

# Birchell is New BIA Supervisor For Bethel Area

Richard P. Birchell has been appointed superintendent of the Bethel agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Sen. E. L. Bartlett was informed last Friday.

Birchell, who is now serving as BIA supervisor of the agricultural extension agency at Nome.

He succeeds Charles A. Richmond as the Bethel supervisor. Richmond was promoted to BIA Area Director for Alaska.

Birchell, 47, entered federal service in 1949 as an instructor in Dairying. He joined the BIA in 1959 as a principal teacher in Venetie.

In 1964, he was appointed agricultural extension specialist with headquarters in Kotzebue and was subsequently promoted to the Nome post.

Birchell was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico and is a graduate of New Mexico A & M College with degrees in agriculture.