

# Camera Shy Fred Stickman, Sr. Finally Caught by Three Stars

By PETER P. THREE STARS

For the many readers who may have been asking "What does Fred Stickman look like?" "I'd like to meet him!!" The Tundra Times has at last captured the image of the smiling sage whose inimitable insight and witty letters to the editors have made him and his Great State of Alaska well known.

Many are said to be interested in having his literary contributions compiled into a book for commercial purposes. Fred Stickman said he was asked by some party if Fred would sue him if he undertook to make a book out of his letters.

Fred assures all that he will not sue anyone so long as the project is done right. This writer agrees with many that such a compilation would be a worthy task for the posterity of all Alaskans.

While having coffee with members of the Fairbanks Agency Staff, Fred was asked why his picture never appeared in the Alaska papers. This bothered him somewhat too but he was quick to smile and reply:

"I've sneaked away from photographers many times in the past." This was too much of a challenge to pass up by a member of the Tundra Times Board.

Mr. Stickman consented to having his picture taken if it could be done before he took off.

Several seconds later this writer (a descendant from a very stealthy Plains Country hunter) raised up and shot the elusive author of letters to many editors—the trophy will not hang from the traditional lodge pole; instead, it will be shared with the



**FAMOUS LETTER WRITER**—Fred Stickman, Sr., the famous Letter-to-the-Editor writer of interior Alaska, is finally caught by the camera lenses focussed by the delicate touch of Peter P. Three Stars, Tribal Operations officer of the Fairbanks District of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Three Stars is a Sioux Indian and a member of the Tundra Times board. Stickman seems to be reniguing somewhat on his plans to run for the State House of Representatives in a contest for the primaries against his fellow Democrat Fred Notti. Notti had offered himself and his plane to Stickman and Rep. John Sackett, R-Galena, to ride along on the plane and the three could campaign at the same time. Notti said, "I think we'd have a ball doing it that way." Stickman told Tundra Times, "I don't think I can win. Besides, I'd be taking votes away from Fred. I want a Democrat to win." Stickman, however, got fine applause when he appeared at the FNA potlatch.

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news media for all to see.

In his role as village leader of Nulato Fred Stickman is a very busy man. He is presently seeking coordination and assistance between the Federal and State agencies to get roads built to the new townsite and the Nulato airport.

Due to technicalities (snags, red tape, etc.) a much-needed road to the airport failed to materialize a year or so ago and the

excuse was the Super Land Freeze.

Now it appears that this portion of land may not have been affected by the freeze after all. Oh well, that's just one of the many headaches that a Native leader must encounter and overcome in his attempts to get things done for his people.

It has been an honor and a privilege to meet you, Fred. Keep up the good fight.