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**GALENA TO RELOCATE AT ALEXANDER LAKE****Kake Training Session--***New RurAL CAP State Board Members Train*

A half-day training session was held in Kake on Thursday, September 30, 1971 for new members of the RurAL CAP State Board of Directors. This orientation preceded the regular annual meeting of the board on October 1.

Attending the session were nine new people, plus a number of others who have been on the 24-member board a short time and were able to attend only one or two meetings in the past.

A briefing was felt necessary due to the relatively large num-

ber of new members, occasioned by a requirement of the Economic Opportunity Act which states that no member of a community action board of directors is to serve for more than three consecutive years.

The amendment became effective July 1, 1968, and therefore the first three-year period elapsed July 1, 1971.

The training was conducted by John Shively, Executive Director of RurAL CAP and staff members Joe Meade, Chief of

Personnel Services and George Irvin, Trainer for the agency.

Topics covered were the institutional structures and legislative authority of the war on poverty and community action programs funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Other subjects included the structures, functions and programs of RurAL CAP, and the functions of the RurAL CAP State Board of Directors and its relationships to the regions, RurAL CAP staff and other agencies.

**Relocation Plan Still Tentative at Present**

The residents of Galena tentatively accepted a plan by the Alaska State Housing Authority to move the present townsite to Alexander Lake.

Members of the RurAL CAP staff met in Galena on September 15 to assist personnel of ASHA and Housing Urban Development with details of the relocation which were discussed at a public meeting.

It is necessary that a road be built before work can begin at the new site, and a letter was

drafted to the State Department of Highways at Fairbanks with such a request.

Housing has been made available for villagers who lost their homes during the flood which occurred in May of this year, when the Yukon River rose and water was eight feet deep in some areas of the village.

Those people will remain at Galena this winter as work on the new townsite cannot begin until next spring.

**At Clark's Point, Alakanuk and Larson Bay--****D-Cats Prove Useful in Three Villages****Juneau Trip to Train for Peggy Sherman**

Miss Peggy Sherman, Director of Child Development, RurAL CAP, traveled to Juneau this week to attend a training session for the 4-C's program (Community Coordinated Child Care). She also attended the Hearing on Early Childhood Education.

After leaving Juneau, Miss Sherman will visit the Angoon Head Start program which is one of the 38 programs she directs throughout rural Alaska.

A D-8 cat is presently being used by the residents of Clarks Point to build a road to their new town site. Ollie Amend, director of the village Equipment Mobilization Program (VEMP), noted on his recent visit that the road was near

completion.

A dump truck is being well used in Old Harbor for the construction of a road to the neighboring village of Ekok. The vehicle, a ten-yard dump truck, was donated to RurAL CAP from the Carrington Com-

pany of Anchorage.

Mr. Amend also reported that the village of Alakanuk is very busy after clearing enough area for 20 new homes under the ASHA Housing Program. A D-7 cat in that area was instrumental in leveling ground to lay

the utilidor for wiring the new houses.

Larson Bay is using a D-8 cat for repairing their road system at the present time. In addition, they are using the tractor for bulldozing to stop the erosion of the beach.

**Emil Berikoff Counselor--**

The Unalaska Aleut League, which has the responsibility for the alcoholism program in that village, elected Mr. Emil Berikoff as counselor to commence September 1.

Peter Kunnuk, program spe-

cialist for RurAL CAP, met with Berikoff who is also a member of the City Council, and discussed the alcoholism program with him.

Kunnuk also met with other

community members and commented that the local boards and organizations are concerned

with improving conditions and are taking initiative to make improvements.

They are starting a recreation center and are also working on a cultural preservation program.

Some of the people have old Aleut artifacts and they would like to preserve some of the Aleut culture.

**Unalaska Alcoholism Program****Board to Travel There Throughout Year--****Wrangell Institute, Mt. Edgecumbe Have New Advisory Board**

Wrangell Institute and Mt. Edgecumbe High School have a newly elected Advisory School Board. Members of the new Board will travel to the two BIA boarding schools throughout the year for Board meetings and school activities.

During August the parents of students attending the two schools from throughout the State participated in the election of this Board. All five permanent Board members, and their alternates, are parents of students attending one, or both, of the schools.

Permanent members include Mrs. Elizabeth Fred of Angoon; Mr. Alfred Lake, Sr. of Akiak; Mr. Vernon Evan of Fortuna

Ledge; Mr. Delbert Wells, Sr. of Kiana and Mrs. Martha Aiken of Barrow.

Alternate School Board members are Reverend Nicholas Komkoff of Tyonek; Mr. Peter Miller of Tuntutuliak; Mrs. Ludmilla Mandregan of St. Paul; Mr. Raymond Stone of Point Hope, and Mrs. Annie Brower of Barrow.

A training session for the Board members was conducted by the BIA and the Center for Northern Educational Research, University of Alaska, in Juneau from September 14 through 17. Mrs. June Nelson, President of the Kotzebue Advisory School Board and a member of the Chemawa Indian School Board in Chemawa, Oregon, also atten-

ded the meeting as consultant.

The training included discussions of the duties and responsibilities of the Board as they relate to the students, the schools, and the school administrators, including teaching and counseling staffs. To see another school Board in action they attended a meeting of the Juneau Borough School Board.

The group traveled to Mt. Edgecumbe on Wednesday, and Wrangell on Thursday, to observe school activities and meet the students and staff of each school.

During the final session of training in Juneau on Friday, Reverend Nicholas Komkoff of Tyonek was elected as Chair-

man of the Board and Mrs. Annie Brower was elected Secretary.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at Mt. Edge-

cumbe from November 10 to 18. At this time they will learn more about Board responsibilities and participate in more training.

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