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DUFRESNE RETIRES



Alexander (Duffy) Dufresne retired recently after 37 years of federal service. After many years in the military service, he joined the CAA in 1938 and transferred to Alaska in 1943 as an Aircraft Communicator. After serving at several stations throughout the state as a Communicator, he was appointed Station Manager at Kotzebue in 1951, and two years later transferred to Gustavus. From 1956 until his retirement, Duffy was Station Manager at Talkeetna.

Mr. and Mrs. Dufresne are moving to Meridian, Mississippi and their many friends throughout Region Five extend a fond farewell.

TALKEETNA

Clarence C. Holmberg, former Station Manager at Bethel, arrived in Talkeetna to assume the duties of Station Manager and combination ATC chief. The best of luck on your new job.

Word has been received that the Dufresnes are now residing in Meridian, Miss. and enjoying their new home, car and surroundings.

Matney Leaves Message

Thomas L. Matney, Chief, Electrical Generation and Distribution Unit, F&M, plans on retiring December 23, 1960 and leaves the following message.

RETIREMENT TIME

The snow is on the Chugachs;
Sun's orbit's getting low.
The geese have winged it Southward
And it's time for me to go.

Down to our Southern Forty-eight
And my beloved Great Northwest,
Where I'll live the life I've longed for--
And take a darned good rest.

For fifty years I've hit the ball
For the other man for hire.
And now my pace has slackened down
And it's time I should retire.

I will take my little pension
Just to defray my living cost,
And I'll work like Hell at playing--
Without a single boss.

I'll oil up my scatter gun
For pheasants, ducks and quail,
And get my deepfreeze loaded
Against the winter gale.

I'll polish up my fishing gear
For rainbow, brook and browns,
And occasionally a limit catch
I hope to take to town.

I'll make hand loads for my rifle
For a limit of elk and deer,
And put them in cold storage;
They'll last me most a year.

And now it's time to say Hasta La Vista
To the folks in the F.A.A.
The Swellest gang I've ever met--
In all the U.S.A!

And as I leave your pleasant company
I pray as the Easterners do;
That the eternal love of ALIAH
Will always abide with you.

And at whatever place you linger
Or wherever you may go,
May your world be filled with sunshine
And beautiful flowers grow.



We thank Gene Lassiter of the Drafting Section for this helpful tip. A roll or two of friction tape carried in your jacket pocket can be infinitely helpful on the trail. It is easily ignited with a match or lighter, and it burns with intense heat which is enough to start damp or cold wood, as it has a long burning period. Tape can be used also to erect hasty shelters if one has a tarp or a plastic cloth or just boughs to tie together. It is much more convenient to carry than rope.

If any of you have had occasion to purchase the very fine hand crafted mountain or trail boots made in Europe, you may have noted the inner layer of leather to be close grain hide and extremely slick. This is to allow easy insertion and extraction of the foot under cold, wet or normal conditions. Any boot can be so treated by the application of spray silicon. This is a commercial produce available at paint or shoe stores. It seals, protects and lubricates the surface. This reduces friction which may cause bunions. It may be reapplied as it becomes necessary.

A railroader at Portage tells me he carries a couple of bricks in his pickup and a wide mouth can. By filling the can with gasoline and soaking the brick in it, he gets his fuel for a winter fire. He claims that one brick soaked in gasoline and ignited gives enough fire for a pot of coffee.

I hope these tips may come in handy to some of you outdoor sportsmen. Please send any ideas or tips for the woodsman to me %Mukluk Editor, P.O. Box 440, RM-505, Anchorage. Merry Christmas.

