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START SUPERVISORS IN EXTENSIVE TRAINING



CHILD'S PLAY AT WORKSHOP — Field Training Supervisors for the RurAL CAP Head Start Program are shown here involved in activities for children at their recent workshop. From left, Marion Henniger; Peggy Sherman, Director; Timothy Wonhola; Ray Gabriel; Marina Gallineaux, Clara Kelly and Grace Pomeroy.

Two-Week Workshop Conducted for CAP By Sherman, Davidson

An intensive two-week workshop was conducted for RurAL CAP Head Start Field Training Supervisors by Peggy Sherman, Child Development Director for the agency, assisted by Rosemary Davidson from the Alaska Methodist University.

The first week, from September 5-9, the workshop was held at Alaska Methodist University, with the trainees and Miss Sherman staying in the dormitories.

The agenda included discussion on the role of parents in Head Start, led by Barbara Mahler, Director of Child Development Laboratory in Chico, California; basic child growth and development with Vi Steiner, AMU; and an explanation of Head Start components by Frank Jones, Educational Specialist from the Office of Child

Development in Seattle.

A panel discussion was held, moderated by John Turner of the University of Alaska.

Panelists included Baxter Wood, State-Operated Schools; Eva Kreiger, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Betty McCallum, State Department of Education; Carolyn Touvinen, Anchorage Community College; and Head Start parents Gerard Knooka of Gambell, and Henry Herbert of Fairbanks.

The second week, from September 10-16, was spent at Alyeska.

Others attending during this time included Willie Allen, Community Representative; Judy Miller, Health Liaison; and Glorice Davis of the Seattle regional office; Vi Steiner, and Betty McCallum. Also, John Shively, Executive Director of RurAL CAP; Kay Moor and Candy Kunuk from the RurAL CAP Child Development staff Anchorage office.

As part of the training, each of the Field Training Supervisors were given a number of task cards, some requiring them to meet with a consultant for discussion; activities for children were demonstrated such as fingerpainting and making collages.

The role of the Field Training Supervisor as a trainer was discussed by John Turner of the University of Alaska.

Dr. Helen Berner from the Alaska Treatment Center showed a video tape, "Small Talk", about language development for children with hearing problems, which will be available for use in the Head Start programs.

She also showed a film strip and discussed how the supervisors can work with the early education program.

Friday was the last day of the workshop before the Field Training Supervisors start their trips to the 38 rural programs, to help the Head Start staffs through training and also with any administrative problems they may have.

At least two trips will be made to each village this year, with each FTS being responsible for five or six programs.

The Field Training Supervisors are: Ray Gabriel for the Kotzebue area; Martina Gallineaux, Nome area; Clara Kelly and Grace Pomeroy, Bethel area; Timothy Wonhola and Marion Henniger covering the North, Central and Kodiak areas.

Miss Sherman stated that the intensive training was felt to be very beneficial to the experienced Field Training Supervisors as well as the three new persons.

She said that the importance of the workshop should not be underestimated, as these people take the training to almost 200 who are employed at the village level by the RurAL CAP Head Start program.

To Provide Dental Services—

CV-TDC Contracts With Dr. Wolverton

The Copper Valley-Tanana Development Corporation has contracted with Dennis Wolverton, D.M.D., to provide dental services to twelve villages in that region.

Dr. Wolverton began training on September 11 for two auxiliaries to assist him in educating the people in nutritional and dietary aspects of oral hygiene. Emphasis of the program is on preventive rather than restorative dentistry.

The one-year nutritional-dental program has been funded to RurAL CAP by the Office of Economic opportunity and is designed to give the dentist a base from which to develop a private practice, thus making it possible for him to remain permanently in this area.

The twelve villages which will receive services are Tok, Eagle, Tanacross, Dot Lake, Northway, Tetlin, Mentasta, Chistochina,

Gulkana-Gakona, Copper Center, Glennallen and Kenny Lake. It is planned that they will be visited at least three times during the next year.

Paul Davis, Regional Director of the Copper Valley-Tanana Development Corporation commented that the only problem they could foresee was the shortage of money for laboratory fees and that they were seeking ways to obtain more lab work for the small amount of money available at present. They are also looking for additional funds he said.

Dr. Wolverton graduated from the University of Oregon Dental School in 1970 and worked for short time in a dental partnership before coming to Alaska. His wife, Sue, and their children, Lou, age 7 and Jason, age 2, are now in Glennallen and plan to make it their home for several years.



RESIDENT DENTIST IN GLENNALLEN — Shown at left, is Dennis Wolverton, D.M.D., who has been hired by the Copper Valley-Tanana Development Corporation to provide services to 12 villages in their region. Being trained as auxiliaries to assist in educating residents in nutritional and dietary aspects of oral hygiene are, center, Adeline John from Tok, and Mildred Buck from Glennallen.

Haines UA Poet-in-Residence in Anchorage Explains Poetry

"Poetry is the medium by which the ultimate value of a language is judged," said poet John Haines.

"In literature, the beginning of personal expression -- joy, hope, sorrow -- fell into lyrical phrases. If you search back in any language, these phrases or fragments appear first. All other types of writing comes from this," he said.

Haines is the first poet-in-residence at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. In addition to conducting a creative writers workshop, the poet will be available for conferences with students throughout the school year beginning Monday, Sept. 18.

Returning to Alaska, a temperament and environment which first produced "some creative reaction," is for Haines

"one of those happy things." "I've had two or three births," he said, "... the most important one here in Alaska. I feel more at home here."

Haines had studied to be a painter before taking up residence in Alaska in 1958 at mile 68 on the Richardson Highway.

But he put aside the brush and took up the pen to record his emotional response to the land.

"There was a country in me which found a counterpart in Alaska," he said.

Haines feels that living in Alaska has a "somewhat liberating effect on people... living

in a country so open, with many opportunities. Below people begin to feel the limits of this American experience..."

"Alaska calls for something... some response, more than living in Los Angeles," said Haines.

He has been living for the past few years in Pacific Grove,

Calif. "My real home is still mile 68 on the Richardson Highway, even though it's not legally mine any more," he said.

Haines comes to the university by way of a National Endowment for the Arts grant to the Community College through

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