

SOURDOUGH NOTES



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U. S. FOREST SERVICE

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A FORESTER WEARS MANY HATS:

A man once described a forester as "an amateur woodsman with a college education." A forester these days must possess a combination of technical skills, both for the field and behind the desk, and he must also possess the ability to communicate and work with the many groups and individuals interested in the management of our forest lands. This holds true for both the industrial forester and the public forester. Public pressure exerted by various interest groups is being applied not only to public land management agencies but also to private timber holding companies.

It becomes apparent that the college education a forester gets is only the beginning of the training he must receive as he follows his career. In the Forest Service this training may be on the job. A good example is the young forester tallying trees for an experienced timber cruiser and learning through the training received from the veteran. Another training method is in-service schools and work sessions that deal with the whole multitude of land management problems. These sessions are generally led by Forest Service instructors, specialists in their fields such as soil scientists, landscape architects, fisheries biologists, etc. Frequently, foresters from private industry or from the state participate as do State Fish and Game personnel.

Whether the sessions are formal classroom affairs, informal work shops, or discussion groups the participants are brought up to date on new management concepts and techniques as well and to pass on refinements of those methods to others. In addition, the Forest Service sends professional trainees to formal schools presented by the Civil Service Commission or other agencies. Some men are given the opportunity to return to college for short brushup sessions or even for a full year's training. I was lucky enough to attend a session of this type at the University of Montana last January. That type training is invaluable to the land manager.

Colleges are aware of the increased demands on their graduates. Last month professors from Washington State University and Humboldt State College in California were shown the KPC operations at Thorne Bay. The pictures they took and information they gathered will be used this winter to help prepare future foresters for their role in land management.

In an age when science is making remarkable and continuous technical advances, it is essential that organizations such as the Forest Service maintain effective training programs for their present and future employees. Our National Forest heritage is in their hands.

John T. Standerwick
District Ranger--Kasaan RD



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Presidential Proclamation:

National Forest Products Week Starts October 19: The week set aside nationally for appreciation of the infinite resources of the forest opens on the third Sunday in October. Proclaiming Forest Products Week, 1969, President Nixon pointed out that, "from the time of the first settlers, the forests of America have been valued for their beauty and their usefulness. The beauty and majesty of the great American forests have given us shelter, furnishings, chemicals, papers, and a host of other products essential to our well-being and comfort." He urged that all of us "should observe the week with activities and ceremonies designed to direct public attention to the forest resources with which we have been so abundantly blessed and to the riches which they provide for our material and spiritual advantage."

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"WELCOME ABOARD"

It looked like half the people of Juneau were aboard when the M/V Wickersham took off from Auke Bay on September 28 on a special cruise to Glacier Bay. Actually, there were 1280 locals which is a pretty good percentage of the total population. The Forest Service was well represented, not only as passengers, but in the role of interpreters of the passing scene. This information service was provided by Bob Hakala, (RO), Lyle Jack and Dick Powers, (Chatham RD), and several Rangers from the National Park Service. The FS trio presented a program similar to the one provided on the M/V Malaspina this past summer. Their efforts were well received by the voyagers according to the favorable comments heard around town. Our eager entrepreneurs are anticipating more such sailings planned by the State Marine System for next year.

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PFC Oines Receives Award:

One of the Army badges that soldiers wear with special pride is the Combat Infantryman Badge. It was awarded to Private First Class Willmer G. Oines, near Pleiku, Vietnam in recent ceremonies. PFC Oines is the son of Willmer H. and Toby, (Petersburg RD). He is assigned as a rifleman with Company A, 1st Battalion of the 4th Infantry Division's 35th Infantry.

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NOTE: The Civil Service Commission has pointed out that some Federal employees are misusing "agency postage paid envelopes." The submission of an application in a competitive examination by an individual is considered to be a personal matter not official Government business, whether or not the person is a Federal employee. Such mail is, therefore, subject to payment of postage by the applicant, and use of postage paid official envelopes for personal matters is a violation of postal regulations.

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Pauline Shaw Washington, R-10 retiree left for the University Hospital in Seattle on September 29. Pauline sustained a fall last November in her apartment, breaking her hip. Recovery has not been as satisfactory as expected and the trip to Seattle is for corrective surgery. Pauline expects to be in Seattle until the first of the year. Mrs. Washington served for several years in Personnel Management and was in Resource Management at the time of her retirement in 1961. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

PERSONNEL NOTES:

New employees in the Regional Office are Mrs. Mary K. (Kathy) Barcas who transferred from GSA on September 7 to the position in Administrative Services recently vacated by Joanne Carroll....Mrs. Katherine Miyasato will be helping out in Fiscal Control for about 30 days while Marie Day is on leave. Katherine reported for duty on September 18....Mrs. Alma Spurrell is back with the FS to work part-time in State and Private Forestry. Welcome back to the RO....Miss Marit O. Opsal joined the staff in Office Services, Branch of Operations, Division of Administrative Management, as an office assistant on September 4. Marit was born in Petersburg and is now attending Juneau-Douglas High School.

Transferees: Bob Reynolds, Deputy Fiscal Agent transferred to the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Auke Bay Lab as Administrative Officer on August 10....Dick Wilke and family left Juneau on September 6 for his new position as Deputy Regional Engineer in Region 2. He reported to work in Denver, Colorado on September 8.....Harry Gillette, also from Engineering transferred to Region 3 on the Santa Fe National Forest as Forest Engineer on September 21. He and Don Robinson drove down the Alaskan Highway, via Haines and Whitehorse. Laverne and the four children took the ferry to Prince Rupert and rendezvoused with Harry and Don in Prince George to make the safari south to Santa Fe....Don, also from Engineering plans to return to college in Oregon this fall....Mrs. Eva (Tiny) Glass transferred September 7 to the Big Summit Ranger District of the Ochoco National Forest, Region 6, Prineville, Oregon....Ehsan Fard, Civil Engineer at Petersburg returned to Region 5 on the Los Padres National Forest on August 27.

Resignation: Mrs. Evelyn Korhonen, Management Technician in Administrative Management resigned September 11 to move to Sitka with her husband, Mike, who has been reassigned there by the State Troopers.

Promotion: Dan Swaney, South Tongass was promoted August 24 to the Resources position on the Kasaan District vice Phil Gum who replaced Bob Fish in the Regional Office.

Detail: Stan Rogers returned to Region 10 for about a week on detail to help prepare a landscape plan for Peril Straits.

