



**SWIFT SOLO**—Albert Kimoktoak, left, soloed in record time after a flying course at Beltz Vocational School taught by Ramond Gandia, right, of Nome Flying Service. Kimoktoak soloed with only eight and one quarter hours instruction. The flying program is to be expanded this year.

## Albert Kimoktoak Solos Plane After 8-hr. Lesson

NOME—Last month Albert Kimoktoak, 17, of Koyuk, soloed an airplane after only eight and one quarter hours of instruction. His teacher, Ramond Gandia of Nome Flying Service, didn't bat an eye. Said he was satisfied the youth could handle the aircraft so he climbed out and waved him off.

Gandia teaches an aviation class at Beltz High School under contract with the state of Alas-

## Indians First Environmentalists: Earth Week

WASHINGTON, D.C., (AIPA)—American Indians were called the "first environmentalists" at the opening of Earth Week activities here.

"There are no people more sensitive to our natural environment than are Indian people," remarked Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior, to a group of educators from Indian boarding and day schools across the country.

Traditional Indian reverence for nature marked the theme of the five-day meeting of educators for an Indian Environmental Education Workshop at the Bureau of Indian Affairs here and Catoclin Mountain Park, Maryland.

Morton told the group that Indian history, religion and philosophy all reflect a oneness with nature.

He said environmental education in Indian schools is an "exciting beginning" and will provide Indian children with an "opportunity for leadership beyond anything I've seen for a long time."

"This is a forerunner of environmental awareness to children across the country," Morton said.

## Miss Shepherd Of Mtn. Village Receives Honors

Sandra and Norval Sheppard, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Sheppard of Mountain Village, received honors on June 4 during an awards ceremony at Oregon Episcopal Schools, Portland, where both are students.

Sandra, an 8th grader, won the middle school Citizenship Award for the "highest positive example of active participation in the life of the school."

Norval, a junior, received the Dramatics Award as the outstanding student in drama and an example of enthusiasm, cooperation, and hard work.

# Census Taker Errs in Tanana

TANANA—The U. S. Census taker must have hit Tanana on an off day. The village population was listed at 120 in the 1970 Census but citizens knew better. They set the total at 406.

Mrs. Mary Moses, city clerk called the discrepancy to the attention of Byron Mallott, director of the state's Local Affairs Agency, noting there were at least 120 students in the village school system. Mallott took on the Census Bureau and after some correspondence the Bureau conceded it had missed 286 souls.

Mallott said that correct population figures are necessary to allow Alaskan communities to share fairly in many state and federal programs which distribute funds on a per capita basis. Several other Alaskan communities including Kotzebue and Yakutat have registered com-

plaints about the 1970 census, he added, but none evidenced

the kind of gross error involved in the Tanana count.

## This, That One, Them and Fish

JUNEAU—Did you know that if you are fishing in Alaska with a rod and reel or handline for fish to take home, you must have a sport fishing license in possession?

Did you know that you must show this license to any authorized representative of the Department of Fish and Game upon his request?

Did you know that juveniles under 16 years of age do not need a license to sport fish?

Did you know that creeks are considered to be freshwater out to the mean low tide line?

Did you know it is illegal to possess, transport or release live fish eggs without a special scientific collection permit from

and the Department of Fish and Game?

Question—Is it illegal to use a fishing plug with more than two treble hooks attached to it?

Answer—The plug may be used. The regulations say that one plug or one spoon or one set of spinners may be used regardless of the number of hooks it has attached.

Only two flies or two hooks may be used. Hooks may have either single, double or treble barbs. Therefore, one plug with four sets or treble hooks is legal.

Baiting a herring with two treble hooks is legal, but it is illegal to bait a herring with three hooks.



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