



40-YEAR SERVICE PIN—Florence Feldkirchner, elementary teacher at Unalakleet day-school is shown receiving congratulations from, left to right, BIA Area Director Morris Thompson and state Rep. Chuck Degnan, D-Unalakleet. Miss Feldkirchner is receiving her 40-year Length-of-Service pin from Thompson during a village meeting in May. After beginning her teaching career for the Bloomfield Seminary with a duty station at Ardmore, Oklahoma, she first taught in Alaska at the village of White Mountain in 1948. When not teaching in Alaska, Miss Feldkirchner taught in Lower 48 Indian schools at Navajo reservation, in Albuquerque area and Chemawa Indian School at Salem, Oregon. While she was teaching in Barrow in 1958, she received her 30-year pin. Her latest reassignment came in July of 1963 when she was transferred to Unalakleet and this has been her duty station since then. During her years as a teacher in various Alaskan communities, Florence Feldkirchner has been much admired for her teaching ability and respected for the ease with which she adapted to each new village.