

# Death, Good Winter, Caribou, Polar Bears are Events at Barrow

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Funeral will take place Tuesday, tomorrow, in Presbyterian Church. We are expecting some of Nicholas relations from Anaktuvuk Pass, Simon Paneak's folks today.

GOOD WINTER

BARROW — Mr. Nicholas Mikalik, 65, died yesterday. Nicholas has been ill for some time, and we are with the family.

I called it good winter because every time hunters comes in to village, they'd say that the caribou are only one day away from town all over the tundra. Nearest caribou are poorer than the farthest herds.

And yesterday, Junior Brower said that he had caught 150 foxes, still is another month he probably will get more this winter.

Junior Brower is not only trapper, but he is also an real hunter. I would say.

POLAR BEAR HUNTERS

Bear hunters are still rolling in to Barrow, even young women gets the polar bears too. Donna Morang of 2 Mile Steese, Fairbanks, Alaska, shot a 8 foot one.

She was proud to get one from the Arctic ice. It was cold too when she shot one.

I told her before she left Barrow to keep on buying Tundra Times papers, she will find her name mentioned with the polar bear she shot.

NEVER GIVE UP

It's not easy life for any hunter when he knows his family needed food. There's no open water nowheres out there. And it is only way to get seals now is through seal holes.

Temperatures sometimes would be 40 below zero, yet Eskimos would set still alongside the hole always ready to shoot. Seals are invisible. Seals never warns hunters whenever they wanted to blow through holes where this hunter sits.

Whenever hunter hears seal breathing through the holes, this hunter very carefully raised his gun, aimed it through the hole and take a shot. Then he laid his gun took his harpoon, shoped the thin ice and spear the seal and pulled it off from the water.

That's how we Eskimos do hunt them seals through holes.

We people here are much different in hunting seals through holes. We use guns. But along where I was in 1928 near Cambridge Bay, Canada, I've seen Eskimos there uses only spear to kill seals through holes. It's amazing.

SNOW-GO'S BREAKDOWN

It looks to us now that we people here in Barrow village do make mistakes killing good dogs which we should keep them for driving.

Because dogs don't break down like any vehicles around such as Ski-doo's. Some men here do have troubles, left their Ski-doo's and walk in to village sometimes they'd walk 25-30 miles. That's a long walk.

Not long ago, Morgan Solomon, an Native, with another boy, has been walking through

tundra soft snow too.

Morgan said that they had to

leave their gears and start walking. They made it the next day.

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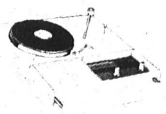
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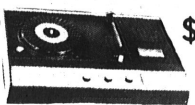


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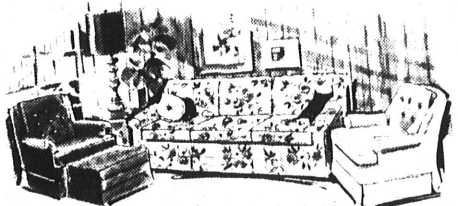
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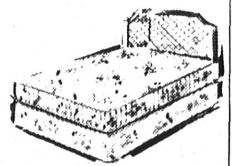
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