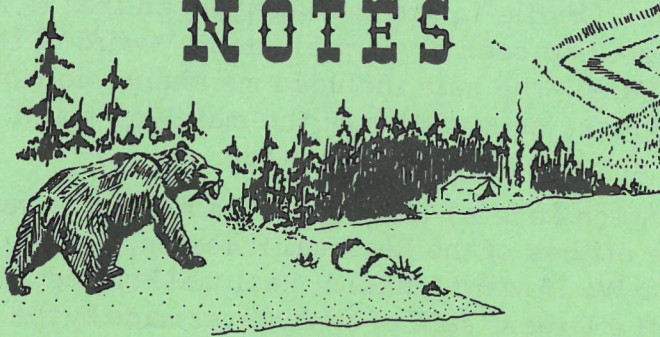


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"Fellow Alaskans, this moment is the highlight of my career." So stated Gerald A. Jackson, Vice President of U.S. Plywood - Champion Papers, Inc., as he signed the Juneau Unit Timber Sale on September 12, in Juneau.

"This marks a milestone in plans conceived many years ago," declared Regional Forester, W. Howard Johnson as he added his signature to the famous contract.

Pictured above are the principals in the contract: Frank Murkowski, State Commissioner of Economic Development sits behind Mr. Jackson. Jack Culbreath, Chief, I & E, who read the press release, sits at Mr. Johnson's left.



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JUNEAU UNIT TIMBER SALE - 1968

On February 7, 1968, Secretary of Agriculture, Orville L. Freeman announced that U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers, Inc., of New York had been given preliminary award of the 8.75 billion board feet Juneau Unit Timber Sale. The sale included merchantable timber, primarily Sitka spruce and western hemlock, on a portion of the mainland south of Juneau, the west side of Admiralty Island, and two areas near Yakutat.

On September 12, 1968, U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers, Inc., qualified for final award of the sale and in a dramatic moment in the offices of the Regional Forester, Gerald A. Jackson, Vice President of the company and W. Howard Johnson, Regional Forester executed the timber sale contract. "This is the largest sale of timber ever made by the U. S. Forest Service," Mr. Johnson stated, "It marks the final phase of plans conceived many years ago by the late B. Frank Heintzleman to establish and expand a pulp industry in southeastern Alaska.

The signing of the Juneau Unit contract climaxes a story which began many years ago. Early forest inventories indicated that a major portion of the overmature hemlock and spruce timber in the sale area was suitable primarily as a raw material for processing in a pulp mill. Therefore, the establishment of a pulp mill was considered basic to the orderly development and full utilization of this forest resource. Thus the Juneau Unit Timber Sale was prepared and placed upon the market. As a consequence, in August of 1955, the Georgia Pacific Plywood Corp. as lone bidder, was awarded a preliminary option on $7\frac{1}{2}$ billion board feet of timber on the North Tongass National Forest. It wasn't until July 1, 1961, however, after a series of lengthy extensions, that Georgia Pacific finally cancelled its preliminary pact. The Forest Service then revamped the original sales area and put it up for bid in December of 1965. St. Regis Paper Company as high bidder received a preliminary award for the sale.

Two years later, in April of 1967, St. Regis informed the Forest Service it would not complete necessary action for final award of the sale, and thereby forfeited a deposit of \$100,000 to the United States government. At this point, the Forest Service offered the Juneau Unit to the U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers, Inc., the next highest bidder at the same terms and same stumpage price as was bid by St. Regis. In February of 1968, U.S. Plywood-Champion accepted the offer and the rest is now recorded in the annals of timber history.

The present contract provides that \$5.65 per thousand board feet be paid on an average species basis for 875 million board feet to be cut during the initial five-year operating period. This will amount to \$4,943,750. By July 1, 1970, U.S. Plywood-Champion must furnish the Forest Service with general plans of company structures and the machinery and equipment to be installed. Prior to July 1, 1973, they will be required to install a mill or mills for manufacture of pulp and associated wood products, within or adjacent to the sale area.

Mr. Jackson said his company plans to build an unbleached pulp mill at a capacity of about 600 tons daily plus a modern sawmill for more complete forest utilization, such products to be sold in the world market. "A specific site for the complex has not yet been selected," Mr. Jackson continued, "This information will be announced later."

Regional Forester Johnson stated that, "When the plant is operating, approximately \$40,000,000 of annual end produce value will be added to Alaska's expanding economy. It is expected that the project will provide more than 1,000 jobs in the mill and woods combined.

"Strict requirements are contained in the timber sale contract to prevent damage to salmon streams from logging and to modify logging practices for the protection of waterfowl resting, nesting, and feeding areas. Cutting area layout will consider the needs of recreational uses. Proper compliance will be required with all State and Federal laws, including those for water pollution control," Mr. Johnson stated.

