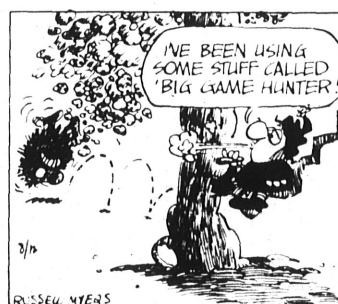


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An Exhibit Illustrating Culture Changes

FAIRBANKS An exhibit illustrating change in Alaska native cultures through contact with other groups and cultures, prepared by the University of Alaska Museum, will be on display in Wood Center on campus here during the month of August.

The public is invited to attend a coffee reception for the opening of the exhibit Friday, Aug. 4. The reception will be held at 2 p.m. in Wood Center.

The exhibit, titled "Contact and Change," was prepared by the museum under its Modern Alaska Native Material Culture Project, funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. It was exhibited earlier this summer in Anchorage and Juneau, and will be displayed in Wood Center until early September.

It consists of objects ranging from traditional native crafts to tools incorporating introduced materials to idiosyncratic objects. These objects are displayed on 24 large display panels, incorporating numerous photographs and drawings as well as explanatory text.

The Modern Alaska Native Material Culture Project, of which this is part, was conceived in two phases, according to museum director E.J. Rowinski. The first was to identify and collect objects and information that illustrate the continuance of traditional elements in native cultures and to document changes that have occurred since contact, as illustrated by current technology.

The second phase aims at establishing interest and pride in this achievement of preserving traditional elements of a culture while in the midst of changing situations by returning material and information to villages in the form of interpretative packages.

Over 15 Million Get Public Assistance

A total of 15,070,000 persons received public assistance money payments in March, an increase of 212,000 over February, HHW's Social and Rehabilitation Service reported.

The March figures showed that the number of recipients in the aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) program stood at 10,929,000, up 120,000 from the preceding month, and to the blind (AB) 80,500, up 100, and to the totally and permanently disabled (APTD) 1,108,000, up 18,000; old age assistance (OAA) 2,015,000, unchanged from previous month, and general assistance (GA) 938,000, up 74,000.

Assistance payments in March for all these programs, including costs for medical assistance, totalled \$1,636,903,000 — an increase of almost \$88 million over February.

The SRS report noted that the rate of increase of persons receiving public assistance payments during the first nine of Fiscal 1972 was considerably below the levels set in the two preceding years.

During the period July 1971 through March 1972, the number of recipients increased by 732,000, a rise of 5.1 percent.

In similar periods of Fiscal 1971 and 1970, the rate of increase was 17.6 percent and 15.2 percent, respectively.

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