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MANHARDT VISITS EIGHTH REGION

MR. F. T. MANHARDT, CHIEF, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, WASHINGTON, D. C., RECENTLY DEPARTED ALASKA AFTER HAVING COMPLETED AN APPROXIMATELY THIRTY DAY INSPECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE EIGHTH REGION. MR. MANHARDT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. HUNTLEY, ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SUPERINTENDENT FOR PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, LT. COMMANDER GRAY OF THE NAVAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE AND MESSRS. TIPPETS AND WHITTAKER OF THIS OFFICE. PLANS WERE DEVELOPED WHEREBY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION'S COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN ALASKA WOULD HANDLE PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS AIR-GROUND AND POINT-TO-POINT COMMUNICATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

MERRILL FIELD CONTROL TOWER
AUGUST 15, 1944

DEAR MUKLUK:

WITH LEON KAPLAN, CHIEF CONTROLLER, DEPARTMENT FOR THE STATES, AND THE ARMY THE FIRST OF THIS MONTH, WILLIAM KELLY STEPPED INTO THE ACTING CHIEF'S ROLE. FROM THE TOWER UP FAIRBANKS WAY CAME A NEW CONTROLLER, FLOYD WEST, AUGMENTING MERRILL'S CREW. JOHN MAW'S WIFE ARRIVED AFTER A SLIGHT DELAY. THAT JUST ABOUT TAKES CARE OF THE ANIMATE CHANGES.

FOR THE INANIMATE - MERRILL FIELD IS GETTING TO LOOK LIKE AN ASSEMBLY LINE FOR LOCKED. FOUR ELECTRAS HAVE NEWLY ARRIVED AND HE GRAPVINE INDICATES TWO MORE ARE ON THEIR WAY IN ADDITION TO TWO NEW LOADSTARS.

MERRILL HAD ITS LARGEST VISITOR RECENTLY. A C54, ARRIVING FROM THE CHAIN AND UNABLE TO GET INTO ELMENDORF BECAUSE OF GROUND FOG, PUT DOWN ON RUNWAY 5, UNLOADED ITS PASSENGERS AND CARGO, REFUELED, AND PUT OFF AGAIN FOR THE NON-STOP TRIP TO THE STATES.

WITH LAST MONTH'S TRAFFIC COUNT RIVALING THAT OF LA GUARDIA'S, WHY MERRILL FIELD IS TAKING ITS PLACE WITH THE BEST OF THEM!

CORDIALLY YOURS,
MERRILL TOWER

SUPERINTENDENT OF AIRWAYS ASSUMES NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

EFFECTIVE 1:10 PM, AUGUST 23, 1944, THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF AIRWAYS WERE APPRECIABLY INCREASED THROUGH THE ARRIVAL OF PAUL CHRIS PLETT, 8 POUNDS, 6 OUNCES; TITLE: SUPERINTENDENT OF AIRWAYS (PRO TEM). WHILE PAUL CHRIS' DUTIES IN HIS NEW POSITION HAVE NOT YET BEEN CLEARLY DEFINED, IT IS ASSUMED THAT HE WILL OBVIOUSLY TAKE COMPLETE CHARGE OF ALL FEDERAL AIRWAYS ACTIVITIES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5:00 PM AND 8:00 AM DAILY.

IT IS DESIRED TO EXTEND HEARTILY CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. PLETT, AND TO WISH PAUL CHRIS SUCCESS IN HIS NEW JOB.

FLARES FROM PERSONNEL

IT'S GOOD TO SEE ANN LUBEKER BACK AGAIN, ALTHO SHE FELL INTO A PRETTY GOOD DEAL WHEN THE RAILROAD WASHED OUT A LITTLE SOUTH OF MCKINLEY AND SHE AND VIC ENJOYED AN EXTENDED HONEYMOON IN FAIRBANKS AND VICINITY. WE WISH THEM ALL THE HAPPINESS IN THE WORLD.

AFTER TWO YEARS IN THE PAYROLL SECTION, JEAN HAYRE HAS TRANSFERRED TO THE AIR DEPT. WE MISS JEAN AND WISH HER THE BEST OF LUCK IN HER NEW JOB.

THE CUTE LITTLE TRICK WITH THE HEARTY LAUGH AND A WICKED TENNIS ARM WILL SOON BE GOING BACK TO TAKE IN THE FIRST SEMESTER AT THE COLLEGE OF PUGET SOUND, BUT WE EXPECT TO SEE HER BACK ON THE JOB BY JANUARY AT THE VERY LATEST.

AFTER A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH A FEW ROCKS, A RAILROAD TRACK AND A BICYCLE A FEW SUNDAYS AGO, MLB IS NOW ABLE TO WALK ABOUT ALMOST NORMALLY.

