

Retires After 30 Years—

‘Moe’ Samuelson

FAIRBANKS — Moses “Moe” Samuelson, well known Eskimo Yukon 800 racer, and although less known in his everyday job with which he makes a living, is slated to retire from his work this Friday (August 30, 1974) after a long 30 year stint as a plumber and steamfitter at Ladd Field and Fort Wainwright near Fairbanks.

Moe is well known as a perennial participant on the annual Yukon 800 boat race on the Yukon River and “I am probably the oldest member on that race having spent 15 years on it.”

Samuelson is originally from Bethel. He is married to Ruth and they have five children “and one is a step child, Jerry Woods.”

Moe turned 50 years old last Friday August 23.

“I have been working a long time at Fort Wainwright and I’m proud of it. It shows, I think, that a Native can work long enough to retire with a nice pension.

He started working back in 1944 at the then Ladd Field which was later renamed Fort Wainwright.

Moe has never won the Yukon 800 “although with Andy Jimmie, we placed third three years ago. If I had started with all-Native crew years ago, I bet I could have won some of those races, and in those years also, I have had plenty of bad luck.”