



# BERING STRAITS AGLUKTUK

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BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION

Unalakleet Native Corporation

## Grand Opening in Unalakleet

Unalakleet is growing. According to Mayor Bovuck Ryan the population has jumped from 450 people five years ago to the present level of 850.

Unalakleet Native Corporation is smart. The corporation has expanded its business horizons to meet the demands of the city's growing population.

On Wednesday, July 20th Unalakleet Native Corporation celebrated the Grand Opening of its General Store which offers 11,000 square feet of retail space.

Over 100 Unalakleet residents and guests were on hand to witness Mayor Bovuck Ryan cut the red ribbon and officially

open the two story structure. Representatives from United Bank Alaska, United Building Supply, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Arctic Circle Jewelry A.C. Company and Arco were present.

In the Invocation by Rev. Donald Erickson of the Covenant Church, he stated that the General Store "will enhance our community by creating more job opportunities for the citizens. This store is a dream come true."

Father George Endall of the Catholic Church blessed the building and wished the business "health, fertility and abundance."

Elder Irene Katchataq was the Guest Speaker at the ceremonies, calling it "the most modern store in Norton Sound."

A plaque dedicating the General Store to the shareholders of Unalakleet Native Corporation was unveiled by Hazel Katongan.

As part of its Grand Opening the General Store featured 10% off on groceries and a 35% off sale on gold and jewelry.

In addition several door prizes were given away. Roy Kayoukluk won a Yamaha 80 motorcycle while Von Johnson won a wooden gun cabinet. Six CB radios were also given away.

Construction began on April 6, 1983. Since the Unalakleet Native Corporation Construction Company built the store, most of the labor was done by the Corporation's shareholders.

General Manager Lerov Rupert is proud of the accomplishment. "It took only 79 days from ground breaking to the Grand Opening to build and stock the



**NEW STORE IN TOWN** - The General Store was built by Unalakleet Native Corporation in only 79 days.

store. We were blessed with good weather and a hard working crew."

"It was a collective effort made not only by the shareholders but by the community as a whole," continued Lerov "Everyone was in support of the concept and construction of the building."

Under the management of Ransom Bradley Jr., groceries will be sold on the first floor. There are three cash registers for quick and convenient service.

The second story will house dry goods such as clothing, sporting goods, furniture, gifts, shoes and Native Crafts. It will be managed by Mildred Ivanoff.

The existing grocery store built in 1973 will be utilized as storage space.

Besides the General Store, Unalakleet Native Corporation also owns and operates four other business enterprises.

The Hardware Store, located next to the General Store, was first built in 1973. Also managed by Mildred Ivanoff, the Hardware Store has plumbing supplies, electrical parts as well as household goods and appliances for sale.

The Corporation's garage and gas station is managed by Foreman Lehman Nashalook. Established in 1973, the garage sells

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**A CUT ABOVE THE REST**-Hazel Katongan cuts the Red Ribbon opening the General Store's grocery.

## Miss ANB crowned

Nineteen year old Christine Carpenter was crowned Miss Arctic Native Brotherhood at the annual pageant held in Nome on Friday evening June 24th. First runner-up was Eileen Nashalook. Eileen was also selected by the pageant contestants as Miss Congeniality. Second runner up was Millie Larsen.

The other contestants were Doris Ahwinona, Gail Angnaboogok, Janice Engstrom and Maggie Kowchee.

The girls were judged on the basis of poise, personality, knowledge of Eskimo culture as well as knowledge of their Native attire-Kuspiks and parkas.

In order to enter the pageant a girl has to be at least one-fourth Alaska Native, between 18 and 28 years old, never married and have no children.

