PEEK-A-BOO-Tiny Mary Bourdon is peeking out of the hood of her Eskimo mother, Esther, while being carried in the traditional mother-child mode of transportation. The picture shows part of the beach at Nome. In the background are racks of drying seal and oogruk meats that will be put away for winter.

-Photo by ROBERT KOWELUK

until December 1, 1976, to com-

plete their training under this

training under this new program,

come eligible in the future for

VA educational assistance due

to the service-connected death

or permanent and total disability

of their husbands will have eight

years to complete their training.

wives does not depend on when

their husbands served in the

Armed Forces. However, McDon-

augh added, if a widow remarries

or a wife divorces her disabled husband, she loses her entitle-

McDonaugh emphasized that

it will not be necessary for

eligible widows and wives to

contact the VA for detailed in-

formation on this new program.

ans Administration will mail ex-

planatory material with widows'

dependency and indemnity com-

pensation (DIC) checks and with the compensation checks for totally and permanently disabled

In the near future the Veter-

ment.

veterans.

Eligibility of widows and

He said the women who be-

McDonaugh explained.

Vet Widows Get Education Aid

An estimated 59 Alaska widows of veterans who died as the result of military service will be eligible for up to 36 months of educational assistance from the Veterans Administration beginning December 1, M. W. McDonaugh, Manager of the Juneau VA Regional Office, said today.

He pointed out that starting Dec. 1, the wives of Alaska's 44 totally and permanently disabled veterans will also be entitled to VA educational assistance payments of \$130 a monthup to a maximum of 36 monthsfor full-time institutional train-

The allowance for threequarters time training is \$95 a month, with \$60 being paid for half-time training under the new law granting these widows and wives VA educational help for the first time in the history of veterans' benefits in the Untied States, McDonaugh said.

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RDA Grants Anaktuvuk Pass and Port Graham to Fund Projects

ANCHORAGE- Assistance grants to fund building projects in three rural Alaska communities were announced today by Ed Shepherd, director of the state Rural Development Agency. The largest grant, for \$7,000,

went to the Endicott Mountain village of Anaktuvuk Pass to build a community hall.

The project is to begin immediately under the superivsion of Raymond Paneak, vice president of the Anaktuvuk Pass Village Council; Noah Ahgook, council secretary, and Bill Morry, treasurer.

Villagers will use dog teams and ski-mobiles to haul timber about 40 miles from the Hunt Fork area. When completed the hall will be used for council

and public meetings, dances, and as a showplace for the native masks crafted by the Anaktuvuk Pass residents.

Also approved, Shepherd said, was a \$2,500 RDA grant to build a new bridge at the Kenai Peninsula community of Port Graham southwest of Seldovia.

The new structure, to be built with logs and fill, will replace a deteriorated bridge erected in the 1930's. The project will be supervised by Village Council President Walter Meganack, vice president Tim Malchoff, and secretary Mickey Moonin.

The third RDA assistance project announced by Shepherd was a \$350 grant for the Bristol Bay village of South Naknek.

It will be used to paint the

community hall and to dig a basement under the hall, to purchase and install siding for the village fire hall, and to finish the fire hall interior.

The work will be supervised by Council Trustee Robert Hodg-don, vice president Donald Niel-sen and secretary-treasurer Mur-iel Zimin.

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