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Arctic Winter Games Photos

Alaskan photographers have an opportunity to have their photographs displayed in Photo-North, a juried selection of fine photography to be exhibited March 6-11 at Whitehorse, dur-ing the Arctic Winter Games.

The special events committee for the winter event has asked that both amateur and professional Alaska photographers submit black and white or color prints to Barry McWayne, Uni-versity of Alaska Museum, Col-

lege, Alaska, 99701. Subject matter is open, but

northern content is preferred.

Deadline for entries is Feb.

All entries should be mounted on 11x14 or 16x20 vertical matte boards. Prints should be no larger than 16x20 inches. Transparencies cannot be accep-

ASNA Petition . . .

made to the residents of the area by those responsible for the spillage, "regardless of actual negligence or fault."

This payment should be made

at the rate of \$15 per gallon, they say, and the amount should fluctuate with the Department

of Labor's cost of living index.
These amendments must be made, the petitioners say, because spillage from the proposed

In addition, the people involved in the petition ask that a hearing be held on the petition, that they be given notice of and allowed to appear at the hearing, and that issuance of the permit be stayed until such a hearing is

Natives Get Land ...

reinvest it for their children."

Another major problem is how to get the corporations running once they are legally formed.

"We aren't going to know who the shareholders are for two to three years, so how are we going to get along?" Jackson wonders. "I think we might issue the stock to the regions or existing village structures in trust for the stockholders when they come to be known. The trustee could select a board, get organ-ized and get cracking on land selection.

He thinks the Secretary of Interior might approve such a plan but is not sure whether or not the trustees" could start investing without stockholder ap-

Also in preparation is legisla-tion that will allow villages to

merge before incorporation.
"A number of villages have indicated a desire to consolidate with nearby villages in order to reduce costs," he explained.
"The North Slope wants to consolidate all their villages within the region." the region."

Legal loop-holes are a con-

cern. As the bill now stands, some 20,000 under-age natives have the right to vote as stock-holders and it's not clear whether or not their parents can vote for them. (Power to Head-

Jackson proposes giving the right to vote first to their legal guardians, then customary guardians (which would be the first time Eskimo customary guar-dianship has been legally recognized), then to parents. of dispute, the courts would have jurisdiction.

Settlement of estates is also

up in the air. Under the bill, each would have to go through probate court. Jackson hopes to revise the law so land claims stock can be passed on routinely without the cost of legal proceedings.

Then there's the preservation

of subsistence hunting and fish-

ing rights.
"In the Senate bill there was ample provision for this but it was not adopted in the final bill," Jackson notes. "It was left to the state and federal government to protect these

He thinks the state may have

ted.
Photographers submitting material should include return postage in stamps.

pipeline may cause "irreparable harm to the lands and wildlife" on which they base their survi-

the power to protect subsistence

capital and they may want to reinvest it for their children." living because of jurisdiction given over federal lands in the

statehood act.

Provision for amendment is allowed in the land claims bill but Jackson does not think the Interior Department would be currently too receptive to amendments after the exhausting work

the passage required. "And there is the serious danger that the opposition might use a technical amendment bill as a means of taking away some of the benefits the natives have obtained. It might be in both our interests to try and work it out in the state legislature as much as we can," he concluded.

Man with Many Responsibilities ...

temporary:

-AFN is reorganizing. For this reason, Wallis said, he "will merely step down as second vice president so the new 12 member board can elect a new president and vice president.

-FNA will hold new elec--FNA will hold new elec-tions in March. Since he has been president for two years, Wallis said he will "probably not run again and give someone else a chance for exposure and experience in running an organi-zation."

The Tanana Chiefs Conference, under the constitution ratified this month, will also hold new elections in March. Wallis, a native of Fort Yukon, a former resident of Juneau,

and a Fairbanksan since 1958, has "always been interested in the welfare of natives, he said, but it was during his twelve years as a construction worker that he "started reading about the welfare of natives. " he said. the native land claims, wondering what was going on and how decisions were being made."

He wondered what organizawere functioning, he said and what was being done about "the abuse of native people in the communities" and in the

field of education.
In 1969 "I talked with Ralph Perdue," he recalled, "and he invited me to an FNA meeting.

Twe been with them ever since."
He sees his role of president of the Tanana Chiefs as that of carrying out the wishes of 39 villages which belong to the con-

ference.
The Tanana Chiefs Conference represents an area larger than that represented by any other regional corporation in the state. The area is bounded on the east by the Canadian border, on the west by Holy Cross, on the north by the Brooks Range, and on the south by the Alaska Range. The region covers most Range. The region covers most of Alaska's vast interior, a little over one-third of the state, Wal-

lis pointed out.

The number of people represented in the Tanana Chiefs?

End Health Program?..

we're in the business to see that health service is maintained. They implied we were just stooges of the A.M.A.," Holts recalls.

In answer, the center wrote

out its proposal.

"The budgets of the Indian Health Service, the Alaska Department and the AHRC were \$23 million, \$6 million and \$1.5 \$23 million, \$6 million and \$1.5 million respectively during the last fiscal year. The Office of Economic Opportunity disbursed approximately: \$1.5 million in the same period," the AHRC researcher noted.

The cost for the delivery of health service to Alaska Natives health service to Alaska Natives is about \$450 per person per year, which is at least one half of the first year's per capita cash allotment to be realized from the settlement of the land claims under the most favorable circumstances proposed.

circumstances proposed.
"It is important, therefore, that the state and federal governments and the AFN be cognizant of the extent of the health problem in Alaska. They should be aware of the years of planning that were required to set up the federal machinery (inclu-ding the building and staffing of hospitals) for Native health care.

