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## CAA TEENAGERS ARE HAPPY, INTERESTED TALENTED GROUP

Teenagers, throughout the CAA family in Alaska, are making names for themselves, and disprove the popular belief that our youngsters these days are problems.

In a brief survey, the Mukluk Telegraph has turned up some outstanding sons and daughters of CAA families, and herewith proudly presents an account of some of their accomplishments. In subsequent issues, the Teenager and his interests will be the subject of regular contributions by Patricia Avery, who conducts a column, Teen Topics, in the Anchorage Times on the general subject of teenage activity in this area. Mukluk correspondents are urged to supply her with information on her specialty from all stations.

Patricia and her sister, Maureen, first met the CAA when Willis B. Avery, now head of the CAA's commissary in Anchorage, was working at Iliamna. Avery admits that the family worried and wondered above moving into Anchorage--that wicked city--with their youngsters, but he could have saved his wrinkles. Maureen and Patricia, products of the Calvert system of schooling from their fifth and sixth grades through their eighth and ninth, sailed through classes at the fine Anchorage High School with ease.

They had time for lots of extra-curricular activities. Maureen first won



PATRICIA AVERY

## VETERAN CAA EMPLOYEES GET LENGTH OF SERVICE PINS THROUGHOUT REGION

### BANNER IDEAS APLENTY

The same Mukluk banner heads this issue, because it was impossible to make a decision on the suggestions for improvement that have been sent in.

These suggestions ranged from excellent to questionable, the latter being submitted anonymously and consisting of a drawing of a male cow in mukluks. It seems so far out of character with Alaska and this journal that we will just ignore it.

But the others include some clever ideas and judging them will be difficult. It may be that ideas from two or more persons will be used for the final banner which should make its appearance on the June issue. Other suggestions can be considered if received by May 15.

the annual Elks Lodge contest as an outstanding student leader, and then Pat came along to win it in her turn. Pat has a sort of monopoly on the Soroptimist musical scholarship, which she has won 3 years in a row. It pays \$25 for supplies, and a year's free tuition. She has been studying piano for 8 years. Maureen is now a student at Willamette College in Oregon, and Pat will go there when she finishes high school next year.

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DOROTHY BRYANT

Veteran employees over the Region are being recognized by the award of 10, 20, and 30-year pins.

Vernon E. Huffman, Electronic Specialist in Anchorage, led the list in Anchorage where George S. McKean, Deputy Administrator, gave him his pin representing 30 years of federal employment, and 20-year pins to Henry W. Lally, William E. Broadwell, Jack E. Reich, Albert M. Machin, Bernard R. Martin, and Charles F. Wayer, Jr.

Huffman has been with the CAA most of his time. He joined the Bureau of Air Commerce in 1931, transferred from the old Fifth Region to Talkeetna in the spring of 1940, and has served at many Alaskan stations.

In the field, 20 years of service was recognized in the presentation of pins to Edward L. Ward at Kotzebue; Donald E. Darling at Northway; Judson R. Lanier at Sitka; Lloyd S. Blackman and Forbes L. Baker at Fairbanks; and Joseph F. Ballard at Gustavus. Station Managers presented the pins along with a letter from the Administrator congratulating the recipient.

Ten year veterans are:

#### ANCHORAGE

Frank E. Berry  
William H. Bisson  
Leland H. Bragg  
Richard H. Brannon  
Joe Britton  
James V. Brown  
Jack F. Buckley (Reg. 4)  
Kenneth M. Carl  
Louis Caster  
Thomas A. Coughlin, Jr.  
Elmer L. DuFrane  
Phyllis M. Folta  
Chester S. Fredericksen  
Bess R. Goodrich  
Charles J. Goshorn  
Martin L. Greiner  
Gordon I. Halsten  
Clea Harwick  
Arnie A. Helda  
Raymond C. Hensley  
Wilford A. Holdren  
Ralph D. Huffer  
Donald D. Jones

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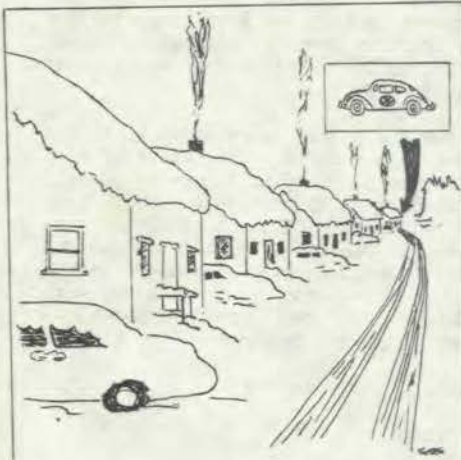
## CAA Ice Pool Winners at Anchorage



Twenty employees of the Maintenance Shop of the CAA at Anchorage won on an ice pool ticket, and are each \$307.35 richer. Hero of the effort was Arnie Hedla whose 2:56 brought home the bacon. The twenty are C. F. Allnutt, E. D. Bal-

lard, P. J. Bjorgen, W. H. Butler, Robert Chong, B. H. Cowart, J. M. Denny, A. A. Hedla, T. W. Joslyn, G. K. McKenzie, L. McCoy, L. M. Nelson, H. Norheim, F. L. Pollard, S. Povsche, L. H. Ransier, A. Schultz, George Severson, F. C. Smith and Dick Walsh.

## GUESS WHO OWNS A VOLKSWAGEN



Clarence L. Estes and Gilbert W. Daney, Jr., Anchorage, do not see eye-to-eye automotively.

They got to thinking about those little foreign cars and slipped into art and poesy respectively. Estes wants us to admire, not crush, those little cars that eat harmful insects, but Daney feels they are made in der Black Forest by Elves and should be stamped out. Let's hope their collision happens only in words.

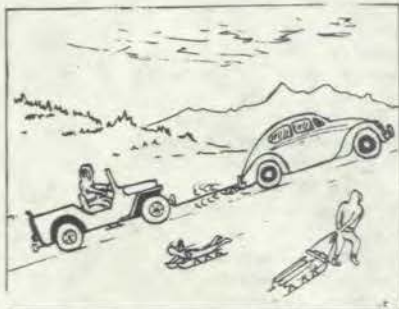
### A SAD STORY MINUS BACKGROUND MUSIC

This a story, sad indeed  
Of the feeble sports car's lack and need.  
While other cars run smooth as sable  
We tell of the can with the blue label.

