

# Pre-school for Tots Formed by Nenana Mothers

Several Nenana mothers, with help and encouragement from Mrs. Phyllis Alexander Adams, met together recently to plan a program for pre-school children three to five years of age.

Mrs. Adams, a University of Alaska graduate teacher, volunteered her services as the teacher to launch the project, and with the assistance of two mothers, the pre-schoolers meet from one to three in the afternoon each Tuesday and Thursday.

The children, numbering between 10 and 12, are presently learning numbers, letters of the alphabet, how to share and play together, preparing them for their entrance into firstgrade.

The program started when a need for preparing children for public school was recognized. The mothers pay \$1.00 a month per child, help the teacher, donate toys and materials. The school is held in the Episcopal Parish Hall for a token rent to help with heat and lights.

The Nenana Native Council has agreed to donate Bingo proceeds one night a month to the school and a benefit raffle has been held, so it is hoped that it will be possible to continue this important project.

Mrs. Edna Ketzler is president of the Mothers group, Jane Burke, vice-president, Mrs. Jessie Brown, treasurer and Mrs. Bonnie Reed, secretary. The mothers meet with the teacher the first and third Mondays of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Parish Hall.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program may contact any of the officers above, call 832-5857 or write to Nenana Pre-schoolers, Box 354, Nenana, Alaska 99760.