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## FAA Participates in Local Birthday Celebrations of Federal Civil Service

President Kennedy called upon Americans to participate in the observance of the 80th anniversary of the Civil Service Act during January. He particularly urged Federal agency heads, leaders of industry and labor, and members of public-spirited groups to plan ceremonies celebrating the achievements of Federal civil servants.

FAA, along with other Federal agencies, is cooperating with the local Civil Service Commission representative in planning a variety of community programs in the State of Alaska.

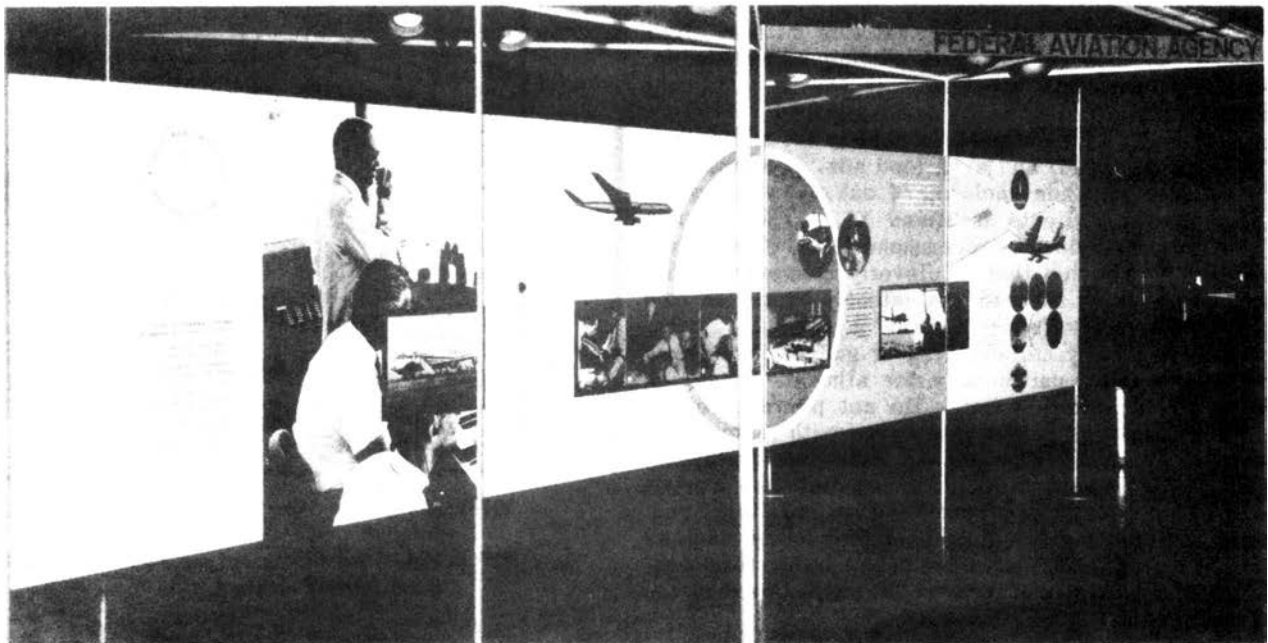
Hobart L. Douglass, Chief, Personnel and Training Division is working closely with the Anchorage Federal Personnel Program Committee for the 80th birthday celebration.

As program chairman of the Chamber of Commerce presentation, Douglass arranged activities for the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce meeting held on Monday, January 21. Virgil E. Knight, Special Projects & Planning Coordinator, was one of the guest speakers. Also, Jack Lamb, chief of the reproduction section in Administrative Services Division, directed a combo made up of Federal employee musicians who played background music during the meeting.

Arrangements were made under the direction of Virgil E. Knight, to have Federal employees speak before seven of the service clubs in Alaska during the months of January and February. Two FAA employees were included in this program. The Anchorage Kiwanis Club hosted Col. William E. Geysler, Deputy Assistant Administrator, at its meeting Tuesday, January 22, and Norman Potosky, Chief, Budget Division, pointed out FAA's and the Federal employees' impact on Anchorage and all of Alaska at the Spenard Rotary meeting on Friday, January 25.

