

## FEDERAL BUILDING WORKERS TRADE EACH OTHER OFFICES

It looked as if almost everyone in the regional office were playing musical chairs, without the music.

The long-awaited, often-revised re-shuffling of offices in the Federal building to make use of space vacated by offices which had earlier moved into the new Lousac-Sogn building finally began Friday, September 12. Many persons formerly in the basement were moving up to the second floor, and many of those already upstairs were moving down the hall a few doors. A few offices stayed put, and their workers calmly carried on in

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## DEATH OF G. J. PAULIE

IN EAST PARK HILL

Personnel in the regional office were notified of the death in Pittsburg September 12 of G. J. Paulie, assistant superintendent of the Airports branch, by a wire from Mrs. Paulie to Mrs. Virgil D. Stone on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Paulie had gone to Pittsburg early in August where Mr. Paulie entered a clinic for treatment of an old illness which had re-occurred. The funeral was held September 14 in Swissvale, Penn., home of Mr. Paulie's mother.

According to Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Paulie does not plan at present to return to Anchorage. Mr. Paulie is also survived by a daughter, Fredda, who lives in Charleston, South Carolina.

## CIVAIR 8 CLUB PLANNING GALA HALLOWEEN DANCE

A gala Halloween Dance the night of October 31 is the next event to be sponsored by the Civair 8 Club, according to Marjorie Chamberlin, secretary.

The party will be a costume affair and will be held in the Pioneer Hall at the corner of Sixth and G streets. A. V. Carroll, of the Operations Inspectic staff, has been selected as general chairman of the dance.

Funds through the sale of tickets for the dance will be used to provide refreshments and a light snack lunch which will be served in the hall on the main floor of the building. Dance will be on the second floor to the music of Frank Swanson and his orchestra, who played for the club's Hard Times den in the Ark last spring.

## SNACK HUT MAY OPEN

The Civair 8 Club's long-talked-Snack Hut may be established within a month in one of the quonset huts behind the Federal building.

Club members are now making plans to acquire one of the huts, and as soon as definite arrangements are made will get in operation within a few weeks. Although plans for a Snack Hut were begun last spring, shortage of space prevented it from being organized as yet.

The huts do not have central heat or plumbing, which will necessitate the use of a space heater and disposable paper dishes, club officials said.

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## GI FLIGHT SCHOOL CONTRACTS APPROVED

The situation regarding GI flight training in Alaska suddenly brightened last week when word was received from the Veterans Administration that contracts for this fiscal year have been approved for the Jack Carr Flying Service and United Airmotive, both of Anchorage, according to Virgil D. Stone, assistant to the regional administrator for Personal Flying Development.

The Veterans Administration in Anchorage got a wire from the VA in Juneau Wednesday, September 17, saying the contracts had been approved. Mr. Stone said the wire did not say if Carr's commercial flying school contract was included, but he assumed so. At the time of this writing it was not known if contracts for flying schools in other Alaskan towns had been approved, but if not, it is believed they will be soon.

### FLIERS AT NORTHWAY UNDAUNTED

Despite the general retarding of flight training in Alaska under GI benefits, Northway is taking to the air almost en masse with between 35 and 40 of its CAA and Army personnel taking flight training, Virgil D. Stone reported this month.

Training is being given by roving instructors from United Airmotive and almost all of the students have already obtained their private licenses. It is estimated that the number of persons taking flying at Northway totals 90 to 95% of all station personnel--which is certainly some sort of a record, Mr. Stone pointed out.

## AIRMEN'S GUIDE SUPERCEDES MANUAL

A reminder that the Alaska Flight Information Manual of March with its limited listing of instrument approach procedures in the territory has been superceded by The Alaska Airmen's Guide of June 15, with several changes in procedure, was issued this month by Fred Mayer of the Central Monitor Office.

At the time of publication of the Alaska Flight Information Manual not all of the procedures for radio range facilities were checked. The Alaska Airmen's Guide lists all of them in Alaska, with some changes, for both CAA and Army radio ranges.

"The Alaska Flight Information Manual should be destroyed as some of the procedures, listed in it which have been superceded could be dangerous," Mr. Mayer said.

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## ENTRIES FOR PHOTO CONTEST

TO BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 30

Entries for the Civair 8 Club Photography Contest must be submitted to Walt Smith of the Photo Lab on or before September 30 to be eligible, according to Walt Williams of the Warehouse who, together with Mr. Smith, is handling the contest.

First prize, with an award, and honorable mention will be given for entries in each of the four classifications. Classifications are black and white scenics, black and white human interest shots, color scenics and color human interest shots. Color entries may be either transparencies or prints. Prizes will be appropriate gifts in the photographic line.

The only requirement is that the pictures must be taken at a Civair 8 Club function, Mr. Williams said. There is no restriction on size.

It is hoped to use the negatives of winning pictures to make enlargements for decoration of the proposed Snack Hut. J.C. Hooper was formerly on the committee but has dropped out in order to submit entries of his own.

## OFFICIALS TAKE TRIP

Walter P. Plett, regional administrator, H.L. Newman, executive officer of Business Management, and H.P. Hogle, legal counsel to the administrator, went to Juneau and Annette Island for a few days last week for conferences with the Alaska Native Service and the Council of Metlakatla Indians regarding final terms of the CAA lease of the Annette Island airfield.

I jump with glee,  
I jump with joy,  
For I got here  
Before Kilroy.

The following communicator appointments and selections recently have been made:

### APPOINTMENTS

Vincent Bisaccia	HQ
George Speake	HQ
Antonio Roybal	HQ
Lyle Bieber	FX
Vincent Kirkell	FX
George Verba	YO
Harold Phipps	RJ
Charles Irwin	YO
Lloyd Blackmon	FX
Clayton Rolley	FX
Thomas O'Laughlin	FX
Harry Hurt	GQ
Hilton Watkins	MG
Rayburn Coawette	HQ
Velton Goodrich	JE

### SELECTIONS

Wilfred Trew (as CACOM)	IJ
Lawrence Daily (as SACOM)	KG
Richard Gourde (as SACOM)	KG
Haldo Frederickson (SACOM)	JE
Kenneth Wood (as SACOM)	JE
W. Paul Wilson (as SACOM)	JE
Albert Weed (as SACOM)	VY
Charles Swim (as SACOM)	FX
Carl Rhoads (as SACOM)	FX
Harry Jenkins (as SACOM)	FX
Kenneth Kulm (as CACOM)	JQ
Milo Rousculp (as SOCOM)	HQ
Winifred Kuth	JQ
Homer Smith	SK
Gordon Halsten	SK
Isadore Coleman	SK
William Boblenz (as CACOM)	GQ
Remigius Hanken	JQ
Dorothy Halbasch	SK
Robert Halbasch	SK
Dewey Byrley	NE
Rufus Jones	NZ

### AIRMEN'S GUIDE

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The Alaska Airmen's Guide is now a consolidation of the regular Airmen's Guide and the Alaska Flight Information Manual and, in addition to instrument approach procedures, contains data on airports, broadcast stations and radio frequency listings. It is compiled by CERO and sent to Washington, D.C., for printing.

## NEW REGIONAL PROMOTION PLAN IN EFFECT

A Regional Promotion Plan to establish standardization of procedure in filling positions on the CAF-11 level or lower was put into effect in the Eighth region during September.

The plan, which already has been in effect in other regions for several months, is a result of the cooperative effort of all the regions in CAA for most of the past year, according to R.T. Williams, personnel officer. A uniform plan was formulated which can be modified in procedure to suit the special needs of each region.

The basic idea of the plan is to pick the three top candidates for a position by a standardized "Evaluation Formula." The superintendent of the branch which has the position to be filled, or his representative, can choose any one of the three top candidates to fill the position.

"The purpose of the plan is to get the best person in the job, and at the same time assure consideration of present employees in promotional opportunities," Mr. Williams said.

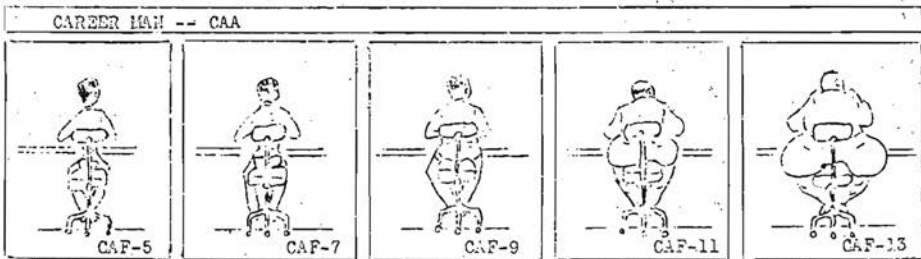
The evaluation formula is based on a point system covering three categories, seniority and experience, demonstrated performance and education and training.

According to the administrative order

issued this month setting forth the plan, it will work as follows: The branch in which the vacancy occurs will request Personnel action, and Personnel in turn will advertise the position. Persons desiring to be considered will reply to Personnel by memo and Personnel will determine the top three candidates by applying the evaluation formula. Both personal records and interviews will be used, as individual cases require. The branch superintendent may then select any one of the three top candidates. If no candidates fully meeting all the requirements for the position can be found in the region, outside recruiting may be authorized.

Field positions in aircraft communicator, air traffic controller, communication maintenance technician and general mechanic classifications will be advertised by their respective branches instead of by Personnel, due mainly to the importance of the housing factor in selecting personnel.

Positions for clerk-stenographers and clerk-typists in CAF-3 and 4 levels will not be advertised. The top three candidates for these positions will be determined automatically by the Placement Register File which has been set up in this region for several months. All clerks and stenos are listed in the file in order of experience and capabilities.



-- Third Region "Flight Log"

J. C. HOOPER WED SEPT. 3  
TO MISS EILEEN ANDERSON

BRANCH SUPERINTENDENT  
PRAISES COMMUNICATORS

J.C. Hooper, superintendent of the Plans and Structures branch, surprised friends by his wedding September 3 to Eileen Anderson, formerly of the Territorial Regional Office of Veterans Affairs. The couple was married at an informal noon-time ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mumford, with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flett and Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Jacobs among the few guests attending.