We hear a crash, a bang, a sputter  
Two cars coasting, one silent, the other  
A sports car driver with face so grim  
And a Soap Derby entry passing him.

But lest we weep and shed a tear  
And start to blubber in our beer  
Remember this of also rans  
Some good things do come in cans.

And should these owners moan and gripe  
And demand an apology for this tripe  
I humbly state lest they feel blue  
I'm sorry I said it, but it's true.  
Gil Daney, Jr.



When the buds begin to swell  
Along the red willow switches,  
And the larvae of the skeeter  
'Gins to hatch in all the ditches;  
When the moon performs his magic  
And the plainest girl bewitches,  
And a bumble bee invades the legs

Of Norm Potosky's britches...  
Spring is here.

When that dignified Potosky  
CAA's budget estimator  
Feels the vibrant little insect  
Buzzing near his own equator,

## AIR CARRIER

Norman Schrader has recently arrived in Alaska to take over the duties of Supervising Inspector of the Air Carrier Safety District Office at the Anchorage International Airport. He previously was stationed in Minneapolis and Oklahoma City. Mr. Schrader drove over the highway with his wife and one dog.

Beechcraft N90579 was recently taken to Oklahoma City for overhaul and modification. Norm Schrader piloted the aircraft and was accompanied by Haney F. Rodgers, Air Carrier Maintenance Inspector of Air Carrier Safety District Office No. 31. Mr. Rodgers will attend the Turbo-Prop powered aircraft maintenance and operation school at Fairchild Aviation, at Hagerstown, Maryland, which is presently building the F-27 Turbo-Prop powered Fokker, contemplated for use by some Alaskan air carriers.

James Cardullo, Air Carrier Maintenance Inspector, Electronics, and Air Carrier Maintenance Inspector Theodore Hoffman of the Fairbanks Air Carrier Safety District Office, recently completed the Turbo-Prop School at Hagerstown, Maryland.

Vernon Denison has recently arrived in Juneau to fill the Air Carrier Maintenance Inspector's position in the Juneau ACSDO. He came from the Minneapolis ACSDO.

Usto Schultz, formerly an airline captain with extensive Alaskan flying experience, has completed indoctrination at the Aeronautical Center and will go on duty at the District Office at Anchorage International Airport.

Charlie Planck accompanied the Air Carrier people and others on the CAA-CAB tour recently, and ran into a problem at Kotzebue. Two young ladies were eating lunch in Rosman's store while the party was there, and Planck showed considerable interest. But he learned they were the wives of two California men--big fellows, both of them--who were in Alaska hunting polar bears with real guns, so he lost interest. Planck explained they were so pretty he figured they were hostesses, and he was merely building up good public relations for the CAA in being pleasant. And he accused the safety inspectors of "just sitting there, sipping coffee, doing nothing".

Nichols Rudasill has been assigned to this office as an enroute and approach specialist. He will coordinate these matters with other CAA divisions and industry.

## Spring on Fourth Avenue

In the office; drops his pants,  
Grabs the bee to decimate her--  
If the steno there objects,  
Wouldn't you, like he did, hate her?  
The Sting is here\*

\*Where? Ask Norm.



## EIGHT WOMEN STILL SERVE AT CAA STATIONS

The once-large contingent of women working in CAA towers and communications stations has narrowed down to eight, but they are eight interested and loyal members of the family.

Three of them, Miss Dorothy E. Bryant of McGrath, Mrs. Frances Scott, Fairbanks Combined Station Tower, and Mrs. Viola T. Sandell, Merrill Tower, Anchorage, have sent pictures and information for the Mukluk, and here are their stories.

Miss Bryant was working with a flying school in war work in Idaho Falls in 1945 when she heard of communicator jobs open in Alaska. After training at Seattle, and on-the-job training in Anchorage and McGrath, she became a confirmed communicator and an equally confirmed resident of McGrath. A gray-haired, pleasant, easy-to-like person, she looks out of place in her station at the microphone, until you hear the trained, efficient voice giving the kind of service to airmen which has made the CAA famous.



VIOLA SANDELL

"I live about as I always have," Miss Bryant says. "My interests are gardening, reading, sewing and community activities. This is my home and I am comfortable in one of the CAA apartments. I like my work, I feel I am useful, so expect to continue to work until retirement is necessary."

In the Merrill Tower, Viola T. Sandell is still "close to aviation." She was a WASP, and flying got into the blood of those girls.

"I jumped at the chance to join the Women's Airforce Service Pilots", she says. "Here I had quite a few ambitions fulfilled by flying aircraft up to and including multi-engine and medium bombers, and getting a military instrument rating. When released from service I found employment opportunities for women pilots pretty poor." Then she came with the CAA as a communications trainee so she could still see the airplanes.

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## Management News Notes

### YOU AREN'T QUALIFIED--OR ARE YOU?

Applicants for promotion or reassignment are often informed that they are not qualified. This information reaches them from the Personnel Division, where their applications are first examined, and where their eligibility for the job they are bidding on is determined.

"There is little doubt in our mind," Personnel officials say, "that a fair share of those who receive such notices of ineligibility are, in fact, qualified, but they have failed to give full statements of their employment experiences."

Personnel has some nice things to say about the Form 57.

This inescapable piece of paperwork is "your sales representative" says the Personnel Division, and it deserves your very careful attention. It speaks for you when you are bidding for promotion or reassignment.

"If it will help," the account goes on, "lock yourself in a room and tell yourself just what you did on a certain job; then write it down. It isn't necessary for an application to ramble on and on. Neither is it advisable to use copies of position descriptions. Your own words are preferred. If you were occupying a job with mixed duties, estimate how much of your time was devoted to each duty. If you do not do this, chances are you will receive no credit at all. Each of us is responsible for insuring that we have an adequately-prepared Form 57 on file. Your experience statement is taken for what it reflects."

Some other valuable points:

Promotion plan activity is too great to allow Personnel to dig up information on bidders.

