

DENTIST VISITS CHALKYITSIK, FORGETS AMALGOMATER

The teeth of the children of Chalkyitsik are in worse shape this year than in 1967, reports the "Black River Murmur's," a dittoed, weekly publication from the village of Chalkyitsik on the Yukon River flats.

Dr. L. J. Sollazzo, USPHS dentist, made his report to the parents after examining the school children's teeth last week. The dentist said he was greatly disappointed that good dental hygiene had not been practiced and that candy had not been kept out of the stores, particularly since he had been holding Chalkyitsik up as a good example to other villages since last year. In 1967 the children's teeth were in good shape.

The Editors Column, titled "The Inside Story," relates the tale about Dr. Sollazzo the dentist forgetting "the machine used to mix the filling." The dentist was about to pack up his tools when the BIA maintenance man put together a makeshift device that allowed Dr.

Sollazzo to complete his work.

One sad note in "Murmur's" was the notice that the library will close temporarily on April 26. The books have to be packed up and put away so that they will not be damaged by the spring flooding.

The Chalkyitsik newspaper evidently has a pretty good advertising department, as this last edition has a display ad from Northern Commercial Co. (on the front page) and another ad selling beadwork and moosehide slippers.

Education is man's going forward from cocksure ignorance to thoughtful uncertainty.

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