

TRAPLINE

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ANI AK

Hello to all for our first issue of Trapline and let me introduce ourselves here at Aniak.

We're kept in smooth running condition by our maintenance man and Station Coordinator Artie DeMandel. He and his wife, Margaret and three children Darlene, Mike, and Celeste have been with F.A.A. in Aniak for three years.

Our ATCS Keith Caldwell arrived in November from Kenai, accompanied by his wife Bonnie and two boys Lance and Lainn.

Dave Fish, ET, joined our little group the first of March. His wife Pat and children Debbie, Donny, Darla, and Dana arrived from Okl. City on March 13 and were greeted by a sunny -30° and a moose roast dinner.

On March 16th, we awoke to a pleasant 34° above. Needless to say, it was appreciated after several weeks of below zero. However, the above freezing temp. only stayed with us a couple days and then dipped once again not to reach above freezing until April 20. The mercury hit bottom this winter at -50° on Jan. 30. Aside from the unusual wind and the expected breakup flood, it looks like a pleasant spring is finally on its way. Snow birds have even been sighted after a cold birdless winter.

We all got together Easter Sunday and passed the holiday with a ham dinner.

All of us here are happy to see Trapline launched and are looking forward to reading news of all the stations.

Bonnie Caldwell

Bonnie Caldwell
Aniak, Alaska

ANNETTE

Amó-lá-wāan! Pronounced, Ahm-lou-ahn! It means, I am told, "Hello, how are you"? This is the language of the people of Metlakatla, the Indian village here on the island of Annette from the tribe called Tsimsean, pronounced Sim-see-ahn, who left British Columbia almost 100 years ago to settle upon this island. As time goes by I will give you our impression of these proud, music-loving people...

Since the days of the demise of the "MUKLUK TELEGRAPH" much has occurred to each of us, You & me...

My wife, Louisa & I moved by transfer from Yakutat to the FSS Here, where we have found a new home, new friends...a new outlook! The families of the personnel at this end of the island belong to the FAA, National Weather Services, Coast Guard, General Telephone & BMEWS; totaling approximately 300 people. The population, according to the latest census tally, in the village or town of Metlakatla is 1,000 persons. Part of the non-Indian population is made up of loggers, their families, school teachers & unidentified others...

Two FAA employees, both male, are now deceased! The first to leave us was Harvey Tengesdal, electronics technician, who had been here since 1945, died last Fall. John Reilly, plumber, died recently. John, a bachelor, is survived by a brother in Anchorage & other relatives in the state of New York. I believe... I lost my son, Stephen, 14 years of age, in Chicago... Phyllis Leschig lost a sister & her husband, Paul lost a brother-in-law last Fall... Ellen Matney, wife of our Carpenter, lost her father around the time of Xmas... "Bud" Gihon recently returned from a trip to attend his mother's funeral. Our condolences to all concerned...

"Bob" Washburn, Materiel Specialist, & his wife, Phyllis, transferred back to the Cleveland area; he is replaced by "Bill" Strieby, whose family members are Linda, wife, daughter, Karen & son, Kevin

From the Tower, Richard Hinz transferred to the Merrill/Lake Hood towers; Thomas Meehan transferred to the same facility; as I write this report Herbert Rollins, his wife, Sue & their 2 children are enroute to Anchorage. "Herb" is to work in the El-mendorf Rapcon. "Bud" Gihon, from Juneau, come to the Tower here.

Reference the FSS, Albert Bacon resigned late last Fall & headed for Tacoma. "Tom" Jenks is now working in the Anchorage IFSS...

In Plant, Benny Benson resigned in Yakutat, his home. "Tiny" Sasween, mechanic, retired recently & he & his wife, Rose, have taken-up residence in the state of Washington.

From Electronics, John Wms. transferred to Fairbanks. Two Metkatlans are working for the FAA NOW under the combined BIA program: John Wesley & Frank Littlefield. Another, "Bert" Wellington is our noble janitor!

