



**BACK FROM POLAR TRIP**—On leave at his Campbell home is James K. Wilcox of the submarine Sargo's crew. He's showing his mother, Mrs. Ray Wilcox, photo of the vessel which carried him to the North Pole and back.

## Submariner Home -- He's Been to the North Pole

James K. Wilcox, a 21-year-old Navy man from Campbell, has done something none of his neighbors has done—nor many other persons either.

He's gone for a walk at the North Pole.

One of the last men to stroll that area was the late Robert E. Peary.

A little more than a month ago, Wilcox stood at the Pole and with other members of the crew of the SS Sargo marked the occasion with a "polar party." Today James K. Wilcox, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilcox, 393 Shelley Rd., is back home with his wife, Sherley, and parents.

"You wonder if you'll make it through," he added.

The entire trip, which Wilcox said began in Hawaii on Jan. 17 took 47 days, with the Sargo returning to Hawaii on March 3.

Wilcox said crew members were told the sub proved among other things that it was possible to cross the Bering

Straits, in the dead of winter, with that part of the trip made mostly under ice.

In all, he added, the Sargo was under ice 31 days and despite piercing through as much as three feet of it at times, there were few mishaps during the voyage.

It was mainly a scientific voyage with scientists from the U. S. Oceanographic and Hydrographic bureaus aboard. Findings are classified.

Wilcox said highlight of the voyage was "surfacing within 25 yards of the pole," where the Sargo crew managed a brief "shore leave."

Members of the crew held a "pole party," consuming a cake and drinks to mark the occasion.

When he leaves here Thursday, Wilcox will go to San Diego for eight weeks of schooling. He will then rejoin Sargo in Hawaii.

And what will this polar submariner be studying?

Quite appropriately—refrigeration!