

# 'Start' Stays Home--

## *Emmonak Parents took Over School*



EMMONAK HEAD START WORKSHOP—Pictured from left to right are: J. Teganlakla, E. Andrews, J. Joseph, G. Payne, P. Sherman, F. Russell, M. Myers and son.

Head Start children stayed home in Emmonak, January 17-21, and thought it strange that mothers, fathers, and grandparents were going to school along with 26 Head Start staff, parents and Policy Committee members from Alakanuk, Fortuna Ledge, Mekoryuk, Mtn. Village, and Pilot Station.

It was the first of 7 Regional Workshops sponsored by RurAL CAP and designed to bring Head

Start staff and parents together for training, mutual problem solving and in this case, cultural exchange.

Featured was a one-credit course from the University of Alaska, "Field Workshop in the Eskimo Language", an introductory course to the alphabet and standard writing system of the Yupik Eskimo dialect.

Training was also offered in classroom techniques, nutrition,

and parent involvement. Homework included attending the Eskimo dances held nightly.

Persons from Anchorage who participated in the workshop were: Paschal Afcan, Language Specialist from the University of Alaska; Peggy Sherman, Director of the Head Start programs; Clara Kelly, Martina Gallineaux and Freda Russell, Head Start Field Training Supervisors; and Mary Jo Hotchkiss, from the Alaska Crippled Children's Treatment Center.

Mr. Afcan held the Field Workshop in the Eskimo Language; Miss Sherman conducted Classroom Techniques; Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Gallineaux worked with the parents on the concept of using toys in the home so that there would be a carry-over from the classroom to the home; Mrs. Russell familiarized the Policy Committees on budgets and

their functions as policy committees; and Mrs. Hotchkiss gave the cooks instruction on nutrition.

Village people attending were: Emmonak—Philip Hamilton, Flora Hootch, Dora Moore, Gertrude Crane, Mary Kelly, and Laurentia Waska; Alakanuk—Denis Sheldon, Mary Johnson, Margaret Joseph, Judith Joseph, and Alice Hansen; Fortuna Ledge—Exenia Fitka, Alvin Owlletuck, Julia Teganlakla, Zena Hunter, and Anna Oeny.

Also present were: Mekoryuk—Tom Amos, Jobe Weston, Grace Payne, Marie Baker, and Larsen King; Mountain Village—Annie Beans, Leota Walters, Ambrose Kokrine, Emily Andrews, and Mildred Hoover; and from Pilot Station—Modesta Myers, Sarah George, Marie Myers, Charlie Polty, and Paul Kinzy.