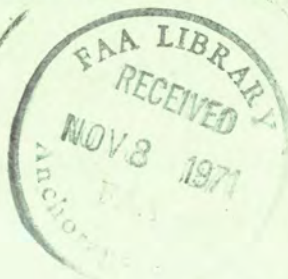


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UNALAKLEET

The long hot summer has drawn to a close in Unalakleet and the first blanket of snow has covered the area. Unalakleet looks like a winter wonderland.

Recalling to mind a few of the highlights of the past few months, one of the most enjoyable was the FAA fish fry up river. Mother nature blessed us with a perfect day. It surely was one of the most enjoyable days.

August saw a farewell party for John Norbert and family. The champagne was iced just right, and the presentation of a gift and speech by Mrs Truescell was very touching. A good time was had by all.

We surely do miss the Norbert family. Most of the population of the village was at the airport to see them off. All our good wishes go with John and Grace, and the family.

August also saw a bachelor, Ed Harvey of FAA, take a BRIDE, who was formerly, the Miss Myrtle Ivanoff of Unalakleet. Escorted down the aisle by her father, she looked beautiful in white, while the groom, due to a recent accident, wore crutches. He had an argument with his motorcycle, and ended up with a broken leg.

September as the month that John Winfree and Joseph Curry completed D.F. 100 school in Anchorage. John Winfree and his family immediately left for Oklahoma City to attend school there after completing the course in Anchorage. We expect them to return to Unalakleet in November; we do miss them. Joseph Curry is enjoying a few months with his family in Unalakleet before he leaves to attend school in Oklahoma City.

October was childrens' month, and Saturday, the 9th was for the younger children. They enjoyed an afternoon of movie cartoons. The mothers baked cupcakes and cookies and furnished lots of koolaid for the small fry. I had quite forgotten how much fun Donald Duck was. Our thanks go to all who participated in providing an unusual and funny afternoon at the movies.

Oscar Koutchak returned to Unalakleet on the 8th of October, after completing his basic training at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City. Oscar is now working hard to complete his last six months in the training status to become a full Journeyman ATCS.

Birthdays in October were: Oscar Koutchak - Julie Curry - "HAPPY BIRTHDAY".

Anniversaries in October were: None -"OOPS" - Ed Harvey celebrating his second month, 13th day and the 51st minute.

Thats the way it is at Unalakleet - Until Next Month.

Julie Curry

KING SALMON

Hello from King Salmon as we catch onto the November Trapline.

Winter activities have begun here as the temperature went down to 13 degrees and the next day the storm windows went up.

The KATMAI Club started their season and opened the fountain. They also have planned Halloween parties for the children and adults. The Ceramics Club had a very successful raffle and bake sale. Arnie Omholt won 1st prize - a beautiful set of decanters made by Corky Brooks; Mary Lou Aspelund of Naknek won 2nd prize - a beautiful set of handpainted cups made by Marjorie Seidelman and 3rd prize - a beautiful caribou plate, handpainted by Jim Faro was won by a retired doctor from Santa Ana, Calif., who had been visiting Danny Girton.

The Rod and Gun Club had a meeting and President Ralph McDonald enthusiastically started things going for the winter. The children are well into the school year and the enrollment at Naknek this year "K" thru 12th grade is 250. The MOTHERS are enjoying the youngsters being back in school!

NEW PEOPLE. The James Klein family arrived from Washington with 6 children. Jim is in electronics. Archie Wemark from Seward is new and in the electronics unit also. Al Purdy and family are back in Alaska, AKN FSS. Mrs. Purdy, Sr. from New York came with them for a months visit. Little did she dream that when she spotted that moose on the side of the road and then took his picture that she would be wrapping it in freezer paper within the week. The Sr. Coopers, Milt and Mimi came up from the South 48 to visit their new grandson, 6 lb, 10 oz Jeremy Lee, and to pull Bryce around in his little blue wagon. Dick Hunsy and family are sorta' new to the FSS, having been here a few months. They are going outside the end of Oct. for a 2 months visit with relatives and friends in the Lower 48. Lucky people! Gerald and Rosemarie Flynn, having arrived in AKN this past June are new to our Sector. They have just returned from 737 which was spent in the Wash. D.C. area. We are glad to have all the new people aboard.

