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This is the last issue of the Mukluk. A new house organ called HORIZONS will take its place.

In accordance with provisions of Agency Order OA 3700.1 dated December 18, 1962, all present regional house organs are discontinued and replaced by an agency wide employees' monthly magazine.

This new publication called HORIZONS will be assembled and printed in Washington by the Office of Information Services (ID) and it will replace the Washington Fly-By and all regional house organs.

The first 8 pages of HORIZONS will be identical for all regions. The next 8 pages will vary by region and include material sent in to Washington from the specific regions. In effect, then, the edition of HORIZONS for the Alaskan Region will contain 8 pages of national news plus 8 pages of Alaskan Region news.

The first issue of HORIZONS is presently planned for delivery to each employee by April 22. The deadline in Washington for our eight pages of Alaskan regional news is March 18. Therefore, it is requested that field

and headquarters personnel send in news articles and pictures to the Public Affairs Office, AL-5 by the 10th of each month or before, if possible, so that material can be assembled, edited and forwarded to Washington to meet the 18th of the month deadline.

The continued interest and cooperation of the field and headquarters personnel is encouraged. News from the field stations is invited along with feature length articles with pictures on characterizations, adventure yarns, sequence of working conditions, outdoor sports, Ham operators, saves, civic activities, emergencies and FAA, etc. Our region will be proud of our section of the new publication if we all take an active interest and do our part. It is your magazine, and will reflect your thinking and activities.

Our editorial staff seeks your help in making our new HORIZONS a publication you will look forward to receiving each month. Don't forget our region has the privilege of writing the news of the Alaskan Region. The deadline is the 10th of each month.



## PROFESSOR AMOS SEZ'

As spring approaches, we should bear in mind the increasing danger of rabies developing in domestic dogs and other pets. During the spring mating season foxes and other wild animals so infected by rabies are more apt to attack domestic dogs. An infected dog may infect a human being by biting or by licking, since the germ is carried in the dog's saliva. While this seasonal increase in danger is very real, it should not be an indication for panic or undue worry. A few simple precautions, however, should be born in mind. These are listed below:

1. If a dog bites any person, do not kill it. Catch it if possible and confine it for at least 14 days under the supervision of a responsible person. If the dog has rabies, it will die within that time. If it is not possible to catch the dog, and it it must be shot, do not shoot it in the head. If death occurs, cut off the head at the shoulders, handling the animal with caution. The specimen should be wrapped in water-proof paper or a water-proof container and placed in a second container and shipped directly to the Alaska Division of Health laboratory in Anchorage. It should be prominently marked, 'RABIES SPECIMEN'. If other dogs are bitten by an animal later proved to be rabid, the bitten animal should be under supervision for 6 months.

The symptoms of rabies in dogs are of two types. In the first type, or 'furious type', the dog becomes sullen, restless and refuses food and may be extremely sensitive to noise and will attack without warning, and may snarl, bark and growl at imaginary objects. In the second, or 'dumb type' the symptoms of excitement are slight or absent, and the animal weakens and tires from paralysis in a much shorter time from the onset of the disease (2 or 3 days). The paralysis is first noted in the lower jaw and may lead one to suspect that the dog has a bone in his throat.

2. If a person is bitten, wash the wound immediately with soap and water, being sure that the soapy solution reaches the depth of the wound. The wound and surrounding skin should be painted with tincture of iodine, except where this would be dangerous, for example, around the eyes. The patient should be taken as soon as possible to a doctor. If the animal that bit the person does not die within 14 days, the patient is safe from rabies. Rabies in human beings develops very slowly, and there is usually time to see if the dog will die. An exception to this is in

## FORT YUKON

January was a month of high activity at Fort Yukon, with a variety of weather conditions, and a multiplicity of events.

ATCS Relief Ralph McDonald arrived on January 3 to assist in operations, and in training of ATCS Ban. Mac has made a welcome addition, and has done an excellent job of training.

The next event was the flight check and commissioning of the Fort Yukon radio beacon. This occurred on January 8, under the supervision of ECENGR Hansen and SEIT Lawson who departed for Anchorage soon afterward.

Early January brought Edgar McKamey and family from Bettles, as the first electronics maintenance technician to be stationed at Fort Yukon. Also, Airway Blue 26 was extended from Fairbanks to Fort Yukon.

Activities leveled off toward the end of the month with the exception of ATCS Ban passing his final PWB exam in Anchorage on the 24th and 25th. He is now concentrating on his area rating, and goes around mumbling minimum enroute altitudes under his breath.

The weather has been as varied as the activities, with temperatures ranging from 45 below to 29 above, accompanied by considerable snow and fog. Temperatures have generally been above normal, giving promise of an early breakup. FSS activities have been higher than usual, probably due to the unusually warm weather.

Robert D. Thomas

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### Women Bowlers Enjoy Busy Season

The FAA Women's league has finished two rounds of bowling consisting of 10 weeks each. Winners of the first series, the 'Lucky Strikes', are as follows: Thelma Pickens, Harriet Williams, Dorothy Riedel, Vi Starr and Shirlee Sobczyk.