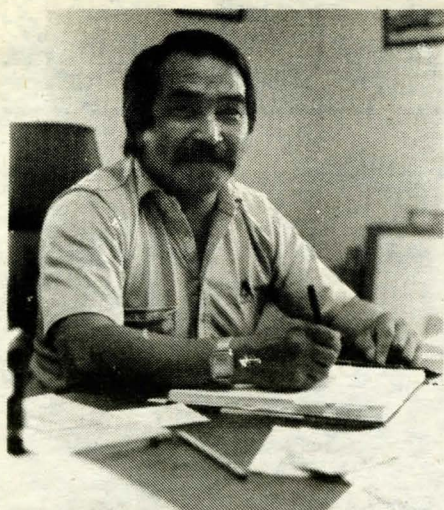
The new Miss Arctic Native Brotherhood, Christine Carpenter,

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**SITTING PRETTY (AND STANDING PRETTY TOO!)** - Christine Carpenter, the new Miss Arctic Native Brotherhood, is surrounded by her fellow contestants. Left to right are Gail Angnaboogok, Maggie Kowchee, Second Runner Up Millie Larsen, First Runner Up Eileen Nashalook, Janice Engstrom and Doris Ahwinona.





## From the President's Desk

By Charles Johnson  
President of BSNC

There will not be a "From the President's Desk" column this month. BSNC President Charlie Johnson is drying fish at his camp outside of White Mountain. Look for Charlie's column in the August issue of AGLUKTUK.

## BSNC Registrar Reports

By Helen Bell & Peggy Hardy  
The long process of restoring the stockholder records damaged or destroyed in the November 7th, 1982 fire has finally been completed. The shareholder records are all back in order and all damaged stock certificates have been reissued.

BSNC now has two Notary Public's on staff. They are Bunny Larsen and Helen Bell. If you need something notarized please stop by the office. This is a free service for all BSNC stockholders.

We are still trying to encourage all our shareholders to fill out the ever important "will form" on the

back of your stock certificates. If you do not have your copy at home please write to us and we will forward a copy to you.

If you are an elder living in Nome who is unable to come to the office and would like to make out a will, please call us at 443-5252 and we will make arrangements to come to your home.

Our insufficient address list which appears monthly in AGLUKTUK is getting smaller thanks to the many calls and letters from concerned stockholders. Your kind cooperation is greatly appreciated.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR MAILING ADDRESS OR HAVE CHANGED YOUR NAME, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM. (IF IT IS A NAME CHANGE PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE) AND SEND TO:

BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION  
P.O. BOX 1008  
NOME, AK 99762 or CALL 907-443-5252.

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IF YOU KNOW OF A SHAREHOLDER WHO IS DECEASED, PLEASE WRITE US FOR AN INHERITANCE QUESTIONNAIRE & AFFIDAVIT AND LIST THE NAME OF THE DECEASED SHAREHOLDER \_\_\_\_\_

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### Will form

BSNC IS REQUESTING THAT ALL STOCKHOLDERS FILL OUT THE WILL FORM FOUND ON THE BACK OF YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATE. PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE IT NOTARIZED AND IF THERE IS NO NOTARY AVAILABLE YOU MAY HAVE THE POSTMASTER STAMP IT. UPON COMPLETION SEND TO THE NOME OFFICE AND A PHOTO-COPY WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR STOCK CERTIFICATE AT HOME PLEASE WRITE AND A COPY WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

## Bering Straits Agluktuk

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### Feature Employee

# Facts & Figures

It all adds up when it comes to Dave DePauw's job at BSNC. On June 6th, Dave began his position as the Village Accountant.

He assists the Bering Straits Village Corporations with record-keeping, advises on accounting procedures and aids in the proper preparation of financial statements for the auditors. In addition Dave is capable of answering any financial questions a village may have.

This accounting service which Dave provides is part of the Village Financial Management Agreement that exists between BSNC and several village corporations.

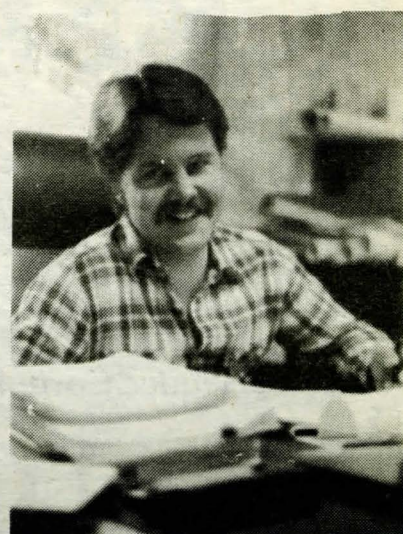
Dave has already visited the bookkeepers for four village corporations in Shishmaref, Shaktoolik, Teller and White Mountain.

