

110 at Anchorage—

# Head Start Opens



PICTURED ABOVE — (left to right) Linda Pomeroy, Ruth Harrison, Bob Genevro, and Anchorage Head Start Coordinator, Susan Welsh.

Susan Welsh, coordinator of the Anchorage Head Start Program has reported that, after a very intensive recruitment effort including the assistance of Peter Martin, Jake Agibinik, Michelle Coleman, Dan Glick, Debbie Lane, and Reidun Gordon, along with Mary Budzeak, and June Macon, some Head Start parents, and other interested people of the Anchorage community, the results were outstanding.

The Anchorage Head Start Program wishes to express their gratitude for the time and work of all of these people as they went to all agencies that are related to low-income people as well as advertisements in newspapers, radio and television.

Miss Welsh says, "I feel we have a very well-planned program this year, but, I can foresee much more work to be done and a tremendous need for more parent involvement.

"We will be implementing a plan to help children while they are at home as well as in the Head Start classroom. This will be through the direction of Linda Pomeroy and Bob Genevro, the parent coordinators who are assisting the program under VISTA."

Head Start has three centers in Anchorage: Ptarmigan with one classroom provides for 26 children. Fairview, with one

classroom also, has 23 children and Scenic Park has three classrooms and a total of 69 children.

The staff would like to remind parents of Head Start children that there will be a parent orientation on Saturday, Sept. 28 and that volunteer work is badly needed.

A very important part of the Head Start Program is the health component. Ruth Harrison is the health coordinator with many skills to offer the children and parents of Head Start.

On the health agenda are such things as the establishment of an advisory committee, physicals for all students, along with a vital stress on nutrition and general health care. Mrs. Harrison is a registered nurse and received training in New York.

Roger Mooney, director of Head Start, says that he is "very proud of the staff and all other interested people who worked overtime and had so much enthusiasm to get the program off to a good start."



HEAD START — Some of the Head Start children of the rural villages.