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NEW ARRIVALS IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

A NEW UNIT OF THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL BRANCH HAS BEEN ACTIVATED IN THIS REGION WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONNEL:

INSPECTORS: GEORGE INGLE SMITH AND LLOYD D. DORF, FROM THE FIFTH REGION OFFICE AT KANSAS CITY; LAWRENCE W. JEWELL FROM THE FOURTH REGION OFFICE AT FT. WORTH; I. P. GREGORY FROM PITTSBURGH CONTROL CENTER; CLARK ZUCKER FROM KANSAS CITY CONTROL CENTER.

CHIEF CONTROLLERS: W. RICHARD PARKS FROM JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, CONTROL CENTER; JOHN A. GIBSON FROM BURBANK, CALIFORNIA, CONTROL CENTER.

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ORDER YOUR PINS NOW.

THE LONG-WAANTED CIVIL WINGS ARRIVED RECENTLY AND WE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE WHO HAD ORDERED THEM IN ADVANCE. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT WE ANTICIPATED A DEMAND WELL IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER OF PINS ORDERED AND THOUGHT WE HAD PROVIDED FOR THAT POSSIBILITY, THEY FAILED TO STRETCH FAR ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE.

CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE SENDING IN ONE MORE ORDER. ALL THOSE WHO STILL DESIRE PINS MAY ORDER WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. THE PRICE IS \$1.25 EACH. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE SWITCHBOARD IN ROOM 207 OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING.

CAA MEN RECOMMENDED FOR CARNEGIE MEDAL

THE BOYS AT ANNETTE ISLAND, CHARLES R. MARCHANT, JACK R. EASSETT AND LORAN H. SASSEEN, WHOSE HEROISM IN THE RESCUE OF THE CREW FROM THE BLAZING WRECKAGE OF A CANADIAN BOMBER WAS RELATED IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH, HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JESSE JONES FOR THE CARNEGIE MEDAL AND ALSO THE MEDAL OF MERIT.

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS RECEIVE NEW ASSIGNMENTS

THE THIRD GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES WHO ARRIVED IN ALASKA SINCE OUR LAST PUBLICATION HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE FOLLOWING STATIONS: ROY S. DELANEY, ANCHORAGE; V. F. KLEWENO, ANCHORAGE; STEPHEN ZIRKO, ANCHORAGE; VICTOR I. STEIN, ANCHORAGE; AUGUST L. SOUCIE, NORTHWAY; CLIFFORD F. UZZELL, FAIRBANKS.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS HAVE REQUESTED PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT IN THE EIGHTH REGION: THEODORE E. PRICE, TANANA; JAMES L. HANSA, TANANA; V. F. KLEWENO, ANCHORAGE; FELTON E. JACKSON, MIDDLETON ISLAND; ELMO E. SMITH, ANCHORAGE; ROY S. DELANEY, ANCHORAGE; RICHARD R. DEFORD, ANCHORAGE AND ROBERT C. WALLEY, ANIAK.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS HAVE REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS TOUR OF DUTY IN THE EIGHTH REGION: O. D. GRAVES, NOME; H. C. ANDERSON, LAKE MINCHUMINA; CLYDE E. BROWN, NOME; BERT SEEVER, FAIRBANKS; S. H. HIPSH, BIG DELTA; W. A. CRUVER, GULKANA; QUENTIN W. KEUTHER, PETERSBURG; RAYMOND E. ABBOTT, ANCHORAGE; GLENN D. DAVIS, MCGRATH; ORSON TOPHAM, FAIRBANKS; EUGENE H. WARREN, SUMMIT; AND A. R. HEGGE, HOMER.

VISITORS FROM WASHINGTON

THE REGION HAS RECENTLY BEEN VISITED BY MR. RAYMOND W. STOUGH, DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC BUREAU OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD, AND MR. R. P. MONSON, CHIEF OF THE RATES AND AUDITS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD, WHO WERE HERE TO INVESTIGATE MATTERS PERTAINING TO AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS, RATE SCHEDULES, ROUTES, ETC.

MR. E. J. ROBINS, FACILITY SECURITY OFFICER, ALSO PAID US A VISIT AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE REGION'S OPERATION AND FACILITY SECURITY PROGRAM IN EFFECT.

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE SUCH VISITORS FROM WASHINGTON AND WELCOME THEIR CRITICISMS AND SUGGESTIONS.

DURING A RECENT RADIO-TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THOMAS B. BOURNE, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF FEDERAL AIRWAYS OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON, HIS CLOSING WORDS WERE: "YOU ALL ARE DOING A GOOD JOB - KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!"



THE LAST REVISION

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THE MUKLUK IS PUBLISHED
TO SERVE YOU

WELCOME BACK TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE "MUKLUK" WHEN THE STAFF ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLICATION. THE "MUKLUK" IS YOUR PAPER AND WE DESIRE THAT YOU USE IT AS SUCH. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED RECENTLY WHICH WE HAVE CENSORED BECAUSE OF THEIR APPARENT CRITICISM AND POINTED REMARKS DIRECTED TOWARD DEFINITE INDIVIDUALS. WE WELCOME CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM OF THE ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE, BUT NOT ITEMS WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS CYNICAL REFERENCES TO THE LACK OF ABILITY OF ANY OF OUR FELLOW WORKERS.

WE ADMIRE THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION BETWEEN STATIONS. IN FACT, THIS TENDS TO CREATE ENTHUSIASM FOR OUR WORK - AND WE ARE ALL WORKING TOWARD A COMMON END. BUT LET'S BE GOOD SPORTS AND NOT REFER TO ANYONE'S ABILITY - OR LACK OF ABILITY - IN "THUMBING A KEY". YOUR INTENTION MAY BE TO "KID" THE OBJECT OF YOUR REMARK - BUT SOME PEOPLE CANNOT TAKE KIDDING - PARTICULARLY IN WRITING. WE HAVE ALL HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF HAVING SOMETHING WRITTEN IN FUN IN A PERSONAL LETTER TAKEN "THE WRONG WAY" WHEN WE JOKE AND TEASE WITH THE WRITTEN WORD. THE RECIPIENT OF THE MISSIVE CANNOT SEE THE FRIENDLY GRIN ON OUR FACE, THE AFFECTIONATE LIGHT IN OUR EYE, NOR HEAR THE TELLING INFLECTIONS OF OUR VOICE.

BUT DON'T LET THIS SUGGESTION STOP YOU FROM SENDING IN "NEWSY" NEWS. WE NEED IT. WE WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW THAT THIS IS YOUR MEDIUM OF EXPRESSION AND NATURALLY IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT MATERIAL FROM YOU FELLOWS IN THE FIELD WE WILL BE FORCED TO SUSPEND PUBLICATION - AND THAT IS THE LAST THING WE DESIRE.

MARSHALL C. HOPPIN
REGIONAL MANAGER

DON'T BEMOAN MISTAKES

THE HIGHER MEN CLIMB, THE LONGER THEIR WORKING DAY. ANY YOUNG MAN WITH A STREAK OF IDLENESS IN HIM HAD BETTER MAKE UP HIS MIND AT THE BEGINNING THAT MEDIOCRITY WILL BE HIS LOT. WITHOUT IMMENSE SUSTAINED EFFORT HE WILL NOT CLIMB HIGH. AND EVEN THOUGH FORTUNE OR CHANCE WERE TO LIFT HIM HIGH, HE WOULD NOT STAY THERE. THERE ARE NO OFFICE HOURS FOR LEADERS.

AND REMEMBER: THE BASIS OF ALL ACHIEVEMENT AND WISDOM IS CONFIDENCE. RELY IMPLICITLY UPON YOURSELF - MAKE YOUR DECISIONS ACCORDINGLY AND ABIDE BY THEM. ALL OF US MAKE MISTAKES. NO MAN EVER GAINED SUCCESS WITHOUT MAKING ERRORS. AND HE NEVER AMOUNTED TO ANYTHING WITHOUT WORKING HARD FOR IT.

A. F. RAYNOR

A GENERAL STATE OF RIVALRY EXISTS BETWEEN THE FAMILIES AND BACHELORS OF ABLE OBOE AS TO WHO IS THE BEST FARMER. PLOTS OF "GOOD RICH DIRT" ARE UNDER INTENSE CULTIVATION. IN AND ABOUT THE STATION, AND WE ARE ALSO THE SPONSOR OF A FARM ABOUT TEN MINUTES DISTANT THRU THE "WOODS". A HEATED ARGUMENT, IS NOW IN PROGRESS AS TO WHETHER POTATOES SHOULD BE PLANTED IN THE LIGHT OR DARK OF THE MOON OR WHETHER AT HIGH OR LOW TIDE. WE'LL SEE COME HARVEST.

PLANTING SEEDS, ASSISTANT CHIEF, HAD TROUBLE WITH HIS SPRING BEANS. HE SAYS HE PLANTED THEM WITH THE SAME CARE HE DID THE PEAS, BUT WHEN THE BEANS CAME UP THE SEED WAS UP AND THE TOP WAS DOWN. HE'S REALLY WORRIED NOW, BECAUSE HE PULLED THEM UP AND BURNED THEM OVER AND THEY ALL DIED. HE DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS CONDITION ON THE SEED PACKAGE.

