

Senator Hensley Seeks AVEC Funds

Newly elected State Senator Willie Hensley (D-Kotzebue) has been in Washington during the past two weeks seeking funds for upgrading electric powerplants operated in Alaskan villages by the Alaska Village Electric Corporation.

Hensley said that AVEC is seeking a fourth-year grant, totaling 1.6 million dollars, a supplemental grant of \$135,000 per month for a 4 month period during 1971, and a "get well" grant to cover substantial AVEC accounts payable for expenditures that would normally have been paid by the OEO.

"We want to get the system on an even keel so that AVEC may spend its time planning the system rather than responding to crises," Hensley said.

"We want to be able to quickly respond to the types of problems that could occur in a village and have at least a

B level of maintenance," he added.

Hensley stated that AVEC has had to curtail construction and that the corporation may be in serious danger from maintenance problems and a lack of ability to respond to emergencies if adequate funding isn't received.

"AVEC will have electrified at least 40 villages by February, and many of these will already need improvements," he said.

Hensley cited benefits that villages have received because of AVEC operations.

He noted that at least 80 men from Alaskan villages have received substantial training in diesel operation.

Many villages would have no source of power without AVEC, he added.

"Income from AVEC goes to the villages through employment and through numerous benefits of electrification," he concluded.

Elaine Gets Standard Oil Scholarship

Elaine Lantz, recipient of one of the Standard Oil Scholarships is now enrolled in Northwest Bible College, Kirkland, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lantz of Fort Yukon are her parents.

Elaine was in 4-H eight years.



ELAINE LANTZ

The first time she enrolled in 4-H she was living in Stevens Village. The family moved to Fort Yukon and she transferred her membership.

Elaine is the first 4-H'er from the remote areas of Alaska to

receive this scholarship.

Other awards she has received are the Sears scholarship for leadership, district awards in horticulture and leadership and the Danforth book, "I Dare You."

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Sourdough Jack Mabee Returns

Sourdough Jack Mabee is returning to Alaska.

The onetime riverboater-roust-about-trader arrives at Anchorage airport tomorrow afternoon on a mission of love. He will be here to dedicate a collection of Alaskan artifacts as a memorial to his mother, Clara Mabee, herself a favorite of Alaskans during her career as a trading post keeper in Fairbanks.

According to officials of the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum, where the Jack and Clara Mabee Collection will be housed, Mabee's gift contains a number of notable items, among them unusual Eskimo & Indian woodcraft carvings, bead work & artifacts, particularly strong on Athabascan Culture.

Presented to the museum on permanent loan at a museum banquet Nov. 19, the collection will remain the property of the donor until his death, at which time it is deeded to the museum. A portion of the collection is now on display.

Mabee will also be visiting the Alaska Treatment Center for Crippled Children and Adults whose charitable work he has been aiding for more than 20 years through proceeds from the sale of the only sourdough cookbook now in print. "Sourdough Jack's Cookery and Other Things".

Jack will be introducing the latest edition of his internationally acclaimed "Cookery". The 1971 edition, advance reports state, contains color illustrations of Alaska scenes, together with old prints from State archives, as well as many of the famous legends of Gold Rush and other pioneer Alaskans.

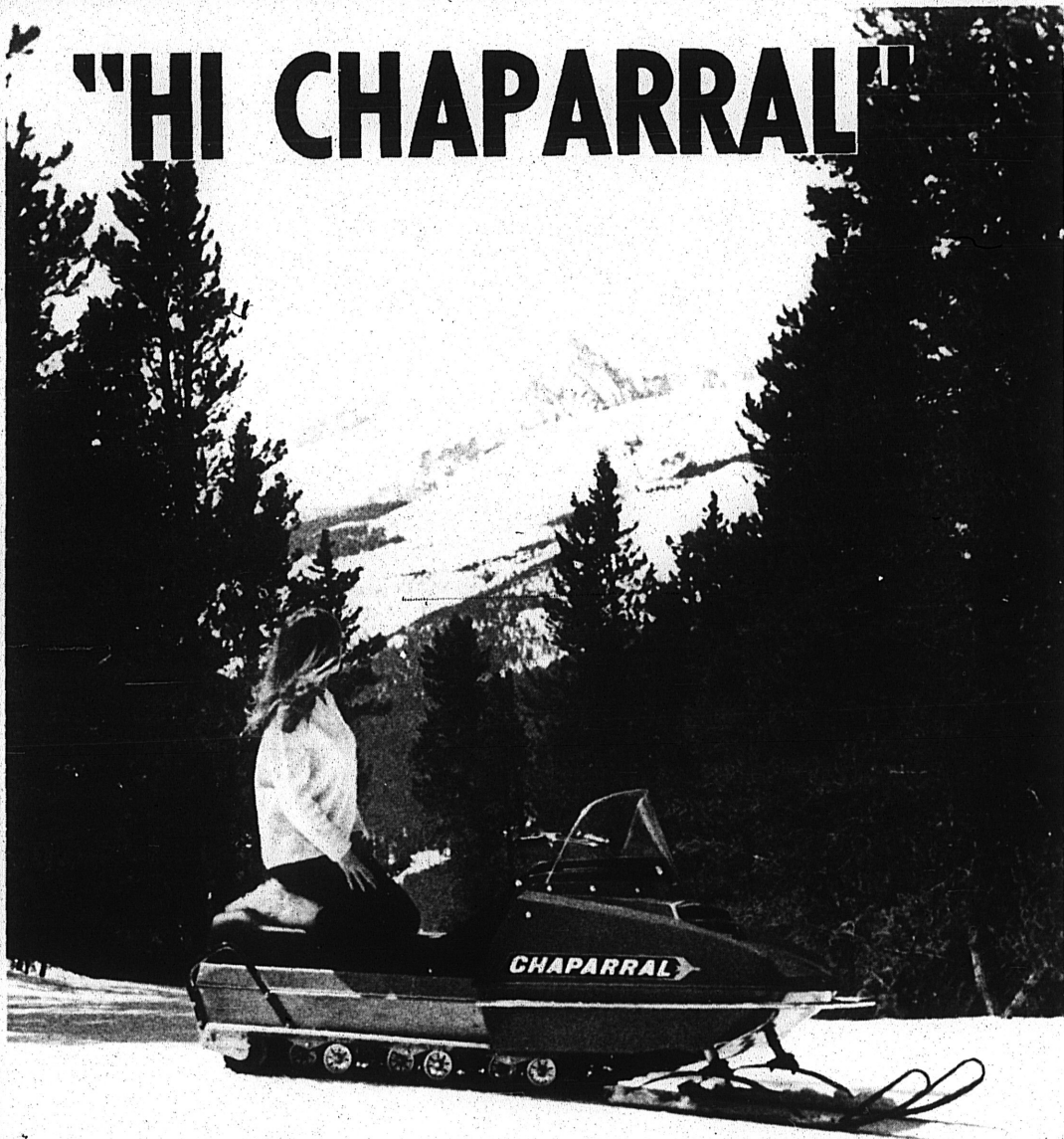
New recipes for Alaska King Crab are also featured for the first time.

The career of Sourdough Jack Mabee is a measure of the mounting outside interest in Alaska. When the author-cook first broached his idea of a Sourdough cookbook, he found little interest among San Francisco publishers or financiers.

Consequently, he decided to publish the unique book himself, which he still does, after some fourteen printings and international acceptance.

The present completely revised edition, issued only last month, is outstripping previous editions by a wide margin, and a second printing is being scheduled for early 1971.

With the new revised edition the number of Sourdough Jack's Cookery cookbooks will amount to a quarter of a million copies.



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