



NANNIE AND HER WHALE OIL LAMP— Nannie Ooyatorna of Point Hope is lighting her age old whale oil lamp she has set up in the hallway of her sod igloo for the benefit of the tourists. The hallway of the igloo is lined with whale jawbones. The main room of Nannie's igloo is made from timbers of a wrecked whaling ship that was blown ashore a mile east of the village on the north shore back in 1880's or '90's. "Some of the men

in the ship were saved and some drowned. Some bodies washed ashore on the south beach. They had watches with long gold chains," Nannie said. For wick, Nannie uses dried powdered moss and the fuel, of course, is whale oil or seal oil. Point Hope can be reached on Wien Air extension tours from Kotzebue three times weekly.

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