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TELEGRAPH

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MERRILL FIELD
BREAKFAST CLUB MEETS

THE MERRILL FIELD BREAKFAST CLUB HELD ITS SECOND MEETING AT SIX THIRTY AM MAY ELEVENTH AT THE ANCHORAGE GRILL.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CLUB, HELD TWO WEEKS AGO, BROUGHT OUT FOURTEEN MERRILL FIELDERS, AND THE GROWING POPULARITY OF THE CLUB IS ATTESTED BY A TURNOUT OF THIRTY EARLY RISERS AT THE SECOND MEETING.

MR. C. E. PLANCK, CHIEF OF THE PRESS SECTION OF THE CAA INFORMATION AND STATISTICS SERVICE, ADDRESSED THE GROUP. MR. PLANCK'S BRIEF TALK WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY ALL HANDS. TOUCHING ON POST WAR AVIATION IN THE TERRITORY, MR. PLANCK ALSO HAD NEWS OF THE SUCCESS OF OUR RECENT ACCOM RECRUITMENT PROGRAM. STATING HE HAD ATTENDED TUESDAY MORNING CLUBS THAT MET ON THURSDAY AND NINE O'CLOCK BREAKFAST CLUBS, HE STILL FELT THAT BEING THIS MANY PEOPLE AT A BREAKFAST MEETING AT 6:30 AM IS THE DARDEST THING I EVER SAW. MR. PLANCK ALSO HAD SOME INTERESTING VIEWS ON RIDING PACKING BOXES ON CAA PLANES DURING HIS NUMEROUS TRIPS ABOUT THE TERRITORY. PROVING OF A VERY VERSATILE NATURE, MR. PLANCK ALSO HAD SIDELIGHTS ON A CHINESE HOUSEBOY, PARATROOPERS, POST-WAR FAMILY AIRPLANES AND A COLOSSAL ALASKAN PILOT BRIEFING ROOM.

JIM HURST OF THE "HAPPY ACTION TRACTION AIR SERVICE" ALSO GAVE A BRIEF TALK (ABOUT FIVE WORDS) BUT PROMISED TO BE ON THE SCENE WITH SOMETHING OF A MORE LENGTHY NATURE NEXT TIME.

HERB ENBERG AND DIXIE HAINES WILL HAVE PLANS FORMED FOR A CLUB FISHING TRIP FOR THE NEXT MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR THE PRESTO CAFE, MAY 25TH AT 6:30 AM.

THOSE PRESENT WERE W. T. ERNET, A. E. MOORHEAD, MRS. E. N. BERATO, ED JARVI, MRS. F. THOMPSON, MRS. E. HUFFMAN, BILL BARBER, C. D. DUNFORD, DASH DAHL, G. CUTLER, R.H. FINEGOLO, DOT KOEGLER, JORDYH REVELL, GEORGE HOLLINGSWORTH, LEON KAPLAN, JEAN JOHNSON, VIRGIL LAMB, T. G. SYSTEOT, CLIFF ANDERSON, D. WARD, S. H. KIDGILL, HERB ENBERG, W. HANSON, MISS EDNA THOMPSON, MR. AND MRS. JIMMIE HAINES, R. RICHARDS, MRS. AND MRS. JIM HURST AND SPEAKER OF THE DAY C. E. PLANCK.

CEMOTS

KCAA V CEMO TNY K. OKAY. HERE GOES. THERE SEEMS TO BE A WIDE MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE RADIO TELEGRAPH CIRCUITS REGARDING THE CORRECT USAGE OF THE PROSIGN TNY AND IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE TO ENDEAVOR TO CLARIFY EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS. THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM BASIC FIELD MANUAL FM 24-10, PARAGRAPH 37:

TNY "INTERROGATORY". A. TNY, PRECEDING PROSIGNS AND OPERATING SIGNALS, INDICATES THE MATTER TO FOLLOW IS IN THE FORM OF A QUESTION. FOR EXAMPLE, KEDW, REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM KODW TO TRANSMIT, SENDS: KODW V KEDW TNY K. KEDW, WISHING TO ASCERTAIN IF HIS SIGNAL ARE READABLE AT KODW, SENDS: KODW V KEDW TNY QRK, ETC.

B. TNY, PRECEDING A PORTION OF A PREVIOUS TRANSMISSION, MEANS: "IS MY RECEPTION OF THIS CORRECT?" FOR EXAMPLE KODW HAVING RECEIVED A DATE TIME GROUP IN A DISPATCH FROM KEDW BUT NOT BEING SURE THAT HE RECEIVED IT CORRECTLY WOULD TRANSMIT: KEDW V KODW TNY 101005 K. IF THIS WAS CORRECT AS SENT, KEDW WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE BY SENDING "O", WHICH MEANS, "YOU ARE CORRECT".

IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT TNY DOES NOT MEAN "REPEAT" AND SHOULD NOT BE USED TO REQUEST A REPEAT OF ANY PART OF A MISSED TRANSMISSION.

THE PROSIGN TNY IS PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE AND ALL REQUESTS FOR REPEATS OF A GROUP OR AN ENTIRE TRANSMISSION SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY TNY. FOR EXAMPLE: TNY OR K; TNY AS PLANE; K TNY AA PLANE; HAVING MISSED THE ENTIRE TRANSMISSION, SIMPLY TNY.

IF ALL HANDS FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUCH DELAY AND CONFUSION NOW EXISTING DUE TO REQUESTS FOR REPEATS AND VERIFICATIONS SHOULD DISAPPEAR. NEW PERSONNEL ARE TAUGHT THE "BOOK" AND VARIATIONS FROM STANDARD PROCEDURE ARE NOT TO THROW THEM FOR A LOSS. THEREFORE, SINCE THERE IS A "RIGHT" WAY LETS ALL FOLLOW IT TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR ALL CONCERNED. TNY R.

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"FUNDAMENTAL" IMPRESSIONS OF ALASKA

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THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE IMPRESSIONS I HAVE RECEIVED SINCE COMING TO ALASKA THE MIDDLE OF 1947 HAVE BEEN OBTAINED WHILE RIDING ON THE CANADIAN LINE, SOMETIMES CALLED THE JEFFHURST AIRLINE, AND SOMETIMES CALLED THE HAPPY ACTION AIRLINE SECTION.

THESE IMPRESSIONS WERE GAINED, HOWEVER, WHILE SITTING ON SHARP-CORNERED PACKING BOXES, ON THE DE-HANDLED TRACTOR CLEATS, AND IT IS THE POINT TO DESCRIBE THEM, AND STILL MORE IMPORTANT TO ILLUSTRATE THEM. THEY WILL REMAIN WITH ME, LONGER, FOR A LONG TIME, LONGER THAN I HAVE AGAIN BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THE SOFT CUSHIONED CHAIRS OF THE EFFETE EAST.

THERE IS NO WAY TO SEE ALASKA COMPARABLE TO THE CANADIAN AIRLINE. IN MY EXPERIENCE, THERE IS NO MORE FRIENDLY OR CONGENIAL AIRLINE. ENTIRELY WITHOUT THE RATHER ARTIFICIAL PRETENSE OF THE HOSTESS, THE CANADIAN AIRLINE TRAVELER IS MADE TO FEEL WELCOME AND AT HOME. THERE IS A FEELING THAT YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE OPERATION OF THE AIRLINE. PARTICULARLY IN THE FREIGHTING SECTION, THIS FEELING BECOMES VERY NOTICEABLE AND CONCRETE. WHILE YOU ARE STANDING ASIDE AND WATCHING IN WONDER AT A PILOT AND A CO-PILOT MOVING DIESEL ENGINES, GENERATORS, TRANSMITTERS, SIDES OF BEEF, LITTLE AIRPLANES AND MISCELLANEOUS FREIGHT INTO THE BIG AIRLINERS, YOU SUDDENLY FIND YOURSELF LEANING HEAVILY AGAINST A PIECE OF FREIGHT HARD TO SUOGE.