In the second series the 'Millikins' were on top with a team comprising the following: Doris Maloney, Gladys Harding, Mary Dacey, Kay McLaughlin and Marjorie Opp.

High team in the women's bowling group is the 'Side Kicks' with a 1963 series. The high team game so far this season is held by the 'Sno-jobs' with a 726.

The high individual 3-game series is tied by Millie Eichelberger and Bea Kendall with a score of 556.

Vi Starr holds the high individual game with a 222. The bowler with the highest average is Bea Kendall with a 166 and runner up is Wilma Kirkpatrick with a 163.

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cases where the bites are unusually numerous or severe, or around the head and face.

The treatment for a person known to have been bitten by a rabid dog is an injection given daily for 14 days.

It is our earnest recommendation that all dogs and pets receive yearly rabies immunization injections, since this precaution is relatively inexpensive and is highly efficient in preventing rabies in dogs and other pets. In the absence of a qualified veterinarian, there is usually someone at each station who would be willing to administer the injections.

## POTPOURRI FROM SUMMIT

We now have a cat that thinks it's a dog. Lester Wold went on P.L. 737 and left his cat with Hank Olson who has three birds and three dogs. The cat is holding her own at the feed dish and pushes the dogs aside to get at the grub. Incidentally, Hank's dog Sarge has been around CAA and FAA for about sixteen years, quite a record.

Jesse Jone's Samoyed pup, six months old, wandered off and was gone for two weeks. The weather got down to 26 below while she was gone and everyone was sure she was a goner. She showed up one evening and barked to get in, weak and hungry. I wish she could talk.

The piscatorial devotees have managed to excavate a hole in the ice of Summit Lake and are ardently pursuing the finny tribe. This brings up a problem we need help on, and in the hope that some reader can supply a solution, here it is. It was noticed that the lake trout preferred the ice worms that are in some sections of the lake ice. By using red dye and coloring the end of a piece of spaghetti and using black paint for the eye dots we came up with a very close simulation of the local type ice worms. But just using them tied to a hook in a two foot wide hole through the ice did not interest the trout at all. Then in a clear patch of ice we observed how the trout were taking the ice worms. The fish would cruise just under the ice and when an ice worm projected into the water from the bottom of the ice the fish would dart over and nab the worm. So we sawed a circle through the ice and lifted out a piece about two feet in diameter and through the center bored a hole to allow a hook and line through, baited with our synthetic ice worm, putting the ice plug back in the hole we slowly let the hook descend and sure enough, when the bait cleared the ice a trout came over and swallowed the hook.

Well, we had quite a time getting the big ice plug up on the ice so we could pull the lake trout up as it is quite heavy and slippery. That part of the operation is where we want help on. Any ideas, anyone?

One evening last week the communicator on watch, Ed Hess, called at the garage and asked if the mechanics were still on the field pushing snow. We told him we had been off the field for about fifteen minutes. He said, 'That's funny. Some of the field lights are going on and off.' Finally we figured out that some caribou were taking a stroll down our freshly cleaned runway, and coming between some lights and the FSS.

Fred C. Rose

## JUNEAU

The Juneau airport was a beehive of activity during Governor Egan's inauguration. The parking area was filled to capacity with large planes from around the state and from Canada.

Station mechanic Richard Frankforter attended power generation training at Anchorage.

Lester L. Holmes returned to duty from extended annual leave and Gene Marljar who had been relieving him returned to Anchorage.

EMT Dave Smith, Sunset Cove, resigned and returned to Kansas City on February 2.

William J. Johnson



Dianne Andriese is shown at her desk prior to her resignation on January 19, to stay at home and be a housewife. Dianne, secretary to the Regional Counsel, was a FAA employee for the past three and one-half years.

## HISTORY OF MUKLUK TELEGRAPH

The Mukluk Telegraph, old familiar house organ of the Alaskan Region, born first as the employee paper of the old CAA Eighth Region, has had a checkered career.

It was started back in 1943 in Jack Jefford's office, where Marjorie Jenks, Jack's secretary, whom he describes as a sort of a newspaperwoman joined him to make up the editorial staff. This mimeographed sheet was described as 'a means for people to get news from one station to another'. In 1950 it was replaced with an official publication called Management News Notes which covered Washington releases and other agency-wide official news.

In 1958 Charles E. Planck transferred from Washington and became the first Public Affairs Officer for CAA/FAA in Alaska. Shortly after his arrival, he received the Mukluk Telegraph and it has been published monthly as the house organ of the region up to the present time.

In the past five years our regional paper has covered many employee activities, personnel changes and events. One of the most outstanding events was the move into our new headquarters building. The August 1962 Mukluk recorded the ceremonies and open house activities with many photographs and descriptive cutlines. Looking back during this span of years there were many happy incidents sprinkled with reports of deaths, accidents and departure of friends.

