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BETTLES

We have had so many going and coming this summer, it is hard to keep track of everyone. Will and Vi Lossing just came home long enough to pack and leave for their new station, Nenana. Vi's sister, Irma, came along with them to help pack. After we saw the ladies off on the FAA plane, Will was supposed to leave in his champ, but after lots of hugs and kisses goodbye he decided to spend the night. Maybe he wanted to try that again. To top it all off, he was right back here the next week to relieve 'Pat' Patric who was here as Will's relief while he was gone. Just can't seem to stay away from good old Bettles.

Patrics are expected to arrive here for permanent duty just about the time this goes to print. Their plants are boarded out and their household effects are here already to greet them. We are looking forward to having them in the community.

Lee Barber spent a week in Anchorage visiting with her parents and the Logan family. Bud Barber and his friend, Dr. Bast from Fairbanks, had a successful sheep hunt, with a beautiful full curl for Bud. Bud spent an evening regaling us with tales of the hunt and also some special tales of 'The Needle in the Navel' having to do with his unusual experiences in the dental chair.

Jerry and Barbra Garton have returned to Bettles this month. Barb was gone with the little girls a whole eight weeks and was she glad to get home. They are busy moving into new quarters. I notice Barbra has found time for a few motorcycle rides tho'.

Also returning after a trip to the Anchorage area are Rita Sailors and girls. Rita had quite a time making it back to Fairbanks with washed out bridges and road. They are 'camping' until their quarters are finished.

We have a new operator from Cold Bay, Ed Adams. I don't think he thinks our weather is much improvement over the peninsula weather. His wife and children are expected in October. Meanwhile he is busy moving into the new rehab and hiding everything from his wife. She'll never find everything.

Lorry Pollock took 77 Hotel to Fairbanks for the annual. That was the excuse anyway. Wes just happened to arrive that evening from Oklahoma where he has been attending Management Training School. Forrest Pollock got his first moose the second day of the season. A proud boy. Since the freezer was getting mighty bare, the meat is appreciated.

Dick and Edith Tomany took their boat up the John River for a sheep hunt. They left their girls with Karen Kiss. They didn't manage to get a sheep but I'll bet Edith enjoyed the break from the children for a few days. We all owe Karen so much babysitting time, she'll be able to take a two week vacation.

Bettles has been blessed with a summer in which all the gardens have matured. Karen harvested a cauliflower that measured 14 inches in diameter. It took two families to eat it, with second helpings yet. Hmmm, good. Ed Kiss' father is back in Bettles for a visit. It is nice to see him.

We have flowers blooming around the houses and green lawns. Well some green lawn. The wild berries have been terrific with lots of jams and jellies being made and gallons of fruit in the freezers. So far we haven't had a killing frost, which is unusual for here. Goodbye from Bettles.....

Loretta Pollock

DILLINGHAM

The sun is shining and it's a nice, warm day in Dillingham. Berry pickers can be seen here and there filling their pails and checking the other varieties soon to be ripe. The house abounds with berry buckets, berry stains, boots, jam and jelly jars and all the other paraphernalia necessary for reaping the harvest of the tundra and woods. The berries aren't as plentiful as they were last year, which is probably due to all the rain we've had.

The school bell has rung for all the kids and most of our homes are alot quieter now. Not all the kids were happy to go back though. One youngster was heard to remark, "How come I have to go to school every year? I just forgot everything I learned over the summer anyway." Makes you wonder, doesn't it?

With the arrival of the latest barge came alot of large packages for Cliff and Lila Tubbs. The boxes contain their new Capp home. After observing the assortment of crates, boxes, lumber and all, I said I hoped they had also received a set of instructions. There's a smart aleck in every crowd, isn't there, Cliff? Seriously though, the Tubbs are busy working on it and hope to have the construction well underway before winter sets in. It promises to be a lovely home.

The Hall family disappears during most of Don's off hours to enjoy the fishing and fun of outings on Lake Aleknagik.

