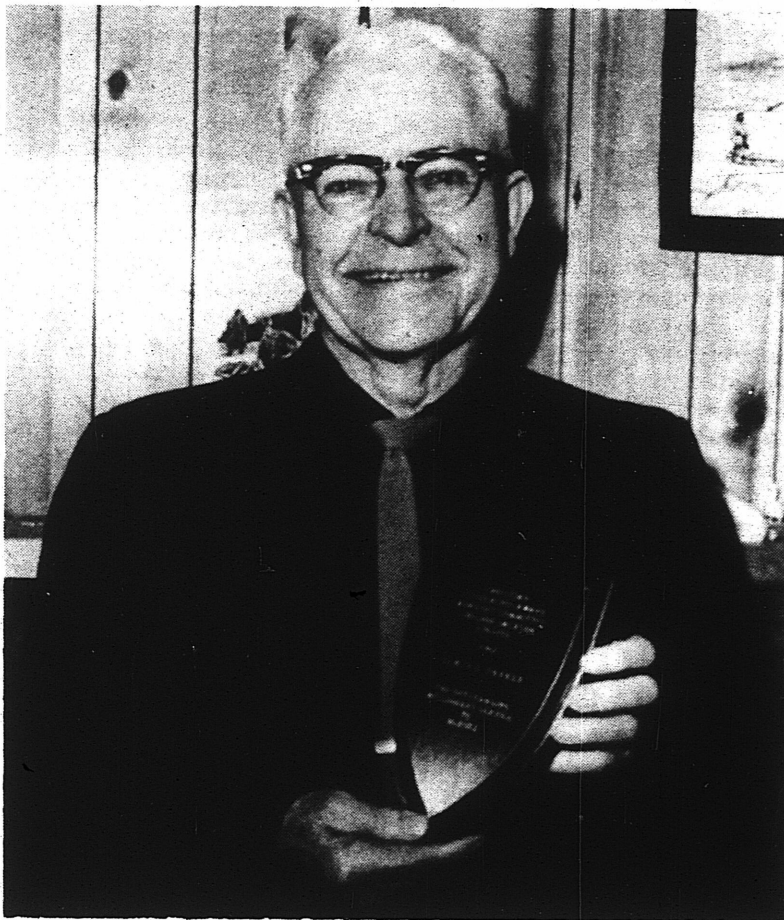


Rev. Parker Receives Award



The Rev. Elmer E. Parker

The Rev. Mr. Elmer E. Parker of Haines, an 80-year old Alaskan missionary, received the Christian Citizenship Award given annually by Sheldon Jackson College for outstanding service to Alaska.

The award was presented during the school's commencement exercises May 25, by the advisory committee of the school. This committee, Rev. Ralph Weeks, Spenard, chairman, is made up of prominent members of the church from throughout the state.

Mr. Parker, son of northern Colorado pioneer parents, first came to Alaska in 1944. He spent six years on St. Lawrence Island as a missionary for the United Presbyterian Church.

In 1950 he moved to southeastern Alaska where, he served at Hydaburg, Fairbanks, Petersburg, Klukwan, and Anchorage. He retired in 1962 and settled near Haines.

Before coming to Alaska, Mr. Parker served in Colorado and northern New Mexico. He was ordained at Pittsburg Bible Institute in 1928. After graduation he spent five years in Africa.

Rev. Parker was married to the former Clara Watson, also a missionary serving in India. Mrs. Parker died during their Hydaburg mission, and he later married Mayreld Ramquist Swanson.