Back to the FSS... Paul Worley is now with us having made a transfer from Juneau. His family consists of Emma, his wife, a daughter, Linda & a son Paul, Jr. Richard Sackett, bachelor, consultant on the virtues of "singlehood" recently left Nome & the Academy at Oklahoma City is doing quite well, having completed his Pilot Briefers exams, which might explain that slow, wide grin on his face. His dad works in the FSS at Nome...

Oh, yes, the Mc Call family has returned to Annette from Sisters Island. Mc Call is an Electronics Technician &, I am told, a former professional photographer...

In closing... I had an amusing experience as I dashed down the stairs & opened the door to the apartment building on my way to dedicate my services to the evening watch... A tiny, tiny boy (I think he is a Mc Call) looked up and said, very seriously, "I'M WET"! I stopped in my tracks... "No you're not!" (Couldn't see a thing)... His reply, "YES I AM"! Then a cute little girl, Jim Large's daughter, with a wide eyed expression & an even more serious look volunteered, "HE'S WET FROM THE BACK"...

Later...

Percy J. Faison, Jr., Annette FSS.

BETHEL

Greetings from the Delta Country! After a year's layoff it is difficult to pick a starting point. We've lost a few good folk and gained a few. To Kenai went John and Caroline Bernard, to Juneau Tower Tom Grantham, Big Delta is the new home of Carl and Mary Weber, and Anchorage Center can now boast Howard Headley. We have never decided definitely if young Kevin Headley was a little boy or a midget, but we miss seeing him streaking across the compound in his pajamas with frantic Barbara in pursuit, usually too late to catch him before he hit someone's kitchen for a cookie.

We have gained Herschel and Francine Gillens, and maybe even a replacement for Kevin, as young Lyle Gillens doesn't exactly let any grass grow under his feet. We also have Paul and Shirley Vick, Dick and Janice Wilder, Bob and Linda Zothner, and our latest arrivals, Cary and Gladys Williamson.

Our man about everything electronic, Reidel George, has been at Oke City for about eight weeks and, needless to say, Margelyn and kids are glad to have him back at last.

The Bethair Club has continued to progress and is now under the leadership of Dave Brown. A real bang up New Year's party and monthly breakfasts have kept us neighborly. Our kids are involved in Cubbing, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, basketball and wrestling. Some of our adults are square dancers (no pun intended), one or two hardy souls persisted in keeping the FAA represented in the city basketball league, others keep the pool and card tables hot.

It has been a rough winter in Bethel and all the amateur weather prognosticators are advancing their theories as to whether we will have early breakup and whether this will be the year of another flood. This winter's record ice on the Kuskokwim (59 inches) has the town a bit edgy. Our snow has begun to slowly evaporate on the tundra, but the compound still has some delightful drifts for the kids to go "tubing" on. The ptarmigan appeared at last so our nimrods have been out getting a few, but missing more, before the season ends.

Happy breakup to you all! Slosh, slosh.

Ginny Hyatt
Bethel

BETTLES

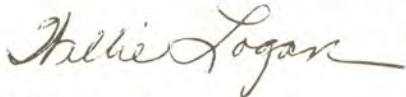
Since we are beginning anew with the TRAPLINE publication, we will give a rundown of current Bettles Field personnel. In air traffic there are Dick Tomany, FACP; Darryl Logan, and Jerry Garton, a recent arrival from Gulkana. Holding up electronics are Wes Pollock, SET; Ed Kiss, and Bud Barber; and our plant men are Will Lossing and Dave Unruh. We also have one Weather Service employee here, but Steve Miller and family departed for their new home in Cold Bay April 15. Dan Sailors and family from Gulkana arrived recently to continue that lovely night shift for the Weather Service.

Instead of tiptoeing through green grass for their Easter egg hunt, the younger set ran around on the hard-packed snow, but they had just as much fun! Forrest Pollock and Timmy Miller were winners of \$1.00 each for finding the golden eggs. Two days later the temperature soared to above freezing for the first time since November and our snow quickly became slush. Ah, maybe this is breakup at last.

The big topic of discussion this spring (all winter, in fact) has been the "rehab" which should keep Bettles hopping all summer. Who will babysit the plants, dogs, cat, fish, turtles and the big, big job of packing up everything is keeping us busy.

