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FIRE ISLAND

SPRING GREETINGS FROM FIRE ISLAND TO ALL: We have had both up's and down's on our busy little island since the last report, so we'll start with the up's.

UP'S Ernie and Mary Mack are the proud parents of a baby boy, George Alan, born Feb. 28, 1975. He checked in at 7 lbs. 14 ozs.

DOWN'S Jerry Beltz and Fred Chuckwak have left us. Jerry has taken a job at Boron, California. He reports that the temperature is breaking over 100°. Kind of rough on a real Alaskan. Fred is working at the airport in his native village of Levlock, Alaska.

UP'S Bob and Virginia McMolin are enjoying their vacation in Oklahoma and Florida. As this is being written, word is that they are flying their own plane back to Alaska. They will establish the Fire Island Air Force once more.

DOWN'S Warren and Ann Mitchell and family went on a campout at Little Lake over the Memorial Day weekend and almost got blown away.

UP'S Gale and Gordon McNitt have been doing quite a bit of entertaining, first to show slides of their many travels, then to have a rather different picnic. You'll have to ask Gordon the special title he had for it. (After three days of wind, blowing sand and black clouds, I called it a "To Hell with the Weather Picnic" and we held it in our apartment. G.M.)

DOWN'S Fuzzy McDonald discovered a big patch on our road while riding his motorcycle. He reports that running the front wheel into loose sand at 30 mph produces a thrill a second. UP'S He didn't dump it!

DOWN'S Gloria and Hap Hansen went into the big city to enjoy the Memorial Day weekend, but ended up spending most of the holiday sitting in the waiting room at the Vet's. Their tiny poodle became very ill. Surgery was required.

UP'S Ah Yes! It's tomato time once again and guess who's got em? You're right, Georgia and Ed Corey. This year they are growing Beef Steak's as well as Cherry tomatoes.

DOWN'S Two more of our men are planning to leave us. Jim Deason is going to the Rocky Mountain Region and Dave Minge plans to go to Panama.

UP'S We had a fantastic dinner and party for Jerry Beltz and Fred Chuckwak before they left us. Great food and fun was enjoyed by all.

Spring has sprung, the Robins are here, perhaps it's a sign that summer is near, Have a good one! Gloria Hansen - Fire Island.

BETHEL

HI, TRAPLINE FRIENDS! No one knows the joy of a warm spring day like those of us who have just experienced a long cold winter. Early in May our temp finally reached +42 degrees. Downtown Bethel seemed to be crawling with people; dozens of kids walking or cycling home from school, others playing ball, older people just walking around; so glad to get outside without bundling up in winter parkas. Now the snow has melted into dozens of small lakes and ponds, the pussy willows are out, and patches of green are showing through the brown tundra-land.

We have so many activities and changes taking place at BET; don't know where to start. Since our last report Bill Nelson from Northway and Gregory Eaker from South Carolina have joined the AT ranks. Also Dan Truesdell is the new AT Ass't Chief. ET Truman Middleton filled the AF VORTAC position. All these fellows have families, thus greatly enlarging our compound population. ATCS Mike Archibald is the newest bachelor.

And now that mass exodus from Bethel has begun. Ralph Underwood recently moved to ANC with the Procurement Branch, and Ron Wenstrom to Fairbanks as FSS Ass't Chief. Ron set the precedent in BET by having professional movers come in to do his packing, and Bill Coates and Barbara Pelton will follow suite the first week in June. Bill will be Ass't Chief ANC FSS; Barbara to FAI Tower. Dave and Eve Bartholomew are feverishly packing for their June move to ANC where Dave will be the FCO at the ARTCC. NWS Charlie and Gerri Klunder are doing likewise and counting days until they take off for Annette Island. Herschell Gillins will depart about the middle of June to ANC FSS. Charles and Jerri Kashatok, NWS, will be moving to ANC too, but not until August. Good luck to all you fine people in your new homes and jobs.

