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SMOKEY THE BEAR -- AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE



Smokey the Bear is introduced to a Buddhist Monk during his tour of Taiwan.

Jet Setter Smokey the Bear recently returned to the Chugach from his latest trip abroad. Planning for the trip began in October when Anchorage District Ranger, Dick Woodrow received a letter from an Air Force officer stationed in Taiwan. The officer knew the Forest Service had a "Smokey," and wanted to borrow "him" for a Taiwan Boy Scout Camporee. Smokey, always happy to meet his public and spread the word, spruced up, boarded an Air Force plane and was on his way. If Smokey ever doubted his VISman-ship, he doesn't now--he was issued a genuine life insurance policy for his trip and given the red carpet treatment all the way. In Taiwan, Smokey made a big hit with the natives and military dependents alike. So it was with reluctance that he returned to Anchorage and the mundane life where he now awaits his next call to adventure.



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PERSONNEL NOTES:

South Tongass SO has a new soils scientist, Tom Sheehy who is no stranger to Alaska, having worked four seasons on the North Tongass, while in school. Tom's educational background includes University of California at Davis, a stint of soil survey work for the University of California in Yuba County, graduate school at Penn State. He had a tour in the Peace Corp from 1967 to 1969 and has traveled in Africa and Europe. Tom was, in fact, in London when his application was accepted.

Two promotions were reported from the South Tongass SO recently. They are Dolly Jensen, clerk who received a promotion in place, and Roberta Wynne was promoted to the new MTST operator position.

The new Forester on the Craig RD is Clyde Ferguson from Region 1 who arrived for duty on January 25, with his wife and daughter.

North Tongass personnel activity included promotions on January 25 for Dan Wagner, (SO) Supervisory Civil Engineer, and Peter Neyhart, Supervisory Civil Engineer, on the Petersburg RD.

His RO friends are happy to have Loren Adkins back in the Division of Engineering. Until recently, Loren was Civil Engineer in the North Tongass SO.

Craig Lindh, Forester on the Chatham RD resigned January 5.

Regional Office newcomers are: Shirley Gingery Clerk-typist in Personnel Management. Shirley's husband is the minister of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Juneau. Donna Brady, Dictating Machine Transcriber. Donna's husband is with the Coast Guard. Janette Adasiak is the new Management Technician in the Division of Administrative Management. Janette and husband, Allan, a reporter for the Southeast Alaska Empire, recently returned from an 18 month assignment in Europe. A brush-up course in French while in Paris enhanced their enjoyment of the Parisienne scene. Karen English, the personable young clerk-typist in RLW&W, joined the Division on January 19. Karen is a 1969 graduate of Juneau-Douglas High School.

Reassignments: Christine Hundwin, from Office Services Supervisor, to Fiscal Control as Fiscal and Travel clerk. Oliver R. Kent, Contract Specialist from Region 1, to replace Ralph Bailey who retired this month. Oliver and his wife and two children will travel to Juneau for his February 8 assignment.

RO Resignations: Mildred Barricklow, intermittent Clerk-typist in Engineering resigned on December 19 to accept a permanent position with BIA. Pamela Hutchison, the temporary Clerk-typist in Timber left on December 31 to return to college. Miss Priscilla Martin, Clerk-typist in RLW&W also resigned to return to school. "Riz" Russell, Clerk-typist in Timber resigned in order to move with her husband to Fairbanks. Another "drop out" in RLW&W, and for a very happy reason, is Bea Quiroz, Clerk DMT, who resigned on February 6, to stay home and await the arrival of her third child. It will be up and away to Fairbanks in a month for the Quiroz' when husband Richard transfers there with the State Department of Highways. Marion Newton, Clerk-typist in Personnel Management also resigned in December in order to be at home with her family.

More Personnel Notes: Charlene Barnes, Administrative Assistant on the Chugach NF, resigned in mid-December to accompany her husband to Oklahoma. Charlene has been with the Forest Service since July 1965....

RO Promotions: Dan Bishop, Hydrologist, RLW&W, received a promotion in place on January 11....Irene Hemming also received a promotion on January 11, from MTST operator to Office Services Supervisor. Irene replaces Christine Hundwin....Division Clerk for Engineering, Neoma Lowndes was promoted in place last month....Gerald Schauwecker went from Civil Engineer, RO, to Civil Engineer in North Tongass, replacing Jay Davis.

Marie Day, Travel and Fiscal clerk in Fiscal Control, resigned while on leave due to illness in the family. Latest word from Marie comes from Cedar Ridge, California, home of her son and grandchildren. She is looking forward to returning to Juneau before too long.

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Sick Leave "Insurance" Is Hard To Beat!

