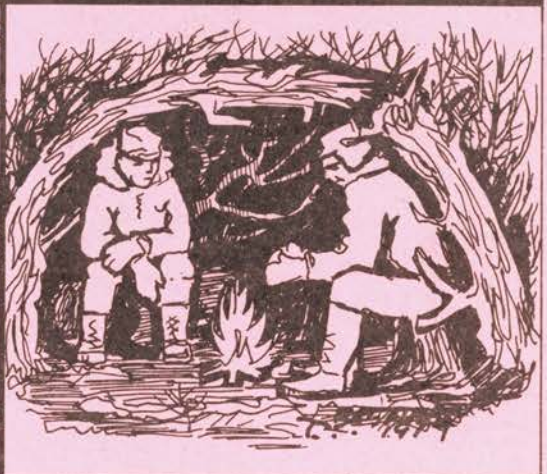


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TRAPLINE...





BIG DELTA: (left) Pfeffer family, left to right, Wife Helen, John Pfeffer, Chief, FSS, Bob, Loretta and Mary; (on floor) Patty, Jill and Bill.

MIDDLETON ISLAND: (right) Left to right, Wife Jay, daughter Shannon and Sidney Kim, GFET. This family has now departed Middleton Island are in Lancaster, California.



BIG DELTA: Jeannette Tandeske, whose husband Lyle is an ATCS in Big Delta's FSS, polishes the car while her husband works. Her son, Bob, does a little spring cleaning at the FAA housing complex.

COLD BAY

THIS HAS BEEN A BUSY COUPLE OF MONTHS for Cold Bay; and one of the most exciting items is the progress on the COMSERFAC. A meeting was held April 16 to elect officers: John Winfree (ET), Karl Heiker (Plant), and Marvin Mack (ATCS) were elected to the Board of Directors. Jackie Beard is the Secretary-Treasurer. John Farley has been keeping the work going. (He says donations--of time, material, and/or money--will be accepted.)

Walli Winfree organized a community Easter egg hunt which was a big success. John Winfree, Dave Peterson, Jerry Majestic, and Harry Bartels helped to hide about 300 eggs. It was cold but it didn't seem to bother the little ones. Later in the afternoon a Tarzan movie and Little Rascal cartoons were shown--it was a big hit with the kids.

On Sunday afternoons a favorite TV show is "Make That Spare" on which we watch our friends and neighbors compete. Easter Sunday Nick Holstrom (ET) won second place trophy with a score of 104. The winning score was 116. Susie Powell, 11-year old daughter of Howard and Lou Johnson, made an excellent showing. Although her score was only 64, she made some difficult spares and was awarded three free games. (By the way, there were scores lower than 64--weren't there, Gabe?)

April 6 we had two earthquakes, the first one at about 4:30 p.m. and the second around 7 p.m. Both were near 5 on the R.S.

Other cause for excitement was the dock. The Western Pioneer came in early Friday morning, March 22, and unloaded many cases of groceries, building materials, etc. The next day the ice left the bay and took parts of the dock with it. No one was on the dock at the time and the pipeline didn't break--so it could have been worse. At present, we're hoping for a warm summer and that emergency repairs will have the pipeline operational again before we have an "energy crisis."

Jerry Flynn is here from AKN for a while; K. K. Larson, the contractor who will be building our new housing unit, was out to look things over. Apparently the dock isn't going to hinder him too much. Jim Morgan, Ken Campbell, and Mike Estrada are here working on the glide slope.

There's been quite a bit of traveling going on. Pat Watts (ATCS) just returned from a trip to Hawaii. Our FACF Ken Peavyhouse and wife Muriel are on PL-737 and will return about April 29. John Farley was in ANC for resident engineer training the first week of April. John Gillespie (SET) and wife Ruth just returned from ANC. John was in town for a meeting--Ruth to shop, etc. Ernie Hart (my husband) and John Beard (ATCS) flew to AKN via ANC to pick up Ernie's Cessna 150.

I guess that's all for this time--but remember folks--Cold Bay has the ORIGINAL streaker! --- Kathy Hart, Cold Bay.

FIRE ISLAND

TODAY IN THE MIDST OF A RAGING STORM we shall write of spring -- it was yesterday. Shortly after awakening on a Sunday morning, the islanders had an invitation from Ed and Georgia Corey to a spontaneous picnic breakfast and lunch on the shores of our favorite frozen lake. The breeze was balmy, the food delicious and the company congenial. Would you believe we have huge sand dunes? Some of us hiked to the top and I satisfied a secret desire to slide down a sand dune. The men played horsehoes and climbed trees (?) I never saw them reach the top. A good time was had by all except Charlie Brown (Ed and Georgia's small dog); in his enthusiasm he dislocated his leg. He is resting at the Veterinary Hospital today. Come home soon, Charlie Brown.

Pam and daughter Tricia Unruh can be seen daily roaming the island on Pam's trail bike. After working hours the traffic increases. David Unruh joins Pam and Boozer (a St. Bernard) takes off with Jimmy Season. Chris Malavansky takes a fancy curve on his bike too.

Mary and Ernie Mack have arrived from King Salmon. They are a welcome addition to our island family. We understand Mary used to paint and we're trying to encourage her to start again. Ernie has the kind of ready smile we all envy.

Virginia McMolin paints with acrylics. She has just finished a painting of two owls and has another owl painting she did earlier. Very good. Bob McMolin has flying fever. He will be piloting his pride and joy all the way from Texas during the early part of May. Safe flying Bob.

