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UNALAKLEET

The fickle finger of fate pointed to our fair village and Henry Otten departed to attend school in Oklahoma City. Henry's wife stayed in Unalakleet, as they have two young children in school. Henry will be home before Thanksgiving day. In fact, he arrived just prior to the big feast day. Welcome back this month goes to John and Waltraud Winfree and daughter, after several months on the "outside". They are pleased to be home again.

New arrivals to FAA in Unalakleet this month are Mr. and Mrs. Price, formerly at Moses Point. Ruth and Ike were residents of this village some years ago and they are happy to be back again. The wives are just waiting for Ruth to get unpacked as we hear she is an expert on the crochet hook. So we hope she will help us.

The temperature in Unalakleet has been hitting the zero mark and it has created problems with our automobiles. They don't seem to want to cooperate, but our good samaritan Chester Millett always to the rescue. Chester recently presented his wife Isabelle with a new snowmobile an Arctic Cat. We are very happy for her, even though our eyes may have a tint of green. Isabelle is a secretary of the Unalakleet P.T.A.

This month we were lucky to have in the village the Fairbanks Children's Theater, who presented two performances which was enjoyed by all who attended. Happy Birthday to Kevin Moriarty, who will be one year older shortly.

The FAA Doctor (Dr. Hepler) paid a visit to Unalakleet this week and we all had X-rays taken. Dr. Hepler showed us an interesting film on his travels throughout Alaska. Dr. Hepler had taken the film during the past several years. The theater was filled and everyone enjoyed the well edited film. Due to bad weather the Doc spent an extra day with us.

This month Mr. and Mrs. Truesdell and family moved into their new home. We hope they will be very happy there. And thats the way it is in Unalakleet till next month.

Julie Curry

FORT YUKON

With Ft. Yukon getting colder, it looks as though winter is upon us for awhile. The temperature has been a consistant -20 degrees for the past week but now is working colder, -36 just a nite or two ago.

This past weekend, while it was still warm, the town had a snow-go race out here by the FAA. We had two entries: John Gruber on a Snow-jet and P.J. Williams on a Snow-trig. They didn't place but made a good showing. And next time---Watch Out!!

Harvey Muller, RT from BRW, has completed his present training at FYU and has departed with his two sons, Richard and Harvey Jr., for VOR school in OKC.

Since the cold weather has been coming on, it seems like the "thing" here is bowling. P. J. Williams, with John and Lynn Gruber, have recently purchased their own bowling balls and have been trying their best to wear off all the "new" while looking for the elusive 300.

P. J. and family spent some time in Fairbanks: P. J. at a sector meeting and Frieda, his wife, buying out the local stores in preparation for Christmas.

The commissary plane was in the other day, and flying alongside in tight formation was our Thanksgiving turkey. Nina and I are hoping our Son, Rickie, will be out from Fairbanks for a few days around that time to help us eat him up.

Our assistant sector chief, Al Burnham, was out for a couple days just before Thanksgiving, giving us the latest scoop and scuttle-butt on things happening in the other field offices around these parts. He left here after becoming a loyal John Wayne and "Rio Lobo" booster.

Hope your turkey tasted as good as ours.

See Ya



NORTHWAY

We missed last month's trapline, so here goes. First off we have Steve Ruks back with us for a few days. Steve (ET) graduated from a grueling 10 weeks of CE. He is slated for LFP in Anchor Town after his turkey dinner. Jim Pruitt (ET) will be returning from LFP School in time for a turkey leg too. Oh yes, lest we forget, our illustrious SET Vern Macey and crew arrived back from OKC and Lawton after encountering a bit of vehicle problems. He appears to have survived all his experiences with his usual "Come Wat May" outlook. U really should own a FORD.

Now for the only "Really Big Happening" around here this month. Our well versed Dog Musher returned recently from his "RACE" well exercised. It seems the race was not with his dogs but a race to walk out of the woods before dark! I won't elaborate how his dogs got loose and ran off without him because everyone knows a dog is a mans best friend. Better luck next time, PoPo. If I were U I'd take it up with the Chief of the Dog Musher's Association.

We also have some other assorted activities going on here at ORT. One such activity that seems to be taking up much idle time is the Mukluk assembly line. I hear several of the gals are chewing their own caribou and tanning. Reports indicate that before the really cold weather gets here, everyone will have their mukluks and buffalo shawls ready. I'm sorry folks, but that still won't qualify you for food stamps.

