



Dewey Gozmarc, age seven, smiles broadly after meeting Santa Claus at the Cook Inlet Native Association Christmas party. For more photos of the festivities, see Page 3.

# Santa claus pays a visit to CINA youngsters

Thanks to the efforts of the many people in the Anchorage Native community, the Cook Inlet Native Association's annual Christmas party was a success. According to Mae Stanley, who along with Henrietta Hanson organized the party for CINA, some 450 people, including children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and Santa Claus, came to the party.

There, they feasted on chicken purchased with CINA bingo funds, watched, yelled and screamed at a puppet show staged by Jim Henderson, and sang Christmas carols. Of course, Santa passed out plenty of candy canes to everybody, and his helpers passed out gifts.

"It was very successful," said Stanley. "Everyone helped. With only a two person operation, we couldn't do it without help." Youth and senior groups joined in, along with parents and others interested. The CINA Bingo Hall had to be decorated, the gifts, also purchased with bingo money, had to be selected and wrapped.



Lynette Silk, her children, and others nearby enjoy the visit of a candy-giving Santa.

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The party gave many the opportunity to meet new people. Here, Irene Dundas (left) her son, Francis the Third, and husband Fred admire Star Gaven Silk, the child of Doug and Lynette Silk.



After finishing off one of the 300 pieces of chicken served, Tony Hall tackled his cake.



"Who is this strange person?" Janice Smith seems to wonder as Santa gives her candy.



When Jim Henderson put on a Christmas puppet show, he made many happy faces.