Posters depicting the 80th anniversary were distributed to many of the business and social establishments for display in strategic locations. FAA placed a 'walkaround' exhibit, depicting our activities, in the lobby of the First National Bank of Anchorage. (See picture below).

On Monday, January 21, letters of commendation signed by N. E. Halaby were presented by Allen D. Hulen to four FAA Sitka station employees for the vital part they played in the safe rescue of the 103 passengers and crew members of the Northwest Airlines plane that ditched in the Sitka Sound area on October 22, 1962.





**PROFESSOR  
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The days of the 'miracle elixir' and 'snake medicine' peddler are not gone; they have simply gone modern. Now quack medicine peddlers dupe the gullible through the mails, in magazine advertisements and over the air. The American public spends millions of dollars each year on miracle cures, fake drugs and useless therapeutic gadgets, which are claimed to cure everything from gout and sagging chin lines to tired blood. The cosmetic industry has also found the hawking of certain miracle ingredients to be highly lucrative. Such things as royal jelly, food of the queen bee, and hormone creams have found a ready market. These cosmetics contain only enough of the claimed ingredients to pass the Food and Drug Administration laws, but not enough to do one bit of good, and they double the price of the commodity. Any benefit derived from the products of bees is through the eating of it. Hormone creams for cosmetic use contain such a minute amount of hormone that they have no effect whatsoever when applied to the skin, and if they did have enough to be effective, could be harmful.

A few years ago, a miracle elixir appeared on the market, with widespread publicity through the newspapers, magazines and over the radio. Practically everyone knew of it, and the majority had tried it. It was guaranteed to add more zest to the sluggish as a dietary supplement and generally impart a feeling of well-being. There is no doubt that this miracle elixir did impart at least a temporary feeling of well-being, although it never cured anything -- it was found to contain about 85% alcohol.

Special attention should be paid to the trick wording of drug, cosmetic, and even food ads. For example, you have all heard ads such as, '4 out of 5 doctors recommend the ingredients in Brand X'. They do not say that 4 out of 5 doctors recommend Brand X, although that is the impression that is cleverly conveyed. This method of approach is used consistently by the ad men and is highly successful in 'pushing' a product.

Beware of any miracle drug or gadget that makes astounding claims, particularly for ailments for which there is no known treatment. Do not pay exorbitant prices for cosmetics claiming to have youth restorers or similar ingredients. There is no substitute for cleanliness, plenty of rest and a balanced diet; and a visit to your physician when something is troubling you. Chances are, his fee would probably not be as much as you might spend foolishly on the fake miracle remedies, and his diagnosis and treatment could prevent the development of a serious illness.

The first event of the new year was an informal gathering to celebrate Johnny Soignier's transfer to Yakutat as SEMT. Since last reporting, John Jones has retired to Puyallup, Washington, where he has discovered fame and fortune in a motel operation. 'Lucky' Metcalf has joined our ranks in the electronic department, and has visited a plague upon us in the form of an antique 'horseless carriage' he herds to work. Dale Jones departed some time ago for greener pastures in Anchorage.

The Juneau Gun Club has improved its facilities considerably. The latest effort is the raffling of two shotguns to finance projects. The people in Flight Standards don't quite comprehend the raffle system. Everyone who bought a ticket wants a gun immediately. The latest survey of service offered by the FAA in this Southeast Resort area include: Homer Sutter as the expert on hand loading for rifles and Bill Johnson as the hand loading consultant for shot-gunners. Also B. G. Smith has donated his efforts this season as a goat hunting guide.

Bob Noel has commenced 'Operation Building'. The plans indicate a nice and unusually comfortable adobe.

Robert 'The Boss' Dunlap has been in town more than usual lately, and is devoting most of his time to O. J. T.

**McGrath Station Personnel and  
Fire Engine Help Community**

The McGrath Roadhouse, a landmark in the Kuskokwim River town for at least 25 years was destroyed by fire on December 7.

Although the temperature was reported to be 49 degrees below zero on this date, the McGrath FAA fire engine responded and prevented the flames from spreading and destroying a tavern and residence nearby.



