## Elderly discuss solutions to common problems

COPPER CENTER—Older people from eight Copper Basin communities met here

July 20 to discuss the problems of the elderly.

They were:

Henry Peters of Cantwell; Mary and Howard Sanford of Chistochina; Lucille Brenwick and Sophia Lincoln of Copper Center; Millie Buck, Mae Marshall, Ruth Taylor, and Mary and William T. Wood of Glennallen; Markle Ewan, Sr. of Gulkana; Keith Murray and Ferne and Keath Swisher of Kenny Lake; Martha Goodlataw of Lower Tonsina, and Walya Hobson of Tazlina.

The group agreed that physical and psychological isolation are major problems in Interior Alaska, and formed five committees to help cope with the prob-

lems of growing old. Martha Goodlataw chairs the activities committee. Eileen Ewan heads program planning. Mae Marshall chairs nutrition. Keith Murray will handle correspondence. And Ferne Swisher and Lucille Brenwick will work in crafts.

The group chose Lucille Brenwick as president, Keath Swisher as vice president, Martha Goodlataw as secretary, and Ferne Swisher as treasurer.

Future group meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month.

The program is funded through the Copper River Native Association, and is open mainly to local residents over 55.