

Bill Introduced to Protect Homesteaders

A bill to protect the rights of Alaska homesteaders and other federal land patentees was introduced by Senator E. L. (Bob) Bartlett.

The measure, cosponsored by Senator Ernest Gruening, is designed to correct certain inequities resulting from right-of-way reservations included in all federal land patents in Alaska between 1947 and 1959.

"The right-of-way reservations were required by an act passed in 1947, which has gained notoriety because of the injustices it has wrought," Bartlett said. The law was repealed by the 1959 Alaska Omnibus Act. However, reservations in patents already issued were not abolished.

Senator Bartlett explained the reservations are open-ended as to the location, size, and number of times the right-of-way rights may be exercised.

That means a holder of a patent issued between 1947 and 1959 lives constantly under the threat that a portion of his land may be taken for highway purposes without compensation.

"The exercise of the rights

reserved under the '47 Act has caused hardship in a number of cases, but the courts have upheld the high-way takings," Bartlett said.

In 1966, the state government moved to assure compensation to homesteaders who might lose land under the '47 Act, but the Federal Highway Administration has ruled that federal funds cannot be used to pay any part of such compensation as long as the right-of-way reservations remain valid.

The Bartlett bill would vacate and relinquish reservations of rights-of-way authorized by the 1947 Act, thereby prohibiting future takings without payment.

Kake Village Sewage System Contract Let

The Public Health Service last week awarded a \$203,980 contract to Sankal Mines, Inc., of Wasilla for the construction of a sanitary sewage system, lift station and package treatment plant for the Natives of Kake.

Fall Semester Enrollment Dips Slightly

Enrollment for the fall semester at the University of Alaska has dipped slightly from last year's total, preliminary figures show.

The UA Comptroller's Office reported that 1,855 students had paid their fees for the fall semester, compared to 1,879 last fall—a decrease of 24 students.

Final enrollment figures and a breakdown of the enrollment by class, hometown and other category will be provided by the UA Computer Center, according to Ann Tremarello, assistant registrar.

"Until that time, figures from the comptroller can serve as a fairly accurate indicator of total enrollment gain or loss," she said.

Prior to the mid-August flood in the Tanana Valley, university officials had forecast an enrollment of between 2,000 and 2,100 students.

Among nearly 26 million U.S. veterans are 15,000 post-Korean veterans under 20 years of age and 9,000 Spanish-American War veterans 89 years of age and older, according to the Veterans Administration.



NINA WHALEY MARRIES—Former Miss Alaska, Nina Whaley, married Chris von Imhoff of Anchorage last Sunday in a double ring ceremony attended by about a hundred people at the Holy Family Cathedral officiated by Father John Cannery. The organist was Mrs. David Bly and the vocalist was Chad Resari. Nina's father, Frank H. Whaley, gave the bride away. The bride's mother wore a crepe sheath in apricot color with full opaque sleeves. Reception was held at Driftwood Club in Anchorage.

—Photograph by JIM BALOG, Spenard, Alaska

Former Miss Alaska, Nina Whaley, Weds von Imhoff of Anchorage

Miss Nina Whaley, who was Miss Fairbanks and then Miss Alaska of 1963 was joined in matrimony to Mr. Chris von Imhoff in a marriage ceremony Sept. 30th in Anchorage, Alaska.

Nina, as "Miss Alaska" traveled extensively in promoting Alaska. Trips included South America, Mexico, most of the smaller 48 States and Hawaii.

Another promotion trip included an all Alaskan Group to Europe. The then Governor William Egan, the present Governor Hickel and Senator Bartlett of Alaska were in this group.

Also a trip to Japan promoting Alaska as a tourist and vacation land was made with another Alaskan group. Nina was born in Nome, Alaska, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whaley of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Her father is tour manager of Wien Air Alaska, so Nina has had a good background education in the wonders of our biggest and most exciting State.

Chris von Imhoff was born in Berlin, Germany, and received his college education in California, majoring in political science.

He worked for Scandinavian

Airlines in Anchorage and was appointed Director of the Alaska Travel Division by former Governor Egan. He served very ably in the position during 1966 and part of 1967.

He is now Vice President and Manager of Alaska's fast growing Ski Resort at Mt. Alyeska in Girdwood, Alaska, where the married couple will reside.

The guests included many well known people in the travel industry, former Governor William Egan and airline executives. Many came from far away to attend the occasion, from Washington, D. C., California, and Seattle, Wash.

Parts of Alaska were represented by friends from Juneau, Fairbanks, Nome, and Eskimo friends from Kotzebue, Alaska.

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A. 4.74% compounded semiannually, when held to maturity of 4½ years. The rate is less if redeemed prior to maturity; and they may not be redeemed for at least one year.

Q. Does this same rate now apply to E Bonds?

A. No. E Bonds continue to return an average of 4.15% when held to their seven-year maturity.

Q. What do Freedom Shares cost?

A. They are issued in face amounts of \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100. Purchase prices are \$20.25, \$40.50, \$60.75, and \$81.00.

Q. Can Freedom Shares be bought by themselves?

A. No. They must be bought in conjunction with E Bonds of the same or larger face amounts.

Q. Can I buy as many Freedom Shares as I want, as long as I buy E Bonds of the same or larger amounts?

A. No. On Payroll Savings, Freedom Share deductions are limited to \$20.25 per weekly pay period, \$40.50 per bi-weekly or semimonthly pay period, \$81.00 per monthly pay period. On Bond-a-Month, the limit on Freedom Share deductions is \$81.00 per month.

Q. How will the Freedom Shares be registered?

A. Registration must be identical with the E Bonds bought in combination.

Q. Are Freedom Shares subject to taxation?

A. The same as E Bonds. Interest is subject to Federal income tax, which may be deferred until maturity or redemption (whichever comes first). Interest is not subject to state or local income taxes. Current values are subject to estate, inheritance, gift, and other excise taxes, both Federal and state.

Q. Will Freedom Shares be extended beyond maturity, as E Bonds have been?

A. No. Under existing law, there is no provision for extension.



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