

**To Provide Dental Services—**

# **CV-TDC Contracts With Dr. Wolverton**

The Copper Valley-Tanana Development Corporation has contracted with Dennis Wolverton, D.M.D., to provide dental services to twelve villages in that region.

Dr. Wolverton began training on September 11 for two auxiliaries to assist him in educating the people in nutritional and dietary aspects of oral hygiene. Emphasis of the program is on preventive rather than restorative dentistry.

The one-year nutritional-dental program has been funded to RurAL CAP by the Office of Economic opportunity and is designed to give the dentist a base from which to develop a private practice, thus making it possible for him to remain permanently in this area.

The twelve villages which will receive services are Tok, Eagle, Tanacross, Dot Lake, Northway, Tetlin, Mentasta, Chistochina,

Gulkana-Gakona, Copper Center, Glennallen and Kenny Lake. It is planned that they will be visited at least three times during the next year.

Paul Davis, Regional Director of the Copper Valley-Tanana Development Corporation commented that the only problem they could foresee was the shortage of money for laboratory fees and that they were seeking ways to obtain more lab work for the small amount of money available at present. They are also looking for additional funds he said.

Dr. Wolverton graduated from the University of Oregon Dental School in 1970 and worked for short time in a dental partnership before coming to Alaska. His wife, Sue, and their children, Lou, age 7 and Jason, age 2, are now in Glennallen and plan to make it their home for several years.



**RESIDENT DENTIST IN GLENNALLEN** — Shown at left, is Dennis Wolverton, D.M.D., who has been hired by the Copper Valley-Tanana Development Corporation to provide services to 12 villages in their region. Being trained as auxiliaries to assist in educating residents in nutritional and dietary aspects of oral hygiene are, center, Adeline John from Tok, and Mildred Buck from Glennallen.