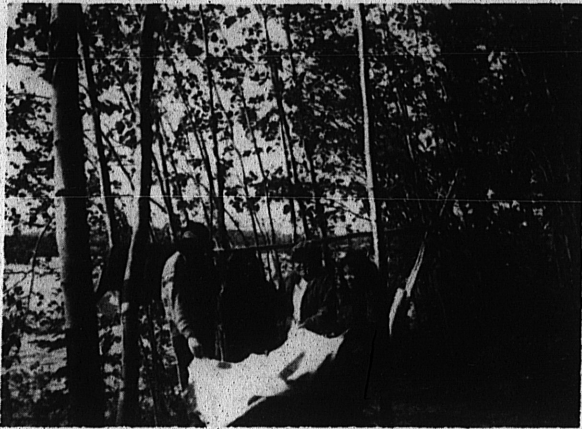


Village of Ruby Sets Up Survival School



SETTING UP TENT—Workers at the school are preparing living quarters. The fine scenery is enhanced by the mighty Yukon River.



MAKING A CANOE—Survival school students are making a canoe as one of the projects. There are 20 students at the Survival School near Ruby.

By CLARA HONEA
Ruby, Alaska

RUBY—On May 26, Eleanor Laughlin and Roger Foreman came from Fairbanks with all the tents and supplies to set up Survival School. It will be held at Harold's fish camp across the river not far from Ruby.

The teachers are Belena Williams, Zeta Cleaver, Henry and Agnes Titus and Bob Kennedy, all from Ruby. They all moved over there and set up tents to live in.

Classes being taught this session include: canoe making, mooseskin tanning, sewing with beads, fishnet making, and the boys are also learning to build fishwheels.

There are about 20 students at the school. They are from Kaltag, Holy Cross, Nulato, Shageluk and Fort Yukon.

Staff members at the school are John Laughlin, Barbara Albert, Patty Bowen and several others who are helping at the school.

Everyone at the camp seems happy. They get a lot of visitors from Ruby. Once in a while, the kids come to town for a game of baseball or volleyball.

Moratorium On Forest Reg.

The Alaska congressional delegation has called on the Agriculture Department to put a moratorium on Forest Service Region 10 stumpage value increases, until more current stumpage rate assessments can be made.

U.S. Senator Ted Stevens and Mike Gravel and Rep. Don Young warned in a joint letter to Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Robert W. Long that "if the industry is required to meet the new stumpage rates imposed by Region 10, total collapse is a very real possibility."

Stumpage values for the Tongass and Chugach National Forest have increased recently by \$60 to \$100 per thousand board feet, about a 1,000 per cent increase.

The three Alaskan legislators pointed out that the newly imposed rates reflect market conditions in 1973 which were very good.

"As you know, the world timber and wood products market began a precipitous decline in 1974 and is in an extremely low posture at this time. While the market decline has affected the timber industry throughout the United States, the Alaskan segment has been hit particularly hard," the delegation's letter stated.

They said that logging and mill operating costs are many times higher in Alaska than in the Lower 48, because of the need for more initial investment, transportation and road-building costs, and wages which reflect the high Alaskan cost of living.

"These costs coupled with the extremely depressed timber market have placed the Alaska industry on the borderline of collapse."

They told Long that two of the state's largest mills, Ketchikan Pulp and Metlakatla Spruce, have already been forced to close and that more will face closure if the new stumpage rates remain in effect.

"It is our understanding that the Forest Service is developing a process whereby more current stumpage rate assessment can be made. Given the industry's situation in Alaska, we respectfully request that a moratorium be in effect until more updated stumpage values are determined that reflect the current industry situation."

Barrow News

By GUY OKAKOK
Barrow Correspondent

FAIRBANKS — Remember 10 whales were caught by Barrow whalers. And there are going to have one big festival — Nalukatak, first one, this month June, on 23rd by Mr. Joash Tuklee and Mr. Whittlam A. Adams both Eskimos and residence of Barrow. Don't miss this first one because Ivik Tuklee caught three whales this time, and Whittlam Adams one, so don't miss it.

Everyone is welcome to this big festival, Nalukatak. Muktuk, kuak, soups all kinds, and cool aids, even cake, and fruits, even Eskimo ice cream, Ahkutuk. Everything is always there and no charge — free. Think of it.

No matter how many attendance there is, 2,000 or more, there is always muktuk, kuak, what have you, for everyone.

Be there, remember first one on June 23rd this month. The others will have theres when, we do not know.

Have You Heard?

Have any of you people ever heard a person jump from canoe to a wounded whale and spear him, with long rod, and work it down until whale dead?

This has happen before and that it quite true, too.

Still On Its,

The new hotel of Barrow is almost completed, and they are still working on it.

Left to Pt. Hope

Tundra Times Howard Rock, Eskimo, left Fairbanks, and is on his way to his old home town. Howard is from Pt. Hope, Alaska.

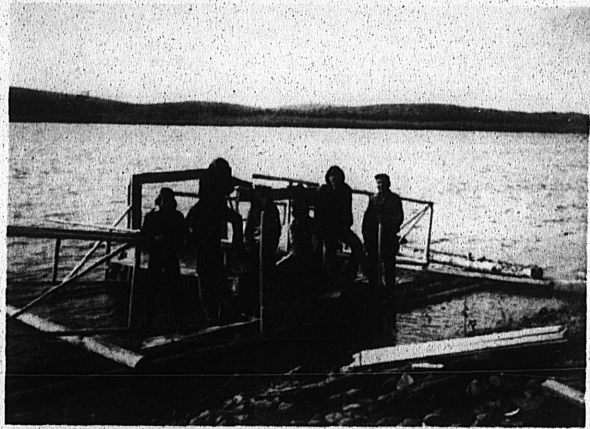
His folks there will be glad to see him once again. I do not know when Howard Rock will be back, as people here do miss him too.

Eskimos from Fairbanks also went to Pt. Hope to attend the Nalukatak as they always have it early.

Senior Citizens Plan

The senior citizens of Fairbanks, age over 65 will have a riverboat trip on 17th of this month June. The rate per person is \$6.50 and there are several here who would like to go. It will be four or more hours.

Good luck people!



WORKING ON A FISHWHEEL—Young men are working on a fishwheel as one of the assignments at the Survival School.

Young's Resolution— Repair of Highways

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Alaska Rep. Don Young introduced a resolution in the U.S. House seeking federal financial assistance for the repair and reconstruction of Alaskan highways.

Under current laws, federal funds are available for the construction of new highways, but not for the repair and reconstruction of existing highways.

In introducing the resolution, Young told his colleagues that "Alaska has found her roads

deteriorating into impassable rubble" due to the heavy traffic generated by work on the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

"The movement of unprecedented loads of supplies, materials and heavy equipment over our pioneer roads is destroying the sparse state highway system," said Young.

The congressman added that since "the timely completion of the pipeline is a matter of some national urgency, I do not believe that I am out of line" in making the request for funding.

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