VARIOUS METHODS OF TERRACING ARE IN PROGRESS ABOUT THE QUARTERS TO ACCOMMODATE A VARIETY OF WILD AND DOMESTIC FLOWERS AND SHRUBS. WE EXPECT TO INAUGURATE A "NORTH MATANUSKA" FAIR THIS YEAR.

THE OFF-DUTY PERSONNEL TOOK A TRIP TO CLEAR CREEK THE OTHER DAY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS. THE LARGEST TROUT, 24 1/2" AND 5 POUNDS, WAS TAKEN BY DEPT. THOMAS. THE LARGEST STRING, 32 TROUT, WAS TAKEN BY ED AND MRS. MUSGROVE. THE BEST FISH WAS HAD BY MRS. MEG NELSON, WIFE OF THE RESIDENT ENGINEER, AS SHE CUGHT HER FIRST FISH. MRS. ED LAIER NAILED A BIG ONE AND, UNABLE TO LAND HIM, WENT IN TO SLUCE HIM OUT; SHE AND THE FISH HAD TO BE HAULED TO SAFETY. WE MANTAIN CLEAR CREEK IS ONE OF THE BEST FISHING SPOTS IN THE WORLD. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, GONE UP, WE'VE GOT THE BOATS AND STICKERS, AND WE ALSO KNOW WHERE THE BIG ONES HIDE. LOOK UP "STRICTLY FLY" GRIFFIN OR "WILD" BILL (ENGINEER), IN ENGINEERING AND DEPOT RESPECTIVELY. ASK THEM ABOUT CLEAR CREEK.

THE LOGS, S.A. IS NOW ORGANIZING A BALL CLUB, AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE AMPLE COMPETITION IN THE CLUB, BEING ORGANIZED BY LYTLE GREEN AND THE CARRY FOLK. THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE MADE MOST OF THE OPERATORS SICK IN THE SENDING ARM; THAT EXPLAINING OUR INABILITY TO KEY OVER 40 WPM. WE ARE NOW CORRESPONDING WITH MR. HULEN TO COMB THE SCHOOL FOR A RIGHT OR LEFT HANDED SENDER WHO CAN BE AVAILABLE FOR WATCH AFTER SUNDAY'S BALL GAME. (CENTER FOLDER PREFERRED.)

JOHN GOOL, OUR MECHANIC, IS SHOPPING FOR A COOK. HE'LL TEACH HER HOW TO COOK, BUT SHE MUST BE 5' 3", WEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 110, HAIR OPTIONAL, OF A SWEET DISPOSITION, NOT TOO BEAUTIFUL NOR TOO DUMB, AND SHE MUST NOT OBJECT TO AN OCCASIONAL LIP FULL OF "SNOOSE" IN THE HOUSE.

MUKLUK MAILGRAM

WAS DE KZ RE YOUR VICTORY GARDENS PRO HOW DID THE BACK FORTY SPAED UP BY ME TURN OUT PRO WHO IS MOWING MY BERNUDA GRASS OR DID IT SURVIVE

LANIER

NEW ARRIVALS AT HQ ARE RICHARD F. DEFORD (DOGCATCHER DELUXE), VIRGIL W. MORGAN, STEPHEN ZERKO, ROY S. DELANEY, VICTOR F. KLEWENO AND VICTOR I. STEIN. WE HOPE THEIR STAY WILL BE A LONG AND HAPPY ONE.

RECENT DEPARTURES: R. W. SLONE TO MCGRATH, ERNEST H. HURD TO CORONA AND FREDRICK S. PEARSON TO TRINIDAD, COLORADO. THEIR DEPARTURE WE UNDERSTAND WAS JOYOUS.

WE LIST AMONG OUR EVER-GROWING STATION PERSONNEL BARTENDERS, BARBOON MUCKERS, CLERKS, BOOKKEEPERS, HARDWARE DEALERS, PROJECTOR OPERATORS, DOGCATCHERS AND GARBAGE TRUCK DRIVERS.

THE HARDWARE CLERKS SOLD OUR ALAC A NEW FAN-CEED HAMMER WHICH IMMEDIATELY PUT TO USE ON THE ADDITION TO HIS HOME. AFTER THE SECOND DAY HE SHOWED UP WITH A BEAUTIFUL MASHED FINGER THAT WILL TAKE WEEKS TO HEAL. STICK TO YOUR RADIO, BOYS.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOYS AT FAREWELL ARE GOING IN FOR "RAISING" PEAS. JACK HAS PROMISED TO MAKE IN ALL SURPLUS FOR SALE AMONG THE CAA PERSONNEL.

THE "FRUSTRATED ARMS" ARE DECIDEDLY PUZZLED OVER THE "LITTLE" MATTER OF A DOZEN OR SO CANS OF STRAINED BABY FOODS THAT A CERTAIN COMMUNICATOR PURCHASED FROM "KENTY" FUNDS AND LEFT IN THE APARTMENT WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNICATOR IN QUESTION HOLDS ALL KNOWN TRENCHMAN RECORDS, THE OTHERS ARE SLIGHTLY "BEHOLDERS." CAN IT BE THAT "PERHAPS" HE IS GOING TO BE A MOTHER?

ENGINEERING UNIT

THE MOST RECENT ADDITION TO THE TYPEWRITER CORPS IN THE ENGINEERING UNIT IS PATRICIA REITEN, DAUGHTER OF THE FAIRBANKS REITENS. SHE SEEMS TO BE TAKING THINGS RIGHT IN HER STRIDE - AN ALASKAN BACKGROUND SHOULD ENABLE HER TO HANDLE THE ENGINEERS WITH PROFICIENCY. IN THE MORE RESERVED SURROUNDINGS OF MR. MORGAN'S OFFICE IS GRACE SHAWER AND ALSO MR. DATE'S NEW STENO, MARIE ANDERSON.

HOME FROM THE STATES IS JOHN IRETON, REVEALING IN ALASKAN PLENTY. AFTER MINGLING WITH THE HORRIBLE HORDE FOR TWO MONTHS, HE FINDS THE DUSTY EXPANSES PECULIAR TO ANCHORAGE A PLEASURE. THE UNIT IS NOW WAITING FOR THAT FIRST BURST OF PRODUCTIVENESS WHICH WILL PROBABLY SNOW US UNDER - AND DURING THE ONLY WARM MONTHS WE EXPERIENCE IN THIS COUNTRY, TOO.

DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU THAT A SUNTAN CANNOT BE ACQUIRED IN ALASKA. THERE IS A WALKING, LIVING, BREATHING EXAMPLE IN THE ENGINEERING UNIT OF WHAT 5 MINUTES UNDER A SUNLAMP CAN DO. J. C. HOOPER WILL BE GLAD TO SUPPLY ANY INTERESTING DETAILS. LOCAL COLOR IS DEFINITELY NOT LACKING HERE.

A GAZE INTO THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CRYSTAL BALL

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, JUNE 12, 1943. ONCE AGAIN THIS OFFICE FEELS OBLIGATED TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE VOLUNTEER AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS ON DUTY FROM OTHER REGIONS, AND ESPECIALLY TO THAT GROUP WHO AGREED TO EXTEND THEIR TOURS OF DUTY IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT URGENT TELEGRAPHIC REQUEST. THE URGENCY OF THAT SITUATION HAS NOT PASSED. THE CAA HAS BEEN CALLED UPON BY THE ARMY TO MAKE COMPLETELY THE CONSOLIDATED AACCS-CAA COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT SEVERAL POINTS AND OTHER SIMILAR CONSOLIDATIONS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY. WE ARE IN OUR POSITIONS AS CIVILIANS DURING THE WAR ONLY BECAUSE SPECIALIZED TRAINING IS A PREREQUISITE QUALIFICATION IN ORDER TO HANDLE OUR TYPE OF COMMUNICATIONS. THERE ARE OTHER METEOROLOGICAL AND FLIGHT INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN THE WORLD, BUT NONE WITH SUCH A HIGHLY DEVELOPED OPERATIONAL TECHNIQUE AS OURS. IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP THIS TECHNIQUE OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS ONLY BECAUSE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US HAS DEMONSTRATED A WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMPLISH, TOGETHER WITH PRIDE IN COMPLETING AN ASSIGNMENT TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY. WE MUST EVER BE TOLERANT TOWARDS THE SHORTCOMINGS AND INEXPERIENCE OF OUR NEWER EMPLOYEES. IT IS EACH COMMUNICATOR'S MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO NEW EMPLOYEES AND TO THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH RADIO-TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS AND ITS ASSOCIATE DIFFICULTIES DURING THE PRESENT TRANSITION PERIOD.

THE CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS EXPANSION PROGRAM HAS RECENTLY BEEN MODIFIED TO INCLUDE SCHEDULES "A", "B", "BC", "C", "D" AND "E". CERTAIN SCHEDULE "A" CIRCUITS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE "A" COVERAGE THROUGHOUT ALASKA AND THROUGH CANADA CONNECTING WITH THE NORTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THROUGH AN UNCLASSIFIED MEDIUM TO GO INTO SPECIFIC DETAIL CONCERNING THIS PROGRAM. GENERALLY, THE PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF ARMY AIRWAYS COMMUNICATIONS AND CAA COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. THE POLICY WITH RESPECT TO PERSONNEL WILL BE TO AVOID MIXED COMPLEMENTS OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, AND IN LIEU THEREOF OPERATE COMPLETE STATIONS WITH THE PERSONNEL OF ONE AGENCY. THIS GENERAL POLICY WILL PREVAIL.

