

Getting Set For Whaling

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BARROW — Mr. Vincent Nageak, 71 years of age, resident of Barrow said early this morning, that the whaler owners of canoe, are putting a new cover for Umiak. Seven good sizes for Oogrook skins are always enough for 26 footer canoe frame. Mr. Nageak said, he wanted to bring his wife Rhoda, but she doesn't want to. Mr. Nageak will leave Fairbanks to Barter Island first thing tomorrow morning. He's the man who always outrun the polar bear. I myself have seen it done couple of times. Once I saw Vincent, as I was going home dragging a polar bear skin, meats inside. Vincent never notice me, as he was busy throwing chunks of ice to this

This polar bear never did want to move anymore. I went over to him, then when I came to the place where he was, I called him by his name. He turned around and saw me.

What are you doing here cousin. Cousin when I saw you throwing ice at this bear, I thought you were out of ammunition. No he answered and said, to me I have lots of ammunition, I only wants to get him closer to the safe place, but instead this bear won't want to move anymore.

I asked him if this bear wounded or something. No. Alright Guy, Vincent said, lets kill him here. He shot at him. I shot. Then we both butchered him.

We both came home late that day. We know each other in our younger days, especially when we hunt polar bears.

NICE TO SEE THEM

Its very nice to see the old friends from North once again. People who we haven't been with. Names as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Wier Negovana, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen Ahveogana, Mr. and Mrs. James Kagak, Mr. and Mrs. Davic O. Kagak, Mrs. Mattie A. Bodfish and Lizzie Ahgavlak. All from Wainwright. Came down for placing an Eskimo dancing program. All came over to my place for lunch right after morning service.