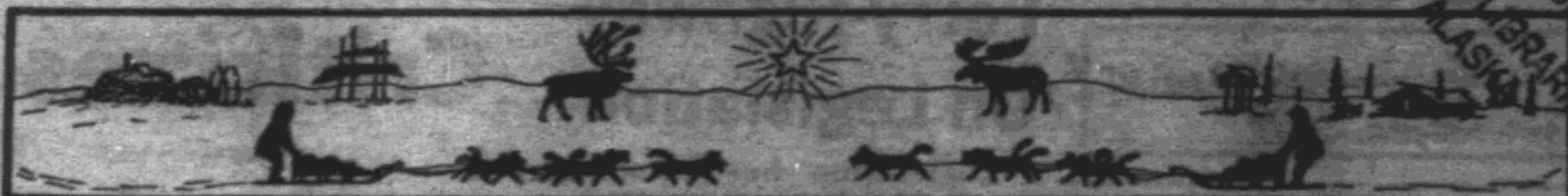


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GOVERNOR MAY INTRODUCE LAND MEASURE NEXT WEEK

More Classroom Space Planned For Golovin

The Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D. C. has now a tentative plan to build a 960 square foot classroom to be built next summer at Golovin, a village on the Norton Sound.

The structure will include a diet kitchen, storage area and a central heating system. It will replace the building which is currently being used for the hot lunch program.

R. E. McLean, acting area director for Alaska in Juneau, in writing to Stanley R. Amarok, chairman of the advisory school board of Golovin, said that if the present level of funding continues, the Bureau plans to remodel the building currently being used as the schoolhouse and as a teacher quarters in the following year.

"We do not anticipate providing our own generation or power but continue to plan to purchase power in Golovin," said McLean.

"With the additional facilities we plan to build, we

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ATTENTIVE LISTENER—An old Kuskokwim area Eskimo man is listening attentively to the interpreter during the conference of the Association of Village Council Presidents held in Bethel recently. Some 52 villages are represented in the lower Kuskokwim and Yukon River areas in the association.

—Photo by BETZI WOODMAN

May Be Awaiting Task Force Consideration Of Bill Next Tuesday

Word is circulating around responsible circles that Governor Walter J. Hickel may introduce the compromise land bill that was drawn up by his Native Land Claims Task Force Committee, the State and the Department of the Interior.

It is said that the Governor is waiting for the Task Force consideration of the bill when that committee meets next week on Tuesday Feb. 6 in Anchorage. The consideration of the bill by the Task Force is expected to come out favorably and pave the way for introduction in the state legislature.

A similar land bill was reportedly introduced in Congress yesterday and the man who introduced it was believed to be Sen. Ernest Gruening. State Attorney General Edgar P. Boyko was in Washington yesterday probably to explain the particulars of the measure.

President of the Alaska

Federation of Natives Emil Notti told Tundra Times that the first order of the Task Force meeting next Tuesday will be the consideration of the compromise bill.

After this consideration, the Governor is expected to introduce the measure.

"That would be a big help if he did, I think," said Emil Notti.

It is also reported that five senators who are members of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, mentioned some weeks ago, will be attending the land claims hearing in Anchorage on Feb. 8-10. They are:

Senators Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., chairman; Frank E. Moss, D-Utah; Paul J. Fannin, R-Ariz.; Quentin N. Burdick, D-N. Dak.; and Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska.

Emil Notti said that he expects the full 39-member Land Claims Task Force to be present next Tuesday. Preliminary meetings of that body will be held in the Kaloa Building at 10:00 a.m. and continue on until the land claims hearing on Feb. 8-10.

Notti also expressed dis-

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Village Leaders, BLA to Gather Data to Aid Plans

According to Art Patterson, Projects Development Officer, Fairbanks District Office of Bureau of Indian Affairs, a coordinated program to obtain information on individuals, families and communities in the Northeastern section of Alaska will be carried out jointly by the Village Councils

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Governor Appoints Thompson To Head NORTH Commission

JUNEAU—Gov. Walter J. Hickel this week announced the appointment of 28-year-old Morris Thompson, deputy director since January 1967 of the State Rural Development Agency, as Executive Secretary of the NORTH Commission, the 10-man agency within the governor's office which is

supervising efforts to secure an extension of the Alaska Railroad to the Arctic.

Thompson, an Athabaskan Indian, was born in Tanana, and lived and worked for many years in the very area of the Alaska interior which will be straddled by the railroad extension.

Thompson succeeds Roger A. Bye, formerly of Anchorage, as the commission's staff administrator. Bye, presently studying at the University of Southern California, was appointed to the post last August on a temporary basis pending his return to school early this year.

As executive secretary of the NORTH Commission, Thompson will handle the administrative and clerical functions of the agency.

He will also act as full-time liaison between the governor's office, the commission's ten members, five of whom live within Alaska, with the others living all over the United States, and the NORTH Commission winter trail field crew which is presently at work near

Nenana.

The crew is building a pioneer winter trail toward the Arctic.

The trail, to be completed to a point just below the proposed site of the Rampart Dam on the Yukon River, is intended to serve both as a resources development trail to the north, and as a source for specific terrain data for the proposed rail extension.

Thompson will move into the \$16,332-a-year position immediately.

Before joining the rural development agency, Thompson was employed by RCA Service Co. in Fairbanks. A graduate of Mt. Edgecumbe at Sitka, he earlier attended elementary school in Tanana. He also studied for two years at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

Hickel called Thompson a "highly-qualified executive; an Alaskan of total devotion and with total enthusiasm for helping our state advance."

"Mr. Thompson has the supervisory skills we need in this post," the governor

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Sackett Files Bill to Include Material Grant

Rep. John Sackett, R-Huslia, has filed a bill, HB-393, which would make it legal for the Rural Development Agency to give 25 per cent of a grant for materials.

As the policy presently stands, the grants can be used only for labor.

Rep. Sackett said that in many villages, the community has little or no funds to purchase materials and in other areas, there are no materials to use such as lumber and timber.

"If this bill passes, the Rural Development Agency may allow a community to use a portion of its grant to buy these materials," said Sackett.

In addition to this, Rep. Sackett indicated he will be working to increase this fund in the House Finance Committee of which he is a member.

Editorial—

Anchorage Land Hearing

Native land claims hearing in Anchorage on February 8-10 promises to be a very interesting session. The recent upsurge of the claims activities in Alaska will, of course, enter the picture. This effort for solution to land problems has dimmed the glare of the earlier land bills introduced in Congress designed for courts and litigation with a new approach that would avoid such procedures.

A compromise bill has been drawn up through the

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