

# 1966 POTLATCH SCENES TO BE REPEATED TONIGHT

The annual Fairbanks Native Association potlatch at 5 p.m. tonight will offer displays of the full range of Alaskan dancing, from traditional tribal dances to the latest imports from the Lower 48.

Open to the general public for the first time, the potlatch will be held in the Monroe High School gymnasium. Tickets are \$2.50.

In addition to the Native dances, the potlatch will offer a wide selection of Native foods, such as beaver tail, muktuk, roast moose and Eskimo ice cream.

Native arts and crafts will be on sale in a booth at the potlatch.

The potlatch is held each year in conjunction with the North American Sled Dog Championships and provides a place for village and city residents to renew old acquaintances.

About 800 people attended last year. This year, only persons over 16 years of age are being admitted due to space limitations.

Many authentic costumes will be worn to add to the color of the celebration.

Miss Tundra Times - Toni Evans of Rampart - will sell subscriptions at the potlatch. Purchasers will get a free photo of themselves with Miss Tundra Times or with their dates.

## Makes Changes

A reorganization has been made in the top positions in the State Division of Aviation in an effort to aid the airport construction program.

Four positions were eliminated and three new ones created, to which the specific responsibilities for airport planning, design, and construction have been assigned.

Persons assigned to the three new positions are: Clayton Heuners, Chief Airport Design Engineer; Ed Granger, Chief of Airport Planning; and James Moody, Chief Construction Engineer. All transferred from the jobs eliminated.

These new positions will be under the direct supervision of Director of Aviation, David J. Harman.

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## Complete School

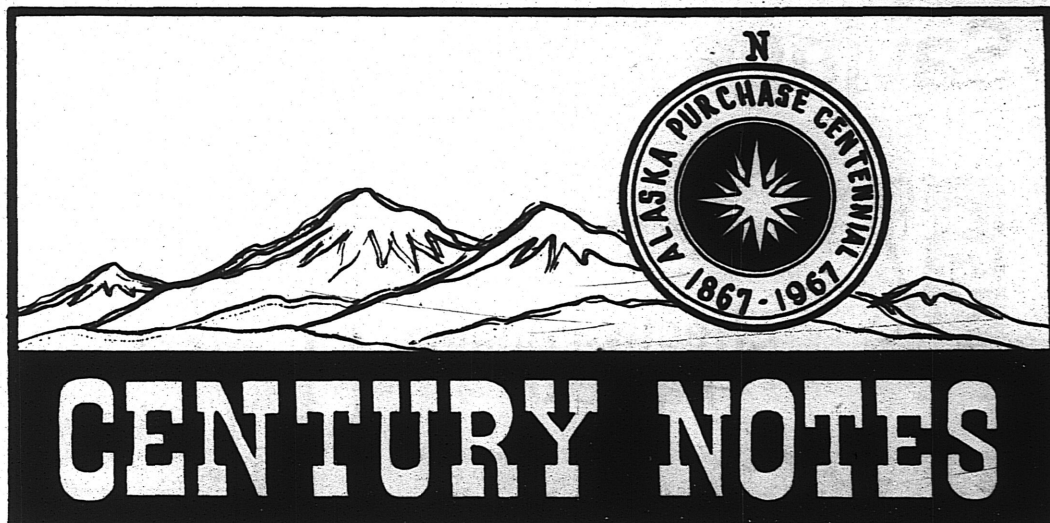
A complete school in 18 packages for the village of Chalkyitsik arrived in Fairbanks this week.

The two-classroom Bureau of Indian Affairs school will replace a one-classroom log building presently in use in the village. The packages also provide quarters for two teachers.

Preliminary carpentry work on the school was done in Seattle. All parts were then packed in 18 railcar containers shipped to Alaska by the Alaska Steamship Company.

The containers were brought to Fairbanks by the Alaska Railroad, and the parts will be flown to Chalkyitsik by the Fairbanks Air Service. The airlift will start as soon as a landing site can be cleared at the village--hopefully this weekend.

The school will be assembled at the village, and the BIA hopes to have it in operation next fall. Labor from the village will be used whenever possible.



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-Don Wright, brother of famed Fairbanks musher Gareth, has assumed the role of coordinator for the Native Cultural Exhibit sponsored by the Cook Inlet Native Association in Anchorage.

-The U.S. Army Field Band, a most prestigious musical ensemble of some 110 men, will come from Washington, D.C. to play in Alaska August 23, through September 2. Concerts are set tentatively for Anchorage, Fairbanks, Fort Greely and Juneau.

-The iridium which is being considered for a limited number of the mint struck medallions, is a by-product of platinum mining. Non-soluble in acid, the metal has many unique uses, among them, fine writing points. It reportedly sells for \$180 an ounce and will come from Alaska's own Good News Bay.

-The U.S. Army's Big Picture documentary film on Alaska, which had a special pre-view during Rendezvous in Anchorage, had its nationwide release Tuesday, March 14th. The picture was in color and sound and ran for 30 minutes.

-Hoonah, which boasts being the largest Tlingit Indian village in Southeast Alaska, will continue a town beautification campaign throughout the Centennial year. Launched last year by the Hoonah Lions Club, the project will include a picnic area constructed in joint effort with the U.S. Forest Service.

-An old railroad engine doing useful but un-trainly duty at Nome as fill for the seawall these last 15 years is to be resurrected by Pioneer Herb Engstrom, assisted by the city and

chamber of commerce. It will be sandblasted, painted and redignified with its old identity; Seward Peninsula Railroad. The old chugger ran between Nome and Anvil Creek, over the hill to Dexter to Salmon Lake and the Kougarok Mining region some 30 miles or so inland from the coastal fogs. Charles Lane of the wild Goose Mining interest put it into service originally.

-A rare bird is being wooed to participate in the Aviation Show at Anchorage in June. A "Pilgrim," low-wing single engine mono-plane built by Fairchild about 1932 for American Airlines, is still doing duty for a fishing company out of Yakutat. Its old virtue of carrying much weight on one engine is still an advantage to the concern which is having the machine overhauled in Seattle at present.