John Hall has been appointed as special Assistant to Regional Forester Howard Johnson effective September 21. John and his wife, Carol and five children will arrive in Juneau about October 1.

Cleve C. (Red) Ketchum transferred to R-10 to replace Dick Wilke as Regional Engineer on September 21. Red's wife, Katherine and two sons, Raymond 16, and Dennis 15, left Albuquerque on the 12th for Juneau. Red arrived via the Marine Highway on September 19.

Ray Laschober from Region 4 has accepted the position of Branch Chief in charge of Surveys and Maps (vice Bill Bayer). Effective date of assignment will be October 19. Ray is married and has eight children. Know of a big house for sale?

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Fiscal visitors from the Washington Office were Glenn C. Todd, Director of the Division of Budget and Finance, Allen J. English, Branch Chief of System and Procedures Development, and Waldron A. Leypoldt, Chief, Review and Analysis.

Evelyn Sears--CPS

Evelyn Sears, Secretary to the Regional Forester earned the coveted rating of Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) having successfully completed all six parts of a comprehensive examination administered by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries this year. Congratulations are extended to Evelyn for her distinguished achievement.

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Groom of the Month:--Nillo Mack, (Chatham RD), is the latest groom in the Region. He was recently married in Juneau to Mary Erickson in ceremonied conducted by Judge Hartly Crosby. A reception was held in their honor at the home of Bill James in West Juneau.

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What's Bat Man Got That.....? In a recent fit of domesticity, Lee Kester, (RO), was helping his helpmate, Barbara, (RO), house clean. He was vigorously shaking out a rug from the porch when the railing gave way and over went Lee, flailing the air with the rug--Bat Man style. He fell 15 feet, landing across a metal object in the brush below. It knocked the wind out of him for a while, and a checkup revealed a cracked breastbone. It was in this condition that Lee and Barbara took off for a two-week vacation to northern California and the Reno area. Lee reports that his cracked ribs hardly hurt at all.

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Region 10 Welcomes "Red" Ketcham:

Cleve C. "Red" Ketcham, will be the new Regional Engineer in the RO, where he will be responsible for engineering activities in the Alaska Region. Red's career started with the Forest Service in 1949 in Albuquerque. From there he moved to various assignments on the Santa Fe National Forest in New Mexico, and the Fremont National Forest in Oregon. From 1956 to 1958 he worked as an engineer in Bolivia with the International Cooperative Administration. Following this special assignment Red worked in the FS Washington, D.C. Office. In 1966 he was promoted to the RO in San Francisco as an Assistant Regional Engineer. From there he was transferred and promoted to R-10. Mr. Ketcham was born in Clayton, N.M. and attended the University of New Mexico where he obtained his BS degree in 1949. Prior to entering the University, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946.

His wife Katherine, and their sons, Raymond, 16 and Dennis, 15 arrived in Juneau ahead of Red in order to enter school. Soon thereafter, unfortunately, Ray slipped and fell outside the Mendenhall Visitor Center and sustained a multiple fracture of his leg. He and his father went south to the University Hospital in Seattle for surgery. The surgery was successful and Ray is back in school busy catching up, and Red is busy getting settled in his new office.

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REARING RECORD:

F₁ generation: Ann and Torgie Torgorsen, (INF)

F₂ generation: Offspring 9/19/69; 6 p.m.

Description O, 3.7739 kg. Homo sapiens

var. juneauensis (common name - Christian Erik);

Pelage - naked except for dark hair on cranium: Eyes - 2,dark.

CHEECHAKO Baby Kristen Patrice was born at St. Ann's Hospital on the 7th, weighing in at 6 lbs., 15 oz. Proud parents are Kristine and Marcus Bacon, (Engr.-RO).

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RANGER'S NOTES:

Hang on, this looks like a rough one coming up! A fast whirlpool had just caught the bow of the 16 foot whaler, but a burst of speed from the outboard skippered by Ranger Harold Howard quickly put the boat back on course.

"White water ahead!" I shouted. "This is more fun than Coney Island!" whooped Fred Harnisch, VIS'er from the South Tongass SO. A quick check of the chart showed rocks off the starboard side. Logs and debris were caught in the whirlpool action, moving fast but going no where. The place? -- Willard Inlet located in the south-east corner of the Ketchikan Ranger District. The whirlpools and swirls were much stronger here than those we had negotiated over at Very Inlet only a few days before. It was but two hours before low tide and the water was in a rush to make up the difference between the drop of elevation between the Inlet and the larger bay outside. The channel was at its narrowest now, more like a gushing river than a salt water inlet. We were hugging the left shore avoiding any possibility of finding the big rocks. The bow of the half ton craft flipped high in the air as the boat drove itself into a cross current from a white foaming swirl, and then down came the entire boat whoomp, jarring passengers and equipment alike. Two more good whoomps and we had safely left the inlet.

Willard Inlet was both a surprise and the high point of a ten-day planning trip to the southern tip of the Alaskan panhandle by Ketchikan District personnel. Purpose of the trip was to check on trails, timber sale chances, special use permits, recreation cabin sites, future salmon stream improvement projects, and points of interest to the recreation minded public such as old village and cannery sites.

Four inlets radiating out from Sitklan Island like fingers from a hand, cover an area rich in early Alaskan history. In 1868, Tongass Island was the site of a rich Indian culture and also the location for the first United States constructed military installation in Alaska. The old location site may be seen from salt water. Sitklan Island still shows signs of an early white man's settlement. Ruins of an old cannery are visible in Nakat Inlet, but the Indian houses once present at the end of Fillmore Inlet were not found on this trip. The skeleton of an old fish trap, complete with living quarters can be seen on the tide flats in Harry Bay.

But Willard Inlet offered the surprise of surprises. A fast-moving chuck and spectacular scenery unmatched in beauty when compared with the other three inlets awaits the more adventurous traveler. Sheer cliffs several hundred feet high dropping into salt water makes for tough beachcombing, but great for picture taking. Knobs and small hills with verticle cliffs scattered along the shoreline, old landslides with bands of bright green vegetation, snow on rock covered peaks, and the rich color of alpine country can all be seen easily from a boat near the end of this inlet.

