

# Copper River Natives hold annual meeting

Harry Johns Sr., a 70-year-old Copper Center resident, was named President of the Copper River Native Association on November 11 at the association's annual meeting in the Copper Center Hall.

The meeting was attended by a large crowd. During a buffet lunch, entertainment was provided by children who performed traditional Native dances.

Mr. Johns later lead the crowd in giving a hand of ap-

plause to outgoing President Robert Marshall, in recognition of the work he has done for his people.

Markle Ewan, Sr., of Gulkana received an award from Copper River Native Association Executive Director Trish Ravsten for his outstanding service to the Native community.

At the meeting, Roger Ewan of Gakona was elected vice president of the association. Lorraine Gordon of Kenny Lake

was elected secretary, and Lorraine Jackson of Gakona was named treasurer.

This year's board members are: Maggie Oliver of Cantwell; Kathy Sanford of Chistochina; Walter Charley of Chitina; Jake Miller of Copper Center; Harold Gene of Gakona; Markle Ewan Sr., of Gulkana, Lee Nickolai of Mentasta, and Herbert Smelcer of Tazlina.

Speakers at the annual meeting included Roy Peratovich of

the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office in Anchorage; Bob Utokia of the BIA Employment Assistance Office; and Richard Lundy of the BIA Tribal Operations Department.

Paul Pearson of the Alaska Federation of Natives was also a speaker.

All Copper River Basin members of the Native community are encouraged to participate in the association's annual meetings.



**HARRY JOHNS, SR.**

## ***A time for dancing. . . .***

The Copper River Native Association's annual meeting offered a time for young and old to get together.

## ***. . . .and for talking***

Even the Sesame Street set got into the hang of traditional Native dancing at the Copper River Native Association's annual meeting.

