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Tundra Times office now at 412 Lathrop Building

Now that we have finished moving into our new offices at 412 Lathrop Building, the Tundra Times staff would like to extend an open invitation to our readers and contributors to stop by and take a look at our new home.

The Lathrop Building is right next door to our previous residence in the Chena Building. Our mailing address and telephone numbers remain the same.

The newly paneled and carpeted office overlooks the north side of Fairbanks and our view stretches far into the northwest to the University of Alaska.

The considerably more spacious office gives our staff more room to work and offers a more enjoyable atmosphere for visitors.

At this time I would like to introduce our staff.

Virginia Sweetsir, an Athabascan Indian, is from Beaver, Alaska. She is our secretary-bookkeeper and has been with the paper since March of this year.

A University of Alaska student originally from Eagle River, Alaska, J.M. Cooper is the typesetter and circulation manager.

Joining our staff only a couple of weeks ago, Betsy Brenneman, a student from Berkeley, California, is our new reporter. She previously worked at the Bethel radio station and reported for the Tundra Drums, a Bethel-based newspaper. She will be with us until the end of September when she returns to school.

I would like to remind everyone that the World Eskimo Indian Olympics starts tomorrow at the Patty Gymnasium, University of Alaska-Fairbanks campus. This year's Olympics promises to be bigger and better than past year's with special memorial recognition given to the founder-editor-publisher of the Tundra Times, the late Howard Rock.

The Tundra Times-sponsored event is an annual celebration where athletes and spectators from all over the state join their native brothers from other countries in competition in the native games of their culture.

The Tundra Times takes pride in sponsoring this event and hopes that this tradition will continue to bring together native peoples of the world.

We would also like to encourage those persons who will travel to Fairbanks for the event to drop by our offices and let us know what's happening back at their villages.

Welcome to Fairbanks and have fun at the Olympics.

SG

Political campaigns are designedly made into emotional orgies which endeavor to distract attention from the real issues involved, and they actually paralyze what slight powers of cerebration man can normally muster.

—James Harvey Robinson

Letters from Here and There

Fueler truck training course offered

Dear Sir:

The story of the fueler trucks started late in the fall of 1975, with the request from Unalakleet Native Corporation to research the possibility of getting a truck to dispense fuel in their village.

Other villages were contacted and similar requests made because of the location of the new houses, sometimes a mile from where the fuel is stored, it created a problem for the villagers getting their tanks filled.

A call to the Standard Oil Company of California office in Anchorage started the program rolling by supplying ANICA, Inc., with a list of available surplus contractor tanker trucks.

After an inspection of these vehicles at Portland, Oregon, San Jose and Montebello, California, arrangements were made by Bill Kramer and Tom Gallagher of Standard Oil Company for the procurement of these vehicles. So, ANICA, Inc. bought seven of these trucks and brought them to Seattle to be arctic serviced and checked over.

Larry Eckels, manager of the ANICA, Inc., Anchorage office, and Max Dolchok, education coordinator, were very busy making arrangements at the same time to obtain funding and arrange for travel assistance through the BIA and the State of Alaska CETA for students from their respective villages to Seattle, where the training would take place. BIA funding was made available through Frank Craig, Juneau and Lawrence Matson, Anchorage; and through the State of Alaska CETA program by Helen March and Hal Haines.

June 6 was set as the date for the training course.

Sincerely,
Ace B. Hermans
Construction & Maintenance Supt.



Training course successful

Attn: Donald S. Dorsey
From Ace B. Hermans
Subject: Driver Maintenance Training School. Fueler Trucks.

The students arrived via Alaska Airlines, June 6, 1976, and stayed at the Century House hotel on 8th Avenue.

Those attending the school were: George Agnasagga from Wainwright, Lehman Nashalook from Unalakleet, Mark Tall from Hooper Bay and Roger Slwooko from Gambell.

The school started June 7th and was held at Standard Oil's truck maintenance center on East Marginal Way in Seattle. The maintenance department is under the supervision of E.L. Alverts, and the instructor Bill Jones, a very knowledgeable mechanic, conducted the class with a little help from myself.

