



PICTURE BY HOOPER WINS CIVAIR PHOTO CONTEST

Grand prize winner in the Civair 8 Club's Photography Contest and also first place winner in the black and white candid division was a picture of a baby taken by John C. Hooper, superintendent of the Plant and Structures branch.

Other first place winners, each of whom won \$5, are E.C. Dealman, black and white scenics; Ed Seiler, color scenics and G.E. Allen, color candid.

First and second honorable mention in the four divisions were won by the following: black and white scenics, John C. Hooper and Ed Seiler; color scenics, Margaret Triner and Benny Linder; black and white candid, L.G. Dana and Ed Seiler and color candid, Marie Adams and Jim Pfeiffer. The entry from Mr. Dana of Nome was the only one from the field.

CIA personnel who viewed approximately 70 of the top transparencies and about 40 of the best black and white entries at a display arranged by the committee December 18 agreed the three judges had a difficult task choosing the winners. The display contained many excellent and unusual pictures in regards to both subject matter and beauty.

The judges, who wish to thank all who submitted entries and to assure them that great pains were taken to select the best pictures to the best of their abilities, were Walt Smith and Hermann Kurrieger of the Photo Lab and Walt Williams of the Warehouse.

AIRPORTS BRANCH CLOSED PERRY AND CUSACK LEAVE

The Airports branch in the Eighth region will be deactivated by January 1 upon instructions from Washington due to failure of the Territorial Legislature to pass proper enabling legislation for the territorial government or municipalities within the territory to participate in the Federal Airport Act, it was announced this month. K.S. Perry, superintendent of the branch, and James H. Cusack, chief of the Airports Planning division, are being transferred to the continental United States.

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CIVAIR 8 CLUB OFFICERS ELECTION UNDERWAY

Following sponsorship of the Christmas Ball and the Photography Contest as its last official functions, the present executive committee of the Civair 8 Club is currently arranging for the election of a new committee to head the Regional Office employees' organization for 1948.

Executive committee members from each of the four largest branches are now being elected by the respective branches and this group will meet soon to elect various officers from its ranks. So far Royal Peters and Dick Festro have been chosen from Business Management and Dave Dishaw from Plant and Structures. The Communications and Operations branches have not elected their representatives as yet.

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THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR AND HIS IMMEDIATE
STAFF WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE WISHES
TO ALL PERSONNEL IN THE EIGHTH REGION FOR
A MOST JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON AND A
NEW YEAR OF HAPPINESS, PEACE AND CONTENTMENT.

FISHER, SEILER AND CONNORS NEW FLYING CLUB OFFICERS

Ed Fisher has been chosen president of the Chugach Flying Club, Ed Seiler, vice-president and Leo Connors, secretary-treasurer. Fisher and Seiler are with the Plant and Structures Engineering division and Connors is with P & S Construction.

The three men were elected to the club's executive board at its last meeting December 1 and met December 11 to determine who would hold the three offices.

AIRPORTS BRANCH TO CLOSE (Continued from page 1)

Mr. Perry has been assigned to the Seventh region in Seattle as assistant superintendent of the Airports branch in that region. He and Mrs. Perry will move to Seattle as soon as travel orders come through, probably by the first of the year. The Perry's son is already in the States, attending school in San Francisco.

Moving to Seattle almost will be like going home for the Perry's, as Mr. Perry began employment with the CAA seven years ago in the Seventh region as an airport engineer. He came to the Eighth region in August of 1945, following duty in the Washington office, to which he was transferred from the Seventh region.

Mr. Cusack plans to leave immediately for California on receipt of travel orders where he will be assistant division airport engineer for Northern California in the Sixth region. He came to the Eighth region September 24 of last year, following a few months duty in Washington with CAA after his release from the Army.

Patient: "What are my chances?"
Doc: "Well, don't start any continuation stories."

CAA WILL NOT OPERATE STATIONS ON ALEUTIANS

CAA will not go into the Aleutians and take over maintenance and operation of four military communications stations on the Chain as announced this summer, the Regional Office has been informed.

Under present plans, the Army will continue operation of the communications facilities at Amchitka, Atka, Shenya and Attu. This decision cancels plans of the Eighth region to prepare to man the stations as announced in August.

The following communicator appointments and selections recently have been made:

APPOINTMENTS

Quentin J. Idso	RJ
Edward Bower	PM
Walter Sweiger	YO
Donald McDowell	YO
Warren Hamer	FX
Joseph Beyer	FX
George Lowell	FX
Richard McKenna	FX
James Anderson	KD
Robert Brokke	KG
Hardine Winger	KG
Andrew Whitaker	HQ
Danny Calloway	HG
Harold Lindsey	HG
John Bassler	IJ
Gerald Root	UW
Donald Bishop	YO

SELECTIONS

Edwin Austin	YO
Sam Roberson	JE
Roland Gilmer	JE
Fred Shellenberg	RM
Allen Owen	FX
Wesley Sundstrom	HQ
Lemuel Batten (as SACOM)	JE
Milo Rousculp (as CACOM)	RJ
James Seitz (as SOCOM)	EQ

CIRCUITS 302 AND 303 JUMPED TO HIGHER SPEED

Following the practice established on circuit 301 in the last days of high speed radio-telegraph operation on that circuit when the speed of operation was jumped from 80 to 100 words a minute, the jump from 80 to 100 was accomplished on circuits 302 and 303 November 25.

Coming but two days before the fourth Thursday in November, it could not be ascertained by then whether the results merited a feeling of Thanksgiving or not. Since then more tape has passed over the bridge and, although a feeling of thanksgiving is now slightly out of season, results to date have been auspicious.

Circuits 302 and 303 are called, in CAA language, Service "A" circuits. Service "A" is the particular function of collecting and disseminating airway weather observations taken at airports and scattered observation stations. Circuit 302 covers Eastern and South-eastern Alaska; 303 covers Western Alaska. The connecting link between the two is the Anchorage Communications station at Merrill Field.

A problem or two may still confront us in the technical phases of the operation. For one, tuning for the Anchorage station on 302 and 303 is handled at Kenai, approximately 75 airline miles distance, by tone channeling over a very short wave radio system, and the increased speed of operation brings in factors that may tax the tone channeling to the utmost.

A further technical problem will be the capacity of the patch-through equipment at the Anchorage station to operate satisfactorily at the higher speed. For simultaneous operation of both circuits they are connected through an electronic keyer within the Anchorage station which, in effect, permits "re-broadcasting" between circuits, and is called "patching through."

EXAMS REVISED

Communicator certification examinations have been revised to be in accord with the recent revisions to the air traffic rules in Part 80 of the Civil Air Regulations, the Performance and Standards staff announced this month. Certain new minimums were put into effect and other changes made in the air traffic rules.

OPERATIONS

RO STAFF TRAVELS

Restlessness attacked the Operations branch Regional Office staff during the past month or so. Carl Bassler, Fixed Communications section, looked into the terminal communications facilities at Petersburg, and Petersburg will soon have a local teletype circuit.

Fred Mayer, CEMO, took a field trip to Annette Island and Yakutat to observe specific operation on circuits 302, 303 and 305. He remained at Annette following the crash of the Pan American DC-4 on Tamgass Mountain and furnished the Regional Office with details of the accident as they became available.