Other happenings in our area. The Charlie Durand family have a new Buick. Betty and the children spend about 6 weeks in California, joined by Charlie and the new Buick, they all drove back up the ALCAN. Jim Leslie is enjoying the new plane he brought back from the states. Tiney Mitchell, husband of our secretary, was injured when his Ranger overturned on him, as he was bringing out a moose with a 72" spread from the King Salmon Creek area. He is home from Providence, resting and letting those 6 ribs and punctured lung continue to mend. Carl Fundeen got his limit of snow geese at Pilot Point while hunting with Phil Chatlin of Kenai. Phil was stationed at AKN for several years. The younger Fundeen family with baby Tanya have moved into their own home, a couple of blocks from grandma and grandpa. John works for the Division of Aviation, married to the daughter, Sandi, of Bud Garvin of Cordova FAA. Bill Hampton, in a Cessna 150 solo'd 2 weeks after his 16th birthday. Congrats to Bill.

And finally---Ken and Betty Cox went on vacation for a week in October, just to stay home and eat the tomatoes and cucumbers out of Ken's greenhouse!

Until December -- Think Happy Thoughts, and Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

J. Seelie

WOODY ISLAND

Apologies to JUANITA CESSNA, who proofread the copy for TRAPLINE and then was the first to note that her name was missing from the roster of station personnel when the printed page appeared.... Juanita is Wally JOHNSON's "Girl Friday" on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Her typewriter misspills occasionally when it isn't lost or sabotaged with rubber bands and paper clips. A word of caution to those who visit Woody... Don't call her coffee a "witches'-brew" as you're apt to get hit over the head with a broom if you do!

The Station welcomes LORNA and JIM MORSE along with their son, Chad. Jim has big plans for rebuilding Woody to "as good as new" condition. Chad is a freshman at Kodiak High School and is going to tackle the grass cutting chores on weekends. They miss their home and friends in Palmer so Wally's crew is going "all out" to make them welcome and comfortable in their new home.

The BIG news at Kodiak is the Dedication Ceremony of Kodiak International Airport. Director JACK WEBB and his party flew down to officially cut the ribbon and thus conclude the transfer of the airport from the U.S. Navy to the State of Alaska. The FAA flight check aircraft was on display after the formalities. Everyone was dazzled by the sleek little jet and the electronic test console aboard. The Navy is committed to man the control tower for another year. The Woody Island Flight Service Station will eventually move to the airport but the date of the move has not been set.

Professional Development is also BIG NEWS at Woody! JIM PAYNE has just returned from the FAA Academy where he completed courses in Solid State (Transistor school) and Digital Logic. Jim couldn't wait to get back to Kodiak and fix the transistorized radio in his car. He's put off the job for a year but with his new know how he shall have music wherever he goes...in his NEW pickup truck, that is! At this time, DALE HUGHES is being schooled in the RTC-3 TACAN Monitor. Maybe the TACAN will get fixed when he gets home, that is, if visiting BOB DUNLAP decides to take a few lessons in Kodiak Salmon Fishing.

The STARR-BRESETTES have taken up residence on Woody Island. Starr's wife, Susan, will be beachcombing daily for materials to make decorative wall hangings. Her models of mushrooms, shaped out of the volcanic dust that covered Kodiak in 1912, have become museum pieces. Her entry in the Alaska State Fair at Palmer received an Honorable Mention Award.

FSS Chief, HARRY BURNETTE, has devoted summer evenings to a Little League Team that ended the season with First Place Honors. His community service activities include membership in the Kodiak branch of Rotary International. We called Harry at home and the small voice that answered said, that her daddy was at "rodeo."

Floyd WARD and Bill CORDRY, both took vacation time this summer to go fishing. Jack and Louise WARREN have taken up residence in their NEW houseboat berthed at the Rio Vista, California, Marina.

The Darrell CHAFFINS have gone North to visit the youngsters and will proceed at a leisurely pace to the "sunny south."

YAKUTAT

This is what it was like in September-----

Well "Trapline" Fans, sure seems like an awfully short summer, but it looks like it's coming to an end. Windshields are freezing up, the local gas station just got in a load of ice scrapers, de-icers and chains. Boats are slowly coming out of the water and most of the salmon are becoming Eagle and bear feasts.

