Benchnotes – a newsletter of the U. S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory is now available. It reports progress with ongoing projects to the scientific-engineering community and will provide updates for CRREL bibliographies. The publication is available from the publisher, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755.


The Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum has published Occasional Paper No. 2 — Biographical Sketches of Authors on Russian American and Alaska, by Henry W. Elliott. This work is a typescript of an original manuscript in the Alaska Historical Library in Juneau. The author is remembered as one of America’s first active conservationists; particularly for his work to save the Alaskan fur seal from extinction. Elliott’s major work is Our Arctic Province, but his Biographical Sketches reflects his interest and search for information concerning early writers on Alaska. A transcription and a bibliography of Elliott’s works or works about him was prepared by John W. Carnahan. Copies are available for purchase from the Museum, 121 Seventh Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

The Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge, England, CB2 IER, has recently acquired the papers of the Compania Argentina de Pesca de Buenos Aires, Argentina, the first whaling station in South Georgia, founded in 1904 by the great Norwegian whaling captain Carl Anton Larsen. The company’s papers were abandoned on South Georgia and were rapidly deteriorating. They were removed to the Institute with the permission of the Falkland Island government to save them from further decay.

A further major acquisition has been the South Georgia archives, the official administrative papers of this dependency of the Falkland Islands. In order that these papers might be deposited at the Institute, the Keeper of the Public Record Office has recommended to the Lord Chancellor that the Institute be appointed "a place of deposit for public records". Hopefully this newly acquired status may attract to the Institute further polar documents from the public domain in the future.

Photography of the Scott Polar Research Institute library catalogue by G. K. Hall Co. of Boston, Mass. is progressing. It is hoped to complete work on the 19 volumes by the end of the year.
Mr. H. G. R. King, Institute librarian, spent January – March with the
Canterbury Museum at Christchurch, New Zealand, advising on the establish-
ment of a new Antarctic library and museum, which will form the major feature of
interest in the new centennial extension wing to be opened early in 1977.
The visit gave Mr. King opportunities to visit polar collections in
Wellington, Auckland and Dunedin and also enabled him to pay calls in a number
of Australian centres, notably Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra and Sydney.
Considerable interest was displayed by our southern colleagues in the work
of the Northern Libraries Colloquy and we should insure that polar collections
in the southern hemisphere are noted in the Directory.

A Guide to Alaska Newspapers, a joint publication of the Castineau Channel
Centennial Association and Alaska Division of State Libraries and Museums is
available on request to libraries with northern collections. Compiled by
Phyllis Davis, this guide furnishes information on Alaskan newspapers from the
first newspaper in 1868 to current time. Newspapers are listed for 91
communities and locations of libraries having these newspapers. The guide
includes a historical overview of Alaskan journalism by Evangeline Atwood,
Alaskan author and journalist. Facsimile pages of several early handwritten
newspapers are included in the guide. The Alaska Historical Library,
Pouch G, Juneau 99811 is interested in locating early Alaska newspapers for
microfilming since many files are incomplete.

The photographic collection of the former Alaska Transportation Museum in
Anchorage is now located in the Alaska Historical Library. It primarily
includes photographs of early aviation in Alaska with some other forms of
transportation represented. Several boxes of photographs were transferred
to the library, but most photographs lack identification.

Alaska State and Local Publications Received in 1975 is available on request
to Colloquy members.

The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks recently pur-
chased some serials and other material that may be of interest for readers,
writes Marvin Falk, Arctic Bibliographer.

The largest acquisition has been Russian microfiche backsets. These include
items of northern interest within Russia as well as material to support research
on Russian America. Two of the more significant purchases are the complete
collected laws of the Russian Empire from 1649-1916 and Russkaja Starina,
Ezhesjachnoe istoricheeskoe izkenie, vols. 1-176.

The library acquired some journals which report missionary activity in the
North. Purchases include Nachrichten aus der Bruders Gemeine, a publication
of the Moravians which include reports of missions in Greenland, northern
Canada and Bethal, Alaska. These include a majority of the original issues
in hard copy for the years 1825-1894. A 19th and early 20th century run of
Annales de la Propagation de la foi, Lyon, which carries reports on northern
missionary activity carried out by the Society for the Propagation of the
Faith has been purchased.
World Data Center-A, Glaciology is moving from Tacoma, Washington to Boulder, Colorado. Beginning October 1976, the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR) of the University of Colorado will be responsible for the operation of the World Data Center-A, Glaciology in conjunction with the Environmental Data Service of NOAA, Boulder, Colorado.

