



When times hard, they shared food

When food was scarce in the Barrow area people knew they could depend on Katie and Thomas Brower, owners of the Cape Smythe Trading Post, to help them without questioning where the money would come from, according to the women who honored Mrs. Brower.

Mrs. Brower's husband, Thomas was a whaling captain in the 1950s and she was involved in all the activities that that lifestyle meant.

"When fish and animals were scarce, she and her husband shared from their stores

with those who needed food," said Brenda Itta who introduced the woman whom the Inupiat Women of the Arctic Slope chose to honor.

Mrs. Brower was first Barrow Mother's Club president, was active in raising money for the American Cancer Society and the Alaska Crippled Children's Society, and in her church.

"She counselled people when the men went in the wrong direction," said Ms. Itta.

A basket from the Cook Inlet area is auctioned off to raise money for ANWSO.