

MOVING TO ALASKA?

I have heard a lot of people say, "Oh I just love summer. I wish it was summer all year long."

Of course, everyone loves the sunshine, swimming, picnics, flowers and butterflies and all the good things that comes with summer.

When I was young, I enjoyed summer, because we didn't have to go to school. We could go barefoot, go bike riding, catch lightning bugs and play outdoors longer.

At that time, the heat did not seem to bother me. But then, I did not know the comforts of air conditioning. The closest thing we had to cool us off was an ice cold popsicle.

However, I have always been a winter person who likes to hibernate, get under warm blankets, eat soup and drink hot tea. I like watching snow flakes, baking cookies, wearing boots and shopping for Christmas gifts. Plus, I just happen to like cold weather better than warm.

This summer has been especially hot with record breaking temperatures. According to reports, one day we hit 107°. Now that is hot!

I just heard someone make the remark, "You know in the winter you can always put on more clothes, but when it is hot in the summer, there are only so many clothes you can take off. Yes, that happens to be true.

I do believe, too, that the outdoor conditions are far more favorable for me in the winter than in the summer. In the summer, we have to mow our grass and trim trees and bushes.

Then too, gardening can become an issue, because those who love the look of flower beds and vegetable gardens have to work outside on them. I like to look at flowers and eat fresh vegetables too, but stop and think about it.

People do not need to do any of these chores in the winter, because of snow covering the ground. Yes, we do have to scrape ice or shovel some snow, but you can bundle up to do it.

So, if comes down to suffering in the heat or playing in the snow and cold, I would rather be a player.

Last year I bought a little red convertible. I thought that I would really love cruising around with the top down. Now, if the weather is nice, it is fun to do that. But, the heat this summer has made it nearly impossible to ride around with the top down.

In fact, the car has black leather seats and when I get in the hot car after a day of work, the heat from the seats burn my bottom and legs.

This past winter, yes, it was cold, but I bought seat warmers. Seat warmers just plug into your cigarette lighter and warms up the seat making it nice and warm.

In looking at the weather report, I read the temperature could go down to 88° within the next few days. If so, it will be a welcome relief. Even in spite of the discomforts of the heat, I feel fortunate to live in an area where we get to see, smell, hear, taste and feel the results of all four seasons.

The heat this summer has been atrocious, unless I am just getting old and can't handle it. So now, I am just wondering if I should move to Alaska and be an eskimo? Hmmmm. Sounds like a plan.

Does the heat bother you? Do you like hot weather or cold weather? Would you rather live in Florida or Alaska?

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.