Prepare a good application, putting your best foot forward, including all your experience, and then, keep a copy for yourself.

AN-90 will give you data from your personnel file on request.

If you are eligible to bid on a vacancy under the National Promotion Plan, or on a vacancy announced under the Washington Promotion Plan, be sure to have your application in Washington.

### WICHAMAGL CARLIN JAY

More students in Anchorage High School wanted information on aviation on their first career day April 2 than on any other subject. More than 150 asked questions of CAA's Charles K. Plonck, Don M. Britzer, Roy Rowland and Dave Jones.

Without this, Washington considers an applicant ineligible.

To make sure, prepare your application in detail, forward it to AN-90 with a note indicating it's for NPP purposes. It will then be forwarded immediately to Washington.

Under the Washington Promotion Plan applications must be in within five days of the announcement. Be sure you meet this deadline.

### WHAT CAUSES GRIEVANCES

The cause of an employee's grievance may be in a job, in the individual, in his outside or home life, in his relationships with the group or with his supervisor, or in any combination of those things. The employee may not even be able to recognize the cause sufficiently well to put it into words; moreover, he may even lay the blame for his dissatisfaction on some person or some condition which may not be the actual cause of the trouble at all. For those reasons, the resolution of grievances requires considerable skill on the part of the supervisor in getting to the heart of the problem, not just taking at face value necessarily what the employee says is wrong, but attempting to make certain that the real cause is uncovered and recognized and then correcting the condition that lies at the root of the problem.

### ABOUT YOUR BONDS

Don't write to Juneau about delivery of your Savings bonds.

The Treasury office at the Capitol merely inscribes the bonds from a listing which CAA payroll supplies. If you have a change in your address, notify Payroll by memo.

### MORE WRONG BILLINGS

The Fiscal Branch reports that there is a definite increase in the number of billings received from Stations in the last six months, and a definite increase in the number of errors on billing information. Much of this information concerns electrical energy agreements and commercial message agreement. These errors, says the branch, cause unnecessary labor and a recheck to prevent errors at their source would be most welcome.

Frank E. Smith, STMGR at Cordova, suggests that reporters of station news attach a paragraph to each month's news on novel, interesting or effective recreational activities. The interchange, he says, should be helpful to all stations.

Pretty elevator operator: "It isn't the ups and downs that bother me. It's the jerks".



## ANCHORAGE

On April 10, the end of the CAA winter bowling season came to a climax with the knock-down, drag-out series between the two Center teams, the Klondikers who were last year's CAA champs, and the Centerpedes. The Centerpedes entered the fracas as underdogs and came out of it with the same rating, as the Klondikers took the first game by 4 pins, lost the second by 101 pins, and came back to win the last one by 5 pins in a very exciting series. The Klondikers wound up 4th and the Centerpedes 13th in the second half standings.

Four ARTC employees in Anchorage are studying at the Community College. John Hatcher is taking Business Administration and Public Accounting. Lionel "Maddy" Maddeford is also taking Business Administration. Bob Feddersen is enrolled in Dramatics and two semesters of Public Speaking. Frank Jackson is having a refresher course in English and Math.

Bob Feddersen was chosen as understudy and stand-in for Will Rogers, Jr., who recently played the part of Nat Miller in the Anchorage Theater Workshop production of "Ahi Wilderness", staged in the Anchorage High School Auditorium April 1, 2, and 3.

Bill and Peggy Ice became the proud parents of a baby girl, Carol Anne, weighing seven pounds and two ounces, March 21.

Harry Huskey joined the list of ex-controllers a few months ago when he transferred to the Airways Flight Inspection Division as CAA pilot. Harry had been in the Center about five years. His flying experience began in World War II. In addition to being CAA pilot he is also Captain in the Air National Guard here and has been with them for several years piloting jets as well as conventional aircraft.

During the month of April, 3 new personnel entered on duty in the Center. John Fickler, first to arrive, comes to us from San Antonio Approach Control. But John is not new to the Territory as he was previously Station Manager at Yakataga. Kenny Carl comes from the Anchorage Station. Kenny was an Erac and has seen assignment at many of the stations up here. "Mert" Swim also comes from the Anchorage Station. Previous to ANC he has been at many stations in the Territory and has served as Station Chief at Nome, Northway and Moses Point.

Strange Things are Happening! On three separate occasions during the past several months a Mystery Man has been getting in light planes located on Merrill Field during the pre-dawn hours and having a ride at the aircraft owner's expense. During the last flight he cracked up an Aeronca when attempting to land but managed to elude Territorial and city police, leaving his identity remain a mystery. On top of this mystery, a lady called in one evening from Portage advising she saw a light gray

## Yes Sir Guvner!



Governor Albert Rosellini, Washington, encourages CAA boxers. On his left, Tate Jackson, a Winnah! and on his right, Ricky Michlidge

plane on the glacier with both wings broken off. At the base of the glacier she saw what appeared to be a body or a blanket floating on the ice. Search and Rescue combed the area and advised they observed nothing and considered the incident closed and said it was probably a mirage.

### TOWER NOTES (ANC TOWER)

Al Woodward, Anchorage Tower Chief, returned recently from leave which we understand was spent in the remote skiing regions of Utah.

Lee Bragg and family are transferring to Great Falls, Montana, after a lengthy Alaskan tour of duty. We all wish him the best of luck at his new station.

Anchorage Tower welcomed the arrival of Controller Paul Gregory, formerly of Norfolk, Va. Paul says that he has found a home here in Alaska.

The Tower's answer to the sports car enthusiasts is Ted Szydlo. Ted can be seen at any hour streaking along in his little machine, cap at a rakish angle, sun glasses, long cigarette holder and usually an attractive female is in the jump seat.

Ralph Pott recently returned from a PDI meeting held in Los Angeles. Ralph currently has six or seven trainees who are doing well in their training.

The Tower is now having an air conditioning unit installed, a most welcome addition to the facility. The refrigeration engineers say that this thing can be tuned down to about the ice cube level. That solves a problem.

Ed Logan

Washington reports that new and better Service Award Pins given by the CAA for length of service, will be of better quality and more attractive, beginning next year, according to information received from the Department.

