

Bethel House Prefab Plant Under Study

Senator E. L. (Bob) Bartlett announced last week that a combination of federal agencies and departments, including Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska, Economic Development Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Department of Housing and Urban Development, has under study proposal for housing prefabrication plant to be located in Bethel area to provide housing for Alaska's remote villages.

Housing produced by plant could be used by Alaska Native Housing Program or any of other federally sponsored housing programs designed to meet needs of low income families. "I hope," Senator Bartlett stated, "that we shall see the proposal become an active program this year. It is a complicated proposal, requiring the combined efforts of nearly every federal agency concerned with the problems of unemployed, low-income people. No estimation of cost can yet be made."

The proposal, still in study form, includes prefabrication of housing components during winter for construction of housing during summer, thus providing year-round employment opportunities. Housing produced by proposed plant could be used in Bethel and nearby communities if transportation difficulties can be solved.

If adopted, it is proposed that Alaska State Housing Authority work with villages in administration of community housing programs. In 1965 Senator Bartlett introduced Alaska Native Housing Act which became law in 1966.

Initial financing of program in the amount of \$1 million was requested in administration budget for fiscal year 1968, but House of Representatives refused to appropriate funds.

President Johnson has again requested \$1 million in his fiscal year 1969 budget to begin the program. On February 14, Office of Economic Opportunity announced approval of its cooperative program with Rural Electrification Administration to finance electrification of 67 remote villages.

"At long last," Senator Bartlett said, "proposals are good that efforts to improve living conditions in the native villages will be translated into reality. I am pleased and gratified that the federal government is moving to help our native people. These programs, combined with intensified efforts on the part of federal agencies to increase employment opportunities for Alaska Natives, mean that we can move ahead in the development of all areas of Alaska."

Nate Perselay Passes

Nathan Perselay, deputy director ASCAP, died late Tuesday afternoon in Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle. Mr. Perselay had been a long time resident of Alaska having served as controller of the North Star Borough and also work on the due line at Point Barrow.

Mr. Perselay is survived by his widow Mrs. P. Perselay and one son and a daughter.

Funeral service will be held Friday in Livingston, New Jersey. Family request that flowers not be sent. But that donations be sent to the heart fund.

Guy Okakok's Longtime Friend Dies in Barrow

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BARROW, (Special)— Between 1 and 2 this afternoon a plane crashed above Browsersville end of lagoon.

Several people saw this plane before she crash. She was very low and barely made it when she went over hospital. They said she must either 20 or 30 feet above the building.

So windy pilot couldn't see very well ahead. Wind was about 35 to 40 mile wind.

Crews were unhurt, only one person almost broke his hose. They are all OK and safe.

Lucky she didn't hit the hospital.

BAGS TWO

Two more polar bears were shot by Arnold Jr. Brower. And same day after Arnold had shot the second one. Truck from Vinnell also saw a bear close to their camp.

This was in dark when they saw the bear. They didn't bother to go back to get their rifles, but keep on till they come to our village.

BLACK OUT

Monday, Barrow village suffered what could have been serious emergency due to some unknown person of child turning off the main gas valve on the natural gas

line.

This gas valve shuts down the entire city of Barrow, also all federal agencies. Someone has turned it off and today a good advice was given to all of us to tell our children not to monkey around on the gas pipe, also to leave them alone.

GOOD FRIEND DIES

I was working in the Jr. High School a terrible shock hit me when they told me that Dr. Roy Ahmaogak passed away. Hospital doctors had done their best to restore Roy Ahmaogak but he never came back.

Roy, myself and others have grew up together, travel together. Once in 1920, Roy hired me if I could travel with him taken census to Demarcation. I told him I would.

And in latter part of April Roy, myself and his wife Isabel left Barrow. Hardly any people were between Demarcation and Barrow and sometime we had to go and change our course.

On our way up, we ran out of flour and sugar. All we had is some beans and it's tiresome when you use same diet daily. We also ran out of dog food.

One morning I was leading our dogs. Roy and his wife in sled. I happen to see an

ptarmigan ahead of me. I stopped and waited till Roy catches me. I pointed out to him that there is only one or two not very far from us.

