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CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST REACTIVATED

Effective March 12, the Chugach National Forest was re-established as an administrative unit and Malcolm E. Hardy of Petersburg was promoted to the position of Forest Supervisor in charge of the new unit. Headquarters for the Chugach National Forest will be transferred to Anchorage from Seward after July 1.

The Chugach National Forest will consist of two ranger districts, the Kenai District with headquarters at Seward, and the Cordova District with headquarters at Cordova. Clyde Maycock will continue at Cordova as District Ranger, and Bob Porterfield, now located at Kenai Lake, will move to Seward as District Ranger of the Kenai District.

Re-establishment of the Chugach National Forest was brought about because of changed and changing conditions in the Kenai Peninsula - Prince William Sound area. This unit was operated as a national forest with headquarters at Cordova from its first establishment in 1907 until 1933. At that time the division type of organization was determined to be more efficient for the workload and operating conditions. Changed circumstances have now made it apparent that co-ordinated supervision and development for the two districts can be better achieved by a working supervisor responsible for both units located closer to the work than is the Regional Office in Juneau. In addition, an over-all forest supervisor's office for the entire Chugach National Forest area will provide additional attention to development problems and additional service to users.

GREELEY SPEAKS AT PORTLAND CHAMBER MEET

Reindeer roast, Kodiak king crab and Art Greeley were featured March 12 at the Portland Chamber of Commerce Alaska Day Forum. Some 490 people turned out to sample the Alaska menu, and also to see a showing of the film "Wheels of the Arctic," Alaska Freight Lines' film of the first truck trip to the Arctic Ocean. Greeley's address described the new forest industry developments scheduled to come to Southeast Alaska and discussed the changes these developments will bring to the Panhandle. The Associated Press story about this speech is incorrect in reporting a predicted population increase for all of Alaska of 30 percent in the next 4 or 5 years. This forecast was for Southeast Alaska only.

Among people in Portland there is much interest in Alaska. The speech was rebroadcast on one radio station, and the speaker had a movie interview for a one-minute spot on TV.

PNW Director R. W. Cowlin and R-6 Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone were head-table guests at the Chamber Affair.

SOUTHERN NOTES

The fair sex was in charge of the Southern Division for the week the men were away for the Juneau meeting. Among other things accomplished, they caught up on a 10 percent check-computation of quite a number of scaled rafts. They also made two timber sales during that week--one by sealed bids and one by oral auction. Jackie Prather, resource clerk, conducted the sales, making tentative awards, completing the contracts, etc. This just goes to show that all of the wheels of progress do not necessarily stop when the "big brass" is away.

On the evening of February 16, Mrs. Orval Jess was hostess in her home to all the ladies of the Forest Service family. The party was in honor of Mrs. Brown, whom everyone was glad to meet, and in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Millward, who was surprised with a stork shower. The talented Jess children entertained on the piano and the accordian. Mrs. Millward's last day of work was on the 17th.

The scaling and Dock-13 crew had an after-work farewell party for Russ Stallings before he left on military furlough. Ed McLean supplied the hors d'oeuvres--his very own smoked ooligans. According to the local forecasters, spring is just around the corner and the ooligans are due to hit the beaches in a few weeks, and Ed will be smoking up another supply. With the starting of the fishing season upon us, one might say that Ed's "Smoky Season" has arrived.

The 1956 Ketchikan King Salmon Derby opened March 1, with no prizes awarded for the first week yet. The weekly prize this year, for the largest fish landed and registered, has been changed from \$25.00 to \$1.00 per pound. A 60-pound King would fatten the billfold by \$60.00 instead of \$25.00. Tune your motors and sharpen your hooks, boys. Girls, too!

Mr. Brown and all the men arrived back on Southern on the 20th of February. Mr. Brown is acquiring that web-foot look like the rest of us and losing that desert appearance, which is just as well. His desert tan looked a bit odd among the snowflakes. On March 6 we had such a blizzard that faces weren't visible outside on the street, anyway.

