

Longevity Bonus Checks In Distribution

Over 3,400 applications for the Longevity Bonus have been approved for January checks. This is almost twice the number anticipated when Senate Bill 211 passed during the last legislative session and set up the program.

More applications will be received during the balance of December, possibly reaching 3,800 total approved. Most applications received in December will be processed for February payment.

The oldest senior citizen to be approved is a 112 year old man. He is followed by a lady of 107 years, two ladies 105 years old, and three 99 year "Old Timers". There are at least seventeen in the 90's and scores in the 80's.

The Longevity Bonus office, staffed for fewer applicants, has been working many overtime hours. "Old Timers" often did not fill out their application forms in sufficient detail for a determination of eligibility to be made, requiring follow-up letters.

Many Senior Citizen's clubs, including the American Association of Retired Persons and the Older Person's Action Group have assisted "Old Timers" to properly fill out their applications.

The large volume of applications, most in good order for approval, could not have been handled without this valuable assistance. It is greatly appreciated.

Winter Sports

Charlie Moses AND HIS SPORTS

Especially the basketball antics of Fairbanks Native Association's team.



FNA BASKETBALLERS - The terror of their league this year, the Fairbanks Native Association's basketball team. So far they have been undefeated in four starts, defeating their opponents by lop-sided scores. From left to right,

front row: Ed Sipary, Charlie Titus, Gabe McQuestion, Donnie Stevens and Randy Van Dyke. Back row: Tim Wallace, Jude Hanzler, Charlie Moses (who lost his head somewhere), Vinnie Jameson and Dave Gray.

'Stop Thief' Prog.--

Fairbanks Moves to Curb Thievery

Project "Stop Thief", a major deterrent in thefts across the nation, is coming to Fairbanks. First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Fairbanks this week announced the institution of the Stop Thief program as part of a savings promotion scheduled to begin December 15.

Walter Sczudlo, President of First Federal Savings and Loan, said the Stop Thief crime prevention program consists of a kit equipped with a diamond-tipped engraving pen that will be available to savings promotion participants.

As a crime prevention technique, the Stop Thief program for marking valuable possessions is at work in virtually all sectors of the nation, making it more and more difficult for thieves to "fence" their stolen goods.

The program is being backed by law enforcement agencies, financial institutions, service organizations, and other groups with a success rating ranging from good to excellent in areas where it has been tried.

The records division of the Fairbanks Police Department reports 180 burglaries occurred locally in 1971 - a figure police say is six times the national average for cities of this size.

Value of the goods reported stolen in Fairbanks last year was nearly \$140,000, of which less than \$12,000 was recovered.

These high statistics have prompted local police to plan a similar engraving program on a loan basis, according to Police Chief Robert Sundberg.

An effective tool in curbing the high burglary rate, First Federal's Stop Thief engraving pens can be used to mark tools, luggage, vehicles, cameras, appliances, auto accessories, and nearly anything else the owner would

like to identify.

The identifying mark may be a social security number, name and address, phone number, driver's license number, or whatever else the owner chooses.

In addition to the virtually indestructible diamond tipped pen, the kit includes an identification booklet for keeping a written record of what is marked, a small magnifying glass to aid the engraver, and warning stickers for house or car which state the premises are under the Stop Thief engraving program.

The amazing success of the engraving project is shown most vividly in Monterey Park, California, the community that fostered the inception of the program nearly ten years ago.

There the program, backed by the area's law enforcement agencies, was initially adopted by 4,000 of Monterey's 11,000 homeowners.

The incredible fact is that only three burglaries occurred in these 4,000 homes, while the 7,000 unprotected homes logged more than 1,800 burglaries!

Since then, scores of Monterey residents have joined the original 4,000 in engraving their valuables.

The idea behind Project Stop Thief is, of course, to make a person's valuable possessions easily traceable, should they be stolen. Of the more than two million burglaries that occur nationwide each year, only about one in five is ever solved.

Many of the goods that are recovered cannot be traced to their rightful owners. Project Stop Thief may reverse this trend.

First Federal urges everyone to participate in the program to curb the rising tide of burglaries in the Fairbanks area.

FNA Drains Pastime Bar-

Romps Over Opponent 87 to 35

Fairbanks Native Association basketball team remains undefeated with a 87 - 35 romp over Pastime Bar for their fourth league win without a loss.

Both teams started out very sloppy with many turnovers and traveling violations called on both teams. Pastime got into foul trouble early in the contest and lost their big man in the first quarter via the personal foul route.

FNA took advantage of Pastime's over aggressiveness by working the ball inside to draw fouls and, thus, capitalizing on the one and one situation, which comes into effect after the opposing team commits its seventh personal foul.

FNA was constantly at the free throw line during the first half where they hit a very high percentage and scoring most of their points on free throws.

Half-time score: FNA 28 Pastime 7

In the second half of play both teams started to shoot and pass better, with less fouls. FNA out-scored their opponents 59-28.

This making the final score: FNA 87 Pastime 35.

FNA INDIVIDUAL SCORING:

Dave Gray	9
Charlie Moses	20
Vinnie Jameson	13
Ed Sipary	15
Gabe McQuestion	10
Jude Hanzler	10
Donnie Stevens	9

If you like basketball, come out and watch the next game, January 8th, which should be a good game because R&M is undefeated and on the same level with FNA but much better.

Walter Puzzles Folks But He's Identified

FAIRBANKS - A strange looking fish nicknamed "Walter," whose identity has stumped marine biologists, has been identified by Dr. James E. Morrow, professor of zoology at the University of Alaska here.

Walter was scooped up by mistake from the ocean depths last month in a tanner crab pot operated by Martin Goresen, a Seward fisherman in Two Arm Bay between Seward and Homer. His identity had stumped marine biologists.

Morrow, a noted specialist in prehistoric life study, traveled to Anchorage Dec. 5 to view Walter and meet with Yvon Van Driessche, Walter's keeper and operator of the Alaska Black Dolphins Diving School.

He identified the fish, with a 90 per cent certainty, as a polkadot snail fish, Liparis cyclostig-

ma. Walter is probably not rare, he said, but lives in areas not utilized by most fishermen - in deep water on rocky bottoms in both the North Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans. There are about 100 species of this family of which about 45 occur in Alaskan waters.

While in Anchorage Dr. Morrow met with Mrs. Nelda Glasheen's biology class from Service Hanshaw High School, showed them Walter, and explained that his colors did not entirely agree with written descriptions of this type of fish.

Walter has been seen to change his color pattern under stress conditions, which makes it probable that the polkadot snail fishes in museums are showing the stress pattern. Morrow told the students.

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