

Inuvik Didn't Make It to Barrow Games

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BARROW—I mentioned the Inuvik people who was to come down to Barrow village to participate in Eskimo games but they never did make it, can't say why, I do not know.

Anyway it was terrific game the Eskimos had.

But one thing I hate to put it down is, we married men lost to the singles. Ain't that sound funny? It is to us but it is a marvelous games though.

MONUMENT

Two girls from Anchorage who do come in to Barrow village as tour said today that they wish someone would take them down to the Wiley Post and Will Rogers monument which is 14 miles down from village.

They said is there a way to go down by Ski-doo or by truck. Answer was, they had to get an permission from the tour guide whether they could or not.

SUN IS BACK

Again the hidden sun comes to surface today on 21st of January, which means sun will keep rising higher each day until she stays on air above 24 hours daily.

That reminds me, today, when I wintered way east in Cambridge Bay, Canada in 1927, Eskimos there whenever they do see sun rises on surface, witch doctors would meet together in a big igloo all made out with their knives and shovels.

Igloos are 32 feet wide and around 23 feet high all snow blocks. These doctors would celebrate two days, what do they celebrating for that I cannot talk about.

This is their custom each time each year whenever they do see first sun rises they'd drop almost everything out, no hunting nor anything for two days.

These I have seen done by the Eskimos there. Even their wives would seems to drop all the sewing for two days.

I wish I could put everything down, but I have to drop it now.

WEATHERED IN

Mr. John and wife Oktollik, Elijah Rock, and others from Pt. Hope finally left Barrow village after they had stuck for going back home to Pt. Hope on account of bad weather in Pt. Hope.

Which is very nice for them as we people here in Barrow village give them hospitality in every ways we can for them. As they are all friends to us.

GOOD WINTER

I'm sure we have wonderful winter this year, hunters brings in foxes and caribous, even wolverines.

One hunter said today that a bands of wolves were making trail through soft snow and the trail was around one foot wide and well trodded down to the frozen ground.

That means that there must be over 50 or more wolves making trail.