Our assistant Trapline Reporter says she heard of a local basketball team (Northway Nuts) which recently toured Tok Junction and won handily over the Tok Trots. After interviewing the star of the NN's we find that they won by using the element of surprise. (The TT's were surprised Northway had any players capable of recognizing a basketball).

Well, anyway, the 7th and 8th grades here at ORT went to Tok the other day and lost two games to them. Try, try again they say. 73's from ORT for now.

YAKUTAT

Hello from YAK!

Well Moose hunting has suddenly picked up. Joe Boulette got himself one, but it was out in the swamp and it was getting dark, so he recruited Frank Moser and Mike Downing and they spent the night with the Moose because Joe didn't want the bears to have the Moose. Dave Taylor and Lynn Chrystal, NWS also got their Moose. Our Secretaries husband Frank Cokeley got a Moose. Frank Moser had a double hit, he got a moose and a Brown Bear.

Santa Claus is passing YAK by this year!!! John Scrivner and Mike Downing are proud owners of a 170 Cessna. Dave Taylor, NWS is also proud of his newly purchased Taylorcraft. Bud Hurley just sent off a bundle of money for engines and parts to build a Hovercraft. Jim Russell, NWS has a Hovercraft coming from ANC., already made. So, when those hunting experts go out and shoot their "Moose" in the marsh, the "Hover Bugs" will be called to get their kills out.

Dolph Hensley has just returned from Oklahoma City where he attended Gas Engine School. Ronald Forsyth is at Solid State School for two weeks.

Schuyler Smith our Materiel Specialist is with us for two weeks. John Chambers and Frank Snodgrass are here but will be departing shortly.

The Lion's Club of YAK had a "Turkey shoot" this past weekend. Between the FAA and NWS we have some pretty good "sharp shooters!" The following winners were:
Donny Moser - Turkey
Frank Moser - Ham
Tony Kasher - Bacon
Jim Russell - Ham
Hannah Hurley - Bacon

We received a letter from Ken Wood, formerly of YAK and Regional Office. He would appreciate hearing from his old friends and he said he will answer all letters. So lets hear from his friends OK! His address, Ken Wood, 19 Fairway Drive, Apt. 5, Bend, Oregon 97701.

The weather here is not too good for the snowmobilers yet, too wet.

Our hangar roof is still with us. It hasn't leaked lately.

Hannah Hurley

MCGRATH

We welcome new Weather Bureau personnel Ron Linder and his wife NANIPUAAAALAOAILILAILII-AKE. Whew! Only an Hawaiian could pronounce it, so we call her "Noni". I think she is still trying to get her drivers license, but they can't figure how to get it all written on.

Elections - Elections - The Crosswind Club elected Neil Savidge (ATCS), President, Betty Kruger (FAA Secretary), Secretary, Ron Linder (WB), Vice President, and Jim Hyder (WB), Sargeant Of Arms. The Ceramics Club elected Cal Stoner (ATCS), President, Noni Linder, Secretary, and Ruth Stoner, Material Specialist.

In the line of emergency the NC Co. Power Plant Generator blew up and "Scotched" (pardon the expression) our power supply. FAA Fire Truck to the rescue "Red" Vanborg at the wheel. Result fire out and FAA on stand-by generator until a new generator arrives via dog sled, snow machine or Wien which ever is faster.

Audie Forsgren arrived home after a few weeks in the Portland Hospital. She looks great but Dick says she isn't suppose to lift anything heavier than a bottle of "Cold Duck".

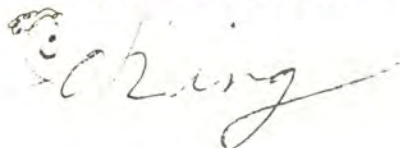
Ron Hoffman and Bert Salzman initiated a new Ice Skating rink for the Kiddies on the old play ground which is well lighted. That tall shadow you see floating lightly around the ice (and sometimes in a prone position) is "Sputz" Roche making like a figure skater-(we don't figure he can skate either).

It's nice having Laura Todd back for a short while - Bob is on traveling status and is at Farewell, but Laura has been at McGrath holed up in the "Mud Hole" (Ceramic Shop).

