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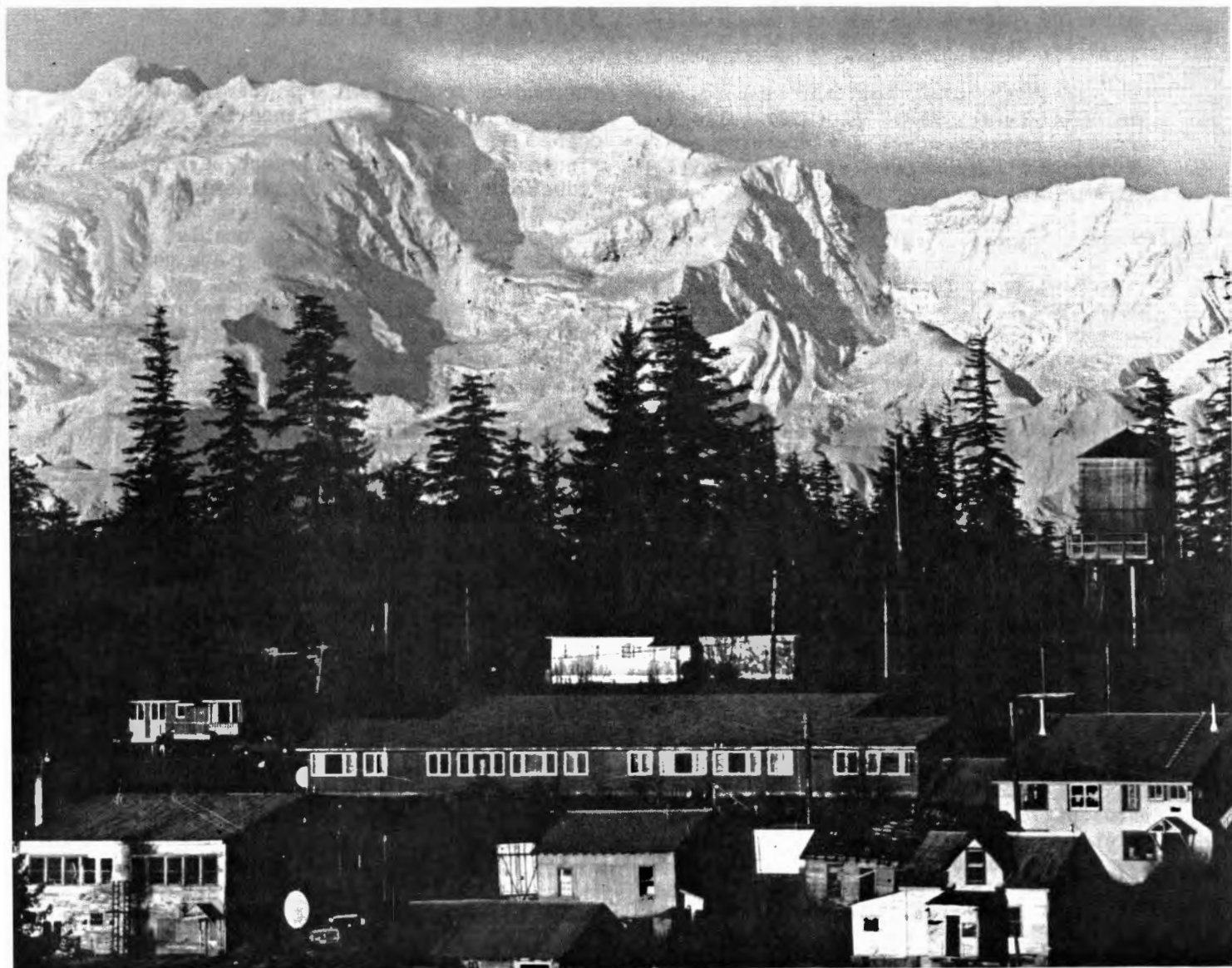
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A Clear Day in Yakutat



Cover Story

INTERCOM is indebted to Kathy Arehart, ATCS, Yakutat FSS, for our cover photo. Photography is one of Kathy's hobbies. She develops the photos she takes with her 35mm Minolta in her darkroom. Kathy has become very interested in nature photography and what better place to take those kind of photos than Yakutat!