Other highlights of the trip included hikes into Bakewell and Humpback Lakes over existing Forest Service trails, a look at the raging Red River in Marten Arm, and the finding of suitable sites for future recreation cabins on Humpback Creek and Duke Island. The only sour note came at the discovery of the Bakewell skiff smashed against the rocks at the base of the Fish Ladder on Bakewell Creek. Apparently a camper had failed to secure the boat to a tree, as the cabin showed no sign of vandalism. On most lakes, heavy rains will flush the lakes - skiff and all. As a parting note - if you want boats on the lakes, keep 'em tied up.

Paul A. McIntyre
Ketchikan RD

North Tongass Reporter:

Carol Hutcheson, Petersburg District clerk, suffered a ruptured aneurysm behind her eye two weeks ago and was flown to Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle for surgery. Carol was removed from intensive care September 9 and is progressing nicely. Her mother came from Ketchikan to care for the family during Carol's absence, as husband Bill is with Carol in Seattle. He is an Engineering Technician on the District..... After 10 years of living in Alaska, Mike Perenovich, (SO), finally caught his first King salmon--in California!!-last month while on his vacation. The Perenovich family also visited Oregon, Pennsylvania and Detroit on their three-week holiday..... The David E. Blackner, (SO), family spent three weeks in August visiting in Region 4. They went horseback riding, visited nearby scenic parks and even saw a real zoo. They visited Dan Wilson, formerly of R-10 who sends greetings to his Alaska friends. Congratulations to the George (Vada) Vaughan family at the news of the "new addition!"

Happiness is a cash award as is evident by the big smiles, left, as Dave Blackner presents Charles F. Oakley with a \$30 award for a suggestion he submitted while serving in the Santa Fe NF. His suggestion regarding picnic table construction resulted in modification of the specifications.



Annuitants May Participate in Insurance Open Season:

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has announced that it plans to permit annuitants enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program to participate in the November 10-28, 1969 open season presently scheduled for active employees.

During an open season, eligible employees who are not enrolled in a health benefits plan under the program are permitted to enroll. Employees and annuitants who are already enrolled in a plan are able to change to another plan or to another option of the plan they are in. In addition, employees and annuitants who are enrolled for self-only may change to a family-type enrollment in the same or a different plan or option. Changes made by employees and annuitants during the open season become effective at the beginning of the first pay period in 1970. All annuitants will be notified by direct mail.

Conservation Education Workshop:

Char and Ernie McDonald, conservation educators from Region 6, Portland, Oregon, conducted a Conservation Education Workshop in Region 10 from September 28 to October 15. Their itinerary took them from Ketchikan on the South Tongass, through No. Tongass and on to the Chugach NF. The indefatigable couple conducted a series of sessions on methods and procedures of conservation education both in the classroom and in the out-of-doors. They held workshops for Forest Service and agency people, school administrators and teachers in all the major cities of the state. Everywhere, they were met with an enthusiastic response to their stimulating and timely program. Alice Cook, Conservation Educator for Region 10 accompanied the McDonalds as co-ordinator. Jack Culbreath and Bob Hakala, (I&E), joined the group in Anchorage. Thanks to the McDonald's program, a full-fledged conservation education course in Alaska schools is assured. As one teacher exclaimed after a field session, "This will open a whole new world for my class."

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A Note From Bill Bayer:

In a recent note, RO retirees Bill and Christine Bayer sent a big welcome to the Harry Gillette family who transferred to Region 3 at Santa Fe, New Mexico on September The Bayer note also told of the following accident: "On August 23, we were on our way to Ruidoso, New Mexico (east of Roswell in the mountains) when we were involved in quite an accident about 18 miles south of Albuquerque on Highway 85. About 8:45 AM a station wagon made a left hand turn directly in front of me. Of course there was nothing I could do to prevent a collision. Our new car is practically totaled out; at least that is the opinion of the State Police Officer who investigated. Very fortunately no one in either car was very seriously injured. Christine has a bruised chest, left arm, and right groin and a beautiful black eye. My niece, who was in the rear seat, suffered bruised nose, lips and possible teeth damage. That is the extent as far as we know. There were 13 Navajo Indians in the station wagon, and miraculously, none were injured, at least not visibly. A mother, father and 11 children. We feel very fortunate and happy that no one was killed or seriously injured. Unfortunately for me, the other driver carried no insurance! He was given a citation for full responsibility of the collision by the officer. Christine and my niece were taken to an Albuquerque hospital by ambulance for treatment and check up. I was really lucky, all I got was a slight scratch on my right shin. This certainly has made a believer of me for seat belts!....Give our regards to every one and drive carefully on your way down here! Keep those seat belts fastened! /s/ Bill."

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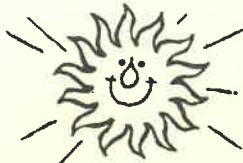
For Sale: - Forest Service suit coat - size 42. Like new - Make an offer. Contact Jay Davis, North Tongass SO. Ph. 6-7156

Wanted to Rent: - Temporary storage for washer and dryer, and miscellaneous household items. Contact Ron Wood, (RLW&W-RO). Ph. 6-7271.

Found: - One pair Forest Service trousers. Possibly left on board the Malaspina during VIS project aboard. May be had by claiming and explaining, at the I&E Office.

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"Hi To All"--A wire from Beth Crissey to Personnel informs us that she is enjoying working for Congressman John B. Saylor in Washington D. C. "It's good to be with the family," she says, "but living in D. C. is something else again."



NEAR PERFECT!

Sometimes perfection can't be planned--it just happens. The week of August 17 promised little in the way of fair weather for the Juneau area. Each day was dripping wet and foggy as only Juneau days can be. Normally, this would not have bothered me, but I had promised three visitors from Washington, D.C. and one from Portland, that I would arrange a weekend boat trip for fishing and sightseeing. You know how much spectacular scenery is available with ceiling zero!

Despite the odds, I called Tom Parke to see if he and the Tiller Tramp were available for the weekend. Both were, and barring a blow we agreed to leave Friday evening for Tracy Arm.

Friday dawned with the expected heavy overcast and threatening skies. But the unexpected happened. By the time the guest arrived on the noon plane, blue sky was beginning to show and a break in the weather was apparent. We headed for the Tiller Tramp to meet Tom and put gear and supplies aboard. As we pulled out of Harris Harbor that evening the water was calm and the skies blue--near perfect! We headed for Taku Harbor to pay our respects to Tiger Olson. As we tied up to the dock a local resident was bringing in a fine catch of dungeness crab. This interested our guests, and we obtained five for our larder.

