

# T-H Credit Union Expands

JUNEAU—The Tlingit & Haida Federal Credit Union is expanding its lending capacity

for its members. It was announced recently by the Tlingit & Haida Central Council.

The Tlingit & Haida Federal Credit Union will now be able to extend loans to eligible members to purchase new or used cars, or, new or used boats or motors.

John Ebona, the Tlingit & Haida Credit Union manager said the shift in policy is now in effect.

"Previously, we'd been able

to extend only personal loans, now, members on approved credit may borrow from the Tlingit & Haida Credit Union to purchase new or used automobiles, or, new or used watercraft or motors," Ebona said.

He also said, "while the limits for loans are increased the basic screening process will be observed, and that he was pleased that this policy was established and that he felt it would help the more than 3,000 members to acquire cars, boats or motors as well as personal loans.

"The Tlingit & Haida Credit Union is hoping that this action will spur investments by its members and other Tlingits and Haidas would join."

He said that the exact details are available at his office which is located at 114 South Franklin Street.

# Five Perish in Fires

Five fire deaths marred Alaska's Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, in three separate incidents.

On Oct. 5, a fire-related death occurred in Fairbanks which was caused by smoking in bed. Oct. 8 saw the death of two youngsters in an Anchorage mobile home fire with the probable cause being the children playing with matches. And, sometime around Oct. 10, two people died in a Bethel home fire whose cause is still unknown.

These five fire fatalities bring Alaska's 1975 fire death total to 27. "Tragically, all of these

fires were preventable," said Ron Hendrie, state fire marshal, Department of Public Safety.

"Matches and lighters can be kept away from small children; older children can be taught the safe use of these articles. Smoking in bed is as senseless as driving and drinking."

With cold weather upon us, Hendrie reminded Alaskans to remember that fire is a chemical combination of heat, fuel and oxygen. "Your good common sense can prevent the oftentimes fatal combination of these three elements," he concluded.