

Okakok Reminisces About Time He Met Dr. Forbes in Mass.

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BARROW, (Special)—Yesterday Sunday while I was watching a TV movie, one of my sons came alongside of me asking me if I knew a man who died, by the name of Dr. Henry Forbes.

"Why, yes," I said to him. "What's the matter, Son?"

He said he reads in the papers and found out that Dr. Forbes passed away. After he had said these words he handed me the Tundra Times papers.

"Son," I told him, "we all will passed away some day, but we do not know when."

In 1962 when I went down to the States after we had talked to the officials in Washington, D. C., Miss Madigan, executive secretary of American Association of Indian Affairs, ask me if I want to visit Forbes who stationed in Massachusettes.

I didn't wait to answer, I'm willing to go there. Next day we flew east to Mass., landed and Dr. Forbes and others enclunding me, gets in the car and drove to his home.

Every morning before breakfast, Dr. Forbes would exercise lifting himself up and down, as if he was 25 years old. Dr. Forbes was 79 then when I went down.

Dr. Forbes has done a wonderful deeds to the Eskimos, Indians and Aleuts. I am not the only one who got shocked of his death. I know Inupiat in Alaska would, after all when he has done so much for Alaskans.

ALMOST DONE

Burgess Construction here

who still paving the air strip are almost done. Heard that they probably will finished it another two weeks from today.

SHOT MOOSE

Mr. Daniel Leavitt, who supervise the Boy Scout Troops, brought in a fine moose meat. Boys were still lively when they return after they had camping about 100 miles off Barrow, in Umiat.

FINDS IT'S COLD

One of the tourists, a lady took a bath, I mean swim out to below Brower's Hotel in the Arctic Ocean. She came back ashore after dipping herself in the water and went right out again.

She said our Arctic is 4 or 5 times colder than their sea.

Also next morning, Senator Gruening and Muktuk Marston dipped themselves in our Arctic Ocean. This same lady was in too again that day. They all finds it's awfully cold water.

THEY ALWAYS THERE

Brower has been getting fishes from the ocean now just below them, trouts and whites both with fish nets. We know there's fishes out there, but never did set nets out.

Now, after the natives has found out that there's fishes there, they said they will have to set nets right away.

ALMOST OVER

Tourist seasons is about over and they come in very slowly. Heard the final day on tourist seasons is on 6th of September.

GOT TO VOTE

Well, I have to close now as we will have to go where the ballots are and vote.