

Original Tanana Chiefs— **Article Reveals Minutes Of Chiefs' 1915 Meeting**

When the present organization of the Tanana Chiefs of Alaska organized in 1962, they mentioned in their incorporation that theirs was the first meeting of the Chiefs of the Tanana since 1915.

Today, the minutes of that original 1915 meeting are available in a fascinating article by Stanton H. Patty published this month in the Alaska Journal.

This fine quarterly on the history and arts of the North is published via the Alaska Historical Society. Unlike most scholarly publications, it is well written, lively, and includes priceless pictures of Alaska's past and present.

The spring edition of the quarterly this year features color pictorial study of the art of the school children of the village of Eek. The artwork done by the children in this small village at the mouth of the Kuskokwim has received wide attention of late. Last year, the Smithsonian Institution requested 200 works by Eek's young artists.

Paul Forrer, the teacher at Eek school, who is credited with an art program which encouraged this explosion of color and form, wrote the article for the Alaska Journal.

Accompanying his article are

twelve pages of reproductions of the colorful, bright, talented pictures produced by the children of this tiny village - along with snapshots of the young artists and their teachers.

Obviously, Eskimo children are capable of extraordinary art work with proper direction. The unstructured "happening" art program of the Eek school can provide a model for other village teachers.

Other articles of interest to native readers are a true story "A Seal for the Government"—a tiny incident which occurred during the five year reindeer trek from Alaska through Canada in 1930 to 1935.

This is a story about the generosity of the Eskimo people in Alaska and their way of life during a bad winter.

The Alaska Journal is a new publication of impressively high quality. Their Spring 1971 volume is only the second of what promises to be a fine magazine.

Copies can be bought at the present time at newstands in Alaska and the Northwest Territories and subscriptions can be ordered for the quarterly from the Alaska Northwest Publishing Co., Box 4-EEE, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 for \$7 per year.