In spite of the approaching Fall weather, I must say we've had a near record breaking month for traffic and efficiency. In fact the efficiency was so great we were able to send our fabulous Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Cokeley and AFFO Chief, Ron Forsyth, to Logistics Management School in Anchorage for a week. We were also able to send Ron Long to Okie City for two weeks to learn a new batch of tricks. Roy Hoyt, our SATCS, was able to take two weeks annual leave. The Frank Moser's had so much company this month you couldn't tell who was a Moser and who was company.

Stan Dale and Dudley Clark must of heard about how good it is here, they arrived last week ready for the moose, goose and duck hunt.

John Wayne took time out from a busy schedule (he's still making movies) to get a week end of fishing in at Yakutat.

Mr. Joe Boulette, ATCS graduate from the Academy, arrived in Yakutat with his family in time to meet Mr. Ron Logan and the DF evaluation team and give them a very good first time DF run.

And for those of you who missed the Redhead's Basketball games, you sure missed a treat and lot of fun on the art of team work.

Then we go to October and another new family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mitchel of the U.S. Forest Service arrived, bringing with them our first snow of the year.

It sure was a teaser for the snowmobilers for the snow only lasted til they got their snow machines started then the rains came and the snow departed.

Our Recreation Club is still under going shock treatments and Rain, Drops Keep Falling on My Head. But with the arrival of John Chambers, Emory Hunter and Frank Snodgrass, our high altitude carpenters and part time roofers, I think our Rec. Club will once again become the entertainment center of SE Alaska.

Al Hester paid us a visit on his way "North to Alaska". (FAI)

You all come and see for yourselves Yakutat is good for what ails you!

Curt Kasher

GALENA

The existing scene, at Galena, is an annual one. Boats and motor bikes are safely in hibernation and the familiar murmur of snow machines can be faintly heard above the roar of falling snow flakes.

Things are settling back to normal after the summer projects and a partial housing re-hab. I understand that the remainder, and major portion, of the re-hab is to be resumed during the coming month of February.

ET, Ron Byrne, his wife Ann, and daughter Coleen, will be returning from Anchorage November 5th. Ron has been attending school, in the big city, partly in preparation for the upcoming RCO project. We are scheduled to be remoted to Nome, sometime during the first of the new year. Having the FSS operating only 16 hours a day will be quite a change.

GFET, V. Patrick and his wife Lore seem to be enjoying themselves since Pat's transfer to Bettles. We are happy for them but they are much missed at Galena. One station's loss is another station's gain.

ATCS, Lee Adams has been spending a couple of weeks, relieving at Tanana. He should be returning to Galena soon but then, we will lose another man. ATCS, Jim Langton will be transferring to Tanana. We are sorry to see Jim and his family leave but wish them "Good Luck" at their new location.

ATCS Relief, Jim Matheny has returned for a temporary assignment at Galena. It's strange how some people vow, never to return, and then - here they are again.

While I am writing this, I am reminded of a snow mobile trip that was undertaken by Dick Hunze (now of King Salmon), Jerry Fujimori (of Anchorage) and myself. It was a very memorable trip and I would like to invite both of them, back to Galena, for another excursion. This time, I suggest that Jerry bring some knee pads.

ET Relief, Walt Daigle and his wife Pat will be arriving 29 October for a short stay and we are looking forward to having them with us.

As I mentioned, things are pretty quiet around here and that is about all the news for this time.

SET Hank Zingg	GFET Dave Baker	ATCS Chief Bob Greiner
ET Ron Byrne	GFET Ray Clark	ATCS Lee Adams
ET Jerry Earl	GFET Rich Wirth	ATCS Denny Laughlin
ET T. Emmett Evans	GFET T. Melvin Williams	ATCS Relief Jim Matheny
ET T. Al Yatlin		
Secretary/Typist Helen Russell		

and families wish everyone a VERY enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Hank Zingg

BETHEL

October has shown a bit of activity at Bethel which included the completion of our black top road to town and our first snow fall of the season came on the 6th. Welcome Winter...

We had some visitors this month. From Anchorage came Milton Brundin, Jim Vrooman, Al Bruck and their pilot Mr. Doyle. They stopped on their way and picked up Carl Fundeen, Carl Simianer and Ron Kreh from King Salmon.