Then we visited Tiger. It was a memorable visit. Tiger discussed politics, mining, trapping, and mountain climbing--colored the discussion with tales only Tiger can tell. Our guests were impressed by his fluency and knowledge. One remarked that he works with the names of politicians and legislators every day but could not rattle those names off in conversation the way Tiger does. Time

passes quickly with Tiger. We wish we could have stayed longer.

We anchored in Limestone Inlet to spend the night and put out a crab pot to try our luck. Before supper we caught two nice halibut to add variety -- Everything was going fine. Saturday morning dawned with a few fog patches but clear sky above. We knew the sun would soon burn off the fog, and we would experience a perfect day that comes only to the Alaska panhandle. The crab pot had two king crabs in it--just enough to tell us that more were around. We dropped a trap into deeper water and continued towards Tracy Arm. Weather perfect!

In the vicinity of Midway Island we began seeing some whales. Tom caught up with three large whales, and to our surprise the largest of the three was wrapped in a line with a big red float attached. It appeared to be a line and float from a crab pot. The whale was unable to swim and dive normally, because his flukes were fouled in the line. Thus, as the three whales moved off left and right to get out of our way, we stayed right with them burning up film as though we had an endless supply. Great fun! But suddenly the situation changes. The whales surfaced about 200 yards in front, turned to face us--and charged! What do you do in a situation like that? Tom realized the real danger, and he did his best to move out of the way. The Tiller Tramp makes 10 knots at top speed. Just then Tom got $10\frac{1}{2}$ knots, I think as he turned hard to starboard and headed away from the whales. In less time than it takes you to read this, the whales overtook us with their flukes and tails churning water on the surface. Then to show their contempt, they dived under our bow

and moved away from us--and we away from them. With relief we continued on our way into Tracy Arm and ignored all whales.

The cruise up Tracy Arm defies description. On a good day, and this was perfect, the rocky walls glisten, the icebergs reflect more blue than white, and each turn of the Arm exposes a new scene. After leaving much of the bottom paint on the ice floes, we arrived within two miles of South Sawyer Glacier at midafternoon. Tom stopped the motor, and we proceeded to take our fill of scenery and pictures without realizing that more was to come. Suddenly, as if on cue, the whole face of the glacier began calving off. From right to left, the huge chunks of ice fell into the water, then rose again in slow motion like many Empire State Buildings joined together; then just as slowly settled back into the water to end up as more icebergs and ice floes. Even after you see it you aren't sure that you believe it. The show was over and we had to leave, but the cruise out was just as good as the cruise in.

As we entered Stephens Passage that evening, we caught a breeze from the northwest and had to find a quiet spot to eat supper. We anchored over a kelp bed in a sheltered cove and lines started going overboard in order to fish while we ate. A dumb king salmon grabbed the first herring in the water and headed for the middle of the canal. Finally he turned, and we worked him back to the boat, only to have him dive under the kelp bed. Tom put the pram in the water and tried to work the fish out from under the kelp. In the meantime, all other lines were busy with halibut. Two good halibut were landed, but the others dived into the kelp and broke off. Finally the king salmon broke off too, and we called a halt in order to eat--Near perfect.

We dropped anchor at midnight in Limestone Inlet. Everyone slept good that night. The next morning while two of us checked the creek for trout, the others pulled the crab trap. No trout in the creek, but it took three men to pull the crab trap--24 king crab in the trap and 12 were very legal keepers. I dressed 12 and put them on ice. After breakfast, we fished off the entrance of Limestone Inlet but we still had a northwest breeze to contend with. Although the sky was clear, the water was choppy. Shortly Tom suggested that we pull in our lines and he would take us where he could guarantee some fish. I was shocked because I'd never guarantee fish in these waters.

We headed for Doty Cove and found it to be sheltered from the wind. Tom outfitted the pram for trolling and two fishermen took off. The others fished from the Tiller Tramp as it drifted along the shore. It wasn't long before Tom delivered on his guarantee. The fish began coming in and they were beauties--solid cohos running 15 to 18 pounds. Eleven fish came aboard that afternoon, and we ended the day by dining on one of them for our supper. We docked that evening at Harris Harbor and bid goodbye to Tom and the Tiller Tramp.

It wasn't really goodbye--such a successful trip deserves more and we'll be back. H. R. Josephson, Ben Spada, and Dave Herrick from Washington, D. C., Don Flora from Portland, Carl Swanson and yours truly, Keith Hutchison, had a trip that we will never forget. Yes, and I don't think Tom Parke will soon forget the whales either.

Monday it rained!

--- Keith Hutchison (INF)



WO Personnel Management Visitors:

Steve Kirby, Branch Chief Classification and Pay, Division of Personnel Management, Washington Office visited our Region from August 16 through 21. Steve was primarily interested in obtaining information about the Classification and Pay programs in the Alaska Region and in particular, Management and individual employees' understanding of these programs. A group meeting was arranged and held Wednesday p.m. and was attended by 35 Forest Service and NFFE employees. Contacts were made at the District, Forest, and Regional Office levels to gain insight on problems and operations that are unique or different from other organization entities. The discussions developed from these contacts were quite frank and candid. All parties gained from the interchange of information, ideas, principles and philosophy.

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Walt Schlumpf, Safety Coordinator from the Washington Office was in Region 10 during the week of August 17. He made a brief visit to an engineering camp at Natzuhini Bay on the South Tongass NF. The muskeg and sloppy working conditions made quite an impression. He also met with Forest Supervisors and Forest Safety Coordinators in a problem solving session. The safety problems of the Region were reviewed. The biggest problem is injury to temporary employees. This was discussed in detail and possible solutions were developed. Walt's trip was the first from the WO in Safety for a number of years. We hope now that Steve and Walt have broken the ice in coming to Alaska, that other key Personnel staff will follow suit.

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Richard J. Costley, Director of the Division of Recreation in the Washington Office was a recent visitor to Region 10. In company with W. H. Johnson, Regional Forester, George Roskie and Barney Coster of the Division of RLW&W, Mr. Costley began his travels in Ketchikan where he visited FS recreational facilities in the area. Enroute to Juneau, the group stopped over at the Petersburg RD and nearby points of interest. Costley, Roskie and Coster took the ferry to Sitka for a tour of that District. On the return to Juneau the trio traveled to Anchorage for visits to Alyeska, Portage Glacier, the Kenai Moose Range, Seward and the Prince William Sound areas. Roskie and his visitor then completed a full circle of Alaska by way of Fairbanks, Mt. McKinley Park, College, Whitehorse, Y.T. and return to Juneau via Skagway. On the tour route, Mr. Costley conferred with state officials, wilderness representatives and others.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

All Forest Service ghouls, witches, warlocks, and fiends invited--and pumpkins too!



