



FIRST — George I. Dan Sr. and his wife Rose Anna, receive congratulations from Colonel David F. Ferree, Civil Engineering director. Mr. Dan completed three years of continuous service December 15 and became the first trainee under Project Hire to attain career status in Civil Service.

(USAF PHOTO — Sargeant Mel Wood)

Geo. Dan Completes 'Project Hire'

EIELSON AFB, ALASKA — state. Mr. Dan began work at Eielson December 15, 1969, as a pipefitter in the 5010th Civil Engineering Squadron. He successfully completed two study courses for heating systems specialists and received three promotions. The most recent was Christmas Eve.

The 47-year-old Mr. Dan is from Stebbins, Alaska, but now makes his home in North Pole with his wife Rose Anna and eleven children.

Project Hire was established to provide full-time regular employment and career advancement in the regular work force for lesser advantaged Aleuts, Eskimos and Indians who have been previously unable to obtain productive employment.

FNA, playing without two of their starters and the game cut out ten minutes short because of time limitation on the use of the gymnasium, still managed to beat the North Star Blues 55 - 30.

FNA had to play cautious ball because of the whistle-happy referees.

Titus, Wallis, and Gray fouled out of the game with Moses and Henzler both carrying four fouls a piece. Had the game gone regulation time, FNA would have been in serious foul trouble. FNA played a very good passing game with the scoring evenly balanced.

FINAL SCORE:

FNA 29
North Star Blues 9

FNA SCORING COLUMN

D. Stevens	11
G. McQuestion	11
S. Kito	4
J. Henzler	6
C. Moses	10
C. Titus	0
D. Gray	13
T. Wallis	0

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FNA 55
North Star Blues 30

"The program is not a 'make work' effort or welfare project," said a Civilian Personnel spokesman. "It is a project designed to provide means for this important segment of the Alaska population to become useful and productive. The basic principal is 'Hire Now, Train Later.'"

Charlie Lists Basketball Greats

Some of the best basketball players come out of Southeastern Alaska, Haines, Sitka, and Metlakatla area. I'll list a few of the great ones I had the privilege of playing with and watching.

HERB DEDRICKSON
From Sitka, one of the cleverest guards and ball players I've seen anywhere and I've seen 'em all.

I believe Herb could have made any college team in the country in baseball, track, as well as basketball.

JEFF DAVID — Originally from Metlakatla, now residing in Haines. The only player in history of Juneau gold medal to win M.V.P. three years in succession.

Jeff was one of the members of the great Metlakatla team that lost by two points to double overtime to the original Harlem Globetrotters.

MOE JOHNSON — From Sitka, has to be one of the greatest outside shooters to play the game. The last time we played against Moe, he was in his forties, but still managed to score forty points.

ROGER LANG — Originally from Metlakatla, and one of Sitka A.N.B. playmaker, and one of the best passers of the game.

BUDDY LANG — Brother of Roger who played center for the great Sitka A.N.B. team. Only 6'2", but a strong rebounder with perfect timing, and I believe he invented the hook shot.

These five players played with Sitka A.N.B. team which dominated basketball in Southeastern. All five are in the Hall of Fame of Juneau gold medal.

WALLY LEASK — of Metlakatla was another of the greats who was the captain and Honorable Mention All American at the University of Washington.

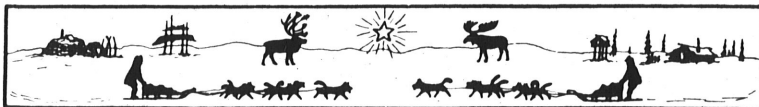
GIL BOOTH — from Metlakatla is another gold medal hall of famer.

BILL TOMPKINS — has got to be right up there with the best. Originally from Klukwan and one of the all-time greats of Anchorage High School.

Bill signed out of high school to pitch professional baseball and also an All-Star guard of the gold medal.

PAUL RANDOLPH — I've got to rate Paul right up there with the rest of the great ones, a two-time M.V.P. and All-Star selection of the gold medal.

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