

Noorvik Organizes NYC Program

The Noorvik City Council has organized Neighborhood Youth Corps program around the framework of learning by doing. Each of the members of the NYC group is employed in a position that enables him to learn skills that will round out his total work experience.

Some of the young people are working as maintenancemen aids, others are working as custodian aids, some are working as cook aids and teacher aids.

All of the NYC workers have learned the difficult lesson of responsibility to a job and an employer. The lesson of punctuality and dependability is difficult for some.

The group has undertaken big jobs and have seen them through to completion. They moved two large warehouses from one location to another.

This job required partial dismantling of both buildings, installing skids, lowering the structure, moving them, leveling and new foundations, and finally reassembling the buildings.

They were relocated adjacent to the new Native store, a much more convenient place for our storekeeper.

Culverts have been installed in marshy areas of the villages. Public buildings were painted.

The group is responsible for completely remodeling the old store building, making it ready for a living and working area for the VISTA workers. This building is now being used for a Pre-school Child Development Center.

All of the jobs undertaken have been of a nature that the workers had to learn to use new tools and figure out means and methods.

The Noorvik City Council and the citizens of the village feel that the program has been a great success and they hope to see it continued in the months to come.