

Toksook Bay Plans Walk for Hope Cottage

The school children of Toksook Bay are planning a walk through the Nelson Island village and a carnival for the children of Hope Cottage, according to their teacher-principal Eli Ribich.

The carnival idea and walk developed out of a teaching unit on attitudes toward the handicapped, Ribich explained. In preparation for the unit, the teacher requested and received the use of the Hope Cottage five minute film concerning retarded and multi-handicapped children.

What once had been uninformed laughter, has turned into genuine concern for the handicapped, the teacher said.

One student wrote Bob Halcro, chairman of the Hope Cottage board of directors, asking if she could do volunteer work at the cottage while she attended high school in Anchorage through the boarding home program.

In fact, a good number of fifth grade through eighth grade pupils wrote Halcro commenting on the film, the children, and the upcoming carnival.

Apparently, double checking the title of the movie with the shipping box it came in, one youngster told Halcro that he saw a movie about retarded children called "Handle with Care." "That's a pretty good title," the man commented.