WANTED: WILL TRADE ONE MANPOWER REPORT FOR ANYTHING THAT HASN'T GOT ITS FEET BEFORE THE TENDENCY TO DRIVE ONE COMPLETELY NUTS.

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OFF THE RECORDER

THE RECORDER SEEMS TO BE IN BETTER WORKING ORDER THIS MONTH THAN LAST. ASIDE FROM SEVERAL GARBLED AND ONE TORN, THE RECORDINGS WERE CLEAR AND RESONANT. NATURALLY (NATURALLY) THERE ARE SOME PARTS THAT MUST NECESSARILY BE LEFT OUT DUE TO THEIR NATURE AND CONTENT. MAINTENANCE TELLS US, THOUGH, THAT LANGUAGE OF THAT SORT WON'T RECORD PROPERLY. (WELL?)

DON'T BE SURPRISED, YOU BUSH PILOTS, IF YOU SEE A GREY AND YELLOW BI-WING WORLD WAR I FOKKER SPORTING A MALTESE CROSS BUZZING THE TREE TOPS OF HQ. THIS SPEEDY AND COLORFUL JOB WE HEAR IS RIGHT NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ASSEMBLED HERE IN THE FAIRBANKS VON BOWEN AIRCRAFT FACTORY. IT IS A ONE PLACE SHIP AND SHOULD SPORT SOME HEAVY ARMAMENTS. (SHOULD LOOK DASHING ON BOWEN'S DESK, TOO.)

HEARD THE GEESE AND DUCKS ARE PACKING UP AND HEADING SOUTH VIA GREEN AIRWAY NUMBER NINETY-NINE (WHEREVER THAT IS). ALSO HEARD TWO OTHER BIRDS KNOWN HERE IN FAIRBANKS, I.E. DUDLEY, ESQ. AND MR. VOESTE, ESQ., PDQ, HAVE BEEN LOOKING SKYWARD FOR QUITE SOME TIME AND IT HAS BEEN SAID (OVERHEARD THIS IN ROOKERY) THEY MAY JOIN THE FLIGHT SOUTHWARD ANYTIME. DUDLEY INTENDS A NON-STOP TO TEXAS WHILE VOESTE MAY SET DOWN AT CAPISTRANO (IF HE HAS GOOD TAIL WINDS ALL THE WAY).

THE BOYS LATELY HAVE MISSED THE WRY HUMOR OF GRANT OSBORNE, WHO DEPARTED CFX ABOUT A MONTH AGO TO JOIN THE ARMED FORCES. MR. OSBORNE WRITES HE HAS BEEN GORGING HIMSELF ON FRESH FOODS LIKE FRUIT (WATERMELON), VEGETABLES, HENS' EGGS (IS THERE ANOTHER KIND?) AND BUTTER AND WAS A LITTLE SORE NEAR THE POSTERIOR AFTER HIS FIRST HORSEBACK RIDE SINCE HE LEFT HOME. WITH GRANT IN THERE PITCHING, THE WAR SHOULD BE OVER SOON (NATURALLY). P. S. HIS ROOMMATES MISS HIS DELICATE TOUCH IN THE KITCHEN AND MOZART PIANO SONATA. GOOD LUCK, OZZY!

STILL THE MOST AMBITIOUS PHOTOG AROUND HERE IS RIEDEL (SPELLED EXACTLY AS IT SPELLS); HIS

NEW STAFF ARTIST

MRS. MARIAN BUSEY, WHO HAS BEEN A POPULAR MEMBER OF THE CAA FAMILY FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF AND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXCELLENT HEADINGS FOR THE MUKLUK TELEGRAPH, HAS RESIGNED FROM HER POSITION IN THE DRAFTING UNIT.

VIVIAN CHEVILLON, ALSO OF THE DRAFTING ROOM, HAS GENEROUSLY CONSENTED TO TAKE OVER MARIAN'S WORK AS OUR STAFF ARTIST. WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL TO MARIAN AND VIVIAN FOR THEIR WILLING HELP IN PUTTING OUT OUR PAPER.

FIRST NAME IS ROBERT (SPELLED WITH A CAPITAL R). IF YOU ARE AT ALL INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY THIS GUY YOU MUST MEET. (HE EVEN SLEEPS IN A DARK ROOM, WE ARE TOLD.)

MR. AND MRS. E. ZIEMKE ARE EXPECTING A BLESSED EVENT NEAR THE END OF THE MONTH. STORK HAS BEEN RUNNING HIMSELF SNAFU AROUND FAIRBANKS THE LAST SIX MONTHS. HE TELLS ME HE DOESN'T GET ANY OVERTIME PAY, EITHER. (HE SHOULD JOIN THE UNION.) DON'T FORGET THE CECORS, ZIEMKE!

