

PT. HOPE YOUNGSTERS SHOW PIC TALENT

40 Youngsters Took to Pic Taking Like the Ducklings to a Pond



VETERAN WHALER—Lenny Lane, left, is one of the oldest men at Point Hope but he still maintains his own whaling crew.

Fifteen-year-old Minnie Lane was the photographer.

—Photo by MINNIE LANE

Dorothea M. Taylor, graduate student at the University of Alaska and bush teacher for several years, recently returned from a five-weeks' photography project at Point Hope.

Miss Taylor's goal was to discover whether photography is a feasible tool for elementary school social studies students and if so, what other benefits might result from use of this medium in the school program.

The research project was made possible through the Experienced Teachers Fellowship Program and was funded by the federal and state governments and the University of Alaska.

Approximately 40 Point Hope grade school children ranging in age from nine to fifteen participated. The following students acted as the core:

Silas Frankson, age 10, grade 3; Jack Oktolik, age 11, grade 4; Thomas Lisbourne, age 11, grade 5; Gilbert Howarth, age 13, grade 6; Lloyd Vincent, age 12, grade 6; George Tuckfield, age 13, grade 7; Julia Lane, age 14, grade 8; Minnie Lane, age 15, grade 8; Jimmy

Frankson, age 15, grade 8; Sally Nashookpuk, age 15, grade 8.

The remaining children were chosen as photo buddies by the core students, each core member selected a different buddy each week for four of the five weeks.

The core children learned to take, develop, enlarge, and print their pictures and to assist the photo buddies in shooting.

The photographs indicate what ordinary children can do with a simple camera and a short period of sound instruction.

Most of the students had never taken a picture before the project.

At the end of the five weeks, the children exhibited some of their work at the school.

Gene McClain of Anchorage, Lee Andrich of Kodiak, and Abigail Smith of Seattle acted as judges, selecting Minnie Lane as best all-around photographer.

Sally Nashookpuk also received an award for versatility and excellence. Cameras used were Instamatics.

AFTER BLIZZARD—A boy is digging snow after a heavy blizzard at the village of Pt. Hope. Ten-year-old Silas Frankson, photographer.