The Hoopers flew to Mt. McKinley park following a brief reception and returned September 10. They are now at home at the Aford Apartments.

Mrs. Hooper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Anderson of Spokane, Wash., and attended the University of Washington. Mr. Hooper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hooper of Atlanta and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

### ROBERTA SMITH LEAVES

Roberta Smith, formerly with the Accounts division, resigned August 20 to take a position with the Jessie Lee Home in Seward. She left September 3 for the Gateway City where she will work in the office and as a recreational advisor at the children's home. Miss Smith was with CAA about a year and was formerly with the USO in Anchorage.

The demure young bride, a trifle pale, her lips set in a tremulous smile, slowly stepped down the long church aisle clinging to the arm of her father. As she reached the low platform before the altar, her slippered foot brushed a potted flower upsetting it. She looked at the spilled dirt and raising lovely eyes to the minister said, "That's a helluva place to put a lilly!"

The Operations branch was recently in receipt of a letter from the superintendent of the Airman, Aircraft and Flight Operations branch commending aircraft communicators for their interest shown towards the safety of aircraft flight.

The superintendent's letter indicated that a number of incidents have come to the attention of his office which clearly demonstrated that the training given aircraft communicators has in all probability been a decisive factor in the saving of several lives and considerable flight equipment.

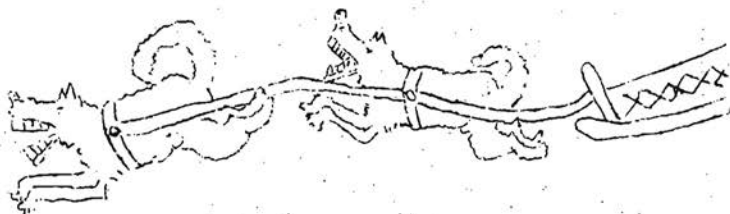
### KENNETH HAGER MARRIED IN CHURCH CEREMONY HERE

Kenneth Hager, well-known CAA man Communications Maintenance, was married Friday, September 5 at an informal wedding in the Presbyterian Church to former Elsi Elythe of the Fish & Wildlife Service.

A reception followed the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis was matron-of-honor and Walter Peterson, also of Communications Engineering, was best man. The couple plans to take a delayed honeymoon in concert to Juneau, the home of Mrs. Hager's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Jones. They are residing at 620 E. Street.

A newly-wed having trick that m first occurred at the reception when Peterson told Hager he was loaning car to the Hagers for a trip to Tal that night and John Holzenberg slip out and disconnected the spark plugs the automobile. A little later the Hagers snuck off and out home and Mr. Hager spent a long time trying to his car started in the rain.

LIFE IN THE ARCTIC IS AWFUL  
OR  
THOSE OLD BONES SAVED MINE



Relief Maintenance Technician George  
nun: limped back to Anchorage from a  
ip to Point Hope this month with a  
ir-raising account of being chased by  
dog team--and the wounds to verify his  
astly tale.

According to George, he was peaceably  
rsuing the duties of a good technician  
ged in collecting some wire he need-  
, when he passed near a parked dog  
am belonging to a Point Hope mission-  
y. The creatures took one look at  
orge---and the next minute he found  
mself pursued by one 16-dog team com-  
ete with sled.

Discovering himself surrounded by  
yipping, snarling and definitely un-  
friendly Malamutes, George didn't let  
any grass (moss, that is) grow under his  
feet.

As he fled, he looked wildly about  
for shelter and saw a pile of whale  
bones. "Letting the dogs chew on one of  
my hands to distract them," George says,  
"I dived for the whale bones. The dogs  
then got entangled in the bones and,  
while they were untying themselves---  
and their harness and their sled--I made  
my getaway."

It is still an unsolved mystery why  
the dogs took after George, but several  
explanations occur to the writer:

1. They spotted him for a foreigner.
2. They thought he was small enough  
for the 16 of them to overpower.
3. (This is my favorite) Being a lit-  
tle bored with life, the lead dog took  
one look at George and said to his team-  
mates, "Let's give this little guy a  
helluva scare--just for the fun of it!"

--MARJORIE CHAMBERLIN

## BLUE CROSS SUBSCRIPTION

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 25

Persons in the regional office who wish to subscribe to Blue Cross Hospitalization Insurance must send in their applications by September 25 in order to be included in the next quarter-year, according to Marilyn Wissler, Blue Cross representative. Premiums are due October 8, at which time the 50% registration fees for new subscribers will be collected.

Blue Cross insurance also has been made available to field personnel and applications for registration have already been sent to field stations, Miss Wissler said. Although the plan for the regional office covers only hospital and surgical benefits, insurance for field personnel will also include medical benefits. The reason medical benefits are not included in the Anchorage plan is due to a lack of response to a questionnaire asking Anchorage employees if it were desired, according to Miss Wissler.

Quarter-year premium rates for regional office insurance are as follows: single male, \$4.50; single female, \$5.55; employee and one dependent, \$10.80 and employee and two or more dependents, \$14.70. Rates for field personnel, which include medical benefits, are: single male, \$6.10; single female, \$6.45; employee and one dependent, \$12.30 and employee and two or more dependents, \$17.10.

A dependent is classified as a wife, husband or unmarried child from 30 days to 19 years old. New dependents may be added to the plan before the October 8 deadline for insurance during the next quarter. Hospital benefits include full cost of all services for a bed patient for 21 days a year for each ailment plus one-half of all hospital services for an additional 180 days immediately following. Surgical benefits vary according to the type of work done. Medical bene-

## NEXT ORDER FOR CAA PINS

TO BE SENT AWAY OCTOBER 15

The next order for CAA service pins will be sent to Washington about the 15th of October and all personnel desiring them should submit their orders by that time to Marilyn Wissler, secretary to the executive officer of Business Management, Ref. 170.

The pins are gold filled emblems in the shape of wings and may be ordered by any CAA employee for the number of years which he has served. Plain pins are for up to five years of service, pins with one star for from five to ten years, two-star pins for from ten to 15 years, three-star pins for from 15 to 20 years and pins with a ruby jewel for from 20 to 25 years. All types come in two styles, a regular pin and a lapel pin. They all cost \$2.38, except the jeweled pins which are \$4.30.

Pins must be paid for when ordered and it is requested that those ordering them send money orders instead of personal checks.

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fits pay \$3 a day up to 201 days for a hospital patient towards his doctor bill.

Application blanks or more detailed information regarding Blue Cross Hospitalization Insurance may be obtained from Miss Wissler, Ref. 170.

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"Our gas range exploded and blew mother and father right out the front door."

"That's terrible."

"Yeah, but it made mother very happy; that was the first time they'd left the house together in 20 years."

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Teacher: "Now if I lay five eggs here and three there, how many will I have altogether?"

Jimmy: "I don't think you can do it."



## VHF PROGRAM WELL UNDERWAY

Progress is well underway in the Eighth region's program to establish VHF communications throughout the territory, with contracts already let and construction begun at nine stations and bids to be opened soon for work at four more sites. In addition, construction is underway at three other stations by government crews under force account arrangements.

This region plans ultimately to replace most existing communications circuits with VHF equipment. The first to be completed will be the Anchorage-Annette Island and Anchorage--Kodiak circuits, parts of which will be in operation by next year, according to H.E. Aldridge, superintendent of the Communications branch.

For those unfamiliar with VHF, it may be explained that the term means Very High Frequency, as compared with low, medium and high frequencies which are now in use on CAA's Alaskan circuits. These frequencies are subject to atmospheric interference and ionospheric disturbances and because of their limitations it is sometimes impossible to make contact between stations for long periods of time, Mr. Aldridge explained.

In addition, present frequencies are now extremely crowded with other radio communications in Alaska, causing further disturbances.

VHF signals are sent directly from one point to another for distances of from 60 to 65 miles and do not normally reflect from the ionosphere, the higher ionized level of atmosphere. Further advantages of VHF are that the higher frequencies are less crowded, and that expansion of operations is less costly because more signals can be sent at one time on one VHF radio circuit. The new VHF installations will use Frequency Modulation which allows for a better signal with less noise ratio.

By use of telephone carrier equipment one VHF radio circuit can handle four voice channels at one time from one station to another. CAA plans to use one channel for maintenance work communication, one for Air Traffic Control interphone communication and one for teletype communication. One voice channel can be used for up to eight teletype channels, although CAA will only have four in use, allowing for easy expansion into the other four teletype channels if necessary.

The Eighth region already has a VHF circuit in operation connecting Anchorage, Kona, Homer and Sheltonna through which ATC has direct interphone communication. It was installed about two years ago. Outside of a relay station at Sisters Island connecting Gustavus and Juneau, this is the only VHF installation now in operation in the region which will be part of the new over-all program.

Crews have completed radio engineering surveys for almost all of the sites in the proposed VHF program. Civil engineering surveys for actual construction of the buildings is completed in most places.

### Anchorage--Annette Island

On the Anchorage--Annette Island circuit, construction is well along at Whittier and North Dutch by the R.J. Sommers Construction Co. and is expected to be completed by the end of this month. Construction at Hinchinbrook and Cordova by the Morrison-Knudsen Co. will be finished in October. The VHF circuit from Anchorage to Cordova may be in operation by Christmas, depending on the delivery of transmitting and receiving equipment which has been on order for two years. According to Mr. Aldridge, almost all of the radio equipment for the entire program is now on order. Necessary carrier equipment has already been purchased from the Army.

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Farther down on the Anchorage-Annette circuit, all the engineering work at Kattalla has been done and plans and specifications are being drawn up. The radio surveys have been completed at Yakutat and Yakutat and civil engineering surveys are now being made.

Both radio and civil engineering surveys have been completed at Lituya Bay and plans and specifications are now being drawn up. Surveys also have been accomplished at Soapstone Point.

Bids for construction of the VHF installation at Gustavus are scheduled to be opened September 22. This contract will also include construction of approach lights, ILS equipment and drainage systems. Sisters Island is completed except for installation of new radio equipment.

