# Glacier Alaska Expedition Litters Skilkai Pass

"Last August, while assisting on a guided sheep hunt in the Wrangells, I took one of the non-resident hunters from the base camp in Skilkai Pass to Chitistone and were confronted with-would you believe it-a large pile of garbage," James Jacobson complained. "Enclosed are photos of one

of the three major sites of efflu-via in this once beautiful, serene,

high mountain pass."
This particular mound of litter, which included a long list of tems, came from the Glacler Alaska Expedition out of Ann Arbor Michigan. Oil explora-tion has produced repeated inci-dences, as he describes, of gar-bage left in a once immaculate wilderness

"Apparently some people still think their irresponsible acts can go unnoticed and uncontestedtoo often they are correct in their assumption," Jacobson wrote to Interior Secretary Rogers Morton.

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The "garbage" in the Chitistone Pass, according to Jake, included two electric power plants propage better, a "toteplants, propane bottles, a "tote-goat," tools enough to build houses and repair autos, 14 sleeping bags, 14 pairs of snow

Included were a number of drugstore bottles, as well, from an Ann Arbor, Michigan Phar-



WILDERNESS DUMP-In this once pristine Chitistone Pass in the Wrangell Mountains this heap of trash deposited by an exploration group mars the scenery. Dr. James Jacobson of Kotzebue found this trash dump, and others, on a hunting trip in the mountains.

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macy, made out to the Glacier this desecration of the moun-Alaska expedition

aska expedition. tains, Dr. Jacobson has written
In his search for redress of to former Senator Gruening,

Bob Henning of ALASKA MAG-AZINE, Interior Secretary Ro-gers Morton, the TUNDRA gers Morton, the TIMES and others.

Who is accountable for this and what can we Alaskans do to correct the situation and pre-vent further misuse of our na-tural wonders?, he asks.

James Jacobson lives in Ala ska, for one reason, because it is the last wilderness open to men. As such, he believes it should be used, enjoyed, and left touched for the next visitor.

"This mess has had me upset, "This mess nas nau ne upon, he wrote Howard Rock of the TUNDRA TIMES. "Who knows how often and where else a similar situation is created? I can show you oil company re-fuse—oil drums, gas cans, etc. on Liberator Lake, sunk in Feniak Lake and scattered along Noatak River. I'd be glad to fly you around to some of these sites next summer."

Refuse left in the wilderness has been a repeated problem in Alaska. Oil company con-tracts provide for the companies to dispose of every item they

o uspose of every item they bring into the tundra. Back in World War II, army units left refuse and scars in the north that are still there today.

By ARLENE PITKA Beaver, Alaska

The 13 Veralas 4-H club members met November 18, 1971, at the Beaver B.I.A. School.

Clifford Adams, Jr. and Gerald Hope became new members Valorie Adams, refreshment chairman, and Gloria Pitka serreal cookies. Mary Billy led us in playing "wink". The club plans to have the December meeting and party during Christ-

mas week. Miss Emma Widmark, Extension Home Economist, visited us October 26-29, 1971, and taught a class for the older girls.

Bonnie Adams, Dorothea Billy, Alice Cruikshank, Gloria Pitka, and Arlene Pitka attended this class and learned to make peanut butter cookies and make simple toys for children. Widmark also had c'asses for the women at night?

These were well attended and her visit was enjoyed by all of us.



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