

MIKE HARPER HIRED RurAL CAP EXEC. DIRECTOR

One of the most important actions taken by the RurAL CAP Board of Directors at their meeting last week in Anchorage was to hire Michael C. Harper as their new executive director to succeed John Shively, who resigned.

Originally employed by the agency in July, 1971, Harper started as Program Planner, and was hired by the Board of Directors as deputy director in May, 1972.

After attending the University of Alaska for two years, he was at the University of Georgia for three years, where he graduated with a BBA degree. He also served more than two years as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was assigned to Korea.

An Athabaskan born in Fairbanks, Harper is proud of his heritage, and is not only well qualified for this position, but he is tremendously interested in improving conditions of low income people in the rural areas.

He said there is much to be done and echoed the sentiments



NEW LEADER FOR POVERTY AGENCY — Michael C. Harper of Anchorage has been hired as Executive Director of Rural Alaska Community Action Program by the Board of Directors at their December meeting. Mr. Harper is the former deputy director of the agency.

of Board members who repeatedly stated that there will always be a need for an agency such as RurAL CAP.

The new director commented that informing people in all aspects of the Land Claims Settlement, and opening communi-

cation with other agencies to assist in economic and social development are all part of the community action program, and said that he planned to continue this work and would seek to expand and improve the the present programs.