

ATA Votes to Expand Part in State Health Dept. Programs

Expanded participation in proposed State health department programs dealing with diseases related to tuberculosis was voted by members of the Alaska Tuberculosis Association board of directors during their meeting at Travelers Inn Friday and Saturday.

The action came in the form of a board directive to ATA executive director Lawrence J. Sullivan, Anchorage, to continue participation with state health officials in planning the proposed R.D. program for Alaska.

Other board action during the semi-annual meeting included

election of John M. Stern, Anchorage board member, to succeed Mrs. Earle L. Hunter, Juneau, as ATA representative on the board of directors of the National Tuberculosis Association, and the election to ATA board membership of Dr. George Sueffert, Anchorage anesthesiologist, to succeed the late Dr. Levi Brown of Palmer.

Forty two interested persons, including the seventeen board members attended the ATA dinner Friday evening in the Gold Room to hear Mike Gravel, Anchorage candidate for United

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Says Recognize All 4-H'ers For Achievements at All Levels

College—Awards are only one means of accomplishing the overall objective of 4-H workgrowth and development of boys and girls to successful citizens, according to Harlem D. Sandberg, State 4-H & Youth Program Leader, at the University of Alaska.

Awards encourage young people to do things they normally would not do, and then recognize that they have met certain criteria, says Sandberg. But when our measure of success becomes the number and size of awards received, then we are counting the wrong thing and promoting a mistaken

standard for success, Sandberg comments.

To a great many people, he believes, there is a direct relation between succeeding and receiving an award while those who do not win an award have failed. It is not awards themselves that constitute value or harm to 4-H'ers, but how they are used, the state 4-H leader explains. He lists these principles in using prizes and awards in 4-H work:

1) The contest must result in learning. This means assisting youth in changing their behavior in terms of skills, knowledge, and attitudes.

2) The situation must offer the members a possibility of success. Arranging for competition based on age and experience and establishing different standards to meet these conditions help to develop this principle.

3) The rules must be fair and known to all participants. The standards must be high to stimulate the desire to learn and make possible a learning experience.

4) A maximum number of participants should be involved to "spread" the value of the learning experience and provide leaders with experience in conducting contests and events.

5) Awards are presented to all members who accomplish or achieve, not just a "winner." The group-award system makes individual identification possible by providing awards denoting different degrees of recognition.

Awards, properly understood and used, are an effective tool in meeting three purposes of an effective educational system in 4-H, Sandberg says.

The three purposes are to help 4-H'ers learn to accomplish or achieve, to encourage and motivate them to achieve, and to recognize 4-H'ers upon their achievement at all levels.

Senate Hopeful Elmer Rasmuson Challenges Mike Gravel in Debate

U.S. Senate nominee Elmer Rasmuson challenged Mike Gravel, the Democratic nominee, last Friday to a series of debates "on the truly vital issues we must face up to in this campaign."

The Republican candidate said he would debate Gravel "anywhere at any time that is mutually agreeable to both candidates' campaign schedules."

Rasmuson charged that the Democrats' Presidential Convention "dramatized the tragic division which the Administration has brought not only to its own party but to the distress of the entire nation."

He said: "Can a disorganized party give leadership? The incumbent senator (Ernest Gruening) refuses to support his party's nominees for President and for U.S. Senator. Mike Gravel wears the albatross of this discredited

national Administration around his neck. How can the people expect leadership from this type of confusion?"

Rasmuson said, "This is a year to build on, not to weaken. The Republican Party has the strength of unity, the strength to build. I am confident the people of Alaska want a United States Senator who seeks to unite Alaska and the nation, not one who will divide them. We offer the politics of progress, not the politics of chaos."

Rasmuson said the problems

suffered today by the Democratic Party are those of "a struggle for political power." He said, "The whole issue in 1968 is responsible leadership."

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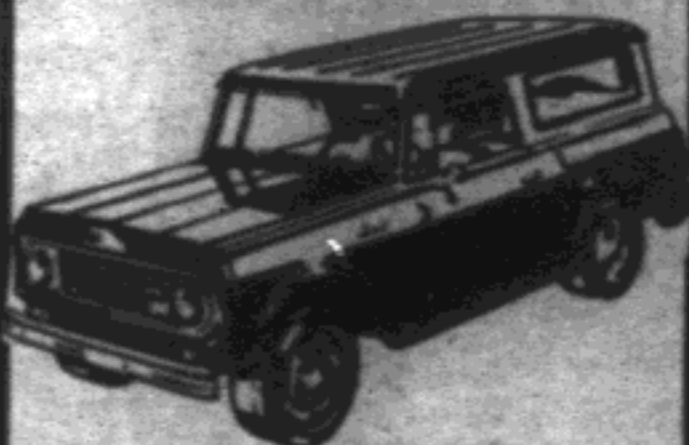
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