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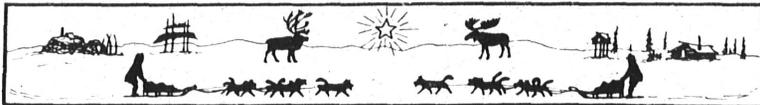
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TANANA CHIEFS PLANS AHEAD



INTRICATE, ANCIENT CARVING — Rake-like, elaborately carved object was found on Northwest coast of Alaska mainland. This Eskimo carved piece has been loaned to a Texas museum along with three other carved objects. (UA Museum)

Population Movements Of Interior Indians Among Planned Studies

With most of its work currently oriented to land use planning, the Tanana Chiefs Conference is looking forward with its goals and ambitions. John Sackett, TCC president, discussed these goals in a recent interview.

Meeting with the TCC and Doyon, Ltd. boards of directors, Sackett says that one project they are working on involves a study of future population movements. When all data are gathered, the study will anticipate where the people are going to be over the next 20 years.

"Hiring consultants that have specialized knowledge in specialized fields" is part of the plan outlined by Sackett. The consultants, he says, will do work with exploration of minerals and petroleum. Timber resources, gravel and biological data on fish and game will also be studied and explained.

To select land for their claims, each village must have a working knowledge of what is happening. To insure that they do, land selection committees will be put through an intensive training program.

Work is also progressing on

incorporating the villages into profit or non-profit entities, according to Sackett. He calls this a Doyon responsibility.

The villages have two more years to complete their land selection and the regions have three. In addition, the reservations have until December 18, 1973 to choose their lands.

Within the next two months, the TCC will have hired a land assistant and a petroleum and mining geologist. Also by this time, it will have created a system of delivering information through four sub-regional offices. The offices will be located in Tok, Fort Yukon, Galena and McGrath.

The sub-regional offices will bring the governing process down to the people. Rather than one large, remote office building, the smaller ones will be closer and more personal, Sackett says.

A computerized system of land titles, transfers and leases will increase the capabilities of the land department, Sackett says. A recording system is to be employed, as well as exten-

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Unalakleet Day School Closed to Meet Fire Codes

Unalakleet's 40-year-old elementary school closed Friday for renovations, mainly those involved with bringing the building up to fire code standards. It was, according to Area Superintendent Robert Davis, "too much of a risk to keep in operation."

"We are on record as viewing the school as a potential fire hazard. We hope it's only closed a short period," said Davis. He noted that it would probably be 30 days or 45 at the most before the school is reopened.

Run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the school serves approximately 170 children.

State Backs Rights Commission

The State of Alaska has agreed to comply with an order issued by the Alaska Human Rights Commission to settle an age discrimination case, the Commission's Anchorage Headquarter's reported today.

Robert Willard, the agency's Executive Director announced that the Department of Health and Social Services, MacLaughlin Youth Center (MYC) will pay Bessie G. Stevens of Anchorage the amount of \$9,325.48 — in back pay which is the amount she would have received had MacLaughlin not denied her a job.

The settlement represents one year of back pay as stipulated in the Commission's order.

"This undoubtedly is a landmark case."

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ren. They range from kindergarten up through sixth grade. While their building is closed, they will attend classes in the junior-high school building.

Since the junior high is only set up to handle five or six grades, the move will require some shuffling of schedules.

Double shifting, while not desirable because of lost class time, will probably be the answer.

A new fire door is being put into the old school, as well as a sprinkler system and a room-to-room detection and warning system. Plans were made for

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Wright's Wildwood Conference

Old Alaska Federation of Natives Is Dissolved: Hensley

By JOYCE ZIMMERSCHIED

Controversy flared again over the status of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) in the wake of Don Wright's assembly at Wildwood last weekend. One of the strongest critics was AFN President Willie Hensley.

Hensley, elected to the post in September when Wright was removed from it, felt that there wasn't really an issue at hand.

People feel, he said, that there is only one AFN, which is the case in my opinion."

He added that, before September's convention in Anchorage, the general feeling was that "there was not going to be any problem concerning the old association."

Replaced by AFN, Inc., the former association was dissolved during the convention. It was exchanged in favor of the present system, currently being organized along the lines of the 12-region structure. This structure, Hensley noted, will assure representation for all regional and village corporations and individual Alaskan Natives.

Problems arose when Wright tried to recess the Anchorage convention and it would not recess, said Hensley. It was at this time that Wright was removed from the AFN presidency.

About Wright's actions in "reconvening" the convention near Kenai, Hensley said, "The old association is dissolved. He is acting purely as an individual."

And he criticized Wright sharply for "trying to do so under the colors of the AFN."

A group of between 35 and 50 people, the number reported attending the Wildwood meeting, is not any kind of a convention, he said. None were chosen by any regions or corporations, and all were acting as private individuals, he added.

Claims Attorneys Ask \$7.1 Million—

Lawyer for Arctic Slope Native Assn. Asks \$3.41 Million

Fairbanks lawyers Barry Jackson and Thomas Fenton, employed by the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and the Tanana Chiefs Conference and

villages, are seeking nearly \$268,000 for their services.

Jackson and Fenton are two of 26 attorneys and consultants across the country who have

sent a collective \$7.1 million bill to the U.S. Court of Claims for helping put through the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Filings exceed by \$5.1 million the amount allotted.

The largest single bill came from Seattle attorney Frederick Paul. Paul, filing with the firm of Davis, Wright, Todd, Riese and Jones, is asking 3.41 million for services rendered and expenses.

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