

Major Lowell of Bassett Army Hospital Treats Natives



CHECK OUT — Dr. (MAJ) George G. Lowell, ophthalmologist from Bassett Army Hospital checks out a patient's sight with a slit lamp. The doctor saw about 30 people in Arctic Village when he visited there recently.

"We all work for the same Government, whether it be as doctors in the Army, Air Force or the Public Health Service. It is a matter of who needs help and who is available to offer help."

Dr. (Major) George G. Lowell, Bassett Army Hospital's ophthalmologist, leaned forward on his chair and took another sip of black coffee.

"I believe that we should make the fullest use of our hospital facilities," he said. "I think that if doctors or dentists can offer a professional helping hand, they should."

Dr. Lowell, like many other doctors and dentists on post, has offered his services to the Public Health Service. It is one of his contributions to "Serving the Nation."

Recently, Dr. Lowell took a two-and-one-half-hour trip in an Army OV-1 (Otter) to Arctic Village at the invitation of the Public Health Service. He treated 30 patients before returning to Fort Wainwright.

The doctor said that such trips for him are fairly routine, and although he enjoys the bush, he rarely has time to appreciate it.

"Frequently, I have to turn patients away," he said, "because I must get back to the hospital. On the average I treat 30 to 40 patients. Most of this is fairly routine, though."

"My trips are restricted to just flying and working. There is zero recreation. It is something extra, but I feel I fit in the Public Health System, as I see it."



MEASURING UP — Private First Class Jim Briggs, Dr. Lowell's assistant, measures a young villager for a pair of glasses. The two men from Fort Wainwright flew to Arctic Village at the invitation of the Public Health Service.

Angoon Fire Truck—

Millions of Betty Crocker Coupons

The village of Angoon Alaska, is located on Admiralty Island, approximately 60 air miles from the capital city of Juneau.

Angoon is extremely impoverished. Housing conditions in the small isolated village of 400 natives are as severely inadequate as those in any city.

Intense commercial fishing in Southeast Alaska has largely depleted the once plentiful salmon and halibut runs, thus endangering the livelihood of subsistence fishermen in rural villages such as Angoon.

With little or no money to be spent for housing improvement, the villagers have relied heavily on state and federal programs to alleviate their critical housing conditions.

New housing from the federal Turnkey project will soon be constructed in Angoon, doubling the size of the inhabited land area. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has also offered assistance through its Housing Improvement Program.

The new and improved

housing requires adequate fire extinguishers, a portable pump and bucket brigades to protect itself from the ravages of fire.

There is a fire hydrant system in the village which can utilize the pumping ability of a fire truck.

Angoon doesn't have a fire truck.

General Mills has promised that Angoon will be given a fire truck if the village can collect several million Betty Crocker coupons within a two year period.

Angoon Fire Chief Martin Johnson has already begun a lively campaign to collect the coupons.

"I don't know how many millions we need yet, but we won't worry about it until we've collected our first million. We'd really appreciate any coupons people would care to donate."

Betty Crocker coupons can be sent to the Angoon Fire Department, Angoon, Alaska 99820.

Snowmachine Summer Care

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Like having a bear by the tail, the off season care you take of your snowmachine can have a real effect on future events in your life. Proper summer care for the snowmachine can greatly extend the trouble free service and lengthen the life of the machine.

Here are some pointers the Cooperative Extension Service, U of A, would like to bring to your attention.

1. Block the machine up on poles, 1 by 2's, or chunks of fire wood to take weight off the skids and prevent ski contact with the ground, thus reducing rusting.
2. Drain gas tank.
3. Remove carburetor intake filter screen.
4. Run engine with "warm up" lever set at point of arrow and inject a rust preventative oil (with oil can) rapidly into carburetor until engine stops.
5. Turn off ignition and replace carburetor filter screen.
6. Loosen track tension.
7. Put oil on bottom of skis and other unprotected surfaces.
8. Store where it is dry — a dry shed, or cover with plastic or canvas.

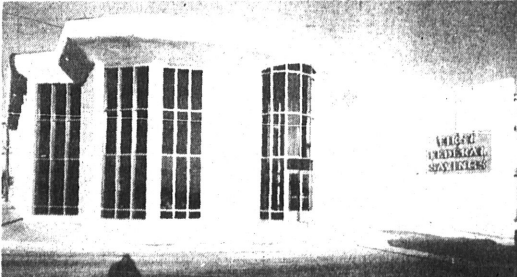
After Storing Before using

1. Adjust track for proper tension. Remember to recheck again after brief usage.
2. Lubricate all places as specified for "lubrication."
3. Check all screws and nuts for tightness.
4. Clean, refinish and touch up surfaces and parts that need it.

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