

RurAL-CAP ACTION REPORTS

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PAC APPROVES HEAD START PROPOSAL

Head Start Trainers To Train

Five Head Start Field Training Supervisors will be in Anchorage through June to receive Supplementary Training at Alaska Methodist University.

Conducting the training for the Field Training Supervisors and twenty village staff members will be: Head Start Director, Peggy Sherman, RurAL CAP; Regional Training Officer, Ed Jones, Alaska Methodist University; and Rosemary Davidson, Supplementary Training Program Manager, Alaska Methodist University.

In July all of the Field Training Supervisors will be in Anchorage working on the writing of a manual for Field Training Supervisors. Along with this they will be up-dating the present Head Start manual for the 1972-73 school year.

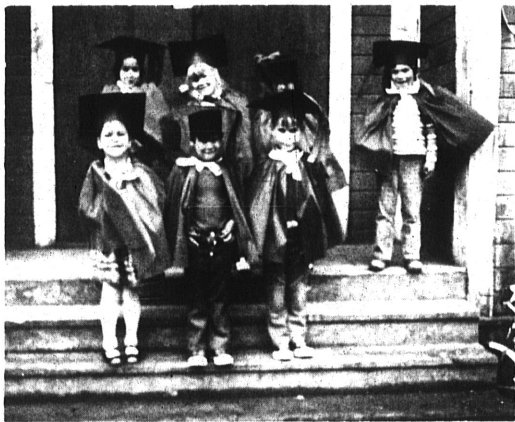
Bertha Lowe, Fairbanks, has been hired as Head Start Assistant Director and will begin work the first of June. Bertha's mother is Marie Stalker, Teacher Director at Kotzebue Head Start.

Those who will be participating in Summer Training will be:

Marge Semaken, Field Training Supervisor, Anchorage; Freda Russell, Field Training Supervisor, Bethel; Martina Galineaux, Field Training Supervisor, Kotzebue; Clara Kelly, Field Training Supervisor; Bethel; Virginia Demmert, Field Training Supervisor, Angoon; Dorothy Ahllook, Wainwright; Lucy Adams, Xivalina;

Exenia Fitka, Fortuna Lodge; Marie Stalker, Kotzebue; Shirley Jackson, Kake; Gretchen Booth, Noatak; Adeline Jim, Angoon; Hilda Morena, Kiana;

Laura Norton, Selawik; Marion Henniger, Yakutat; Bernice Wongitillin, Savoonga; Florence Toopetluck, Nunapitchuk; Lena Skeek, Kake; Vera Frankson, Point Hope; and Marilyn Alexander, Fort Yukon.



ALASKAN MINI GRADUATION — Pictured in cap and cape is possibly the youngest Class of '72 as the Hydaburg Head Start program sends children on to the first grade. Of the 15 enrolled, the 7 graduates pictured above, but not necessarily in this order, are: Donald Carie, James Cook, James Lockhart, Deanna Morrison, Kristina Hill, Dorinda Mikulecky, and Kelly O'Mealey. All of the rural Head Start programs will be closed as of May 29, and the requirement for graduation is attaining the age of five years.

Grant Request for Slope Inupiat Planning Division Also Approved

The Executive Committee of the RurAL CAP Board of Directors met May 16 in the Anchorage office. One of the main items on the agenda was consideration of the renewal application for the 1972-73 Head Start program.

Director John Shively stated that the refunding proposal was essentially the same as last year, covering 38 Head Start programs in villages throughout the state.

The State Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) met May 10-11 and approved the Head Start proposal. Approval was given by the executive committee for the agency to submit the refunding application.

Also approved was a proposal for a grant request which would fund a new region on the North Slope, the Inupiat Planning Division, to become one of RurAL CAP's regions.

Frank Peterson, former employee of the agency, explained the concept of a proposal he has developed for a Rural Alaskan Fellowship. He said the program is designed to educate rural people in administering their own affairs.

A sponsor is needed for this program to receive funds from a private foundation which has committed \$50,000 as seed money. Twenty-four people would be involved, two from each of the Native regions which are being set up under the Land Claims Act.

