

Four new clinics open up with help from others

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Yes, it is hard to believe, but we have finally begun to move into the new health clinics in each village. As of today our Community Health Aides are

able to move into the Kaktovik or Nuiqsut Clinics due to some maintenance difficulties; however, we are keeping our fingers crossed with the hope that we will soon be able to move into those clinics as well.

and medicines keep many of us busy.

The Health Aides and I have been fortunate enough to receive additional help from employees at the Health Department, and from people of the villages. Our thanks to everyone who has lent us a hand. We will continue to need your help and support with the up-coming moves and openings.

As many of you know, we had our first "Grand Opening" in Atkasuk. I heard it was wonderful, that despite the cold weather interfering with the schedule, the opening went smoothly.

Numerous people participated from various health related fields, as well as people who were involved in the construction process. Mayor Eugene Brower of the Borough and Eben Hopson Jr., the Mayor's Special Aide, also attended and are planning to attend all other Grand Openings.

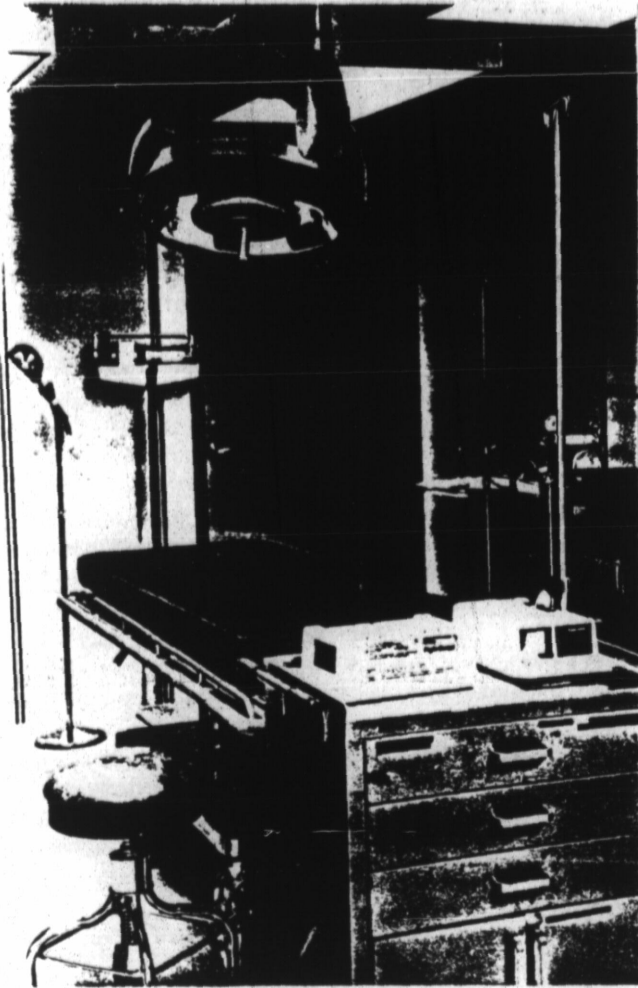
Sandwiches, cakes, and beverages were served, brought in by the village residents; even fresh fruit was available thanks to North Slope Constructors. Adults and children wandered through each room of the clinic, asking many questions and trying new equipment.

"Resusci-Annie" (a life-size manikin used to teach Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) was displayed as a "victim" of an accident, complete with heart monitor attached, intravenous infusion, and oxygen.

Fortunately for Resusci-Annie, a group of students came to her rescue to perform CPR (students had formerly been taught by Bill Jones of the Emergency Medical Services how to administer CPR) and she survived!

new set!

Transportation to Atkasuk was provided through Mr. McDonald from McCool-McDonald (architects) and will continue to be provided by them. A big thank-you to them! Also a big



working out of new clinics in Atkasuk, Anaktuvuk Pass, Point Lay, and Wainwright.

Unfortunately we haven't been

Moving into the new clinics is a major project; inventories are made and packing and unpacking equipment, supplies,

Other attractions included the Dental Area complete with X-ray equipment. Now all can have their "choppers" cleaned or filled or you can even have a

thank-you to Jane Snipes who has been working with our Community Health Aide Program and who has been a fantastic coordinator concerning the new clinic Grand Openings.