

Bicentennial Project—

Cook Inlet Sites

The Cook Inlet Historic Sites project is now more than half way through, with some 49 historic/cemetery sites identified.

Almost half of these sites are new identifications but it is unknown at this time if they are pre-historic or in the post-contact period. (Prior to Indian contact with Russians or Europeans).

The purpose of the project is two-fold; a Bi-Centennial effort to identify the breadth and depth of the original inhabitants' cultural heritage throughout Cook Inlet region, and to fulfill a requirement for the Regional Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Section 14(h). (The Region has until December 18, of this year to file for historic/cemetery sites located within the boundaries.)

Twenty student historians, ages 16 through 21, are in the seven teams under the direction of a supervisor. Each student, not only assists in technical aspects of the project, but receives a personal experience of their own cultural heritage.

Many student team members are keeping daily journals of their experiences as they record a part of the region's past history.

Much information is gathered through informants that are life-long residents of the particular areas. The students, most who are Alaskan Native and enrolled to Cook Inlet Region, Inc., are re-acquainting themselves with their cultural heritage by conversing with local

residents in gathering ancient legends or historic events.

Some of the areas visited are on the Kenai Peninsula, Katchemak Bay area, Tyonek and points as far north as Montana Creek, Knik, and Alexander Creek.

The field teams are easily recognizable by their yellow windbreakers embossed with the logo, "Cook Inlet Historic Sites Project - American Revolution Bi-Centennial 1776-1976."

Within the following month, the field teams will continue their expeditions to Halibut Cove, Tustumena Lake, Chickaloon, Eklutna, Nancy Lake, Polly Cove, and Lake Teleguana.

Icings Along Pipeline Route

A new report by the U.S. Geological Survey describes the location and extent of icings observed during six winters, 1969 to 1974, along the trans-Alaska pipeline route and are shown on a series of maps and photographs.

Large flood-plain icings occur in the braided river channels of the Sagavanirktok, Atigun, Dietrich, and Delta Rivers. Numerous lesser stream and hillside icings also occurring along the pipeline route.

Construction of the pipeline, roads, pumping stations, and training structures will displace some existing icings and will create new icings.

Icings may cause problems such as flooding and erosion when they form on or near the pipeline, roads, and other pipeline facilities.

The title of this report is "Icings Along the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Route," by Charles E. Sloan, Chester Zenone, and Lawrence R. Mayo.

The report and any questions or information about the report may be obtained from the Alaska District Chief, Water Resources Division, U.S. Geological Survey, 218 E Street, Anchorage, AK 99501.

SHARE IN FREEDOM



THE OLD VILLAGE site of Tyonek, recently visited by a field team of the Cook Inlet Historic Sites Project. On the hill, in the upper left corner, is an area where the team identified an ancient cabin. The cabin remains are yet to be dated and labeled as to the actual use. But will be included in the Region's inventory of historical and cemetery sites within Cook Inlet. The current buildings are a contemporary fish camp.

RECENT NORTHERN GAMES RESULTS IN NWT ...

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and Mark Noksana of Tagish, Yukon.

The Traditional Dress contest for Young People was won by Shirley McLean of Whitehorse. Second went to Loretta Look of Inuvik; and third to Susan Vogt from Ft. Smith.

The Fiddle Contest was won by Colin Anderson of Coppermine, with Charlie Bolt of Coppermine accompanying on the guitar. Second prize went to Marcus Ruben of Paulatuk, with Francis Ruben on guitar. Third went to Collis Dick of Tuk, with Jim Raddi of Tuk on guitar.

The Jigging contest was won by Jo-Jo Thrasher and Eileen Thrasher of Paulatuk. Second place was won by Joe Ruben and Lilly Ann Ruben of Paulatuk; and third by Roger Kunayak and Eliza Pitka of Fairbanks.

The Winners of the Inuit Drumming and Dancing Groups were the Amouak Dancers of Fairbanks. The Delta Drummers and Dancers were second; and the Interior Eskimo Group of Fairbanks was third.

For Inuit Drummers and Dancers (Individual), the winner was James Ukpagaw of Baker

Lake first, and Luke Nuleiyak of Gjoa Haven, second.

The Arctic Red River Group won in the Indian Drummers and Dancers category, with the Fort Good Hope Group second.

Special presentations were made to the Eastern Arctic Dance Group and the Skookum Jim Dancers from Whitehorse. In the latter group, dancers ranged in age from five to twelve.

In the Square Dancing Contest, the Inuvik-Aklavik group was first, with the Holman Island-Coppermine team second; and the Tuktoyaktuk group third.

On the last day they had a Tug of War. The Paulatuk and Aklavik Team won first for the men, and the Central Arctic Team came in first for the Women, with the Holman Island, Coppermine and Cambridge Bay team third.

Most participants stayed at the specially-built tent town or at the hostel, and some stayed with relatives and friends in Fort McPherson.

The award presentations were made on Monday evening, followed by a dance which lasted till 7:30 A.M. (The other nights

the dances finished early, at around 4:00 A.M.!!)

Northern Games takes a great deal of work, more so as it gets larger. The coordinators in Fort McPherson, Paul Itsi and Gladys Alexie, did an amazing amount of work and organization, as did many other McPherson residents.

And Nellie Cournoyea, Doug Dittrich and Jennifer Rigby from Inuvik should surely get special awards for their dedicated work to make the games a success.

Also, many of the participants and visitors pitched in and helped with work that had to be done, and we were very grateful for their assistance.

Transportation went amazingly smoothly on the way in to the Games, but several last-minute changes regarding return flights made complications and inconveniences for some of the participants, and the last people left in the early morning hours of July 31st.

It was a great experience to meet people from the Eastern Arctic all the way across the North to the west coast of Alaska. Some of them found it surprisingly easy to communicate with each other, despite dialect difference.

It was the first time some of them had seen dancers from such varied areas, and it was a good chance to make new friends.

Northern Games may be a great deal of fun for the participants, but it is a great deal of work for the organizers, both those in Inuvik who begin planning months in advance, and for those in the host community who work like beavers just prior to, and during the Games.

And then there's always the clean-up - a frantic chore for already exhausted people. But the friendships renewed, and the new ones made, hopefully gave good feelings about this year's games, and the participants are already looking forward to Northern Games 1976.

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