

PHS Appoints Journalist Betzi Woodman Information Specialist

Dr. Holman R. Wherritt, Director of Alaska Native Health Area Office for the U.S. Public Health Service, announces the appointment of Mrs. Betzi Woodman as information specialist. She will serve the entire area on a part time basis for the present.

The need for an information officer has been recognized for some time, Dr. Wherritt states, but funds for the position have not been available.

"We will now be able to inform the public at least in a small way about the many facets of the PHS program for Natives in Alaska," the director reports. "So many of our programs in this state have unique aspects which we feel the public would appreciate knowing about."

Mrs. Woodman, a free lance writer in Anchorage, has been associated in Alaska with

both the Anchorage Times and Anchorage Daily News. She has also done special assignments for other media in the state including the Fairbanks News-Miner, Nome Nugget and Tundra Times. She has been Alaska correspondent for the London-based international news service, Reuters, Ltd., since early 1964 and contributes to various periodicals and newspapers in the United States.

(Formerly president of the Anchorage Chapter of the Alaska Press Club, she is presently head of the newly established state federation of press clubs and vice president of Alaska Press Women.)

She first came to Alaska in 1953 with her husband, Lyman L. Woodman, when he was assigned as an officer to Elmendorf Air Force Base. After his retirement in California in 1959, the family returned to Alaska to make their home. Mr. Woodman, formerly assistant city manager, is now civilian information officer for U.S. Army Alaska at Fort Richardson.

The couple has two sons living in the state and a married daughter who resides in Inglewood, California.