Neil Savidge lays claim to a miraculous lack of blisters from his 8 mile hike in the dark when his machine broke down enroute to Tatalina. This has created great speculation as to wheather he might disc@rd the machine and put his trusty dog "Bo" in harness, what with no gas to buy and only a few Rabbits to snare-----.

Edna and Bob Craven arrived McGrath all Suntanned and full of fish stories from their 737 to Bellview, Odaho. Dead shot Bob terrarized the Pheasants down there and the Ptarmigan around here are giving him a wide berth and who would settle for a Ptarmigan with Pheasant in the freezer.

This writers literary endeavors will probably come to a screeching halt atleast for awhile if she goes to Aniak to relieve the operator there, so look for new talent next month.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. King".

KING SALMON

Hi from all of us at King Salmon.

HAPPENINGS

We had a real good Thanksgiving and hope you did too. The Air Base was generous enough to feed Thanksgiving dinner to FAA and WB emp. here. It was a marvelous dinner and a great turnout.

The physical fitness class is down to 5 ladies. Julia Babiak, Jean Whitaker, JoAnne Goods, Margaret Leslie and her daughter Kristi, run and do calisthenics and then take a sauna every 8 a.m. They say they not only feel better, their minds work better too. The rest of the ladies dropped out to bake rich gooey goodies for the holidays. No doubt attendance will pick up after the new year.

There was an Aviation Ground school, with 8 men and 1 woman learning the rudiments of flying- Good for Barbara Fleek.

The Weather Bureau gave a HOB0 party with LIVE music and snacks in the club last week and everyone had a real good time.

Speaking of parties, Wally Leask and his wife Marcella shared their anniversary with all of us. 29 years. WOW

And Maebelle Nielson was here to check and care for our little ones last week. We sure appreciate our FAA nurses.

WE'RE A TRAVELING BUNCH

Howard Johnson left again for maintenance school in Oak. City. He'll be back before Christmas.

Red Brooks is back from a Controllers meeting in Wash. D.C. He visited family and friends along the way.

There's a new tower controller, Terrance Duffy from San Jose, California, here now and he likes to hunt and fish so he's in a good location for it.

Carl Simianer left the day before Thanksgiving for Oak City and Inventory Main. school.

Russel Clentimack went out for FAA school also.

Frank Whitaker left for a combination FAA Solid State school in Oak. and stops Georgia and Virginia to visit relatives. Ken and Shari are helping mom hold down the fort.

Clancy DeBorde also went to Oak. city recently and brought back some nice little things for his family.

Frank Babiak just came back from MTS school in Lawton, Oak. He tried to bring back the sun and if anyone could have-he could. He thinks if he drives his snow machine around long enough, the gravel will just give up and turn to snow.

Charles Durand is in Illiamna checking on maintenance and John Orr went there to help out for a few days.

Mrs. Lei Chapman went to Anchorage to attend a meeting on Cafeteria Management. She'll be in charge of the school cafeteria when it opens soon.

We're sorry to lose the Ralph MacDonald family. They leave the 6th of January go to Ohio and then on to Boston where Mac will be in Boston FSS. They are very reluctant to leave.

Danny and JoAnn Girton and Molly Brown(their English Setter) left for Anchorage and their new home. Danny accepted a position in the Anchorage Center. JoAnn caught her first salmon here and then canned some 300lbs. that summer.

Speaking of fish, when Bill Dougherty's parents were here this summer for a couple of months, there was some real fishing going on. Bills dad outfished him by at least 100 lbs. and Mark, his 9 year old son was a close second to Grandpa.

The Ceramic club is full of Santa decanturs and Christmas spirit or (spirits?) and we are trying to slow down and enjoy the excitement, and realize the meaning of the Christmas season we are entering. Happy Holidays and see you in the New Year.

Julie Purdy

BETHEL

Greetings from the banana belt of Alaska. With an average temperature of +23°, so far, for the month of November and a low of -13° for one day, we are wondering if the river will really freeze solid enough around here to be used for a highway, and a landing strip for small planes. We do have a grand total of five inches of snow on the ground right now, and a promise of more to come before this winter is over. This bit of information is straight from our Weather Bureau Chief. It's hard to believe that my little VW bug would get stuck in my driveway with only five inches of snow on the ground though. Maybe the Weather Bureau doesn't count snow drifts and my bug does.