Fuzzy McDonald is going to visit the State of Washington during the first two weeks of May. He plans to exercise a hammer during part of his stay. Keep your thumbs in the clear Fuzzy.

Ann and Warren Mitchell with sons Kevin and Sean have returned from school in Anchorage. We're glad to have them back.

Our island is very beautiful and rugged, full of wind resistant trees. Gordon McNitt just waits for a sunny weekend to load up the cameras and go for a hike. He's making a beautiful collection of colored slides. I tag along behind, trying to keep up with him (and to think he has ordered new hiking boots). That'll teach me to do my exercises.

Best of everything to all of you. --- Gale McNitt, Fire Island.

FAIRBANKS

THE TIME IS GETTING SHORT for all of us here at the Center. We presently have five Anchorage controllers here for cross-training, due to the scheduled closing in November. They are Les Ament, Harry Brown, Matt Hutt, Art Krohnert and Lee Stratman.

Several AT and AF personnel have taken short trips "outside" in the recent months. Air Traffic Chief, Jerome Lardy made a familiarization trip to Seattle on April 5th, returning April 13th. Al Hall also made a familiarization trip - his was to Kansas City. He left on March 27th and returned April 2nd. AFFO Chief, Marv Hassebroek is attending MTS school in Lawton. He will be making 2 short stops enroute where he will visit his daughter in Texas and parents in Wisconsin. Al Noe took a not so short trip (4 months) to Oklahoma City where he is attending Common Digitizer school.

One of our men will be leaving the Center in the near future. Red Ball has accepted a position in the Atlanta Center. He will be leaving June 23rd. We're wondering what he plans to do with all that caribou meat he and Doug Jepson brought back after a recent hunting trip. It's a long way to Atlanta Red!

ET Bob Blake from Murphy Dome is on relief detail at the Center for several weeks.

Betty Lecorchick and George Woodbury of the Manpower Division were in Fairbanks April 17 to conduct a meeting on the Manpower Personnel Information System held at the Traveler's Inn. They stopped in with Bill Conyers to visit our facility that afternoon.

Connie Monroe, AAL-14D, and Jim Hooser, ANC ARTCC were at the Fairbanks Center April 4 and 5 to discuss planned relocation of Center personnel.

Other recent visitors at the Center were Lavina Boatright, Compliance and Security and Bob Dolan, Plans, Programs and Evaluation Branch on April 15th. Alice Miller was in Fairbanks April 10th to conduct a meeting on the new T. and A. procedures.

The weather here in Fairbanks is just too good to be true. It's getting warmer and warmer. Everybody is breaking all the summer gear out of mothballs so we can be ready to hit the road when the last bit of snow has melted. We are keeping our fingers crossed hoping we saw the last snowstorm in March. --- Fairbanks Center.

ILIAMNA

HELLO DER -- FROM ILIAMNA, with March behind us, April almost gone and May on its way, I've come alive!!!!

It was a busy month here. The fuel finally came in. Jim Coffey, GFET and Ron Horn, ET worked hard and long unloading, transporting and pumping the fuel into the tanks. The job was well done and it is good to have it over for awhile.

Howard Bowman, Controller flew the Coffey's to see their boat, and it seems the Mrs. approves of same. There is some painting etc., to be done on it and the mechanical end will be left up to the Capt.

Iliamna, received visitors from RO which are always welcome and hope they will come back and make their stay longer. Mr. Fundeen, Sector Manager came this month and it was nice to have him, also hope his next visit will be longer. Mr. Duran, SET was here the last part of April and glad to have him.

Our ET Ron Horn and family will be leaving us for Guam sometime the end of May. It is sad news for us here, but for Ron and his family we will be thinking of them basking in the sun on Guam's beaches. This is the way wheels of progress turn on to bigger and perhaps better things. We wish them well and know they will enjoy their tour of the Pacific; however we will be looking forward to their returning to Alaska in a couple of years.

There has been an influx of new faces appearing around Iliamna and no doubt it is getting that time of year when the lodges will start to open up and tourists or visitors will begin to come forth.

There is to be a revamping of the FAA housing and facilities buildings this month, which is greatly needed and will certainly make for a very nice looking area when completed.

The weather has been delightful, yards are being prepared for lawns, and garden spots readied for planting.

Tish Bowman has her plants ready for the garden. Sarah Horn will, of course, be leaving and everyone is looking at her plants enviously, wondering what she is going to do with them.

Bert Foss and Max Wassillie, State Department, have been working on the roads and in no time will be in great shape. The winter weather certainly plays havoc with them.

Edna Foss, Agent for Wiens Airlines, has been busy as usual with her job. She recently purchased a 10-speed bicycle which will get her there and back in no time.

ILIAMNA

It is "so long" from ILIAMNA and here is hoping everyone enjoys the Spring weather and as the saying goes, "Better to slip with the foot than with the tongue". Well now I have up and done it again. Jeanne Coffey -- Iliamna.



JUNEAU: (Upper left) Lyn Pruitt and his wife, Sybil. He is Area Coordinator and Airway Facilities Sector Chief. (Right) Left to right, Ricky with "Tigger," Brian, and Karen Pruitt, with "Major," children of Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt.

MIDDLETON ISLAND: Terry Beyer, Supervisory Electronic Technician, with his dog "Whistle," his wife, Barbara holding Donald on her lap and Sabrina.

FORT YUKON

HI ALL, well it seems that Ft. Yukon is almost a ghost town. TIC; P.J. Williams and his family are still in OKC for schooling.

ET; Bruce James has packed up his family and headed for the golden heart city of Fairbanks.

