

# Cordova Ladies Need Coupons For Project

Cordova — in southcentral Alaska—is trying to get a Flame Photometer for its hospital.

And Cordova ladies, helping with the project, are going about it in a unique way.

They're saving coupons from a popular cake-mix purchased in grocery stores.

"We started the project to get the machine when some of the children in Cordova became sick," Mrs. Robert Leamons, heading the project, wrote.

The machine needed tests blood samples and provides readings for Sodium, Potassium and Calcium levels in the blood. The hospital is equipped to do none of these tests at present, according to Mrs. Leamons.

"Now we have to send them out to be tested. This means there must be proper weather conditions to get the sample out by plane, and then a week or so to get results back."

"The tests are needed urgently when a patient becomes sick with a diabetic coma, acute infections, nephritis, overdose of drugs, or pneumonia. When a patient this ill comes to the hospital it is a definite handicap to any physician to have to wait days for lab reports. Many children in the Cordova area will benefit by this machine's availability."

Cost of the instrument, Mrs. Leamons said, was \$1,400. The ladies are now using the "Betty Crocker" coupons, saving them, and have already collected about \$30,000.

"We need help, though. It looks like our project has bogged down," she wrote.

Any coupons of the "Betty Crocker" type will do, she said, even outdated ones.

"We have some, but we need so many more. We would be extremely grateful for any help."

Coupon donations are to be sent to Mrs. Leamons at Box 385, Cordova, or to the Cordova Times, Box 200.