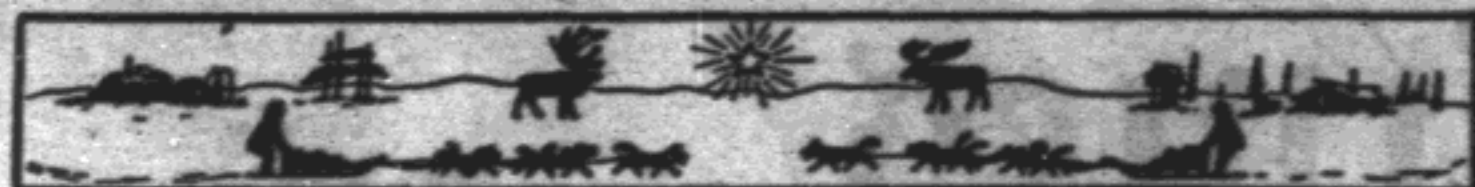


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Editorial—

Voting Is Power

WHEW! This is some political year! It has been as topsy-turvy as the current-driven field of sea ice grinding and piling on the Arctic Alaska coastline. On the Presidential candidate level, a three-way ticket is being generated and the people—the voters—are in somewhat of a tizzy over the situation.

"How do you think the election will come out?" is the question often heard. As far as we're concerned, this is a hard question to answer. We'll just have to wait for the great "Decider,"—the voter—to do his handiwork on November 5 next Tuesday. The voter is going to be the most important person that day and his majority decision will help to shape the history of our country—and no fooling. There is no getting around him. He's a powerful person.

On a smaller scale but with no less importance to Alaska, is another three-way race—the race for the U.S. Senate seat that was actually left vacant by the primary election loss of Sen. Ernest Gruening, the incumbent, to Mike Gravel. If things had been normal, Mike Gravel would have only one opponent, the Republican nominee, Elmer Rasmuson, but this was complicated by Sen. Gruening's decision to run, nevertheless, on the write-in-ticket. For all intents and purposes, it's a two-opponent deal all the way round. However, if Gruening's write-in candidacy generates substantial proportions, Rasmuson could benefit. The odds could be quite heavy against candidate Gravel.

At this writing, Gruening's chances for re-election are said to be slim but how slim is the big question. Gravel's camp seems to be confident, however, even with two opponents against him and the size of Sen. Gruening's write-in votes will have to be weighed against Gravel.

On the other hand, Elmer Rasmuson is making a determined bid for election and he seems to be leaving no stone unturned in the effort. My, we haven't seen so many political candidates work so hard as compared with other years.

And the native people are in the thick of the political embroilment more than ever before. They're experiencing some pressures this year. Their own people have been working on opposing camps wooing their votes. The native people are getting a big taste of political maneuvering never before unleashed in such quantity. This year, politically at the grassroots, our people are really getting their feet wet. That's the way it should be. They're being bombarded with well-aimed political shots and many of their minds are probably asking, "Should I vote for him, or should I vote for his opponent?"

Their minds are dwelling on such men as Hubert Humphrey, Richard Nixon, George Wallace, Sen. Ernest Gruening, Elmer Rasmuson, Mike Gravel, Congressman Howard Pollock, State Sen. Nick Begich, and many other candidates on the state level.

The native folks, along with millions of voters throughout the United States, will be deciding to vote for

Children's Theater Group Tours Dillingham Area

A Fairbanks Children's Theatre troupe is playing this week in the Bristol Bay area. The actors left Sunday evening on Wien Consolidated Airlines for Anchorage, King Salmon, Dillingham and Bethel where they will present "Jack and the Beanstalk," an hour production.

Presentations will be in the elementary and high schools and by request evening performances will be given for adults. It is estimated that approximately 3,000 children will see it.

Directing and appearing in the production will be Hap Ryder, assisted by Virginia Cultice, who also appears in the play. Other members of the troupe include: Miss Richie Verhagen and Don DeWitt, both instructors at Lathrop High School; Mrs. Deann Hawman, Jennifer Jolis and Guy VanDoren, all veterans of the Children's Theatre.

The audience is encouraged to participate by choosing the actors for the parts and offering advice as the play progresses.

Now in its sixth year, the Fairbanks Children's Theatre is sponsored by the Fairbanks Drama Association in conjunction with the Alaska State Council on the Arts. The object of the tours is to bring live, professional drama to the children of Alaska, in many cases their first experience with it.

The present schedule is for performances at King Salmon on Monday; Dillingham on Tuesday; and Bethel on Thursday. Fairbanks performances in the Alaskan Theatre are set for Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Admission will be 75 cents for children and students and 1.00 for adults. Chaparones will be in attendance.

