

PARENT CHILD CENTER FUNDED FOR 1974



CHILD CENTER—Pictured are a few of the children served by the Parent Child Center located in Hoonah. RurAL CAP's other PCC is located in Kotzebue.

HEW \$185,520 Grant To Finance Centers at Kotzebue and Hoonah

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. has been awarded a grant of \$185,520 from the Department of Health, Education, & Welfare to operate Parent Child Centers in Kotzebue and Hoonah, Alaska. The awarding of this grant will mark the sixth year that RurAL CAP, through its department of Child Development, has operated these two centers.

Parent Child Centers provide activities for the entire family. Day care is available for infants from birth until the child is ready to enter Head Start, kindergarten, or first grade. Parent participation in the program is mandatory for child care services.

Parents volunteer their time by assisting in the center in activities for the children including parties for special occasions such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, etc. Family potluck suppers are held once each week, and are very well attended.

Both Parent Child Centers sponsor a Teen Center, which is operated by the teen-agers of the community and assisted by an

adult advisory board. The Kotzebue Teen Center has its own building, for which materials were provided by local businessmen. The building was erected by community volunteers.

Educational courses are available for anyone interested with assistance given by local school officials.

Mothers have evening sessions during which they wash, cut, and set each other's hair, and give each other home permanents.

Those fathers who are courageous enough can get free haircuts, play pool, or watch television. Instructions in knitting, crocheting, weaving, embroidery, skin sewing, bead work, basket making are offered, thus providing a lengthy program of activities for all members of the family.