**VHF: Are you writing your New Year Resolutions?**

**VIP: No! I am filling out my Payroll Savings Bond Deduction Card.**



Four Sitka Station employees receive letters of commendation for their excellent performance of duties and the vital role they played in the safe rescue of 103 passengers and crew members of the Northwest Orient Airlines plane which ditched in the Sitka Sound area on October 22, 1962. From left to right: Clayton Schule, Northwest district oper-

ations manager for Alaska; Allen D. Hulen who presented the letters signed by N. E. Halaby to the four men who were cited: Stuart Havens, supervisory electronics maintenance technician, Irving Ungdruk, air traffic control specialist; Edward Littlefield, general mechanic; and Albert Burnham, captain of FEDAIR I.

#### FAIRBANKS

The Christmas season had its bright moments in Fairbanks when Dave Finch and Ron Logan promoted a children's party for all FAA and Weather Bureau personnel.

Money for cookies and ice cream favors was raised by dollar donations raffled against one each donated turkey, goose, a pair of cackling chickens and a live quacking duck.

When the tally was told Ron said he was out the price of the goose. He won that on the draw, so he about broke even except for the two hours he spent penned in the FAA Station Manager's office basement with an ear shattering mob of hollering kids.

When Santa Claus came he was something less than a complete success in spite of his 'Ho-Ho-Ho's' and rosy cheeks. One little boy was heard to remark, 'That's only one of the helpers. He doesn't have the right kind of boots on!'

The RAPCON Wive's Club took care of the house-keeping chores and dispensed the goodies.

The CERAP aided a needy family through Christmas. The family consisting of a woman and four children were given food, clothing, toys for the children and a gift certificate for shoes. The aid when spread over the CERAP enabled this family to enjoy a Christmas comparable to any spent by the rest of us.

On Saturday, January 5, the CERAP held a promotion party, a celebration financed by the fund kept active by a kick-in by each promotion. As things go, everybody gets a blast twice a year on the efforts of such eager folks who work hard to get ahead.

The winter is still initiating new comers up here in the cold country. After three headbolt heaters John McDowell had to convert to a circulating heater to keep his car running. The conversion had to be done at thirty-five below. A couple of other minor things ran the bill up to \$49.99.

Bill Hass took his stateside lubricated car in to be winterized. The bill for changing oil and grease came to nearly fifty dollars. He is still shaking over that.

Nolan Evans discovered that he was burning 100 gallons of fuel a week during normal winter weather. He is planning to move.

Radar Advisory Service was discontinued at Barter Island. Everyone will miss the good food put out by the DEW Line cooks.

EMT Herbert L. Heck returned to duty in the Nav/Aids section December 10 after completing VOR/ILS 229 at the FAA Academy. Herb was selected for the vacant GS-8 Nav/Aids position.

EMT Frank C. Green and SFM Ted Baker and family entered on P.L. 737. The Bakers spent Christmas in California. Also, ATCS Harry Hardy and ATCS Larry Goldsby of the Fairbanks CERAP took their families south on P.L. 737 leave. ATCS Frank Scott of CERAP, accompanied by his spouse, ATCS Frances Scott, of the CS/T, drove to Missouri and other southern points for the holidays.

Erland D. Stephens

Theodore Roosevelt served as a Civil Service Commissioner in the Federal Government from 1889 to 1895 before he became the Nation's youngest President at 42, in 1901.

## PERSONNEL NOTES

Attention Wage-Board Employees: A new law affects overtime pay of all wage-board employees who work more than 8 hours in any day or over 40 hours in any week.

The Work Hours Act of 1962 (Public Law 87-581), which became effective last October 12, repeals the former '8-hour law' of 1892 and related legislation as they applied to laborers and mechanics. Effective last October 12, all wage-board employees will be paid not less than time and a half for all hours worked in excess of 8 hours a day or in excess of 40 hours a week. Formerly, the wage-board employee had to accumulate 40 hours worked in a given week before he could begin to be paid time and a half for overtime, even though the employee spent more than 8 hours some of the days in accumulating the 40 hours.

Under the Act, a 'day' generally means 'calendar day' (midnight to midnight). But where an employee's work day spans two calendar days (for example, 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.), his work day may be treated as a unit, thus making him eligible for 2 hours overtime pay in this example. The term 'week' is similarly treated.

