

300th MEETING (from Scrapbooks in computer)

"As this was the 300th meeting, it was opened by calling upon Judge Robert Walcott, one of the very early members of the club, who described briefly its founding in 1901. He talked simple and without notes, giving a pleasant description of the early days."
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300TH MEETING "LADIES' NIGHT"

The fifth meeting of the season will be held at the INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHICAL EXPLORATION, 2 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, on Tuesday, February 25th, at 8.00 P.M. The members of the Women's Travel Club are cordially invited, and husbands, wives and accompanied guests of both clubs will be welcome. Dress optional.

"EXERCISE MUSK-OX"

Mr. William P. House, one of the four American observers and participants in the Canadian Army's 3100-mile expedition across far Northern Canada in the winter of 1946, will be our guest speaker.

Mr. House, Yale 1935, a member of the American Alpine Club, was on the first ascent of Mt. Waddington in Western Canada in 1936, and reached 24,700 feet on K₂ in 1938. During the recent war he took part in "Exercise Polar Bear" as an expert in mountain and cold weather equipment in 1944, in all being four years in the U. S. Army.

Assigned to the "Exercise Musk-Ox" by the Quartermaster Corps, at the invitation of the Canadian Government, the party trained for many weeks before taking off from Churchill, Hudson Bay, February 15, 1946. They proceeded North and Northwest to Victoria Island and returned to Edmonton on May fifth, having tested out equipment and procedures in the severe winter weather.

This expedition was the precursor of the U. S. Army's "Task Force Frigid," a larger expedition, now operating out of Fairbanks, Alaska, with temperatures as low as -67° , which owed some of its success to the pioneering work of "Exercise Musk-Ox." Illustrated by Kodachrome slides and possibly some sound films.

Please reserve March 25; April 22 and May 20 (Annual Meeting).

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