

TRAPLINE

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KETCHIKAN

IT HAS BEEN MANY MOONS since Ketchikan has hooked on the trap-line, so a current report of people is in order. AF at KTN is headed by SET Jim Large with Jim McNearney, John McIntyre as ETs and Henry Sam as GFET; Bud Hurley and Cal Moore ETs at ANN. AT is headed by E. Mo Knight, with ATCSs George Hale, Dick Hunze, Ed Stevenson, Bob Durgin, and Ray Richel carrying the load - expect two from the October FSS class to fill out our staffing.

We moved into our new quarters on the Ketchikan jet airport last fall. The facility is located on the top floors of an elevated section in the new terminal; elevated so we can see the runway which is 60 feet higher than the ramp and terminal base. A ferry service to the airport is available during the day - the midwatch and AF callbacks use a charter boat. The past year has been hectic while the airport management, airlines, and FAA have been solving problems and establishing procedures associated with the airport.

Our weather this summer has been one of a kind. June was colder and wetter than average, but July, August, and much of September were warm, dry and beautiful. A common source of domestic water at homes outside of town is rainwater collected in a holding tank, and many went dry; those growing gardens and boating, etc. were happy as clams, but those out of water were doing rain dances. Winter arrived with a bang however with 20 inches of rain in eight days the first part of October.

Representing the boating elite are: Dick Hunze with a diesel troller, Ed Stevenson with a 1928 30 foot McGrary Cruiser-Yacht; George Hale operates a Boston Whaler; Jim McNearney, a 21 foot sailboat, and Jim Large, a canoe. He says he's looking for something bigger with a motor.

Ray Richel's name keeps showing up in the local newspaper when the results of the weekly duplicate bridge tournaments are announced. George Hale is Vice President of one bowling league, secretary of another and also captains a mixed team that is fighting hard for last place. Dick Hunze, Mo Knight and George Hale have house remodeling for a spare time hobby this year.

Adios from the banana belt.....Ketchikan.

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A. Mrs. Rae Billick, wife of Andy Billick, works the three-dice game, Chuck-a-luck. B. Margery Hartman of Manpower Division, operated the "Wheel of Fortune." C. Jim Walton (also from the Manpower Division) and his Wife, Emma Lu, were also at the Monte Carlo Party. D. Larry Rodger was a dealer at one of the Black Jack tables.

ILIAMNA

IT WAS DECIDED TO CHANGE OUR NEWS MEDIA and write a story, title: The Fall Migration Celebration in ILIAMNA

The twitterpated titmouse's migration has come to pass and skipped off in a south by southeast direction. Undoubtedly to the location of its winter habitat.

The twitterpated titmouse is not to be confused with the common titmouse, but is readily identified by rude and frequent cappers of hanky panky.

The latter being looked upon in distaste and disgust by the superior animal species better known as people. This puts the fall migration of the twitterpated hanky panky titmouse in the category of the peoples most looked forward to holiday with great rejoicing and hilarious festivities, started by chanting and dancing about a somewhat gross bond fire built from the droppings and trash carelessly discarded in the departing wake of the titmouse. As the twitterpated titmouse free days pass to seven the chants have gradually risen to more of a cry of joy. This cry becomes higher in pitch until the very foundations of Roadhouse Mountain trembles and echoes; thus the mountains and glaciers from here to the lower kobuck rumble. The people of Kotzebue have been known to stumble forth around 12 P.M., of the seventh night, (especially if it's moonlit) and listen to the weird vibrations with many declaring the vocabulary quite distinct and listen to these repeated The pests have flown, rejoice! The pests have flown! words.

It has been suggested that I furnish a photograph of the titterpated titmouse but this was quickly rejected as it was decided to be of little or no use in identity as the twitterpated hanky panky titmouse comes in various shapes and sizes and a species in Nome being known as Easter Eggs, I believe this to be an off season cousin.

The twitterpated hanky panky titmouse has not always been thus or does it always remain thus, in fact when returning to its winter quarters has been known to convert to a species not unlike people rather like a Dr. Jeckle/Mr. Hyde.

