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ASCAP BOARD IN QUANDRY

BOUNTY PAYMENT STOPPED

Until the Alaska Board of Fish and Game establishes predator control areas in the state, and designates which ones are eligible for bounty payments, the State of Alaska will pay no bounty—at least until July 21.

According to the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, the Fish and Game Board received a ruling from the attorney general's office this week. The Board has been in session here in Fairbanks since April 16 and will soon draw its meetings to a close.

Legislation passed this session, submitted by Sen. Jay Hammond, stipulates that any action the board takes during its spring meeting does not go into effect until July 21.

Animals formerly classified as predators include the wolves, coyotes, wolverines and seals taken in northern waters. All leg bones of wolves now in possession of trappers and bounty hunters

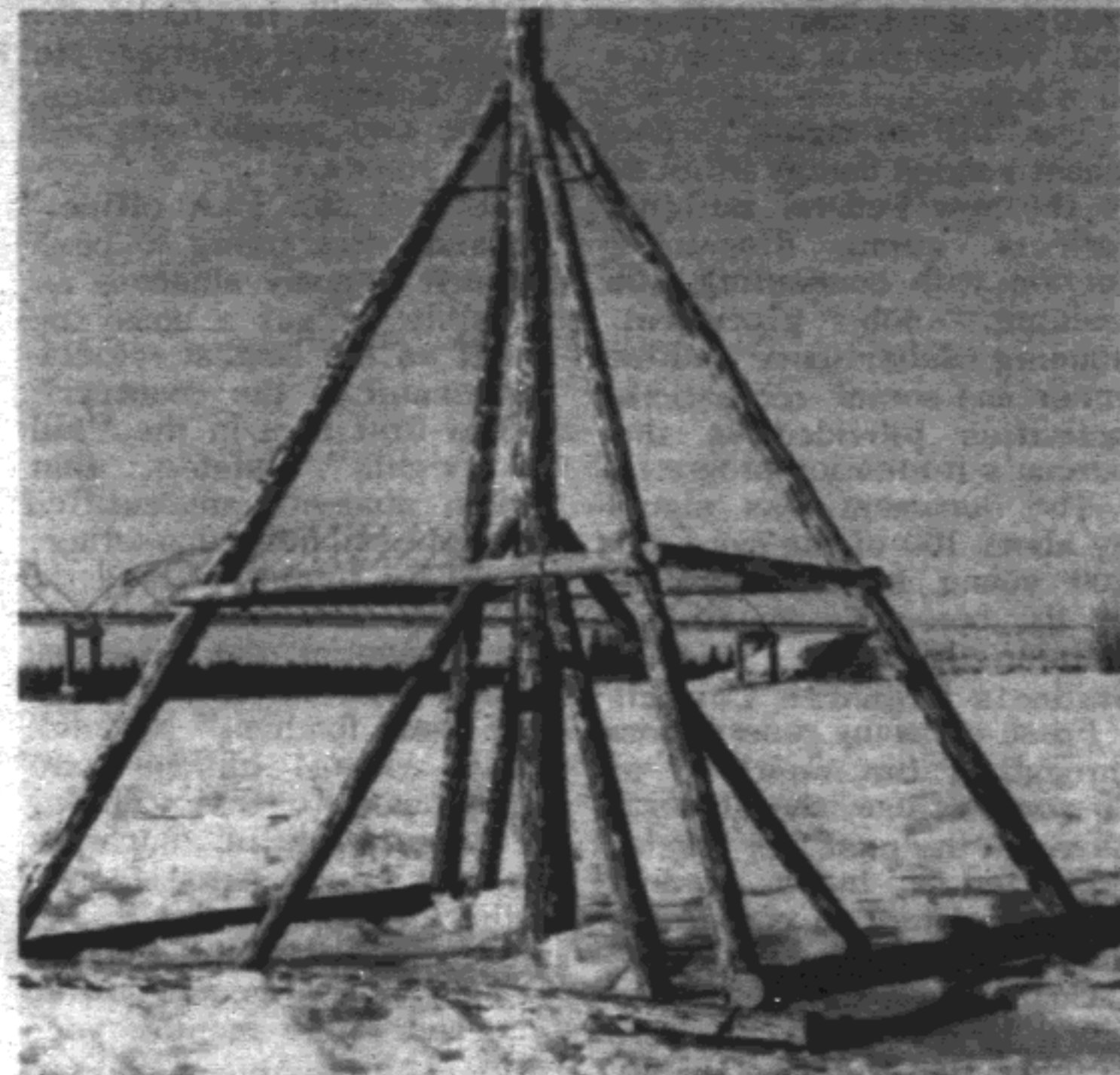
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Pt. Hope Hunters Bag 3 Whales

POINT HOPE — Three bowhead whales were caught this week at the village of Point Hope, and the successful whaling captains were: Joe Frankson, John Oktolik and Allen Rock.

All three whales were small, measuring from 25 to 35 feet, but representing about 60 tons of muktuk and meat for the Point Hope folks.

Oktolik and Rock's whales



Tripod on white ice of Tanana River will soon topple into river during breakup and stop clock to determine winner or winners of Nenana Ice Classic.