Personnel Note

The Training Branch has received the following information on the Supervisory Training, Phase II.

The training plan for the Supervisory Training Course, Phase II (SI2) calls for periodic assessment of the training needs of recent graduates of the Initial Supervisory Course to determine what subject matter should be involved in the Phase II course.

The Management Training School (MTS) has been receiving a substantial number of comments from students in several courses indicating that the contents of the Interpersonal Behavior in Problem Solving (IB) Course might more directly address the needs of new supervisors than the present SI2 content (conduct and discipline with emphasis on the human relations aspects). We conducted a survey to confirm the information provided by students at the MTS and were able to validate these expressed needs. Therefore, as of June 30, 1981, the content of the SI2 course will be changed, as contemplated in the training plan, to consist of the material in the IB course.

When this change is made, the title of the SI2 will continue to be "Supervisory Training Course, Phase II" but a parenthetical description will be added "(Interpersonal Behavior)." In addition, the course numbers will be changed in order for the PMIS to keep proper training histories. The course will

continue to be delivered in three occupationally specific versions, at least during the fourth quarter of FY 81 with 01221 being assigned to AT, 01226 to AF, and 01231 to OT. The revised course will consist of 7-1/2 training days beginning on Tuesdays and ending on Thursdays.

Personnel who are currently enrolled in classes after June 30 will be advised of the new class dates.

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Bond Update

FAA employees in the Alaskan Region are responding to the 1981 U.S. Savings Bond campaign now underway. Since the campaign opened May 1st, 29 new subscribers have signed up to buy bonds through payroll deductions and 14 more have increased their deductions. The recent increase in interest paid as bonds has probably influenced many to decide they are good a investment. Series EE bonds now pay at least 9% interest when held to maturity. Another way to look at it is that your dollars invested now in U.S. Savings Bonds will double in 9 years.

Each organization in the region has a hand canvasser who can explain some unique advantages of bonds and make it easy for you to sign up.

Remember--your country's future is your own future. Support your future by investing in U.S. Savings Bonds.

Students 'Run' Alaskan Region

Though few outside the regional office were aware of it, the Alaskan Region was being "administered" on May 6 by students from Anchorage high schools. It was all part of "Youth Day" activities arranged by the Anchorage Elks Club. We plan a special INTERCOM on "Youth Day" soon. Watch for it.

People You Know

SELLOUT CROWD--Ernest W. Bates, Chief, Kodiak Tower, says there was a "sellout" crowd at the recent pilot safety meeting held at Kodiak High School. The speakers were Tom Carter, GADO accident prevention specialist, and Erick Meindl Channel 7 "Aviation Weather" program producer. Commented Bates: "Whether it was Eric, the TV star, or just the right time of the year, I don't know, but it was nice to have a good turnout."

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OREGON BOUND--Anchorage FSS/IFSS Team Supervisor Warren Twiggs retired recently after more than 22 years of service at the same facility. "Warren says Florence, Oregon, is going to look good," reports Chief Jerry W. Ball.

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AT HALFWAY POINT--Anchorage Center Area Specialist Mick Wall recently received his 15-year pin and the congratulations of the Center Chief, Al Kulikowski.

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SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS--Tom Carter, Anchorage GADO Accident Prevention Specialist, reports that there were two Anchorage winners in the "Safe Pilot '81 sweepstakes. The lucky Anchorage pilots are Harold D. Nixon and Lavern O. Ulmer.

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SHARI RETURNS--Specialist Shari Stanfield has returned to the Anchorage FSS after a fill-in assignment at the Yakutat FSS. Commented ATCS Michael A. Tarr: "Shari's jovial disposition and dedication were an inspiration." Tarr reports, incidentally, that the chief of the FSS, Jim Jensen, still is laid up by back troubles that required surgery recently in Seattle.

DILLINGHAM NOTE--ATCS Maurice W. Batt has been Acting Facility Chief during the absence of the Chief, Frank Howard who is attending classes at Lawton. Terming his trip "combat leave from the rigors of Dillingham," Frank said before leaving: "It's hard to realize there are still areas of the country where the temperatures are still 70-plus!"