As you read this, Will and Vi Lossing are in sunny Oklahoma City for Will's electrical training. We won't be seeing them again until July, but by then most of us will be vacationing on PL 737 or to escape the "rehab".

We had a severe winter breaking all records for most of January (including the low of -68 degrees on January 23), and lots of snow, so everyone is enjoying the current sunshine, longer days and plus 20 degrees! We have six airplanes, four snow machines and four boats (so far) on the station so we keep quite mobile and busy in all seasons. A joyous breakup to you all!!



Willie Logan
Bettles Field

GALENA

Hello to all you good people of Alaska's FAA. The first issue of Trapline from Galena will introduce you to all our personnel.

Robert W. Greiner, SATCS/STACOR	A. Hank Zingg, Jr., SET
Leland I. Adams, ATCS	Ronald H. Byrne, ET
Richard L. Hunze, ATCS	Gerald A. Earl, ET
James L. Langton, ATCS	Emmett W. Evans, ET/TR
W. Jim Matheny, ATCS	Al. F. Yatlin, ET/TR

Harvey E. Strassburg, S/GFET
David Baker, GFET
Ray F. Clark, GFET
Voris M. Patrick, GFET
Richard A. Wirth, GFET

Helen S. Russell, C/T

All of us are still trying to digest the organizational changes, but we still manage to attend some of the functions here, for instance, the "Spring Carnival" held in the village, 9 thru 11 April. The temperature did not get higher than 10 degrees above zero, and the wind blew continually, giving us a chill factor of minus 30 degrees and below. Many people arrived from distance villages to get into the snow machine race from Galena to Nulato and return (60 miles). This was won by one of the former Galena Air Force men who arrived from Elmendorf for this purpose. Ray Clark was in this race, but I haven't been able to find out when he came in.

Patrick had been filling in, this month, at Fort Yukon, but arrived back on the 29th. Emmett has been attending Teletype school at Oke City, and now we should have good, workable teletypes once again.

Sanding of the Yukon River began 12 April in hopes that no ice will jamb the river at strategic points, causing an overflow or flooding. This is really an interesting program and has worked well in past years. This year should prove if it truly works as we have much thicker ice and much more snow.

Nurse Edna Kruckewitt spent the week of the 19th teaching us First Aid and Medical Self Help. She deserves a medal for her patience and all the help she gives. This also goes for the whole Medical department, a really fine group.

Jerome Fujimori spent several weeks with us this month, giving us a thorough inspection. Hey! Jerry would you like Hank to give you another ride behind his snow machine (on the ground)? Glad that snow was soft, but why didn't you wave?

This seems to be the time of year when employees get itchy feet, and believe the "grass is greener on the other side". Dick Hunze and his family will be leaving for King Salmon. We wish them good fortune and much happiness. Betty you better like it. I heard that Dick said this was the last move for 5 years.

Would you believe a pilot could rack up more flying hours on the ground than in the air? It could only happen at Galena when snow removal equipment requires your plane be moved from one spot to another. We don't blame Bob for flying to McGrath to leave his plane when he went to Anchorage.

Helen S. Russell

Helen S. Russell, Galena

GULKANA

Hello from Gulkana! First lets get acquainted with the roster of people at GKN.

In flight Service Peter Davidson is the Air Traffic Chief with Cecil Henshaw and Bill Coates filling out the Air Traffic complement. In plant, Chuck Popp as Fier, Leonard Brenwick (who is retiring the first of May) and replacing Leonard after May will be Merlin Oyoumick from Fairbanks. Next we have Roy Eskilida in a training slot as building maintenance helper, and just coming aboard as a GFET is Paul Sinyon from Chistochina. In electronics we have Phill Ahlstedt as Field Office Unit Chief, Frank Devlin ET and two electronic trainees, Elmer Marshall and Roger Ewan. Roger is presently attending OFF-100 shool in Anchorage. Last but not least is our lone night owl, Weather Bureau man, Ray Craig.