The Federal Aviation Agency is starting a new composite publication, HORIZONS, in which this region has a part. With the help and cooperation of the Alaskan employees, it will be a credit to our region.

## MAXIM SILENCER

Beware those Spartan axioms, my child,  
By which your foolish elders were beguiled.  
I did not eat my cake, plain fare sufficing;  
And now my dentures will not pierce the icing.

---O. R.



Three classes in Effective Writing were held recently. The first class completing the course are shown above. Standing left to right, George Woodbury (Instructor), Hermann Kurriger, Paul Rohwer, Ed Kiely, Elmo Murray, Jack Van-

Zanten BPR, Jim Hamill, R. Byron Petrie, Tom Demery, Bob Conklin. Seated left to right: Niles Bradshaw, Janis Blowers BIA, Bobbie Hinkle and William Turner.



The second Effective Writing course graduated the following. Standing left to right: Ken Schedler BPR, Russ Taylor, Bob Faller, George Woodbury (Instructor), Frank Smith,

Earl Trejbal, Frank Kellogg. Seated left to right: Ruth Wilcox, George Tilbury, Randall McSparin, Jackie Murphy, Helen Hartley and Mary Johnson.



Another group participating in recent Effective Writing Courses are: Standing, left to right: Wesley McIntosh, Delores Powers, Joseph Ohrbeck, Donald Buchanan, Paul

Bevins, Bryant Mainord, Jeannette Harvey, Leonard Grau, Tom Neville, Jack Forrester, George B. Woodbury (Instructor). Seated: Doris Wooster, Doris Mintz, and Sharron Ammann.

## NORTHWAY CONTROLLER SAVES LOST PILOT

The skillful flight assist by air traffic control specialist Ronald E. Nixon, Jr., brought a pilot of a PA 22 safely into the Northway airport during fogbound weather conditions.

Thomas E. Bratton, owner and pilot of the Pacer departed Anchorage en route to Lodi, California via Northway with no flight plan, at the end of January. Pilot contacted Northway radio and advised he was about three miles SW following the Nabesna river and was on top of an extensive fog layer. He reported he was unable to locate the airport and was at an altitude of 3200 feet with only enough fuel remaining for forty minutes. Immediately controller Nixon turned on the runway lights to their highest intensity and delivered the current Northway weather and advised Fairbanks CERAP of the situation. Also, available station personnel stepped outside to listen for the sound of the aircraft and to advise position of plane if possible.

Northway was below VFR minimums and the pilot requested clearance to land. However, as Fairbanks CERAP could not give clearance unless an emergency was declared, the pilot complied and declared an emergency.

At this point an observer detected the engine sound east of the airport and information was relayed to the pilot who proceeded back in the direction of the airport. Then observers heard aircraft west of field, and pilot was given a heading of 040 degrees, aligning him up with runway 04. The PA-22 was heard to pass directly over the field. Up to this time no lights had been observed by the pilot. Upon reaching the middle of the runway, aircraft's running lights were seen and immediately the pilot reported that the runway lights were visible and proceeded to land.



Hobart L. Douglass, Chief, Personnel and Training Division, center, offers congratulations for Sustained Superior Performance and presents a check for \$300 to Loren D. Cameron, left, former chief, personnel relations branch and a \$260 check to Donald E. Eaton, right, chief, placement branch.

## SON OF FAAer COMPETES FOR U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

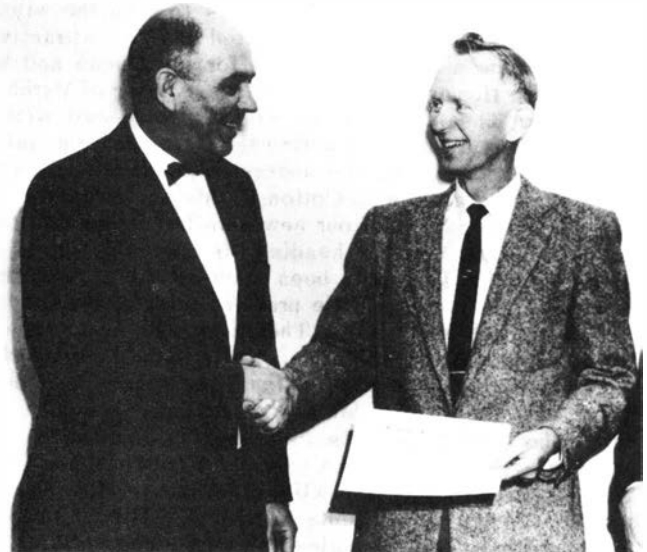
William J. Huskey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Huskey, of Anchorage has been selected for nomination to enter the U.S. Military Academy at West Point by Rep. Ralph J. Rivers.

Huskey, whose father is a supervisory facilities flight check pilot in the Flight Standards Division, is a senior at West Anchorage High School.

Competitive examinations will be given this spring to determine final selections.