Sherrod Kendall, Performance Standards, had never in his life been to Nome. The opportunity arose and Mr. Kendall arose to the opportunity. Operations branch inspectors were on the prowl too, with Earl Hickok and Vincent Speer to Iliamna, Hickok to Skwentna, Speer to Yakutat and Sanford Peterson to Annette Island.

Service A is a function that takes place mainly during the last half of each hour and the increase in speed of operation is to expedite the movement of meteorological material during these regularly scheduled periods.

ATC MEN SPEND TWO NIGHTS IN WOODS FOLLOWING PLANE CRASH

A one-day moose hunting trip by air turned into an afternoon's hunt and a day and a half of trying to keep warm and dry in the wilds near Portage for two Anchorage Air Traffic Control men this month when their plane crashed on a take-off from a sand bar while trying to chase a moose.

Herb Stanley of the Anchorage Center and Charles Detrick of Merrill Tower were brought back to Anchorage about noon Wednesday, December 10, by the Army's Air Search and Rescue helicopter after being picked up at the site of their plane which crashed about 3:30 PM Monday approximately 12 air miles north-west of Portage. Both suffered only minor injuries, including cuts on Detrick's chin and a bump on Stanley's jaw.

The two left Anchorage about 9:30 AM Monday in a Stinson 150 belonging to Detrick. They stopped once for lunch at Portage and again up the river while trying to land near some moose. The crash occurred while taking off from a sand bar in search of a moose they had seen earlier when the wheels hit water just before the plane was airborne. It slid into a bank and turned over, smashing the landing gear and underside of the aircraft. Darkness was mainly responsible for the accident, the men said, as even at 3:30 PM it was too dark to see adequately.

Stanley and Detrick spent Monday night at the plane. It was raining and just barely above freezing. They huddled in the overturned plane, which had lost its doors, trying to keep warm as Detrick had only a leather jacket and shared Stanley's parka. They managed to keep a fire going from 4 to 7 PM, but the wood was too wet to keep it ablaze all night.

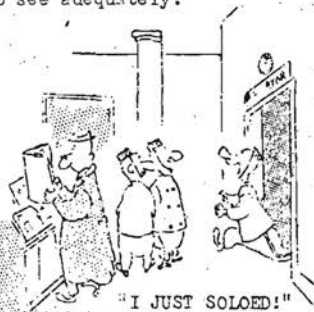
Tuesday they began walking down the river and found a trapper's cabin about half a mile from the plane. They spent Tuesday night in the cabin where they found food and built a fire. "Evidently the trapper didn't have much company," Stanley said, "as there was only one fork, one plate and one of everything."

"It got dark so early and the cabin was so small I got cabin fever in just one day," he said. "We tried to read by candlelight but had to stop as we were burning up all the trapper's candles. I went to bed about 4 and Detrick checked in about 6."

Earlier that afternoon, Tuesday, the hunters had seen Army search planes over their crashed aircraft and decided the Army would be back next day to pick them up. The plane was sighted by the Army about 1 PM but even that was too late in the day to effect a rescue and the air was turbulent.

The two went back to the plane Wednesday morning and were picked up by the helicopter about 10 PM. They landed at Portage about 10:30 and arrived back at Merrill Field about 11 AM. Air Search and Rescue didn't begin looking for the two hunters until noon Tuesday as no one knew just where the two men were hunting and figured they might be spending the night somewhere preparing game they had caught.

Chuck Detrick plans to go back to the aircraft soon with men from Pacific Air-motive to see if the plane can be repaired, Stanley said.



WAREHOUSE W-A-I-L-S

What with switching Annuals to Seattle and receiving Urgents and Urgent Emergencies, everyone is in quite a dervish here in 207. To illustrate, one of the girls was asked what she did with a white copy of a certain invoice. She replied, "File 13, match."

Coming out of the Thanksgiving Holidays was quite a shock for the employees of the Warehouse as Art Gregory and Wilma Stron, standing arm in arm and beaming from head to foot, were showing off a diamond on Wilma's third finger left hand. Wilma is a posting clerk working on bringing the automotive and household cards up to date. Art is head man in the stock room, working at present to bring the material held in Repair and Exchange up to date.

According to all the local sources, they plan to live on Art's homestead after the big event, sometime in the future. This, everyone believes, is the first time two people working in the Warehouse have ever bargained to tie the knot. Congratulations to both of you from all of us.

Speaking of the Thanksgiving weekend (we were, weren't we?) Virginia and Priscilla Krise journeyed to Palmer to spend it with their parents. They went up by bus Thursday morning, returning Sunday. They reported having a good time -- and about mother's cooking, you all know, I'm sure.

Virginia Shaw brought down some transparencies she had taken with her Kodak "35." Everyone complimented her on her selection of shots. Let's have some more, huh?

Looking around we see quite a number of new faces working (what am I saying?) -- Hal Dolcs, the teletype wizard, wandering about in a daze amongst a myriad of small wheels and minute pins; Habel

Stubbs, typist, wondering whether to put what number where on what color sheet; Alton McEuen and Bud Logan hastily wrapping packages so that the stations will have their orders promptly.

By the way, Bud is the fourth member of the "Waverly Four" to go to work for CAA. The Waverly Four is a group of musicians who came up from Portland, Ore., in October after engagements in several Portland night spots and on the air over Station KPFFM. It consists of Bud, Jack Oimert, the mail man who is replacing Chris Olsen who is taking several months of annual leave to go Outside, Mickey Walsh, clerk in the stock room, and Lloyd Richie, the night watchman. Here they have played at Fort Richardson, the USO in town and the Club Esquire. They are at present preparing to begin a series of weekly broadcasts over Station KPQD.

A plea from the posting clerks to all MTIC's, CMO's and other station chiefs: Please include on all requisitions any manufacturer's numbers and other pertinent information on such items as electrical, diesel, etc.

Speaking of work, you should see Ned Griffin, assistant superintendent, working to clean up the backlog that has accumulated on the Survey bench. That is in addition to making up 215's, selling war surplus equipment and keeping his desk clear. That last item would be enough to keep an ordinary man busy day and night.

As Abraham Lincoln said, "Nobody will long remember what is said (or written) here today." With that, I shall thirty off for now.

-- BILL ROUSCH

DESCRIPTION OF A COY FOLLOWED BY A
COUPLE OF DUCKS: MILK AND QUACKERS.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM CORDOVA

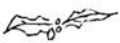
Hark! the herald angels sing --
Their voices on the circuits ring.
Cordova's messages are legion
To every station in the region.



With Christmas oil we shall anoint
Those standing watch at Moses Point.
We wish an extra large paycheck
To all at Juneau and Naknek.



Loudly rings the Yuletide bell
For Yekataga and Gambell.
Nothing like a North Dutch treat
For Yakutec and Unalakleet!



A toast to Nenana and Nome;
To Big Delta a free trip home.
To Kodiak and Kotzebue,
A holiday that's never blue.

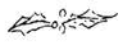


A liquid gift in kegs and tanks,
To those at Summit and Fairbanks.
Saint Nick, send a hot mince pie,
To Iliamna and Kenai.

We hope that Santa's sleigh soon settles
At Tanacross, Farewell and Bettles.
Bearers of gifts shall beat a path
To Talkeetna, Haines and McGrath.



