



MAMMOTH MAMMAL—Allen Rock's 35-ton bowhead whale he caught on April 23 threatened to buckle the sea ice under it as it was being pulled up by block and tackle off the village of Point Hope in Northwestern Arctic. As the ice gave, sea water drifted in. The resilient sea ice held however as the whale was pulled farther up on the ice. The flukes of the whale had been cut off while it was still in the water according to tradition. Also, while the

animal was still in the water, a slab of muktuk has been cut approximately three feet square at the precise spot on the lower rib cage so the women can cook it up for the people to eat. This spot is considered most tender. Whaling crews can be seen down the open lead in the background.

—Photo by HOWARD ROCK

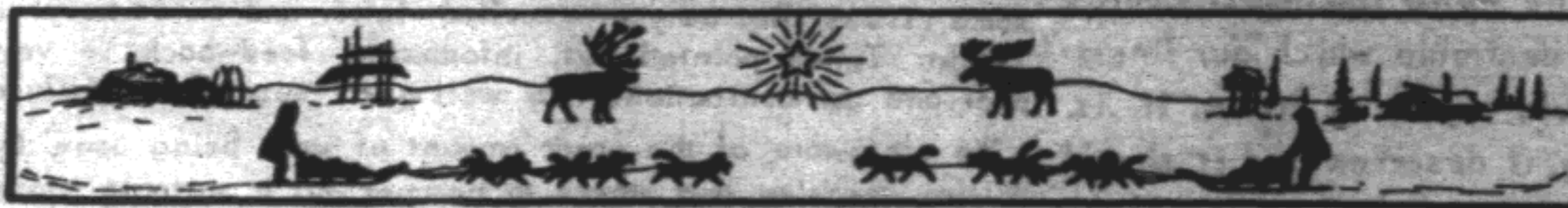
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BUSIEST HOSP. SERVES TUNDRA

Exec. Director of ASNA Says No Endorsements

Former State Senator Eben Hopson told Tundra Times this week that the Arctic Slope Native Association, of which he is executive director, that the organization will not endorse any state-wide political candidate in the upcoming primaries.

"...Before any candidate gets an idea," Hopson stated, "that endorsement might be forthcoming from the Arctic Slope Native Association, I want to state clearly here and now that as an organization, the ASNA will not endorse ANY CANDIDATE for state-wide office in the primary election."

"Any electioneering will be done on a personal and individual basis."

Two years ago, ASNA stirred the state political

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Ipalook, Jr. Wins \$25,000 from City of Kotzebue

A Kotzebue petit jury returned a verdict of \$25,000 in favor of Percy Ipalook, Jr. last week in his case against the City of Kotzebue.

The case was one of nine the Superior Court Judge William H. Sanders and his staff heard during the trials when the court was moved from Nome to Kotzebue to take care of the cases.

Ipalook alleged in his complaint for injuries that William Eisenhower, a city policeman, had shot him in the leg without any cause or reason on January 13, 1966.

The defendant, City of

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REMEMBER HOSPITAL WEEK—This tiny Eskimo girl went to PHS hospital in Bethel recently but she was too healthy for any kind of medication. She accompanied mama instead who needed minor treatment. The little girl was so curious about everything that she might remind people it's hospital week starting next Sunday until Saturday, May 18. See more photos on page 5. —USPHS Alaska Native Health Area Photo

Merdes: BIA Build, Maintain Schools, State Pay Teachers

Edward A. Merdes, who has announced that he is running for state senate from District I, told the Tundra Times this week that he favors extending the concept of the federal Johnson-O'Malley Act so that the Bureau of Indian

Affairs can pay for and maintain the physical buildings for schools while the state would provide teachers and pay their salaries.

He said that this approach to the school system in Alaska has never been made

PHS Bethel Hospital Services 85,000 Square Mile Area

(Special to Tundra Times)
By BETZI WOODMAN

The busiest hospital in Alaska sits on the tundra, unreachable by road and far from the big city activities usually associated with such an institution.

Yet the U.S. Public Health Service Native Hospital in Bethel, for all its remote locality, has a certificate of

accreditation. This means that the hospital has received an "A-OK" rating from the American Hospital Association.

This national organization sends a specially trained group of experts to check over the whole hospital—the building and its space, what kinds of service are given and under what conditions, what the hospital is equipped to take care of and even the number of people working there.

The standards are high—and what's more, the hospital has to maintain this high standard year in and year out to keep this accreditation rating for the inspectors come to check it out every three years.

During National Hospital

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\$1 Million for Native Housing Passes House

The U.S. House of Representatives approved an appropriation of \$1 million for the Alaska Native Housing Program, Congressman Howard Pollock reported Wednesday.

The measure was part of the Independent Offices and HUD appropriation bill for fiscal year 1969 which commences July 1.

In a telephone call from his office in Washington, Rep. Pollock said:

"I'm just delighted to report that, for the first time in history, the House of

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**AFN: Buy
380 Mil. Acres
For \$180 Mil.**

The Alaska Federation of Natives through its President Emil Notti has made an offer this week to President Lyndon Johnson that the statewide native organization buy 350 million acres of Alaskan land for the price of \$180 million.

"The offer is in line with the President's suggestion

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before and that it could add to the efficiency of operating schools in Alaska.

If he is elected, Ed Merdes said he would press for implementation of his idea.

Merdes, a Democrat, is

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