

# Scope's Sheila Turner To Be Times Reporter



... SHEILA TURNER scans Alaska's scenery.

Miss Sheila Turner, associate editor of the SCOPE MAGAZINE, one of magazines published by the Scholastic Magazines, Inc. of New York, is joining the staff of the Tundra Times as a reporter in the latter part of May.

Miss Turner has obtained the permission of Richard Robinson, editor of SCOPE, to work for Tundra Times for at least three months during spring and summer.

Sheila's journalistic background includes working for the Chicago Sun-Times as assistant to the food editor, the Post-Tribune of Gary, Indiana, and a weekly news-

paper at the Jewish community in Chicago. She joined the staff of Scholastic Magazines in February of 1966.

"I decided to be a reporter when I was about eleven," Miss Turner said. "I heard it was easier for girls to get newspaper jobs if they had degrees in home economics and could work on women's pages."

Sheila prepared for a journalistic career by getting her degree in home economics from Cornell University in 1959.

After graduation, her first job was with the Council on

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Foods and Nutrition of the American Medical Association as a staff writer.

"I also edited speeches for the boss, wrote food pages for Today's Health and edited manuscripts with titles like, "Clinical Manifestations of Genetic Aberations of Calcium and Phosphorous Metabolism."

Sheila said she enjoyed working at the Post-Tribune of Gary where she had a chance to write about social problems.

"I'm something of a reformer type and the town had lots of possibilities for reform," Sheila said. "I loved getting readers excited about social problems and seeing them do something as a result of the stories."

She worked for two and a half years for the Post-Tribune during which time she wrote a free-lance story for SCOPE that resulted in an offer of a job.

Since joining the Scholastic Magazines, the company "has sent me around the country. I spent four months of my first year traveling."

Last year, Sheila was sent to Alaska for three weeks. The trip inspired an 18-page spread in the March 31 edition of SCOPE about the Alaska centennial celebration, native and non-native personalities, Robert Service's Shooting of Dan McGrew, and the adapted Story of Keesh by Jack London.

The Scope is purposely written as an easy-to-read magazine. Its language is aimed for readability on the 4th and 6th grade levels for high school kids who can't read well.

"Since I'm a natural talent on the 4th grade level, I've been gloriously happy since I joined the Scope," Sheila said.

Twenty-nine years old now, Miss Turner was born in Chicago "with short parents and a tall brother."

Her parents watched her grow-and grow. She finally stopped growing when she attained the height of 5-foot, 11-inches tall.

Sheila is quite excited about coming to work for Tundra Times and in seeing Alaska again-in which she developed keen interest and more than a little interest in its uniqueness.

"Also, I look forward to Fairbanks--the fresh air and the action-oriented people," she said.