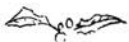
Kringle, bring a present swell
For Middleton Island and Bethel.
Goodwill flows from a copious fountain
To all at Ft. Yukon and Sheep Mountain.



Gustavus, join us in showering manna
On Kinchunina and Gulkana.
Petersburg, Northway, Tanana and Homer
May CEO never hear your boner!



Operators! Down at Sitka --
No more dahs and no more dit-ka!
Drink a toast to Galena, Annette
And any others we might forget.



Oh, little town of Anchorage,
How loud we hear you yelp --
Putting you down here at the end
Was something we could not help.



And to any other station that we simply couldn't rhyme,
We wish you, even while on watch, a super Christmas time!
To all who live in Region Eight -- and other regions too,
The very best of everything from Marcks of KEOU!

220 ATTEND CIVAIR 8

BALL AT AMBASSADOR

In spite of a last-minute switch in location from Pioneer Hall to the Ambassador Club, approximately 220 Civair 8 Club members and their friends attended the club's semi-formal Christmas Ball Friday evening, December 12.

Amid holiday decorations, including a lighted Christmas tree, the party-goers enjoyed dancing to the music of the Don Smith Trio and intermission entertainment consisting of a string quartet. The committee wishes to express its appreciation to the quartet which was composed of Eleanor and Art Braendal, Mrs. Ernie Weschonsfelder and Peter Britch.

Civair 8 Club members who won door prizes were U.M. Culver, chief of the Planning and Control staff; who won a turkey and Vincent Speer, Operations branch specialist, who was awarded a ham.

Margaret Silliman and George Karabelnikoff were co-chairmen of the affair. The decoration committee was Helen Gulings, Jim Pfeffer, Dick Pastro, Bill Clayton, Willard Gowenlock and Harold Tarbert. Bill Forrest and Ed Fisher were in charge of tickets.

The necessity of changing the dance from the Pioneer Hall to the Ambassador Club arose only a few days before the affair when committee members called the hall to arrange for admittance to decorate. Officials of the hall discovered they had rented it to two organizations for that night and the club was forced to look elsewhere for a location.

"If a buttercup is yellow, what color is a hiccup?"
"I'm sure I can't guess."
"Purple."

The trouble with night clubs is that the tables are reserved and the guests aren't.

BETZES HAVE GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Betz, CAA couple of Skwentna, are the parents of a six-pound four-ounce baby girl born at 9:33 AM December 3 at Providence hospital in Anchorage. She is the Betzes' first child and has been named Judyth Lavelle. Mr. Betz is a maintenance man at Skwentna.

ACCOUNTIN' ANNE

Some folks are bothered by 'glitches'
And 'gimmicks' and 'gremlins' and such,
But we have a Gal who succeeds very well
In keeping us always in 'dutch.'

Her hair is stamp-pad ink purple,
Her eyes a carbon black,
Her skirt is made of adding tape
That's checked (and rechecked back).

She'll sit on the end of one's pencil
And make a '4' of an '8',
She'll tug at Bud's sleeve so he'll
stand by the door
To see us come in -- if we're late!

She slips in and out of the folders
Getting things all out of file,
And while we are searching and cursing
She sits with an angelic smile.

She'll dance around in the office
Tossing T/R's and B/L's all around,
Some sail out the window, some land in
the dead files,
But never where they can be found.

Now we would like to get rid of our Anne
And if you haven't one of your own,
Won't you please be kind and relieve
our mind
And find our Anne a new home?

-- Compiled by the Unbalanced
Accounts Section

PERSONALS FROM PERSONNEL

Two new employees on the Personnel staff are Beverly Hunter who comes from Everett, Wash., and Shirley Hermance from Durban, Cal. Beverly is assuming the post of clerk-stenographer recently vacated by the resignation of Emily White who returned to the states.

Beverly was formerly employed as personnel clerk for the War Assets Administration in Spokane and was transferred from Communications Engineering to Personnel. Shirley occupies the file clerk position vacated by the resignation of Ruth Bennett.

Another resignation, effective the latter part of this month, will be that of Lois Kenney, personnel clerk. We understand she is busy making little pink and blue things.

Friends will be happy to know that a sweet little bundle all wrapped in pink by the name of Linda Lee was born to Mary and "Boney" Lonscutter October 22. It was very nice of the proud father to pass out candy and cigars to the Personnel division.



YULETIDE GREETINGS

Personnel wishes to take this opportunity to extend to all employees and their families the peace and happiness of a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

-- THELMA PICKENS

RADIO AND TELETYPE CLASSES INTERRUPTED

December classes in Teletype and Radio Range school were disrupted by members being called away on urgent field work and have been discontinued until the first week in January when Class Seven will convene again.

Members of this class are Ray Rivers, Carl Hoffman and Daniel Cruz, all from the Communications Maintenance division in Anchorage, and Wait Sunden from Juneau. Ed Jarvie is teletype maintenance instructor and Frank Merrithew is radio range instructor.

Class Six, consisting of Francis Hall of Kenai, Harold Ervin of Talkeetna, Jack Woods of Anchorage and James Whitney of Homer, graduated December 5.

NORTHWAY COUPLE WED DEC. 1 IN ANCHORAGE

Using the first marriage license ever issued at Tok, Nels Lindstrom, CAA maintenance man at Northway, and Lennie Gullett, sister of the chief communicator at Northway, were married December 1 at the Episcopal Church in Anchorage.

The commissioner at Tok, stationed there only since last summer, didn't know how much to charge for the license, Mr. Lindstrom said, and finally decided upon \$1.50. He wanted very much to perform the marriage ceremony too, according to the couple.

Mr. Lindstrom has been with the CAA four years, two of them at Northway. Mr. Lindstrom is from Missoula, Mont., and has been at Northway since June. Following a four-day honeymoon at Mt. McKinley Park, the couple planned to drive a new snow plow back to Northway for the CAA.

HAINES

MAKES LIKE HAWAII IN ACCOM FAREWELL

Carl (Just call me Omar) Shute, after dusting off the remains of the Thanksgiving turkey, apparently felt sufficiently inspired to spawn the following poem: After that effort he feigned temporary literary fatigue and left the job of writing this to yours truly, Midwatch Marty.

As is customary with all cub reporters, it is my first painful duty to write the obituaries. Our column should properly be edged in black this edition because dear old Haines is struggling to recover after the shock of losing one of its best operators (we're all good). But Haines will have to struggle along in a manly fashion now without a feminine shoulder to shed a tear on. Dobbie Stadt who has wiggled a wicked bug from one end of Alaska (Galena) to the other (Haines) has gone. (NOTE: although Alaska is called God's Country, Haines is often referred to as the Awful Haines of Creation.) Anyway, Dobbie decided to leave our fair city of beautiful homes and mild climate because (quote)....censored....(unquote).

Dobbie's departure for Grants Pass, Oregon, offers further proof that "many a true word is often spoken in jest." As has anyone else who has been in Alaska for some years, Dobbie frequently remarked she had "missed too many boats." So when Dobbie and friend husband Len were standing on the dock with their two each Fords and dogs waiting to board the Princess Mora southbound, imagine their horror when the skipper decided it was too rough to land at Haines and departed southbound leaving the Stadts in Alaska!

