

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 115th Edition – June 5, 2005

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Mountain Sheep

Photo courtesy Heinrich Lohmann heinrich@lohmann.ca

WALK WITH ME

By Gus Barrett sourdoughs2@shaw.ca

Come; walk with me upon the silver sand
We'll walk the beach at breaking of the day.

While nature's silent beauty is at hand,
And the sun is rising over Parksville Bay.

We'll see above, the giant eagles soar,
An endless flight in search of daily bread,
And hear the flocks of seagulls on the shore
Squawk an endless pleading to be fed.

Come; walk with me in early morning showers,
While overhead dark storm clouds have appeared.

We'll walk 'midst swaying trees and autumn flowers.
Remembering the good times that we've shared.
We'll walk upon the beach at ebbing tide
And feel beneath our feet, the shifting sand.
Thankful that we still stand side by side.
Then we'll walk into the future, hand in hand.

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Dear Sherron,

Thanks for your encouragement re: my stories.

I am sorry you've been having negative feedback on your work. Some folks just don't appreciate the gift you have given Yukoners and other Canadians. Amazing, isn't it, that some will pay for a large newspaper subscription where they seldom recognize a name but will begrudge a donation to a labour of love where they will know at least half of the names. No one, NO ONE, has gathered, stored and disseminated such vital information before. I dare to say that no one will ever do that again. Don't let the pessimists destroy your enthusiasm. You have more supporters than critics. Keep up the good work.

I enjoy the MocTel and was moved by several items in the 113th edition. Harvey's photos of Mayo's 1st Avenue and Congdon Street brought back memories of my pre-school days. It seems that every time I went past that corner someone was welding at the garage. I was warned to never look directly at the sparks. People are probably still laughing at the sight of a little girl who covered her eyes until she was at the end of the block.

I am amazed at what may seem to be an incidental comment by a writer or story-teller is the piece of information needed to complete someone else's story. A line from Weldon Pinchin's article reminded me of something that will develop into a story to be shared later.

In the meantime, you should know that Doug Bell's photo of Ben-My-Chree, in MocTel 110 zapped me back to my grade one classroom in White Rock, BC. Here is that story.

The Whole Picture

(a true story)
by Karen Shaw

Long before learning the word "detention" I knew what it meant to "stay in". Staying in is exactly what I did -- hands behind my back, eyes straight forward -- while my grade one teacher's pen scratched across the foolscap.

"Here," she demanded as she thrust the note at me, "make sure you give this to your mother the instant you get home!"

I followed the teacher's orders. A lump formed in my throat as I prepared for the worst. I was confused. All I did in class was tell the truth and now there seemed to be consequences.

Mom read the note silently.

"What's this all about?" she began sternly. "Sit down while I'll read this to you."

Dear Mrs. Shaw,

I am writing this because I am concerned about Karen's wild imagination. Unless her fantasies are brought under control, they will lead to serious trouble. I trust you will take the necessary steps to curb Karen's daydreaming and outlandish stories. Failing that, I may be forced to send her to the principal's office.

(Signed with the teacher's signature)

In a stern tone, Mom continued, "Let's hear your side."

"The teacher asked us to draw a picture of a house so I drew a house."

"But that can't get you into trouble."

"I didn't want to have a picture like all the other kids, the same as every house on the block; you know, one with a peaked roof, front door, three windows, walkway and apple tree. I was homesick for the Yukon. I drew a log cabin."

"I don't get it. How can drawing a log cabin cause a fuss? Let me see your picture."

After scrutinizing my art, Mom was still perplexed.

"See, I drew logs without a ruler so they looked rugged, added little windows, a door, crooked chimney, grass and flowers. I even added moss and rags between the logs to make it real. I think maybe my teacher didn't like the flowers."

"They look fine to me," Mom encouraged.

"But the teacher said that flowers belong in the garden; never on the roof. She said I was lying when I told her it was different up north. Maybe that's why she got so mad."

Mom's bellowing hoot made me jump. "Go and play until supper. I have to figure out how to answer this."

After breakfast the next morning, Mom read her response to me.

Dear Miss,

Thank you for your concern about Karen's imagination. I assure you she is a truthful child and can distinguish fantasy from reality.

I understand the trouble yesterday was caused by the position of flowers in Karen's picture. She was absolutely correct. In the Yukon, it is not unusual to find flowers on a log cabin's sod roof. The most abundant and colourful of these is the Arctic poppy. When those cabins were first built, northern winds carried seeds to the building tops. Later, trappers and miners brought seeds from their homelands to prevent homesickness. Like the northerners themselves, the hardy seeds took root and survived; the rest perished. Truth is stranger than fiction. I trust the enclosed photograph of such a cabin will convince you that my daughter was telling the truth.

I, as a parent, and you, as a teacher, have not only a responsibility, but an obligation to develop Karen's creativity to its fullest potential. Failing that, I may visit the principal's office myself.

Yours truly,
Mrs. M. Ruth Shaw

I can't describe the expression on my teacher's face as she read Mom's letter. Needless to say, I never was teacher's pet that year.

