



MUSK OX SEARCH SUCCESSFUL



MUSK OX CALVES—Four-month-old musk ox calves are lined up facing their captors, a timeless instinct of self-protection of their kind. Only hours away from their wild existence on Ellesmere Island in deep Canadian Arctic, the young animals are in a tool shed-barn on Eureka weather base on the island. Within two or three days, most of the calves would come up volun-

tarily to feed when they saw the feeding can with rubber nipple. The young musk oxen are now at Old Fort Chimo near Ungava Bay in Canada. They will be a nucleus of a breeding stock there. More photographs of the expedition will be published next week.

—Photograph by LANSING HOLDEN

Railroad Freezer Boxcars Being Utilized at Nenana

The recent untimely flood that seriously interfered with winter food-gathering efforts of the interior Athabaskan-Indians may be in the process of being solved where the town of Nenana on the banks of Tanana River is

concerned.

Two reefer type freezer boxcars rushed to the town soon after the floodwaters receded by the Alaska Railroad are now being utilized to store fish and moose meat before freezeup.

The freezer cars were made available to Nenana after VISTA Volunteer, Frank Hoffman, Anchorage Mayor Elmer Rasmuson and Tundra Times editor combined their efforts to get the storage cars for the community.

Although some fish and meat have already been stored in one of the cars, the efforts to fill them has been hampered by immediate lack of equipment because some fishwheels, boats and motors were lost in the flood.

The problem is being solved by donations of fish from individual fishwheel owners and from a fishwheel lent to the community by Thomas Albert of Nenana.

The Fairbanks Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is helping by funding boat rentals for the Nenana residents. The Bureau is also making tents and camping equipment available for use by moose hunting parties.

The tents and camping equipment were used for emergency shelters for Nenans during the flood. The BIA assistance is being coordinated by Bob Carroll of the Bureau.

The effort to store food is also running into problems

ed chairman of a study committee formed at the meeting to explore ways and means of helping the cooperatives.

Village economic development was an important issue discussed.

"Largely for the first time, the board was able to relate to the area in which it seeks to expedite economic development," said Nicholls.

"By observing the progress of Barrow in areas of housing, native local employment, cooperative development, and community enterprise, all of which has been initiated on a local level without extraneous administrative expense, the board was able to judge the untapped potential inherent in the native rural areas when knowledgeable people make the right approach in finding out the

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ASCAP Board Holds Productive Meeting

The Alaska State Community Action Program board met in Barrow last week at the multi-purpose room of Barrow high school building. The meeting was chaired by Dan Lisbourne, president of ASCAP.

The meeting was evaluated as "a real productive meeting" by board member, Hugh Nicholls of Barrow. Passing through Fairbanks this week after attending the board conference, Dan Lisbourne said:

"We are seriously looking into the arts and crafts associations like the one King Islanders organized at Nome, Nome Skin Sewers Association, other coops, and Alaska Native Industries Cooperative Association (ANICA). We want to try to help them get on their feet." Hugh Nicholls was appoint-

Expedition Reaches 80 Degrees North To Capture Calves

By HOWARD ROCK
Times Editor

A unique expedition deep into the Canadian Arctic was completed early this month by the Institute of Northern Agricultural Research of Vermont.

The expedition led by Prof. John Teal, Jr., now stationed at the Institute's University of Alaska Musk Ox Project at College, penetrated into

Ellesmere Island to Slide Fjord 80 degrees north into the Arctic.

There, a capture of 15 musk ox calves was conducted by Teal with the use of helicopters to establish a breeding stock for a new breeding station at Old Fort Chimo near Ungava Bay in Canada.

The expedition was in response to petitions by Eskimo village councils in Canada and in collaboration with the Province of Quebec. The Eskimos there wish to establish herds with ideas to improve their economy by utilization of the QIVI UT, a fine Cashmere type wool musk oxen shed in spring.

Knowing that musk ox requires very little food to exist, John Teal was amazed of what he and other expedition members found on Ellesmere Island.

"There are a couple of thousand musk oxen living on the Fosheim Peninsula in which Slide Fjord is located. The vegetation is so sparse that one gets the impression they must be eating mud!" said Teal.

"The surface of the land is covered with mud polygens and frost-cracked rock. Here and there, an occasional blade of grass sticks up a few inches, and more rarely a small willow lies flat on the ground.

"Yet the land incredibly supports not only this large population of musk oxen, but also polar caribou, thousands of Arctic hares, lemmings, and the whole chain of predators, wolves, foxes,

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Bill Would Allow Students to Go to Sectarian Schools

Senator Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska), testified last Wednesday on behalf of Alaska Natives, strongly urged approval of his bill, S. 876, which would allow recipients of Bureau of Indian Affairs scholarships to attend sectarian institutions of higher learning.

During the hearings, conducted by the Indian Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Senator Gruening pointed out that passage of the bill would permit Native recipients of BIA scholarships to attend two sectarian institutions in Alaska, Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage and Sheldon Jackson Junior College in Sitka.

Senator Gruening said, "We are all aware of the contributions made to American education by sectarian institutions of higher learning.

Oftentimes these schools have been able to direct their energies and resources

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Federation Footnotes—

Anchorage to Host Annual AFN Meet

By EMIL NOTTI
Alaska Federation of Natives

The annual meeting of Alaska Federation of Natives is scheduled for October 19-20-21 at Anchorage.

It is extremely important that the various organizations and villages select their representatives for this meeting. There will be many important issues discussed at this conference and it is important that all areas of Alaska be represented.

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

The Village Council Presidents conference held at Bethel

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