

'Foolish Five' are still Page One material

THINGS HAVE CHANGED — 10 years ago Howard Rock reported that his staff writer was out traveling on assignment this month. He wrote, "The young reporter was sent to Point Hope by his editor and his father, Tom Richards, Sr., to cover the traditional whale hunting celebration that took place last week." This report was from the June 20, 1969 T.T. issue. OR HAVE THEY? Rock also said in that issue's editorial, "From here on in, the biggest necessity will have to be the guardianship of unity within the AFN ... It must be kept strong because there may yet be some efforts to undermine it . . . MEANWHILE, under-secretary of Interior Russell Train was discussing TAPS pipeline permit application on Page One and noted, "In particular, we must consider the interests of Alaska's native citizens who may have established claims to portions of the proposed route." . . . FOOLISH FIVE? and, in the June 13, 1969 issue, Edgar Paul Boyko is quoted as labeling Emil Notti, John Borbridge, Willie Hensley, Eben Hopson and Flore Lekanof as "The foolish five" in his criticism of the AFN relationship with its legal counsel. The AFN's counsel's name was Arthur J. Goldberg. Yes, it really has been ten years . . . AND YES, Milton and Elijah Moses of Tanana and Edmund Lord of Nenana were the 1969 winners of the Yukon 800 Riverboat Classic in a boat called WILD SAVAGE.