

# SEACAP Holds Meeting at Haines

The board of directors for the Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program recently concluded a three day meeting in Haines. The session, held jointly with the Southeast Rural Development Council, addressed itself to the solution of several problems currently facing rural southeasterners.

Guest speakers included: John Borbridge, Jr., president of Sealaska; Joe Wilson, director of southeast district of the BIA; Jack Norvell who explained the home improvement program of the BIA; Gordon Jackson, member of executive board of Community Enterprise Development Corporation; Bill Pritchard, local government specialist in the State Department of Community and Regional Affairs, and Mike Harper, executive director of RurALCAP.

Representatives from each southeastern community presented a current report of progress and problems, with considerable interaction from the rural development council members.

Of special interest was the federal rural development act which, when guidelines are set up, will have funds available for fiscal year 1974.

The act will provide rural

communities with grants and loans for economic development, community service facilities and fire protection service.

Mike Harper, director of RurALCAP suggested that letters be written to federal congressmen to protest the possible substitution of special revenue sharing funds for the OEO funded CAP agencies.