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## Tanana Chiefs' DNH Corp, Launches Riverboat 'Tanana Chief'

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In the early days of Alaska, the arrival of the riverboat in a community meant supplies, news of the outside world, excitement, and often, survival.

The great rivers of Alaska were a major means of trans-portation and it is no accident that most of the inland cities and villages sprang up along riverbanks.

Along came the airplane and the great days of the riverboats waned. They became, by and large, tourist attractions.

A new company of the DNH Corporation, a profit-making branch of the Tanana Chiefs' organization is reviving the old but practical tradition of river-

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our new store, too!! THE FLOWER BASKET Gavora Mall, Fairbanks 452-3246 Yukon Transportation, Inc. operates a freight venture along the Yukon River, hauling bulk cargo between Galena, Nenana, Tanana, Nulato, and points along the way.

The TANANA CHIEF, bought in Juneau, formerly carried passengers up the Stiking River. The Boat is 65 feet

carried passengers up the statute River. The Boat is 65 feet long and about 30 feet wide. It pushes a large barge ahead of it, loaded with freight.

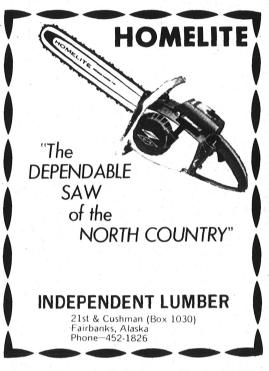
Captain Ted Dietrich was born in Tanana and is no born in Tanana and is no stranger to the river. Tim Wallis calls him the "Huck Finn of the Vision" Yukon.

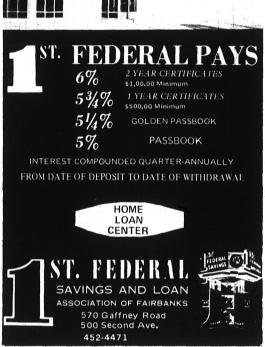
The crew of seven is all Native with the exception of the Native with the exception of the engineer. The hauling season is 120 days and the primary cargo is bulk fuel. However, the TANANA CHIEF can haul a variety of products and is presently on its way to Galena with a large house trailer on

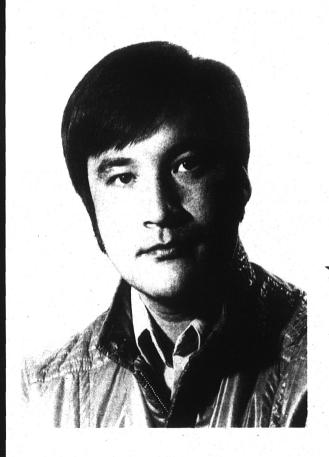
the barge.

Wallis says that Wallis says that rates are lower than air freight and he believes the company has a great potential, as it will be some potential, as it time before roads go into many









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