The Learys have been frequenting the lake as often as the rest of us and Tim spends a good deal of time fussing over the fish - both his and those of other fishermen. Does he have a passion for fish? No, he's just busy with his hobby and new part time business, taxidermy. Tim says he will mount almost anything and we believe him because he offered to mount a beer can with a bullet hole in it that was the first can our son, David, ever hit. All kidding aside, the mounts that we have seen really look good.

The Wahls are on vacation now and are enjoying the benefits of their new airplane. Nels has been up-river where he is trying to lure an unsuspecting moose into his freezer.

Our household welcomed two visitors from the lower 48 during August when John's father, Chuck Gillespie, and his uncle, Ace Evans came up for a week of fishing and relaxing. The weather wasn't too co-operative but the fishing was good and we were so glad they came.

John's relief for the week was Gary Hatfield and Gary's wife, Carol Ann, came with him. It sure was nice to see them again and hear news of our former home, Cold Bay. Carol's parents are Bob and Anna Livingston. How's your toothbrush holding up, Anna?

One last note. - Bert,..John wants to know if the Sitka Police Department has returned Matthew's diaper, or are they holding it as evidence?

See you next month.

Bob Gillespie

BETHEL

Greetings from soggy Bethel. If I didn't know better, I'd think this was the pan-handle of Alaska. We have had rain, rain, rain. Consequently our mosquitoes look like birds and the mud tracks indicate a considerable amount of real estate is coming inside. Meanwhile, Bethel airport is getting a real facelift and our travelers will be welcomed back on a nice new runway. Rumor is that the paving of the road from the airport to town is about to become a reality also. In which case we will no doubt be scraping a lot of vehicles out of the tundra come the first slick morning, as we have several slanted curves with sizeable dropoffs.

A welcome visit from Warren Runnerstrom, Personnel Relations, coincided with the August meeting of the Bethel Club. Discussions concerning the uplifting of morale and general well-being of station personnel followed the meeting and we have been promised action on some of our more glaring problems. We were glad to have him stick around a day or so instead of the usual "dash-in, dash-out" visit. Dave and Pat Fish and family were welcomed aboard with a potluck dinner August 7, followed by an enjoyable evening of cards. August 5 was the departure of young John Hyatt, who enlisted in the Army. After basic training at Ft. Lewis John will report for aircraft maintenance school in Alabama. Dave and Katie Brown took leave for Oregon and other warm and sunny climes August 13. I don't think Katie needed the jet but Dave and kids are a little more earthbound. Cary and Gladys Williamson are also off for a change of scene. Friends of Pog and Blanche Mikkelson will be glad to hear that granddaughter, Jennifer, finally arrived in good shape via Stork Lines. Omitted from previous Traplines was the announcement of the birth of Adrienne Emerald Atkins, first child for Bob and Carole Atkins of Plants. Anna McClanahan traveled as far as Anchorage with her mother, who returned to Stuttgart, Germany after an extended visit. Mrs. Queiser's prize souvenir of her visit was a container of Alaskan, fresh-picked, cranberries.

Our station was saddened by the death of Ruth Venes, wife of Elias of Plants. Also, the friends of former McGrath Area Manager, Sandy Peterson, extend sympathy to wife Helen and family on his death.

And so, the moving finger writes

Simon

NORTHWAY

Would you believe August? Last trip to Anchor Town showed tops of mountains with that white stuff. The trees around Northway are doing their usual "thing" now that FALL has arrived. We have a couple of arrivals to report. 1 ea AT type trainee in the form of Tony Glazier arrived around the first part of August. Electronic trainee type Steve Ruks and his family arrived OPT the middle of July. Welcome to Sunny Northway folks. Well, with the end of the month coming up it looks like people are getting scarce here. AT has two men out looking at nature's wonders, and Plant is still short a man. But Carl Weber and Helpmeet appear to be enjoying it here. Electronics is "making it" to other parts too. Vern Macey and crew are leaving the 20th for OKC. Yours truly is taking the XYL into Anchor Town to visit the Baby Factory. Steve is leaving us for OKC next month for CE school.

Our weather this summer finally lived up to the name "banana belt" and blue skys and balmy weather were the rule in June and July with a July rainfall of less than one inch. For the information of those who watched Jimi struggle with her flowers at BET, she succeeded this year and our yard is a riot of color. You envious Northern Residents should call your dripping skys "Ketchikan Mist" May be years before missing us again.