George Karabelnikoff, Chief, Installation Branch presents an Employee Suggestion award with a check for \$75 to Douglas B. Grey, engineering draftsman. Grey submitted a suggestion pertaining to the use of a new type of drawing board surface.



U. M. Culver, Acting Chief, Installation and Materiel Division presents civil engineer Robert P. Mensing a Certificate of Award and a check for \$25 for suggestion concerning beautification of FAA field stations.

## HOMER HIGHLIGHTS

The Kachemak Banana Belt has made a spot for itself in the Aviation circle. We now refer to our airport as the Idlewild of Alaska. During the last few weeks of January we had up to eight air carriers and several military aircraft make use of our airport at one time due to the fog conditions in the Anchorage area. Our two local hotels were full, with some passengers staying with local Homerites. One of the three restaurants remained open most of the night. All of Homer was living for the moment in a boom town atmosphere.

One of the stranded passengers was a woman from Finland who spoke no English. With the help of your Kachemak reporter, who has a limited knowledge of the language and Mrs. Wally, who speaks fluent Fin, we were able to make her understand the peculiarities and uncertainties of the Alaskan weather and that she would continue her journey to Kodiak, her new home, the following day with weather permitting. Mrs. Wally took her into her home for the night. The situation was a little confused for a few minutes, but it all turned out real fine. The woman has settled down in Kodiak and all is well that ends well.

The Ralph Sutherlands returned from annual leave. After having spent their leave in the Hawaiian Islands, they returned with beautiful suntans. They had a real wonderful time and are ready to go back any day.

The Homer Winter Carnival is about to get underway. We were all in doubt about our winter activities due to the complete absence of snow. However, during the last week we have had quite a snow fall, so it appears that the Winter Carnival will have a successful conclusion.

Miss Victoria 'Vicky' Paquette, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paquette, station SEMT and Miss Molly Heay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Heay, our station manager, will be in the running for the Carnival Queen along with several other young ladies from the Homer area. It will be anyone's guess as to who the winner might be. All of the girls are talented and very attractive. There will be a Coronation Ball for the Queen and her court at the Homer Elks Lodge on the evening of March 2. The little Theater group is working real hard with a Minstrel show to be given during the Carnival. Specialist Joe Frost and myself, the undersigned, will be doing a little close harmony with Cotton Fields and Swanee.

With the advent of our new snowfall it appears that most everyone will be heading for the ski slopes of Homer. Phyllis Long has been seen on her skis in the local area getting in a little practice prior to heading for the steeper slopes. Alice Thompson will be trying out her new skis for the first time. Kelly Sutherland, Shirley Paquette and also the FAA families up on the Homer Ridge will be heading for the ski lift.

The Homer Women's city bowling tournament was enjoyed by four of the FAA women. Fran Grisham, Marta Mullins, Mary Graham and Alice Thompson. Mary Graham won the Women's all events Handicap. Alice Thompson took the High scratch singles and high scratch game. Her team event placed in the finals. Trophies and cash were awarded.

Bob Grisham bowled a nice 227 game during league night with Sam's team, ending up with a nice 547 series. Andrew 'Mac' McMorrow rolled a nice 190 game. Your

reporter is keeping his head just above water with an occasional 500 series.

Station Chief Jim 'Moon' Mullins is anxiously awaiting the end of May to roll around. Moon has the trailer all repainted and ready for the Alcan. With the new blue arrow painted down the sides of the trailer it appears to be moving about 80 knots just standing still.

Carl Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nelson, has been awarded a National Merit Scholarship.

Charles Hunt, our new communicator, is just about all settled now with high hopes that his wife will arrive within the next week or two along with their new car.

Alice Thompson is presently in the process of putting together a Heathkit Thomas Transistor Organ. We are all anxiously awaiting the day of completion.

SEMT Joe Paquette advised that he recently worked another Ham in Wake Island via the brass pounding by the name of Valentine. Mr. Valentine advised that he was an old friend of Mr. Hulen's during the early forties in Anchorage.

The Leonard Gilmore's have returned to their new quarters following its remodeling.

The new peripheral site Channel 2 has been accepted and commissioned along with our new ASR equipment. New power line poles have been installed throughout the FAA area.

Our station manager Jim Heay has installed a new doublet antenna for his Ham rig. He has also added another new item of interest to his household in the nature of a little black puppy. They must now hide all shoes, slippers and anything else that might prove appetizing.

VOR training is in high gear at the station. All specialists are doing a real good job. The new voice training program has been initiated and all specialists have had a chance at the tape recorder.

Until next time and a little further up the Bay, this is your Kachemak reporter signing off.

Jim Thompson



Certificates of award and checks for \$150 each were recently presented to two McGrath flight service station employees before a gathering of all station personnel in the local recreation hall. From left: Louis M. Tittle (certificate), M. J. Figley, station manager, Bert Cortright, Chief, FSS, and Hugh Keller (certificate).



