

Snowdrifts Guide Eskimo Hunters

Recently, Joe Upicksoun and Edgar Togen, both employees of Barrow Utilities of Barrow, went hunting for caribou by snow vehicles. They traveled about 50 miles south and decided to drive to

Wainwright some 75 miles west.

Visibility was poor all the way and Joe Upicksoun wasn't sure exactly where he was.

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"Before we started for Wainwright, Togenas said we should follow the certain angles of snowdrifts and watch the terrain and we'd be in Wainwright," stated Upicksoun.

He said he was in the lead of the sno-gos and apparently didn't quite follow Togenas instructions. They wound up on the Arctic coast a few miles off Wainwright.

"If I hadn't misjudged Edgar Togenas instructions, we would of hit Wainwright right on," Upicksoun said, smiling. "This makes you realize that if you're a hunter, it's a full time job."

Heart disease is by no means an exclusive liability of the elderly. Before 65, diseases of the heart and circulation take more lives than the next five leading causes combined.