GFET Kermit Ivanoff and his children, Veronica and Henry, have just returned from a few weeks vacation in Nome. He left with the anticipation of seeing his girlfriend and came back forelorning his fiance, which he has had to leave behind for another 6 months. But...at which time...the church bells will ring for he and his gal.

Relief ET Bob Denninger and his family, wife, Cathy and children, Tina and Mickey, are here now. And are having a good time.

We've also got a rehab crew out here. No need to say what the place looks like! Hope the end justifies the means!!

Had a Turkey Shoot today, sponsored by the Ft. Yukon chapter of the Lions Club.

- 1st Prize - Nice, Juicy, Delicious Turkey.
- 2nd Prize - Nice, Juicy, Chicken.
- 3rd Prize - Nice Hot Dogs.

It seems that we all did pretty good for ourselves at the Shoot. In the first heat Bob took the turkey with the first bull of the day.

In the second heat Cathy took second place and the chicken.

In the third heat - the women's competition - Cathy came in first. (We've surely got a full freezer tonight)

In the fourth heat Kermit got the Nice Hot Dogs. The biggest hand of the day goes to our rehab electrician "Sparky" for taking the bull 2 out of 2 shots. No need to say who got the turkey that heat.

Not being to a Turkey Shoot before I naturally thought that I was going to have to run around after this funny looking bird with the red beard, for my supper. But to take one shot and come home with the bird all - cleaned, stacked, packed and wrapped is really something else!!

That's all for now. Until next! -- Love from Ft. Yukon, Cathy D.

KOTZEBUE

AGAIN, AFTER A SHORT DELAY, hello from the frozen north. So you'll know who is here at OTZ now, here is a little run down.

Air Traffic

Chief, Buddy Bayeur
Warren Thompson
Gordon Stewart
Tim Leary
Bill Tobin
Dwight Kramer
Stan Jones
Walter Russell
Secretary, Glenda Hyder

Airway Facilities

AF Chief, Dale Steckel
Edmond Harvey
John Stein
GFET, Harold Lie
Wayne Taylor
Ben Rotondo

National Weather Service

OIC, Jim Hyder
Don Koutchak
Bill Spencer
Burkher Ivanoff
Mike Williams

Also visiting us frequently is Jim Wyrick, Relief ET from Big D. We are beginning to think Jim belongs here.

Ed Ward, after 29 years in the FAA, all of which was in Kotzebue, is retiring May 21st. This indicates OTZ must be a great place since Ed chooses to retire here. We wish the best to Ed and family whom we consider very much a part of OTZ itself.

By the time you read this, Gordon, Rose and Lise Stewart will be in Kenai. From the pictures of their new motor home they'll want to live in that instead of finding a house. Do you suppose they are looking forward to roads? Burkher Ivanoff is leaving for King Salmon WSO. We are sure he'll find some basketball players down there too.

Snowmachine racing is about over, but we had quite a few participants -- Wayne Taylor, Robert Thompson, Chris and Mike Lie, and Dwight Kramer. Didn't see any big bags of money coming home, but there is always next year. Mike Williams is in Kansas City cracking the books. Ed, Myrtle Harvey and family are in OKC doing the same. Bet it is warmer there than here. Cross country skiing is producing some interesting results--moans, groans, black and blue spots on a few, Huh, Glenda Hyder! Stan and Sue Jones, Richard Steckel, Linda Kramer and Jim Wyrick have all been out too, but not with the results Glenda got.

Hunting is still going strong. Mark Leary, age nine, got two caribou on the last trip. His Dad and Don Koutchak only got one each. Looks like you fellows better take some lessons! Warren Thompson brought Wendell Wassmann's (OME-FSS) bright, shinny face back to OTZ, and they are out hunting as we write this. If they have as much good luck as they had last time, they will have had a fruitful trip.

KOTZEBUE

Sheefish is in--Ice fishers are out. Ada Ward, Mae Thompson and Bill Spencer have all tried their luck and been successful. Peggy Bayeur has a secret way of cooking it that is really great. She and Buddy had a couple of fish fries and everyone's waiting for the next one. Hope we don't have to wait for Buddy to go ice fishing for it.

Ambitious or crazy---haven't decided which fits our 6:15 A.M. joggers. Jim Wyrick, Barbara Steckel, assorted Steckel kids, including Cheryl Cox, an exchange student from Wauheska, Wisconsin, and Glenda Hyder and two mutts have been doing their thing on the road to the base. They claim to be jogging, but information from the mid-watch says it is more walking than jogging. Hopefully by the next Trapline we will have all kinds of "Springy" things to write about----until then. Kotzebue.



MURPHY'S DOME: The Harry Eggebrotten family--left to right, Lee, Wife Heidi, Harry and Lon.

THE LONG FAMILY OF BIG DELTA:
(Back row) David, Jackie and
Kathie. (Front row) Chris,
Mrs. Rheta Long and husband,
David, SET.



CORDOVA

WE ALL ENJOY TRAPLINE so much we decided it was time to hook on again.

The big news here is spring....just like everywhere in Alaska right now. Good to have winter behind us and summer-type activities ahead! A little more thawing and the dirt will really fly around here. Lots of seeds and starter plants in evidence.

We were well represented from FAA in local bowling this past winter. Just about everyone on the station participated. Got a few trophies too!

Ceramics activity is still heavy, but with summer so near, we expect it to drop off. Leta Garvin, who is an instructor, is giving us lessons, which is most helpful to us beginners.