ET Jesse Romer has almost taken up permanent residency in OKC; been there since February in one class after another. He and Fay should be back soon. Chuck Gilmore is home again after six-weeks at the Academy in the ENG/GEN course, and Joel Henkelman just started the same class. Frank Charles is our newest ETT on the "150 Program"; will be at OKC until August.

ET from ANI Fred Jack and wife "Tiny" are to be congratulated on their new baby boy, born May 14; that's one of each. Romers are still waiting.

Bethel made the international news last month when an AN-12 Russian cargo plane arrived from Cape Schmidt, Siberia. After a two-day stay, 40 young muskox in crates were loaded onto the aircraft for transplant in Siberia. The Russian crew members were very congenial and pictures and cigarettes were exchanged. Three USAF personnel, one of which was an interpreter, accompanied the Russians during the entire trip. Two Russian scientists, who had been here for several weeks overseeing the muskox movement from Nunivak Island to Bethel, departed on the AN-12. It was quite exciting to be an eye witness to this cultural exchange between two great nations.

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Since Bethel is the distribution center of the Yukon-Kuskokwim area for nearly all surface/air freight, sizeable amounts of Federal and State funds are allocated here. The State Division of Aviation will spend over two million dollars improving our airport this summer; paving the new taxiway and parking ramps. Wien Air Alaska plans to complete by next fall a 200' x 60' two-story terminal. The Corps of Engineers will supervise a several million dollar contract for construction of new docking facilities a short distance downriver from the Bethel townsite. Other projects slated for our summer construction boom include a second Kuskokwim Community College building, another 33-unit apartment house to be built by the Bethel Native Corporation, and a forty-room addition to the Kuskokwim Inn, plus a larger, entirely new restaurant. New FAA NAVAIDS will be installed at Aniak and St. Marys. Bethel has got to be the fastest growing bush village in the state.

Our social events are beginning to pickup after the winter doldrums. The Literary Society (poker club) continues to meet once a week. The Bairds held a birthday dance at the Bethair Clubhouse for daughter Bobette, who is now a teen-ager. Linda & Dick Mathews hosted a lively party for FAAers and Public Health doctors, nurses, and other employees. Linda is a nurse at PHS, so it was good to have an opportunity to get acquainted with our community co-workers. And then there was the one big going away party for all the afore-mentioned people who will soon have only a few fond memories of the good times in Bethel. Also, Jackie Gilmore hosted an anniversary party to honor Bob and Carol Atkins.

Several of our people were recently on the sick list, but happily, every one has recuperated and back at work. Bill Coates, Fran Gillin, and Trades Helper, Jean Scarzella all had major surgery at hospitals in ANC.

The last of May always brings a variety of school activities; band concerts, awards assemblies, dances, high school and eighth grade graduation, etc. It's an exciting time for the kids; the end of another school year and summer vacation ahead. And that is just what I'm looking forward to; a two-week Alaska vacation. That's it until next time. Jan Baird -- Bethel.



JUNEAU SECTOR--Efficient, Industrious, very pleasant--this is Janet Hiley, Secretary to one and all in the Juneau Sector Office.

ANCHORAGE IFSS

IT SEEMS THE USUAL THING TO REPORT around Anchorage IFSS is that we stay in a continuous state of change. So many people come and go it's almost impossible to keep track of them all. Most notable of our new arrivals, of course, is our new Facility Chief, Dave Grey who has been deluged with all our ideas to upgrade the facility. We're really getting some action, too. Even though the fund seems to have run dry we are seeing our walls carpeted and paneled and the coordinator position is being completely remodeled into what will, hopefully, be a more workable arrangement. The NOTAM office is now in a separate room and fully operational. There were a few fun days while the equipment was being re-located that required working the position in two locations.

Vacation season appears to be here, it's hard to keep track of who belongs where and who's gone off to what part of the world this month or will go next month. We've even had a few people take FAM trips recently - most interesting of which must be the trip Donna MacArthur took to Tokyo. I understand it's nothing like Alaska there, right Donna? Never seems to be dull around here anyway - new people all the time, people to and from school - lots of change and it does keep work interesting.