The coming of winter has brought a couple of new faces to our station. In the Electronics room we find James Nicori already busy fixing teletypes and in Flight Service we find the smiling face of John Aitken. John is smiling because he brought his lovely wife Debra with him to Bethel.

Ed Duncan came out from Anchorage to relieve Roger Mikkelson, so he and Blanche could take a well deserved vacation down in the Iwoa and Minn. area. A postcard from them said they are having a good time and visiting a lot of relatives.

Stan McClanahan, better known as Mac, wife Anna and family also did a bit of vacationing this month. They travelled down to Oregon to visit family and friends. They didn't bring back any of the sunshine from down there, but I heard Mac did bring back a whole hat full of new jokes for us.

Edna Kuckwitt, a RN from the R.O. came out to Bethel and taught a Red Cross course in Medical Self Help a couple of weeks ago. Now we are all walking around with bandages and the Red Cross Manual in our back pockets just looking for someone with a bloody nose or a broken leg so we can practice what we've learned.

Art Lappi came out with his crew to do a project on our Sewage Lagoon. You did a good job Art, but Montie told me to keep that vacation address in Las Vegas of yours just in case we need you again this winter.

Hank Luecke is still here with us and doing a fine job. I heard he is doing a pretty good job down at the old Literary Club meetings on Monday nights too.

As you all know, moose hunting is a popular sport here in Alaska, but who ever heard of moose hunting from a tree and without a gun??? Stan Hoffman, that couldn't have been, could it?

We are all patiently waiting for Linda Zothner to have that baby of hers. I thought she would make it for this Trapline, but husband Bob said he got the word from Herb Anderson, our FSS Chief, that she was to wait until Mac got back from vacation so Bob could have time off. Okay Linda, anytime now, Mac got back Saturday.

See you next month, and God Bless

Shandy Sargent

ANNETTE

AMO-IA-WAAN! ...' tis a wee bit chilly this morning. Wednesday, October 27th! The sharpness of the atmosphere is accentuated by tingling frost upon the horizontal surfaces of the vehicles, on the grasses & on the shrubbery. The temperature is 24 degrees, accompanied by a pale blue sky, faint, brush-like strokes of clouds, quiet winds & sparkling, rippled waters disturbed only by a small cabin cruiser headed for places unknown... Yep! It is a beautiful day in Annette!

COMINGS & GOINGS. "Jim" Scott resigned, departed Annette on October 14th on his way back to Palmer! His absence is surely felt, for he is an excellent, proud mechanic! God speed, James Scott!
"Don" Mc Call is again at the Academy in Oklahoma City increasing his knowledge of electronics.
The Holroyds are on PL-737. Itinerary: the states of Washington, Texas & Oklahoma.
Paul Leschig & his family are in Hawaii storing-up sunshine, scenery & all sorts of goodies!

HAPPENINGS. Some of the FAA wives are celebrating each others birthdays. Lois Bethel, Large's secretary, Ann Mitchell & Judy Mc Call were honored recently. (Age, naturally, was not forwarded to me)
Bingo games are being held at the Muskeg Lounge again, drawing good attendances with Elton Matney, Jutta Costello & Mrs. Makovsky already having become winners!

A Skeet & Trap Shooting Club has been organized with great enthusiasm. I hope that the weather allows for some good shooting days. Of course with "Don" Edwards of the Weather Services as President maybe he can guarantee it!

Two new Ford Econoline vans arrived on October 1st to be used by "Bill" Strieby of Materiel & "Jim" Brown, plumber & utility-man

"Jim" Large's AFPO group is having weekly meetings each Friday morning concerning Safety, etc.

The seasonal bowling competition has resumed, looking as though it will be another year of trophies and effort as the men pitch-in to remodel the bowling alley, installing new paneling, repairing doors, installing new carpeting & generally rearranging the interior.

Many of the boat owners have pulled their crafts out of the water in preparation for the storms which never pass-up Annette!

BACK TO SCHOOL! Tears of joy & sorrow!

My wife, Louisa, & I visited Anchorage from September 26th through October 2nd. I attended the FSSCOM Workshop, brought "Lou" along to see the "big city". It was truly a memorable experience! ...Met some very interesting people, old friends & we almost saw the President as he whisked by on his visit to meet the Emperor of Japan!