Selection of participants would be made by regional board chairmen and the program coordinator. The main emphasis is to have the participants gain knowledge about private and public agencies, how it will affect rural Alaska and have these people return to their regions and apply what they have learned.

There will be academic courses relating to the Land Claims Settlement Act, public and business administration, and land management studies.

Also planned are seminars and speakers on corporate structure, banking, investments, and other topics relating to the Land Claims. After the academic session the participants would be assigned to public and private agencies to serve an internship on the job.

It is a year-long program with an estimated budget of \$300,000. A source of funds for this is still uncertain, but the seed money would provide a skeleton staff to work on the program and find necessary funds. Peterson commented that strong sponsorship would be needed.

Alcoholism Workshop Held Here

A workshop was held in Fairbanks May 1-5 by RurAL CAP in coordination with the University of California Extension at Santa Cruz and the American Indian Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Ralph Amouak, Alcoholism Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator for RurAL CAP, was the principal coordinator of the workshop which is the second held this year by the agency.

Participating in the workshop were RurAL CAP village counselors; Helena Andree, Dillingham; Richard Carroll, Fort Yukon; Evelyn Myers, Juneau; Margaret Nicolai, Copper Center; Margaret Schultz, Kotzebue; and Ted Velanis, Kodiak.

Participants from other agencies included: Ray Smith, Yakutat; Nik Nebl, Ketchikan; Isabella G. Brady, Sitka; Rob Manning, Fairbanks; Cheryl Nayo, Fairbanks; Mercia Kallock, Fairbanks; Art Shofly, Ketchikan; Florence Ellers, Juneau; Tom Lavallee, Mt. Edgecumbe; Deanne Ohrazda, Anchorage;

Charles E. Wall, Kotzebue; Peter Kunnuk, Nome; Lowell Farquhar, Juneau; Dorothy Larson and Hilda Sullivan, Anchorage.

Outstanding resource people utilized included: Jerry Hollingsworth, Executive Director, Barrow Council on Alcoholism; Ron Senungetuk, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Lou Poussard, PHS; Dr. Walter Soboleff, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Annie Bowen, Anchorage Borough Health Department; Bob Moore, University of California Extension at Santa Cruz; Mark Small, Executive Director, American Indian Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Ralph Amouak, RurAL CAP.

Mr. Moore introduced a new training concept which was used during the session, "Teacher vs trainer", specifying that a "teacher" presents information, whereas a "trainer" assesses the needs of the students and supplies it.

Dr. Soboleff explained the relationship of culture to alcoholism, that people caught halfway between Native and Western culture can identify with both, but find they are uncomfortable with the situation.

Mr. Poussard discussed the role of the Public Health Service in dealing with alcoholism and stated that it is the No. 2 priority in disease concept at PHS.

Mr. Small explained effects of alcoholism on Indians in the Lower 48 and what is being done by the American Indian Commission in relation to what can be done for Alaska Native peoples.

It was noted that the counselors gained a great deal as resource people to each other. The counselors agreed to maintain a communication line for utilization of what the others learn and apply to their specific areas.

They also indicated a desire to depend on each other for help and information along with assistance from professional people.

Dept. of Public Safety, Fish and Wildlife to Protect Brown Bear

Commissioner Emery W. Chapple, Jr. of the Department

of Public Safety announced today that there will be a combined effort between the Division of State Troopers and the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection to reduce the illegal slaughter of Alaska's brown bear.

There will be a great deal more effort expended this year

than in past years to apprehend offenders who are bent upon making illegal profits off one of Alaska's most treasured natural resources.

Commissioner Chapple pointed out that the brown bear is the property of all of the citizens of Alaska, and the protection of the bear cannot be left solely to

those few people who are in the enforcement field.

He asks that any citizen having information concerning the illegal destruction of these animals or any other violations of our game laws inform the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection, or the Alaska State Troopers, by calling one centrally

assigned phone number in Anchorage 272-1524.

Collect calls for this purpose will be accepted, and the information will remain confidential if requested.

So far this year, two aircraft have been seized for alleged illegal taking of brown bear.

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