

Assessment of Parent- Child Center in Hoonah

An assessment of the Parent-Child Center in Hoonah was made recently by Mrs. Barbara Mahler, Director of the Child Development Laboratory, Chico State University in California.

Miss Peggy Sherman, Director of Child Development for RurAL CAP, accompanied Mrs. Mahler on the visit in mid-July.

The PCC is now housed in the new Hoonah Community Center which was built by villagers and completed this last year.

The Center, which has been in operation since early 1969, offers care and activity for children from infancy to four years of age.

Aimed specifically at families with working parents, it is open

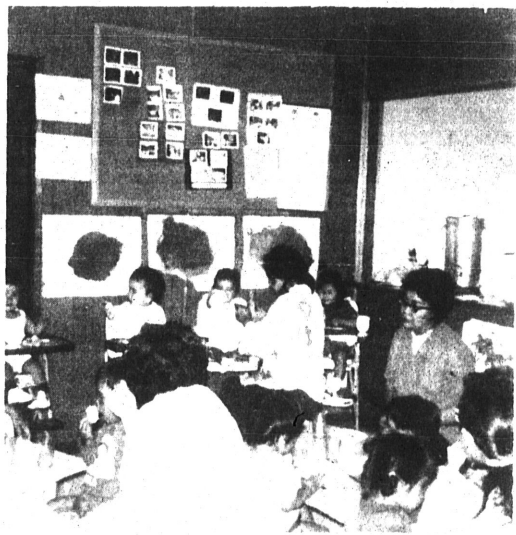
for 9½ hours a day, five days a week.

Activities for the children include playing on swings and slides; singing, dancing and playing rhythm band instruments.

Also, learning words through card pictures, Tlingit language, numbers and colors, among other things such as playing with blocks, etc.

Mrs. Mahler commented that she was much impressed with the quality of the program and smoothness of operation by the staff, as well as the scope of activities.

Kotzebue also has a Parent-Child Center, operated by RurAL CAP under its state-wide Head Start program for the rural areas.



LUNCH FOR LITTLE ONES — Observing at far right, center, is Ruth James, Director of the Hoonah PCC, as her staff helps the children at snack time.