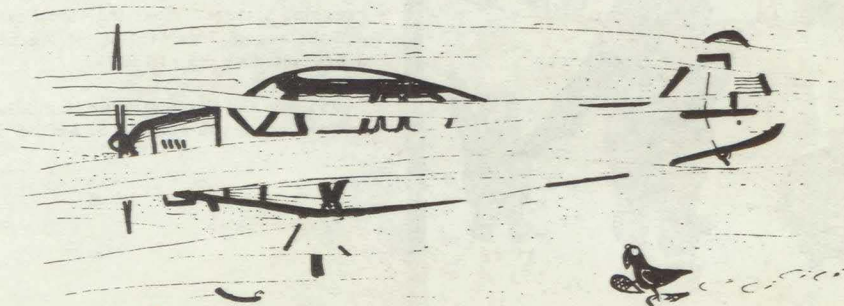
Good hunting and fishing until next month.
Dean

The family's favorite gift - your presence.
BE CAREFUL.

WIND

AND

BLOWING SNOW



Beede Represents FAA In Safety Council



Lawrence Beede, FAA's Occupational Safety Officer, will represent the agency in Federal Safety Council activities in Alaska.

The Federal Safety Council reconvened for the year with a luncheon meeting at the Fort Richardson Officer's Club. The Post Safety Council was host for the meeting.

The Federal Safety Council is a group of government officers concerned with safety of civilian employees. In the Anchorage area, representatives of all Federal and many State and City Agencies discuss and exchange safety ideas and sponsors safety drives, contests and public service programs.

The meeting at Fort Richardson kicked off the 1960-61 program which will include a drive against traffic violations and a driver training program.

The Federal Aviation Agency is active in the Council and will participate in all of its activities in conjunction with the Occupational Safety Program.

An accident takes all the joy out of Christmas.



New display decorates second floor hallway of Regional Hdqtrs offices in the Federal Building. This year, thanks to the efforts of the Administrative Services Division and Illustrator, Dean Brennan, we have a beautiful exhibit that captures the holiday spirit in a typical far north scenic setting, portraying dog team, and the ever present and friendly FAA radio tower in the background.

LOADED OIL DRUMS AS AIR CARGO

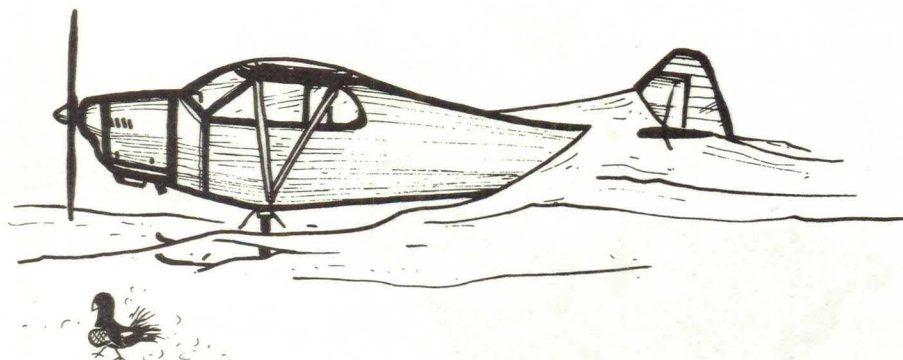
The famous 55-gallon oil drums that dominate the Alaska scene no longer need a waiver each time they take to the Air as flight cargo.

Noting that gasoline and fuel oil comprise much of the Alaskan "bush" pilot's cargo, and that Civil Air Regulations prohibited carrying flammable liquid in anything bigger than a 10-gallon can except under individual waiver for each flight, the Federal Aviation Agency has issued a Special Regulation, SR-443, which allows Alas-

kan air operators to carry the drums under blanket approval. The regulation provides that persons other than members may not be carried in aircraft while transporting flammable...

The problem in the 49th state is that fuel oil and aviation gasoline are needed the year round and cannot be stockpiled after delivery by surface vessel in the short summer months. Aviation fuel especially suffers from rust and contamination when stored for a long period. Mining enterprises, oil well drilling operations, and even remote villages must depend upon the airplane for year-round delivery of supplies, including the big drums of fuel oil and gasoline.

The Christmas spirit lives on.- will you?



CAUSE AN
AIRPLANE...