Karen Shaw kshaw*interchange.ubc.ca

"Statistics don't change lives but stories do." - Dr. Martin Collis



Camping – Yukon Style
Photo courtesy Ralph Lortie

I found this photo yesterday. I don't know the fellow on the left, but the others are: Connie Lortie (my mom), brother Ray in front of her, Margaret Sheardown, and Patty Chapman (Samuelson).

Also our dog Mike and Sheardown's dog Brownie. I don't know where the camp was.

Pat should like this one.

Cheers. Ralph Lortie [rlortie001*sympatico.ca](mailto:rlortie001@sympatico.ca)

HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY. . . AKSEL PORSILD

A friend from your Yukon childhood would like to know if you ever thought you would live this long.

Wishing you many more Aksel.

MOE GRANT SPECIAL

Hi Sherron, Loved the Moe Grant special. The story about the two roosters he gave the Petersons is definitely true. I used to take eggs to Herman and Doris once a week and she could hardly wait to show me those two birds! She has a great sense of humour and was laughing her head off. Of course she didn't have a clue what to do with them. I suggested we make a swap, one rooster for one of my hens. Doris made them a little pen and that hen layed her an egg every day until winter. Can't remember but I probably got them once it got cold. A couple of years ago she mentioned that story in a Christmas card (I had forgotten), and it brought back the memory and the laugh.

As to the complainers that you may make a buck or it is too much-ignore them! I am sure there are plenty more people who appreciate your efforts. I know we do. Keep up the good work!

Claudia MacPhee erstenhorpel@hotmail.com (in Tagish), enjoying all the GREEN

REACTIONS TO THE MESSAGES IN MocTel 114

There is enough positive energy in this group of messages to inspire all those who are thinking about sharing a poem, story or photo. These people really do enjoy the effort. I have included this many of the messages I received this week so you can see the diversity of thought and enjoy the positive energy. – Sherron

I lived in the Yukon for 33 years. I loved it up there and I still miss it very much. By you giving us Moc Tel it brings back great memories of how the people were and what life was all about up there. \$20.00 is a small price to pay to keep those memories alive. Some times I don't get to read the whole paper but I have it on my computer if I should ever want to go back and read, I can. I wouldn't have that from some forum on Yahoo. Some people object to paying for the hard work and dedication you put into the paper. That says to me they are looking for something for nothing.

What I say to those who think it is to expensive, "don't subscribe" Leave it for the people who want to know about acquaintances and friends from their past. Please keep up the great work as you make a lot of people very happy with what you are doing.

Maybe it is only true Yukoners who appreciate what you are doing.

Regards

Merna Hensley [mhensley_1*sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhensley_1@sbcglobal.net) (In Ohio)

Hi Sherron

Just to say thank you for all the effort you have put out to make this MocTel a success. There is more effort put into this than most people know and some of the information will not be around in a few short years.

This is not a business but an act of love, you did this for a long time and many of us should have volunteered to support you and not wait to be asked.

You are doing what a lot of people talk about doing but don't, so keep it up.

A chat line was mentioned, any one can do that, but nothing will be recorded, MocTel is recording history, and reuniting friends.

Some people consider this as to much to read at times, well it is only a click away to the garbage, not like the tons of paper used every day by the news papers, and only one percent of it is ever read and goes on the waste bucket.

To have contracted this out to find all the information that has come together so far would have cost thousands upon thousands of dollars, and if government did it, it would be in the millions.

So keep up the good work, and don't let any one steal your dream.

Warm regards,

Dave Harder daveharder*telus.net (In Delta BC)

*I asked Dave if he was planning on attending the Okanagan or Island picnic this summer.
– Sherron*

I will try to make it to one of the two picnics for sure will let you know.

Dave

Hi Sherron

Sorry to hear you are being, in my mind harassed by whoever David is. Might I suggest he keep his money and buy a good northern magazine...I'm sure there will be something wrong with that.

Lots of people my age group aren't terrific on computers, but I'm sure most of them can connect with someone who will print an issue off for a friend.

You put so much effort into the tel, but if it ceases to be a labor of love, most of us would understand. Don't quit on us. Go to twice a month or once. We will all still be interested and waiting for the issue.

As far as someone who can't afford a subscription, I'd happily donate on their behalf. Just let me know. Nothing good comes without labor, love and cost....all we old northerners realize that.

Donna Cowling/Mclean dj_mclean@shaw.ca (In Kelowna)

I have been away in Sask helping with the seeding and got back and while catching up with my e-mails and Moc Tels I was somewhat astounded at the reception to your request for some financial assistance in producing the material. Anyway, I will be sending you the requested \$20.00 right away because, while I do not read every word of every publication, I do enjoy it and wish to keep receiving it. Do Not be deterred by some of the emails you received. Best regards. Bill Craig mjcwsc@telus.net (In Edmonton)

Please do not take offense to some of your "subscribers" whining about paying \$20.00 per year which works out to 39 cents per week. I find it really strange in this day and age that anyone would consider \$20.00 per year a burden on their finances. I hope that you do not consider a small number who may begrudge paying for anything a detraction from the great work that you are doing and the many hours of enlightenment that has been shed with the Moc. Tel. Keep up the good work and anyone who does not think this effort is worth \$20.00 per year should be struck from the list.

