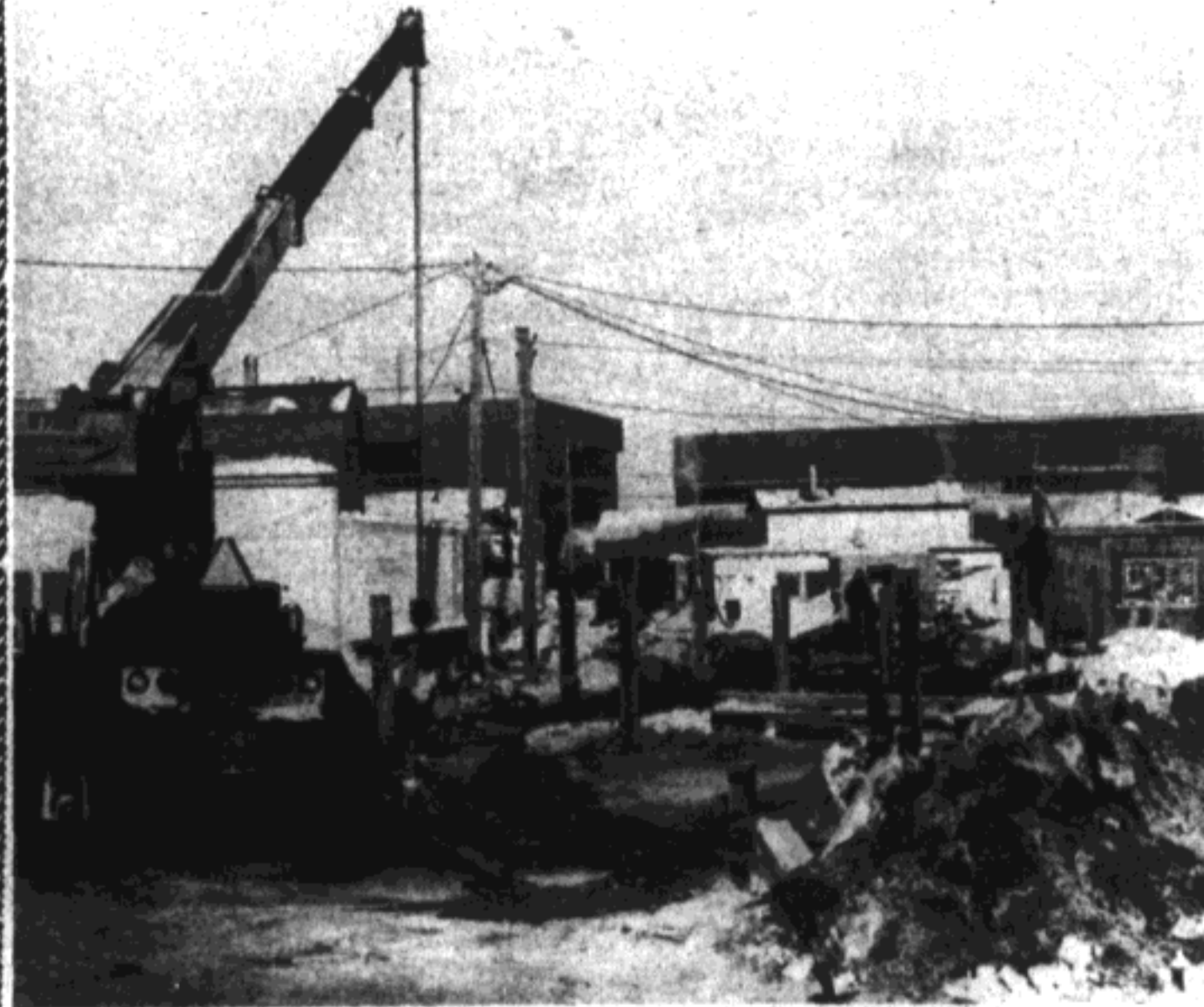


# Construction projects bring steady summer work



Housing construction in Barrow may get underway in Barrow's Block A this summer, if area land negotiations go as planned.

A summer of steady employment for North Slope Borough residents is promised in the construction projects planned by the Public Works and Planning Departments.

A central receiving warehouse, fire stations, health clinics, roads and schools are some of the community improvements that will offer jobs during the summer construction season.

Housing construction which has been a mainstay of local employment in many villages is now winding down. In its place comes community service construction. Borough Planning Director Bud Stevens says projects have been spread out over the next year to assure a constant source of employment.