The average Federal employee could not afford to buy sickness and accident insurance that would pay his full salary for a year and a half, say at age 50, regardless of illness or disability. But that is what your sick leave can offer if you conserve it for legitimate use only. The legitimate use of sick leave is wise and is encouraged, however, if you are fortunate and are able to let it accumulate, your benefits mount as follows: Thirteen days sick leave annually accumulated for --

10 years	-	130 days or 1,040 hours
15 years	-	195 days or 1,560 hours
20 years	-	260 days or 2,080 hours
25 years	-	325 days or 2,600 hours
30 years	-	390 days or 3,120 hours

One day, perhaps when you least expect it, your sick leave "insurance" may prove invaluable. It will pay off in dollars and peace of mind. Sick leave credit at time of retirement is allowed toward length of service - thus increasing your retirement annuity.

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BOWLING NEWS:

Final standings in the first half of the season in the FS bowling competition in Juneau, show the Capable Characters in the lead with 44 won, 16 lost, and an average of 707. Team members, Maxine Helmers, Jessie Clapp, Bill Matheny, Ken Daniels, and Dan Eldemar, contributed to the victory over the contenders listed as follows, in place, Turkeys, Oil Slicks, Invincible 5, el Tigre, Turner's POW's, Goers, Blow Downs, Sandbaggers, and Sock-it-to-ems.

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On the other side of the globe: Ann Prichard, (RO), husband Bill and son Billy are enjoying a visit to their vacation home on the Island of Madeira, off the coast of Spain. The trio took the circle tour from Amsterdam by way of Vienna, Austria, and then down to spend their time in the sun. The weather has not been all good however, much like Juneau, Ann reports, but she hopes to gain a good tan to bring home later this month.

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Cheryl Ann Rody Weds:

On December 31, Cheryl Ann Rody, North Tongass SO, became the bride of Charles Richard Hjortset in wedding ceremonies in the home of her mother, Florence Northup. Richard is employed by the State Department of Highways. A reception followed the rites hosted by mother of the bride who is Contract clerk in the RO.

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Baby Ian Shane: Marilyn and Dan Wagner, (North Tongass SO), welcomed a new son, Ian Shane, who was born on January 18 at the Juneau Borough Hospital. Ian weighed 7 lbs.

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Back In the Saddle! All the travelers from the Petersburg RD are back to work after visits to the lower 48. The Bob Gerdes family enjoyed a visit to Iowa; the Jim Hickmans spent a sun break in San Diego, California, and the Rich Billings paid a visit to Vashon Island. Marlin Johnson and family went on a trip that took them from Richmond, Va. to Clarinda, Iowa, and back again.

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FS Wives In Highway Accident:

Audrey Gum and Stella Powers suffered cuts and bruises in an auto accident on Glacier Highway, January 26. Audrey and Stella were driving to Mendenhaven to attend a meeting of the Sylvan Club at the home of Alice Jack, when at 5 Mile their car fishtailed on an icy patch of road, ran into the ditch and rolled over on its side. Taken to the hospital by ambulance, the girls were released right away, shaken and bruised but uninjured. The car was totaled. So were the four cherry pies riding in the back seat. Audrey is the wife of Phil, TM in the Regional Office and Stella is wife of Dick, a Forester in the Chatham District.

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On the Mend: Eas Olson, underwent surgery at the Seattle University Hospital on January 21. Sig, (RLW&W), who accompanied his wife, took the opportunity to have a checkup also. Eas is reported doing fine and at this time should be home and convalescing.

Pat Briggs, Petersburg RD is home from Seattle hospital where he had more exploratory surgery last month. His wife Darlene, sends her thanks to everyone who donated blood and sent gifts. She writes, "If it hadn't been for Vince Olson and the North Tongass crew we would never of had such a wonderful Christmas, the nicest and most cherished gift of all, being together with Pat at the hospital. Your gifts and thoughts, made this possible."

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South Tongass Vacationers: Ned Colville and his wife spent an enjoyable trip to the Hawaiian Islands, visiting with Ned's brother who is an Army doctor in the area. They also visited the Beckman's who are currently situated in Payette, Idaho, Region-4 Fred Harnisch and family just returned from a leisurely visit to Florida where they rediscovered the sun and basked in the warm 60 to 80 degree temperatures. Fred says he will bequeath to Paul Beck and Gary McCoy, all the land in the USA on which one can stand and not see a mountain in any direction.

Wrangell "Hunter of the Year"

We hesitated with some pusillanimity whether to publish the following article, inasmuch as it might be construed by others in the Region as a point in proof of superiority in a skill by a superior marksman, in a National Forest unrivaled in its abundance of wild game. However, since Chuck's achievement is in the category of "the mostest" rather than "the biggest," it was felt that less adroit nimrods in the Region need not necessarily feel outclassed. So far then, it is agreed that Chuck be hailed as the peerless hunter of the Alaska Region. If there is an undertone of challenge in this -- so be it.

Chuck Jenkins, Maintenance on the Wrangell Ranger District is pictured receiving the coveted "Wrangell District Hunter-of-the-Year" award from fellow staffer, Keene Kohrt. Chuck bagged the most game on the District this past year. He also received an engraved Buck folding knife in recognition of his achievement.



