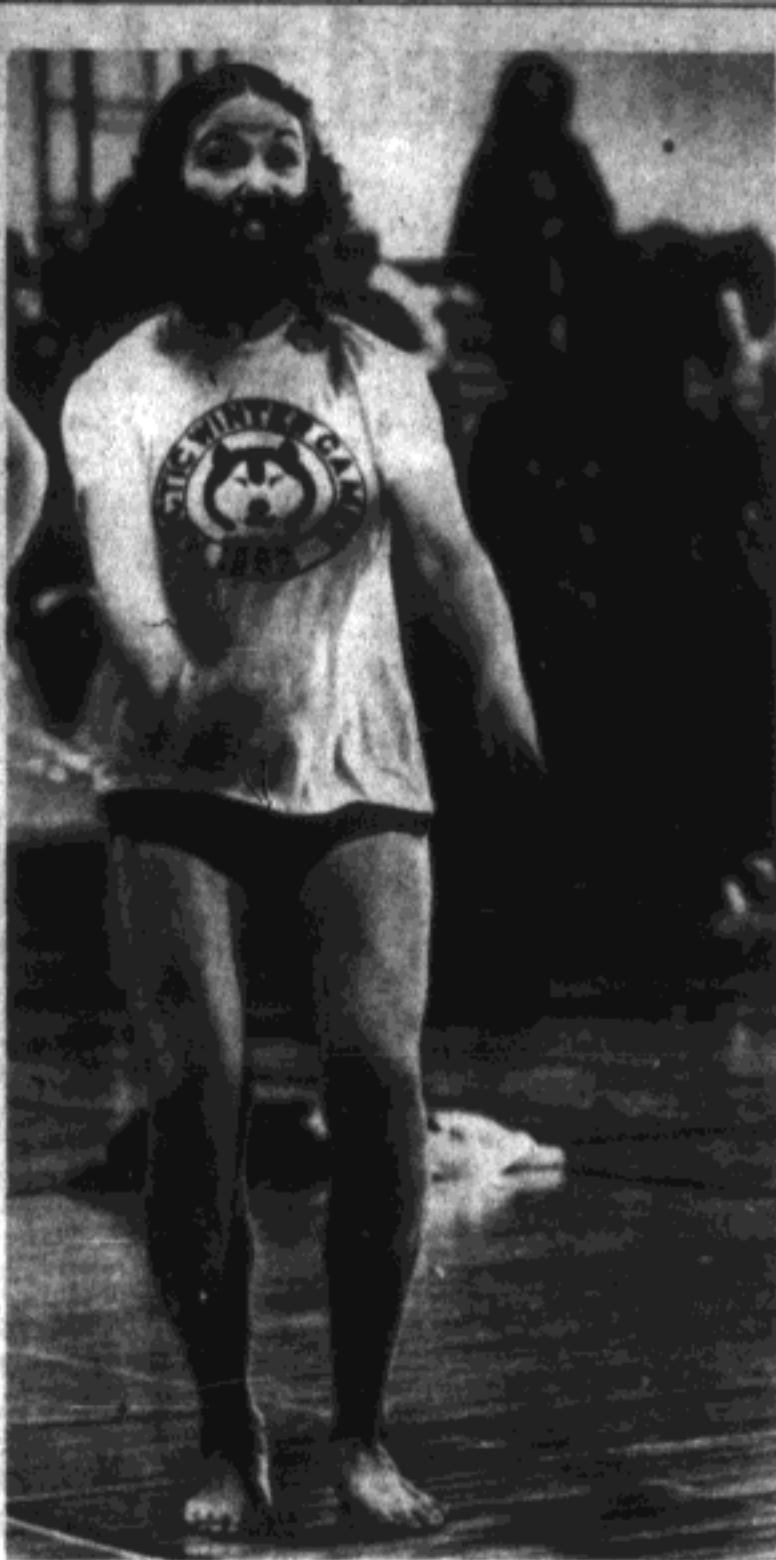




After missing her last attempt in the two-foot high kick, world record holder Carol Pickett regains her composure before trying again.



Pickett puts everything she has into her effort as she prepares to leave the floor.



It is a strong effort, but Pickett just misses the seal. She will tie her record of 5' 9", but will go no higher.

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Going for the record

Friendly but intense competition was the name of the game as two champions, Lady Laroux and Carol Pickett met each other at the Arctic Winter Games last week.



Pickett receives some advice from teammates as well as from the coach of the opposing Yukon team before going for a second attempt on a missed kick. Sportsmanship and goodwill, including the willingness to help players on opposing teams, are part of the code of Native games of the North.



Laroux on her way to a new record.



Lady Laroux of Bethel clears her mind of all distractions as she prepares to go after the world's record.



Lady Laroux has just kicked 5 foot, 11 inches, and set a new record