ANOTHER RUMOR (WHERE DOES ALL THIS STUFF COME FROM?): CHIEF OF CFX W. H. BOWEN WILL RETIRE SHORTLY. REASON: HE'S LOUSY WITH MONEY SINCE THE LAST TWO POKER GAMES AT TERRACE PLACE APARTMENT NO. 7. ALL NEWCOMERS TO THIS NECK OF THE WOODS PLEASE HEED THIS WARNING: "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE 'SHAKE THE BUSHES' WITH BOWEN, LEST YOU LOSE YOUR SHIRT."

WELL, THAT SEEMS TO BE JUST ABOUT ALL OF THE GRUFF GUFF FROM THE GOLDEN HEART OF ALASKA ("GOLDEN HEART" PHRASE SUGGESTED BY THE FX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE). WE'LL HAVE MORE SCUTTLEBUTT NEXT MONTH FOR THE MUKLUK AND MAY BE REMEMBER AT THIS TIME THE CENTER THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE GUYS AND GALS WHO (OR IS IT WHOM?) RUN THE SEARING PRESSES, FILTER THE NEWS AND SPEND A HOT DAY OVER A STEAMING MIMEOGRAPH.

WELL, OUR ANNE SENEW CAME HOME (EXCUSE US, WE MEAN ANNE ANDERSON) WITH GLOWING REPORTS OF THE BEACH IN CHICAGO AND WITH A TERRIFIC PLAN TO PROVE HER STORY. THE ANDERSON PART - WELL, SURELY YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT BY NOW..... LARRY ANDERSON FINALLY GOT TO TOWN IN TIME TO GO TO HIS OWN WEDDING - AND SO THEY WERE MATCHED. AND FROM WHAT THE WEDDING GUESTS TELL US, THE WHOLE AFFAIR WAS LOVELY. SO LET US EXTEND OUR WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS AND OUR SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU.

WHY DON'T YOU HEAR "DRAFTING, WESCHENFELDER" ANY MORE RING? THESE DAYS? WELL, OUR ERNIE HAS TAKEN DON JULIUS' PLACE AS HEAD MAN IN NATIONAL INFORMATION 'CAUSE THE NEWLY-WEDDING GUY HAD GONE INTO THE NAVY. IT JUST GOES TO SHOW YOU.....A MAN GETS MARRIED AND THEN EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT ONCE. WE'RE SURE ERNIE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN HIS NEW POSITION.

AND IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE A LOVELY YOUNG LASS AS OUR ACTING CHIEF - MISS BERTHA SAARIC. SHE'S A GOOD EXAMPLE TO CONTRADICT THE OLD SAYING "BEAUTIFUL BUT DUMB". BROTHER, SHE'S BEAUTIFUL - BUT NOT DUMB.

OUR STAR DRAFTSMAN (THE ONE THAT ALWAYS TAKES CARE OF YOUR LAST MINUTE RUSH WORK FOR YOU) HAS LEFT US (SO NO MORE RUSHES, PLEASE). BUT SERIOUSLY, MARTIN BUSEY IS ENJOYING A WELL-DESERVED REST. WE MISS HER GOOD WORK, HER SPARKLING PERSONALITY, AND HER HEPPERY DISCUSSIONS OF THE WAR.

YOU FELLOWS NOTICED THE CUTE LITTLE BLONDE THAT WE HAD WORKING IN THE BLUEPRINT ROOM. WELL, SHIRLEY GRIVES IS NOW OUT AT THE FIELD, SO ONE OF OUR BLONDES IS GONE - BUT WE STILL HAVE ADORABLE BETH HENLEY.

AS WE LOOK BACK OVER THE PAST MONTH'S NEWS, THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT STAND OUT IN THE DAILY CONGLOMERATION OF DRAWINGS AND PRINTS AND TROUBLES. WE'LL NEVER FORGET: -

HOW ALMA GOODMAN LOOKED WORKING THE CAA SWITCHBOARD WITHOUT ELECTRICITY. IT'S NOT WITH A HAND CRANK AND A HANDLE FOR A START.

HOW CUTE BETH HENLEY WAS DOING THE WEDDING DANCE IN BONANZA DAYS.

HOW HARD IT WAS FOR BERTIE TO TALK WITH HER JAW SWOLLEN FROM HEAVEN KNOWS WHAT.

HOW MAE DISNEY STILL LOOKED COLD TWO DAYS AFTER DUCK HUNTING.

HOW HARD IT WAS FOR VIVIAN TO WALK AFTER SLIDING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN IN THE WAY FIRST KNOWN TO MAN, WHILE PTARMIGAN HUNTING.

HOW SURPRISED ANNE WAS AT HER SHOWER.