HAPPINESS IS....

At a recent get-together in the Division of Engineering in the Regional Office, Red Ketcham, Regional Engineer, presented an Outstanding Performance Award to Ann C. Prichard, Illustrator, (S&M). It's difficult to tell which of the two is the most pleased. Ann also received a quality step increase.

SOUTH TONGASS NOTES:

The winter program series entitled, "Your Natural Resources" seems to be attracting capacity crowds to the music room of the Schoenbar Junior High School in Ketchikan. Coordinator, Fred M. Harnisch, VIS'er in the South Tongass SO, in cooperation with resource personnel has prepared a varied series of interesting and timely presentations. New quarters may have to be found if attendance continues to increase.

In an address recently to the people of Ketchikan, Bill Huff, local mining expert informed the audience that the Alaska Panhandle, and especially the Ketchikan area, is the site for extensive mineral exploration in the immediate future. He stated that between 16 and 30 major firms have been making preliminary exploration of the vicinity. The main minerals sought appear to be copper, lead, molybdenum among others. Evidence of growth of the industry in Ketchikan is the establishment of a permanent office with eight employees by the El Paso Natural Gas Company. Also the Temsco Helicopters Company who two years ago had only two machines, now maintains a fleet of six.

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Leo Baldwin, President, and Jimmie Wynne, program chairman for the Ketchikan Jaycees set up a gala annual awards banquet on January 30. Dick Williams, Alaska President of the Jaycees was invited to MC the party. Senator Mike Gravel was keynote speaker, with Robert Ward, Secretary of State and Rep. Howard Pollock guest speakers.

"Drop Your Socks and Grab Your Multiple Use Plan."

The Thorne Bay players, a highly skilled and dedicated group of thespians performed an interesting and very informative skit "honoring" outgoing District Ranger, John Standerwick. The drama, authored by John Shay, (SO), took place at Donna and John's going away party at the Elks Club in Ketchikan.

Stan Jonderwick, Kissant DR was played by Gary McCoy. Ray Bobfeld, Super Forest-visor, was played by Ned Coville. Dan Swaney, Kasaan RD did an excellent job as Finn Donney of the Ketchikan Cardboard Box Co., Stan's faithful companion. The skit told of Stan's many accomplishments on the Kissant RD. While the play was meant to be serious, snickers were heard throughout the audience. As Ray Bobfeld so aptly put it, "Drop your socks and grab your Multiple Use Plan."

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Paul McIntyre, Ketchikan RD and Gary McCoy, (RO) are busy this winter gathering data for the proposed Harriet Hunt year-round resort and ski area near Ketchikan. Use of the area this winter has been heavy despite a poor snow year. Skiers, snow machiners, and snow shoers are all exploring the region, accessible for the first time during winter. The South Tongass hopes to have a prospectus of the development ready for circulation by late 1970.

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The first cold, clear weekend of the season at Ketchikan saw over 2,000 recreation visits to the Ward Lake area. An estimated 500 man days of use was spent in the area, mostly by ice skaters.

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SOUTH TONGASS HEARD FROM AGAIN -- THIS TIME IT'S TREES!

Editor's Note: The following item apparently, is in reference to a chart on Alaskan Champs compiled by Al Harris of the Institute of Northern Forestry, published in the October Sourdough Notes. Readers will be happy to learn the real facts behind this evaluation, as follows:

"We were greatly surprised, if not to say somewhat disappointed, to learn that less than 30% of the big trees currently recorded in Alaska are growing within the South Tongass National Forest. Al must have prorated them out by units to keep peace in the family. 'Course we learned, through sad experience, that sporting your big fish right off is like prematurely laying down your big cards in poker - nobody is going to call you. Guess maybe Al has done right by setting up a target that everyone can shoot at.

"Well, we don't want to discourage anybody from making entries. However, we did notice that every entry listed from the South Tongass came from areas labelled 'scrub' on the type maps. A lot of our timber grows so big that we've had to shove some of it up on the North Tongass to give it growing room. That probably explains how they got some of those 'middlun' trees listed with Al's early entries. In fact while moving one of our cedars up there sometime back it was intercepted and someone carved it into a totem pole and shipped it to Japan. It's to be featured in Expo 70 as the largest totem in the world. Then they're bringing it back to Kake to serve as an inspiration for the silviculturists up north. Understand the North Tongass has been doing a lot of free fertilizing in that area so it won't be so conspicuous.

"We're certain everyone noticed our Pacific Yew entry is quite small as far as Yews go. A sheepherder came through a couple years back and took all our big ones south with him. Said he was going to cross them with Rambouillet Rams and shear excelsior. Just thought we'd mention that.

Well, we're planning to rectify that 30% figure soon as possible. All our fellas' are out looking for big entries, and our gals are looking for paper big enough to record them on. In fact you'll have to excuse us, one of the boys is bringing in a big one right now. Lay'er down right there, son."

