



MEDICINE BAGS made from animal skin and snakeskin. Native American Art, Bicentennial Exhibition sponsored by University of Minnesota Gallery, 1976

## 15,000 workers on the pipeline

ANCHORAGE — A construction force of more than 10,500 workers and staff personnel is at work on the pipeline portion of the trans-Alaska pipeline project.

Another 5,500 workers are building the project's pump stations and Valdez marine terminal.

While the total number of administrative and craft personnel on the pump station and terminal portion of the project has remained constant throughout the winter months, significant increases in pipeline manpower have occurred only recently.

Nearly 2,00 workers, for example, were added to the pipeline construction effort during the two-week period ending March 7.

The increase in personnel on the pipeline is directly related to the resumption of almost every type of pipeline construction activity. One of those activities, mainline pipe installation, resumed for the first time in more than two months in all five pipeline construction sections.

All of the work, 1.2 miles of

pipe installed, was at river crossings. Neither conventional below ground nor above ground pipe installation has occurred since the start of the 1976 construction season.

Other pipeline construction work which has resumed includes welding of 48-inch diameter pipe; ditch excavation for below ground pipe installation; placement of vertical support members (VSM's) for the above ground pipe support system; work pad construction; bridge foundation work at the Gulkana River near Glennallen; and completion of hydrostatic testing of pipe prior to installation at the Salcha River, about 35 miles south of Fairbanks.

The project's 1976 pipeline construction effort is just beginning to gradually expand, with an expected peak by mid-summer. The over-all totals listed below are for pipeline work which was completed, with minor exceptions, almost exclusively in 1975:

—372.1 miles of mainline pipe installed.

—400.3 miles of mainline pipe welded, either installed or ready for installation.

—227.4 miles of ditch excavated.

—51,478 vertical support members installed.

—15.5 miles of the 148-inch natural gas fuel line for the four northernmost pump stations backfilled.

On the pump station portion of the project, work through the first week of March included placement of motor control centers in the control buildings at Stations 4 and 5; erection of the earth satellite station tower at Station 4; alignment and grouting of the third turbine-pump combination at Station 8; preparation for tank construction at Station 9; and welding of mainline pipe at

Stations 3 and 5.

The main focus of work at most of the stations is on installation of a myriad of interior components for recently erected buildings and shops. In addition, excavation of mainline pipe corridors and the pouring of pipe supports is ongoing at the majority of stations.

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Range, and south beyond the banks of the Yukon River.

The board had a two-day organizational meeting in Fairbanks where they elected officers and discussed their policy guidelines and orientation procedures.

Elected as chairman was Ron Sam who represents the Alatna-Allakaket area; vice-chairman elected was Lincoln Bifelt of Huslia; treasurer elected was Eileen Kozevnikoff of Tanana; and elected clerk was Marie Monroe of Mile 294 Hi. No. 3.

Other board members are Leonard Stickman, Sr. and Elmer Manook, Nulato; Kenneth Sam, Huslia; Sally Hudson, Manley Hot Springs; absent is Don Honea, Sr. of Ruby who is now approaching Nome on the Iditarod Trail.

The board voted to re-elect Joe Cooper as superintendent of schools for the area. Cooper has held the position of superintendent for the past eight years.

The newly-elected board will take control of the district starting July 1, 1976.

The next meeting of the Yukon-Koyukuk school board is scheduled for April 28-30 at Tanana.

The board will hold an orientation day. The other days will be used to establish policy guidelines and discuss financial procedures.

## Kids' art contest . . .

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opening April 3, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Ten prizes will be awarded including Mother Moose T-shirts, bike safety flags, bike baskets and certificates.

Selections of the art will also be shown in the following locations: Winning entries will be shown on the Mother Moose show in April.

Art will be displayed in the lobby of the Northland Theatre during the April productions

of "Trail Blazers" (Ft. Richardson). Also displayed in foyer of Sydney Laurence in May for the production of "Aladdin" by the Guild, University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Entries should reach Inside Designs, 600 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage 99503 by 5 p.m., April 1. Each entry should be clearly marked with the artist's name, age, school and mailing address.

## CPSC and the gun control

A joint-Senate-House conference committee has approved two amendments sponsored by Sen. Ted Stevens to prevent the Consumer Product Safety Commission from becoming involved in any form of gun control.

Stevens, a Senate conferee on the Consumer Product Safety Commission Improvement Act, had succeeded in including in the Senate version of the bill

a prohibition on the agency's taking any action which could restrict the manufacture or sale of firearms or ammunition.