November has been a busy month for our Plants Electrician Cary Williamson. First he and family went down to Oklahoma City, where Cary attended two schools. Next the whole family took a short vacation in Nome, where they visited with friends and relatives, and then back to school for Cary. This time Gladys and the two children stayed behind in Bethel.

Montie Condry, Plants Forman, just finished a three week course in Management Training at Lawton, Oklahoma. Wife Alice, held down the home fort this trip.

James McDonald (Fuzzy) is back in Bethel again, as relief for our ET Riedel George, who is still in Oklahoma attending school.

MATSPC, Roger Mikkelson and wife Blanche returned from their vacation with plenty of pictures of their darling granddaughter.

Willie Charles, a BIA trainee has joined the forces here at Bethel and is working with our Plants people.

After patiently waiting until Sunday, November 7, Robert Zothner, ATCS, and wife Linda announced the birth of their first baby girl. Sherry Lynn was welcomed home by two happy brothers, Eric and Scott. With the arrival of Sherry Lynn, Bob started his two week leave. Linda had excellent timing, because that same day the Army and Air Force Personnel started their military exercises here at Bethel.

Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving.

As of today, only 24 more shopping days till Christmas.

Sherry

ANNETTE

AMO-IA-WAAN! We trust that your Thanksgiving Day was happily eventful, wholesome satisfying, as well as meaningful! Annette's hallways were filled with aromas of turkey, spices, sweets, good things to eat & suggesting a bountiful celebration a great holiday!

VISITORS. Mr. Samuelson, DOT Representative, was here for a briefing on the FAA Facilities which are to be taken over by the local Coast Guard Contingent when w leave. "Ray" Caudle came down from Juneau on this matter. "Jim" Large, Station ordinator, joined in this endeavor. "Chet" Rymer inspected the Gravina Island facility, part of our ILS system. The Bayeurs & the Gihons have visitors from Juneau over the holiday.

COMINGS & GOINGS. "Bill" Strieby made a trip to Anchorage November 1st thru 5th attend a Materiel Conference. As yet, no comments on his impressions. "Billy" Trent was here to stand-in for the remaining week of "Don" Mc Call's abs in Oklahoma City. "Don" returned the eve of Thanksgiving Day, looking healthy & educated!

"Mike" George is back on the Island after pulling a 2 week relief assignment in chikan at the FSS there filling-in while the Chief, "Moe" Knight is on PL-737. "Dick" Sackett (jr.) relieved "Mike" for the remaining 2 weeks of "Moe's" absenc "Dick" is now HERO-1, he advised me after assisting Customs in some secret missi He has bestowed upon me the honor of being HERO-2. (I ain't even heroic!) But can't disagree with a hero! "Dick" foned Thanksgiving Day to issue the followin Notice to Airmen: KTN 11/1 "Dick" Sackett out of service. (...Wonder what he m by that?)

HAPPENINGS. Annette experienced its first snow showers on November 3rd. It did last, but its evidence still shows on some of the mountains. In fact, it showed the mountains at least 2 weeks earlier!

Warren Mitchell had an ear infection which required a flight to a Seattle Special office. Warren was told that people with ear trouble should not fly! (CUGH!) Phyllis Leschig won a large jackpot prize at Bingo just in time for the Christmas days!

Lois Bethel & Paul Leschig are on the same type of diet; one that I picked-up from Mathews' office in Anchorage. Nurses Nielson & Kruckewitt kindly gave me some m to distribute amongst the families here; I spotted the diet information & decided to bring some along. (Could benefit from a diet myself!) Lois said, "WOW, pounds off---ALMOST!"

Frank Littlefield has a broken ankle. Get well wishes, Frank!

"Mike" Bethel, our Secretary's son joined the Coast Guard on November 11th, following in his father's footsteps & is reporting that basic training at Alameda is The Annette PTC Adult Group is planning to give a Melodrama in January. (More of that later).

LOTS OF PARTIES! The Browns threw the first one; Mc Call the next; the Georges the latest & the Larges have one coming-up tonight! This could continue right through Xmas & New Years!!!

Leota Holroyd is still in an Oklahoma City hospital. She sent thanks for the flyers from the people here. Her husband departed for Oklahoma City on Thanksgiving Day concerning her release from the hospital. We wish her well! I attended the Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor Effectiveness Training Course in Washington, D.C. on November 8th thru 12th. It was really an experience!

