

Charlie Evans Took Part in Famous Serum Race to Nome

Henry S. Kaiser, Jr. this week sent in an important bit of history he ran across in the village of Galena on the banks of the Yukon River in central Alaska.

"Forty-four years ago, in 1925, Charlie Evans was one of the dogteam mushers in the Nome to Serum Race," writes Kaiser.

"He carried," Kaiser continued, "the serum from Bishop Mountain to Nulato, 36 miles. For his gallant act he received 59 cents a mile each way, a parchment citation praising his heroism from Territorial Governor Scott Bone, and a medal from the H.K. Mulford Pharmaceutical Company."

Kaiser is, of course, writing about the famous serum race that originated in Fairbanks that delivered the precious serum by dogteam relays to Nome where diphtheria epidemic had broken out in that famous goldrush town.

The late and famous dogmusher Leonard Sepalla figured strongly in that humanitarian effort. There were also others. "It took the Yukon Indian,"



TAKES HEROIC PART—Charlie Evans is sitting on the snow-machine with his wife "waiting for the snow," as Henry Kaiser said. Evans took part in the famous diphtherial serum race from Fairbanks to Nome in 1925. Diphtheria epidemic had broken out at Nome. Evans drove his dogteam from Bishop Mountain to Nulato for a distance of 36 miles.—HENRY S. KAISER, JR. Photo

Kaiser added, "Jackscrew and the Eskimo Victor Anagick about 13 hours to take the serum by

dogteam from Kaltag to Unalakleet, 74 miles. Today, a commercial jet takes about 8 minutes to travel from Kaltag to Unalakleet!"

Kaiser said that "now Charlie Evans enjoys his grandchildren, snowmachine and all other benefits that a hardworking man well deserves."

Henry Kaiser is a native originally from Nenana.

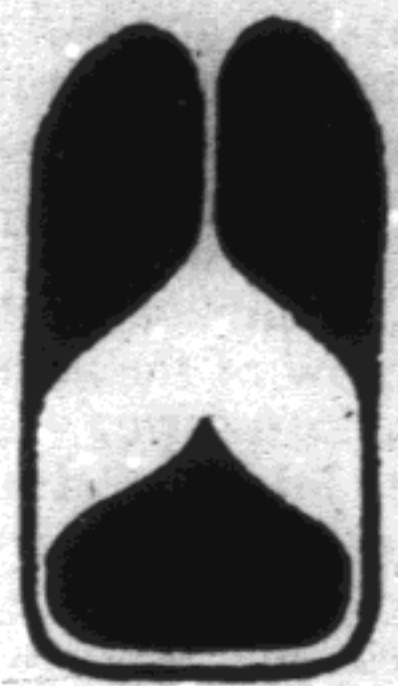
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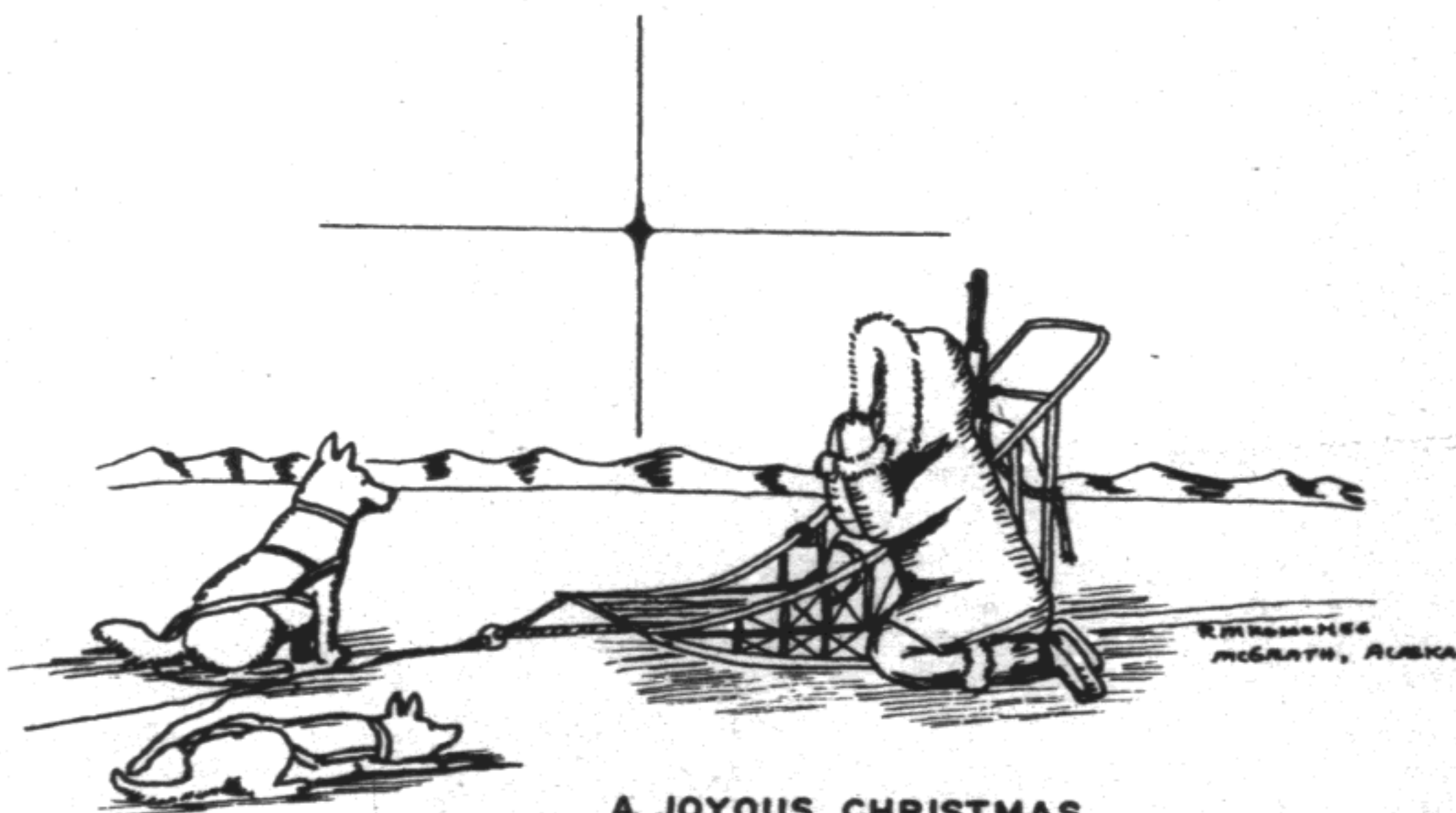
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