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MERRILL NOTES--ATCS Melvin Staudinger, formerly of the Yakutat FSS, recently arrived for duty at Merrill Tower. ATCS Elizabeth Still, formerly of the Anchorage FSS, also is newly-arrived at the tower. ATCS Russell Cox transferred from Merrill Tower to the Anchorage TRACON. ATCS Blake Lagrone, of the Terminal Training Pool, has been assigned to Kenai Tower. ATCS Kimberly House terminated employment with the agency.

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BETHEL AWARDS--Letters of Commendation were presented by Bethel FSS Team Supervisor Bill Toppa recently to Specialists Tim Reed, Mark LaChapelle and Ron Mickalson. Reed and LaChapelle were commended for extra efforts put forth in upgrade training assignments. Mickalson got kudos for orientation and assistance to the disoriented pilot of an aircraft who experienced difficulty in the Aniak area.

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FAREWELL TO HASHIM--Hashim Jangda of the Ledgers and Reports Section in Accounting has left the agency to accept a position in the private sector.

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BANDY RETIRES--Richard A. Ericson, Chief of the Big Delta FSS, reports that ATCS Goldman (Carl) Bandy has retired after more than 23 years of service to the agency.

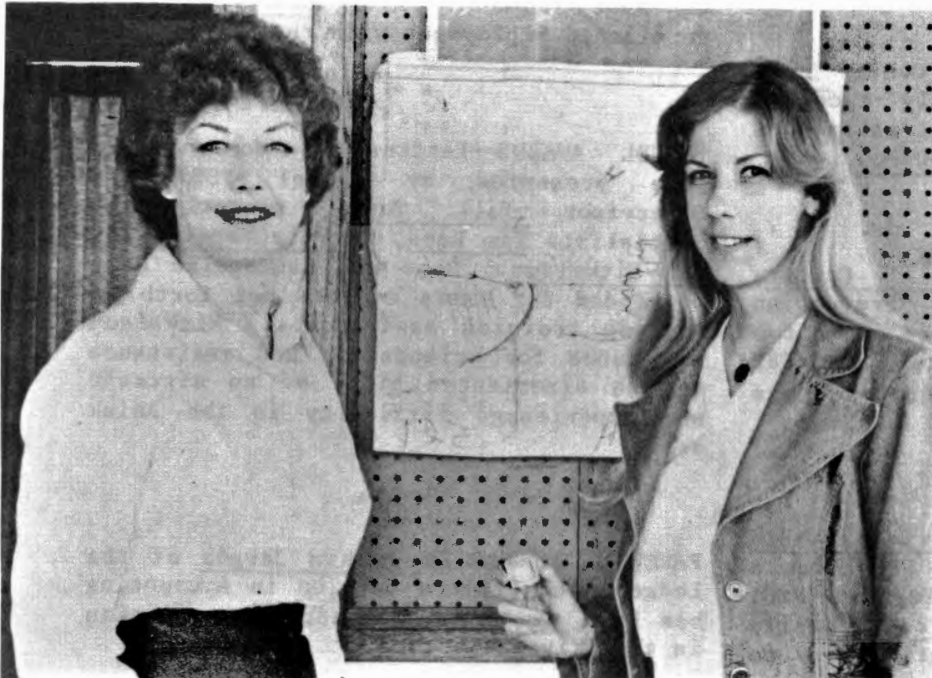


Joe Amberge (right), Civil Aviation Security Inspector, is presented a plaque for his distinguished work in the Cuban refugee airlift. Presenting the honors is Deputy Director Garland P. Castleberry.



Gerry Dunn (left), Chief, Cold Bay FSS, recently presented a Letter of Commendation to Solveig "Boots" Allen, ATCS, Cold Bay FSS. Boots has been reassigned to the Merrill Tower training pool.

Hats off ...



ATCS Kathy Arehart (right), Yakutat FSS, recently received her 3-year service pin from Acting Chief Shari Stanfield. Kathy snapped this photo using the time delay feature on her Minolta. (See also Cover Story.)



Starr Dhabolt, ATCS, Anchorage FSS/IFSS, is presented a Special Achievement Award by John Wilbur, Team Supervisor, Anchorage FSS/IFSS.

GOOD LUCK!