Speaking of Leta, she and Bud are heading out next month on 737. She is absolutely terrified of flying in jets (says FAA planes are the only ones she feels safe in) and wishes there were some other way they could go. Not with the gas shortage, says Bud, so guess we'll have to see her off with a jug of martinis. Or something...

Sid Nally was elevated to Exalted Ruler of the Elks, and then promptly left for a five-week stint at Middleton Island. We strongly suspect he didn't volunteer for it as we heard the gnashing of teeth and a wee bit of muttering when he got the word.

Marlene LaPlante leaves the 30th for a medical seminar in ANC. She'll probably be supplied with a long list of things -- goodies for all of us from the big city. Good thing the stores there are open at night!

Delores and Dennis Starr leave in June for a month at OKC. We'll miss that popular couple and their cute daughter, Denise.

Jo and Harley King are making plans for their first trip of the season to their cabin on Long Lake. Harley says they'll have to wait for glaciers on the road to melt first. They'd fly in but have too many heavy things to take on that first trip.

What's this we hear about Gus Meyer sleeping with his glasses on during that trip to Seward for the bowling tournament? He says he was just tired and fell asleep, forgetting all about them. Hmmm. Can you believe that? Well, at least that's what he told me!

Signs of bear have been noted in our woods. Wonder if John Sheldon will be charged by another this year? He had a close call with Mr. Bruin last year when he tried to discourage one from tearing off a garbage shed door. Was a seven-footer and acted like he was pretty determined.

Welcome back to John and Rhoda Musser! Happy to hear you're with us again. Hi, also, to Mike George up there in McGrath....and to all our friends along the trapline from all of us at Cordova. --- Bertie Myer, Cordova.

YAKUTAT

HELLO FROM ALL OF US at Y!

Our snow is nearly all gone - fishing poles and bikes are replacing skis and snow machines. The sun finally came out long enough for the kids to have their Easter egg hunt, only a week late, a confused bunny.

Harvey, our new pilot to be, got a new Scott tail wheel for his airplane. He's to solo shortly. Since his wife Dee is in ANC visiting he will be spending most of his off duty time "up in the air".

Jim Leslie completed his flight from ANC to Yak. with his new plane. It sure is a beauty! He will soon unveil his "Margarete Cruiser!" Jack Smeltz completed rebuilding his fishing skiff and it looks like he did a very fine job. Roy Hoyt will soon have his luxury cruiser in the water. Ron and Betty Forsyth went to ANC for some R & R? Mel Renner went to ANC to have his glasses checked so he can hear better. (yes you read that right) He planned to stay with the Les Andersons.

Frank, Audrey, Karen and Donald Moser will be leaving for Burlington, Iowa. We hate to see them go. Frank has been one of our biggest crabbers, not to mention shrimper. Donald recently represented Yak Jr. High at the JNU wrestling meet. On his return he overheaded to ANC which didn't hurt his feelings one bit. Karen is attending the Girl Scouts annual meeting in JNU. Audrey's cookie parties will never be forgotten.

Bob, Linda, Eric, Scott and Sherry Zothner (with bowser Boba) will be leaving for O'Clair, Wisconsin. We hate to see them go also but wish them luck! Back to the world of T.V., backyards and dog catchers!

Visitors so far this past month: Schuyler Smith, JNU Mat/Spec, Gordon Meyer, JNU, Stan Munson, JNU, Lois Bethel, JNU Sector Sec. (nice to have a lady visitor for a change, hope we'll see more of them), John Gonnason, Joe Amberger and Dick Arnold of ANC. Till June Take Care. "The Yakety-Yaker" 11, -- Yakutat

BETTLES

OH BOY OCEANS OF JOY!

The local lovelies painted the COMSERFAC, installed new gold drapes and are in the process of ramrodding the husbands into peeling off the old vinyl flooring, and replacing it with new floor tile. It's plumb beeoootiful.....

Our weather of late has been acting like a crazy mixed up YOYO up and down, down and up, first it melts then freezes up again. We have the largest skating rink (ice skating that is) in all of Alaska. The whole station WHOOPSSSSSSSS.

CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES

The Norm Murrays (our SET) set have chickened out and are about to cut out for the wilds of San Juan, Puerto Rico, the land of Sun, Bugs, Sand, Bugs, Snakes, Bugs etc. Bugs. They will be missed you can make book on that.

The Ken Hills have finally been tracked down and captured and will be transferring to the land of concrete and traffic known as Anchorage, to his new job with AAL-450 in May.

Ron Costello should be showing up about May 1st full of knowledge and nonsense from OKC with that well known pallor, (they calls it a tan there PODNER.) It will be good to have him back.

The ARTC group have been busy, but with this deadline popping up so quickly no newsey items have come forth as of this date, but everything seems to be running nominal..neminel..NORMAL????

VISITORS

Al Bibbler of FAI/N arrived on the 3rd to Bud Barbers relief, to relieve Harold Anderson who is still terrifying the troops in OKC.

Carl Edwards and Dan Swires from AAL-463 dropped in on the 11th to uncrate our NDB and remove the old Z marker rack.

Cary Williamson spent four days at Chandalar installing safety circuits and related goodies on our two Waukasha E/G plants there, then flew to Bettles to spend an evening of cultural entertainment with the Scotch appreciation group before returning to FAI.

Augie Maurer blew in on the 22nd to replace Dennis LaChance who had to return to FAI-N4. Augie was flown in by the B.J. Walden, E.S. Chief FAI-N4 Bush Airlines, in Jack's Boinggggg 707 Cessna 170 multi-colored B model.

