

Chistochina Youth Club Lacks Home But Folks Are Working

Chistochina's youth club is a group without a home, but residents Don and Lillian Boston are determined that situation won't last for long.

The Bostons and others in the community, like youth club president Loretta Sanford, are actively trying to gather the funds and materials to make that club home a reality for the small Copper River area community.

Chistochina residents decided

to form the youth club early this year, to help the problems of teen-aged drinking. "About March 1st, we talked with the kids and they agreed they would like to have a place to go, to have games and other things," Don Boston said.

Within weeks, the young people held a bake sale, raising \$20. The Bostons wrote letters to newspapers too, seeking donations for the building. About \$4,000 is needed for materials

for the ceiling . . . roofing, plywood, doors and windows.

"And if we could get enough money to get a projector, the kids could make money showing movies," said Lillian Boston. "It would give them a chance to have responsibility too."

Her husband wants to build the youth clubhouse, just as he built the community hall for Chistochina back in 1969. "It's just 30 by 30 feet, but it is used for everything from church

services (Pentecostal) to pot-latches," he said. Most Athabascans in the area go to that church.

Still, the work on the community hall isn't done. Quarter inch plywood is needed for the ceiling and walls. "The Rural Development Agency promised the plywood, nails and other materials over a year ago, but they haven't arrived yet," he said.

The village of Chistochina was started in the early 1940's.

It was a central point from which trap lines were set and close to the Copper River. Now 15 families live there, with many non-Natives moving in along the highway.

"We still live much the same way we have for years," Lillian Boston said. "Hunting and trapping."

What is new in Chistochina is the youth club and the community wants to find it a home, too.

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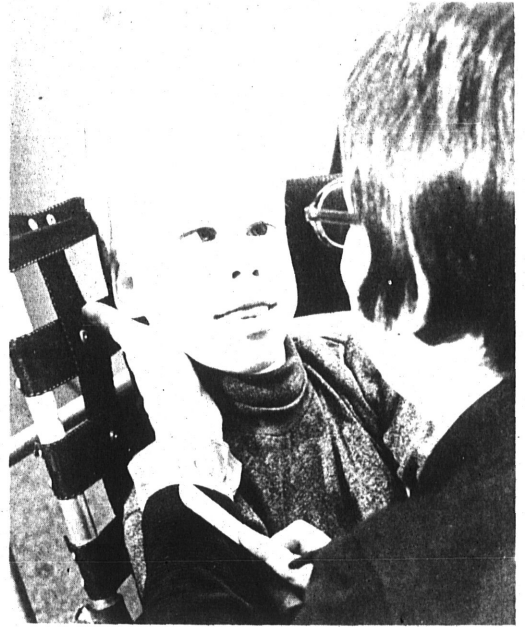
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Easter Seal child — WADE POPPE

1973 Easter Seal Child-

Wade Poppe Guest of Honor at Party

FAIRBANKS — Six-year-old Wade Poppe, the 1973 Easter Seal Child of the Alaska Crippled Children and Adults Speech and Hearing Center, was the guest of honor Monday at a party at the center.

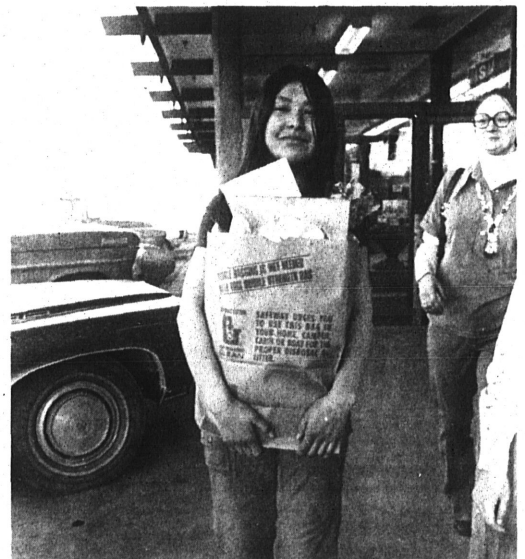
Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Poppe of 1223 Wildrose, has cerebral palsy and has been getting physical therapy and speech lessons at the center since last fall.

He is one of 30 children and adults in group and individual therapy at the center, 1020 Barnett, which recently added a relocatable unit to its present building. The center employs

a full time speech therapist and part-time director, in addition to volunteers.

Wade is scheduled for a half hour appointment once a week, but it takes the therapist another half hour preparing his lesson plus a half hour with his parents, said Sue Pitman, a member of the center's board of directors.

Wade has been practicing speech exercises, mainly breathing and tongue exercises, to improve control of air intake and articulation. And it's paying off. Despite his physical handicap, Wade is learning to say single syllable words.



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