

Ft. Yukon Out to Raise \$30,000



POINTS TO GOAL—Grafton Jonas sits on top of Peter (Pan) Williams to point out the \$30,000 goal to Marty Tetzlaff, chairman of the Fort Yukon Community Facility Residents' Council. The boys hope that their goal is reached so that their new Community Center will have the necessary equipment.

Miss Marty Tetzlaff, Chairman of the Fort Yukon Residents' Council announced in Ft. Yukon that the Residents' Council of the Fort Yukon Community Facility has established a goal of \$30,000 for equipment for the new Community Facility.

The Community Facility is presently under construction in Fort Yukon and is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Education of the State of Alaska and the Episcopal Church.

The Facility will be owned and operated by the City of Fort Yukon. It will house a number of multi-service units and will make available for the first time in a remote Alaskan village a public laundromat, shower rooms, conference and meeting rooms and two multi-purpose recreation and education rooms.

The building will make possible a broad range of health, education, welfare and other social service programs.

"Although funds for construction are assured, the facility will be useless unless additional funds can be raised," Miss Tetzlaff said. "In order for us to adequately equip the building so that we can operate efficiently, we estimate that we need \$30,000.00."

Because of the inter-relationship that Fort Yukon has with Fairbanks we are asking the people of Fairbanks to help us in our drive.

The structure as conceived as a possible means of bridging the cultural gap which has affected the lives of the people of Fort Yukon.

Miss Tetzlaff went on to say that the facility is supposed to open in the Spring of next year but that there is some hope that the largest room can be used before that so that the Fort Yukon State School can enlarge its programs.

All of the agencies that serve Fort Yukon have given their full support to this project. The residents of the city are backing the facility and the fund raising drive.

Already \$7,710.00 has been collected for equipment with a \$5,000.00 donation coming from the Public Welfare Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Donations are tax deductible under the Income Tax Laws as a charitable contribution and checks can be sent to: City of Fort Yukon, Community Facility Fund, Box 40, Fort Yukon, Alaska 99740.

This is the first such facility to be constructed in Alaska and it will serve as a model for other such programs, it is hoped that the programs provided in the

facility will help the people of the Yukon Valley to be better prepared to live in the 20th century and will not only make life easier but more meaningful as the people of Fort Yukon seek their own place in the world.