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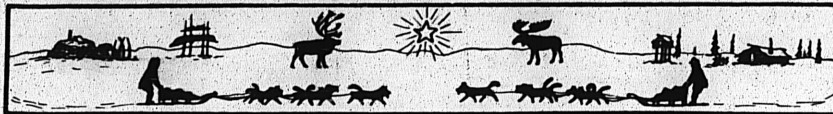
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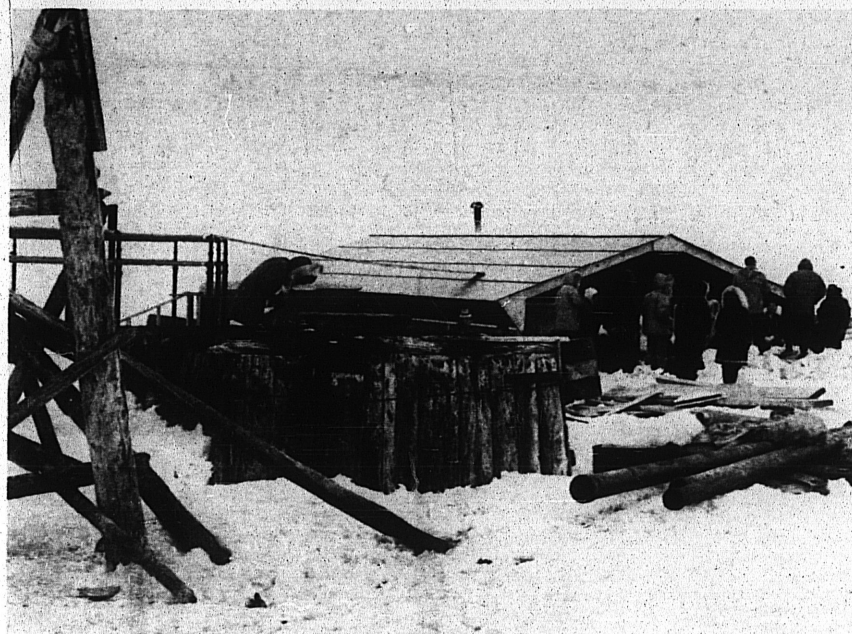


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GALA CARNIVAL AT SAVOONGA



NEW FREEZER DEDICATED - Savoonga residents and guests gathered outside the utility building of their new freezer to dedicate the \$150,000 project. In the foreground are the

wooden sheds which covered the holes in the ground that served as Savoonga's "freezers" for many years.

200 Visitors Came to See Village Celebration

By MADELYN SHULMAN
Staff Writer

SAVOONGA—Each spring, for many and untold generations, the men of St. Lawrence go out to hunt the great walrus when the mammoth herds travel north past the island on their trek along the ice pack.

In May and June the giant seagoing mammals follow the retreating ice as it melts toward the Arctic Ocean and pass by St. Lawrence Island, which stands as a sentinel between the Bering Sea and the Arctic Ocean.

When Savoonga held its Spring Walrus Carnival May 1 St. Lawrence Island was a speck of land midst miles of packed ocean ice. Although the sea is breaking up at the end of the harsh arctic winter, winds have pushed the still massive ice pack against the island.

From the air, the ocean is miles of frozen waste. In the midst of the ice is St. Lawrence Island, an Arctic island plagued by high winds whose 800 resi-

dents still hunt the walrus and the seal, the whale and the fox and herd reindeer at the many camps in the hills.

This year, the village of Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island combined their annual Spring Walrus Carnival with ceremonies marking the dedication of a new Walrus Freezer - a modern wonder machine which will enable the people of the village to preserve their walrus meat throughout the summer months.