By the time this is in print they should be happily on the SS Alaska or in Grants Pass already yet, but I wouldn't bet on it. However, when they do finally set sail, we shall see them off with an Alaskan version of the Hawaiian fare-

well. As their boat sinks slowly into the south, we shall stand on the dock, leis of bright red-kipped salmon around our necks, while Chief Bearpaw and his Hooligan Five beat out the lilt-ing strains of the CEMO Song, "You May Be an Operator to Your Mother, But You're a Pain in the Discrep to Me."

And speaking of Hawaii, anyone casting loving glances at the Ninth region should have a word or two with ACS Staff Sergeant Elynn, now residing in Haines, who was with CAA in Hawaii and had to quit because he couldn't make both ends meet. Could have been all that fish and poi they drink, but the Sarge said it was the high cost of living and umpteen pesos per month for a one and one-half room shack.

Everyone has been buying skis like crazy, preparing for the winter season. Now all we have to do is talk the Weath-
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ACCOM DEEVER*

"Why are they sending ZZZ's?" said Midwatch on Parade,
"To wake you up, to wake you up," the CEMO Sergeant said.
"What makes you look so white, so white?" said Midwatch on Parade,
"I'm dreading what I've got to watch," the CEMO Sergeant said.
"For they're hangin' ACCOM Deever, you can 'ear the dead march play,
The RO staff's in Hollow Square -- they're hangin' 'im today.
They smashed to junk his Vibroplex and his bug fist cut away,
An' they're hangin' ACCOM Deever in the Morning.

"What makes those trainees breathe so hard?" said Midwatch on Parade,
"It's bitter cold, it's bitter cold," the CEMO Sergeant said.
"What makes that CEMO man fall down?" said Midwatch on Parade.
"A touch of sun, or else remorse," the CEMO Sergeant said,
"They are hangin' ACCOM Deever, they're marchin' him around,
They 'ave 'alted ACCOM Deever by the MANOPS neatly bound.
And 'e'll swing in 'arf a minute for a snoskin' sleepin' hound.
Oh, they're hangin' ACCOM Deever in the Morning.

"His watch was right 'and watch to nine," said Midwatch on Parade,
"He's sleepin' out and far tonight," the CEMO Sergeant said.
"I've drunk his beer a score of times," said Midwatch on Parade.
"E's drinkin' bitter beer alone," the CEMO Sergeant said.
"They are hangin' ACCOM Deever, you must mark 'im to 'is place,
For CEMO caught 'im sleepin' when 'e missed 'is sequence place,
Nine 'undred fellow ACCOMS and the RO in disgrace,
So they're hangin' ACCOM Deever in the Morning.

-- CARL SHUTE

*Fourth cousin to Danny Deever,
from the Kipling of the same name.

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er Bureau into furnishing some snow and we'll be all set to polish off the First Aid kit. But that's the way it is. If we didn't have the boards the snow would be hip-high to a tall Indian. For the interest of any Weather Bureau man reading this, the 085 group for recording depth of snow hip-high to a tall Indian is 0856 and 7/8.

Thanksgiving Eve found a goodly portion of CAA attending the dance at the high school gym, and the next morning

while holding their collective heads all agreed it was the best shindig ever held in these parts. Now that the townspeople have found out how much fun dancing is, they plan to hold another one New Years Eve. Nothing slow about us.

A toy electric train racing around a track in the window of Powell's Dry Goods Store caused the eyes of many a pint-sized Alaskan to pop from their sockets as they viewed what was probably the first train, real or toy, for a lot of them.

-- MARTIN CORDES

MINCHUMINA

HAS ITS LARDERS FULL FOR WINTER

October 31,

IQ begs to be forgiven for skipping so many issues. We've been so busy lately, etc. Sure, that's an old one, but in our case it's soooo true. What a struggle getting those storm windows up again this year. Window washing never was my idea of fun but when everybody else started working on his, I had to give in and shine our little panes to save face in the community.

Yep, we've been preparing for winter around here, alright. Just waved good-bye to Harold Yarbert and crew who came out to fix our water system, which was put out of commission last winter during the record cold spell. It's nice to have running water again with full pressure that doesn't smell of oil or cut off completely when you're all soaped down under that Saturday night shower. The men built us a garage to house our Sno-go that makes our old canvas one look like a scarecrow flapping in the breeze!

Birthdays

Just about everybody's had a birthday lately. Cakes were baked and candles lit for Bob Osborne, Bebe DuRand, Bruce Jameson, Vinco Madden and little Larry Jameson, who was one year old. Bruce made his own party favors and invitations this year, very appropriate too, using the pumpkin to remind the kids that the hobgoblins would soon be 'round again.

Food

The CAA barge from Nenana brought us our winter's store of commissaries on its last trip. We did alright too, received almost all of the items requisitioned last March, including ripe olives and maraschino cherries.

Yes sir, "Suzy" and the gang are sitting pretty now with plenty of moose meat hanging in the meat house - 'tators all dug and stored away. The guys didn't

do so badly after all. Harvested sacks and cacks of little spuds, and some were as big as marbles. Just the way we like 'em! The gals did their part too and put up all kindsa berries for sauce and stuff so we'll be waxing fat and sassier than ever 'round about Thanksgiving.

And believe me, we are thankful. The men really took care of the meat situation here and surprised us all by bringing in four big animals. Cliff Uzzell was the first to make his kill, a fine big bull moose with antlers measuring 59 inches. He and Midge had the fun of butchering their first moose together. Cliff maintains it's the best he's ever "et" while Bob Osborne hasn't tasted any moose meat so tender as the one he killed.

Ed DuRand says it's all meat so it's all good, any cut, and Jameson never had anything for sale in the commissary to equal the one he brought in. All are happy with the season's hunt. Guess we won't have to worry about those meatless Tuesdays we've heard so much about. We actually feel that we have relieved the situation a few hundred pounds worth. All I can add is woe to the gal that serves canned meat balls or luncheon meat before spring.

Wild Life

Plenty of wild animals add to the scenery around Minchumina. We saw a herd of 50 caribou across the lake a few days ago. Three wolves raided one of the local trapper's fish cache but he was a little slow on the draw and missed them on the run. That puts a stop to yours truly playing Sonja on the ice from now on, all alone. Just the thought of those wolves takes me back to my Little Red Reding Hood days.

Fur?

Now that the fishing gear, boats and motors are put away for the winter, we
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are hitting the trail on snow shoes. Most popular pastime for communicators when off duty is figuring out ways and means to outwit the local Martin (Sable to you, Mable, maybe) when the season opens next month. Seasoned trappers, Vince Madden and Bob Osborne, are going to show Cliff Uzzell how to bring 'em in.

Uzzell has decided to travel by dog team this winter and is proud of the sled he built of local birch, which he whip sawed by hand and tied together with the rawhide from the moose he killed. Here's luck to you boys, and if you are as good at trapping as you are at communicating, we gals will all be wearing sables next year!

Trips to Town

Jan Madden went in to the big city recently to see the ol' man with the drill and he pulled three. She came home feeling better after the trip, though, and with some new duds styled after the latest fashion which puts the rest of the gals all to shame in their short skirts. Kay Osborne and her two daughters made a trip to Fairbanks and did alright for themselves, too.

