

AVCP honors health aides

The Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta area met in Bethel, October 31, to bestow honors on two community health aides for their outstanding services.

Carl Jack, President of AVCP, presented Clara Morgan, Community Health Aide for the village of Aniak, with the Health Aide of the Year Award.

The Distinguished Service Award went to Betty Guy, Community Health Aide for Kwethluk. Betty was one of the first medical aides in Alaska during the 1950's, whose primary duties were to assist physicians who visited the villages. During this period, Betty worked with-

out pay. The villages she served donated money to her retirement fund so she wouldn't lose any benefits. When the Community Health Aide Program was established, she retained and designated the Community Health Aide for her area.

In addition to her widely

recognized contributions in health, Betty Guy's services in the field of education as an early bilingual teacher helped introduce formal schooling to the villages in which she taught. She is also the mother of Phillip the Bethel representative in Juneau.