

Editor's Note

The sun has returned to the North Slope in all its glory and it brings thoughts of spring, of whaling, of caribou hunting, of camping . . . If in your thoughts of spring activities you come across something to share with others on the North Slope please send it to the NSB Newsletter c/o The North Slope Borough Mayor's Office Box 69 Barrow, AK.

In this third issue there are topics of deep concern to North Slope Borough residents, like "Boroughwide Fire Protection!" and "Public Review of Public Safety," and there are some bits and pieces on the lighter side, such as, "A New Bird in Town" and Richard Ahgook's cartoon.

Richard has worked as night watchman at the Nunamiut School in his home village of Anaktuvuk Pass. He draws dur-

ing the quiet hours of his shift and goes home before anyone arrives for the new school day. Although he spends hours in the halls and classrooms, few people ever see him there. Still, his presence is felt. The drawing he finishes in the night is left behind on a bulletin board. The next day the school kids and staff are treated to a scene beautifully portraying the animals and scenery around the mountain village. One bright morning during a visit to the Pass, I found not a drawing but a cartoon on the bulletin board. The ice fishing scene was certainly familiar to Anaktuvuk Pass and so was the signature beneath it. Thank you, Richard, for sharing a sensible message in a drawing as light and wonderful as a sunny spring day.

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