

# FEDERAL GRANT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT

A Federal grant in the amount of \$2,240,438 for airport improvements at McGrath has been approved, the FAA announced today.

Lyle K. Brown, Director of FAA's Alaskan Region, said the grant was the first in Alaska since the July 12, 1976 signing of Airport and Airway Development Act Amendments of 1976. Under the Amendments, Alaska was apportioned \$21,145,297 in Federal funds for airport development. Included

ed was \$18,362,926 for air carrier airports and \$2,782,371 for general aviation airports.

Brown said work at McGrath will include overlay and seal coating of the main runway, medium intensity lighting for the runway, taxiway and apron, a crash-fire-rescue vehicle, runway marking and obstruction removal.


Construction will be carried out with matching state and Federal funds on a ratio of 93.75 per cent Federal to 6.25

percent state participation. The state portion at McGrath will amount to \$149,362 for a total project cost of \$2,389,800.

The Federal Airport Development Aid Program (ADAP) was signed into law in 1970 to encourage orderly and timely development of the nation's airport facilities. Amendments signed into law in July set forth apportionments on a national basis for both air carrier and general aviation airports. Before airport grants can

be made under the Act, airport sponsors—in the case of McGrath, the state—must comply with all applicable Federal requirements.

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# THOMPSON APPOINTS

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today the appointment of LaFollette Butler, a Cherokee, as Acting Director of the Commissioner's Indian Self-Determination Staff.

Butler, a 23-year BIA veteran, directed the Bureau's task force which developed the regulations for implementing the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. He is the Special Assistant to the Phoenix Area Director.

"LaFollette's assignment is a vitally important one," Commissioner Thompson said. "He has the dual responsibility of guiding the Bureau's efforts in the critical early months of implementing the Act and of recruiting and training the permanent staff that will continue the work."

Thompson said that Butler "is recognized throughout the

Bureau and the Indian community as an expert in tribal government, the trust relationship and the Indian Self-Determination Act. I consider him uniquely qualified for this role."

As head of the task force developing the regulations for the Act, Butler was responsible for establishing policy guidelines, training BIA employees and carrying out an extensive consultation program with Indian leaders throughout the Nation.

Butler, 53, has been detailed from his Phoenix post to serve in various critical positions. He has been Acting Director of the Bureau's Office of Trust Responsibilities, Acting Deputy Commissioner and Acting Commissioner.

A native of Hulbert, Okla. he graduated from Sequoyah Indian High School. He has studied law and government at the Univer-

sity of Oklahoma and at George Washington University. He began with the BIA as a law clerk (lands) in 1953 in Washington, D.C. He went to Phoenix as a Realty Specialist in 1966 and was made Special Assistant to the Area Director in 1969.

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# Photographic contest

Photographers throughout Alaska are invited to submit entries in the 1976 Alaska Positive Photographic Contest, sponsored by the Alaska State Museum.

Twenty-five entries will be selected for a show that will travel throughout the state, and prizes will be awarded for Best of Show (\$150), First Place Color (\$100) and First Place Black and White (\$100).

Contestants are limited to three entries each and should submit them on 16-by-20-inch matboard. Entries should be mailed to George Parker, Curator of Temporary Exhibits, Alaska State Museum, Pouch FM, Juneau, Alaska 99811. The deadline for this year's contest is October 10. The contest is limited to Alaska residents. There is no entry fee. Color transparencies will not be accepted.

Entry forms can be obtained from local museums and arts and crafts associations throughout the state. Contestants may also write to George Parker for entry forms.

Once selected, the show will travel through 10 Alaska cities, including Ketchikan, Sitka, Petersburg, Cordova, Seward, Kodiak, Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks and Nome, as well as Juneau.

Over 200 photographs were entered last year, of which 25

were chosen. Top photos last year were from Bethel (people hauling water), Fairbanks (Birch trees) and Juneau (Wolf at window).

The juror for this year's contest will be Ron Partridge, of Berkeley, Calif., a veteran of 47 years' photography experience whose photos have appeared in every major magazine in the U.S., Parker said.

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The 3rd Annual Shareholders' Meeting of Bristol Bay Native Corporation will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Dillingham High School in Dillingham, Alaska, on Saturday, September 25, 1976.

Please watch your mail for Notice of Meeting, Proxies, and Annual Report. If you do not receive these by September 10, 1976, please contact Bristol Bay

Native Corporation at 445 East 5th Avenue, Anchorage, or P.O. Box 198, Dillingham, Alaska or by calling Anchorage (907)277-9511, or Dillingham (907) 842-3070.

Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, on September 25th. Please show up to register as early as possible so the meeting can start on schedule.