Letters to the Editor

October 20, 1968

Dear Editor:

Just about 55 years ago I started to notice every white man that came in the village, the first thing they do is build a fence around their cabin, take as much land as they could take, prospectors, trappers, hospital, roadhouse, post office, jail and commissioner.

But the worst ones were the Signal Corps, build a road through the middle of the village, and the missionaries took the most, one half mile wide and one mile long.

I was the only one in the village that tried to stop them but all I did was put myself in trouble. Nobody sticks with me. This is why I give up everything, it's about time I quit.

But I want to tell you AFN to keep pushing to get our land back. I can tell you why they froze it. They just want to hold us back for a while. They know they can't win. Our land is our land and we have to get something for it.

United States can't keep stolen property when we win. We'll sue the Russians for stealing millions of dollars from us poor Indians.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

the person they think will represent them best on the governmental level. November 5 is the day when they will help to wield the power of the people—the vote.

We hope that they will come out in greater numbers than ever before to exercise the privilege of casting their ballots.

Robert Newlin Writes Note to Mike Gravel

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October 20, 1968

Dear Mike:

I received letter asking for your letter but no application to fill out I have been asking by Fred Notti and Charles MacAlpine and Dan Lisbourne to support Rasmuson, and promised if I did I'd land in a state job within 8 or 10 weeks. But I could not accept it. Also, they wanted to give me money to start myself a business of my own, name the place. If I would go 100% for Rasmuson, but I also have turned them down. I did not want to give away our rights just to receive money.

I'm 100% for you, Mike. If I didn't, I would accept the offer.

Thanks,
Robert

October 28, 1968

Dear Editor:

The Friday, October 18, issue of the Tundra Times erroneously quotes me as making a statement concerning endorsement of Elmer Rasmuson for political office.

I did not state, nor did I imply any endorsement for Elmer Rasmuson or any other candidates. For this reason, I am asking that you correct the impression carried by your paper that I endorsed Elmer Rasmuson for U.S. Senate.

Please print this letter in its entirety in the newspaper or indicate in a separate article that the statements attributed to me simply are not true.

Sincerely,
Serafima Shane

BIA Phase-out . . .

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and the curriculum at Mt. Edgecumbe, and to discuss the need for continued operation and upgrading of the Mt. Edgecumbe facility.

Accordingly, I suggest that a meeting be held as soon as possible, in the City of Sitka, a three-day symposium for the purpose of hearing testimony of interested witnesses and for receiving position papers of those officials of the federal and state governments directly involved. We would particularly appreciate such a report from you personally, Mr. Commissioner.

It is important that this symposium be held prior to the time the federal and state budgets are put in final form for approval and submission to the respective legislative branches.

Specifically, I suggest the meeting be scheduled for 18-20 November in the community center building in Sitka. I will ask that the Governor's office coordinate arrangements for the meeting place. If this date is acceptable, kindly respond as soon as possible in order that we might find a mutually agreeable time for all interested parties.

Your suggestions for agenda items would be appreciated. Among them, it would seem to me, should be the following:

- (A) Long-range plans for phase-out of BIA schools; phase-in of state schools.
- (B) BIA reimbursement to state on contract basis for education of native students;
- (C) State regional high schools and BIA regional dormitories or other living facilities for native students;
- (D) Long-range plans for Mt. Edgecumbe:
 - (1) Utilization of Mt. Edgecumbe instead of sending native students to schools in other states;
 - (2) Use of Mt. Edgecumbe facilities in future for vocational education.
- (E) Comprehensive review of curriculum and procedures at Mt. Edgecumbe (permanent record should be made of testimony of witnesses).
- (F) Transitional objectives to up-grade native students.

A permanent record should be made of all the proceedings, and I wonder if your office could coordinate with the office of the Governor to insure that a shorthand reporter is present to prepare the permanent record of proceedings.

Mr. Commissioner, I deem this meeting one long overdue, and now most timely. It is most important that all of us engage in the meaningful discourse which this symposium will bring about, in order that we might all pursue uniform long-range objectives which will enhance the education and well-being of the Alaskan natives.

I urge you to respond to my Anchorage office, 326 H Street - Suite 5 (272-8532) as soon as possible. I hope the suggested dates will be acceptable for you and all others concerned. I view this meeting as an extremely important, top-level meeting, and strongly urge your most enthusiastic participation.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially yours,
Howard W. Pollock
The Congressman for Alaska

Youth is a blunder; manhood a struggle; old age a regret.
—BENJAMIN DISRAELI

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