

## 'Ma' Nature Finds Fall Confusing

Many areas of Alaska, including Fairbanks area, experienced balmy fall weather much to the delight of good-weather-loving humans who marvelled at the pleasant phenomenon.

The delayed winter, however, might have been a bit puzzling to some animals and birds. The first snow of the year was late in coming confusing even that venerable Old Lady, Mother Nature.

Snowshoe rabbits took on their white winter coats and hopped and romped among autumn strewn leaves with not a snowflake on the ground starkly contrasted against the dark background.

Frisky weasels also skittered in splendid snowwhite fur. Although ptarmigans were not seen hereabouts, they must have stood out in glorious white against the snowless ground.

Something strange also came

## Governor's Ball

Labelled as strictly bi-partisan, the Governor's Ball is scheduled to take place at the Civic Center at Alaskaland on November 28 at 9:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Dress will be semi formal. There will be a no host cocktail hour at the Traveler's Inn beginning at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at Nerland's Department Store and Saarios.

## Prisoner Cruelty ...

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"And what about their own dignity and self respect? What about their wives and children?"

Father Convert places the most of the blame for the cruel treatment of prisoners on the state for failing to provide holding facilities in villages and upon the failure of the state to make provisions for more expeditious use of the airplane by state troopers.

"Why is the state police forbidden to use their own planes in their job so they can accomplish it efficiently and inexpensively as possible? Is the policeman on his beat obliged to use a taxi or the common carrier bus?"

"Referring to the men chained to the heavy piece of equipment, Madros wrote: "I'm all in favor of these men going to jail but to treat them like dogs is the part I really don't like. You might pass this information to the Fairbanks Native Association."

Captain Donald McQueen, commander of the Northern Division of the State Troopers in Fairbanks, at first refused to discuss the incident at Galena telling this writer, "I do not have any responsibility at all to inform you of anything." But as the writer started to leave the State Trooper premises, Captain McQueen relented.

He said that at least one of the prisoners was violent and that "whenever a prisoner is violent we are going to use whatever means we can to restrain him from injuring either himself or others."

He said the prisoner was chained to a piece of heavy equipment in the state garage at Galena and that while the trooper went to get a guard that the prisoner broke his leg irons and escaped. He said he was later apprehended.

McQueen, upon further questioning, admitted that holding facilities were desperately needed in villages. "We have tried everyone from the Health and Welfare to the State Jail and we haven't been able to get them,"

to pass near the wealthy Tyonek village on Cook Inlet recently.

"The bears got fooled this year. On November 4th, four bears were seen on the fishing sites. They were so mad at the weatherman they tore up all the fishing camps."

## Governor Miller Calls for Wires To Congress

Gov. Keith H. Miller called upon all Alaskans to communicate with Alaska's Congressional delegation regarding the native land claims settlement.

"I urge all Alaskans to send telegrams and letters to Senators Ted Stevens and Mike Gravel and Congressman Howard Pollock and give voice to their opinions on this important issue," Gov. Miller said.

Senate Bill No. 1830 is now under consideration by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator Henry L. Jackson.

"Now is the time for everyone in Alaska to let our representatives in Congress know our opinions," the Governor said.

"This issue deals with obligations that will affect the well being and the future of all our people. We must all participate," Miller concluded.

McQueen said.

He suggested that the village of Galena provide its own holding facilities as Tanana had done. McQueen said he had even suggested to Ralph Perdue that he attempt to get the Tanana Chiefs to do something about the problem.

Other sources indicate that this is not the first incident of prisoners being chained. Perdue told Tundra Times that in July of 1968 it was reported to him that a juvenile male had been chained to a power pole all night in the rain at Galena. Perdue said he went to Juenau and talked to a high official of the State Troopers about that incident.

Other sources indicate that the chainings have been ordered by magistrates.

The four men involved in the recent incident are serving sentences now in the Fairbanks State jail: Dateen Andre, 58, Kaltag, serving 179 days, \$100 fine for assault and battery; Jimmy Malemute, 42, Galena, serving six months for petty larceny, escape, and malicious destruction of property; Raymond Nickili, 39, Kaltag, assault and battery, serving 179 days, \$100 fine, with 149 days suspended; and Matthew Captain, 31, of Galena, serving 179 days on each of two counts—assault and battery and drunk in public.

Andrew Demoski, of Galena, told Tundra Times in an interview that most of the people there felt very bad about the chaining incident. He said it was felt that the trooper could have deputized a person in Galena to watch the prisoners and could have found a room in which they could have been detained.

He said the shop where they were detained had a concrete floor and was quite cold.

Father Convert sums up the situation this way: "The deficiencies of our State penal facilities are known, but unless something is done immediately to improve them in our remote areas, men will continue to be exposed as its victims."

## ANB-ANS Hold 57th Convention In Town of Kake November 10-15

The 57th annual convention of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood was held in Kake, Alaska, on November 10-15, 1969. A record of 167 resolutions was submitted by the various camps throughout the state to the convention and 160 were adopted.

