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SEACAP HELPS PLAN KAKE TOTEM RAISING

For Use in Flood Recovery—

RurAL CAP Furnishes
D-7 Catepillar to Galena

A D-7 catepillar is presently being utilized by the residents of Galena to assist them in recovering from the flood disaster which struck their community. Under RurAL CAP's Village Equipment Mobilization Program (VEMP) they were able to secure the first piece of equipment needed for restoration work.

Ollie Amend, VEMP Director, stated "A great deal of cooperation and coordination was exhibited in getting the D-7 cat to Galena. The Alaska Skill Center in Seward, which is under the State Department of

Education, completely overhauled and painted the cat, and Rural Development Agency furnished the transportation costs."

Amend also reported that other areas have recently been recipients of equipment. A crew cab was shipped to the Bethel housing project for utilization in transporting homeowners and

their goods to the housing site and to provide other assistance once they have moved into their homes.

Copper Center received a semi-tractor and low-boy for transporting VEMP Equipment which is presently in that area to other villages for community improvement projects.

Increased Efficiency Sought—

CAP's Planning Capability

In an effort to increase the planning capability of RurAL CAP's regional development corporations, the anti-poverty agency is sponsoring nine VISTA volunteers for one year's service in each of the corporations.

Prior to arriving in Alaska, the VISTA Volunteers spent two weeks at the University of Oregon, in Eugene, where they received orientation on VISTA service.

They arrived in Alaska on July 27th and spent five days in Anchorage undergoing training which was coordinated by RurAL CAP's Trainer, George Irvin.

Their training consisted of a general orientation on Alaska in regard to government and politics, economic issues, land issues, village life and problems of poverty in the bush.

They also received an orientation on RurAL CAP - some of its past history, its current structure of regional corporations and some of its future potential.

One day of intensive training was devoted to RurAL CAP's planning process which they will be working very closely with under their assigned regional director.

The VISTA's received briefings on the regions where they will be stationed - the nature of

each region, the villages and their problems.

According to George Irvin, each VISTA's assignment will vary, however, most of them will be assisting the regional directors in program planning and resource mobilization for regional plans.

Company
Donates
Truck

A 10 yard GMC dump truck was recently donated by the Carrington Company of Anchorage to the Rural Alaska Community Action Program.

The truck, in turn, is being shipped to Old Harbor, Alaska to assist the Community Enterprise Development Corporation (CEDC) in their construction of a fish processing plant.

The truck was reconditioned at the Alaska Skill Center in Seward and delivered to the dock at Anchorage for shipment to Old Harbor. Along with the truck, a front-end loader owned by CEDC was also sent.

Tallest Authentic
Totem to Be Raised
At Kake Village

A planning conference organized by the Southeast Alaska Community Action Program (SEACAP) on the tallest authentic totem pole in the world was held in Kake, Alaska on July 22.

Its purpose was to bring together technical and funding sources from state and federal governments to plan physical events leading up to the raising

ceremonies, scheduled for the latter part of September.

The participants included: Gordon Jackson, Executive Director, SEACAP; Don Perkins, Director, Rural Development Agency; Joe Wilson, Southeast Agency, BIA; Jim Edenso, Tlingit & Haida Central Council; Jim Deagen, State Department of Economic Development; Tony Hrebar, U.S. Forest Service; David Hall, BIA Architect; Gerald Gray, Local Affairs Agency; Phil Carlson, Mayor of Kake; and the Kake City Council.

As a result of the conference, it was determined that the major steps Kake should follow in preparation for the raising ceremonies are: To secure an architectural engineer to survey the site and determine the amount of concrete the totem's foundation would require; build an access road to the site overlooking the community; build the foundation; and secure funding and technical assistance.

Following the \$20,000 cost estimate for the project, presented by Tony Hrebar, local forester in Kake, a beautiful example of coordination among state, federal and local agencies was experienced.

First, the Rural Development Agency and State Department of Economic Development committed \$7,000 for completion of the access road.

The Forest Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs committed their architectural engineers to survey the site and determine the type of foundation.

Finally, SEACAP, the Tlingit & Haida Central Council, Local Affairs Agency, U.S. Forest Service and the City of Kake will continue seeking other sources of funding and technical assistance.

At last the community of Kake can begin planning their festivities in celebration of raising the authentic 136 foot high totem pole.

CAP Hires Miss
Peggy Sherman

Miss Peggy Sherman was recently hired as RurAL CAP's Director of Child Development.

Miss Sherman who originally is from Berkeley, California received her Master of Science Degree in Child Development from Oregon State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in home economics and child development from Chico State College in California.

During the summer of 1970 she was employed as a Head Start Director for Benton/Linn Community Action Program in Albany, Oregon.

She has also worked as a Head Start Assistant for the Butte County Office of Economic Opportunity in Chico, California.

State Revenue Dept.
Probes Bingo Games

For the past several months the State Department of Revenue has been reviewing the policy and rules governing issuance of permits of Games of Chance and Skill with particular emphasis on the regulations controlling the operations of Bingo games.

A recent study of nine major Bingo operations in the State for the calendar year 1970 disclosed that on a combined gross of \$767,735 only \$18,136 or 2.36% of that gross was ultimately devoted as net dedicated proceeds for civic, charitable, religious, or other permitted purposes.

These findings led the De-

partment to believe that Bingo operations are beginning to be conducted with a business profit incentive rather than as an activity designed to produce money for charitable and like purposes.

Some organizations report little or nothing going to dedicated purposes with the greater part of the net proceeds expended to improve the physical plant or to support other activities of the sponsoring organization.

Some questions were also raised concerning reported irregular practices in conducting the Bingo games as well as the associated raffles and special draw lotteries.

Indian Scholars and Medicine Men to Meet at Aspen, Colo.

The Second Convocation of American Indian Scholars will be held at the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, Aspen, Colorado, September 16-20, 1971, according to an announcement by Rupert Costo, president of the American Indian Historical Society, the All-Indian group which is sponsoring the event.

One hundred and twenty-five Native scholars, students, and traditional historians of the tribes, will participate.

Tribal officials, traditionalists, and medicine men will join the academic scholars in considering the problems of American Na-

tives. Approximately 15 Native students, above the freshmen college level, will be selected.

Participation is by application to the Indian Historical Society, 1451 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco, California 94117. Those who may be eligible should write at once for application forms.

"Land, education, and health are among the critical problems to be discussed at the Second Convocation," said Costo.

The First Convocation was held at Princeton University in March, 1970. The event is funded by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

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