We were shocked & sorrowed to learn that "Bill" Rember (spelling?) was killed in a plane crash. I understand that 3 others were aboard. "Lou" & I were with "Bill" at the home of the Hinz family not long ago! Our deepest, sincerest condolences to his wife & children!!!

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES. "Ceese" Mapes told me this one about her little grand "Casey": Carol, his mother was getting all dressed-up to go out, laying-out her jewelry in order to make a choice & "Casey" asked, "Mom, what's that?"... "Something to make me pretty, Casey!" He sighed, "...Won't do no good!"...

Thanks, Lois, for your assistance.

Later; see ya...

PERCY FAISON

NENANA

Feels like old man winter has finally decided to show his true colors--these sub-zero temps!!! Tho' the displays of aurora borealis have been quite spectacular the past few nights.

The Al George's and Will Lossing's drove to Fairbanks the 13th of Nov. to attend the Fairbanks FAA dinner-dance. From all reports a good time was had by all.

Jack Leonard has been flying out to nearby lakes setting out his traps and snare so far, he's had a terrific catch of rabbits., doesn't seem to be what he's after.

Charles Anderson returned from Range school in Anchorage in time for Thanksgiving and left again the 29th for two-week Solid State Devices school at Oklahoma City.

The Ed Kulbels enjoyed a 4-day visit from son Jim and his wife Lynn just prior to Thanksgiving. Their home is Blaine, Washington, and this was their first trip to the far north.

About half our crew has ventured down the new highway to Anchorage since its opening. The Bob Cook's just returned from a weekend Xmas shopping trip to the big city.

Soon be time to 'deck the halls', so from all of us to all of you.....

"HAPPY HOLIDAYS" *****

Norma Kulbel

TANANA

We've been having good "out-door" weather lately. The temperature's been staying between zero and 20 above most of the day, and everybody's been able to be out more. We're still having snow off and on; have a taic cushion for the sno-goes.

The Tanyu Club held a Welcoming Steak dinner party for Jim and Helen Langton last weekend. Each of us invited another couple as guests and we cooked steaks outside on the grill.

The Langtons arrived from Galena with three of their seven children, Richard age 15 and Steve age 18. Ray, age 22, is visiting with them right now. The other four kids are married and Helen and Jim have two grandchil

Jim came to Alaska for the first time in 1946 and spent 9 years in Bettles. He's spent a number of tours Outside, but always heads back Nort after a while. In all, he's been in Alaska for 15 years, and has been stationed in Yakutat, Nome and Galena, besides making short trips relievin at other stations.

The Langtons have a 107 acre Homestead on Wild Lake, just 50 miles fro Bettles in the Brooks Range. They have a cabin and boat there; don't get visit there as much as they'd like.

The Tanana School has a new gym and extra classrooms this year. As President of the School Board, Edwina Moore accepted the new additions at the recent dedication ceremonies on behalf of the people of Tanana.

The new gym is really getting a work-out. Basketball and volleyball teams have started all over town. Milly Evans has been playing basketball on Thursday evenings, Jan McIntyre spent last Thursday night on the volley ball court, and John McIntyre joined the Lion's Men's Basketball team.

The McIntyre's new female samoyed arrived last week, just as Mac was leaving for two weeks school in Okl. City. Mac and Janice are hoping to have five new samoyed puppies in December, and next year take to the trail with an all-samoyed dog team.

Floyd Hyslop, Junior Evans and Gus McKenzie have been out on their sno-goes during the last few weekends. The weather's just perfect for it. Ju went back in the mountains last Saturday looking for signs of a caribou he

The Hyslop's son, Vern, plans to spend his Thanksgiving leave in San Francisco. Right now, Vern's on a 9 day cruise off the California coast. Betsy Hyslop's planning on spending Thanksgiving with the Jack Marrow's in Anchorage, old friends of Polly and Floyd.

Dee Guthrie's mother is visiting from Kotzebue for a while, and Dee's been busy getting ready for a big Thanksgiving dinner at her house.

Gus spent two days in Fairbanks at a Sector Conference. Then I joined him for the weekend and we shopped and shopped and shopped. We had a good evening seeing old friends and meeting new ones at the FAA party at the Mo Lodge. The steaks were delicious, and we caught up on the news of folks f all over.