The Berg Construction Co. of Juneau has been awarded a contract for construction of VHF buildings at Juneau and will begin work shortly.

On a side circuit from Juneau to Haines, a contract for work at Lena Point has been let to the Sommers Construction Co. Although both radio and civil engineering surveys have been completed at Haines and Skagway, this work will not be done until later as CMA is presently receiving land-line service from the ACS. Surveys have also been completed on the Gustavus-Sitka circuit, although this work will not be done until later either.

The Sommers Construction Co. also is beginning construction at Thane, Sunset Cove and Narrow Point on the Anchorage-Annette circuit. In addition, construction is underway at Indian Point and Annette Island by government force account crews, which are also building quarters for the Weather Bureau at Annette.

#### Anchorage-Kodiak

On the Anchorage--Kodiak circuit, opening of bids for work at Shuyak Island, Homer and Kenai has been scheduled for September 22. Work at the last two

stations will be largely alterations and additions to existing VHF installations. Construction at Kodiak is already underway by government crews and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Communications between Anchorage and Fairbanks are now being carried on land lines. VHF radio survey work at Gulkana and Sheep Mountain were completed last fall.

#### Fairbanks-Home

On the Fairbanks--Home circuit, both radio and civil engineering work is finished from Fairbanks to Menana. Radio engineering surveys have also been accomplished at Farewell, where VHF installations will be located on Steppit Hill which, as the engineering crews point out, is Tippetts spelled backwards.

Radio engineering has been completed on the Menana--Tanana circuit, although survey tests from Tanana to Ruby have been unsuccessful so far. It is expected a repeater station will be located at Birches. Radio engineers have also checked the Ruby and Galena sites.

VHF radio survey crews are now testing the Galena-Kaltag-Unalakleet sites, although signals have not been satisfactory yet between the last two points because of high mountains in the area. Surveys between Unalakleet and Moses Point will not be made until the final location of the site at Unalakleet is determined. Radio surveys on the Nome-Golovin-Moses Point circuit were accomplished last winter.

On the Fairbanks--Bethel circuit, crews are starting survey work in the Aniak area. Further tests will be made there and near Blackburn and Holy Cross when the Kaltag location is definite.

#### Anchorage-Naknek

Radio and civil engineering surveys were completed last fall on the Homer-Kakahonak-Iliamna circuit and civil engineering work has been accomplished at Igiugik and Naknek.

## ANCHORAGE ASTERISKS

Some events of the month: The CAA lance at the Ambassador Club August 15, featuring songs by Hank Lally during in-permission; A.V. Carroll measuring closest feet to the prize-winning spot (I couldn't see it either, AV. Also the Anchorage Fair August 23-25, off to a poor start with heavy rain the first evening, but the following days were bright and clear. Ex-CAAer Harry Hegdahl MC'd most of the gift and prize awards, awarding himself honorable mention in the baby contest. A PMA man won the ASA round trip to Fairbanks. Although CAA did not seem to be represented among the major prize winners, many were present and enjoyed the first fair in this vicinity since the war. The Fair Association promises another event next year.

City officials appear to have settled down to pulling us out of the financial hole, if possible--results will be higher taxes and utility rates, as might be expected. City insistence upon compliance with the local electrical code will increase costs so that there will be six less veterans' housing units than planned, 90 instead of 96. Strike kept the port of Seward closed most of the month, retarding building and other work, including the finishing of additional school facilities for Anchorage children, but the non-scheduled boys keep the town well supplied with "air-borne" produce--at a price.

Congressmen have been thicker than--well, at least thick---here this summer. Much talk about Alaska's need for roads, schools, airports, better shipping, pulp mills and statehood. Everyone knows what Alaska needs it seems, including the Congressmen now. Methinks it needs mostly efficient administration of territorial and municipal governments and Congressional aid commensurate with Alaskan development costs; plus plans for

## CREWS AT PORT HEIDEN TREASURE EMPTY OLD DRUM

CAA crews at Port Heiden have an old rusty oil drum which they are keeping in a special place, according to Paul Puckett, relief MTIC, on his return from there.

Early this summer they ordered 30 gallons of carbontetrachloride in a 50-gallon drum from the regional warehouse. After all the proper forms had been filled out in duplicate and triplicate and many weeks of waiting, Jim Hurst and MC-62 finally arrived with the drum. Inspection revealed, however, that it was completely empty, marked with the lowly value of \$2.98--and, what's worse, quite like hundreds of empty, rusty old drums already piled up at Port Heiden.

logical development rather than that for certain groups, together with the elimination of boondoggling and deadwood in administrative circles.

Greatest regret of the month was the crash and death of well-known Al Jones, veteran bush pilot of Bethel.

As a result of ever-recurring strikes and the interruption to the flow of supplies needed in Alaska, there comes forth a proposal to make Fire Island the Anchorage water terminal, with a rail causeway to the city. This will permit abandoning the expensive rail line to Seward which has long been known as having an excessive maintenance cost; however, the plan is only a plan as yet.

September 1--hunting season opened. Seen in town was Johnny Keith, trekking back from Juneau to bag a moose and/or caribou. Many townfolk could be seen loading cars with sleeping bags, guns and all the fittings for hunting. Only in Alaska can you look forward to actual hunting within reasonable distances when the season opens.

TELETYPE AND RADIO RANGE  
CLASSES TO BEGIN SOON

Teletype and radio range school classes will begin about the second week in October in the west CCC building, according to J.W. Livingston, chief of the Maintenance division of Communications.

The schools will be located in space formerly occupied by the Maintenance divisions of the Communications and Plant and Structures branches and will begin as soon as these divisions move into the east wing on the second floor of the Federal building and school equipment is set up.

In addition to the teletype training formerly given, laboratory work on SVRA radio range will also be offered as the division was able to procure a set of this equipment for school purposes, Mr. Livingston said. VHF equipment will also be added to the school shortly.

Following graduation of Class Five June 13, teletype school was temporarily discontinued and was originally to have reconvened August 11. Due to the re-shuffling of offices in the Federal building and its annexes, the opening of school was postponed until September 22 when it was to have been in the east CCC building. However, loss of this building to the Post Office department necessitated movement of the school into the other building and further postponement. As formerly, teletype training will be given by Ed Jarvie and will consist of complete maintenance routine on teletype machines and instruction in alignment and adjustment of component parts.

The following field personnel have been selected to attend the next class: Jack Woods, Anchorage; Francis Hall, Kenai; E.C. Miller, Woody Island and Constant Horse, Fairbanks.

Students are requested to furnish their own coveralls or aprons for protection of clothing while working on the machines, according to F.O. Berry, Communications Maintenance.

THREE GIRLS CELEBRATE  
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September is the favorite month for birthdays in the Communications Operations division. To celebrate the graceful aging of three of our girls, Ruby Mathews, Bernice Dutto and Ruth Green, a shindig and gabfest was held at the home of Mrs. Green September 15.

The occasion brought forth any number of Ritz crackers stuck together with an edible goo, two more-than-edible cakes and cocoa. For entertainment there were the malapropos remarks of 'the Greens' six year-old daughter.

PITY THE POOR TYPIST

I am only a poor clerk-typist,  
Consider my plight and be sad.  
Just up from the States,  
With an F-3's rate;  
A room to share  
With another pair;  
But that's not what makes it so bad.

It's not the high prices that get me,  
Nor the mud nor the dust that I fight,  
It's those doggone names  
From Barrow to Gaines;  
Employees on timesheet  
With names like Anaglakakleet  
That foul me all up when I type.

There's Yakutat, Umiat,  
Shungnek and Skwentna,  
Haknek, Minilchick,  
Aniak and Talkeetna,  
Tanacross, Kotzebue,  
Shemya, Tanana,  
Auta, Yakataga, Galena, Gulkana,  
And Egegik (who thought that you  
suppose?  
I'll bet someone sneezed on a post and  
it froze!)

Now, I don't want to be o'er critical,  
And--as I stop and consider--  
Would names like Tacoma,  
Our own Oklahoma,  
Dellas and 'Frisco,  
Corn Center, Chio,  
To Eskimos sound any better?

-- GRACE SINCLAIR

# FAIRBANKS

## CENTER SMOKEHOUSE BURNS

Personnel of the Fairbanks Center were grieved this month by the loss of "Smitty's Smokehouse." This lofty structure was accidentally consumed by flames while members of the Maintenance crew were smoking the results of their week-long fishing trip. Moral of the story: HAVE YOUR SMOKEHOUSE COVERED WITH ADEQUATE FIRE INSURANCE. (Ed Coffey, Anchorage, note!)

Moose season is here and our hunters have already tried their luck. Chief Smith and Sourdough Grotts returned with a spruce hen. Chief Tower Operator Graner came back with fish. The \$64 question of the day is "Have you seen any moose?" So far, the answer has been negative.

SA/TC Kaplan reports he has passed the courses at the University of Alaska Summer School and is sending his report card home for his mother to sign.

The Center received word that Senior Controller Weikert had an emergency appendectomy at Great Falls while enroute to his home on annual leave. CFX sends wishes for a speedy recovery.

A new arrival at CFX is Bob Elum of California. Bob, who came from the Anchorage Center, is impressed with Fairbanks and all it has to offer. Our new man started life in FX by having his stateside girl come up and marrying her --brave man.

"How did you puncture that tire?"  
"Ran over a milk bottle."  
"Didn't you see it?"  
"Naw, the kid had it under his coat."

My girly, be wary of Cupid  
And hark to the words of this verse:  
To let a fool kiss you is stupid,  
To let a kiss fool you is worse.

## WEEKS TOWER BACK IN PRINT



Well, here we are back again after a couple of months of laxness. It took every spare moment to expand the steam built up all winter by us ZFXers. As a typical example to what extent one will go, the accompanying drawing shows what happens when an attempt is made to drink all the beer in sight while vacationing in the states. Of course, there is no doubt as to who it might be.

