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Winifred Lande is interviewed by Steve Sherman on June 17, 1968 in Fairbanks, Alaska

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Steve Sherman talked about the Institute for Training of Teachers for Alaska's Rural Schools. Winifred Lande is the acting executive director of the project. Steve Sherman asked if the rural school project is accomplishing what it set out to do. Winifred Lande said she the Alaska Rural School Project is making good progress toward the goals outlined in the original proposal. She talked about the goals. One of the goals is the pre-service training of teachers newly assigned to teaching positions with BIA or state- operated schools. They will soon begin their third summer institute. At the end of the summer a total of 150 teachers will be trained by this program. She feels they are making progress. The teachers are better prepared with more understanding and perception of the problems of village living and village school teaching. This may be different than the teacher training they received outside of Alaska. Steve asked if any of these teachers see their villages beforehand. Winifred said yes they do. During the fifth week of training all of the teachers will go to their assigned villages and spend a week getting acquainted with the school and village. They return to the university for the remainder of the program. Steve asked about a lack of books relating to the Bush and is there anything being done about suitable books. Winifred this is another goal in their program. They are working in cooperation with others in particular the Northwest Region Laboratory in Portland – the small schools program. They are producing beginning readers for children in rural areas of the state. They are planning to field test the program this coming fall in several schools. The teachers working with this program will be trained for a week with the new reading program.