VISITORS. "Jim" Vroonan, L. Snell, D. Young & Quentin Taylor, all from Anchorage. L. Pruitt, from Juneau came during the latter part of September.

FAA N53 stopped enroute to Anchorage from Boeing Field. Misters Plaffer, Kangas Briggs "Mike" Hunt & an unknown came through Annette via commercial means. Three days later N53, on return to Seattle, refueled here.

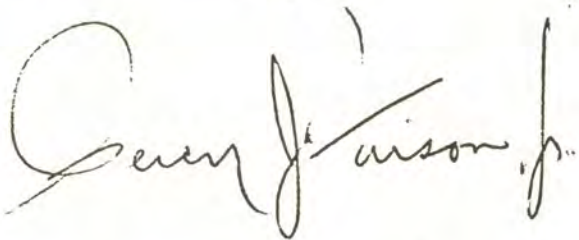
Meeks, Meyers & Wigginton from the Juneau Sector Office were here the first week of October.

Carl Anderson & "Jim" Baum (have you ever seen so many "Jims?") are working on an SMP project. "Jim" bagged a deer!

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES. On the return trip from Anchorage we met "Ceese" Mapes, agent of Alaska Air Lines at Yakutat on board the Alaska 66 Flight to Juneau & she told me this one: Her little grandson, "Casey" is now attending kindergarten classes. During the Art session the teacher noticed that "Casey" was drawing huge circles & oddly shaped designs, leaving the insides blank. She asked, "Casey, what's that you're drawing?" He glanced up confidently and replied, "GHOSTS!"...

Thanks, again to Lois Bethel for getting most of this information for me!

Later! Bless ya!



SUMMIT

Greetings from all of us here at Summit! Looking out the station window to the runway there is a foot of snow and more falling. With all the fresh snow Joe Chaney (GFET) has brought his SKI DOO out from moth balls. Gail Thiede (GFET) says he is waiting for more snow to fall before he goes snowmobiling hither and yon. The two NWS bachelors, Ben Smith and Ed Milligrook are breaking in new cross country skis.

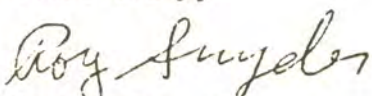
Recent visitors to Summit were Mr. and Mrs. John Williams (TID FAI) and Bill Day (ETR JNU). They were traveling the new Anchorage-Fairbanks highway this past weekend and visited with the Snyders. They enjoyed a cup of coffee and took a break from the driving.

This will be my last reporting from UMM of the TRAPLINE. The first week in November my family and I are traveling to Anchorage on a PSC. I will be working at AFS-170(N) and going to some advaced schools.

ON or about the 1st of November Phillip Wollona, wife Judy and two sons will arrive at Summit. Wollona is the new ET for UMM. He is at present attending SRA traing at Merrill Field. I wonder if he has a snow machine?

A parting thought, " A smile makes the day a happy one"

Yours truly,



Roy Snyder, Jr.

TANANA

Ice is running in the Yukon and the temperature's dropping lower and lower. We've been having snow off and on. Most of it has melted within a few days, but it seems that now we've gotten a few layers that might stay.

Everybody's busy putting up summer equipment and working on their snow-goes. Floyd Hyslop has his in good running order already, and his son Tom just got a new snow-go.

Jr. and Milly Evans are planning some snow-go trips back in the mountains. They're just needing deeper snow to cover the rough ground. The last of this month they went into Fairbanks for a couple of days of shopping.

The Tanyu Club held an election this month. Edwina Moore is the new President and Jack Moore is taking over the books as Sec./Treas. Jack is just about to shut down his greenhouse operations for the winter. He's waiting for that last batch of homegrown tomatoes before he gives up for the year.

John and Janice McIntyre are active in the Tanana Dog Musers Association this year. Both Mac and Jan were appointed to the Board of Directors and are busy with this year's membership drive. Although they don't know whether they'll do much racing, they're running and training their five dogs for the winter season. Janice is in the process of making seal skin mukluks for herself and a pair of wolf mukluks for Mac.

Al Guthrie hasn't done much flying this month since we've had such bad weather. He did get in a hunting trip to Bettles, and has been out and around on his trail bike.

Jim and Dee-Dee Temple (WAE) have been working on their cabin, insulating the walls and putting up wood paneling. They're waiting for a new wood stove; Jim's got the wood all ready for it.

