

# Acting Gov. Keith Miller Says Winter Road Work Will Continue

JUNEAU—Acting Gov. Keith Miller announced construction will be continued on the winter road north.

"The project is moving ahead well and we are optimistic of an

early completion date," Miller said. "Truckers assure us freight loads demand the earliest possible completion. The portion completed to date has already been used for at least three fuel deliveries by standard highway type fuel delivery trucks."

Miller said temperatures have improved along the road route since Tuesday and that the long range forecast is for temperatures within the range of continued operations.

Miller also said the winter road has received enthusiastic public support including support from legislators in both parties. "The high pressure system which caused the extreme cold in the route area is moving to the southwest," Miller said. "Temperatures have been above minus 24 in the Tanana and Bettles area for the past 24 hours as the cold moves out."

Miller said the winter road crews were 147 miles north of Fairbanks at 2 a.m. Friday. The crews covered 18 miles in the preceding work period.

"We expect the road to be pushed through to Sagwon by Feb. 8," Miller said.

Wires from the Greater Anchorage Democratic Club, the Alaska Carriers Association, and support from numerous legislators have been received, Miller said.

Ed Barber, Chairman of the Greater Anchorage Democratic Club, wired, "This club unanimously on record in favor of north slope road completion as soon as possible."

Barber's wire said immediate construction was necessary because of Canadian competition for the business of servicing oil companies on the north slope.

Senate president John Butrovich polled Fairbanks area legislators, and reported they were unanimously agreed that construction of the winter road should be completed.

Legislators polled included Sen. Elect Terry Miller, Sen. Paul Haggland, Sen. Elect Ed Merdes, Rep. Elect Eugene Miller, Rep. Elect Mike Bradner and Rep. Ed Orbeck.

Edward R. Sanders, manager of the Alaska Carriers Association, wired Miller, "Urge that any thought of discontinuing construction be abandoned and that additional work equipment immediately be placed in the construction effort."

Leo Schlofeldt of Sourdough Truckers in Fairbanks reported Friday afternoon, "We have all the confidence in the world there'll be a lot of usage as soon as they get up near the other end. We know there's plenty of freight to haul."

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# Native Health Aide Program Speeds Up

The training program for Alaska Native Community Health aides (ANCHAT) moves into high gear in 1969 with employment of a second instructor by the Alaska Area Native Health Service.

Mrs. R. Elaine Arrington, a public health nurse who formerly worked in the state for the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare, will assume her employment with the U.S. Public Health Service in mid-January according to Mr. Donovan C. Shook, Chief, Office of Training Services for the Alaska Area.

Mrs. Arrington is presently employed in the Outpatient Department of Kettering Memorial Hospital, Kettering, Ohio. From the fall of 1966 to October, 1968 she worked for ADH as a public health nurse in the Nome area.

Prior to that she was employed in her PHN role with the Frederick County Health Department in Maryland. She received her BS degree at Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland and her masters degree in public health nursing at Boston University.

She is a member of the American Nurses Association.

The new instructor will join Mrs. Eva Boyce who has been coordinator and instructor for the ANCHAT program for the

past year.

Planned are twelve courses for a total of 115 Aides between now and May 29. The first classes of the new year began in Bethel January 13 and will continue through January 24.

Mrs. Arrington will monitor this group's instruction before undertaking subsequent courses in Bethel, Kanakanak, and Kotzebue. Mrs. Boyce, meanwhile, will teach courses in Tanana and Anchorage during the same period.

Mr. Shook reports that more than \$22,000 has already gone out to Aides in the special PHS payment arrangement which began for services given in October. More than 140 of the some 185 Aides authorized have already completed necessary paper work for issuance of purchase orders.

To be paid, Aides must indicate in writing their willingness to serve under the direction of a Health professional, be designated by their village council or other official group, and have their status as having been on duty verified by the Service Unit Director in the region in which their community is located.

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