THE MONTH HAS ROLLED AROUND AGAIN, AND THINGS AT FM GOING ALONG VERY SPLENDIDLY. THE FIRST PART OF THE MONTH, TO START, BILL PEGLES DID A PAUL REVERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, THROWING BACK OVER HIS SHOULDER SOMETHING ABOUT THE BABESNA RIVER AFTER STARTING THE FIREWORKS. COLLINS AND THE OTHER THOSE INTREPID REVENGERS, MARCHED THE BOAT PADDLED RIGHT DOWN THE ROAD, COVERED (CENSORED) OF MUDDY MARENGO RIVER WATER. WAS SOME TALK OF PUTTING THE WHOLE STUFF ON A FLOATING DOCK AND DOING THE COMMUTE BY CANOE, BUT JUST AS PEGLES WAS MAKING REQUISITIONS FOR THE NECESSARY BOATS AND THE OLD RIVER STARTED BACKING AWAY FROM THE TOPS OF THE MOUNTAIN TOWERS AND IN A MINUTE EVERYONE FLOATED BACK INTO THEIR HOMES. THE EXCITEMENT WAS OVER. RIVER, STAY AWAY FROM OUR DOORS.

OUR NEW P STAR OF THE SCOTTILLATION (PAGET IS A HAIR-CULTIST; ONE SEEK HE LIKE HE IS IN THE DROUGH-DROP BUSINESS AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW HE IS AS BOLD AS THE KNOWN CUE-BALL) HAD BEEN ON HIS TRIP SINCE HIS TRIP TO THE DRAFT BOARD EXAMINERS SEEMS THEY ARE HOLDING OFF HIS SENTENCE TO HIS FINAL TRIP, JUST TO KEEP HIM ON HIS TOE. WE VIEW WITH ALARM THE WAY THAT HAIR IS LONG ENOUGH TO FELL; HE WILL PROBABLY YANK RIGHT OUT BY THE ROOTS.

WE HEAR FROM DAVE ONE OF THE DB THAT THE WEATHER IN GEORGIA IS FINE, BUT HE IS COMING BACK. SMO SMO SMO OF GEORGIA PEGLES, DROUDY. FOOT DOWN JUST COULDN'T HELP COMPARING THOSE PINK-CHEEKED PALE-FACED PEGLES WITH THE DUSKY ALASKAN VARIETY. THERE ARE TOO MANY IN CAMP NOW, DAB.

THE HUNTING SEASON WAS COVERED IN DAWG, WITH THE SPREADING AND COLLINSSES THE VICTIMS, OF WHICH THE LESS SAID, THE BETTER THAT WE'LL SEE NORTH-WAY WEATHER.

THOSE INDEFATIGABLE EXPLORERS OF THE NORTH MUSKIEG, THE COLLINS FAMILY, HAVE JUST COMPLETED THE CHARTING OF THE TERRITORY AND ARE HERE AND ARE CASTING A YEARNING EYE UPON WHERE WE HEAR THE ICE FINGERS OF THE NORTH ARE BEGINKING. WE PREDICT A LONG, ICY ONE OF THESE YEARS FOR THE COLLINSSES, OF PERSONNEL TRANSFERS WILLING.

WELL, YOUR COLUMNIST IS TIRED, AND SO IS DED, TILL NEXT MONTH. (WHAT AM I SAYING?)

HOW TICKLED LILLIAN HOLMES WAS WHEN SHE FOUND SHE WOULD TAKE AN ANNUAL TRIP WITH C. MO SON.

HOW GOOD IT WAS TO HEAR VI JACKSON'S GIGGLE AFTER HER LONG ABSENCE.

HOW HARD MARIE HOPKINS WORKS WITH THAT CRIBER ON THOSE CHARTS.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CAA HANGAR PERSONNEL RANK:

MERLE SMITH, AIRCRAFT MECHANIC FROM THE STANDARDIZATION CENTER AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS; MISC

TOM LAMBERT FROM THE ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE HQ DEPOT;

GYRON BETTS FROM REDONDO BEACH, AN AIRCRAFT MECHANIC. IF ANY OF YOU GIRLS WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FIGURE ROLLER SKATING, ASK GYRON. HE WAS PRACTICALLY BORN ON SKATES.

PLETT SEEMS TO BE A FEW OUNCES IN THE LEAD ON THE ARRIVAL OF HIS SON COMPARED TO YOUNG DICK ENBERG'S BIRTH WEIGHT. HOWEVER, WE'RE WAITING FOR THE FIRST BASKETBALL GAME A FEW YEARS HENCE TO SEE WHO'S IN THE LEAD THEN. INCIDENTALLY, HERB WAS HEARD TO SAY HE WAS GOING TO CHALLENGE PLETT TO A DIAPER WASHING CONTEST. WHEN AND IF THIS TAKES PLACE, NOTICES WILL BE SENT TO ALL THE READERS GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO ATTEND OR PLACE BETS.

WE WANT TO THANK PLAMMA AND UNALAKLEET FOR THE NOTES OF APPRECIATION FOR THE MAGAZINES WE'VE BEEN SENDING OUT. GLAD YOU ENJOY THEM. WE'LL KEEP 'EM COMING AS LONG AS OUR SUPPLY HOLDS OUT.