Jingle Bells

Too early to ring 'em? Maybe, but not to get your shopping done. Only 55 more days until Christmas. We've all been busy making out long lists of wants for the mail order houses. This way we avoid the rush and have more time to enjoy a really white Christmas. Will close and drop a few lines to ol' Santy just to make sure again this year.

-- SUZY I. QUE

WHAT'S THIS?

Flash -- It is reported that a certain Chief Overseas Communicator made \$3500 "Easy Money" on a red-hot promoter's deal. Wonder if the Internal Revenue boys have heard???

KL7MZ, a new call, is on 75 fone. QTH is Seward. Has an FB sigs.

Heard KL7JS on 75 last month. Seems as if the boys in Stebbins, NOME and Unalakleet have a pretty good net. Lots of rag chews and traffic when on hand.

Six meters was wide open on November 26. Don't know how many fellows have been watching six, but during the next two months the band should open quite a few times.

One fellow really has been doing FB on six. That's KL7DY of Diorka Island who has been on six steadily since last October. The last we heard here he had worked over 40 stations.

KL7GG, Frank Fuqua, has been working on a multi channel kilowatt. Ought to really get that DX. He's got a 450TL in the final on ten and 813's on the other bands. Frank's got an IM for a VFO feeding a couple of band pass 6AG7's and says, "Now, let me brag a little -- this is really the VFO!" He hopes to be on in February and would be on sooner but his XYL has him working on the house, painting, etc.

Have recd no further dope on the new commercial phone exams and licenses, but will keep you posted.

KL7LE, Al Johnson from KG, is going to IJ. He had pushpull 813's but sold the rig when leaving. Caught him eyeing the new gear at one of the local jobbers. Asked what he'd be on at IJ, he says to look for him on anything but six. Too much work to get on there.

Now before signing off let me plead with all of you to let me know what's going on as I can't listen to all bands all of the time. Next month I'll be on CW, all bands, six to 80 meters, and maybe get my dope there.

-- CUL OMS ES FINE DX...73...
DAN W. CROCKETT

PLANT AND STRUCTURES MEN SHOW EVIDENCE OF ROUGH BOAT TRIP

Reports have reached us regarding a survey trip to Shuyak Island by Engineers Arne Erickson, Fleming Giles and Ned Nelson of Construction and Andy Earles of Engineering. It seems that storms made their trip a wee bit rough and it took four days on the cannery tender "Seabeck" to make the run from Kodiak to Shuyak, normally a one-day trip.

Nelson was "caught" in the accompanying picture showing positive evidence of seasickness (an irresistable tendency of the stomach to turn itself inside out). To make this shot, exposure was timed at 1/10 of a convulsion and the aperature of the camera held low, lest it upchuck its film in sympathy. A sound track, unfortunately not available, would have picked up a range of tonal variations not ordinarily heard in symphonic circles.

Nelson was approached here at Anchorage for confirmation of this shot and reluctantly admits the evidence. Major cause of his nausea, he says, was Arne Erickson's perpetual cigar in the close quarters of the boat.


Sealegs were obtained after the first day and no great discomfort was experienced until nine days later when the "Seabeck" docked at Woody Island. Although a heavy swell was running the boat remained steady, but the dock and the whole of Woody Island had a decided pitch and roll.

Believe it or not, none of the residents of the island were aware of this. Possibly the island had become detached and started its rolling during the night, thus gradually accustoming the occupants to the motion and causing them not to be aware of it upon awakening. Nevertheless, Earles and Nelson returned to Anchorage glad to be back on solid ground.

Yet even in Anchorage a subtle movement, not noticed by the resident populace, was discerned by Earles and Nelson. Probably this was a sympathetic effect from the greater disturbance centered at Woody Island. It will be of scientific interest to note if future charting of the Woody Island and Kodiak group will show any movement of the islands and changes in latitude and longitude, which certainly could have happened during its violent movements.


-- P. & S. CONSTRUCTION





HEED THE TALE
OF JIMMY JEEP

GOT A SCRATCH —
IT WASN'T DEEP



WOULDN'T TAKE
TO THE NURSE

NOW HE'S RIDING
IN A HEARSE



BE
SAFE

YAKATAGA

PHILOSOPHIZES ON PERSONNEL SITUATION

We are still looking for a good journalist. Haven't found one yet but think we know where to find one now. So, maybe next month you people will be treated to a decent article for a change.

Yakataga news for the past month has been more or less on the darker side, with winter closing in and the days growing shorter there is very little time for much outdoor activity. From all appearances it looks as if we are going to have another winter such as we had in 1943 -- pretty rough flying!

We want to extend our thanks to the communicators at Anchorage, Cordova and Sitka for their kindness and assistance the evening the little John girl swallowed the glass. We really appreciated it. She is OK now, thanks.

"Irish" Pence arrived from the States with the Pence's two little boys. Welcome to Yakataga, Irish. Hope you make your stay a long one. We know Dick was really happy. Don't believe he liked batching too well.

Ben and Edna Watson and Lou Thomas left for the States on one of those medical excursions. It's really kinda nice though at that when you stop to think of it -- up here when you have to go to a doctor, you have to go outside on a short of a vacation to go to one. It's kinda rough on the pocketbook, though.

Mechanics Bogi and Barrett came down from HQ to help move the Yakataga fuel oil to a more safe location not long ago. Bogi smashed a finger pretty badly and had to return to HQ. Hope you are getting along OK, Bogi. Bill and Barrett are having a rough time trying to haul oil between storms. Cheer up, guys, the weather at ZZ isn't always like this. Can't tell Paul Puckett that though - he is firmly convinced that it does rain at Yakataga. We try to point out that we have other advantages though.

The gals all got together and held a community Thanksgiving dinner. Boy! what a feast. It was really swell.

During the month some of the CAA fledglings from Cordova and Yakutat stopped in for a visit on their cross-country hops. "Tommy" Weed from Yakutat and "Handsome" Brown from Cordova. Come again, guys.

We had a brief visit with Al Hulen, Morgan Davies, Pete Peterson and "Duffy" Dufresne one evening when their Beechcraft ran into weather it couldn't handle. We really had a session. The trouble is you guys don't stay long enough. Besides Al Hulen is a pretty good cook.

Here is a dream that continues to pop up in your correspondent's (so-called) mind -- a full, or near full, complement with each operator having been at the station long enough to know his job and associated duties thoroughly. Also all operators and personnel with "settled" minds, that is intending to stay indefinitely, making their plans accordingly. What a "home" for everybody! -- a day off whenever you wanted it and being able to plan your vacations. Everyone would be equipped to enjoy the swell life possible at this location, the hunting, fishing, trapping, mining, etc. Well, a guy can dream can't he? We have the nucleus for such a deal right now -- maybe some day....

When you stop to think of it, do you know that we operators are really mostly responsible for the unsettled conditions which make our jobs disagreeable at times?

When we are disgusted, if we would just sit down and analyze the situation carefully it would help. Examine the facts honestly, determine if we would actually better ourselves, or even do as

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-- SELL-A-PLANE NEWS

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well, in our contemplated transfer to another station or resignation to return to the States before taking any steps.