Best regards

Tom Mickey tmickey@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

Dear Sherron.. Bless your Heart.. I am amazed that people say.. that 20 dollars is too much I think it is a Bargain...and I know myself it is a LOT of research and work...there are MANY friends who appreciate the time you spend..bringing us all that information.. so if everyone chips in you make a few dollars so what!!!! GOOD FOR YOU.....I feel sad actually that you have been made to feel...unhappy about what you are trying to do....it is great entertainment.. and reminds us all of all the Good times we have had.. also the wonderful people we have all met during our Years in the Beloved Yukon.

Take care Sherron and Please carry on the Good work.

LOVE and HUGS Gillian gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Vancouver)

Sherron: After reading some of the e-mails that you have received regarding the donations, I sat for quite a long time trying to compile words to make some sort of response on your behalf. I started to write them out, would re-read what I had on paper and trust me --- you would not have wanted to PRINT any of it. I was absolutely appalled at the letters. I sometimes feel that a lot of people have the mis-conception that

you are going to make “millions” on this, they absolutely have no idea of the hours that it takes to compile an issue. All I can offer is---pay no heed to garbage like those letters---continue on with such a great feeling of accomplishment and be very proud of who you are and what you are doing to keep all of us "True Yukoners" together and very well informed. It is true, that some of the people I do not know, but love the read, there is so much humor in it, living in the Yukon for my earlier years has taught me that laughter is the best medicine and is part of being a Yukoner. Thank you for all that you do, keep up the good work and don't let garbage like that get to you.

Have a great day,

Carol Buzzell buzzy.cj*shaw.ca (In Cranbrook)

Hi Sherron,

Please don't be too discouraged by the e-mails from a few individuals who may not fully appreciate the value of the MocTel and the work that you (and others) have and are doing to keep it going. There are obviously a fair number of us who very much appreciate your efforts and are very grateful for the contacts of former friends the MocTel has provided that otherwise we would likely have never had a way of receiving. In addition the stories that are being written and preserved for future readers and researchers are, to my mind, invaluable.

Is the MocTel for everyone who has lived (or even currently lives) in the Yukon? Probably not. However for those of us who are finding it of value, it is a great instrument for refreshing memories and helping us to understand and learn about some of the significant events that have occurred in the Yukon's very dramatic and exciting history. To my way of thinking, there is no better way of learning of these accounts than reading them as written by the very people, or their families, who were part of the Yukon's fabric and history. This is what makes, for me, the MocTel such a wonderful and unique publication. These are not stories by some media person or famous author who never lived in the Yukon and who decided to write about the Yukon. These are stories written by the very people who have experienced them or have heard them directly from their parents or grandparents. So what if the stories are not all polished and "best sellers"! They are authentic and capture the heart and soul of the people of the Yukon. They tell it like it was. To me this is the real value of the MocTel.

As with any publication, over a period of time the "subscribers" will tend to stabilize. Some will drop off for a variety of reasons and some more will come on. In my humble opinion, having 300 to 400 continuing subscribers is a very commendable number for a newsletter such as the MocTel.

So....please keep up the excellent work and don't let the lack of interest of a few discourage you.

Harvey Burian hburian*telus.net (In Parksville)

Have to say, I sympathize with you Sherron, and did expect that reaction from some. I, myself, wondered for a moment, if I should continue receiving the MocTel since I don't have a paying job, my husband's retired, teenagers at home, plus I didn't even live in the Yukon. But hey, \$20 doesn't even cover breakfast at DeDutch!

I don't read everything; do a lot of skimming; but some articles are extremely interesting; the poetry is lovely and the pictures are gorgeous! I do know how you feel as I've experienced the same thing with the 13 years I've devoted to the Parent Advisory Council at school. The things some people say just make you want to give up, but...hang in there. We appreciate your dedication and accuracy of details which makes such a difference in the quality we wouldn't get in a forum. –Melody Hughes jmhughes@telus.net (formerly White Pass Vanc) (In Coquitlam)

Hello Sherron, never mind those sour pussers who complain about the \$20.00, there are plenty of people who don't mind helping to cover a bit of your costs putting the Moc Tel together for the reading enjoyment of many appreciative folks far and wide, Regards, Maroesja van Oeveren maroesja@tiscali.be (temporarily in Tsawwassen)

Hi Sherron : Will the 2005 MocTels be available for purchase on CD as were the 2003 and 2004? I find the petty carping and the miserly attitude of some of the recipients of your generous contributions to the preservation of Yukon history and communications really incredible. I would not consider them as "subscribers", because "subscribers" don't expect to get something for nothing, and I suggest that five dollars a year is tantamount to getting something as worthwhile as MocTel, for virtually nothing. I hope that you will ignore such comments that you have received from a very small minority of the many who receive and enjoy your efforts. I am disgusted by the complaints that you have been receiving, and understand your being offended by them. Hang in there, gal. Don Machan demachan@telus.net (In Qualicum Beach, B.C.)

Hi there, Sherron, I am reading part of this Moc Tel that I am printing off for my mom, Daisy Callison-Welsh, and can't believe that there are people out there that are hassling you about the donation thing. Are they nuts or what!? Keep up the good work and just consider the source. they likely have never been involved in anything outside their own little worldHeaven forbid!!!

