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Construction projects scheduled for next summer include: a realignment and upgrade of a portion of the Nome - Council Road, the Woolley Lagoon Road, the Nome-Teller Road, the Kougavok Road and the Glacier Creek Road, and construction of a road to Pilgrim Hot Springs. Plans in the near future call for construction of a new airport in Shishmaref; extension of the airport in Koyuk; and construction of a road between St. Michael and Stebbins.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Do you have a question that you would like Charles Johnson, President of BSNC, to answer? The "President's Corner" is a new section of the BSNC Newsletter with this issue. The President's Corner offers you the opportunity to ask the President questions pertaining to the corporation. While the intent of this section is to answer questions from shareholders, space in this newsletter will allow only for representative questions (questions repeatedly asked) to be answered. Please address your questions to:

President's Corner
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AND WHAT IT MEANS TO US by Charles H. Johnson

I have been participating with leaders from other regions in discussions on planning for 1991 and what that date means to us as Native people and as village and regional corporations. In 1991 the Native corporations must cancel the existing stock and issue new stock to their shareholders. This new stock may be purchased by anyone, Native or non-Native. The lands and other assets of the Native corporations will also become taxable at that time.

One thing is clear, nowhere else in the world can control of so much land and resources be bought as cheaply if a few Natives sell their shares. As you can see, the possibility of losing our land is very real in 1991. The buyers won't have to buy the land, it will be much cheaper and easier to buy stock from shareholders that need or want money.

There are solutions to our problem, steps that we must take soon if we are to protect our land and keep it in Native hands. Section 1401 of the D-2 bill amends the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to read that the Native corpor-

ations may deny non-Natives the right to vote and may grant to the corporation and the shareholder's immediate family, on reasonable terms, the first right to purchase the shareholder's stock, provided that before December 18, 1991, the corporation, by a majority vote of the shareholders, amends its articles of incorporation to reflect these changes.

This amendment in the D-2 bill is an attempt to ensure that the Native corporations will remain in Native hands. One village corporation, Council, has already made the needed amendments to its articles of incorporation.

But what about those corporations that won't have the money to buy their shareholders shares when they come up for sale? An example is one village which started a dangerous practice that probably poses the greatest threat to the continued existence of village corporations and the Region. That practice was to begin liquidating the village corporation by passing out cash to the shareholders, thus reducing the value of the corporation while also reducing available cash for stock purchases as they become available after 1991. The problem with this practice is that the cash soon runs out and the shareholders may begin to look at the village corporation as a pool to suck dry for their immediate needs. Soon there will be little left to protect the land, let alone to create an economy to provide jobs in the villages.

We have just begun our village viability program, the thrust of which is to provide an economy through planning for the villages. It will consist of three parts: first - fiscal management, accounting and bookkeeping; second - land management; and third - long-range planning.

These programs will work only if the village corporations participate, (all of them have indicated that they will). Also, they all must have most of their capital intact if they are going to control the economy of their villages. We are

looking for ways to take advantage of impending oil and mineral development within our region. This will be a perfect economic opportunity for the village corporations if it is done properly.

One thing is certain, those village corporations that have dissipated their capital through cash distributions will not be well situated either to participate in development or to protect their land from being taken over.

The question remains how to satisfy the needs of our people who have been on our land the longest, our elders. Sitnasuak has started to address this question by starting a program to work with the elders in Nome. All villages would do well to follow that lead. It is incumbent upon each village corporation to come up with such ideas or programs to meet the needs of its shareholders without jeopardizing the corporation and the land.

Our land was literally won for us by generations of our ancestors who lived under conditions that few of us could tolerate. It would be tragic if one shortsighted generation should lose it for eternity.

I have worked with Indian tribes in the "lower 48" who opted to sell their land. Each of these tribes was working to get their land back at any cost. In every case it was clear that the poorest reservation tribe was better off than those who had sold out. . . no matter how much money they got.

We all know how fast money can go. The prime mission of our corporation is to be the economic vehicle of our people to obtain self-determination. In order to do so we must retain our land and keep all of our village corporations and the region healthy and prosperous.

Note: The term shareholder and stockholder mean the same thing and are used interchangeably throughout this newsletter.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

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THE ESKIMO TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Eskimo Teacher Education Program, administered by Kawerak, Inc. is currently recruiting new students. The Eskimo Teacher Education Program, is a pilot project whose goal is to have forty degreed Alaska Natives teaching in the Bering Straits/Norton Sound villages. The University of Alaska, Fairbanks and Northwest Community College, Nome offer degrees in Education; and upon successful completion of courses, E.T.E.P. students would receive degrees from these colleges. E.T.E.P. provides services including teaching, tutoring, financial assistance and counseling to students. At this time we travel to seven villages bi-monthly. We work only with students working on degrees in **Education** but may soon add another degree program. If you're interested in a college degree in Education and are an Alaskan Native you should contact:

Eskimo Teacher Education Program • Kawerak, Inc. • Box 948 • Nome Alaska 99762 • 443-5231 Ext. 40

BSNC STAFF CHANGES

Loretta Ann Willoya: The Nome office welcomes Loretta who has joined the staff as Assistant Stockholder Registrar. Loretta worked in the Nome office last year as a file clerk and has just recently graduated from Nome Beltz High School.

Josie Reader: The Nome office said its farewells to Josie who left Bering Straits after eight years to have a baby. Amy Frances was born on November 1st and weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces. Congratulations, Josie!

Dan Fondell: Dan, who has been the BSNC Land Manager for the past year, has been moving into a new position which can best be defined as setting up a village management program to help the villages in fiscal, land management and long-range economic planning. He retains his old duties while taking on the new. In the interim, BSNC is looking for a fiscal manager to join the village management team and is also recruiting for a land manager to be trained by Dan as he moves more into his new position.

Dolly Tetpon: Dolly Tetpon, wife of John Tetpon, Assistant Director of Kawerak, has recently joined the Nome staff. She will be working for Dan Fondell in the Land Department as a lands records secretary.

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ing economic viability within the region.

Our planning team members agree that these sessions have been very productive and that the continuing commitment to the implementation and updating of our five-year plan has a definite and important influence on the future of Bering Straits Native Corporation.

WORLD ESKIMO OLYMPICS

The results of the 1981 World Eskimo Olympics included two winners from the Bering Straits Region. They were the King Island Dancers placing Third in the Eskimo Dance competition and Ike Towarak of Unalakleet placing First in the men's One Foot High Kick competition with a 8'11" mark. Congratulations to all!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is very important that you always contact Bering Straits Native Corporation when you have a change in your mailing address. Over 300 annual reports and proxy statements were returned to BSNC last spring as undeliverable. This means that over 300 Natives enrolled in the BSNC Region did not have a chance to voice their opinions through balloting at the yearly meeting because they had not

informed BSNC of their new address or location. **REMEMBER,** always contact BSNC Region headquarters when you move and file a change of address!



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