CONSIDERABLE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE 56-HOUR WEEK. THE ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE WAS TO OBTAIN AUTHORITY TO PAY AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS WHO, AS A MATTER OF MILITARY NECESSITY, HAD BEEN ORDERED TO MAINTAIN WATCH DUTIES ON A 56-HOUR WEEK FOR THIS ADDITIONAL OVERTIME. BESIDE THE AUTHORIZED WORK WEEK ON A UNIT OF 40 HOURS, THIS WOULD MEAN 16 HOURS PER WEEK OVERTIME. IT MAY NOW BE NECESSARY, IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED COMPLEMENTS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE MODIFIED CIRCUIT EXPANSION PROGRAM, TO OPERATE ON A 56-HOUR WEEK AT ALL STATIONS WHERE SUCH WORK WEEK PROVES PRACTICAL. CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE FIELD WILL SHORTLY BE SOLICITED WITH THE INTENT TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO WASHINGTON SEEKING OVERTIME PAY FOR ALL STATIONS MAINTAINING AN ORDERED 56-HOUR WEEK WATCH SCHEDULE. IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT 16 HOURS OVERTIME PER WEEK CANNOT BE CONSIDERED EXCEPT IN THOSE CASES WHERE SPECIFIC ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FROM THE REGIONAL OFFICE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE MERE FACT THAT 56 OR MORE HOURS PER WEEK MAY HAVE BEEN WORKED BY THE CHIEF AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR OR OTHER STATION PERSONNEL CANNOT BE RECOGNIZED AS JUSTIFICATION FOR THE OVERTIME PAY. THIS MAY BE RECTIFIED IN THE FUTURE AND AUTHORITY OBTAINED TO PAY OVERTIME FOR ALL OVERTIME ACTUALLY WORKED. AT THE MOMENT IT IS DESIRED TO OBTAIN COMPENSATION IN THE FORM OF AN ADDITIONAL 8 HOURS PER WEEK OVERTIME FOR ALL PERSONNEL AT THOSE STATIONS ORDERED ON A 24-HOUR BASIS HAVING THREE OR LESS AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND ALASKA. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS PROJECT REMAINS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR APPROVAL.

ALLEN D. HULEN
CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

GRAPEVINE TELEGRAPH

AFTER A SHORT TRIP OVER THE REGION DURING WHICH ONE HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO "MONITOR" THE USUAL RADIO SWANK CONVERSATIONS, ONE ARRIVES AT THE CONCLUSION THAT THE "CRYSTAL BALL" UTILIZED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH GIVES LITTLE BUT NOT LITTLE INFORMATION. THE WAY TO OBTAIN CURRENT INFORMATION AND TO BE WELL VERSED IN ALL THINGS CONCERNING COMING EVENTS IS TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION WITH ANYONE OF THE MORE PROLIFIC "GRAPEVINE" OPERATORS, OF WHOM THERE IS NO SHORTAGE. STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, A VERY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THE "GRAPEVINE'S" SCUTTLEBUT TRAFFIC SOONER OR LATER BECOMES AUTHENTIC AND ACTUALLY COMES TO PASS.

THE FACT THAT THIS TRAFFIC GETS THROUGH REGARDLESS OF IONOSPHERIC CONDITIONS IS ENCOURAGING SINCE IT IS A PREVALENT OPINION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH OFFICE FORCE THAT SO LONG AS "GRAPEVINE" COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS REMAIN OPERATIVE THERE IS STILL A CHANCE FOR OFFICIAL CIRCUITS TO FUNCTION WITH THE SAME DEGREE OF EFFICIENCY, PROVIDED WE REMAIN OBSERVANT AND PATTERN OUR FUNDAMENTAL CIRCUITS AFTER THE GOOD OLD "GRAPEVINE". WE FEEL PRIVILEGED TO MAKE THESE COMMENTS, WHICH ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE CAUSTIC SINCE WE ARE ALL "EX-GRAPEVINE" OPERATORS OURSELVES. THE ONLY REGRET, HOWEVER, IS THE LOSS OF APPRECIABLE MANIFOLD PRESSURE THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE "GRAPEVINE" RATHER THAN THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE "MUKLUK TELEGRAPH". MAYBE TO ANALYZE OUR REACTION MORE CAREFULLY, US "MUKLUK TELEGRAPHERS" MIGHT BE A BIT ENVIDIOUS OF YOU "GRAPEVINE TELEGRAPHERS", IN OTHER WORDS, "GIVE".

— ALLEN D. HULEN

DEFINITION OF PHRASES

IN CONFERENCE: GONE OUT - DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS.
KINDLY EXPEDITE REPLY? FOR GOD'S SAKE TRY AND FIND THE PAPERS.

TRAINING UNIT BRIEFS

JIMMY SLOAN, CHIEF AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROLLER AT MERRILL FIELD, WAS A RECENT GUEST SPEAKER AT THE TRAINING UNIT, PRESENTING AN INTERESTING DISCOURSE ON AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL. THE LECTURE DESCRIBED THE EARLY BEGINNINGS OF AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL IN CLEVELAND DURING 1930 AND TRACED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AGENCY TO ITS PRESENT STATUS, THE SCOPE OF WHICH INCLUDES NEARLY 100 CAA-OPERATED TOWERS AT THE PRESENT TIME. THIS LECTURE WAS PRELIMINARY TO A SERIES OF FIELD TRIPS WHICH PERMITTED EACH TRAINEE TO VISIT THE MERRILL FIELD TOWER AND OBSERVE ITS OPERATION. A SOURCE OF GREAT INTEREST DURING THESE VISITS WAS THE "LIGHT GUN", USED BY CONTROLLERS TO DIRECT NON-RADIO EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT. ITS CONCENTRATED RAY IS VISIBLE SOME FIFTEEN MILES DURING THE DAYTIME.

THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR TRAINING CURRICULUM NOW INCLUDES AN INTRODUCTORY TREATISE ON AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL BUILT AROUND SERIES "C" AND "D" OF THE MANUALS OF OPERATION.

ALSO IN A FIELD TRIP MOOD DURING MAY WAS INSTRUCTOR HAWLEY'S PRIMARY CLASS, OBSERVED DURING THE SOLIDAYSIDE ONE AFTERNOON RECENTLY WITH A PORTABLE REEF NET TRYING TO LOCATE THE WEST LEG OF THE ANCHORAGE RANGE, FOLLOWING A VISIT TO THAT STATION. IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT THE HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN THE VICINITY OF ANCHORAGE PERMITS A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF RANGE COURSE AND QUADRANT STRUCTURE WITHOUT ACTUALLY TAKING TO THE AIR.

IT IS REMOVED THAT THE PALM SPRINGS RACKET CLUB IS OPENING A BRANCH ON ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND. "DOC" GOODRICH (GUMMELL RADIO) WAS RECENTLY CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF IMPORTING A SET OF TENNIS EQUIPMENT BUT WHEN REACHED FOR QUESTIONING REFUSED TO COMMENT OTHER THAN TO STATE THAT THE RACKETS WOULD PROBABLY MAKE GOOD SNOW SHOES. PAT AND "DOC" (MAY '42 CLASS) REPORT THAT THEY ARE ENJOYING THEIR ASSIGNMENT AT THAT FAR NORTHWESTERN POINT, DESPITE A HEAVY DIET OF INSTRUMENT CONDITIONS, AND MENTION HAVING OBSERVED SEVERAL WALRUS, SEAL, AND WHALE IN THEIR VICINITY.

MRS. HELEN LEHMAN (DECEMBER '42 CLASS) BELIEVES THAT THE TRAINING UNIT SHOULD LEND ITS SUPPORT TO THE CURRENT WAVE OF POETRY SWEEPING THE "EIGHTH", AND HAS GRANTED US PERMISSION TO PUBLISH HER LATEST EFFORT, WHICH, WE UNDERSTAND, WAS INSPIRED BY A RECENT WEEK-END VISIT TO SHEEP MOUNTAIN. H. L. FURTHER STATES THAT ANY RESEMBLANCE TO PERSONS, LIVING OR DEAD, IS PURELY A FEATHER IN HER CAP.

BEAR FACTS

THIS ONE REALLY HAPPENED
AT SHEEP MOUNTAIN ON THE HILL,
PERHAPS YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT,
BUT A LOT OF FELLAS WILL!
OUR COMMUNICATOR HERO THOUGHT
HIS LIFE WAS NEAR ITS END,
FOR WHILE OUT TO TAKE THE WEATHER,
A BEAR CAME 'ROUND THE BEND...

A HUGE BLACK BEAR WHO STOOD, I GUESS,
SIX FEET WITHOUT HIS STOCKINGS,
THE WAY HE GROWLED AND BARED HIS FANGS,
WAS REALLY VERY SHOCKING;
HE AMBLED SLOWLY TOWARD THE STEPS
TO BETTER VIEW THE STATION,
AND UP A TREE WENT WILLIE L.
TO TAKE HIS OBSERVATION...

SHRILL SCREAMS FOR HELP AROUSED THE CHIEF,
WHO GRABBED HIS TRUSTY RIFLE,
THE SITUATION, AS IT STOOD,
WAS REALLY QUITE AN EYEFUL;
WITH A SHOT OR TWO THE BEAR WENT DOWN -
THE OPERATOR LANDED
FROM HIS POST OF OBSERVATION,
WHERE 'TIL NOW HE HAD BEEN STRANDED...