Julia Havdale jehavdale@shaw.ca (In Castlegar)

Hello Sherron:

You are doing a great job and I for one can appreciate the amount of time that is takes to put all this info together. Anyone out there that complains about helping out

obviously does not know how much work and the hours involved to complain so bad about \$20 a year, but never think twice about thousands for tobacco and alcohol! I can understand many seniors not being able to afford it but as you say you will send it to them. I for one hope you do not give this up! Another big expense is gambling but they never consider that either. I could really see red {literally} when I read the latest MocTel. I must close before I really tell somebody off. You are in our prayers Sherron.

Cheers

Audrey & Joe Vigneau vigneau*yknet.ca (In Dawson)

Hi Sherron,

I just wanted to reply to your last MocTel.....I was sorry to read about people being disgruntled about the donation....what do people expect? Nothing is "free" including the MocTel. Thumbs up to the person who doubled the donation as that is what I want to do when I send in my donation for 2005. Thumbs down to Pam Charman as well as David Allan. I also don't know the people written up in the MT but I LOVE reading about their experiences which are mostly dangerous and unique. I treasure my growing box of past MocTels and wouldn't part with them for the world.

Please don't get discouraged--I think you heard from a tiny minority, not the majority of your readers. We again thank you for all that you've done and all that will be coming in the future!.....Affectionately, Carl and Marilyn Chase
cmchase1@verizon.net (In New York)

MESSAGE SHARED WITH US

David: Forgive me for being so critical, but dammit, I for the life if me cannot comprehend exactly where you are coming from regarding your message to Sherron in her unselfish endeavors to stimulate and renew acquaintances via the MocTel.

I say, "Shame on you!" for insinuating that she is trying to promote this great effort into a commercial venture.

Why in the world some people cannot accept some things at face value, and just get on with it, I cannot, for the life of me understand.

If you are so unbearably concerned with the "technical-legal" aspects of this GREAT endeavour, then, get out of the "kitchen" and get on with your life.

Regards

George Howell howellgm*shaw.ca (In Westbank)

George was not the only one who sent a message to David and I received a cc of both of them when he replied using "Anonymous" as his return address. Both messages were identical and were two lines of a rude comment.

FROM A VERY BIG CONTRIBUTOR OF MATERIAL FOR THE MOCTEL

Sherron, I am so pleased at the positive responses you are getting back regarding the \$20.00 donation. Don't let David or anyone else that doesn't agree with the donation rain on your parade. The MocTel is invaluable for resources on Yukon history and for hooking people up that have lost touch. I know how much time it takes to put the newsletter together and for you to get it done every week is amazing. I know when I compile tributes the costs add up with telephone calls, snail mail requests and then mailing the finished product to everyone who contributed that does not have a computer. I do this because I feel it is important that history be recorded and these people are not going to be around forever. I look at a minimum of \$200.00 per tribute but it is so very important that these be done and I do it out of love for the project. Thank goodness we have the MocTel as a vehicle to get this information distributed. I'm looking forward to the next tribute as I get so much satisfaction from doing them. I say, if you don't want to pay the donation then go buy a magazine that has all the advertising. You won't get a better product than the Moccasin Telegraph. I get a knot in my stomach when you say you should throw in the towel. Stay positive, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.

Cheers,

Donna Clayson dclays1@telus.net (In Androssan AB)

TRIBUTE TO ROLF HOUGEN

I would like to do a tribute to Rolf Hougen. I am looking for stories /memories, photos, anything you can assist me on. The previous tributes I've done were a bit easier as I personally knew the people involved but I've never met Rolf. I grew up in the Yukon hearing about this well-known person and am sorry I never got to meet him. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please send any information you can help me with to:

Donna Clayson, ytdogteam@telus.net

TESLIN LODGE and CUBA TRAVEL

In last weeks MocTel Don had asked if anyone knew who the operator was on the Teslin Lodge/Hotel in 1950. I phoned Jeanne Harbottle thinking she could help and she said McLeery and to check her book 'Woman in the Bush', so I did and sent the two pages

that she had written about Mr. & Mrs. McLeery to Don. Among other things Jeanne wrote that he was a former RCMP. Hence this reply.

Don still has the question about anyone having further information on Vic Foley who he recalls working at the bar there.

I do have Jeanne's book 'Woman in the Bush' in my computer and would be happy to send it out a bit at a time, but I have received both pro and con statements about having run her other unpublished story about 21 days on the Canol Road. Ideally it would work if those who do not wish to read some segment of the MocTel would just scroll past it. It is impossible for me to please everyone. - Sherron

Good Morning Sherron: You are, indeed, a national treasure, and I truly appreciate the degree of time and effort you expend on behalf of your beneficiaries; those of us who receive MocTel.

Thank you for the information via Jeannie Harbottle's book, "Woman in the Bush". I have been intending to acquire a copy, if still available, and will definitely do so, now. Her description of the Lodge certainly fits my recollections, and my impression of the building was that it had just been completed at the time we stopped there, when Vic Foley was there, and in fact, was still undergoing some finishing touches. The proprietor, as I recall, matches the description of "Mac" provided by Jeannie. He was a tall, clean-cut, business-like sort of person one would expect of an ex-Mountie.