Guess that's all the Tanana news this month. 'Til next issue.

Emily McKenzie

SISTERS ISLAND

We here at Sisters Island would like to put our hook on the Trapline. It certainly isn't easy to put into a short space the happenings of a whole summer, so here's a condensed version.

Just as the rehab crew was cleaning up, we, the Tomlinsons, arrived on the island. Two to three weeks later Jay and Ilene Shoemake returned from Okla. City (he was at the academy) and Texas (where they both visited family and friends.)

This little island is truly a lovely place and very pretty in the summer. The abundance of blueberries and the good fishing kept us all busy through the summer. Some pretty large halibut were caught - Bill Day and Andy Markovich each got a big one; so did Nels.

We had so many people on and off the island through September that I won't attempt to mention them. An exciting event was the landing of a Coast Guard helicopter right in our front yard. Nels and Nina Tomlinson (the only children here) and even we adults checked it over and took pictures of it.

During most of July and into October, Bill Hughes and John Clark were here installing our Tacan. Later Bill Bourdeau was in briefly to put up the antenna. All of them did a lot of fishing.

Late in August the children and I settled down to the correspondence lessons again. Having two at lessons is quite a challenge.

Bill Trent was here when Jim Oliver, new ET for the Tacan, arrived. He stayed a week while Jim familiarized himself with the place. Mrs. Oliver and the three children are living in Juneau and Jim commutes Mondays and Fridays.

Red Tomlinson went to Okla. City for a two-week VOR school in late September.

Our first snow fell October 24 & 25. I was surprised that it stayed on the ground for several days. During that time Ilene and I went into Juneau to shop. We really had a good time but how we rushed to get everything done before plane time that evening.

There is an abundance of birds here all the time; also there are seals and a few otters around; twice we've seen whales going by. Even saw some field mice this past summer. They and the many boats and barges of various kinds make up the passing parade here.

Hi to the John Norberts at Annette. And "Hello, "Irish" Moriarty, wherever you are."

Happy Holidays to all from:

Jay Shoemake GFET
Ilene Shoemake

Red (J.C.) Tomlinson ET Jim Oliver ET
Virginia Tomlinson
Nels Tomlinson
Nina Tomlinson

Virginia Tomlinson

BETTLES

Such a busy time of year! Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas- each special day following close on the heels of the last. We of Bettles have made it through Halloween, and are now gathering strength to make the Thanksgiving holiday an enjoyable one.

Our Halloween started off with a Friday afternoon party for the children held at the school. Even the preschoolers were invited, and everyone came in a variety of costumes. Mothers and preschoolers enjoyed the special program presented by the school children. The adults had their party on Saturday night- the first party in our newly rehabilitated Rec hall. Some of the wives wanted to have everyone come in costume, but the general consensus of opinion was that the husbands wouldn't cooperate. Further discussion with the husbands confirmed this. Anyway, the party was fun, even with everyone attending in conventional dress. Then Sunday night, the Bettles residents opened their doors to the "trick or treaters", greeting them with the goodies that the kids had been thinking of all week. After going all around the station, State housing, and school, the kids piled into the back of a truck driven by Wes Pollock, and made visits to the Lodge, Shanahan's, and Evansville. A few mothers went along, too, and will attest to the fact that it was a cold night to be buzzin' around in the back of a truck. But the children enjoyed their evening, each returning home with a sack full of good things.

Lots of comings and goings this month:

Edith and Dick Tomany and girls returned from their big vacation, full of interesting tales and loaded with all types of souvenirs which they picked up here and there. Included in their travels were Mexico, Hawaii, Disneyland, and other places. They did enjoy themselves.

Tom Domina was here to fill in for Dick, and we also had Tony Rizzo relieving the extra plant man we don't yet have.

Lore and Pat Patrick took a few days off in Fairbanks, during which time Lore took time for an eye examination. Judy Christie put her children in various places and visited the dentist and ophthalmologist in Fairbanks. She was able to do some Christmas shopping, too. Lee Barber was good enough to substitute for her at school! Dan and Rita Sailors took some time to go in to Anchorage and visit the good ol' eye doctor.

Everyone seems to be back now from their various travels, so we're ready to resume our normal pace till Thanksgiving, at which time we plan to have a community dinner in our Rec hall. We ladies planned the menu and who-brings-what at one of our Friday afternoon sews. Sounds good!

