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In 1968, Congress passed the Green Amendment to the OEO Act of 1964, limiting the tenure of members on governing boards of Office of Economic Opportunity community action agencies to three consecutive years.

In compliance, the following members were required to resign from Rural Alaska Community Action Program's Board of Directors in July 1, 1971: Former Chairman of the Board, Mrs. Marlene Johnson who represented the Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program, who will be replaced by Mrs. Ellen Lang of Sitka; Mrs. Mar-

guerite Frelin, Alaska Congress of Parents and Teachers' representative, being replaced by Sue Lindford; Mr. Alfred R. Ketzler, Alaska Federation of Natives' representative, who has been replaced by Mr. Harry Carter; Mr. Bennie Leonard, Alaska Municipal League representative; and the Rev. Ernest H. Jones from Nome, Alaska Council of Churches, replaced by the Rev. Titus Peter from Fort Yukon.

Replacements for all of those resigning have not yet been designated.

John Shively, Executive Director for the agency, stated that these members of the board have supported the program in every way and have worked tirelessly toward the alleviation of poverty in rural Alaska.

He added that the Certificates of Appreciation which were sent to resigning members could not possibly express his appreciation and that of his staff for the guidance and fine working relationship that has been enjoyed through the sometimes difficult

years. The director said it is with a deep sense of regret that RurAL CAP loses these valuable people from its governing board.

Mrs. Marlene Johnson has served on the RurAL CAP Board of Directors since October 21, 1965 and was twice elected as Chairman. Her extraordinary leadership was elicited recognition from the Regional Office of Economic Opportunity in Seattle.

Former Field Representative Charles Sauvage said in an address to the Board that, in

speaking for the regional director and staff, they stated that Marlene Johnson was one of the best chairman of a community action agency they had ever encountered.

Mr. Sauvage at that time also commended those who were leaving for doing tremendous work in taking the responsibility as trustees of the funds of the poor people seriously and dedicatedly.

The RurAL CAP staff would like to dedicate this week's TUNDRA TIMES' page to Mrs. Johnson by printing the following letter:

Mrs. Marlene Johnson
Box 932
Hoonah, Alaska 99829

Dear Marlene:

As I know you are aware, on July 1 you are no longer a member of the RurAL CAP Board of Directors, according to the provisions spelled out in the Green Amendment to the Economic Opportunity Act passed in 1968. I want to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff of RurAL CAP, the present Board members and the people of rural Alaska, to express our very sincere appreciation for all the work you have done over the last six years to assist the agency in its many stages of development. The amount of time and effort you have devoted to RurAL CAP has been well above and beyond the call of duty and I know at times has caused you to slight some of your duties with your family. However, the sacrifices you made have certainly meant a great deal to the disadvantaged and low income people in the State of Alaska.

I don't think there is any question that without the work you have accomplished for RurAL CAP, the agency would have survived. Many times during your tenures as Board Chairman, RurAL CAP came under serious attack from outside the agency. RurAL CAP itself had many growths to go through to get where it is today. Your guidance as Chairman and your support of the program, and of the poor people in Alaska were mainstays in keeping RurAL CAP's program alive.

I know you will continue to be associated with RurAL CAP through Southeastern Area Community Action Program and through other informal contacts. Once again, I would like to express our deep thanks for everything you have done for the people of rural Alaska.

We hope you will accept the enclosed Certificate of Appreciation as a small token of our esteem.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ JOHN SHIVELY

Executive Director
Rural Alaska Community Action Program

Walla Walla Penitentiary Needs Indian Counselor, Social Service Assistant

Washington State Penitentiary is seeking an Indian counselor and a social service assistant to round out their staff.

"A problem of Indians here at Washington State Penitentiary has been the non-existence of staff representation in the form of a counselor. One that understands the problems of Indians and is able to relate to them," prison officials wrote in a release dated June 28.

"In conjunction with recruiting efforts being made by the Department of Social and Health Services we are distributing the following notice in hopes of enlisting the interest of qualified Native American persons."

Two positions under the classification of Counselor II are open. Requirements are a bachelors degree or satisfactory completion of two years of college and a year of professional coun-

seling or one year of classification as Counselor I.

Four social assistants are sought. They must qualify as disadvantaged persons by standards set down by Washington State Employment Security Department.

"It should be noted that only one of these positions need be

filled to meet the needs of the Indian men in the institution. We are also aware from past experience that academic learning and previous experience do

not, in the absence of feeling and concern (knowledge of Indian culture, current problems and the resulting personalities) qualify a person to be an effective

counselor," the notice concludes.

Application should be made to B. J. Rhay, superintendent of R. A. Freeman, associate supt., at the prison with carbon copies to Phil Lane, Confederated Indian Tribes sponsor, Rt. 3, Box 239, Walla Walla; and Confederated Indian Tribes, P.O. Box 520, Walla, Walla.

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