THE SEQUENCE TIME HAD COME AND GONE -
THE BEAR AT LAST WAS DEAD,
BUT WILLIE'S PULSE WAS BOILING
AND HIS EYES WERE SEE'ING RED;
SO HE SIGNED HIS LOG SUGGESTING
'82! MIGHT FIND HIM LAX,
BUT WILLIE SEZ, "WHAT'S WRITTEN HERE
AIN'T MAY, BUT STRAIGHT BEAR FACTS!

• '82! - COMMUNICATIONS MONITORING UNIT

SLOP FROM THE CHENA SLOUGH

WITH THE EDITOR'S PERMISSION AND MALICE TOWARD NONE, WE OPEN THE FLOOD GATES OF THE LOCAL SLOUGH AND, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, LET LOOSE THE MUD THAT FOLLOWS.

FIRST OFF, WE WISH TO GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE AND INSERT A PLUG FOR THIS PUBLICATION. WE ADMIT SURPRISE AND MAYBE A BIT OF CHAGRIN AT THE CLEVERNESS OF ITS CONTRIBUTORS, AND TRY, OURSELVES, TO WAGGLE A PEN THAT MAKES OUR SCRATCH WORTH READING. TALENT CAN COME FROM UNLIKELY PLACES, AND THIS REGION HAS SUCH UNLIKELY PLACES. IF ITS ACHIEVEMENT IS A BETTER GOODWILL AMONG US ALL, THE EFFORTS OF THOSE WHO CONCEIVED IT WERE WORTH WHILE.

HONORABLE VISITOR

THE CHIEF, AL HULEN, ALWAYS A WELCOME CALLER ACCOUNT HIS SHOULDERS ARE SO MUSKY AND BROAD FOR CRYING ON, BUT WHO, NEVERTHELESS, ARRIVED AT THE DISRESPECTFUL HOUR, OF FOUR IN THE MORNING, AND NOT BEING ABLE TO SLEEP HIMSELF, WOULDN'T LET ANYONE ELSE SLEEP EITHER - NOT EVEN THE OPERATORS ON WATCH. WE DAMPENED HIS SHOULDERS PROFUSELY ENOUGH, BUT AFTER HIS DEPARTURE REMEMBERED SOME THINGS WE FORGOT TO CRY ABOUT. WE'VE JOTTED THEM DOWN, SWEPT OFF OUR STOOP, AND THE "WELCOME" MAT IS OUT AGAIN.

SUGGESTION SHOTS
FROM OUR BEST SIXTEEN INCH RIFLE

DROP THE RESTRICTION THAT A WOMAN MUST BE MARRIED TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATOR TRAINING. THERE ARE SIZABLE TOWNS IN WHICH UNATTACHED GIRLS COULD BE EMPLOYED, AND THE LIMITING FACTOR IN THIS RESPECT WOULD BE NO GREATER THAN THAT OCCURRING WITH MARRIED COUPLES WHO HAVE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN AND WHO MUST, THEREFORE, BE ASSIGNED TO SPOTS WITH SCHOOL FACILITIES.

INAUGURATE THE CERTIFICATION OF ACCEPTABLE SPEED KEY SENDING. CERTIFIED, YOU USE ONE; NOT CERTIFIED, YOU DON'T. THIS IDEA IS NOT NEW WITH US, BUT IT FITS IN SWELL AS A REMINDER.

ADOPT JOE EWOLD'S IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL FOR THE OLD HANDS - TO TEACH THEM THE SAME CODE THE NEW HANDS USE.

OUR CRE BROKE OUT A BRILLIANT RED HAT. ON THE FIRST DAY THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT GAVE CHASE. ON THE SECOND DAY THE LOCAL BULL GAVE CHASE. ON THE EVENING OF THE THIRD DAY ONE OF OUR SPORTING WOMEN GAVE CHASE. WE DON'T SEE THE HAT NO MORE.

WE WISH TO ADVISE MR. HOPPIN THAT ALL OF THE UNCOMFORTABLE DETAILS OF OUR HOUSING SHORTAGE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ONE DAMP AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATOR, DEBT SEIVER. FORCED OUT OF HIS SHARED BED BY THE SICKNESS OF THE OTHER OCCUPANT, HE WOULD FIND ONLY A BATHTUB IN WHICH TO SNUDDLE

DOWN AND SNATCH FORTY WINKS. WHILE DREAMING OF CIRCUIT 302, ON THE TWENTY SEVENTH WINK HE KICKED THE FAUCET. ON THE THIRTY NINTH WINK, DREAMING OF BEING HOME ON THE BEACH IN CALIFORNIA WITH THE GREEN SURF SWIRLING OVER HIM IN FLUFFY FOAM, HE ALMOST KICKED THE BUCKET. WE CAN'T PRESENT NO BETTER EXAMPLE OF COMMUNICATOR DISCOMFORT, AND QUARTERS HAVE BEEN BUILT FOR LESS.

THIS MONTH'S PRIZE OF A CHAW OF TOBACCO GOES TO THE HICK WHO HIT UPON THE EXCELLENT PLAN OF MAKING OUR RESIDENT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISORS ALSO OUR LOCAL GROCERS. CANDY BARS ARE OUR WEAKNESS. WE LONG FOR THE POT-BELLIED STOVE AND THE CRACKER BARREL. THE CIDER, THE RAISINS, AND MORE CIDER. THE TINKLE OF THE BELL OVER THE DOOR AND THE THICK AROMA OF WELL-OILED LEATHER. THE SHECKER GAMES AND TILTED CHAIRS. THE DPG ASLEEP ON THE FLOOR. SACKS OF GRAIN PILED HIGH IN THE REAR. THE MUSTY PASSAGE BETWEEN THEM TO THE PATH-OUT-BACK AND THE SWINGING DOOR. BOY, OH BOY!

IT MAKES ME DREAM OF YOUNGER DAYS,
OF A JOURCING, JOLLY HAYRIDE.
BUT OUR RMS JUST BITES HIS NAILS;
AND SOON HE'LL BE FIT TO BE TIED.

WE CAN NEVER FOR LONG, RESIST THE URGE TO BELCH FORTH IN RHYME FROM TIME TO TIME. HOW SOME-EVER, WE WILL NOT BELCH A PARODY ON POE'S "THE RAVEN". AFTER TWO SUCCESSIVE ISSUES OF THAT SORT OF THING THE GOOD BIRD MUST BE WELL INSULTED. WE WILL, THOUGH, EJECT A POEM BY THE CHENA KID ON A MUCH MORE PREDATORY CREATURE AND ONE THAT IS NOT INSULTABLE.

I HEAR A BUZZ APPROACHING ME.
IT GROWS INTO A ROAR.
I TAKE A SWING AND TAKE A SWAT,
AND PROBABLY TAKE A SWOGE.
HE PLINGS AROUND AROUND MY NOSE
AND THEN ABGET MY BEARS.
I THINK HE'S CALLING TO HIS MATE,
"A QUIKY MORSEL, DEARY."
I MAKE A PASS AND MISS A MILE.
HE LOOPS THE LOOP AND GRINS,
AND STRAIGHTENS OUT AND MAKES A DIVE.
WE'RE BACK WHERE WE BEGINS.

THE CONTEST GROWS INTO A FIGHT
UNEQUALLED OR SURPASSED.
I SWEAT AND FUME AND CALL HIM NAMES.
HE LOOKS AT ME AND LAUGHS.
I TAKE A THRUST AND MAKE MY AIM
AS ACCURATE AS CAN BE.
BUT STRIKE HIM NOT! I HIT, INSTEAD,
THE GUY ON WATCH WITH ME.

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"RISING EARLY THE OTHER MORNING (THE SUN HAD BEEN UP ONLY SINCE 12:00 MIDNITE) WE SCOUTED THE FARREWELL PEAKS AND SIGHTED A LARGE, MOVING BROWN SPOT THAT KEPT GETTING LARGER AND LARGER, SPEEDILY BECOMING A NOT TOO SMALL GRIZZLY.

THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT SPIED HIM ABOUT THE SAME TIME, AND, AS HE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF DETOURING FROM CAMP AND THEIR MEAT HOUSE, GOT OUT THEIR TRUSTY O6'S AND BLAZED AWAY. THE BEAR SOMEHOW DID NOT SEEM TO APPRECIATE THIS, AND INSTEAD OF LEAVING, INCREASED HIS PACE TOWARD CAMP. MAINTENANCE MEN, WATCHING FROM WHAT THEY CONSIDERED SAFE SIDE LINES, SUDDENLY FOUND THEM NOT SO SAFE AND LEFT THEM THEIR HILLS IN HIGH GEAR. HOWEVER, THE CONSTRUCTION CREW MUST HAVE HAD A HIGHER GEAR, FOR THE WHOLE CAMP PASSED US AS IF WE WERE IN REVERSE.

ABOUT THIS TIME THE BEAR DECIDED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION CREW WOULD MAKE VERY POOR CHAWING AND LEFT FOR PARTS UNKNOWN.