FAA REPRESENTED IN CAREER DAY PROGRAM

FAA was recently invited to participate in a High School career day program held in Seward.

Melvin F. Derry, Supervising Inspector, General Safety District Office #1, was delegated to speak to the students interested in flying.

Derry possesses many years of flying experience, as he began as a student pilot in 1940, and now holds and Airline Transport Pilot Certificate and Flight Instructor and Helicopter Certificate. After serving as a multi-engine pilot during World War II, he operated a flight training school until 1949 and then flew for a commercial airline. Prior to his appointment in 1957 as a General Operations Inspector with FAA in Fairbanks, he served as a civilian flight instructor for the U. S. Air Force. He has approximately 8,700 hours of logged flight time.

Heading the sectional discussion group for air minded students at Seward High School, his talk centered around the questions proposed by the student counselor. Derry incorporated a question and answer period. The enthusiastic response of the students was most gratifying.



CONCENTRATE

(1)

Joe bought a bronco down in Texas for \$26.00 and after paying for his keep for a while, sold him for \$60.00. Although it looked like a profitable deal, Joe found out that he had lost just half of the original price and one-quarter of the cost of keep. Can you figure out just how much Joe did lose on the deal?

(2)

Find a number that will be doubled by adding 24 to two-thirds of it.

Walker's Son Receives Navy Commendation

Tom L. Walker, Jr., son of Tom Walker, Sr., Acting Chief, Airspace Utilization Branch ATM, serving on board the nuclear powered submarine USS SARGO, recently received the Navy Commendation Medal from the Secretary of the Navy for meritorious service during the submarines Winter Arctic Exploration Cruise early this year.

Tom, a Chief Interior Communications Technician, USN received the award from Rear Admiral Roy S. Benson, USN, Commander of the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force in ceremonies on board the vessel.

The citation read: "As leading Chief Petty Officer of the Interior Communications Division, Walker succeeded in devising and perfecting an ingenious variable inductance speed control which made operable a modification to a vital piece of sonar equipment. Through his outstanding skill and ingenuity, he contributed materially to the success of the SARGO in making the difficult and hazardous transit from the Arctic Ocean through the shallow Chukchi and Bering Seas on schedule. His devotion of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval service."

FAA congratulates Chief Walker on his outstanding performance in the service of his country.

NORTHWAY

The Christmas season is always one which creates a great amount of activity here in Northway.

The school children have been planning and practicing for their annual Christmas play which will take place on the sixteenth of this month. Considering the occasional harassed expressions of teachers, Mrs.

UNALAKLEET

With the station rejuvenation project nearing completion and the departure of most of the traveling carpenters, the station is about settled back to normal. We are going to miss the traveling men, especially Cooke and Maley who have been with us now for well over three months.

Two of the extra energetic travelers, John Michaels and Robert Velez, went on a camping trip last week during the big blow. Seems like Fido, Huntons dog, at the remote site, pulled the plug on the headbolt heater, and the poor boys didn't notice it until way late in the evening. By then the snow cat was real cool and one thing lead to another until 3 a.m. Harold Ivanoff, our Foreman Mechanic, attempted to rescue them with a jeep. He got stuck about a mile out and after about one hour he came in silently with rosy cheeks and icicles on his eyebrows, having left the jeep buried in a drift. ---so the boys slept in the vehicle and were tired and hungry on their return to home.

Christmas is sneaking up on us and about the only holiday plans are that the Zolondkiewicz's will be spending theirs outside and the Foss family will be at home base.

