

THE GAB BAG

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REUNION AT KLONDIKE

Last Friday afternoon we went out to Klondike Farm with "Bud" Waite, Jr., and Mrs. Waite, to witness a reunion between this member of Admiral Byrd's third expedition to the South Pole, and Klondike Iceberg, the bull calf born of Klondike Nira while en route to Little America, and now, like Mr. Waite, a veteran of the expedition.

Some of you probably heard Mr. Waite lecture on his experiences, at the school auditorium Friday night under the auspices of the Kiwanis club.

We don't know whether Iceberg remembered his fellow member of the expedition or not, and certainly Mr. Waite wouldn't have known Iceberg had he met him without Mr. Cooley, manager of Klondike Farm, along. For whereupon Iceberg was still small enough to be pushed around in the days of the expedition's return to the United States, no one in his right mind would try to push Iceberg around now.

At Little America, the explorer

said, whenever members of the expedition would enter the tunnel leading to the shelter in which the calf and the two remaining cows of the expedition were quartered, Iceberg would

come galloping to playfully shove them around. Perhaps the calf enjoyed the 30 below zero temperature of the tunnel.

When Klondike Nira died, she was taken outside and buried in the ice of Little America where her body now lies beneath 50 feet of ice and snow.

While Mr. Waite and Mr. Cooley were discussing Iceberg, we went with Mrs. Waite to a nearby stall to see Klondike Argilla Knight, papa of Iceberg. Argilla Knight didn't seem to be any too well pleased over the attention his son was receiving, but snorted and bellowed to show his displeasure. And while looking at this huge animal, we definitely made up our mind that we wouldn't like to meet him on a one-way street with no room to turn around.

Klondike Iceberg has some children, but we didn't see them. We did see Klondike Jette, half sister of Iceberg who is a world's champion cow. Mr. Cooley just wanted to show his visitors that Iceberg comes of a distinguished family and that the knobby-kneed little fellow who first saw light of day on the Jacob Ruppert was no common ordinary run-of-the-mill animal.

You'll see Mr. Waite discussing his experiences with Iceberg, while Mrs. Waite and Mr. Cooley look on, elsewhere in this paper. We were standing out in a down-pour of rain at the time, but that's what one gets for being a newspaper photographer.

One would think that Mr. Waite's hobby should be the collection of ice cubes and icicles, or something like that, considering his experiences at Little America, but instead, he and Mrs. Waite collect Indian arrow heads.

The only discordant note of the entire visit to Klondike and their famous Guernseys was when we innocently asked Mr. Cooley if he didn't think the Jersey a fine breed of cow.

Tsk, tsk, tsk.

THIS AND THAT

What with the election over, the air should be considerably clearer by now.

Last week a number of people were discussing how warm the weather had been. But with all the hot air being sent up by campaign speakers on both sides, how could they expect it to turn cold?

A prominent local man told us the other day, in all seriousness, that he and his wife had quit going to walk at night. "We used to make the circle—up West Main to Elk Spur, down Elk Spur to West Main at the creek and so back home," he said, "for exercise. We don't do it any more because we consider it too dangerous."

And that is one man's opinion of the menace of speeding and reckless driving which exists on Elkin's residential streets. He wasn't kidding and we know he and his wife don't go to walk in the evening, because we used to see them pass our house, but not anymore.

"To my mind," this man said, "the most serious local problem which exists in Elkin today is that of speeding and reckless driving."

And that's the opinion of yet another Elkin citizen who fears to take a walk in the evening due to the ever present menace in the form of irresponsible automobile drivers.

PLEASANT HILL

The W. M. U. of Pleasant Hill Baptist church met Monday at the home of Mrs. Jack Smoot, with 14 members, one new member and two visitors present. Mrs. Robert Wilmoth, vice-president, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Jack Smoot, program chairman for the month, presented Mrs. E. C. James, guest speaker for the evening, who spoke on "Faithful Amid Persecutions in Europe." The program was most interesting and brought to us in Mrs. James' own special way.

Several new business matters were discussed during the business period. It was decided the circle would send a box of home canned food to the Thomasville orphanage for Thanksgiving. It was also decided that we would name our circle "The Alva James Circle" in honor of Mrs. E. C. James.

At the conclusion of the business session the hostess served refreshments. Mrs. Grace Eads dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Scotch?

"How many cigarettes do you smoke?"
"Oh, any given number."

FIREMEN ARE CLUB GUESTS

Members of Department and Kiwanians Hear Talk by Sherwood Brockwell

COOPERATION STRESSED

Members of the Elkin fire department were guests of the Elkin Kiwanis club at their banquet meeting at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening at Hotel Elkin. Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, state fire marshal and deputy fire commissioner, was guest speaker at the meeting.

Presented by Ted Brown, Elkin fire chief, Mr. Brockwell stressed the importance of the heartiest cooperation between business men and the fire department, and of providing the fire department with the sort of equipment which makes it possible to conquer fires when they are discovered sufficiently early. He also made many suggestions tending to greater efficiency in fire fighting.

During the course of his talk the speaker had praise for Chief Brown and the members of the local department.

Present at the meeting, in addition to Chief Brown, were Wilbur Carter, assistant chief; Fletcher Harris, secretary-treasurer; Tom Phillips, Abe Harris, Jake Brown, Clyde Hall, Clarence Holcomb, Carl Young, Raymond Felts and Grady Harris.

A number of the firemen are also members of the Kiwanis club.

Out-of-town guests of the club were George K. Snow, of Mount Airy, the guest of Hugh Royall, and Rufus Walters, also of Mount Airy. Mr. Walters is a member of the Mount Airy club.

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TOBACCO

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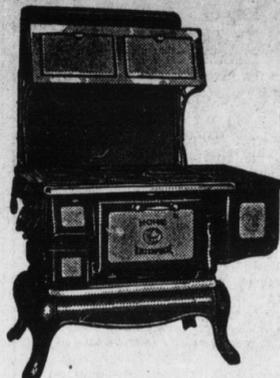
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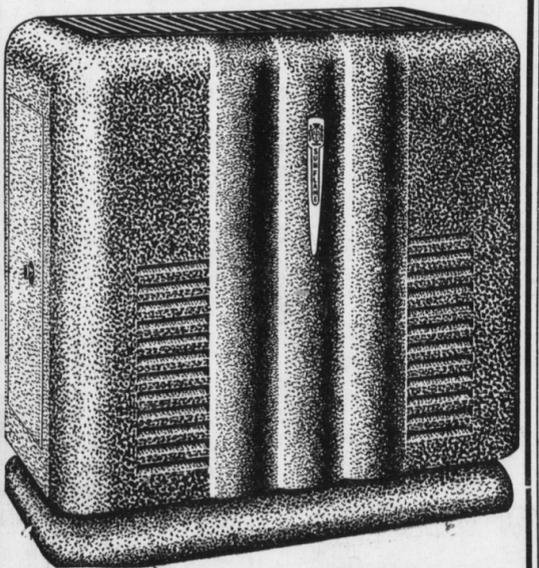


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