

# Chiefs Education-

## *Laughlin Named Head of TCEC*

Using all educational aspects to suit the needs of Native people and conforming existing educational systems to Natives are the basic goals named by the new Tanana Chiefs Education Committee.

These and other achievements were the subjects of the first meetings held last Wednesday through Friday. Elected to head the TCEC was Eleanor Laughlin. Other officers are Henry Deacon, vice chairman, Darlene Billings, secretary and Mitch Demientieff, treasurer.

Questions the committee would like people to consider, according to Mrs. Laughlin, whether or not the schools are serving the children's needs, if courses taught in school are designed to insure a sense of independence and identity, if TCC should organize a screening committee for selection of teachers applying for the villages and if a training program for village councilmen is needed.

Various guests participated in the three-day sessions. Included were Dr. Marshall Lind, commissioner of education; Jim Harper, director of the Alaska Boarding Home Program; Bill Vaudrin, Alaska State Operated Schools community liaison representative and David Osterback, SOS school board training program.

Other participants were Frederick Fisher and Clayton McDowall, BIA Educational Specialists; Woody Morrison, statewide project director for

Alaskan Student Higher Education Services; Oscar Kawagley, State Boarding Home Program supervisor; Betty Magnuson, Gaye Billington and Colleen Redman, Fairbanks Boarding Home Program and Emma Widmark, Fairbanks Native Association Education.

The committee was formed and appointed by the delegates during September's TCC convention to establish the stated goals and objectives.

With another meeting tentatively scheduled for January, the education committee hopes to see the formation of an Educational Foundation for TCC region, said Mrs. Laughlin.