CURRENT EVENTS:

Howard Bowman, Controller and wife Tish spent time in Anchorage. Business and medical reasons. The Bowmans now are sporting a red Volkswagon. They also spent some time at their cabin.

Al Guthrie, had a birthday Oct. 4th, Happy Birthday wishes were extended to him.

Jim Logan, ET, recently attended schooling in Fairbanks. His wife and son accompanied him to the big city, for shopping and to visit relatives.

ILIAMNA CONT'D

Bert Foss, Airport Mgr., and his family have been busy. Edna recently attended a Wien meeting in Anchorage, Bert, went in for a couple of days also.

Maxie Wassillie's wife Katie, recently was flown out for emergency medical care, However, we are happy to report she has returned home and doing fine.

Jim Coffey, has been kept busy per usual and his summer helper Andrew Wassillie completed his hours, however, Andy is seen around the area as he has been working for the State Airport Manager, Bert Foss.

Dick Lewis, and crew have returned to finish up the FSS.

Jim Baum and Doug Swanson, ETs, were recently here for wiring and moving of the FSS equipment. That Doug, can play a mean Sax.

We are back in the swing of things, now that winter is upon us again. JEANNE--Iliamna.

Monte Carlo Night . . .



LEFT: Seated at the Black Jack table with their play money stacked in front of them are, left to right, Mrs. Doyle Bushman, Tom Morrison and an unindentified man. RIGHT: Dorothy Law of the Travel Section and LaVerne Brooks, Planning Officer in the Airway Facilities Division, enjoyed the buffet dinner.

BETHEL

"OH, WOW! WHY DOESN'T IT SNOW so we can get the snow machine out?" our kids keep asking. Dry and dusty; that's Bethel this fall.

Irv and Diane Kreider are two of the lucky people who found a reason to travel to the big city recently. They visited Homer and just spent a weekend goofing around. Dave Bartholomew went into ANC to attend an ILS seminiar, and Stan Hoffman and Jesse Romer both went in for dental work. Joel Henkelman, wife, Lucy, and baby also had a few days relaxation in the city. Fran and Herschel Gillings traveled to Fairbanks early this month, but Herschel said it was a lousy trip. It was two days before their luggage caught up with them. ATCS Chris Weber seems to find many reasons to catch the "Wienie Bird" to town. He's a bachelor and was told he'd find a girl behind every tree here in Bethel. As yet, he hasn't even located the tree. And then there are these lucky couples who enjoyed a fall vacation in sunny Hawaii: Carol and Bob Atkins, Charles and Gerri Kashatok, and Stan and June Hoffman.

Bill and Mary Coates had daughter Debbie Bauers visiting with them for a couple weeks while her husband John finished up his ATC training in OKC. Grandma Coates (Bill's Mother) is staying with Bill and Mary again this winter. The Kreider family also enjoyed a visit of several weeks by Irv's Mother.

NWS David and Liz Angaiak are proud parents of their first-born; a boy, now six weeks old. Liz and baby recently visited with her parents in AKN for a month while David attended a basic meteorology course in ANC. We welcome NWS trainees Burker Ivanoff and Ben Eakon; Burker also attended the course in ANC. Another newcomer, Mike Archibald, is an ATCS trainee at the Bethel FSS. He just completed training at OKC; is a bachelor originally from Anchorage.

Eve Bartholomew decided to join the ranks of working wives and is now employed at the local bank. She says she enjoys the work, especially since she bought herself a neat new car to drive.

We haven't had many official visitors lately, but have done quite a lot of handshaking with the political candidates. Bethel has been on the campaign trail for all of the aspirants.

Our thanks to the Klunders for planning and supervising the kid's Halloween party; lots of fun! The adult Halloween celebration was once again the "whoop-dee-do" fun party of the year. Such clever costumes; and then there's me with no imagination.