So ends the first facinating episode of the Ketchikan Saga, don't miss the next whenever.

Ma Kunghe

YAKUTAT

Greetings from Yakutat!

The big event this month was the Lions Club Moose Bar-b-cue. We had many prominent guests, among those who enjoyed fine food were; Gov. & Mrs. William Egan, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Webb of Anchorage, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Caudle and family, Billy Trent and John Chambers of Juneau, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Doyle, Anchorage.

We had lots of fun watching the kids take part in a pie-eating contest, won by John Long. Sack races, age group 6-8 years, Richard Hurley - 2nd place; age group 10-12 years, John Long 1st place and Jonathan Hurley 2nd place. "Smokey the Bear" (U.S. Forest Service) made an apperance and was a great hit with kids and adults alike.

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Caudle and Family enjoyed their visit in Yakutat for a few days. Mr. Caudle and Mr. Forsyth were looking forward to getting a Moose or two, but according to Ray "they are scarce in this area". Maybe we can "hog-tie" one for Mr. Jack Webb when he comes back to Yakutat in a couple of weeks for an inspection tour of our "rain soaked Rec (wrecked) club".

Mr. Schuyler Smith, MATSPEC, and Stan Dale were here from Juneau for a few days to give us a helping hand.

This is all we have for this month. So long from Yak.

Hannah Hurley

JUNEAU AFFO

Greeting from Juneau. What with the beautiful weather, good fishing and the opening of the deer season, it is a wonder anything is being written. For a first try I suppose a person has to start somewhere, so guess it will be with a who's who and that should take up a little space.

ELECTRONICS

BOB MELL SET
BOB NOEL
ELVAN JOHN
LOYD TOLBERT
ROYAL DeASIS
GEORGE FITZSIMMONS

PLANT RELIEF

ANDY MARKOVICH
JOE SIDERI
FRANK SNODGRASS
DUDLEY CLARK
JOHN CHAMBERS
EMORY HUNTER
STANLEY DALE

MATSPC AT JUNEAU AFFO
SCHUYLER SMITH

PLANT

STAN ERICKSON PLANT SUPV.
BILLY WEST
DAVE ZELLER

RELIEF ET

BILL DAY
BILL TRENT
KEN ZAHN
JOHN LITTLEFIELD
SEVARD WAGENIUS

SISTERS ISLAND

JIM TOMLINSON ET
JIM OLIVER ET
JAY SHOEMAKE PLANT

GUSTAVUS

FRED ROSE PLANT

This is a crowd of people to try and keep track of and yours truly doesn't even try too hard.

With the closing of Gustavus to a remote site, we lost HARRY ARMSTRONG to the ANC Sector. Hope he has good luck up there. FRED ROSE, plant man at GST, is planning to transfer to the Park Service when the final turn over comes about. At this time FRED is in the Hospital undergoing an operation (University of Washington Hospital). I am sure he is doing fine and will be back with us in two or three weeks. In his absence, ANDY MORKOVICH is filling for him at GST. Yours truly has been running back and forth every week keeping the equipment happy and helping in my small way with the rehab at the IRCO building. JOE SIDERI and FRANK SNODGRASS are doing an excellent job on the actual job. SISTERS ISLAND has been pretty quiet since we snared JIM TOMLINSON from MOSES POINT. JIM OLIVER is taking a brainwashing course in Tacan at OKE CITY, when he has been completely brainwashed he will go to SSR. JIM is a new hire out of Seattle; I believe we stole him from the Boeing complex. JAY SHOEMAKE, resident plant man, just returned from that part of the country attending school and taking some leave.