"I like to consider myself as the liaison between the village corporations and their auditors," explains Dave. "I can advise on the selection of an audit firm and assist in preparing the financial records for the annual audit."

Dave is well qualified for his position as Village Accountant. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Business Administration from the Mankato State University School of Business in Minnesota.

Before coming to BSNC, Dave served as an Internal Auditor with Space Center, Inc. in St. Paul, Minnesota. His duties included operational and financial audits in addition to year-end assistance with external auditors.

Prior to this position, Dave worked for three years as an Internal Auditor for Modern Merchandising, Inc. in Minnetonka, Minnesota. He was the auditor in charge on operational audits of various catalog showrooms throughout the Lower 48 and also assisted in financial audits of the company's regional offices. Dave was involved in year-end



DAVE DEPAUW

assistance with external auditors, flow-charting of corporate systems and outlined internal controls.

"I am really excited about working with the village corporations, I like traveling to the villages and meeting people," emphasizes the new Village Accountant. "There is a lot of potential for improving the financial record keeping systems to keep the auditors fees in line. We can do this by decreasing the amount of accounting work done by the auditors."

"If the work is taken care of at the village level the auditors fees will decrease," Dave concludes, "and that means more money in the pockets of the village corporations."

Future plans for the Village Accounting Program include computerizing the village financial records.

Born in Worthington, Minnesota, Dave comes from a family of seven children. Living on the Seward Peninsula will enable Dave to do what he likes best: fishing, hunting, camping and taking pictures.

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UNALAKLEET GRAND OPENING-Guest speaker, Irene Katchatag addresses the residents and guests at the July 20th ceremonies.

snowmachines, outboard motors, parts, fuel oil and also repairs automobiles. The gas station was opened in 1982.

The Unalakleet Native Corporation Construction Company was organized in May of 1982. It is managed by Leroy Rupert.

In addition to building the new General Store, the company built the Bering Strait School District offices and the City of Unalakleet's 4-plex apartment building.

In 1984, the construction company has plans to construct a 4-plex in Stebbins for the Stebbins

Native Corporation. Another future plan is to enlarge the Corporation's garage as more storage space is needed.

Unalakleet Native Corporation is also involved in a joint venture with the Native Corporations of Shaktoolik and Stebbins. In February of 1983 the 3NC Fisheries Corporation was formed to stimulate the fishing industry in Norton Sound. The Company is capitalized by all three villages along with a 10% participation by the Norton Sound Fisherman's Co-op. The Co-op's existing pro-

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Shareholder Spotlight

# Graduate with Honors



MARY MILLER

Provided by Sitnasuak Native Corporation  
 Mary Miller, a 29 year old Inupiaq and a lifelong Nome resident, recently returned home after completing a two year Master's Program in the School of Planning, Public Policy, and Management at the University of Oregon in Eugene. She graduated with Honors on June 12, 1983 with a Master's Degree in Public Management.  
 Based upon her outstanding academic performance, Ms. Miller was selected for membership in the National Honorary Society for Public Affairs and Administration. The Society's purpose is to encourage and recognize scholarship and accomplishment among students and practitioners in the field of public management.  
 Ms. Miller's Master's Thesis, entitled "ALASKA NATIVES: A CONTINUING QUEST FOR SURVIVAL", focuses on the implications of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act with regard to the future status of Native lands in Alaska. The 100 page paper examines the alternatives of protecting the Native land base after 1991. As a result of her research in this area, Mary is convinced that Native corporations should develop closer working relationships with their stockholders in order to assure future retention of Native ownership of their lands.  
 Her areas of special interest include management in tribal organizations, ANCSA issues and human resource development.  
 Mary credits her success to the unqualified support of her people, including the generosity of the Sitnasuak Native Corporation, of which she is a stockholder.  
 Although her career plans are indefinite at this time, she and her family hope to remain in the Bering Straits Region.  
 Mary was employed at Norton Sound Health Corporation in the Finance Department from 1977 through 1981. She graduated in 1976 from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics.  
 Married to Andrew Miller, Jr., they have a 6 year old son, Patkotak. She is the daughter of Lester and Martha Keller of Nome.