One of the International all wheel drive fueler trucks that is being sent into one of the villages was on hand at the site, so that actual servicing and maintenance could be shown and be performed on the vehicle. Under the heading of

lubrication, the changing of the fluid to arctic weight in the rear end differential, transfer case, transmission and steering gear; also the changing of grease and repacking the front and rear wheel bearings along with greasing all points necessary with a grease gun. This was actively participated in by all the students.

On disassembly of the front wheels, it was found that the brake shoes needed replacing and that one set of front bearings were defective. They were replaced by the students themselves, and all other wheels inspected and set up and bearing tightened.

The mechanic was surprised and very pleased at the eager participation, adaptability and knowledge that the students showed at all times.

The next item was the tune up, including: changing plugs, points, condenser and setting the points and timing the engine with a timing light; servicing and checking battery, antifreeze level, air cleaner, hoses, an belts, etc., and troubleshooting these items and possibly some electrical problems.

Standard Oil was very obliging in having their tire servicing truck come over and give a complete demonstration on demounting and breaking apart wheels and rims, on all types of split rims, and the new aluminum tubeless. As Standard Oil had a number of tires that needed repair at that time, these repairs were done on the spot, and the students were shown the patching of tubes, patching side walls of tires and the latest tubeless tire patching equipment.

The most important part of this demonstration was the safety precautions in the mounting of split rims and inflation of tires so that no accidents could occur by the rim being blown off accidentally.

General operation of the trucks' pumps and transfer valves was next on the list, and a general participation of pumping from one tank to another; emptying and cleaning of tanks; measuring capacity of each, operation and serving of the Brodie dispensing meters, cleaning of fuel filters, servicing and operation of the hose reels, hose reels motors and chains, what to do in case of failure of a hose reel motor. Replacement of the protective shear coupling in the dispensing meter should one break due to freezing of water if present in the fuel.

Last and not-least—general safety and fire fighting. Should a fire occur, what to do and how to fight a fuel fire. It was explained by the instructor that after putting a fire out not to turn one's back on it, but rather back away from it. If it ignites again, then one is in the proper position to see the flame and not get surrounded by it. Different fire extinguishers were covered, such as the best type to use on fuel and electrical fires.

Time was spent also in going over and the explanation of a "Time Setting Sheet" that comes with the truck from the factory listing the types of equipment installed on each vehicle; also the truck service manuals, Brodie dispensing meter manuals and service and parts sheets on the Blackmere transfer pumps.

It was very pleasing to see the

full participation and enthusiasm of the students, and all those at Standard Oil expressed their pleasure in being able to conduct the school, and would gladly do it again should the need arise at a future date. It is felt by all that it was a very successful undertaking, and although more time had originally been allotted for the course the speed in which the students covered the necessary equipment shortened it down so that they were able to leave Thursday evening for Anchorage and their respective villages. Pictures were taken during the training period, and copies are being sent to each village, Standard Oil Company and the Anchorage office.

Ace B. Hermans

Agriculture exhibitors seek material

Dear Friends:

We are designing our annual agricultural exhibit. Our theme "Harvesting the Great Land," covers all areas of agriculture in Alaska. In the past years we have compiled exhibits dealing with specific products, such as grain or pork. This year, however, we decided to approach farming in general.

We want to show the actual status of agricultural production in Alaska today contrasted with the potential. We hope the public will then be stimulated to ask "Why don't we produce more of our own food?"

If you can help, please send us any photographs, suggestions, samples of marketing containers, samples of farm products, date or any other material you think would be useful. We will be glad to reimburse your postage and shipping costs and to return any items you wish after the fair.

Cordially,
Kathy Alton
Agriculture Exhibit Chairman
Tanana Valley State Fair Assn.
P. O. Box 188
Fairbanks, AK 99707

Problem of alcohol recognized

Dear Editor:

I wrote several Alaska newspapers last year so I decided to write you just in case our native leaders overlooked this important matter.

The politicians of Alaska have lowered the drinking age to 19 and extended the drinking hours to 21, yet nothing is being done to take care of the public inebriates.

There are not adequate "detoxification centers" or alcohol treatment units in the state.

Alcoholics are treated as though they had a moral weakness instead of recognizing that alcoholism is a physical disease that deserves treatment. Many people have outdated ideas about this killer—alcoholism.

Some think alcoholics are mentally ill, instead of realizing that mental symptoms are secondary to and derived from the primary disease of alcoholism.

Nutrition is also important in treatment.

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