Tanana River Ice Melting

By JILL SHEPHERD
NENANA (Special)—The river which devastated the town of Nenana last August in the worst flood in recent years is the object of a different kind of scrutiny today.

Perched on the ice just opposite the town is a tripod constructed of logs and wired to a clock on the river bank. When the ice breaks up under the long-awaited Spring sun, it will tumble down the river, carrying the tripod with it.

It isn't just the spring sun that is bringing carloads of visitors to Nenana to stand on the road or hang over the bridge staring at the frozen river. For this is the time of year for the famous Nenana Ice Classic, when everyone bets on when the ice will go out.

This year's money purse promises to be even larger than last year's, which was \$105,000, according to a report yesterday from Bob Coghill of Nenana.

The Nenana Ice Classic committee will have their tally completed tonight. Practically the entire town works in some way on the Ice Classic every year.

Nenana, which barely got back on its feet after the flood in time for the winter, is already busy re-building and repairing what wasn't completed last fall.

There is a little water in some of the breaks just a half mile south of town and the ice may go at any time.

And right at their doorstep the frivolous river, which floods regularly in the spring, is rumbling again.

Concerning just when, Bob Coghill wouldn't commit himself, saying only, "Well, I missed it by a month. It could go anytime, I guess."

And for all those people who have tickets in May, this is good news.

Charges of Hiring & Firing Discrimination Levelled at Board

By HOWARD ROCK

POINT HOPE (Special)—The Alaska State Community Action Program board of directors' meeting at Point Hope this week began its work with a heated session, minutes after the chairman called it to order.

Willard Bowman, executive director of the State Commission on Human Rights, furnished the fuel when he charged that the officials of the ASCAP were guilty of discrimination in their hiring and firing practices.

Bowman's charges on the main part involved two former ASCAP employees who were fired, Barbara Trigg of Nome and Robert Peratrovich of Anchorage.

Barbara Trigg, an Eskimo, was employed as a regional coordinator in the Nome area and Peratrovich, a Tlingit Indian, as the director of Head Start working out of that city.

The two former ASCAP employees had entered formal complaints with Bowman's Commission. Miss Trigg filed her complaint on Feb. 16, 1968, and Peratrovich on March 19, 1968.

Willard Bowman made a

lengthy testimony to the ASCAP Board regarding the two complainants. During his prepared remarks before making the Commission's recommendations that Miss Trigg and Peratrovich be reinstated with retroactive pay, Bowman declared in part:

"...Before you today are two complaints alleging discriminatory hiring and firing practices. We of the Commission have stated we have uncovered facts which support these allegations.

"However, the issue is much deeper than that. The question at issue goes into the very basic philosophy of the OEO (Office of Economic Opportunity) program itself..."

As the charges were made by Bowman, Larry Brayton, executive director of ASCAP, sat uneasily in his chair. When Bowman finally finished, Brayton several times raised his hand saying the other side of the issue should be heard.

He was prevented from doing so by discussions and motions, one of which was to allow him to do this at an executive session.

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Mildred Sparks Mother of the Year

A woman from Haines, Alaska has been selected 1968 Mother of the Year.

Mildred Hotch Sparks, born and raised in Klukwan, Alaska was chosen over other nominees as Mother of the Year for her long and continuing interest in young people and in community and statewide affairs.

Mrs. Sparks has five children who have all served with the Chilkat Dancers and who are active in community affairs and work with the younger generation. Her youngest two children are teachers.

In 1957 Mrs. Sparks helped train a group of Boy Scouts who wished to form a Tlingit dance group. This group eventually became known as the Chilkat Dancers who have toured in Europe and extensively in the United States. She still assists the Chilkat Dancers.

The Sparks home in Haines has well-planned grounds bright with flowers attesting further to the homemaking abilities of the Alaska Mother of the Year.

The community leadership exhibited by Mrs. Sparks is long and varied: PTA; fund-raising for the High School Letterman's Club (for which she received an honorary membership); Haines Health Council for ten years, as Treasurer in 1952-53 and President in 1954; member

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New On-the-Job Training for Jobless

The approval of an on-the-job training program which will prepare 200 Alaskans, principally Natives, for a wide variety of jobs in Alaska has been announced by U.S. Senator Ernest Gruening.

The \$282,792 federal grant, conducted by the Alaska Federation of Natives and funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, will make it possible for 200 trainees to enroll for training in skills which will equip them to work for airlines, cold storage companies, retail establishments, barge companies, logging operations, and many other businesses. will refer unemployed, quali-

There are approximately 9,000 unemployed Natives in Alaska. The Alaska Federation of Natives has been selected to recruit trainees and make contacts with interested employers.

If the employees indicate willingness to participate, the AFN will obtain information as to the occupations in which training will be conducted, number of trainees in each, and wages to be paid.

Local Employment Service offices will be notified of the time schedule for placement of trainees. The Employment Service offices (continued on Page 6)

WALRUS FESTIVAL POSTPONED

The annual walrus festival held in Savoonga each spring has been postponed due to icy runway conditions, it was learned here this week.

Wien Air Alaska, which charts flights up to Savoonga for the festival, was notified by their Nome office of the postponement.

The Savoonga Walrus Festival has been gaining in popularity with both Alaskan residents and tourists. The new festival date will be May 11 and 12.