Retiree George Davis, former Chief of the Services Branch in Logistics, was never a clock-watcher--but there must have been some significance to his obtaining the clock during his recent retirement luncheon. George also received the Services Branch sign (right above) from his former assistant Larry Rodger and his formal retirement certificate from Director Bob Faith (right).



Cheryl Wieskamp, Secretary, Anchorage TRACON, is presented her 3-year service pin by Deputy TRACON Chief Robert Dolan.



Electronics Technician Roland Jones (left), Anchorage ARTCC-AF, is presented his 15-year service pin by Sector Manager Bill Franklin.



Maintenance Mechanic Cary Williamson (right), Fairbanks AFI, recently received a Special Achievement Award for his safety improvement to the REILs equipment at the Fairbanks AFI. The honors were presented by Maintenance Mechanic Foreman Jack Walden, Fairbanks AFI.

Washington Report

The News in Brief

The number of en route centers with an operational Direct Access Radar Channel (DARC) now is up to seven. DARC was commissioned at the New York Center on May 1, at the Miami and Jacksonville Centers on May 3, and at the Atlanta Center on May 4. The four facilities join the Washington, Chicago and Salt Lake Centers, which have been on line with the new computerized radar back-up system since February. The Los Angeles Center is next on the schedule with all centers slated to be operational with DARC by the end of June. o Despite a rash of unseasonable thunderstorms in April, air traffic delays over 30 minutes dropped 15 percent when compared with the same month in 1980. Overall, weather was responsible for 92 percent of the 4,608 delays last month, with thunderstorms the reason for two-thirds of them. Historically, weather accounts for about 85 percent of traffic delays. o The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is urging its members to see FAA's recent slide and sound show titled, "Keep the Engines Running." The 20-minute program is aimed at general aviation pilots, mechanics and aircraft owners and emphasizes the importance of proper maintenance to prevent power loss--which accounts for about 25 percent of all general aviation accidents each year. The program which is available through all FAA Flight Standards District Offices, is used in FAA's Accident Prevention Program and soon will be used in nationwide AOPA pilot and mechanic seminars. o The agency will begin a six-month test in June to demonstrate the feasibility of operating automated weather reporting systems on plat-

forms in the Gulf of Mexico. The automated low-cost weather observation system (ALWOS), which was developed by DOT's Transportation Systems Center, will be installed on an oil rig in the Gulf. It will gather and broadcast weather information such as altimeter, wind direction, wind speed, temperature, dew point, visibility, cloud height, thunderstorm detection and thunderstorm location from sensors on the platform. o The Senate last week confirmed the nomination of Donald Derman as the Department of Transportation's Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs. A career public servant and a Washington, D.C., resident, Derman was Deputy Associate Director of Human Resources at the Office of Management and Budget before his appointment to DOT.

New Public Affairs Chief

Charles A. Murchison, a former Capitol Hill aide and television newsmen, has been named as the agency's Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs. Immediately before coming to FAA he was Executive Assistant to Senator William B. Roth of Delaware. This position capped eight years of working in Washington. Other jobs included, Director of Editorial Services and then Director of Communications for the National Republican Congressional Committee and press secretary to former Senator William Brock. Before coming to the nation's capital, the Tennessee-born Murchison spent ten years as a reporter and subsequently news director of Nashville television stations.

Washington Report

Jobs Open in Montreal

The International Civil Aviation Organization has a couple of two-year jobs open in Montreal. One is a Staff Administration Section Chief with a gross salary of \$48,661 and a tax-free net of \$30,776 to \$33,318. Applications for this job are due in API-19 by May 15. The other is a Field Services Branch Chief, which pays \$55,919 with tax-free net of \$33,998 to \$36,939. Applications are due in API-19 by May 20. Additional information about salary, duties, qualifications, applications and benefits is available at personnel offices.

NASA Thanks FAAers

FAA done good! In essence, that's the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's view of FAA's performance during the recent orbital flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia. In a letter to the FAA Administrator, NASA's Acting Administrator Lovelace said: "The task was truly a team accomplishment. I want to thank you and the people of the Federal Aviation Administration who were part of the effort for their important contribution. We at NASA look forward to the continuation of our productive relationship."

