

# AFN Housing

George Irvin, Trainer and Conrad Baines, Program specialist of Rural CAP, recently attended the board meetings of the Inupiak Regional Development Corporation and the Bering Straits Native Association April 6 - 9.

Mike Jones, Housing Specialist, State Economic Opportunity Office, gave an excellent presentation about housing programs, with emphasis on the Alaska Federation of Natives housing program and how regional organizations could assist the AFN in implementing such a huge project.

He outlined specific ways in which regional people could and should assist AFN.

John Tetpon, Deputy Director, AFN Housing Program, gave a one-hour presentation with questions and answers, on the AFN Housing Program, concentrating mainly on those Inupiak villages slated for construction during the next two years: Gambell, Unalakleet, and Teller for construction this year; Savoonga only site improvement this year and construction next year; and various other villages for next year.

Tetpon emphasized that the AFN intends to build good housing with excellent engineering and materials.

Mary Hartzell, Executive Director, YUT Housing Development Corporation in Bethel, gave a presentation on the experience of the YUT Corporation. She answered questions about her activities in Bethel, the composition of her board, its relationship to the regional development corporation and Native association.

The Inupiak Board concluded its business on Friday morning, April 7 and immediately, thereafter, Jerome Trigg called the Bering Straits Native Association meeting to order.

Newly elected officers of the Bering Straits Native Association were: President, Jerome Trigg; 1st Vice-President, Martin Olson; 2nd Vice-President, Fred Katchatag; Secretary, George Ashenfelter; Treasurer, Joe Pungowiyi; and Sergeant-At-Arms, Clarence Katchatag.