



**TUNDRA TIMES' MUKTUK BOOTH** — Joyce Ard, Tundra Times office manager, is posing with an hor d' oeuvre size muktuk garnished with a green olive and parsley. About 350 of these were passed out to the Tanana Valley Fair visitors. Some liked the muktuk and some

didn't. About 40 pounds of muktuk was bought by the Tundra Times from a whaler from the village of Point Hope. Fourteen bowhead whales were caught by that village last spring.

—Photo by FRANK MURPHY

## Tagarook's Package...

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duled to receive identical units are Gambell, Savoonga, Talkeetna, Togiak, Naknek, Egegik, Unalaska, Angoon, and Kake.

Kaktovik's post office will be the only one shipped by mail. Installation on all ten is expected to be completed by the end of October. Sites for most of the units have been donated by village councils and the Bureau of Land Management.

The modular buildings are built in two parts, each 9' by 46' to provide nearly 850 square feet of floor space when put together on the site. The contractor was ATCO STRUCTURES, Inc. of Anchorage, but the units were actually built in the lower '48.

Total cost for the project was around \$400,000, or about \$40,000 per unit. According to post office studies, it was more economical to have the post offices built at one location where skilled construction workers and materials are available and "quality can be controlled."

"Then we ship the finished product to the site rather than import all the materials and skilled men and attempt to do the job in a remote area."

The units have turquoise blue metal siding and metal roofs. The interior is predominantly

hardwood wall paneling. Heating units, hot water heater, chemical toilets, customer counter, postal equipment, and even a flagpole are installed before transportation to the site.

To the untrained eye, the new post offices look very much like a modern trailer house with a \$40,000 price tag, but reporters were assured that rigid weather conditions had been met in very high quality standards.

One community scheduled to receive one of the new units complained about the esthetics of the building, calling it "two flat tin cans stuck together."

The post office said no community has to accept the buildings if they don't want them. "We have more than enough standing in line, waiting for them," said an official.

The project has also received criticism for the out-of-state construction. "Had the units been constructed locally," said the complainant, "jobs would have been created for Alaskans."

Admittedly something like an emergency situation exists in upgrading mail service to rural Alaska. Nevertheless, Native villages may want to take another look at design before the next ten buildings go into production.

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## Nenana's Wayne Charlie-

### Graduates from Carpentry Course

JUNEAU — Wayne G. Charlie of Nenana was graduated from carpentry training program at Kicking Horse Regional Residential Manpower Center on August 17.

Charlie, who entered the center in February, also completed the GED program and passed the GED test.

The Kicking Horse RRMC, located in Ronan, Montana, is the only all Indian Job Corps center in the United States.

It is operated by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation through a contract with the U. S. Department of Labor.



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It's not just that Jim put together the Anchorage Christmas Parade or the servicemen's Christmas Dinner Program, but as president of the Anchorage Jaycees he helped bring Santa to 100 children who were treated to a free holiday shopping spree. Kids are important to Jim, and Jaycee projects like the Junior Fish Derby, which brings area youngsters out to vie for fish in a specially stocked lake, emphasize the things that are important to kids. As staff accountant for Atlantic Richfield, Jim deals in pretty high finance, but he's knowledgeable about other money matters, too, through work on Jaycee projects like a benefit nightclub performance for the retarded children's association, or raising funds for the Children's Zoo.

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