

Native Center Aids Burned Out Family

Jake Murphy family at Alakanuk near the mouth of the Yukon River has begun to receive emergency clothing and blankets to replace those the seven-member household lost when their home burned to the ground on September 9.

Willie Willoya of the Fairbanks Native Welcome Center notified Tundra Times this week that the center was sending 80 pounds of clothing and blankets for the Murphy family.

Willoya said that the Alaska Airlines has consented to fly the clothing donations to Unalakleet as a courtesy of the airline. It was thought that bush planes would relay the clothing to Alakanuk from Unalakleet.

Mrs. Bonnie Ericsson, who replaced Mrs. Betty Ragland as Tundra Times office manager,

has also collected her surplus clothing to be sent to the Murphy family. Betty Ragland and her husband Bill left for Nashville, Tenn. this week.

Alakanuk village council President Elias Joseph through Tundra Times last week appealed for assistance for the burned out Jake Murphy family. He asked for clothing sizes, man—38; wife—16; kids—sizes 5 to 14.

Elias Joseph also asked for cooking utensils and a wood-burning cook stove. Joseph also said that Jake Murphy also lost all of his guns, except a shotgun that he uses for hunting.

"As winter is soon approaching, the Murphys would greatly appreciate any help your paper can give them..." said Elias Joseph last week.