The carnival itself is an occasion for Eskimo dances, contests of strength and skill, blanket toss and tug of wars. Any day

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Aspinall Sours View—

Governor Egan Endorses AFN Bill

WASHINGTON D. C. (May 4) Alaska Governor William A. Egan today endorsed the land claims position of the Alaska Federation of Natives in hearings before the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Governor Egan testified that the state favored a land settlement of 60 million acres, 2 per cent overriding royalty in oil and gas revenues and \$500 million federal appropriation to Alaskan

natives.

The Governor advocated that land patented to natives be contributed from state and federal government providing the greater share "in keeping with the

ultimate ratios of land ownership, the federal government should contribute at least twice as much from federal reserved land providing adequately for

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Commission on Rights Granted

ANCHORAGE—The Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has awarded a grant of \$22,576 to the Alaska Human Rights Commission to continue a program of investigating practices of discrimination by employers in the Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kenai areas.

Robert Willard, the agency's executive director, said he received notification of the grant on Monday, April 26, 1971, and that it would fund the salaries of a project director and secretarial support as well as travel and other administrative costs.

"The project is actually going into its third year," Willard said "and it is designed to investigate practice of recruitment and hire on the part of employers, as to why there is an under utilization of minority group workers."

Willard said that there are 28

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Tribal Chairman of Jicarillas Receptive to Our Tundra Times

By LAEL MORGAN
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My assignment was to interview affluent Indians... tribes that have money and spend it well. The Jicarilla Apache of Dulce, N. M., were at the top of the list but Charlie Vigil, tribal chairman, didn't want to give me an interview.

He didn't care about the Los Angeles Times, he said. He was tired of publicity. Felt it didn't do his tribe any good.

I told him I worked also for the Tundra Times and suddenly he was much more friendly.

"Maybe you know someone I met," he said digging through a pile of business cards. "These people came to see us when they first got money."

The card he located was that of Albert Kaloa, Jr., late head of the Tyoneks. When they first received oil lease money, Kaloa had sought out the Jicarilla to find out how they handled their affairs so successfully.

This 1,800 member tribe is incorporated with \$15 million in capital assets which do not in-

clude their unappraised 742,000 acre reservation.

The petroleum industry leases 51% of their land, paying royalties that make up about 80% of the tribes annual \$2 million income. In addition there is about \$100,000 annually from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, income from a shopping center, motel, logging operations, cattle business and elk farm.

They have a deluxe motel development up for bid, a \$1.2 million recreation center (with pool, sauna, library and bowling alley) under construction on their remote reservation and a new factory for contract work which is proving successful.

Yet another investment materialized when the tribe decided to ask singer Johnny Cash to dedicate their factory. Learning producers of Cash's movie, "Gunfight" were looking for \$2 million, they decided to back it. The show will be premiered soon in Albuquerque and bookings look very good.

The Jicarilla have not always been wealthy. Once they were

roaming warriors but their number reduced to 400 by sickness. From that point until they lucked into oil in the 1940s, they were impoverished.

Tribal chairman Vigil attributes their current success to, "close knit obedience. All for one, one for all." His people have pooled their individual land allotments under the manage-

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Rejected Then Accepted— ASNA North Slope Borough Approved

The Arctic Slope Native Association's borough petition has gone through the Rural Affairs Agency, Director Byron Mallot informed president of ASNA Joe Upicksoun and the executive director Charlie Edwardson today that the petition has been reviewed and accepted.

The petition was rejected initially because Rural Affairs determined that 25 per cent of the registered voters had not signed the petition.

The agency then discovered that the north slope organization had secured 121 more signatures that was required by law.



LARRY E. DAVIES

UA News Director Davies Passes

Lawrence E. Davies, director of the University of Alaska News Service and veteran New York Times newsman died Friday night after a heart attack at his home on the university campus.

He was 71.

On the evening he died, Davies was scheduled to attend a party run by the Tundra Times at the home of UA assistant professor Ron Senungetuk.

Davies had been with the university since August 1970 when he assumed the post of news service director. He lived on the UA campus with his wife and granddaughter.

The veteran newsman retired from the New York Times in March of 1970 after 44 years with the paper in New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco.