

Arctic Village Does it Again: Village Builds a 'Cat House'

The lively little village paper, Arctic Village Echoes of Arctic Village, last week came out with a lead story headlined, "VILLAGE HAS LEGAL CAT HOUSE." The story came out in the following manner:

"Yes folks, Arctic Village has done it again. The people are constructing the local cat house."

"Now before anyone becomes upset about the standards and morals up here I'll explain that cat is the name for our D-8 export model Caterpillar tractor. We use the cat for construction in the village and for clearing field."

"The cat house is an old wood quonset hut which is set up on drums and covered with canvas and or visqueen."

"It is a sorry sight to behold but it makes starting the cat in cold weather a much easier job."

In another story headlined, "EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA!!!" the story reads:

"The village has had another crisis. The store had run out of the staple of the village—Copenhagen snooze."

"The next one may center around a lack of good old toilet tissue. Stay tuned for the latest indates."

"I would guess at this time there are many people in the village who would like to put a pox on the inventor of the sno-gos. It seems this is the winter of mechanical trouble..."

So said the story headlined, "THE TRIBULATIONS OF A SNO-GO."

The Arctic Village sno-go owners have had to replace tracks, drive belts, sparkplugs, recoil starters, and electrical systems have failed. Also burned up jack shaft bearings, dead clutches, motor mount failures, and so forth.

The article concluded: "Anyone for the good old dogs?"

Arctic Village people have been mailing letters to Congress and they have begun to get answers.

"The council has gotten letters from Sen. Muskie, Sen. Metcalf, Rep. Gerald Ford, Rep. C.B. Morton and more to come."

"All have said thank you for the information and they will keep it in mind when they vote on the land claims bill."

The Midnight Sun Native Store of the village, which has a motto, "Price Kwaa!!!" advertised last week:

"Special This Week. Blue Bell Potato Chips regularly 39¢ now only 66¢. (Oh well, at least they're crisp)."

Arctic Village Echoes is published weekly during school year by the school kids and some of their elders.

"Subscription is \$3 per year. Be the first on your block to have a cancelled check from the Midnight Sun Native Store. Think of the prestige," said the subscription information.

WIN Program At Barrow

The Work Incentive Program (WIN), a joint effort of Alaska's Departments of Labor, Health, and Education and Welfare, was established as a result of the 1967 Amendments to the Social Security Act.

Its purpose is to provide education and job training to AFDC recipients who wish to gain the knowledge and skills needed to get a good job.

Although the program has been operating in parts of Alaska for quite some time, it only recently reached the top of the state. Barrow's WIN program operates under the direction of Mary Veit at the Barrow Manpower Center.

For two weeks in Mid-December, the program's six enrollees participated in orientation sessions, in which they discussed topics of interest to mothers who are preparing to go to work.

Topics ranged from job opportunities in Barrow and how to select suitable jobs, to health and nutrition and ideas on raising children. Speakers from the community led some of these discussions.

The first week in January, the women started Adult Basic Education in a class set up especially for them. Teaching the class are three experienced teachers who were hired by the Barrow City Council.

The teachers coordinate efforts to cover different subjects, with the aim of providing the students with the proficiency required to pass the General Education Diploma (GED) tests.

The primary aim is to make learning immediately relevant and useful, and to maintain the high motivation evident in the students.



BARROW "WIN" STUDENTS—Enthusiastic Barrow women are taking part in the Work Incentive Program (WIN). From left to right: Jennie Ningiok, Rosabelle Nungasak, students; Bobi Hall, teacher; Mary Veit, WIN counselor; Ada Thompson, Elizabeth Patkotak, students. Students Emily Ologak and Beverly Sielak and teacher Dorothy Underwood and Susie Barwis were absent.

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