We certainly want to congratulate Merrill Tower on their record traffic  
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## RUTH CAPSTICK RESIGNS

Ruth Capstick, per diem clerk in the Accounts division, resigned from CAA September 5 after working in Accounts for almost three years. Mrs. Capstick says she is retiring to just rest and keep house, at least temporarily.

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count, but just to keep the books straight, our high count was well over 17,000 operations for a month and the chief is on our necks for missing some at that.

Speaking of gardens, it just wouldn't be right not to mention Farmer Graner's plot and the garbage, I mean cabbage, and such that he grew. It may have not been the best looking garden, for the beauty of it is all underneath.

Judging by all the munching of carrots, radishes, lettuce and onions and the stewing of beets, turnips and the rest, the stuff must be edible. But there can be too much of a good thing, especially when the onions are being eaten for breakfast in addition to the other two meals. The boss says you have to eat plenty when you plant three packages of onion seeds and they all come up.

Bird Dog LeRonzie is once more raring to go with the opening of hunting season. Now equipped with a blunder-buss instead of rocks, Gus enlisted the services of a Golden Labrador to do the shagging. But that hound is smart, if Gus won't go after the stuff why should he. Does someone want a good dog to feed?

Mr. Deuter, Airways Operations specialist, paid us a visit. It was a pleasure having you, Norm, and we hope you will do this more often. Mr. Whitaker, chief of Communications Operations, also braved the tower stairway and spent a little time in our "Seventh Heaven." The first step says "WELCOME."

## CRUMBS FROM THE COMMISSARY

With all the rain in Anchorage lately a crumb isn't safe just floating around. Guess I'll get myself a boat.

There is so much water collecting in front of the Commissary that a visitor would think it was a moat to keep strangers away. It might be an idea at that.

Bernice Currie, bookkeeper, spent a few days with her mother in Seattle early this month. She had a favorable report of the states, but was glad to return to her rut down here.

It was recently made possible for the Commissary to stock a supply of "streakily" fresh produce. It all will be Airborne in price, as well as fact. But one can afford to pay more to get better food; faster and with much less waste.

Such items as cabbage, lettuce, radishes, beets, green onions, cauliflower, tomatoes and celery will be stocked as it is seasonably possible to do so. All the Commissary needs now is orders from you people at the stations and we'll ship all the fresh produce you ask for.

At present, the Commissary is trying to get the MTIC's to send in their monthly report of balances due for field personnel promptly, as several people have terminated owing the Commissary money.

If anyone is wondering why he is getting requisitions back with the "return slips," it is because of insufficient information. We're geniuses, we admit, but not mind readers. Yet!

Nancy Oskolkoff resigned September 15 to return to high school as a senior. Right now no one has been selected to replace her.

Guess I'll swim back to my cell now. If you're wondering who the Crumb is, "I'm Cliff, drop over sometime."

-- THE CRACKER CRUMB

# MCGRATH

## GETTING MARRIAGE MINDED

A quick check of the August NUKLUX failed to show McGrath as a contributing station so immediate search was made for the missing news. After a thorough check it was discovered on the chief's desk under CEO sheets and revisions to B Manuals, so the past two months' doings are herein presented.

With the return of Mary K. Cantroll from stateside leave, Mrs. Vern (Ann) Domogalla was the next lucky communicator to get off. Ann departed for Seattle and her old home in Salem, Oregon, with many a backward look, as sons and husband remained in McGrath. What with a bit of dental work and the yearly medical check-up, together with the necessary relaxation which included personal lectures and the showing of colored slides to her friends and relatives, it was most restful to hurry back to clean house and be back on watch August 29.

On the same plane out August 1 was Shirley Suhn, whose visit to her home in Hot Springs, S.D., will be followed by a return to Fairbanks with new duties not divulged -- but we hear she is wearing a diamond.

This brings to mind that the theme song at the women's batchelor quarters is the wedding march. June Gadd surprised her roommates and friends by a trip to Ophir in "Batch," her green Cub, returning as Mrs. Paul Geisel. June and Paul took a short honeymoon trip to Manley Hot Springs and back by way of Fairbanks, Summit, Talkeetna and Anchorage with a stop-over at Skwentna. Paul now sees to it that June is at work and awake all mid shift. How times do change. Another member of the batchelor quarters is month-old "Porky," the pup who chews weather tape when not fed on schedule. So if you miss McGrath weather in sequence, don't blame June, blame Porky.

MTIC John Lind is spending a few restful weeks in Providence Hospital in Anchorage. Mrs. Lind reports that even with magazines, books and visitors, he

has been found putting jig saw puzzles together to keep busy. Al Letcher, who is carrying on, has been eyeing Alaska Airlines' arriving planes very hopefully -- particularly now -- with hunting season here and no one to take his place.

Now that the picnic and berry-picking season has been superseded by hunting, the men of McGrath have been seen collecting in little groups to discuss where moose can be found. CAC Ralph Slone and his father are now in search of the elusive winter's meat. McGrath gardens have taken their share of time, and rumor tells that the Slone family has even feasted on home-grown corn on the cob this year.

Vern Domogalla is planning on a few days hunting trip this month, and we gather that part of the time will be spent in the Farewell area with a mountain sheep as his goal.

The big news from McGrath is the advent of a new, repeat NEW, Maytag washing machine. Station personnel had gone together and purchased a washer locally to supplement equipment on hand and lo, without warning, this was delivered. Don't try to tell McGrath people there is no Santa Claus.

Other important news is the enlarging of our parking area and the station clean-up. It took three months, but the interior of our shack is painted light green with a darker green woodwork. Add to this a new roof so that we no longer have to balance cans and pails to catch leaks. You can see we feel very proud. All CAA buildings have had white exterior painting and the grading and planting of the yards has shown up nicely this season. Another addition is the flag pole and flag just outside the station.

With Shirley Suhn leaving, a communicator, Clarence Estes, was assigned from the training center. He is now well past the bewildered stage and is almost broken of saying "In the Navy we...." Any-

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## PERSONALS FROM PERSONNEL

Personnel is very happy to have on its staff as a new employee Mrs. Edna Lewis, a very attractive brunette from Oregon. Edna is taking over Mildred Thiel's former desk.

Now that bowling seems to be the key-word around CAA offices and each of the men's teams has identified itself with an appropriate name, we learn that Gene Scharnek, R.T. Williams and George Perina are members of the "Kee Bird" team. The boys are just dying for us to ask them what a "Kee Bird" is. Wilma Higley has been unanimously elected captain of the girls' bowling team for this division.

George Perina has been taking a few days annual leave lately, but not for vacationing. He has been working quite diligently fixing up his new house before the first blast of Old Man Winter.

Recent word from R.S. Kinsley, our former classification analyst, is that he had a very pleasant boat trip back to Los Angeles. So far Personnel hasn't uncovered any suitable candidates for a new classification analyst and, along with his other duties, Mr. Williams is also performing the necessary work on that desk.

A good thought to keep in mind and one which could well be the slogan of each CAA employee: "It's your Government -- Give it your Best."

-- THELMA PICKENS

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way, we all like Waldo and he seems to like McGrath and compares it favorably with Attu and Adak, NZL and NUD, where he spent part of his war years.

John Cooksey, senior mech, spent a few days in Anchorage on medical leave and Mrs. Cooksey took the opportunity to get an extra polish on her already immaculate house.

-- DOROTHY E. BRYANT

## NFFE HERE IS MAKING COST OF LIVING SURVEY

The Anchorage chapter of the National Federation of Federal Employees had two prominent guest speakers at its last meeting, September 11. They were E.M. Fitch, labor relations consultant for the Department of the Interior who was here on a cost-of-living survey for the Alaska Railroad, and Mr. Luther, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, an AFL affiliate.

The National Federation of Federal Employees in Anchorage is now working on a study of the cost of living here in relation to the 25% differential allowed civil service employees in Alaska, with a tentative program of action in view to change the 25% differential to a cost-of-living allowance as done for government workers in foreign countries, according to Ken Ruhle, senior overseas communicator at the Anchorage station and president of the NFFE here.

"A cost-of-living allowance gives each civil service employee a specific, tax-free amount, regardless of classification," Mr. Ruhle said, "thereby benefitting all employees equally. Cost-of-living allowances at CAA stations in foreign countries vary from \$980 a year in the Dominican Republic to \$2100 a year in Rome."

The NFFE here is also trying to obtain an exemption from the Hatch Act which forbids federal employees from holding public office, in an effort to allow federal employees, of which there is a large proportion in Anchorage, to participate in local government here.

The NFFE has been organized in Anchorage for about a year and has approximately 60 members. This is the 30th year for the national organization which has about 105,000 members. Any civil service employee is eligible for membership. Dues are \$1 a month and the initiation fee is \$1. The group meets regularly the second Tuesday of every month in the Anchorage Hotel Lounge.



## HAINES HERMIT THROWS LIGHT ON CHIEF SLONE'S TROUBLES

(McGrath's Chief Ralph Slone's letter bewailing his difficulties on the communications circuits which appeared in the July issue of MUKLUK has provoked further comment this month in the following letter to Daphne Darling from the Haines Hermit. -- Ed.)

Dear Daphne:

It was with great interest that I read of the trouble Mr. McGrath Slone is having with those people at stations KXXX, KAAA and KBBB. Having recently acquired some information relative to the subject I am forwarding same to you for Mr. McGrath Slone's benefit.

This information, sworn to before a notary in Mukilteo, Washington, was washed ashore in an old beer bottle and landed on the beach at Haines. The bottle was brought to the station by the chief's dog, who figured the chief needed a pick-up after a hard night pouring over his B Books at the Northern Lights Bar. The evidence in the beer bottle offers conclusive proof that these operators at stations KXXX, KAAA and KEDB are all members of the same family. The Lidd family.

These people came north with Paul Satko back in the thirties and jumped the Ark at Juneau in order to scab on the longshoremen's strike, and finally migrated to the Interior via pogo stick and were eventually assimilated by the CAA. One of the younger members, Hortense Lidd, blew a mainspring on her pogo stick and fell into the Gulf and was washed ashore at station KCCC (a 302X station). The operators at KCCG, after combing the seaweed out of her hair, made a pet of her, renamed her Gravel Gertie and after discovering that she had an IQ of 3.2 made her an operator.

