

NEW FH227 Fairchild Hiller Prop-Jets acquired by Wien Air Alaska expand the airline's passenger-cargo capabilities, according to Raymond I. Petersen, president. The first of four such aircraft now is in service over the system. An amplified version of the Alaska-proven F27, the new aircraft will be utilized to service the expanded Wien Air Alaska routes along the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, and to supplement the F27 and Twin Otters serving other destinations. A second FH227 is scheduled to be delivered later this month, with the remaining two to arrive at thirty-day intervals. Powered by twin 2,300 h.p. Rolls Royce Dart 7 prop-jets, the FH227 is some 30 to 40 miles per hour faster than the F27. The large cargo doors (72" x 92") and expanded cabin space make it compatible to the varied types of freight hauled over many of Wien's outlying routes. Field capabilities allow landings on unimproved airstrips as short as 3,500 feet with reduced payloads. Actual payload with full tanks and seats allow for various configurations of freight and passengers. Since 90% of the FH227's parts are interchangeable with the F27 aircraft now being used, maintenance and logistics are simplified.

Wien Expands Flight Schedules

Wien Air Alaska's new summer schedule is offering more flights than ever before in its 50-year history. According to Ray Petersen, president and chairman of the board at Wien, the increased activity reflects transportation demands attributed to pipeline construction, increased mineral development, settlement of the Native Land Claims, a thriving tourist industry and the natural increase in Alaskans traveling.

Perhaps the most significant increase is the number of flights to and from Deadhorse Airport at Prudhoe Bay. From Anchorage, Boeing 737 jets will cover that 635-mile stretch a total of 62 times each week, coming and going.

Twenty of these flights will be non-stop both directions. Fairbanks, supply center for the multi-billion-dollar project, will have a total of 40 weekly flights to and from Alaska's North Slope oil center.

Wien Air Alaska is the only federally-certified air carrier serving Alaska's North Slope.

Commuters between Anchorage and Fairbanks will be getting a dividend, too, starting June 1. Wien's Boeing 737 jets will be making that trip 68 times each week, according to the just-published schedule.

An interesting sidenote to this increased Anchorage-Fairbanks schedule is that a half

century ago, Noel Wien made the first flight between the two points in a Hisso-Standard J1 bi-plane . . . carrying one passenger.

The fishing capitol of Alaska: Kodiak, has an increased schedule of 30 flights between it and Alaska's largest city. The daily afternoon non-stop jet will be supplemented by a six-day-a-week, non-stop F27 flight in the morning. On Mondays and Fridays Wien will serve Homer from Anchorage and Kodiak on mid-day F27 flights.

Increased schedules also are announced to Bethel and Dillingham, as well as Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow.

Not included in the published mainline schedules are a number of flights each week to points along the pipeline route. These flights will increase as construction activity becomes heavier.

According to Petersen, Wien Air Alaska had anticipated the need for more and faster service between key points, and added a new aircraft, including a recently-arrived Boeing 737 and three FH227's.

The fourth FH227 is scheduled to arrive and be placed in service next month. These additions bring the Wien Air Alaska fleet up to five Boeing 737 jets, four FH227's and five F-27's, as well as a number of turbo-prop Twin Otters and Sky Vans.

Historic Preservation

William A. Sacheck, director of the Alaska Division of Parks, said recently that his organization had received approval from the federal government to make grants for historic preservation work on the George C. Thomas Memorial Library at Fairbanks (\$11,287.00), the Steamer Nenana at Alakaland in Fairbanks (\$9,731.00), and Fort William H. Seward at Haines (\$4,000.00). The grants, made from matching funds available to the state under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, are for up to half the cost of acquiring, stabilizing, or restoring properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sacheck noted that before funds can be released to the participants, project plans must be approved by his office and the Division of the National Register, National Park Service.

Persons wishing to nominate properties to the National Register or obtain information about the historic preservation grant program should write to William A. Sacheck, director, Alaska Division of Parks, 323 East 4th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Fair Guides Needed

Want to become a Fairguide? If you are between the ages of 10 and 14 you can participate in our Fairguide Fun Day at the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds on Friday, June 14.

The day will begin at 11 a.m. with a get-acquainted meeting and hike. Games, contests and singing will be the business for the afternoon and further information will be given about the program. The day will end at 2 p.m.

Please bring your own sack lunch - drinks will be provided. Anyone who is interested in joining our Fairguide program is welcome to come and join in the fun!

For more information you can call the Fair office at 452-3750.

Barrow News

By GUY OKAKOK
Barrow Correspondent

PLANNING

Several people from Fairbanks are planning to go up to Barrow Village, for Nalukatak, Blanket Tossing and festival.

