

BETHEL, PHS HAVE UNIQUE DOG MUSHING FUN

BETHEL, (Special)— The Bethel Dog Musers Club sponsored two races on March 29. There was an unusual twist to these races.

In the men's race in the morning, the dogteam owners rode in the sleds while the doctors and

pharmacists from the PHS Hospital took over as the mushers.

In the afternoon, the nurses tried their luck at driving the dogs while the dogteam owners got another free ride in the sleds.

The day's activities ended with a pot luck dinner in the Kusko-

kwim Klub House in the hospital. Almost all the participants attended the evening's festivities.

The Dog Musers Club gave native artifacts as prizes to the hospital personnel that placed both first and last in the races.

The racers that happened to be lucky enough to pick Peter Jacob's team were the winners. Peter's dogs led the group both in the morning and the afternoon.

Dr. Vogel won the men's race and Mrs. Loretta Wyatt, a Registered Nurse from the hospital, won the women's race.

After the awards, Nick Ashepak and Peter Jacob entertained everyone with their Eskimo dances.

Paul Gregory, a supervisor at the hospital, was responsible for organizing the races. Although Paul has owned a snow machine, he is one of the supporters that is trying to keep dogteams a part of the Eskimo way of life.

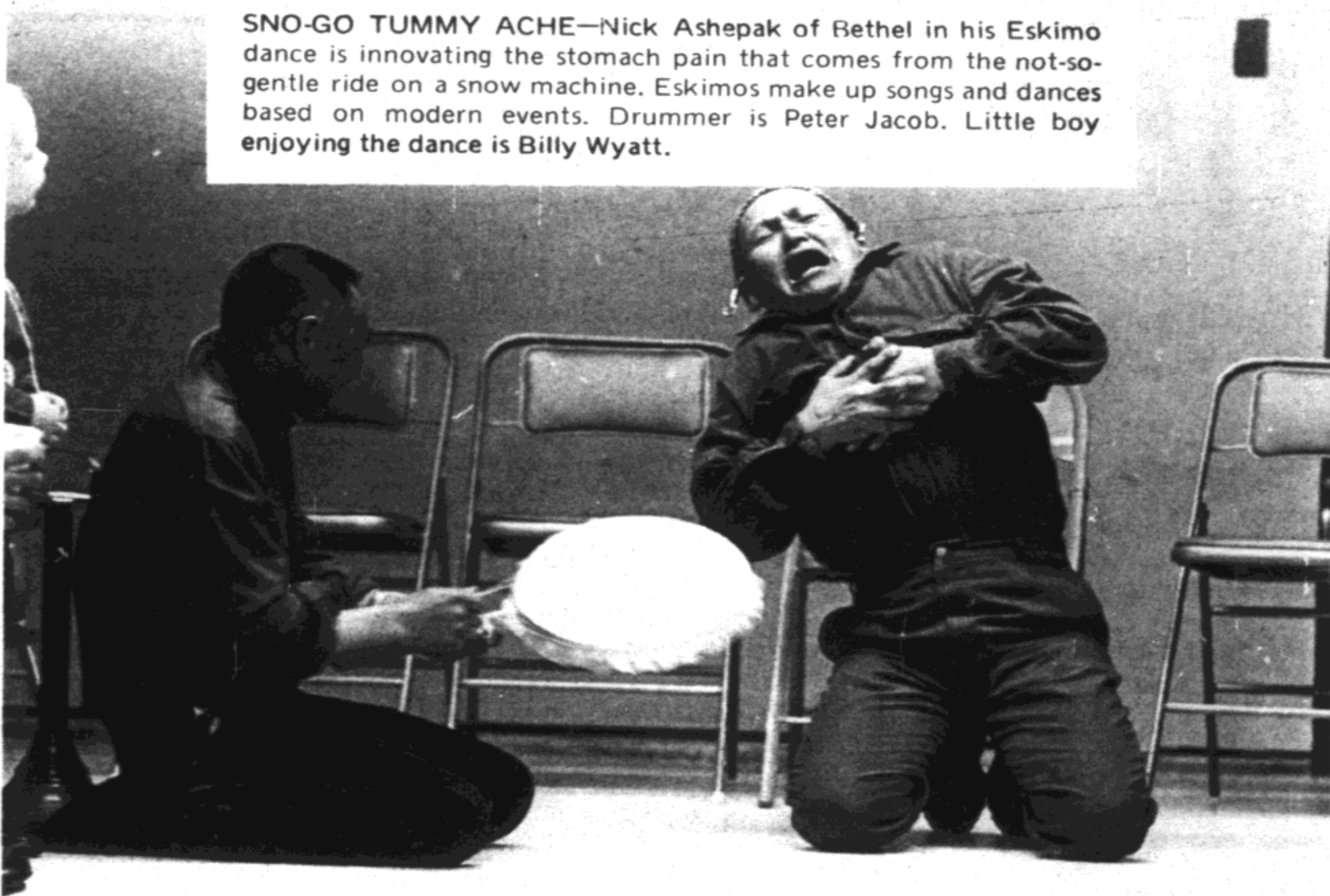
Paul, Peter Jacob and Ella Sallaffie have been instrumental in forming the Bethel Dog Musers Club. They hope to expand their group and bring in members from the surrounding villages.

Their next race will be on April 12 in Bethel. Anyone with a dogteam is welcome to enter.

The hospital personnel will remember this past weekend with fond memories. They enjoyed being included in the club's activities.



ELDERLY ESKIMO WOMEN—Kuskokwim City of Bethel goes for dog sled races in a big way. Sometimes, more than 100 teams converge there from the outlying villages. Recently, Bethel put on races for the Public Health Service personnel there which resulted in great fun. Two elderly Eskimo women reflect the fun had by all.
—All Bethel Photos by JOHN TOOMER



SNO-GO TUMMY ACHE—Nick Ashepak of Bethel in his Eskimo dance is innovating the stomach pain that comes from the not-so-gentle ride on a snow machine. Eskimos make up songs and dances based on modern events. Drummer is Peter Jacob. Little boy enjoying the dance is Billy Wyatt.



RACE PARTICIPANTS—At the sled dog races recently at Bethel, PHS personnel and Bethel people had the racingest fun. Some of the participants were: Top row, left to right: Miss Janice Howe, Mrs. Jeanette Morton, Miss Louise Willman, Miss Nancy Churchill, Mrs. Carla Lang, and Mrs. Loretta Wyatt. Front row, left to right: George Beaver, Elia Sallaffie, Golga Chief, Moses Anvil, Paul Gregory, Peter Jacob. Sitting on the floor is Gusmak Alexie.