

## RurAL-CAP



## ACTION REPORTS

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## AVCP ESTABLISHES TRANSLATION PROJECT

## Elected to Credit Union—

## Meade Joins Directors

Meeting on March 14, the general membership of the Anchorage Area Community Action Federal Credit Union elected Joe Meade to the Board of Directors.

Other members elected to the Board are Craig Anderson, President; Elizabeth Goss, Vice Pres-

ident; Stan Walters, Treasurer; and Jennifer Williams, member-at-large.

Meade said the Anchorage Area Community Action Federal Credit Union is composed of the staffs and participants of local community action pro-

grams.

Membership is also available to private citizens who are interested in community affairs.

Because of RurAL CAP's participation in the credit union, people living in the entire state, with the exception of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, are eligible to join the credit union.

For those people who are interested in joining the credit union, Meade said that they may either contact him at RurAL CAP, or apply directly to the credit union office.

The Anchorage Area Community Action Federal Credit Union is located at 505 Barrow, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

## Important Information To Be Eskimo Taped to Span Language Barrier

As part of the work program for the Association of Village Council Presidents Community Action Program (AVCP CAP), a translation project is being implemented in the Bethel area.

Fifty tape records were sent to Bethel out of which 24 were distributed at the last AVCP meeting held on March 25, 26, 27 and 28 in Bethel.

One of the problems in many rural Alaskan villages is that a significant number of Native people do not read or speak English.

In order to overcome this

communication gap, the central staff of RurAL CAP has encouraged the regions to buy tape records and begin translating important information on tape for distribution to the villages.

AVCP CAP knowing that communication is one of their problems, is trying to overcome this by implementing the project.

It was explained to those villagers, who were in attendance at the Bethel meeting, the purpose of the tape recorders and how to use them.

For those village council presidents who were not able to attend, Raphael Murrin, AVCP CAP Regional Director, and his Area Community Developer will visit the villages to distribute the recorders.

Murrin thinks that this translation project will be very helpful to his staff. He can now, from his Bethel office, communicate more effectively with villagers on important issues affecting them.

The type of information that will be translated includes: land claims, Native allotments, job openings, available training, minutes of meetings, etc.

## Approves Leadership Development Training

The Executive Committee of the RurAL CAP Board of Directors at their April 1st meeting held in Anchorage, approved the Leadership Development Training grant proposal.

The Leadership Development Program in coordination with Head Start Supplementary Training and the Head Start Regional Training Office will provide a summer training program in Anchorage for all Head Start staff members in Alaska.

The grant is funded directly from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare/Office of Child Development in Washington, D.C. It is expected that approximately 120 students will participate.

The program will consist of the following components:

1. A five credit, four week practicum at Anchorage Community College to orient and train new teachers and aides to function in a Head Start program.

2. A three credit, three week cooks' workshop to provide nutrition training for new cooks. Both theory and practice in nutrition will be provided by a new course especially planned for them by Anchorage Community College, and emphasizing where applicable techniques and use of equipment available in rural Alaska.

3. Give the experienced teachers, aides, and cooks the opportunity to further develop and organize their past experience and training into a specific career development pattern which

will lead to regular careers in teaching, nutrition, or other related fields. This will be accomplished by enrollment in regular accredited summer courses.

## RurAL CAP Central Office Needs Additional Help To Process Allotments

The RurAL CAP central office reports the immediate need for additional help in processing Native Land Allotments. The work load for the present Anchorage and Fairbanks Bureau of Indian Affairs really staff cannot be met.

Since July 1, 1970 through March 20, 1971, there have been 2,438 applications received by the Anchorage office. Of those, 361 have been processed and filed at the Bureau of Land Management Office.

At this rate of processing, it will take 45 months to handle the 2,077 applications on hand. The Fairbanks Bureau of Indian Affairs office has received 617 allotment applications from July 1, 1970 through March 30, 1971.

Of these, 500 have been processed and filed at the BLM office. This leaves 117 yet to be reviewed and filed.

It was further reported on

the need for Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel to travel to the villages to insure that all people eligible for Native Land Allotments have an opportunity to file for land under the 1906 law.

Also, the need to insure that an application filed under the Native Land Allotment Act is protected during time of appeals when use and occupancy of land is questioned; and the need for a special clause in the Alaska Native Land Claims bill that will protect the land of the people who have filed under the 1906 Native Allotment Act.

The clause would state that Native Allotment claims received in the BIA office would be processed and the land become the property of the applicant after a Native Land Claim settlement has been reached.

Any person(s) having questions concerning the Native Land Allotment Act should con-

tact the RurAL CAP central office by writing to: Drawer 412-ECB, Anchorage 99501.

## RurAL CAP Adds 3 New Staff Employees

Three new employees have been added to the staff of RurAL CAP to fill positions that were vacant due to resignations.

Frank R. Peterson from Old Harbor has been hired as Program Development Specialist. Mr. Peterson is especially well qualified since he formerly worked for the organization as assistant deputy director and was in charge of programs.

James D. Wilson has been hired also as a Program Development Specialist. Mr. Wilson was

originally from the Kenai area but has lived in Grayling for the past several years where he has been Board Chairman of the Koyukon Development Corporation.

Robert J. Schaeffer has been employed as an Area Community Developer for the Kotzebue area. Mr. Schaeffer is a native of Kotzebue and attended the Copper Valley School.

He also attended an RCA school and worked for that organization for several years, then returned to Kotzebue.

## McCall Glacier Up for Scrutiny

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Nick Begich announced that three Alaskans are recipients of a \$125,800 National Science Foundation award to study McCall Glacier, Brooks Range, Alaska.

The twelve month study consists of detailed measurements on the glacier of accumulation, ablation, run-off, heat balance and micro-climate in an effort to gather data in a virtually unexplored area of science.

The recipients are Dr. Gerd Wendler, Dr. Carl B. Benson, and Dr. Gunter E. Weller of the Geophysical Institute of College, Alaska.

## Fairbanks, April 16—

## Drug Abuse Meeting

An outstanding team of narcotics and drug addiction experts will present a day-long seminar at Alaskaland, Fairbanks, on April 16.

The speakers are appearing as part of a program organized by the Institute for Criminal Justice, New York. International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and its subsidiary, ITT Arctic Services, Inc., are making the program possible. Local arrangements are being handled by the Fairbanks Chamber Of Commerce.

Approximately 150 Physi-

cians, social workers, educators, and law enforcement officials from the Greater Fairbanks Area are expected to attend.

## Recruit Grad

ORLANDO, FLA., Mar. 24—Navy Seaman Thomas F. Brock, husband of the former Miss Susan L. Longwith of Fairbanks, Alaska, was graduated from recruit training at the Naval Recruit Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

Brock attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

## LETTERHEAD CONTEST

The National Indian Brotherhood wishes to announce a competition for the design of a letterhead for the organization's stationery. Competitors must be of native background and between the ages of 12 and 18. Awards will be given in the form of

books by contemporary Indian authors and/or prize money. The design should depict national native unity. Remember, the National Indian Brotherhood is your organization.

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