### Anchorage Station Electronics

Recent returnees from the Aeronautical Center Radar School are Les Griffey, sporting a butch haircut and the hottest thing out in Chevrolet hard-toos, and Wayland Linscomb, bursting with pride over the acquisition of an Aeronca Sedan. Accompanying Wayland on his flight up the highway was Johnny Parks, one-time SMT here, who is currently engaged in teaching technicians all there is to know about ILS/VOR equipment. Johnny's visit was a welcome one and we were glad to hear about all our friends and ex-Alaskans in Oklahoma City.

Fred Epler recently joined our staff of technicians, and some of you old-timers may remember Fred from his days as an AOS at Kodiak and Nome, or as a technician at Umiat and Juneau. Don Maxvold is another former AOS now making good in the electronics world. Don recently passed the ILS/VOR screening exam and is ready for another joust with the slip-stick artists at OKC.

Alaska's only operating VOR, commissioned with blood, sweat and tears on January 8, is merrily spraying the countryside with radials from its perch atop Fire Island and keeps our Navals crew moderately busy. Aside from a few transportation problems and occasionally bumping our noses on military security regulations, the VOR has not presented any real maintenance problems. Jim Hurst, ex-CAA airplane driver, also keeps busy flying our techs to and from the island in his sleek new Apache.

Kklutna's pioneer resident, Kenny West-enbarger, reported in the other day, back from his wolf-hunting safari. According to Kenny, it was a pretty good trip and, as we got the story, the total bag was somewhere around 100 wolves.

Maintenance personnel at this station are viewing with some concern the impending commissioning of the Susitna H-FM facility. This site is strategically located in the heart of the Elmendorf firing range. AN-625 has been forced to beat an orderly retreat a couple of times already, finding themselves out-gunned, and evasive action the only possible defense. It is beginning to look as though we'll have to restrict maintenance trips to this facility to non-EMBP members only. Neil Owen, one of the mainstays of our Navals crew, has already handed in his resignation. He says he wants to go back to school and get an engineering degree, but we wonder....?

Seriously, though, we will be real sorry to lose Neil next month, but we admire his courage and determination and wish a little of it would rub off on us.

ODDS'N' ENDS....Bill Conyers judiciously weighing the down payment on a new house against the purchase of a new boat....Ray Bird vowing to be down to 175 pounds by August....Bert Hackenberger dispensing cake down in the Frame

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## EASTER POETRY

Yakutat public school, largely filled with CAA scholars, has a publication too. It is called the Ptarmigan Express. In its Easter issue, Christine Lovelace, daughter of Hylen V. Lovelace, strikes a high note with a poem:

Easter is coming  
As fast as the bunny can run.  
He's coming on Sunday,--  
I'm glad it's not Monday  
Because Monday is a school day!!

There's nothing like good, hard work.  
And wouldn't it be awful if there was!

### VETERANS, from Page 1

Also in Anchorage:

Austin J. Judson, James H. Kelly, Joseph L. Kinney, Albert D. Kray, Herman N. Kurriger, Frank R. Lewis, Jesse P. Malone, Gene O. Markle, Donald L. Maxvold, Harold L. Maxwell

Walter R. Muchow, Jr., William L. Mulaly, Ralph L. Olson, Merle J. Ranson, James C. Ray, Robert Robinson, Harold J. Rowe, James H. Seitz, Russell A. Stallcup, Visilike G. Stamos

Gladys W. Strzelec, Delmar L. Tarleton, Roy C. Taylor, Charles R. Whitfield, John C. Williams, Roy V. Williams, Jesse E. Wooten, Harold M. Wright, Joseph J. Yugovich

James J. Carroll, Aniak; J. S. Cooke, Jason A. Gray, Harold R. Guthrie, Jr., Donald F. Shantz, Bethel; Walter Burkevich, Jr., Big Delta; Rowan L. Haven, Cold Bay

Fred L. McGuire, John N. Pfeffer, Ray A. Wardell, Jack K. Warren, Galena; Andrew B. Geoit, Gulkana; William L. Saxton, King Salmon; William J. Brown, Leo P. Schaeffer, Kotzebue

John A. Nyland, Kodiak; Michael K. Feser, Iliamna; Donald R. Faller, Moses Point; Donald L. Waterman, McGrath; Richard W. Gross (Reg. 4), Orla E. Nielsen, Gustavus

Elvan G. John, Wallace D. Leask, Annette; Rolf W. Cramer, Albert L. Iverson, Jr., Robert G. Martin, Gordon L. Schroeder, Garland R. Wall, Duane E. Widdis, Fairbanks

Robert C. Thompson, Homer; Hans J. Gunderson, Alver John, Bob F. Noel, John C. Owicki, Billie D. West, Juneau; James H. Alexander, Clement G. Boucher, Nome; Robert F. Baker, Benjamin H. Goins, James I. Jensen, Alphonse Semientieff, Nenana

Lawrence L. Estes, Ronald E. Nixon, Jr. Northway; Robert H. Watson, Summit; Thomas Glazier, Sitka; George E. Hottle, Talkeetna; Elmer L. Jones; Ralph Roberts, Unalakleet; Cleveland W. Glover, Nathan R. Grisham, Edward W. Renner, Yakataga

## From 'way Down South to the North Countree!

From just north of the Equator to just north of the Arctic Circle is a long haul any way you look at it. The transition is both climatic and climactic. But Mr. and Mrs. Lewis D. Harman and their two school-age children, Sherry and Larree, have taken it in stride, even though it was a giant stride from Kwajalein Atoll to Bettles ATCS.

A former Aircraft Commander for the U. S. Navy on one of the Search and Rescue seaplanes at Kwajalein, Mr. Harman is now an Airways Operations Specialist for the CAA at Bettles. He likes CAA work and intends to make a career of it. Mrs. Harman is a housewife, a Sunday School teacher (with Mrs. Cora Tandeske she teaches a class of 19 children) and has just been approved by CAA Personnel for a stenographic position at Bettles station. By way of extra-curricular activities, they are also observers and reporters for the Mukluk Telegraph.

Quoting Mrs. Harman: "We thought there was a danger that the days might pass too slowly at an Alaskan outpost station. Actually, the opposite is true. We've found so many things to do up here that the real problem is finding the time to do them."