UNC GENERAL STORE EMPLOYEES - Left to right is Blanche Cragle, Ransom Bradley, Jr., Mischa Tucker and Stella Paniptchuk.

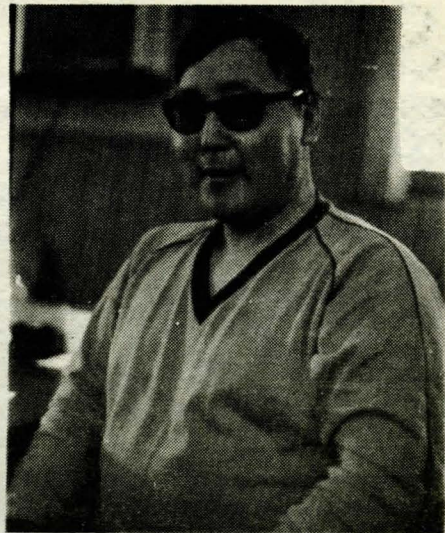
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cessing facilities in Unalakleet are being leased by 3NC Fisheries.  
 In total, the Unalakleet Native Corporation employs fifteen permanent and twenty temporary employees in its various enterprises. The main office staff has Leroy Rupert as General Manager, Alice Anagick, Secretary and Stockholder Registrar; Rita Kotongan, Accountant; Olga Oyoumick, Bookkeeper; Mae

Koutchak, Cashier; Betsy Pleasant, Assistant Bookkeeper; June Degnan, Land Use Planner and Ambrose Norman, Surveyor.  
 The recently elected Board of Directors for this 829 member corporation are as follows: Henry Ivanoff, President; Roger Nanouk, Vice President; Charles Soxie, Treasurer; Frances Degnan, Secretary and Directors, Davis Nashalook, Alice Anagick, Oscar Koutchak, Chuck Degnan and Henry Oyoumick.

# Board Member of the Month



NORMAN MENADELOOK

In February of 1983, Norman Menadelook of Teller was appointed to the BSNC Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Vernon Kugzruk. Norman will serve as a board member until 1985.  
 Born at Little Diomed, Norman is the son of Roger and Theresa (Omiak) Menadelook, Sr. After Roger died in 1948, Norman's mother Theresa married Paul Soolook of Little Diomed.  
 Norman's grandfather, Charles Menadelook, Sr. was originally from Wales. After becoming a teacher, Charles moved to Diomed. He became quite well known throughout Western Alaska as he also taught at Shishmaref and St. Lawrence Island.  
 Norman attended school in Little Diomed until he was in the third grade. In 1957, the family moved to Teller.  
 In 1967, Norman graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School. He then worked on the Aleutian Chain at Amchitka as a kitchen helper. After one year of working on the North Slope, Norman returned to Teller. He worked on the construction crew that built housing at the Teller New Site and Brevig Mission.  
 A Teller stockholder, Norman was the Teller Village Public Safety Officer for two years. For another two years Norman served as Postmaster.  
 Currently, Norman is working for the City of Teller as the Municipal Bus Driver. Also, in late summer Norman will work in maintenance at the James C. Isabell Memorial High School.  
 Norman Menadelook's most important job is serving as the President of Teller Native Corporation. After six years on the Teller Board of Directors, Norman is in his fourth term as President. He has also served as Vice President.  
 Norman has enjoyed serving on the BSNC Board of Directors for the past five months. "I feel that BSNC and the village corporations have a good chance of surviving," reflects Norman. "We must work together in order to stay alive and strong."  
 Norman and his wife, Emily, have five children: Katherine, 12; Barbara, 11; Lucinda, 7; Norman Jr., 5; and Rachel, 3.  
 "Everyone in my family is an ivory carver except me," confesses Norman. "My brother, Roger Menadelook Jr. and step brother Reginald Soolook are good carvers." However, Norman does enjoy subsistence hunting and fishing.