Detailed information on the Act is available from your Personnel and Training Division.

Attention 'Classified' Employees: Don't forget that the new Federal Salary Reform Act of 1962 which raised 'classified' (GS) salaries last October also greatly increased the authority of your supervisors to grant or withhold your within-grade (step) increases. These step increases are not automatic rights. They are for recognition of employee efficiency and productivity. If your work is considered to be below an 'Acceptable Level of Competence', your step increase can be withheld until your performance improves. Fortunately, the opposite also holds true. You can get an 'extra' within-grade increase if your work is considered to be sufficiently high in quality of performance. --- Looks like the pressure is on!

Attention All Employees: January 16, 1963 was the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Service Act of 1883, the foundation of the merit system that now covers more than two million employees, including more than 45,000 within the FAA. The President has issued a Proclamation providing for a nationwide observance of this anniversary during the month of January.

### SAFE FLYING STRESSED DURING HOLIDAYS

More than 200 of the Anchorage flying public turned out for the general pilot's meetings held at the FAA Communications building at Merrill Field on the weekend of December 29 and 30.

Sponsored by the Flight Standards Division, the film, 'One Eye on the Instruments' was shown each day at 9:00, 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00 with the remainder of the of the day being utilized by questions and answers of pilots and operators and the discussions with the Flight Standards inspectors on hand.

Both the film and the question and answer sessions evoked enthusiasm among the attending persons.

## BEEDE NAMED CHAIRMAN OF SAFETY COUNCIL

Laurence I. Beede, Occupational Safety Officer, has been named chairman of the Central Alaska Federal Safety Council.

In December 1950, President Truman established the Federal Safety Council to aid the Department of Labor and Civil Service Commission in the fight to prevent accidents and to promote the health and safety of Federal employees.

The councils are strictly advisory agencies, assisting member agencies in developing, supporting and fostering organized safety promotions. The local council has recently embarked on a series of programs to acquaint the 'part time' safety man with the fundamentals of accident prevention. These programs are presented by professional safety officers and engineers and are open to all federal, state, city and civic organizations.

One of the major projects of the Federal Safety Council is to establish field councils throughout the United States. At present there are over 100 of these councils including the Central Alaska Federal Safety Council in the Anchorage area and the Southeast Alaska Federal Safety Council in Juneau.

During the latter part of March the Council is sponsoring a Supervision Safety Course which is open to supervisors from all Federal agencies.

### WOODY ISLAND FIRE

A major fire of undetermined origin on Christmas day caused extensive damage to the FAA Woody Island dock.

The first report came in to the FAA Flight Service Station, two miles across the island from the dock, by telephone from Art Brooks in Kodiak at approximately 10:20 a.m. By the time the FAA fire pumper truck and crew arrived the two inch pipe line full of gasoline extending the full length of the dock (265 feet) had exploded, enveloping the entire structure in flames. The pumper was hooked up and two lines were employed, one on the dock and one below in a skiff, manned by FAA personnel and people from the Baptist Mission. This action saved the dock approach, but the loading zone of fifty feet would have been lost except for the prompt action by John Katelnikoff's 'Leading Lady' and crew and the combined efforts of two navy vessels and their crews. Other vessels arrived later on the scene to offer their help but no further assistance was needed. The fire was under control by approximately 12:00 noon and entirely extinguished by 5:00 p.m.

Temporary repairs have been made to provide limited use but it is not safe for vehicle traffic.

Fire marshall Ray Pittman arrived on December 26 and Dave Dishaw on December 27 for inspection and investigation.

### D. F. Chaffin

Some 11 months after the Civil Service Act of 1883 was enacted only 10 percent of Federal jobs were covered by the Act. Today about 91 percent of all Government jobs in the United States are in the competitive service.

## Berato and Unruh Retire

Eugene N. Berato and Frank T. Unruh, supervisory air traffic control specialists, retired during the month of December.

Gene, with 33 years of government service, transferred to the Alaskan region in 1941. With the exception of two years in Spain, the past 12 years were spent in Anchorage and at many of the outlying stations.

Frank, who started his government career with the Light House Service back in 1931, joined the FAA (CAA) in 1941 and worked for the air traffic control segments.

