

Villagers Interview Nome Judge



MOUNTAIN VILLAGE HEARING—Judge William H. Sanders, Nome, is seen addressing a village gathering on the subject of the fourth class city status of Mountain Village. Dec. 17 was set as the date for the villagers to vote whether to attain that status. From left to right: Judge Sanders, Andrew Brown, Chief of the village, Matty Peterson, Ignatius A. Beans, Sr., Johnny Sheppard, and Pete Peterson.



INTERVIEWING JUDGE—Elmer Beans and Martha Beans are busy interviewing Judge William H. Sanders who came from Nome to Mountain Village to see whether the village wishes to become a fourth class city.

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On November 17, Judge William H. Sanders presided at a hearing in Mountain Village.

The purpose of the hearing was to determine whether the people of Mountain Village should get the chance to vote on whether or not to become a fourth class city.

There were no spoken objections so he set Dec. 17 as the date for the voting.

In an interview before the hearing, Judge Sanders said he has two college degrees and has attended three universities to study law. He stated that a person must read everything he can if he is to become successful in the field of law.

He first came to Alaska in 1938 and worked in the fishing industry. After coming back from World War II, he returned to Alaska to practice law.

When questioned about his present work as a judge, he stated that he opens his office at 8:00 a.m. in the morning and makes a routine inspection of the building.

From 11:00 a.m. until noon, he is usually holding court. After lunch, he again holds court until about 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. After his court sessions close he spends much of his time doing office work.

In the evenings, he likes to go to clubs, attend group meetings and spend time with his family.

This was Judge Sanders' first trip to Mountain Village and he was sorry he couldn't have spent more time here.