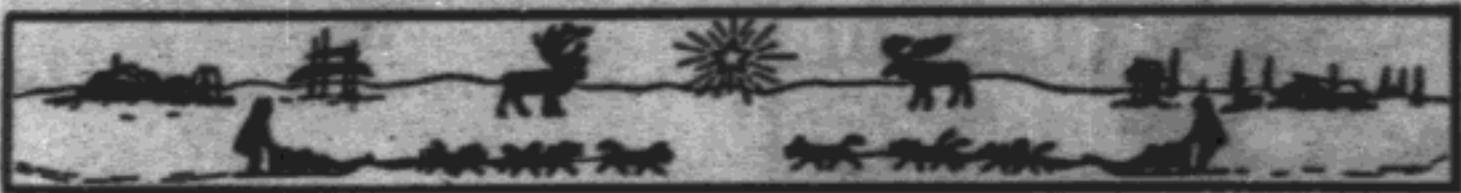


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AN IMPORTANT PROPOSAL . . .

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about one-fifth of the state's population is native.

The study points out one serious handicap in job-getting among our people and that is lack of adequate education. Huge percentage of our native population within the employable ages have not reached the eighth grade level in school.

Some work training programs, however, have proven that if our less educated people were given specialized training, they became good employees if not excellent employees. The work-experience program, now in progress, is an excellent example where good percentage of the trainees have become employable. This is being proven by the Army at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks that is participating in the work-experience training program under agreement with the state Department of Health and Welfare. The Fort has been hiring trainees from this program and the Army officials there have characterized it as "a definite asset" and a "meaningful way of integrating the Alaska Native into the productive workforce."

The staff study, in our opinion, is most imaginative and well thought out request from the federal government. Its suggestions and recommendations speak well for the needs of native Alaskan citizens. Its implementation would fill one of the urgent necessities of our people—a chance to work and earn. Properly planned training procedures for jobs would fill the gap now existing among our less educated people who have been handicapped because of it.

It is a known fact that some native folks, even with an educational level as low as second grade, have attained skills comparable to those with more education. The proposal of the staff study would give their less fortunate brothers and sisters the impetus to become useful and more productive citizens.

THE ALASKAN NATIVES & FEDERAL HIRE deserves favorable and positive attention because it would fill one of the greatest needs in our state.

SBA Liberalizes Disaster Loans . . .

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"This program is needed immediately, as shelter for many families is of dire concern to those dealing with the anti-poverty effort in the community. An initial survey of the damage in the area as a result of the flood reveals that 3,438 dwellings were damaged or destroyed." This does not include apartments, duplexes, etc. Many of these dwellings were low-income homes. Many of these people own their land which is of little value due to the location. They now need some systematic approach in which to get shelter and 'button up' for the winter."

The emergency relief housing proposal calls for the construction of log homes using timber from federal and donated forests in Interior Alaska. It is intended by the CAA that only the shells of the houses be constructed this winter.

"Yukon stoves" would then be used to heat the shells where the families will live until construction can continue in the spring to complete the dwelling.

Letters to the Editor

Fairbanks, Alaska
September 5, 1967

Dear Sir:

In reference to your article concerning Rep. William Hensley's interest in the study of law, it is good that an Alaskan Native may become engaged in the practice of law, however, certain other circumstances must be taken into consideration.

As brilliant as Rep. Hensley is in representing the rights of natives and as capable as he is of undertaking the study of law, perhaps it is not advisable that he should relinquish his seat in the state house to study law at this time.

In this boy's humble opinion, Mr. Hensley made a contract to the people of his district when he declared his candidacy—were he to desert his post. The voters of Rep. Hensley's district will have been cheated of his capable handling of native rights and land claims in Alaska.

The final choice is that of Rep. Hensley's. I urge him to take all aspects of the situation into consideration before he decides whether to resign from the legislature.

Perhaps Mrs. Evelyn Conwell (Rep. Hensley's opponent in the last election) would not desert her post in mid-term. The question is: To whom is assigned to most priority—Rep. Hensley or the voters of his district?

