

# President's Profile

Myrtle Johnson of Nome is the current president of CEDC of Alaska's board of directors. Elected in December of 1978 at the Annual Meeting, her term of office expires at this year's Annual Meeting December 6th. Mrs. Johnson has been on CEDC's board of directors since 1973 as a representative of the Northwest Skin Sewers Association. During this time she has held the offices of Recording Secretary in 1973, 1974, and again in 1978; Vice President in 1975; and Treasurer in 1976 and 1977. In addition to her duties as president, she also represents CEDC as the Community Council Representative for the National Congress for Community Economic Development and is a member of the board of directors of CEDC Sales, Inc. which owns and manages the Alaska Commercial Company.

During her term as president the corporation has approved investments in eight new projects totaling over \$2,044,800. An additional \$673,524 was loaned to existing CEDC ventures during the year and feasibility studies were approved for eleven new projects. The corporation also received \$450,000 in additional funds for housing demonstration programs, technical assistance programs, and for administration to another organ-



ization to establish and Local Community Development Corporation.

Mrs. Johnson is active in several organizations in the Nome community including the Nome Mushers Club, Arctic Native Brotherhood, Northwest Skin Sewers, Northwest Herders Association, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Sitnasuak Corporation, Bering Straits Federal Credit Union, and the Nome Eskimo Community. She works as the Special Assistant to the Governor for the Nome area and is also the Nome area representative for Senator Stevens.

While concluding her term as President, Mrs. Johnson will continue as a member of the Executive Committee which enables the corporation to benefit from her knowledge and experience.