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BP DONATES \$500 TO COMBAT ALCOHOLISM

Harriet Henniger Supervisor

Marion Henniger, Yakutat, has been hired by RurAL CAP as a Field Training Supervisor stationed in Anchorage. She replaces Ray Coppock who returned to his home in Kotzebue to work.

The villages that Mrs. Henniger will supervise include: Barrow, Copper Center, Fort Yukon, Kodiak, Old Harbor and Wainwright. Mrs. Henniger will also take on the responsibilities of the Career Development Coordinator.

A graduate of Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Mrs. Henniger has taken many courses through the Supplementary Training program at Alaska Methodist University. She has also been teacher-director of the Yakutat Head Start Program since 1970, and a member of the Career Development Committee for one and one-half years, chairing the committee for one year.

Mrs. Henniger's family includes two children attending Alaska Methodist University, and one married daughter.



NATIVE COMMISSION — Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism and drug abuse was formed in Anchorage recently. The officers of the commission are: front row, Evelyn Conwell, Lena Andree and Stewart Nicolai; Back row: Peter Kunnuk; Marcello Quinto (Liaison Officer), Evelyn Myers and Ralph Amouak.

Twenty Native Alaskans Form Commission

With the assistance of RurAL CAP staff, Dr. Charles Hudson and the cooperative administrative staff of the Public Health Service it was made possible for a group of 20 Alaskan Native people from throughout the State to meet in the Alaska Native Medical Center's solarium conference room on June 26, 27 and 28 to organize and begin formulation of an Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

The Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse will be a non-profit corporation organized to assist in charitable, scientific and educational alcoholism programs.

Incorporation papers for the Commission have been sent to Juneau. The incorporators, assuming the incorporation will proceed as planned, tentatively elected officers who are: Ralph Amouak, President, Anchorage; Lena Andree, Vice-President, Dillingham; Evelyn Conwell, Treasurer, Kotzebue; Evelyn Myers, Secretary, Juneau; and

Stewart Nicolai, Sergeant-at-arms, Copper Center. Peter Kunnuk, Nome, was appointed acting director.

Those representing their respective associations and regions were: John Bergamaschi, Fairbanks Native Welcome Center; Emil Berikoff, Unalaska; Annie Bowen, Greater Anchorage Area Borough; Richard Carroll, Fort Yukon; Loretta Kenton, Barrow; Lillian McGarvey, Anchorage; Tom Ongtooguk, Nome; Cy Peck, COMPAS, Fairbanks; Fred Pete, Bethel; Marcello Quinto, State Advisory Board on Alcoholism, Juneau; and Ted Velanis, Kodiak. The Chugach Native Association and Cook Inlet Native Association, although not represented at this meeting, will also be part of the commission.

Aiding in the formulation plans of the Alaska Native Commission were Mark Small and John Hushman of the American Indian Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Salt Lake City, Utah.

RurAL CAP Alcoholism Program Gets Fund

A donation of \$500 was graciously given to the Rural Alaska Community Action's alcoholism program to assist in the rural Alaskan Natives' fight to combat the number one health and social problem of Alaska.

The intent of the program is to educate the people about what the abusive drinking pattern does to deteriorate the family member and how more effective they could be in private business transactions if taken care of in a sober state of mind.

Also, it is expected to be instrumental towards developing the growth process of Alaskans in rural areas.

Counselors located in Dillingham, Unalaska, Kodiak, Fort Yukon, Copper Center, Juneau, and Kotzebue work with 107 villages. With assistance from organizations such as British Petroleum, we shall be able to continue this work and possibly expand in the future.

AFN \$30,000 Grant-RurAL CAP Head Start Is Recipient

The Alaska Federation of Natives has committed \$30,000 to RurAL CAP's Head Start program for a series of training films made from video tape.

The plan is to begin with new staff training since the Leadership Development program grant, used for training new staff in the past, was not funded this year.

There will be approximately 53 new staff members for 1972-73: 12 teacher-directors, 23 teacher-aides, 10 cooks, 8 janitors.

Actual filming will be done in a village, either Kodiak or a southeastern village, and would be in segments: teacher-director 20 min.; teacher-aide, 15 min.; cook, 15 min.; janitor, 10 min.

The film will convey individual duties and responsibilities: how the staff relates to each other; how to provide for cultural differences in each program and should be ready for distribution in mid-August.

Gary Waid Hired

Gary Waid, 24, has been hired as Program Specialist to replace Conrad Baines. Baines recently left RurAL CAP to continue his education at U.C.L.A.

Waid, who was born in Juneau, graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School and then served three years in the United States Army. More recently he was a student at Juneau-Douglas Community College.

Waid spent his first week on the job receiving training in the functions of the RurAL CAP Region Corporations.

This training was conducted by Gordon Jackson, Executive Director, Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program.

His training will continue for the next few weeks at the RurAL CAP Central office in Anchorage.

His general field of responsibility will be the area of social planning.

Alyeska to Temporarily Reduce Levels of Pipeline Activity

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, June 29, 1972 — Edward L. Patton, president of Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, said the company will be temporarily reducing the level of its Alaskan activities because much of the pre-construction work in Alaska has been completed.

Construction of the trans Alaska pipeline cannot begin because of pending litigation.

He said mile-by-mile pipeline design work will continue so the firm can be in an optimum position to start construction as soon as that becomes possible.

Patton said, "Since the legal issues involving the trans Alaska pipeline may not be resolved before spring, 1973, it will be necessary for us to reduce the level of our Alaska operations as pre-construction activities are

completed. This will involve the return of some employees to their owner companies and the release of some personnel who were hired locally.

"We deeply regret that it is necessary for us to take this action," he said.

All personnel affected will be

notified by the middle of July, completed until approximately September 1, Patton said.

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