to proclaim the

month.

The American Association of Blood Banks said that observances of the month in 1970 and 1971 helped to avert shortages of blood during post holiday periods.

Crossword Puzzle Qanereyart Qeraruataaleriit (No. 6)

This bilingual crossword puzzle is designed for those who are literate in the new Yupik writing system developed by the Eskimo Language Workshop at the University of Alaska in College. The answers are in Yuk Eskimo. The correct answers to this puzzle will appear next week. Piluaqagina.



Across
Akitmun

Down
Acitmun

1. I am a Yukoner.
10. its oil
11. of the inside
12. here
15. dish, bowl
16. You're lying to her.
18. He says he went over.
19. They are crying.
21. my mother
23. They fear him.
25. night
26. his leg
28. their handles
29. He takes them out.
31. your father
33. He bites it.
34. He does it.
35. a beluga (white whale)
37. his own relatives
38. again
39. and then
41. ear
43. skirt hem, ruffle
44. part, relative
45. They are big airplanes.

1. They are Kuskokwimmers.
2. her children
3. coin
4. He translated it.
5. You lie!
6. What a nuisance!
7. He's reading it.
8. his blanket
9. We were not afraid.
13. It (dog) laps (soup).
14. arrow throwing-board
17. so
20. so, that's it
22. He answers them.
24. they being hungry
26. She dices it.
27. They waited for him.
29. ago, already
30. their relatives
31. He pronounced it.
32. snowshoe
36. He gets it ready.
40. Answer him!
41. front, forepart, bow
42. interior, inside

Teachers Attend 'Indian Summer'

Alaska BIA teachers who attended INDIAN SUMMER, 1971 were: Mrs. Elizabeth Crogan, remedial reading teacher at Wrangell Institute, Wrangell; Mrs. Bonnie Graff, kindergarten teacher at Hooper Bay Day School, Hooper Bay; Edward Graff, intermediate teacher at Hooper Bay Day School; Thomas Edwards, principal of Alakanuk School, Alakanuk, and Mrs. Mary Lou Rush, art instructor at Barrow Day School, Barrow.



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