

--CENTURY NOTES--

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Short-time visitors may never know or appreciate what the Kotzebue Centennial Committee has accomplished for their comfort in the museum building, official project for the community. Its achievement in this north-of-the-Arctic Circle town is almost as worthy of notice as the display of artifacts and craft work.

This significant contribution consists of a \$500 furnace and — rest rooms!

The museum building is the old Episcopal church of Kotzebue (now unneeded because of the new church recently completed). It was moved to a lot released in town's center by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Townspeople did the renovating. Its delightful

Eskimo name meaning "place of old things" bears repeating: "utukkuktukagvik."

The Point Hope Whaling Club "Kukmuktook," whose chairman is Don Iktallik, donated whaling bones for installation outside the museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ellis, who spent many summers on Nunivak Island in connection with the reindeer work there, are loaning their collection of Nunivak items. These include headgear, beadwork, tools and artifacts.

Details of the discovery of the site in 1816 by the man who gave the place its name, von Kotzebue, are to be read on a large sign nearby, courtesy of the Arctic Circle Chamber of Commerce.