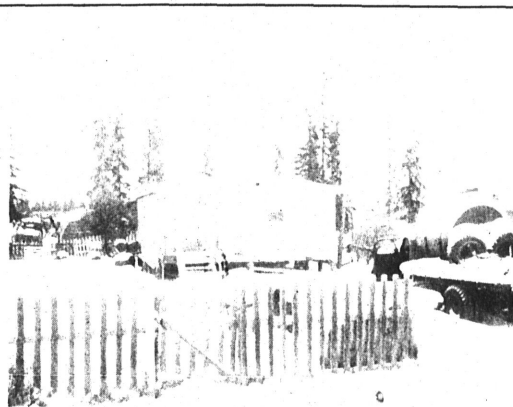


ALCOHOLISM CENTER FOR FT. YUKONERS



FORT YUKON ALCOHOLISM CENTER

Snow Doesn't Stop Village Workers

Since the alcoholism program under Rural CAP came into existence in the Fort Yukon area a year ago, the need for a center was recognized and brought before the City Council by Richard Carroll, the Alcoholism Counselor.

Carroll said the Council approved expenses for him to go to Juneau, and he came back with a Rural Development grant of \$8,000 for the building.

Full responsibility of the construction, drawing of blueprints, ordering materials, contacting local freighters, trucks and river barge services, all was given to Carroll. He said that in order to save money, he put all materials needed on bid and by doing so, saved over \$1600.

Materials began to arrive in September and local Native people were hired, some were clients of the program, and others were employed when no other work was available. Carroll commented that sometimes he had ten people, and some "frustrating mornings" there were only two.

Winter set in very early and in October there was six inches of snow although the weather was mild. The bulk of the material arrived by the tenth of the month, with the last barge. There was a shortage of materials and the City

Council donated extra funds and the Fort Yukon Native Association bought roofing material.

The building was finally completed on October 30, and an Open House was held all day.

The interior is of dark panelling, and the office for the two counselors has birch panelling; there is a pool table which was donated by a local citizen; there is a small kitchen where the coffee pot is always on. The building is heated by an oil furnace.

Several hundred books were donated for a lending library and the city has purchased a juke box. A monthly activity schedule is posted which includes counseling groups, movie nights, and teen nights.

Different teen groups have used the Center for their slumber parties and grade school groups visit the Center with their teachers to learn more about the alcoholism program.

The City has contributed the building to the Rural CAP Alcoholism Program.