

Folks Clear Airstrip—

Iliamna Gets Needed Supplies

A soft, muddy airstrip and high winds at Iliamna which prevented regular Wien Consolidated Airlines flights from landing there for the past two weeks created a near emergency situation for the village. Meanwhile, mail and cargo was backlogged at Anchorage and King Salmon.

time, a special section was dispatched from Anchorage with mail and cargo to King Salmon. Today Otter pilot Herman

Herman is busy shuttling 18,000 pounds of mail and cargo in addition to passengers from King Salmon to Iliamna.

AFDC 'Absent Parent Rule' Subject of Suit

A group of low income families filed suit in Federal District Court in Anchorage on the 26th day of March challenging the constitutionality of the "absent parent" rule under the Alaska Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program.

The "absent parent" rule has received its name since a low income family becomes eligible for AFDC assistance only if one parent is absent from the home in some fashion.

Thus, the current Alaska AFDC program provides an economic incentive to split up low income families.

The class action is prosecuted by four families from the Fort Yukon area and seeks to require the State of Alaska to participate, on the basis of equal protection of the laws, in the unemployed parent (UP) sub-program if it participates in the entire AFDC program.

By this action, the families demand that they be given AFDC assistance as other needy families who are currently receiving such assistance.

The AFDC program is defined in the Commissioner's Office in Douglas on May 7, 1970.

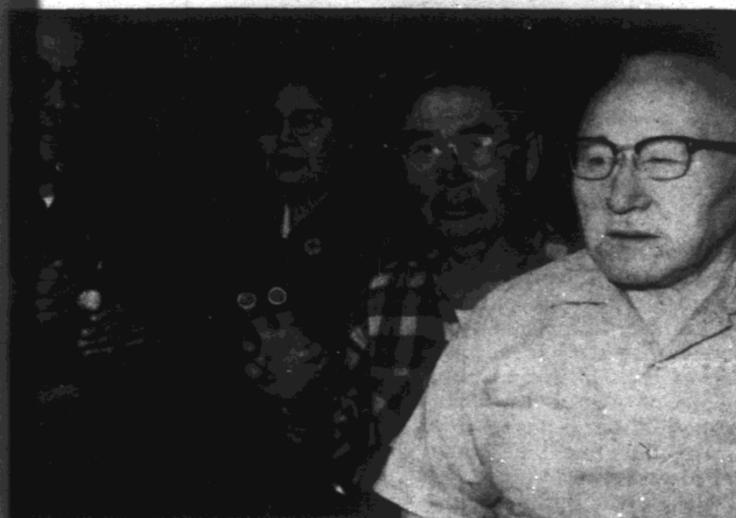
signed to provide public assistance to needy families and maintain and strengthen family life.

However, the present version of the program in Alaska limits eligibility of families who are without adequate financial resources due only to the needy because of the involuntary unemployment of an able-bodied father living in the home, even though that family is acknowledged to be needy, they are ineligible for AFDC assistance.

In their complaint, the parties state that they have been actively seeking employment but that they are involuntarily unemployed since "unemployment is an impossibility nine months of each year for many Alaskans living in remote villages."

The named defendants in the action, filed through Alaska Legal Services Corporation, are J.W. Betie, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare and Stanley P. Harris, Director of the Division of Public Welfare.

If the State of Alaska provided coverage for the class of people represented by the four families, it could receive Federal matching funds to help defray the State responsibility.



NATIVE ARTISANS—Under the Parental Visitation Program of the BIA, four native parents visited Mt. Edgecumbe recently and demonstrated their skills. Left to right: Weir Negovanna, Rhoda Westlake, Sam Fullmoon and Vincent Nageak.

Edgecumbe Visitors Demonstrate Works

Four recent visitors at Mt. Edgecumbe School included: Mrs. Rhoda Westlake of Kiana, Vincent Nageak of Barrow, Weir Negovanna from Wainwright, and Sam Fullmoon of Twin Hills. The four visited Mt. Edgecumbe School under the Parental Visitation Program.

All four are expert in some facet of native crafts. While visiting Mt. Edgecumbe they spent considerable time demonstrating their talents to the students.

Mrs. Westlake was very much in demand in home economics classes where she displayed her skin sewing ability. Her daughter who is a student at Mt. Edgecumbe, was delighted to have her "Mom" as a guest.

Weir Negovanna has worked at many jobs during his life. He has been a hunter, a heavy equipment operator, and has also worked for the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Negovanna works with whale bone and ivory. The students and staff at Mt. Edgecumbe School were fortunate to have this talented gentleman at the school.

Sam Fullmoon, a resident of the new village of Twin Hills, is a lively, interesting person with a real interest in everything around him. Fullmoon is an expert ivory

carver.

During his visit at Mt. Edgecumbe he carved several lovely ivory rings. He has many interesting and amusing stories to relate about the Kuskokwim Bay region where he was born.

The fourth visitor, Vincent Nageak of Barrow, excels in the making of baleen baskets. When he was here at Mt. Edgecumbe, Mr. Nageak worked on a baleen basket so that the students could have the opportunity to see one being made.

Nageak is active in the civic and business life of his native Barrow.

S.S. Manhattan On 2nd Voyage

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—The SS Manhattan, first commercial ship to conquer the Northwest Passage, departed Friday, April 3, on a return voyage to the Arctic waters.

Humble Oil & Refining Company, sponsor of the research project, said the second voyage will provide additional data for use in judging the economic feasibility of transporting crude oil from Alaska's North Slope to the U.S. East Coast.

Departure will be from Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company where the ship has been undergoing preparations for six to eight weeks of Arctic testing.

Project Near Donnelly Dome

The Department of Highways announced that it will begin advertising for construction of Project AAF-071-4(8), paving 26 miles of the Richardson Highway, between Trims Creek and Donnelly Dome.

This project is located approximately 30 miles south of Delta Junction, Alaska.

Completion is scheduled for August 15, 1970.

Advertising will begin April 10, 1970 with bids to be opened

BIA Nondalton School Building Completed

The completion of a Bureau of Indian Affairs school construction project at Nondalton has been announced by Charles A. Richmond, Area Director.

On March 11, 1970, representation of BIA turned over to Division of State-operated

Schools three additional classrooms and duplex teacher housing.

The new units were built with bureau funds to improve facilities for the education program at Nondalton.

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What Saith the Scriptures?

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"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3).

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