



ROSE DAVIS - Homemaker trainee under the W.E.T. Program, takes a break after lunch. As part of her training Rose works as a nurse's helper at St. Joseph's Hospital each Monday and Tuesday.

## Homemaker's Course Started at H. House

A homemaker's course was started at Hospitality House on December 7, 1966. Fourteen women are presently attending the four month course which includes classroom and work experience training.

The course is sponsored by the Fairbanks W.E.T. (Work Experience and Training) Project under the State Department of Health Education and Welfare and funded under Title V of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The goals of the program are to upgrade the homemaking skills of the participants and to improve their employability.

Each Monday and Tuesday the women are placed at work training sites in and around Fairbanks.

At Tot Haven Nursery, College Day Nursery, and the University Nursery Lab, the women learn different aspects of child care and quickly see the similarities and differences of taking care of one's own children in the home and other people's children in the nursery.

At the University of Alaska cafeteria, the snack bar on campus, St. Joseph's Hospital, or at Lathrop High School Cafeteria, the women are instructed and assist in food preparation and serving.

At St. Joseph's Hospital the women may be nurse's helpers, thus receiving training that will equip them to care for the sick in their homes or in an institutional setting.

Here, too, the women may choose to have experience in maid work and general cleaning. Other supervised work experience may be had in day work at Hospitality House and in private homes in town.

At each training site the women are exposed to different techniques as well as different types of work. This gives the women a realistic view of the various jobs and better equips them to choose and find work for which they are qualified and which they enjoy.

Wednesday through Friday the women attend classes at Hospitality House taught by Mrs. Anne Severns, Home Economics Graduate of Kansas State University and mother of five children.

She is assisted by Miss Martha Schulz, VISTA volunteer sponsored by Hospitality House, formerly Extension Home Economist in Oklahoma. At the classes the women are instructed in money management, child care, housekeeping, nutrition, consumer buying, cooking, and sewing.

Guest speakers from various agencies in Fairbanks carry on lively discussions in their respective fields. Use of movies, film strips, and a tape recorder afford variety in the learning experience.

Occasional field trips, such as that taken to the Cooperative Extension Office at the State Building, serve to make the participants more aware of facilities which they may use as aids in their lives as wives and homemakers.

A shopping trip helped show the ladies wise consumer buying habits as they first examined newspaper advertisements, picked out "specials" which they could best use, incorporated them into a week's luncheon menu, and then went to the various stores where they made their purchases.

A field trip especially concerned with meat buying was

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## Hails Increased Participation In Politics

Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall has hailed increased participation of American Indians in public life. He cited five Alaskans who were elected to the Alaska legislature in November.

Referring to the Alaskans, the Secretary said: "Two Indian tribes and the Eskimos will be represented this year in the Alaska legislature which will consider, among other things, the possibility of establishing an Alaskan Department of Native Affairs."

"Two members of the House of Representatives will be the first Athabaskan Indians to sit in that body—Jules Wright, president of the Fairbanks Native Association, and John Sackett, a 22-year old honor student at the University of Alaska."

"Both placed strong emphasis in their campaigns on the need for more State attention to Native problems."

"The other Natives in the Alaska legislature are Sen. Ray Christiansen, and Rep. William Hensley, both Eskimos, and Rep. Frank See, a Tlingit."

"Grass roots political activity is new to the majority of American Indian groups. Yet the history of this country is threaded with Indian participation in national affairs."

"The federated structure of the Iroquois Nation is said to have greatly influenced the thinking of the Founding Fathers."

"Oklahoma's first delegation to Congress included an Indian senator; and that state also produced a Vice President, Charles Curtis, who was of Kaw-Osage extraction."

## Venetie Dogs Now Getting Enough Food

The dogs of Venetie will not go hungry much longer. On Tuesday five hundred pounds of dry dogfood and half a caribou were shipped to this village on the south slope of the Brooks Range.

Through the cooperation of all local news media the plea from the Venetie Village Council has been publicized, and a number of people have donated food or money.

Promises of more game meat have also been received. Still, more donations are needed.

The American Anti-Vivisection Society in Philadelphia has a project of feeding hungry huskies in Alaska, so local news clippings have been forwarded to them.

The Salvation Army is acting as the collecting agency for local donations, and Sgt. Jack Murphy of the Fairbanks Police Force has been publicizing the project as a public service.

"It doesn't qualify for civil defense!" says Murphy.

"A wrong doer is often a man who has left undone, not always he who has done something."

MARCUS AURELIUS TERTULLIAN

## Old ACC Records Reproduced at UA

By Ritchie Verhaegen  
Staff Writer

The collection of Alaska Commercial Company Records dating back to 1868 are soon to be filed and classified in the University of Alaska Archives.

The nineteen crates of dusty, old, folded documents and journals were indexed several years ago by Dr. Wendall Oswalt, Professor of Anthropology at U.C.L.A. and who is with the University of Alaska summer program.

The records consist of old log books, petty journals, supply inventories, fur inventories and sales, accounts and correspondence.

The Alaska Commercial Company operated many substations scattered throughout Alaska. Each station keeper was required to keep a daily record of weather, ships that came and went, unusual events, and major transactions.

These daily accounts when read today in conjunction with the inventories and sales provide a comprehensive picture of the daily life, business transactions, economy, and fur populations of the times.

The collection provides a wealth of resources for anthropologists interested in ethnological studies of early Alaskan settlements and for biologists studying fur populations.

"Character is like a tree. A reputation is like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of. The tree is the real thing."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"He who has not a good memory should never take upon him the trade of lying."

MONTAIGNE

Already the source has been tapped for research. Over three thousand pages of data on Tyonek and Ellamina stations have been reproduced for the personal research of Dr. Charles Van Stone of the Field Museum in Chicago.

To prepare the collection for public accessibility will be an arduous and dusty task. All old staples, brads, pins, and rubber bands must be removed, and each document filed in a preservative file box with the other documents of that station and period.

Paul McCarthy, head of the University Archives, hopes to have the project underway within the next few weeks.

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