



**NATIVE ARTISANS**—Under the Parental Visitation Program of the BIA, four native parents visited Mt. Edgecumbe recently and demonstrated their skills. Left to right: Weir Negovanna, Rhoda Westlake, Sam Fullmoon and Vincent Nageak.

## Edgecumbe Visitors Demonstrate Works

Four recent visitors at Mt. Edgecumbe School included: Mrs. Rhoda Westlake of Kiana, Vincent Nageak of Barrow, Weir Negovanna from Wainwright, and Sam Fullmoon of Twin Hills. The four visited Mt. Edgecumbe School under the Parental Visitation Program.

All four are expert in some facet of native crafts. While visiting Mt. Edgecumbe they spent considerable time demonstrating their talents to the students.

Mrs. Westlake was very much in demand in home economics classes where she displayed her skin sewing ability. Her daughter who is a student at Mt. Edgecumbe, was delighted to have her "Mom" as a guest.

Weir Negovanna has worked at many jobs during his life. He has been a hunter, a heavy equipment operator, and has also worked for the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Negovanna works with whale bone and ivory. The students and staff at Mt. Edgecumbe School were fortunate to have this talented gentleman at the school.

Sam Fullmoon, a resident of the new village of Twin Hills, is a lively, interesting person with a real interest in everything around him. Fullmoon is an expert ivory

carver.

During his visit at Mt. Edgecumbe he carved several lovely ivory rings. He has many interesting and amusing stories to relate about the Kuskokwim Bay region where he was born.

The fourth visitor, Vincent Nageak of Barrow, excels in the making of baleen baskets. When he was here at Mt. Edgecumbe, Mr. Nageak worked on a baleen basket so that the students could have the opportunity to see one being made.

Nageak is active in the civic and business life of his native Barrow.