

## Former Principal Returns

# Prodigal Son, John Gordon, Of Bethel, Visits Barrow

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Most every canoe who stays out on the ice has had problem; the wind wasn't strong enough and the whales were running in schools along the shore ice. Ice opens once and didn't take long to freeze up because there was no wind at all.

Everytime the canoe see the whale, they'd shove out their canoe and breaking the stiff young ice, making noises, and couldn't get them close enough to strike them.

And today a good news spread out to the listeners who keep their ears open, that Roxy Oyagahs crew caught a whale. I was working in BIA Day School. Kids from each room got so excited, some of them wanted to go out but they couldn't because they still were in school hours.

### Prodigal Son

The graduation was placed in Presbyterian Church this evening on 14th of May, 1965. Introduction of the speaker was Lawrence B. Welch, Principal, Barrow Day school.

In his speech, Welch said to the congregation that he was introduce to the Barrow residents once by John F. Gordon and he will introduce him now to the people.

Gordon, five years ago, who once was our principal, now after he was transferred to Bethel, Alaska, he's an Area Field Representative in Bethel area.

People were glad when they could see him once more in Barrow, as if he was lost and come back, likely like Prodigal Son.

Presentation of candidates for graduation calls the name rolls as follows; these are honor students, all have an average of 90 or above:

Molly May Adam, Pauline Adams, Zachariah Ahmakak, Sarah Ahgasuk, Bernice Ahsóak, Alice May Aishanna, Maggie Brower, Virginia Brower, Mary Jane Brown, Billy Burnell, Doreen Edwardson, Mar-

garet Hopson, Ronald Itta, Mary Kaleak, Perry Kiious

David Kippl, Richard Krier, Johnny Leavitt, Judy Leavitt, May Leavitt, Ben Nageak, Ronald Neakok, Jeannie Ningeok, Joe Nukapégak, Marie Nusunginya, Guy Okakok, Jr., Sarah Okakok, Virginia Oyagak, Lloyd Panegéo, James Patkóktak, Louise Raichlen, Mary Seg-evan, Vera Solomon, and Silas Tegoseak, Jr.

These students also were given free dance in Polar Bear Theatre.

### Students Back

High schoolers from Mt. Edgecumbe came back today, 15th of May. They were 73 most from Barrow village alone. Ten minutes before plane arrival, about 100 or more people went up to the new airport to meet their children.

Oh how happy the children were to be back to their old birthplace once more after they all been away nine months in school.