Till next month-

Rita Sailors

COLD BAY

Here it is almost December and the bears are still out. The summer berries and fish were not as plentiful this year, so I guess they aren't full yet. A couple of nights ago, two families saw a bear trying to get into the garbage cans.

It looks like we've survived the rabid fox. We haven't heard of a rabid one since June. We don't even carry baseball bats around anymore. Ed Adams is the only one that had to take the rabie shots. (That was one too many).

All the ladies are busy making Christmas Gifts at our Ceramic Club. We are all happy to have the club. We want to thank Brittie Dhabolt for giving us the idea and helping us learn more about it.

The turnover here is out of this world. Here is a list of the people who have left here in the last 18 months. Jim & Marie Shockley to Anchorage, Bob & Frankie Vickers to Northway, Ed & Margie Adams to Bettles, Carter & Sharon Ross to Fire Island, Jerry & Jean Vanderwood to Haines for U.S. Army, Dean & Kozuko Ezell to Wake Island, Tom & Dee O'Malia to Anchorage, Jim & Carol Kuether to Northway, Dick & Janice Wilder to Bethel, John & Ruth Gillespie to Dillingham, Jim & Sarah Edmunds to Anchorage.

Here is a list of our present FAA families including old & new. Jim & Karen Wiedmeyer from Anchorage AT, Charlie & Mariln Kiel from Kansas City AT, Marshall & Kim Damby from Kenai AT, Marvin & Joan Mack from King Cove AT, Mike & Margaret Burns from Minnesota AT, Les & Brittie Dhabolt from King Salmon AT, Wayne & Kaye Morrison from Anchorage ET, Jerry & Sally Majestic from Anchorage ET, Bob & Annabell Livingston from Cold Bay ET, Roland & Vicki Wadsworth from Anchorage ET, Nick & Elizabeth Holstrom from King Salmon ET, Boyd & Janice Fullmer from Gulkana ET, Dave & Pat Kettlewell from Wake Island ET, Bob & Margaret Schmidt from Kodiak Plant, Ernie & Lydia Mack from King Cove Plant, John & Vi Farley from King Salmon Plant, Howard & Dorothy Fero from Wasilla Plant, Edgar & Wife Anderson from Anchorage Plant, Cal & Sue Reeve from Cold Bay Plant, Earl & Myrna Craig from Anchorage Mat. Spec. We have two local hire training for FAA Careers. They are Ernest Mack Jr. at school in Madera Calif. for 9 months leading to GFET., and Rick Koso at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City, for 6 months Air Traffic.

We have lots of babies at Cold Bay. Here are the newest arrivals. Barbara Mack has a sweet baby boy weighing in at 5 lbs. 11 ozs. His name is Travis. Joanie Mack arrived from Anchorage after two months stay with a cute baby girl weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs. Her name is Melonie Lynn. I know all the family was glad to have momma home again.

We left here in March for Oklahoma City to go to school. We brought back a new addition to our family. A boy weighing in at 9 lbs. 2 ozs. He's 4 months now. We named him Troy Clay. We were gone 8 months and are refreshed and ready for the winter. We all missed Cold Bay, (Surprisingly), But we were too late for the Salmon Fishing. (Darn).

Most of our High School Students are boarding out this year and will be home for the Holidays. I think our son, Greg, is the only one taking the Home Study Course. Some of the boys are running a trap line, so they keep busy.

We still have our movies and Library and "Tiny Store" (Not much food).

So far this year, I haven't been up to the Post Office to see "Who's Who" watching the mail being sorted.

Well, I guess that's all the news from good old Cold Bay. I hope I haven't left anyone out, if so, we will let you know about them next month. Things happen fast around here, so we will keep you posted on the latest.

I hope all of you ate lots of turkey on Thanksgiving. We sure did. We hope you all had a nice day.

Until next month, We, at Cold Bay, would like to wish you & yours, a Very Merry Christmas.

Janice Sullivan
Cold Bay, Alaska

KOTZEBUE

Sorry to miss the Trapline last month. Your correspondent was down with the flu for about 3 weeks. And this month, with ATCS Bill Pember having been killed when his plane crashed on 21 November, we just don't feel much like chatting. We'll check in again next month.

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