

Out of Court Settlement at Nenana? UA Researches Ground Water Filter

A seven member committee to study education in the Nenana Valley may prove the key to settlement of that area's widely publicized school controversy.

The committee will hold hearings in Cantwell, Healy, Brown's Court, Anderson Village and Nenana to prepare a report on educational needs in the area to be submitted by January 15, 1972.

Settlement of the dispute between Nenana and the State Operated School system came after a State Superior Court judge ordered pupils transferred from Nenana to State schools returned to the Nenana school system immediately.

Both parties agreed to a delay in execution of the order in order to negotiate an out of

court settlement. Last month, a delegation from Nenana led by Mayor Jack Coghill and School Superintendent Richard Leath went to Anchorage to discuss the situation with S.O.S. representatives.

According to the compromise agreement, the Nenana City School District dropped their court case and the students involved will continue to attend their present S.O.S. schools.

In return, S.O.S. will make up any loss in revenue suffered by Nenana in 1971-72 through loss of the students, preferably by payment for contractual services. S.O.S. will also pay "reasonable costs and attorney fees" to Nenana in the amount of \$3,000.

A joint study group of 3

members selected by Nenana, 3 selected by S.O.S. administrators and one mutually acceptable member will study the educational problems of the Nenana Valley area.

The study group will consider establishment of a cottage boarding home program in Nenana. The final report of the study group, after hearings, shall be binding on the S.O.S. administration.

S.O.S. has agreed not to establish a 10th, 11th, or 12th grade at Anderson till the S.O.S. board has acted on the recommendations of the committee.

Nenana shall accept as members on its School Board persons living in Anderson and along the highway. They shall not have the right to vote but the question of their voting shall be put to the State Attorney General as soon as possible. Nenana has agreed to abide by his decision.

Members of the study committee shall include Howard Holbert, Richard Leath and Father William Dibb, S.J. of Nenana.

S.O.S. appointees include Don Breimo, James Clymer and Jeff Jeffers. A seventh member of the committee will be selected jointly.

COLLEGE—Although Alaska has a bountiful supply of surface water, cities and towns in the state's interior and northwest—subject to severe winter weather—must rely on ground water, which in many cases contains high concentrations of iron and other minerals.

Conventional filters clog easily under these circumstances, demanding frequent replacement. The Institute of Water Resources on the College campus of the University of Alaska last year conducted a study of alternative filters, and this study has now been published in booklet form.

Research leading to the report was conducted by Dr. Steve W. Kim, a Korean-born specialist in sanitary engineering, who concluded that modification of presently-used filters would lead to more efficient removal of iron from ground water.

The "greensand" or "ferro-sand" filter, used most frequently in Alaska, is criticized for

clogging rapidly as oxidized iron flows through it. But Kim concludes that "downflow, uniform sized filters looked very promising" and offers in the publication the results of numerous tests on these filters.

The publication, "Effectiveness of a Contact Filter for the Removal of Iron from Ground Water," is available at no charge through the Institute of Water Resources, College, Alaska 99701.

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Your birthday today: By year's end of 1972 you'll see you've tried about everything, gotten results in most of your serious efforts, and have learned more than you thought possible. Today's natives attack life zealously, often with great energy, in several directions simultaneously.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: Take nothing for granted today or for the whole month to come—it's a time for random incidents of surprise. Finances are subject to your immediate decisions.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: Delay the morning's commitments if you can, as afternoon brings added information, further invitations, second thoughts.

Gemini [May 21-June 20]: With just a pause for communication it all comes up roses in your world today. There's a news to celebrate, loved ones to cheer up.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: Altho no clear direction is established and you must proceed on faith and intuition, take the initiative.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Surprise resources, new information come to light. Learn first, plan some applications after you've thought it over a while.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: Whatever arrangement you and your own people settle for must include something for everybody, represent a real consensus.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: Seemingly nobody is going to come right out and say what they'll do for you and your projects. Proceed alone.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: Select work which needs no close collaboration. Put your brightest talents to use alone and take all the credit or blame.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: The optimum result of anything is beyond reasonable expectation for the moment. Settle for what your daily living brings; nourish your spirit with prayer.

Capricorn [Dec. 21-Jan. 19]: It's difficult to resist the temptation of organizing people, sorting out a crew for some favored venture. Wait another day.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: New combinations of familiar people pop up all around. In most cases you wonder where and when to make your decisions known.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: A favorite project now gathers momentum as you apply yourself to working out an orderly adjustment.

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