



UNIQUE EXPERIENCE—These Oregon College of Education student teachers will get classroom experience in Alaska schools this spring. Left to right, front row: Teri Sloat who will be stationed at the Bureau of Indian Affairs school at Nunapitchuk; Arleen Smalley, Akiachak; Tom Watkins, Nome-Beltz; Lynn Waisanen, Kotzebue; Phil Arnold, Barrow and Dr. Paul Jensen, Professor of education at Oregon College of Education, Mon-

mouth, Oregon, who arranged the Alaska invitation for the students; Robert Sloat, Nunapitchuk; Harold Smalley, Akiachak; Virginia Sondenaa, Kotzebue; Golda Condron, Hooper Bay; Martha Oyala, Sitka. Back Row, Ed Hansen, Wrangell; Marion Moorhouse, Sitka; John Pekman, Nome-Beltz; and John Oyala, Sitka. All will be in BIA schools except Watkins and Pekman who will be at the Alaska Nome-Beltz school.

Unique Experience for Teachers

Nineteen students of education from Oregon are this month joining the staff of Bureau of Indian Affairs rural schools in Alaska and have gone to the Alaska state Nome-Beltz schools.

Most of the student teachers are from Oregon, though one, John Pekman has parents residing in Fairbanks, Alaska, and one is from Minnesota.

Some of the young people arrived at Bethel, BIA headquarters, March 16 and left for their schools via chartered plane early in the week. Two are at Wrangell,

four at Mr. Edgcombe, two at Barrow and the rest at points on or near the Bering Sea. They will remain at teaching posts through the spring quarter.

Dr. Paul Jensen, professor of education at Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, Oregon, will spend 43 days in Alaska supervising the work of the young teachers.

Dr. Jensen annually arranges for student teachers for Alaska and last spring arranged a six week stay at Monmouth for the children of Northeast Cape, St.

Lawrence Island, to familiarize them with life in the "lower 48."

Of the 10 teachers who last year did their student-teaching in Alaska under the program, six are currently teaching in Alaska, three with the BIA schools, three in state schools. They are currently at Barter Island, Unalakleet, Ouzinkie and Nome.

Student teachers in the program are screened for their ability at teaching and carefully selected for their expected ability to adapt to Alaska conditions.

This year's group includes four married couples of whom Robert and Teri Sloat, were married in Salem, Oregon, Saturday, the day before leaving for their assignment at Nunapitchuk.

The student teachers include Harold and Arleen Smalley who will teach at the BIA school at Akiachak; Phil Arnold and Lynn Kindred at Barrow; Miss Golda Condron and Miss Gail Martin at Hooper Bay; Miss Virginia Sondenaa and Miss Lynn Waisanen will be at Kotzebue.

L. Kenneth Casteel is at Mountain Village, Charles and Carol Simons at Kwigillingok; Robert and Teri Sloat at Nunapitchuk and John and Martha Oyala at Mt. Edgcombe school at Sitka with Miss Marion Moorhouse and Miss Martha Steeprow. Ed Hansen and Greg Weast are at the Wrangell Institute at Wrangell and Tom Watkins and John Pekman are at the Alaska state Nome-Beltz school. Pekman's parents are residents of Fairbanks. (Mr. A. Pekman).

The student teachers have been given necessary information on Alaska and their work by Dr. Jensen and Charles Perry, education specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Juneau, Alaska.

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