AIRWAYS INSPECTION

KING CHRIS, KING ARTHUR AND THE PILOTS OF THE JEFFHURST AIRLINES RECEIVED A LITTLE OUTSIDE PUBLICITY IN THE FORM OF AN ARTICLE IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF AIR TRANSPORT MAGAZINE. THE ARTICLE, ENTITLED "DC-3 1/2-BD", CONTAINS SEVERAL PICTURES OF THE PLAINES AND THEIR CAPTAINS.

IVORY FANCIERS WILL FIND A BARGAIN IN THE AIR TRANSPORTATION AND FLIGHT INSPECTION BRANCH OFFICE AT MERRILL FIELD. JAMES L. HURSTENSTEIN IS THE PRESENT OWNER OF A RARE EXAMPLE OF ESKIMO WORKMANSHIP - A CARVED IVORY RING. IT SEEMS THAT JIM SAW THIS RING DURING ONE OF HIS RECENT TRIPS TO GAMBELL, ADMIRING IT, LIVED IT ON, COULDN'T GET IT OFF AND HAD TO BUY IT. THE RING, EVENTUALLY DISLODGED, IS NOW FOR SALE FOR \$7.00, THE PURCHASE PRICE.

RODGER DAVIES IS ISSUING INVITATIONS TO A HOUSEWARMING FOR HIS NEWLY PURCHASED LOG CABIN OVERLOOKING COOK INLET. WATCH FOR THE DATE!

HOW FUZZ ROGERS CONSULTS A TIDE BOOK BEFORE GOING HUNTING. A FEW DAYS AGO HE DISCOVERED A PLANE AND LANDED ON A BEACH THE OTHER SIDE OF TUNAGAIN BAY. AFTER BARGING HIS LIMIT OF DUCKS HE RETURNED TO THE PLANE TO FIND THAT AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH TIDE HAD COVERED HIS LANDING STRIP WITH FOUR INCHES OF WATER. FUZZ HAD TO WAIT FOR THE TIDE TO GO OUT BEFORE HE COULD

THE ROYAL ORDER OF BACHELORS HAS JUST REGRETTABLY LOST ANOTHER OF ITS BROTHERS FROM THE RANKS; NAMELY, OUR CHIEF, "PUT" PUTNAM. THE LOVELY LADY RESPONSIBLE IS FLORENCE STEWART - BLONDE AND BEAUTIFUL. HERE'S WISHING YOU BOTH ALL THE HAPPINESS AND GOOD LUCK THERE IS.

"G!" SAID A FOND FAREWELL TO JEANIE AND SON, WHO RETURNED TO THE STATES TO LIVE. IF MISS HER, AND, TO JUDGE BY WHAT SHE WRITES US, SHE MISSES ALASKA LIKE EVERYTHING.

OUR STAFF IS TO BE SUPPLEMENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE BY THE ARRIVAL OF NORMAN J. O'BRYEN, FROM THE SIXTH REGION. WE KNOW THAT THE GREAT HOSPITALITY OF ALASKANS WILL MORE THAN COMPENSATE FOR THE CHILLY CLIMATE WHICH WE'VE CHOSEN IN PLACE OF SUNNY CALIFORNIA. WELCOME TO ALASKA, NORM.

"KITTY" WAYER, RECENTLY OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND AT PRESENT OUTSIDE ON VACATION, HAS ALSO TRANSFERRED TO OUR BRANCH. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THIS SPARKLING BROWN-EYED BRUNETTE, WE EXPECT A SHARP INCREASE IN THE ISSUANCE OF STUDENT PERMITS, AND INTEREST IN AVIATION IN GENERAL.

YOURS TRULY FINALLY GOT HER COMMERCIAL AND INSTRUCTOR'S RATING, SO ANYONE DESIRING TO LEARN TO FLY, PLEASE CONTACT ME, PHONE - (AT THIS POINT, THE EDITOR REMINDS ME THAT ADVERTISING IS PAYABLE IN NYLON STOCKINGS AND PREMIER BOBBY PINS, SO WE'LL JUST LET THAT GO FOR AWHILE).

-- RUTH HURST

RETURN HOME

AL MORNING HAS BEEN HAPPILY VIEWING OUR BEAUTIFUL ALASKAN SCENERY FROM THE COCKPIT OF THE DOUGLAS DOLPHIN NC 26. THE HANGAR BIRDS HAVE COMPLETELY REBUILT THE DUCK, ALWAYS A FAVORITE WITH AL.

