



**KVNA OFFICIALS IN BETHEL**—These are Kuskokwim Valley Native Association officials. KVNA has now about 100 paid members from the Kuskokwim valley area. President of the group, Tony Lewis, said that the organization has a potential membership of about 7,000 people in the Bethel area. From left to right, front row: Tony Lewis, Mrs. Mabel Pike, treasurer, and Nick Charles, committeeman; Back row: Tommy Moses, 1st vice president, Major Joseph, 2nd vice president, and James Active, committeeman. Jackie Jones, secretary is not pictured as well as three committeemen. Nick Charles is chairman of the committee.

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**THE ICEBREAKER POTLATCH**—Not long ago, the Kuskokwim Valley Native Association held a banquet which they called the Icebreaker Potlatch. About 250 people attended. At the conclusion of the feast, 31 new members were signed up. It was the first of its kind ever held in Bethel and much enjoyment was evident throughout the occasion. The group is planning another Icebreaker feast in August as a going-away party for students who will be leaving for school.

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## Hooper Bay Weather Still Cold, Snow Melting Slowly

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Doctor O'Connell and his family from Bethel spent their one-week vacation here. He had a good time seal hunting and later left for Bethel. Also Peter Seton and family spent their two-week vacation in here.

We have still cold weather but snow melting slowly. The bay has still lots of ice. (Note that some of these news are from way back in May.)

Our weather was cold about two weeks but now weather change and hunters have a good time. They kill several walrus since few days.

School students came back from their schools: Chemawa, Mt. Edgecumbe, St. Mary's and from Copper Valley School. Everyone of them are all fine.

Last Monday, May 23, Hooper Bay closed school. Eighth graders graduated.

Sea is covered with ice.

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**NEW MEMBERS SIGNING UP**—At the conclusion of the Icebreaker Potlatch in Bethel, new members for the Kuskokwim Valley Native Association lined up around the treasurer, Mable Pike's table. The distinctive citizen of Bethel, Mrs. Maggie Lind, is showing her famous smile while she is being signed up by the treasurer. Mrs. James Peter is directly behind Maggie and behind Mrs. Peter is Mrs. Irene Rowan, wife of the Bethel city manager, Mike Rowan.

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Men are getting walrus, lof-tok, and spotted seals.

Departure: Mr. and Mrs. Jack CATERON going outside. They will stop at Fairbanks. They taught here three years. And Mr. and Mrs. TYLER visit to Anchorage and will come back after one week.

Hunters didn't get much seal now because sea is too much closed with ice.

On May 29, Donald TOLL and Bernice SMITH married in Catholic church by Father ENDAL before High Mass. Church was full.

Bay is breaking up. As soon as the bay cleared, men got lots of herring fish and some king salmon. Also Karl TOLL and Pices HACHSCHER got white whale.

And last night, June 6, USMS North Star came. Brought some fuel: for BIA, 55,000 gallons; for Native Store, 25,000 gallons; and for Catholic Mission, 3,000 gallons.

Also brought some supplies for Native Store, groceries, clothing, and lots more usable things. Just finished few days ago and start Chevak cargo and fuel.

My brother, Homer Hunter and his children came by boat, 40 miles from Scammon Bay by sea. They came for groceries and gasoline.

North Star will be leaving tonight (June 13) or early tomorrow morning for Scammon Bay.

King salmon running but not lots. Hope to get more later on.

Bye and God bless you all.