They know that certain day, Nalukatak day, every attendee, even children gets their shares. No matter how many came in to partake some of the spring catch, they share it all to the people.

This is an culture what Eskimos learn from generations to generation, they kept it yet!

First, they bring in muktuk, kuak, and sweet mikigak, all cut up. Then they drop the blanket down to floor, and called all the people to come to their folks. After prayer the crews, always divide all the cut ones to everybody, who attend the Nalukatak.

Then everyone start eating until all cut ones they bring to Ukutat all gone. Then tea, coffee, Kool-aids, and cokes next.

After everyone had done eating, they raised the blanket up, and able-bodied men takes hold of the blanket, and tossed the ladies and men, one after another.

You people, who has never did see this blanket tossing, go up there, which it will be in mid-June and enjoy yourselves. But don't forget to take your camera, what have you.

Good luck.

ACCIDENT

The son of Billy Solomon died, of accident, by another boy with shotguns by accident. He never survive after he got hit. We are with the parents.

TWO MORE

Mr. Henry N. Pahigeo, resident of Barrow, said today that two more whales were caught, one by Percy Nusunginya, and another one by Simeon Patkotok. Six altogether now in Barrow.

That reminds me, while back each time when his dad, Ned Nusunginya caught whale, Percy would hurry and invite old people, even before they bring in the muktuk. I'm sure, that he is doing that yet.

CARIBOUS ARE THERE

Lazarus Akmalik, Anaktuvuk Pass resident, said today that the caribous there in their areas are nice and fat. He said the hunters there are after them. Lazarus said he could have brought some meat, but he was so darn hurry didn't have time to fetch them from the meat cellar. But next time he won't forget.

STUDENT ARE HAPPY

The students are happy to get out from school. Students from Barrow who are in school for eight months, said, that they would rather go back home to Barrow, as they couldn't stay out too long, too warm, and they know they could use their parkas up there too, even this month.

FOR TREATMENT

Mr. Fred Nukapigak, Eskimo resident of Barrow, went to the hospital for treatment in Fairbanks. Fred said, he thinks, he would go back to Barrow next day, but instead he was told to come back tomorrow.

Steve Cowper Files for House

Steve Cowper, 35, of Fairbanks has announced that he will seek the Democratic nomination as a candidate for the Alaska House of Representatives, District 17.

Cowper, a lawyer, participated as an assistant district attorney in some of the first trials to take place in remote Alaska villages in the Second and Fourth Judicial Districts.

He is currently assisting the Association on American Indian Affairs in the negotiations between the Tanana Chiefs Conference and the Bureau of Indian Affairs relating to the operation of TCC of the Fairbanks BIA programs.

On what the Native issues are, Cowper said, "There are issues I am going to have to work out in my mind - I am not going to promise this or that simply for political expediency."

But the candidate did speak out on what HUD and other agencies are doing in the bush, particularly at Bethel and Council. "I think the building projects there are an insult to the Native people - I really do."

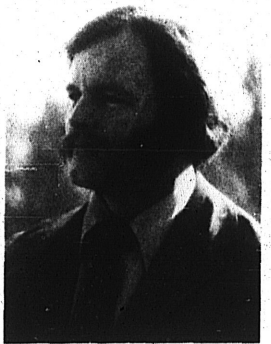
Cowper believes that someone should plan rural housing who "knows something about the area - namely, the people who live in a given area."

The candidate first came to Fairbanks in 1968 as an assistant district attorney. Last year he and Dick L. Madson, formerly head of the Alaska Public Defender Agency, formed the partnership of Cowper and Madson.

"This is not going to be an ordinary year for politicians," said Cowper. The public is not going to stand for a lot of hot air and backslapping and empty promises anymore. We need a lot more basic honesty, and it's about time."

The candidate's headquarters is in his office at 210 Nerland Building, and he invites any

persons wishing to discuss, advise, help or complain to call him at 453-4254.



Steve Cowper

Sam Barnes Seeks Seat in State House

A local realtor became the first Fairbanks Republican to file as a candidate for the State House.

Sam Barnes, a resident of Fairbanks since 1966, announced his intention to enter the House race recently.

The 30-year-old Barnes has been active in local government affairs for the past several years and for the first time will seek elective office.

Citing a genuine desire to serve his community and to participate in state government as a leader, Barnes sees the next few years as being critical to future development of the Fairbanks community. "The quality of representation will strongly influence the quality of life," says Barnes.

He and his wife, Lydia live at 1417 Gillam Way with their two children, Wendee and Dean.

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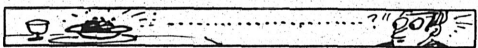
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