

Scout Troop First in History Of Noatak

For the first time in the history of Noatak, the village has a Boy Scout troop. The Noatak Mother's Club, under the leadership of Eunice Walton (who is also president of the School Board), is sponsor of the troop.

It is known as Troop 100 Boy Scouts of America. A Troop Committee was established to help in financing of the troop with Gilbert Mills as chairman and Darold Mitchell and Kenneth Ashby as members.

David Adams, veteran BIA maintenance man is the Institutional representative.

Community involvement is what produced the Noatak Scout Troop. The entire community is supporting the troop and shows a pride that should insure a long troop life.

Troop 100 is made up of 17 boys in 4 patrols, with two adult leaders. Mr. W. Cole, BIA Principal Teacher, and Mr. R. Harnett, BIA teacher, are the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster.

Troop 100 was established on March 7, 1969, and since that time has supplied all of the boys in the troop from uniforms to tents.

Money is raised for their equipment through movies, rummage sales and bingo. The boys



TROOP 100—Historic first of the Boy Scouts of America was formed at the Eskimo village of Noatak recently under the leadership of Eunice Walton, school board president. There are 17 boys in the troop and they are: T. Booth, V. Adams, R. Williams, G. Walton, F. Burns, J. Booth, D. Onalik, G. Wesley, R. Mitchell, A. Downey, R. Penn, W. Burns, F. Booth, E. Onalik. W. Cole is scoutmaster; R. Harnett, assistant scoutmaster; V. Adams is patrol leader; F. Burns, assistant patrol leader; G. Walton, patrol leader; G. Wesley, assistant patrol leader; R. Williams, patrol leader; R. Mitchell, Jr., assistant patrol leader; T. Booth, patrol leader; and J. Booth, assistant patrol leader. Troop 100 has taken over the responsibility of outfitting the troop from uniforms to tents. The boys help to raise money.

have taken an active part in raising the money.

An active outdoor program has been planned this summer which includes hiking, and a full week of summer camp on the Noatak River. Leadership is stressed among the boys.

The Scouting program insti-

gated a new school program where the Boy Scouts are learning skills of proper use of hand tools in the school shop. Projects that are made there relate to scouting activities.

At the present time each patrol has completed a patrol storage box for use at summer camp.

Two Whales Taken By Allen Rock

Up till last Tuesday, two bow-head whales have been caught at Point Hope and both were bagged by Allen Rock and his crew.

According to Point Hopers, the whales were rather small each measuring 29 feet. One whale was caught outright but the other whale escaped but was found dead four days later.

Last Tuesday, whale hunting conditions at the village were said to be almost ideal with much open water on the sea ice. Whales were seen to be running.

Earlier in the season, since around the middle of April, hunting conditions were not good with the south wind keeping the leads closed.

Point Hope now has two big reasons for a three-day whaling celebration that will take place

sometime around the second week of June. Within the last ten years or so, people up to 200 from other villages have come to witness the celebration at Point Hope.

Up in Barrow, the whalers there have now caught eight. The biggest one is said to be 70 feet with the baline length of 12 feet. The mammoth animal was caught by Tom Brower's crew.

Barrow's version of the whaling celebration will take place sometime later than that of Point Hope due to the later duration of the Barrow whaling season. Barrow whalers, however, have caught some of their whales unusually early this year.

Allen Rock is the brother of the Tundra Times editor Howard Rock.

BIA Forms Education Advisory

Continuing efforts to involve Alaska's Native people in educational affairs took another step forward during the week of April 21 at Mt. Edgecumbe.

A group of 25 Native leaders representing Advisory School Boards and political organizations throughout the State of Alaska met with Bureau of Indian Affairs administrators and Mt. Edgecumbe school staff.

As preliminary to the work of organizing Education Advisory Committees to serve at the State level and at the Bureau's agency offices in Anchorage, Bethel, Fairbanks, Nome, and Southeast Alaska, the group received presentations and engaged in discussions and recommendations on all phases of educational matters.

The Mt. Edgecumbe Advisory School Board reported on other educational leadership training efforts being provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Dr. Clifford Hartman, Alaska's Commissioner of Education, and Warren Tiffany, the BIA's Assistant Area Director (Education), were on hand to assist the group in exploring such areas as the transfer of Bureau schools, the regional high school concept, budget, curriculum, and the roles of boards and advisory groups in education.

The members who were selected by their own Native organizations are:


From Anchorage agency: Flore Lekanof, Spenard; Eunice Neseth, Kodiak; Elia Phillips, Perryville; Eliza Chase, Nunapitchuk; Walter Maillelle, Grayling; Elias Jospeh, Alakanuk; Ivan Michael, Kwethluk.

From Fairbanks agency: Annie Brower, Barrow; Claude Dementief, Galena; Rev. David Solomon, Ft. Yukon; Katherine Harwood, Fairbanks.

From Southeast agency: Theodore Valle, Yakutat; Dick Hotch, Klukwan; May Dailey, Wrangell; Henry Benson, Sitka.


From Nome agency: Vincent Schuerch, Kiana; Charley Okpowruk, Shishmaref; Fred Daniels, Elim.

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