Mr. Johnson emphasized that the Juneau sale is a major step toward long-range development of the National Forest resources in Alaska. He added that it will place a large additional area of the North Tongass NF under multiple use and sustained yield management to meet both local and national needs for natural resources.

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Native Sawmill Training Program

Verner W. Clapp, (S&PF), recently completed a report entitled, "An Evaluation of the Alaskan Native Village Sawmill Training Program," which deals with the appraisement of a sawmill training program conducted in several remote native villages. The program consists of a course of instruction in basic logging and sawmilling at the village site using the equipment at hand, to enable the local people to manufacture building materials for their own housing and other requirements.

Vern's report of the latest endeavor, at Arctic Village, is an interesting account of just such a logging enterprise operated by local villagers. This training program represents the cooperative efforts of the Alaska Department of Education, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Rural Development Agency, University of Alaska, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the U.S. Forest Service.

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Aircraft Contracting:

A region-wide meeting was held in Juneau on August 20 to discuss improvements that could be made in our aircraft contracting program. The present GSA contract was gone over clause by clause, discussed and suggested changes made. Bob Janes and Lee Kester will confer with GSA representatives to further discuss the meeting's recommendations.

RO participants were: Lee Kester, Jim Ruppelt, Bob Janes, Howard Beaver, Ken Hanninen, Carl Swanson and Ralph Bailey. INF: Keith Hutchison and Dale Morrison: N.T.; Vince Olson, Slim Schwartz, Bert Roberts and Lyle Jack: S.T., Paul Beck, Walt Peterson, John Standerwick: and John Raynor from Chugach N.F.

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FOR SALE: 1959 Ford 4-door Sedan. Gray--Good Rubber. Runs good too!
Price-\$175.00. See George Danner, (RO-Engr) 6-7267

IMPROVEMENT SAVINGS

Beginning with this issue of SOURDOUGH NOTES, the Branch of Operation will bring you noteworthy items dealing with the broad field of management improvement. The Region's Cost Reduction and Operations Improvement program is featured this time with the Box Scores, by unit, of accomplishments during FY 1968.

Box Scores - FY 1968 Cost Reduction and Operations Improvement Saving

Unit	No. of projects	Savings	Ave. value/ project
Regional Office			
AM	4	\$21,300	\$ 5,300
E	2	11,300	5,600
Fiscal	1	1,300	1,300
RLW&W	1	20,000	20,000
S&PF	0	0	--
TM	0	0	--
Chugach SO	2	36,500	18,300
Anchorage	2	3,100	1,600
Cordova	0	0	--
Kenai	1	6,500	6,500
North Tongass SO	3	5,800	1,900
Chatham	0	0	--
Petersburg	0	0	--
Sitka	0	0	--
Wrangell	0	0	--
South Tongass SO	2	28,400	14,200
Craig	1	10,000	10,000
Kasaan	0	0	--
Ketchikan	0	0	--
TOTAL REGION	19	\$144,300	\$ 7,600

Some interesting comparisons may be made using this table both in terms of who participates and the savings realized. We surely hope there are no "zeros" in the January 1969 Box Score.

With the present squeeze on "money and personnel ceiling" we think everyone is doing his job more efficiently and economically. So maybe part of the reason we fell short of our FY 1968 savings goal of \$300,000 is simply that a lot of savings were never reported. Be sure you get credit for what you do by proper reporting. Take a look at what the "other guy" is doing too. Maybe you can apply some of his techniques to make your work easier and more efficient. Besides you can report those savings for your own unit.

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Norwegian Foresters Visit Region 10

The Alaska Region will host Professors, Ivar Samset and Peder Braathe of the Norwegian Forest Research Institute of Vollebekk, Norway, September 28 to October 5. After a brief stop in Anchorage, the visitors will join W. Howard Johnson, Regional Forester in Juneau to discuss Forest Service operations in Alaska. Vincent Olson, Forest Supervisor, North Tongass, will accompany the pair to Sitka where they will visit logging operations on the Forest and tour the Sitka pulp plant.

Professors Samset and Braathe will also confer with Richard M. Hurd, Director, Institute of Northern Forestry to discuss the Forest research work being carried on at the Institute. Mr. Hurd will familiarize them with local timber types and the general ecology of the Alaskan forests. If time permits, the group will visit the North Tongass Forest to observe various timber types in the area.

John Crupper, Forest Supervisor, Chugach SO will meet the visitors on their return through Anchorage. He will explain forest management programs and practices on the Chugach National Forest. The Norwegian pair will then leave for Japan, the Phillipines and India where they plan to make similar studies.

