

# **NEED ARCTIC POLICY: RASMUSON**

**ANCHORAGE (Special)** — Elmer Rasmuson, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, told an audience at the Abbott Loop School Wednesday evening that the United States "should have a definite Arctic policy.

"A policy is in effect for the Antarctic region, and has been for some time," Rasmuson said. "What we really need is a policy for our Arctic regions, where there is much more opportunity for development. That's where the people are and that's where the resources are.

Rasmuson said that development of the North, especially in Alaska, would have far-reaching benefits.

"We know there is a tremendous oil reserve there, and the mineral wealth of the Arctic has

not even been scratched," he said. "The orderly development of that area, through a combination of government and private programs, would unlock a veritable treasure chest for this nation and for Alaskans in particular."