Co-chairmen, Dick Powers, (Chatham RD), and Dave Blackner, (North Tongass SO) have brewed a big caldron of

FUN - ENTERTAINMENT AND GOODIES FOR ALL !!

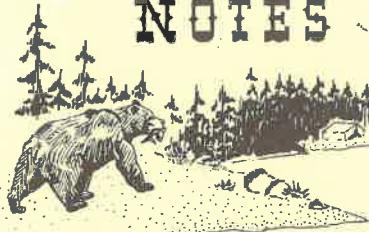


See you in the Ghost Walk on Halloween Night, Friday, October 31

At 7:00 to 10:00 pm

At the Masonic Temple at 206 4th Street

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Juneau, Alaska October 31, 1969

Fireside Program--Winter Series, 1969-70:

The 1969-70 Fireside Program winter series got off to a good start on October 10 when Mauri Pelto of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries presented his talk on Our Estuarine Heritage. Capacity crowds were present for the Visitor Center showings with similar attendance reported for the Museum event. Dick Powers, coordinator of the series has lined up an interesting and enlightening series of subjects and speakers for this year relating to the theme, Alaska's Bounty--Its Natural Resources. Indications are that this popular service of the Chatham RD is in for another successful season.

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State Gets Advice on How to Spend that Near-Billion Dollars:

News of the oil lease sales is sifting down to trouble shooters in the lower 48, and vibrations are returning to the governor's office. Such as: "With all that oil money, why don't you fix up your roads....it is very discouraging to travel over such roads." A tourist from Idaho wrote, "Clean up the restrooms." (with all that outdoors yet?) More lyrically, a man from Virginia warned: "Don't emulate the miner who shoots his strike in one wild spree but be like the one who makes his stroke of luck the foundation of his fortune." (one for the up-coming legislature). A neatly typewritten note from Pennsylvania suggests that some of the state's revenue be spent on coin-operated machines that "teach classical Greek by computer during leisure hours and in the schools." (How's that again?) Another Pa. correspondent addressed his post card to "Governor of Alaska. Where the Black Gold Is, U.S.A., and suggested "1. Pipeline through Canada--good neighbors. 2. Don't cheat the Indians and 3. Have fun." A representative letter dealing with conservation problems, read, "Take care to minimize disturbance to natural environment and the values of a good life." It adds, "Please keep Alaska beautiful for all of us." A survey made by a Juneau radio station gleaned this prize, "Why not use some of that money to build a big dome over Juneau to keep out the X*!)0! rain!"

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Premium Rates to Increase on Most Federal Employee Health Insurance Plans:

Thirty of the 36 health insurance plans available to Federal employees will increase their premium rates in January, 1970. Employees must pay all of the increase. Government's contribution will remain unchanged and its share of the total cost will drop from 27 to about 25 percent. The Civil Service Commission stated the increased rates are a reflection of the continuing sharp increases in the cost of hospital and medical care.

An unlimited open season will be held from November 10 to 28, during which eligible unenrolled employees may enroll in a plan and enrolled employees and annuitants may change plans, options or type of enrollment. Brochures on the new policy rates will be available in Region 10 early in November.



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PERSONNEL NOTES:

New employees in the Regional Office include Miss Priscilla Martin who is helping out in the Division of Recreation, Lands, Wildlife and Watershed Management for a few months....On August 18, Mrs. Annabelle Revels also joined the staff in the Division of RLW&W....Since September 29, Mrs. Vera Nelson has been the new Mail and File clerk in Office Services....Mrs. Vivian Moulson transferred from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the position in Personnel Management recently vacated by Lucille Behrends. Effective date of her transfer was October 19....Mrs. Rizpah B. Russell joined the staff in the Division of Timber Management as Clerk (Dictating Machine Transcriber) effective September 30 replacing Beth Crissey. Rizpah was formerly employed by the Department of the Army.

Promotions: On October 19, promotions were received by the following R-10 employees Joseph Bradford, (South Tongass SO), Highway Engineering Technician.....Mrs. Beverly Stavley, Management Technician (Typing), Branch of Operation, Division of Administrative Management, RO, and....Cecil Stowell, Civil Engineer, Division of Engineering in the RO.

Transfers: Tommy Thompson, Forester on the Chatham RD, transferred to the Institute of Northern Forestry effective October 5....Ehsan Fard, Civil Engineer on the North Tongass NF transferred to the Los Padres NF, Region 5, on September 7....Dale J. Paulson, Soil Scientist on the South Tongass NF will transfer to the Wasatch NF in Region 4, November 2....David Shepherd, Supervisory Civil Engineer on the Chugach NF transferred to the Weather Bureau at Anchorage on October 5....Jay Davis, Supervisory Civil Engineer on the North Tongass NF transferred to the Federal Aviation Agency on October 19....Headed for the Washington Office is Howard Beaver, Management Analyst Officer, Branch of Operation, Division of Administrative Management in the RO. His transfer will be effective on November 16....On October 1, Miss Elizabeth A. Crissey, (TM-RO), transferred to the House of Representatives, Legislative Branch, Washington, D. C.

Resignations: Carroll P. Pederson, Forester, Kasaan RD, resigned September 26 to return to school....Miss Marit Opsal, RO Office Services resigned October 10.... Also resigning on October 10 was Anthony Gasbarro, Forester on the Craig RD who left Alaska to accept employment with the United Nations....Miss Kathryn Morrison, Mail and File clerk, (RO), resigned October to work for another agency.

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State Receives Forest Funds:

Governor Keith H. Miller announced recently that the state has received \$551,820.00 in National Forest receipts and \$166,676.24 already has been forwarded to boroughs as shared revenues under state law. The remainder has been placed in the state's general fund. Under terms of the federal and state statutes governing national forest receipts, the funds must be expended on schools or roads.

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Truth is not only stranger than fiction these days--it's a lot cleaner, too.

Uinta Accountant Joins Fiscal Control:

Robert O. Carr has accepted the accountant position in Fiscal Control, (RO), vacated by Bob Reynolds. Bob is presently working on the Uinta National Forest in Region 4 at Provo, Utah. The effective date of his reassignment is November 30. Bob will be accompanied to Juneau by his wife and young son.

