

Peter P. Three Stars Gets 20-year Service Award from Indian Bureau

The rotund, jobial Oglala Sioux Indian, Peter Three Stars Tribal Operations Officer for the Fairbanks District of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, earned his deserving 20-year service pin at the BIA office at the Arctic Bowl in Fairbanks this week.

In his present position as the tribal operations officer, Three Stars has served for six years. As such, he is responsible for technical advice and assistance in 34 remote Alaska villages.

He has also assisted in technical portions of the land claims efforts of the native people, in organizational work, short and long range programs, in the development of leadership.

"And in general," Three Stars said, "helping them toward a greater exercise of self-determination with concomitant acceptance of responsibility for planning and determining their own future."

Three Stars began his education in BIA boarding schools and in the Pine Ridge Indian reservation rural BIA schools in South Dakota.

In 1950, he graduated from the Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, South Dakota with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. He is a member of the Sigma Delta Nu, a national honorary of the Professional Educational Fraternity.

He did graduate work at the Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

Peter Three Stars has ten years of experience in teaching part of the time as a principal teacher. He taught as a regular classroom teacher at Unalakleet, Alaska.

He was a teacher advisor at the regional boarding school for Navajo in Arizona and was also an assistant principal and head counselor.



RECEIVING 20-YEAR PIN—Peter P. Three Stars, left, is about to receive his 20-year service pin with the Bureau of Indian Affairs from Wallace Craig, superintendent of the BIA Fairbanks District. Three Stars is a member of the board of directors of the Tundra Times.

Three Stars is a member of the American Legion, Kiwanis International, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, National Congress of American Indians, and Christian Business Men's Committee International.

He has also served as an advisor to the chairman of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, Tlingit-Haida Indians. He is a member of the board of directors of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. He takes part in the Community Action Agency and is a member of the Fairbanks Native Association.

Three Stars is also an astute member of the board of directors of the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Co., Inc., the corporation that publishes the Tundra Times.

Due to the press of BIA business, he has missed some of the Tundra Times board meetings and the board members at one time divested Three Stars two of

his three stars. He is expected to earn them back in future meetings.