A BOOMING BUSINESS-Unalakleet residents take advantage of the General Store's Grand Opening Sale.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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COUNCIL NATIVE CORPORATION has begun its reconveyance program under section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The reconveyances will be for land around Council which was occupied by individuals/organizations on December 18, 1971 as either (1) a primary place of residence (2) primary place of business, (3) subsistence campsite, (4) headquarters for reindeer husbandry or (5) site of a nonprofit organization.  
 Application forms and further information are available from:  
 Barb Gray  
 PO Box 665  
 Nome, Alaska 99762  
 Telephone: 443-2370  
 Applications will be accepted until December 31, 1983.  
 Karen Dickson, President  
 Council Native Corporation  
 PO Box 665  
 Nome, Alaska 99762

SOLOMON NATIVE CORPORATION has begun its reconveyance program under section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The reconveyances will be for land around Solomon which was occupied by individuals/organizations on December 18, 1971 as either (1) a primary place of residence (2) primary place of business, (3) subsistence campsite, (4) headquarters for reindeer husbandry or (5) site of a nonprofit organization.  
 Application forms and further information are available from:  
 Joe Curran  
 P.O. Box 243  
 Nome Alaska 99762  
 Applications will be accepted until December 31 1983.  
 Rose Ann Timbers, President  
 Solomon Native Corporation





Canada's largest Inuit community will be the center of international attention from July 25 to 31 this year.

Frobisher Bay will be hosting the third Inuit Circumpolar Conference, to be attended by approximately 250 delegates from four countries across the top of the world.

For the first time, it is expected that Inuit from the Soviet Union will be present, joining with Inuit from Canada, Alaska and Greenland to discuss common problems and concerns.

Inuit Tapirisat of Canada is the host organization for the 1983 assembly, which will have as its central theme: "The Arctic -- Our Common Responsibility."

The key word is "responsibility" and delegates will be taking it seriously. Specifically, they will be asked to consider the development of a circumpolar Arctic policy that can be a model for northern nations to follow.

A primary aim of ICC is to encourage Arctic countries to focus not just on the extraction of non-renewable resources, but also to take into account the fragile Arctic environment, the fish and wildlife and the culture and traditions of Inuit.

The guidelines developed by the delegates at Frobisher Bay will be used by ICC as a model in discussions with the governments of northern countries, as we work toward the eventual adoption of an international circumpolar Arctic policy to ensure the safe and peaceful development of this unique region -- the Inuit homeland.

Also on the conference agenda will be consideration of reports from several committees that have been working on issues vital to Inuit:

- Committee on Education, Culture and Language
- Economic Relations Commission
- Inuit Air Transportation Committee
- Inuit Communications Commission
- Circumpolar Whaling Commission
- Inuit Committee on Health and Welfare
- Circumpolar Environmental Commission

As well, there is something new being added to the Circumpolar event this year -- an international conference of Inuit elders. They will be discussing such vital issues as:

- Inuit traditions and how to keep them alive
- health care and housing for elders
- problems of youth and how to solve them

To round out the program and provide a welcome break from the hard work of the conference business, there will also be music, dancing and games, and a display of traditional Inuit costumes.

Inuit in communities in Canada, Alaska and Greenland will be able to follow the conference on radio and television, through arrangements being made by the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation and the Northern Service of CBC.



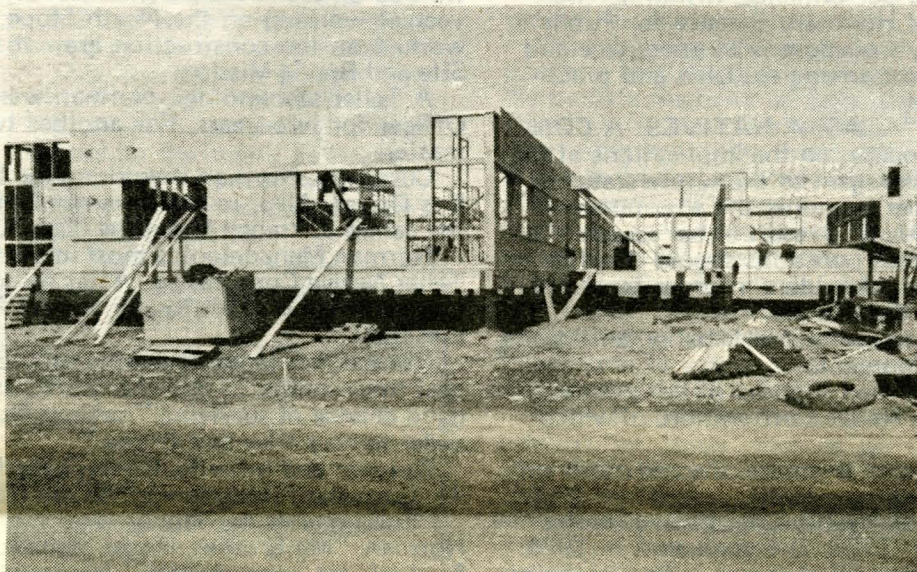
WHAT AN HONOR! - Christine Carpenter is crowned Miss Arctic Native Brotherhood by 1982 winner Judy Karmun.

