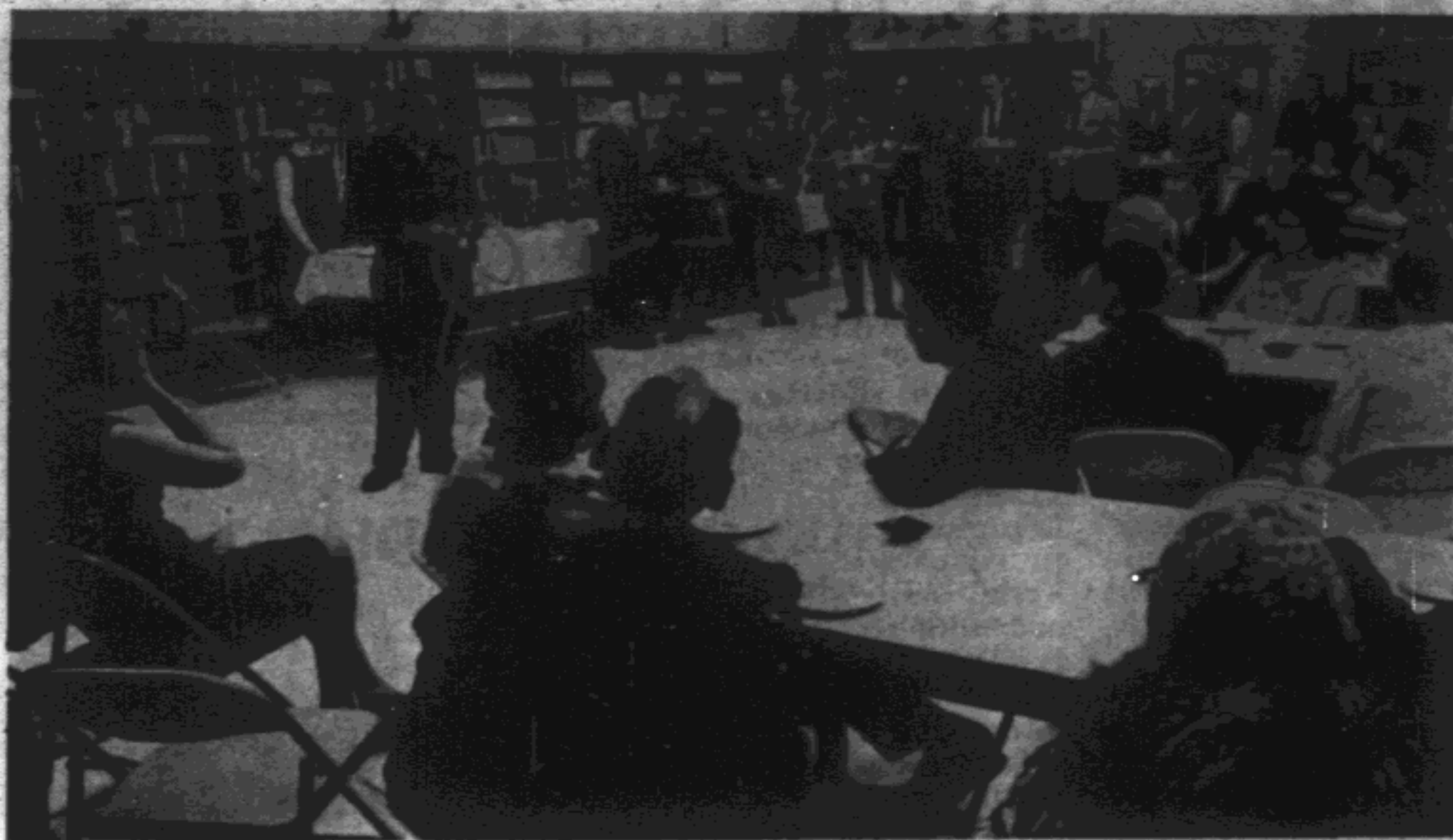


Will Rogers, Jr. Visits Alaskan Communities



IN BARROW SCHOOL—Above, Will Rogers, Jr. demonstrates roping and talks to Native residents and BIA schoolteachers in the Barrow school. Below, the Barrow schoolchildren show their reactions to Rogers' visit.



ROPING DEMONSTRATION—Will Rogers, Jr. demonstrates fancy rope twirling to an unidentified Wainwright youngster. Rogers commented that the art was rapidly dying, and only about a half dozen experts were left in the skill his father made famous.



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"I'M NEVER going to wash my hand again," exclaims Esther Analoak from Nome after shaking hands with Will Rogers, Jr. at the Fairbanks Native Association reception.



BARROW FAMILY—April Akpik and family talk to Will Rogers, Jr. during his visit to Barrow. Rogers talked to Native people in various communities to obtain information to help the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and to explain BIA policies to the people in the communities.



WAINWRIGHT WATER SUPPLY—Will Rogers, Jr. was fascinated by the ice blocks used to provide the water supply for the Wainwright school, and asked that this photo be taken as a souvenir.



AT UNIVERSITY—Will Rogers, Jr. talks to art instructor Ron Senungetuk from Wales as student Jesse Koyuk from King Island Village looks on. Senungetuk teaches students to combine Native art with modern products and helps them obtain the business education necessary to use this skill to earn a living.