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SAVINGS BONDS INTEREST UPPED:

In case you hadn't heard, U.S. Government Savings Bonds purchased since June 1, 1969 have been earning 5%. Recent legislation raised the interest rate from 4.25% which was the maximum permitted by law. Note:--It is not necessary to cash your old bonds to purchase new ones, your present bonds automatically begin to draw the higher interest.

Attention--to non-Bond buyers. This is a golden opportunity to invest in a sure thing with a good return for your money. If you want to get some of the action, contact your Personnel office for details. --0--

SUBMIT AN IDEA for improvement today. It could pay off - in improved operations AND a possible cash award!

Notes from R-10 friends to the southward come from Florence and Stan Johnson who recently returned from a cross-country trip. Enroute they visited with Chris and Bill Bayer and the Harry Gillette families in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In Miami, they ran in to Vince Olson, Jim Brewer and the George Roskies who were in Florida attending a meeting. They also visited Mason and Catherine Bruce while in Florida. The Johnsons had seen the John Weisgerbers earlier in their new trailer on the Rogue River. John and Jane were on their way to Hebo, Oregon, for some steelhead fishing. On their return home to Washington, Stan and Florence stopped over in Concord, California for a family visit with son and grandsons. The Johnson address for the present, is P.O. Box 185, Langley, Washington 98260.

Word from Grant Williams is that the elevation and climate of Salt Lake City, are conducive to better health. He is feeling fine and reports are that he looks like a million. Sharon Crosby, former R-10'er and now with USFS, Fire Control in Portland, Oregon stopped in the RO on her recent trip home. That "big City" life seems to agree with her.

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Thomas Acord, Electronic Technician for the Region was the recipient of an employee suggestion award for the development of an inexpensive device which automatically corrects for loss of synchronization in the slide-tape Carousel Console projectors used at VIS centers in Region-10. Sounds like a Rube Goldberg for sure, but simplified, Tom's device makes it possible for slide-tape programs to maintain synchronization through many replays.

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ANNUAL MEET

A management conference between the Regional Forester, staff, and Forest Supervisors, with coordinated participation by the Director and staff of the Institute of Northern Forestry was held in the Regional Office, February 3-5. Theme of the meeting was, "Facing Critical Issues of the 70's."

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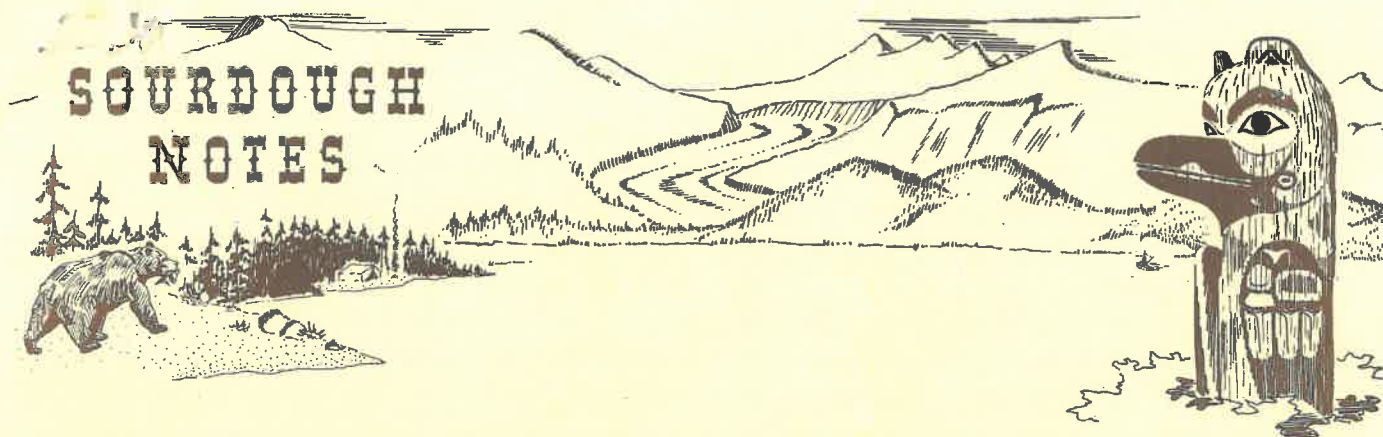
WEDDING BELLS--It Happened On The Chatham

All Forest Service friends of Kitty Paddock and Tommy Thompson are cordially invited to their wedding, Wednesday, February 11 at eight-thirty p.m. in the Faith Lutheran Church, Mile 10, Glacier Highway, Juneau.

It all started last summer when Kitty took a summer job with the Chatham RD as a naturalist at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. It was at Chatham that they met. Since then Tommy has transferred to INF. So with one thing and another, instead of returning to Colorado, Kitty stayed on to teach the first grade in the Gastineau School in Douglas. Both young people hail from Colorado, Kitty from Boulder and Tommy from not so far away Lamar. A visit to their families at Christmas time was the occasion for the engagement announcement. So on February 11, two displaced native Coloradians who had to come to Alaska to meet will be joined in marriage.