BETTLES

Pete Bradley of the FAI Intl Tower and his family are visiting the C. T. Riggins family to get in a little caribou hunting. Up to this writing all that has transpired is "Sighted Some, Sunk None"...

Jerry Johnson our LOG SPEC from FAI-N dropped in for a station inventory on the 24th. It's good to get these guys out on the front lines at times, seems to do them a lot of _____ (please fill in the blank with the appropriate word.)

That seems to be the news, views, situations, salutations, for this month. Remember, make just one person happy today, and before you know it, it'll be your turn.....Ken Hill -- Bettles.



MURPHY'S DOME: Gary, Jerry Redus, Electronic Technician, his wife, Mary, and Terry.

MC GRATH

MONTHLY GREETINGS FROM MCGRATH.....

Spring has finally sprung on this fair city bringing the temperatures and the spirits up. The children are making plans for the summer months and the parents are trying to get the school year extended thru September.

Now with a very small amount of snow left on the surrounding areas the hard luck snow machines are put to sleep for the year but the scars and bruises are still visible. Now the secret weapon against mankind is the unpredictable Honda. I wonder who will be the first victim.

Linda Canter, wife of ATCS Len Canter, had a rush trip to Anchorage a few weeks ago on N99. Seems that Linda had appendicitis and was a guest of Providence Hospital for a week. Linda is back in MCG now and feeling fine.

Ron Linder of the National Weather Service took his check ride this month and is now a proud member of the flying public. Congratulations Ron.

Several seasonal, or is it interesting, happenings in the past week were noticed by yours truly. Just the other day I noticed Bob Craven and Al Abrams assisting their wives, Edna and Louella in getting ready for the flower planting season. Bob and Al were clearing off the patches of snow while the girls were telling them what to move and where to move it. Now isn't that odd.

Much talk of people leaving MCG. Dave Brown ATCS, has sent out a few feelers for the lower 48 while Steve Miller and Larry Adkins of the NWS are also at the starting block to depart. With all these people leaving we should get some new faces showing up in MCG.

The river ice is still holding but by this time next month we should have some running water. Already fishing trips and the spring bear hunts are being planned.

Well I guess that is about it for now so see you next month. -- McGrath.

NORTHWAY

WELL, IT GETS TO LOOKING MORE LIKE SPRING with each day, and goodness knows, that sure is a welcome sight! With the snow melting everyone is busy getting the yards cleaned and planning flower beds. The greenhouse is getting prepared for use, so it will soon be buzzing with activity, with everyone transferring the plants from the homes to the greenhouse plots.

Quarters #103, 105, and 106 have been given a new look for spring! Al Matney and Dick Bedlington came down to install new carpet tiles and installed a new furnace in one of the quarters as well. The new carpet is quite colorful and cheery, the tenants are very pleased with it.

Bill Conyers was down to present Special Achievement Awards to our ET's Stephen Ruks and John Scrivner for their work in improving our local telephone system. Everyone is really enjoying the new service.

The Homemakers Club had as their guest speaker for April Mr. Virgil Severns, Agricultural Agent, of the Cooperative Extension Service in Fairbanks. The lecture was open to members' husbands and guests, and greatly appreciated was the very informative presentation he delivered on Gardening. His suggestions and helpful hints will provide a good guide for our gardening enthusiasts this summer. The ladies are now anticipating the Homemakers "Stretch-n-Sew" workshop in May, which will as well be conducted by a representative of the Extension Service.

Some of our boys have been participating in the wrestling competitions this year. They did very well in the Tok meets, and went on to the matches in Fairbanks during Easter week-end. Dave McMahill and Alex Scrivner each placed third in their weight classes; Alex also entered in the Anchorage Tournament, April 20th and 21st.

What with the snowmachines, sleds, etc. now being put in storage, the bicycles, tricycles, wagons, etc. have reappeared. If children's energy could be bottled, parents could really have something going for themselves. Yet, the ladies are already attempting to put their "training" habits back in gear for the evening exercise set, (bicycling around the runway), with the theory that it helps to work off the calories consumed at dinner-time. (??)

The materials were received for the pool table, so Stephen Ruks set about painting it, re-covering it, and putting it back together with some help so the guys have been enjoying "shooting a few" when they can.

Well, we're short on this end for this month, so will close by saying that we're enjoying hearing from all of our fellow stations. It's nice that we can "keep in touch". Best wishes. --- Betty Ruks, Northway.

JUNEAU

HELLO AGAIN FROM THE JUNEAU AIRPORT. Now to get caught up with the comings and goings and such. Past Due Info: In Feb. Miss Gail Evans (former receptionist to the FAA Administrator) arrived fresh from training at the Okie City Academy, the latest member of the tower team. Gail was a very fortunate gal as shortly after her arrival in the capital city she escaped serious injury when her car (with her inside) left the road after skidding on ice and plummeted down an embankment. Happy ending to the story! Very minor injuries to Gail and her car as of this writing is nearly as good as before.

A lovely potluck dinner was held at Bob Major's, honoring ATCS/S Harold Davis and wife before transferring to ANC for promotion to GS/10 position. How's Deadhorse, Harold?

If you've noticed a shade of green around the FSS, it's not St. Pat's Day either, but Les Hollenbeak and spouse are vacationing (737) in Hawaii. Heard that some Weather Bureau people also made the trip to the tropical land.

