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OPERATION MAINSTREAM?

CVS Students Look Down on Moon

Visitors to the seventh annual Copper Basin Science Fair didn't have to look to the sky to view the moon for black chips sieved from its surface by Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin. Chips were displayed for the first time in Alaska at the exhibition held at Copper Valley School, Glennallen, March 7-8.

Members of the Copper Valley Civil Air Patrol guarded the 50 milligrams of moon rock and the Alaska flag which the astronauts carried on their moon trip this summer.

As Governor Keith H. Miller said, "Such science fairs and exhibits are an essential element in our continuing educational effort to keep abreast of the latest progress in the various fields of science."

Ninety-five students from grades 1-12 entered the mathematical, physical and biological science categories.

Glennallen, Gakona, Chistochina, Kenny Lake, Chitina and Copper Center schools participated in the elementary division and Copper Valley and Glennallen High Schools in the senior division of the fair.

Susan Lambert, Glennallen, won first place in the Junior Physical Science Division with an exhibit on spectroscopy. She also received a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond from the Humble Oil and Refining Company and a round trip (Continued on page 6)

Miller Moves to Expedite Paving Of Bethel Airport

JUNEAU-Governor Keith H. Miller moved to expedite the widening, extending, and paving of the Bethel Airport runway.

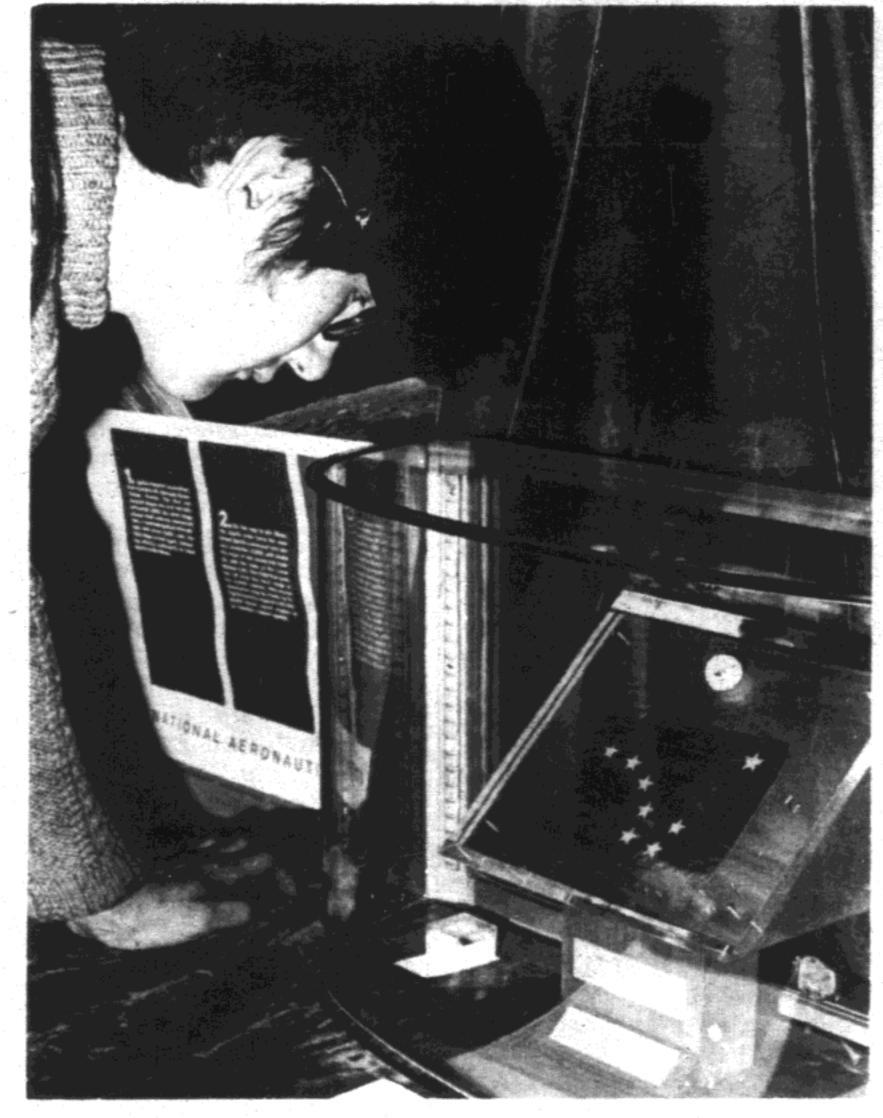
The Governor asked the Senate and House Finance Committees to include the \$1.4 million for the project in House Bill 455, a supplemental request, rather than leave it in the budget for the

next fiscal year. Miller explained that if the project were included in the budget, the funds would not become available until July 1. He said this procedure would cause the loss of practically an entire construction season.

"The expanding traffic in and out of Bethel is demanding immediate facilities for the use of jets," Miller said. "Jet service to Bethel will improve the service and rates to the area."

