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AKHIOK WILL SOON HAVE ITS OWN AIRFIELD

Shively
Backs
Comm.

In the past week, John Shively, Executive Director of RurAL CAP, supported class action discrimination complaints by the Alaska Human Rights Commission against the Excursion Inlet Packing Company and he urged the Commission to examine the total industry in Alaska.

In a letter to Robert Willard, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission, Shively wrote, "While I support your action, I feel that similar conditions exist in other facilities and there is need to examine the other cannery operations in the state."

The RurAL CAP director commented that one facility is not enough and the Commission needs to investigate all cannery operations.

Mr. Shively offered the assistance of his organization in collecting information on discrimination in the canned salmon industry.



BIG CAT MAKES TRACKS ON NEW AIRFIELD — Driver Lynn Peterson instructs Nick Peterson in Operation of the D-8 tractor being used to clear the new runway at Akhiok. The machine was acquired through the RurAL CAP VEMP program.

Coordinated Effort of
Village People, RDA,
RurAL CAP to Do Job

Akhiok will soon complete a much needed airfield through the coordinated efforts of their own people, RurAL CAP and the Rural Development Administration.

Located on the south end of Kodiak Island, the village has needed a runway, particularly during winter months when the bay is frozen over, to evacuate sick or injured persons.

A D-8 tractor, acquired under RurAL CAP's Village Equipment Mobilization Program, was moved from Old Harbor to Akhiok by means of a landing craft during the latter part of July, with transportation costs being paid by RDA.

While the 1,350 ft. landing field was under construction, Oliver Amend, VEMP Director, and Lynn Peterson, mechanic employed by the agency, trained several local men to operate and maintain the machine.

During this time, improvements were made on the road to the co-operative store and existing sanitary fill was covered and a new area for dumping refuse was provided.

Ramps were built to the beach for amphibious aircraft and a road connecting the landing field to the village is now under construction. Also, two pieces of BIA equipment located there were repaired and used by the mechanics.

Local people were employed to clear the airstrip and RDA funded the payroll for this portion of the work. Amend commented that this is an excellent example of cooperation between federal agencies to accomplish practical vocational training at the village site, improve village conditions and also provide employment. It is hoped, he said, that this kind of coordination can be continued in the future for the benefit of other villages.

Some of the local men who were active in the training operation of equipment procedures were Nick Peterson, manager of the store; Walter

Simeonoff, Village President; and Minnie Zedabar, who provided mechanical help and is now learning the operation of a larger machine.

The VEMP mechanic, Lynn Peterson, is a graduate of the Alaska Skill Center in Seward.

When the airstrip at Akhiok is completed, the cat will be returned to Old Harbor.

Along with other equipment there, new roads for that village will be provided, and assistance will be given to the fish processing plant being constructed by the fishery cooperative at this time.

Donations to
Alcoholism Prog.

Mr. Ralph Amouak, Training Coordinator for the RurAL CAP Alcoholism program, has reported receiving donations totaling \$2,115 which is a portion of the total amount being solicited.

Contributions have been made by Alaska Mutual Savings Bank, Carrs, Reeve Airlines, Bristol Bay Native Association and several businessmen from the Community of Glennallen, Alaska.

The donations will be used for the continuation of the existing alcoholism program.

Seven rural counselors are serving 102 villages, and with the continued generosity of concerned individuals such as these, Amouak commented, the program will continue to reach those persons whose lives have been affected by the number one health and social problem in Alaska — alcoholism.

Balloting
Information

A person who is qualified to vote but who has not been a resident of the election district in which he seeks to vote for at least 30 days preceding the date of a presidential election is entitled to register and vote for presidential and vice presidential candidates.

REGISTRATION

1. All citizens at least 18 years of age by election must be registered to be eligible to vote.
2. Register in person before a registration official or by mail by completing a registration form.
3. Register in person before a Registrar any time during the year except that no registration will be made for a period of 30 days before an election.
4. To register by mail, write to the Lt. Governor, Pouch AA,

Juneau, requesting registration forms and return postmarked 30 days preceding an election.

5. Re-register if your name has changed by marriage or court order more than 90 days before an election.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

1. If a registered voter has moved from one precinct to another within an election district, a change of address should be made 14 days or more before an election.
2. If a registered voter has moved to another precinct outside of his election district with the intent to remain, he should contact a registrar and complete a change of address card. The voter must reside in his new election district for at least 30 days in order to vote in that district.

CAP Adds Nils
Sara as Program
Specialist

The Human Resources Department of RurAL CAP has recently added Nils Sara as a Program Specialist.

Sara, 24, who was born in Bethel, graduated from Bethel High School and served four years in the U. S. Navy.

He attended the University of Alaska and also East Los Angeles College, where he majored in English.

The new program specialist started his duties July 24, with a general field of responsibilities in land selection.

Prior to being hired, Sara worked for Rowan Group, Inc., conducting a survey for Bethel Broadcasting in Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta area.

Mike Tries Stop Disposal
Of Sitka's Totem Park

Senator Mike Gravel has attempted to block the disposal of Sitka's Totem Park. The Park is presently used by Sitkans generally, and by the guests of the Sitka Pioneers' Home in particular.

The Park, near the Pioneers' Home has been declared excess property by the U.S. Forest Service and has been turned over to the U.S. General Services Administration for disposal.

Senator Gravel wrote to the Administrator of GSA, Robert L. Kunzig, asking him to do all he can to keep the Park within the framework of the Pioneers' Home.

The Alaska Democrat stressed

the historic value of the Park to the State of Alaska and to the City of Sitka.

According to Senator Gravel, the State of Alaska, the guests at the Pioneers' Home and the citizens of Sitka would like to see the Park transferred to the Pioneers' Home directly.

The Park, he said, is an "integral part of the living pattern at the home. To deny the guests at the Pioneers' Home the use of the facility would be unconscionable."

The Senator said that the Pioneers' Home has maintained the Park for some time and would be willing to continue doing so.

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