

Drury Named Head for Alaska's Agricultural Experiment Station

Dr. Horace Drury, former director of research for the Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory at Ft. Wainwright and long associated with Alaska farming and dairy developments, has been named director of the University of Alaska's Agricultural Experiment Station.

His appointment was announced by Dr. William R. Wood, UA president, and Dr. Kenneth M. Rae, UA vice president for research and advanced study.

Dr. Drury succeeds Dr. Allan Mick, longtime federal director of the experiment station who will serve as a consultant and an advisor to the station during a transfer of the station's federal facilities to the university.

Acting upon a request from the State Legislature, Congress in October of 1966 authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer to the university title to all lands and property previously owned by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at College, Palmer, Matanuska and Petersburg.

"Full responsibility for administering the agricultural research program at the experiment station thus passed to the university, necessitating the appointment of a



Dr. Horace Drury

university employee as a director," Dr. Rae said.

The Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station was established more than 50 years ago by the USDA to explore the agricultural potential of the former territory.

Protective Works On Chena River

The Corps of Engineers last week advised Senator Gruening that the Anchorage office has been authorized to proceed with construction of bank protective works at two locations on the Chena River at Fairbanks, under provisions of section 14 of the Flood Control Act of 1946.

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Veterans Eligible for Direct Home Loans

Senator Gruening announced last week that Alaska veterans are now eligible for direct home loans up to \$25,000.

Such loans will be made by the Veterans Administration under a new law based on Senator Gruening's amendment to the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act.

The senator's amendment authorized an increase in the maximum amount of the loan from the previous ceiling of \$17,500 in areas where building costs justify the increase.

VA has stated that its Seattle office will now accept loan applications up to the new maximum of \$25,000 from Alaska veterans on a statewide basis. Applications should be addressed to Veterans Administration, Sixth and Lenora Building, Seattle, Wash. 98121.

The new law also extended the eligibility of World War II veterans to July 25, 1970, unless their eligibility expires at an earlier date by reason of their length of service.

Senator Gruening said that direct home loans from the Veterans Administration up to \$25,000 will be available to Alaska veterans who are eligible for loan benefits by reason of their service in World War II, the Korean Conflict or during the post-Korean era.

Post-Korean veterans, Senator Gruening explained, are those who served on active duty for 181 days or more, any part after January 31, 1955. Members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have served at least two years in active duty status, even though not discharged, are eligible while their service continues without breaks.

Juvenile Delinquency Costs Four Billion Dollars a Year

By HOWARD W. POLLOCK
The Congressman for Alaska

Last week the U.S. House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Control Act of 1967.

Final passage came by voice vote after the adoption of an amendment transferring the responsibility for the administration of most of the funds and approval of local plans to the states.

The bill authorizes the expenditure of \$25,000,000 during this fiscal year. 75% of the money will be distributed to the states in accordance with a comprehensive statewide plan.

The state in turn will distribute most of the money to communities or nonprofit institutions to prevent, treat and control juvenile delinquency.

In Alaska, the Youth and Adult Authority of the Alaska Department of Health and

Welfare would be the likely agency to develop and administer the statewide plan.

Rapidly increasing rates of crime among American youth is the single most disturbing aspect of the Nation's crime problem. The cost to the Nation of such crime is estimated to be \$4 billion annually. Such monetary figures, of course, do not include the larger tragedy of wrecked human lives.

This bill passed by the House is a small step towards helping the states grope with this serious problem.

'Consumers All' Tome Available Through Mail

For the benefit of all interested people, the Department of Agriculture recently has published a revised edition of its publication entitled *Consumers All*, a fact-filled tome which furnishes valuable information on such diverse subjects as buying, using or making food, clothing, household furnishings, and equipment; managing money; caring for yards, gardens, and houses; bettering communities; using leisure time; and staying healthy.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the book should send a request to: Senator Ernest Gruening, 4106 New Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510.

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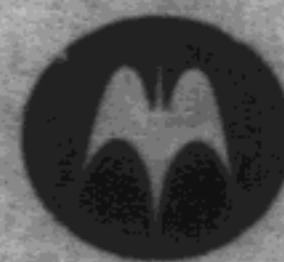
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