BETHEL CONT'D

Joe Goding is the new airport manager for the State division of Aviation. You Southeasterners may remember him as a former Pan Am employee at Annette. He says this is a crazy airport, but likes it here. The new east-west travel runway will be in use as soon as it freezes solid. One of the local air taxi operators has started construction on a hangar and maintenance shop which is desperately needed.

Despite all the activity and construction around the airport it is still possible to see an unconcerned fox amble calmly past the flight service stations. JB

PS: The success of our moose hunters seems equal to that of other stations-a good trip, but not many moose. Bethel.

More Monte Carlo



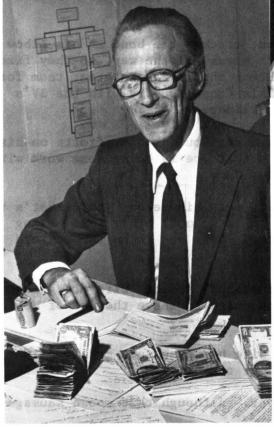
⁸ More Monte Carlo

 Rose Stearns, daughter of Mary Stearns in Accounting, was one of the Hostesses. 2. (Left to right) Kathy Holland, Doyle Bushman and his wife, wait for dinner to be served.
Playing a game of Black Jack are, left to right, Leo Hamik, Betty Hamik, National Weather Service employee, Judy Morrison and Al Armstrong.
Engrossed in a crap game are Frank Austin, left, and John Kuhn, center, and Tom Bowers of the National Weather Service.



More Monte Carlo







 Vicki and Carl Bailey enjoy the after dinner conversations.
Rose and her mother, Mary Stearns, helped to sell raffle tickets.
The Big Winner-after Monte Carlo night was over, the "Big Winner" was the Civilair Club. George Davis, Club President, counts the receipts.

HOMER

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, we were visited by Homer's East Elementary 4th & 5th graders. Their classes are studying weather observation and FSS Chief, Ed Klopp, and AT Bob Anselment were showing them the balloons and some of the instruments used in weather observation. The kids were very interested in some of the technical instruments that ET Jerry Wieber took time to show them.

GFET Wayne Jones was promoted to the position vacated by Pat Schultz who did get the position in Phoenix, Arizona. Congratulations to both of you.

SET "Rocky" Oliver and wife Audrey were again made grandparents. This time their daughter gave them a girl. That makes two grandchildren for the Olivers, one boy and now a girl. Audrey was in Juneau to help take care of Corey while Deb was in the hospital.

ET Don Wilcox attended an ILS Seminar in Anchorage during October. However, he just didn't have time to pick up an electric typewriter that yours truly has been waiting for patiently.

Leonard Van Sandt, my 15 year old son, cracked the bone in his elbow practicing for basketball. It didn't break all the way, so they fixed him up and he's still practicing. Homer should have a great team for basketball this year. They did well in Cross Country with the JV's getting a first place at the meet in Palmer.

ET Joe Brunner managed to bring back 3 caribou for his efforts on his last hunting trip. I also understand that Joe is doing some work with the Homer Boosters. We sure need you, Joe.

AT Brad Cole has been doing quite well with his second job; (that's taking care of his house while wife Vivian is in school) other than having some trouble with keeping a babysitter. It's got to be those wierd hours, Brad.

One of our retired people, Ralph Sutherland, and his wife are going outside for the winter. They are scheduled to leave the 1st of November. We will miss you at coffee, Ralph.

I understand that AT Derryl Blood's wife has done some modeling in Anchorage. A very nice addition to our community.

AT Don Otto is just as "Salty" as ever. Although that moose sausage was "salted" just right, Don.

HOMER CONT'D

"Frenchy" Cresswell came down from Kenai to help me conduct our annual personal property inventory. Thanks for all your help, "Frenchy".

The rains have let up some (not very much) and now we have the wind to remind us that winter is coming.

Some of the younger children are getting ready for Halloween. My daughter, Kathy, age 11, has decided to go as a gypsy.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN to all of you. Until next time. FRAN--Homer.



