

TRAPLINE

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BETTLES

The termination dust is halfway down Two Day Mountain and autumn with it's lovely colors appears to have come and gone. Everyone that had gardens has gotten busy and taken in their vegetables and flowers.

Speaking of colors, the housing has gotten it's new face on for the winter. Every building looks different with it's bright colors. The local aviators shouldn't have any trouble finding the field now. The rehab has just about come to an end and I think everyone is glad. It surely will make a difference this winter when we have to stay in for long periods of time.

The children have been in school about a month and a half and everyone is enjoying the change, even the kids. Our new school teacher and family are Judy Christie, Husband Maurice, who is with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and their children. Judy is probably looking forward to summer vacation about now.

Your reporter spoke to Ed Adams about the arrival of the new little Adams, but as of today it has yet to make an appearance. Mrs. Adams is in Anchorage while waiting for the big event. Ed also went sheep hunting and added another nice ram to the ones he already has in his collection. Congratulations, Ed.

FAA was invited to a party at the lodge this past month to celebrate a 25th wedding anniversary and a couple of birthdays. The party was a huge success even though the host, Mike Daniels, failed to make an appearance. Many of you will remember Mike, who worked for Wien at Kotzebue, Nome, Barrow, etc...

Karen and Ed Kiss departed for Anchorage where Ed is attending school and Karen is probably attending all of the sales. I wonder if Ed finds this distracting while he is studying? Lorrie Pollock is taking care of Karen's children and I'll bet Karen is enjoying the change.

Moose hunting is in full swing and I think that most everyone has gotten at least one moose by this time. Bud Barber got his, and I wonder if Pete, his black Lab did the retrieving? I'll bet that if he did, Bud, he'll want his share this winter. The Tomany's made one last camping trip up the John River before school started and Edith got her moose. Judy Christie also shot her moose one evening just a little way from Bettles.

Jerry Garton has been very busy working on his Ski-do the past couple of weeks getting it ready and talking about how he hopes it will start snowing soon. Jerry, we can do without that for a little while yet. Now he is building a sled and Barbra is ordering snowmachine suits.

Rita Sailors finally got to move into her new apartment and I bet that she is really happy. Lorrie and Pat Patrick have been seen busily moving their furniture and when they are finally settled this will end the game of musical houses at Bettles. I do believe that everyone was a winner.

Edith Tomany

KOTZEBUE

With summer gone, winter activities have started in OTZ. We've formed a rec club, had our first potluck dinner (a rousing success) and have plans for future dinners, parties, movies, etc. We hear rumbles of a Halloween party, and will hold a rummage sale next Sunday. Much scurrying around and anticipation on the shores of Kotzebue Sound!

Jack Jefford, AL-224, overnighted here early this month. Always happy to welcome one of the good guys who brings in the food wagon each month! We also had Howard Moore, PDEO from Nome here, and just in time to join us in our first potluck. First time we've met him, and a pleasant meeting it was, too.

Sorry Henry Dodd didn't make it up earlier this month as planned, but we hope to see him again soon. His is another smiling face we are always happy to see.

We were all so saddened by the death of Mable Sampson who was the summer secretary here. She was on her way to Sheldon Jackson College and a passenger on the plane that crashed in Juneau.

ACTS Ken Peavyhouse, assisted by ATCS Bill Rember, will conduct a ground school for pilots at the Kotzebue High School, starting October 11th. They already have a large group enrolled with the possibility of more to come.

Paul Westcott, SET, is in Lawton, Oklahoma, attending the FAA Supervisors' Training School. Dale Steckel, SET from Nome, is filling in for him. Such a busy guy! He's burning a lot of midnight oil repairing some electronic equipment that decided not to do as it was told.

ATCS Ed Ward spent a few days last week camping out on the beach up near Pt. Hope. Guess something walked across his sleeping bag in the middle of the night last time he camped there. We asked him what he did about it and he said "Nothing. It wasn't bothering me, so I wasn't about to bother it!" We asked him if he had any such problem this time, and he said nothing like that -- just his stupid dog. Guess poor old Bruiser doesn't know what a fox hole is for. Of course, since he figures he's really people, he wouldn't know enough to dig up an old fox!