The ANB founders' dreams of better education for the young seemed to be in the minds of the delegates since a number of adopted resolutions concerned education. The education resolutions covered such issues as the inclusion of Alaska native history in the curriculum, higher salaries for rural teachers, upgrading the Mt. Edgecumbe High School facility, and an Upward Bound program for southeastern Alaska.

There were approximately 25 resolutions adopted pertaining to the Department of Fish and Game regulations. The important resolutions were for the discontinuation of commercializing the sale of herring roe and the restrictions imposed on the catching of salmon for subsistence purposes.

An equal number of resolutions pertained to the improvement of health conditions among native people. Other resolutions concerned the endorsement of the land claims bill prepared by the AFN, airports, marine ferry stops, constitutional changes and miscellaneous items such as ANS Beauty contests and the correct spelling of the word "Tlingit."

The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood has accomplished over the years many things beneficial to all natives. Among these are: the recognition of natives as citizens; winning the right of the native to vote; securing direct relief for aged natives; and initiating the Tlingit-aid land suit which some people call the Father of the Land Claims in the State of Alaska. Elected as the new ANB Grand

President was Richard Stitt of Juneau. Other grand camp officers elected to the brotherhood were: Steve Hotch, Klukwan, first vice-president; Irving Igtanloc, Barrow, second vice-president; Walter Soboleff, Juneau, secretary; Frank O.W. Williams, Sitka, treasurer; and Harold Bremner, Yakutat, sergeant at arms.

Elected to grand offices in the ANS were Stella Martin, Juneau, grand president; Mary Jones, Ketchikan, secretary; Teresa Stitt, Juneau, treasurer; and Mary Jackson, sergeant at arms.

Other elected officials were: Elwood Thomas of Craig, the ANB fisheries representative and Byron Mallott was elected to represent the organization on the board of directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives. Mallott is the Executive Director of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program.

Juneau ANB and Klawock ANS received the first prize as the best organized camps in the State of Alaska in the year 1969.

A new innovation created by this convention was the adoption of the next convention town by secret ballot and the campaign entitled, "Why I want the convention in our town." This added curiosity and excitement to the traditional convention since the results of the election were a

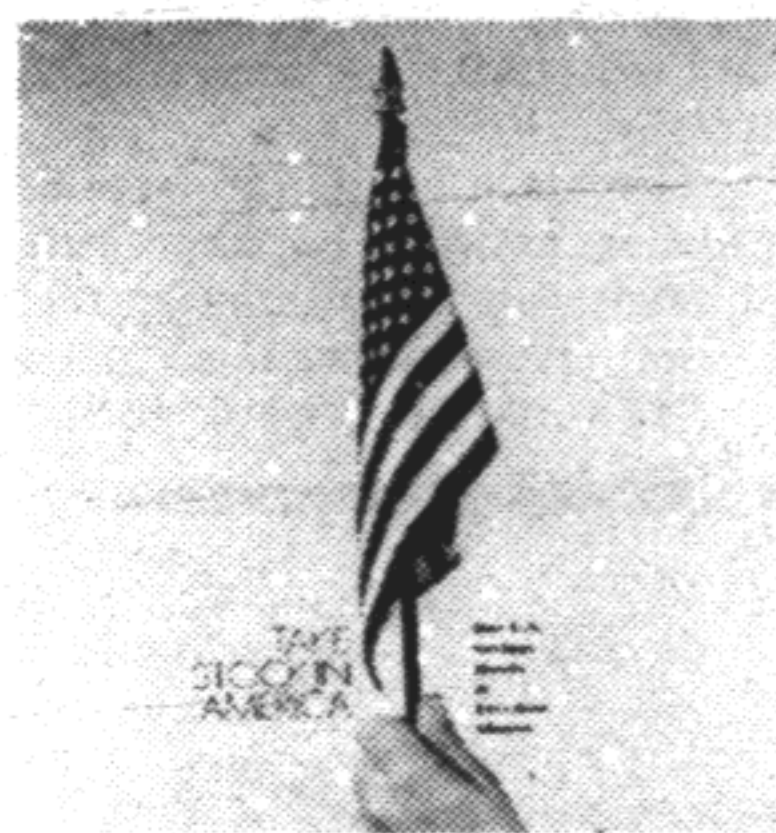
secret until announced prior to the grand ball.

The annual ANB convention in Kake proved to be very successful despite the weather and transportation difficulties. The proof was shown by the enthusiasm of the 110 delegates on their last exhausting evening during the traditional installation of officers, awards ceremony and finally, the grand ball which made Kake—whose meaning in Tlingit means "the town that never sleeps"—live up to its name.

On Saturday no one slept for one event led to another until finally it was over—until the 58th annual ANB and ANS convention convenes in Petersburg, Alaska, next November.

Those who do not complain are never pitied.

—JANE AUSTEN



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