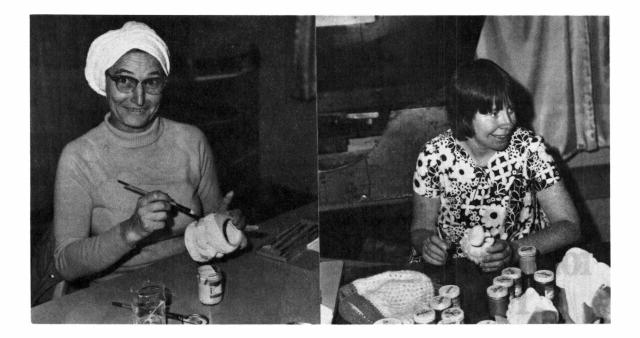
TOP: Air Traffic Control Specialist Bob Anselment (white shirt in background) and some of the 4th grade children during their visit to study the weather instruments. BOTTOM: Electronic Technicial Jerry Wieber and the 4th graders. Some of them were getting excited, notice the blurs.

The gift for Christmas Future. U.S. SAVINGS BONDS



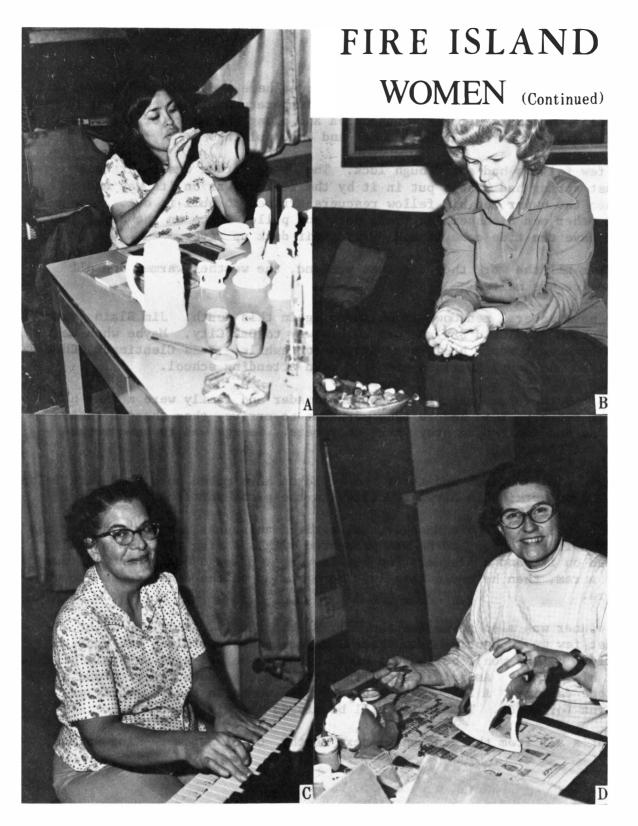
FIRE ISLAND

THIS MONTH I WOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE to the ladies of Fire Island. While this station is not as remote as some Alaskan sites, it is isolated no less. Each day the men folks report to their jobs at the appointed hour and their wives are left to find something to do after the housework and related chores have been done. The ladies on this island are fortunate because every one of them have hobbies that help them use their time in a satisfying way. GEORGIA COREY is spending a lot of time with her ceramics this fall. She has a complete nativity scene, jugs, ashtrays and many other pieces beautifully done. Georgia also goes on long walks to enjoy nature and is a rock collector. Her green thumb is evident the year around. ANN MITCHELL has two little boys that keep her from having many dull moments. Ann is looking forward to a new baby after the first of the year and still finds time to make an assortment of ceramic art including a nativity scene and some Christmas presents. MARY MACK will be plenty busy come spring with her first baby. While waiting, Mary knits, works in the ceramic shop and likes to listen to good music. VIRGINIA MCMOLIN roamed our beaches before the freeze-up from one end to the other collecting agates and other pretty rocks. She has two batches that are all polished and most interesting. Virginia also paints with acrylics and does beautiful needlepoint. GALE MCNITT has found the organ in the COMSERFAC a source of much enjoyment. She can be found at the keyboard several mornings each week in self-taught practice sessions. Gale also likes to paint with oils and writes poetry. Many of her poems have been published. BARBARA FOLKS was a four week visitor while her husband was here on a relief assignment. Barbara also found the ceramic shop to be a challenge and made many nice pieces to take home with her. Here's to the Ladies of Fire Island! Gordon McNitt--Fire Island.



