

Selawik Boy Scouts on Campout Unexpectedly Bag a Caribou

"Then we broke camp, got the caribou, and went home as happy hunters." So wrote Dale Richesin for the Tundra Topics, a new dittoed newspaper that came off the press not long ago at Selawik, Alaska in the northwestern part of the state.

The Boy Scouts of Selawik had gone to camp with their leaders, Charles Hofheimer, Jonas Ramoth and others. The group went by way of water in three boats.

"When we arrived, we set up the tents, made the fire, and cooked supper," wrote Dale. "Then everyone got wood for his fire. Charles Hofheimer told us to cook our breakfast over individual fires."

That evening, a couple of the leaders went fishing while the Scouts played "Capture the Flag" and tag. The fishermen came back with 13 fish as the boys who were "almost tagged would jump in the lake and go swimming."

The boys were allowed to stay up late and finally went to bed at 1:30 a.m. but they had to get up at 5:00 a.m. that same morning.

The Scouts built their individual fires and cooked breakfast and later played more "Capture the Flag" while Jonas Ramoth and Herbert Sheldon went berry picking.

"They soon came back," continued Dale Richesin, "yelling, 'CARIBOU! GET MY .22!'"

"They went after it and Les Richesin, Charles Hof-

heimer and Dale Richesin followed in another boat. They shot it while it was swimming.

"We field dressed it and left it there to pick up later. They went back and Les Richesin, Leo Ticket, and Dale Richesin went out to look for more caribou but found none.

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"What other Boy Scout Troup ever went on a campout and bagged a caribou?" asked Jill Shepherd, member of the Tundra Times staff.