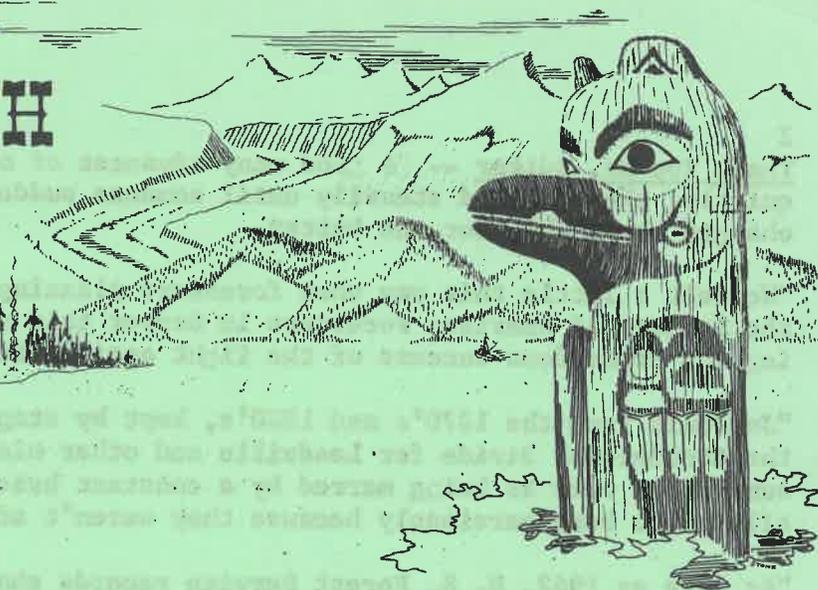


# SOURDOUGH NOTES



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**YOUR INTENTIONS PLEASE!!!** Those planning to attend the Halloween Party a week from Friday night at Glacier Valley School should contact the receptionists at the North Tongass SO, NFES, and Chatham RD, or their Division clerks in the RO as soon as possible. The hard working volunteers on the food, prize, game etc., committees will have to know by next Tuesday at the very latest just how many to plan for. From what we hear this could very well be the greatest party ever so don't miss it especially if you have any kids who still like to dream about goblins, witches, and other such childish but funnish fancies. If you can't make contact using the sheets that have been routed to the various units for the purpose of letting you make your intentions known on this vital party affair, don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call Cherie Fletcher at the RO -- extension 132 -- she'll be glad to relay your reservation.

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Hank Jones (RO) will transfer to the Plumas NF SO, effective November 22. This means a return to her old hometown for Mrs. Jones, for she attended school from 8th grade through high school in Quincy, California, which is headquarters for the Plumas NF. The Jones plan to leave Juneau around November 20...Ivy Metcalf now assigned to Administrative Services in the RO has resigned to accept a position at the Auke Bay Laboratory effective October 30...Fred Glauth (South Tongass SO) engineering technician will switch positions with Robert Shafer, now at the San Isabel NF SO in Pueblo, Colorado, effective November 22. Glauth has been assigned to the South Tongass SO since 1963...Melvin Mitts, district ranger at Wrangell, will be reassigned to a new position in recreation and lands in the Chugach SO, effective November 8. Mitts, his wife Nellie and their three children Janey, 12; Martin, 9; and Ellen, 5 came to Alaska in 1962 from the Pike NF. He has been District Ranger at Wrangell since. In his new position, Mitts will be working on projects connected with the increased work load caused by the earthquake...Mitts will be replaced at Wrangell by Norman Schoonover, who is being promoted from a position on the staff of the Sitka RD. Schoonover and his wife, Janet, have one child SueAnn, 9.

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Thank You Mr. Editor -- "A good many advances of our society sneak up on us quietly; they proceed steadily until someone suddenly notices that things have changed remarkably for the better.

"We felt a little this way when foresters planning for the annual meeting of the Society of American Foresters in Denver this weekend produced figures showing the tremendous success of the fight against forest fires.

"Journals from the 1370's and 1830's, kept by stagecoach riders heading across the Continental Divide for Leadville and other mining camps, describe the summertime view as being marred by a constant haze of smoke from forest fires allowed to burn carelessly because they weren't affecting anyone directly.