Georgia Corey

Ann Mitchell



A. Virginia McMolin B. Mary Mack C. Gale McNitt D. Barbara Folks

KING SALMON

<u>GREETINGS FROM KING SALMON</u>. Fall has been here and gone during the past month. We had a few days of freezing temperatures, cold enough to freeze the smaller lakes in the area and along the banks of the river. This brought an onslaught of boat and dock pulling.

A few fellows had some tough luck. The "barge" that was built this past spring had a hole put in it by the ice and was on its way under when the owner and his fellow rescuers arrived to pull it out. A couple of other men disassembled their dock and pulled it up on the bank, just to have the tide come in and carry their dock up river.

After all the work they did that weekend, the weather warmed and all the ice has melted.

We have several men down in Oklahoma again this month. Jim Blain just returned from Cold Bay and was on his way to Oak City. Maybe when he returns next month he'll stay around for awhile. Russ Clentimack, Chet Wilson and Henry Harrison are also down attending school.

Last month we reported that George Schrader and family were moving here from Denver. Just before they were due to arrive, they changed their plans and decided to stay where they were. George was to have worked in the tower.

David and Pam Unruh and their two children have moved here from Fire Island. David is working in Airway Facility in the plant section.

Ed Evans, the Airport Manager, has retired this past month. A dinner was given in his honor and he was presented with a string tie with a ram's head on it, and a plaque. Too bad it wasn't a large moose head instead of a ram, then he could have left here one up on the other moose around here.

A dinner was also given for the J.T. Stubbs family. J.T. had spent the last few weeks hunting brown bear. He was unsuccessful on his hunting trips, but he won't be leaving empty handed. He was given a small bear at his dinner. As going away gifts, they were given a tapestry and a stone carving. A luncheon attended by the women in the community was given for Linda. The family will be missed in this community.

That's all from the King until next month. Carol Meismer--King Salmon.

COLD BAY

GREETINGS FROM DOWNTOWN COLD BAY. "Where you get better lookin' all the time"

Jim Blaine and family went back to King Salmon. Jim has been here since June and Judy followed later in July "I think". Jim won the motorcycle race on the 4th of July by 2 seconds against Tom Moody, ATCS. Was some pretty hairy minutes when they would come jumping over the hill.

Pavalof volcano has been smoking quite frequently this summer. Some of us in Cold Bay must not be living right!

Our dock has been fixed so now we should really be able to get into the swing of things. The guys in town have been catching flounders by the bucket fulls.

Goose hunting has been in full swing all month. The population of Cold Bay grew rapidly and diminished as fast as hunters came and went. They all had luck as far as we know, some good and some bad.

Ken Peavyhouse returned from Lawton in September. Ken and wife Muriel will be leaving us in November for Valdez where Ken will be the new chief. Wish them lots of luck in their new residence and sure hate to see them leave Cold Bay.

John and Jackie Beard and daughter Rhonda left Cold Bay for Fairbanks where John will work in the tower. Really hated to see them leave and want to wish them luck.

Our new chief hails from Fairbanks. His name is John McLaughlin. We extend a warm welcome to John and his family.

Dr. Hepler was out earlier this week to give physicals to any one that wanted them. From the looks of things, he was kept pretty busy. His nurse, Sidney Hutchins, stayed on and gave us a first aid course. Really appreciate her time and help.

Melvin the super bear has gone into hibernation, we hope, and Delbert the super duck is out in full force, to quote our famous Cold Bay TV announcer Tundra Pete.

We have a new Weather Service family in from Nome. Jack and Paulette Fender and their two children Shannon and Michele. Want to extend a welcome to them. Hope they enjoy Cold Bay.