Welcome to our six newcomers to IFSS and to Alaska; Charles Cox from Cedar Fall, Iowa, and Robert Moore from Wenatchee, Washington, both already here and hard at work, and four people enroute, Ed Dorsey from Oakland (a retread, Ed worked here once before), Neil Sullivan from Onterio, California; Sam Oehrli from Rockford, Ill. and Siebert McCune from Balboa IFSS. -- Anchorage IFSS.



ANCHORAGE ARTCC--Beverly Thomas, Flight Data Monitor, Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center, got a surprise gift from her friends Freddie Williams, right, and John Hart. Beverly received a B.A. degree in psychology from the University of Alaska.

HOMER

HELLO FROM HOMER; Many things have been going on in our fair town and we have been kept busy.

SET Rocky Oliver was installed as ER of the Elks and ET Jerry Wieber, the outgoing ER, gave a big sigh of relief. He doesn't know it yet, but his work has just begun.

GFET Floyd Ward was elected as Secretary and has been burning the midnight oils.

Leonard Van Sandt is home from the hospital now. He had an emergency operation for burst appendix in March. Everyone was just great during our time of need.

The bowling season is over. Looks like FAA'ers did all right. Don Wilcox was on the team that took the league trophy and Rocky Oliver and his partner took first in State Tournament Doubles.

Don Wilcox was outside on emergency leave visiting his Dad who is ill and Joe Brunner has taken off to OKC for two weeks of school.

The Emblem Club held a Spring Fashion Show and it was a big success. Many FAA'ers participated. Jerry & Bonnie Wieber and Dale & Fran Van Sandt were models and Rocky did a great comedy routine.

FSS Chief Ed Klopp says he is definitely going to put his boat in the water this year.

Wayne Jones finally got a good day to do some work on his equipment. The weather just hasn't been cooperating at all.

We have added a very lovely and charming lady to our AT Staff. We welcome Kim House who came to us directly from OKC. She replaced AT Brad Cole who transferred to Kenai. Our three AT's Bob Anselment, Derryl Blood, and even Don Otto have adjusted beautifully to having a lady around as a co-worker. They are a good group of guys!

In April we were visited by Andy Billick, who presented SET Oliver with his 15 year pin, (Rocky will soon have 20 years but better late than never) and Charlie Muhs who did some visiting with FSS personnel. Ed Anderson and Frank Brown made a flying trip down for various purposes.

Joe Brunner received his 15 year pin and yours truly has put in a year and received a nice charm.

Perhaps some of you remember Joe Paquette. Have seen Joe around town often and he seems to be doing well.

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Clam tides have been good and there were many campers lining the Spit road during the last week-end in April. Our family went across the Bay with some friends. Everyone worked hard but still managed to enjoy themselves.

We have had some very different weather this year. So far, I can't really say that we have gotten into spring. Hopefully by the next time I write, the weather will be good.

Bye for now. FRAN -- Homer.

DOW VISITS ALASKA



Acting Administrator James E. Dow was the keynote speaker at the Alaskan Region's Facility Chiefs & Supervisors Conference held at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage on May 30th.

NORTHWAY

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH SPRING may eventually get to Northway after all. It's seemed undecided for the past few weeks, with one week of gorgeous spring-time temps and sunshine, and the next following with heavy winds and some snowfall.

We bade farewell to one of our Plant men, Benno Cleveland, with a nice dinner and a token presentation from all his friends in Northway. They have moved to Fairbanks and with them go our wishes for lots of good things in their new location.

Charlie Soxie, of our Air Traffic section, returned from Oklahoma City, having completed 14 weeks in an AT course. ET Stephen Ruks has just returned from OKC, also, from his classes on Teletype. He flew home in a new 180 that he purchased while down there.

We have a new man in the Air Traffic section, John King just arrived from Washington, D.C. He had spent four years in Alaska, several years ago, having been stationed in Kenai and Galena.

