

Schoolteacher Creates Circus By Designing Animal Costumes

By Kay J. Kennedy

Ft. Yukon teacher Carolyn Koche has an answer for the question of what to do with her spare time during the long arctic evenings.

Last winter she made 200 animal costumes, because remote Ft. Yukon has never had a circus. This year there'll be a "circus parade" during the July 4 celebration.

This will be a big affair with all the children—and others participating. In addition there'll be a traditional ball game, egg-throwing, many events for children and canoe and boat races.

There'll be some modish, attractive dresses and slack suits to be worn by a number of local residents. These were designed and made by Miss Koche.

The material is simulated

buckskin with real caribou hide fringe to recall the trapper type of dress of early days. Beaded moccasins and headbands will complete the costumes.

Ft. Yukon's Centennial project of rebuilding the old Hudson's Bay fort, is nearly completed. It promises to be an enduring tourist attraction.

The stockade and buildings were rebuilt according to the original plans made by Alexander Hunter Murray in 1847.

It was on Aug. 9, 1869 that the American flag was first flown over Ft. Yukon. Another big celebration with a salmon bake and barbecue along with a pageant is scheduled for that date this year.

This little historical Indian village of 800 residents is taking Centennial Purchase Year seriously.

Advance Boy Scout Fieldbook Now Available

Scout Executive Darl S. Gleed of the Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America, has received an advance supply of the Fieldbook that the Boy Scouts of America is publishing.

Gleed said the book is a compact encyclopedia of outdoor information for all who enjoy the thrills of outdoor living. And, he added, special emphasis is placed on skills and activities for family campers.

"We in Scouting," said Mr. Gleed, "can be very proud of this 576-page book that is based on the hiking and camping experiences of millions of Scouts and leaders in the past 57 years. We fully expect it to contribute to more active outdoor programs by our units and our adult volunteer leaders."

He explained that the Fieldbook has been developed to carry the Scout, Explorer, and Scouter into advanced skills not covered in the basic manuals.

"It is a guide for preparedness for boys and men and will help considerably to build confidence and self-reliance," he continued.

The Fieldbook contains 2,551 illustrations and drawings; including 271 pictures of species of plants and wildlife; 52 aerial photographs, maps and landscape scenes; 2,167 "how-to" sequences, charts, diagrams, and tables; and 61 campsite scenes.

It contains chapters on camping gear, cooking, map and compass, safety and first aid, ropework, and conserving resources.

"We believe this book will be widely used by campers and hikers, hunters and fishermen, as well as our millions of Scouts, Explorers and leaders," Mr. Gleed said.

Scout Executive Gleed said that the Midnight Sun Council,

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Canadian Justice Rules Indian Has Right to Drink as Others

Indians have as much right to get drunk as any one else? They didn't in Canada until last week.

Mr. Justice William Morrow of the Territorial Court of Northwest Territories ruled in an appeal case that a Yellowknife Indian, Joseph Drybones, has as much right to get tipsy as the next man. He ordered a \$10 fine and costs refunded to Mr. Drybones.

Under the Canadian Indian Act, Indians may not become intoxicated off a reserve.

Indians living in the north are treated differently not only from white men, but also from Eskimos, the judge said in a written decision released last Thursday, according to the Whitehorse Yukon Star. The act places an Indian because



REIGNING QUEEN—Miss Pat Longley, 'lovely current Queen of the Eskimo Olympics, is enjoying a breathing spell outside the cabin that houses Robert Service exhibit on the A-67 grounds in which she is hostess. Many pretty native girls will be vieing for her crown in the pageant for the Eskimo Olympics queen for 1967.

Inuvik Group Prepares To Attend Olympics

This year's Eskimo Olympics, August 9-12, seems certain to have added color that should prove interesting to the Olympics' audiences.

The townspeople of Inuvik, N.W.T., have been working to recruit enough people to charter a plane for the Fairbanks trip.

"I believe we have one charter filled with people wishing to attend the Eskimo Olympics," wrote Tom Butters, editor of THE DRUM. "Now all we need is an aircraft. Working on this."

Butters also said he was pleased about the details of eligibility for Olympics Queen which should mean that the far northern Canadian town will enter a contestant to compete with her Alaska counterparts.

The age range of the queen

contestants this year is 16 to 21 years. The girls must be single of good character and, of course, beautiful. They must have not less than one quarter native blood.

The Eskimo Olympics queen contestants will vie to succeed lovely Pat Longley of Nome whose reign will end when the winner is announced in August.

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