

Village Public Library Appeals For More Books

The White Mountain Public Library, at the village of White Mountain 75 miles east of Nome, opened for the second year on September 2.

"Our hope is to expand the library so that it might serve the needs of the entire community," said Tom Brown, Jr., librarian. "With this end in mind, we are seeking all sorts of contributions."

The village library was established two years ago with the aid of the Library Extension Services and through private donations.

"All contributions, and correspondence, should be sent to the White Mountain Public Library in care of Tom Brown, Jr., librarian," said Brown.

Have More Heat

Two hundred more Fairbanks homes will have heat before winter comes. The Alaska State Housing Authority has donated the oil burners to needy Fairbanks residents.

St. Mary's Facilities . . .

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Yukon River in Western Alaska.

About 95 percent of the population of the area are Eskimos.

The Wade Hampton District in 1966 had an unemployment rate of 33.3 percent—the highest in the Nation.

The projects announced are basic to the long-range plans for boosting the standard of living in the area. Village officials stated in their application for EDA assistance.

The dock and cold-storage plant will be built with a \$254,000 EDA grant and a \$64,000 loan. The facility will be operated as a Village co-operative.

In addition to providing 12 jobs at the cold-storage plant, the project is expected to lengthen the fishing season for area fishermen and provide storage for frozen foods for the winter months.

Completion is expected in about six months after construction starts.

Annual Heart Clinic September 18-23



Dr. Weidman

The annual heart clinic sponsored by the Alaska Heart Association, in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare and the U.S. Public Health Service will be held



Dr. Ritter

Monday, September 18, through Saturday, September 23.

A team of four specialists from Mayo Clinic will conduct the examinations of Alaskan cardiac patients and address



Dr. Connolly

Alaskan doctors during seminar sessions.

They are Dr. William H. Weidman and Dr. Donald G. Ritter, pediatric cardiologists; Dr. Daniel C. Connolly, internist cardiologist; and



Dr. Kincaid

Dr. Owings W. Kincaid, roentgenologist.

The clinic will be staged in Fairbanks Monday, September 18; Anchorage, September 19-21; and Mt. Edgecumbe, September 22-23.

The heaters were shipped to Fairbanks with the cooperation of the Anchorage Kiwanis.

VISTA VOLUNTEER, MAYOR, EDITOR TEAM UP . . .

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"Villagers would like van to store fish and other game until freeze-up only. Hope you can contact Sealand to see if van can be made available."

"Packing boxes would also be important. Van with self-contained power unit run by diesel or gas excellent."

When Mayor Rasmuson received the wire Saturday evening, he said he immediately called Russ Hoeft, manager of Sealand, and John Manley, general manager of the Alaska Railroad.

Sunday evening two freezer box cars were on their way to Nenana. On Monday Mayor Rasmuson contacted Rock to tell him the good news. As phones were still scarce as hen's teeth, Rock went to the University of Alaska where he talked by phone with Rasmuson.

At first information had been relayed to Rock that the boxcars were refrigerated but were not able to freeze foods. Jack Shuttleworth, manager of Sealand here, was contacted and he dispatched a reefer van to Nenana. On arrival there, however, it was

found that the van was not needed and it was returned to Fairbanks.

"We regret that the breakdown in communication resulted in this unfortunate mix-up," Rock said.

Norman Suckling, Mayor of Nenana, said Railroad Manager Manley called him Sunday and asked if there was a need for the reefer cars.

"I told him I would look around and call him back. I determined there was a real need for them and Manley said he would have them on the train that night."

They were set up Monday and Wednesday they began to be put in use.

Much has been accomplished in the last three weeks in rehabilitating the city. The Corps of Engineers using Office of Emergency Planning money has done much repair of flood damage in the village including rehabilitation of the Native Hall.

Flooding Interrupts Minto . . .

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village, for fish are the basic food of the village dogs, scores of which are seen roaming the paths between the houses or chained along the riverside.

In Indian villages like Minto, dogs are part of the way of life, for they mean transportation to trap lines and wherever else one goes by dogsled in winter.

"Without dogs, you just wouldn't live through the winter," the village chief says. Minto's dogs are hungry today. The puppies spend most of their time lying around rather than playing, and the ribs of many of the older dogs are visible through heavy fur coats.

Emergency supplies of commercial dog foods are available in Minto, but the dogs don't like to eat it. The dogs of Minto need a supply of dried fish if they are to serve the people during the coming winter.

Although there are plenty of oil and gasoline drums around, there is not much fuel left in the village. Because fire wood must be cut and hauled for a mile or more, many of the natives have converted their cooking and heating stoves to oil so they will have more time for

The Red Cross is going forward to build seven homes for displaced families. Most of the families are from the native village.

Land has been obtained by lease from the city of an area on Fifth Avenue between "C" and "D" streets that formerly had been reserved for a park.

The city's power plant was knocked out by the flood but power has been obtained from Usibelli at Healy with a tie-in at Rex. A number of wells have been found to be contaminated and water for drinking is still being transported from Clear by tanker truck.

A number of the businesses have reopened, but the lodge is still closed and a rooming house is only open partially. Only one of the village's three bars has reopened.

Many of the homes are without heat because furnace motors were burned out during the flood.

Native Affairs Officer Slot for Borbridge . . .

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their success, Borbridge will seek to involve Native leaders as advisors in information of new health program changes.

He will stay long enough among village people to interpret PHS plans and the reasons underlying them as well as learning the people's views both as to support and objections.

In his field studies, Borbridge will help to define social and cultural anthropological patterns, such as Native medicine beliefs, attitudes, opinions and practices which have a bearing on their reaction to proposed health programs.

The field studies will also enable Borbridge to recommend methods of working more effectively among the Native people by taking into account behavior which they consider normal. Results, it is expected, will be more felicitous for all concerned.

Borbridge comes to Anchorage from Juneau, his birthplace, where he has

taught high school for the past six years.

He did his undergraduate work at Sheldon Jackson Junior College in Sitka, North East Missouri Teachers' College and the University of Michigan from which he received his bachelor of arts degree.

His graduate work was completed at the University of Washington.

The new officer's first teaching assignment was at his alma mater in Sitka in both the high school, now discontinued, and the junior college.

This experience, Borbridge believes, is particularly helpful to his new job in that he had the opportunity to meet with and know students from many different cultural groups and geographical areas in Alaska.

He has held various offices in the Alaska Native Brotherhood in southeastern Alaska. He is presently a member of the Board of Directors of the recently-

organized Alaska Federation of Natives and is President of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska.

These experiences too, Borbridge feels, are important background for his new assignment. He will continue to hold the offices as long as they "contribute to the purposes of his job."

Borbridge's own ancestry blends robust Scandinavian blood with stalwart Tlingit. He is descended from the frog clan and his Indian name of Took-Sah-Aut refers to the coho, a subdivision of the clan.

His wife Emma Christine Nicolet is Eskimo and Swiss. She was born in Bethel but her mother came from the village of Quinhagak, pronounced "quean-hock."

The couple has four children, Charles, 8, John Edward, 12, Linda, 14, and Sandra, 16. The family is now residing in Anchorage.