Of course the biggest news of the year is the rehas of the housing here and the bad water situation. Fairbanks is afraid they will flood and we haul water to drink. Ha! Ha!

Oh! I forgot to add our latest addition to our personnel roster, Monte Jordan has now taken over our Clerk Typist position. Monte's husband, Terry is our local game protection agent so now we have to be careful where we shoot moose and bear around the station.

Well, this is enough for this month. See y'all next moon.

P. M. A.
Gulkana

KOTZEBUE

Sure, I says, I'd like to do some trapping. "That isn't exactly what I meant", Gus says. So, I got trapped in the "TPAPLINE". Oh well, that's the way the snow crunches. Spring sprung and I got hung.

Guess a rundown on the personell here at Kotzebue is in store. In the Flight Service Station; Gus Mver, Chief/STACOR; Warren Thompson, Ed Ward, Rob Mahoney, Gene Wehe, Mike Davenport and Bill Rember. Gus came from the Kenia FSS in January and replaced Dick Tomany who went to the Bettles FSS in October. Gus is not new to being a Chief, x-navy, you know. Cops, I just spilled coffee on the deck. Guess I'd better swab it up. Welcome to Kotzebue Gus, Bertie and girls. Hope you find the conditions here to your liking. Mike Davenport, Dorothy, and any minute now, family, arrived here last summer but are going International, ANC TBSS, that is. Congratualtions on your promotion, Mike, and hope you find your new assignment an enjoyable one. Bill Rember transfered from the B.I.A. here in Kotzebue a month or so ago. Bill is just about ready to start standing mid-watches. Sorry about that Bill. Anyway Bill, hope your new career with the FAA is an enjoyabke one. Gordon Stewart and family recently moved to Fairbanks and to the control tower there. Hope the Stewarts find living in Fairbanks more to their liking.

In the Electronics section; STIC, Paul Westcott; Wilson Angnabookuk and John Doolittle. John Doolittle and family arrived recently from Georgia. Welcome to the "deep north", John.

In Plant Maintenance; GRET Harold Lie, Mike Vivieros and Hank Harrison. Hank and family also arrived at Kotzebue recently from Houston, Texas. Hank and family are not new to Alaska so are renewing old acquaintances with the north land.

In the National Weather Service; OIC Dave Croft, Mike Woods, DeJano Barr, Don Kouchak and Carl Evak. Dave Croft and family arrived recently from Yakutat and replaced Dave Macfarlane who transferred to Fairbanks.

Guess that's about it for this time. As 'ole Gus would say, "keep smileling".

Bob Mahoney
Bob Mahoney, Kotzebue

MIDDLETON ISLAND

Greetings from the "Pearl of the Pacific", Middleton Island, just a little north of Hawaii and quite similar--housing developments, flights to and from the mainland and cheerful people.

Our delight with this new literary device to let our out-lying stations in on our interesting island is unbounded. We hope for as good a reception as the Mukluk Telegraph had with everyone a reader, everyone a participant.

Our housing development consists of 3-3 bedroom, modular type houses. This will be such a vast improvement over our old trailers as to defy telling.

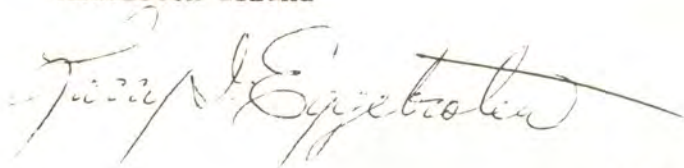
By the time this leaves the press, the houses will be ready for occupants. Clyde Bolyan and his crew--Jack Wimberly, E.J. Hiett, Toy Olsen, John Klein, and John Simon, with support from uncounted, unsung people in the Sector, Area, and Regional Office, made a success of a difficult undertaking. Our hats are off to all of you.

For those of the readers that are not familiar with M.D.O., we will list the cast and supporting players--ie wives. James (Jim) & Sue Finlayson, Irwin (Irv) & Diana Kreider, Albert (Al) & Sharron Eggebroten, and Larry and Heidi Eggebroten.