And quoting Mr. Harman: "When we can take time off from the business of making a living and bringing up a family, we explore the country, fish the country, and hunt the country. I'm even doing my best to snare a few snowshoe rabbits, though the rabbits don't seem to realize it yet ... And I've tried my hand at the controls of a bush plane, which was enough to make me realize that there is more Alaskan country yet to be seen than I'm likely to have time to see."

The Harman children have adapted themselves as painlessly as their elders to life in this new environment. When they left Kwajalein Island, the temperature stood at 82 degrees above zero;

when they reached Bettles Field, it was 40 below and a North wind bearded with icicles slammed straight down the CAA runway. But the younger Harmans faced it with fortitude. Their first official act was to requisition two sleds from the Sears Roebuck catalog.

"I think we're going to like it here," Larree shuddered. "Kwajalein Island was a little bit different, though."

The Navy has the responsibility of operating the control tower and the Air Force operates the ARTC," Mr. Harman says. "I've been told that Honolulu would like to take it over when personnel are available and operate it as a combined station-tower. Kwajalein has one non-directional low frequency homer, omni, UHF and VHF direction finding equipment, and a Loran station located on Wake and Ebeye Island."

What will he miss most in the Marshalls?

"The fishing, I guess. There was a lot of skin-diving on the islands, and trolling for fish was the most popular sport—maybe because all you had to do was toss your lure overside to hook one of the endless species of salt-water fish. They were all good fighting fish, too—dolphin, dogtooth tuna, bonita, barracuda, red snapper and a hundred other varieties. The sharks were the only drawback; if they didn't actually succeed in stealing the hooked fish from the line, they'd sometimes trail it all the way to your boat and make one last grab for a free dinner ... Glad they don't have sharks in the Koyukuk River."

Another nice thing about Kwajalein, Mr. Harman says, is the complete absence of mosquitoes. "They've never heard of mosquitoes in the islands. On the other hand, I guess you don't have many of them around Bettles, either, do you?"

We've got news for him.

## Twenty and Thirty—Year Men



From Left, McKeen, Reich, Broadwell, Wayer, Huffman, Machin, Lally



## KIND WORDS....from chiefs and Indians

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## CAA Sons Box

The CAA Communications Station at Merrill Field was represented by two sons of Operations Specialists in the Greater Anchorage Boys' Boxing Tournament held Saturday night, April 19, in the Anchorage High School Gymnasium.

Tate Jackson, 10, son of Station Chief Felton Jackson, won his bout in the 60-65 pound class, but Jimmy Kinney, 9, son of Supervisor Joe Kinney, was beaten by the extra age and experience of his 11-year old opponent in the 72-77 pound group.

Besides Jackson and Kinney, Anchorage Communications Specialist Larry Martin, as Secretary-Treasurer, has been active in organizing and developing the Anchorage Boys' Club and training the boys in boxing. An amateur athletic union charter has been obtained, and the Lions' Club has promised assistance toward building a clubhouse.

After elimination bouts in their own clubs, the Anchorage boys met the winners from the Spenard Boys' Club in the end of season tourney April 19, and although Anchorage won only three out of eleven matches, a promising beginning has been made. All Anchorage CAA members are invited to enter their boys and join in the training next fall when the season gets underway again.

They also serve who only stand and wait, and Anchorage Communicators Gordon Helsten and Jim Ray served as doormen at the bout, which drew an attendance of more than 1,200.

## KING SALMON

A big chunk of news from King Salmon concerns the Katmai Club. We are rebuilding, bigger and better, with the theater, library, kitchen, fireplace, card table, pool table, under one roof. All that—and a view of Naknek River sunsets, too!

The boat and motor awarded April 14 by the club's fund-raising committee went to AOS Martin Ondra of McGrath, holder of the winning raffle ticket. Congratulations, Martin. You haven't seen her yet but she's a trim craft, that she is.

Shelia Maurine Demsey, born April 4, daughter of Joyce and Tower Chief Jack Demsey.

AOS O. L. Rahm, ex-Navy Chief, is getting a transfer to Woody Island. Kinda like going home to Ray.

And AOS Joseph Galante, Jr., is expected here the week of April 20. Controller Dick Newton and wife Bilde on leave. AOS John Andree to start 4/1 April 24.

Congratulations to SEMT Carl Burgess. He just passed out the cigars. Carl has been selected for GS-12 Electronics Engineer, or some such impressive title.

## WHO PUTS OUT THE MUKLUK?



The staff of the Mukluk includes the editor and three hard-working people in the Anchorage office: Carol Schoonmaker, volunteer typist, Myrna Schultz, printer, and Herman Kurrieger, photographer.

The printing is done entirely in the CAA's Class A print shop in the Federal building, on a 11" x 14" offset press. Type composition is by typewriter, and every word is typed twice so that the right hand margins of all columns can be even or "justified". This job Carol

Schoonmaker, Secretary to John Hooper of the Air Force Subcommittee, undertook as her contribution until clerical help is available in the editor's office. Kurrieger, for 10 years CAA's ebullient and capable photographer, handles the "art", and this means careful copying of photographs and skillful printing.

Myrna Schultz, a newcomer to the print shop, took over while Marilyn Ripley was on leave, and did an excellent job with the first two issues.

## TEENAGERS, from Page 1

Gregg Erickson, son of Stanley Erickson, Staff Assistant, Anchorage, has a regular TV program on Station KTVA, Anchorage. With a panel of his fellow students, he interviews Alaska leaders on a wide variety of subjects, under the program title, "Anchorage Teenagers Want to Know".

Ruth Ann Peterson, daughter of Mel Peterson, Chief of General Services, has also captured several scholarships in music. She and Francis Smith, son of the Station Manager at Cordova, are among the few high school graduates this year who have entered the finals for the coveted National Merit Scholarships.

It isn't easy for a teenager at a remote station where the supply of teenagers is scarce. Judy Alexander, stepdaughter of Foreman Mechanic John Neville at McGrath, faces that problem. But there are a few teenagers in the village, enough to stage a dance now and then in a donated room in one of the roadhouses, and Judy keeps busy with school, household duties, a bit of baby-sitting and has a possible two movies a week that she can see.

