

# Village of Chalkyitsik Had Varied Holidays Events

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**CHALKYITSIK** (Special)—The holiday season starts on Thanksgiving Day in Chalkyitsik, and this year was no different with the villagers gathering in the community hall for the traditional Thanksgiving "potlatch."

There was a dance later on in the evening which is just a warm up for the festivities during Christmas and New Years.

The Villagers would like to thank the Lions Club, the Alaska State Troopers, and Fairbanks Air Service for the food and clothing for the villagers of Chalkyitsik. This was brought in just prior to the Christmas

Holiday and was enjoyed by all here.

New Years Eve, there was church services at midnight, then refreshments were served at the Chief's house. There were a few scattered shots to herald the arrival of the new year, then a dance was held at the community hall.

Charlie Peter, had arrived from Ft. Yukon to play the violin. Our other visitor was Daniel Horace.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner was served at the Chief's house for the villagers, and a dance was held during the evening. There was another potlatch and dance on January 2, 1972.

On January 3, 1972 a mass

meeting was held to elect a new council. Elected as Chief was William B. Fredson. Second Chief is Richard Martin.

Council Advisor is Joe L. Herbert. Secretary/Treasurer is Helen Thomas, and Council Marshal is Jim Biddle. Elected as Chairman was Abraham Henry.

On January 4 at a mass meeting the women held their elections, and elected as Chief was Bella Francis. Second Chief is Alice Fredson. Secretary is Doris Begay, and Treasurer is Minnie Salmon.

A dance for the new Chiefs and Council was held later in the evening, and a potlatch was held in the community hall on January 5, 1972.