FACF, Robert Major attended LMR at Lawton in April and came back with the Oklahoma crud. New FSS trainee Spencer Hill arrived in April fresh from the Academy. Welcome aboard Spencer. The "Traveler" in AF appears to be S. Wagenius. Disneyland was first on the agenda; next stop was Hydaburg and then on to the Midwest for Easter with relatives. (OOPS - one more unscheduled to S.F.) George Fitzsimmons and wife are spending some of their spare time in the Coast Guard Auxillary presenting safe boating classes to adults and school children. Bob Reece came on board to take his place in the "New Neato" teletype shop. Everyone is getting ready for the great outdoors but this liquid sunshine just isn't like the good ol' natural stuff. Oh! Oh! there goes Wanker streaking with his new 25 ft. Bayliner and here comes Fluharty in a 23 ft. O'Day sail boat. And I see Fitzsimmons floated his and Murray's out of the winter's ice pool. What's that re-configuration job with Ken Peek at the stern? Commercial fishing? Happy and safe boating to all you boaters, etc.

There's a rumor that Kubitz might be the next state Champ in Moto-Cross. But for a little less leisure ride he is also marketing 2 wheeler - 10 speeds. FLASH! ATCS/S Brad Levy will depart for a GS/10 position at the Kenai FSS in May or June. -- Anita Dale -- Juneau.

BETHEL

SPRING AND LOVELY WARM SUNSHINE has finally arrived in BET. Our snow is gone completely and the ice in the mighty Kuskokwim will soon break up. At present it is impossible to land a plane at many villages in the Delta area; unsafe ice or muddy landing strips.

The piling for the entryways has been set for our six new living quarters. Thomas Neville, ANC, FAA Resident Engineer, was here for two weeks, but now the construction is at a standstill awaiting the arrival of material on the first barge in June. If everything expected comes to Bethel from Seattle on that "first barge" it surely will be a big one.

COMINGS AND GOINGS:

Those who went are: Irvin and Diana Kreider & children; visiting in Washington State, Irv will attend MTS at Lawton, and then meet Diana in Las Vegas for some fun. Dave Bartholomew, SET, also went out to Lawton MTS. He'll use some of that "use or lose" leave, too, Wife Eve says she's enjoying the stay at home taking care of their 7-month-old grandson on loan for several weeks from David, Jr., ANC. Fred Jack and Tiny are still in OKC and plan to visit friends in Lincoln, Neb. before returning to BET in May. Wilson Nicolai, ET Trainee, transferred here from AKN, is attending school in ANC. We all enjoyed a potluck dinner in honor of the departing Werner family. The kids had even more fun at the special going-away party for Angie Werner.

Those who came are: Russell Clentimack, Relief ET from AKN. Herschell and Francine Gillins, and two boys have returned to BET FSS. They moved to Palmdale, Calif., one and a half years ago, but decided Bethel had a lot of good points. We welcomed them with a delicious steak fry last weekend. Chuck Gilmore did a great job organizing the event; doing the purchasing and most of the grilling of the 44 steaks. Clair Baird added some zing to the party with samples of his homemade blueberry wine.

Just received word from FS Chief Bill Coates that three new AT people will arrive during the next month. Also, Bill, Mary, and Debbie are leaving soon on PL-737; a month-long vacation in California and Hawaii.

Clarence Bradley, AT, and family will be departing soon after school is out; he says back to Miami. We plan to have a social to honor his retirement and 33-years with FAA.

DOWNTOWN NEWS:

Held this month at Bethel Middle School; First Annual Science Fair, and First Annual Spelling Bee. Lori Fosson (AT, Larry Fosson) won a First Prize with her model of a house and Solar heating system. My daughter, Bobette Baird, was second place in the spelling bee. Two of the Hills have been on a 10-day Alaskan tour with the High School band. Conrad & Wilma Hill have five kids tooting horns in the school bands.

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The last news item; Clair and I, and two daughters will be traveling to Idaho soon; to attend the graduation of Number One Daughter, a Dental Hygienist at Idaho State University. Until next time. --- Jan Baird, Bethel.



CIVILAIR CLUB'S EGG HUNT. .
The event was held on Easter
Sunday. Upper photos show
some children enjoying the
hunt. ADULTS WERE THERE TOO
. . . Bill Samples, Fedalaska,
and Al Bruck, Acting Airway
Facilities Division Chief.

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GOTCHA'S FROM GALENA. Since our last entry in the Trapline, a few changes have taken place. Harding Sam, GFET, was transferred to Fairbanks. All the kids and grown-ups will miss him terribly as Sam was our favorite snow-go riding partner. Ed Kiss and family also departed Galena. Ed was our SET out here but has been transferred into Fairbanks. Walt Daigle has taken over position as acting SET until the position is filled.

April 5, 6, and 7th presented us with the annual Spring Carnival here in Galena. Al Yatlin, ET, entered his dog team in the dog races. He came in 5th out of 10 entries. Good work, Al. Eleanor, Al's wife, also entered the dogs in the women's division. Eleanor fared a little better, coming in 2nd. Congratulations are in order to both the Yatlins. Rudy Demientieff, GFET, also had an entry in the Carnival. His daughter, Darlene, entered the Women's Snowshoe race. Although she did not win, everyone has to give her credit to walk a mile in those shoes.

We are glad to know that Dave Baker, GFET, finally recovered his snow machine. Dave left it out on the trail so he could fly out to it and do some trapping. Upon recovering it, Dave noticed that he also fed the wild life out there on the trail. Seems the squirrels ate the seat off his machine. Better luck next year Dave. Or maybe you can take the engine out and use it for a sled????????????????????