YOU HARDLY KNOW HOW IT COMES ABOUT. IT IS WONDROUS STRANGE TO SEE PILOTS WORKING LIKE STEVEDORES. TO SEE PASSENGERS DOING THE SAME IS REMARKABLE. AND TO FIND YOURSELF DOING IT IS AMAZING. I FOUND MYSELF LIKING IT, WHICH IS A TRIFLE HALF-WITTED. THAT COMES UNDER THE HEADING OF WORK.

WASHINGTON CAN PEOPLE--MOST OF THEM--CERTAINLY HAVE LITTLE CONCEPTION OF THE WORK DONE BY AND WITH AIRPLANES IN ALASKA. VISITORS HERE COME BACK AND REPORT THAT "THE AIRPLANE IS THE BEST MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION IN ALASKA," AND EVERYBODY SAYS, "YEAH? THAT'S WONDERFUL." BUT THE BARE AND REVEALING DETAILS HAVE NEVER BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED DOWN THERE. THEY WILL BE, AND SOON.

INCIDENTALLY, FIGURES GATHERED BY DOROTHY REVELL, WHO DOES A BIT OF AIRLINE OPERATION

BETWEEN HER EDITING JOBS, SHOW THAT IN THE 803 HOURS WHICH THE NC14 HAS BEEN FLOWN BY THE CAA, IT HAS EARNED AN AVERAGE OF JUST AN HOUR, AT CURRENT ALASKAN FREIGHT RATES. THE BOEING, IN ITS 1350 HOURS, HAS AVERAGED \$215 AN HOUR. THAT IS GOOD BUSINESS, ENTIRELY ASIDE FROM THE WELCOME JOBS THESE SHIPS DO IN KEEPING REMOTE CAA STATIONS CONNECTED WITH HEADQUARTERS THROUGH TRANSPORTATION OF BABY FOOD, KLEENEX, SOAP AND SAUSAGES.

THE BOEING IS AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE. I WAS PUBLICITY DIRECTOR FOR PENNSYLVANIA CENTRAL AIRLINES WHEN UNITED DECIDED TO SELL PCA SOME OF ITS SECOND-HAND AIRPLANES. THEY WERE NEW AND THRILLING AIRLINERS TO US IN THAT DAY, EVEN IF THEY WERE SECOND HAND, AND WE SPLASHED THE NEWS ALL OVER ALL THE PAPERS. THEN THE BOEING BECAME THIRD HAND AND FOURTH HAND, AND NOW IT IS IN ITS ADVANCED YEARS, AND DOING MORE ACTUAL WORK THAN IT EVER DID BEFORE. VERILY, ALASKA IS THE PLACE WHERE AIRPLANES CAN GROW OLD PROFITABLY.

AS A SOUTHERNER, ACCUSTOMED TO A GENUINE KIND OF HOSPITALITY, I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE CAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SO HOSPITABLE TO ME IN MY GADGING ABOUT THE TERRITORY. I KNOW WE SMILE ABOUT THE PHRASE, "ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY", BUT I HAVE ACTUALLY MET THE FAMILY. THERE WASN'T BEEN A SPOT AT WHICH I DIDN'T FEEL THAT I WAS PARTICULARLY WELCOME, AND ALL THE TIME, I WAS JUST ANOTHER OF THE VISITING FIREMEN, TO BE ENJOINED BRIEFLY AND PASSED ON. NO TOURIST NOW OR IN THE FUTURE CAN GET THIS KIND OF TREATMENT IN ALASKA, BECAUSE THE CAN CAN HARDLY BECOME THE HOST TO THE THOUSANDS WHO SOMEDAY WILL FLY UP HERE IN THEIR OWN PLANES.

AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE REACTION THAT GREETED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MAN AND WIFE JOBS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CAA IN ALASKA. IT HAPPENED THIS WAY: MR. PLETT WAS IN WASHINGTON AND A PERSISTENT GIRL REPORTER FROM THE UNITED PRESS WAS PESTERING OUR OFFICE FOR NEWS. I TOOK HER TO SEE MR. PLETT, AND HE, NOT BEING USED TO EASY GIRLS, TOLD ALL. HE GAVE HER THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CAA AND ITS JOB HERE, IT IMPORTANCE TO THE WAR EFFORT AND ALL THAT, AND THEN, WASHING

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HELEN McCABE IS NOW A PART OF MAINTENANCE UNIT. EVEN THOUGH SHE HASN'T HAD A SICK DAY SINCE SHE ARRIVED IN ANCHORAGE, SHE SPENT HER FIRST WEEK HERE AT THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF THE HOUSING SHORTAGE. SHE IS NOW A CAA APARTMENT-DWELLER.

JOHNNY ROBINSON OF THE SHOP CAME OUT WINNER OF THE \$60 ICE POOL. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING LUCKY ABOUT THIS NAME "ROBINSON", AS WE UNDERSTAND ARLEY ROBINSON OF 55 WON THE \$300 POOL.

MR. LIVINGSTON IS STILL DOWN IN THE STATES WORKING ON HIS RECRUITMENT PROGRAM, AND 95 IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME NEW PERSONNEL SOON. SO FAR THE INFLUX HASN'T BEEN EXACTLY OVERWHELMING.

ANN BRENNAN IS THINKING SERIOUSLY OF HAVING A "HAT SALE". SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN SHE LEFT NEW YORK THAT ANCHORAGE GIRLS SHUN HATS LIKE POISON.

ONCE UPON A TIME OUT IN "55", THERE WAS A YOUNG LADY NAMED JOAN. NOW JOAN TOOK IT INTO HER HEAD TO SEEK EXCITEMENT AND ADVENTURE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND BOARDED A PLANE.

THE FAITHFUL, OLD "55-ERS" WISHED THEIR FAIR JOAN A BON VOYAGE AND WAVED HER AWAY.

LITTLE JOAN DESCENDED IN SEATTLE AS HAD BEEN PREDICTED, AND MADE THE PROVERBIAL PHONE CALL.

"WHERE ARE YOU GOING, JOAN?" HER AUNT QUESTIONED.

"TO SEE MY BROTHER WHO'S STATIONED AT BEND."

"TUCK YOUR RATION POINTS UNDER YOUR ARM AND COME DOWN HERE", SHE SAID.

THERE ARE WITCHES AND GOBLINS AND GREMLINS THAT GUIDE PEOPLE'S DESTINY, AND AS JOAN WENDED HER WAY INTO THE STATE OF WASHINGTON SHE SOON FORGOT HER BELOVED ANCHORAGE AND THOSE SHE LEFT BEHIND HER.

NOW ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END-- INCLUDING JOAN'S VACATION -- BUT IF YOU'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN THE GRUESOME, HORROR-FILLED DETAILS WE REFER YOU TO "THE ADVENTURES OF JOAN" (WITH COLORED ILLUSTRATIONS FOR THE KIDDIES) PUBLISHED BY I. WANNA HIDE, INC.

"99" HAS A NEWCOMER FRESH IN FROM THE STATES BY THE NAME OF OSCAR RASMUSSEN. OSCAR IS A TEXAN FROM WAY BACK, BUT HAS ALREADY TAKEN UP THE ALASKAN HABIT BY GOING TO KODIAK. DICK STRYKER LIKES THE JERNY SO WELL, IT'S HARD TO SAY WHEN EITHER WILL BE BACK.

BRUCE, OH BRUCE, WHY DID YOU DO IT? ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL CURLY LOCKS! PUBLIC OPINION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT THERE IS NOTHING QUITE LIKE A HOME-MADE G. I. HAIRCUT.