## MURPHY DOME

What was the happiest time in your life? ----- In years to come, when conversing with new friends in new places, I'm sure my heart will answer ----- 'the many marvelous mornings on Murphy Dome and the inspiring days they gave birth to'. However, that will only be part of the complete picture of happiness; as into those days were woven memories of the many warm and wonderful people with whom my family and I were privileged to share the blessings of Alaskan friendship.

I'm sure the same warm sentiments were experienced and will be cherished by Ernie Ryness and his family, who recently departed for the States and a new position with NOTIP at Minot, North Dakota.

While awaiting the selection of a replacement SEMT, W. I. Waldron has been appointed Acting SEMT and having been moulded by a similar position in Fairbanks in the past, the Acting is as authentic as the real job.

Harry 'Whitey' Breighner and his wife, Mary, arrived on 'The Hill' in February and were welcomed at a shrimp 'n coffee reception in the recreation room. Harry is the permanent VIP of Plant Maintenance, who will keep our happy homes in a happy state of preservation.

The Marv Hassebroek family, together with Tom Clark and his family, returned from State-side via the Alcan Highway. One might say they both were road-testing their new automobiles, prior to subjecting them to the rugged mountain road shopping runs to Fairbanks each week.

The Hassebroek, Slavik, Harrison and Beaman 'hubby 'n wife' duets will make up the enthusiastically unbeatable Hilltoppers, which is Murphy Dome's contribution to the competitive FAA Bowling League in Fairbanks. All our bowling balls and arms are in condition. Go! Go! Go! And if the League Trophy rests on a launching pad of confidence, I'm sure it will eventually come to rest in the recreation room at Murphy Dome.

It has been a heartwarming pleasure to my family and myself, being a part of the Federal Aviation Agency in Alaska:

When eight stars of gold in a sky of blue,  
I gaze at northward from Minot,  
I'll cherish the thoughts of friends so true,  
Who've enriched my life a lot,  
With words and deeds and friendships new;  
The price of which is 'above',  
For Alaskans tried are Alaskans true,  
In their hearts, a golden 'love'.

Ronald H. Steward

## MINCHUMINA

The Collin's returned and settled in the middle of the month bringing back a bounteous amount of warm moist air from the Gulf that caused all of Alaska to be blanketed by rain, fog, stratus, etc. It was so bad that we didn't get mail for twelve days. We capitalized on the slack business by concentrating on training. With PWB, Voice training and VOR orientation under way at the present.

Frank White spent a great many hours this past month learning about the workings of and stopages of the new teletypewriter machines and associated switching equipment.

R. H. Collins

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN VIA FAA RADIO LINK

A year-old Nunivak Island child today is recovering from injuries which were treated at the direction of a doctor more than 700 miles away.

An Alaska Native Hospital doctor at Anchorage gave first aid information to Mekoryuk village teacher through a radio link with the Federal Aviation Agency flight service station at Anchorage.

According to the first radio message, Debbie Whitman was losing considerable blood from a cut on the side of the face. An artery had apparently been cut by glass in a home accident. It was also feared some glass might still remain in the child's face.

A second radio message to Anchorage indicated that the child's pulse was dropping and mouth to mouth artificial respiration was being given.

The doctor in Anchorage advised that surgical clamps be used if available to close the ends of the blood vessel. If these were not available, he recommended sterile dressings and direct pressure to stop the loss of blood.

Apparently the doctor's advice was heeded. In a third radio message, it was reported that the bleeding had stopped and the child was improving.

Although a daylight rescue was being planned for the child by the duty doctor at the Alaska Native Hospital here, the rescue mission was cancelled when the child's condition was reported as satisfactory.

The child had been taken to the school house after the accident which occurred about 9:15 p.m. The first radio message was received in Anchorage about 15 minutes later after the Mekoryuk teacher had been unable to make radio contact with the Alaska Native Service Hospital at Bethel.

The final message, indicating the child's improved condition, was received here about midnight. At that time it was also indicated that radio contact had been established with Bethel.

## Credit Union Pays Five Percent

The fourteenth annual meeting of the CAA-8 Federal Credit Union was held January 28 at the Anchorage Elks Lodge with a highlight of the dinner program being the announcement that a 5 percent dividend had been declared for 1962. The 1961 dividend was also 5 percent.

The program included a report of the supervisory, credit, and educational committees, a report of the treasurer, a report of the directors, and the election of board members.

Peter J. Verdin and Willis B. Avery were re-elected for three-year terms as board members, and Verle Collar was re-elected for a three-year term on the credit committee.

At the board meeting held on February 4, Richard Foster (Weather Bureau) was re-elected president; Alinor Lynch, vice president; Peter Verdin, treasurer; and Richard Inman, secretary. Larry Snell, James Crockett and Dorothy Bair were appointed as members of the supervisory committee. Annette Yager was appointed recording secretary for the 1963 meetings.

## FAREWELL

REMT Roy Wright arrived to assist REMT Terrance O'Donnell with electronics maintenance until our EMT position is filled and SEMT Leslie Prestegard returns from school in Oklahoma City and annual leave.

