

Incorporated Village Holds First Election

The new city of St. Mary's held its first general election November 7, 1967. Elected for a one year term to the Board were: Billy Beans, Daniel Stevens, William Tyson, Moses Paukan, and Andrew Paukan.

There were seven candidates for the Board of Trustees and there were three write-ins. Billy Beans was top vote getter with 47 votes. The total cast was 51.

Dan Stevens placed second with 46 votes, and William Tyson 45, Moses Paukan 43, and Andrew Paukan 41.

In addition to the vote for membership on the Board of Trustees, the city held its first School Board election. Five members were elected to the new city school Board out of seven candidates. There were six write-ins.

Top vote getter was Reverend Rind Astruc with 47

votes. Pia Thompson received 41, Flora Paukan 40, Esther Paukan 39, and Alfred Tyson 36.

St. Mary's became a city of the second class on August 3, 1967 upon issuance of a court order to that effect by Judge William H. Sanders, Presiding Judge of the Second District, Superior Court, in Nome.

Immediately following, on August 18th, the Federal Government announced award of two grants and loans to the city totaling \$426,000 covering construction of a cold storage, dock facility and multi-purpose community building intended primarily to house travelers.

Following this, in mid-October the Most Reverend Francis D. Gleeson, Catholic Bishop of Fairbanks, issued a deed to the new city of St. Mary's transferring title to the city of all land upon which the old village of St. Mary's was built.

The parcel contains around 132 acres and represents approximately 50 percent of the Church's original patented land in that community.

This means that St. Mary's, as far as can be determined, is the only 100 percent native community in Alaska owning its own land in fee simple title.

These accomplishments are part of an initial plan for community development initiated by the traditional village council in 1966 under the leadership of Billy Beans. Anchorage Management Consultant, Paul Dixon, has been engaged by the community to assist in their development plans.

Prevalent Otitis Media to Get Further Scrutiny By Physicians

One of the most prevalent health problems among Alaska's Native people, otitis media, will be given further scrutiny by U. S. Public Health Service physicians late this month with consultative advice from a specialist in otolaryngology.

Dr. Robert Earl Pumphrey Jr. will be in Alaska the week of November 27 for conferences with medical personnel at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, the Bethel PHS Hospital and Mt. Edgecumbe at Sitka.

Now a consultant for the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Pumphrey recently completed two years as Chief of the Department of Otolaryngology at the USAF Hospital, Andrews Air Force Base.

In 1966 he was awarded the Air Force commendation medal for meritorious service in connection with this work.

His other appointments include staff membership at Washington (D. C.) Hospital Center and Children's Hospital; clinical instructor for George Washington University and consultant for the Veterans Hospital in Washington.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology and member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology.

During a review of the PHS program for ENT in Alaska, Dr. Pumphrey will consider specific problems and needs in the field of otitis media (inflammation of the middle ear) and will help to delineate unmet needs and resources required to take care of them.

Dr. Kenneth J. Fleshman, chief of pediatrics at ANMC, will tell of acute aspects of the disease during a clinical seminar. Chronic aspects will be related by Dr. Jean Goorman, chief of epidemiology branch for the Alaska Native Health Area.

She will also report on present research activities, list what needs to be done to resolve the problems and will serve as moderator.

Completing the panel will be Dr. Helen Beirne, clinical director for Alaska Crippled Children's Association Treatment Center, who will speak on rehabilitative aspects of the disease which often results in hearing problems.

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