The Norton Sound ice pack and the majestic dog teams present a magnificent view for Mrs. Jack Bogue from her picture window. I'll have to hitch up Fido and take her for a sled ride.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

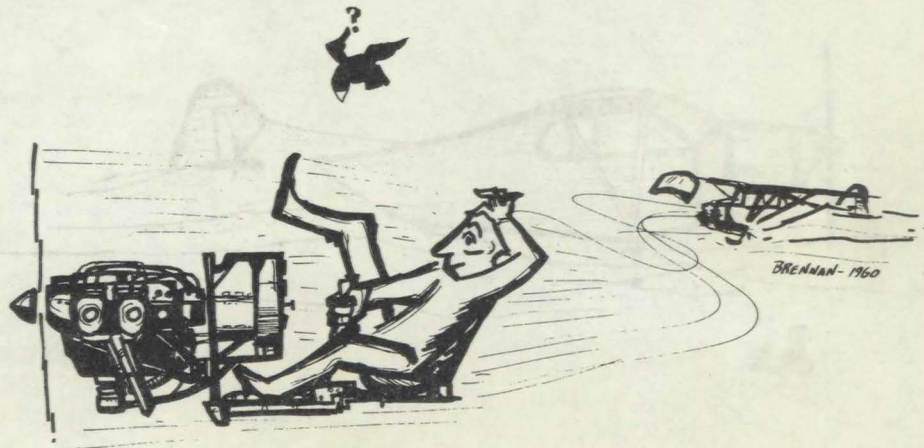
-----NUPUKYAK

McDonald and Brady, the play should be terrific. A Christmas party will be held following the play at the local club and all the tots that can totter will be there to get their share of goodies.

Considerable effort has gone into improvements at the Boundary Club in preparation for the Yuletide. The Club's building interior has been completely repainted, new drapes were purchased and hung, and also a new refreshment counter. See Northway Page 6

TO

NOT GO!



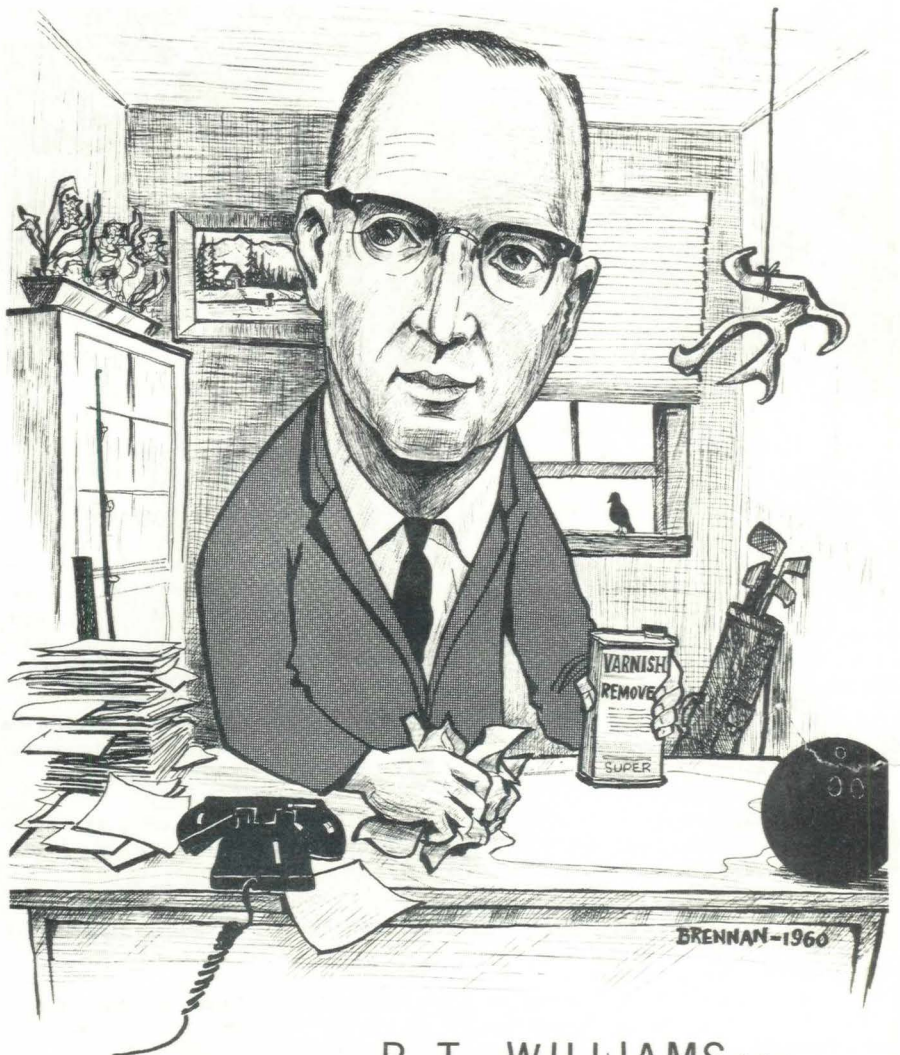
Bob Williams, a native of Boise, Idaho, graduated from the University of Idaho as a full-fledged mining engineer. During his college years, he supplemented his college funds by working in logging camps and can regale you with tall tales of his various experiences. He proved his athletic prowess by being on the golf team and the tennis team of the University of Idaho. Following his graduation, he first entered the Federal Service in 1940 as an engineer for Civil Service Commission and then enlisted for three years of service in the Navy during World War II, holding a commission of Lt. Commander at the time of his discharge.

