

A Bit Boring in Gambell Village But North Star III Arrives

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GAMBELL — It has been so boring here in Gambell this summer with many families out at their camps for weeks and lots of others going away in airplanes.

Only thing that is exciting was the arrival of North Star III, the freighter. After what always appear to me, the ship to me is like a little city on the cliff. After the freighter sped away from our island, the sea seemed so bare and vast again.

There also was another thing that brighten Gambell this summer. It was a beautiful wedding. Lily Unwiluk got married to a nice looking guy that came from outside of the island some place.

Lily is the daughter of Frank and Anna Oktokiyuk, one of the very nice broop of kids. It was in the evening, 9:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian church. I shall never forget the beautiful music Mrs. Kristensen played as the bride, with her father, marched in down the aisle.

Kristensens are ministers here.

Another thing that appeared very good was the building that was being built by the group of Bernie Willis's men. They are building the pastor's house, Seventh Day Adventist church, at a

new place. Now the people are building their homes farther back from the sea which is getting closer and closer everytime the tidal wave comes in.

Bernie Willis is a very nice young pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church. He has a plane here and has a very nice big dogteam. Last Sabbath, that was Saturday, he took two plane loads to Savoonga, another village here some 45 miles from Gambell, for evening service called a Good News Trip. We enjoyed the trip.

Another thing that we enjoyed very much was the people that came one day in August. It is Steve Young. He is a very good friend that come around sometimes on his biological survey trips.

He would travel on foot, crossing the fivers, climbing the mountains and facing wild foxes all across the tundra during the 1966 and 1967 summer months. And this is the fourth time he's been here and he has his family with him.

We enjoyed having Steve Young and his people, his two sons, ages eight and three. His wife and his parents and his brother are with him this time.

But he still has to be on his

trips of biological survey but not here, some place else at upper part of Alaska.

He has also found a rare kind of flower here and named it a word, Slwooko, as he found it at Slwooko area of the island. His home is at Wolcott, Vermont.

Then after all, with all these things happening, we really are not bored.