For those Big Game Hunters planning to trek to MDO in pursuit of the wily rabbit, not yet fellows. Rabbit wise it was a tuff winter and it will take til August to replenish the supply. Even the beachcombing was poor--only three rollers (Japanese glass) were found out of the mass of assorted glass floats and other odds and ends.

Well, it is time to say Sayonora to our less fortunate breathern who are unable to live on Middleton Island where enough rain falls to settle the dust and there is enough breeze to keep the bugs away. Last but not least, we have tough Plants.

Larry Eggebroten
Middleton Island



NENANA

Greetings from the Nenana crew. We've all been looking forward to this publication to learn of the whereabouts of various acquaintances. We're watching the Tanana River ice daily, in hopes that a sign of spring will soon appear, & maybe a \$\$ or two!

Here's a rundown of who's who at Nenana:

In Air Traffic: Jack Leonard, Chief, wife Frances, 3 children
Ed Kulbel, ATCS, wife Norma
Robert Cook, ATCS, wife Sally, 2 children

In Electronics: Al George, SET, wife Hazel, 2 children
Phil Argall, ET
Charles Anderson, Relief ET, wife Annaliese, 3 children
John Littlefield, ET (trainee)

In Environmental Support:

Art Schmuck, Leader, wife Helen
Jack Forness, GFET, wife Penny
Rudy Demientieff, GFET, wife Alice, 8 children
Jim Demientieff, GFET (trainee), wife Bonnie, 1 child
Henry Ketzler (BIA trainee)

On April 15, our ET at NNE moved out to the sunny south--was it the long winter that drove them out? Don Wurscher, with wife Alma and 2 children, headed for OKC Academy, and a new challenge as an instructor. Hope they won't forget their far north friends. Wish them good luck.

Our activities have been a bit limited waiting for the mud to dry and the waters to open up--but have seen a few brave souls out on cycles and boats & camper trailers being readied. Gotta have hope.....! 'Til next time.

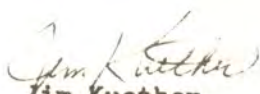


Norma Kulbel, Nenana

NORTHWAY

This being the first issue of the TRAPLINE, your editor feels it would be appropriate to take a census of the surviving at Northway. I say surviving because its been a long long winter here. First a few departures, past and near future. SATCS Dan Larson and helpmate left ORT for his new position at Kenai last March. We understand he is happy running around in his new full basement. Frank Stiles and crew are headed for the same place come the first week in May. It's not known whether they will like Kenai but whenever it's mentioned around Frank, he just smiles. Rumor has it that Pat Schultz and Margaret and their two will be leaving soon. Something about his job being abolished. But you know how rumors go. As for Darryl Fentress and family, its no rumor that he's headed south! In fact he has made several practice runs down to the Border. Keeps coming back mumbling something about no official orders yet. Oh well, details. And way back last December, our STIC Clancy DeBorde & Phoebe and two departed for King Salmon. Send us a King Fish sometime, Clancy. Our arrivals to the station have been just as numerous. Lets see, AT types include the Bruces who arrived from Rockford, Ill. They saw the pavement of Ak. the middle of August. Bill Clark, wife Dee and two boys plus Pete Pedersen our batchelor type came in around the first of Feb. Doug Hudson and his family arrived Sept early. Sam Long and his wife Sandra and son beat Yours Truely by one day the last of July. Then with reorganization, came one each type SET Vern Macey and his family. Last but not least, we welcomed our SATCS type "Po Po" Richardson and his brood.

Notice how cleverly I left the "Old Timers" in the background? Jane Glazier our Secretary is busier than ever. Tom and Rose Glazier have one girl at home yet. Roy Sam and his family are still with us. At least if the ice on Moose Creek hasn't dislodged them, they're still there. Well, a brief look at the weather picture for the past 5 or 6 months reveals a low of -68 below zero and today the thermometer registers a plus 50 so it looks like Spring has Sprung. We here at ORT hope spring is springing at your station also. Get out the boats and fishing rods and hondas, etc. Northway has probably the most concentrated group of Radio Operators for any one station. We boast 3 licensed Amateurs, two CB,ers and a flock of AM Broadcast listeners. Until next time, 73's (thats Best Regards) from Northway.