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It use to be that a man running down a city street in his shorts at 6:30 in the morning was either absentminded or fleeing his wife. Now he's just another jogger.



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TONGASS TIMBER SALE CHALLENGED:

An injunction was filed February 10 in the U.S. District Court of Anchorage by the Sierra Club and the Sitka Conservation Society seeking to stop action on the Juneau Unit timber sale to U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers. Named on the injunction are Secretary Hardin, Chief Cliff and Regional Forester W. Howard Johnson.

The petitioners are contending that the U.S. Government failed to obtain fair market value; awarded the sale to the second highest bidder; offered the sale without competition; exceeded authority to issue 1,000 acres special use permit for plant site; and violated the Multiple Use Act, the Endangered Species Act and the Wilderness Act.

The sale in question is a 50-year timber sale of 8.75 billion board feet requiring construction of a major pulpmill. It was advertised October 20, 1965 to be sold at oral auction to those qualified firms depositing a \$100,000 bid guarantee. Two bidders at the 12/17/65 auction raised the appraised price of \$3.30 to \$5.65 per thousand board feet and a preliminary award was made to St. Regis Paper Co. However, when St. Regis failed to qualify for final award by July 1967 the deposit was forfeited and the sale offered at the high bid rate to the second highest bidder, U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers, under the same conditions of sale. Final award was made September 12, 1968 to U.S. Plywood-Champion, and the Company announced in December that they would construct a pulpmill 35 miles north of Juneau.

THE REGIONAL FORESTER IS HEARD

Regional Forester W. Howard Johnson in charge of national forests in Alaska issued the following statement concerning the Sierra Club's suit.

"The Sierra Club of San Francisco and others have asked the U.S. District Court in Anchorage to review the Forest Service timber sale with U.S. Plywood-Champion Papers, Inc. This contract, which was advertised on July 30, 1965, and has been five years in development up to this point, provides for construction of a manufacturing plant near the sale area. It also provides for the orderly harvest of 175 million board feet of forest products annually. The Forest Service estimates that the contract will stimulate an increase in southeastern Alaska gross production of \$40 million.

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"The Forest Service here in Juneau has been assisted through all the planning stages of this sale by the Washington Office Staff. Requirements for safeguarding the natural resources involved in the sale area have been included.

"The Sierra Club complaint alleges a number of violations of federal laws by the Forest Service in making the timber sale. It also alleges the sale may adversely affect other resources, including the habitat of the bald eagle.

"The sale offering was made fully in accord with laws and regulations long established and long used in selling national forest timber. This includes two other large sales in Alaska which led to establishment of pulp mills. Furthermore, the timber sale contract contains requirements for protection of forest resources including fish and wildlife. Stringent rules are in effect to identify, mark, and to provide adequate surrounding protection for nesting trees of the bald eagle.

"The ultimate effect of the litigation upon the management of the North Tongass National Forest cannot be anticipated. The Forest Service now plans to carry out the terms of conditions of the contract as indicated. No delays are foreseen which might alter the early development plans."

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BOBBI WYNNE--So. Tongass SO

Jim Wynne, Ketchikan SO, is not the only celebrity in the Wynne family these days. His wife Bobbi was selected by the Washington Office, Division of Administrative Management, to assist in the preparation of the final reports on the Service-wide computer study.

Bobbi was chosen from a list of candidates from Alaska and Puerto Rico to spend a month's detail in the capitol city.

Bobbi has been working with the Forest Service in Ketchikan for the past two and a half years and is presently operating the IBM MT/ST automatic typewriter on which she worked part of the time during her Washington tour.

While Bobbi was in Washington, husband Jim was kept busy caring for five, lively little Wynnes.

Editor's Note: Next SN will come out shortly after April 1. Editor going on month vacation to the lower 48. First trip out in six years. See you in April.

PERSONNEL NOTES:

Mrs. Donna G. Phillips is transferring from the Department of the Air Force (ACS) to a Clerk -typist position on the Ketchikan RD....Ronald C. Prichard, Supervisory Forester, Petersburg, RD was reassigned to District Ranger (Forester Adm.) on the Kasaan RD on the South Tongass, on February 22.

PROMOTIONS: John T. Standerwick, District Ranger on the Kasaan RD, South Tongass was promoted to Supervisory Forester in the North Tongass SO on January 25.....Duane Sinclair, Administrative Assistant, Business Management in Administrative Services on the South Tongass was promoted on January 25....Mrs. Shirley Gingery, a Clerk-typist in Personnel was promoted to Clerk (typing) in Office Services, Branch of Operation, Division of Administrative Management on February 8.



