



HONORARY CHAIRMAN of the Alaska Tuberculosis Association 1968 Christmas Seal Sale, Mrs. Dorothy Jane Wood, presents the first sheet of Seals to her husband, Dr. William R. Wood,

President of the University of Alaska. Mrs. Wood appeals to all Alaskans to support the Tuberculosis detection and cure programs made possible by the proceeds from Christmas Seal sales.

Legal Services

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- the people of the area face.
2. What legal problems need the most attention.
3. What the people of the area expect Legal Services to do for them.
4. What Legal Services cannot do.

The Board will be meeting in regular session. Anyone who is interested in the Legal Services' program, for any reason, is urged to come to the meeting.

They may come in any time during the day on Friday, or Saturday morning. The Board of Directors is particularly anxious to hear any problems people may have in getting help from Legal Services.

The people Alaska Legal Services is set up to serve—those who cannot receive a lawyer's help in any other way—are particularly welcome to come to the meetings.

Members of the Legal Services Board know that any new program, which suddenly begins working in an area, will lead to a lot of questions. Many people wonder:

1. Why the program is there
2. What is it doing?
3. Is it really useful to them or their community?
4. Do we need it?

It is not possible to learn what the people of the Northwest Area want and need unless the people who live there tell those who direct the Alaska Legal Services Corporation program about their ideas.

The directors will be in Nome to talk with all who care to come by the meeting. They have said that they look forward to an open and frank discussion of Legal aid services in the area.

The Board members hope to leave Nome with ideas and suggestions from the local citizens. In this way, the Board expects to develop the best possible service for the people of the Second Judicial District and for the State.

The doors of the Council Chamber will be opened at 9:00 a.m. Friday, October 26th, and people are welcome to come in anytime during the day. Coffee will be provided by Alaska Air Lines, and the Nome Mother's Club members will be hostesses.

Letters to the Editor

Grayling, Alaska 99590
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The Tundra Times
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Gentlemen:

Your October 4th issue of TUNDRA TIMES ran an article about the meeting held in Fairbanks by the Tanana Chiefs.

At this meeting, Ralph Perdue made some very strong statements about the BIA, AND about me personally, questioning my honesty, and intelligence, and thus casting doubt on the intelligence and honesty of the citizens of Grayling.

I will tell the truth about these false statements, and set the record straight.

The statement about the billage of Grayling getting running water, electricity, and sewage systems from the BIA is a false statement. The statement about the BIA USING me, with gifts of homes, electricity, running water, and sewage for the village, given by the BIA, is a false and slanderous statement.

The TRUTH about the homes here in Grayling is this: The men of the village cut and rafted three thousand, two hundred (3,200) logs to our sawmill, and cut up the logs for lumber for the homes. The men of the village built the houses with the help of ONE associate carpenter from Alaska State Housing Authority. The Grayling men worked three years at this without pay. The Alaska State Housing Authority supplied the village with roofing, plywood, nails, and windows.

The TRUTH about putting the running water into our village in 1966, after six years of waiting for our turn, is this: The P.H.S. did an excellent job of putting in the running water system for our village. Some of the people do have hot water systems, sewer, and flush toilets. The people who do have the hot water systems, sewer, and flush toilets, put them in themselves, INDIVIDUALLY, and at their own expense.

The BIA did help us here at Grayling by giving us information, and in helping us in contacting various agencies. They helped us when they were asked for help by the Village Council. The BIA has records of all this.

The statement of Richard Frank, Director A.V.E.C., Anchorage, about BIA picking out the school boards, must surely be questioned. "A hand-picked school board! NOT THIS VILLAGE! We made our own nominations, and we held our own legal election, and besides this, there was not even a representative of the BIA at our election. We certainly would not want our school board chosen by anyone but our own village people."

Last spring the Tanana Chief's group passed a resolution against sending any Alaskan students outside, like Chemawa and Chilocco. I have been to Chemawa and Chilocco. I looked them over, and I did my own thinking about what I thought of these schools.

I am in favor of sending our children to GOOD schools outside—until we have more and better schools here in Alaska. If we refuse to send them outside to school right now, we are only denying them the best education they could get. OF COURSE, we would like to send our children to schools in Alaska, if the schools were here. We are in favor of having regional high schools throughout the state. "The sooner the better!" BUT, until we have schools as good as, or better than Chemawa and Chilocco, we will want our children to go where they can get the best education possible.

I hope that this will make it clear to Mr. Perdue, and to all your readers, that the BIA has not given Grayling all the things he said, although the BIA has been a help to us in many ways. I hope it is clear that the BIA is not, and HAS NOT been "using" me, and that I am able to think for myself without the BIA, or Mr. Perdue, or anyone else telling me what I should think!