Galena now looks like one huge mud puddle. The snow is rapidly melting, leaving us with lots and lots of water. To get ready for the summer, all the men are gathering material to repair their boats and get them ready for the wonderful fishing we have up this way. Luther Nagaruk, ET, is planning to build a new boat this year. Walt and Dave have finally dug theirs out from under the remains of the winter. The women out here are also getting ready for the summer by planting their vegetables, indoors of course. By the time the ground is ready to be worked, everyone should be in good shape. Pretty soon greenhouses will be springing up everywhere and everyone will soon be eating fresh vegetables. Sure will taste good.

We had a couple of visitors out here during the past month. Bob Wilson, Fairbanks, paid us a visit for a few days. Bob has been threatening to prepare us a home cooked Mexican dinner for a couple of months now but seems he left his Tacos and Burritos in Fairbanks. That's OK Bob, the next one is on you. Roy Price and Paul Holland, both from Anchorage, were here for a few days installing our new NDB equipment. Golden Roche, "Sputz" to his friends, was also here. His stay was only for one day but we were glad to see him anyway. Sputz is the ATC Chief in Nome.

FAA in Galena is also doing their part to conserve energy. On any given day we might see Dave Baker wheeling John Mack around in their "assigned" wheelbarrow checking out the VASI lights on the runway. We might also see Luther, Walt and Al, on tricycles on their way out to the VOR. Anything to save gas????????????

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Well, that's all the gotcha's for this month. One more item. We are all happy to see our secretary, Agnes Sweetsir back on the job. Agnes recently gave birth to their first born, a boy. Good to have you back Agnes. Bye. --- Galena.



MORE EGG HUNTERS: Clockwise, upper left, Ann Burt, Printing Plant, with her grandchildren, and in the background is Linda Shepherd, Accounting Div. . . Eve Heavner, Logistics Div., and her husband. . .Regional Counsel Donald Boberick and his wife, Marlene. . .Marlene Boberick took her neighbor's children, Lee and Ann Madison

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HI AND GREETINGS FROM, as my neighbor says, the "Big Fish". It's been quite a while since we have been heard from so we felt that it is time to let you know we are still around. There has been the usual coming and goings around here - Carl and Mary Weber (plant) retired and are visiting in the lower 48 but are planning to settle in Alaska, somewhere near Kenai near a good fishing hole. Larry and Olean Yahnke (tower) and children are giving up Alaska and moving to Sioux City, Iowa where Larry will work in the Tower/Rapcon. It's unbelievable that anyone can leave just before King season and they will really be missed as this is their second time around in King Salmon. Early this year the Richard Felsburgs left King Salmon tower for the new tower at Kenai and we've heard that they love their new assignment, good luck to Dick and Judy.

We have several new faces here now, latest arrivals are Jim and Judy Blain and three children, Jim is our new ET Relief just up from Casper, Wyo.

Dan and Terri VanKirk and son now in King Salmon tower from Anchorage and returning to AKN is Darrell (Pat) Patterson, wife Jean and three children back from Kodiak and is now our tower chief, welcome to the Pattersons.

FSS newest arrival from Anchorage is Tom Meismer, wife Carol and son Bryan, don't see much of Tom though, seems he's building a barge or something most of the time.....Our Plant Facilities has three new arrivals, two bachelors, John Gruber from Ft. Yukon and Chet Wilson from our neighboring city of Naknek and newlywed Ray Nekeferoff who also hails from Naknek as does his new bride Naudia.

We really had a cold winter this year, a low temp of -41, thats just one degree warmer than the record low and for a while we were beginning to feel that Spring would never spring but during the last few days of snow as the day would warm we began to see the wonderful signs of warmer weather coming, geese, ducks and swans began to appear along with a mosquito or two and very soon the white whales should be coming up the river and mostly our husbands disappear more and return with that very distinct (fishy) smell!

The dentist has been here and gone and most of us are walking around with brighter smiles and empty billfolds, some of us smiling to keep from crying....ET Jim Klein is in OKC until June attending TACAN school and Ralph Hampton just finished management school at Lawton and is visiting his brother in St. Louis and father in Calif. before returning to replace Carl Weber as Plant foreman. Deputy Administrator James Dow, Lyle K Brown and party stopped for a quick tour of AKN and were later taken on a fishing trip by Sector Manager Carl Fundeen and although Carl could not control the weather as some had predicted he did provide some

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exciting fishing but we never did really understand who caught the biggest fish, anyway the evening was concluded with a very successful pot luck dinner during which Mr. Dow presented Robert Hurt with a 35 year pin, an appropriate conclusion to a very busy day at the King.

Everyone is very excited with the prospects of our 9 new houses to be built here about 2 miles from our present housing area, rumor is to move in about Dec 74. The Katmai Club is becoming more active with movies and hopefully very soon some game nights, bingo and fun times.

The local Lions Club is preparing for their annual community spaghetti dinner, can't you just see our men stirring up ten gallons of sauce,... good luck community...Myles Yerkes (FSS) and wife Margaret traveled to Fairbanks from Anchorage via their motor home to visit with daughter Becky recently.

The National Weather Service has gone to 16 hour operation according to chief Chuck Samuels, says it's something to do with a new computer named Ms. Not-in-table but last time I talked with Dave Williams and Will Hall, also of the Weather Service, they had different and more descriptive names for that computer but since Dave has just attended school on "the thing" perhaps he can calm "the thing" down, we hope so. Long time airport manager Ed Evans and wife Elsie are in ANC while Elsie is recovering from medical problems, good luck Ed and Elsie, your airport is in the strong hands of Richard Edwards. Goodbye for now from the King. See you in bug season.....Linda Stubbs -- King Salmon.