Bob received his degree in business and accounting from Oklahoma State University in 1963. He went to work for the Forest Service immediately and has been stationed on the Pike NF, Colorado Springs, Colorado; in the Regional Office at Denver; on the Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre NF at Delta, Colorado and for the past two years at Provo on the Uinta.

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SOUTH TONGASS BRIEFS:

In honor of National Forest Products Week, three members of the Ketchikan Chapter of the Society of American Foresters appeared on a public service program sponsored by the local television and radio station in Ketchikan. The program was conducted by the Ketchikan Jaycees, with Leo Baldwin, South Tongass SO, as moderator. The three participants were Al Aitken, Forester from Whale Pass, Kasaan RD; Fred Harnisch, South Tongass SO, and George Woodbury, Forester with the Ketchikan Pulp Company.

On October 15, Paul McIntyre, Ketchikan RD, and Jerry Deppa, Alaska Department of Fish and Game gave a color slide presentation to the Seventh Grade Social Science class at Shoenbar Junior High School. Subject of their talk was Wildlife, Its Habitat, And You. The theme was general in nature, emphasizing the importance of John Q. Public's influence in managing and regulating the fish and wildlife in southeast Alaska.

Deppa reviewed the how and why of game laws. He also touched on why we have game poachers and how they hurt the resource. McIntyre discussed the ownership of the Tongass and how important it is for each of us to take an interest in this our heritage. Activities in the National Forests and their effect on wildlife was brought out in the slide presentation.

A question and answer period followed. Sample questions included: "How do you determine how many deer can be taken each year?" "How can fish find the little opening into the steeppass?" "When you cut the forest why don't you leave the smaller trees to grow?" Tongass maps and Common Fresh and Saltwater Fishes booklets were handed out to the 26 students who attended the session.

Cost Analysis And The Weather!

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Residents of Alaska rate the high cost of living and the unfavorable climate as among the disadvantages and most undesirable qualities of the state. On the other hand, Alaskans say the low population density and the beauty and wilderness are the state's greatest attractions.

The August issue of the magazine Alaska Sportsman contains the results of a survey conducted by mail in Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage by the cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Alaska. David Klein, unit leader, said that even among those who plan to leave--or would like to leave--the low population and wilderness were rated top attributes, followed closely by opportunities for outdoor recreation.

THESE ARE THE CHAMPS

In Sourdough Notes of February 28, 1969 we announced that we would publish a list of champion Alaskan trees, and asked our readers to send their nominations to Al Harris, INF. Al has compiled the following list of champs. He reports that he was disappointed at the response from NFA--exactly none so far. All the champs were nominated by people from INF. (Al admits that reports for a few species were cribbed from Forest Inventory field notes). A number of native and introduced tree species are not represented, and some of the present winners are sure to lose their standing to larger trees soon, but at least now we have some records to shoot at.

Fall is a good time to hunt for trophy trees as well as trophy game, so come on--you brush apes and desk jockeys--next time you spot a potential winner measure circumference at 4-1/2 feet above ground, total height with an Abney (or estimated height), and estimated crown spread. Be sure to include a map or location description with enough detail to make relocation possible. Send the information to the Institute of Northern Forestry, Box 909, Juneau, Alaska 99801, care of Al Harris. American Forestry Association rules will apply in scoring winners and Sourdough Notes will keep you informed.

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THIS 'N THAT:--Esther and Sig Olson, (RLW&W), were gone almost a month on a vacation to Minnesota, California and points in between. They visited friends and relatives in Minnesota and enjoyed the beauty of fall colors in the wilderness areas near home. They visited with the Jack Bennetts in Denver. In Quincy, California the Olsons took to the High Sierra for an outing with Hank and Lois Jones.

Jim Calvin, (RLW&W) spent the week of October 20th in San Francisco, California attending the American Mining Congress....Jim Watson, Ben Carson and Russ Lockhart (TM) attended a Timber Sale Workshop in Atlanta, Georgia last week. Ben was looking forward to seeing his old friends in Region 8.

Vern Clapp, Bob Janes and son Bill, Jack Culbreath and son Allan, went to the Upper Alsek FS Cabin on a moose hunt, the first for the boys. The hunt netted three moose, in all with Bill and Allan each bagging one.

New Babies: Proud parents, Shirley and Gary Sjoroos, son and daughter-in-law of Jeri Mann, RO receptionist announced the birth of their second son, Richard William, born at St. Ann's Hospital, October 19. Richard weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz....Gerry and Sharon Schauwecker, (Engr.) welcomed their third son, John A., born on October 13 at St. Ann's. He is at home now with big brothers, Ed and Danny.

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The High Cost Of A Cryptic Hand: Unbelievable as it may seem, poor handwriting results in losses exceeding \$1 million a week. According to the Handwriting Foundation the most costly errors include misrouted correspondence, tax mix-ups, billing mistakes, and misinterpreted instructions. To test your own handwriting's decipherability take an index card and cut a hole large enough to show only one letter or number at a time. Place it over a word or number you've recently written; if the single letter or number that shows is recognizable out of context, your handwriting is legible. (Letters a, e, r, and t and digits 0, 2, and 5 present the most common problems.)