Both men were feted at the annual Civilair Club Christmas dance and received many gifts, including scrolls from their fellow workers.

The Berato's left for their new home in Mount Dora, Florida, and the Unruhs departed for Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



Eugene N. Berato is opening a going away gift package, which proved to be an outboard motor, and Frank T. Unruh is looking on as he waits to open some of his packages.

### Gene Berato Says Goodbye

I have been looking forward to retirement with enthusiasm, but I did not expect the wonderful going away party. The outboard motor is one item that I really have a use for, and the beautiful scroll will hang in a permanent place in our new home. To all those who made this possible, both in Anchorage and in the field, many, many thanks.

It is with regret that we leave this wonderful country without personally shaking hands with all those we know so well in the field. But, in a measure, we have all helped shrink the world, and if your travels take you in the vicinity of Mount Dora, Florida, our latchstring is out. Lola and I would be glad to have you drop in.

Gene Berato



CAA-8 Credit Union board member and officers look on as Dick Foster, president, presents Peggy Van Oort of the Airports Division with \$25 in Credit Union shares in recognition of having become the 5000th member of the organization. Seated: Betty Klokkevold, manager. Standing from left: Bill Barber, board member, Peter Verdin, treasurer, Peggy Van Oort, and Dick Foster, president.

### CREDIT UNION 14 YEARS OLD

In November the CAA-8 Federal Credit Union became 14 years old and reached a membership total of 5000 members.

In November 1948 our Credit Union was chartered under sponsorship of Bob Williams, Hank Newman, Mac Emerson, Selmer Holte, Lanson Harvey, Richard Pastro, and James E. Goodwin. Some of you old timers will recall the trying times we had in getting the program underway. Our first accounts were difficult to come by and a thousand dollars represented a huge amount of money.

On November 30, 1962, we established account No. 5000 and our assets now exceed a million dollars.

Instead of cutting a birthday cake, we will take a moment to pause and thank all board and committee members, the general membership, and the FAA and Weather Bureau Executive Staffs for their support in the program.

Dick Foster, President



The children at Murphy Dome are helping to trim the community Christmas tree in the recreation room in their quarters' building.

## HOMER HIGHLIGHTS REVIEW

Summer time at Homer has definitely departed. The bananas and oranges have been picked and stored - and winter has finally arrived.

Our former Station Manager and family, James R. Heay, returned during the month of September from Iran where Jim had been stationed for the past two years with the International Region. Jim replaces Tom Cianfrani who transferred to Cordova.

The stories that Jim and his family have brought back from Iran of the people and their customs have been real interesting and at times quite humorous. However, I'm sure that they have no further desires to return to Iran.

New personnel, Calvin Fuchs from Aniak last June, Station Chief James C. Mullins - better known as Moon - arrived last January. The undersigned arrived the first of August. Relief ATCS Joe Dale arrived during the latter part of August and remained on duty through the first part of October.

The Grishams have finally moved into their new home on the Ridge - better known as the Homer Cliff Dwellers. The Calvin Fuchs family vacated and moved into the City of Homer. John Musser resigned and now resides in Anchorage where we understand he is doing quite well in business.

The Clarence Nelson family, another of our Cliff Dwellers, returned from annual leave. The Nelson's made trips to Moses Lake and Wenatchee, Washington, along with time at the World's Fair in Seattle. Their son, Carl, remained in Moses Lake for a few weeks and enjoyed the water skiing along with soaking up some of the Washington sunshine. The John Long family vacationed in Oregon, Idaho and Washington. They took time to see the World's Fair on their way home via the Alcan. Mary Graham, wife of Station Mechanic Jim Graham, made a trip outside to California. The Chief Mechanic, Ralph Sutherland and family, departed on annual leave the first of November and are now enjoying the warm climate of the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Thompson has returned from vacationing with her family in Sitka.

Joe Paquette, our local SEMT, is still the most popular CW Ham on the air - having the distinction of working just about every country in the world which puts him in a class all by himself. Jim Heay has finally received his Ham gear and has been on the air several times with voice and CW. EMT John Long is heard occasionally with both CW and voice. SEMT Joe Paquette was out to Portland, Oregon during the first week of September for the Ham convention.