Proof of the pudding in this teenager-remotely-raised is in Kenneth Austerman, son of Theodore, for years Station Manager at Farewell, and now in Anchorage. He finished sixth grade at Farewell with his mother as teacher, entered Anchorage High School in the seventh grade and went a year to Reed College in Oregon. Then he married and now has his own business, The Furniture Clinic, in Anchorage.

Sally Gallagher, daughter of Mrs. Marie Gallagher, Budget, Anchorage, is a busy senior at Anchorage High. As cheer leader, she has done considerable traveling "with the team".

## CAA-CAB Tour

Three Washington Visitors got the "grand tour" of Alaska during April while on a survey of small-plane operators throughout the Territory accompanied by Administrator Rulen.

John Quinn, Safety Division of the CAB, Ward Masden, Air Carrier Safety, CAA and Bob Burbick, General Aviation Safety, Maintenance, were accompanied by Fifth Region officials on a tour touching Fairbanks, Nome, Kotzebue, McGrath, King Salmon, Dillingham, and the southeast points. They met with commercial operators of small planes, both individual and airlines, and discussed the special problems of this kind of flying in the Alaska area.

Marie Schmuck, of Nenana, describes teenager activity there:

In the wintertime Nenana Teenagers usually have a dance on Saturday night. They ask the Ice Pool manager if he will give them permission to use the Civic Center; if they have a supervisor and the Center is not being used for something else, they have their dance. Sometimes, when it isn't possible to have it in the Civic Center, they have it in the Native Hall. At various times basketball teams come to town and the older boys, with the men, make up the Nenana team. There are movies every Friday night. This year the school physical education teacher and her husband had a physical education program for the teenagers one night a week at the Civic Center. There are the Girl's Friendly Society sponsored by the Episcopal Church for teenage girls and Know Your Bible Club in the Nenana Chapel for kids up through high school. In the summertime there are movies on Tuesday as well as Friday nights. The kids go swimming and have a dance whenever and wherever they can. There are Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops.



## Club Considers Charters to Europe & Asia

Interest in the proposed interchange of tourists between Anchorage and Washington within the CAA-CAB family has not proved adequate for completion of the plan.

At the first announcement in Anchorage, some 28 prospective tourists sent their names to Jack Fielding, President of the Club, but James Clericuzio, President of the CA Club in Washington, reported that only three had expressed interest there.

The idea, many believe, is still a good one, but it requires more education of Stateside people on the vacation possibilities in Alaska. In particular, the mileage of roads within the Territory, making possible automobile tourist traveling, is not generally known, and people outside are surprised to learn there are 3,000 miles of roadway here, three-fourths of which is paved. Tourism is not confined to the relatively

expensive air travel so prevalent in the Territory.

Further exploration of the idea will be made, according to Fielding, since the first bid for a chartered plane resulted in the attractive price of less than \$200 for a round trip, and the exchange of homes and cars between tourists promises important savings for members of the Civil Aeronautics families.

Low-cost charter trip possibilities from Anchorage are promising and a committee of the Civilair Club will soon be looking into possibilities for such trips in coming years to Tokyo, Hawaii, Washington and Paris.

The trend to jets, plus the fact that metal airplanes never wear out has given rise to a new beatitude: "Blessed are the poor, for they shall inherit the piston-engined jobs."

ANCHORAGE, from Page 4

Room on his birthday....Bob Blackburn back from America with a gold-colored Volkswagen....Carl Johnson and Les Griffey swapping lies about their new Chevys....RO visitor Don Scroggs and Ray Bird hopelessly ensnared in a mountain of ACA-416's....Wally Green, one-time AN-670 engineer, wining and dining yours truly to gain the loan of our stencil kit....Les Griffey waxing ecstatic over test-hopping the new Piper Comanche....Ted Austerman desperately counting coffee cans and money and hoping to come out even on the coffee fund....Betty Shirley, answering the telephone, when asked by one of our waggish cohorts downtown to let them speak to one of the "wheels" inquires sweetly "Do you want the blond, the brunette or the bald one?"....Ivan Turner beginning to sag under the weight of his Groucho-type mustache held over from the Fur Rendezvous....All hands planning big on spending their share of the ice pool winnings... No more Friday morning alibis about last night's bowling scores....All our technicians over-joyed with the prospect of getting to make out an ACA-1880 again....Bill Conyers relating in hushed tones the awesome events that took place when the clothesline collapsed at his house....Incidentally, for the information of those at Nenana, Bill does pretty good on getting his moose on the doorstep, too, and he lives only five minutes from the station on the Campbell Air strip road. Last September he dropped one moose twin about 200 yards from the house and his neighbor got the other one. And Carl Johnson at our Remote Receivers keeps his transmission lines festooned with fluttering strips of rags to keep the beasts out of the antenna plot.

And finally, bouquets to Mr. Planck and his staff for reviving a much-needed publication, providing us with a means of keeping in touch with our friends and acquaintances around the Territory,

## IN MAY and JUNE EXTRA DOLLARS FOR YOUR IDEAS

Somebody in the Fifth Region can make a lot of money!

Washington is disturbed over the few suggestions that come from CAA employees in connection with the Incentive Awards Plan.

"We have not taken the time to do this job thoroughly", Administrator James T. Pyle wrote recently in announcing a special drive during May and June to awaken all employees to the importance of this government-wide program.

Even very simple suggestions earn money awards. Here are the extra added awards offered for suggestions during these two months:

\$75, \$50, and \$25 in addition to the usual award to the three employees making the most significant contribution during May and June in terms of number and value of suggestions submitted.

\$100, \$75, and \$50 in addition to the usual award, to the three supervisors who contribute most by stimulating and assisting employees to submit suggestions.

Then, out of the Region's suggestions, the winners will be considered in Washington for still further awards, thus: \$150, \$100, and \$50 to employees as additional national prizes.

\$200, \$150, and \$100 to supervisors as additional national prizes.

and we offer our best wishes for the continued success of the Mukluk Telegraph.

## BABBY WESTOVER, 4 PASSES SWIM TEST

Mary Ann Westover, 4, swimming sensation of Anchorage, has passed her beginner's test and may now play around in the deep end of the pool at The Spa, Inc., Anchorage swimming club.

