

VILLAGE OF ATKA FINALLY GETS A POST OFFICE,

After many meetings and much deliberation, the Village of Atka on the Aleutian Chain may finally have a branch post office.

In a joint effort to establish this branch, Dimitri Philemonof, Regional Director for the Aleutian Planning Commission, has been working with Jack Hodder, Assistant District Manager in Mail Processing; and William Kobus, Assistant District Manager in Customer Services.

Philemonof stated that the paperwork is beginning to be processed and they hoped to have the office set up in early January. He is travelling to Atka the first part of December to locate someone for the position.

This person would have to undergo intensive training through the U. S. District Post Office which is located at the Anchorage International Airport.

This branch office will bring many long-needed services to the people of Atka, making it possible for them to purchase money orders, insure valuables that are to be mailed, purchase stamps, certify mail along with other advantages normally associated by having a post office in a community.

Hours of operation for the office are also being discussed. Some of the possibilities are to have it open one day a week for four hours or when the Navy Tug arrives. No final decision will be made, Philemonof said, until the residents express their desires.

The possibility of a branch

post office for St. George is also imminent, with Ivan Hanson, District Manager of the U. S. Postal Services in the State of Alaska, travelling to the Island sometime in December.