Most Sincerely,
Tom Richards, Jr.,
2817 Riverview Dr.
Fairbanks, Alaska

U of A Statewide Services Appoints Two Women

Two new appointments in the University of Alaska's Division of Statewide Services were announced this week by Dr. Arthur Buswell, dean of the division.

Mrs. Jane Williams, former science consultant and instructor for the North Star Borough School District, will head the Audio Visual Communications Department.

A longtime teacher in Alaska schools, Mrs. Williams graduated from Otterbein College and received her master's degree at the University of New Mexico in 1941.

She will take charge of the preparation and cataloging of audio-visual teaching aids used on the campus and in schools around the state.

Mrs. Margaret Connet has been appointed a regional training officer in UA's Project Head Start teacher-training program. The program trains rural village teachers—most of them Indian and Eskimo village volunteers—in instruction methods for home village Project Head Start classes, a poverty war program to prepare pre-school youngsters for school.

Marriage is where you learn how uncommon it is to have things in common.

CAA Proposes \$107,000 Housing Relief Fund

Larry Brayton, North Star Borough Community Action Agency Executive Director, returned to Fairbanks last Thursday from Anchorage, Seattle and San Francisco.

Brayton had spent several days outside talking with Office of Economic Opportunity officials and other governmental agencies about proposed CAA disaster relief and recovery proposals.

Brayton returned with the finalized proposal from the CAA to OEO. The proposal had been roughed out in Fairbanks by a volunteer team of professionals and approved by the CAA Board of Directors at an emergency session on August 19. Brayton then conferred with the OEO regional office in San Francisco who cooperated in finalizing the supplementary disaster proposal. The proposal is now in Washington, D. C., awaiting

final OEO approval.

The proposal calls for a total grant of \$107,140 and will be 100% federally funded if approved. The funding will be broken down to include a \$17,910 supplementary grant for Operation Grass Roots and CAA administration; \$32,270 for child day care, and \$51,960 for emergency housing relief.

In proposing the emergency housing relief program the CAA told the OEO that the program "is essential in providing housing for the low-income resident family in the Fairbanks community which has lost its home or whose home is beyond use as a habitable structure."

It is intended that this program be the 'opening shot' for the CAA's 'Housing Now' demonstration proposal that can well fit into the housing effort in Interior Alaska.

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Metlakatla Plans Access Road To Facilitate Forest Products

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Council of Annette Islands Reserve has recently been approached with inquiries concerning its position about certain transportation and economic changes; and

WHEREAS the Road from Metlakatla to Walden Point on the Northerly tip of Annette Island, some 2 miles across from Mountain Point on Revillagigedo Island, has been surveyed and deemed economically and technically feasible, and

WHEREAS new Forest Products manufacturing facilities are being developed on Annette Island, and Port Chester shipping facilities are being expanded to handle ships of the 15,000 ton class, and

WHEREAS a road to Walden Point would greatly improve timberland access and access to new recreational areas,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Annette Islands Council wishes to go on record stating their desire for completion of the Walden Point Road at the earliest possible date.

COUNCIL ANNETTE ISLANDS RESERVE

Henry S. Littlefield, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Russell Hayward, Secretary.

AFN CONSTITUTION . . .

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1. The present Constitution does not fit the concept of a statewide Native federation as embodied in the unanimous motion adopted at the October 1966 Anchorage Native Conference.
2. At the time of the adoption of the present Alaska Federation of Natives Constitution the several regional associations which represent the majority of the Native people of Alaska were not present to make their views known.
3. Revisions must be made to accommodate the needs of the regional associations if we are to develop a strongly supported Statewide Association.

As an officer of the Alaska Federation of Natives, I feel an obligation to make these views known to you and to the Native people of Alaska. I therefore urge you to direct that the up-coming October Conference be a Constitutional Convention.

Notice should be given to all Native associations and villages immediately so that preparation can be made at the local level for the presentation of their views at the Convention.

I feel also that after revising the Alaska Federation of Natives Constitution we need to set aside time to develop plans in regard to the hearings to be held by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on Alaska's Land Claims.

Sincerely,
BYRON I. MALLOTT
2nd Vice President