

Tom Stilz  
tour guide, Barrow

$\frac{1}{2}$  hour tape recorded at Barrow,  
Brower's Cafe, September, 1974.

Tom Stilz is a tour guide who narrates approximately this same talk daily to each new group of tourists while they are at dinner at Brower's Cafe. The talk describes the whales and methods of whaling the Eskimos use at Barrow. He describes some current problems in whaling and international whaling.

A long period of quiet intervenes, then Stilz continues to narrate Charles Brower's life story, the Brower family's life and the development of Barrow.

Stilz describes the crash of the Winnie May with Wiley Post and Will Rogers, and the natives who saw and reported the crash.

Quiet intervenes; talk continues with description of seasonal hunting and life in general at Barrow.

There seems little of consequence on the tape. The previous day, Tom Brower came in and spoke extemporaneously to a tour group. On the chance of this recurring I set the machine up. While the tape does not seem to have any special value today, it does reflect one tour guide's description of Barrow life at present as the outcome of historical circumstances. Perhaps some future day the tape may have some use, and I preserved it ~~ix~~ for this eventuality.

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