

# Alcohol Rehabilitation In Barrow Granted

**POINT BARROW** — The city of Barrow has received a \$40,000 grant from the World Rehabilitation Fund to support an alcoholic rehabilitation center.

Presentation of the first payment will be made in Anchorage tonight at a dinner honoring Miss Mary E. Switzer, vice president of the organization. The event commemorates the 50th anniversary of WRF's rehabilitation work.

Howard Rusk, M.D., president of World Rehabilitation, notified Lester Sulvu, president of the Barrow City Council,

that the grant came from money made available by New York Foundation "toward the development of projects for the rehabilitation of disabled among minority groups in the United States."

"The Board of Directors of the World Rehabilitation Fund and I, personally, are deeply impressed with the extent of alcoholism in the community of Barrow, the circumstances which have created this problem and its effect in so many ways upon your unique community," he wrote.

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"We are equally impressed, however, by the plans which the City of Barrow; the Barrow Council on Alcoholism; the Alcoholism Section, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Welfare, State of Alaska; the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, State of Alaska; and the other governmental and non-governmental organizations in Barrow and the State of Alaska have developed toward solving this tremendous problem."

John B. Chenoweth, city manager of Barrow, reports the city has had two offers of housing for the center; one from the Public Health Service Hospital and another from the Presbyterian Church.

Funding will go towards staffing and transportation for treatment outside the city, he said. For want of such a program, several people have died in Barrow in past winters.

Chenoweth named Carroll M. Craft, director of the office of Vocational Rehabilitation for Alaska, as being most instrumental in pointing out to the fund the need for assistance in Barrow.

Also working closely with the program are Suvlu and Nelson Ahvakana, a member of the Barrow Council on Alcoholism. The Barrow men will be present at Miss Switzer's dinner to accept the first installment of the grant.