Perhaps we can eventually get what we want if we stick with what we have through the tough times. We must remember that conditions are unsettled all over the world right now. In a lot of cases, after honest consideration, we will find that we have just what we want right where we are. After satisfying ourselves to that extent we can settle down, relax and enjoy our work and surroundings.

In most cases it is necessary to purchase a few items for our particular locality. It is surprising just how many fellows will overlook this one simple factor. They will be in excellent hunting country, but won't buy a gun because they don't expect to be there long. The

same goes for photography, boating, mining, etc. In some cases a person won't even subscribe for reading material for the same reason.

With such reasoning, it is obviously impossible to enjoy life no matter where we are. We must remember that a person can't enjoy his surroundings unless he exerts himself enough to put himself in a position to do so, no matter where he is. In short, we must realize that our HOME is where our job takes us. For good legitimate gripes, or other recommendations for improvements, we have an excellent "suggestion" system.

Phew!!! What got this started? Guess I have just seen too many fellows make a sad mistake which they regretted later. That's all for this month folks, sorry about the preaching, but won't tear it up now.

-- "SMOCPLE"

SITKA

NEWCOMER DESCRIBES STATION AND TOWN

That time again! Let's hope you receive this before next year. Yep, a new year will soon be upon us. Have heard that "time, tide and whims of women wait for no man." -- how true.

This writer being one of the newcomers, we will try to give you our version of this station and vicinity. Being Southeastern, it is naturally beautiful in regards to scenery. Typical, on the other hand, of Southeastern, we also have that much discussed (and cursed) rainy weather. When, by great chance, we do get a glimpse of the sun it is an answer to a photographer's prayer.

The CAA site is located on Japonski Island, not Sitka mainland or Biorka, which is so often misunderstood even yet. Our island is a short five minute boat ride to Sitka proper. The Alaska Native Service on Japonski has taken over all facilities except those which CAA requires. The ANS, as a whole, has endeavored to invite CAA personnel to most of its functions and has shown a very friendly attitude, therefore providing recreation outlets, if we have time to attend said affairs.

There is a six-lane bowling alley, skiing facilities not too distant and ice skating (if it ever gets that cold). If one is not inclined to be the outdoor type there is always the theater which, surprisingly enough, has fairly new shows, not to mention the many social clubs -- Elks, Moose, etc. For the size of the town these clubs are some of the nicest one could ask for. At least they look awfully nice after a few -- shall I be polite and say -- visits?

The Russian church displays many beautiful and historical items with an atmosphere which definitely takes one back to "those days when." One can readily see that the Navy, here in previous days, was well provided for - just wonder if all these glamorous nurses

were as plentiful then as now. You bachelors might make a note of that!

The control station is the nicest for its size that we have had opportunity to work. Being in the old Navy tower, one is able to get the best view in town. The station is steam-heated, the floors being nicely decked out in inlaid. Plush, huh?

Our goal, houses full by Christmas, has been reached. Homer Smith and wife, plus two children, arrived at Sitka several weeks ago, filling the last abode. As some may not know, the CAA houses here are quite different than the usual types. These have dining rooms and larger living rooms. All we need is more furniture to fill it. To Gordon Halsten newly arrived from Sheep Mountain where he was living on a "share and share alike" basis, these look like a so-called "hunk of heaven" to him and his wife.

The same is true for the Smiths who entered on duty from Fairbanks. Chief Youppi returned to duty from his recent leave looking as though he had really enjoyed his rest (?). Good to have him back. Upon his return Gerry Laird departed for Seattle on leave. His destination is California, so we imagine he is soaking up lots of the good old sun by now.

Gordon Halsten has gotten the usual boat bug and has acquired a nice little outfit. Wally Volz recently purchased one also and seems to be enjoying the trials and tribulations of a boatman along with the rest. Why is it those motors never start just when you want them to most? Ask Jo Volz, she can tell you about the time she had to wait in the dock shed in the wee hours of a morn -- and it wasn't nice, was it? Sometime soon the Halbasch's hope to have one. It wouldn't be surprising to hear of a regatta soon among CAA's boatmen. Anything can happen -- and probably will!

SAD SACK OF THE RADIO SHACK

"A VISIT TO THE
REGIONAL OFFICE"



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REGIONAL WAREHOUSE



Bill of
Lading



AIRPORT



C.A.A. SPORTS

TURNER AND TEAMMATES SET NEW BOWLING RECORDS; MEN ROLL FOR CHRISTMAS PRIZES

John Turner (84) and the Klondike Gang tore the roof off the Men's Bowling League November 28 by setting a complete set of new records, both individual and team; 258 for individual high single, 573 for individual high three, 900 for team high single and 2426 for team high series. The Etherites annexed first place by taking 4 points from the Stock Chasers.

December 5

The Fixits moved into first place by beating the Klondike Gang to the tune of 3 points although the Klondikers hit 796 for high single and 2106 for high three for the evening. Bob Tietjen (51) hit 207 for high single and Wally Reid (59) rolled the high series of 492.

December 12

After the dust of the evening rolled away a three-way tie for first place existed between the Sad Sacks, Prop Busters and Fixits. Bob Tietjen again rolled high single of 197 and Sid Brown (90) hit 518 for high series.

December 19

The Sad Sacks took over undisputed top spot by taking 4 points from the hapless Stock Chasers, while the Prop Busters lost 3 to the Pentodes and the Fixits split even with the Safe Hitters. Elmer Titus (51) shot 206 for high single

and 515 for high three, while the Fixits rolled 803 for high team single and the Dirt Stiffs piled up a total series of 2202.

The second annual "Good Spirits" Tourney was held December 17 and 19 with the following men walking off with the prizes; Selmer Holte (206) had a 33-pin increase to win the grand prize of one quart of liquor; Merle Young (207) won the Alka Seltzer with the lowest game of the evening and Lloyd Schneider (67) took the bottle of Bitters with low series.

A pint of liquid refreshments (?) was awarded to the man on each team who bowled the highest increase over his season average. The following were the lucky kegglers:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Gerry Kempton	Dirt Stiffs	22
Bob Fedderson	Etherites	11
Wally Reid	Fixits	16
Nate Stowell	Kee Birds	9
Augie Valencino	Klondike Gang	19
Ben Linder	Modulators	20
Royal Poters	Luskeglers	12
Dick Stryker	Pentodes	19
Earl Dodge	Prop Busters	18
Burleigh Putnam	Sad Sacks	30
Erv Skousen	Safe Hitters	13
Dave Adams	Stock Chasers	even

-- GENE SCHARNEK

EIGHT GIRLS WIN NYLONS DECEMBER 17; NOSEEUMS WIN FIRST HALF IN WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Noseeums have won 34 contests and lost 18 so far this year to wind up as winners of the first half of the CAA Women's Bowling League. The first round was completed December 17 with presentation of gifts to members of each team who rolled the most points over their averages during the evening's play. A grand prize of a cologne and dusting powder set also was awarded to Mary Schneider, Side Kicks, for rolling the most points (27) above her average from all the teams.

