

Schuerch Joins Adult Education as Supervisor

Tony Schuerch has joined the staff of the Division of Vocational and Adult Education as Adult Basic Education VISTA Supervisor, Commissioner of Education Marshall L. Lind announced today.

Mr. Schuerch, an Eskimo from Kiana, traveled to Willamina, Oregon to complete his high school education. Following graduation, he attended the University of Alaska prior to beginning his military service in the U.S. Army.

"Tony Schuerch brings to our Department a sound background in business and in education, as well as a good knowledge of rural Alaska and the Alaska Native," Commissioner Lind stated. "He is a much needed and welcomed addition to our adult education staff."

For the past two years, Mr. Schuerch has been an active member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood Education Commit-

tee.

A recent proposal of that committee, now being initiated in the Juneau schools, recommended the hiring of a Native home-school coordinator to work directly with students and their parents in an attempt to cut down the Native student drop out rate.

The new ABE VISTA supervisor will work with village coun-

cils and VISTA volunteers statewide to develop and expand adult basic education courses.

He will coordinate conferences and special projects and conduct inservice administrative training for adult educators. Currently, 85 adult basic education programs, with 109 teachers, serve more than 2,000 adults in Alaska.

Schuerch said, "I learned many of the concepts so basic to adult education in this state while in business, particularly as a salesman here in Alaska for Pitney-Bowes. There is an important relationship between self-image and learning ability. Success experiences alone can improve a person's self-image,

thus allowing him to reach his maximum potential. I hope to be able to help provide these experiences through our Adult Basic Education Program in rural Alaska."