

# Winterization Programs Moving Again

With winter just around the corner, villages participating in RurAL CAP's weatherization program will be learning this month how to make their homes warmer.

The weatherization program supplies materials for winterizing homes, such as storm windows, weatherstripping, and insulation, to low-income homes in rural Alaska. This year, target areas are Brevig Mission, Elim, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref and Wales in the Bering Straits region and Ambler, Buckland, Kivalina, Kobuk, and Selawik in the NANA region. Materials have now arrived at these villages--the next step is installation by homeowners.

A workshop conducted by Tony Schuerch of Kotzebue is

being presented in each village to instruct homeowners in techniques of materials installation and energy conservation. Tony, an engineer and consultant, has experience with Arctic building conditions and can acquaint participants with special methods of weatherizing in cold climates.

Weatherization has a phenomenal impact in rural Alaska due to extremes of climate and fuel costs: warmer homes and lower fuel bills are two advantages of a weather-proof home. This month's workshops will provide homeowners with the basic skills needed to make the best use of the materials available and the knowledge of how to maintain an energy-efficient home.