Chief "Popo" Richardson entertained as overnight guests Ted Kopple and Rufus Biscombe, whom he had worked with at Farewell. "Popo" is presently in the process of preparing for their forthcoming move to Cordova. Also leaving soon is another Plant family, Gene and Jane May. They are transferring to Gulkana within the next three weeks.

SET Albert Eggebrotten and family took a few days off to attend a Boat Show in Anchorage, then went on up to Fairbanks to attend a class in Soldering. Before leaving, Sharron took the Bible Club children on their "Annual Picnic" which is their final activity until the Club resumes it's studies in the fall.

We had some men out to do some work on the power cables running from the local power source to the VORTAC. Another crew came out to begin some work on the Sewer Project, but progress was delayed due to the absence of the drilling rig.

We had some bad luck in one of our two greenhouses; during one of those weeks when we had heavy winds and colder temps with snow most of the transplants were lost. They have replanted and things seem to be doing better now, but it was a depressing loss. All the gardeners are hopeful of a good growing summer this year, there just didn't seem much chance for good production last summer, what with the last snowfall occurring in mid-June and then receiving the first snowfall of the winter in mid-August.

The ladies of the Homemakers Club are now preparing for the Stretch-n-Sew workshop with Ellen Ayotte of the University Extension Service. She

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will also be presenting a short workshop on "Slick Tricks in Sewing"; we always look forward to our sessions with her, she is such a knowledgeable person and makes the instruction a pleasure.

We enjoyed hearing from some new stations in the last Trapline, hope to see you again. For now, best wishes to all from ORT. Betty Ruks -- Northway.



GALENA SECTOR FIELD OFFICE--Fred Nahoopie, left, Electronic Technician, Albert Dolezal, center, ET, and Walter Daigle, Supervisory ET, boarded the Convair 880, N-42, from NAFEC, during its stop-over at Galena while on one of its test tours of Alaska.



The Airway Facilities Sector Field Office at Galena is shared with the military.



Sidney Hutchins, Nurse, Aviation Medical Division, was highly praised by the employees at Galena for her presentation of a first aid course. They say, "Thanks, Sidney!"

FORT YUKON

HELLO FROM FORT YUKON. It's been a long time since we have appeared in the Trapline so will start with a list on the station at present:

Electronic: TIC - Dave Petterson (recently arrived from Cold Bay) and ET - Al Yatlin, Plant: Kermit Ivanoff.

Seems as though the spring is late this year. We do have quite a bit of snow out there and it has been snowing off and on this past month.

There were also quite a bit of activities this month. Starting off with local spring carnival in which the FAA'ers participated.

1. Al Yatlin in mens dog race's came in first in all three heats. Received a large trophy and cash award.
2. Three dog class Veronica and Henry Ivanoff came in second and third respectively with cash awards. Daughter and son of GFET Kermit Ivanoff.
3. One dog class Sheri Yatlin came first, daughter of ET Al Yatlin also tied for first Marvin Yatlin, nephew of Al Yatlin both received cash awards.

Another event GFET Kermit Ivanoff won two 20# turkeys in local Lions turkey shoot.

Dave Petterson is off to school again, this time to (Charms School?) Lawton Okla.

Al Yatlin will be going to school also at the end of the month.

More on sports, Earl Cadzow GFET Trainee came in second during the dog races. As of this writing Earl left the agency to start his own business. We wish him luck.

Recent visitors to this station. Augie Mauer, GFET FAI AFN came to give us a hand to install scaffolding on top of the VOR building. Seems as tho we have a slight problem with the TACAN antenna.

And now a tale from above the Arctic Circle. Recently one of the employees was asked to write a short scenario as to how he lost his wallet. READY?
Dear Sir:

I was driving a sno-go down the road when my wallet fell out of my pocket and as I was turning around to get it a dog came along and picked it up and ran down the road. When the dog stopped to rest his jaw, a crow came along and grabbed it and flew off toward the north. When he was high in the sky a jet plane smashed into him and inlodged the crow and my wallet in the gear box. That is how I lost my wallet. THATS THE TRUTH.
Hmmm.

