

# Letters from Here and There

## *Stickman Thanks 'Nice People'*

Nulato, Alaska  
December 22, 1972

Dear Friend Mr. Howard Rock:

I just lost about all my Christmas spirit when the U.S. Army came Dec. 19th with a big load for Christmas with the house chopper. Next day, Dec. 20th, the Air Force came with another load. That cheered me up. I don't know how to thank those nice people with a big heart for thinking about us poor people in the village. If it wasn't for them, I don't know what kind of Christmas we were going to have.

But in the other side of the world they're different people. The ones that think only about money, money, money. What's money? Money cannot talk to you. Them lawyers want millions from us poor people and we don't get one red cent yet. Can you, Howard? What's wrong with these lawyers? I thought they're supposed to be smart. Is that what God made this world for? For these greedy people. One hundred dollars an hour? I can't believe it. They must be nuts. What they're going to do with that much money? They can't take with them when they die. How can a man spend a million.

Howard, I'm living in my Mother and Dad's house. It was built, no one knows when, before I was born. About 70

years old. The wind almost tore it down the other day. But I still slept in there.

The wind was blowing right through the house all over.

So we had Christmas early this year. I still have till New Year to celebrate but I don't know how. Just get drunk I guess — that's the only way for a 65 year old Indian with snow white hair.

Merry, merry Christmas, buddy.

Fred Stickman, Sr.

## *Thoughts Are Turning to "Rondy"*

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Gentlemen:

Once again our thoughts turn to February . . . the 1973 Fur Rendezvous . . . and the Eighth Annual All-Alaska Basketball Classic. This Classic, a major event of the "Rondy," will be an invitational adult tournament including all areas of the state.

The 1973 tournament will be different than 1972 due to the fact that there will be more teams and games; thus making the event more representative of all Alaska.

The games will start on Monday, February 12, and will be held in the Community Center Gymnasium. The semi-finals and finals will be held on Monday, February 19, also at Com-

munity Center Gym, taking advantage of the Washington Birthday legal holiday. Plans are for the Anchorage teams to play during the first two days, although some visiting teams will be asked to come in earlier, so please notify us in advance if it is possible for your team to attend earlier.

The major consideration for selection of out-of-town teams will be your record against other teams in your area; however, your past performance in previous Classics and the interest you show in wanting to participate will also be a factor.

We are making every attempt this year to keep the public more informed about the outlying areas. So keep in touch . . . send in whatever team information you can, including scores and records. We will see that it reaches the news media. A little more publicity for your areas will generate interest in the State Classic just as the Pre-Classic Elimination has done in Anchorage.

Enclosed is the necessary information. Should you want additional information, call the City of Anchorage, Parks and Recreational Dept., 274-2525, ext. 367.

Best wishes for a successful Basketball Season, and may it be topped off with a spot at the All-Alaska Classic, Gold Medal Tournament, or the Arctic Winter Games.

Sincerely,

Louis Strutz  
Tournament Director