Weldon D. Cook, Budget Officer, Division of Administrative Management, Branch of Operation, RO, is transferring to Region-4 on March 8. Weldon has been in Region 10 since January 1965. The Cook family including wife Carol and children Brian, Douglas and Mary left Juneau, February 23, via the Marine Highway.



Oliver (Dick) Kent is the new Contract Specialist in the Division of Operation in the Regional Office. Dick comes from Region-1 in Missoula, Montana where he was stationed in a similar post in the Division of Operation.

A native of Chicago Heights, Kent graduated from Bloom Township High School, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He served three years with the U.S. Army in 1951-53.

Kent did seasonal work for the Forest Service as a lookout fireman, fire control aid, and engineering aid prior to accepting an appointment with FS in 1956 as an engineering survey aid on the Flathead NF of western Montana. Subsequent assignments included supervisory civil engineering aid, administrative trainee, and administrative assistant on the Flathead NF. Since 1962 Dick has been a contract specialist in Administrative Services in Missoula.

This is Dick's second trip to Alaska. He came to Juneau in 1967 during September and October to work on claims with the Administrative Services Officer, Lee Kester. Dick and his wife Marie, and sons Larry 11, and David 8, are temporarily quartered at the Breakwater until a suitable 3-bedroom home can be found.



Introducing Bob Carr recent addition to the Division of Fiscal Control. Bob is a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma where he attended Rogers High School. He received a BS degree in Business Management and Accounting from Oklahoma State University in 1963. Bob first joined the Forest Service in 1963 at Colorado Springs, Colorado on the Pike NF. He transferred to the Denver RO in 1964 then on to Grand Mesa Uncompahgre at Delta, Colorado. In 1967 he moved to Provo, Utah on the Uinta NF as Resource Budget and Finance man. From there Bob transferred to the RO in Juneau as Branch Chief, Review and Analysis

Accounting. Mrs. Carr, Mary Kay, and baby Scott Bridy, age one and a half are finding Alaska very much to their liking. The Carrs are expecting a little Cheechako some time in May.

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Dan Bishop, Hydrologist, in the Regional Office represented the Region in the 1970 Northeast Pacific Pink Salmon Workshop held in Prince Rupert, B.C., February 9-11. Dan was panel leader on the subject, "Factors of Freshwater Survival." Participants included representatives from other Federal and State agencies, Canada and Japan.

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New Personnel Clerk on the North Tongass is Shirley Ramsey who joined the SO on February 23....Diane Niemi, Clerk dictating machine transcriber transferred from the SO to the Veterans Administration on February 15.

MAX IS BACK! In exactly two years, two months and 22 days from the time he transferred to Region 1, in Missoula, Montana, Max Hayes, Budget Officer will return to Juneau on a lateral transfer. Rumor has it that Max, Vervian and son Kenny are really looking forward to coming back in mid-March. Dorothy Buresch, Max's former cohort, is busy shining up the "Budget Establishment" right down to filling the staplers.

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FOREST SERVICE SNOW RANGER STORY SCHEDULED FOR TV SHOWING IN ALASKA:

The ABC TV show "Discovery," scheduled to be seen in Alaska sometime in March, features "School for Snow Fighters," the Forest Service Snow Ranger story. The show was filmed on the Wasatch National Forest, R-4, and depicts FS personnel in action at the Alta Avalanche Study Center. Included in the film was test skiing, search and rescue, use of explosives and other intensive winter studies necessary for accurate avalanche hazard prediction.

Viewers report this to be an excellent film, be sure to check you local TV station for showings in your neighborhood.

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MAIL BAG--It's always good to hear from ex-R-10'ers. A note from Stan and Florence Johnson, now of Langley, Washington, reports them well and busy in their retirement, and looking forward to their summer visit to Juneau in May or June....Tiny Glass with the FS in Prineville, Oregon is happy to write that Brig is responding very well to the Oregon climate, her job is fine and they miss their Alaskan friends.

Nice-to-receive-type letters: This one from Copper Center, Alaska. "My six year old daughter Grace would very much appreciate it if you would send her a Junior Forest Fire Ranger kit and information on her friend Smokey the Bear. She is an enthusiastic supporter of fire prevention and anti-litter campaigns so your educational programs are succeeding. Keep up the good work and thank you."

Then there's the How's-That-Again? type: This one from Brazil: "I am a boy, 16-years old and interested in forest. If possible I would like you give me please folders and photos of trees, caverns, rivers and addresses of girls four correspondence. I am waiting your reply anxiously, thank you. Jorge."

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THIS 'N THAT: Ken Hanninen, Procurement, RO, who recently returned from a round the world jaunt, is getting that far away look in his eyes again. Could it be that pretty 23-year old interpreter he met in Finland?.....The following story appeared in the Sitka Yesterday column of the Daily Sentinel last month:--"Ed Blankenship returned to Sitka Sunday after having spent the past five months completing work for his degree at West Virginia University at Morgantown. Rejoining the Sitka district of the Forest Service, Blankenship is assigned to timber sale administration in the local area." Does that make good old Ed and Oldtimer?

