



DAY-CARE CENTER—Kotzebue is enjoying the distinction of being the northernmost child day-care center in the United States. Recently licensed by the State Government, the center has a capacity for about 25 children. The center was started by Frank Keim. He is planning to work for a doctorate in applied anthropology at the University of Alaska. Tom Fields, Kotzebue resident, will be in charge of the center. Shown in the picture are nine bright-eyed youngsters at the Kotzebue center.

Kotzebue Northernmost Day-Care Center in U.S.

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller announced that a license has been granted to the northernmost child day-care center in the United States—Kotzebue, Alaska.

The center has a capacity of approximately 25 children and has three full-time child aides, a New York City girl, and volunteer helpers during busy days. A cook prepares a hot breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Frank Keim, who began the center, will be leaving shortly to work on a doctorate in applied anthropology at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. He will

turn the operation over to Tom Fields, a Kotzebue resident.

Keim has had a keen personal interest in this day-care center because, he says, "it is the first attempt this far north to introduce the new ideas of early education at the pre-Head Start level."

As for having a man around the young children, Keim feels most definitely that such a thing is to be desired, "because children very often see only women in the day-care years and lower grades, and the boys, as a result, sometimes find it hard to identify with schoolroom activities."

Tom Fields, the new manager who recently completed two months of intensive training in Sitka and Nome, agrees with Keim's philosophy and says that although he has a great deal to learn about children and day-care, he will do his best to always remain as sensitive as possible to the developing needs of the children.