

Authoress Elsa Pederson Tours Alaska

Elsa Pederson, Alaskan authoress of a dozen books for young people and free lance writer is now touring Alaska to talk with high school students and adults who would like to break into the writing profession.

This month, weather permitting, Mrs. Pedersen is visiting five Arctic towns and villages and Fairbanks. Her tour is sponsored by the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the

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This is Mrs. Pedersen's second tour of Alaska to speak with aspiring writers across the state. Last year, she visited schools in Anchorage and Fairbanks to speak about writing. This year, she is visiting the Arctic, the Prince William Sound area and Kenai Peninsula-Kodiak to speak.

Elsa Pedersen began her writing career in 1949 writing short stories and articles for various Alaska publications. In 1958

she published her first book for young people "Victory at Bear Cove" and followed that with 12 more books for young people.

She and her husband homestead at Bear Cove, 15 miles from Homer.

In October, Mrs. Pedersen is visiting Barrow from October 4-5, Kotzebue, the 6th and 7th and will be in Nome, October 7-8, Unalakleet the 8-9, Nome again October 9 and 10 and Fairbanks October 10-12.