Yours truly, assisted by Jenny Olson of NWS, has organized a Brownie troop at the local school. "Organized" may be an exaggeration, but at least it's off the ground. Sheryl Westcott is assisting another teacher with the Girl Scout troop.

Happy to see Mike Viveriros of Plant back at work. He's been down with that blasted old "bug", but is better now, although he still looks a bit poorly.

Cheers till next time. As friend hubby says, "Keep smiling!"

Bertie Myer

ANNETTE

AMO-LA-WAAN! Tis a bleak, foggy morning! Low tide is again exposing cleanly washed rocks, tree trunks, a rusty 55 gallon fuel drum, decimated by the salt water... Ever so often, a lone sea gull soars past my window seeming to encounter no difficulty in navigating through the thick, damp, grey atmosphere, as he hugs the calm waters, seeking an unsuspecting prey to provide his breakfast. Only yesterday, in the late afternoon, fish "were jumpin'" in the harbor as a fish duck paddled smoothly, leaving a long, narrow, silvery wake upon the glassy-smooth harbor... Yep! All seems tranquil at Annette...

HAPPENINGS. Our Tacan was again flight checked on September 8th. Competitive bowling got under way on September 13th. Sure! We have a bowling alley. The wind velocities reached 90kts in Metlakatla & 57Kts at the airport on September 7th. Conway Twitty & his "Twitty Bird" jet Commander refueled her twice during the month. John Wayne paused here, took off then developed gear trouble, landed again & almost everybody in Annette knew about it. Many families came out to see him, some taking movies and still pictures of him. He just seemed like an ordinary "Joe"... George & "Bide" Bryson sailed on the Wickersham embarking upon a ferry trip to Hyder, Stewart, B.C. & up to Portland Canal. Richard Makovsky & his family also took a ferry trip on the Wickersham around Revilla Island & the Behm Canal. "Buddy" Baer finally received his household effects after its travels around the State. His sled dogs arrived the week of the 19th! Phyllis Leschig is seemingly recovering from the recent death of her sister-in-law! Phyllis has indeed suffered great family losses this year! Delores Klotz's father died recently! She, not too long ago, returned from attending the funeral services. The Wisner family had many visitors this Summer, including Jean's sister & family; lately, their daughter & family. The George family were visited by family this Summer & Fall. The Annette Island Cannery is now closed after a pretty good season that, at first, threatened to be a lean one! I visited the Cannery & the new Cold Storage Plant. They do a splendid job! The cleanest yet, with very high standards of quality. The products are excellent. The Metlakatlans & the staff who run this operation have much to be proud of! Metlakatla is in the process of getting that new High School; it looks like a tremendous plant, including gymnasium! New homes are also being built. The place is moving, evidenced by the torn-up streets, sidewalks, excavations & heavy machinery! The FSS had a smooth, well conducted DF Evaluation September 23rd, by Ronald Logan & Jack Williams. The crew aboard the swift, sleek FAA N89 were Hunt, Carr & Thompson. We learned from that one!

VISITORS. Richard & Ann Hinz & their 2 children stopped over enroute to their home in Anchorage after PL-737. (Couldn't believe my eyes) . We were pleased to see them once more!

COMINGS & GOINGS. "Bill" Strieby & "Jim" Large attended the Logistics Management Course in Anchorage September 13th thru the 17th. "Bill's wife, Linda, followed, at a later date. Melvin Suko & his wife returned from Melvin's attending the DFF-100 Course in Anchorage on August 25th; they left for Oke city September 5th for more schooling. "Joe" Kronk returned to Anchorage 13 days after leaving there to attend the DFF-100 Course too. He "joyfully" spent his birthday traveling back to the "big city"!

SUMMIT

Hello from Summit. Since this is the first hook on the TRAPLINE from Summit here are the people at UMM Roy Snyder, Jr. (ET), Joe Chaney (GFET), and Gail Thiede (GFET).