The Homer Bowling season is in full swing. Sam's Club-Bar team consisting of three of the FAA Specialists, Grisham, McMorrow and Thompson, along with several Homerites, are just about holding their own against Goldies, another Club-Bar team. Our Station Chief Jim 'Moon' Mullins has been quite active in the bowling circle, bowling for State Realty. Moon was just about to become the 'Don Carter' of Homer when he had to quit bowling due to a back injury. We all hope that he will soon be back and tearing the pins apart.

The FAA women keglers are doing a great job this year. Mrs. Frost continues to rip them apart in the 'Pink Poodle and the PNA Scratch Team'. Mrs. Grisham

is back with the keglers doing a big job with the PNA scratch team. Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. Graham are both doing a fine job with the Emblem Club Team. Mrs. Thompson who has been in Sitka for some time is getting back in the bowling swing with the Wild Berry Products Team.

Joe Frost is well on the road to recovery after being hospitalized for a leg surgery, spending the latter part of August and the month of September in the ANS Hospital at Anchorage.

General Mechanic Wayne Jones just recently had a new addition to the family, a son christened Dwayne.

The Homer Little Theater Group has been doing quite well this fall with Mrs. McMorrow taking one of the major roles in 'Bell, Book and Candle'. The undersigned is taking a small role in 'Dust of the Road'. This coming spring the Little Theater will be putting on a Minstrel. It should be a real good show, that will be making use of the talents of a great many of the Homerites.

Specialist McMorrow is still playing base fiddle whenever the opportunity arises. Specialist Grisham, Frost and the undersigned are doing some close harmonizing and occasionally are featured at a local establishment.

Jim Thompson

### KING SALMON

ATCS Fred Martin was selected for a General Aviation Flight Inspector position, Cincinnati office, Eastern Region.

In December, ATCS/Tower Floyd E. McKeever took a familiarization trip on Northern Consolidated Airlines to Anchorage and return and ATCS/Tower Clayton T. Aune also took a familiarization trip on Pacific Northern Airlines to Anchorage and return.

REMT Phillip Hatzfield arrived to relieve EMT Robert B. Buls who will attend ILS VOR School at Oklahoma City.

Foreman Mechanic John J. Cooksey returned from extended annual leave and ATCS/Tower Robert C. Oftedahl departed on P.L. 737.

John J. Cooksey was selected for the position of Foreman Mechanic at McGrath. Mr. Cooksey will remain at King Salmon until a replacement has been selected for the position here.

Carl L. Melton

### PRESIDENT'S MARTYDROM TRIGGERED REFORM

Public outrage followed assassination of President Garfield by patronage seeker Charles Guiteau on July 2, 1881. Demand for an end to the 'spoils system' led to passage of the Civil Service Act of January 1883, establishing the merit system of Federal employment that has served America well for 80 years.

It covers over 2 million career civil servants who carry out the day-to-day business of Government and provides a wide variety of services to the American people.

First field examinations held under the 1883 Federal Civil Service Act were held only 5 months after the Act was signed at post offices in Chicago and New Orleans.

## MURPHY DOME

Across the crest of this mountain high,  
In search of sights to see,  
Pass planes 'n birds 'n clouds of sky;  
Graceful, grateful and free.

They know here-on that guardians live,  
Beneath the drifted snow;  
Their Nth degree of guidance to give,  
To all who flying go.

The New Year burst upon the 'Hill' in typical glory; beautiful to see, thrilling to feel and inspiring to the hearts of all our dedicated citizens. How wonderful and exciting it is to welcome another 365 days of hopeful promise --- days in which we can all work, play, create and contribute.

Each new day that dawns on the exciting life of Alaskan living, will illuminate everyone's beautiful 'Garden of Life', into which countless people will plant seeds of love, wisdom and opportunity. From these seeds a boy grows to manhood, a girl to womanhood and adults to regions of worldly wisdom. What each person harvests, depends on how much affectionate care, attentive learning and diligent work he gives to the growth of their 'Garden of Life'.