### GOT A MINUTE, MAC?

Because I called the Boss a slob  
(And so he is) I have no job;  
But then until I've found another  
I share the pension check of Mother.

You should have seen my splendid pad.  
I even did the wiring, dad;  
And with the money saved thereby  
I backed a sleeper, Nellie Bly,  
That won me twenty grand. Or would have  
If she's been handled like she should have.

But then my wiring kind of shorted---  
Or that's what City Hall reported.

We'd let the policies expire  
A year or so before the fire;  
And thus, through purely rotten luck,  
I've neither wife, nor house, nor buck.

What's with the wife? Oh, wait a minute:  
The house burned down with Bessie in it.

But lest you think I derogate  
The virtues of my present state,  
I can assure you, Mac, that I'm  
Not one to ace away his time.  
I take a look around and Oh, how  
I see the things that need my knowhow.

So here is what I'd do  
If I were you.

---O. R.

### MARCKS HEADS CIVILAIR CLUB

Activities of the Civilair Club got underway for the new year at two meetings held recently.

Election of officers by the new board members took place at a meeting held on January 17. William Marcks was elected chairman; Karl Stettler (Weather Bureau), vice chairman; Audrey Troutman, treasurer; and Iris Stripling, secretary.

Other committee members include Larry Beede and Harry Schuermeyer, hold over members, with Edward Kiely, Robert McEwing, Edward Blair, Roy Conklin, Ray Bird and Clair Jensen (Weather Bureau) new members.

Outgoing chairman Gordon Baber welcomed the new committee and brought them up to date on the club's activities with a rundown on the main sponsored club activities for the year.

At the first meeting of the new committee members in February a membership drive was discussed and Robert McEwing was appointed chairman. Plans for organizing a swim group and flying group under the club's sponsorship were discussed.



James R. Vrooman, chief, frequency management staff receives congratulations, an award for Sustained Superior Performance and a check for \$300 from U.M. Culver, Acting Chief, Installation and Materiel Division. Chief of the technical staff is looking on.

### FAIRBANKS

Harold Anderson flew to Oklahoma City February 15 for two weeks of Proficiency Development Administration training, while Ron Logan flew to Kansas City for three days of familiarization at the Central Altitude Reservation Facility.

Bill Goode moved into town to hole up in a cliff dwelling for a couple of months until his wife, JoAnne, presents him with their third baby.

Charlie Stack had a little bad luck in January. His wife and one son were both in the hospital for a spell. Considering the number of his dependents, he was still 86.67% healthy.

Bill Grotts bought himself a small tractor to ride back and forth from his acreage by the Tanana River.

Gabe Wesley flew to Anchorage via T-33 with the Air Force for a conference on standard instrument departures.

Joe Grube spent much of January working in training replacing Harold Anderson who was burning up some accumulated annual leave.

It was also noted that Ernie Roque spent most of his off-sector time working on Transitions and Control Zone extensions.

Larry Goldsby returned from the midwest with tales about cars not starting in zero temperatures and rat race driving procedures. After six weeks outside Harry Hardy returned and likes Alaska now.

Milt Morrison and George Hill both have new additions to their families.

Jim Thorne and Ron Wood at the station started radar simulator training.

After a mild December, Fairbanks was chilled, blanketed under a couple feet of snow, sprinkled, froze, thawed, and then froze again during January and the first week of February.

Erland D. Stephens

More than 760 flashing beacons strung between New York and San Francisco marked the first transcontinental airway equipped for night flying. This airway was put into operation for the first time in 1929.





Floryn S. Rhode, station manager, Anchorage, (center) presents a special group award to the above electronic maintenance technicians for their efforts in setting up emergency communications and freely giving of their own time to correct

this situation. A fire severed the city power cable, causing a complete communications outage. Each one received an award certificate and \$60. From left to right: Ray Bird, Roscoe Robey, Floryn S. Rhode, James Smith and Bill Conyers.



Members of the Advanced Red Cross First Aid Course group together at the finish of their class on November 19. Left, back row: Donald Buchanan, Robert Martin, Peter Holst. Around the table, left: Mildred M. Maloy, Registered

Nurse and instructor, Sevard Wagenius, Leslie E. Dhabolt, Bill Sutton, Douglas B. Grey, Edsell York, Loren Heyne, Richard Miller, Mary C. Anderson, Hermann Hullum.

#### YAKUTAT

The past month has been a busy month here in Yakutat. Air traffic control specialist Rexford B. Teig returned to duty from an extended vacation. Roy J. Soignier acted in his capacity during his absence.

Our station manager, James O. Porter, attended the FAA Management Institute at Berkeley, California from January 9 through 27. During his absence, supervisory electronics technician, Donald Treichel was designated as acting station manager.

A dial telephone system is being installed at Yakutat by a private concern and is expected to be completed in the fall or early spring of '64.

#### NORTHWAY

Northway shared with other Alaskan communities in the inverted international weather scene, local temperatures climbing from a low of minus 55 to a high of 30 above. The rise was punctuated by a two-day period of 30-knot winds and by intermittent fog that cut airport visibilities to zero.

