

Native Woman Appointed—

New Nome Magistrate

Superior Court Judge William H. Sanders in an impressive ceremony in Superior Court in Nome appointed Magdalene L. Cross magistrate for the Second Judicial District.

Her duties will consist of hearing misdemeanor criminal cases, small claims cases, traffic cases, and as Master for the Superior Court she will hear some children's proceedings cases. This latter group of cases involve hearings in which children are charged with violating criminal law as well as cases involving children in need of supervision and dependent children.

The judge stated that Mrs. Cross is well qualified for the job as she knows the people and their problems in this area. She was born in Koyuk and grew up in Elim. She attended high school at Mt. Edgecumbe and has had two years of executive business training at Haskell Jr. College in Lawrence, Kansas.

Mrs. Cross has served as legal secretary for the Rural CAP program in Nome and served two

years as legal secretary for the Public Defender Agency in Nome.

The new magistrate is married

to 2nd Lt. Milton Cross who is a pilot for the Alaska National Guard. Her husband is the son of

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NOME MAGISTRATE — Magdalene L. Cross of Nome has been sworn in as a magistrate for the Second Judicial District in an impressive ceremony conducted by Judge William H. Sanders of the Superior Court in Nome. The new magistrate is standing with her husband Lt. Milton Cross of the Alaska National Guard. He is the son of the famous bush pilot John Cross. Lt. Cross is a helicopter pilot.

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the famous flier, John Cross of Kotzebue. The Cross' have three sons and have resided in Nome for several years.

The new magistrate will take up the duties of Darrell Hutton who resigned the position and moved to Oregon. Her duties will include hearing of controversial criminal and civil cases, but she will be called upon to issue marriage

licenses, birth and death certificates and will perform marriages in the area.

She will be in charge of the court recording program in Nome, and according to Judge Sanders will be sent to Anchorage for training in the new methods of recording claims and other legal papers for the Cape Nome Recording District.