



Alexander (Sandy) Smith
Well-Traveled Explorer

Alaska Explorer Visits In Area

By DORIS HUGHES
Central Point Correspondent
Alexander Malcom Smith known throughout Alaska and the Arctic as Sandy, is soaking up some balmy southern Oregon weather this week as he visits at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Yocom of Central Point.

Sandy, whose discoveries and exploits in the Northland are many, was born 98 years ago in Iverness, Scotland. He could well pass for a man of 50. He stands straight and is alert with his Scottish blue eyes missing nothing. His skin is tanned and his voice is firm and clear.

Sandy Smith left Scotland when he was 18 and came to the Western Hemisphere as an indentured worker for the Hudson Bay company which pioneered Canada's early development.

Well-Traveled Explorer
The well-traveled explorer is credited with the discovery of the gas and oil field which is today known as Naval Oil Reserve No. 4. It is located near Smith Bay, which is named for Sandy's uncle, Donald Smith, who was head of the Hudson Bay company.

It contains numerous gas and oil wells. One of the lakes of oil is 10 1/2 acres in area and another is 7 1/2 acres. They are, however, a death trap to waterfowl in the area and even to caribou. Remains of mastodons have been found there. Smith stated that he knows of places where oil has been seeping into the ocean for centuries.

At the beginning of the Gold Rush, Sandy was appointed trail blazer for the

Royal Northwest Mounted Police. He went ahead with his dogs and chartered the 1,500 mile route between Edmonton and the New Eldorado. He also guided the Mounties into the Rat river district where many people were saved from the scurvy plague.

He was second in command of the Sir George Hubert Wilkins expedition to the North Pole in 1926.

Smith was a member of the first grand jury of the District of Alaska at Circle City on the Yukon.

Disproves Map
He disproved the map showing no timber in the Arctic region by discovering a grove of cottonwood trees in a watershed. He photographed the discovery. He takes many pictures and colored slides of unusual sights. He made a collection of 113 different specimens of wild flowers of the Arctic and presented it to a Rockford, Ill., girls college.

Malcolm's river which runs from Alaska into Canada and into the Mackenzie river is named for him. A post office in Alaska has also been named in his honor. It is the Al Malcom post office on Wild River in Upper Kuyukuk, northwestern Alaska. He also founded the town of Ruby, Alaska.

During the first World War, Sandy was too old to join, so he became physical director in YMCA work during that time. One of his pupils was Jimmy Doolittle who was a young boy at that time in Nome.

In Revolution
Sandy Smith had the unfortunate experience of being

caught in the Bolshevik revolution in Russia. Prior to the revolution, he had established a home in the Siberian territory. This and everything he had, except his brief case and the clothing he was wearing, were confiscated.

So famous was he in the Northland, Barrett Willoughby devoted a full chapter to him in her book, "Gentlemen Unafraid."

He is a member of the Alaska Yukon International Sourdough association, the American Geographical Society and both the American and English Explorers clubs. The first ski club in Alaska was organized in his cabin in 1932.

Christmas Cards
Among his treasures, he has accumulated over the years are Christmas cards—54 of them from "Klondike Kate."

Sandy, who left Alaska 2 1/2 months ago, plans to be back there in June. He says of the Northland, "There is something beckoning about a country whose rivers all run north, pouring out their waters on the top of the earth."

Sandy knows where there is a small island stacked high with ivory walrus tusks; where there is a river whose waters tumble over green stones agleam with copper nuggets. He has seen large quantities of jade and in one place he followed a single seam of coal for 150 miles.

Long Lived Family
When asked what he attributed his many years to, he said he came from a long lived family. His grandmother lived to be 114; his grandfather 111; his father 105 and his mother 98. Both his grandmother and mother raised 14 children.

When this writer mentioned to Sandy the contributions he had made during his lifetime and asked him if he did not wish to retire, he said, "Retire? No. I am going back to the Northland. My one dream is to see this country—so rich in natural resources—developed and put to use."

