



Frank H. Whaley

Wiens Promotes Whaley

Frank H. Whaley of Fairbanks has been promoted to the position of Assistant Vice President, Interline and Tours of Wien Air Alaska.

The announcement was made by the Company's President and General Manager, Mr. Sigurd Wien.

Whaley is a long-time resident of Alaska having first moved from Seattle, Washington to Nome in 1933. He has been associated with aviation for many years having obtained a commercial pilot's license in Chicago, Illinois in 1928.

He then operated a flight school and charter air service at Boeing field, Seattle, from 1929 until 1933 when he and his wife, Neva, and son, Frank B. moved to Nome. He flew as a bush pilot for many years in what was then the Territory of Alaska.

In 1935 he first started flying for Wien Airlines and has been associated with the airline in various positions at various times.

While living in Nome Whaley served six years in the Territorial Legislature, four as Representative and two as Senator. During the winter of 1947 he was awarded the air medal

by President Harry S. Truman for the part he played in the successful rescue of six U.S. Airmen who had crashed north of Nome near the Arctic Circle.

He served as the Manager-Director of the Alaska Visitors Association for two years and is quite well known as a photographer having filmed and supervised production of 16 motion pictures on Alaska.

In 1957 Whaley was appointed Interline and Tour Manager for Wien Airlines and he and his wife, Neva, and two sons, Frank B. and Lon, and daughter, Nina, moved to Fairbanks. Miss Nina Whaley was Miss Alaska in 1963 and she is now a stewardess for the Airline.

Whaley has played an important part in the development of Alaska's fast growing tourist industry. In addition to many extensive Alaskan promotional tours throughout the U.S. he has taken part in such tours in Mexico, Japan, and Europe. He has served for several years as a Director of the Alaska Travel Promotion Assn. and is presently a member of the Governor's Tourist Advisory Board.

Whaley also had a vital part in helping to found the popular Eskimo Olympics in Fairbanks, an annual program of native traditions and games. This performance has become one of the important tourist attractions.