Nearest ptarmigan was about 100 feet away. Roy shot it. I didn't wait for any signal. I jump and started to run to pick it up. There before I could grab the dead ptarmigan, owl grab this dead ptarmigan and flew away with it.

Oh what a pity—when we three could use the broth!

Two days later, we come to a camp, people we knew quite well. They treat us like their own brothers, even feed our dogs. In July, we return to our own home. Our parents were sure happy to see us back.

Roy has traveled lot when he was young, hunting and trapping both. Now Roy would no longer be with us but someday, we who remains will also passed away like our beloved friend Roy does.

Friends, we never know when this will happen. But we know that some day, we will see each other face to face.

TO ALL READERS

Once again, I want to extend my sympathies to all the readers of Tundra Times, whoever you are and wherever you may be. God bless you all.

DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST — Hugh Nicholls is now being employed by the Alaska State Community Action Program as a development specialist. Under his specialty, Nicholls trains villagers to become developers and work to improve their own communities. He is now training eight native men in the city of Nome. Nicholls, right, is shown as he testifies

during the land claims hearings in Anchorage on Feb. 8-10. Hidden by his up-raised arm is the Arctic Slope Native Association's attorney, Fred Paul of Seattle. At left is Dr. Max Brewer, director of the Arctic Research Laboratory in Barrow. Paul and Brewer testified in favor of land claims during the hearing.

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ASCAP Employs Hugh Nicholls as Community Development Specialist

A training program in Nome for eight community developers who will shortly begin field training Northwest Alaska direct towards involving the resident villages in community action.

The eight community developers all are whom native Alaskans were recruited from throughout the state and are to serve at a later time in their home districts, to assist their residence in the development of their

communities.

The program is under the direction of Hugh Nicholls of Point Barrow who is now engaged as a community development specialist with ASCAP.

The program was designed after ASCAP was reorganized to better serve the people of Alaska. The program is also being assisted by Dick Stitt ASCAP community development specialist from Juneau and Larry Brayton executive

director of ASCAP.

The training program including field work will last approximately one month.

Those who are training under Hugh Nicholls are: Roy Ewan, Gakona; Ernie Nylm, Elim; Sig Wien Savok, Buckland; Alvin Kayouktuk, Little Diomed; Dennis Shelden, Alakanuk; Gilbert Stephens, Stevens Village; Andrew Demoski, Nulato; Frank Peterson, Old Harbor.

Alaska's Old Stand by, Pilot Bread, Being Enriched by Co.

A food widely used in Alaska's outlying communities will soon have extra nutrition benefits through cooperative efforts of the manufacturer and the U.S. Public Health Service physician and Public Health nutritionist serving with the Alaska Native Health Area.

The American Biscuit Co. in Tacoma, Wash., primary suppliers of Pilot Bread and related baked articles for Alaska, has begun to enrich its product with vitamins and minerals especially valuable to diets of Alaska's Natives.

Some nutrients being added are iron, calcium, thiamine, riboflavin and niacin.

Pilot Bread is popular in the bush areas particularly for several reasons. It is relatively inexpensive, has a long shelf life and requires no preparation.

The last advantage appeals to families at fish camps and other temporary locations where there are no ovens for bread baking or at times such as the fishing season when everyone is too busy to bake.

Drs. Carolyn V. and George Brown, a husband-wife team on the staff of Alaska Native Health Area, along with Beryl Bonehill, public health nurse, found from a study

made in villages on Kodiak Island that iron deficiency anemia was common among children there.

The anemia seemed related to a high incidence of respiratory infections leading to hospitalizations and deaths in children from birth to four years of age.

Similar iron deficiencies have been noted in other areas of the state and supplemental iron is widely prescribed, particularly for pregnant women.

Physicians recognize, however, that it is best when possible for people to get required minerals and vitamins in regular foods, natural or enriched. Thus having the Pilot Bread enriched will be a boon to all.

Miss Beryl G. Becker, a PHS nutritionist with ANHAO, worked with officials of American Biscuit Co. to establish levels of enrichment according to standards of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Washington State Department of Agriculture.

Since beginning the project in early summer, the firm has offered to enrich its "Jersey Cream" in addition to the Pilot Bread.

