

Publisher's Notes

50 GOLDEN YEARS OF FUR RONDY

A few people complained about the Mushers' Banquet being held at Elmendorf Air Force Base, but no one complained about the weather, it was cold and clear. This year's Fur Rendezvous celebration, in its fiftieth year, was lavish from beginning to the end.

Those who came to participate in the Native Musicale were probably not disappointed because it seemed better attended, with more groups of singers than ever before. This event is definitely part of Fur Rondy now, and will undoubtedly draw bigger and bigger crowds in years to come.

There were sky divers and hot air balloons, and of course the Eskimo Blanket Toss with Reggie Joule stealing the show by taking photos while up in the air. The Fur Auction seemed to draw a lot of attention, with beaver hides going for \$14 a pelt and white fox for \$28 and sometimes less.

The World Championship sled Dog Race brought some surprises with last year's winner, Charlie Champaigne losing his team on the first day, and two Canadians taking the top money. George Attla didn't place in the top this year, but he was still a favorite of the crowds.

Those who worked all year to plan "50 Golden Years of Fur Rondy" are to be congratulated for having organized a spectacular and successful celebration.