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VA Assists in Flood Damage Repair Job

The Veterans Administration is cooperating with other Federal agencies to assure assistance in repairing flood damage in Fairbanks.

Howard C. Christie, Manager of the June au VA Regional Office, announced last week that the Seattle VA Regional Office which handles home loans in Alaska has released letters to persons in the Fairbanks area making payments on VA loans.

The letters request a report of flood damage by return mail addressed to the VA Regional Office, Sixth and Lenora Bldg. Seattle, Wash. 98121.

Veterans having VA guaranteed loans are requested to report flood damage to their homes to the firms to which they make their mortgage payments.

All reports of damage should contain a complete itemized list of the flood damage to the property and include the VA loan number.

Forbearance on recurring payments in the immediate future will be granted on an individual basis.

Classes at University of Alaska To Start Sept. 12 as Scheduled

Classes at the University of Alaska will begin Tuesday, September 12, as scheduled, UA President Dr. William R. Wood, announced last week.

Dr. Wood said most of the 7,000 refugees who stayed on campus during the Chena River flood have returned to their homes and clean—up operations are underway to prepare the campus for the fall semester.

Laura Jones, UA registrar and director of admissions, said that her office has notified every student who has been admitted to the university for the fall semester that school will

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begin as scheduled.

Before the flood, university officials were expecting a main campus enrollment of nearly 2,100 students. A UA spokesman said it is not known how the flood will affect enrollments.

Students planning to reside off campus are the only ones likely to be affected, the spokesman explained. Because of an anticipated short age of rental housing, due to the flood, married students who do not have confirmed on—campus housing are advised not to bring their families with them until housing has been found.

University dormitories will open Wednesday, September 6, and orientation and guidance testing programs for new students will begin at 7 p.m. that evening. New students will register Saturday, September 9, and returning students will

Saturday, September 9, and returning students will register Monday, September 11.

General counseling will be

General counseling will be given Friday Afternoon, Sept. 8, and 9.

Calif. Woman Wills \$20,000 to Jesse Lee Home

The Jesse Lee Home, an Alaskan institution for the care and treatment of troubled children, has received a bequest of \$20,000 from the estate of a California woman.

Mrs. Irene Hanan, of Oakland, California, was killed in an automobile—train accident about 10 days after writing her will, according to a letter from her attorney. Her husband had preceded her in death a few months earlier. The couple had no children.

According to her attorney, Mrs. Hanan, a retired employee of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, was well acquainted with the Jesse Lee Home even though she apparently had never been personally connected with it.

The Jesse Lee Home was founded at Unalaska in 1890 by a school teacher who named it after a famous Methodist evangelist of New England, Reverend Jesse Lee.

In 1925 it was moved to Seward where its functions were greatly expanded. Badly damaged by the 1964 earthquake, the Home was rebuilt in Anchorage. The children and staff moved into the new quarters in January, 1966.

A local 25-member board of directors governs the Home in accordance with policies established by the National Division of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

The public is invited to attend the second annual open house to be held at the Jesse Lee Home on Sunday, September 10, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The afternoon will feature tours of the four 10-child cottages and an outdoor family barbecue.

JUNEAU-Gov. Walter J. Hickel voiced optimism this week that this session of Congress will approve a \$1 million appropriation for initial funding of the Alaska Remote Housing Program. The governor said "The

The governor said "The drastic need for housing Alaska natives and others in remote areas has been fully documented by our congressmen, and by the administration's special task force which I sent to Washington in July.

doubt by now that this appropriation is desperately needed. It will begin a positive program to alleviate the deplorable conditions under which our rural people live in many instances."

Meeting last Friday, the Senate Subcommittee on Independent Offices, chaired by Sen. Warren Magnuson, D-Wash., returned the \$1 million appropriation to the funding request for the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966, the overall measure of which the Alaska remote housing program is a part.

The remote housing funds had been slashed from the bill's budget earlier this year by a House committee. The replaced funds will still require approval of a Senate—

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In an effort to secure passage of the measure, and at the request of Alaska Sen. E.L. Bartlett, Hickel sent a special four—man task force to Washington in July to testify before Magnuson's committee.

They were Morris Thompson, deputy director of the State Rural Development Agency; Ed Crittenden, executive director of the Alaska State Housing Authority; State Sen. Ray Christiansen, D-Bethel, and State Rep. John Sackett, R-Fairbanks.

Christiansen and Sackett are members of the state's Rural Affairs Commission created by the governor earlier this year.

Hickel added, "We recognize—that this program holds great promise for improving the health and living standards of many Alaskans, as well as encouraging self government and initiative in the villages.

approval of this funding request shows, I believe, that Congress is aware that we in Alaska are willing and able to undertake a program of ambitious and important di mensions."



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