On March 6 we conducted an oral auction for a sale of 18 MM board feet in Vallendar Bay on Gravina Island. A. W. Almquist was successful bidder, bidding \$5.55 for spruce and \$1.65 for hemlock. Ketchikan Spruce Mills was the only other bidder.

Adverse weather has closed down Ketchikan Pulp Company's Hollis operations and other logging camps. Our last report from Ken at Craig was that there were 3 to 4 feet of snow on the West Coast.

And this we have from Ivan Jones, Hank Hays and Lloyd Stensland of the Kasaan Ranger District: Snide rumors to the effect that this new district's boat, the M/V TAKU, lies on the bottom supporting Dock 13 are exaggerated. The dock is supporting the TAKU. Actually, she does run now and after a minor overhaul job plus small sums of money, she will be a good boat.

"Being members of a new ranger district is an experience not many have had. It is an experience we won't trade and a challenge that whets the appetite for more. We look forward with keen anticipation to the coming season with the knowledge that we have the chance to develop and grow with the new district. We're eager and proud of it!" --from Ivan, Hank and Lloyd.

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO AVOID CRITICISM--THAT'S SAY NOTHING, DO NOTHING, AND BECOME NOTHING.

RESEARCH CENTER NOTES

The Horns proudly announce the birth of a girl, Debra, on March 5. Barbara resigned her job on February 25.

Don Neimi's period of employment terminated on February 17 and he is no longer with the Center.

Bill McCambridge assisted Vern Joyer on an inspection of the Harbor Mountain ski area for avalanche hazard and to investigate other possible ski areas in the Sitka area. Bill states that a real blizzard was in progress at the time. Both men were chagrined as they set some sort of downhill skiing record on the trip. Reason: New, deep snow and the wrong type of ski wax made it necessary for them to walk all the way down the 6-mile mountain.

A Society of American Foresters' meeting was held on February 17 at the Masonic Temple. Bill McCambridge presented an interesting paper on the effects of black-headed budworm feeding on second-growth western hemlock and Sitka spruce.

While on the subject of SAF meetings, this is a good place to remind all members of a dinner meeting in Juneau on March 23. Jess Honeywell and Gene Zumwalt will speak on Bureau of Land Management activities in Alaska. Burke Riley (with Douglas Gray as alternate) will speak on natural resource provisions of the proposed Alaska Constitution. The time: 6:30 PM; the place: Gold Room, Baranof Hotel.

A series of biweekly seminars have been held this winter at the Center. The programs have been varied, with discussions on national forest administration, cartography, and forest management research. Participants to date include Weisgerber, Cain, Hall, Taylor, Andersen, Gregory, McGregor and James. Remaining seminars include forest survey methods, safety, and fiscal matters (particularly on how to make out field purchase orders and the like).

MORE EXECUTIVES EVERY YEAR ARE RECOGNIZING CLEAR WRITING TO BE THE RESULT OF CLEAR THINKING. SO, THEY ARE LOOKING AT WHAT A MAN WRITES AS A CLUE TO HOW HE THINKS-- AND THEY ARE SAYING: "HAIL TO THE MAN WHO CAN COMMUNICATE. WE CAN FIND WIDER USES FOR THE KIND OF THINKING PROCESSES THAT RESULT IN GOOD COMMUNICATION. --R-1

U. S. ARMY FORESTERS VISIT

Messrs. Keith D. Hanley and Rudolf E. Reichle, Foresters attached to the U. S. Army Alaska Engineers at Fort Richardson, spent the first two weeks of March in the R.O. co-ordinating resource management activities and studying the photo-interpretation and mapping methods used by the Forest Service.

Hanley and Reichle are assigned to the Army's current program of developing forest management plans for the military reservations in Alaska. Presently under way are the Fort Richardson, Fort Greely, and Wildwood projects, the latter being completed through the preliminary map stage during their visit.

