

Helped Remove Bodies from Wreckage—

Guy Okakok Recalls Will Rogers, Wiley Post Tragedy Near Barrow

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BARROW, (Special)—Yesterday was August 15th, and on that day, August, 15, 1935, 35 years ago, when these two famous fliers landed at Walikpat, 14 miles off village.

Mr. Claire Okpeaha, hunter, was camping at that time with his family. When they landed, he walked up and met them, talk with them.

Claire pointed out toward Barrow after they had asked him where Barrow village was.

They taxied couple times before they took off. Finally took off not long. They were very low when they took off. And while Claire was watching them, all of a sudden this plane somersault head nose and crashed in the creek.

He run down and called them but no answer. There that day both died.

He didn't stay long, but took off with his kayak, paddled half way, and walked up toward Barrow.

He told Mr. Charles Brower that the plane crashed near his

place. Mr. Brower send us down with boats and I help pulled the bodies off plane. These two famous never did reach their goal.

And there was no darkness either, 24 hours daylight.

Folks, we never know what will happen to us, even same as these two famous fliers.

BOARD MEETING

In the meeting this evening at Jr. High School, discussion how we parents could place our children to school, students who are to finish high school from 10th to 12th graders.

Shall we want our children or send them to boarding home program. Discussion was where.

In meeting, some parents wants them to stay with folks who are stationed in Fairbanks, Anchorage or some place.

There are some parents who have children in Fairbanks wants their young students to stay with them.

Another word came from the school board that they had a message from Chilocco that 28 students could be placed in school, only 28 not more.

All the parents were urged

to talk with their children and decide whether students could want to go there. Only problem is, some wants to stay where they could be close from home.

Others wishes to see they build a high school here in Barrow so their children could go there and finish high school.

Answer from the Board is, this plan has been arranged and still they looked forward to see that they build one here in Barrow year from now, two or 3-4 years, until they build one.

All of us wants this plan settled down, having placed one high school here in Barrow.

WHERE ARE THEY?

People who wish to have gas hauled in from Kotzebue to Barrow are now disappointed, after all, when they couldn't have gas for winter used.

People who have signed their names people who wanted gasoline brought in to Barrow from Kotzebue. And Mike Grimes who has papers with him said, that neither one of these natives who signed their names never came to him.

Why, he even felt sorry for them, after all they been furnishing gasoline and oils all these years for village people.

Lot of the Eskimos went down to see Mr. Grimes down to beach with their checks to pay for the gasoline they ordered through this barge.

But the answer is that they have no gasoline for them. That is why natives here get disappointed.

DIED

Mr. Harlen Okomialak, old time residence of Barrow died in hospital. We do not know just exactly how old he may be, but he is over 80 years old.

READERS

Sorry I never write columns for so long now, it will never happen again. Good Luck and God bless you all.