GREETINGS TO EVERYONE FROM ZEBRA ZEBRA, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS YAKATAGA. ASIDE FROM BEING RATHER ISOLATED, THIS PLACE IS ONE OF THE LOVELIEST SPOTS THIS WRITER HAS HAD THE PLEASURE OF SEEING. SINCE ARRIVING IN ALASKA A YEAR AGO, THE MOUNTAINS, THE OCEAN AND THE TREES MAKE THIS ONE OF THE BEAUTY PLACES OF THE TERRITORY. THIS PLACE IS MORE LIKE THE ALASKA WE READ ABOUT YEARS BEFORE, BEFORE WE CAME UP. WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVED HERE, TWO AND A HALF MONTHS AGO, THERE WERE ONLY THREE COMMUNICATORS AT THE STATION, INCLUDING OURSELVES. THOMAS AND BROWNE LEFT THE DAY WE ARRIVED, TO GO BACK TO UNCLE SUGAR. THANKS TO THE RECENT ARRIVAL, HOWEVER, OF THE NEW COMMUNICATORS, ROBERT AND DOROTHY HALBASCH AND BABY GIRL AND JOHN AND MARY DIGBY AND BABY GIRL, THINGS ARE LOOKING BRIGHTER HERE NOW, AND THE STATION IS BEGINNING TO LOOK MORE LIKE A SMALL COMMUNITY RATHER THAN AN ISOLATED SPOT IN THE WILDERNESS. IT LOOKS AT THE PRESENT WRITING THAT THESE FOLKS WILL MAKE A MIGHTY FINE BLANCH OF COMMUNICATORS, AND WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO WELCOME THEM INTO OUR MIDST. JOHN TAYLOR IS LEAVING TODAY FOR HIS NEW STATION AT GULKA. BEST OF LUCK TO YOU, JOHN, AND DON'T TAKE ALL WOODEN NICKELS.

GREETINGS ALSO TO OUR NEIGHBORS AT KING ABLE, FOR THEIR COOPERATIVE SPIRIT IN HANDLING OUR RELAY TRAFFIC AND IN SEEING THAT OUR SUPPLIES ARRIVE HERE WITHOUT UNDE DELAY, AND THANKS FOR THE TROUBLE THEY GO TO, TO GET THEM. ALSO THANKS FOR THEIR GREETINGS IN LAST MONTH'S MUKLUK, AND WE WISH TO ADVISE THAT AS YET WE HAVE SEEN NO BROWN OR BLACK BEARS. HOWEVER, WE WILL KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT FOR THEM, AS WE ARE EXPECTING THEM AROUND ANY DAY NOW. IF WE SEE ANY, WE WILL KEEP THEM ADVISED --HA HA!

WE WISH TO EXTEND OUR THANKS ALSO TO JIM HURST AND JACK JEFFORD FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN GETTING OUR SUPPLIES AND ORDERS IN TO US WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN NEEDED IN THE PAST. GREETINGS ALSO TO THE SUMMIT STATION PERSONNEL, AND WE ARE GLAD TO HEAR YOU ON THE CIRCUIT EVER SO OFTEN.

BROADCAST OF WEATHER OVERHEARD RECENTLY FROM A NEARBY STATION: SKY A 9LE, WEATHER I TARE, TEMPERATURE 0 08DE, DEW POINT DIFFERENCE L LOVE, REMARKS C CHARLIE D DOG." PILOT BREAKING IN: "WHERE CAN I FIND CHARLIE THE DOG? I WANT THE REMARKS VERY BADLY."

WITH THIS SILLY BUSINESS YOURS TRULY SAYS SO LONG TILL NEXT TIME, AND KEEP UP THOSE WAR BOND PURCHASES AND LET'S GET THIS WAR OVER WITH.

WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO PRESENT 99'S HOUR OF CHARM:

THERE IS A YOUNG LADY NAMED DOTTY WHOSE IDEAS ARE QUITE HOTS-Y-TOTS-Y. AS EACH PAY DAY ROLLS BY SHE IS RUSHED BY THE GUYS HOORAY FOR OUR CHARMING DOTTY!

A GAZE INTO THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH CRYSTAL BALL

APRIL 28, 1944

AIR MAIL

MUKLUK TELEGRAPH
C/O REGIONAL MANAGER
EIGHTH REGION

GENTLEMEN:

I READ YOUR ARTICLE IN THE APRIL 1944 ISSUE OF THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH ON THE HISTORY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THE ENCLOSED LIST SHOWING DATES IN THE PROGRESS OF COMMUNICATIONS.

VERY TRULY-YOURS,

E. SIBLEY
CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

DATES IN THE PROGRESS OF COMMUNICATION
(FROM "HEELS, WHEELS AND WIRE"
BY FRANCES ROGERS & ALICE BEARD)

B. C.

- 5,000 PREHISTORIC PAINTINGS IN CAVES.
- 3000 DRUMS, SIGNAL-FIRES.
- 2100 HMMURABI EMPLOYED SCRIBES AND RUNNERS.
- 2000 EGYPTIANS TRAINED PIGEONS AS CARRIERS.
- 1500 EGYPTIANS USED SHADOW CLOCKS.
- 1000 HELIOGRAPH MESSAGES FLASHED FROM SHIELDS.
- 776 OLYMPIC GAMES ESTABLISHED.
- 660 FIRST REGULAR COAST SIGNAL-FIRES TO WARN MARINES.
- 560 CYRUS ESTABLISHED PERMANENT POSTAL-ROUTES.
- 490 PHEIDIPIDES RAN FROM MARATHON PLAIN TO ATHENS.
- 480 SENTINELS RELAYED SHOUTED MESSAGES TO ATHENS.
- 312 WORK BEGUN ON FIRST ROMAN MILITARY PAVED ROADS.
- 200 WATER CLOCKS USED IN CHINA.
- 27 AUGUSTUS ESTABLISHED POSTAL-COURIERS AND STATIONS.

A. D.

- 14 "FAVOR LETTERS" POPULAR WITH ROMANS.
- 1000 CHURCH BELLS RANG TO WARD OFF LIGHTNING.
- 1225 GENGHIS KHAN ESTABLISHED GOBI DESERT POST-ROUTES.
- 1260 KUBLAI KHAN BUILT HORSE POST HOUSES.
- 1345 DIVISION OF HOURS AND MINUTES INTO SIXTIES.
- 1350 CANNON USED FOR SIGNALS.
- 1370 MECHANICAL CLOCKS INVENTED.
- 1446 TYPE FOR PRINTING, AND PAPER FOR BOOKS.
- 1460 LOUIS XI AUTHORIZED LETTER-CARRYING FOR THE PUBLIC.
- 1565 LEAD PENCILS INVENTED.
- 1657 VIRGINIA MADE "FAVOR LETTERS" COMPULSORY.
- 1692 LETTERS CARRIED FROM NEW YORK TO ALBANY BY "FOOT-POST" ONCE A MONTH.
- 1692 FIRST GENERAL POSTAL-SYSTEM FOR THE COLONIES.
- 1716 BOSTON LIGHTHOUSE, THE FIRST TO BE ERECTED IN AMERICA.

