

# October Employee of the Month

Morris E. Lawrence was born at Mountain Village on the Lower Yukon in Southwestern Alaska. Raised in Mountain Village, Morris also spent brief residences in Scammon Bay and in Black River Village near Kuzlvak Mountain. In the Black River settlement, Morris' mother, Elizabeth, was the N.C. Company Storekeeper.

Morris studied up to the fourth grade at the former Mountain Village BIA Day School, now state-operated, and continued up to the equivalence of eighth grade at Mt. Edgecumbe in Southeast Alaska. After two years of service with the U.S. Army, Morris returned to Sitka, Alaska where he provided many years of service as Auto Mechanic for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. After finally returning to the Lower Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta, Morris continued his career as mechanic for the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation.

Nearly a year ago, Morris joined the District-wide staff of the LOWER YUKON SCHOOL DISTRICT, where his duties include renovating build-

ings, installing electrical wiring, and repairing hot air or hydronic heating systems. Morris' special assignments this past summer have been: (a) building teacher housing at Mountain Village, (b) building a structure to house a new standby generator at Mountain Village, (c) renovating the Pilot Station Community Hall to be used as a temporary high school facility, and finally, (d)

building a warm storage facility at Pilot Station.

With the help of local laborers from respective villages, Morris has cut construction costs considerably to the LOWER YUKON SCHOOL DISTRICT. Morris' comment on the building season was simply, "I had good crews and the weather was very cooperative."



**MORRIS E. LAWRENCE**