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AFN SUBSCRIBES FOR VILLAGES

227 Native Villages Throughout Alaska to Receive Tundra Times

The Alaska Federation of Natives subscribed for 227

villages for six months to the Tundra Times.

CLA Honors Judge Guinn

District Judge Nora Guinn of Bethel, the first Eskimo to hold such a position, has been selected to appear in the 1968 edition of Community Leaders of America. On October 3, 1967, Mrs. Guinn was appointed and sworn in by Judge Hugh Connelly of Fairbanks as a District Judge for the 4th Judicial District.

Mrs. Guinn is serving out of Bethel, her home. She has been an outstanding public servant in behalf of her own people for over 26 years.

Other recipients of the Community Leaders of America include governors, United States Senators and Congressmen of the various states.

The publication includes many citizens such as

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The subscriptions will go to such places as Afognak, Chenega, Chicken, Chisana, Chowchootlik, Ellamar, Kake, Holikachuk, Kasaan, Latouche, Ouzinkie, Sleetmute, Tuntutuliak, Ugsonokle and to 23 others.

The Board of Directors of the AFN met recently and passed a motion to subscribe to the villages in an effort to improve communications especially regarding the land claims.

"We have been a little weak in communications with villages on land matters," said Emil Notti, president of the AFN.

Notti and the board members thought that the next six months might be a crucial period regarding land matters.

The subscriptions will be paid for out of the AFN Land Claims Fund.

The villages to which the subscriptions will be sent dot the whole State of Alaska.



IN HAPPIER DAYS—In a moment of achievement, Ambrose Towarak is smiling when he graduated from the University of Alaska on May 27, 1963 while his proud mother looks on. The Towaraks are a Unalakleet family. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Towarak and their infant son were found dead in a gravel pond last Sunday near the Fairbanks International

Airport. They had been mysteriously missing for almost a year. Towarak had been a regional director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps with offices in the Chena Building and was in a process of getting a new job in Nome when he and his family disappeared.

Ambrose Towarak Family Found Dead in Gravel Pond

"I just wouldn't buy it. I don't think it was an accident," said Fred Crane, Acting District Attorney for the 4th Judicial District. Thus Crane said about the strange disappearance of the

Ambrose Towarak family almost a year ago and who were finally found in a small gravel pond near the Fairbanks International Airport on June 16.

Following his conviction that the Towarak family death was not an accident, Fred Crane has set a tentative date for a coroner's inquest on June 28 in Fairbanks.

He is also having a Mr. and Mrs. Ivanoff couple in Unalakleet interviewed by a state trooper before the inquest.

The couple is said to be ones Towaraks saw off as they were returning to Unalakleet and were two of few who saw Towaraks alive.

The couple's red and cream sedan was spotted accident-

ally in 15 feet of water by a flyer in a small aircraft.

When the car with the bodies in it was found, the lights were in an on position. The ignition switch was also on and the transmission was in a drive position.

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Rumor: Willie Will Marry

There is a persistent rumor about that Rep. William L. (Willie) Hensley of Kotzebue will be married sometime late this month.

The ceremony is supposed to take place in Juneau and the bride-to-be is named after one of the early months of the year.

Sen. Begich Hits Barrow Airport Situation

State Senator Nick Begich in a state of frustration told Tundra Times this week what he thought of air service between Fairbanks and Barrow.

The State Wiley Post Airfield at Barrow is presently being worked on for improvement and, simultaneously, the military field near the Arctic Research Laboratory three miles away is also undergoing repairs.

"I criticize the state and the federal government for not coordinating their airport improvement program to allow at least one of the airports open during the summer season," said Begich heatedly.

"This is a blow to the economy of Barrow," he contined, "to have tourists turn back at Fairbanks and not continue their journey."

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Smithsonian Grants Village of Kasigluk to Film Its Village Life

The village of Kasigluk, 30 miles due west of Bethel on the Kuskokwim River has received a \$300 grant from the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the grant is to assist the village in making an 8 mm pilot film on Kasigluk village life. The grant was awarded to the

village in the form of Super 8 mm film equipment and film.

A copy of the completed film is to be sent to the Smithsonian Institution. The equipment is to remain in the village and may be used by any person in the village.

Comments Alexie Pavilla, Jr., vice president of the

village council:

"I think we should make a film that starts 100 years back. We need a film on the history of our village. But this is up to the people. Any person can borrow the equipment and make films of their children or whatever they want."

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BIA HIGH SCHOOL POLICY RESHAPED

Diversion of Funds to Eventually Close Down Mt. Edgecumbe H.S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Highly placed Bureau of Indian Affairs officials yesterday informed Sen. E. L. Bartlett of deliberations at top BIA levels to completely reshape Bureau's secondary education policy in Alaska.

Final decision on this effort is expected within a week.

Under the new approach, BIA would divert funds now

appropriated for Mt. Edgecumbe to construction of a 200-bed dormitory in Sitka with construction to begin this summer.

Additional funds would be transferred to Sitka school system to expand its high school to accommodate southeastern Alaska Indian students. When the construction is completed, Mt. Edgecumbe would be closed. Sitka undertaking would free funds to start construction of planned 300-bed dormitory at Bethel, the construction of this facility to begin as soon as possible.

A dormitory at Anchorage would be built. BIA officials hope Sitka, Bethel, Anchorage projects would be completed in two or three years.

Also part of the plan is hostels at University of Alaska where the university would administer high for natives from that part of the state. Fairbanks facility

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