"We don't want too many projects going at once," says the Planning Director. "That would mean more jobs than the local community could fill. At the same time, we have scheduled projects so that there is always a source of employment in the communities."

In all North Slope Borough construction the emphasis is on local hire. The construction of fire stations in each village this summer is a good example. Olympic Builders of Washington are the design and management supervisors but the construction work itself will be the responsibility of village corporations wherever possible.

"The village corporations will do the actual construction in those villages that have formed a corporation construction branch," says Public Works Deputy Director Morry Leeman. "Where they don't have a construction branch, the Borough will handle the work."

Many of the construction projects slated for this summer differ from village to village and are best examined one locality at a time.

## NUIQSUT

The award-winning airport project will be going into its final phase this summer in Nuiqsut. The dredge Nuvakti  
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# Fire stations, fuel farms going up in villages

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in the Colville River should provide enough gravel to supply a gravel crushing plant being set up in the village. The crushed gravel will in turn be used to "cap-off" the airport. Also, gravel will be stockpiled in the village east of Barrow to supply future road and building construction projects.

A fire station will be going up in Nuiqsut as in the other villages.

## WAINWRIGHT

Dredging will also begin in Wainwright this summer in a lagoon east of the village. The site has been carefully chosen in consultation with local residents in order to assure a gravel supply without disturbing traditional subsistence fishing sites.

The gravel provided by the Wainwright dredging operations will be used for the ongoing village road project and for the construction of a new 5,000-foot airport. Comparable to the Nuiqsut airport, the new strip in Wainwright will allow more efficient air freight service particularly by large "Hercules" aircraft.

A fire station is also going up in Wainwright this summer and health clinic construction is to follow.

## ANAKTUVUK PASS

Materials for the fire station in Anaktuvuk Pass have already been flown into the village. The Nunamiut Corporation should be beginning construction on that pre-fabricated building early this summer.

A new bridge over Contract Creek, which divides the village in two, is also planned with alternate sites now being

considered. Planning Director Bud Stevens says that local input on the bridge project is continuing so that an effective site which best suits the community is chosen. The new bridge will replace the wooden structure now connecting both ends of the village.

Health clinic construction is also scheduled to start in this mountain village soon.

## KAKTOVIK

Foundations for the fire station in Kaktovik were laid in May and the village corporation should start erecting the pre-fab structure this month. Like the other village, the fire station will be followed with a new health clinic.

A new tank farm is also being considered for the most eastern village in the Borough. It would replace the fuel oil tank put in with the D.E.W. line site in that community. The fuel tank project is still in the planning stages.