I can't remember if I had mentioned in any of my communications to you that I had enjoyed a super two week visit to Cuba at the beginning of April, and if any of your MocTellers are interested in holidaying in Cuba, I would be pleased to give them the name and address of the "Casa Particolare" (Bed and Breakfast) I stayed at in Havana. It was a wonderful experience, living with, and being part of, a really great Cuban family. The rate of \$30.00 a day provided me with an air-conditioned room, with bathroom and shower, T/V, refrigerator, and Fan, and a very comfortable bed. I also had most of my evening meals there, also. If the main course was pork, beef, or chicken, the charge was \$5.00. Fish dinners were \$6.00, and lobster was \$10.00, and the servings were always far more than I should have eaten. I met a Danish lady who was staying at a B & B in the same general area of Havana, and she was paying \$20.00 a night with all meals included, but I was more than happy with my arrangements. Carmen and her family were so kind and generous to me. Cuba is a beautiful country with beautiful people. I've never seen such beautiful ladies, anywhere. The people looked so healthy and well dressed. The architecture is amazing, and the country is steeped in history, with the modern area dating to the discovery of the New World by Columbus. I stayed at all-inclusive hotel at Veradero Beach for the first three nights (\$107.00 per night), all meals, drinks and entertainment included. I discovered that if I had made the reservation directly with the hotel, instead of doing so through Sunquest Vacations, which I did on my last night in Cuba, that the rate at the same hotel was \$76.00 (all-inclusive) Incidentally, all of the prices quoted are Canadian funds. They do not accept American money or credit cards, but readily accept Canadian money and Canadian Visa and Master cards. There are thousands of Canadians in Cuba, and tons of Canadian money. I found Cuba to be very

safe and did not worry about walking the streets by myself. The only menacing weapons I saw were with the armed guards leaving a bank in an armoured car, filled with Canadian currency, no doubt. I would heartily recommend Cuba, as a tourist destination, to anyone, of any age, but especially to young people. The white sand beaches stretching for miles, and the crystal clear water, comfortably warm, and a year-round average temperature of 27 degrees Celsius.

Sincerely, Don Machan [demachan*telus.net](mailto:demachan@telus.net) (In Qualicum Beach, B.C.)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Hi Sherron,

Was wondering if you could put out an appeal on the Moc Tel.

I am looking for the script and musical score for the play "Foxy" which played the Palace Grand in 1962 (Bert Lahr in the title role) and Broadway in 1963 (Lahr won a Tony award for his performance in Foxy).

I have checked the archives on Broadway and they don't have it. Parks Canada has nothing. Jim Robb has never seen one in his extensive collection. I sent an e-mail to John Gould to see if he could find something in Dawson City and haven't heard back - which usually means he's had no success either.

There is interest in putting on a revival performance.

If there's anyone out there who knows where we may be able to locate the material or who happens to have one - please let me know.

What is astounding is the lack of material that remains. Other than a couple of posters, a few old photographs and comments in visitors logs from various Dawson homes and cabins and some verbal history from folks like Jim Robb or my brothers Tom and Howard, there is nothing. Considering the people involved (Lahr, Ring Lardner Jr., Johnny Mercer, Larry Blyden, Tom Pattison - founder of the Stratford Festival), it is actually shocking to realize that one of the biggest tourism/entertainment projects in Yukon history seems to have no history - other than a single internet page linked to a website commemorating Larry Blyden's career - which uses a shot from the play on it's home page.

John Firth [John.Firth*clarica.com](mailto:John.Firth@clarica.com) (In Whitehorse)

At this point I would like to mention how important it is for each of you to give us a feel for what your experiences have been in Yukon so that when topics come up I can send them off directly to you in hopes that you can assist. This proved useful to me a couple of

times this week. This is one case – I sent John Firth’s message on to Brownie Foth since the Foth’s were in Dawson at the time. Brownie quickly responded that Ralph Lortie had a lot of memorabilia. I also sent the message on to Kathy Gates and Gillian Campbell. I knew they had both been in Dawson a little later than that, but had been in the industries where they gain the understanding and might be able to point John in the right direction to gather what he wants. These replies have come in –

Hi, John / Sherron.

You may recall that I did put some material about Foxy in the MocTel. I have the following memorabilia:

- Souvenir Programme : 28 x 21.5 cm, 28 pages - gives bios on the cast, etc.
- 2 programmes from shows : give Cast, Scenes, and Musical Numbers.
- 2 tickets dated July 5/62 and Aug. 17/62

I'll scan the Score and send it later. I can also send John what I previously put in the MocTel.

Regards. Ralph Lortie rlortie001@sympatico.ca (In Mississauga)

P.S. Pardon me , John, but I don't remember you. I did know Howie and Tom well. Are you a younger brother?

And from Kathy Gates:

Tell John to check this first site out:

http://www.nytheatre.com/nytheatre/archweb/arch_009.htm

If he scrolls down there is a lovely description of Foxy as it being a bit of a musical flop...BUT it is apparently revived and if he is so inclined, he can track down the theatre producing it currently....plus the item says there will be a CD of the songs coming out!!!

I am positive that that source might also tell him how to go about getting a copy of the play!~!!