DAVIES AND GRAY ARE EXPERIENCING A LITTLE TROUBLE ON THE HOME FRONT. THEY RECENTLY SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN A NAVY BQC ESTABLISHMENT, WHERE THEY WERE OBLIGED TO DRESS "FORMALLY" FOR DINNER. NOW THEIR WIVES ARE MAINTAINING THAT SINCE THEY HAVE DRAGGED THEIR BUSINESS SUITS FROM THE MOTM BALLETS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE NAVY, THEY MIGHT AS WELL WEAR THEM OCCASIONALLY AT HOME. WILL THE COMFORTABLE DAYS OF LEATHER JACKETS AND "BLACK BRANCH" BECOME ONLY A HAPPY MEMORY?

JACK JEFFORD AND BILL HANSON HAVE RECENTLY BEEN EARNING THEIR PAY OF LATE. IN FOUR OR FIVE SECUTIVE DAYS THEY HAULED 55,000 POUNDS OF FREIGHT IN ADDITION TO PASSENGERS IN OUR OLD FRIEND KING CHRIS. THAT SPELLS A GREAT DEAL OF LOADING AND UNLOADING, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE 21 HOURS OF FLYING, 7 HOURS OF IT ON INSTRUMENTS.

ORIGIN OF A SPECIES
RADIO-MAN

SEVERAL RECENT ISSUES OF "MUKTEL" CONTAINED A VERY INTERESTING SERIAL ON THE PROGRESS OF COMMUNICATIONS. WHILE WE FEEL THE AUTHOR COVERED THE SUBJECT IN A THOROUGH AND SATISFACTORY MANNER, IT IS THE WHISPERED OPINION OF MANY THAT THE POWER BEHIND THE VOICE OF COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO LIGHT. WE GIVE YOU, THEN, A STUDY OF THE VERY INTERESTING PHENOMENON, THE RADIO-MAN.

MEN WHO SPENT THEIR LIVES IN SETTING FORTH THEORY AND FACT REGARDING THE EVOLUTION OF MAN AND HIS COORDINATES ALLOTTED TOO LITTLE THOUGHT TO THOSE SPECIES THAT RETAIN THE PHYSICAL FEATURES OF HIS GENUS BUT WHOSE MENTAL AND REFLEX ACTIONS SET HIM APART. OF THESE FAMOUS EVOLUTIONISTS I LIKE THE THEORY CONTRIVED BY DARWIN, WHEREBY ALL PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE ORIGINATED WITHIN A SINGLE PLASMIC CELL AND, BY NATURAL REPRODUCTION, BRANCHED OUT INTO THE BILLIONS OF PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES THAT COMPRISE THE LIFE OF THE EARTH. IN THE CONS THAT THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING THE SPECIMENS DERIVED FROM THE MASTER MODERN UNDERMENT CERTAIN PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CHANGES IN THE ADAPTATION TO THEIR PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENT. IN THIS THEORY, AS I'VE PREVIOUSLY POINTED OUT, DARWIN, LIKE HIS COLLEAGUES, DEALS WITH GENERALITIES, I.E., PROTOZOA, YEAST CELLS, BACTERIA, PLANTS, MONKEYS, CHIMPANZEEES AND MEN. IT SEEMS APPARENT TO ME THAT EACH CROSS SECTION OF THIS GIANTIC OFFSPRING WAS AGAIN SUBDIVIDED AND INTO EACH SUBDIVISION NATURE PROJECTED THE CHARACTERISTICS THAT MOLD EACH UNIT OF CERTAIN SPECIES INTO A WORKING FACTOR NECESSARY FOR THE EXISTENCE OF ITS GROUP.

IN THE BEE FAMILY CERTAIN TRAITS EXIST IN THE QUEEN AND DRONE THAT SET THEM APART FROM THE BIRTH. MAN WAS IMPREGNATED WITH THE GIFT OF A MENTALITY SUPERIOR TO HIS FELLOW COHORTS. THIS IS QUESTIONABLE IN THE CIRCLE OF CERTAIN PSYCHIATRISTS, PRINCIPALLY AMONG THOSE WHO EARN THEIR LIVELIHOOD SETTING UP FILES OF ROCKS AND INSERTING ROUND PEGS IN SQUARE HOLES.

IN THE ORIGINAL PLASMIC CELL EXISTED A SUPER-MICROSCOPIC PARTICLE THAT IS ACTIVE TODAY IN SOME MEN THAT ENDOWS THE WILLINGNESS OF THEIR MINDS TO BE SUBJECTED TO THE TORTURES OF RADIO. THAT IT REMAINED DORMANT FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS IS INDEED GRATIFYING TO THOSE WHO LIVED PREVIOUS TO THE LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY. IT IS FIRST ACTIVELY MASTERFUL IN THE BRAIN OF ONE GUGLIELMO MARCONI, AND GAINED MOMENTUM THEREAFTER UNTIL AT PRESENT ITS FORCE IS PLAGUE-LIKE IN ITS DESTRUCTIVITY. SO I GIVE YOU A THEORY OF "WHY RADIO-MAN?" IN BEHALF OF US WHO ARE SEEDS THROUGHOUT THE EARTH AND MUST EARN A LIVING WITH THE THUMB AND INDEX FINGER OF THE RIGHT HAND AND TO A MAJORITY OF MOTHERS OF ELICIBLE DAUGHTERS WHO OBJECT TO OUR ECCENTRICITIES, I MAKE THIS PLEA:

IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE EXIST ON ALCOHOL OR REASONABLE FACSIMILE THEREOF TO NOURISH THAT LAME GENIUS AND ABILITY TO COPE WITH THE UNKNOWN. OUR SENSE OF EXPRESSION AND VARIOUS METHODS OF EXPLOSIONS, TAINTED SOMEWHAT WITH PROBABLY, IS RIGHTFULLY NOTED IN ALL ARTISTIC

TEMPERAMENTS. THAT WE SPEAK IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE OF THREE LETTER WORDS BEGINNING WITH "QZ" IS FURTHER PROOF THAT WE CAN'T ALL BE NORMAL. THE RUMOR THAT WE SPEND THE END HOURS OF THE MORNING PINCHED OVER LAME KNUES OF A BLACK, RADIO LIQUID DRUG THAT PRODUCES AN EFFECT OF "OUT OF THIS WORLD" IS ENTIRELY FALSE. THE SO-CALLED "PODUS" IS ONLY SUPER-DRENED COFFEE THAT QUALIFIES THE OCCASIONAL SENSE OF SLEEPINESS ENJOYED BY PEOPLE OF OTHER VOCATIONS.

GENEALOGISTS SAY THE RADIO-MAN WHO UNDERGOING FURTHER CHANGES IN EVOLUTION, ESPECIALLY, THAT THEIR MENTAL FACILITIES ARE BECOMING MORE SENSITIVE. THEY PREDICT THAT IN THE NEXT MILLION YEARS THE HEAD OF A RADIO-MAN WILL CONSIST OF TWO COLOSSAL EARS IMPOSED ON A NATURAL ULTRA HIGH FREQUENCY RECEIVER THAT CAN BE TUNED OR DETUNED TO ANY GIVEN FREQUENCY AT WILL. THAT THE RADIO-MAN IS BECOMING EVERLY DEVELOPED WHERE HE SITS DOWN IS EVIDENT NOW, BUT WITH THE MULTITUDINOUS DUTIES IMPOSED ON HIM AND INCREASING DAILY IT IS EXPECTED THIS PHYSICAL FEATURE WILL VANISH ENTIRELY.

IN THE ARCHIVES OF HISTORY WE HOPE TO SOMEDAY MAKE OUR MARK. ALTHOUGH WE ARE STILL RELATIVELY UNKNOWN WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY INVOLVED THE HEARTS OF THE BARTENDERS AND THE FLOOR WORKING GIRLS. THIS IS A STEP FORWARD. A FEW CLOSE FRIENDS OF MINE ARE PAVING THE WAY TOWARD WINNING OVER THE LOCAL GILERS BY PAYING THEIR FICO BILLS, LIGHTS, TEL AND OTHER INCIDENTALS.

SCIENCE HAS DISCOVERED THE GERM THAT CAUSE A "RADIO-ACTIVE" MIND CAN BE INDUCED IN NEUTRAL INDIVIDUALS TO A LIMITED DEGREE. AT PRESENT TWO ISOLATION CENTERS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN CONNECTION WITH THIS RESEARCH - ANCHORAGE AND SEATTLE. THE MEN WHO STAND BEHIND THIS MOVEMENT FIND THAT WIVES OF RADIO-OPERATORS WHO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO SPEND THE BEST PART OF THEIR LIVES IN CONTACT WITH RADIO ARE THE EARLIEST SUBJUGATED. THAT YOUNG, LONELY, SINGLE WOMEN ARE BECOMING INFECTED IS NOT WITH SATISFACTION. WHAT AN OCCASION FOR MINDS WHEN THE HERETOFORE LONELY MALE CAN APPROACH THE LONELY FEMALE WITH AN "I'VE QZ'ASED", TO WHICH SHE VERY DEMURELY REPLIES, "QZ?"

THE HORSE AND MULE LIVE 30 YEARS -- AND NOTHING KNOW OF WINE AND BEERS.
THE GOAT AND SHEEP AT 20 DIE AND NEVER TASTE OF SCOTCH OR RYE.
THE COB DRINKS WATER BY THE TON AND AT 15 IS MOSTLY DONE.
THE COB AT 15 DIES IN WITHOUT THE AID OF RUM OR GIN.
THE CAT DRINKS NO WATER SOAKS AND THEN AT 12 IT ALLY CRANKS.
THE MODEST, DRY, DUNE-DRY MEN LAYS EGGS FOR MOGS, THEY DIES AT 11.
ALL ANIMALS ARE STRICTLY DRY, THEY SINGLES LIVE, AND DRIFTLY IN, BUT SINGLE, CINFUL, HUM-SOAKED SURVIVE FOR THREE SOME YEARS AND TO, AND SOME OF US, THE MIGHTY FEW, KEEP DRINKIN' TILL WE'VE QZ.