After six years of Federal and Naval service in Washington, D. C., Bob decided to seek a transfer to a field operating position. After considering a number of opportunities, he decided that the CAA was the best agency to join, since it had earned a reputation of being a "real going" concern. Upon being offered a choice of appointments to Regional Personnel Offices in any one of three Regional Offices, he somewhat dumfounded the selecting officials by expressing a choice for Anchorage, and was transferred to this Regional Office in 1946 as Chief of Personnel Division. He says his choice was influenced by the challenge of a job in this pioneer land, by not having to fight city traffic for so many hours of one's lifetime, by having a better chance to enjoy outdoor life, and by being able to indulge in his number one hobby of fresh water fishing. Not once has he ever regretted his choice and states that his job with the FAA in Alaska has provided all the opportunities for a full life that a person could ask for.

In June of 1955, Bob was promoted to Executive Assistant; and two years later assumed the position of Assistant to the Regional Administrator. In August of 1960, he was selected to fill the position of Assistant Regional Manager.

He has varied interests and hobbies, but claims he does not have enough time to do them justice. In the summertime, his expanded gardening activities have reduced his golfing to a few games a year; however he still swings a wicked golf club. Since building his beautiful cabin on Kenai Lake, he does manage to carve out enough time for his favorite pastime of fishing, and his idea of a perfect vacation is to "hole up" at the cabin. In the wintertime, he is kept busy with bowling, various woodworking projects, and community work. Bob enjoys to dabble in oils, and will also join a barbershop quartet to harmonize on the good old songs at the drop of a hat.

The Williams family, Mrs. Harriet Williams, and daughters, Martha and Patricia, reside in Turnagain-by-the-Sea. His eldest daughter, Jane, is attending college in Boise, Idaho.



R. T. WILLIAMS...

YAKUTAT

EMT Robert Shelley departed with his family for school at Anchorage. Libeus Barney is leaving for Denver on extended leave. Also departing is Mary Burns, our clerk typist, who is following her husband who has been transferred to the city of Fairbanks.

Church services have been again started at our hangar area with the local minister coming out every Monday night to hold services.

Weather Bureau and Federal Aviation Agency personnel turned out to attend the annual Thanksgiving dinner held at the Loran Station by the Coast Guard personnel of Yakutat.

The recreation club women held a bake sale and due to the good luck experienced they turned out and held a Pot-Luck Supper for everyone.

Thomas Nevelle, Jr.

HOMER

Not too long ago we were blessed with a 13-inch mantle of pure snow. However, conditions uncontrolled such as wind and rain combined to knock our dreams of a White Christmas into the proverbial cocked hat for the time being. But don't take any bets....

During the past month, Homer FSS has played host to many visitors from Anchorage. Mr. DiFalco from the WBRC, who was engaged in establishing a weather observational program at Seldovia, also stopped by. Foreman Mechanic Ralph Sutherland and Joe Paguette are attending school in Anchorage.