P. 6. THE COMMUNICATIONS GANG WATCHED THE ABOVE FROM A VERY SAFE DISTANCE, AND CHEERED THE BPRINTING.

SLOP FROM THE CHENA SLOSH
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THEN BOTH OF US TAKE OFF OUR PHONES AND SPIT UPON OUR PALMS, AND WISH WE HAD FOR FIGHTING GEAR, THE LATEST THING IN BOMBS.

WE STALK HIM HERE, WE STALK HIM THERE. WE CHASE HIM DOWN THE ROOM. I SEE MY MATE HEAVE AND PUFF, A-SWINGIN' WITH A BROOM.

THE PESKY THING FLITS ALL AROUND, THEN LIGHTS TO TAKE A POSE. STRUTS UP AND DOWN TO TANTALIZE BEFORE HE THUMBS HIS NOSE.

I MAKE A SNEAK BEHIND HIS BEAR AND WHACK HIM WITH MY RIGHT. HE ROARS AWAY AS IF TO SAY, "NO JUST YOUR SIGHTS A MITE."

PRECISELY, THEN, HE GIVES A CALL - A HIDEOUS THING TO HEAR. A CALL TO RANG FOR ALL HIS KIN. THEY COME FROM FAR AND NEAR.

THE FIGHT IS LOST, WE HAVE NO CHANCE. AND SOON IT WILL BE OVER. THEIR BATTLE CRY COMES CLEAR AND SHRILL. "DRILL THEM TO THE CORE!"

TO SAVE OUR SKINS (THAT THAT'S LEFT) FROM THESE HIGH-POWERED MAGNETOS, WE LEAVE THE JOINT, BUT FIRST WE LOG "RURAL ACCOUNT MOSQUITOS."

-- THE SCAVENGER

ZHQ, ALASKA'S FIRST CIVILIAN CONTROL TOWER, CELEBRATED 6 MONTHS OF OPERATION AT A KING SALMON DINNER AT THE PALATIAL APARTMENT OF CONTROLLER "JIM" HUMPHRIES ON JUNE 4TH.

A 35 POUND SALMON, BAGGED IN KENAI WATERS BY CONTROLLER "ART" DENTON AND BOB WILLIAMS, WAS DELICIOUSLY PREPARED BY MRS. JAMES A. SLOAN, WIFE OF THE CHIEF CONTROLLER, WHO CELEBRATED HIS (?) BIRTHDAY THAT EVENING.

BRANCH CHIEF "RAY" PETITTE HELD ALL GUESTS SPELLBOUND, RELATING ADVENTURES OF HIS DAYS AS A CAVALRYMAN.

UNFORTUNATELY, CONTROLLER "BOB" JACKSON, RECOVERING FROM A RECENT TONSILLECTOMY, WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND.

NC-18 COMES TO YOKE OBOE FOR A WING TRIM OR CLIPPED WINGS.

IN THE COURSE OF GENERAL ROUTINE, IT IS NECESSARY THAT WHEN NANCY CHARLIE 18 ARRIVES AT YOKE OBOE, A KILLER OF A POKER GAME ENSUE.

WELL, GUYS AND GALS, THE PARTICULAR EVENING THAT WILL ALWAYS REMAIN AS A FOND MEMORY HAPPENED ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO. I FIGURE THAT EVENING IS FAR ENOUGH REMOVED FROM JACK'S AND FUZZ'S MIND THAT IT WILL BE SAFE TO IMPART MY STORY.

TIME FOR THE BIG GAME HAS ARRIVED. ONE CAN SEE THE FIRE IN OUR EYES AND HEAR HEAVY BREATHING CAUSED BY OUR GAMBLING BLOOD. THERE WASN'T A DECK OF CARDS AT PALMER WINEBRENNER'S, SO IT WAS DECIDED THAT ACE-IN-THE-HOLE PASTRO SHOULD BRING OVER A DECK. WITH UNDOE LOSS OF TIME AND ENERGY ACE RETURNED WITH THE CARDS, AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY BE COUNTED. HOWEVER, FOUL DEAL JEFFORD ASSERTED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

AS THE EVENING PROGRESSED, IT COULD CLEARLY BE SEEN THAT FOUL DEAL JACK AND POCKETER FUZZ WERE GAINING NOTHING, BUT TO THE CONTRARY WERE LOSING TO PALMER WINEBRENNER AND ACE-IN-THE-HOLE PASTRO.

FINALLY IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING IT WAS AGREED TO CLOSE SHOP. YUP, JACK AND FUZZ LOST ALL RIGHT.

NEXT DAY: JACK AND FUZZ HAVE LEFT FOR HQ.

PASTRO TOOK HIS CARDS HOME AND WAS PUTTING THEM BACK INTO THE DRAWER WHEN HE DREW BACK IN HORROR AND AMAZEMENT. WHY GOLLY, GEE, OH NED! THERE WERE THREE CARDS FROM THE DECK STILL IN THE DRAWER!! WHA SHUT MA MOUTH.....

SO NO, LADS AND LASSES, BATES HOW NC-18 HAD HER WINGS CLIPPED.

MORAL: DON'T PLAY POKER WITH NOMEITES, USE THEY BE WORSE'N FERMITES.

WANTED - MORE PATIENCE.

A GRADUATE OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL SPEAKS:

A CALL BY RO FOR ARTICLES FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAA PLUS THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ANOTHER CLASS IS COMING OUT OF ROOM 28E CALLS FOR A PLEA IN BEHALF OF THE NEW CLASS OF TRAINEES WHO ARE STEPPING OUT FOR THEIR GRADUATE TRAINING.

ONE OF THE THINGS TAUGHT IN SCHOOL IS THAT THE GOOD OPERATORS ARE NOT THE ONES THE TRAINEE WILL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHEN HE GETS OUT ON THE CIRCUIT, BUT THAT HE MIGHT RUN INTO SOMEONE WHO THINKS HE IS GOOD AND RIGHT THERE IS WHERE HE WILL HAVE TROUBLE. FORTUNATELY, THE OPERATORS ON 302 SEEM TO BE GOOD AND I SUPPOSE THE SAME IS TRUE OF 303, BUT SOMETIMES, WHEN THINGS GANG UP AND SIGNALS ARE NONE TOO GOOD, SOMEONE LOSES PATIENCE WITH THE POOR FELLOW WHO IS GIVING HIM THE BEST HE HAS, WHICH IS NONE TOO GOOD. THE RESULT IS THAT NONE TOO GOOD BECOMES A DAMNED SIGHT WORSE AND PROGRESS STOPS. THE TRAINEE GETS INDIGESTION; THE TRAFFIC GETS LEFT ON THE HOOK AND THE TRAINING PROGRAM GETS THE RIZZBERRY.

A FEW THINGS SHOULD STAY IN THE BACK OF THE MINDS OF ALL THE EXPERIENCED MEN WHEN THEY BEGIN TO BLOW A LITTLE TEMPERATURE. TO BEGIN WITH, IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO BECOME A GOOD OPERATOR. IF IT COULD BE LEARNED IN SIX MONTHS OR EVEN A YEAR, IT WOULD PROVE THAT YOUR JOB IS A PRETTY SIMPLE ONE REPLACEABLE WITH MEDIOCRE MATERIAL AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF INTENSIVE TRAINING.

THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR BEING INDULGENT IS THAT OPERATORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED AND A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY HAS BEEN EXPENT QUALIFYING THESE PEOPLE. THE EDUCATING HAS JUST BEGUN FROM NOW ON THEY GET THEIR EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS AND JUST HOW HARD THEY KNOCK DEPENDS ON THE MAN WHO ALREADY KNOWS HIS BUSINESS.

ALWAYS REMEMBER, REGARDLESS OF HOW HARD IT SEEMS TO GET SOMETHING STRAIGHT, THE TRAINEE IS HAVING A HARDER TIME, AS HE HAS TO FIGHT HIMSELF AS WELL AS YOU.

WELL, THAT'S OFF HIS CHEST. DON'T KNOW IF THE MUKLUK INDULGES IN CONTROVERSIAL MATTER, BUT THERE'S A LITTLE ROOM FOR SOME PRO AND CON.

A QUESTION AND ANSWER COLUMN

NOW THAT WE'RE IN THE SUGGESTIVE MOOD, AN INTERESTING ADDITION TO THE GOOD OLD MUKLUK WOULD BE A QUESTION AND ANSWER COLUMN. MANY TIMES FIELD PERSONNEL ARE QUITE ANXIOUS TO GET INFORMATION ON SOME SUBJECT BUT ARE RELUCTANT TO PUT THE MATTER THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS. SUCH A COLUMN MIGHT PROMOTE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OFFICE AND THE FIELD, AND WOULD CERTAINLY PROVIDE INFORMATION VITALLY INTERESTING TO FIELD PERSONNEL.

WHERE SHOULD WE PUT THAT TRAFFIC FILE?

USING THE MUKLUK FOR OUR OWN BENEFIT, HAS ANY STATION IN THE REGION FOUND THE PERFECT SOLUTION TO THE TRAFFIC FILE PROBLEM? A CONVENIENT YET UNOBTRUSIVE PLACE ON THE OPERATING DESK IN WHICH LOGS, HOS-A'S, ETC., CAN BE KEPT UNTIL THE END OF THE BUSINESS DAY? WE'VE BEEN RACKING OUR BRAIN TRYING TO FIND THE ANSWER. ON THE OPERATING DESK IT'S IN THE WAY. ABOVE THE DESK, INTERFERES WITH THE RECEIVERS. UNDER THE DESK, WATCH OUT FOR THE KNEES. POSSIBLY SOMETHING COULD BE RIGGED ONTO THE TYPEWRITER STAND. THIS STATION WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEM.