- 1744 FIRST MAIL-COACH IN NEW ENGLAND.
- 1752 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DISCOVERED THAT LIGHTNING AND ARTIFICIALLY PRODUCED ELECTRICITY ARE IDENTICAL.
- 1776 LIBERTY BELL RANG IN PHILADELPHIA.
- 1793 FRENCH SEMAPHORE SIGNAL SYSTEM INVENTED.
- 1794 CAMERA FOR PHOTOGRAPHY INVENTED.
- 1800 "FAVOR LETTERS" STILL POPULAR WITH CITIZENS.
- 1813 MAIL FIRST CARRIED BY STEAMBOAT.
- 1819 SAVANNAH CARRIED FIRST MAIL ACROSS THE OCEAN BY STEAMPOWER.
- 1830 MAIL FIRST CARRIED BY TRAINS.
- 1831 MICHAEL FARADAY DISCOVERED THAT ELECTRICITY COULD PRODUCE CONTINUOUS MOTION.
- 1834 GUTTA PERCHA INVENTED, THE FIRST PRACTICAL INSULATION FOR CABLES.
- 1838 FIRST U. S. RAILWAY POST-OFFICE IN SERVICE.
- 1844 MORSE SENT FIRST MESSAGE BY TELEGRAPHY FROM WASHINGTON TO BALTIMORE.
- 1845 ENVELOPES BECAME POPULAR.
- 1847 STAMPS FIRST IN GENERAL USE IN AMERICA.
- 1858 FIRST PUBLIC MESSAGE BY TRANSATLANTIC CABLE.
- 1860 PONY EXPRESS.
- 1864 STEPS TAKEN TO ESTABLISH REGULAR MAIL SERVICE THROUGHOUT U. S. A.
- 1869 TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY COMPLETED.
- 1876 BELL SUCCEEDED WITH TELEPHONE INVENTION.
- 1878 FIRST TELEPHONE SWITCH-BOARD.
- 1880 FIRST PRACTICAL FOUNTAIN PENS INVENTED.
- 1886 HEINRICH RUDOLF HERTZ DISCOVERED ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVES, THE BASIS OF RADIO TELEGRAPHY.
- 1894 MARCONI HAD FIRST SUCCESS WITH WIRELESS SIGNALS.
- 1896 MARATHON RACE ESTABLISHED IN HONOR OF PHEIDIPIDES.
- 1896 FIRST WIRELESS SIGNAL SENT FROM ENGLAND TO NEWFOUNDLAND.
- 1911 FIRST SCHEDULED AIR-MAIL IN U. S. A.
- 1916 REGULAR AIR-MAIL ROUTES ESTABLISHED IN U. S. A.
- 1920 FIRST PUBLIC BROADCAST IN AMERICA.
- 1921 STATION KDKA BEGINS REGULAR BROADCAST PROGRAMS.
- 1927 RADIO TELEPHONE OFFICIALLY OPENED BETWEEN LONDON AND NEW YORK.
- 1927 TELEVISION.
- 1927 RADIO CONTACT ESTABLISHED BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND FIRST BYRD EXPEDITION AT LITTLE AMERICA.
- 1934 FIRST TRANSCONTINENTAL STREAMLINE TRAIN, UNION PACIFIC.
- *TELEVISION SUCCEEDS IN CROSSING THE OCEAN.
- *REGULAR TRANSATLANTIC AIR-MAIL SERVICE ESTABLISHED.
- *TELEVISION IN POPULAR USE, EQUIVALENT TO RADIO.

*THESE EVENTS, THOUGH IN THE NEAR FUTURE, ARE NOT YET ACCOMPLISHED FACTS. THE DATES MAY BE FILLED IN WHEN THEY OCCUR, BY THE OWNER OF THE BOOK.

THIS SPACE, REGULARLY RESERVED FOR COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, IS BEING RELINQUISHED FOR THE ABOVE ARTICLE, AS WE FEEL THAT THIS DATE LIST WILL PROVE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATORS OF THIS REGION. E. S. H.

P. S. CURRENT HISTORY OF COMMUNICATIONS: NO POSITIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RECLASSIFICATION PROGRAM.

OUT OF THE BACHELOR HOUSE NOW ROLL BEAUTIFUL, RESONANT NOTES ALMOST ANY HOUR OF THE DAY OR NIGHT, FROM THE ONLY OTHER ACTIVE RADIO RECEIVER IN OUR COLONY. IT'S LISTENED TO WITH REVERENCE, ESPECIALLY SINCE TUBES HAVE GONE BAD IN ONE RECEIVER, ANOTHER HAS GONE THE WAY WITH THE WIFE, ANOTHER WITH SINS OF ITS OWN.

ONE THING LEADING TO ANOTHER AS THEY HAVE A WAY OF DOING, WE MUST RECORD THE DEPARTURE OF MRS. HOWARD FISK AND FAMILY MINUS THE BREAD-WINNER, WHO STUCK TO HIS POSITION EVEN IF IT MEANT PARTING WITH THEM TEMPORARILY. THEY WERE HUSTLED OFF (THAT'S CORRECT, HUSTLED) AND PROBABLY THE KIDDIES NEVER WILL KNOW WHAT HIT THEM. ASK MRS. FISK FOR THE DETAILS, WHICH BRINGS US AROUND AGAIN TO RADIO....OPERATING, AND THEN WE DID WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT HOWARD PACKED OFF THEIR RECEIVER WITH THE WIFE.

THE BUNDLE OF MAGAZINES PROVIDED WITH THE COMPLIMENTS AND THOUGHTFULNESS OF THE CAA HINGAR GANG PRODUCED SOME OH'S AND AH'S, SO THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEAL WE ARE THANKFUL FOR. DROP US ANOTHER BUNDLE, AND AGAIN, THANK YOU.

SOMEWHERE, SOMETIME, WE MENTIONED OUR BELIEF THAT WE THOUGHT EVEN GOD CAME TO REST IN PEACE IN THIS OASIS...WONDER IF HE COMES IN ON THE TRAILS OF THE AURORA BOREALIS. ON THESE SPARSELY CLOUDED, SPRING NIGHT SKIES, ALONG WITH MILD TEMPERATURES, ROMANCE IS CONSIDERED AS ONE REASON WHY ONE OF OUR WEATHER BUREAU MEN IS KNOWN AS "D. A." BROWN...NOT, IN THIS CASE, AN ABBREVIATION FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY. "DA" CAN BE COMPARED IN A MANNER TO THE SLOW "QUARTERMASTER GAIT". IT DESCRIBES A DROOPY MANNER, LIKE A WILTED FLOWER OR SPENT ANIMAL. AS YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE IN A FLASH WITH "FLASH", YOUR REPORTER IS IN A FEVER TO LEARN MORE OF THE SUCCESS OF THE TECHNIQUE BEING CURRENTLY APPLIED BY OUR X-KP ACKACK AND THE AFOREMENTIONED, INDOMITABLE "D.R.", AS HE IS AFFECTIONATELY CALLED, THE TWO REAL-ESTATING. OUR CAA HONES TO THE ENGINEER GIRL PROSPECTS. WHY PUT THE HEAT ON THE GIRLS IN LEAP YEAR, FELLOWS?

AS ALWAYS, THERE HAVE BEEN INTERESTING VISITORS AND WITH THEM HAS COME NEWS OF SORTS - AND ALSO, GONE WITH THEM. WE WERE TEMPTED TO TELL YOU OF MR. HARRY NELSON'S CULINARY ACHIEVEMENTS AND MR. HOLZENBERG'S GARGANTUAN APPETITE, BUT WE'LL NOT. THEN AN OLD, ESTABLISHED RESIDENT, MR. FANNING, WENT OUTSIDE, OF NORTHWAY, IF YOU REMEMBER, BUT ANCHORAGE CRAMPED HIS STYLE, AND WE HAVE HIM BACK WITH US. WE NEED SAY NO MORE OF NORTHWAY. WHAT IS REGRETTABLE IS THAT COLBY'S "GUIDE TO ALASKA", PUBLISHED SO MANY YEARS AGO, SIMPLY LOST THEIR CORRESPONDENT AT THIS SPOT AND THE TRUE FACTS OF THIS LITTLE PAR-DISE WENT UNKNOWN TO THE WORLD. SOME OF OUR OPERATORS HAVE GONE OUT TO THE CITIES FOR A SHORT SPELL, AND OTHERS HAVE COME IN TO STAY FOR A BIT, AND STILL OTHERS LEAVING US FOR ELSEWHERE (CONFINING OURSELVES STRICTLY TO LOCAL, IT'S JUST A CASE OF THE

WE HAVE A LETTER FROM ED SNYDER ADVISING HE IS STILL ON THE TRAIL, CHECKING UP ON THE PRICE OF TEN CENT BEER. POST MARKED RENO, NEVADA, THE LUCKY DOG.

LT. ROBBINS, AACS SUPERVISORY OFFICER AT HQ, WON THE STATION ICE POOL AND COLLECTED SIXTY RUCKS, WHICH HE SPLIT WITH HIS CO-GUESSEY PTC JOE STRAKER. PERHAPS THAT EXPLAINS THEIR HOLLOW EYES AND SLOWING STEP THESE PACT FEEDERS. BEA KENDALL, WIFE OF S. H. KENDALL GUESSED WITHIN TWO MINUTES OF THE ICE POOL, HAVING A TICKET MARKED FOR MAY FOURTH AT TWO TEN PM.

