

# Chiefs . . .

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does not fall into the hands of a few people living in Fairbanks. If a certain portion of stockholders reside in villages, a certain portion of board of director members must reside in villages.

IBM or General Motors stockholders own shares of stock that hopefully produce a dollar return. Shareholders in Tanana Chiefs, DNH Corp., and DOYON Ltd., have a share in a larger meaning of "return on investment".

At the close of the book, "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand, John Galt, the hero faces a valley full of people and draws in the air with his hand the symbol of the dollar.

That symbol has been clearly drawn by the Congress of the United States over the heads of the Athabaskan people.

"On the trip to Washington, D.C., and to Toronto, Canada, two weeks ago," said John Sackett, "I saw what big business is, huge and powerful and helpful, it can be made to assist our people."



ONE CONVENTION OR TWO? — Horace Biederman of Eagle raised the question: To which AFN Convention will Tanana Chiefs Conference send its delegates — the one called

by deposed president Don Wright, Dec. 15-18 at Wildwood or the official AFN, Inc. Convention in Anchorage, Oct. 26-28?

— Photo by FRANK MURPHY

## CORRECTION

The ad which appeared in last week's Tundra Times on page 7 for Larry Peterson, Democrat, was NOT paid for by Donald Peters but by the Committee to Elect Peterson.

## Chilkat Indians . .

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today. Brochures illustrating Svenson's medal and the entire Society Collection can be ob-



SCULPTOR JOHN EDWARD SVENSON of Green Valley Lake, California, is the 86th American artist since 1930 to have his original bas-relief sculpture issued as a high-relief art medal in bronze by The Society of Medalists.

tained free of charge by writing Mrs. Mary Louise Cram, Executive Secretary, The Society of Medalists, 35 West Branch Road, Weston, Connecticut 06880.

The obverse of the Chilkat Indian designs show the chieftain in ceremonial headdress with a carved wooden frontispiece overlaid with ermine pelts. The reverse shows the famous Klukwan house post depicting the Strong Boy legend.

To the left is the Cannibal Mask and on the right the Bear Dance Mask. In the background the tribe's intricate and rare dance blanket can be seen. The unique medal was struck by the Medallie Art Company of Danbury, Connecticut.

John Svenson was born in Los Angeles, California, in 1923. After serving in World War II in Africa and Italy, he studied sculpture under Albert Stewart at the Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, California, and became personal assistant to Mr. Stewart.

He is a Fellow in the National Sculpture Society, on the Board of Trustees for Alaskan Indian Arts in Port Chilkoot, Alaska, and Art Consultant to the Los Angeles County Fair Association. He has taught sculpture in California and Alaska.

In both 1957 and 1961, Mr. Svenson received the American Institute of Architecture Award for Excellence in Sculpture. In addition, he has been awarded numerous prizes in shows over the past twenty years. His work has been shown in galleries throughout the United States.

He has been commissioned to create more than fifty architectural sculptures for major businesses, parks, malls and churches, and has several hundred smaller sculptures in private collections.

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