R-10 REPRESENTED AT INVENTORY-MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROGRAM MEETING

Jack Shields and John Sandor of Timber Management and A. P. Caporaso of Forest Survey returned this week from the Inventory-Management Planning meeting which was held in San Francisco. Regions 5, 6 and 10 were represented with Larry Gross of the Washington Office acting as moderator for the conference.

The discussion primarily centered around the progress, standards and methods of conducting inventories, calculating allowable cuts and preparing management plans. This afforded participants the opportunity to review mutual problems and to correlate programs and methods between Regions.

ADMIRALTY NOTES

Former Ranger Malcolm E. Hardy is now the proud possessor of the title "Supervisor." In a recent series of moves, Hardy has been selected to replace Wayne Sword who is now in the R.O. Hardy will be stationed at Seward until mid-summer, when he will go to Anchorage, as Supervisor of the Chugach National Forest. This will be a completely new organization and will consist of what is now the Kenai and Prince William Sound Divisions. En route to Seward, Supervisor Hardy and his family were in Juneau for a few days. While there, Hardy conferred with various R.O. personnel regarding the details of his new assignment. Mrs. Hardy (Fran), and the children, Peter, David, and Pauline, were nearly as busy as Mal, as they have many friends in Juneau to visit with. In a rapid series of swaps, Mal emerged as the owner of a shotgun, a twenty-two rifle and a dog, all for the boys, Peter and David. With Mal's own guns, the family is now equipped to hunt anything from mice to moose. The Admiralty Division is sorry to lose Mal and wish him GOOD LUCK and GOOD HUNTING on the Chugach.

Supervisor and Mrs. Armstrong are now enjoying a vacation in Michigan. Army and Toy left last week to visit relatives in Big Rapids, Ironton and vicinity. En Route, they stopped at Seattle where Army had a medical checkup and Toy finally won her battle to get a new fur coat. Each year Army has been able to think of some excuse to postpone this purchase but this year he ran out of arguments. It must be that the strain of our two big pulpwood sales this year has weakened Army more than we realize. He advises us that none of Toy's clothes harmonize with her coat, so he is faced with an entire replacement job. We certainly hope that Army's nerves and heart are equal to this added load. Congratulations, Toy!

Chatham Chatter: With a break in the weather the field season got off to an 8-knot start. Skipper Wittanen in company with Bill Overdorff inspected sales in the Port Frederick and Echo Cove area.

There is still three to five feet of snow in the areas, but, with the rain and warmer weather, is melting rapidly. Freezing temperatures throughout the past several months has made this a fair winter for logging the soft areas of the shows.

A number of deer were seen in the Port Frederick area and all appeared to be in poor shape.

John Weisgerber and Ranger Hall made a flying trip to Eliza Harbor to inspect the new sale there. Details of the trip are not available yet.

YOUR VOCABULARY is the middle-man between you and the world. It is your representative in the congress of human and business relations, a representative that casts its vote in your interests or against them, according to its quality. How the vote will go depends on your recognition of the importance of a comprehensive vocabulary and your diligence in learning to speak your way around with the authority born of knowledge. --R-4

SICK LEAVE INCOME IS TAX EXEMPT

Employees are reminded that under present tax laws all or a portion of sick leave pay may be excluded from gross income for tax purposes. While Internal Revenue instructions accompanying tax forms should be studied, the following in general applies: Pay not in excess of a \$100 weekly rate may be deducted for sick leave periods when (1) on account of personal injury, whether or not hospitalized; (2) hospitalization occurs for one or more days during the period; and (3) not due to injury nor involving hospitalization, the period exceeds seven calendar days; pay for time over seven days deductible. The foregoing would apply as well to periods of annual leave used due to injury or illness in lieu of or in conjunction with sick leave.

