

Painters Union Aids Hope Center

FAIRBANKS—The Hope Center for rehabilitation of adult mentally retarded and physi-

cally handicapped Alaskans has a much needed coat of paint through the efforts of 12 members of Painter Union Local No. 1555.

Ever since the Center opened in 1967, staff has been trying to set aside necessary funds to treat and preserve its wood and cinder block. The flood of 1967 damaged the building exterior and harsh winters have also taken a toll.

Jack Conger, business manager and financial secretary of the union, took on the problem this spring contacting more than 10 different paint contractors and stores for materials needed to cover the 200 by 50 foot building. Then he held a meeting with members and recruited volunteers.

They did the job as a com-

munity donation with no pay involved starting at 7 a. m. on May 29 and finishing eight hours later.