## ATQASUK

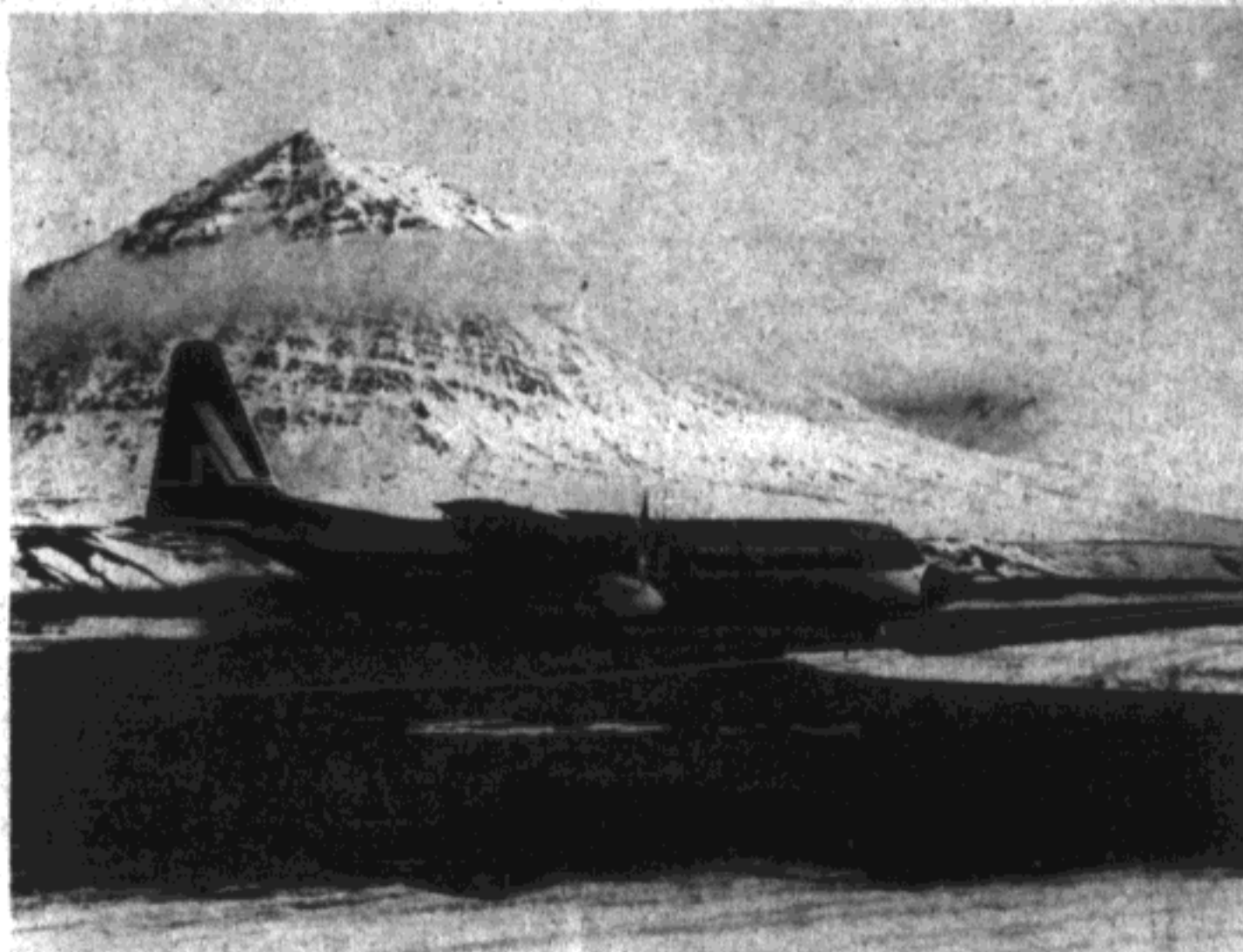
The materials for construction of the new school in Atqasuk have reached the village, but the contractor who will do the work has yet to be chosen. The Public Works Department is scheduled to let the bid on that project this summer.

In the meantime, a new fire station will be going up in Atqasuk and a health clinic is also planned.

## POINT LAY

Foundations for the new high school in Point Lay were driven in May. That project will be in full swing all summer long. In addition, a fire station will be erected as in the other villages.

The health clinic for Point Lay will probably be started once school construction has



A Hercules airplane brings in the construction materials needed to erect a new fire station in Anaktuvuk Pass.

been largely completed. This scheduling will assure local employment but not overload it.

## POINT HOPE

The fuel oil tank farm in Point Hope will be relocated this summer. It will be moved from its present location near the center of town to a position on the southside of the village toward the spit. This location will make the tanks easier to fill. It will also remove a service that is not compatible with residential housing from the village area. This project is being carried out in conjunction with a State grant.

A warm-storage area for the North Slope Borough Utilities Department is also a pending project for the Point Hope community, according to Plan-

ning Director Bud Stevens. This will provide protection for new equipment in the village, such as water and sewage trucks.

Point Hope will also be getting a fire station this summer. A new health clinic is not planned for the village since the Public Health Service has already provided such a facility.

## BARROW

Housing construction is scheduled to begin in the Block 'A' area of Barrow this summer. 25-housing units are set to go into the area pending land negotiations. Electric service through the utilidor and independent gas hook-ups would be installed in anticipation of this housing.

A 12-inch dredge is scheduled to arrive in Barrow sometime in July. The gravel it provides may make road construction begin in the area after freeze-up in the fall.

Foundation work has already been done on a central receiving warehouse by the Barrow airport. This warehouse will provide storage space for goods coming through Barrow on its way to the villages. Adjacent to the warehouse, is a planned helicopter hangar and landing apron which will service search and rescue needs on the North Slope.

Continuing projects in Barrow include work on the new high school and the utilidor. The utilidor will be moving into phase two after freeze-up next fall. Phase two involves connecting the electrical, sewage and other utility service lines carried in the insulated tunnel that has been buried under the streets of Browerville and Block 'A.' When complete the utilidor will provide universal indoor plumbing to Barrow and Browerville residents plus telephone and cable television connections.