O&K

Wayne Sword reports that the O&K meeting he and John Emerson attended in Washington was very interesting. All Chiefs of Operation and Personnel with their assistants, about 40 all told, were in attendance. A combined meeting for the first two days was held in the Secretary's conference room. During the last three days of the week separate meetings were held by O and K. One of the highlights was the emphasis placed on work planning by the Operation Chief and the top men in Washington. Several Regions discussed techniques used by them in developing work plans. For many years Region 9 has been a leader in this field. Region 8 presented a very workable plan. The strong point of the Region 8 work plan is that the job to do on any one ranger district determines the organization for that year. It makes for a flexible method of doing the high priority jobs on a district or forest within the funds available and at the least cost.

John Emerson made his stage debut at an O&K party in the Raleigh Hotel, marking the 50th wedding anniversary of O-Ma and Pa K. John represented Fire Control and brought back to his parents an illegitimate child--named--Differential Pay. We haven't heard much about differential pay in this Region but in the fire regions it is not very well liked. Our Chief of AM did a good job.

PLEDGE FOR SAFE DRIVING -- I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO COMMON SENSE, TO THE RULES OF FAIR PLAY AND TO THE BEHAVIOR FOR WHICH THEY STAND. I AGREE TO REMEMBER THAT AN AUTO IS NOT A JET PLANE, A FLYING CARPET, A BOMBER COMING IN ON A WING AND A LEER, OR PART OF A MOTOR ESCORT TO ATILLA, THE HUN. I PLEDGE MYSELF TO BE AS DECENT IN A CAR AS ON FOOT, AND TO ACCEPT EMILY POST AS A PRETTY GOOD COUNSELOR AND NOT AS PUBLIC ENEMY NO. ONE. --R-1

HERE AND THERE WITH R-10'ERS

RICH WELLER, R. O. Engineering, had the pleasure of a trip to Southern Division and the company of TOM BROWN and ORVAL JESS from March 12-16. The biggest thrill came from the first official boat trip by Weller and Brown aboard the RANGER 9. Orientation was the order of the day--changing of vocabulary to fit the circumstances and terminology aboard ship. Thanks to the Forest Service people in Craig for making the trip an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

ERNIE MILOT, who recently returned from a trip to Washington, D.C., reports the following: The Internal Audit work conference in Washington commenced on February 13 and ended March 9. It was attended by one auditor from each of the ten Regions and the Madison Laboratory. Relying primarily on experiences gained during the first few years of the present internal audit program, the objective was to lay the groundwork for a new audit approach with emphasis on designing and program that would be most useful to management. The groundwork was accomplished, with September 1 set as the target date for completion of the new program. Quite a bit of basic work needs to be accomplished before the new program gets under way--some of this will be done in the regional offices, the balance in the Chief's office.

I SHALL PASS THROUGH THIS WORLD BUT ONCE.
ANY GOOD, THEREFORE, THAT I CAN DO
OR ANY KINDNESS THAT I CAN SHOW
TO ANY HUMAN BEING
LET ME DO IT NOW. LET ME
NOT DEFER IT OR NEGLECT IT FOR
I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN.

--R-6 (Water Resources Advisory Committee)

YOU CAN'T STOP PEOPLE FROM THINKING--BUT YOU CAN START THEM. --R-1

AN OLDTIMER REMINISCES - YEAR 1919

A long blast, followed by a short toot, on the ALAMEDA's whistle announced that we were approaching Ketchikan. Long pilings reached down from the wharf to find footing on the barnacle-covered rocks, or pierced the dark waters of Tongass Narrows as if feeling for a more secure anchorage in the slimy submerged mud. The stench that rose from the dead and decaying marine growth gave further evidence that it was low tide.

We had made the voyage from Seattle in the remarkably fast time of 45 hours. As I stepped on deck in the semidarkness of this early May morning I was reminded that the town looked much the same as it had some ten years earlier as I viewed it one night from the deck of the old SS PORTLAND. The sprawling village stretched along the waterfront with the steep forested hillsides forming a background of untold beauty.

On the wharf I met Frank Heintzleman with whom I had cruised timber on the Metolius River in Oregon seven years earlier. Frank escorted me to the Revilla Hotel, later burned and replaced by the present Ingersoll. After breakfast we went over to the Forest Service in the Cole Building, where I met Tom Gardner, District Ranger, and Si Wyckoff, Forest Clerk. Bill Weigle had just left for Seattle to supervise the Snoqualmie Forest. A successor had not been named, so Heintzleman, then Deputy Supervisor, was "Acting."