Meritorious service on the part of all Air Traffic personnel at Northway has been recognized by Sustained Superior Performance awards presented this month to Messrs. Ronald Nixon, Warren Rannerstrom, and C. G. Bandy. A fourth member of the Air Traffic staff, Johnnie James, was similarly honored several months ago.

Ormond O. Robbins

## PERSONNEL NOTES

## Letter of Appreciation

### WHO KILLED GEORGE DAY??

The excitement and enthusiasm that George Day brought to the job the day he came to work was a sight to behold. It was hard to tell which of his emotions, his eagerness to do a good job or his excitement about working for a large installation, was showing the most.

And work he did. He listened carefully, absorbed everything he could, did his job the best way he knew how, and really tried to learn. Nothing was hard for him as he rode on a crest of excitement that made every day and every new task an adventure. He looked at things with the fresh view of someone new to the business and the ideas started coming. 'Why don't we . . .', 'Have they ever tried . . .', the suggestions kept coming. And someone in exasperation finally said, 'George, why don't you keep quiet and learn to do things the way they're supposed to be done before you start trying to change the world!' George was crestfallen. He only wanted to help. O.K., if that's the way they wanted it, he would keep quiet.

But he wasn't going to be discouraged. George was going to be the best employee that ever was, he resolved. He was going to make the people in his department proud of him. He was going to have everyone in the outfit glad to have him on the team. He was going to earn a name for himself as a fellow who really knew his job and wasn't afraid of hard work. That's what he was going to do, and he did. And then one day someone said to him, 'Aw, come on, George, what are you trying to kill it for? What are you doing, trying to make the rest of us look bad? I mean . . . you know, George . . . Who are you trying to impress?'

George was confused. 'Maybe I was wrong,' he thought. Maybe he was working too hard. He didn't want the others to dislike him. So he shrugged his shoulders and said to himself, 'I guess you can't fight city hall.'

If George was discouraged, even a little bit, he certainly didn't show it when he talked about his work with friends and relatives. He was proud of the equipment and his co-workers and the service they both gave. Whenever conversation turned to happenings of the installation (as it often did when people heard where he worked) he made it a point to let people know about his job. And when people had a question or an unfavorable opinion about the installation he tried to talk it over and see if he could straighten it out for them. At least he did for a while. That ended one night at a party attended by several other installation employees.

He was explaining the advantages of working at the installation when one of the other employees (it might have been his girl friend who also worked at the installation) said, 'Oh, for Heaven's sake, George, why don't you put your soapbox away? All you ever talk about is the installation. Who cares what its like anyway?'

Well, that's about how George Day died. It took a few more of this kind of incident, but not really too many as you look back on them.

He's still walking around, alright. You'll find him dragging through the day, much harder now.

And sometimes you'll see him talking to a new employee, saying something like, 'Why don't you keep quiet

The following memo directed to all FAA Employees and Dependents, Hawaiian Islands and Canton Island was received in the Alaskan region. As many FAA employees here have friends or associations with the Pacific Region, it is quoted below.

'The deadly, irresistible force exerted during the passage of Typhoon 'Karen' at Guam is now a part of the Region's recorded history. Her visit to our facilities at Guam will never be forgotten and evidence of the damage inflicted by her will be present for many, many months. That no lives were lost, or major personal injury suffered among the FAA community at Guam, is almost unbelievable when viewed against the terrific property damage which resulted. I am sure that loss of life and severe injury were averted only by the quick thinking and protective measures taken by not only employees, but their dependents.

Immediately following 'Karen's' destruction, Pacific Region people everywhere, without thought of their own personal comfort, bent themselves toward rendering aid in the evacuation and care of those left homeless at Guam. Temporary homes were provided; transportation was provided; food was provided; and aid in the form of materials, equipment and manpower was rushed to Guam to assist in the rehabilitation of homes and facilities.

As I reflect upon the actions taken by everyone, I want to say to each and every employee and dependent of the Pacific Region, thank you -- thank you for remembering and demonstrating the obligations you owe to your fellow man during a period of crisis and hardship; for the extreme effort exerted to get our facilities back into operation; and for upholding the fine reputation and esprit de corps of the FAA's Pacific Region Team! I am indeed fortunate to be a member of this Team.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert I. Gale  
Assistant Administrator

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**UNALAKLEET**

Icing conditions were a problem this month creating a hazard to aircraft, vehicles and pedestrians. Even the dog teams had trouble with it. Two D-4 tractors and the D-7 and grader were put in service for four days to break up the ice and remove it from the runway -- only to be followed in a few days with another ice build up which started with a freezing drizzle.

Wolves have driven the reindeer herd to the airfield vicinity and so far they have been no problem.

Two mechanics will be transferring; Theodore Grotha to Anchorage for special schooling and medical attention for a daughter and Frank D'Estrella to Fort Yukon.

Donn F. Baker

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and learn to do things the way they're supposed to be done before you start trying to change the world?'

