



TRADITION AND PROMISE merge in Barrow High graduates framed in baleen strips. Sadie Neakok, village magistrate, addresses the class of 1976—Barrow's second graduating class.

Photo by Jim Dillon

Barrow High School graduation

The beat of "Pomp and Circumstance" was accented by the Eskimo drum as twenty Whaler seniors were awarded diplomas at Barrow High School's second commencement Wednesday, May 19.

Keynote speaker for the ceremony was Mrs. Sadie Neakok, long-time Barrow Magistrate and community leader.

Mrs. Neakok stressed the importance of commitment to purpose in the lives of the graduates—both the past sacrifices of parents for their children's education and the need for the graduates themselves to forsake immediate gratification and follow instead life courses aimed at permanent improvement for themselves, their families, and their community.

This year's graduates numbered five more than Barrow High's initial graduating class of fifteen last year. The class of 1976 is Marie Ahsok, Earl Aiken, Violet Aiken, Paul Bodfish, Ellen Brower, Robert Danner, Marietta Edwardsen, Perry Ekowana, Daniel Frantz, Sandra Hopson, Allen Kaleak, Lloyd Leavitt, Dora Neakok, Glen Neakok, Alex Okpik, Roxy Oyagak, Harry Panigeo, Evelyn Stotts, Helen Suvlu, and Alice Williams.

Ellen Brower and Daniel Frantz served as valedictorians, challenging their class to serve as examples for the school's future

graduates. Forty two certificates of promotion were awarded to Barrow Junior High students entering the ninth grade next year.

Several of this year's graduates have announced plans to go on to college this fall. Among these are Ellen Brower, Marietta Edwardsen, and Dora Neakok who have been accepted to Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado.

Thirty five academic honors and over a hundred athletic awards were presented Barrow students for achievements this year at an Awards Banquet attended by over 500 students

and guests following the commencement. Barrow High, with an enrollment of 129 students, competed state-wide in basketball, track, wrestling, badminton, and volleyball.

Whaler athletes returned with gold and silver medals from the Arctic Winter Games in Quebec this year. Barrow's principal, Bill Thomas, leaving the school after eight years as a teacher and administrator, was presented with a canoe, a gift made by Barrow students.

Others speaking at the ceremonies included Dr. John Anttonen, Superintendent of Schools.

Congratulations Graduates!!

from the Tundra Times staff

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of the whites, becomes more understandable after Hunt explains the animals tasted like beef; averaged 35 feet in length, 20 feet in girth, had a six foot stomach and no fear of man.

He also provides the titillating note that male manatees came equipped with a six-foot-long oosik of corresponding thickness, and gives a charming account of manatee romance.

Hunt has an eye for characters and the book is full of them, outlined in Jack London style. Most colorful, perhaps, is Max Gottschalk, "strong as a bull and knew no fear of man, weather or beast." Known for lawlessness,

yet admired for his devotion of family.

"Gottschalk had paid \$2,000 to an Aleut family to secure their beautiful daughter for his wife," Hunt reports from the account of an old timer. "They had several children and often times I have seen him walking the streets of Nome with a child perched on each shoulder and others swinging along by his hands."

To read Hunt's "Arctic Passage" is to learn history through the men (and Beasts) that made it. An entertaining experience, well foot-noted.

Kenai Community College graduation

Three recent graduates of Kenai Peninsula Community College found jobs with BP Alaska Inc. Vivian Cole of Kenai, Leroy Sommer of Nulato and Gilbert Long of Barrow had been attending K.P.C.C. on full two-year scholarships from BP Alaska. They earned Associate of Arts degrees in Petroleum Technology. Two other Native students, Caleb Livingston of Old Harbor and Al Mayac of Anchorage, also earned degrees under BP's scholarship program.

As part of their education, the students spent last summer working for BP at Prudhoe Bay. During the course of their summer's work, each held various positions to give them an understanding of how an oilfield is developed and to allow each to find his area of interest.