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National Review Board Meets

Some 66 well-scrubbed, neatly dressed candidates for air traffic facility chief and deputy chief positions are in Washington this week for interviews with AT's National Review Board. The NRB is the fourth hurdle for candidates on their way to GS-15 positions. Steps one and two involve extensive examinations of the candidates' credentials. In the third step, the candidates are interviewed at the regional level on managerial skills, knowledge of national programs and technical knowledge. Those who survive this grilling then move on to Washington for final interviews by the NRB on their ability to handle personnel problems. Within a week, the candidates will know if they are in line for a GS-15 position. Within a month, they will know exactly how they did on the interview.



Deputy Director Garland P. Castleberry (left) recently presented a plaque to Warren "Dusty" Rhodes, Civil Aviation Security Inspector. The plaque was for his work in the Cuban refugee airlift.



Mary Lou Johnson, winner of CivAir's recent raffle, had the choice of a round trip ticket to London or \$1,000 in cash. She chose the one grand but had no idea it would be delivered to her desk in Logistics by Howard Smith of Airports-- all in \$1 bills!



A. J. Kulikowski, Chief, Anchorage ARTCC, recently presented a Special Achievement Award to Team Supervisor Thomas Kinney (left), Anchorage ARTCC.



John Nicholson (left), Flight Standards, is presented his 25-year service pin by Deputy Director Garland P. Castleberry.



Darrel Zuke (left), SET, Fairbanks AFI, recently presented a Special Achievement Award to Henry "Buzz" Wheeler, Electronics Technician, Fairbanks AFI.



Jerry Bushnell (left), Chief, Flight Standards, recently presented a Beneficial Suggestion Award to Sid Stone, Chief, Anchorage GADO.



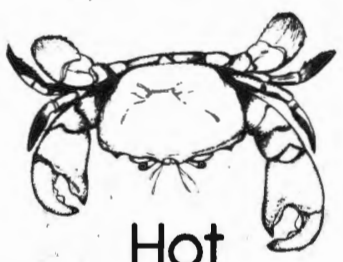
Deputy Regional Director Garland P. Castleberry (left) recently presented a 25-year service pin to Harold "PoPo" Richardson, Chief, Cordova FSS.



INTERCOM received this photo kind of late to publish during Secretaries Week, however, Robert L. Faith, Regional Director said, "We still salute these and all the other secretaries for their hard work and cooperation. Thank you all."



ATCS Gabriel Labardini (left) and ATCS Daniel Moilanen, both of the Anchorage FSS/IFSS, were presented letters of commendation for their efforts in averting a possible systems error.



Hot water help.

Put a crab into hot water and he fights to escape. But put a crab in lukewarm water and he starts to doze. As the water heats, he'll stretch, yawn and go to sleep. And when the water boils, the crab is cooked.
It's much the same with budget boil-over. So sign up for U.S. Savings Bonds.
Before you're lulled into financial hot water, join the 9 1/2 million wide-awake Americans who've joined the Payroll Savings Plan. Or would you rather be a crab?

Energy Saving is \$ Saving

We're indebted to Logistics for the following energy-saving tips:

Spring has come to Alaska, and before the fishing season starts in earnest consider saving energy in these ways:

1. Increase the amount of insulation in your attic floor or top floor ceiling. (Investment costs could range from \$100 to \$1000, but savings should range from 5 percent to 30 percent per year depending on your present insulation.)
2. Insulate floors over unheated space.
3. Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows. Savings could amount to 10 percent or more per year.
4. Have your oil furnace serviced each spring to take advantage of off-season rates. This simple precaution could save you 10 percent in fuel consumption.
5. Consider the advantage of a clock thermostat for your heating system. The thermostat will automatically turn down the heat while you sleep and while you and your family are away during the day.
6. Add insulation around your water heater if it is inadequately insulated. Savings could be \$10 to \$20 a year if it is in an unheated area.
7. Install an aerator in your kitchen sink faucet. By reducing the amount of water in the flow you use less hot water.
8. Install a flow restrictor in the pipe at the showerhead. Encourage your family to take showers rather than baths. Substituting a shower for a bath per day can save 2,000 gallons of heated water a year.

9. Install double-pane glass throughout the house. Double pane heat absorbing glass provides additional energy savings especially in south and west exposures.

