

## Young Eskimo Artist Does Impressive Work



**TALENTED ARTIST**—Larry Ahvakana, Anchorage, is busy chiseling on a stone sculpture in the studio at the Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico. At 19 or 20 years old, Larry is recognized as a highly talented young Eskimo artist. Larry's father, Lloyd Ahvakana, is a Major in the Alaska National Guard. His charming mother, Lucy, is a housewife. Lloyd and Lucy are from Barrow.



**APACHE WARRIOR**—Using metal and a welder's torch, Larry Ahvakana created this work which he labeled, "Spirit of the Apache Warrior." The symbolic work seems to convey fierceness of will and determination.

## Remote Housing Program To Begin in 10 Native Villages

Natives in ten Alaska villages will be building their own new houses this summer with materials furnished under the Remote Housing Program, which is administered by the Alaska State Housing Authority.

Jay Mueller, Executive Director for ASHA, has announced the receipt of one million dollars from the Department of Housing and Urban Development which will be used exclusively for materials and supplies for the ASHA-designed dwellings.

All administration expenses of the program will be borne by the State.

"There are seven contracts already let to supply various categories of building materials. We expect the materials to be delivered and construction to start in mid August," said Mueller.

Project supervision will be handled by two construction foremen, aided by one or two construction assistants in each village. The actual construction will be done on a "mutual help" basis by the families selected to receive housing assistance.

The "mutual help" program is not a new one to ASHA. In 1967, 22 houses were completed in Grayling, Alaska, under this type of program, and ASHA is the housing authority for a low-income mutual help project being constructed in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Charles Booher, Remote Housing Coordinator for ASHA,

### First Banquet Honors Bartlett

The first annual Bob Bartlett Memorial Dinner will be held Saturday, July 19, in the Anchorage Westward Hotel Ballroom, according to co-chairmen Sen. Joe Josephson, of Anchorage, and Mrs. James Hurley, of Wasilla.

"This event will be an occasion when all Alaskans can rededicate ourselves to the principles of the great Bob Bartlett and the ideals of public service for which he stood," Sen. Josephson said upon announcing the plans.

Among the special guests will be Mrs. Vice Bartlett, widow of the late Senator. "The dinner will give Alaskans an opportunity to welcome Vide and express our appreciation for her friendship to all Alaskans and for her work on behalf of Alaska," Josephson said.

Josephson served as an aide to Senator Bartlett in Washington, D.C., for several years prior to moving to Anchorage to enter the practice of law.

Mrs. Hurley was co-chairman of the sponsors committee for a 1965 dinner paying tribute to Bartlett for 20 years of public service in Congress. She served as secretary to former U.S. Senator Ernest Gruening when he was Governor of Alaska.

Tickets for the dinner will be \$12.50 and may be obtained by calling 279-4591. Proceeds will go to the Southcentral District Democratic Headquarters.

and Melvin Charlie, his Assistant, are now visiting the ten villages to arrange sites so that when the materials arrive, construction can commence.

The ten villages which were selected to participate in the first year's program by the Remote Housing Executive Committee are Akiachak, Chevak, Emmonak, Kiana, Kivalina, Kotlik, Minto, Noorvik, Quinhagak, and Shismaref.

The committee relied heavily on the recommendations of community officials in selecting the individual families which would participate.

A total of 160 families have been given a choice of three house plans prepared by ASHA for their new homes; seven families will construct additions to

their existing dwellings.

The "Loft" plan is estimated to cost \$6,460; the "Core" and "Series" plans are estimated at approximately \$5,875 each to build; and each addition to existing dwelling is estimated at \$3,975.

Monthly payments to ASHA, after the homes are occupied, will depend upon the size of family, income, etc. Mueller noted that this is a home ownership program which provides grants and long term low-interest loans.

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