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VIET NAM BOUND:

Ann Bailey, North Tongass SO, has had the pleasure of a visit from her son who has been on home leave before going to Viet Nam on March 7. Twenty-two year old Norman is with the Army 84th MP Detachment, and has been stationed at Ft. Wolters, Texas.

Harry Prichard, son of Ann Prichard, Illustrator, (RO), and his wife Elizabeth enjoyed a 12-day visit in Hawaii on a R&R assignment in February. Harry, winner of a Bronze Star, returned to Viet Nam to continue his detail as aerial observer for the U.S. Army. Elizabeth and the senior Prichards are looking forward to Harry's return home in three months when his war duty is completed.

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Condolences:

Sympathy is extended to Bob Janes and his family on the death of his sister Mazie Whorff who passed away in Bishop, California on February 15. Mr. Janes also attended the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruthie Janes who passed away the week before.

Condolences are extended to Russ Lockhart and family on the passing of his aunt, Mrs. Glenn Hartsack, in Tacoma, Washington.

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Special Open Season for Employee Life Insurance:

A one-time open season for regular and optional life insurance under the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program is scheduled for the month of March 1970. An employee who has waived his regular insurance will have an opportunity to cancel his waiver during the open season. An employee who has the regular insurance but not the optional insurance will be able to add the \$10,000 optional coverage, at new reduced premium rates, during the open season. These changes in coverage can be made without regard to age or condition of health.

Full official information on the open season will be distributed to all employees before March 1, 1970.

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FORESTERS INSTALL:

The Ketchikan chapter of the Society of American Foresters held its annual installation banquet at the Fireside on February 6. Paul McIntyre of the South Tongass RD was installed as chairman. George Woodbury became vice chairman and Fred M. Harnisch of the SO was made secretary-treasurer.

Tom Sheehy, the newly appointed soil scientist on the South Tongass NF presented a color slide program concerning his work with the Peace Corps in East Africa.

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SOUTH TONGASS HIGHLIGHTS:

The Forest Service can well be proud of its representation in the Ketchikan Jaycee program during this past year. Through the efforts of Jim Wynne, Warehouseman, and Leo Baldwin, Procurement Officer in the South Tongass SO, the Ketchikan Jaycee organization has jumped from last in the nation to first in the nation in membership and accomplishment as related to increased activities. Jim was presented with the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award at the Jaycee Awards Banquet on January 30. He has been exceedingly active in recruitment of new members, and has made trip to Craig, Klawock to establish chapters in those towns. At the same time they are discussing organizing chapters in Wrangell, Petersburg, and elsewhere. Jim is also State Director of the Jaycees in Ketchikan. Leo has been the very active President of this Chapter for the past several months. He personally conducted radio-TV programs, every Monday night featuring a symposium on an infinite variety of local and state-wide problems. It is a live question-and-answer public service program, which seeks to answer telephone inquiries from the general public.

Keynote speaker for the banquet was Senator Mike Gravel. Other featured speakers were Secretary of State, Bob Ward, who represented the Governor of Alaska, and Representative Howard W. Pollock. Jaycee state president, Dick Williams of Anchorage MC'd the program.

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Recreation Use Increases on the South Tongass:

Visitors to the South Tongass NF spent over 372,000 visitor days enjoying the Forest in 1969. This was an increase of 11,200 visitor days over 1968. A visitor day is one person visiting for 12 hours.

While the rain and cool weather of July and August spoiled a few picnics; camping, cabin use, and visits to underdeveloped areas all showed marked increases. Over 2,100 people obtained permits for Forest Service recreation cabins and spent 13,650 visitor days at the cabins. This was an increase of 28% over 1968.

Big game hunting, salt water and fresh water fishing also increased, as more and more residents and visitors made use of the recreation opportunities provided by the Forest Service in southeast Alaska.

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Ketchikan Pulp Company of Ketchikan was the apparent high bidder recently in Juneau on the Shrubby Island Salvage timber sale. The sale, located on the North Tongass, approximately 28 miles southwest of Wrangell on Shrubby Island, contains an estimated 71.8 million board feet of Sitka spruce and Western hemlock. The windstorm which swept southeast Alaska on November 28, 1968 left behind extensive damage to the timber stand on this island. Field work commenced the following spring to prepare the blowdown timber for commercial salvage. This had to be done as soon as possible to prevent further loss of timber from rot and also insects and disease.

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It looks like the fire season is on in the Ketchikan area already. A moderately severe lightning storm dominated the weather picture in Ketchikan on February 2--which is "unusual" for this area at this time of year. It just goes to show that Alaska is not the frozen north that so many people picture it to be.

PETERSBURG NOTES: Petersburg's long-awaited federal building and Post Office may be a reality soon. The \$488,000 structure is among the federal construction projects recommended recently by President Nixon. The new two-story building is designed to house the Forest Service, Customs, Coast Guard and GSA, and will be constructed on the east side of Main Street (Hogue Alley) between G and H streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Peterson returned recently from a 10-day visit with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Torwick, and her family in Sitka.

