

Rev. Sharing

RurAL CAP Regional Directors and representatives from regional boards and communities spent most of last Wednesday in a meeting with Bill Pritchard from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

At the meeting, the subjects of State and Federal Revenue Sharing, second class cities, and Regional Government were discussed.

Mr. Pritchard pointed out that questionnaires will be mailed to all incorporated municipalities by July 10. These must be completed and returned to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs no later than Oct. 15 if a community is to receive its share of the State Revenues during the coming year.

He also stressed the importance of in-kind contributions, when a community is showing how much support they have given to various programs.

On the topic of Regional Government, it was pointed out that the Legislature has the power to create Regional Government (Boroughs) throughout the state. A bill submitted a couple of years ago would have done that, but it did not pass.

Rural people should start thinking about the possibilities, however, and work with their development corporations to start long-range planning for Regional Government in the future.

According to Mike Harper, RurAL CAP Executive Director, "This was a good meeting, involving people from all over the state and we certainly want to thank the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, and Mr. Pritchard in particular for their assistance."