

Archie Demmert Lauded in State Capitol

Archie W. Demmert of Sitka, Alaska's Teacher of the Year, arrived in Juneau Sunday March 9. Demmert was the guest of the State Department of Education.

Dr. Cliff R. Hartman, Commissioner of Education, extended to Mr. Demmert the invitation to visit Juneau in order to personally honor him for his service to education in the State, in Sitka, and to the education profession generally.

Archie Demmert was chosen as one of the five finalists for the 1969 National Teacher of the Year award.

The award sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers, emphasizes teaching excellence as both an achievement and an inspiration to young people interested in joining the profession.

Alaska's Teacher of the Year was singled out for his high honor on the basis of his service to Alaskan communities, his philosophy of teaching, and his complete endorsement and recommendation by school administrators, colleagues, and business and community leaders.

Demmert is a veteran of 25 teaching years in Alaskan villages and cities. He is presently teaching sixth grade at Blatchley Junior High School in Sitka.

Monday, March 11, Demmert was introduced into the House and Senate chambers of the Alaska Legislature, taped a radio interview for KJNO radio, and was honored at a reception given by the Juneau Education Association.

Tuesday he met with Governor Miller, the staff of the Department of Education, and was the guest speaker on KINY's "Problem corner."