

Oosik Surprises TV Host ...

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thinking it was a big joke but soon found themselves sitting in the makeup chair having makeup applied and looking somewhat sheepish. After all, they were very strong men, having broken records during the 1973 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics which tested their strength and endurance to pain.

After makeup, we had some time to rest for an hour or wander around the NBC studios. Right next to our dressing rooms, Red Fox (of the Sanford & Sons TV show) had his and we enjoyed chatting with him; he invited us to watch him rehearse his show. Other celebrities we saw were Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Dom DeLuise, and a few others.

Finally, it was show time. The boys and I chatted briefly about how I was to present the very special and unique Alaskan gift to Johnny Carson, which had been hurriedly given to me at the airport in Fairbanks. This gift was generously donated by Marie Olsen of the Alaska Native Arts & Crafts Cooperation. The problem was still unresolved when I was introduced first and had to appear from behind the curtain carrying this gift with me. I thought "Oh no, now what?" I shook hands with Johnny Carson and his sidekick, Ed McMahon, and sat down. We chatted and I briefed them on Alaska, the Olympics, and Tundra Times.

While we were talking, I was frantically trying to think of how I was going to present him with his gift. THEN the moment arrived and I blurted out that I had a very special unique Alaskan gift for him and empha-

sized that this was an artifact called a walrus oosik. I hoped he would say "thank you" and ask more questions about Alaska. He didn't. He picked it up, said "Thank you - is this a walrus tusk?"

I looked at him, hoping that the horror in my eyes didn't show, and thought of the approximately 300 people sitting in the audience and wondered whose bright idea this was. I took a deep breath and said "No, this artifact is a walrus male reproductive organ."

The expression on his face was priceless, I'm sure my face was red and the whole crowd burst out laughing. Needless to say, everything said after that brought the house down. However, I was able to explain that it was used for years and years as a club, cribbage boards, and had other uses. In the meantime, behind the curtain, Reggie, Roger, Les and Freddie were rolling on the floor, laughing their heads off.

We introduced the boys who performed the games beautifully including the high kick, elbow walk, knuckle hop, ear pull, ear weight and drop-the-bomb contest. Johnny did exceptionally well with the elbow walk, beat Freddie in the ear pull, picked up 5 pounds with his ear in the ear weight, beat Reggie in the Indian stick pull, and tried "drop the bomb" but couldn't get off the floor. We were on the show for approximately twenty to thirty minutes.

We were taken to the special "Green Room" which is for guests and watched the rest of the show which included the guest appearance of Ricardo

Montalban, the famous hand some movie star. We chatted with him and others after the show and answered more questions about Alaska.

All in all, the trip for us was hilarious and exciting. The boys charmed everyone with our unique games and sports and I'm sure that Johnny Carson will always be overwhelmed with his special gift from Alaska.

Northern Games In Ft. Good Hope August 17-20

The 1973 Northern Games will be held in Fort Good Hope (Northwest Territories, Canada) on August 17-20.

The small community is deep into preparations for the event. Participants will stay in tents and do most of their own cooking. They must bring their own sleeping bags, but cooking equipment and food will be supplied.

Fort Good Hope is a dry community and it is hoped that this year's games will be modeled after the old-time get-togethers, where booze was not a part of the celebration.

This year, because the location will be in Fort Good Hope, the emphasis will be on Indian games, and they hope to revive a number of the old games which have almost been forgotten, so that the younger people can learn how to play them.

There are expected to be a number of Indian dance groups, present, as well as some of the Eskimo dancers and game participants well known to Northern Games when it was previously held in Inuvik.

Participants are expected to come from as far as Cambridge Bay, Point Barrow, Alaska; Whitehorse, Yukon; and from many of the upper Mackenzie communities not previously represented at Northern Games.

House Votes ...

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begin as early as next spring and would be completed within three years.

The House, in passing the bill, turned down several significant amendments: one by Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., to prohibit pipelines through national parks, wilderness areas, or wildlife refuges; the second, a proposal by Rep. John Dellenback, R-Oregon, to delete the section which bars the courts from reviewing whether Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) issuing the permit.

State Senator Willie Hensley, D-Kotzebue, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, was part of a group of Native leaders who traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby intensively for passage of the pipeline legislation.

Hensley: AFN, Inc. Does Not Oppose Alaska Pipeline

State Senator Willie Hensley, President of AFN, Inc., announced that the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. has not taken a position in opposition to the proposed Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

According to Senator Hensley, recent opposition to the pipeline by Doyon Limited has been misconstrued by some to be the position of the Federation.

Senator Hensley stated that: "Doyon Limited, representing the Indians of the Interior, is the only region in the Federation that has come out in opposition to the Pipeline."

The position taken by the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. during its lobbying on the Pipeline Right-Of-Way Bill has been in support of the Pipeline with assurance of protection to those living in the general area of the Right-Of-Way; reimbursement for losses to the Alaska Native Fund due to delay in oil and gas production; and assurances for jobs and training during and after construction of the Pipeline.

Hensley and other native leaders were successful in attaching two amendments to the bill, one granting indemnification for person's along the right-of-way and the other providing for a guarantee on the two per cent royalties in the event production is delayed.

A lone voice in the midst of last week's celebration was that of John Sackett, head of the Interior Athabascans' Corporation, Doyon Ltd. Sackett voiced grave doubts about whether or not the long-awaited pipeline would indeed bring economic benefits to Alaska's Native people.

In the interim between passage of the Senate and House bills, Doyon, Ltd. issued a statement opposing the pipeline. Doyon charged that pipeline activity would seriously jeopardize the Native subsistence way of living and hinted that the Department of the Interior has not provided adequate protection for that way of life.

With final Congressional endorsement on the pipeline, the next formal legal step is a joint House-Senate conference committee, to unify the provisions of both versions. This procedure is expected to last several weeks and from the Conference Committee, the bill will go to the White House for the President's signature.

Cheryl Nelson To Go To Girl Scout Pow-Wow In Iowa

(Reprint from Ketchikan Daily News)

Cheryl Nelson, a Ketchikan Girl Scout of Cadette Troop No. 55 will represent First City girl scouts at the Sacajawea Pow Wow '73 sponsored by the Moin-gona Girl Scout Council of Central Iowa from Aug. 1-16.

Cheryl, a freshman at Ketchikan High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson of 419 Bawden Street.

One hundred and twenty-eight girl scouts from thirty-four states plus guests from Panama, Mexico and Canada will participate in the national event at Camp Sacajawea near Boone, Iowa.

In a camp setting Sacajawea Pow Wow '73 will focus on the American Indian. The young women attending will study Indian life, seeking an awareness and knowledge of these unique people. Through participation in Indian ceremonies, social and religious, concentrated study of arts, crafts, food, dwelling, costumes, dress and through forums on the Indian's heritage and future, each participant will study today's American Indian and his forefather.

Cheryl's particular contribution to this event is study of the Northwest Coast Indians. In addition, Cheryl and her mother have made an authentic Haida dance costume, which was designed by Bea Starkweather.

During the event the girl scouts will have an opportunity to live in a tee-pee, live off the land and be a member of an Indian community.

A special guest and consultant during the event will be Mrs. Robert Horne, leader of the first all-Indian Girl Scout troop, and the great-granddaughter of Sacajawea, the Shoshone Indian woman who guided the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Cheryl is sponsored by the Tongass, Alaska Girl Scout Council, which will pay for Cheryl's transportation to Pow Wow '73.



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