Her specialty is poking up her traffic and then waiting until some other station calls KCDW with a request such

## SEVERAL ITEMS OF PERSONAL HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE

An opportunity to purchase several items of household equipment at considerably reduced prices and at the same time do a service for Mrs. G.J. Paulie, wife of Mr. Paulie, assistant superintendent of Airports who died September 12 in Pittsburg, was offered CAA personnel this month.

Mrs. Paulie, who is in the states with her family and does not plan to return to Anchorage, has asked her friends to sell her belongings which are still here.

Largest item for sale is a wine-colored davenport which makes up into a bed. It is in excellent condition and for sale at \$100. A used portable typewriter is \$40. There are two feather bed pillows for \$2 each, a heavy all-wool handmade comforter for \$10, a medium-weight

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as KCDW V KEQT QSL IMI NR 2 K,\* then jumping in with both left feet with something that sounds like KCDWVKCCQTC-17INTQNAHRBTEEEEEEE,\*2 etc., all before the K on your transmission has had time to ricochet off the floor.

Hortense is evidently working a 168-hour week as I have noticed her on all watches at this station, carrying on in her own little inimitable way. The next time you are on your way Outside, Mr. McGrath Slone, drop into Haines and give us a hand with that old .75MM Howitzer the Army left here when it pulled out of Chilkoot Barracks, and maybe we can clarify the situation.

-- THE HAINES HERMIT

\*1 -- Anchorage from Haines, did you receive my msg Nr 2? Go ahead.

\*2 -- Anchorage from Blank, I have seventeen messages for you. Are you ready for hi speed reception? Here they are.

# HAINES

## DUSTS OFF SPARE TIME-PROJECTS

Annual leave has come and gone and we find ourselves face to face with the stark reality of a 40-hour week, for the first time since the station was commissioned in 1940. Communicators right and left are breaking out old stored-away spare-time projects and dusting them off in celebration.

The local bowling alley has reopened and the competition for high score was brought to a sudden end when Whitey Machin wound up with a high of 289 and his wife, June, topped the women with 235. Oh well, bowling wasn't much fun anyway. Another project found in someone's attic and brought to light was the plan to acquire a pool table for the use of station personnel. Everything has been settled except where to put it, which is something else again. Photography, in an amateur way, comes in for a bit of interest with Shute and Knudsen knocking themselves out nightly over an enlarger. So far results are fairly good, due to

the fact they don't use their own negatives but borrow good ones from Mrs. MTIC Brown.

Recent visitors in Haines were Kenneth and Winnifred Kulm of Selma or Big Delta (at the time they didn't know which). The Kulms were returning from leave in their new Studebaker. After one look at this beast, we can see why all the radio comedians have been remarking that you can't tell whether the things are going or coming.

Travel over the Haines cut-off has been quite heavy lately. Getting so one can't walk down the main and only street and feel that one knows everyone in town. Cars from states north, south, east and west, and even one from Hawaii. All this and two (count 'em) bus lines; O'Hara and the British Yukon Navigation Co. Also landing to the "cosmopolitan atmosphere" are numerous freight trucks bound for Fairbanks.

## Accoms Prayer



Lord Nayer is my Shepherd; I shall not discrep.  
He maketh me to lie, out in the field station.  
He leadeth me beside the B Books,  
He twisteth my soul.  
He leadeth me in paths of rightness for the RO's sake;  
Yea, with each incoming mail I walk thru the valley of the shadow of death.  
I am filled with evil when thou art with me,  
Thy blue pencil and attached teletype copy fail to comfort me.  
Thou preparest a discrepancy before me in the presence of mine superiors,  
Thou anointest my head with irregularities and the monitor file runneth over.  
Surely if CEMO follow me all the days of my life,  
I shall dwell in the house of the dog forever.

# PERSONNEL OFFICER'S CORNER

## RETIREMENT ACT LIBERALIZED

During the session of the 80th Congress which recessed July 27, several bills to amend the Retirement Act were introduced. In general these bills provide for more liberal features for lowering the age at which employees may retire, increased annuities and other retirement benefits.

Congress passed the Jones Bill which was signed by the President and became effective July 30. Under provisions of this bill, federal employees who leave government service with less than ten years civilian service to their credit can now withdraw the money they have contributed to the Civil Service Retirement Fund.

Prior to the approval of this change, refunds could be obtained only of deductions covering less than five years of federal service and of deductions made from salaries paid prior to January 24, 1942. Those who had more than five years service (military and civilian combined) had to leave their money in the Retirement Fund and await an annuity at retirement age. Under the new law, persons with less than ten years federal-civilian service can get a refund of their money--or leave it in the fund for the purpose of earning a later annuity.

Government workers who leave the service and who have money in the fund covering less than five years federal-civilian service may wish to withdraw it, as such money does not draw interest while held in trust in the fund, nor will that money result in an annuity. However, persons having more than five years service have a vested right in a future annuity; their deductions are earning 3% interest in the fund and they are entitled to an annuity at retirement age. If they request refund of this money, the right of a future annuity is forfeited unless, upon rejoining the federal service, they redeposit the deductions for the purpose of getting full service credit towards retirement.

The Jones Bill is also effective for those former federal employees who have previously left the government and who, because they had more than five years combined federal service, were unable to obtain a refund under the provisions of the Retirement Act in effect at that time.

During the closing days of the session, a joint committee combined the major features of a House bill and a Senate bill into the Langer-Chavez-Stephenson Bill. This bill was passed by the House and sent to the Senate where it is now on the agenda and may be acted upon when Congress reconvenes. According to information we have received, the bill is designed to lower the age limit at which employees may retire, to increase annuities to government employees who retire from service, to modify the method of computing annuities and, in order to finance the additional benefits, will require an increase in the contributions made by employees.

# TALKEETA

## PREPARES TO STALK THE LORDLY MOOSE

We are in the midst of feverish anticipation and preparation for the forthcoming ordeal when we stalk the lordly moose. At this period of the adventure we forget the endless miles of wind-falls, swamps and Devil Clubs that infest the habitat of old Hooknose. We forget also that for two seconds of thrill we pay in three days of blood, sweat and tears.

Just had \$23.50 worth of work laid on the old Magnum, and let's see-- a 56-hour work week---if the day watch swings into the eve and the eve to the day that leaves the mid and the day for a two-man team--it ain't easy, but here we go.

Jo sez to Vert: "You tramp around the woods all day while I hang out the weekly wash. Then I have to sit and listen to how tired you are and will I bring your slippers. I'm going hunting this year too."

Vera sez to Sol: "Here I got the pan on for fresh liver and you come in with one mutilated spruce hen."

Then of course there's the ever-popular story of how Ed Musgrove and Meri Swim led a powerless boat three miles so they could kick off in the main channel of the Susitna and make the other side of the river. And how when, after a couple of hours, they reached their destination, Ed Musgrove found he had forgotten the key to the truck where their hunting gear was safely stored under lock...So much for moose hunting.

Departed AO for Galena, John Sheldon, his wife and son. Entered on duty, AO from Bethel, Andy Goitt, his wife, son and daughter. Bon voyage, John and family; and make yourself at home, Andy and family. Sheldon's last words were, "I'll be back in a couple of weeks to hunt moose."

Wanta buy a Taylorcraft cheap? One TLC complete with 200 pounds of used parts. See F. Ervin, WVIC.

From dark overcast to clear for Jo Bahnbub when the mailman sez, "A letter from Kenai for Joanna." Must be the influence of the Deep South. Tell, and hubba hubba. For information, you would-be-Lotharios, how about a handful of Golden Retriever at \$75 a pound? As a tribute to his messenger, this one was duly christened "King Chris."

All hail the new washing machine I--a brand new Maytag, complete with a pump and wringer that works. We bow our heads in respect as we place in retirement old "Nutzenboltz" who has served us these many years. We pay tribute also to Sol, our senior general mechanic, who many times breathed life in the old antique when her clanking gears lay in the throes of death's final shudder.

In signing "7z" we can't resist one little item of shop: Why do stations north and south of Fairbanks persist in cutting 205 in two? In addition to 205S and 205N we also attempt A1 and A2 transmissions simultaneously. Heard a gal the other night trying to clear a flight plan before the aircraft reacted 10 with very little success. Seems like an hour for number checking from OO to O1 sure smears a lot of necessary work. Circuit courtesy rarely lets everybody get the job done. We at AO are also plenty guilty, but we'll lay off if you will.

### ITEMS FOR SALE

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comforter for 28 and a heavy all-wool grey blanket for 23. Also included are a clothes drying rack for 2 and two electric irons. One is heavy, although it heats well, and is 21; the other is 22. There is a large selection of used kitchen utensils and 10 yards of new oil cloth.

Those interested in seeing the items are asked to call Mrs. Glenn Smith at Green 612, evenings or weekends, or Mr. Virgil D. Stone, Personal Flying Development, Extn. 105

# NOME

## REPORTS ON WEDDINGS, VACATIONS AND HUNTING

Wedding bells sounded for Jeff King and Evelyn Smith the eve of September 3rd after Jeff had lured her to Nome with tales of the Enchanting North. Naturally the occasion called for a party at the Boring Sea Club with dancing to the tune of bubbling champagne corks.

Edward Allonbaugh, who left Nome in 1941 for Gulkana, returned recently to take over the position of CL'G. James Whitney went to Homer as MTIC.

After several months of hard work, Walt Berklund now has his own transportation to and from the CT site. This helps quite a bit because Cliff Crudill's old Ford is rather lopsided since Morlin Huffaker rolled it into a ditch.

Owing to the contact of his blue Jeep with a telephone pole, Lauren Dana has been pushing a bicycle up the Cape Nome hill. He says it is good for reducing. Lauren has applied for 26 days annual leave and says, "California, here I come!" Fred Eppler left Nome for Kodiak after spending a year and a half here. This leaves us without a piano player.

