Assembly of God Ordains Eskimo

Well known Eskimo, Ned Nusunginya of Barrow, was ordained minister at the First Assembly of God Church in Fairbanks last Sunday.

He is the first ordained Eskimo pastor in that denomination.

The ordination message was preached by the Rev. B. P. Wilson, a District Superintendent of the Alaska Assemblies of God.

The ordination charge was read by the Rev. Gayle Lewis of Springfield, Mis. Rev. Lewis is the former director of the Alaska Home Missions program.

The prayer of ordination was given by Rev. Paul E. Bills of Nome and Presbyter of the Arctic Coastal Section.

Pastor Nusunginya is now

in charge of the Assembly of God Mission at Kaktovik on Barter Island.

Nusunginya obtained his theological education through the Far North Bible School conducted by Rev. Arvin Glandon and the Berean Bible Correspondence Course.

Ned Nusunginya became well known back in the 1920's when he carried mail by dogteam from Barrow through Wainwright, Pt. Lay, Point Hope, Kivalina and on to Kotzebue.

Ned made the round trip mail run three times a winter.