



DEADLY EYE—Steve Horner, in the Eskimo Olympics harpoon-throwing contest, takes a careful bead on the sawdust-filled sack used as a target for contestants. Ivory-tipped harpoons with wooden shafts were used in the old days to spear whales and seals. Now rifles and more sophisticated harpoon equipment, with explosive grenades and timing

fuses, are used by hunters in northern waters. The art of throwing the old harpoons will never die, though. Photos of this year's Eskimo Olympics, appearing here and on Page 4, were taken by Steve Gordon, husband of Cheryl Gordon, our pretty receptionist at Tundra Times.

ESKIMO OLYMPICS EVENTS



CHAMPION SKINNER — Rhoda Nageak, of Barrow, won the seal-skinning competition with a time of 57 seconds. Her competitor, to the right, was Edith Tegoseak.

The 5-day Eskimo Olympics of 1966 finished its exciting series for this year last Wednesday. And for the first time in its six-year history, the now world famous affair came out in the black, thanks to its energetic chairman Laura Bergt who spent a great deal of time in organizing it for this year's performances.

From the first day, the attendance was more than good with people who anxiously watched some of the most fascinating events, some of which dated back centuries.

Pat Longley of Nome was elected queen of the Olympics to succeed charming Zelma Joseph of Tanana who was chosen queen for 1965. Miss Longley was also chosen

by her fellow queen candidates as the Olympics Miss Personality of 1966.

Mrs. Jenny Felder, formerly of Barrow but who is now living in Fairbanks, captured the title of the best nalukatak (blanket toss) performer. She was closely followed by the chairman Laura Bergt.

Steve Homer was named champion of the new event, the kayak race. Harry Kulcak of Barrow was again named the winner of the hi-kick event. Rhoda Nagenk, also of Barrow, was again crowned champion of the seal skimmers although she was beaten one day by Mrs. Edith Tegoseak of Fairbanks.

Many others captured titles in varied events.

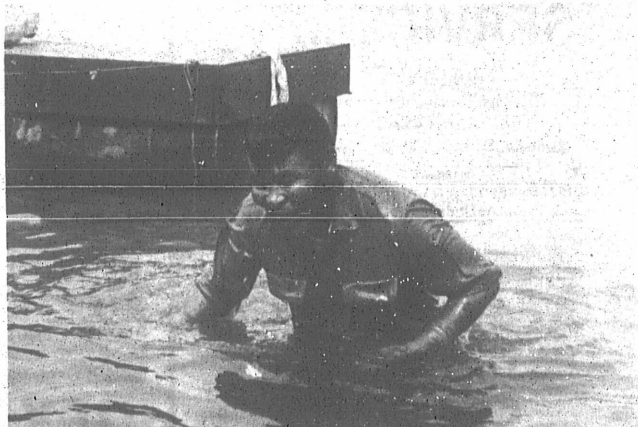


TENDING FIRE—Edith Tegoseak, formerly of Barrow and now living in Fairbanks, keeps a careful eye on the whale oil lamp burning during the Olympic games in Fairbanks.



SKYBOUND — Laura Bergt sails into orbit Eskimo Olympics-style, from a walrus skin blanket during the blanket toss at the Olympics.

Below, volunteers ring the blanket to propel her high into the air, while above, she gracefully keeps her balance in mid-air.



IN FOR SWIMMING?—We missed getting this "swimmer's" name, but he tried the greased-pole stroll Wednesday morning and found instead that he was going swimming. Walking

a slick log with falling into the water as a penalty is a popular game among Indians in the interior of Alaska.