FLIGHT OF THE 79K

THE CAC'S FOUNTAIN OF EMOTIONS HAS BUBBLED OVER; AND SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING LAMBIC INANITY. TITLE: "FLIGHT OF THE 79K", OR, "BROTHER, I'VE LIVED!"

GATHER ROUND, YOU BOTTLE BOOSTERS,
YOU S'OURDOUGHS OF FAIRBANKS FAME,
WHO SAY LIFE AIN'T LIKE IT USETER BE.
NO THRILLS, NO FUN, THINGS AIN'T THE SAME.
IN THE HEART OF ALASKA, BY THE RIVER BLUE,
NEATH THE WIDE SPREADING PALMS BY THE CHENA
SLOUGH,
SETS THE SCENE FOR YOUR REDEMPTION OF THINGS
LONG GONE.

DWELL THERE PLANES OF VINTAGE OLOER,
LIVE THERE MEN OF NERVE NO BOLDER,
FREEZES YOUR FACE NO WEATHER COLDER,
GOT A WIFE THERE, WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLDER.
IN THIS VILLAGE OF MEN OF NERVE
WHO FLY PLANES THAT AIN'T GOT VERVE,
THERE RESTED IN RETIREMENT AN OLD KENNER-BIRD;
A JUNK HEAP OF A PLANE LONG AGO INTERRED.

ORVILLE WRIGHT DISCLAIMED HER; BOB REEVES
DISDAINED HER;

INSPECTORS ABORRED HER AND TRIED TO IGNORE HER.
BUT SEELY AND SILVER, THEY UP AND BOUGHT HER.
THEY GOT HER TO RUMININ', GOOD LORD KNOWS HOW.
PROBABLY BY CURSING THE POOR THING DOWN;
LIKE A FAIRBANKS DEBUTANTE, SO OLD AND FADED,
OUTDATED AND JADED, RAGGED AND ILL-FATED.

THEY TOOK ME BY SURPRISE, THE TOWER BUNCH DID.
THEY PLED ME WITH DRINK, AND THUS I WAS LED.
WITH WILD-EYED GLEE THEY SHANGHAIED ME OFF IN
THAT OPEN AIR RAINSHACKLE FLYING COFFIN.
THEY GOT AF THE SOD, LORD DOESN'T KNOW HOW,
WITH CASUALTIES TO NONE EXCEPT A STRAY COW.
BY THE SWEAT OF MY BROW I MADE A VOW
NEVER AGAIN TO DRINK CREME DE CACAO.

THEY GOT ME HOME, THAT TOWER BUNCH,
EVEN MADE IT IN TIME FOR LUNCH.
BELIEVE ME, MEN, IF YOU'RE BORED WITH LIVING,
SEE SEELY AND SILVER. THRILLS THEY'RE GIVING.

ALL CAA PERSONNEL WHO READ THE ABOVE ARE
CAUTIONED TO OPEN THEIR WINDOWS AND STEP OUT-
SIDE FOR A DEEP BREATH.

THE CIVIL ENGINEER

SAFE AND SOUND AND SHELTERED CLOSE, IN LUXURY AND EASE
YOU COUNT IN HOURS THE JOURNEY TWIXT THE EAST AND WESTERN SEAS;
BUT WHEN YOU WIN THE CRATER'S RIM, OR GAZE ACROSS THE PIER,
I WONDER IF YOU EVER THINK OF THE CIVIL ENGINEER?
BEFORE THE STREAMS WERE SPANNED WITH STEEL, BEFORE THE HILLS WERE RIVEN,
BEFORE THAT DAY OF TRIUMPH WHEN THE GOLDEN SPIKE WAS DRIVEN'
AY, LONG BEFORE THE INDIAN WATCHED THE LAYING OF A RAIL,
THE CIVIL ENGINEER WENT FORTH TO BLAZE THE WESTERN TRAIL.

THEY FOUNDERED THROUGH THE DESERT SANDS, THEY SOUGHT THE CANYON'S GLOOM,
THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW THE PEACEFUL STRANDS WHERE WINTER ROSES BLOOM.
THEY CLIMBED THE CRAGS WHERE EAGLES NEST, AND GAVE THEIR BRAIN AND BRAWN
THAT YOU MIGHT SEE THE OCEAN FLUSH BENEATH A WESTERN DAWN.
AND DAY BY DAY THEY STRODE AHEAD, WITH TRANSIT, CHAIN AND ROD,
BY HIGH AMBITION ONWARD LED WHERE NEVER MAN HAD TROD.
NO DANGER COULD THEIR FOOTSTEPS STAY, NOR DEATH THEIR SPIRITS QUAIL,
THOSE VALIANT CIVIL ENGINEERS WHO BLAZED THE WESTERN TRAIL.

THEY FOUGHT THEIR FIGHTS WITH LONELINESS, AND COLD AND THIRST AND HEAT,
AND STREAMS AND STORMS, AND LEFT THEIR FOES BEHIND THEM IN DEFEAT.
THEY DREAMED OF WHISTLES RINGING DOWN THE HIGHWAY OF THE YEARS,
THE CROWNING OF THE LABORS OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERS.
THE PANTHER SNARLED A CHALLENGE, AND THE INDIAN TWANGED HIS BOW;
AND WOLVES, WILD EYED, SURROUNDED THEM WHILE CAMP FIRES DIMINDED LOW;
BUT STILL THEY FOUGHT AND DREAMED AND PLANNED, WHILE DAYS WAXED BRIGHT OR PALE,
AND ONWARD STILL, WITH LEVEL AND ROD, THEY BLAZED THE WESTWARD TRAIL.

AND NOW ABOVE THE PANTHER'S SNARL, ABOVE THE LONE WOLF'S WAIL,
WE HEAR THE SOUND OF RAILS THAT RING BENEATH THE WHIRLING MAIL;
AND WHERE THEIR CAMPFIRES DIMINDED LOW, WE SEE THE HEADLIGHTS GLEAM,
AND WHERE THE INDIAN TWANGED HIS BOW, ALL DAY THE WHISTLES SCREAM.
WE HEAR THE TUMULT OF THE TOWNS WHERE ONCE THE BISON GRAZED;
AND SHINING HIGHWAYS MARK THE PATH THAT DREARY LABOR BLAZED;
THE WORK THEY WROUGHT ENDURES FOR AYE, AND ONWARD THROUGH THE YEARS
GOES ECHOING THE FAME OF THEM - THE CIVIL ENGINEERS!

-- GLEN H. NEITZERT

CONSTRUCTION UNIT

IN LINE WITH THIS STREAMLINED AGE THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT WAS RE-ORGANIZED OVERNIGHT, WITH SPEED THAT WOULD MAKE HITLER ENVIOUS, TO FIND "BUCK" CULVER REMAINING AT THE HELM AS CHIEF; HARRY T. HOPEWELL, ASSISTANT CHIEF; JOHN BROADWELL, DAN SETCHFIELD AND J. A. "MAC" McDONALD AS PROJECT CHIEFS IN CHARGE OF DESIGNATED SITES, MRS. RYAN IS HEAD OF PROCUREMENT AND EXPEDITING.

NEW ARRIVALS TO THE CONSTRUCTION UNIT PERSONNEL ARE THE FOLLOWING: HEARST O. DENNIS, EARL F. FROMME, OSBORNE GREEN, WM. M. MATTOX AND PAUL PORTER.

CONSTRUCTION IS LOSING LOUISE SLUSSER TO ENGINEERING DATA, HER HEARTY LAUGH AND JOVIAL PERSONALITY WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. EARL F. MORRIS IS TRANSFERRING TO OFFICE SERVICE.

CHARLIE GLOVER, GLEN "FUZZ" NEITZERT, MAXLON HARRIS, ADRIAN LOVELL, SAM KELSEY AND JOHN LYNCH ARE BACK IN THE OFFICE PREPARING FOR NEW ASSIGNMENTS.

ILLNESS HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL AMONG CONSTRUCTION UNIT PERSONNEL WITH MRS. RYAN, MRS. GALATH, MARGO CUMMINGS AND RUTH WALSH BEING THE

PERSONNEL

THE BOYS AT MERRILL FIELD ARE DRAWING UP PLANS FOR A SHELTER AT THE BASE OF THE CONTROL TOWER NOW THAT GINNIE AND ROSE MARIE HAVE TAKEN TO THE AIR. NOW THAT SUMMER IS HERE, THEY ARE UPSTAIRS BRIGHT AND EARLY ALMOST DAILY DOING CALISTHENICS WITH THE BOIDS AND BEES.

MRS. SORRY HAS TAKEN OVER THE POSITION FORMERLY HELD BY PAUL NELMS, WHO HAS GONE TO NENANA. MARY GARNER, ANOTHER NEW ADDITION TO PERSONNEL, IS THE PROUD WIFE OF A VERY HANDSOME A/C.

MILLIE LU BELL, ALONG WITH SEVERAL THOUSAND, IS AWAITING TRANSPORTATION IN SEATTLE, AND GEORGE J. PERINA IS STILL IN O. C. HAVING HIMSELF SOME GOOD OLD WASHINGTON SUNSHINE.

