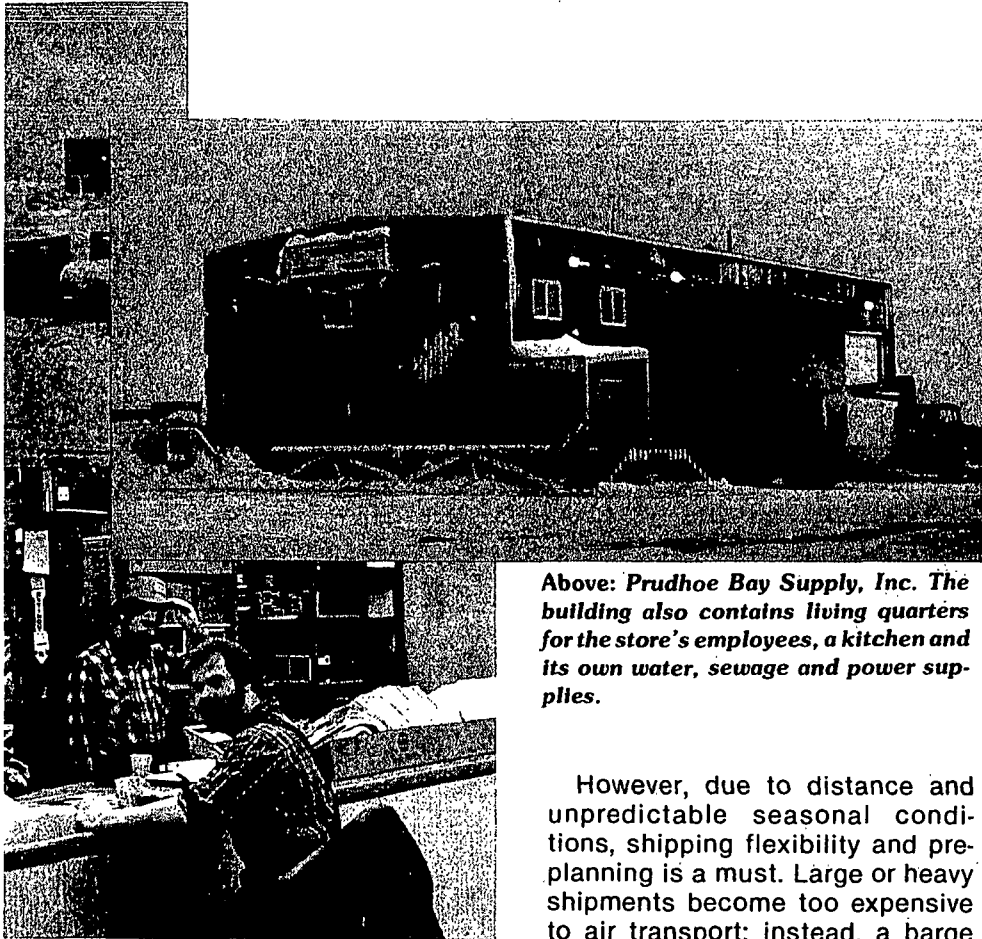


AMERICA'S LAST FRONTIERS



Above: Prudhoe Bay Supply, Inc. The building also contains living quarters for the store's employees, a kitchen and its own water, sewage and power supplies.

Above Left: Prudhoe Bay oil field encampment. Above: Owner Molletti and his crew service pick-up trucks, heavy duty trucks and industrial equipment.

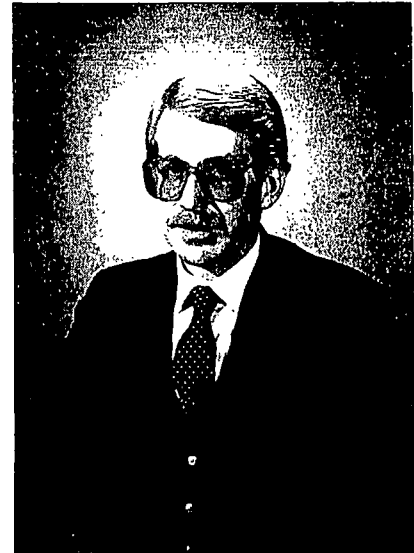
powered by the high winds and blown across the ice fields. To facilitate movement between the buildings during these "blows," ropes strung from building to building become mandatory "life lines" to hang onto in order to travel from one building to the next.

Of course, shipping from the NAPA Seattle Distribution Center to the Alaska-based NAPA Jobbers presents its own set of challenging circumstances. With 20 NAPA Jobbers located across the state, the Seattle Distribution Center makes regular weekly shipments to Anchorage either via plane, boat, barge and even the U.S. Mail. At Anchorage, the goods are usually loaded on trucks and land-transported to each store's respective location.

However, due to distance and unpredictable seasonal conditions, shipping flexibility and pre-planning is a must. Large or heavy shipments become too expensive to air transport; instead, a barge will be used. Such a barge trip, however, can take up to six weeks and must be planned so that the barge will arrive at a time when there is sufficient breakup of ocean ice to allow docking and unloading. Otherwise, trucks departing from Anchorage must travel a restricted "haul road" — a two-lane ice path that runs all the way north to Prudhoe Bay. In an unexpected "emergency" situation for one of the Alaska-based NAPA Jobbers, the NAPA Seattle Distribution Center even had to air ship an engine into Anchorage and then transport it the rest of the way via helicopter!

All said, the problems and challenges of operating an NAPA Parts Store in such a remote region are quite unique. But then so are the people who man Prudhoe Bay Supply, Inc. — with the true pioneer spirit, they're willing to carve out their own special niche in one of America's final frontiers.

MIKE SCHWALLER NAMED TRAINING AND SALES PROMOTION MANAGER AT NAPA HEADQUARTERS



J. Michael (Mike) Schwaller has been named Training and Sales Promotion Manager at NAPA headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan.

In this newly created position, Schwaller assumed responsibility for NAPA's various training programs as well as all sales promotion activities originating from the headquarters office.

A native of Atlanta, Schwaller comes to NAPA headquarters from the NAPA Charlotte (North Carolina) Distribution Center, where he has served as assistant sales manager since 1978. Prior to joining the Charlotte D.C., Schwaller spent two years as an equipment representative for the southeast division of Genuine Parts Company.

A graduate of the University of Georgia at Athens, Schwaller received his degree in political science and business.

(Ed. Note: Prudhoe Bay Supply, Inc. certainly takes the prize for being the northernmost NAPA Parts Store. But which store is the southernmost? Which is at the highest altitude? The farthest below sea level? If you think your store qualifies in any of these categories — or your own special category, for that matter — let us know!)