

Painful Loss at Kake--

Sympathetic People Asked to Aid Village of Kake

It has long been a custom of people throughout the state to aid communities that suffer heavy losses in the wake of major fires. Concern has been expressed for the village of Kake which had a fire last month that completely destroyed their community hall.

Mayor Phil Carlson stated that city and magistrate records were destroyed, along with considerable athletic equipment belonging to the high school which used the building as a gymnasium.

He estimated the loss at \$150,000—\$175,000 and said the possibility of obtaining state and federal assistance would be investigated.

Kake is situated on Kupreanof Island, about 45 minutes by air from Juneau, Keku Canning Company and Clear Creek Logging have operations there.

The community recently gained attention when they raised the world's largest totem pole and hosted a three-day celebration of the event with the first potlatch in Alaska since the early 1900's.

Governor William A. Egan participated in the dedication ceremony and he and other visiting dignitaries were entertained with dancing and singing. Visitors were particularly impressed

with the warm hospitality extended by the village people.

Shares of stock in the totem were issued and persons wishing to aid the stricken City of Kake may do so by purchasing any number.

The certificate has a colorful drawing of the pole and states that capital stock is issuable and transferrable without restriction; membership stock is issued only to persons of Indian ancestry and is nontransferrable.