TODAY'S SECRETARY--

THESE ARE THE ALASKAN CHAMPS

Species	Circumference: (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet above ground)		Total height Feet	Estimated crown spread Feet	Location	Nominee
	Feet	and Inches				
Alaska-cedar	12	ft.- 7 in.	90	30	Cape Fanshaw	A.E. Helmers
Alder, red	8	ft.-11 in.	53	40	Whitewater Bay	T.H. Laurent
Aspen, quaking	4	ft.- 8 in.	60	20	Chena Hot Spring Road	K.M. Hegg P.M. Haack
Birch, paper	7	ft.- 7 in.	55	35	(Hewitt Lake, (Susitna valley	K.M. Hegg
Cottonwood, black	32	ft.- 6 in.	101	60	Klukwan	(R.M. Dippold (D.D. Murphy
Douglas-fir	4	ft.- 5 in.	48	20	Mountain Point, Ketchikan	(W.A. Farr (A.S. Harris
Fir, Pacific silver	12	ft.-10 in.	148	30	Boca De Quadra	D.C. Schmiege
Fir, subalpine	6	ft.- 7 in.	95	20	Taku River	A.S. Harris
Hemlock, western	16	ft.- 2 in.	170	30	Kosciusko Island	H.E. Andersen
Pine, lodgepole	5	ft.- 2 in.	73	20	Cat Island, Hollis	A.S. Harris
Poplar, balsam	6	ft.-11 in.	60	30	(Vinalsole, (Kuskokwim River	(R.M. Dippold (G. Hudack
Redcedar, western	23	ft.-10 in.	120	40	Portage Bay	(K.M. Hegg (P.M. Haack
Spruce, black	2	ft.-10 in.	50	20	Ruth Glacier	(R.M. Dippold (D.D. Murphy
Spruce, Sitka	25	ft.- 7 in.	180	40	Affleck Canal	T.H. Laurent D.A. Cronlund
Spruce, white	6	ft.-11 in.	70	30	Aniak River	R.M. Dippold K.H. Hegg
Tamarack	2	ft.- 3 in.	50	25	(Bearpaw Mountain, (Kantishna	(R.B. Mattson (K.M. Hegg
Yew, Pacific	2	ft.- 6 in.	30	20	Dog Island	W.J. Walkotten

CHUGACH NOTES: A welcome to Chugach is extended to Marie I. Lange and Dawn A. Barrick, clerk-typists in the SO. Marie is a local Anchorage gal. Dawn and her husband just rotated to Anchorage where he serves with the U. S. Army.

New also in the SO is Steve Martin, (Engineering), who received a promotion and transfer to Alaska on October 7. Steve was employed by the Forest Service during summers on the Olympic National Forest and Mt. Hood National Forest while attending Oregon State University at Corvallis, Oregon where he received a degree in Forest Engineering in 1965. From 1966 to 1969 Steve was on military duty. He returned to the FS in March, 1969 as Civil Engineering Technician on Clackamas RD on the Mt. Hood NF, where he served until his appointment of the Chugach. His wife, Diane and son Bruce Alan, two years old, are welcomed to the SO.

Farewells go to Forest Engineer Dave Shepard and his wife, Ann. Dave is leaving the Forest Service to become a Weather Bureau employee. A farewell dinner party was held, October 14 at the Woodshed to honor the popular couple. The Shepards will remain in Anchorage so Chugach Engineers have easy access via telephone for any questions that arise! Bill Odendahl has been designated acting Forest Engineer in the interim. We are sorry to see Dave leave the FS, but feel better since he will still be nearby.

Sis McFarland left October 17 for two weeks in the lower 48 for a visit with her parents in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Jeannette Price, Purchasing Agent, has accepted a transfer and promotion to Snow Mountain RD, Ochoco NF at Hines, Oregon. Jeannette will leave the first part of November for her new position as District Administrative Assistant.

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Hold Those Government Bonds: Value May Go Up

Employees who have purchased U. S. Savings Bonds since the first of June and holders of any outstanding Series E and H Bonds are reminded that interest rates may be increased to 5 percent retroactive to their first semiannual interest period, which started on or after June 1, 1969. Secretary Robert H. Finch of HEW, Chairman of the Inter-departmental Savings Bonds Committee made this announcement, adding that proposal for such an increase has been made to the Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury. The proposed 5 percent rate would apply to Savings Bonds purchased after June 1, 1969 and held to maturity. Holders of outstanding Savings Bonds would also receive a 5 percent rate for the remaining period to maturity after June 1, 1969.

Information Digest - WO.....

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Personnel's Mailbag: Received in the Monday morning mail—"Regional Forester: Dear Sir: I am interested in employment with the Forest Service in Alaska. I have four years of college education, an inquiring mind, a loving wife, and I would like to live as close to the dall sheep as I can. Are there any positions/openings available?"

/s/ R. Saltmarsh - Berkeley, Calif.

Canoe System Explored on Prince of Wales:

If you are familiar with the general shape of Prince of Wales Island you may recall that there is a long valley that runs from Sweetwater Lake to Thorne Bay. This valley is broken into two systems of lakes and streams flowing north to Sweetwater and, on the other side of a low divide, south to Thorne Bay.

While flying over this portion of the Kasaan District I've often pictured the possibility of a canoe route linking the lakes. From the air it looked like a natural. Over the past few years several groups of people including youngsters have made the trip. This summer a large party from Gildersleeve's Logging camp went through.

It is apparent that the route is not only feasible but has real potential, particularly at such time as the main north-south road traverses the island. At that time a person could drive to one end of the system, put his canoe in the water, and be picked up at the other end. With the potential there for use, both now and in the future, it was apparent that we should make the run by canoe and determine what, if any, special management techniques we should apply to the area. During the week of September 29 - October 3, Paul Beck, recreation and lands staff man on the South Tongass NF, Gary McCoy, his assistant, Dan Swaney and myself from the Kasaan District took two canoes over the route.

Starting at Sweetwater Lake we had a long haul up the $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Hatchery Creek. We had to pull the canoe most of the way up the creek. But then with one last short portage and about a mile of easy paddling we made our first day's objective, Hatchery Lake. The next day we worked our way to Honker Lake through some particularly wild and beautiful country. That night we dried our gear in the Honker Lake cabin and prepared for the next day's run which would include the long portage across the divide to Twin Lake. On the third day, after crossing the portage, we traveled down another of the beautiful streams in this system. That night we pitched our tent on an island in Thorne Lake.

The fourth and last day out, we traveled from Thorne Lake to Thorne Bay. The first two miles of the Thorne River required a short portage, much wading, and use of lines to let the canoes down over some bad spots but once past the first two miles it was a clear shot to Thorne Bay. Our trip confirmed our opinion that this area, which will be called the Honker Divide Canoe Area, is one of unique beauty. It is also unique to Southeast Alaska because of its adaptability to canoe travel. This winter we will develop a management plan for this special area. The plan will be designed to enhance and protect the primary recreational value of this canoe area.

In the future the Forest Service hopes to brush low standard way trails for the portages and to construct three sided, overnight shelters at some of the camp sites. Any facilities developed within the area will be in keeping with the surrounding natural beauty of this truly unique lake system.

....John T. Standerwick - Kasaan District Ranger

P.A. Briegleb Main Speaker at Alaska Loggers Association Meeting

Philip A. Briegleb, Director of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, Portland, Oregon addressed the October 24-26 meeting of the Alaska Loggers Association in Ketchikan. Briegleb's speech was entitled, "Activities in Forestry Research of interest to Alaska." George Roskie, (RLW&W), and Bob Rehfeld, Forest Supervisor on the South Tongass NF also addressed the group.