Cole and Sommer will be working for BP's Production Department, she as a laboratory technician trainee and he as an operator trainee. Long will work

as an instrument repairman apprentice for engineering.

BP's training and development specialist, R.T. (Dick) Kirksey, indicated his pleasure with the results of BP's scholarship program. "We've gotten some good employees," he states. "We're going to continue offering scholarships to Native

Famous movie and novel titles with matching Alaskan subjects

By MARILYN RICHARDS

Could you imagine what you would end up with in matching famous novel and movie titles with Alaskan subjects? Here are few examples:

"Stranger in a Strange Land" could apply to John Wayne visiting the Aleutians.

"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" may be a documentary about the BIA.

"Gone With the Wind" is where the honey buckets go if you leave them outside in

students," he continued. "One of Alaska's resources is our young people, and we want to utilize that resource."

The five graduates were the first Native students to be offered BP's two-year scholarships but, "we hope to be able to expand our program to include more students from the outlying areas," Kirksey said.

Barrow.

"The Spy Who Came in From the Cold" is the heroic tale and adventures of a Russian (or CIA) agent who poses as an Iditarod musher.

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" depicts the suspenseful drama of the event of Tundra Times' annual banquet.

"The High and the Mighty" is a look at an AFN cocktail party.

"Where Eagles Dare" is a fable. Two Tlingits place a bet with high stakes. The moral is one

doesn't get shafted; one gets totomed!

"The Greatest Story Ever Told" is any article written by me.

"This Side of Paradise" is a travelogue of the Inside Passage.

"The Call of the Wild" is a case history of the first obscene

phone-call in the bush.

"Breakfast of Champions" is a cookbook written by Eskimo-Indian Olympics contestants.

The possibilities are endless, though not always imaginative. It's fun and therapeutic.

Learn to negotiate . . .

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from under the ice."

Hopson urged the circumpolar nations to agree on a common writing system for the Inupiat language. He described the kind of large international Arctic community tied together by traditional values and modern communications and transportation systems, a new Arctic, one that Howard Rock saw when he told the Eskimo people to deal with challenges by negotiating firmly.

To the Selawik graduates, Hopson said, "Your educations have just begun. Some of you will stay here and become masters of your land. Others of you will go on to college to become masters of arts and sciences. We need both. My only advice to you is to learn to negotiate. The Land Claims Movement in Alaska, Canada and Greenland is in need of young people who can negotiate fairly and firmly for the rest of us. A good negotiator knows what he is after, and why and what is fair."

Eleven of the 15 seniors so advised by Mayor Hopson will be attending college this fall and continuing their education for better negotiating to satisfy this timely advice. Jonas Ramoth,

Selawik city school board president, presented diplomas to Merle Custer, Christina Douglas and Carolyn Lee of Shunknak, Billy Tikik of Kotzebue and Selawik seniors Hilda Foxglove, Cynthia Jackson, Thelma Jones, Eleanor Loon, Roberta Norton, Diana Ramoth, Charles Riley, Linda Skin, Ethel Ticket and Scott Warren.

Scholarships were awarded to graduates Charles Riley, Eleanor Loon, Ethel Ticket, Billy Tikik and Christina Douglas. Four of these were \$300-NANA scholarships.

For the first time this year the Selawik City School Board gave Helen Davis Memorial Awards in memory of a Selawik girl who died tragically last January in a fire in Selawik while attempting to save her grandmother.

Two awards are given each year by the board. \$200 to a returning college student and \$100 to a graduating senior who best fulfills the high standards of the award.

This year's returning college-student winner is Agnes Smith, freshman at the University of Alaska. Ethel Ticket won the award for the graduating senior.



LEROY SOMMER, left, and Gilbert Long, right, look on as BP's Dick Kirksey congratulates Vivian Cole after graduation ceremonies at the Kenai Peninsula Community College earlier this month.