

Little Minnie Ahgook Saves Her 3 Little Cousins

Little seven-year-old Minnie Ahgook of Anaktuvuk Pass may have saved the lives of her three little cousins last Saturday when a fire broke out in the post office and burned it to the ground.

The home which housed the post office belonged to Noah and Lela Ahgook who lived in it with their five children.

Lela Ahgook is the acting postmaster who took over the post when Homer Mekiana

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died two months ago. Mekiana was the postmaster for the village.

"That little girl, I think, saved her three little cousins when she took them out when the fire started," said Raymond Paneak.

The parents of the children had been at the air strip attending to the outgoing mail when the fire started probably caused by a faulty oil stove.

"We were just getting ready to leave on the plane when someone said that a fire had started," said Paneak. "That family lost everything. The only thing we saved were some blackened silver coins."