

Barrow News

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Met a Real Person

I was walking on the sidewalk, and happen to meet a person who really could talk, Kak-ma-lea-luk language. People who lives in Canada near Cambridge Bay.

He ask me if I am an Eskimo.

"Why yes," I answered him.

We sat down and began to speak Kak-ma-lea-luk language.

"Say," he said to me, "where have you been and where are you from?"

I answered him, "I am an Eskimo, born and raised in Barrow."

"But, how in the world, you could speak like those people in Canada."

I said to him, "I was an interpreter for Hudson Bay Company for two years and that's why I learn their language."

We talk and talk there and the Eskimos and Indians who were listening came even closer to us. They were astonished at our language.

This man is a white man too, didn't get to know his name.

First One

Nalukatak meaning blanket tossing is one of the most important to Eskimos all along through seasons.

First one is on, on in Browerville, Tuesday, and the snow was falling and cold too, during celebration. But the captain of whaler never get disappointed when he had it on, bad or good weather. Captain always willingly wanted to share some of his catch, when people could use it.

They said the weather was cold and part snowing but everybody there was happy.

Delbert Rexford said today that the last one will be on tomorrow Friday. And this one will be in village area.

There is still snow on ground but it is still thawing steady.

Atkanna is a resident of Barrow and said he doesn't know when he will return to Barrow.

Senior Citizens

Invitation is still on for older

people to come to the hot meal house. They serve good, hot meal, 12 noon every day daily, even Sundays. There's meat and fish, sometime meat loaf, what we really loved most. Dessert there, soups and vegetables! What a hot meal! Come over and find it yourself.

Not Many As Use To

Old fishermen here in Fairbanks said that the fishes here in Fairbanks are scarce, not like they used to.

Back Out

Wainwright hunters after they heard that walrus in group are out there. They went back out pulling their canoes with Ski-Dos on the ice and shot few walrus.

They took all their fresh catch and store them in their cellars for winter use. Fat is what Eskimos do like most, not too juicy like oogrook blubber. It's between. I like it, too. We called it i-garak. Wainwright is only 98 miles off Barrow.

Had to Drop It

Three captains who have caught whale each this last spring, April, had their Nalukatak, blanket tossing in Barrow village.

Captain's names are Robert Aiken, Roxy Oyagak and Simeon Patkotak, all Eskimos, residents of Barrow.

After the feast, they had it on going, but they had to drop it, to the ground, on account of disturbing the game.

Came In to Check Up

Mr. Pete Sovalik, Eskimo, also an Eskimo drummer came in today to check up. Pete is also employee for A.R.L. for several years. Pete was told to come back once more to check up. He said he'll probably will go back this week to Barrow. Pete is now 68 years of age, still working.

Have Patience

There's a story that I have been working on, will be in next issue. I hope. Keep on watching. Thank you.