TREASURERS DERATO AND KENDALL (KENDALL WATCHES DERATO AND VICE VERSA) REPORT THAT THE COKE FUND IS STILL GROWING WITH INCREASING RAPIDITY. AT THIS WRITING WE HAVE \$170 CASH AND ABOUT THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS IN MERCHANDISE. IDEAS ARE STILL BEING SOLICITED AS TO HOW WE WILL SPEND THIS MONEY.

PERSONNEL NEWLY ASSIGNED TO HQ INCLUDE R. W. CROW FROM KG, R. R. ROGERS AND T. R. AMOS FROM AO, MR. AND MRS. KESSLER FROM SA, MR. AND MRS. WALTER VOLZ AND MRS. CLING CONE. WELCOME, FOLKS.

KAREL ZEMAN, LATE OF PM AND HQ, WAS ACCOSTED ON THE STREET IN ANCHORAGE A FEW DAYS AGO AND ASKED TO GIVE AN ACCOUNTING OF HIMSELF. HE REPORTS HE IS ENROUTE FROM PM TO FX TO TAKE OVER HIS NEW JOB AS ASSISTANT CHIEF AT FX. MEANWHILE, HE IS TAKING IN THE TOWN, OR BEING TAKEN IN. FX, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO GET AN EX-ANCHORAGE SUPERVISOR IN THE CORNER AND GET ALL THE DOPE.

IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED FROM USUALLY UNRELIABLE SOURCES THAT W. T. (THE BRAIN) ERNST, HIGH EXECUTIONER OF THE MERRILL FIELD BREAK-FIST CLUB, HAS TAKEN UP FLYING TO SEE HOW THE BUSINESS LOOKS FROM THE OTHER END AND NOT FLITS FROM CLOUD TO CLOUD IN HIS SPARE TIME. BOB WILLIAMS SAYS HE NEEDS THE WHOLE RUNWAY TO TAKE OFF WITH ERNST IN THE SHIP.

OTHER PASTURE LOOKING GREENER) BUT THEY'LL MISS US AND PH. NOW PAYING TAXES THROUGH THE LOCAL RIFES ARE MR. AND MRS. MARK NELSON ALONG WITH LITTLE GEORGIE, WHO HAVE ONLY FOND MEMORIES AFTER THE NEIGHBORS PASSED THROUGH. WE'LL TELL YOU MORE LATER.

NOW AND THEN WE SEE FAMILIAR INITIALS ON THE TAIL END OF THESE LONG AND WELL-DONE SEQUENCES BEING RELAYED ON THE LONGLINE.... "FT", WHICH IS SHORT FOR FOOTS BUT QUANTITY ON THE BALL, LOOKS LIKE.....AND "TGS", THE QUIET BUT EFFICIENT ONE....AND ONCE WE SAW "GZ", THE DOINGS OF THE MID RUSSIAN FROM THE NORTH (CHICAGO AND PEMBINA).

IF WE ARE TO PUT MORE TIME ON THIS, WE MUST BE AUTHORIZED MORE THAN 56 HOURS, BUT THEN THIS MIGHT BE A MEASURE OF WHAT WE GIVE FOR WHAT WE TAKE, SO MORE NEXT MONTH.

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THERE HAS BEEN A CURRENT RUMOUR, IN AND ABOUT THE TERRITORY, THAT AN AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER WAS IN EXISTENCE AT FAIRBANKS. HOWEVER, JUDGING FROM PAST CAREFUL SCRUTINY OF THE "TELEGRAPH", WHICH SUPPOSEDLY SEES ALL, KNOWS ALL, ETC., THE AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL WOULD NEVER GUESS THAT SAID RUMOUR WAS A FACT. WE MAY AS WELL BREAK THE ICE NOW, IF EVER, AND LET OUR EXISTENCE BE KNOWN - AS IF ANYBODY WAS INTERESTED.

WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL PERSONNEL CHANGES DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL. FORMER CHIEF AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROLLER W. R. "DICKY BOY" PARKS WAS PROMOTED TO AIRWAY TRAFFIC CONTROL INSPECTOR, IN WHICH POSITION HE GOT OFF TO A FLYING START. WHEN HE WAS LAST SEEN WE WERE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER HIS DESTINATION WAS NORTH-WAY OR THE MOON. IN ANY EVENT, THE PROVERBIAL BEAVER NOW HAS NOTHING ON HIM.

SENIOR CONTROLLER J. R. BUTLER RELUCTANTLY BID US ADIEU AND WAS IMMEDIATELY GONE LIKE A FLASH, DESTINATION CHICAGO. PRIOR BUTLER GRADUATED FROM THE CHICAGO A. T. C. CENTER APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO, AND ALTHOUGH THE CALL OF THE WILD WAS STRONG HE JUST COULDN'T RESIST RETURNING TO HIS OLD ALMA MATER. GUESS HE WANTS TO TAKE SOME POST GRADUATE WORK.

W. H. BOWEN, FORMER SENIOR CONTROLLER AT THE NEW YORK CENTER, ARRIVED FAIRBANKS RECENTLY, CONVOYED BY BRANCH CHIEF R. J. PETITTE FROM ANCHORAGE. MR. "CHEECHAKO" BOWEN IS REPLACING MR. PARKS AS CHIEF OF THIS CONTROL CENTER. THE PETITTE-BOWEN PARTY WAS MET, UPON ARRIVAL AT THE WEEKS FIELD UNION PASSENGER TERMINAL, BY AN OFFICIAL WELCOMING COMMITTEE AND BRASS BAND, LED BY EX-CHIEF PARKS AND ACCOMPANIED BY TOWER MAESTRO SEELY AND OTHER NOTABLES OF FAIRBANKS TRAFFIC CONTROL CIRCLES. AS A MATTER OF RECORD CHIEF BOWEN WILL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF THE ABLE ASSISTANCE OF SENIOR CONTROLLERS VOESTE, DUDLEY AND OSSORN ALONG WITH VARIOUS AND SUNDRY CONTROLLERS, ASSISTANT CONTROLLERS AND TRAINEES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION AT THIS TIME. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE AFTER "VARIOUS AND SUNDRY" REFER TO PERSONNEL ON PAPER BUT NOT IN ODD.)

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LAST-MINUTE "FLASH" TO THE EFFECT THAT BROTHER JAMES HUMPHRIES, OF THE ANCHORAGE (MERRILL) TOWER, IS DEPARTING ANCHORAGE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR HAPPY LITTLE FAMILY IN THE

IF WE HAD BOUQUETS, WE'D PASS THEM OUT TO:

HERS INBERG - AN EXTRA SPECIAL ONE FOR BEGINNING A FAMILY, AND WITH A JOY AT THAT. ONE RICHARD CLARK BROUGHT THIS ABOUT WITH HIS ADVENT APRIL 26TH, AND AT THIS EARLY DATE ALREADY DISPLAYS SEVERAL OF HERB'S CHARACTERISTICS. (ED. NOTE: WE DIDN'T KNOW BABIES COULD HANDLE CORDS AT SUCH AN EARLY AGE!)

AL HORNING - FOR FLYING OFF WITH PRINCE ALBERT.

SHERROD KENDALL - FOR HIS DEFT AND COMMENDABLE MANNER IN CONDUCTING THE RECENT MEETING OF THE MERRILL FIELD BREAKFAST CLUB.

MR. FLANCK - FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS APPROACHED ALASKA AND ALASKANS. HE'S ONE OF WASHINGTON'S ASSETS.

ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THOUGHTFULLY SUPPLIED US WITH THOSE MAGAZINES WHICH HAVE BEEN RELAYED TO VARIOUS CAA STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. SINCE WE BEGIN THIS SERVICE WE'VE RECEIVED MANY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR MORE SUCH READING MATERIAL, WHICH WE TRY TO COMPLY WITH ON EACH OUTBOUND PLANE TRIP. GETTING DOWN TO A FINER POINT, WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO SEND CONSECUTIVE COPIES OF SOME MAGAZINES FOR THOSE SERIAL STORY READERS. WONDER IF THOSE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN AND FARM AND GARDEN MAGAZINES ENHANCED PASTORAL LIVING UP SOME WAY.

