

# Chevak Airstrip Completed

## Flying Boxcars, Ski and Wheeled Will Use It

JUNEAU — A new landing strip 100 feet wide and 2,500 feet long has been completed at Chevak, 120 miles northwest of Bethel, along with a large airport parking apron and an access road to the village.

Ski and wheeled aircraft, including the C-82 "flying boxcar" type, are using the new facilities to provide passenger and freight service.

The airport work was done by Studnek Construction Company of Anchorage, with the runway project consisting of overlaying tundra to construct an embankment, shaping and erosion pre-

ventive work, and grading. It was completed in 60 days.

The runway embankment averages 10 feet higher in elevation than surrounding terrain, a Department of Public Works spokesman said, eliminating the problem of snowdrifts caused by the area's high winds.

The new strip will have to be closed next spring to allow for subsidence and drainage of the overlay material.

Regrading and seeding, which will produce the soil stability needed for year-round operation, will be completed as soon after breakup as possible.