

Arctic Ice Late Coming, Plenty Mukluks

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BARROW, (Special)— Our Arctic Ocean is still open and it is very late this fall, even our climate is way behind. Coldest we have here this month was 17 below according to weather bureau.

Hunters here usually gets polar bears before Thanksgiving, now none of them can't hunt them as there is no ice nearby.

PLENTY AROUND

There's no need to look for Eskimo made mukluks, all type, fancy, and sizes. You'll find them in Mr. Thomas P. Brower's store. They are all made here in Barrow by the Mrs. Kate N. Brower's gang.

They even are much cheaper than Fairbanks and in others. Highest you get from this store comes to \$30.00, lots of design work too.

Order them and find them for yourself. Don't wait.

WET OR DRY

Notices were hung in each store urging people to come and vote on intoxicating liquor within the City of Barrow, whether this city should be wet or dry.

Week later on voting day, wet was defeated by dry votes 206 against wet voters 176.

Still our city will be dry.

NEW COUNCILMEN

Three new councilmen were elected names as follows: Eben Hopson, 200; Sam Taalak, 151; Joseph Panigeo, 129; and William Neakok, 125.

DOGS LOSING

It seems that half of the villagers own dogs most of them were completely lost their dogs.

Why? Answer to this is plain enough. Almost half of the villagers own Ski-doo's, Coles, Polaries, even Phantom's vehicles.

We know these vehicles could travel fast and they are even powerful. But they broke down sometimes way up, I would say over 100 miles inland.

But dogs don't really as long as they have feed. No matter how weather is, they know their way.

STRANDED WHALERS

On October 29, 1968, Joash Tukle's crew killed a whale about 11:00 a.m., they were quite a long ways off, and the south current were awfully strong too, leading them out from Nuvook Point.

They were two boats out on open, both were kickers. Tukle's crew boat was only 1/4 inch plywood siding, and never would stand firmly on young ice.

These two boats fighting their way in towing the big whale toward Point but they don't

seems to go ahead any further as the current were strong from south.

Well, by that time, the crews could see tower lights when it gets dark. Both kickers were almost out of motor gas that night. The other kicker operated by Ben Itta, leave the Joash Tukle's crew and headed for shore for more gas.

Ben has enough gas to reach the shore. That was on Wednesday morning. Word came to village that Joash Tukle's crew shot a whale and still were way out.

Joash Tukle's crew anchored the whale with their kicker and when they sink the motor they found out that they are way out, it runs to 25 fathoms of water.

Then when the word comes to village, Horace Ahsogeak gathered his gear together and shoved out. Fred Nukapigak was with them also Joash Tukle's went out with them. When Horace's boat passed the iceberg, they start circling around and around, yet no sign of the crews.

All night long they cruise around with their electric light on.

The very next day, Horace's

boat towing two kickers behind turned around the other direction and Fred Nukapigak was on top of the boat cabin on watch.

While he was looking at the plane circling around ahead of them, he saw something that can't be a whale spout.

He looked at it for sometime and yet that thing he saw seems wasn't like any of whale spout. It's like smoke or something, and above that thing, a plane was circling all the time.

Fred Nukapigak called Joash and Joash came out with the binocular. He recognize it and said that its a signal smoke.

They send a speed boat with two men and tolded them they will cruise in behind. The speed boat that had 30 horse power didn't take them very long to get there. Joash Tukle's crew who shot this big whale were sailing when they get there, but no whale.

According to Fred Nukapigak, Joash Tukle's crew has seen their light but they didn't have nothing to flare them as they were out of gas or even oil.

The wind was getting stronger too after everyone comes aboard. They stayed out in ocean two days and two nights till they are picked.

Oh, how happy we villagers were when we heard that these whalers were safe.

They said the whale they abandoned was Ingu-tu-vak.

(Editor's Note: Ingutuk is a smallish bowhead whale that is plump and round that usually weighs around 30 tons. The whale has a lot of meat and its black skin, called muktuk by the Eskimos, is thicker and more tender than others. Ingutuk is much relished by the Arctic people. Ingu-tu-vak, as Guy Okakok calls the whale Joash Tukle lost, is a large version of the Ingutuk. It was reported to be around 70 tons.)