Jim Kuether
Northway

SITKA

A couple of years ago when the Sitka Station was very consistant about missing the Mukluk edition, some big mouth person commented that anyone should be able to report on the activities, even one of the women. Well, guess whose big mouth got herself into a job - ME!

Since it has been some time since Sitka has been heard from I'll spend most of this edition telling you about the families stationed here. I am ashamed to admit that there are some of the people that I have not met. With all but four of the families now living over on the Sitka side, the FAA village seems rather empty, and we don't seem to get together as often.

Starting off the list is Henry Bertuleit, Jr. Chief AFFD and his wife Patsy, children: Kary, Henry, Becky, Mathew, and Rachel, who just joined us a few weeks ago, coming from King Salmon. They seem to like Sitka, and we are happy to have them with us. Others are Ron Terry, ET, wife Earlene, and children Paula and James. Earlene is attending Sitka Community College taking 15 credit hours this semester. (Just 3 more weeks to go!). Ralph Melander (Mel), ET, wife Eileen, and daughter Joni will be leaving us soon. Mel is retiring May 3, and the family is sailing south on their TRIMARAN as soon as school is out. A no-host dinner will be held for them this week. Ed Littlefield is Boat Master of the Fedair I, wife Martha has been a BIA dorm mother for several years, but is now taking a much deserved rest and babysitting their two grandsons. Their son Terry is the only one of the seven children still at home. John Martin GFET, wife, Shoko and children Donna and Richard are ex-

pecting Shoko's sister from Japan this week. Shoko helps out the doctors at the PHS hospital by interpreting for the Japanese boats we have occasionally. Jack Hudson, Forman Mechanic, and wife Fern Own the Sitka Professional Pharmacy, where Fern puts in many hours as the only pharmacist. They have one daughter Cheryl. Maurice Hale is the Material Specialist. He and his wife Alice have no children. There are two trainees at the station, Gabriel Evan, (plant), and Ditlef (Rich) Didrickson (electronics). Rich is married and has five children. Both Gabe and Rich are presently in Anchorage attending school. The Secretary is Connie Reid, whose husband Gordon is a Construction worker, working on the BRIDGE at present. They have two sons at home, Darby and Michael.

The FSS roster includes Carl Shute, Chief, and his wife Lois, who works at the PHS school clinic, their two daughters at home are Carol and Eileen. Dan Steele and his wife Margaret, who is a BIA employee, recently purchased a house in town and are remodeling it. Wayne Vickrey, wife Sherry and children Scott, Laura, and Linda are also remodeling the home they purchased last summer. Leo Golden and wife Jean, who works at Lincoln Pharmacy have their two teenage children Ray and Debby still at home. Irving and Mabel Ungudruk also have two children at home, Carol and Marilyn, while the other four are away at college and in the service. Nelson Frank is an avid fisherman. His wife Jean is a nurse at the PHS hospital and they have two boys Lowell and Tim. Dan Mallery, wife Carol, and son Danny are also fairly new here - within six months anyway. Mike O'Donnell (FSS trainee) and wife Ruth are newly weds being married only a couple of months.

I don't know any of the people stationed at Duncan Canal or Biorka Island, but they are also a part of the Sitka Field Office. Those at Biorka include ET's Norman Murray, who is the Unit Chief, wife Pauline, and son Tommy; Harvey Rogers and his wife; and Roy Deal, wife Sandra and children Harry, Tabatha, and Steffanie. The Duncan Canal crew includes Bill Lewis and wife Gail, recent transfers from Biorka. (Guess they like these isolated spots), and Jerry Cappoen whos wife and family is to join him soon.

Jesse Jones, former SET, left last week for his new position in Juneau. His wife Ellen and daughters Chris and Beth will be staying in Sitka until school is out and arrangements made on the house. Ellen is also busy giving piano lessons, working two nights a week at the hospital, and being school nurse at Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

That completes the list, and fills my allotted space for this time. Next month I'll try to include more FAA activities and all the visitors.