Thats all from Ft. Yuk Yuk. Fort Yukon, that is.

COLD BAY

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND EVERYONES CONTROL half of our news for the Trapline didn't get in the last time. So-o-o, this will be for part of February, March, April and May.

Luthur Nagaruk was in Oklahoma City at VOR school. He returned on March 20.

Carl Heiker was at school in Oklahoma City and returned the first part of April. He leaves again May 30 for VNAS school and will be gone for 3 weeks.

Donna Hayes left for Anchorage April 3, to await the birth of their baby. They were hoping for a girl. Jennifer Alissa was born May 11 and weighed 6 lb 15 oz. How about that for a Mothers Day present!

Actually Cold Bay had 2 new arrivals in Anchorage on Mothers Day. Marlin and Ann Bricker are the proud new parents of 9 month old Julie Ann. She arrived at Anchorage International from Korea at 6:30 a.m. Congratulations from all of us, we hear she is a beautiful baby.

Bob Edwards, one of our new ETs, came from Anchorage March 13 and has since left for school in Okla. City. He will be back the last of May.

Tom Barclay (Weather Service) went to Anchorage March 7, but it certainly wasn't a pleasure trip! He slipped on the ice and really messed up his leg. Broke the tibia, chipped the ankle bone, had an ankle separation and pulled some tendons loose. He finally got his cast off about the middle of May.

The FAA and Weather Bureau had a pot luck in the newly completed COMSERFAC building. The interior is beautiful and the building is really a pleasure to use now. The guys who worked on it deserve two (2) Atta-Boys!! Plans are underway to repair the pool table and the ping pong table. Also, we hope to install a fountain for the kids.

The Girl Scouts put on a pot luck at the COMSERFAC Saturday, March 15, for their families. Everyone enjoyed the food (which was prepared by the girls), watching the Scouts do charades and participating in a Chinese Auction.

Ken Galic, Assistant Sector Manager, from King Salmon, paid us a 3 day visit in February. SET John Gillespie gave him "the Dukes Tour" of Cold Bay. Wonder what was so interesting at Flying Tigers that kept the guys out till 9:30? Ugh, cold supper!

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Two weeks later it was Air Traffic's turn. Charlie Muhs, RO Air Traffic Division, came down for a visit. It seems he spent a little time here as a FSS Specialist a few years back. He really seemed to enjoy renewing old acquaintances along with giving the FSS a once over.

The "elusive Caribou" are almost as elusive as ever. However, Bob Livingston and John Farley finally caught up with one in March. We still have quite a few frustrated hunters around here though.

March 28 the Pavlov Club (COMSERFAC) had election of officers. The new officers are: John McLaughlin, Chairman; Helen Barclay, Secretary-Treasurer; our board members are John Farley and Elsie Magaruk.

The Girl Scouts had a going away party, at the COMSERFAC, for the Logans (Mrs. Logan was assistant Scout Leader). They had lots of good food and then we played several games.

On April 26, the Pavlov Club had a Spring Dance. Marvin Mack, his brother and sister were going to provide live music but his brother was weathered in at Sand Point and his sister was in the hospital. Some of the guys from the Air Force Radar Site volunteered to "pinch hit" with Marvin and we ended up with quite a "jam session". I think everyone really enjoyed themselves because we didn't close the doors until 3:30 a.m.

Ruth Gillespie had a baby shower for Terri Evan on May 2. We played several games. Don't know how Ruth thought them up but they were unusual and fun. Terri received some very lovely things for the baby.

Frank Snodgrass and his family have transferred to Bettles. We were sorry to see them go.

We had a going away party on May 15, for the Bartels and the Gillespies. The Bartels are going to Northway. John Gillespie is going to be at the Anchorage Center. We are really going to miss them.

We have four new families on station: First to arrive (April 28) were the Chalks; Jack, Donna and their two sons Shawn and Chris. They are from California. He is in electronics.

Shirly Smith, AT trainee, came from the International FSS in Anchorage on May 12. She must be lucky when it comes to weather. Beginning the day she arrived we had SEVEN days of beautiful weather.