FLOWERS TO ALL OUR MECHANICS FOR MAKING UP A GOOD ORGANIZATION, JUMPING WHOLEHEARTEDLY INTO EACH NEW JOB, HOWEVER IT MIGHT ARISE.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE IS CONSTANTLY BEING STREAMLINED, IMPROVED AND EXPANDED. PERHAPS WE COULD ARRANGE PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOURS FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN THIS WORK OR IN SEEING THE PLANES AT A CLOSER ANGLE.

WE DIDN'T REALIZE HOW NICE IT WAS TO HAVE DUTCH SHANKS AROUND TILL HE WAS GONE - SO WE'RE GLAD HIS ABSENCE HAS TERMINATED.

73's FROM 44A.

JUNGLE WILDS OF CHENA SLOUGH. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ADVISED AS TO WHETHER JAMES WILL ATTEMPT THE JOURNEY BY SLED, OVERLAND STAGE, OR HORSEBACK - TIME WILL TELL.

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THE MAD AT THE MUD MOB

AS IS, MANY MOONS HAVE PASSED SINCE WE WERE HERE LAST. WE OFFER NO EXCUSE WHATSOEVER, EXCEPT WE HAVE NEW TRAINEES AND PLENTY OF STUDIES, AND THE NIGHTS ARE SHORTER AND THE DAYS ARE LONGER AND THE PLANES AIN'T GOT NOTHING BY WHICH TO JUDGE THE END OF A FLYING DAY, AND THUS THEY DON'T QUIT FLYING. WE ARE MOST HAPPY TO BE PLENTY BUSY, AS IT HELPS DRIVE HOME THE FACT THAT WE ARE PLENTY MUCH ESSENTIAL TO THIS BUSINESS OF MAINTAINING BOTH MILITARY AND CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC.

THUS, IT HAVING BEEN MANY MOONS, ETC., MAY WE INTRODUCE OURSELVES: R. W. SLONE, MR. AND MRS. DOMOGALLA (VERN AND ANN), MR. AND MRS. PAUL (BENEDICT AND DORA), AND I, OR IS IT ME, OR PERHAPS MYSELF, OR IS THIS ENOUGH?

IN BEHALF OF TRAINEES, MAY WE PLEA FOR DECENTY TOWARD THOSE WHOM WE WOULD BE HARD PRESSED WITHOUT? FELLOWS, YOU KNOW, IF YOU ARE AN OPERATOR, THAT SPEED ON THE CIRCUIT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OPERATING; IT IS MOVING THE TRAFFIC. OUR CIRCUIT NOW IS MADE UP OF SO MANY NEWCOMERS THAT ARE LEARNING AS THEY ARE SERVING. THEY MUST LEARN FROM YOU OLDER OPERATORS. YOU MUST TEACH THEM CORRECTLY AND AT THE SAME TIME BESTOW IN THEM THE FEELING OF HONOR AND PRIDE THAT OUR PROFESSION CAN GIVE TO ANY GOOD OPERATOR. REMEMBER THE UNWRITTEN RULE OF COURTESY IN RADIO. SEND YOUR MESSAGE AT THE RATE OF SPEED AT WHICH THE CALLED STATIONS ANSWER YOU. THAT IS JUST COMMON SENSE, ALONG WITH THE MEANS OF LETTING THE STATION SENDING KNOW HOW FAST YOU CAN HANDLE THE CODE. THIS WILL RELIEVE TEMPERS AND QMO'S, MOVING TRAFFIC EASILY AND RAPIDLY. THIS APPLIES ALSO TO YOU TRAINEES. REMEMBER THAT IF YOU THROW IT AT THEM THEY WILL ALSO DO THE SAME TO YOU. ANSWER THEM ALWAYS AT THE RATE OF SPEED YOU CAN HANDLE. THEY WILL GIVE YOU CONSIDERATION AND HELP. IN THE WEATHER SEQUENCES, REMEMBER THAT IT IS A MULTIPLE ADDRESS AND THAT MANY STUDENTS ARE ATTEMPTING TO COPY IT.

NOW MAY I INJECT A WORD OF GREETING TO PETE VALGFF AT FX, FORMERLY FROM WS IN CALIFORNIA? REMEMBER ME AND THE DUCK DINNER, PETE? OUT OF TASON, WAS IT??? YOU CAN'T PROVE IT. DICK CHECMORE SENDS HIS GREETING ALONG WITH MINE.

SPEEDBALL, DEMON ENGINEER HOWARD IS HERE NOW AND BEGINNING TO MAKE THE MUD DEEPER YET WITH HIS MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE THE BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY HOWARD CON-

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IF BY ANY CHANCE THE FUTURE MRS. LARRY ANDERSON WISHES THE CORRECT DATA ON THE FUTURE SUPPORT PROVIDER, SHE MAY WITH UNOBSTRUCTED PERMISSION REQUEST SAME FROM THE UNDERIGNED. I HAVE HAD THE DUBIOUS PLEASURE OF BUNKING IN THE BACHELOR QUARTERS WITH HIM. CONGRATULATIONS AT ANY RATE, YOU TWO.

AND ED BLAIR, IF YOU ARE CHUCKLING ABOUT THE DOPE I HAVE ON LARRY, HERE IS AN INVITATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO GET THE REAL DOPE ON ED. "THE DAY IN THE BACHELOR QUARTERS" OR "NEEK END WITH SLOGIN". JUST SOMETHING TO FILL THE REPORT, FELLOWS. YOUR SECRETS ARE ABSOLUTELY SAFE WITH ME (FOR A SLIGHT CONSIDERATION).

GREETINGS TO DOC AND ELMER WHEREVER THEY MAY BE. AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND IMPROVEMENTS HERE AT WH.

OH YES, IN CASE I HAVEN'T MENTIONED IT, I HAVE THE ACCURATE DOPE ON THE RETURN TRIP MADE BY MR. BLAIR FROM ANNETTE ISLAND. IF INTERESTED SEND A SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

HEY, JACK OR JIM OR SOMEBODY! WE IN THE STICKS (HOPE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DON'T SEE THAT CRACK) WOULD LIKE TO BE ENLIGHTENED. FROM WHENCE COME THE NAME KING CHRIS ETC. ON 14 AND 18???

THE HEAD OF OUR LOCAL WEATHER BUREAU MISSED THE NENANA ICE POOL BY TWO LITTLE BITTY MINUTES. IT IS REPORTED BY THE LOCAL DOC THAT HE WILL PULL THROUGH AND CEASE HIS IN-BEARD-MUMBLING WITHIN THE FOLLOWING YEAR. TOUGH LUCK, MAC.

REGARDING THE MEMORANDUM CONCERNING DOG SLED TEAMS AT CAA STATIONS. THIS IS UNDEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN AND SLIGHTLY OFF COLOR AND IS UNFAIR TO ALL MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND I WOULD PROTEST TO HIGH HEAVEN....IF I HAD ONE OF THE DERN THINGS.

OH WELL, WE TRIED, AND IF THIS DOESN'T GET THE FUR LINED TEA CUP, WE'LL MAKE THE MOST OF IT....

SO LONG FOR NOW; THIS IS 30

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TO THE SUBJECT, BEGAN TO QUOTE THE LATEST ALASKAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOURIST ADVERTISING. HE STRETCHED A RANDOM FRONT UP TO ABOUT 50 INCHES--HE STILL INSISTS THE 50-INCH ONE IS THERE BUT JUST HADN'T BEEN CAUGHT--AND THE STORY WENT OVER THE WIRES.

