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Barrow Christmas, 1971

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Notes: Originals on 7 inch reels. Master copies on CD.

Series:

A man is speaking. He gives the current score: 13 for the singles, 11 for the married. He is married. He says that he doesn't know the names of the games but he will participate in all the games he can: back pushing, finger pulling, neck pushing and pulling, high kick. He describes how the high kick is done. He says the highest anyone has gone this year is close to 7 feet. He has been away from Barrow for close to 10 years. He used to participate in the kids' games when he was a kid. The competition is between the married people and the single people. When one side wins, they have the flag for the year. There is a new flag made every year.

The tape cuts out.

A man is speaking. He describes the game that the two contestants are playing: a type of wrestling. He says that the married guy is winning right now. He gives the names of the competitors.

The tape cuts out.

A man is speaking. He says that the men's and the women's games are the same. The interviewer asks if the scores combine. He says they do not. The winners get a flag.

The tape cuts out.

The crowd is talking and cheering.

The tape cuts out.

A man is speaking. He says he really looks forward to the Eskimo games. The man says he especially used to like high kick but that he is getting older. He says he kept up well, though. It was a tie.

The tape cuts out.

A man refuses to talk.

The tape cuts out.

An older man is speaking. He likes almost all the games.

The tape cuts out.

A man is speaking. He says he likes seeing all the people happy and having fun. Another man says he likes the same thing about the Christmas games.

The tape cuts out.

A man is speaking. He says he likes everything about Christmastime. He is single and the singles are currently three points ahead.

The tape cuts out.

Several children say that they don't know what they like most about Christmas. One child says, "Everything!" They say they go to church on Christmas.

More adults say they like the Christmas games.

More adults say that they don't know what to say.

There is the sound of a loud motor. The motor sounds stop. There are thumping sounds and sounds of people (coughing, etc.). Eventually drumming and chanting starts. The tape cuts out several times. Each time followed by a new recording of singing and drumming.