

## Village Offers Land For Prospecting

The Venetie-Chandalar Indian Reservation, encompassing a large area of land between the villages of Arctic Village and Venetie, will be opened to the surface prospecting by the Native Village of Venetie.

Prospecting permits will be issued for gold, silver, and all other minerals except oil and gas by the Fairbanks Bureau of Indian Affairs agency.

Permits will be valid for a period of one year. They will authorize airborne exploration and surface prospecting, but the use of any tractor-type vehicle will be prohibited. The use of surface-type vehicles is subject to the approval of the president of the Native Village of Venetie.

The permit fee is \$50 and an acceptable surety bond in the amount of \$5,000 will be required. Advertising for competitive bids on exclusive mineral prospecting will begin about December 1, 1969.

Delineation of tracts to be offered is yet undetermined. Areas nominated by prospective bidders will be given consideration if nominations are received prior to November 1, 1969.

Bids will be opened not later than March 1, 1970. Successful bidders on each tract will receive exclusive prospecting permits on the entire tract, and as many 640-acre leases as are desired in the tract.

## Any Rich Uncles?—

## No Space for Fine Museum Items

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By DEAN WARINER

Lu Rowinski, museum director, laments that some of the interesting objects in the museum's possession have to be stored in a warehouse because there is no room to exhibit them.

This week he showed Seattle Times Alaska Editor Stanton Patty, through the warehouse to see the old Jenny airplane stored there.

Other items which remain cached away from the eyes of museum visitors include several sizes of Russian cannons, an albino moose, homemade farm implements and tools used by pioneers, hundreds of pounds of artifacts collected by Otto Geist

and others, a Russian blockhouse, and a 1934 edition of the Washington Post lying on the floor.

The solution is simple but it isn't.

A new large museum is planned for the future to be built from money donated to the university.

Anybody got a history-minded rich uncle?

**ARTIFACTS WANTED!** If you are going to sell old-time objects, please contact the Alaska State Museum first. If you have old-time things that need special care, you can lend them to the Museum for safe-keeping and display. If your things are in the Alaska State Museum, they stay in Alaska. Contact: Jane Wallen, Director, Alaska State Museum, Pouch FM, Juneau, Alaska 99801, phone 586-1224.



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