Other winners, each of whom received a gift certificate for a pair of nylons, were: Marilyn Wissler, Noseeums, 13; Mary Holte (second high for the wives) of the Side Kicks, 25; Wilma Higley, Personnel, even; Dorothy Gschwend, Accounts, 7; Agnes Barkdoll, Payroll, 16; Ealdis Rasmussen, Sectionaires, 19; Jeannie Emerson, Merrill Field, 20 and Genevieve Ekren, Federal Five, 3.

Following completion of the second round of women's play in the spring, the Noseeums will play the second-half winners to determine over-all champs of the year. Prizes for individual and team high scores for the entire year also will be awarded at that time.

Following are the team standings at the end of the first half:

TEAM	WON	LOST
Noseeums	34	18
Side Kicks	33	19
Personnel	30	22
Accounts	28	24
Payroll	23	29
Sectionaires	22	30
Merrill Field	21	31
Federal Five	17	35

December 3

The evening's play resulted in a three-way tie for first place, with No-

seeums, Personnel and Side Kicks each having accounted for 26 wins and 18 losses to date. Noseeums split two-and-two with Merrill Field, Personnel took 3 from Federal Five and Sectionaires took 3 from the Side Kicks, who were formerly in top spot.

December 10

Standings remained the same with Noseeums, Personnel and Side Kicks still battling for first place and Accounts two games behind in fourth place. Each of the four top teams made clean sweeps during the evening with Noseeums taking 4 from Sectionaires, Personnel taking 4 from Payroll, Side Kicks taking 4 from Merrill Field and Accounts taking 4 from the Federal Five.

December 17

Noseeums took 4 from Federal Five just when it counted most to break the first-place tie and become top team for the first round. The Side Kicks won 3 from Payroll to take second place and Personnel lost 4 to Merrill Field to end up in third spot. Accounts lost 4 to the Sectionaires to stay in fourth place.

CIVAIR ELECTION

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Under the club's by-laws the Business Management branch has two representatives due to the large number of employees in the branch. Virgil D. Stone, administrative representative, will remain as an executive committee member during next year as the one carry-over authorized by the by-laws.

One of the first duties of the new executive committee will be to sponsor the 1948 Civair 8 Club membership drive and collect the \$1.00 yearly dues from each member.



NEW EMPLOYEES

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Hilfred A. Whitmarsh, fiscal audit clerk, Accounts division.

Filma H. White, retirement clerk, Accounts division.

Ethel J. Risoff, clerk-typist, Accounts division.

Margaret E. Miller, clerk-typist, Accounts division.

M. Cornelia Ross, clerk-typist, Contract and Procurement division.

Forrest V. Draper, purchase clerk, Contract and Procurement division.

Priscilla M. Young, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

Naoma D. Wolfe, clerk-stenographer, Property Management division.

Mabel E. Stubbs, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

Jean E. Mayfield, mail clerk, Property Management division.

Martha Jo Kellogg, clerk-stenographer, Property Management division.

Blanche E. Gray, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

Janet J. Friedrich, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

Janet A. Edmonds, operator office devices, Property Management division.

Flossie A. Allen, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

ANF PLANTING & CONTROL STAFF

Ann P. Falan, clerk.

ANF PLANT & STRUCTURES BRANCH

H. Lorraine Ozanich, clerk-stenographer, Engineering division.

Hell E. Erickson, clerk-stenographer, Engineering division.

Lionel J. Wecker, general mechanic, Maintenance division.

Clayton D. Wheeler, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Bethel).

Roy L. Wall, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Bethel).

George C. Venard, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Bethel).

Arvid H. Larson, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Galena).

Ervin R. Malmgreen, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Galena).

Claude A. Spande, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Galena).

Daniel R. Banks, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Gambell).

Frank De Sylva, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Iliamna).

Raymond F. Schneider, general mechanic, Maintenance division (McGrath).

Raymond C. Amburn, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Maknek).

Samuel J. Laufer, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Maknek).

William R. Herlon, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Port Heiden).

Ennis E. Fitzwater, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Port Heiden).

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P. AND S. CONSTRUCTION

All of us in "57" are eagerly awaiting the return of Arne Erickson, dragging his moose behind him. Arne headed for his mine up at Girdwood last week accompanied by Ed Seiler and Dick McGowen. Arne says you can tell a lot about a person by the part of the moose he chooses. The little steno, with stars in her eyes, rapturously gazed up into Arne's weather-beaten face and sighed, "The horns--er, antlers." But Connors, barely looking up from his desk, said, "Steak."

That dreamhouse of Connors has at long last reached completion, at least 99 percent completion, and the Connors tribe is all settled in its new home. To celebrate the event, there was a housewarming and many exciting gifts were received. The only information to leak out was rather vague, but all the CAA men who attended talk confusedly about some extensive traveling (all in the course of one evening, you under-

NEW EMPLOYEES

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Hugh Ford, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Summit).

Clarence G. Johnson, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Summit).

ANF COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

James M. Borglum, maintenance technician, Maintenance division.

Earl C. Wilkins, maintenance technician, Maintenance division.

Roy T. Williams, maintenance technician, Maintenance division (Nome).

Mae E. King, clerk-typist, Maintenance division (Nome).

Harold Caldwell, Maintenance technician, Maintenance division (Pt. Barrow).

stand) -- Boston, two days in Denver -- in the company of Mrs. Seiler and Mrs. Kempton.

Jerry Howard has taken annual leave and he and Mrs. Howard left via Mt. McKinley Airways for the Outside to spend the holidays with relatives in Tacoma. There they will buy a car and drive to Southern California, into Old Mexico, Texas and will visit the Carlsbad Caverns before returning to Anchorage the middle of January. Jerry has been in Alaska 18 years and this is his first trip Outside since 1940.

NOTES: Warren D. Kerr has completed his assignment at Petersburg and is now assisting Warren Wilkins at Juneau..... Arne Erickson has been assigned as resident engineer at Shuyak.....Fleming J. Giles, Ned Nelson and Andy Earles assisted with survey and layout plans..... Henning Johnson and Curt Evren are surveying for VHF facilities and buildings at Homer and Kenai.....Ralph Klokkevold made an inspection trip to Kenai and Homer to inspect the construction of VHF facilities.

Amos McLain has been assigned to Narrows Point as resident engineer.....Ken Kellner made an inspection tour of Gustavus, getting equipment and materials ready to start a construction program which will consist of installing a new water line, instrument landing system and erecting VHF facilities and antennas. ...Vida Lomen is in Los Angeles on annual leave. She will spend the holidays at home and then return to her duties as secretary to the chief of our division soon after the first of the year.

Mr. J.B. Boyanohok is a new airways engineer in our department. He has been in Alaska since 1940, having been with the War Department and the War Assets Administration.

-- MARY SYKES

POINT BARROW

BOWS INTO PRINT WITH DELAYED RELEASE

November 14

'Tis time, they say, that Point Barrow comes through with a few lines in the race for a page or less in the old MUKLUK. So here we are, fellars, and hope our little script isn't too dull. Actually we live out here on the ice pack, but we do have some hot news flashes just the same.

Brother Roose, our honorable CAC, returned from down Uncle Sugar way October 7 and from all indications he had himself quite a good time touring the central and mountain states. Since his return to Barrow he is much more quiet and refined, so perhaps the vacation from the "bush" did him some good. People get that way up here, you know, so we can't blame him in the least.