Ralph F. Westover, Chief of the Budget and Finance Division, had to settle an argument recently between the youngest of his six swimmers, and a new life guard at the pool. Mary Ann was all over the pool and the guard finally took her by the hand and confronted Papa Ralph, allowing it wasn't safe for her to be in the pool, not accompanied by an adult.

"She'll have to stay in the shallow end of the pool," he said.

"Well, all right", said Ralph, who picked up "Babby" and heaved her into the deep end, where she struck out for the shallow end, but met met two of brothers enroute and got ducked twice in the usual battle.

Then Ralph and the guard read the book, found out what was required for a beginner's test and put Mary Ann through the paces. She passed, even to the matter of swimming on her back which she insisted on learning by herself without her father's help.

But she still gives adult visitors fits when they see her in the pool with the Westover clan, which spends most of its recreational hours at The Spa.

## 7 WHO CAME BACK

Old-timers in the Region will recognize the names of many Anchorage Station personnel who have transferred outside, and then back to Alaska. Joe Alnugy, formerly of Annette and King Salmon, went outside to Arcata, California, but now finds the climate in Anchorage better than California. Same with Gordon Halsten, who went from Kotzebue to Portland, Oregon, and Dyersburg, Tenn.

Jim Ray, formerly of Anchorage, has been in Balboa, Canal Zone, and Greenville, Mississippi, before returning to Anchorage. Cap Sergeant went from Kotzebue to Farmington, Missouri, and Key West, Florida, for the CAA, but now prefers Alaska to Florida. Lloyd Patrick has also returned after a period outside. Jim Wardwell, formerly traveling AOS in this region, has returned to Anchorage after only 20 days at Rock Springs, Wyoming. Ralph Huffer, who spent several years in Region 8 at Calena and Anchorage, has returned after transferring to Coocoma, Idaho.

Some people lose their minds while others give their minds away - a piece of it at a time - both are to be pitied.



## NENANA

With the arrival of spring all thoughts have turned to boating. Mechanic Art Schmuck and Ben Goins are in the process of building air boats. Art is powering his boat with a 145 hp continental engine. Ben is still in the market for an aircraft engine 115 to 145 hp. When completed these will be the only air boats in Nenana and if they are as practical as Ben and Art say they are there might be some used outboards for sale here.

Our trips to Fairbanks came to an end this month. The road has been closed and the ice is no longer safe to drive on. We hope some of the winter rumors of a ferry across the river become a reality.

AOS Jim Jensen returned from his state-side visit. Asked what the kids enjoyed most on the trip, Jim replied, fresh milk.

The Nenana ice classic is almost history now. Ticket sales have closed and the master book is almost completed. The only thing left to do is wait and sweat out the minutes.

We remember way back when.....

Duffy Defresne used to sing regularly in the Church Choir along with other CAAs....Our Regional Administrator used to be Chief at Reno....All Junior Radio Operators in CAA were demoted one grade for economy reasons.....It was necessary to maintain a speed of 30/30 wpm or else look for another job.....

## JUNEAU

Juneau experienced one of the mildest winters for many years. A record was set in the month of March where only 1.20 inches of precipitation was recorded. The entire month was bathed in sunshine.

SAOS Ken Wood was selected for promotion and transfer as Assistant Chief at the Anchorage OATIS. Ken advises he has spent the most pleasant five years of his CAA career at the Juneau facility and will certainly miss the old gang.

Radio Electronics personnel John Soignier and James Smith are attending school at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. EMT Woodrow Welling of Sisters Island departed on his new assignment as instructor at Oklahoma City.

ACSDO Gil Joynt has been in Oklahoma City the past three weeks on training assignment. With the arrivals of Mr. Dennison for ACSDO and Mr. Garvin for GSDO the local Safety Office staffing has been completed.

Station Manager "Red" Wilkins has the Gruman Goose warmed up and in readiness for the arrival of the Regional Administrator's inspection of south-eastern sites.

## WELCOME GO RAILROADING

Dick Inman, Station Manager at Yakutat, has an interesting welcome sheet for new employees.

As a piece of bureaucratic literature, it's very bad—much too clear and precise, but it gets across the fact that the newcomer is welcome, and tells him general rules of life at the station. It gives chatty details on the mail schedule, recreation, laundry, housing, traffic regulations around the hangar and the following:

**Trail Blazer Operation:** A converted weapons carrier has been equipped with flanged wheels for operation on the Yakutat and Southern Railway to and from the Situk River. Recommended speed of operation of this vehicle is 15 mph, with a maximum of 18 mph. The tracks are bad, and it's a job to get her back on the track once it jumps. The present procedure for use of the Trail Blazer is to obtain permission from the Station Manager or the Foreman Mechanic, contact Bellingham Canning Co. down town for clearance to operate on the tracks. They have jurisdiction, inasmuch as they own the layout. Then half hour prior to planned departure, put out a general phone call or have the operator on duty do it, giving the time of departure. This enables all employees to take advantage of the trip. A government employee must drive the vehicle. This operation commences as soon as the snow leaves the tracks, she won't buck much snow.

## PERSONNEL TRAINING

A Management Training Course with 12 students began in Anchorage April 7.

Those participating were John Silven, George Allen, Robert Matson, P. J. Verdin, Genevieve Crow, W. W. Welch, Willis Avery, William Dudley, Martin Proffitt, Clarence Starr, and David Simpson, of the CAA, and Marion Roscoe of the CAB.

Conducted by Gilmore S. Reese, Fifth Region Training Officer, recently returned from a Washington seminar in CAA training, the class will first study Training and Human Relations, a 24-hour course. Next fall a second 16-hour course in work improvement, how to direct work and performance rating will be given to complete the 40-hour course. Group discussion, training aids, actual demonstration teaching and evaluation by the trainees is the form of the instruction.

Reese hopes to get three more such classes of similar size instructed by the end of June.

Late this summer, or early fall, the latter part of this course, consisting of 16 hours of training in work improvement, how to direct work and the performance rating, will be given to Station Managers. Tentatively, these courses will be given to Station Managers gathered at Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks.