HEADLINE WRITERS WENT TO TOWN ON THE "GLOVELY JOBS FOR SECOND HONEYMOONERS" AND JUST ABOUT EVERY PAPER IN THE COUNTRY RAN THE STORY. NEXT DAY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE PICKED IT UP AND EMBROIDERED IT A BIT. RADIO NEWSCASTERS MENTIONED IT, AND IMMEDIATELY THE STATIONS' TELEPHONES WERE CLOGGED WITH CALLS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

NEXT DAY, 900 TELEGRAMS CAME IN ASKING FOR MORE INFORMATION AT ONCE. THAT NIGHT MR. PLETT TOOK OFF FOR SEATTLE, AND BY THE TIME HE GOT THERE, TWO MAILBAGS FULL OF LETTERS WERE WAITING FOR HIM, ASKING ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL JOB. MEANWHILE, IN WASHINGTON AND SEATTLE, LETTERS Poured IN, AND THE CAA PERSONNEL SERVICE PULLED OUT THE LAST OF ITS HAIR, QUIET SCREAMING AND FELL INTO THE PILES OF LETTERS ON THE DESKS. IN WASHINGTON, 10,000 LETTERS WERE RECEIVED, IN SEATTLE, 6,000.

THE WHOLE THING IS AMAZING. NOTE THAT MAN AND WIFE ARE NOT TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM EACH OTHER, BUT THEY CERTAINLY WANT TO ESCAPE SOMETHING. THE AVALANCHE DOESN'T SOLVE CAA'S EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM IN ALASKA, BUT IT HAS PRODUCED A BUCKLOG OF POTENTIAL ALASKA-LOVERS FOR FUTURE USE.

THE PICTURES AND INFORMATION I HAVE GATHERED ON CAA-ALASKA ACTIVITIES WILL BE USED IN MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS OUTSIDE WHICH HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE TERRITORY FOR A LONG TIME.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OUTSIDE ARE WAITING ONLY THE END OF THE WAR AND ACQUISITION OF A NEW CAR TO START FOR ALASKA ALONG THE ALCOA HIGHWAY. THEY HAVE NOT LOOKED AT THE MAPS, AND DON'T KNOW YET THAT THEY'LL NEVER MAKE IT. THERE ARE OTHER THOUSANDS WHO ARE HOPING TO FLY HERE IN THEIR OWN PLANES WHEN THE RESTRICTIONS OF WAR ARE LIFTED. THEY WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE THAN THE AUTOMOBILIST BECAUSE THERE ARE FIELDS SO PLACED THAT LIGHT PLANES CAN MAKE THE HOPS. WHILE THIS MAY NOT BE AN IMMEDIATE POSTWAR ACTIVITY, ALASKA IS CERTAIN TO BE AN ATTRACTION FOR AERIAL TOURISTS SOON. THIS MEANS A JOB FOR THE CAA. AS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, WE IN THE U. S. HAVE NEVER PAID ENOUGH ATTENTION TO PRIVATE FLYING. WE SPEND OUR MONEY AND USE OUR BRAINS IN PREPARING FOR COMMERCIAL FLYING BECAUSE THE NEED THERE IS MORE URGENT AND IMMEDIATE.

BUT THERE ARE 27,000,000 OWNERS OF AUTOMOBILES IN THE U. S. GIVEN A USEFUL AND NOT TOO EXPENSIVE AIRPLANE, THE AVERAGE MAN WOULD BUY ONE OF 25,000 PRIVATELY OWNED PLANES. NOW, WE WILL HAVE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS. MITCHELL PREDICTS SOME 450,000 PRIVATE

FISHING HAS BEEN A LITTLE SLOW ACCORDING TO ENOUGH AIR SPEED AND TOO MUCH GROUND SPEED AND CHASING BASKETS FULL OF AIR THRU THE TROPIC PAUSE. THE WOMEN FOLK WERE ARE SPEEDING UP THE NAVIGATORS AND WOULD BE METEOROLOGISTS BY BRINGING IN A FEW SPECKLED DEWITIES AS A STIMULUS. THERE SEEMS TO BE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF NERVOUSNESS AND IMPATIENCE, SO AFRAID WE MAY HAVE TO DECLARE ONE HOLIDAY TO BRUSH OUT THE COGS.

WITH THE ADDITION OF A HOTOUSE CONSTRUCTED OF EGG CRATES, CARDBOARD BOXES, OLD MAGAZINES AND ENOUGH CELL-O-GLAS TO HOLD IT TOGETHER, THE GARDEN SITUATION IS LOOKING UP. IF EVERYTHING MATURED THAT IS PLANTED, WE WILL START ANOTHER COLDY, I. E. "TALKEEETIA VALLEY". AS THE LOCAL HORSE THAT SUPPLIED THE SHERMANTAL THAT MAKES THE GARDEN GROW LAY DOWN LAST SUMMER AND NEVER GOT UP, WE ARE NOW SEARCHING THE VICINITY IN AND AROUND THE CITY WHERE HE DISAPPEARED. FORTUNATELY HIS RADIUS OF ACTION WAS LIMITED.

REMEMBER, JIM, HOW WE USED TO STAND IN THE TRANSMITTER MATCH DOOR OF THE GOOD SHIP SARA MARU AFTER VS-2 HAD LUNDED AND WATCH THE FIB-B'S LAND? REMEMBER THAT BUNCH OF TRANSMITTER BAGGEMEN AND HOW THEY WOULD COOD IN THE WHOLE SQUADRON GOT IN OK? "WHY, I CAN REMEMBER", SAYS ONE OF THE OLDER VULTURES, "WHEN WE'D HAVE AS MANY AS THREE CRACKUPS IN ONE DAY." I WAS REMINDED OF THAT BUNCH WHEN THE STATION PERSONNEL WERE WATCHING A GOOD SIZED FLOCK OF MAILBAGS COMING INTO A SLUGH JUST ACROSS THE FIELD. THEIR GLIDE WAILS BROUGHT THEM DIMENSIONALLY CLOSE TO THE HIGH POWER LINES IN THE VICINITY OF THE FIELD AND ALTHOUGH THEY PEELLED OFF AND CAME IN SINGLE WITH BARE INCHES TO SPARE, THEY SUCCEEDED IN LANDING EN MASSE. SOME BROKEN WINGS, NECKS, ETC. ONE OPERATOR SUGGESTS WE REQUISITION A COLD FRONT (VIOLENT UP AND DOWN DRAUGHTS) TO BE RELEASED OVER THE WIRES.

THIS QUESTION AFTER THE CAA'S "KOLLEGE KIMPUP DAZE" IS NOT "WHY RECKLESS WILL BE THE WINE NOW THAT BY THE HORSE HAS MIGRATED? AND VICE VERSA?" AS PICE A PHOOD AS EVER EXISTED BETWEEN A COUPLE OF RECKLESS MOUNTAIN BOYS. KEPT A LOT OF SPICE IN THE MUNTLE.

FOR SWAP OR SALE: (IN APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS) NOTEBOOKS, VARIOUS SKETCHES, COMPUTERS (BOTH AMERICAN AIRLINE AND DILLON), USED ADIABATIC GRAPHS AND HUGE COLLECTION OF RULERS, BROKEN PENCILS, ETC. FOR SPINNERS, SALKON EGGS, FLY-LINES AND 12 GA .5 OR .75 SHOTGUN SHELLS.

WATE PLANES BY 1950. THIS MEANS MORE FLYING, MORE INVESTMENT, MORE INTEREST THAN WE HAVE EVER HAD IN COMMERCIAL AIRLINE OPERATIONS. HERE IS THE FUTURE WHICH FACES THE CAA BOTH IN ALASKA AND THE STATES. COMPARED TO PRIVATE FLYING AFTER THE WAR, COMMERCIAL FLYING WILL BE MINOR, WHICH WERSTER SAYS MEANS "INFERIOR IN BULK, DEGREE AND IMPORTANCE."

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"AS THE VIBROPLEX SAID TO THE RADIO TUBE, "GREETINGS, GATES. LET'S OSCILLATE." OK, OK, SO IT STINKS. YOU AIN'T THROUGH YET. HOW SOME PEOPLE CAN BE SO INGENIOUS AND REALLY SAY SOMETHING!