"As late as 1942, U. S. Forest Service records show that 30 million acres of timberland were destroyed annually. Last year, the figure had dropped to 7 million. Mainly, there are two reasons: better education of the public about the danger of fire and better technology. The latter includes aerial attack by smoke jumpers and chemicals, improved communications and better mobility on the ground in reaching fire areas.

"We think the public will join us in saluting the foresters for a job well done. The fight isn't over yet, but the progress is heartening."

... Denver Post

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Carl Wilson was the luncheon speaker on Thursday, October 22, at the Alaska Municipal League's Annual Convention in Cordova. Carl discussed "Multiple Use of Lands Affecting Alaska Municipalities". He emphasized that wise treatment of Alaska lands by the various land management agencies is of vital concern to the people of the State and the municipalities. He also explained our policy of multiple use management and its benefits.

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C. M. Archbold, former supervisor of the South Tongass, has retired from his position at Ketchikan Spruce Mills and moved south to live. He and his wife, Honora (Honey), sold their house in Ketchikan and left about a week ago. We think he plans to make his home in California. We'll announce the place later if we find out. "Arch" left a box full of technical books for the South Tongass SO's library when he departed.

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Bob Embry (NFES) has been transferred to the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in Tempe, Arizona, where he'll work as a silviculturist on the Station's Water Yield Project. Bob and his family will leave Juneau on November 22. Bob has been with the NFES since December 1960.

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TEA THIS SATURDAY -- Mrs. Jack Culbreath and Mrs. Ray Shirley will co-host a tea for all FS women employees and wives in the Juneau area this Saturday afternoon at the Shirley's home in Mendenhaven (154 Aspen Ave.), from 2 to 5 p.m. Mrs. Lois Jones will be the honored guest.

Al and Gertrude Hansen leave Saturday to attend the funeral in Eugene, Oregon of Mrs. Hansen's mother after which they will proceed to Washington where Al will assume a position in the WO's Procurement Management Branch of Division of Administrative Services. Al came to Region 10 in 1958, when he was assigned to the Chugach SO as an Administrative Officer. He served there until 1962 when he was transferred to the RO, where he has been in charge of procurement and administrative services.

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Short Takes -- Marquerite Robertson, clerk-typist, at the NFES's Forestry Science Laboratory in College, will be in Juneau next week for training designed to acquaint her with the office procedures used in the NFES... Tom Laurent, (RO) has been hospitalized since last Saturday and is in traction for treatment of a back injury he received sometime back. He is expected to be in St. Ann's hospital for about 2 weeks... Arlie Hamar (NFES) suffered a badly broken ankle in a fall on the steps outside her home last Sunday. She was sent to Virginia Mason hospital in Seattle for setting of the ankle. Last word is that she will return to Juneau to recuperate... Keith Hutchinson (NFES) returned to Juneau Wednesday after a 2-day meeting of the Forest Products Research Society in Seattle. The meeting was designed to give those men working in research and marketing an understanding of how market research, laboratory research and development, and marketing can work together... Chugach Supervisor Jay Grant returned from 2 weeks in Oregon and bowled a 205 game last Monday night. He had a 513 series. Ed McHenry had a 197 game and 535 series... Gloria Way who joined in the Chugach SO in March has been promoted to the Resource Clerk position vacated by Barbara Brown; who is now employed at the University of California at Davis.

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Reproduced on the other side of this page is form designed to help appraise the readability of any written material. Our readers might try applying this to some of their own letters or some other written materials. By so doing, they would learn about the much-discussed "Fog Index" and how it works. The "Fog Index" is not intended to be a formula for how to write, it's merely a device for getting an indication of how easy, or how hard, our writing is to read in relation to the number of years of school a reader would have to have to readily understand what we are trying to say.

According to Robert Gunning, who provides this formula in his book, "The Technique of Clear Writing," here's how the following three magazines rate on this "Fog Index": Reader's Digest, 8; Time, 10; and Atlantic (Monthly), 12. The desired standard for Government writing is 12 according to the form reproduced on the next page. Using this Fog Index can be more fun than working a crossword puzzle; at least, it will provide a change. Try it!

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Looking for a skeleton -- That's what John Dustrude was doing the other day and he found it. After much searching around he finally landed in I & E with his problem. What did he find? The skeleton was where it belonged -- in the upstairs closet.

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The FOG INDEX measures readability of a given text in terms of years of schooling needed to read it with ease. A Fog Index of 12 is a desired standard for Government administrative writing.

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