

To Be on Channel 9—

Greenlight for UA TV Station

COLLEGE — Permission to construct television station KUAC-TV came last week from the Federal Communications Commission. The permit authorizes the University of Alaska to construct a new television station at College on channel 9.

The University had filed an application with the FCC last October to build a new TV station to serve the Fairbanks area.

Approval by the Federal Communications Commission followed a \$425,000 equipment grant three weeks ago from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The University is seeking bids for equipment and hopes to have the station on the air by September.

The coverage area of channel 9 will be similar to the coverage areas of KFAR-TV (channel 2) and KTVF (channel 11). Programs, however, will be different. Local programs emphasizing Alaskan subjects will be produced in the new studios in the Fine Arts Complex on the College campus.

The new station will be af-

filiated with the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and will receive a full schedule of informative and cultural programs from that network.

The station plans to broadcast most of its network and local programs in color. Network programs will arrive in color

video-tape. Local programs emphasizing Alaskan subjects will be produced in full color using the station's color film "chain" and two color studio cameras.

KUAC-TV, incidentally, will be the first television station in Alaska to have a pair of color studio cameras.

Gov. Egan Responds To GOP Criticism

JUNEAU—Governor William A. Egan last week responded to a charge by Republican legislators that he acted illegally when he fired three members of the State Board of Fish and Game.

"It's utterly ridiculous—it's an attempt to confuse the people, and it has no substance whatsoever," Egan said.

"The 1959 statute referring to the removal of board members (As 16.05.280) states that the Governor may remove a board member for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. However, this statute does not confine the Governor's action to just those three reasons," Egan said.

Ten Republican members of the Senate and nine Republican House members made the charge

against the Governor in a statement distributed to newsmen by Senate Majority Leader Terry Miller of Fairbanks and House Minority Leader Clem Tillion of Halibut Cove.

"I did not break the law," Egan said. "In fact, I am completely on legal grounds consistent with the foremost experts in the field of statutory construction."

"A law created ten years later (Chapter 107, SLA 1969 (CSSB 25 AM)) clearly states that members of the Board of Fish and Game hold office at the pleasure of the Governor notwithstanding the member's term. Mr. Tillion should be familiar with this piece of legislation. He served in the legislature that passed it in 1969," Egan stated.

Egan Appoints Ramos Economic Opportunity Dir.

JUNEAU—Governor William A. Egan announced the appointment of Junior J. Ramos of Anchorage as director of the State Economic Opportunity office, effective March 15, 1971.

Ramos, 33, was born in San Mateo, Philippines, and has been an Alaskan since 1955. He is presently training and technical assistance coordinator with the Rural CAP, the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, in Anchorage.

He was logistics supervisor with International Telephone and Telegraph Company, in Barrow and England, from 1959 to 1966.

Ramos has had extensive community and youth involvement in Alaska, and is presently the basketball supervisor for the Arctic Winter Games.

He is the recipient of the Ed Stevens's Memorial Award from KFAR Radio-TV in Fairbanks for outstanding assistance to youth in sports.

Ramos, his wife Beverly, and daughter Lana, will be based in Juneau under the Local Affairs Agency in the Office of the Governor.

Veralas 4-H Club Shows Off Its Arts and Crafts

By JERRY HENRY
Club Reporter

Veralas 4-H Club meet at 4 o'clock Jan. 29, 1971. All 19 members were present and answered the roll with the name of a country of the world.

Bonnie Adams gave a demonstration about bead work.

Arlene Pitka gave a demonstration about making a felt picture.

Alice Cruickshank gave a demonstration about making a blouse.

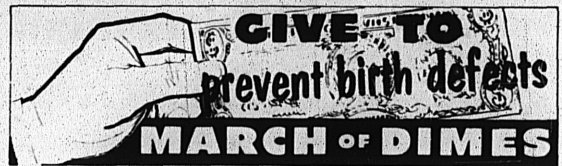
Ulak Hope lead the club in playing "ship."

The club enjoy the cake and Kool-Aid that Debbie Pitka and Gilbert Joseph made.

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