Operations personnel are becoming deeply involved in weather briefing procedures. Uninterrupted, quiet, peaceful study conditions are not too easily come by, but progress is being made.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us to all of you!

THREE PROMOTED TO STAFF POSITION



WESTOVER

Ralph F. Westover has been appointed as Regional Emergency Readiness Officer. This is a newly created position and is responsible for developing and maintaining programs to assure continuation of FAA services in event of a major disaster. He will work closely with Alaska military and civil defense authorities in his new assignment.



ERICKSON

Stanley J. Erickson, for the past two years Staff Assistant, has been promoted to Regional Management Analysis Officer with the responsibility for evaluating and advising on organization and administrative management among the region's divisions.

Peter J. Verdin, veteran of 18 years federal service here in Alaska, has been promoted to Regional Accountant and as such will direct all operations in the Regional Accounting Division.

Born in Seattle, Ralph studied engineering at the University of Washington before joining FAA in Alaska in 1941. He is well known in Anchorage community activities and is a charter member and past president of the Anchorage Junior Chamber of Commerce. He also helped organize the State Junior Chamber of Commerce, and

Northway Cont'd was designed and constructed by Stewart Hunt and aides.

Foreman Mechanic Ray Harry returned recently from a tour of knowledge consumption at Oklahoma City. AOS Tom Clark is headed for Guam, and if shirts are any indication of intent or desire, Tom must have always had a passion for southern exposure. Mechanic Schmitz and clan will make their exodus soon in favor of Biorka Island.

We at Northway extend our best wishes for the Holiday Season to all and hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anderson



VERDIN

he and his family are active in the Anchorage spa swimming program.

Stan, a native of Minnesota, has been in the Federal Service since 1944 and attended the University of Minnesota and the graduate school in Public Administration at the University of Washington. Active in local public affairs, he is a member of the city's Board of Examiners and Appeals and the American Society for Public Administration.

Pete arrived in Alaska in 1943, as a member of the Finance Office, U. S. Army. He was appointed Disbursing Officer of the Accounting Branch of CAA in 1947 and has remained in accounting work with the present FAA.

Verdin is known throughout the Anchorage area for his "verdure" gardening abilities, as he swept the 1948, 1959 and 1960 annual Anchorage Flower shows sweepstakes. He actively participates as a board member of the Inlet View PTA and serves on the Board of Directors of the Federal Government Accountants Association and is a board member for the Chapter of Federal Credit Unions in Alaska. He is also a member of the American Accounting Association.

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BUY—SELL—SWAP

FOR SALE: House, 3 bedrooms, FHA approved, Nunaka Valley, 2-car garage, washer, dryer, freezer, furnished or unfurnished. Virginia Larsh, Ext. 235 or FE 3-1667.

FOR SALE: German handcarved wood 3 candle candelabra, \$6.50 (new). Used wardrobe suitcase \$7.00. German chintz-covered photo album (new) \$3.50.

Italian green silk folding umbrella with green Florentine leather sheath (new) \$7.00.

British black and white wool check fitted coat, tailor made, size 10-11, \$25.00. Estelle Howe, Ext. 461 or BR8-2411.

FOR SALE: Duplex, 2 bedroom each unit. City Water and sewer, paving 1961 season. Write Max H. Cutshell, FAA, Annette, Alaska for further information. Property located in Anchorage.

FOR SALE: New Thomas Electric Organ \$650.00, terms can be arranged. Knight FA2-4551.

The Mother took one look at her son's report card and exclaimed, "My goodness Johnny, this is certainly terrible. Can you explain what happened?"

Johnny hesitated only a moment before replying: "You know how it is, Mom Things are always marked down after the holidays."

Jane, who had been learning to sing Christmas carols in kindergarten, often sang herself to sleep. And one night, this is what her mother heard her sing: "While shepherds washed their socks by night."



CONCENTRATE

1. \$28.67
2. 18.