

Barrow's Fel-Air

A New Airline

For Arctic Slope

The Arctic Slope area can now boast a new airline that has just been incorporated and it is known as Fel-Air. The incorporators are Joe Felder, a long time Arctic Slope pilot; Dean Hickok, Presbyterian minister; and Bob File.

"We will be flying to all the slope villages, Nuiqsut, Pt. Lay, Pt. Hope, Wainwright, Kaktovik," explained Dean Hickok. "We will be working extensively to service and supply the new village of Nuiqsut."

Hickok, continued: "We are hauling lots of freight to Nuiqsut and we work extensively to

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supply another new village of Atkasook, a former hunting camp now being made into a permanent settlement."

The two villages were certified under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Atkasook is located some 40 to 50 miles southeast of Barrow and is being organized by Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and the Arctic Slope Borough. It is situated amid lakes and streams.

Supplying and development activities of the new air service "is a real story of strong economic development."

According to Hickok, Fel-Air will continue to expand (they have just acquired a new 206-six passenger plane).

"We are very busy and have some problems filling the needs of the area," said Hickok. "Nuiqsut has a fuel supply problem but it will be solved along with social problems. The effort is working. ASRC and the North Slope school district are working. There is a surprising and mature leadership."

Fel-Air will do a lot of charter service in the area and will provide charter service to business men, tourists and community developers.