

# GGG Alcoholism Workshop Meeting

Gwitcha Gwithcin Ginhkye, the non-profit Native organization serving the Yukon Flats area, had its first regional alcoholism workshop and board meeting April 16-19 in Arctic Village.

The 3-G's and the Upper Yukon Development Corporation merged earlier in the year in order to consolidate and avoid duplication of services to approximately eleven villages in that area.

The purpose of the regional alcoholism workshop, which was chaired by Alcoholism Counselor Harry Fields, was to strengthen the village participation in the way of cross-exchange of village problems and needs, training, and education in the alcoholism/drug abuse field.

Representatives were present from eight villages, the Fairbanks Native Association, the Alaska Native Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ANCADA), the Fort Yukon Family and Children Services, the 3-G's, and RurAL CAP central office.

The Board meeting, which coincided with the village's Spring Carnival, elected new officers: Jonathan Sloman—President; Paul Williams—Vice President and Chairman; Gidson Jones—Secretary/Treasurer; and Clyde May—Sergeant-at-Arms. The 3-G's new board

representative to Community Enterprise Development Corporation will be Louie John from Circle.

During the past quarter, the staff has been involved with: SSI/Elderly needs assessment

survey, Fort Yukon General Assistance, RurAL CAP Energy program, and extensive proposal writing, as well as the on-going program. Individual community reports were given by the representatives with the staff well aware of each village situation.