There is more substantive information which includes the above info at:

<http://www.musicalstonight.org/REVfoxy.html>

I hope it helps.... I am not aware if the Yukon Archives has a copy of the script. Bea (Beatrice) Lillie was also in the play.

Kathy Gates kmgates@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

FOR RELEASE

June 2, 2004

TRANSPORTATION HALL OF FAME RECOGNIZES TWO NEW INDUCTEES

WHITEHORSE – A stunning air rescue and a vision to better Yukon highways will be the theme of this year’s Yukon Transportation Hall of Fame ceremony.

Ray Magnuson, a long-time Yukoner, will be inducted as transportation “Person of the Year” and is being honoured for his lasting contribution for introducing “bituminous surface treatment” on our Yukon roads.

Everett Wasson, who is being honoured as transportation “Pioneer of the Year”, successfully, conducted one of the most intense and difficult air searches to ever take place in Canadian aviation history.

“Each of these two men has made profound contributions to safety and to the spirit of pride so many Yukoners share in our transportation history,” Glenn Hart, Minister of Highways and Public Works said. “Tonight’s induction ceremony is one way we can say thank-you and pay tribute to the achievements of these two individuals.”

The Transportation Hall of Fame Awards were created in 1996 by the Yukon Transportation Museum, the Yukon Transportation Association and the Yukon government to honour people who have made a significant and lasting contribution to transportation in the Yukon. Inductees are chosen by an independent panel.

The induction ceremony begins tonight at 7 p.m. at the Yukon Transportation Museum, located at 30 Electra Crescent (next to the Whitehorse Airport).

This news release is also available on the internet at: <http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/>

Transportation Hall of Fame Honorees

Ray Magnuson:

Ray Magnuson was born in Atlin, British Columbia where his career in transportation began. As a very young man he worked at his father’s sawmill. As soon as he was old enough to drive, one of his main duties at the mill was to transport railroad ties from the mill to Carcross.

Magnuson began his highway maintenance career in 1960 when he went to work as a heavy equipment operator for the Department of National Defence in Swift River. In 1965, he moved his family to Brooks Brook, Yukon, where he continued to work as a heavy equipment operator. In 1972, he joined the Government of Yukon and moved to Whitehorse to be the superintendent of the eastern area. It was during this time that he made his most significant contribution to transportation in the Yukon. In 1973, Magnuson decided that the cost of gravel road maintenance was becoming significant and highway surfaces were deteriorating quickly due to the harsh northern climate. He decided to test a “bituminous surface treatment”, also known as BST for short, or chip-seal, on a stretch of Yukon highway. This product had been used in southern Canada, but

had never been subjected to the severe northern climate and continuous road surface movements.

BST was first tested on approximately four miles of highway near Teslin. Many did not believe this new product would stand up to northern conditions. Magnuson was a man with a vision and he believed BST was the right product to be used on the highway. Time has proven him right. Today, BST is one of the main surfacing treatments used on Yukon highways. In 1990, Ray received the BC and Yukon National Transportation Award of Excellence for his lifetime work in transportation in the Yukon.

Everett Wasson: (1910 – 1961)

Everett Wasson, originally from California, arrived in the Yukon in 1928 to work for Treadmill (*Treadwell*) Yukon, a silver mining company stationed in Keno. His flying experience allowed him an opportunity to fly short hauls with the small company plane.

It was the stunning air rescue mission that Wasson is remembered for the most, because he succeeded where others had failed and endured great hardship in accomplishing such a daring rescue.

During this search and rescue mission, Everett Wasson was accompanied by Yukon woodsman, Joe Walsh. The two men searched hundreds of square miles of wilderness and uncharted territory.

They were forced to land many times on water because of bad weather, and would then attach spruce bows to the plane's skis so the plane wouldn't freeze into place overnight. They had to clear their own runways through meters of snow, so that the plane could take-off. In the end it was figured that the two men snow shoed over 320 kilometers during the rescue.

Wasson went on to marry a nurse (originally from Vancouver) who was working in the Yukon. They had two children, Barbara, who was born in Whitehorse and John, born in California. In 1941 the family moved back to California. Wasson passed away suddenly at 51 years of age.

Award Ceremony – Courtesy Kathy Gates

The Awards evening was held at the Yukon Transportation Museum on the Alaska Highway (close to the Whitehorse Airport), under sunny, sunny skies. It was well attended and the receptive audience were welcomed by the Honourable Mr. Glenn Hart, Minister, Department of Highways and Public Works, government of Yukon.

Mr. Hugh Kitchen, President of the Northern Air Transport Association introduced John Wasson, son of Transportation Pioneer recipient Everett Wasson, to accept the Hall of fame award on his father's behalf. Many had speculated as to why the late Everett

Wasson had given up flying and moved his family back to California to operate a Prune farm, and John left no doubt as to the reason why....his father figured he had used all the "9 lives" likely given him in his Bush Pilot career and it was time to come back to earth. John recalled that his father never went near a plane for the rest of his life. John and Wife Velda, their daughter, and Velda's sister Katie were visiting from California and Texas. John and his wife operate a Nursing Home in Texas. Lloyd Ryder of Whitehorse, who was one of the nominators for Everett Wasson, recounted stories about Everett Wasson, from when Lloyd was a youngster growing up in Whitehorse.