Hardy Peters (BIA/FAA) has spent some time re-doing his cabin. Since ice has been running in the river Hardy has put in a new storm porch, installed new stoves, and has gotten his winter wood cut and stacked.

The McKenzies haven't done much this month but put up summer things, rearrange them, and get the winter gear in order.

This has been a good month for visitors. Al Bruck, Jim Vrooman, Milt Brundin, and Doug Doil spent an afternoon with all the station personnel, answering questions about travel and time and attendance.

At separate times Tom Domina and Leland Adams have been relieving ATCS, since Larry and Rosemary Buss left for their new duty station in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Auggie Mauer, Dennis La Chance, Ken Hill, and Kermit Ivanoff have been working on special projects around the compound.

Other visitors this month include Manuel Hernandez, Harold Ervin, Jack Walden, Bob Cushman and Chuck Horachek.

Guess that's our news this month. 'Til next issue.

Emily McKenzie

GULKANA

First bit of news this month is that the housing rehab is nearing completion. As of this writing, all igloo inhabitants are back in their original houses with the exception of the Ahlstedts who are still camping in the trailer house. The rehab crew has done a tremendous job this past summer and in appreciation the station personnel are subjecting them to a free steak dinner on the 27th of this month.

Winter is here now with a foot of new snow and -15 temps. Time again to drag out the down and furs. Oh well. There's always next year.

A new arrival on the station this past month was Harold "Bogie" Rogenrife our new airport manager. He came here sans family but says that they will follow after the first semester of school is over. If they don't arrive by then he will have worn his car out going to and from ANC for nothing. HUH?

Woe be the mighty hunters of Gulkana. Lo the caribou and moose have continually eluded them. With a mighty gnashing of teeth and tightening of belts the hunters prepare to survive the winter with that foreign substance called beef.

Washington Report:

Bill and Mary Coates are basking in the sunshine in D.C. for the past week or so. Bill was selected to represent the region at the annual FSSCOM conference in D.C. By the time he returns, mayhaps his blue and white seagull will be ready to fly again.

The station is girding itself for a long winter what with the purchase of studded tires, new mukluks, and antifreeze. (even some for the vehicles)

Due to a recurring abdominal soreness, this writer is going to try to adopt the following as his working goal: "Oh lord, help my words to gracious and tender today, for tomorrow I may have to eat them." Crow has to be the toughest meat there is. HA! Visitors the past month have been numerous. Forty-seven to see the rehab project, The DF project crew, regional evaluation staff, and two lost army men.

From the AT end ATCS Pete Davidson states that the flight services rendered by his people are up 30% from three years ago. There seems to be a steady growth in this area. Three of the station personell own their own aircraft: Pete Davidson And Phill Ahlstedt each have a cessa 172 and Bill Coates is the proud owner of an almost new Stinson.

By the next writing of the Trapline we may have a secretary again and this paper will be considerably neater. Well this is all for this month better luck next.

P. M. A.

NENANA

Topic of conversation around these parts has been the opening of the new Fairbanks-Anchorage highway.

Rehab on one of the North Nenana houses has just been completed--next comes installation of insulation and the Andersons can happily move back in.

Charles Anderson left for Anchorage on the 26th to attend L.F. Range school.

Plans are in progress for a Halloween costume party on the 30th with invited guests.

Norma Kuebel

BETTLES

Greetings from Bettles. With winter weather and a foot of snow upon us most Bettlites are staying fairly close to home enjoying the results of the summer "rehab". Snow machines, the one exception, can be seen bombing all over chasing caribou or for some just sight seeing is in order. Others can be found getting theirs in running condition with those last minute adjustments that pop up.

We celebrated the initiation of the new "rec hall" by dining together in "pot lu k" style. As usual the food was good. Some F.A.A. personell on business from Fairbanks joined in the dinner and held an informal meeting afterward.

"Rec hall" activities are in full swing. Shape-up. That's the exercise program the gals participate in Tuesdays and Thursdays. All are reaping the benefits, slow but sure. The men--well, that's a good question.

Our sewing circle club now meets on Fridays using the "rec hall" facilities. Like women everywhere there's lots of sewing and talking to catch up on.