Fran Abbott has returned to the Nome station after a three and a half month's vacation in Anchorage on a per diem status. Bob Meredith took the return trip on MC-62 for duty at the Anchorage station. It is understood that he will have no further difficulties with dirty coffee cups---Anchorage communicators drink coko. On watch, that is.

Lola Larson left on PanAm a while ago for a vacation in Fortilo, Minn.

Betty Seifert and Bob Schmidt returned from their leave Outside with tales of mountains, streams and TREES. Betty spent her leave around home in Montana while Bob went on to Kentucky. The heat wave molted pounds off both of them and wrinkled the canopy of the airplane.

Rumor has it that Al Hulon was a recent visitor in Nome. This report is unconfirmed, but we understand he posed a few good dog pictures while here. (Ed. note: Mr. Hulon, who reads this stuff before it goes to press, says he wasn't in Nome and he has never taken a picture of a dog in his life.)

Ruth and Dave Mercer came back from a stateside vacation much better satisfied to take their chance in Alaska. While on board the Alutian from Seattle to Seward, Dave found John W. Eigh, wearing a snappy warrant officer's uniform and operating the ship's radio. This was Digby's first passenger ship. He has been on several freighters to foreign ports recently and hopes to make several trips up this way next year. John, as some of you may remember, was Chief at the Yekaterg station not so long ago.

Nome now runs a close race with Anchorage and Fairbanks with all our new traffic signs. Ask Walt Berklund how it feels to pay \$10 for running through a stop sign.

Pharmigan season is open again in Nome and the CT boys with Cliff's retriever, Lead, are out on the trail. A recent excursion proved too much for Lead, as she presented the boys with six new pups after a strenuous and otherwise fruitless evening. The first pup arrived on the seat of Walt's Ford and Cliff was soon looking for a box---my box.

Barney Crosby is now on annual leave but is expected back shortly. He has been out checking up on some mining properties. The shop in the garage building has a new concrete floor in which they installed a radiant heating system. The building also has a new paint job. Joe Walsh recently came to the seal coating on the Army Field and  
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## GENERAL EXPRESSES THANKS FOR PORT HEIDEN HOSPITALITY

A letter to Regional Administrator Walter P. Plett from Brigadier General J. H. Atkinson, Headquarters Alaska Air Command, expressing appreciation of hospitality accorded by CAA personnel to Major General Quesada and his party on a visit to Port Heiden September 6 and 7 was received in the regional office this month.

The letter stated in part, "General Quesada and the entire group were very well pleased with the hospitality, food and cooperation shown by all CAA personnel at Port Heiden, and especially want to thank Mr. Brooks (WTIC) and Mr. and Mrs. Frame (cooks) for their time and trouble."

General Atkinson also wrote that "WTIC Brooks mentioned CAA personnel at Port Heiden were not getting satisfactory mail service through the Army's APO and said, "The postal officer at this APO has been contacted and has stated that he would try to rectify this matter with all possible haste."

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took off on the boat for Gambell where he has some work to do.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wheeler are the proud parents of another daughter. This makes three girls and one boy in the Wheeler family.

A short but very important item: THE UTILITY BUILDING HAS A NEW WASHING MACHINE.

Walt Berklund and Chet Sander took some annual leave the other day and went on a fishing trip to Iron Creek. They came back with a supply of astounding fish stories, and had the fish to prove them. Cliff Craill and Johnny Gornason went on a fishing trip to Beaver Creek-- they came back with fish, too.

## FIVE FLYING CLUB MEMBERS WORKING ON PRIVATE LICENSES.

Five members of the Chugach Flying Club have soloed and now are working on their private tickets, according to W.C. Perry, club president. They are Alvin Dimond, Lance Hurvey, Sanford Johnson, John Froeland and Jack Woods.

In the meantime the four members of the group who are already private pilots have taken many interesting west-bound trips during the summer in the club's Aerona Chief. Ed Fisher has gone to Gulkana and Yanacl and Mr. Perry has taken trips to Homer, Seward and Sleet.

The club, which is a private organization composed of CAA personnel, now has its full 16 members. In addition to the above, they are Bud Shepherd, J.L. Connors, W. H. Culver, Elmer Beckmann, E.L. Griffin, W.E. Vallar, Ed Scaller, Jessie Houch and G. A. Whitaker.

Contrary to rumor, the club is not planning to purchase a new plane, Mr. Perry said. However, members are going to try to buy a radio in order to acquire radio and tower contact training. The Chugach Flying Club meets the first Monday of every month.

Marlin Huffaker took 26 days annual leave and went home to Salt Lake City. He left again shortly after his return on emergency leave due to the death of his brother.

Two new communicator arrivals in Nome are James Russ and George Weber. George just got here the other day and says he comes from Pennsylvania. Jiz, although he spent the past year in California, makes sure we understand he is from Texas.

The housing situation in Nome has been improved by the release of two apartments which will be used by CAA couples.

# P & S MAINTENANCE

## MEN DRIVE NEW CARS UP HIGHWAY

Anyone planning a trip by automobile via the Highway should certainly be able to get some first-hand information from the gang in Maintenance. At present, Mr. Knight, our Division Chief, is enjoying himself in Minnesota, having travelled out over that famous road. Only report we have had from him so far is a complaint about the heat in the Middle West.

Perry McLain is driving up over the Highway in his new Pontiac. He went all the way back to New York just to "check up on the Boys" at the American Legion Convention. We received a card from him and he says he's anxious to try out his new car. This trip will be the second one over the Highway for "Mac" in the same number of years.

Harry Nelson flew out to Seattle to pick up his new car and drive it over the highway. We are expecting him back any day.

We are happy to announce that Mr. William Thomas is now working with the Maintenance Division as Airways Engineer. He was formerly with CAA both in the Washington Office and Alaska, when our organization was still in its infancy in the Territory. He has spent the past several years in Central and South America with Pan American Airways and his stories of life in those countries are certainly worth hearing.

It seems that requests for annual leave are coming in faster and faster these days. Sometimes we wonder if the opening of the hunting season could have anything to do with it.

Perhaps by the time this issue of MUKLUK goes to press we will be moved out of our "Little Yellow Home in the Back" into more spacious (?) quarters in the Federal Building. Dave Dishaw has promised us that we'll move in the very

near future and we are certainly looking forward to it.

We've really been busy writing up 118's lately. The following transfers have occurred within the past month: J. Kenneth Lohnes from Galena to Bethel, John Sheldon from Talkeetna to Galena, Edward Cook from Summit to Galena, Andrew Geit from Bethel to Talkeetna, Wesley McIntosh from Anchorage to Summit and Myron Stevens from Summit to Anchorage.

The Maintenance Division wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. J.C. Cooper, our Branch Superintendent, on his recent marriage and to wish him happiness and wedded bliss for many years to come.

As a final note, we wish to extend hearty congratulations to William E. Newton, General Mechanic at Big Delta, who certainly surprised the office (and also himself, we gather from the newspapers) when his wife presented him with a baby which neither expected just a few days after he went on duty at that station.

--PAULINE MARTENS

New personalities seen in the office of the P & S Maintenance Division, in addition to William Thomas, are Airways Engineer Homer Nordling, who comes to CAA from Juneau where he worked as Chief Electrician for the Alaska Juneau Mine, and Homer Chatham, who is working as electrician, travelling mechanic.

New feminine personalities, Clerk-typists and stenographers, are Mrs. Francis Hartwig and Mrs. Margaret Miller. Miss Maxine Mulvihill, Jean McCree and Vinita Finkle have been with the department several months so we really can't label them new. Vinita Finkle, however, will



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return for her senior year in high school when the Anchorage school bells ring September 22.

Thinking in terms of bells, we wonder why all the flowers recently, with two beautiful girls decorating their desks with roses and corsages. First place in the "Flower Show" goes to Jean McCrea, who at the time of this writing has received a total of twelve beautiful corsages, one dozen, all in two week's time, delivered by messenger service. Second place was taken by Vinita who received a total of two dozen beautiful roses during a week's time at the rate of six a day--But from whom? The cards said they were from an admirer. Not really! Hmm--well, it's still too early to make any further announcements.

Wes Rose, the Frigidaire Man of "Task Force Frigidaire," has been in demand at a number of stations. Mr. Rose recently announced that much of the morale at the stations depends on the ice cube supply. One of his latest calls was a quick trip to Tanacross during the forest fire season. After assuring the station of their ice supply, he was drafted to fight forest fires in that area.

Samuel Kelly returned to HQ September 9 after an inspection trip to Annette Island and Southeastern Alaskan points.

W.S. McIntosh was in the regional office several days on his way from Kenai to Summit. Mr. McIntosh wishes to take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Knight and the Red Cross for their cooperation during his recent illness.

-- L.B. HARVEY

Money doesn't always bring happiness. A man with ten million dollars is no happier than a man with nine million.

"How was the burlesque show?"  
"Abdominal."

KL7CX--Carl Hoffman is still touring Southeastern points, however, no position reports as yet via the new sonar unit.

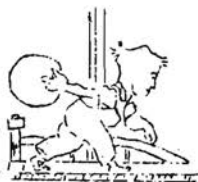
The Amateur Radio Club of Anchorage set up a demonstration amateur station at the Anchorage Fair, August 24, 25 and 26. The call used was the regularly assigned call, KL7AA. Equipment included an EX-42, NC-100 and Supreme AF-100 transmitter. Seventy-five and 20 meter fone were used with fair success in view of the ionospheric disturbances experienced during August.

Those taking an active part were Chet Bartholomew, ex-W7EXU; Dick Coan, KL7GN and George Williams, KL7CA. The general public showed much interest in the station and it is estimated that 500 persons visited the station.

#### YAKATAGA REPORTS

Hi, Editor of "CQ"---There are two hams at Yakataga and soon to be just one. KL7DU has been active for over a year here working mostly 20 and 40 meters with occasional 10 meter fone. KL7EV will be the boy who remains, and he is getting a rig going on 75 fone, so maybe one of these days (if he ever gets off the 56-hour week and those ghastly mids) you will be hearing him. KL7DU will be heard from Gustavus (if and when he and his gear get there).

