

Folks Clear Airstrip—

Iliamna Gets Needed Supplies

A soft, muddy airstrip and high winds at Iliamna which prevented regular Wien Consolidated Airlines flights from landing there for the past two weeks created a near emergency situation for the village. Meanwhile, mail and cargo was backlogged at Anchorage and King Salmon.

However, Wien Consolidated chartered small taxi aircraft to move first class mail and passengers. A week ago an empty Twin Otter from Bethel landed on a trial run to Iliamna but the pilot deemed it unsafe to attempt to carry any cargo or passengers until the field was improved.

Volunteers, with shovels, from the village turned out to drain the field. With shovels and dump truck they hauled gravel since there is no loader for air strip maintenance.

With slightly improved field conditions the Bethel Otter again flew to King Salmon. At the same

time, a special section was dispatched from Anchorage with mail and cargo to King Salmon.

Today Otter pilot Herman

Herman is busy shuttling 18,000 pounds of mail and cargo in addition to passengers from King Salmon to Iliamna.