ARCTIC VILLAGE NEWS

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VILLAGE SINCE 1908

By that time, 1908, the Native up here they only live on meat and fish. Like moose, caribou, sheep, bear, ground squarl. And rabbit.

In 1909 they elect chief and start work on the village by the community. When they out of ammunition or tea they go to Ft. Yukon by dog team. Ft. Yukon is 115 miles from Arctic Village and take them between 17 to 23 days round trip.

In 1908 they build log cabin house by Mr. Christion John which is start of village. And then they have all the people get together from here and there.

That time nobody speak English. So they have one guy by the name of Johnny Angor for interpreter. Big Harry Store at Ft. Yukon is where we used to get out for summer needs. Also to trade fox ($70), wolf ($15), muskrat ($1.50), marten ($60-$80), lynx ($40-$45), mink ($25-$35). Now we get our stuff to the Midnight Sun Native Store at Arctic Village by airline.

And some of us have a outboard motor, snow traveler, washing machine, radio, big BIA school house and all them different fuel.

All them people in the village speak English. All kinds of things going on. Same time the village getting bigger and more people every year.

We even have a community hall, National Guard Armory which run by S.Sgt Tritt Peter, Sgt. Tritt Christion, Sp4E4 Trimble Gilbert, Sp4E4 Peter Kias, Pvt. E-2 John Christion, Pvt. E-2 Tritt Johnathan.

We have lots of visitors here in Arctic Village. Pete Rengstroff, dentist, and his helper Miss Gladys Angnboogok was here for ten days from Fairbanks. And Albert Joe James who is in Navy stayed with us for a few days. BIA agent Philip Peter was also here. While we have this visitors with us we have dog race practice which they call Arctic Village North Star dog carnival. On March 26 the man's race started at 1 p.m. First prize for the 18-mile heat went to Paul William, with a time of 53.41.

First prize woman's racer was Beverly Tritt with a time of 20.15 for 5 miles.

Hope to have more news for you next month.