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CHUGACH NOTES: The stork arrived Tuesday, September 10 with twin boys for Bill and Joanne Odendahl. Twin number one named John Charles tipped the scales at 4 lbs., 9 ozs., while twin number two called Paul Louis weighed in at 6 lbs., 2 ozs. The twins were welcomed by a brother, Mark. Joanne's mother, Mrs. Kay Mottin, arrived to help during the adjustment period. Joanne and Paul Louis have since gone home while John is being held captive a while longer to gain a few necessary ounces.

A farewell party honoring Art and Maryann Kennedy was held August 17th at the Lakeshore Country Club. A buffet dinner was served before the fun began. The Anchorage District presented Art with a chunk of "Portage Glacier" which had to be stored in a freezer and carried into the party in a huge tub! Art and Maryann received many nice gifts and fun was had by all. The Chugach is sorry to lose the Kennedys but wish them luck and happiness in their new venture.

John and Lucy Crupper left for the "Lower 48" September 20 for a month of fun and relaxation. Most of their time will be spent in Montana and Idaho visiting their daughter and family and renewing acquaintances.

Herb Heinle and Scott Harrison depart Anchorage October 9 for Mexico City to attend the Olympics. They plan to spend a glorious month enjoying the sun and sights.

The water system at Russian River Campground was finally completed. Herb Heinle, Charlene Barnes and Bill Odendahl were presented with "HERO" buttons for all the time and effort they put forth to make this a reality.

Rhonda Hinson (temporary clerk-typist) was reassigned from the Anchorage District to the Supervisor's Office August 25.

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TOTEM TOPICS



Mel and Astrid Peura, (South Tongass SO), are the proud parents of a 9 pound 15 oz. boy born August 23 in Ketchikan.....Alice Farra, (North Tongass SO), and Ann Bailey, (RO), are in Montana visiting their families in Missoula and Butte.....Nancy Castleman, (North Tongass), recently returned from a month's visit with her family in Eugene, Oregon....Ron Welsh and family left Juneau September 5 for Seattle where Ron, (North Tongass SO), will attend the University of Washington's Logging Engineering School. The Welsh family will be gone for the school term so they rented their house and all will enroll in Seattle schools.

Dave Crosby, (TM,RO), is vacationing in Arizona, Alabama and Connecticut. While in Conn., Dave will undergo medical examinations. Dave and Alice are expected back by October 1....Russ Lockhart and Jim Watson, (TM,RO), traveled to Culp Creek, Oregon to observe the latest balloon logging methods....Carl Swanson, also of TM, received an Employee Suggestion Award. He suggested that Smokey Bear be installed on the telephone as an automatic answering service in metropolitan areas wherever fire incidence by children playing with matches, etc., is high. His suggestion was first made while Carl was on the Dixie N.F. in R-4 but only recently adopted on an optional basis for Service-wide use.

Bert Roberts, (District Ranger, Sitka RD), and family went down to Portales, New Mexico to visit his daughter. Bert was on hand to greet his new grandchild who arrived during his visit. Betty Rew's son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Marilyn Helf, are the happy parents of twin girls, Kim 5 lbs. 1 oz. and Kelly, 4 lbs. 11 ozs. Betty is in TM, (RO).

Gina Butler, and Linda Ramos, Youth Opportunity Campaign summer workers in the RO were honored for their outstanding performance at ceremonies held in the Federal Building. The girls were presented with letters of commendation. Gina is in RLW&W, and Linda is in the Branch of Operation, RO. Congratulations are extended to Gina and Linda for their accomplishments.

Dick Newton, (North Tongass SO), traveled down the coast to San Diego to visit his daughter and son-in-law. He also acquired a new car enroute.

Institute of Northern Forestry: Austin E. Helmers left Juneau on September 19 for East Lansing, Michigan, where he will spend the school year at Michigan State University. Austin will be studying on a course program emphasizing hydrology, meteorology, and micrometeorology, with geology as applicable to coastal Alaska. His wife, Maxine and son, Tommy, will remain in Juneau but will visit Austin in East Lansing at Christmas time.

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Outside Moonlighting Jobs for Federal Employees in State and Local Governments:

Federal employees are now eligible to take moonlighting jobs in state and local governments so long as the extra work does not interfere with their Federal duties. The Civil Service Commission has issued regulations allowing Federal employees to hold part-time jobs in state or local governments. Its action was in line with a recent decision by a Federal Court, which ruled the employees have the right to take such outside jobs.

LET 'ER ROLL!

This is the time of the year when we start thinking of the winter ahead; we store our boats and motors, hang up our water skis and picnic baskets and get out the ice skates and snow skis--what else? Our bowling balls, of course!

This season promises to be a lively one on the local alley as a check of the following team list attests. Some mighty good bowlers in the league this year. First ball of the season rolled down the alley at Channel Bowl, September 12, and the 1968-69 bowling competition is in full swing.