Yours truly,
Henry Deacon

Glennallen to Get Employment Office

JUNEAU — Gov. Walter J. Hickel's office announced today that the state will open a new employment office in Glennallen with formal opening ceremonies slated for Nov. 1.

A lifetime resident of Alaska, Miss Pauline Lincoln of Copper Center, will manage the facility. Her service area will be bounded by Eagle, Dot Lake, Paxson, Eureka, Valdez and the Alaska-Yukon border.

The area, totaling approximately 20,000 square miles, has about 5,000 residents.

The new office is the latest facility established in a program started last year with the opening of an employment office in Bethel.

The Governor's announcement said: "We have long been concerned about properly providing adequate employment service to employers and residents in rural areas."

"While we have made great strides in and around our metropolitan areas, we have become increasingly aware of a service gap in more remote areas which lack access to an employment

office.

"This new office in Glennallen should narrow that gap."

No man is really happy or safe without a hobby, and it makes precious little difference what the outside interest may be—botany, beetles or butterflies, roses, tulips or lilies; fishing, mountaineering or antiquities—anything will do so long as he straddles a hobby and rides it hard.

—OSLER

Interfering . . .

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Section 4 of Statehood Act, under which the state forever disclaimed any interest in lands that were being used and occupied by the Native people of Alaska and urge your departments to protect the interests of the Native people before land use permits are issued."

Gravel Seeks . . .

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ing with the critical problems of our village people," Gravel said. "The Village Affairs Authority would cost no more than what we are already spending, and it would do a much better job in the long run."

Barrow Gas Turbines . .

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gas, we are entering our fifth year of operation. Certainly a clean slate on record."

"We have operated since their installation of the water treatment plant, the generation plant and the sewage treatment plant with but one or two non-natives overseeing the operation," Eben Hopson continued.

"Actual operation engineering, the mechanical work and even the payroll system is operated to the satisfaction of the General Service Administration, therefore further indicating our capabilities should we, in the near future, be given the full control and operation supervision."

At this point in his speech, Eben Hopson partially substantiated rumors that the State Department of Education would be taking over the Bureau of Indian Affairs school system in Barrow.

I envision in the future just ahead of us," he said, "a gradual move by the State to take over our educational department of the BIA. So you can guess that upon that date, the final phase-out of the BIA will be in effect."

"Before that is permitted to take place, I can see an accelerated program to further enable the Barrow Utilities Incorporated to fully control and operate the utilities section. I would also venture to say that upon that date, the BUI will be able to do so capably."

"... This is only the beginning. I envision the construction of a 100 room hotel with all the facilities of a modern hotel pushed through the Arctic Slope Native Association and the Alaska Federation of Natives."

"A tourist trade of two to three hundred per day is easily predictable within the next five years."

"Progress in the north in the development of our huge oil and gas fields cannot, and will not, overlook Barrow and the other villages in the Arctic Slope."

"We in the Alaska Federation of Natives fully intend to see that Barrow plays an important part in the development of this industry and hope to contribute to its progress from start to finish."

Eben Hopson paid tribute to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the following manner:

"Needless to say for me that the BIA has nurtured our progress and have made a substantial investment and I am sure there will be appropriate times when each of us will be given opportunity to convey our thanks to them."

"What seems to me to be the important thing is assuring the Board of Directors of the BUI and the BIA that at the time of the takeover, we have all the qualified personnel."

"I happen to know that there are people here in this room who are ready to say that we have, and I share their feeling."

Here, the speaker related a little story that pointed out the adaptability of the Eskimo in the field of mechanics:

"A foreman asked me one time if I could operate a crane. I told him I would if he showed me where the controls were and I assured him I would be able to operate one within the next five minutes."

"I have been a crane operator ever since."

"What I am saying here is this. All of these boys who are going to be the operators of the new turbines need only be given the opportunity to grab the controls and learn the necessary moves. I guarantee you they will never forget their lessons."

Another native speaker at the dedication ceremonies was Joseph Upicksoun. He was one of the three men from Barrow to be sent down to San Diego, Calif.

"We will be charged with help to carry the ball until the operators are familiar with the operation of their assigned tasks in the utility system."

"Attribute the culmination of man's achievements to education. People with education have an aversion to idleness, therefore they set a goal. Their goal is an achievement of their endeavors in improving environmental conditions," Upicksoun said.

Wallace O. Craig, superintendent of the Fairbanks District of the BIA, represented the Commissioner of Indian Affairs office.

Craig had the honor of pushing the button that put the gas turbines in motion.

"Let us hope that Wallace Craig's push button finger carries as much hope for success in the starting of the new turbines," said Eben Hopson.