

# BARROW HARD HIT BY CRASH

## Barrow Grieved by Death of Students at Mt. Edgecumbe, SJC

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Nowhere in Alaska is the tragedy of the Alaska Airlines plane to Juneau felt as deeply, perhaps as in the Eskimo community of Barrow on the other edge of the vast state.

Four of Barrow's young people boarded the plane in Anchorage to go to schools in Sitka, Alaska. Two of them, Baxter and Lucy Adams, were a brother and sister, the children of Baxter and Rebecca Adams of Barrow.

Baxter Adams, Jr., a freshman at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka was traveling to school with his sister Lucy, a student at Mt. Edgecumbe High School outside the same town. With them was Robert Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvard Brown of Barrow, also a freshman at Sheldon Jackson.

Bernice Aiken, the fourth Barrow student on the ill fated jet, was on her way to school after a family tragedy. Last week, her younger brother died in a drowning accident in Barrow and the young high school student missed her first week of class at Mt. Edgecumbe to stay home and attend her brother's funeral. Martha and Robert Aiken, her parents, have now lost two children within a week.

Except for a few tiny accidents, Barrow might have lost two more of its young people in the Alaska Airlines crash.

Robert Brown's younger brother also planned to attend Sheldon Jackson College this fall, and travel with his brother last weekend. His acceptance papers, however, came a day too late. Another Barrow youngster, Arnold Brower, Jr., missed the plane to school in Anchorage.

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