We have had a busy summer here. Bill Dotson and Herb Thompson were here in July and August. They did an excellent job of installing new picture windows on the FAA houses. The view toward the north at Windy Pass and Mt. Deborah is beautiful!

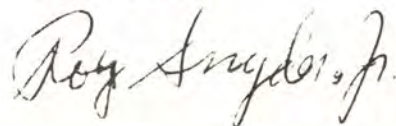
Joe Chaney and Herb Thompson installed a new sewer system at the station. They worked in fair weather and foul to get it in before the termination dust hits UMM.

The moose and caribou are very few and far between. To date only Snyder has shot a moose. The long hard winter killed many moose and caribou in the Broad Pass-Summit-McKinley area.

Gail Thiede and wife are presently in the south 48 on PL-737. They went to Chicago, Michigan and Washington on vacation. They should be back at UMM before this edition of TRAPLINE goes to press.

The latest news on the opening of the new Anchorage-Fairbanks highway is October. With the new highway open it is much easier to come to Summit. Anyone on the road to ANC or FAT are welcome to stop by UMM for a cup of coffee and conversation. The station is open 24 hours daily and the highway is only 500 yards from it.

Yours truly,



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Another month has slipped by. We've all been so busy until I go to put it down on paper--then it seems we haven't done anything.

Fay and Jesse Romer are living it up in OKC. He's enrolled in the academy, but I'll bet that homework gets done by the pool. (Oh, where has all our summer gone.) Sure hope they bring some of that sunshine back with them.

Relieving Jesse is Ridell and Margie George from Bethel. She says, "Oh! This scenery!" Glad you like Aniak, Margie.

Only a couple of moose in camp thus far--Robert Cook and Rudy Demientieff stocking their freezers for the winter.

ET Phil Argall is enjoying a six-week vacation in the lower states. Tho' wouldn't think driving both ways would be much enjoyment.

So far no sign of snow--still a few bugs out. Guess they haven't gotten the message yet that fall is here.

Marna Kuhl

BETHEL

September at last! Altho it portends the beginning of those frosty mornings, it also brings those yellow busses out again and the mamas and papas of the younger set can now catch a breather between weekends. In the midwest we call this time of year Indian summer. Haven't heard it called anything here. Eskimo summer? Why not? Anyway, the tundra has produced its yearly variety of browns, reds, yellows, etc., sprinkled with a number of colorful kuspuks of Eskimo berrypickers. This is also the time of gorgeous sunsets and sunrises like no other.

Nothing really earth shaking to report this issue. The new runway has been completed. Now every day is dodge day as the trucks, rollers, and graders have turned to with a vengeance trying to get the road to town paved before freezeup. The new regional high school is getting to be quite an impressive part of the landscape as the dorms and main building take shape. Apparently this is going to be a real "mod" installation with some very intriguing color schemes.

Those traveling Reidel Georges are at it again. First, they take a boat trip to Aniak and TAD for Reidel, then return to Bethel for a few days and thence to OKC for a few months school. Margelyn and kids are tagging along this time. She says, "no more staying behind." Francine Gillens has returned from a trip as far as Texas and back. Francine took young Lyle out for doctor's consultations. Paul and Shirley Vick had a short visit from Paul Jr. prior to his return to college. Paul Sr. has been the power behind an effort to fix up the playground for the younger children, even though he has no little ones to benefit from it. Dave and Katie Brown returned from leave in time to start packing for transfer to Anchorage. A steak feed was held in their honor at the Bethair Club on Sept. 25. That loud buzzing in our ears wasn't king size mosquitoes after all, just Dave Fish and Bob Zothner out flying gas model airplanes. The mortality rate is a bit high I'll bet, since we have no smooth area for such activities. Paul Vick and Bob Zothner have a winter project all lined up. The rebuilding of a T-craft will keep them out from under foot for a little while. That traveling man who gets things done, Hank Lucke, is with us. Welcome, Hank. Also, we had a pleasant visit from Arnie Glaz of the Commissary this month. Always good to see you, Arnie.

A closing thought - Blessed are they who go round in circles for they shall become wheels?

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