

'School Is Still the Same But This Time Hands are Wrinkled'

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GAMBELL - The last days in September were very windy. The wind blew so strong from the north that we really had to bend forward to walk against the wind direction. It must have been more than 50 miles an hour.

The sea was very rough with big white waves rushing in and so high! Everyone was hopeful for the sea things that might be washed ashore.

Every time there is weather like this, lots of sea foods are washed ashore. As soon as it calms down, lots of people will be going down to the shore to pick them. Sometimes tom cods are washed in.

Some people go to the other side of the mountain where the sea foods by piles drift in. The people go in their snow machines.

The ground is really hard

now. It is dry, frozen and hard as concrete, real good for walking. The people like to take long walks to the other side of the mountain and along the shore.

There are some women that really like to take long walks, and they are: Josephine Ungott, Lena Booshtu and Nina Oozevasuk. They love to take trips for roots, sea foods and moss berries on foot this time of year before the snow comes along.

The weather is really nice now. If you were here, you'd just love to be outdoors in the morning. These dry, cool, gray mornings really get the hunters up as early as 5:30.

I could hear the snow machines starting early as day dawns. Allen Kulukhon went to his camp some 30 miles away with his boat. Hans Wicker went along this time. Last time Allen came home with five big seals.

Mrs. Echols and other school teachers are out for workshop in

Nome, Alaska. So the kids that are not in school had all the skating they wanted at the pond Imtook.

Troutman Lake is all ice like a mirror. It is too thin yet to travel on.

Everyone miss one person very sadly. She is Flora Tungyun. She is gone - she passed away leaving sons and daughters and many grandchildren. Her son Bronson was here from the Navy but was too late in getting to Nome hospital.

Some little children were baptized at Presbyterian church. Pamela Appongalook and Glen Oozevasuk, the youngest people in Gambell.

We are excited over the news from Savoonga. They say that the son of Mr. Daugherty's niece is there with his young wife, to be the Pastor at Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Daughertys used to be our well know school teachers years ago.

Grandma Amy Slwooko also was here from Nome. She was visiting us.

There also is adult education classes at the school house Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-9 p.m. Raymond Oozevasuk is the teacher.

I joined them. Boy, it is good to be back at school work. Reminds me so much of my school days, but I notice something - wrinkles have come on my hands after the years away from school desk.

But learning is still the same. If you're learning, just learn one and take next, and next, and on and on. That is, in other words, your school work.

But those markings for words really can get you around pretty good if you just learn them. After some struggle and hardship, comes a pay reward!

You know, those markings, if you learn them just the right way, you can even learn your living with them. So keep at it

and the school teacher will show you how to learn them. That's why they are there.

There is great pride in knowing this markings work. You will earn your living even if you don't get a whale that year. Even you. Sure you can. So ask the teachers. They will show you always, even if you are not too far ahead, they are patient and eager to show you how to learn this education work.

Employee Dinners

ANCHORAGE, AK, Nov. 3 Atlantic Richfield has scheduled employee dinners in four Alaska communities in recognition of its employees having worked without a lost-time accident.

The safety landmark was passed October 28. The celebration dinners will be held Tuesday at the Royal Redoubt in Kenai, Wednesday at the Switzerland Restaurant in Fairbanks, Thursday at Brower's Restaurant in Barrow, and Friday at the Anchorage Westward Hotel.

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Mr. Wharton presents the factual chronology of events in the emotional context of the times.

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Mr. Wharton tells his readers stories, some true and some not, that recreate life as it was lived along the streams and in the towns of the North at the end of the nineteenth century. He contends that the Yukon and Alaska stampedes mark the end of an era of independent individualism.

He writes of a time when "men were men," and when initiative and the daring ability to live with oneself under primitive conditions were determining weights in the balance of life.

Twenty-eight photographs, many of them originally taken during the heyday of the rush, illustrate the book. \$8.95.

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