



Bethel Youngsters and Residents Enjoy Christmas Puppet Show

A unique Christmas puppet show for the children in the southwest Alaska outlying areas was nixed by inclement weather during the middle of December. The show was shown twice in Bethel, however, but five other

villages missed the showing because of raging blizzards, 30-35-mile winds. The blizzard later turned into rain creating glare ice in and around Bethel. It was also accompanied by fog.

The puppet show was staged by Anchorage amateur puppeteers, Jane Pattison, Ronnie Lynn, Danny Lou and Phillip DePalmer.

The puppet show was sponsored by Wien Consolidated Airlines and the 1st National Bank of Anchorage.

After the storm, the weather was suitable for flying but snow-clogged airstrips in five other villages prevented the puppeteers from making the trip.

Due to inclement weather, Aniak, Holy Cross, St. Mary's, Hooper Bay and Russian Mission

missed the show.

Bethel school children enjoyed the first puppet show they have ever seen.

PUPPET VIEWERS—In varying attitudes of interest, Bethel's small school children are viewing their first puppet show. The show had a Christmas theme with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, an elf, a snowman, an Eskimo man and some other characters. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Due to a bad storm, five other villages had to miss the puppet show. The staging of the puppets was sponsored by Wien Consolidated Airlines and 1st National Bank of Anchorage. An amateur puppeteer group, the troupe members were Jane Pattison, Ronnie Lynn, Phillip and Danny Lou DePalmer, all from Anchorage.

(Wien Consolidated Airlines Photo by SKIP WALL)

Safety Council Meets in Juneau

JUNEAU—The Alaska Safety Council met in Juneau Dec. 27 to consider a wide ranging agenda that included a model Safe Boating Act and adoption of a state building code.

Acting chairman for the meeting was Richard B. Lauber, executive director of the State Crime Commission. Lauber sat in for Secretary of State Keith H. Miller.

Lauber reported the council considered an industrial safety program for state employees, the model Safe Boating Act, defensive driving course promotion, amendments to existing snow vehicle statutes, and adoption of a state building code.

The council also heard the report of the Highway Safety Bureau.

The Alaska Safety Council makes an annual report to the governor in which it suggests changes and additions to state safety statutes.

Attending the meeting in addition to Lauber were James Couch, executive director of the Fairbanks Health and Safety Council; Ross P. Duncan of Juneau, representing the Alaska Association of Insurance Agents; Public Safety Commissioner Mel Personett; Highways Commissioner Cosby Steen; Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Labor William Jermain; Harvey King of the Department of Education, and Ned Kester of the Department of Health and Welfare.

The council will meet again in February, 1969.



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