COLD BAY cont'd

The people currently on duty in Cold Bay are as follows;

Flight Service

Ken Peavyhouse, Chief ATCS Marvin Mack, ATCS Pat Watts, ATCS John Haynes, ATCS Tom Moody, ATCS Helen Barclay, Secretary

Airway Facilities

Electronics Technicians:

John Gillespie, SET Jerry Majestic, ET John Winfree, ET David Peterson, ET Robert Livingston, ET Robert Marshall, ET

Plant Crew:

John Farley, GFET-Foreman Howard Johnson, GFET Harry Bartels, GFET Frank Snodgrass, GFET Bill McCall, WAE

Material Specialist:

Gabriel Evan

Weather Service

John Hertel, OIC Clyde Pepple, Et Tom Barclay, Met. Tech. Jack Fender, Met. Tech. Jack Kiefer, Met. Tech.

This about wraps up the news in Cold Bay. See you again next month and remember: Smile! It always makes even the worst day turn out better. TOM--Cold Bay.

GALENA

GREETINGS FROM GALENA. October brought us many visitors to Galena, Dick Brown's SMP crew was out here for a couple of weeks installing the new NDB. Every day they would take out their rifles in hopes of getting a moose. Well, they finally did and the race was on. So far everyone but our SET has gotten their moose. His only excuse is that he was in Deadhorse.

We welcome Fred Nahoopii, ET Trainee, to the station. Fred is new with the FAA and reigns from Hawaii. Sorry Fred, the surf in Galena is definitely not up. We also welcome Albert J. Dolezal, wife Margaret and kids, Emily, Allen and A.J. to Galena. They hail from Oak City. The boys have already set their snares and have bagged a couple of rabbits. Emily has joined the action too by becoming cheerleader. Congratulations Emily. We certainly hope they like Galena as well as Galena likes them.

We also welcome Harding Sam and Melvin Williams back to Galena. They are the FMP crew from Fairbanks. We were also visited by Mr. Harold Irvin. We really enjoyed chatting with him on his short stay with us.

Well, winter has hit us early this year. Everyone had to make a mad dash to drag the boats up from the river after we were dumped with 20 some odd inches of snow in three days. Dave and Walt really had a time digging and pulling the boats up. Walt finally gave up and dragged his up with the snow machine. Dave had help from some of the local boys.

Earlier this month everyone with the FAA got together and had a wild game dinner. Fun was had by everyone. There was enough food to feed an army but surprisingly the leftovers did not amount to very much. Fred, the dinner was delicious, how were your bologna sandwiches in Fairbanks?

The kids and Pat Daigle have their trap lines going already. Looks like the kids will put her to shame this year but she's having a ball. Walt saw how much fun she was having and decided he'd give her some competition. So he set his out too. Only he cheated and robbed Pat of most of her lettuce and carrots. That's really not very fair. Well get back time is here Walt, and as long as we are talking about hunting let me tell you guys that Walt is the only person I know who can have a lynx sit still for a second shot and still miss him!

In November we will lose Luther Nagaruk and his family. Luther we will miss you guys when you're in Cold Bay. Be sure to stop by on your way to Elim and visit us.

GALENA cont'd

Fred Nahoopii has just returned from school in Fairbanks and Al Dolezal has just left to go to Fairbanks to go to school. Will we ever get everyone here at the same time?

Dave Baker has just returned from school board convention in town. See, Nora, you should have gone with him. You'll hear about his good times for months to come. Just think of all the good food you missed.

Well, that's about it from Galena. We promise to be good and keep everyone posted about our happenings. Bye til next month. Hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving. GALENA.



A "FIRST FOR THE ENGINEERING BRANCH. A surprise baby shower was given for Richard Specht, Electronics Engineer, Airway Facilities Division, when he and his wife, Jean, became the adopted parents of Andy. Women in the Airway Facilities Division have been given baby showers, but this was the "first" for one of the men. Cake and coffee was served and Rick received many gifts for his new son.