The Governor said if the funds are included in the supplemental the money for the project will become immediately available upon legislative approval of House Bill 455.

"I believe that having the money available prior to July 1 would definitely be in the best interests of the State," Miller said. "Immediate funding would permit equipment to move in early with a resultant head start on the total project."



BIT OF THE MOON-It's not too often that one gets to look "down" at the moon, but that's what Jim Ulricksen, a Copper Valley senior from Yakutat, was able to do at the Copper River Basin Science Fair. -COPPER VALLEY SCHOOL Photo

Flap Develops Over OEO Program Between RurAL-CAP and State

By SUSAN TAYLOR Staff Writer

What is considered to be one of the best programs of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) by its director will, in all likelihood, soon be turned over to the State-but not without questioning.

The program referred to is Operation Mainstream, a

\$180,000 effort funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. It is designed to provide money for community improvement projects and, at the same time, useful job training for villagers.

For the past two years the program has been administered by the community action program RurAL CAP.

However, the U.S. Department of Labor recently gave the Alaska Department of Labor control over Operation Mainstream with the prerogative to operate the program itself or to delegate it to another agency.

And, in meetings March 9 and the Manpower Advisory Board voted to recommend that

Operation Mainstream be handled by the State rather than RurAL CAP.

The recommendation, according to State Commissioner of Labor Thomas Moore, must still be approved by the Manpower Training Division of the Alaska Department of Labor and the Department of Labor. But, he seemed fairly certain that such approval would be automatic.

If so, the program will be operated by the State's Rural Development Agency as soon as the federal money comes through.

The executive director of Rur-AL CAP, Byron Mallott, ex-(Continued on page 6)

TAPS: Lands Released By Villages Invalid

The Trans Alaska Pipeline System has conceded that releases it obtained to land claimed

by five interior villages are not valid and has asked that a suit filed against it be dismissed on the grounds that there are no disputes, according to an attorney for the villages.

The request for a dismissal was made Friday, John Hedland, Alaska Legal Services attorney said, when TAPS filed a motion for a summary judgment in Superior Court in Anchorage. A hearing on the motion was set for April 3.

The TAPS action was in response to a suit filed Feb. 4 by the five native villages asking that the court uphold their recission of earlier waivers.

The withdrawal of the waivers, according to native spokesmen, was based on a failure of TAPS to honor promises to provide maximum employment and contract opportunities to Alaskan natives.

The villages involved are Minto Rampart, Stevens, Alakaket and Bettles. Their earlier waiver would have allowed TAPS to construct a pipeline across land claimed by them.

These same villages recently filed a suit in a federal district court in Washington, D.C. seeking to bar Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel from issuing construction permits for the pipeline and its access road.

Court hearings were set for April 1, and the Department of Interior agreed not to issue any construction permits until after that date.

A village spokesman said that (Continued on page 6)

'He Tried to Help His Village'—

A Village That's Helping Itself

By JOSEPHINE PETER

Arctic Village, Alaska We elected president and

council here in Arctic Village. First president is Walter Newman and vice president is Peter Tritt.

Walter Newman came to Arctic Village about 8 years ago from Beaver, Alaska, He is married to Florence Gilbert. And he tried to help his village. Peter Tritt is store manager and, also, he is school member, also helps lay leaders and also he is National Guard, and he also help his vil-

Kias T. Peter, Sr. is first coun-

cil. He is first council past one selling his own gas and oil station. year. He is N.C.O. and National Guard, also he is in union for 10 years now. He always work in Fairbanks every summer. Also he tried to help his village.

Also Trimble is council member. Trimble Gilbert is teacher aid here in Arctic Village for BIA. Also he is lay leader and he is national Guard. Also he is taking care of community store. And he tried to help the village.

Also Easize James he is council member now. He is our first president past three year and he tried to help his village, also he's

His son Albert James is also council member too. He is came back from State last year and he tried to help his village.

Also Abraham John, Sr. is council member and he is secretary for council and president. He is also tried to help his village.

Almost everyone got a new houses and they also finish the new lodge. Everyone here in Arctic Village our kind people—they try to help each other, and they tried to help their village better look.

Hope got a news next time.

Episcopal Committee for Indian Work Grants AFN and DNH

The National Committee for Indian Work of the Episcopal Church has recently granted \$15,000.00 to native organizations in Alaska. Two men of the fifteen man committee are Alaskans, the Rev. Titus Peter of Fort Yukon and Alfred Grant of Tanana.

The grants were made from a

\$100,000.00 fund dedicated to economic betterment of the Indian and Eskimo people of the United States, which is currently being raised throughout the Episcopal Church.

A \$10,000 grant was made to the Alaska Federation of Natives to aid in publicizing the needs of a just and equitable Land Claim settlement.

A \$5,000 grant was made to the DNH Corporation. This is a newly formed corporation composed entirely of natives and sponsored by the Tanana Chiefs with the aim of providing employment and economic stability for the native people of interior Alaska.