Inquiries pertaining to subscriptions and exchange of Glaciological Notes should be sent to Dr. Roger G. Barry at the following address:

INSTAAR
University of Colorado
Boulder, CO, USA 80309.

INSTAAR requested that the Tacoma office publish Glaciological Notes, No. 64 as the last issue in the accession bulletin format. This issue will be quite voluminous covering materials received by August 1976. To provide multi-subject access to the bibliographical section, the computer has been used to produce the keyword-in-context Subject and Geographical Indexes. For a quick overview of the contributed material, there will be a listing of all principal and co-authors. An inventory of archival materials on microfilm, as well as newly microfilmed aerial photography of glaciers of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska by Austin Post and Lawrence Mayo will be included.

NOTE: All photo orders must be directed to the following address:

U. S. Geological Survey, WRD.
Project Office
1 Washington Plaza, 8th Floor
1203 Pacific Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98402

The Canadian Historical Association at its 1976 meeting at Laval University, Quebec City, presented a panel discussion on the subject of the History of the Canadian North. The program was arranged and chaired by Prof. Richard Dlubaldo, Concordia University, Montreal. Afterwards it was decided to prepare and circulate a list of persons concerned with the field of Northern Canadian History and to request the Canadian Historical Association to allow the group to arrange a session of two or three scholarly papers for the annual meeting at Fredericton, N. B. in June 1977. The purpose of the list is to identify as many persons as we can who are currently working in the field, and to help them to get in touch with fellow workers who might be able to assist their researches, etc. If you would like to have your name added to the list please drop a note describing your area of scholarly interest to the Secretary Pro-Tem: Prof. Bruce Hodgins, Peter Robinson College, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario K9J-7B8. Or if you have ideas concerning the proposed session at Fredericton, or a concrete proposal, please contact: Prof. Morris Zaslow, c/o Arctic Institute of North America, University Library Tower, 2920-24th Avenue N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N-1N4.

The Senate of Trent University bestowed an honorary Doctor of Letters degree on Miss Marie Tremaine at its convocation on June 4th. Miss Tremaine has been Honorary President of the Bibliographical Society since 1965 and was the first recipient of the medal named in her honour in 1970. She also edited the Arctic Bibliography for many years.
The Arctic Land Use Research Program (ALUR) Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Room 1038, Centennial Tower, 400 Laurier Ave., West, Ottawa, Ontario K1A-0H4 produces a number of reports. The following titles are available on request and were funded by the Environmental Social Program, Northern Pipelines of the Task Force on Northern Oil Development, Government of Canada:

ALUR 74-75-81 Biodegradability of Northern Crude Oil
ALUR 74-75-82 Effects of Oil Spillage on Microorganisms in Northern Canadian Soils.
ALUR 74-75-83 Oil Spill Effects on Vegetation and Soil Microfauna at Norman Wells and Tuktoyaktuk
ALUR 74-75-84 Physical Aspects of Crude Oil Spills on Northern Terrain: Final Report
ALUR 74-75-92 Archaeological Study in the Mackenzie Corridor, Final Report

Ecology of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago: Selected References, Volumes 1, 2 and 3, annotated by N. M. Peterson. This annotated bibliography was prepared by N. M. Peterson and is also available on request from ALUR.

The Arctic and Sub-Arctic Research Services has recently moved and their new address is Universite du Quebec a Montreal, P. O. Box 8889, Montreal, H3C 3P8.

A series of catalogues of Press clippings of the Gardner Collection on Northern regions includes the following publications:

No. 26-28 Exploration, Farming, Forests - Labrador
No. 29 Mines - Labrador
No. 30 Miscellaneous - Labrador
No. 31 Hunting and Fishing - Labrador
No. 32 Power - Labrador
No. 33 Hospital, Education, Health - Labrador
No. 34 Indians and Eskimos - Labrador
No. 35 Communications - Labrador
No. 36 Boundaries - Quebec.

Anthropological Papers of the University of Alaska are available from APUA Anthropology Program, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 99701. The cost is $5.00 per issue or $10.00 per volume (2 issues) with v. 17, no. 1 and 2 published in 1975.

Reminder: The annual meeting of the Alaska Historical Society is Nov. 5-7 in Kodiak. Those interested should contact L. J. Rowinski, Program Chairman, University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks 99701 for information.