Hoovers returned from Fairbanks October 4 following a few months in town on medical. He isn't too happy to return to WY -- wonder why? He says he enjoys the old family life at home much more than this isolation in the Arctic. Can't blame him in that regard either. This is no place for a married man unless he works for the Arctic Construction Co. Some of those fellars can have their families here, but CAA is no deal in that regard.

Mechanic Olson from Bettles blew in (always windy up here) the other day for a little duty, and what duty - overhauling the Weather Bureau cat before winter sets in - and who said winter hasn't set in? We are all wondering why he is getting so anxious to return to Bettles. Maybe they have something down there we don't have here at Barrow. How about that, Bettles, come clean now, whatcha got?

Uncle Dezell, our MTIC, came back to duty following a five day stay in the local hospital. He has lost that huge stomach and claims the doctor was starv-

ing him to death, but he looks much better and is feeling fine now. He is preparing for his departure for Uncle Sugar and 30 days of that old annual. Says he would like to return to Barrow for three or four months, but then one never knows. Maybe the office will award him something more interesting than Barrow after all. Who knows? We are all glad to see John back with us, and hate to see him depart.

Welcome to Harold Caldwell, new SP-8, hailing from the "Hypo-project" at Ladd Field. We're all glad to have you with us, Harold, and hope you like Barrow well enough to remain longer than the last SP-8 who only stayed four days before departing for New Jersey. Guess it's too rough here for some of those eastern boys.

The local Weather Bureau welcomes Stomand from Wyoming in more ways than one. Seems the new observer is a qualified electrician and since Chapman hates to insert a fuse, Stomand will have all the local work to contend with. Glad to have you with us, boy.

That reminds me, the other night Fairbanks put an operator on 309 who employed a bug set so slow on dits, that when he made an error sign, I honestly thought he had begun a time check.... (He'll be gunning for me the next time I get to town for sure.)

Say, FX, what became of those speed artists you used to have on 309 during the evenings? By that we mean our honorable brothers-in-crime Fowler, Pfeffer and Hoffman. Fear Hoffman is on leave, but where are the others? It's been rumored 309 may go radio teletype in the future, so let's keep this last CW circuit hot and heavy until that unfortunate day arrives, huh? I hate to think of placing the old bug back in the moth balls. That will indeed be a sad day.

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CRUMBS FROM THE COMMISSARY

Around the Commissary this month we are engaged in Apple Polishing, Shoe Shining and various other acts of kindness which will reward us with Christmas presents.

When you receive your "goodies" from Santa Claus this year, dear friends in the field, stop and think where they came from. This is where your little HQ Commissary comes in. We try to anticipate the amount of candy and nuts that will be used, and then, try endlessly to procure it from Seattle.

At Thanksgiving we were able to get turkeys and chickens, but our "sweets" did not arrive until the day after. However, we are able to supply Santa Claus with all the trimmings needed in hopes that you can have them at Christmas. Next year we will start thinking of this in July and maybe we can have the stock here by Thanksgiving.

You have all heard the nursery rhyme about Mother Hubbard, but have you heard it Commissary style? Mother Doe, of CAA, went to her commissary to get some fresh vegetables and meat. But when she arrived these items weren't there, so now she wonders what to do.

Ah, but she's a wise old gal and rushes home to get her CAA manual. In this she reads that no fresh produce or meats are being sent to the station commissary stocks, but are being supplied to individuals upon request. Immediately she fills out a requisition and mails it to HQ. She receives her supplies -- but that gal is wise -- do you think you can do the same?

Woody has gallantly stated that he hasn't any special preference as to a Christmas gift, but will settle for a "beeg" card. However, Clarence is pleading desperately for an electric razor or a Steam-O-Matic iron. If anyone sees Santa Claus before we do, please put in our orders early. Dave Adams is

expecting a bottle of peroxide to touch up his curly locks and entice the women.

Ben Mayfield took two weeks leave to go hunting for moose. Our only reply to this is, "Who is Moose?"

Alice Repman spent a couple of days down in Skwentna over the Thanksgiving holidays. This was a treat for Alice as she got to meet some of the people we handle requisitions for.

An invitation is extended to all field personnel to drop in the Commissary any time you are in Anchorage. Many requests are being received here asking us to check on charges and credits to individual accounts. Eventually we hope to be able to check every account and make all the corrections. Anyone visiting the Commissary will be given special attention, and we even will let "Richard" open the door so you can see the skeletons in our closets. Also we will be glad to assist you in placing orders while you are here.

Annual requisitions have been brought to mind again. It is hoped all these requisitions can be received here by January. This will enable station stocks of staple supplies to be requisitioned through Anchorage to Seattle, thus giving Seattle time to consolidate and issue bids and effect delivery of the merchandize by the opening of surface transportation next summer. Detailed instructions concerning annual requisitions will be issued by memorandum to various commissary supervisors.

Slugs and street car tokens, as well as free copies of requisitions, are being offered to anyone knowing the whereabouts of an unoccupied post office box. Send in three box tops and a detailed map of the location of same and this generous reward will be furnished you by Mel Peterson.

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NEW PORT HEIDEN COMMUNICATOR DIES IN SEVERE BLIZZARD

A severe blizzard at Port Heiden the first of this month took the life of Richard B. Mills, 22-year old aircraft communicator, and sent the station's MTC, Leslie E. Brooks, to the hospital with frozen toes and frost-bitten fingers when the two men got lost for two days while driving a jeep from the control station to the quarters area during the height of the storm.

They were lost Thursday, January 1, and could not be reached by station personnel or rescuers who flew down from the Regional Office Friday night until Saturday morning, January 3. Brooks was brought in from the CT side, which he had managed to reach Friday in search of aid, about 6 AM and Mills' body was found a few hours later in the area of the lost jeep, which was in the open tundra about two miles from the station's runway where the men first lost their way.

Mills' body has been sent to his home town of Portland, Oregon. He entered on duty with the CAA at Port Heiden October 15, 1947, following training at the Oklahoma City training center. He was a first class radioman in the Navy from 1943 until February of 1947.

The men left the control station for the quarters area, a distance of little more than a mile, Thursday about 2:30 PM after Mills had been relieved. He had stood his regular midnight to 8 AM watch the night before, but had continued on
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BIDS FOR STATION MANAGER JOBS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Applications for the newly-authorized position of station manager at five of the larger CAA stations in the region are now being considered and all effort is being made to have the new men appointed and the station manager system in operation at these places by the first of February, according to Allen D. Eulen, acting assistant regional administrator.

The five stations for which manager bids are being considered are Anchorage, Annette Island, Kodiak, Nome and Juneau. Fairbanks also will have a separate station manager, and the CMO who has been acting in that capacity since April,
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GLAMOROUS QUEEN CANDIDATE IS FOUND IN CAA OFFICES

CAA'ers in Anchorage were surprised and delighted this week to learn that the glamorous mysterious lady the Anchorage Lions Club has been searching for as its candidate for Rendezvous Queen, after purportedly catching one tempting glimpse of her boarding a bus, has finally been found right in their own midst.

She is 22-year old Arvilla Underland, attractive dark-haired air route traffic controller in the Anchorage Center at Merrill Field.

She was finally found, according to some reports, by Mr. Allen D. Eulen, past-president of the Lions Club and
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