

Pilot Station Spurns Flood Assistance

PILOT STATION—The main street has turned into a canal. A boat is needed to get to the school. Waders are a must in the business district. But the independent villagers aren't complaining.

"Only a nut would holler for help," Norman Kelly, postmaster, said as he paused in the midst of carpentry. "We've got plenty of food. Brought it up from the store and we're doing O. K."

The reason Pilot Station has kept its cool in the midst of record high water is a new, hillside housing development due for completion this summer through the Alaska State Housing Authority. The faster the waters of the Yukon rose the faster the villagers worked.

Clyde Frances managed to move his wife and six kids into a well completed home just five days before high water and the

Kellys moved in about the same time with finishing work yet to be done.

As waters recede, home owners are mucking out their

old dwellings and putting them back in shape. Two general stores are already open for business and Kelly has a new flag flying over his lowland post office.