Another amendment prevents the CPSC from regulating ammunition labeling or from banning defective ammunition.

The conference report now must be approved by both the Senate and the House before the bill, S.644, is sent to the President.

## Circumpolar meet . . .

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education and academics.

Agenda category four is International Inuit Conference. Under this topic the delegation in November will discuss if there should be an annual convention, and if so, what kind of an organization should it be. They will also discuss their common needs, if any, and the initial financing of the organization should one be established.

Category five concerns economics and trade. The sixth category, local government and political development, will generally be an exchange of ideas and discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of each system.

The seventh category, entitled aboriginal title has subsections listed concerning identity, land claims, and legal rights of the Inupiaq people.

The conference will be conducted in any of the languages spoken by the delegates involved, however, each country is responsible for their own translators.

According to NSB Mayor Hopson, the NSB will review their fundings and send out information to the different countries about how much space will be available for delegates from each country. This information will be sent out by July 1. From the correspondence received by the NSB the size of the conference will be decided by late August or early September so the arrangements can be made

far in advance for the November meeting.

James Arvaluk, president of the Inuit Taparist of Canada said, "Although we do not want the conference to have political implications, representatives from each country's governments on the local, state, and federal level will be invited to observe the conference."

Delegates to the pre-conference held in Barrow were from Greenland, Carl Christian Olsen and Karl Elias Olsen. Karl Elias Olsen is president of Pegatitig Kalaallit (the Greenlanders Association) in Copenhagen, Denmark. Canadian delegates were John Amagoalik, director of Inuit Taparist of Canada (ITC); James Arvaluk, president of ITC; Meeka Wilson, ITC; Zebedee Nungak, Northern Quebec Inuit Association (NQIA); Greg Fisk, NQIA; Johnny Peters, NQIA; Mark Gordon, NQIA; Gilbert Thrasher, Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement (COPE) in Canada; Sam Raddi, president of COPE; Billy Neakok, special assistant to the NSB mayor; and Willie Hensley, president of NANA Regional Corporation's Environmental Systems.

Inuit conference activities and travel are funded by a Lilly Endowment, Inc., grant of \$79,000. The North Slope Borough was able to secure support for the conference project through the efforts of Alaska senator Mike Gravel.

## TT loses writer . . .

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Guy was a good hunter which made him a valuable and respected member of his community of Barrow. He was daring in his exploits and had a number of narrow escapes of which he laughed during his later years.

He made many dogteam trips across the deep Arctic where he met with dangers many times. Back in the early '20s, he took a census trip with his colleague and friend Roy Ahmaogak.

Around that time, he also made a trip to Cambridge Bay in the Canadian Arctic and stayed there a couple of years. While there, he met ahngatkuks (medicine men). His easy style of living made him a friend to everyone.

While he was there, a traveler came by and his name was Knud Rasmussen, an anthropologist-explorer. Rasmussen had been traveling from Greenland.

"Rasmussen—he was good and smiling man," Guy recalled. "I came with him from Cambridge to Barrow village."

Shortly after the Tundra Times began publishing on Oct. 1, 1962, Guy Okakok asked to write for the newspaper. The editor noted that Guy's way of writing was rough pidgin English and wondered how to handle it.

The editor decided that it should be published the way it was written despite some peoples' insistence that it should be edited. And so his style was established much to the pleasure of his readers.

"He was so good and fun to talk with," remarked one of the Tundra Times staffers. "We're going to miss him. No wonder he hasn't been around the last several weeks."

Guy Okakok left a large family, his wife Fannie, his children Maria Taylor, Maggie Koonaloak, Phoebe McDonald, Mary Jane Holt, who came up from Tennessee; Rex Okakok, Charles Okakok, Guy Okakok, Jr., Sarah Okakok, Edna Okakok, Gary Okakok and Isaac Okakok.

One of Guy's daughters Maria Taylor said that he left many grandchildren "and we lost count trying to figure it out."

"But my father has one great, great grand-daughter." Added Bert Okakok, Guy's brother, "He was always good to people. He was a great hunter and he got lots of polar bears."

Mr. Guy Okakok was buried in Fairbanks last Saturday.

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under-reported."

Also participating in the program are reporters from the Milwaukee Journal; The Sun of Baltimore; Beacon Journal of Akron, Ohio; The Daily Oklahoman; The Kansas City Times; the Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky.; U.S. News and World Report; and WRR Newstalk Radio of Dallas, Texas.

The program is being coordinated through the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, D.C.

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