

Dec. 1-2-3--

Head Start Development Committee Meet at AMU

The RurAL CAP Head Start Development Committee will be meeting in Anchorage, at the Alaska Methodist University, December 1, 2 and 3.

The main highlights on the agenda include the organizing of a statewide career development committee which would incorporate the Anchorage and Fairbanks Head Start programs; and the evaluation of the on-site courses being administered by Head Start supplementary training at AMU.

"The purpose of the Career Development Committee," stated Dorothy Kelly, RurAL CAP Career Development Coördinator, "is to improve the care rendered to children. The quality of this care depends on the upgrading of Head Start staff members in education, health and ability to function to better de-

velop Head Start in relation to families and communities.

"The viability of this program calls for the realization of three goals: 1) an expansion of economic opportunities; 2) an expansion of human services; and 3) an accountability of public and private institutions to the people they serve."

Mrs. Kelly further remarked, "For three years we have been working with both universities (University of Alaska and Alaska Methodist University) in Alaska to establish a comprehensive education system which would allow Native students an equal opportunity of learning and progressing at their own level by taking into strong consideration their culture and their environment."

The Career Development Committee was established in

1968 when the Alaska Methodist University was awarded a grant to operate a Head Start supplementary training program, with the aim of providing Head Start employees an opportunity of taking college credit courses in achieving a degree in early childhood education.

The committee was formed to monitor this grant.

The Career Development Committee is comprised of seven regional Head Start representatives and four ex officio members who are the Head Start Regional Training Officer from the University of Alaska, the Supplementary Training Manager from Alaska Methodist University, a representative from the State Parent Advisory Committee and the Child Development Director of RurAL CAP.