How Not to Moose Hunt!

Gerry Schauwecker, John Niebergall, Jim Watson and Ken Hanninen went moose hunting in the Yakutat area a couple of weeks ago. This is not unusual really, as many other hunters were out doing the same also. But this particular moose story has a bear in it--a big, 9-foot brown bear! Here's the tale: Returning later to pick up two moose that Jim and John had shot the day before, Gerry surprised a brown bear, or (visa versa) that was haunched over the kill, less than 50 feet away, gorging himself. At the moment of mutual recognition Gerry took off for the nearest tree as the bear charged forward. Rifle at the ready, Gerry stared at the bear from behind the tree, --neck extended, the bear returned the stare, just feet away. Hesitating, the bear sniffed the air, then with a swoosh, he turned and lumbered down the hillside. The question now, is, did Gerry outstare the bear or was it Gerry's scent (?) that drove him off in such a hurry? Anyway, the story has a happy ending with the return of four whole hunters (one green) and one and a half moose.

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"UP TIGHT"

Apparently meant as a grim warning to any would-be trap thieves, the noose pictured adorning Paul McIntyre's neck was found hanging from a tree near a trapper's line. Nearby was a sign that read:

"Here lies Lester Moore
Shot by a 44 -- no less, no more."

Paul, (Ketchikan RD), and Fred Harnisch, (South Tongass SO), came across this bit of Alaskana on a small island opposite Port Tongass on the southern end of the South Tongass NF. They were on a 10-day boat trip on a survey of the forest. (Story in last issue of Sourdough Notes.)

Monica Poe's Letter to Smokey Bear:

"Dear smokeBear, I do not play with maches or litrs.
I love you as mach as I love god.
I keep my word, smoke.
I do not like maches smokebear.
I am just like you,
I canot cuet taking about it.
good-by smoke, love monica.

SICK LIST: Robert Cooper who retired from the Division of State and Private Forestry, RO, last spring suffered a heart attack on the morning of August 12. Bob is at present in the Greater Juneau Borough Hospital, and although his doctor won't permit any visitors yet, Bob would appreciate receiving cards and letters from his Forest Service friends.... Still on the list, but well on the road to recovery is George Danner, (Eng. RO), who is back to work on half days. George experienced a heart disorder in May.

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A Page of History in the Niebergall Album:

John and ViAnn Niebergall, (Personnel, RO), and their sons, Kirk 8, Karl 10 and Bryan 12, took a 5-day back pack trip up the famous Chilkoot Trail in July. The trekkers followed the trail from the ghost town of Dyea to the base of the famed Pass, just as thousands of gold seekers had done on their way to the Klondike at the turn of the century. As the five ascended the steep climb, heavy fog and rain lowered over the country, allowing the climbers only a limited view of the vast high country leading into Canada. However the hikers enjoyed the outing. The boys had great sport hunting for souvenirs of the past amid the relics left behind in old camps and along the trail. The only mishap on the trip was when Bryan accidentally disturbed a wasp's nest at Sheep Camp receiving a painful sting.

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Washington Office Visitors:

George Castillo, Press Officer in the WO was in the Regional Office for almost two weeks on a research assignment.... Gren Lloyd of the Visitor Information Service office came to Alaska on VIS business on August 14. Mr. Lloyd toured a portion of the Tongass on the M/V Malaspina to review the visitor information program in progress. He then traveled to Anchorage for an orientation tour of visitors facilities on the Chugach NF.

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CONDOLENCES:

Word has been received of the passing of Bernard R. Aikens, long time Alaska resident and Region 10 retiree, in Salinas, California. Sympathy is extended to the Aikens family.

John W. Shay, Jr. of the South Tongass SO was called to Minneapolis, Minnesota by the passing of his father on July 25.

Condolences go to the D.R. Hakala family. The elder Mr. Hakala passed away in Ironwood, Michigan on August 7.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Darwin M. Hamilton, former Recreation Architect in Region 10, who passed away in Seattle April 12 following open heart surgery. Hamilton worked in Region 10 from 1959 to about 1961 at which time he transferred to Region 4. He subsequently transferred to GSA at Auburn, Washington, and was employed by that agency at the time of his death. He was a frequent Juneau visitor during the past two years in connection with GSA construction contracts in Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Marie, and two children.

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IDEAL COVE ROAD OK'D

The Ideal Cove Road #6236, Petersburg RD, North Tongass NF, received its final inspection on July 9. Lee Kester of Administrative Services and Harry Gillette, Engineering made the inspection with Pete Neyhart, Contracting Officer's Representative of the project.

A Start Work Order was given Green Construction Company in May, 1968 with a basic contract for \$616,988.05 with 380 calendar days of contract time. Final costs have not yet been audited, but will be in the neighborhood of \$833,000 because of over-runs on excavation, both unclassified and quarry, and because of the Thanksgiving Day blow-down of timber requiring extra clearing and grubbing. Inspectors Kester and Gillette report the finished road as highly satisfactory.

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MAIL BAG:

"Hey you guys! Yes I got here -- physically! The real me should show up in a week or so -- really confusing this big city life. I miss R-10 country and people. Oh, to be 'out the road' -- the vastness and the mood of big country. Already I compare everything I see with Alaska.

"I can't tell you how much it meant to me and the family to get such a wonderful send-off!.....Thanks for the beautiful gifts....My second day on the job, already in paper work, etc., and lots of hellos from old friends and bull sessions, mainly explaining and describing Alaska (very little wildlife, poor fishing and all the rest of it!) We are house hunting and they are high!....Like to say more but its kinda like I'm homesick. Best regards to all - Stan (Rogers, transferee from RO, RLW&W)."

"Please change my address on your mailing list for SOURDOUGH NOTES TO P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901. We thoroughly enjoy this contact with R-10 and note how tenure in Alaska has improved since we first went north in 1962. Most of the people mentioned in the Notes were there in 1966 and many of them for some years prior to that. It's quite a change from the days when three years was the more common maximum tour. I'm still homesick for Alaska and continue to hope for an opportunity to return some day. /s/ Jim Brewer"

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SERVICE AWARD

Fred Zeigler (right), Forestry Technician in the Kasaan Ranger District recently received a 10-year pin and certificate. Ranger John Standerwick is pictured making the presentation.

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