"THIS JUKE BOX IDEA IS A DILLAROD! HOW COME SOME BRAIN TRUST DIDN'T THINK IT UP BEFORE? AND IF WE AREN'T ALL NUTS NOW....WE HEAR NOISE EIGHT HOURS A DAY, BUT WILL ADMIT IT AIN'T GOT T'IT SWING.

BEFORE WE FORGET, WE WANT TO THANK YOU GENTLE PEOPLE FOR THE CIRCUIT GREETING. WE ARE HAPPY (IN CODE IT COULD BE EASILY TAKEN FOR AN O, YOU KNOW) TO BE WITH YOU ALL. NO KIDDING; WE IS, AND WILL ALSO IGNORE THE EXTREMELY OBVIOUS BUT GENTLE HINT ABOUT WHAT WE STAND FOR, AND HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS OF OUR OWN. FOR EXAMPLE, AS THE B MANUALS WOULD SAY (OOPS! SORRY - WE DIDN'T MEAN TO REMIND YOU OF 'EM).. ANYWAY, NG - NICE GUYS.

GOING BACK A LITTLE, WE AREN'T SURE WHAT MR. DAVIDSON THOUGHT WHEN WE ALL WENT DOWN TO THE BIG EVENT OF MEETING THE TRAIN AND ROUNDING UP MRS. EVANS'S DOG AND UPON FINDING NO POOCH HE BROUGHT BACK MR. DAVIDSON. THE DOG FINALLY ARRIVED, FLEM AND ALL, AND WE HOPE TO BE "EXPECTING", BUT PEGGY, THE DOG, BETTER KNOWN AS KEGGY, IS TOO FAT TO DETECT....TO BE OR NOT TO BE.

MR. BOBBITT WAS ALSO PRACTICALLY INSULTED WHEN ONE OF THE GALS, THINKING IT WAS HER HUSBAND ATOP THE WIND VANE, SAID QUOTE "WHAT YOU DOIN'?", AND AT BEING INFORMED THAT HE WAS (OBVIOUSLY) FIXING THE DARN THING, SHE TOLD HIM THAT HE LOOKED LIKE A POLE SITTER.

WE HAD A LOT OF FUN WHEN JACK REICH WAS HERE, AND, BOY OH BOY, CAN HE WASH DISHES, TO SAY NOTHING OF PUTTING LABELS ALL OVER THE WINDOW PANES. HE HAD A RATHER RUGGED TIME OF IT CELEBRATING EVERYONE'S DAY OFF.

THE LATEST BUG HERE IS GARDENING. THE CHIEF, ARLEY EVANS, HAS EVERY VARIETY OF SEED THERE IS, AND FRED MERTEN HAS HIS ATTIC FILLED WITH BOXES OF FROZEN "DOIT". GETTING THE TERRA FIRMA UP THERE INVOLVED A FEW, SHALL WE SAY, DIFFICULTIES, BUT HE MADE IT.

ALL WE CAN SAY ABOUT THE ICE POOL IS THAT IT SHORE AIN'T SPRING YET, EVEN IF THEY DO KEEP ON SINGING "WELCOME, SWEET SPRINGTIME" ON THE RADIO. WE IN ALASKA COULD THINK OF SOMETHING MORE APPROPRIATE, LIKE "DON'T SIT UNDER THE ICICLES WITH ANY OTHER DRIP BUT ME", OR "WHEN IT'S SPRINGTIME IN ALASKA AND IT'S 99 BELOW, AND THE ESKIMOS GO BAREFOOT JUST BECAUSE THEY LOVE THE SNOW".

HANK OLSON, PGM, BETTER KNOWN AS GET-IT-DONE HANK, IS WITH US TEMPORARILY, AND WE'RE RIGHT FOND OF HIM.

WHAT KIND OF A DISCREPANCY DO YOU GIVE A GUY FOR YAWNING RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A BROADCAST? AND WHAT HAVE THESE GUYS GOT ON THEIR MINDS THAT SAY "G JIN AND G JIGGER"?

IN CASE YOU HAVE BEEN PUZZLED, YOU NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASCERTAIN THE TRUE PERSONALITY OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF SECTION 4. A NEW DISPLAY OF CANDID PORTRAITS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ROOM 110 OF THE MERRILL FIELD COMMUNICATION CENTER BUILDING. VISITING HOURS ARE FROM 8:00 TO 5:00 OF WEEK DAYS.

MILDRED HACKETT WAS MORE THAN BUSY RUNNING THE FLIGHT OPERATIONS OFFICE WHILE BOSS JACKSON WAS TAKING A REST AT THE DOCTOR'S INVITATION. FOR A FEW DAYS MILDRED LOOKED READY FOR A REST HERSELF, BUT SHE PERKED UP AFTER WINNING \$30 ON A MINUTE POOL.

JACK JEFFORD IS PROUDLY DISPLAYING HIS NEWEST INVENTION, A LABOR-SAVING DEVICE USED IN LOADING AND UNLOADING HEAVY PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. HE CLAIMS THAT HE MERELY PUSHES A BUTTON AND THE FREIGHT JUMPS OUT OF THE PLANE. THAT MAY BE A SLIGHT EXAGGERATION, BUT LOADING AND UNLOADING HAVE BEEN TAKING LESS TIME OF LATE.

JIM HURST AND HARRY GRAY ARE DUE TO RECEIVE CAMPAIGN RIBBONS FOR THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE BATTLE OF THE BARANOF. DURING THE PAST MONTH THEY HAVE SPENT NO LESS THAN TWO DAYS AND FOUR NIGHTS AT THE JIG EASY FRONT.

THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE MONTH WAS THE WEDDING OF MABEL RUDE AND BOB JACKSON ON THE EVENING OF MAY 6TH. THE CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ANCHORAGE, AND WAS FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION AT THE JEFFORD RESIDENCE. THE BRIDE WAS ATTENDED BY MRS. RICHARD BRUCE. HONORS FOR THE SHAKIEST KNEES WERE DIVIDED BETWEEN BRIDEGROOM JACKSON AND BEST MAN JEFFORD. BOTH MABEL AND BOB HAVE LIVED IN ALASKA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND HAVE MANY FRIENDS WHO WISH THEM A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER.

DOWN SUMMIT WAY MAC MUST HAVE HIS OPERATORS SUFFEROED WHEN THEY SAY "M.M.C.". MONITORING NEVER VISIT THE STATIONS, YOU MONITOR, IF YOU WANT TO REMAIN PHYSICALLY FIT.

NOW FOR THE BIGGEST NEWS. HQ TALKS ABOUT WEDDINGS, ETC. ETC., BUT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ONE TOO. MARC MASON, AC, IS GOING TO MARRY MARJORIE FULLER WHEN AND IF SHE FINALLY GETS HERE. MARC IS DRIVING US ALL CRAZY, BECAUSE WE EXPECT HER EVERY DAY FROM HQ BY PLANE, DEPENDING, OF COURSE, ON THE WEATHER, AND HE IS ABOUT TO WEAR OUT HIS ONE WHITE SHIRT DRESSING FOR THE DAILY EXPECTED OCCASION. FOR THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SEEN WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE - HE SHAVED! WE ARE ALL IN A DITHER. THE EVANSSES WILL BE WITNESSES IF THEY AREN'T WORKING AND THE MERTENS WILL BE IF IT ALL COMES OFF WHEN THEY AREN'T WORKING. SOME FUN! THE CHIEF SAYS HE NEVER DID IT BEFORE AND MERTEN SAYS HE'S AN OLD HAND. THE GALS GAVE UP LONG AGO. WE'RE THINKING OF HAVING RUSS FULGHAM AS FLOWER GIRL, BUT HE'S A LITTLE RUGGED, AND WHERE IN HELL WOULD HE GET ANY POSIES? IT SHORE AIN'T EVERY DAY YOU HAVE A WEDDING, NOR EVERY DAY YOU HAVE TO READ STUFF LIKE THIS, SO CHEER UP. BYE NOW....NOISE.