Goody Sparling and John Wasson used to play together as very young children in Whitehorse. John left with his family for California when he was 7 years old.

Photo courtesy Kathy Gates kmgates@northwestel.net



John Wasson and his daughter Sandra with the plaque and beside the photos of his father Everett.

Photo courtesy Kathy Gates kmgates@northwestel.net

Mr. Ken Jones, President of the Yukon Transportation Museum then had the pleasure of introducing the Transportation Person of 2005, Ray Magnuson. At the beginning of that introduction, the audience was treated to a 6 minute informative film on the use of BST on Yukon highways...(Bituminous Surface Treatment). Ray was magnanimous in his thanks for being nominated and inducted in to the Hall of Fame. His family joined him for the ceremony.



Ray Magnuson and wife with Ray's plaque.
Photo courtesy Kathy Gates kmgates@northwestel.net



Rev. Canon Ken Snider and Flo Whyard after she accepted thanks from the Hall of Fame Committee.
Photo courtesy Kathy Gates kmgates@northwestel.net

Flo Whyard was surprised with a gorgeous bouquet of flowers and a small plaque to thank her for her many years of volunteering on both the Transportation Board and the Hall of Fame Committee, from which she had retired this past Spring. This was

Flo's lucky night because her name was drawn for the door prize of a one hour flight-seeing trip around Whitehorse for 6 people!

Everett Wasson's first plane in Mayo.



Everett Wasson's Fairchild – GC-ARM in Mayo

The young lady in the photo is presumed to be Claire Wernecke daughter of Everett's employer and whom the aircraft was later named after.

Photo courtesy Norm Hartnell ladue1@shaw.ca



Note wings folded back, Claire painted under the front window, wheels under the pontoons. - Photo courtesy Norm Hartnell ladue1@shaw.ca

Hi Sherron:

I am sure you will enjoy this and others will be able to relate to it when they read it in the Moccasin Telegraph.

Bye for now. RUSTY REID

AGE ACTIVATED ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER (A.A.A.D.D.)

RECENTLY, I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A. A. A. D. D. - AGE ACTIVATED ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER. THIS IS HOW IT MANIFESTS:

I DECIDE TO WATER MY GARDEN. AS I TURN ON THE HOSE IN THE DRIVEWAY, I LOOK OVER AT MY CAR AND DECIDE MY CAR NEEDS WASHING.

AS I START TOWARD THE GARAGE, I NOTICE THAT THERE IS MAIL ON THE PORCH TABLE THAT I BROUGHT UP FROM THE MAIL BOX EARLIER. I DECIDE TO GO THROUGH THE MAIL BEFORE I WASH THE CAR.

I LAY MY CAR KEYS DOWN ON THE TABLE, PUT THE JUNK MAIL IN THE GARBAGE CAN UNDER THE TABLE, AND NOTICE THAT THE CAN IS FULL.

SO, I DECIDE TO PUT THE BILLS BACK ON THE TABLE AND TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE FIRST.

BUT THEN I THINK, SINCE I'M GOING TO BE NEAR THE MAILBOX WHEN I TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE ANYWAY, I MAY AS WELL PAY THE BILLS FIRST.

I TAKE MY CHECK BOOK OFF THE TABLE, AND SEE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CHECK LEFT. MY EXTRA CHECKS ARE IN MY DESK IN THE STUDY, SO I GO INSIDE THE HOUSE TO MY DESK WHERE I FIND THE CAN OF COKE THAT I HAD BEEN DRINKING.

I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR MY CHECKS, BUT FIRST I NEED TO PUSH THE COKE ASIDE SO THAT I DON'T ACCIDENTALLY KNOCK IT OVER.

I SEE THAT THE COKE IS GETTING WARM, AND I DECIDE I SHOULD PUT IT IN THE REFRIGERATOR TO KEEP IT COLD. AS I HEAD TOWARD THE KITCHEN WITH THE COKE, A VASE OF FLOWERS ON THE COUNTER CATCHES MY EYE--THEY NEED TO BE WATERED.

I SET THE COKE DOWN ON THE COUNTER, AND I DISCOVER MY READING GLASSES THAT I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR ALL MORNING. I DECIDE I BETTER PUT THEM BACK ON MY DESK, BUT FIRST I'M GOING TO WATER THE FLOWERS.

I SET THE GLASSES BACK DOWN ON THE COUNTER, FILL A CONTAINER WITH WATER AND SUDDENLY I SPOT THE TV REMOTE. SOMEONE LEFT IT ON THE KITCHEN TABLE.

I REALIZE THAT TONIGHT WHEN WE GO TO WATCH TV, I WILL BE LOOKING FOR THE REMOTE, BUT I WON'T REMEMBER THAT IT'S ON THE KITCHEN TABLE, SO I DECIDE TO PUT IT BACK IN THE DEN WHERE IT BELONGS, BUT FIRST I'LL WATER THE FLOWERS.

I POUR SOME WATER IN THE FLOWERS, BUT QUITE A BIT OF IT SPILLS ON THE FLOOR. SO, I SET THE REMOTE BACK DOWN ON THE TABLE, GET SOME TOWELS AND WIPE UP THE SPILL.