BOB MELL JUNEAU SET just returned from a long leave south and looks rested. How long this will last is anyone's guess and no one is willing to make book on it. SEVARD WAGENIUS sat in for MELL while he was gone and did an excellent job (at least the place is still here), now with the return of the great white father, WAGGY is taking leave (I wonder why) with relatives who are visiting from the states. ROYAL DeASIS has left us for a job with the Public Health Service. We all wish him luck in his new position. LLOYD TOLBERT, our teletype man, will soon be departing for the state of Virginia where he plans on relaxing and doing a little farming, maybe. We all hate to see him go, good teletype men are hard to come by. ELVAN JOHN is in the process of purchasing a house and he will be pretty

GULKANA

IT IS WITH GREAT SADDNESS IN MY HEART
I MUST ANNOUNCE I AM ABOUT TO DEPART

NO MORE TO WORK FOR THE F.A.&A.
O' GREAT AND GLORIOUS INDEPENDENCE DAY!

SO FOR THIS MY LAST AND FINAL EDITION
I SHALL BREAK WITH ALL REPORTING TRADITION

TO BRING YOU THE NEWS SUCH AS I COULD FIND
IN A WAY THAT IS INTENDED, SOMEWHAT, TO RHYME.

I'LL BEGIN WITH THE NEWS OF COMINGS AND GOINGS
THE TRAVELING ABOUT OF GULKANA EMPLOYEES.

FRANK DEVLIN HAS TAKEN HIS FAMILY ON LEAVE
TO HOLY CROSS HIS IN-LAWS TO SEE.

WHILE IN THE BIG CITY OF ANCHOR TOWN
KATIE AHLSTEDT AND DAUGHTERS ARE MAKING THE ROUNDS.

AND OVER AT POPP'S THE KIDS GO IN AND OUT
WITH CHUCK ON A WEEKS LEAVE, JUST LYING ABOUT.

THE DAVIDSONS AND THE COATES ARE SCURRYING TOO
GETTING OUT OF THE WAY OF THE REHABBING CREW.

TWO HOUSES ARE FINISHED WITH TWO YET TO GO
WHY DOES IT SEEM THEY ARE MOVING SO SLOW?

THE SHEEP, MOOSE AND CARIBOU ARE SMART I'LL ADMIT
AS SPORTSMEN AND HUNTERS THEY DAILY OUTWIT.

FOR NOONE I KNOW ON THE GULKANA F.A.A.
HAS BAGGED ANY EATABLE GAME TO THIS DAY.

THATS IT, EVERYTHING ELSE STAYS THE SAME,
EXCEPT FOR THIS DAMITABLE, DISMAL WET RAIN!

AND NOW FOR MY FINAL WORDS FROM GULKANA,
AS ALWAYS, KEEP SMILING, GULKANA ANNA.

Gulkana Anna

"Joe" Kronk's wife, Mary Lou visited him in Anchorage.
"Dave" Bartholomew had a painful motorcycle accident. July 25th.
"Midge Vanetta, wife of John died July 29th. John is the B.I.A.
Roads Supervisor.
Lois Zeller, wife of David Zeller, died in Juneau on July 27th.
David works for the F.A.A. & is the brother of Phyliss Leschig.
Our condolences to each of these families who suffered these great
losses...

FROM THE MOUTHS OF GROWN-UPS. ...Got a phone call that "Dick" Makov-
sky was hurriedly assembling his collapsible sail boat. after the last
Tsunami Alert, just in case the tidal wave hit here he could evacuate!
(He might have ended-up in the trees "without a paddle"!)
"Holly" Holroyd met "Dick" Sackett early one morning. as he ascended
the long stairs while reporting for duty. Sackett. a victim of cel-
ebration, wasn't looking too good. "Holly" added insult to injury by
saying, "Say, you look great! Who's your undertaker?"
Paul Worley told this one on his wife, Emma, before leaving for Wink,
Texas (true or not): A bolt of lightning struck in the housing area
on August 1st about 1:30 P.M. & it was a "shocker!" Emma, who was
cleaning the oven had her head in said oven, holding a can of spray
cleaner. Instantly, when the bolt struck she came out of that oven
spraying cleaner EVERYWHERE!!! With eyes aimed toward heaven she
exclaimed prayerfully, "I BEEN GOOD!" (Worley! If this is a fib,
YOU told it, not me!!!) [Thanks, Lois Bethel, for your help!]

Later... See "ya"...

Percy Faison