

# Letters from Here and There

## INDEPENDENT LUMBER COMPANY CORRECTS THEIR MISTAKES

August 30, 1976

Mr. Gene George  
Stevens Village, Alaska 99776

Dear Gene:

Thanks for your letter about the community center building in Stevens Village. We are proud of the building and I am sure the people of Stevens Village are too. We did sell a 24 x 40 building, complete for \$9,101.00. That is \$9.48 per square feet which is a very good price and certainly the most economical community building anywhere in Northern Alaska.

We shipped the Building Package complete as ordered via Yutana Barge Lines. They are responsible for any damage since they sign for the number of pieces shipped in good condition. If you file a valid claim with them, they must pay it. We found the missing window in Sheldon Point even though it was marked Stevens Village. We sent another window by barge because it wouldn't fit in the airplane. We sent the roofing nails, the outside corner boards and the 2-2x6s by air, prepaid, to Elijah Joseph. The trusses were checked on the job by our man and Elijah Joseph. They do not vary in size. They are OK. We sent 2,728 square feet of insulation with the package which is plenty. If you want more we will be glad to sell it to you.

Our man: Tom Ridenhour, Elijah Joseph and the three girls built the building in three days. The only thing the council had to pay was Tom's airfare. Does the council want to charge us for the food he ate while building your community cen-

ter free?

The council acted wisely in buying the building they did. The community will enjoy a warm, well built center for many years at reasonable cost.

Independent Lumber has been serving here for 70 years, selling building materials and serving our customers. We make mistakes and forget things like everyone else, BUT WE ARE STILL HERE BECAUSE WE CORRECT OUR MISTAKES; we always have and always will.

Sincerely,  
Howard L. Axtell  
President