TEAMS for the 1968-69 Juneau Forest Service Bowling League:

- #1 Dick Wilke*, Gerrit Plate, Nancy Mattson, Carl Paddock, Millie Moody.
- #2 Joe Albayalde, Del Estey, Barbara Kester, Bea Daniels*, Pat Hoopes.
- #3 Danny Eldemar, Tom Laurent, Polly Matheny, Nancy Stephens*, Judy Estey.
- #4 Marcus Bacon, Lee Kester, Chris Hundwin, Evelyn Sears*, Jessie Clapp.
- #5 Ferdy Bouchard, Dale Morrison*, Mabel Danner, Blanche Johnson, Dennis Murphy.
- #6 Cecil Stowell, Gary Carroll*, Alice Farra, Gladys Coster, Ken Daniels.
- #7 Curt Smith, Bob Schroeder, Daisy Bouchard*, Virginia Lockhart, Lillian Olson.
- #8 Barney Coster*, Tommy Thompson, Barbara Horn, Maxine Helmers, Marybeth Smith.
- #9 Bob Fish, Lyle Jack, Vonnie Rudolph*, Ann Bailey, Cheryl Parker.
- #10 Russ Lockhart*, Norm Hundwin, Bob Smith, Beth Crissey, Joyce Schroeder.

*Team Captains

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WIT TICKLER #1.

The same six letters, re-arranged, will fill these blanks to complete our WIT TICKLER Number One. This one's easy, but we've just begun!

Some men learn the flowing _ _ _ _ _ as well as they learn timber.
Ecology, hydrology are subjects they soon _ _ _ _ _ . If then in
practice they apply this knowledge well and wisely, credit them as
managers, but don't forget their alma _ _ _ _ _ .

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Former South Tongass Supervisor Heads Southern Region

Theodore A. Schlapfer was recently named Regional Forester in the Southern Region of the Forest Service. Ted came to Region 10 in 1959 as Forest Supervisor of the South Tongass where he served until he moved to the post of Supervisor in the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota in 1963. His friends in Region 10 congratulate him on his promotion.

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Blame this one on Kaye Metcalf, Chatham RD Naturalist.

"Know what they call a German Hippie?

"A Flower Kraut."

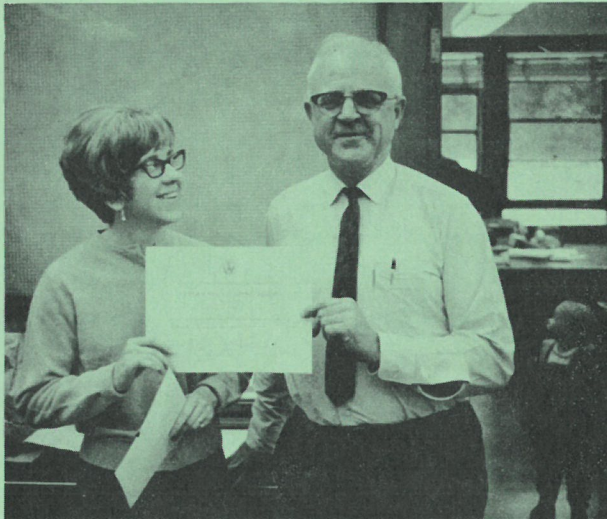
Happenings!

SOUTH TONGASS

Recently, Robert Rehfeld, Forest Supervisor, presented length of service awards to six South Tongass employees. Those sourdoughs receiving 25-year awards were Edward McLean, Bob Stribling, and Robert Templeton of the SO. Ten-year awards went to old timers Gordon Kalk, Ketchikan RD, Bob Lund, Kasaan RD, and John (Jack) Shay, SO. The South Tongass personnel are proud of these men, and hope their hair continues to grow long and dark as their years of service increase.



Shay, McLean, Rehfeld, Templeton, Stribling



Carol A. Hall, clerk-typist in resource management, is depicted being presented a certificate of appreciation by Walt Peterson, Administrative Officer. Carol also received a cash award for her suggestion of a card record of forms, issues and current supply. Recently, Region 4 became aware of this perpetual inventory system and asked for samples. Carol resigned Setp. 6, to accompany her husband to his new assignment in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carol is a life-long Alaskan. We're curious about how she'll survive the desert life.

"THE TRIP"



Jake Johnson, Timber Staff, South Tongass, Ex-District Ranger, all-around clean-cut American male, hasn't been the same since eating "C's", rubbing elbows, and swapping yarns with fire fighters in the interior of Alaska. Since his return, he no longer wears that clean-cut look of the football hero. Instead, he sports a full beard and walks around in a daze mumbling to himself about the enjoyable time on "the line" during the "Trip."

South Tongass decided to combine its resources and present Jake with a few traveling items for any future "Trips." Now, with his new sandals, flowers, a "sock it to me" necklace, and beard, Jake is ready for the next "blast off."