There are some who say George died of unknown causes. There are others who suspect that he was murdered. What do you think? Who killed George Day?

## MOSES POINT

For all those contemplating a move back to the States, a word of warning; take a two weeks vacation out there first. I'll have to admit there are lots of wonderful things and beautiful sights in that strange country but the hoards of people have such peculiar customs. Some of their antics make a person wonder. I don't think I could ever learn to live in that mass of moving flesh. We all tried our best to get along, but there was little hope. I have even considered asking the Governor to establish a Peace Corps to send down there in an effort to civilize the natives, but I fear it would be futile. It does indeed appear most amazing that anyone would willingly migrate to such a place. However, some of my best friends made the journey, never to be heard from again.

In the past month we bade farewell to ATCS Hatcher and family, who transferred to the Fairbanks CS/T, and station manager Bidwell and family, who migrated south with the birds. Mr. Bidwell resigned to enter the University of Florida. We also welcomed ATCS Roy Womack and wife, who transferred up from Anchorage. We are expecting our new EMT Wayne Goldsberry and family from Texas, very shortly.

Feb. 2 and 3 were big days at Moses Point. The Womacks and McGahans celebrated their 1st wedding anniversaries. Naturally we had to have a big blow-out. The party increased our population by one very cute French Poodle given to Mrs. Womack by her husband. Out of town guests included Mrs. Sagoonick from Elim, FAA carpenters Frank McCune, Tony Schultz and Bill Parrett, R/EMT Ray Hensley, R/mechanic Jack Hudson.

### Station Manager Named

Darell G. Bricker, supervisory air traffic control specialist at Moses Point, has been named station manager at Moses Point. He replaces Bruce Bidwell who resigned recently.

### BUY-SELL-SWAP

**FOR SALE:** Broadcast, short wave, FM, receiver with base reflex speaker, Hallicrafter SX-43. Contact Paul Rohwer, AL-222 or home phone FA 2-4557.

**FOR RENT:** Available April 1, one bedroom house, wall to wall carpeting in living room and bedroom, basement, garage, large yard, washing facilities, furnished, one block off Spenard Road, 3704 Wilson Way, \$170 a month. Home phone FA 2-4740.

**FOR SALE:** SPA membership \$100. Contact Lu Rains, Ext. 767 or home phone DI 4-1418 after 6:00 p.m.

The Saudi Arabian airline does not employ Saudi Arabian hostesses because religious rules require these girls to be 'accompanied on all flights by their fathers, sons, or brothers; must wear veils outside the aircraft, and must have as chaperones persons more than 21 years old'. The airline employs United Arab Republic or Lebanese girls who are not bound by such regulations.

## DID YOU KNOW

That you may make voluntary contribution to the Retirement Fund to purchase additional annuity.

That you must complete a full 22 months service from the effective date of your employment agreement before you are eligible to travel under P.L. 737.

That the effective date of your employment agreement is the date you report to your Alaskan post of duty, not the date you signed your agreement.

That if you leave government service, you may convert your Federal Employee Group Life Insurance to an individual plan.

That if you are separated for reasons beyond your control, you may be eligible for unemployment compensation under the conditions set by the state in which you were employed.

That you must submit a completed SF-57 when you desire to seek employment with another agency. An up-to-date SF-57 should be kept at all times.

That Temporary Appointments Pending Establishment of Register (TAPER) may be terminated at any time.

That it is the employee's responsibility to apply to the Civil Service Commission for examination in order to acquire status.

That you have lifetime reinstatement privileges if you are a career status employee.

That your military service counts for purpose of leave accrual rate and service computation date.

That your widow or widower is automatically your beneficiary for Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance, unless you have designated otherwise by filing an SF-54.

That if you do not withdraw your retirement contributions from your account, you will be eligible for Civil Service retirement if you have completed five years service when you reached age 62.

That your official job description represents the only basis for establishing the salary you receive for performance of your official duties.

Federal Aviation Agency inspection pilots log more than 40,000 hours in the air while checking the hundreds of air navigational aids used to guide aircraft over the nation's airways.

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THE WRONGS AND THE WRIGHTS  
WHICH ARE YOU?

The Wrongs live with danger.

The Wrights live with safety.



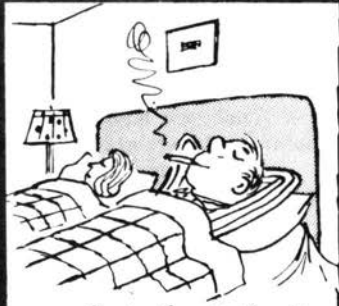
Their attic is piled with combustible trash.



They keep their attic cleared



They foolishly use matches when searching in closets



...and smoke in bed



...use flashlights in dark closets



...do not smoke in bed



...overload circuits



...leave matches within reach of children



...have adequate outlets and circuits professionally installed



...keep matches out of children's reach



...and pile rubbish near the furnace.



...and keep their basement clear at all times.