VICTIMS DURING THE PAST MONTH.

CHEECHAKO KEN KELLNER, PREPARING TO GO TO FAREWELL LAKE, WAS ASKED IF HE WAS PREPARED FOR THE MOSQUITOES. OF COURSE HE ANSWERED "YES". BUT WHY DID HE SEND A DISPATCH TWO DAYS LATER ASKING FOR TWO HEAD NETS AND THREE BOTTLES OF STAY-AWAY FOR PERSONAL USE.....ASSAPT?

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL OF THE COMMUNICATION STATION AT KEQF EXTEND TO THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH AND TO ALL ITS READERS OUR GREETINGS LOOT.....

IRA W. (MATTY) MATTESSON, CAC; NORMAN F. ROBERTSON, ADC; JAMES (JIM) BAYER, AL (LUKE) LUCAS, HELEN WILSON, PAUL WILSON, PHIL JOHNSON, JOHN THOMAS, AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS; AND OUR ESTEEMED CREW, REX MARCHANT.

THE BACHELORS' MESS WISH TO CONTRIBUTE A KITCHEN TESTED RECIPE TO YOUR "HELPFUL HINTS" COLUMN. IT IS FOR A GOOD EATING CAKE, AND IF THE REST OF THE BOYS GO FOR 'EM, AS THEY DO HERE, IT SHOULD BE WELCOME. IF YOU LIKE IT WE HAVE ANOTHER AND FANGIER ONE WITH PANS AND N' EVERYTHING.

"EASY SPICE CAKE"

BOIL TOGETHER FOR THREE MINUTES THE FOLLOWING INGREDIENTS: 1/2 CUP LARD OR BERT BUTTER, 1 CUP SUGAR, 1 CUP WATER, 1 CUP WHEAT MEAL AND 1 TEASPOON EACH OF CINNAMON, ALLSPICE, SALT. LET THIS COOL AND ADD GRADUALLY 2 CUPS FLOUR SIFTED WITH 1 TEASPOON BAKING POWDER. ADD HALF OF THE FLOUR AND STIR AROUND AND ROUND UNTIL ABSORBED, THEN ADD THE REST OF THE FLOUR SHOULD PREVENT THE FLOUR FROM LUMPING. STIR UNTIL SMOOTH AND THEN ADD 1 TEASPOON VANILLA AND 1 TEASPOON SODA DISSOLVED IN A LITTLE HOT WATER. MIX AND POUR INTO A GREASED FLAT PAN OR A LOAF PAN AND BAKE IN A 350 DEGREE OVEN FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES. A LOAF WILL TAKE A LITTLE LONGER THAN A FLAT PAN.

AND A HINT TO YOU FELLERS FOR TESTING A CAKE. IF IT IS STARTING TO PULL AWAY FROM THE EDGES OF THE PAN IT IS DONE. YOU CAN ALSO TELL BY INSERTING A TOOTH PICK THROUGH THE TOP OF THE CAKE IT SHOULD COME OUT DRY IF THE CAKE IS DONE. AND STILL ANOTHER WAY IS TO PRESS GENTLY ON THE TOP OF THE CAKE WITH YOUR FINGER; ON LIFTING YOUR FINGER THE DENT SHOULD RAISE UP AGAIN. IF YOU BAKE A CAKE TOO LONG IT WILL BE TOO DRY; IF NOT LONG ENOUGH IT WILL BE SOGGY AND WILL FALL IN THE PAN AFTER IT IS TAKEN FROM THE OVEN.

NOTE: THE AFOREMENTIONED CAKE IS REALLY FOOT PROOF. IT MUST BE, BECAUSE NEARLY ALWAYS AFTER THE CAKE HAS BEEN IN THE OVEN A WHILE SOME OF (OPERATOR) DECIDES HE WANTS SOME STEAK AND EGGS AND TURNS UP THE STOVE. THEN SOMEONE YELLS "HEY! THERE'S A CAKE IN THE OVEN!!" SO EARLY IT WAS WITHSTOOD ALL SUCH SABOTAGE.

THE ABOVE RECIPE WAS SUBMITTED BY OUR CCBW (CHIEF COOK-N-BOTTLE WASHER) PHIL JOHNSON, WHO SOMETIMES WANTS PIE OR CAKE IN THE OVEN AT ALL TIMES. SO IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING COMING THIS WAY, DON'T HAVE ANY QUILMS BECAUSE YOU CAN ACTUALLY EAT THE STUFF. IT IS PRETTY NICE TO COME HOME TO A GOOD PIE AFTER A STRENUOUS WATCH???

IF ANY OF YOU FELLOWS SHOULD BE PASSING THROUGH THESE PARTS, STOP IN OR GIVE US A BUZZ. IT REALLY ISN'T SO BAD AROUND HERE AS YOU HAVE PROBABLY HEARD, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE A FEW STRAY

FOR DAYS HE HAD A WORRIED LOOK IN HIS EYES - HE NUBLED OVER REAL ESTATE NOTICES - HE FLIT EVERYWHERE WITH HIS HEAD IN THE CLOUDS. WHO? CH. IT WAS ARLIN LOOKING FRANTICALLY FOR A PLACE TO LIVE WHY? THE ANSWER WAS FOUND IN THIS SMALL ARTICLE IN THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH.

SOCIETY NOTICE: MRS. NORMAN T. ARLIN HAS JUST ARRIVED TO JOIN HER HUSBAND, A CAA EMPLOYEE IN RADIO ESTABLISHMENT UNIT.

NOTHING STATIC ABOUT THIS WAR; NOTHING STATIC ABOUT THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE WAR, CAA MOVES AROUND. SIGNALS BRANCH MOVERS ARE: FERDINAND HIRSCH FROM IQ TO HQ; JOHN LINTHICUM FROM HQ TO WJ; ROY DEFENSEBACH TO HQ; ROSS CRONE FROM OUTSIDE TO KG, TEMPORARILY; VERNON HUFFMAN FROM VN TO HQ; REGINALD BARDEN FROM SA TO HQ; HAROLD HEIDER TO FX.

NEW OFFICE HELPERS ARE MARGARET TRIMMER FROM OUTSIDE AND BARBARA FALK FROM PALMER. WELCOME TO THE FOLD, SHEEP. HOPE YOU LIKE OUR WAY.

STEPPING FROM ENGINEERING TO SIGNALS BRANCH IS RANDY CARTER, WHO WAS TRANSFERRED FROM AIRWAYS ENGINEERING FOR SECTION 90.

CAA'S GLOBE TROTTERS NOW IN ANCHORAGE AS "JOHNNY FIRTS" HAVE TROTTED A LONG WAY TO GET HERE. ANY YOU LADS OR GALS WISHING TO GATHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FLORA OR FAUNA OF FAR PLACES MAY CONTACT:

- JOHN LEWIS OR JACK REICH, WHO CAME FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC; OR
- DAI EY PETERSON, G. L. CORNWELL, OR B. L. HACKENBERGER, WHO ARRIVED FROM GREENLAND; OR
- REEDAL OGILVIE OR C. A. STEVENS, WHO CAME TO ALASKA FROM NEWFOUNDLAND; OR
- L. W. CLAYTON, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SECTION. HE CAME TO US FROM THE THIRD REGION.

CHARACTERS TAKE A LUCAS FOR INSTANCE. YOU CAN DROP INTO THE CONTROL SHACK MOST ANY DAY AND CATCH HIM WAVING AT SOME IMAGINARY GIRL HE CLAIMS IS STROLLING PAST THE STATION. (MAYBE THERE IS; MAYBE I'M CRAZY.) YOU COULD PROBABLY FIND A FEW MORE AROUND HERE WORTH MENTIONING, BUT FROM THE WAY DEAR OLD KG IS HANDLED BY THE REST OF THE CIRCUIT, MAYBE THERE ISN'T ANYONE WORTH MENTIONING. "MATTY" MATTESSON IS STILL OIC HERE, BUT WE ARE ALL OF THE OPINION THAT HIS GOOD DOG "BUSTER" IS REALLY THE REIGNING POWER.

WELL, THIS AUTOCRATIC SOUTHERN STATION IS DOING ITS DARNDDEST TO DISH UP A LITTLE DIRT, BUT WE ARE RUNNING LOW. EXPECT WE WILL HAVE TO GO TO TOWN AND BRING BACK A LOAD OF LOCAL GOSSIP. WE'VE LOST ONE OF OUR BEST GOSSIP GATHERERS JUST A SHORT TIME AGO.

ALL OF US HERE THINK THE "MUKLUK" IS FINE, AND HOPE THAT EACH STATION WILL COME THRU WITH AT LEAST A FEW WORDS, TO MAKE IT THE BEST DANGED NEWSPAPER IN THE TERRITORY.



CHANGING THE WATCH FX

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THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT MODIFIERS.

ASK TO SEE THE BATHROOM MURAL IN NUMBER SEVEN WHEN YOU NEXT HAVE THE MISFORTUNE TO HIT THE SHACK TOWN OF THE SEVARD PENINSULA.

"FIREBUG" LOWREY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "ANSON AL", AND "WILLIE THE WINE" WINEBRENNER HAVE JUST OPENED UP THEIR JOT-EM-DOWN STORE. THE FOLLOWING WAS OVERHEARD:

"HEY, BILL, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT CASE OF TWENTY FOUR TWO CRUSHED PINEAPPLE FOR GEORGE KAY?"