Ask Carl Hoffman if he remembers W7SO and W7AWI? Won't give him my old call as it may not be old enough for him to remember. If the FCC comes across with that Class A, I shall possibly be heard on 75 fone one of these years, but as a CW man, might disclose the secret of getting QSL's from those ferrinors? Hope to be on the air soon. --KL7DU  
-- GEORGE WILLIAMS



# CAA SPORTS

## THREE TEAMS TIE FOR LEAD AT START OF MEN'S LEAGUE

The Prop Busters started their drive to retain the championship they won last year as Merrill Field by taking four points from the Etherites, while the Kee Birds and the Klondike Gang kept hot on their heels by going into a three-way tie for first place during the first two nights of the Men's Bowling League play --September 17 and 19.

The Prop Busters hit 796 for high single and the Kee Birds rolled 2225 for high three. Ye Olde Editor of this column decided to open the season with a bang and hit 236 for high single and 565 for high three. (Just thought the boys should have something to shoot for.)

### Standings as of Sept. 19

TEAM	WON	LOST
Kee Birds	4	0
Klondike Gang	4	0
Prop Busters	4	0
Safe Hitters	3	1
Pentodes	3	1
Sad Sacks	2	2
Dirt Stiffs	2	2
Muskegiers	1	3
Modulators	1	3
Stock Chasers	0	4
Fixits	0	4
Ethorites	0	4

With a record-breaking entry of 12 teams in the league, two of them will bowl Wednesday nights with the girls' league (woe to them if the girls beat  
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## EIGHT TEAMS COMPETING IN WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Merrill Field, Administration and the Side Kicks (CAA wives) are currently the three top teams in the Women's Bowling League with each team taking the maximum four points on the first night of the season, September 17.

Elen Gullings of Merrill Field took top individual honors with a 152-point average, Arthello Evans, Merrill Field, rolled a 129 average and Dorothy Meredith, Administration, scored a 126-point average.

The league will be divided into two parts, the first ending a week before Christmas and the second beginning the second week after New Years. Handicaps will be figured by giving one-third of the differences between the competing teams' averages to the low team.

Others of the eight teams in the women's league are Personnel which accounted for three points the first night, Accounts which scored one point the first night and the Sectionnaires the Federal Five and Payroll, none of which broke into the scoring column. The Sectionnaires and the Federal Five are composed of players throughout CAA.

A competitive Roll-Off is planned for the end of the season with the winners of each half meeting for the championship. A dinner party is also being planned at which awards will be made for top team and individual scores.

## EVELYN FOWLER WEDS

Evelyn Fowler, Mail and Files, became the bride of Jess Komberger of the Army Transport Service at a small informal wedding the evening of September 19 at the Presbyterian Church with Reverend Rolland Armstrong officiating. Beth Stoddard of the Alaska Railroad was maid-of-honor and Bill Schafer of the ATS was best man.

### MEN'S BOWLING

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their scores): Bowlers in the league have voted to have a two-thirds handicap league based on the four-point system. Following a tie vote, the Rules Committee decided at its final meeting to hold a 27-week schedule to be divided into three nine-week rounds.

No games are scheduled for Christmas, New Years or Holy Week. In addition to a turkey shoot and a Christmas Tourney, a Handicap Sweeper will be held at the end of the season.

Following are the sections which the teams represent and the team captains: Modulators, 68 and 69, Dan Cruz; Pentodes, 67, Dick Stryker; Sad Sacks, Misc., Hank Newman; Dirt Stiffs, 51 and 57, Ed Fisher; Stock Chasers, 207 and 214, Norm Lowenstein; Kee Birds, 175, 206 and 230, Barry Watson; Safe Hitters, 270, Clark Marks; Muskeglers, 180 and 190, Pete Verdin; Fixits, 59 and 59A, Max Clark; Klondike Gang, 80 and 90, John Turner; Etherites, HQ, Jim Carter and Frép Busters, 44 and 220, Huron Henderson.

Again, a reminder that half the fun participating in a sport is the knowledge that your fellow employee is in the gallery cheering you on for "dear old Flatbush." So how's about a date for some Wednesday or Friday night--7:30 at the Aleutian Lanes.

-- GENE SCHARNEK

## TRADE OFFICES

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the face of heavy desks scraping down the hallways and dozens of people scurrying about with armloads of books and records.

Most hard put to retain their dignity were the girls on the switchboard. No one knew just who had gone where and what telephone extension they had. The following Monday the Business Management branch came to the rescue with a memorandum listing new room and extension numbers, which are good for the time being at least.

Still to move are the Maintenance divisions of the Plant and Structures and Communications branches, which will leave the west CCC building for the second floor west wing of the Federal building; the Operations division, which will leave its basement headquarters for the second floor wing; the teletype and radio range school and the photo lab, which will all go into the west CCC building, and possibly the Airman, Aircraft and Flight Operations branch, which has already come in from Merrill Field to the second floor of the Federal building and may move again to the basement.

A week earlier the exodus of several offices from the Federal building to the Loussac-Sogn building finally took place. Those now situated on the third floor of the shiny new structure include the Engineering, Drafting and Construction divisions of the Plant and Structures branch, the Engineering division of the Communications branch and the Airports branch.

No one seems to know as yet where the MUKLUK office will go when the Post Office takes over the east CCC building, where MUKLUK is now the sole remaining tenant.

# BETTLES

## SAYS IT WILL TAKE ANY KIND OF MEAT

We are submitting this article because of the situation we read about at Galena. Galena stated it would like to have a greater ratio of hind quarters of meat to front quarters than it has been getting. Please let it be known that Bettles will accept any kind of quarters or any kind of meat, anytime, due to the fact that we hadn't seen or eaten any from March until August 13, when HC-62 dropped in with meat and fresh vegetables. This was well appreciated by all the CAA personnel here at Bettles. We are wondering just how long it will be until the next batch of grub will be flown in. As Pancho would say, "We are the forgotten station. I think."

However, in spite of the difficulties we have at this station, the personnel here seem to be strangely happy. Most of them plan on staying for a long while yet anyway. Our biggest and most talked about problem is transportation to and from the field. Our air strip is five miles east of the station and when any supplies come into Bettles the question arises how in the ~~hells~~ are we going to get the stuff over to the station. (Ask Inspector Peterson for confirmation on this subject. Ha.) Our mail is usually brought in every two weeks, however due to weather and the difficulty with the airlines in their schedules, it is sometimes a month or more before we get any.

The country is beautiful and the weather is usually as fine as you can get in Alaska. We are very proud of our middle seven clouds here at KE. As you know, we brew up our own batch of weather. We are now working on the problem of how to take weather observations without going outside in the winter, and also how to operate circuit 309 without having to stay inside in the summer, and also what kind of a weapon to use on the mosquitoes here in the summer. A few of our personnel have been carried away by

these beasts, but we manage to get them back.

A few of the fellows now have their own outboard motors and boats and get a chance to do a bit of cruising on the river. Due to the expensive gasoline only a little is done. That makes up our recreation except when we all get together and have a fish fry. Some hikes are taken but limited to the mosquitoes, who are always working overtime. The mossies have pontoons, which doesn't cut their airspeed down any as they have the same zip they had when they first came out.

Instead of sitting around counting spots on the wall, it would be wonderful to see a moving picture. This is where a projector would come in very handy. (Regional office please note.) Oh, forgot to mention gold mining which has been a big recreation all summer. Quite a few good pieces have been panned out in front of the Bettles Trading Post. Herb Brazil, relief technician from Fairbanks, made a rocker and formed the CAA Bettles Mining Cooperation. Herb the Chief still hasn't made a decent living with that rocker,

This station consists of five operators, one MTC and one mechanic at the station site. There are two mechanics at the field site but we don't see much of them and can't tell any lies about them. Up until a few weeks ago we had Mr. Spinks who, unofficially working for the CAA here, has done much good and saved us some big headaches with his vast knowledge of the Koyukuk country. He has departed for someplace called the States. Our charts don't include this place named. Also while we're at it, we would like to send a memo to Keenan, Timmerhoff and O'Brien who left Bettles some time ago. A letter would be appreciated---also, how did Rod make out with Knik Arm and are Jack and Mark wised up yet?

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We have had quite a passing array of MTIC's this summer. We call them the no-see-em's. We learn their names and capacities then off they go and more come in. At the present we have Traveling Mech John Roberts. He is formerly of Amotte Island, Yakutat and points south.

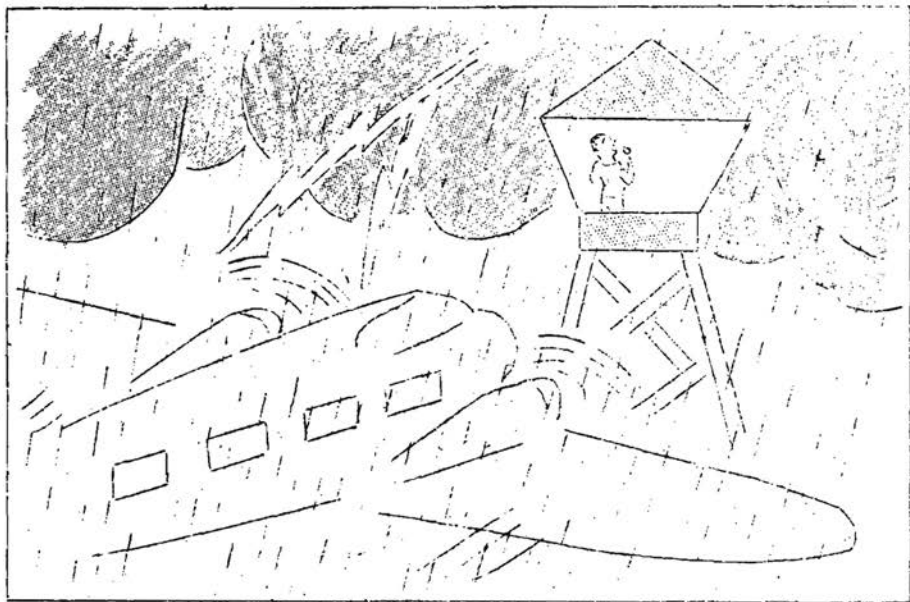
The names of the operators are Marion Laing, chief, Kenneth Carl, Kenneth Johnson, Ted Jordan and Jim Langton. Mechanics at the field are Ed Carr and Ted Almsy, and at the station Jim Crouder. All are single except Carl with wife and the Little Wheel of ton and Crouder with two boys of four and six summers respectively. Mrs. Crouder is postmistress and Chief of the Bottles Trading Post. It seems, as he puts it, Carl was a bachelor once, but she ran

faster. Since then all bachelors at the station have been putting in spare time on footwork.

