

Nalukatuk Celebrates Taking Of Three Bowhead Whales

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Out of fifteen umiaks this spring, three whales were caught by Roxy Oyagak, Warren Matumeak, and Harold Itta. Most of these umiaks are in now.

And yesterday, Mr. Roxy Oyagak, BIA operator said, that sometimes next week, on 18th of June, Friday, they planning to put out a "Nalukatuk," meaning blanket tossing. Beach where they going to use for this festival, are all cleaned up. Vehicles of Joneses' were moved over to one side so they could have a larger space to play.

This will be the day for everybody, men, women and children to participate of this spring catch muktuk and sweet meat.

No matter how many who attended, even 1,000 always participate of the muktuk. This kind of festival, such as I would call Nalukatuk, is always free to everybody. Meal there is free, also games.

ELECTION

The election for new councilmen is on the way now. Anyone who born in 1940 are urged to vote and can come to vote. This gives us as village residence to think about it. It's not a plaything, sit down, grab a pencil and vote for just we love them—(that's not it?).

It's always to thing first who could or will run, or do so to his village. Vote for them who we think would be a right person.

HIGH SCHOOL

High school building is on the way and the sides on this building are most in places. We do not know for how long they will work on it, probably two years. Also the other one—new hospital is what they working on now.

Barrow village needs these two important buildings. High school building and new hospital.

Several young people here in Barrow village, showed their gratitude and thanks, after all, when government could do anything here and there to villages whenever they do needed important things.

WHEN DO YOU SLEEP?

Few days ago, I was asked by one of the visitors from New York who came in as tourist—person from Manhattan, New York:

"Do the Eskimos ever Sleep?"

"Of course they do sleep whenever they get sleepy this time of year," I answered and said.

Reason she asked is seeing people walk back and forth on the street between 3 and 4 a.m. She said she went to bed 12:15 but couldn't find any sleep—it's because, she said, the room was too bright.

She finds our weather much different than theirs. She said she wish she could stay another day here in Barrow village so she could be with the friendly Eskimos and talk with them.

SHARE MEALS?

Another tourist came and visit me while our house have guests, all Eskimos. We were having a supper. Table was loaded with eight and about six children outside of our table eating.

After eating supper he ask me what I would call is good question:

"Say, Guy, do your people in village do share their meals everyday?"

"Why do you ask?" I said to him.

Because, he said, a big meal he saw on the table cost some money and none of these guest who eat "didn't give you any pay for their meal."

"Well," I said to him, "I'm not the only person who willingly wishes to share my food to my friends.

"There's over 200 houses here and you've seen there out there. If you go into every house you wishes to enter, they'd also willing to share their meal. It's best to give freely than to receive."

He said he wish he'd see people in his country who would give out rather than to throw it away or waste it.

Anyway, he said, a very good lesson he finds from Eskimos is to give freely.