—Photo by SILAS FRANKSON

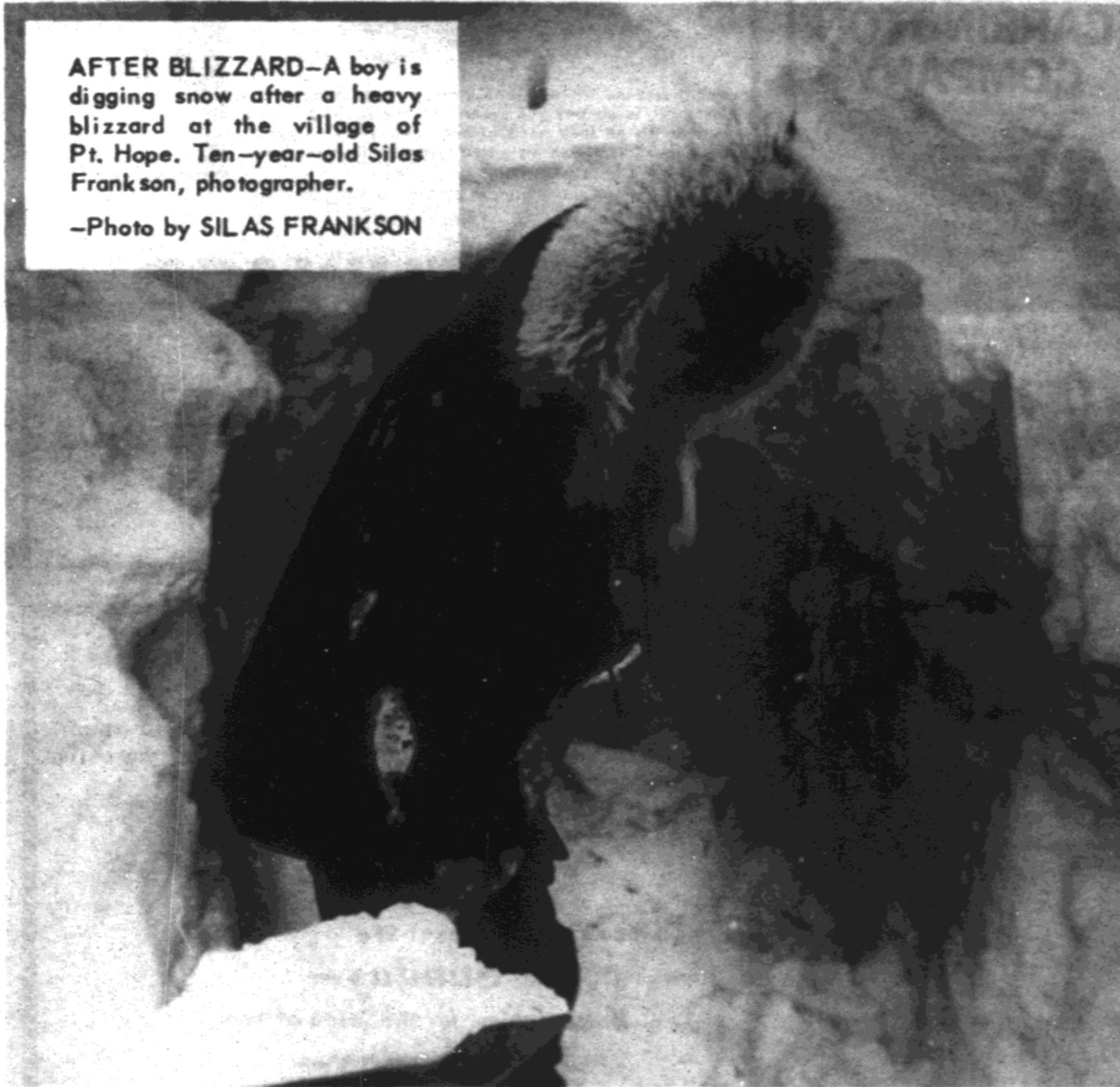
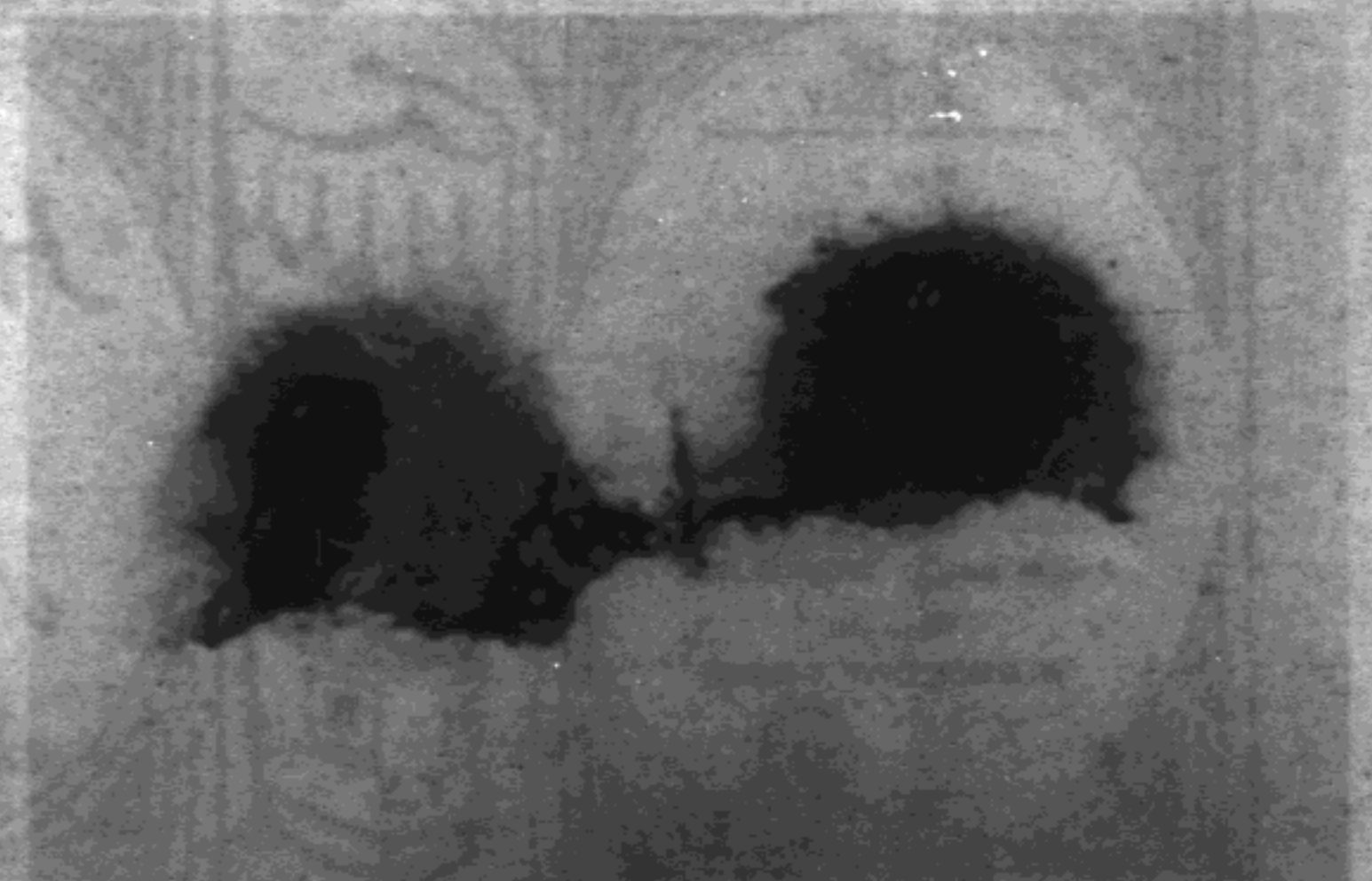
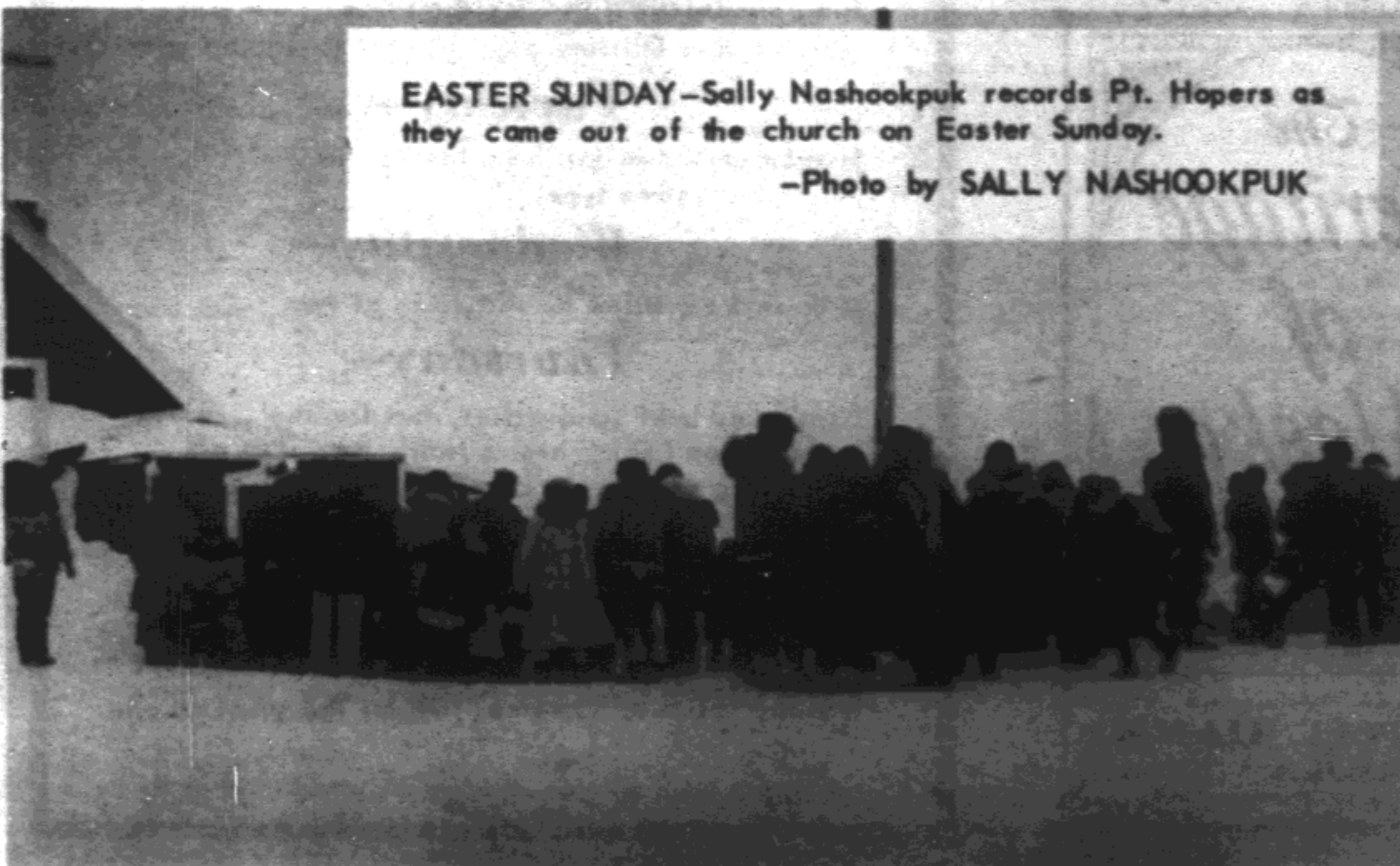


PHOTO TEACHER—Miss Dorothea Taylor conducted the photo project at Point Hope and brought out amazing talent among the Eskimo youngsters in her class.

EASTER SUNDAY—Sally Nashookpuk records Pt. Hoppers as they came out of the church on Easter Sunday.

—Photo by SALLY NASHOOKPUK



PRANKSTER'S VICTIMS—Eskimo youngsters are sometimes practical jokers. The two youngsters are probably victims of such a prank and are not too happy about it. Fifteen-year-old Sally Nashookpuk, photographer.

—Photo by SALLY NASHOOKPUK