

# NANA Board Holds Hearings—

## *Gathering Discusses Claims at Buckland and Deering*

The Northwest Alaska Native Association Board of Directors held hearings on the land claims legislation in the villages of Buckland and Deering on February 24 and 25.

Representatives of RurAL CAP traveled with the Board to assist in clarifying points of concern to the village people.

RurAL CAP representatives were: Mike Harper, Planner for

RurAL CAP; Bob Schaeffer, Regional Director for the Kikiktu-ruk Area Development Corp. and Willie Goodwin, Jr., Area Community Developer who aided the members of the NANA Board in the explanation of land selection, incorporating and finance.

An intensive question and answer session took place in each village. Committees were ap-

pointed consisting of village people who met separately to discuss housing, health and family services, local government, land selection, and education problems.

Robert Newlin from Noorvik translated the presentation into the language of the people. Discussion also took place on the enrollment contract with BIA and withdrawal of lands.