BLOWING UP BALLOONS: Frank Austin passed out balloons to his son, back left, Linda Shepherd's daughter, right, and an unidentified onlooker.

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WHAL HITS A PERT-NEER, dang-nigh, jist bout, almos time by which hit is that we air a needin to be a gittin out nuther won of them thar Trapline papers an so ah gues we had a better be a gittin at hit long bout now.

Ah speck hit wud be best to start off with a great big ol sin-seer W E L C O M E to all a th visiters we done had sinst the las time we done tol ya'll bout the wons we had the las time. Fust we wanna say thet Mista James Dow (ya no hees th actin deppity ad-men-estrater of th FAA) an Mista Lyle Brown (from down air at th ARE-OH) wuz a visitin heer. An Mista Don Aitken from over yonder at th ANC TWR drapped by fer a visit. Also Mista Danny done held what he called a opin house heer at th IFSS an jist bout all a th famblies of the peepol what air on Mista Danny's crew done come by an had some cake an watched some mobin pichur shows all bout th FAA an how th FLT SVC done got started an all. But th visitor what done traveled the longest way to git heer was Mista Y. Higashiyashiki. He done come all a th way from Tokyo whar he works as a air-groun radio operator (won of our counterparts). He wuz heer on th 26, 27, an 28 of March an Miz Rusty tooked keer to see thet He wuz companied on a site-seein trip roun this heer area an even down to Mt. Alyeska an Portage Glacier. He also visited th FSS, th ARTCC, th RAPCON and EDF TWR. Now y'all come back---ye heer!

Whal ah speck we better be a tellin bout some of the people changes thet air a takin plact roun heer. Mista Jim Hankins done come to work heer as a C. R. O. an Mista Linus Sellars done started as a C. R. O. trainee. Mista Tony Zilka, Mista Leonard Weaver an Mista Clif Pelt air a workin heer on th Mil-e-tery projek trans-ish-on progrim. Mista Robert (Big Bob) Scoville is a goin down air to Rolla, Missouri to work fer a spell. We air a shore a goina miss ya. An Mista Robert (jus plain ol Bob) Ceptin He answers to Brad mosly, Cole is a goin down air at Homer FSS long bout th 12th of May. Ah reckon maybe we will be seein ya onct in a while down air Brad.

Several of our C. R. O.'s here at th IFSS been a thankin thet to be an ATCS wuz lik dyin an a goin to Heaven. Whal we done set them strait an informed them thet is only when ya go to th ARTCC. We air only Kings an Emperors heer. Now we air a lookin forward to th coronation of Miz Donna. Ya see, Miz Donna wuz won of our C. R. O.'s but she done got herself see-lek-ted to ba an ATCS an perty soon will be a goin down air at OKC to skool.

Nex we wanna git out our monthly award. This month we air a giving a Sooper-Dooper Krime Fiter Award to none other than Mista Don Langdon. Ya see, Mista Don's awesome presence on a jury a short spell back done so upset the dee-fen-dant thet he immediately pleaded guilty. An thet wuz thet. We need more of this heer as-tute krime fitin. The fact thet this a heer dee-fen-dant wuz inersent is really immaterial.

Now---th continuin story of Mista Jack, th Far Marshal. Mista Jack, our recent appointed far marshal, in spite of growin in-thus-ee-asm, has had

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many set-backs in his trainin man-oo-vers. Corn-frunt-ed with th tek-ni-kel problim of ex-ten-din th hose in a mock alert we done called on' him, Mista Jack played th flute at th hose. Success eluded, th trumpet wuz nex followed by cherry bombs. Th hose remained on th reel. Jack gives us sullen looks again but we no he is as gung ho as ever.

An a talking bout Mista Jack, whal he wuz a gittin some familiarization trainin on th VOLMET but hit seems that we air a goin to have to stop this heer projek due to equipment failure. Peepol called in to complain bout ball point pens a freezin up. Hit seems that th ball in th pen can't turn that slow an half th flite crews a listin in done went to sleep.

Mista Carl (hees our nifty NOFOFF) done spent several days a visitin on th Wes Coas. Some of the places he would mention to us wuz the Western operations an general offices, KSFO IATSC, and Alaska dispatch office an Northwest dispatch office in KSEA. However, some of those places he wouldn talk bout turned out to be th mos in-teer-es-ting. Hit seems that he done visited several vise --- er ah --- nice places on Sepulveda Street down air in San Ferncisco. Least He thinks hit wuz on that street but he ain't too shure as hit was a bit "foggy" out. Also hit seems that at the SFO airport He done foun out that hit costs a dime for what he used to do for free back on th farm. An he didn't have a dime neither.

Whal hit done got to be time to be shetin this thang off fer this heer time an we air a shore proud that ya'll done foun time to read bout all our gossip this heer time an we air a hopin that ya'll will be round for a visit sometime an is'in ya can't then maybe ya will be a lookin fer the nex issue of th Trapline to see who gets the SOOPER-DOOPER-MOVERS-AWARD in th nex issue an hits shore been fun tellin ya all a this an all but we really got to be puttin a end to this a heer thang now....Wally an Lucky.

P. S. We air a still a havin to do this heer typin on a count of Miz Marilyn (ya no she is the cheef's sex-tary---oops sek-e-tary) ab-sul-utly refuses to do any of hit fer us an she done said that she wuzn't a goin to let us do any of hers either. W&L. --- Anchorage IFSS.

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