

Can Cook, Too— Anaktuvuk Man Works for TAPS

The coming of TAPS to Alaska may mean many different things to the state's many citizens, but to one young man from Anaktuvuk Pass in north central Alaska, the event means a job, 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

Twenty seven year-old Riley Morry began working for TAPS Nov. 6 as an equipment time keeper.

The work required that he leave his wife and home in Anaktuvuk and live northwest of Fairbanks in Livengood with other employees preparing the road bed for the pipeline.

The line is to stretch nearly 800 miles from Prudhoe Bay in

the north to Valdez in the south.

Morry went home for Christmas but explained that he cannot make the trip often because of the expense.

Although he is working as a time keeper, he has had 11 months training in radio and television repairwork.

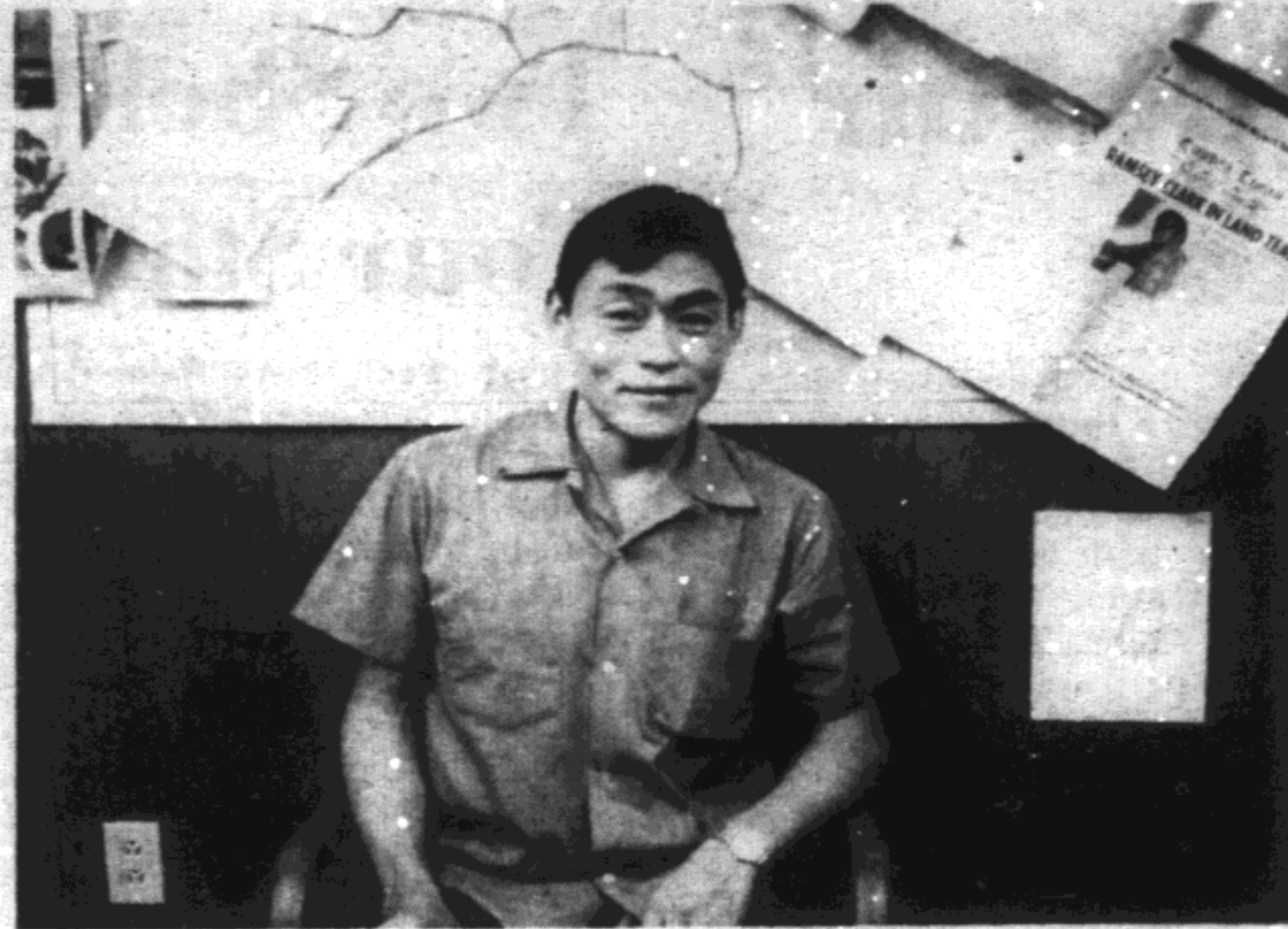
He mentioned that he hopes to go into this field after TAPS sets up its communications network but that he has no assurance of such a job.

The somewhat shy young man explained that he liked the people he is working with and that they have given him all the help they can.

To his knowledge he is the only native working in the camp at Livengood.

Frequently breaking into a warm smile, Morry explained that in Livengood he is living in quarters similar to those of a dormitory and thus has had no opportunity to practice cooking skills learned during the 11-month training course.

The course was given at the



RILEY MORRY, Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska

Madera Employment Training Center in California.

According to Morry the school offered a training-work experience. Thus, in addition to learning a trade, he also received in-

struction in budgeting, shopping, and the responsibilities of a job.

As explained by Mrs. Lorena Blankensop, acting employment assistance counselor for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Fair-

banks, the BIA paid for Morry's schooling and living expenses while in Madera.

Known as the BIA Employment Assistance Program, the effort also will help locate jobs for those who have finished a training program and will continue to offer them counseling assistance after placement, if necessary.

Morry met his wife at the school in Madera. She is an Indian from New Mexico who is now living in their home in Anaktuvuk Pass.