This functioning system should not be abolished hastily, nor its present funding level be reduced merely because of a land claims settlement. As a case in point, Alaska will recall that federal funding for other Alaskan projects decreased after the state received 900 million dollars in oil lease money.

"Our interest is maintaining health services or improving them." Dr. Cohen adds. "We've them. Dr. Conen adds. we ve observed by congressional psy-chology after a monitary wind-fall and generally funds start becoming tighter. "We intend to hire several

grad students; one to study the history behind other claims settlements and an economist to study economic alternatives

The center project (which now has native backing) will also cover many other aspects of native health.

native health.

Among those working on special reports will be Dr. Frederick

A. Milan, anthropologist and chief of the center's Behavioral Sciences Branch; Dr. Robert Rausch, chief of Infectious Disease section; Dr. E. M. Scott, biochemist and chief of Chronic Disease; Dr. John Lee, Public Health Service and Dr. Martha Wilson. Alaska Native Health Service and Dr. Martha Wilson. Alaska Native Dr. Martha Wilson, Alaska Native Health Service.

Agencies included in the lis-ting are the State Department of Health and Social Services, Com-Health and Social Services, Com-prehensive Health Advisory Council, Bureau of Indian Af-fairs and the Health-Right-Project, Office of Economic Op-

portunity.

Dr. Cohen hopes to have the br. Cohen hopes to have the survey completed well before the Secretary of Interior is required to make his evaluation. The center's work might well save Interior time and money and be an impactable feet or in the save in t be an important factor in the decision on termination.

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"Ten thousand strong," Wal-

lis replied.

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As a result of the claims settlement, Wallis said, the Tanana Chiefs have a number of high priority things to do. They

-Seek changes in state law to make it compatible federal law;

-Find funds for educational

purposes to tell village people people what the claims settlepeople what the claims settle-ment involves and what is nee-ded to solve possible problems:

-Enroll all natives who have a right to be included in benefits

from the claims settlement;

Choose five incorporators sometime in March to establish a new profit-making corporation under the native land claims settlement act.

Articles of incorporation ac-

cepted by the Tanana Chiefs earlier this month, Wallis pointed out, were for a non-profit corporation. Once the new corporation is set up Tanana Chiefs will have two corporations—one profit-making and one non-profit Goals of the organization are

many, Wallis said, since it was established to give the native people belonging to it a "joint strong voice" in speaking of their problems and needs and coming up with solutions.

The immediate goal, he said.

will be to work out an accurate enrollment record of its members. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, he said, will probably be ready to implement enroll-ment procedures within the next

And what of DNH?

This organization, Wallis said, is a profit making corporation established under state law. Its stockholders are the native people represented by the Tana-Chiefs Conference

corporate entity, the organiza-tion has a contractor's license and bonding capabilities. Examples of DNH projects

include carrying out the revege-tation work on the Livengood-Yukon Haul Road and perform-ing clearing work for Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. and for Golden Valley Electric Association, as well as making estimates on several building jobs.

In addition, he said, DNH is the majority stockholder in Yu-kon Transportation Co., Inc., kon Transportation Co., Inc., which purchased and overhauled the riverboat Margaret Rose, renamed her the Tanana Chief, and will use the vessel to haul both fuel and freight on the Yukon and Tanana rivers "as soon as the ice goes out."

Wallis; married and the father

Wallis, married and the latter of four children, said that his own ambitions are "remaining and being able to be a part of the native organization and to help it grow and prosper." At the present time, he said, he has no political ambitions.

His experience in construc-tion work and his high school education have helped prepare him for his present responsibilities, he said, but he believes his most valuable training has come from his work on the native land claims.

"Anybody who has worked closely on native land claims and with other regionals and the lobby effort in Washington, D.C.," he said, "has received valuable training in leadership."

Pleasant experiences?

"Just being able to be part of the whole organization and to watch things grow - watching different organizations and different people come up and assume the responsibility and handle it very well," Wallis said, smiling.

Land Claims Roll ...

have been circulated to all native more traditional methods of finorganizations in the state, Thom-pson says, and his office hopes to open the Anchorage office this week with at least a skeleton

The agressive enrollment plan calls for contracting with the regional organizations to hire people in the villages and train them to assist village families in filling out the "short and simple" one-page enrollment form.

The plan was developed, he says, by him and other BIA employees at a meeting in Washington, D.C. and was based on the wishes expressed by Alaska natives. Once the procedures are published, Alaska natives will have 30 days to ask for changes.

Thompson says he is shooting for a March 15 target to start the actual enrollment so that village employees can be hired and trained and put to work before the summer months be-

gin.
"If we move into summer," Thompson says, "enrollment will be more difficult."

The biggest problem Thompson anticipates is enrolling Alaska natives who live in the lower 48. There, he says, officials will have to rely on slower and ding the beneficiaries of the claims settlement.

Persons living in the lower 48, he says, must take action to be enrolled. But BIA is doing two things to aid them:

-"We're asking each and every village to give us names of those bring outside," Morris says -and "we're visiting cities" such as San Francisco, San Jose,

Portland, Seattle and San Diego to seek out Alaska natives living there, in addition to sending out press releases to all Indian organizations in the lower 48 to ask them to send any inquiries from Alaska natives to the Anchorage address.

Anchorage address.
Forms completed by Alaska natives, Morris says, will be computerized in the Anchorage office, where a staff of 20 people (secretaries, coders) will be on board to handle the enrollment

And, Thompson says, revised system of reporting has revised system of reporting has an evaluation system built into it which will help employees "see where we are every two weeks" in meeting the deadline.

"I'm pretty excited about the whole thing." Thompson says, "it's a challenge."

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