

Governor Appoints Mark Jacobs, Jr.

Mark Jacobs, Jr., of Sitka has been appointed Director of the State Rural Development Agency by Gov. Walter J. Hickel.

The 43-year-old Alaskan Native will take over the position April 1 from Patrick Ryan, who will become a Special Assistant on the Governor's staff.

"I am very pleased to have a man with Mr. Jacobs' ability to understand the people and problems of our rural areas in this position," said Hickel.

Jacobs father, Mark Jacobs, Sr., is a life-time fisherman and a Past Grand President of the Alaska Native Brother-

hood.

The younger Jacobs has been a member of the ANB at Sitka for 20 years, and has served as treasurer, secretary and vice president of the group.

Jacobs graduated from Sheldon Jackson School in 1947, and subsequently studied political science and pre-law at the University of Dubuque in Iowa.

He is presently working for a major construction firm as supervisor of blasting operations.

Jacobs' wife Adelaide was born at Lemon Creek, outside of Juneau. They have five children.