## GULKANA

At Sunrise Easter services, held by the Central Alaska Mission on the parking area of the Gulkana runway, 45 cars were parked, and approximately 100 persons attended. Easter services at the Catholic Mission and the Central Alaska Mission were attended by record gatherings.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw returned from Edmonton the first of April, bringing with them their own Easter Gift, a brand new adopted son, Cecil Francis, age 2, birthday April 21. The old house isn't what she used to be.

Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow became the proud parents of a daughter, Patricia Joy, 7 lbs & 13 ozs, April 18.

Despite a still considerable quantity of snow remaining hereabouts, spring has arrived in the Copper Valley. We know because Andy and Edith Geoit and family have gone fishing, the everhopeful gardeners have been sorting and planting seeds in flats, fishing tackle has been unlimbered, spades unearthed and burnished. Stmgr McIntosh has his spring crew at work and was also seen getting his fishing trailer in shape. Mr. Brown has been busy building a greenhouse. The rest of us just stood around, spring fever.

We are glad to see the Mukluk Telegraph back in print again, although possibly it should be changed to Mukluk Microphone since the ranks of telegraphers are thinning so rapidly.

Arrivals at the Gulkana station are, Edwin J. Klopp, SAOS, and Mrs. Amber Klopp, August 1957. Mr. Klopp was formerly Stmgr at Unalakleet. Mr. Edward S. Harrington, AOS trainee, Mrs. Harrington and nephew Mike, formerly of Anchorage via Oregon, November 1957. Vernon G. Bigelow, Jr., EMT, and Pat Bigelow, formerly of Kotzebue, September 1957. Francis G. Brown, AOS, and family, formerly of Tanana, January 1958.

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## RUG BALLOT

Here in the Fifth Region, we get right down to fundamentals. Take rugs, for instance.

There were some advocates of loop pile rugs, and they made enough racket to require an election. Axminster won in a landslide, 8 to 1, and that type will be retained as standard in CAA quarters. Voters said the loop job is too hard to keep clean, and too expensive to clean, despite various laundering methods CAA wives have developed. Some stations use a commercial dry type rug cleaner, others use Tide and soap. One applies a shampoo type cleaner with the Station floor polisher, followed by vacuum cleaning. Still another uses Glamorene, available in our commissaries.

But from here on, it's Axminster.



# BOOKBINDING, ANYONE? RENAMING YAKATAGA

Among the hobbyists in the Fifth Region, is there a bookbinder?

All copies of the first seven volumes of the Mukluk Telegraph have been reserved by Jack Jefford and Dorothy Revall, but they are in folders in file cabinets. They should be preserved and could be if they were put into good binding. Now that we have a Fifth Region Library, the Mukluk and its successors, the Eighth Region News and the Fifth Region News ought to be protected. Bookbinding, anyone?

## Such Language!

No one is quicker than the press to poke fun at "government gobbledegook". Our aviation trade press is as quick as any.

But look at this: From Missiles and Rockets, American Aviation publication: "Preliminary attempts may be made this year to impact a rocket on the lunar surface, or to effect a circumlunar trajectory by an instrumented probe."

Gad, what gobbledegook!

## GIVE THE MAN CREDIT

We must apologize to John Plisko, AOS at Fairbanks. We had him winning a measly little \$200 for a good idea. But what the Incentive Awards Committee really gave him was a raise of \$135 each year for "sustained superior performance". No flash in the pan, John.

## WHEREVER YOU ARE...VOTE

To help Fifth Region employees who want to vote absentee, the Personnel Division, AN-90, has a special postcard, SF-76, "Post Card Application for Absentee Ballot" which the voter can request and mail to his home state in applying for his ballot. This will serve for most states, but a Defense Department Pamphlet, 5-4, now available at all stations, gives additional information.

Renaming Yakataga has struck a responsive chord with pilots, and dozens of suggestions have been made.

Contributions—for that preferred name of gold—were drawn on history, myth, legend and reality. An example of the numerous suggestions, on the basis of various desirable names of past, present, or prospective, Indian names, and even an indication of surprising names.

So far, nobody at Yakataga has made a suggestion. We can't blame them for liking the interesting name, even if it does cause mail-room confusion with Yakutat. One proposal comes from King Salmon with the comment, "If I win a jug of gold, give it to the Katmai Club. Barn if I want to pay taxes on the stuff." Did he say jug?

Suggestions will be received until May 15 and we hope to have a decision in time for the June issue. Then it's up to the citizens of Yakataga and the U. S. Post Office.

## AL BROWN JOINS CAA

A. L. "Al" Brown is the new Deputy Chief of the General Services Division. He is a Missouri-Iowa product, has a girl and two boys, and is a Sophomore at Iowa State College.

Brown came to the CAA from the Corps of Engineers where he had worked 16 years. Before that he worked six years with the Department of Agriculture. He was concerned with surplus property from the Aleutian Chain and the Philippines during the war, and was in charge of equipment and spare parts in aviation and whitehorse when the highway and the Canal Pipe line were built. He also worked with the Engineers at Fairbanks, Seward and Whittier.

His hobbies are fishing, and working for the Wasilla Children's Home at Wasilla, Alaska.

## SPORT FIGURES



Johnny Longden, world champion jockey, poses with CAA boxers. On his right, James Kinney. The other boy, Tate Jackson. Together, they outweigh Longden who came here to ask Charles Williams, Communicator Trainee, Anchorage, to give up a CAA career and continue as his private pilot. Williams has chosen us and Alaska.

## Aw Stop Fairbanks!

When Ted Hoffman arrived in Fairbanks he purchased a home at 1133 Cottonwood Avenue. His friends and relatives were duly notified. During his absence in November (TOY Anchorage) they changed the name of his street to Coppet--so Ted notified friends and relatives of his new address - 1133 Coppet Avenue. In March, while Ted was attending the Air Carrier Safety Division Conference in Anchorage, the name of his street was changed back to Cottonwood. Ted again notified friends and relatives. In April, while Ted was at Ragerstown, Md., the Planning and Zoning Commission changed the name of his street to Coppet--he is now notifying friends and relatives of his correct address - 1133 Coppet Avenue.

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