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Esther DeWitt reports on the results of competitions at Nuchalawoyya; Interviews with Tanana residents Arland Dick, Mike Andon and Maudry Sommers

Jeff Kennedy, interviewer

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Bureau of Indian Affairs report about the introduction of the journalism field to Indian students. Tom Beaver from Minneapolis said Indian youth seem to be more interested in other fields other than communications and why they should be interested. Rupert Costow talked about Indian students going into mass communications. He talked about the land that was ceded to the United States. Dan Lemon talked about reasons students aren't interested in this type of work. He has been encouraged by his parents to pursue his education in communications.

Song by Ann Murray

Esther DeWitt talked about the results of the Nuchalawoyya competitions. The canoe races were won by Arland Dick, first place and Roy Folger, second place. The greased stick pulling was won by Deborah Hall and John Huntington. Spear throwing was won by Jay Shirock. Egg throwing was won by Jerry Roberts and Cher Sommer. The women's foot race was won by Ruth Ishmahlda. The men and women's one mile relay was won by Mona Purdue and Harold Huntington. The women's one mile relay was won by Florence Folger and Josephine Tivedou was second. The Tanana Dancers were the best dancers. The best costume was Helen Peter. The second place dancer was Art Showflee. The muskrat skinning contest was won by Sandra Cleaver and Pauline Carl. The tea making contest was won by Milton Moses and Barbara Demoski. The J. Harwood marathon was won by Scott Reisling. Second place winner was George Albert. Howard Albert was third and Allen Lolitte was fourth. Miss Nuchalawoyya was Faith Peters. The bicycle was won by David Paul. The Winchester rifle was won by Russell Folger. Visitors were treated to water skiing on the Yukon River on a dog sled.

Music by Ian Campbell

Jeff Kennedy talks about Arland Dick who works for the Federal Aviation Administration in Tanana. He also works as a policeman in Tanana. Arland Dick talked about the curfew for teenagers in Tanana. The time depends on the age of the person. In the summer they are trying to keep the kids out of the trouble. He said the kids don't have any place to go in town. They don't have a recreation center. Jeff asked if more recreation would make things better. Dick said he thought it would. He thought maybe a bowling alley would help. Dick doesn't think Tanana is as bad as some of the larger cities. He said kids will be kids. They watch the more active leader kid. They talk to him when he gets into trouble. Jeff Kennedy asked what most of the problems were in Tanana. Arland Dick said most of the problems were related to alcohol. There are a few drugs once in a while. There is some vandalism and shoplifting. He described the jail in town. The city is working on another one. Jeff Kennedy said even with two vocations

he finds the time for canoe racing. Dick said he does it every year for sportsmanship. Jeff Kennedy said he credits his canoe for his winning. Dick said he rebuilt a flattened canoe. He covered it with canvas. Each year he adds a couple of layers of fiberglass and waxes it before the race. Jeff Kennedy said he donated his canoe to raise funds for Nuchalawoyya. He won first place for a number of years and someone else needs a chance to win. He also runs power boats and heads the Lions Club in Tanana. It was his boat that pulled the water skier on a dog sled.

Song by John Angaiak

Jeff Kennedy interviewed Mike Andon. Mike Andon talked about the role of the president of Nuchalawoyya. The president raises money and gathers potlatch food. He said they work all winter. There is a lot of money raising projects. They spend it all in three days.

Jeff Kennedy interviewed Maudry Sommer. Maudry Sommer talked about gardening in Tanana. She said they raised potatoes, carrots, cabbage, beets, turnips, onions, and peas. She said last year she was told that the kids would get into it and they didn't bother it. Jeff Kennedy asked about insects in the garden. Sommer said they didn't notice any last year. Her potatoes lasted until Christmas last year. She said she didn't use fertilizer. Jeff Kennedy asked if subsistence gardening was a tradition with Athabaskan people. Sommer said it used to be a long time ago. About two miles up the road they used to have a mission garden. She told people to pick lettuce from her garden. She said they live on mostly meat. Jeff Kennedy asked about the growing season. Sommer said last year it was about three months. They had to water about every other day. She worked and had the garden, too. Her kids helped her, too. She said some people have hothouses and noticed more gardens this year.

Song by Johnny Cash

Jeff Kennedy asked for suggestions for the Potlatch program.