THEN I HEAD DOWN THE HALL TRYING TO REMEMBER WHAT I WAS PLANNING TO DO.

AT THE END OF THE DAY: THE CAR ISN'T WASHED, THE BILLS AREN'T PAID,

THERE IS A WARM CAN OF COKE SITTING ON THE COUNTER, THE FLOWERS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WATER,

THERE IS STILL ONLY ONE CHECK IN MY CHECK BOOK, I CAN'T FIND THE REMOTE,

I CAN'T FIND MY GLASSES, AND I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT I DID WITH THE CAR KEYS.

THEN WHEN I TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHY NOTHING GOT DONE TODAY, I'M REALLY BAFFLED BECAUSE I KNOW I WAS BUSY ALL DAY LONG, AND I'M REALLY TIRED.

I REALIZE THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM, AND I'LL TRY TO GET SOME HELP FOR IT, BUT FIRST I'LL CHECK MY E-MAIL.

DO ME A FAVOR, WILL YOU FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I DON'T REMEMBER TO WHOM IT HAS BEEN SENT. DON'T LAUGH - IF THIS ISN'T YOU YET, YOUR DAY IS COMING! GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL. LAUGHING AT YOURSELF IS THERAPEUTIC!

I am sure a lot of you can relate to this.

Yours truly RUSTY REID rustyreid@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

OBIT

NEWTON, WALTER ROY: Born May 26, 1923 passed away May 26, 2005. Predeceased by his brother "Bud" in 1971 and his son Mike in 1980. Roy was born in Vancouver to Irwin & Patricia Newton. He moved to Whitehorse in 1942 where he met and married his wife and soul mate "Lil" on May 30/1945. After 30+ years in the Yukon raising his family, fishing, playing drums in the Northernaire's dance band, and the Midnight Sun Pipe Band (he was a founding member), and he transferred with Public Works to Vancouver. In 1978, the opportunity arose with External Affairs to move to New Delhi, India as a property manager with the Canadian High Commission. They spent 3 glorious years based in India and traveled extensively throughout Southeast Asia. In 1982, they retired to Kelowna and became snowbirds with trips to Yuma, Arizona for many years. His smiles, jokes, and his "don't worry" will be greatly missed. Roy is survived by his wife Lil; sons: Tony (Wendy) of Nelson, Danny (Colleen) of Kelowna; nephew Ron (Jan) of Salmon Arm; 5 grandchildren: Doug, Simon, Nicole, Leila & Alana; 2 great-grandchildren Hailey & Dawson, and many other relatives and friends. A celebration of his life will be held June 13/2005 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at 391 Braeloch

Road, Kelowna, BC, V1W 4J2. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

HIPPERSON Lawrence R. September 2, 1938 - May 28, 2005. Larry passed away at home, as was his wish, and I was grateful to be with him. He was much loved and will be missed by both our families including his sisters, Joan, Nancy (Ray), Bev (Larry B) and his brother Greg (Kellie), his aunts, uncles and cousins and many nieces and nephews. Larry's circle included friends from the East Coast to Vancouver Island and from the Yukon and Alaska to the USA. He valued these friendships and treasured the love and respect he was given. He chose not to have a funeral service but preferred that each of you remember him in a way special to you. A gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date. Published in the Vancouver Sun on 6/1/2005.

REMOVED FROM THE LIST

Unfortunately I must ask you to please remove my name from your mailing list. Although I find some entries quite interesting, particularly those pertaining to Mayo, unfortunately most of the people mentioned I do not know, as most stories relate to times long before my tenure even began in the Yukon. Thanks for letting me be a part of your endeavour though and all the best in the future.

Cheers. Lorne McCrea

McCREA, Lorne lmccrea@telusplanet.net (In Mayo 1960-63 & 1967-72; In Watson Lake 1977-78; In Teslin 1978-79) Edmonton

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

To change everything, simply change your attitude.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Submitted by Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer mainerml@shaw.ca

Recipes from the July, 1962 edition of *The Yukon Gold Rush Festival Star Cookbook*.

Another featured event of a visit to Poppop was homemade doughnuts. If all his grandkids have cholesterol lined arteries, it is largely due to those doughnuts. The recipe was contributed by Peter E. Foth.

Homemade Doughnuts

1 cup sugar
1/4 c. butter

3 eggs
2 cups milk
4 1/2 tsp. baking powder
5 cups flour
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. nutmeg
pinch of salt

Cream sugar and butter together. Add eggs one at a time. Then add alternately sifted dry ingredients with milk. Lastly add vanilla and nutmeg. Fry in deep fat.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The **OKANAGAN YUKONERS' PICNIC** will be held at the **Summerland Ornamental Gardens** this year between 11 am and 3 pm on **SUNDAY, JUNE 26th**. Lunch will be at NOON.

Vancouver Island Yukoners' Picnic - St. Mary's Aug. 13th 2005 - Nanoose

The Yukoners' Picnic will be held at St. Mary's Hall in Nanoose, Sat. Aug. 13th, 2005.

The **73rd International Sourdough Reunion** will be held **September 26 - 30, 2005** at the Quality Inn 101-128 th St. Everett WA.

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