

# Plant Maintenance Men

Graduation was held on June 27, for twenty-one Native maintenance personnel attending the seventh annual Plant Management Maintenance School held at Mt. Edgecumbe.

The men completing the month long course were from villages all over Alaska and the ones primarily responsible for the day-to-day operation and upkeep of the utility systems of the BIA schools there.

The course was on HEATING SYSTEMS and included oil burner servicing and adjustments, operational theory and troubleshooting of heating controls, fire-box repair, combustion testing, and all phases of preventative maintenance servicing of furnaces and boilers.

A certificate of achievement was presented to each graduate along with technical books, and a complete set of tools to perform the work for which he had

received training.

The following men attended: Caleb Adams of Kivalina, Walter Anagick of Unalakleet, Kenneth Ashby of Noatak, Roger Atoruk of Kiana, Zaccheus Barr of Shishmaref, Paul Evan of Lower Kalskag, Carl Flynn of Tununak, Evon Fox of Kipnuk, Fred Greene of Nome, Frank Kameroff of Emmonak,

Ted Hunter of Hooper Bay, Tim Kaganak of Scammon Bay, Eugene Monroe of Kotzebue, Tom Olitkun of Kotlik, Jack Paniyak of Chevak, Clarence Saccheus of Elim, Joe Smith of Alakanuk, Christian Tritt of Arctic Village, Samson Weston of Mekoryuk, Nathan Williams of Mt. Edgecumbe, Gerasim Pestrikoff of Mt. Edgecumbe.

Speakers at the graduation ceremony were James Griffin and Irving Carr of the Mt. Edgecumbe School staff, Don Anderson of BIA Juneau Area Office and Bill Woosley and John Mathews of the Plant Management Service Center in Anchorage.

The latter persons developed the course and will be following up this training session with an on-the-job-training visit to each Village this summer.

BIA sources claim that these training investments have been found to pay good dividends in reducing maintenance costs at their village schools.