



SUSAN BUTERIN

St. Paul Island Young Woman To Enter Course to Become RN

A young woman who has worked this past year as a nursing assistant in the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital on St. Paul Island will be the first girl from the Pribilof Islands to enter a course of study leading to an R.N. degree.

Susan Buterin, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maxim Buterin of St. Paul, will enter the new School of Nursing to be inaugurated at Alaska Methodist University this fall. A Bureau of Indian Affairs scholarship grant will make the study possible.

Miss Buterin is a graduate of Chemawa High School in

Oregon. When she becomes a Registered Nurse she plans to return to her home at St. Paul Island to work with her community.

There is presently no R.N. on the island so she will be a much needed asset to the community, according to Dr. Holm Neumann, PHS physician in charge of the hospital.

Her work as nursing assistant has been very satisfying, Miss Buterin reports, and says she hopes other Native Alaskan girls will enter the new AMU program.

She has voiced her thanks to "all those who have helped me this far and I will try my best for my people."

Marge Offers King Crab Storage

Mrs. Marge Pappas, director of the Pappas Nursing Home, has notified the Tundra Times that she would make the home's spacious walk-in freezer available to store the 500 pounds of king crab when Harry Carter and his group in Kodiak send up the succulent crustaceans.

Carter will be notified when the crab can be sent up. He has said, "The crab will be there and all you have to tell us is when to send it up."

Carter is the vice president of the Kodiak Area Native Association.

STEROID DRUG TREATMENT PRODUCES TB

Just over a year ago an unusual episode in a midwest nursery school suddenly placed 20 children on the sick list. A tuberculosis epidemic had broken out. In addition to the 20 with active disease, many others had acquired TB infection but were not actually ill.

The incident is worth recalling for a couple of strange reasons. For one thing, such epidemics have become comparatively rare; evidently they still happen. Another thing: it all began with a case of arthritis.

The arthritis sufferer, a member of the school's adult staff, was being treated with steroid drugs. Some years before she had had tuberculosis, but it had long since retreated to an inactive stage. Now it was found active again.

Coincidence? Not a bit. It has been known for some time that steroid drugs such as cortisone, often prescribed for arthritis, can cause TB to change from an inactive to an active phase. It can also activate TB in a person who has tuberculosis infection but has never had the active disease.

The American Thoracic Society, medical section of the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, wrapped up the situation in a comment published in its

magazine, Clinical Notes on Respiratory Diseases:

"It needs to be emphasized again and again that no patient should be treated with adrenal corticosteroids without a careful investigation for the presence of tuberculosis."

The ATS also recommends the anti-TB drug isoniazid for any patient with a history of TB while he is receiving steroid treatment and for six weeks

after.

The patient, needless to say, shares the responsibility. Any person who has ever had TB infection or active disease should make sure his doctor knows about it—particularly if present treatment involves a steroid drug.

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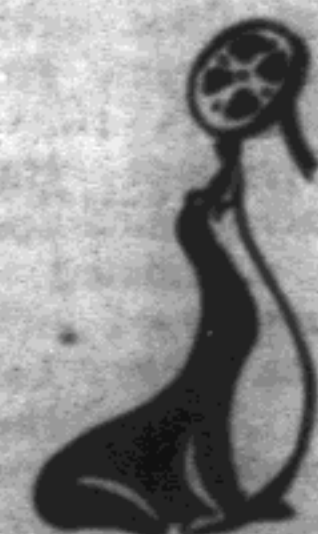
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