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EYES POTENTIAL PROBLEM AT DILLINGHAM

KACDC Grant

John Shively, Executive Director of RurAL CAP, has announced that the Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation has been the recipient of a \$53,000 grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity to improve health services and facilities for elderly persons.

Under the grant, it is planned to establish a Senior-Citizen Center for the first time in Kodiak, which will act as a coordinating vehicle for all funds coming into the community for the aged; hot meals will be served and nutritional education will be provided to older persons and their families.

The need for improved services to this group has been a regional priority of the KACDC since its inception and includes providing transportation, arranging appointments and referrals, providing follow-up on clients and distributing foodstuffs to the elderly and their families.

Programs will be coordinated and supportive services provided for adequate housing, better medical and dental services, emergency food and improved food stamp opportunities.

Highest priority will be given to families with lowest cash incomes and to those who are not now participating in a food assistance program.

The director said other agencies and organizations are involved and have expressed a need to deliver services to the elderly.

Many people are not aware of services that are available to them or the mechanics of applying or participating in certain programs, and a newsletter will be established to keep the elderly informed about programs and benefits that will affect them.

This will include nutritional items as well as supporting services available to them on the local, state and federal level.

The hot meal program will provide ten people one hot meal daily, five days a week for the first six months; 15 people the following six months and 25 people during the last six months of the program which will be initiated in Kodiak the first six months and then move out to



LAND CLAIMS DISCUSSION — Roy Ewan, Director of the AHTNA Corporation, is shown discussing issues of the Settlement at the Copper Valley-Tanana Regional Development Corporation Board meeting. At his left, Paul Davis, Director of the RurAL CAP program; at Ewan's right, secretary Laura Phillips; Nick Jackson, President of the Board of Directors; and Hector Ewan, Vice President.

CV-TRDC Holds Board Meeting

The Copper Valley-Tanana Regional Development Corporation held their fall Board of Directors' meeting in Gulkana on October 7, 1972, chaired by President Nick Jackson.

Items discussed by Paul Davis, Regional Director for the corporation, included Basic Adult Education programs, generators for the region, VEMP equipment and election of RurAL CAP delegates.

The Board was informed that Dennis Wolverton, DDS, who is the contracted dentist for their grant, was scheduled to be introduced at this meeting, but the doctor had a full caseload of patients for that day and was unable to be present.

Dr. Wolverton will make trips to Copper Center and Kenny Lake, spending a week in the two locations.

He has arranged for additional training for the auxiliaries, Mildred Buck and Adeline John, by way of having a dentist from the Bethel region come to the Copper Valley area and do periodontal training.

the villages.

It is estimated that approximately 400 persons on Kodiak Island would be eligible to

One of the highlights of the meeting was a very informative and well-received talk by Roy Ewan on the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act.

Mr. Ewan is director of the AHTNA Corporation, one of the regional Native corporations set up under the Land Claims Act.

RurAL CAP Program Specialist, Gary Waid, gave a report on the municipal code and revenue sharing.

Mike Harper, Deputy Director of RurAL CAP, also attended the one-day meeting.

Claims Act Publication— Now Available at RurAL CAP

A recent publication by RurAL CAP entitled, "Summary and Analysis of the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act", is now available from the agency at cost.

Prepared by the law firm of Ely, Guess and Rudd, in Anchorage, the material is intended as a guide for those who will be

involved in the explanation and implementation of the Act.

It is an explanation, it points out alternatives available to the beneficiaries of the Act, and some of the pros and cons of these alternatives. It also discusses problems of the interpretation.

The 172-page booklet may be ordered from RurAL CAP, P.O. Drawer 412 ECB, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 for \$15.00 each, which covers cost of the work done by the law firm and printing.

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OEO Representatives Eye Disastrous Fishing Haul

A RurAL CAP staff member accompanied OEO representatives to Dillingham the first week in October to evaluate problems and possible solutions to the difficulties that will undoubtedly face residents of the area because of the disastrous fishing season this year.

John Shively, Executive Director of RurAL CAP, who had earlier requested assistance for these people from the Governor and Congressional Delegation, said he received a letter from Senator Stevens with information that OEO had agreed to send a team at the Senator's request, "... to determine as quickly as possible solutions at the federal level to the problems which have resulted from the poor fishing season."

"Representatives from the OEO, Indian Program Staff, the Statewide Community Action Agency, RurAL CAP; and possibly a representative of the AFN will make up the study team, who will coordinate their efforts with the state's evaluation team."

Senator Stevens also said he had contacted the Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to request their assistance.

Archie Gottschalk, RurAL CAP program specialist and originally from Naknek, traveled with Charles Chong, Chief, Alaska Operations, from the

OEO regional office in Seattle and David Litton, Indian Desk, OEO, Washington, D.C.

Gottschalk reported that they met with various officials of the Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation and the Bristol Bay Native Corporation to see how they viewed the disastrous fishing season's effects on residents and get their thoughts on how OEO or the Indian Desk could help relieve the immediate problems.

The OEO men agreed that the Bay residents were hard hit and that they will undergo an extremely hard winter.

The issue that needs attention local people say, is that long range planning is needed with control of the resource with which they make their living. Short term programs won't alleviate problems of future fishing disasters. There will continue to be high and low seasons, and people will suffer as long as the present resources management persists, they believe.

Some of the changes the residents would like to see come about include having the State Legislature limit the number of outside fishermen entering the state; putting a tax on raw fish produced in the region by processors, tax not paid to the state or federal government, but to the region;

A tax to be levied on fish caught by outside fishermen, and tighter international fishing regulations and more severe methods of enforcement, such as gear confiscation.

Also, better federal and state law enforcement practices on state and international waters; laws that reflect sound sustainable harvesting practices and development of regional fishery cooperatives.

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Program Needs Federal Money

U.S. Senate candidate Gene Guess said at a meeting of the State Library Association in Fairbanks that the bilingual education program in rural Alaskan schools has worked well and federal monies should be made available so that it can be expanded.

"As the Speaker of the Alaska State House I worked hard for the legislation requiring bilingual education in rural schools. This legislation package give Alaskan villagers a say in what language is used to teach their children.

"The schools in rural Alaska have so far contributed substantially to discouraging native culture by using English exclusively instead of local languages.

"It is of course important

that the rural Alaskan children learn English but it is equally important that they do not lose the ability to speak their old native tongue. The bilingual education program gives the children an opportunity for literacy in two languages.

"I think the program should be expanded from present. It provides the children and their parents with a choice, and it gives the students a chance to appreciate both their local cultures and the predominant Western culture," Guess said.

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