Reflecting the holiday season; Marilyn Slavik and Paula Harrison grasped the opportunity to plant seeds of love and wisdom in the minds of our children, by teaching Sunday school during Marv Hassebroek's trip to the states for P.L. 737 and school at Oklahoma City. The girls really did a wonderful job of presenting the children in a Christmas play, depicting the true spirit of 'Peace on Earth'. Dee Ryness directed the singing of Christmas Carols by the children and parents.

It was a heart-warming pleasure to be visited by Mrs. Virginia Meagher, accompanied by our Station Manager, Mr. Peterson. First impressions are lasting impressions, so they say --- we all hope Virginia's first impression will be a lasting one and will inspire more of the same friendly visits. Note to the Editor: All us married folks consider the 'Hill' an ideal place to spend a lifelong Honeymoon.

Mr. Peterson, his wife Helen and their children accepted our invitation and drove the challenging mountain miles to attend the Christmas Day dinner prepared by all the wives.

Welcome guests at our New Year's party were Bob Wilson and his wife, Juanita, and Chuck Crawley and his wife, JoAnne. Between snacks, dancing and refreshments, they joined the rest of us in wishing Ernie and Dee Ryness health and happiness in their New Year new assignment with NOTIP at Minot, North Dakota.

Bob Marion returned to the 'Hill' from Oklahoma and our new technician, James P. Beaman and family, join us in January.

Ronald H. Steward

First appointment under the Federal merit system was made about 7 months after the 1883 Civil Service Act was signed. Ovington Weller was given a post office job and later became a U.S. Senator from Maryland.



Alaska Materiel Section celebrate with a Christmas party and gifts. Left: Bill Bisson, Santa gives gifts to Mohammad El Toony, Linda Lochridge and Rasheed Ahmad.

## ALASKA MATERIEL SECTION

Mr. Mohammad El Toony of Egypt and Mr. Rasheed Ahmad of Pakistan have been at the Alaska Materiel Section during December for On The Job Training in procurement and warehousing of supplies. They are here under the auspices of the U.S. State Department's International Cooperation Administration. This program provides technical assistance to representatives of partner nations.

Before coming to Seattle, they had spent six weeks at the FAA Supply Depot, Oklahoma City and two weeks with the U.S. Army at Rock Island, Ill.

Mr. El Toony is Chief Director of Supply Department, Civil Aviation Department in Cairo, Egypt. His interests include swimming and gymnastics, and he was Egypt's first professional boxer. Egypt's national language is Arabic, but Mr. El Toony also speaks English very fluently and also some French.

Mr. Ahmad is Stores Officer, Department of Civil Aviation in Karachi, Pakistan. His main interest is reading, also swimming and riding. In Pakistan, English is the national language, but Urdu is spoken in the home. It is a language which is a combination of Arabic and Persian and is the most widely spoken language in India.

Our Chief, Mr. Wilkins, has returned from a hunting expedition to the far north this month. He got a small deer which he brought home, and a theiving mink which he left in Alaska much to the dismay of his clerk-typist who has always wanted a pair of mink earmuffs.

The holidays were done in grand style, with the employee's coffee fund buying a large, delicious luncheon for all employees on Friday, December 21. This was followed on Saturday night by a dinner-dancing party for employees, spouses, and friends at the New Chinatown Restaurant in downtown Seattle.

The first half of the bowling season is over with the Billikins far ahead. This team is composed of Red Wilkins, Vassie Stamos and Bill Bisson, Captain. High game for the season is a 224 bowled by Rudy Riske, and high series is 590 by Mat Tomasovich.

Tove' Riske

## FIRE ISLAND

Not very often does the 'carrier pigeon' leave the Island with news to Mukluk readers. Everyone agreed? Well, this particular writer knows why: so much goes on all the time that there isn't anyone willing to chance missing something while recording the past. I'm feeling reminiscent at the moment, however, so here goes.....

The population has increased tremendously since this time last year. The total of all FAAers last year was 25, this including 'better halves' and offspring. The present tabulation is 37. The cause of this significant increase is not a high birth rate as one might assume, since only one family has had that event occur, but is due to personnel assignments and reassignments. Our bye-byes have been said to the Cartwrights, who moved to Fairbanks on a new assignment. Our hellos were said to: The Cadwalladers, Tom and Marge and 2 girls; The Forresters, Mike and Tsuchino; The Vances, Harold and Jane and boy and girl; The Cliftons, Paul and Pat; plus two bachelors: Mel Olson and Gerald Brookman. High rang the call of 'Congratulations' upon the arrival of Debra Barrera, the first born on Fire Island itself, and proud are the parents: Sixto and Lupe Barrera.