MORE ON HOMER

HI EVERYBODY--GUESS I'LL TRY MY HAND again in this month of November. FSS was visited by Frank Stiles of Kenai this month. We all enjoyed his visit. Don Wilcox came to work with about 3 inches of snow on his car the early part of the month. He lives out at the head of the bay and they get their snow sooner than the city of Homer does. AT Derryl Blood and his wife are looking forward to the snow so they can get in some cross country skiing. School pictures were delivered into our hands this month; just in time to put then into Christmas cards. All that I have seen have been good ones. AT Brad Cole brought his in to show. He has a little one in Kindergarten. The little ones get the cutiest pictures, I think. We will be getting a new member to our group soon. We welcome Floyd Ward from Kodiak. He will be replacing GFET Wayne Jones who was promoted, replacing Pat Schultz. Floyd reports for duty on November 25. We received a letter from Pat this month saying that he had reported for work in Phoenix and telling us about a house they were viewing with, of course, a swimming pool. AT Don Otto is up and around again. He hurt his back somehow while working around his house and had to be in the hospital for a time. We're glad you're feeling better, Don. Audrey Oliver received our team bowling shirts this month. We won't discuss my bowling scores but Audrey has had some real great games. "Rocky" Oliver, our SET, is also an avid bowler and very good one too. Rocky has taken the by-pass exam for DC-AC Math for Electronics Technology.

ET's Joe Brunner and Don Wilcox are off th school the first week of December for DME training at the Butler Factory in Lenexa, Kansas. ET Jerry Wieber moved his trailer this month. There were problems at the old location because of the East End Road Project, so he moved it closer to town. Speaking of East End Road; we are finally going to have hard top road for about nine miles out of town. We are all grateful for this but the mess that has come out of getting the old road ready for the new one has left much to be desired AT Bob Anselement's daughter is doing well as a beauty operator at one of our local shops. She will probably be pretty busy with the up and coming holiday season. The rain came again and took away what snow we had near town. Some of our sites are starting to get a little build-up.

Thanksgiving is upon us with Christmas right around the corner. These are usually bust times for all of us with shopping and our many festive activities. The Christmas Bazaar was held by several of the local clubs. A beautiful hand knit wool sweater was won by yours truly. How licky can one get? In case I don't find time to write next month, may you and yours have the best Holiday Season ever. To all of You; MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of us at Homer. Fran--Homer.

MORE FROM KING SALMON

GREETINGS FROM KING SALMON.

In the past TRAPLINES we have failed to mention one of our new employees. Norma Monroe started with FAA as a janitor during the month of August. Her husband's daughter, Starr, is visiting from Fort Yukon.

King Salmon has a new Airport Manager, Ed Parlet. Ed and his wife, Vera, have come from Bettles. They have lived in Galena too. Bud Gihon and his family have departed for Kodiak where Bud will be working in the GCA unit. Tom and Dianne Morris, and five little girls, will be leaving for Fairbanks and International Tower, about December 22. Sure hope Santa finds their trail and makes delivery to the girls! Tom Creese and family have arrived in King Salmon, from West Virginia, and working in the King Salmon Control Tower. The first family to move into the new housing was the Unruhs, Dave and Pam. Others will be moving as soon as the furniture arrives and should have comfortable living.

Out rehab project on the military quarters is progressing with one unit complete and the lucky people to move are Dorothy and Milton Johnson. It will be like playing musical chairs, moving everyone to another unit, so the carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc. can rehab another one. These old units will be like new when all are completed. Ken Peavyhouse and his wife, Muriel, are temporarily in King Salmon. Ken is slated to be the Chief of the Combined Station/Tower, in Valdez, when it is completed which should be sometime in early December. We have travelers again this month. Ronald Kreh was in Kodiak; Russell Clentimack is in Cold Bay, and Gerry Flynn is hard at the books in OKC.

We would like to extend our best wishes to everyone in the Alaskan Region for a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Until next year. Carol--King Salmon.



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