Sandy, often called indestructible Sandy, is leaving soon for the Northland. As for the dream—who knows?

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

"YOU TELL ME," a doctor interrupted an indignant housewife, "that your husband snores worse than any other man in New York City. What authority have you got for a sweeping statement like that?"

"Well, for one thing," snorted the wife, "we live on East River drive, and every time my husband begins snoring in midnight form, the tugboats start answering."



A Russian farmer, in the U.S.A. on an official visit, was told that Marilyn Monroe was then being considered for the role of Grushenka in a screen version of "The Brothers Karamazov."

"What do you think of Miss Monroe taking on a tough assignment like that?" the Russki was asked. "I can't say," was his cagey reply. "I haven't seen her farm yet."

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EAGLE POINT Work on Robes to Start

By MRS. LAURA McFALL
Eagle Point — Work on choir robes for the high school chorus will begin the week of Feb. 3. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. John Huffman, Hillcrest 6-3793, or Mrs. Edward R. Chamberlain, Hillcrest 6-3811.

The robes are to be worked on during the school hours in the teacher's room in the high school. Anyone wishing to work all day may have lunch in the school cafeteria at noon at a nominal fee, officials said.

Mrs. Augusta Henson returned to Los Angeles this week end to visit neighbors and friends. She had been making her home with her two daughters, Mrs. John Huffman and Mrs. Kermit Carroll, the past eight months.

Mrs. Herbert Perdue is con-

ferred to a hospital as a medical patient at the present time. She is reported improved.

Mrs. Hal Grow, Crater Lake highway, is reported improved and is home after confinement at Sacred Heart hospital as a medical patient. She spent a couple days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jack Fortin, before returning home.

Mrs. Leroy Bedingfield, 625 South B st., Eagle Point, is staying at 715 Cedar st., Medford, after being released from the hospital following surgery. She is reported as being some improved and is expected to return to her home this week end.

Mrs. Jack Emmons is reported improved after recent confinement in a hospital at Medford.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

Sis-Q 4-H Horse Club
The Sis-Q 4-H Horse club met Saturday, Jan. 25, under the direction of our leader, Vic Stewart.

The meeting's project was to oil our saddles. The meeting closed with a question and answer period reviewing the parts of the saddle, bridle and the care of our horses.
Lynn Merriman Reporter

Howard Bake-N-Stitchers
The Howard Bake-n-Stitchers held their meeting at Sue Stever's home Jan. 21. Our president and vice president were absent, so our secretary, Linda Chisum, read the minutes. A discussion on measurements was led by Mrs. Chisum and Mrs. Stever. We have one new member in our 4-H. Her name is Alice Whitmore. Next meeting will be Feb. 4 at Mrs. Chisum's.
Carrol Millard Reporter

Eagle Point Child Care
A meeting of the Eagle Point Child Care club was held last week. The vice-president, Ricky Meyer, conducted the meeting. Election was held for vice-president as Ricky will take over the job of president. Martha Armstrong is the new vice-president.

We discussed our skating party and mothers tea.
Our lecturer, Mrs. Cunningham was not able to be with us.
We also held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 28. Our club has been offered the permanent job of baby-sitting at the PTA. We accepted and baby-sat on Tuesday.
Next week the county agent will be with us to tell us about demonstrations.
Helen Vickoren, Reporter.

GOP SEATS SIX
Washington — The Republican National committee Friday seated six new members elected by party organizations in their home state. They were Mrs. Fred V. Lucas, Kentucky; John B. Martin Jr., Michigan; Roscoe E. Hobbs, Missouri; Mrs. A. D. Waterhouse, Hawaii; Dr. Virgil T. Jackson, Louisiana; and Donald R. Ross, Nebraska. Norton H. Hollingsworth of Illinois was elected to a vacant seat on the executive committee.

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