"THREE HUNDRED NINETY SIX CANS OF BEANS, SNAP, GR. B. - WHAT IN ---- DOES GR. B. MEAN?"

"WONDER HOW MILLER LIKED THAT 50 POUNDS OF DEEF, S & B, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS 'SIDE AND DACK' AND WAS REALLY 'STEWING AND BOILING'."

"HAW HAW - AND THOSE GUYS THAT BOUGHT THAT 50 POUND OF BURNED 'TROPICAL' BUTTER ONLY TO FIND THAT IT TAKES A BLOW TORCH TO MELT IT."

"WHY DO YOU WANT TO ORDER TWENTY FOUR CANS OF CONDENSED LEMON JUICE OUGHT TO BE SHOT."

"WHEN, LET'S KNOCK OFF THIS OLD STUFF AND GET BACK TO OUR GOLD MINE."

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NOTAM SILLI: JAMES ARE PUSHOVERS FOR GAY CABALLEROS. CABALLEROS ARE ATHLETES IN SPAIN. ATHLETES IN SPAIN THROW THE BULL FOR DIVERSION. THEREFORE JAMES ARE PUSHOVERS FOR BULL-THROWERS

SNYDER

THIS MONTH'S NUT STORY CONCERNS TWO LUNATICS WHO WERE PLAYING A 'LITTLE GAME'.

"WHAT HAVE I GOT HERE?" ASKED ONE WITH HIS HANDS CUPPED.

"THREE NAVY PATROL BOMBERS," WAS THE ANSWER. THE FIRST LOOKED CAREFULLY INTO HIS CACHE.

"NOPE," HE SAID.

"THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING?"

"NO."

"THE PHILADELPHIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA?" THE OTHER LOOKED INTO HIS HANDS AGAIN, AND SAID SLYLY, "WHO'S CONDUCTING?"

ANCHORS AWEIGH! CELESTE "SALLIE" ANDERSON, LATE OF SECTION 54, AND ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE GANG IN ROOM 215, HAS LEFT US TO WORK FOR THE NAVY IN KODIAK. FROM ALL REPORTS RECEIVED SINCE HER DEPARTURE MAY 15TH, SHE IS GETTING ALONG NICELY ON THE NEW JOB AND LIKES IT VERY MUCH. WE WERE SORRY TO SEE SALLIE GO, BUT WE WISH HER LOTS OF LUCK ON THE NEW VENTURE.

POUNDS AWAY! SINCE THE WEIGHT SITUATION WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO YOU, THE WAVERING NEEDLE ON THE SCALES IN ROOM 215 HAS VIBRATED SOME 250 TIMES AS HOPEFUL MAIDENS (AND A FEW LADS) HAVE COME IN TO TRIUMPH AND GONE OUT TO MOURN. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PEOPLE GAIN WEIGHT IN ALASKA, AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT VERY FEW OF THEM LIKE IT, SO, HUMAN NATURE BEING WHAT IT IS, INTEREST IN THE "MOURNERS' CORNER" WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FLOURISH UNLESS TED.

LOHENGRIIN REVIVED! THE YEAR-OLD ECHO OF WEDDING BELLS RING OUT SATURDAY NIGHT FOR JANE AND STEVE HAWLING AS THEY CELEBRATED, WITH THE HELP OF A LARGE GROUP OF FRIENDS, THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR FIRST YEAR OF MARRIED LIFE. CAA GUESTS WERE MILDRED HACKETT, ARLENE DECKER, RUBY GREEN AND GNELL SAUNDERS. FROM ALL REPORTS, THE PARTY WAS A SUPER AFFAIR, AND A FITTING CELEBRATION AT THE END OF A VERY HAPPY YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS, JANIE AND STEVE!

CHECK PRINT FROM 71

THE DRAFTING ROOM'S DONE IT AGAIN! THEY'RE EXPECTING TWO NEW ADDITIONS - MRS. VIOLET JENNINGS AND MRS. GILBRETT.

LAST MONTH WE MENTIONED THAT THE OFFICE FORCE WAS EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE. BY NEXT MONTH THE GIRLS WILL BE IN THE MAJORITY, WHAT WITH HANS RHIGOR AND LOREN ANDERSON ENTERING THE "ARMED FORCES IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

THE GIRLS HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO CLAMOR FOR MORE MEN. WE'RE AFRAID THAT IT SOON WILL BE "ERNIE MESCHENFELDER" AND HIS "ALL GIRL DRAFTING ROOM".

A SHORT WHILE AGO DICK DATE WAS PASSING CHOCOLATE AROUND WITH THE ACCOMPANYING CARD SIGNED "FROM AN ARDENT ADMIRER"....?

IT IS SUGGESTED AT THIS CONVENIENT TIME THAT ALL THOSE CANDY-EATERS FROM CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING, AND SIGNALS BUY THE CANDY THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISING ALICE FOR SO LONG. YOU KNOW, BOYS, ALICE MAY BE LEAVING THE THIRTIETH OF THIS MONTH! (BUT THE REST OF THE GIRLS LIKE CANDY, TOO.)

SMART MAN: HE'S THE ONE WHO HASN'T LET A WOMAN PIN ANYTHING ON HIM SINCE HE WAS A BABY.

FRANK TURNER PAID US A VISIT IN APRIL. AT THAT TIME WE WERE STILL EATING OUR DRINKING WATER WITH A FORK. FRANK'S LOVE FOR THE LAKE IS ALMOST SENTIMENTAL. AMONG OTHER BENEFITS HE ACQUIRED A NEW DOG STORY WHICH HE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO RELATE TO ANYONE FOR THE ASKING.

JOHN PIKE CAST HIS HOOK INTO THE COOL WATERS OF THE LAKE IN MAY AND HOOKED THREE PIKE. THE FISH DENIED ANY RELATIONSHIP AND ASSERTED THAT ANY RESEMBLANCE IS PURELY ACCIDENTAL.

KURT HALL (THE BOY THAT IS PROUD TO BE FROM NORTH DAKOTA) HAS A FINE RECIPE FOR ARMOR PIERCING MUFFINS. HOWEVER, THE EXACT FORMULA IS A MILITARY SECRET.

THE BOB SPALDING FAMILY RETURNED BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER. BOB, OSTENSIBLY TO SUPPLY PURE WATER FOR THE BABY, HAS RIGGED UP A BIG STILL. THE CONSUMMATE SKILL WHICH BOB DISPLAYED IN FABRICATING THIS ITEM INDICATED CONSIDERABLE PRACTICE IN THE ART. TO US BOB'S PAST IS A CLOSED BOOK. WE WONDER IF THIS MIGHT BE THE INDEX. AT ANY RATE THERE SHOULD BE NO DEARTH OF PANTHER SYRUP ON THIS LAKE.

AT LONG LAST H. C. ANDERSON HAS CONSENTED TO RELEASE HIS FAMOUS FORMULA FOR CONVERTING ORDINARY WHITE SHIRTS TO SPORT SHIRTS. HERE'S THE METHOD AS MR. ANDERSON DEMONSTRATES IT: FIRST WASH A DOZEN PAIR OF WOOL SOCKS WITH RED, GREEN AND BLUE TOPS. WHILE STILL WET THROW THESE IN A TUB, MAKING SURE THAT COLORED PARTS ARE UP. WASH TWO OR THREE WHITE SHIRTS; THROW ON TOP OF SOCKS. WASH ANOTHER DOZEN COLORED SOCKS AND THROW ON TOP OF WHITE SHIRTS. WEIGH THESE DOWN WITH ALL THE WET CLOTHES YOU CAN FIND AND LET THIS MESS SET FOR A DAY OR TWO. WHEN YOU HANG UP YOUR SHIRTS, YOU WILL BE AMAZED.

TO THE LADIES WHO HAVE WRITTEN OUR CULINARY DEPARTMENT ASKING WHY JEFFORD DOESN'T SIFT HIS BAKING POWDER WITH THE FLOUR WHEN HE MAKES HIS JACK FLAPS WE CAN ONLY COUNTER WITH A QUESTION: "HOW COULD YOU GET THREE TEASPOONS OF ANYTHING INTO A CAA SIFTER?"

JIM HURST CAME IN FROM HOW QUEEN. HE BROUGHT A SACK OF DIGESTED HAY.

WHEN A FORMER HAM FROM HQ TOLD ERNIE HURD "CUL" ERNIE WONDERED WHAT MIGHT BE A NASTY ALLUSION TO HIS OPERATING ABILITY.

WILL SOMEONE PLEASE TRANSLATE THE FOLLOWING: HAO WAO WA, TOJO AND THEN THREE WHISTLES. WE GET THIS FROM THE JAP AT KGEI AND IT'S GETTING ON OUR NERVE.

H. C. ANDERSON'S DELIGHTFUL RECIPE ENTITLED "ICE BOX SHEEP" OR "DINGING-UP A MEAL" MAY BE HAD ON REQUEST.

IMA SUCKER (A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE MAY ISSUE) SHOULD BE ON THIS LAKE. THE FISH TASTE LIKE MUD BUT FIFTY CENTS WORTH OF TACKLE WILL HOOK THEM AT THE RATE OF ONE PER MINUTE.