After a few formalities and a look at the two-room office, Tom and I proceeded to Dock 13. The RANGER II was moored at the float. Tom pointed to her and said, "There's your boat." I looked her over, a tubby little 35-foot job with a 25 HP Standard gas engine. A seagoing craft! Ye gads, what did I know about boats? Nothing! I had rowed a skiff across Rogue River but out in the "Sage" a cayuse and a Model T were the accepted mode of transportation. Tom's next remark was, "You better take her up to Brown's gridiron and copper paint her." What did he mean? To me the word gridiron had two meanings, (1) something to cook hotcakes on and (2) something connected with football. I didn't want to appear ignorant so I merely remarked that I thought that a good idea. With that I excused myself and took off for Brown's boat shop. I found Brown a rather affable and sympathetic old codger so I confessed everything to him. He said, "Just bring her up here at high tide and we will take care of the details." What a relief! At least I had one friend in that town. With Brown's help and advice, the copper painting was accomplished and the next day Tom and I set off on a rather extended cruise to Summer Straits and way points. Mrs. Gardner went along as cook and boat assistant without benefit of salary. At that time the Rangers furnished their own provisions so there was no question of reimbursing the Government for meals.

Cannery preparations were in full swing and all logging camps were busy getting out trap logs and piling.

The first night out, we dropped anchor in Tolstoi Bay. Tom dropped a crab trap over the side and by bedtime we had all the crabs we could handle. Crab meat, mayonnaise and rye bread made up a major part of our menu for the next few days.

My education was progressing rapidly but there seemed to be so many things to learn. Reading the charts, identifying land marks, aids to navigation, buoy markings, clear channels and foul ones. How to anchor, what depth, scope and swinging room? Every time the engine wheezed or needed oiling I was there, changing igniters and doing all sorts of jobs under the watchful eye of a more experienced operator. Tom must have marveled at my cooperative attitude but what he probably didn't know was that this "let me do it" attitude stemmed from a feeling of self-preservation-- a desire to learn what I could, while I could, as safeguard against the day when I would have to assume full responsibility and go it alone. There were no boat captains those days, the Ranger was alone and strictly on his own.

Measuring floating piling that tapered down to a 5-inch top required some skill but I soon found myself hopping about on these poles and seldom wetting a foot. At Red Bay where the McDonalds were logging we took a couple of hours one evening to

sample the fishing in a rain-swollen stream that entered the bay. Rainbows were hitting salmon eggs and we were doing all right until Tom hooked a steelhead. That old iron pate promptly wrapped the gear around a sweeper and left for parts unknown, taking hook and leader with him.

My first introduction to log scaling came at the Wrangell Shingle Mill and it was a rather tough assignment. A batch of half-rotten cedars with hollow and fluted butts posed a real problem. This time I admitted that I knew nothing about the job but Tom stood by to record my figures and to coach me as to the proper allowance for the assorted varieties of defect. Eventually we came up with a tally sheet that seemed to satisfy both the purchaser and the seller. Just how accurate it was I still don't know.

Catching up on the scaling at Mosmon Inlet, Pond Bay and Betton Island, we returned to Ketchikan without further incident.

While nothing was said in my presence, I felt that I had passed my first series of tests as a seagoing Ranger.

My next task was to oil up and prepare for a trip to the West Coast where I was to spend the summer in charge of the Craig District, alone and in a strange environment.

Harold E. Smith

More promised for a later issue.

PUNCTUALITY IS THE ART OF WASTING ONLY YOUR OWN TIME. --R-1

ACTING REGIONAL FORESTER for: March 26 through March 31, Mr. Emerson; April 9 through April 14, Mr. Johnson; April 16 through April 21, Mr. Rollins; and April 23 through April 28, Mr. Emerson.