

Energy Planner-Coordinator for RurAL CAP

Mary Stachelrodt from Bethel has been hired as the Energy Planner-Coordinator for RurAL CAP, and will be implementing their recently funded Energy grant. Because many rural communities experience acute fuel shortage emergencies during 1973-74, RurAL CAP applied to the Office of Economic Opportunity for funds to assist these villages.

The \$100,000 grant involves a non-interest bearing revolving fund to provide immediate relief to help purchase fuel for communities with problems, and support in a variety of ways to villages choosing to install bulk storage tanks. It will provide a focus for planning and policy-making on a statewide basis.

Mrs. Stachelrodt worked with village corporations in the AVCP (Bethel) area last summer to install bulk storage tanks, and has dealt with Standard Oil, Ace Tank in Seattle, and CMG Equipment and Supply in Anchorage on those projects.

"We thought fuel prices in the bush were outrageous at \$60 for a 55 gallon drum," she commented, "but the most recent word is that it will be \$80 in March. This program is just one step in tackling the fuel shortage problem. Long range planning, such as bulk storage tank farms will bring the cost of the fuel product down to the consumer."

To obtain a loan, the coordinator explained that first of all, the community has to show the need, and if there are no other sources for an emergency loan,

then the community would contact Mrs. Stachelrodt in the RurAL CAP office, either by phone or letter.

With approval of the RurAL CAP Board of Directors' Executive Committee, and agreement is drawn up between

the Village Council or community. This procedure should be completed in several days.