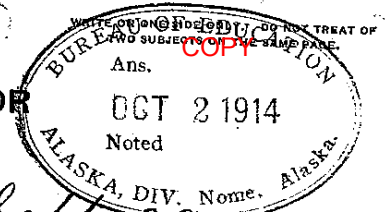


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Sept 29 1914

Walter Shields:
Dist Supt.

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Dear Mr. Shields: your kind letter of the 22nd received. I am so glad you are to have Mr. Lopp with you, and should like if he could have made the round trip up into these parts before he returns south. But he is a busy man and we shall just be glad that you can have him a while.

As to the salary question you have adequately answered my worry. I felt that Mr. Lopp was doing all he could do for Deering, and I was misinformed as to the amounts rec'd at other schools.

Thanks for your courteous reply.

I am very glad to know that the boys are to get the money for their lightering for we have a very serious situation to face. The local Lapps are selling Reine meat at 18¢ and even 15¢ and the store here refuses to sell our people anything except for cash - unless they will contract

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meat at 18¢ a pound. The Co-operative people (whites) have landed \$5,000 worth of provisions and offer to trade for reindeer, but they or rather Dick Escholz who put up the cash, demands female deer for his wife in return for provisions. Furs are very low and not wanted at any price.

We are holding all our fish. The store has only succeeded in buying about 400 or 500 so far.

The cold storage is within a few days of completion, The excavating is all completed and the doors are ready to hang.

The people are putting in their seal nets now. We are going at things systematically and it works better.

The move to Noorvik, is popular with the village only a very few will remain behind. But it is not to be accomplished without strenuous efforts on the part of the Trader, lighterage men and

38 lbs. old Makulor. Heart failure.

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local hotel man, to discourage the move. I hope you can succeed in securing all of our claims on the Kobuk as two white men have already indicated their intention of operating in that part should the move be successfully accomplished.

The proposition to buy this building has developed to mean a hope that the ^{Eskimo} people can eventually be persuaded to return if the building is left standing.

I have recommended it to be sold to them as I promised, and now I report that it is in the process of consideration and so far as I am concerned will be there until it is torn down and moved. They surely will not give \$1500 for it any way.

We shall begin school the 1st of Oct. and finish our other work after hours.

I'm afraid we are going to have to reduce our price of meat to 18¢ in order to let the

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people buy their supplies. However we shall try the effect of our "weight slips" on the independent stores of Leandle & Kotzebue first. If they will take them up then we can hold the deer until next Summer and sell them at 20¢. We will have the best Cold Storage in this country when finished, so we are told.

Some things to talk with Mr. Lopp about.

1. The moving of the village and supplies by a lightage man next June.
2. The need (imperative) of a marine engine 2 = 12 horse standard, for a boat to take our village to fishing grounds and sealing grounds, and for towing logs on the river.
3. The saw mill.
4. and the possibility of having a good fast man to help put up the buildings. Mr. Wentworth here is a good man and can be secured at Gov. prices from Sept 15 to June 1st each year. Is such a thing possible?

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5. Thank him for us, for the generous list of supplies sent this year.
 6. About the plans for our school house, with hot water heat, 4 rooms for school, and an assembly room above. with full size half basement, where we can install a public Sanitary & bath and have the proper sanitation in the village. These are some of the gleanings of our "Star of Hope" for the new village.
 7. The co-operative store and how to dispose of our furs this winter, and where. And I should like some "helps" on tanning with and without the hair or fur.

We shall open a road house and Restaurants for Eskimos, ~~and~~ conducted by Eskimos.

Finally = We shall enclose the natural cave already in the north bank and fit up a public Coldstor over there.

The move seems to be very popular and deserves and our greatest-difficulty will be to keep from

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6/ drawing to heavily from established stations. Some are already coming to Deering to be counted in on the move and more want to come, but I have forbid them.

They all fully understood the word at Kotzebue, that no one was expected to leave his station for the new one but no objection was offered to their coming to Deering and go from here...??

lest I weary you, I must tell you how much I appreciate your many kindnesses and close. How I wish it were possible for you and Mr. Lopp to come north on the Corwin this trip.

I will have my own typewriter when the boat returns from Kotzebue then my letters will be a little more legible.

with thanks for the films, which are good, and which I return this mail I hope to be ever found as

Faithfully yours - Chas Replogle

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