



MRS. SADIE NEAKOK of Barrow visits with Mr. John T. Westphal, Supervisory Teacher of the Technical Arts Department of Mt. Edgecumbe High School during her week on the campus.

Interesting Person Visits Edgecumbe

An interesting and inspiring visitor has been on the campus of Mt. Edgecumbe High School during the week of December 16th.

She is Mrs. Sadie Neakok, magistrate and social welfare worker of Barrow. Being brought here on funds allocated from the 89-10 federal funds. Mrs. Neakok says she is representing all the parents of students in Mt. Edgecumbe.

Mrs. Neakok is the mother of Ronald and Dan Neakok, students at Mt. Edgecumbe. She is an aunt of Virginia and Maggie Brower, Loretta Sakeagak, and to two graduates, Dale Stotts and Ronald Brower. Three other of the Neakok children have graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe.

Mrs. Neakok has been attending classes, visiting with students, speaking at an assembly, and sharing dorm life with the girls.

"Why am I here? she countered when asked by a student. "I am here by invitation of Mr. Welch. I have known and worked with Mr. Welch a long time. I am here to encourage the students about the value of an education."

In regard to the school, Mrs. Neakok reports that she is amazed at the fine way so many students get along, and how well they are doing.

She finds the dorm matrons have control over the areas needed in a boarding school, and the students have adopted the rules and are doing very well. How does she feel about Mt. Edgecumbe's being closed?

Her answer was, "I don't even want to think about Mt. Edgecumbe School closing. The buildings need improving, but I have no complaint about the education being offered to the

children."

Long a friend of Mt. Edgecumbe, Mrs. Neakok chaperoned seven children in 1936 from Barrow so they could attend the school when it was located in Eklutna. Here she worked as assistant to the dorm matron.

Since then she has graduated from the University of Alaska, taught school in Barrow, been appointed Social Welfare Worker with the Alaska Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and has been district magistrate of Barrow since 1960.