

Villagers Enthusiastic—

Humble Aids Toksook Bay Pottery

The villagers of Toksook are going to pot and Stan Zielinski, assistant professor teaching ceramics at University of Alaska, is helping them. It's part of his assignment in a unique art program backed by Humble Oil Company.

Through a \$10,000 grant, Humble has dispatched a team of artists to rural Alaska to

introduce new arts and help preserve old ones. It is their job to spark new interest in Native crafts, discover what is going on among established bush artists and, in the bargain perhaps, interest youngsters in some of the art programs at University of Alaska.

The Toksook project is unusual because pottery is not a traditional art among Alaskan Natives. Villagers learned of it about 10 years ago from Mrs. Carl Wobsen, a teacher who made pottery a hobby, Zielinski reports.

"At that time villagers lived in Nightmute. They moved later to Toksook but they remembered the kind of work Mrs. Wobsen did. They wanted to know more about it and requested help from the University Ceramics Department which essentially is me."

Zielinski has been working

on some technical problems, testing clays in that area and showing villagers what can be done with ceramics.

"It's more than just pots," he explained. "I brought 30 pound of samples to show them; things made of glass porcelain and enamel."

Villagers were enthusiastic and with funding from Community Enterprise Development Corp., placed an ad to hire a director for a pottery business. Out of 100 applicants, they selected Vern Sanford and his wife from Oregon as artists in residence. They will arrive in August.

Zielinski has visited dozens of villages besides Toksook. Early this summer he traveled widely in the Arctic and now is touring Southeastern.

Also working on the program are Glen Simpson, silversmith; Helmut Von Flein, sculptor; Terri Choy, print maker; Kate Duncan, art historian; Ron Senegutuk, artist who works with wood and silver; and Melvin Olanna, a versatile Native artist.

"Since ceramics are practically nonexistent in the bush, I'm interested in whatever arts and crafts people are doing and there are some pretty good things going on," Zielinski concludes.

"There was some concern about the place falling apart... the old arts dying. But there's no way in the world that's going to happen! There isn't one village I've been where there isn't something good going on."

And that's a "Humble" opinion, too.

BLM Jobs

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Answer to Puzzle No. 2



Angela

AEC: Cannikin to Not Disturb Poison Gas

The latest environmental statement of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, published in June, has all the assurances of previous reports—plus one. Nuclear testing this fall will not disturb containers of poison gas dumped near the testing ground.

It has been determined that the U.S. Army disposed of a large number of containers of mustard gas and Lewisite in 1947 by dumping them in the sea near Attu Island about 240 miles from Amchitka, the report notes.

"There was the question of whether Cannikin (name of the next atomic test) might cause these materials to be released in the ocean. At a distance of about 240 miles, the Cannikin explosion would appear as a simple seismic wave with no significant disturbance of the sea floor.

"Since the disturbance would be minimal at the location of

the mustard gas and Lewisite containers, the Cannikin test should have no effect upon those containers."

Scientists also report that there have been three severe earthquakes in that area since the gas was dumped.

"Each of these seismic disturbances has probably subjected the containers to motions larger than those which will occur in connection with Cannikin," the report concludes.

Youth Fair Needs Minority Youth

Any native or minority-group youth in the Fairbanks area interested in working with the Youth Fair—a very important segment of the Tanana Valley Fair—is urged to contact Terri Meloy, 452-3750 at the Fair office.

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Self-employed Man Guilty

JUNEAU—A self-employed Fairbanks man was found guilty of three counts of making false statements to obtain unemployment compensation after entering a plea of nolo contendere in Fairbanks District Court.

Judge Arthur Robson, Jr. fined Alfred Skondovitch \$75 and sentenced him to 60 days in jail. The jail term was suspended on the condition that he repay \$119 to the Employment Security Division of the Department of Labor. The trial was held on June 24.

According to the Labor Department, Skondovitch operated a business and did not report his income while drawing unemployment compensation benefits.

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