

## ***Editorial—***

# **Potlatch to Remember**

The Fairbanks Native Association members have every right to stick their chests out a little farther this year. The great potlatch they put on last Saturday was a resounding success which many people will never forget.

The estimate of 3,500 people thronged into the confines of the big Fairbanks Lathrop High School, Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and great many of their white friends. There was an easy atmosphere of good fellowship throughout attesting to the fact that there was a fine rapport of getting along together.

The FNA potlatch—the big feast—has become much more than that. It has become a fine setting for getting acquainted among different ethnic groups and the white people. It is a setting for exchanges of cultural facts of the native people of Alaska. The presentations of these things before the throng have met with the genuineness of a pleasurable reaction and response. This has shown the public that the native people in presenting their fine cultural facts can produce fine shows the qualities of which met with fine public approval.

In its five years of annual potlatch presentations, the FNA has steadily improved on each insuring future successes and establishing at the same time a tradition that will be looked forward to in years beyond.

We laud FNA for its fine presentation—the annual Potlatch. We laud the members also for utilizing the money they realize for scholarships for native students and for other unselfish purposes.