## If you live in Nome

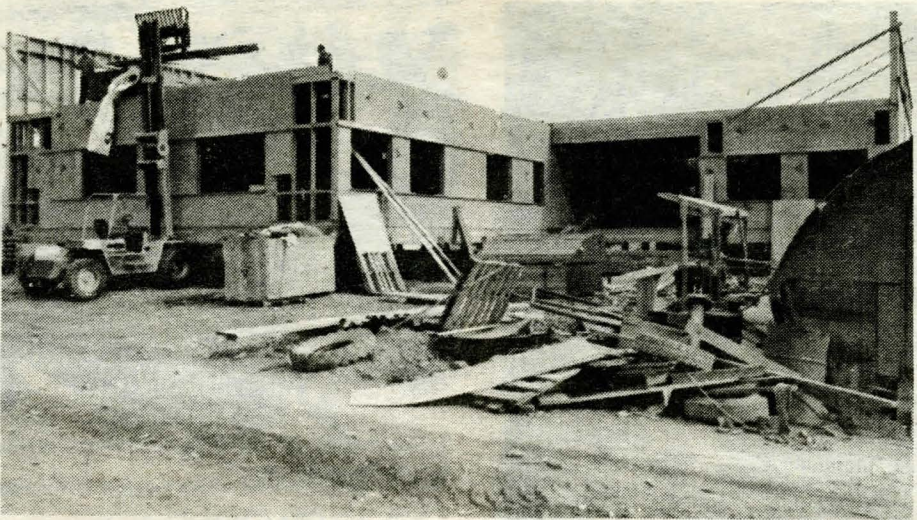
Money for residential water & sewer connections is available from the Farmer's Home Administration.

If your annual income is less than \$14,000 you may be eligible for either a low interest loan and/or a grant of up to \$7,500 to pay for water and sewer connections.

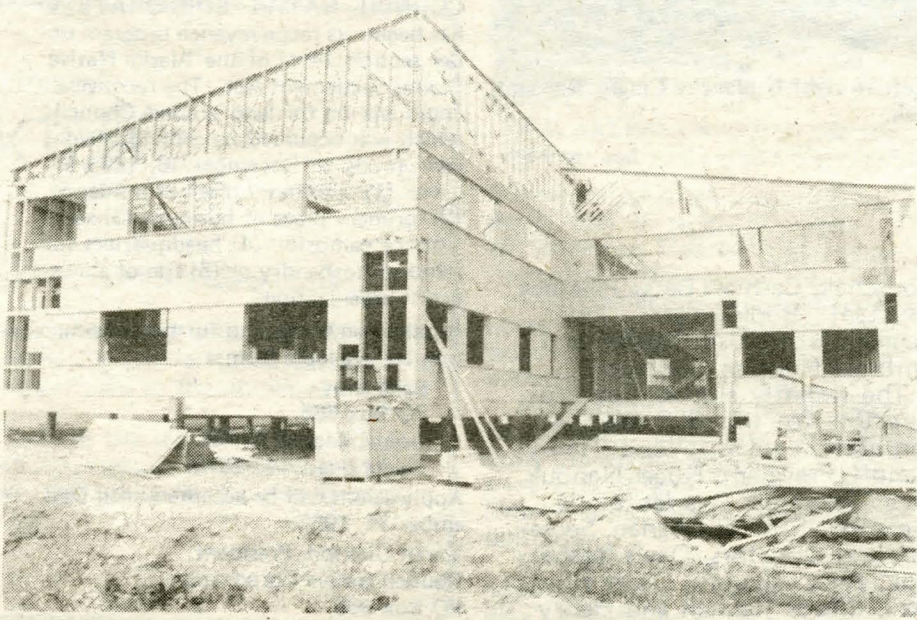
For more information on how to apply for this money, contact Randy Romenesko at the Nome Joint Utility office at 5288.