10. Give your car a spring tuneup. A poorly tuned car could use as much as 5 percent more gasoline. Better yet--air up your bicycle tires.

From Other INTERCOMs

While driving to the airport late one evening, Nick Boyiazis, Chief of the Environmental Section, Establishment Engineering Branch, observed a car going out of control. The vehicle crashed through several barriers, rolled over and started to burn. Nick dashed from his car and pulled a semi-conscious woman out of the burning vehicle. A van also stopped and Nick asked the driver to stay with the injured woman while he summoned an ambulance and called the fire and police departments. The nearest telephone happened to be at the TWA Satellite Terminal at Los Angeles International Airport where Nick notified the Airport Security personnel who called for assistance. By the time Nick returned to the scene of the accident, the paramedics and police were there and the car was completely engulfed in flames. Nick later received a letter from the rescued woman, thanking him for saving her life. We salute Nick Boyiazis for being a "caring" citizen.

--Western Region

Feather your nest.

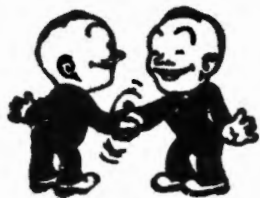




Debbie Thomas, Supply Clerk, Anchorage AFI, recently received a Special Achievement Award from Dwight Meeks, Anchorage AFI. Outstanding performance was cited.



The Personnel Management Division recently held a farewell luncheon for (from left to right) Sonya Davis, who transferred to Flight Standards, Carla Riley, who resigned and Roy Piscoya who went to Nome to start a new position with the Army National Guard.



THE AWARDS SCENE

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So take stock in your future and America's future, too. Buy U.S. Savings Bonds.

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Around the Region

Marooned Pair Grateful

Two persons stranded on the beach in the remote Gravina Point area recently after their skiff was disabled, have reason to thank the Ketchikan FSS which coordinated communications that brought rescue. When a pilot reported seeing a flare in the area, the FSS notified the pilot of an Army Guard helicopter participating in the Annette Island maneuvers and in just 20 minutes the two stranded individuals were picked up. All this according to Buddy Bayeur, Ketchikan FSS Chief.

Caribou Menace Air Operations

Our faithful wildlife reporter, John C. Arsenault, Jr., Chief of Kenai Tower, provides this episode on the current caribou nuisance at Kenai:

"When a caribou herd invaded the airport recently, city officials chased them off the runway so Wien could land. A piece of fence on the west side of the field was down allowing access to the caribou. It's a city, state, and federal problem."

No Breakfast Without Them

One of Cold Bay's big annual events is the community's Easter breakfast held at FAA's COMSERFAC. This year, the airline which sponsored the breakfast was on the verge of cancelling the event because of an aviation mishap when members of the FAA "family" stepped in rather than disappointing the community. Mary Dunn

and Becky Jones determined the breakfast would go on as scheduled. To accomplish this, they worked until midnight Saturday. With FACP Jerry Dunn and ATCS Specialist Theresa Dubber providing culinary talents, Easter was made a bit more significant for the 70 persons attending "the breakfast that almost wasn't."

Tongue-Twist Problem Eased

Let's hear it for Ann Lewis, ATCS at Bethel FSS. Ann, observing the problems some specialists were having with tongue-twisting Native place names, arranged for the correct pronunciation of numerous Eskimo and Indian villages to be taped for playback by anybody who might have a problem.

Besides earning a suggestion award, Ann deserves kudos for seeing a problem and DOING something about it.

Her award was presented by Facility Chief James R. King.

Another recent awardee at the station was Ray A. Ballantyne who received a Letter of Commendation for excellent performance while detailed as team supervisor.

"Cowboys" on Snow Machines

Folks at Nome get to observe all kinds of unusual things.

FSS Chief Mickey Long reports that recently Fish and Game officials arranged for the unique move of 37 musk ox to a new home near Black Mountain which is north of Brevig Mission. The animals came from a herd on Nunivak island in the southern Bering Sea.

Says Mickey: "The animals were shipped in wooden crates to the Coast Guard station at Pt. Clarence where 15 residents of Brevig Mission on snow machines herded the animals across the ice north to the Black Mountain site."