

Be Sure to Leave Blubber on Seal Skin - That's Right!

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FAIRBANKS — On the seal contest today, the womens were urged to leave the blubber with the men, and oh my goodness, the seal that was nearest to us was so neat and clean what the lady worked on.

We thought this one was No. 1 but we made a mistake. The farthest one took 1st prize.

According to Panuk, an Eskimo who lived there in Tuktoyatuk over 20 years, said the judges don't look for a speed job. They always judge them neatness and better job. This was the first time in my life I've ever known skinned them seals this way.

ICE HOLDS

Mr. Joshua Okpik, an Eskimo, and also an ARL employee, came in today from Barrow said that there is lots of ice yet there along the shore. He said hunters never did go out as the heavy ice was still there. He said there might be walrus out there but no way out to look for them.

But hunters do get caribous and lots of fishes. Joshua Okpik is 65 years of age. He worked for ARL for several years and he has to work another one or two years till he could retire.

Joshua also said, the New Arctic Slope Hotel is almost completed. He said the restaurant, and even lounge, will be there. The visitors can't hardly wait as they, too, are looking for rooms.

I asked Joshua if he knows how many people there now not including White people. He answered and told me the population in Barrow alone could be almost 3,000. Still growing though, he said.

Also the barges are way down Wainwright and Sea Horse Island. They are waiting for ice to leave. Trouble is, they don't have northwest yet which this wind could blow the ice out but he doubt it.

Joshua didn't know when he will return.

LIVELY PERSON

I met a man from Savoonga in Olympic program outside of Patty Gym. His name is Jimmie Tulai, Eskimo, 70 years old.

He called me by somebody's name, hello Howard. He came

over and shook hands. I told him Howard is not my name.

"Oh," he said. "I thought you're Howard."

"No," I said to him. "I work for Howard."

Jimmie is 70 years of age and he said he has worked all his life for BIA. Now he's retired.

Next summer he said he will bring in young people from Savoonga and it will be different.