Dick and Edith Tomany and girls headed to the lower '48 for a months vacation touring the sunny states and I understand, Mexico and Hawaii also. Sounds like fun, wouldn't you say? Tom Domina, relief ATC from Fairbanks will be working until Dick returns. This will be his second assignment to Bettles, the first being this summer.

Ed Adams' wife Marge, Eddie and their new baby daughter Tracy finally arrived from Anchorage. I bet Ed was glad to see them after "baching" it for about two months. A big welcome to Bettles.

After Dan Sailors shopping spree in Anchorage, we now have one more air plane parked in front of Flight Service. Sure hope he has better luck than Wes Pollick as a stray snow machine ran into his plane and its certainly no fun being grounded even for a short time.

Hope the kids had a Happy Halloween!

Barbara Sartor

FORT YUKON

I have read so often of this friend and that friend being one place and another but I have never written to let those people know where my wife, Nina, and I are or what is happening in Ft. Yukon.

John Gruber and I arrived here on the same day, Sept. 9th, aboard Ft. Yukon Air Service. John brought along his wife, Lynn, and beautiful blue-eyed baby daughter, Chrissy. I brought along 106 lbs excess baggage. Nina stayed on a couple days longer in Fairbanks to wrap up a few business strings.

John is the new GFET, being out of the Air Force only a couple weeks before joining the FAA. John took over his duties from the Relief GFET Tony Rizzo, who has moved on to brighter and sunnier jobs. John is the outdoors type, really eating up the wide open climate around these parts. Last Sunday he went out with George Boronat looking for rabbits. They both claim to be excellent shots but all they hit were a couple of small bushes.

I mentioned George Boronet---George is the local Alaska State Trooper, who came here only two months ago from Fairbanks with his wife, Penny, and young son, Michael.

Meeting John and I at the plane, when we arrived, was TIC P. J. Williams. P. J.'s wife, Frieda, had us in for a cup of coffee and a chance to meet each other before getting to work. P. J. and Frieda have a small son, Jerry, who is going to Head Start school every morning learning to get along all by himself out in the world.

Ft. Yukon has been the site of a lot of FAA activity this past summer. Possibly the biggest thing was the commissioning of an RTB-2 Tacan and RTC-3 Tacan Monitor. A lot of effort was made to improve the MALS system on the end of the runway, but Bill Bordeau finally gave up until heavier relays could be located.

And we received, just today, Harvey Mueller with his two sons. Harvey is a regular technician in Barrow but is down here taking OJT on the VOR in preparation for a stint in OKC.

Nina and I have been enjoying the activities offered to all of us by the Ft. Yukon Air Force Station, including the bowling alley, movie theatre, and NCO club. We regret leaving our son in Fairbanks, but are appreciating the friendliness of everyone we meet here.

With winter coming on I am thinking of the -72 recorded here last winter. Less cold, and less snow, will be to the liking of everyone.

Ric Hileman

MCGRATH

This has been an exciting month! We started off with one inch of snow on the first of October, which started the snow machine season. We have had quite a lot of snow and rain since than. Now we are patientyl waiting for the river to freeze up.

The 5,000 foot airstrip over at Gaines Creek was shortened by about 4,200 feet. Bobby Anselment decided it would be too much work to build a 5,000 footer.

Frank E. White, ET at Minchumina, retired on the 22nd of October. He was stationed at Minchumina for 22 years. Frank has done an outstanding job and we hate to see him leave, but Frank says he will spend his summers at Minchumina. We had a get together and had a real nice party for Frank at Minchumina. Jim Vrooman, who presented Frank with a plaque, Tom Wardleigh, Dave Stroebel, Ed Jones, Cliff and Lou Roberson, and Fran Riggs, all from Anchorage. Dick Forsgren, Bert Salzman, Betty Kruger and Jo King from McGrath and last but not least, Truman Middleton and his Yellow Snow Eater (170) from Talkeetna. Trumans departing words were kiss my Rupp. We all had a very nice time and extend our thanks to the Durbins at Minchumina.

The Housing Rehab crew has one more house left to rehab. Apartment 107/1 looks real nice with the shag carpet, wood cupboards and all. 107/1 is done and they are presently working on 107/2.

We are looking forward to next month being more exciting. We will be able to snow machine further away from the town, and race.

Betty J. Kruger