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WELCOME TO W. PAUL AND HELEN WILSON, EOD HQ LY 28; TO SHIRLEY A. GRAVES, MUSICAL COMMUNICATIONS MESSENGER; EOD HQ AUGUST 29; TO W. COPPING AND RICHARD INMAN, ENROUTE TO F. GOBBRY AND GOOD LUCK TO CLIFF AND NORMA ANDERSON - HQ'S LOSS AND WH'S GAIN. ADIOS TO RSH DAHL, WHO MOVED DOWN THE STREET TO THE RO DENTLY.

WE UNDERSTAND ERNIE "THE BRAIN" ERNST IS STRAINING AT THE LEASH IN SA ADMITTING TRANSPORTATION BACK TO HQ.

E. N. "HONEST JOHN" SCRATO SHOOK LOOSE FROM HQ A FEW WEEKS BACK TO TAKE HIS NEW JOB AS COMMUNICATIONS INSPECTOR. CONGRATULATIONS, SENE. UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE STATION HE WAS PRESENTED WITH A BRIEFCASE - CAPACITY, SIX QUARTS OF SCOTCH OR TWO "B" MANUALS.

WHAT COMMUNICATOR, DEEMING THE ANCHORAGE WATER TOO HARD FOR BATHING, PERFORMED HIS BATHING IN WATER SOFTENED WITH A QUARTER OF A POUND OF LYE? MY, MY, WE THOUGHT THAT HIGH COLOR WAS CAUSED BY TOO MUCH ALASKA SOAP. ANYWAY, IT WAS A NOBLE EXPERIMENT AND WATER SOFTENER IS KIND OF HARD TO GET THESE DAYS.

HEARTS AND FLOWERS. IT KEEPS GETTING MORE DIFFICULT TO GET A RIDE IN BOB WILLIAMS' AERONCA SINCE MARIE BARBER EOD AS MAINTENANCE STENOGRAPHER. MAYBE WHEN ERNST GETS BACK WE'LL PUT A STOP TO ALL THIS.

S. H. KENDALL IS HOLDING SUITCASE DRILL IN PREPARATION FOR DEPARTURE TO KODIAK. IT'LL BE ICE HOT TO HAVE TO FEEL YOUR WAY INTO THE FICE THROUGH A VEIL OF CIGAR SMOKE, SEZ AIEF OYERLAND.

BORN SEPTEMBER EIGHTH TO MR. AND MRS. R. H. FEGGIE, A DOLLING BABY BOY - RICHARD HAROLD; WGT 8 POUNDS. CONGRATULATIONS! NEBSTER BNA CIGARS TOO - BY GOBBRY, THERE'S A REAL BENT!

DEAR EDITOR:

ACCORDING TO ROBERT BENCHLEY, THERE ARE THREE PARTS TO A LETTER. FIRST COMES A LONG-WINDED WHEREABOUT HOW SORRY THE WRITER IS FOR NOT HAVING WRITTEN SOONER. THIS SHOULD OCCUPY ABOUT A PAGE AND A HALF. (BELIEVE ME, I'M SORRY).

THEN COMES A VERY SHORT PARAGRAPH IN THE WAY OF NEWS. SUCH AS: WE OF THE SIGNALS BRANCH ARE VERY HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR DOROTHY "99" IS DOING VERY FINE. THAT'S RIGHT! SHE'S WEARING A DIAMOND.

THIS IS SUCH GOOD NEWS, AND WE ARE SO PLEASED TO PASS IT ON, THAT IT MAKES US FEEL PRETTY WEEPY TO NOTE THIS NEXT ITEM. BRUCE LAHR IS LEAVING US IN THE TOO NEAR FUTURE FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. S'LONG, BRUCE, AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU.

THEN, SAYS BENCHLEY, THE REST OF THE LETTER SHOULD BE CONSISTED WITH REASONS FOR CLOSING. BY THE TIME YOU HAVE RACKED YOUR BRAIN FOR 10 GOOD REASONS, YOUR LETTER SHOULD AMOUNT TO THREE OR FOUR PAGES.

FOLLOWING THIS ADVICE TO THE LETTER, I'LL SAY LOVE NOW.

SINCERELY,

FLASH

F. S. NO LETTER WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A P. S., SO LET IT BE SAID THAT WILLIAM B. BROWN HAS TRANSFERRED TO SEATTLE, AND MAJUE TRIBNER WITH EILEEN ANDERSON ARE DUE BACK ON THE NEXT PLANE.

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