

'Husky Help' Helps

The two dozen families in the little Eskimo village of Wales on the western tip of the Seward Peninsula were benefited last week from the delivery of building materials brought to them by a team of men from Fort Wainwright.

This special service to the natives of this remote community on the Bering Strait involves mushing across the snow in mechanical monsters known as "car-

rier cargo tracked, 6 ton M548."

They carried the major parts of an Air Force surplus wooden building that was dismantled at the site of the 710th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the tent city some months ago.

When the old structure was no longer required, the Eskimos asked to have the lumber for construction use in their village, and it was made available to them by the Alaskan Air Command.

The residents of Wales had no means of transporting the large and heavy load of material and appealed for military aid. The U.S. Army, Alaska was given the job of towing or carrying the lumber from Tent City to Wales.

It is seven miles as the raven flies but 17 by the twisting route the tracked vehicles had to take around a 2,300 foot prominence according to a preliminary reconnaissance of the area recently made by Lieutenant Colonel T.M. Small, Jr., Deputy Commander of the 171st Infantry Brigade.

Unless weather conditions improved the Army team faced problems of limited visibility and a wind-chill factor of -75 degrees or colder. But it was a job that could not be done across this terrain except in winter.

"Operation Husky Help" was the name given to this community relations project and was directed on the scene by 1st Lieutenant Gary L. Shoup, Executive Officer, 559th Engineer Company (Combat).

Assisting him was 1st Lieutenant H.W. Keitzman and nine enlisted men. All are from units of the 171st Infantry Brigade stationed at Fort Wainwright.

Last week two C-130's of the Alaskan Air Command's 17th Tactical Airlift Squadron took the 11 men and vehicles from Fort Wainwright to the Air Force strip at Tin City. While the soldiers were engaged in this community relations project they were given logistical support by the 710th AC&W Squadron.

The village of Wales, though tiny (population about 120) has been an active settlement for more than 140 years.

First reported in 1827 by British Naval Captain Beechey, its inhabitants were later described by him as "some of the most cleanly and well dressed people we have seen anywhere on the coast. Their residence was at King-A-Ghee, a place which, judging from the respectability of parties from that place whom we had seen elsewhere, must be important among the Esquimaux villages upon the coast."

Trooper Pay Raise Asked

Wendell P. Kay, D-Anchorage, this week withdrew H.B. 410, co-sponsored by Rep. Richard McVeigh, D-Anchorage, on the subject of retirement for Alaska State Troopers.

Kay said: "Last year, Dick McVeigh and I introduced H.B. 410, providing an increased retirement for State Troopers. The Legislative Council has now introduced H.B. 736, covering the same subject, but with substantial improvements endorsed by the Troopers. I am very happy to give my full support to H.B. 736, and Mr. McVeigh and I are withdrawing H.B. 410 accordingly."

"Improved retirement for the Troopers is an absolute necessity. These men undergo many hardships, work much overtime, and undergo extreme risks on our behalf, day after day. But at the present time, the retirement plan is so skimpy and inadequate that they have had great difficulty in keeping qualified men on the force."

Over-harvest Feared—

1970 Polar Bear Season May Be in for Early Closure

The 1970 polar bear season may be closed early in order to maintain the harvest at 300 animals, the Fish and Game Department said.

Wallace H. Noerenberg, Commissioner, said that it may be necessary to close the season if the sport harvest exceeds 225 bear. This would allow for 75 animals to be taken by natives for subsistence purposes.

The closure, if necessary, will be made by emergency field announcement. The harvest is being closely monitored and guides and hunters will receive adequate notice prior to closure.

Polar bear spend the majority of their lives on ice packs which move about the circumplora region. Because the bears also are

constantly moving, it is possible that two or more countries may be harvesting from the same population, Noerenberg said.

He noted that scientists attending an international polar bear meeting held recently at Morges, Switzerland voiced considerable concern over the possible over-harvest of the animals.

Polar bear harvest figures for 1969 show that Canada took 400 animals, Alaska 300, Norway 300, and Denmark 125.

The Fish and Game Board is considering a staff proposal calling for a limit of 300 polar bears per year.

Under the proposal, applications for polar bear permits exceeded 300, a drawing would be held to distribute the permits

There is no limit to the number of permits which may be issued under the present rules.

The Fish and Game Board will act on the bear limit proposal at its April meeting in Kodiak.

Governor to Attend

Dogsled Races

The Dog Musher's Association is planning a big weekend at Farmer's Loop Road highlighted by the Open North American Championship Sled Dog Race, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Gov. Keith Miller plans to attend the Sunday race.

The first heat is Friday at 1 p.m. with the second and third heats being Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Both Saturday and Sunday there will be sled dog rides for spectators and a display of different types of sleds, harnesses and dogs.

Also on Saturday there will be a junior snowshoe race, a three-legged snowshoe race for adults, a weight pulling contest using a team of three dogs, children's nickel scramble, and a tea boiling contest.

Gov. Miller will award the Governor's Cup to the winner of the sled dog races at the Musher's Banquet Sunday night at the Little Switzerland.

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RENTAL OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

The Fairbanks District and Land Office, Bureau of Land Management has announced a meeting for all persons interested in renting heavy equipment for fire fighting. The meeting will be held on Friday, March 27, 1:30 p.m. at the Fairbanks District Office, 516 Second Avenue, Fairbanks. BLM is interested in securing offers to rent cats, trailers, tankers, buses, cross-country vehicles, front end loaders, riverboats, and various other types of equipment used for fire fighting purposes. General conditions for rental offers will be discussed at this meeting. Anyone interested who is unable to attend should contact: A.M. Guild, Fairbanks District and Land Office, 516 Second Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment, and performing all work on Project F-099-3(7) and AA-0993(1), Sitka to Japonski Island, described herein, will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, April 30, 1970, in the Commissioner's Office, Department of Highways, Island Center Building, Douglas, Alaska.

This project consists of grading, drainage, and hot bituminous pavement of 0.68 miles of roadway and construction of a 1,255 foot Cable-Stayed Box Girder Bridge. This project is located at Sitka, Alaska.

Principal items or work consist of the following: 145,000 tons of Borrow; 7,200 tons of Crushed Aggregate Base; 8,800 tons of Subbase "B"; 2,300 tons of Hot Bituminous Pavement; 955 cubic yards of Class 5 Concrete; approximately 2,500 cubic yards of Class A Concrete, lump sum, all required; 1,400 linear feet of 18" diameter Pipe Conduit, 4,500 linear feet of Type II Curb and Gutter; 704 linear feet of Structural Steel Piles; 4,940 square feet of Structural Sheet Piles; approximately 514,000 pounds of Reinforcing Steel, lump sum, all required; approximately 1,620,000 pounds of A572, 250,000 pounds of A-36, and 229,300 pounds of A514 Structural Steel, lump sum, all required; 4,700 linear feet of Tensioning Rods; approximately 93,000 pounds of Galvanized Steel Strand, lump sum, all required. 5,100 linear feet of Bridge Railing; Highway Illumination, lump sum, all required; and miscellaneous landscaping items, Water and Sewer Line Items, and Telephone and Electric Power Items.

All work shall be completed by July 15, 1972.

Plans and specifications may be obtained by all who have a bona fide need for them for bidding purposes from the Chief Design Engineer. Plans may be examined at Department of Highways District Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Valdez.

Robert L. Beardsley
Commissioner of Highways

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