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Congratulations Daddio!

There'll be no holding that Ray McLaughlin down now. Ray who is Management Analyst in the RO, just became the father of a bouncing, blackhaired baby boy with "a pug nose and big feet," (Ray's quotes!). Matthew Brady McLaughlin was born February 25 in the Juneau Borough Hospital, weighing in at 7 lbs, 9 oz. Mother Kay is doing fine and expects to leave the hospital this weekend.

CHATHAM RD REPORTS VANDALISM

A dumb-bumb in a dune buggy had a spree ripping up the beach at the Auke Bay recreation area on a recent weekend. During the same period all the windows in the A-frame ski cabin on the second meadow in the Douglas Ski Bowl were broken. The vandals also demolished the stove and even the stove pipes.

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VIS'ers DETAILED TO THE WASHINGTON OFFICE.

Bob Hakala, Regional Visitor Information Specialist was in the WO January 25 to February 11 to head a task force for study on VIS programs. Purpose of the conference was the planning, designing and setting up of national VIS guidelines for the FS Handbook. Kaye Metcalf, VIS-er for the Chugach NF was also in Washington in early January to work on visitor information matters for his forest.

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TOKYO--Japan has become one of the major utilizers of Alaska's storehouse of ores, timbers and petroleum, with Japanese firms pouring billions of yen into the largest U.S. state to make it one of the prime sources of raw materials for Japan's hungry factories. Thirty Japanese firms have set up a combine to participate in development of Alaska's north slope oil fields. Another Japanese combine has been at work in the 49th state since 1966, drilling in southern Alaska. The American Chamber of Commerce says that 90 percent of Alaska's total exports during the past five years were sold to Japan. Japanese tourists now swarming many parts of the world are expected to fly to Alaska in increasing numbers. Three of Japan's largest trading firms plan to establish offices in Alaska this year, and the Japanese government opened its first consulate in Alaska in January of this year.

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MOD SCENE:

Bet that I&E conference held in the basement of the Anchorage P.O. Building was the only meeting with a mod art motif. Although the cocoanut palms were styrofoam and the flower power in poster paints, the aloha shirts and improvised muu-muus all added a loud and colorful accent to the success of the workshop.

A SURE SIGN OF SPRING!

A sure sign of spring in the Alaska Region is the surge of activity that takes place beginning early in February. Starting the season off on February 3-5 was the annual meeting of the Forest Supervisor in the Regional Office. Theme of this management conference between the Regional Forester, staff and Forest Supervisors was "Facing Critical Issues of the 70's." Coordinated participation by the Director and staff of the Institute of Northern Forestry completed the list of Service participants. Added this year was the presence of State personnel and legislators at special conferences on pertinent issues.

Also held in the RO was a Business Management Workshop during the week of February 9 to 13. This was the first such conference held for several years and drew administrative assistants and administrative officers from the entire Region to meet and discuss mutual programs, problems and goals. Present from the North Tongass NF were Mary Alice Henderson, Wrangell; Ken Nestler, Petersburg; Larry Reynolds, Sitka; Bob Schroeder and Joyce Soliem from Chatham RD; Dave Blackner, Del Estey, Ann Bailey, Frank La Fave and Chuck Oakley from the SO. South Tongass NF participants included Walt Peterson, Tim Wilford, Duane Sinclair, Jack Shay and Ruth Knight. The Chugach was represented by Herb Heinle, Charlene Ditton and Donna Kowalski. Several RO Division clerks attended various portions of the meeting.

On Feb. 10-11, personnel from INF, North Tongass SO, Regional Office and Chatham RD attended a Personal and Family Survival training session in the Federal Building in Juneau. Al Fagerstrom from the Chatham RD conducted the course.

A Basic Management Techniques #1 session was conducted in the RO on February 16-20, by the U.S. Civil Service Commission. This informative and stimulating course was attended by Kenneth Gilbertson and Richard Kohrt of Wrangell; Morris Lively of Petersburg; Billie Hutchinson and Ronald Welsh from the North Tongass SO; Jan Adasiak, Pat McGee and Irene Hemming of the RO.

Alice Cook and Jack Culbreath, RO, Office of I&E, were present at an I&E Workshop held for the Chugach NF in Anchorage for the week of February 16-20.

The March calendar is a crowded one also, starting off with a Fire Control conference by Jim Ruppelt of S&PF, the first week, followed by a Lands and Minerals Workshop by Jim Calvin of RLW&W. A First Aid session will be offered by John Niebergall of Personnel during the week of the 16th, and a Timber Management Workshop will be held by the TM staff from March 24-26.

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FOREST SUPERVISORS MEETING
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John C. Crupper - Chugach NF
Regional Forester W.H. Johnson
Vince Olson - North Tongass NF