Neal and Janice Jenkins and son Joey (3 months) got here May 14, from Decatur, Illinois. He is in AT.

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Our last arrival on May 22, and also from Illinois is Don Watts and his wife Jackie. He is in electronics and she is secretary for the Public Health Nurse.

Everyone seems to like it here, they even like the weather. We really don't have constant 90 mph winds. Sure we have some bad weather but we also have our share of good weather too. The weather changes so fast here that it is never dull.

With all the traveling that has been done the last few months we should have a Get Acquainted/Re-acquainted/Welcome Home Party if we ever get everyone here at the same time.

I guess that is my "two cents worth" for this month. How about the rest of you putting in yours? The Trapline has become mighty slim the last few months. It is always interesting to read where everyone is and what they are doing! It really doesn't take long to write it especially if you get a couple of other people together and compare notes. Hope to read about everyone next month. S. A. M. -- Cold Bay.

DOW VISITS ALASKA



Dow arrived on N-1 for a one-day visit to Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kotzebue. At the banquet, he chatted with Carl Fundeen and his Executive Secretary, Mrs. Catherine Rodimon.

BETTLES

HELLO AGAIN FROM BETTLES; We will start with the good news that Cheri La Chance did not have long to wait for the new one to arrive. Cheri went to Fairbanks on March 25 and early March 28 was on her way to the hospital. Ande Lynn was born at 7:23 p.m. weighing in at 5 lb. 1 1/4 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Dennis left Bettles at 10:00 a.m. and rumor has it that he had to get out and push the plane because it just wouldn't fly fast enough. Congratulations to the happy parents.

On April 3 Dr. Hepler and Sydney Hutchins arrived here from Anchorage to give a Red Cross Course. There were 5 adults who attended and we did have 3 of the students from the school attend. We are thankful that we have these people who will come out and teach us many of the safety tips as we do have a long way to travel in the case of an emergency.

Some of the excitement here was the arrival of the new generator for the local power plant. The generator was brought over the ice road. There was some difficulty in getting it over the small glacier area and a couple of other things to slow it down but it did finally arrive. Hear that there has been much work going on to get it put in.

We send congratulations to Debbie and Jack Thompson who celebrated their first anniversary on April 10.

The gals here still have their sewing meetings on Wednesday. This gives the gals a chance to get caught up on some of their mending or to work on a hobby that they may have started. In any case we do enjoy getting together. There is also a Bible Study being held on Mondays. We are at the present going through a Studies in Christian Living.

On Friday, April 18, Alex, son of John Scrivner, and a friend Matt Fickus, spent the night camping just outside of Bettles. Except for getting a little cold (it was -13) they did enjoy the trip.

Two of the families will be taking their 737 during the month of May. C.T. and Leslie Riggins and the Scrivner family will be making the big adventure.

Seeds for the garden we hope to have this year have been started. With all the plants that came up, we will have to have a couple of acres for planting. We are looking forward to fresh vegetables any time we want. Too bad a winter garden isn't possible.

Bill and Lisa Berndt just returned from making Fairbanks green. Hope they had a good time.

At present we have Steve Lewis with us as a GFET relief from Fairbanks.

See you next time. Barbara Scrivner -- Bettles.



AT THE BANQUET: James E. Dow, Acting FAA Administrator; his Executive Secretary, Mrs. Catherine Rodimon, and Charles E. Weithoner, Associate Administrator for Administration.



AT THE BANQUET: Secretary's Aide Raymond Cybulski and Alaskan Region's Executive Officer Don Keil. On Right: Mr. Dow and Jerome Lardy, of the Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region, talk about Alaska in the old days, as Jerry saw it.

DOW VISITS ALASKA



ATTEND BANQUET: Dale Hansen and his wife, Gene, were there. Dale is Principal Maintenance Inspector at the General Aviation District Office in Anchorage.



ATTEND BANQUET: Albert Eggebrotten, Supervisory Electronic Technician, and his wife, Sharon, came in from Northway to attend the meetings.