

## Small Business Tax Booklet Out

A new booklet, "Taxation: A Key Factor in Business Decisions," to aid owners and managers of small businesses, was issued last week by the Small Business Administration.

The booklet may be purchased for \$1.25 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20302.

## Famed Stick Dance Staged at Nulato

The village of Nulato held a conference of 21 villages from the Koyukuk, Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers last Monday. The special event that awaited some of the delegates that remained till Friday, today, was the performance of the famous Stick Dance put on by the Atha-

basean Indians.

The Stick Dance was the climax of five days of potlatches, or feasts, put on for the many visitors from villages and towns and cities.

The Stick Dance is a gala tradition native to the area and it is held only every two or three years. It is followed by the Masked Dance, another tradition also native to the area.

Writing about the event, David LaPorte wrote to the Tundra Times:

"The Stick Dance requires much preparation and is most expensive to put on. It is held to pay tribute to certain individuals that helped in the burials and funerals of the recent past.

"This year, six different people will be thus honored. These individuals will be completely dressed in new clothes and furs by those sponsoring the dance. The donning of the new clothes is the climax to 20 hours of continuous native songs and dances.

"Nearby villages will be left vacated as people from miles around come to witness the Stick Dance. Many others from Fairbanks and Anchorage have been expected to be in attendance.

"The celebrations will wind up by the 23rd of January, a week after it all began."

## Village of Chalkyitsik Initiates Unique Council

CHALKYITSIK—The village on Chalkyitsik on the Black River just North of Fort Yukon has initiated a new form in village council government.

The small Indian community at their recent annual elections approved a plan whereby only the first chief and second chief are elected, and the remainder appointed by the two elected officials. The idea behind this novel approach is that the council will work together better.

An additional stipulation made was that any council member could be fired for misconduct of office.

Elected chief was Joe Herbert and second chief was Charles Thomas.

Appointed to the council was former chief, Paul Ben Thomas; Thomas Williams, treasurer; Wayne Williams, secretary; Edison Peter,

council marshall; and Bill Fredson, chairman.

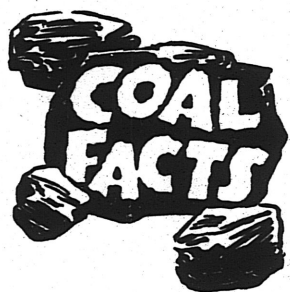
The council will hold office for the 1967 centennial year.

In other Chalkyitsik news a total of \$306.63 has been raised for the Fairbanks field trip for Chalkyitsik children, according to the Chalkyitsik Newspaper.

The children are earning money, money is being raised by community fund raising projects, and by subscriptions to the Chalkyitsik Newspaper at \$2 per year.

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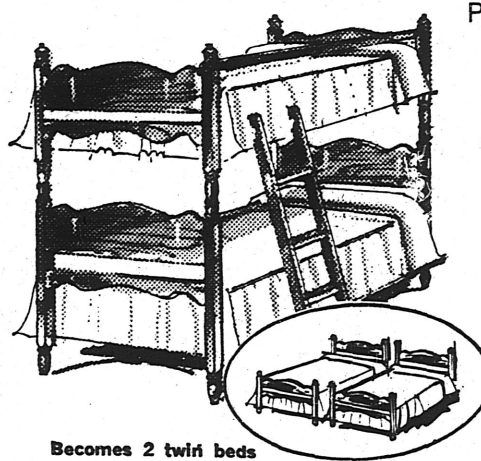
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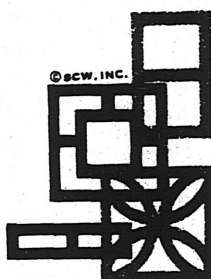
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