Two of the newly assigned are 'hams'. Mike Forrester (WA2JOE/KL7) and Paul Clifton (W6IAV currently, soon to be XKL7-BFB). These two high organizers are putting many hours in on MARS Fire Island and Air Force personnel training. More power and better QSLs to them.

The new apartments were completed and occupied. The roar of bulldozers has faded into the distance, the roar of winter winds has taken its place; yet I doubt if there will be as much mid watcher sleep lost due to the winter winds as was due to the dozer roar.

Moose and caribou hunting has subsided into mere fireside musings, though the facets of the hunts were various enough to warrant yet another six months musing.

The entire staff of FAAers have undertaken a Christmas Project consisting of providing for an Anchorage needy family. This has yet to become past history but the details are already confirmed and some poor, deserted wife with four children will have definitely had a better Christmas because the Fire Islanders cared. The Fire Islanders wish they had more to care with because they know there are many more to care for. Next year, maybe; as the Dodger fans say.

The hysteria of the Cuban Crisis is past, but the peoples of Fire Island make note of only one thing: there definitely are not any caves on this location suitable for underground living. Even the rabbits live in trees.

The Islanders

## BUY--SELL--SWAP

FOR SALE: 1962 trailer, 3 bedroom, 55 ft. X 10 ft., lived in 6 months, small down on equity and take over payments. Leonard Brann, Ext. 539, home phone: FA 2-4130

FOR SALE: Small Admiral TV, 14 inch, rebuilt, portable, \$50. Leonard Brann, Ext. 539, home phone: FA 2-4130.

FOR SALE: Ebonite Bowling ball, 16 pound less drilling. Multi-colored. Wilma Kirkpatrick, Ext. 257.

## ANNETTE

ATCS Tower operator Dillenkoffer took a familiarization trip on Pacific Northern Airlines. Travel was to be from Annette to Juneau and return, but due to bad weather at Juneau and gusting winds at Annette the pilot selected to return to Seattle. ATCS Dillenkoffer returned to Annette on the first available flight the next morning.

Henry J. Messing, SEMT/General, departed for Philadelphia on 224 hours of annual leave, and electrician/electrical generation Albert O. Barter attended the Power Generation Class in Anchorage.

General Mechanic Marvin R. Lewis and utilities equipment mechanic Otis W. Grubbs accepted positions in the Western Region; Lewis to Salt Lake City and Grubbs to Needles.

Jerome K. Fujimori, who was Utilities Leader, departed Annette in December for Molokai, Hawaii for a position in the Pacific Region.

The residents of Annette claim they are really living since they are able to receive television from Prince Rupert and have modern outside dial telephone service in their quarters. Carl E. Fundeen

## MOSES POINT

Moses Point lost its one based aircraft on December 3, when ATCS Charles Shenkel's Cessna 170 was struck by a raven while flying near the station. Fortunately, Mr. Shenkel was able to land in a clearing on a hillside. However, the aircraft was badly damaged.

The station greatly appreciates the assistance of Mr. Ray Lewis, pilot for Wien Alaska Airlines, who flew several hours directing the ground party attempting to reach the scene of the downed aircraft through heavy underbrush. The ground party was able to contact Shenkel, thereby preventing him from spending a cold night on the mountain.

Since then, Shenkel has arranged for the transfer of a CAP L-5 from Nome to Moses Point. This will prove very beneficial as an aircraft is needed in this area for search and emergency flights. The L-5 should be available for transfer by January 15. Plans are already underway on the station for more CAP activity.

Bruce Bidwell

## Harold J. Rowe Dies

Harold J. Rowe, 62, fixed industrial equipment mechanic, died January 3 at McGrath after an apparent heart attack, a short time after his arrival.

Rowe had lived in Alaska the past 20 years and had worked for the Post Office and the District Engineers in Anchorage before joining the FAA in 1951.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Esther Kessler, and a son, Robert, of Detroit.

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