

Villagers Interview Nome Judge



MOUNTAIN VILLAGE HEARING—Judge William H. Sanders, Nome, is seen addressing a village gathering on the subject of the fourth class city status of Mountain Village. Dec. 17 was set as the date for the villagers to vote whether to attain that status. From left to right: Judge Sanders, Andrew Brown, Chief of the village, Matty Peterson, Ignatius A. Beans, Sr., Johnny Sheppard, and Pete Peterson.



INTERVIEWING JUDGE—Elmer Beans and Martha Beans are busy interviewing Judge William H. Sanders who came from Nome to Mountain Village to see whether the village wishes to become a fourth class city.

By Elmer and Martha Beans
Mountain Village, Alaska

On November 17, Judge William H. Sanders presided at a hearing in Mountain Village.

The purpose of the hearing was to determine whether the people of Mountain Village should get the chance to vote on whether or not to become a fourth class city.

There were no spoken objections so he set Dec. 17 as the date for the voting.

In an interview before the hearing, Judge Sanders said he has two college degrees and has attended three universities to study law. He stated that a person must read everything he can if he is to become successful in the field of law.

He first came to Alaska in 1938 and worked in the fishing industry. After coming back from World War II, he returned to Alaska to practice law.

When questioned about his present work as a judge, he stated that he opens his office at 8:00 a.m. in the morning and makes a routine inspection of the building.

From 11:00 a.m. until noon, he is usually holding court. After lunch, he again holds court until about 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. After his court sessions close he spends much of his time doing office work.

In the evenings, he likes to go to clubs, attend group meetings and spend time with his family.

This was Judge Sanders' first trip to Mountain Village and he was sorry he couldn't have spent more time here.

\$300,000 General Obligation Bonds Completed for Nenana

JUNEAU—The purchase of \$300,000 worth of City of Nenana general obligation school bonds by the state has been concluded, the office of Gov. Walter J. Hickel reported last week.

The terms and conditions surrounding the sale were worked out in recent meetings between Hickel and other state officials and Mayor John B. Coghill of Nenana.

The bond purchase was authorized as one of the several emergency flood recovery measures for the Fairbanks-Nenana area passed by the special session of the Alaska Legislature in October.

The bonds will mature over a period of 30 years, and bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum. Principal payments are scheduled semi-annually commencing on July 1, 1968.

Total annual payments of principal and interest will range in amount from \$21,000

range in amount from \$21,000 to \$23,500, the Governor's office said.

Mayor Coghill, in Juneau to conclude the agreement, said the City of Nenana is setting aside the revenues from a city sales tax, and its share of the state tobacco tax, to meet the annual bond

principal and interest payments.

Coghill said these two sources of revenue in fiscal 1967 produced over \$29,000, and over the past six years an average annual total of over \$23,500.

Hickel's office said the state may offer the Nenana school bonds for sale to private investors, after the flood recovery is complete.

Mara Promoted

James L. Mara, assistant district manager of the local Anchorage Social Security Office, has been promoted to district manager of the Social Security Office in Juneau. He succeeds Patrick O'Hara who is being transferred to Twin Falls, Idaho.

Mara had previously served four years in Juneau as claims examiner; two years in Anchorage as a field representative; 15 months in Spokane as a claims supervisor; and the past 12 months as assistant district manager in Anchorage.

Mara is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and studied a year at the Sorbonne in Paris. He also received a commissioner's citation for meritorious service during the Alaskan earthquake.

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