Earlene Terry

Earlene Terry
Sitka

TANANA

After a cold and snowy winter Tanana's knee deep in a month of mud! The kids love it, and the washing machines are busy with loads of muddy play clothes. All of us are glad to be out in the warmer spring weather -- even if it is wet.

Since the last issue of Mukluk Telegraph we've had a few personnel changes, and the inauguration of Trapline seems a good opportunity to introduce you to the families in Tanana.

Larry and Rosemary Buss (ATCS) are our newest arrivals on station. Larry, Rosemary, Larry Dean $8\frac{1}{2}$ and Michelle 6 came to Tanana in August from Omaha, Nebraska. Larry spent $2\frac{1}{2}$ years in Omaha and prior to that was in Des Moines, Iowa. This is their first time in Alaska.

Junior and Milly Evans (GFET) and their kids Ting 7, Kathy 5, and Andy 4 have spent the last $6\frac{1}{2}$ years in Tanana. Both Junior and Milly are from Bettles, Alaska.

Al and Dee Guthrie (ATCS) have been in Tanana for a little over a year. They came up from Grants, New Mexico after $4\frac{1}{2}$ years in the Lower 48. Alaska is home to them. Dee is from Kotzebue, and Al came to Alaska in 1948. The Guthries have ten of their kids still at home: Albert 18, Phil 16, Jackie 15, Rex 14, Larry 12, Jay 10, Lavina 9, Nathan 8, Loretta 6, and Katherine 3.

The Hyslops (GFET) are long-time Alaskans too. Polly's home is Northway, and Floyd's been in Alaska since 1951. They've been in Tanana for 4 years and before that 2 years in Galena. Their oldest son, Laverne, is in the Navy and has spent the last five months on board ship seeing Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Hawaii and the Gulf of Tonkin. Besides Laverne, there's Tom 17, Betsy 14, Patti 12, Charles 7, and Annie 6. During this winter Polly's nephew Robert 16 mos. has been visiting with them.

John and Janice McIntyre (ET) joined the FAA last year. Mac spent three years with ACS in Ketchikan prior to that. Mac, Janice, Ricky 12, and Terri 9 left the 23rd of April for VOR school in Oklahoma City and PL 737 in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Jack and Edwina Moore (SATCS and Sta Cor) have been in Alaska for twelve years: five years in Tanana, six years in Aniak, and one year in Cordova. The Moores have six children; three are still at home: Pat 16, Pete 13, and Monica 11. Their daughter Linda spends as much time at home as college and her job allow.

Gus and Emily McKenzie (SET) have been in Tanana for 20 mos. With our six year old daughter, Lisa, we came to Alaska after three years in the Canal Zone. Prior to that we spent three years in Miami, Florida.

And that's our crew! We're looking forward to hearing from all of you through Trapline.

Emily McKenzie

Emily McKenzie
Tanana

UNALAKLEET

This being the first publication of the TRAPLINE, the personnel at Unalakleet would like to express our appreciation to the Director for agreeing to launch the TRAPLINE employee publication, and wish Louise Schermorhorn great success as Editor.

The FAA families at Unalakleet are now spring spellbound and watching the snow creep down inch by inch in hopes of seeing good old mother earth crop through in all her glory. The retail dealers in Anchorage should prosper to some extent from the sales of summer gear, ranging from new boats and motors to the spring sale on snow machines. The hunting bug is also in the air, and personnel have purchased some new guns and are getting restless to try them out. The children are also beginning to rove the great outdoors by seeing just how many rocks they can find and present to their parents as though they were of great value.

New arrivals: Dan Truesdell, ATCS, arrived from Pt. Barrow 8 March with his family, wife Lucille and two daughters, Teresa and Lucinda, ages four and one.

Joe Curry, ET, arrived from Huntsville, Alabama 1 April with his family, wife Julia and two boys and one girl, names George, Joe and Margo, ages seven, five and four.

John Winfree, ET, arrived from Huntsville, Alabama 20 April with his family, wife Waltraud and one daughter, Liane, age five.