WATCH US GROW - The construction of the new BSNC/Kawerak office building is moving right along as is evidenced in these pictures taken in about 3 weeks time. Pictured here is the first floor.



UP - The second floor is added.



AND UP - With the second floor complete, the roof construction is well underway.

## Miss

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will go to Fairbanks in early August to compete in the Miss Eskimo - Indian World Olympics. A graduate of Nome Beltz High School, Christine is the daughter of Tiny and Jack Carpenter of Nome. She will attend the University of Alaska in Anchorage this fall.

Since 1966, Frances Longley has been involved in the organization of the Miss Arctic Native Brotherhood Pageant. This year she co-chaired the event with Peggy Fagerstrom, Teresa Watters, and Ellen Lane. Music was by Lavonne Okleasik on piano, while the St. Lawrence Island Dancers and Drummers performed during intermissions. The Master of Ceremonies was George Walters while Mary Miller and four tourists acted as judges. Helpers were Lucy Richardson, Jane Perkins, Darryl Trigg and Jerome Trigg, Jr.

The pageant organizers wish to thank Arctic Native Brotherhood, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Nome Eskimo Community and Sitnasuak Native Corporation for their assistance. A special thanks to Betty Ann Michels for directing the contestants.

## By the way

AGLUKTUK is your newspaper. If you would like to write a story about something that is happening in your village, an interesting person or a wedding, graduation, etc., we will print it in AGLUKTUK. Please send any stories or black and white photos to AGLUKTUK, BSNC, Box 1008 Nome, Alaska 99762 or call 443-5252. We welcome any ideas which you may have which will improve the paper.

## WHERE ARE YOU? BSNC NEEDS CURRENT ADDRESSES FOR THE FOLLOWING STOCKHOLDERS:

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Marion Buamel  
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John Charles  
Michael Duane Charles  
Tracy Lee Cooper  
Edward Michael Cowger  
Bobbi Ann Craun  
Frances A. Dirks  
Gerald Drake  
Marion Ruth Eakon  
Collins Alfred Gonangnan II  
Miles Gonangnan II  
Marion Gongngnan  
Mary Hanson  
Matthew James Hartwick  
Susan Lori Hawk  
Marion Maxine Henry  
Norbert Lee Herman  
Julia Joanne Honeycutt  
Troy Lee Honeycutt  
Richard Edmond Hudson  
Phillip Edward Hunter  
Clariss A. Jones  
Gregory Lee Katchatag  
Helen Cheryl Katchatag  
Sandra Elizabeth Katchatag  
Gerald Jean Killarzoac  
Michaela Andrea Koweluk  
Vicki Lynn Kruse  
Janice Eileen Kugzruk  
Lydia Kugzruk  
Dagan Thomas Kunnuk  
Ryan Marshall Lant  
Lorraine Lupson  
Randy Scott Martin Jr.  
Irene Ann Martin  
Claudia T. Mayokok  
James Harvey McAlear II  
Ronald McGuire  
Richard Stanley Montgomery  
Thomas Keelick Octuck Jr.  
Thomas Keelick Octuck Sr.  
Eileen Robin Octuck  
Penny Toyogook Octuck  
Timothy Kevin Octuck  
Anna Sharon Okbaak  
Shirley Ollom  
John Carl Oman  
Reginald Lee Oman  
Paralee B. Oquillook  
Freida Oquillook  
Victor Oxereok  
Evelyn Kitty Pederson  
Stella Polaretzke  
Romana Prieto  
Martha Pungowiya  
Ebba Ramos  
John Albert Reimer  
Anna Agnes Riley  
Alden Roberts  
Gladys K. Rogers  
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