Operators do not work too hard here, as after climbing our famous, infamous, hill to the station it takes eight hours of rest to recuperate. The operator being relieved is very happy as he gets to go down hill.

This is about all the dirt from north of the Arctic. This is the first article for some time and this writer is none too good at composing--but as the clever operator said, "That's another story." Let us hope this gives the Brotherhood of Cigarette Smokers and Coffee Drinkers some dope on the dopes who live and work for the CAA in Bottles.

-- BOTTLES GOLD FARMING  
AND LEARS ASSOCIATION



"You're getting closer, MC-14, I can hear you clearly now!"

(Stolen from 6th Region "Acro-Antics")

# PLANT AND STRUCTURES

## ENGINEERS COMING & GOING

The VHF program has Division 51 engineers "coming and going." Frank Yurg made the survey for the Japanski Island site early in the month, returned to headquarters and is presently roughing it with Owen Rye and engineers from Radio Engineering at the Midway Island VHF site on the lower Yukon.

Engineers Holzgraf and Dealman completed the Katalla survey the middle of the month. Leigh Robinson and Bob Tietjen are making the survey at Yakataga. (We've been expecting a field requisition for one each escalator for getting up and down that thousand-foot hogback where the test antennas are located.) The Yakataga site was also the object of an inspection by Branch Superintendents Hooper and Aldridge and Ed Fisher of the Landing Areas section during the month.

Ed Griffin has been tied up on pre-construction surveys at Thane, Lena Point, Sunset Cove and Gustavus for the past two months. Negotiations for a lease on a VHF site required a trip by "Legal Eagle" Stalnaker to Homer, and Design Engineers Murphy and Titus were out on trips to Yakutat and North Dutch Island.

Other work of the division found Architect Barnuta at Naknek on an inspection of the building construction now underway at that station. Engineers Seiler and Earles spent a pleasant (?) month on those "Pearls of the North Pacific," Shonya and Amchitka, working with the Army in connection with the proposed CAA operation and maintenance of the Alcutian facilities. Bill McDaniel has returned to Anchorage upon completion of an assignment in connection with the paving work at Bethel.

Personnel on leave include Ernie Eschenfelder at Juneau, Bob Cushman in

Louisiana and Blackwood and Dealman in the hills after moose and caribou.

We're all settled in our new offices in the Loussac-Sogn building---pretty nice "diggings"---drop in and see us.  
-- ELIZABETH TREAWAY

## CONSTRUCTION BUSY

C.H. Evren has been assigned to supervise construction for the Weather Bureau at Barrow. Airways Engineers on new assignments for the month of August were J.E. Daigle, Gulkens; Amos McLain, Cordova; R.E. Krueger, Sunset Cove and Barrow Point and Keith Humphries, Galena.

K.K. Kellner left Anchorage August 11 on an inspection trip to Southeastern Alaska, and to Galena August 28. Cable splicers have performed work at the following stations; Alfred Bonnett, Fairbanks, Tanacross and Juneau; Michael Guzy, Naknek, Bethel and Iliamna and Wallace Tykward, Annette.

Harold Tarbert and crew arrived in Anchorage after completing air traffic markings at Naknek and Lig Delta. K.K. Kellner and George Karabelnikoff drove to Gulkana on an inspection of the Gulkana Contract August 22.

Airways engineers in from various stations include G.W. Howard from Bethel, Arne Erickson from Whittier, Joseph Walsh from Nome, Keith Humphries from Galena and Fleming Giles from Kodiak.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walsh are parents of a son, Joseph Thomas, who was born August 9 and weighed nine pounds.

Alice Distoch, secretary to the chief of the F & S Construction division, resigned August 19.

-- MARY SYKES



WELCOME

## NEW EMPLOYEES

MONTH OF AUGUST

### ANF PLANT & STRUCTURES BRANCH

Richard E. Betz, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Skwentna).  
Homer H. Cheatham, general mechanic, Maintenance division.  
Harold H. Ivanoff, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Unalakleet).  
Milo R. Krivozapich, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Bethel).  
William J. Newton, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Big Delta).  
Kenneth L. Partridge, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Yakutat).  
Edwin J. Voss, general mechanic, Maintenance division (Yakutat).  
Neva Jean Thomas, clerk-stenographer, Construction division.

### ANF COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

Ernest J. Diasetti, maintenance tech., Maintenance division.  
Hugh B. Chauvin, general mechanic, Maintenance division.  
Robert J. McCann, maintenance tech., Maintenance division (Fairbanks).  
Joseph P. McCann, maintenance tech., Maintenance division (Fairbanks).

### AIRMAN, ACFT. & FLIGHT OPERATIONS BRANCH

Howard J. Duffey, aeronautical inspector, Airman division.  
Marion F. Roscoe, aeronautical inspector, Airman division.  
Charles H. Knobler, aircraft inspector, Aircraft & Components division.

### BUSINESS MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Thelma A. Meredith, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

David Jay Adams, meat cutter, Property Management division.

Betty I. Bostrom, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

Arthur H. Gregory, general mechanic, Property Management division.

Arlene G. Letimer, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

Hilton Lovos, general mechanic, Property Management division.

Elfrieda M. Peterson, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

Alice M. Regman, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

Wilma May Strom, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

Rosemary E. Werner, clerk-typist, Property Management division.

Lois E. Kenny, clerk-typist, Personnel division.

Ruby E. Macz, clerk-typist, Contract Procurement division.

LaVonne E. McCowan, retirement clerk, Accounts division.

L. Forestine Wilson, clerk-typist, Accounts division.

Edna H. Miller, files clerk, Mail Files staff.

### AIRWAYS OPERATIONS BRANCH

Betty O. Stahlhut, traffic clerk, Operations division.

Dorothy Marie Winfrey, clerk-stenographer, Operations division.

Virgil W. Dingman, airway traffic controller, Air Traffic Control div.

Elizabeth D. Hochheimer, airway traffic controller, Air Traffic Control div.



## YAKATAGA OIL HAUL RUGGED

It certainly has been a beautiful summer at Yakataga--lots of berries, the gardens were only fair though, too dry. There has been plenty of excitement too, many visitors. As previously reported, we have had members of the US Geological Survey and American Museum of Natural History. The geological survey now is still working in this vicinity.

Dewey Dyerley returned from 26 days leave in the states August 17. We've his full report on high prices and a fact that he was glad to get back to Alaska. Welcome home, Dewey!

"Bill" Hickok dropped in for a brief inspection of the station about the middle of the month and, besides being educational, his visit was a pleasant one. We'll see Bill again soon, certainly does us boys in the field a lot of good to know that we have such pleasant chaps at the station in the RO.

The VHF crew has undergone some changes. Ted (Unk) Young left for HQ to visit his wife. Hope you can bring her back with you next year, Ted. Phil Stern had to take off for HQ with a bad knee. Perry Courlic replaced Ted and Larry and Johnnie Easley were the only VHFers left at the time of this writing. Johnnie is really getting Larry fat with his cooking. That boy can really cook, will he make some nice girl happy, soon? The Courlic, Easley and Thomas Mining Co. went into operation last Sunday. Immediately closed for one week on account of tire backs. Anyway Larry and Johnnie got some pictures and a sample (?) for air trouble.

A CAA survey crew consisting of Lee Binson, Justin Wennerstrom and Bob Stetson have been with us too, hard at work laying out a road and building site for the VHF installation. Vic Murphy was here for a short while, long enough to become involved in the big oil haul described later in the article.

Johnnie Johnson was out cutting weeds near the diversity antennas one day not long ago when he looked up and saw a black bear sitting there watching him. He's been thinking much about it, Johnnie went

on cutting weeds. A few minutes later he glanced up and saw another bear watching him, then another and another, four in all. This was too much for Johnnie and he threw down the axe and came peddling up to the station for a gun. When advised they were only black bears and were quite harmless, Johnnie replied, "You know it, and Ah know it, but do the bears know it?"

We will wind up this month's report with the story of the "ZZ Night Oil Haul." On the evening of August 23, the first day of your scribe's annual leave, an LCT bearing 800 drums of fuel oil for ZZ arrived on the beach. The station tractor was inoperative, requiring the cargo to be unloaded by hand. Only five men from the station were available, some of which had already put in a full day's work or were about to. The situation looked very dark indeed.

A VHF inspection party consisting of Mr. Hooper, Mr. Aldridge, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Mike Peterson had arrived at ZZ that afternoon and had been up on the ridge inspecting the proposed VHF site. When these men learned of our difficulty they all stepped forward and volunteered their assistance. This group included the Yakataga VHF crew and members of the engineering crew.

Unloading started about 8 P.M. The drums were rolled from the LCT onto the beach, then rolled up the beach about 50 yards (and that is LABOR) where they were stored above high tide until they could be moved later. Even some of the gals from the station were out rolling drums. This went on until the last drum was rolled out at 2:30 A.M., and it was a very weary group of OARS that returned to the station about 3 A.M. that morning. It was really swell the way these men from the regional office, the VHF and survey crews, pitched in to help station personnel. It makes a fellow glad to belong to such a swell organization where even the "Big Shots" aren't afraid to bend down and do a lot of hard dirty greasy labor to help out their fellow workers when the occasion demands. Thanks a lot, fellows.

-- "SHOCPIE"