



ENJOYING REFRESHMENTS—Ralph Perdue and his wife, Dorothy, are enjoying a pause during the Governor's Ball in Fairbanks. Perdue is the local jewelry store owner. He is active in native associations in the Interior Alaska. Dorothy is an official in a

distributing company. She is also a member of the executive committee of the Eskimo, Indian and Aleut Publishing Company that publishes the Tundra Times.

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## Don Miller Heads UA News Service

Don Miller, head of News Service and Publications at the University of Alaska, has been appointed acting director of University Relations.

The appointment was announced this week by Dr.

William R. Wood, UA president.

Miller, former newspaper reporter and editor, succeeds B. G. (Bob) Olson who is now executive vice president of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo.

Miller has served as head of UA's News Service and Publications Department since July of 1966. He came to the university from The San Mateo (Calif.) Times where he had been a general assignment reporter, sports writer, editor of a weekly published by the parent daily and head of a bureau for the daily.

Previously, he was a reporter for the Niagara Falls Gazette, the Buffalo Courier-Express and the Rochester (N.Y.) Times-Union. A native of Buffalo, Miller

received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Buffalo and a master's degree in journalism at Columbia University.

Last year, he was appointed an assistant professor of journalism at UA in addition to his news service post and has been teaching an introductory course in journalism.

He presently is serving as president of the statewide Alaska Press Club and is immediate past president of the Farthest North Press Club in Fairbanks.

## New Jenny—

# Wien-Consolidated Buys 737-200C

Northern Consolidated Airlines and Wien Air Alaska purchased another 737-200C.

The purchase of a third 727-200C twin jet airliner was announced jointly yesterday by Northern Consolidated Airlines President Ray I. Petersen and Wien Air Alaska President Sigurd Wien.

The two carriers now in process of merging will take delivery of the third twin jet in July 1969 at a cost of over 4 million dollars.

In the planned configuration the aircraft will carry up to 113 passengers or when used for cargo service will transport more than 31,500 pounds.

The 111,000 pound jet airliner is powered by two Pratt and Whitney JT8D-9 turbo fan engines, each with 14,500 pounds of thrust and will cruise at 580 miles per hour.

The merging of the two veteran Alaskan airlines when approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board will create a single airline providing complete domestic service to the 155 points within Alaska now being served by the two carriers.

The 737-200C will make this service even more

modern, efficient and economical. Planned improvements, to cost about 20 million dollars including the Boeing jets, will give the merged airlines a total fleet of approximately 30 aircraft all based in Alaska.

Wien has also filed with the C.A.B. for an Alaska Midwest route. Wien Air Alaska Airlines was organized in 1924 when Noel and Ralph purchased an old Jenny.

Northern Consolidated was the result of a 1946 amalgamation of six certified bush operators including Bristol Bay Air Service, Dodson Air Service, Gilliam Airways, Ray Petersen Flying Service, Northern Airways, and Walatka Air Service in operation since the early thirties.

"The acquisition of another Boeing 737-200C will allow the merged company to provide an even higher level of service and to do it more economically," said Petersen.

Wien added, "Three such aircraft will not only insure better Intra-Alaska route coverage in the near future, they will give us the expansion capability we need for long term increased operations."

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