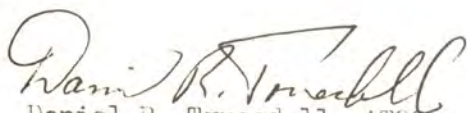
Together with the new arrivals and the personnel stationed at Unalakleet, we believe, what is known within the FAA community as the best working international group of people for our number in existence. We say this because our community consist of Irish, German, Eskimo, Aleut, and good old 59 heintz variety, all pedigree. The working relations are outstanding and the language barriers have been overcome by the use of english when attempting to communicate. The wives are have quite a good time in exchanging recipes and clothing paterns.

John Norbert ventured out on the sea ice and returned with two bearded seal, which proved as a great treat for the Eskimo part of our community. Not to leave anyone out, John also brought some fresh trout down from the hills for the rest of the families which made for an A-1 meal that night.

Participation in the local PTA meeting and election early this month brought the following results: Irish Moriarty was elected as first Vice President and Mrs Millet was elected as Secretary. The participation by the FAA families was 100%, and the election of Irish and Isabelle goes to prove that FAA has a very good working relation with the local population of Unalakleet.

A community dinner was held at John Norberts house on the 23rd, which I might say turned out quite well for the number of people that attended. Included in the dinner festivities was the honoring of Irish Norberty on his new duties as Station Coordinator and John Norbert on the fine job that he has done in the past. Well wishes go to Irish on his new duties and we all hope that this change doesn't loose Irish any more hair.

A recreation meeting was held in the COMSERVAC on the 28th, at which a recreation committee was elected. Future plans were discussed for recreation of the FAA community and several good ideas were presented. It was decided that the committee's first responsibility be the planning of a dance for the FAA teenibopers before the end of the school year. The kids have been asking for this dance for sometime and it was felt that all would go well if properly handled and chaperoned.


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YAKUTAT

To acquaint our Trapline audience with the fans at Yakutat, I'll give a quick rundown on who's here and those recently departed. In the FSS we have Mr. Roy Hoyt, FACP and Bruce Jones, Art Kasher, Al Hester, as ATCS'S. In the AF section we have Mr. Billy Trent, Acting AF Chief and ET'S Bud Hurley, Mike Downing, Lloyd Howard and John Scrivner (TDY, OKC City). In Plants section we have Mr. Ron Long, Stan Dale (relief) and the still chubby as ever, Mel Rener. Last but not least we have our always smiling Secretary Barbara Cokeley.

Our National Weather Service Staff consists of Mr. Phil Baker, O.I.C. and his never miss staff, Lynn Chrystal, Dave Bakeman, Dave Taylor and Bob Johnson.

Recently departed, for better or for worse are Truman Middleton to Talkeetna, Benjamin Jack Walden to Fairbanks, Harvey Doyle to Milwaukee, Wisc., John Bishop to Anchorage, Dave Croft to Kotzebue and Jim Jensen to Hibbing, Minn.

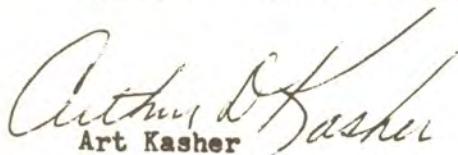
With the winter months bringing us an above normal snowfall the snowmobilers finally had a great year for outdoor activities. Scenic shots for camera bugs were in full bloom and personally I think we have more snowmobile mechanics per capita now than any place in the State.

We also have to give a salute to Lynn Chrystal and Frank Cokeley who braved freezing rain, high seas and back breaking labor to haul in enough sea food for our first sea food dinner of the year.

Clank! Bang! Bzzzzz! Where's that tool kit I left here last Sept.? What Color should we use? These are the sounds and questions going on as Spring blossoms into her full glory and sportsmen here ready their boats, planes, guns and fishing gear for the coming season. The next printing should bring you all the results of this magnificent display of energies.

For those of you in "Trapline" land that just like to curl up with a good book or so and would care to trade off last years editions for more last years editions just send a box and we'll send you one.

Now with the coming of high tide I must step back out of "Trapline" and await further developments.


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