

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 215th Edition – August 5th, 2007

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Carcross from WPYR tracks enroute to Skagway.

Photo courtesy Doug Bell cheechako46@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

Was taken from the inaugural run of the train from Skagway to Carcross and return in May. We'd just had a ceremony at the station to christen the run. Will send another picture from the station of neat costume of First Nation dancer as raven. Doug

Andover-Harvard Yukon Expedition 1948

Continued

Field Notes of Elmer Harp Jr. Dartmouth College North to the Yukon Territory via the Alcan Highway in 1948

Sunday 20 June 1948

Soft sprinkling rain started up sometime in the night and continued thru most of the AM. Stayed in camp and cataloged specimens with Fred. Wire to Elaine.

Paul gave me a good haircut in afternoon. Later drove over to Pine Lake with Fred, Bill, Karl and Dave and went out fishing in the 3 boats there, using old boards for paddles.

Good time but no luck. In the evening, went back to the old road crossing at MILE-103 and tried Pine Creek, but still no luck.

Then, in the rain, drove to W-end of airstrip and climbed down into the canyon, thru a soaking muskeg, and caught 3-6" grayling, and tossed them all back in. Cold, rainy night.



Pine Creek camp

Monday 21 June 1948

Still sprinkling local showers today, and much low cloudiness. Packed lunch and all drove down in 2 cars to Champagne where we excavated for the day at Site #3. More showers. Worked through a hearth area containing much bone and some chips. Lucy and Hugh back early to get chow, as Paul has gone home for a day or so—he may return with his family. His wife expecting 4th child in several weeks and we wonder what we might have on our hands. No mail today. Camp fire felt good tonight—chilly.

Tuesday 22 June 1948

Bright and beautiful day. Took a slow tour down to Champagne with Drury in Chevy (the others in truck) taking some choice Kodachromes—good cloud cover. Worked at Site #3 for the rest of the day, getting farther in the hearth zone and getting one retouched flake scraper in situ—this made of an unusual red stone different from all surface stuff. Paul back with his family (wife and 3 children and wife's brother); their tent set up in grove W of ours. Letter from Elaine—my first 3 have now come thru (as of 16th), and all's well. Over to Abbot's for a brief while to get some news of Republican Convention which began yesterday in Philadelphia—still getting squared away for action.

Wednesday 23 June 1948

Back down to 34° last night. Back to Champagne with a packed lunch and put in the day at Site #3. Trowelled out some culture in situ in the hearth zone. Stopped on way home to check till deposits along N side of Shakwak valley. Beautiful day with occasional local showers all of which missed us. Two letters from Elaine 17th and 18th June. Wrote her.

Thursday 24 June 1948

Breakfast at 6:30 and left at 8 for another trip down the Haines Rd. Washout at MILE-120 but a good ford and new bridge being built. At MILE-106 took off on freshly bulldozed trail which we thought might go to Dalton Post. Followed it for 3.2 mile down into steep valleys and over ridges, thru soft sand and some mighty soft spots and then near the bottom of a steep pitch down into valley of Tatsenshini we had to stop and block car because the road was suddenly gone for a stretch of 100 yds. Continued down on foot, and came to the dozer camp—the road being put in to open up a gold mine 12 mile beyond [Jugeleit Brothers Mining Company according to Frederick Johnson field notes]. Crossed Klukshu Crk, on foot bridge and on to Dalton Post, another 1/4 mile Post on N-bank of Tatsenshini, built by Dalton during the stampede of '98, when he is said to have come in with women and stores to milk the gold-rushers. Abandoned now except for some fishing by some white trappers and Indians. Jack Pringle's (ex-RCMP) cabin still there and in fine shape with large rhubarb garden behind—Pringle ran the Post for a long time until his death in '43; his wife a full-blooded Indian now living at Champagne. Saw one cache full of dried salmon; also a small dug out canoe that looked very Tlingit. One of the major gold trails came up from Haines over Chilkoot Pass to Whitehorse, another up to Dalton Post which is on Alsek drainage. Divide between Tatsenshini and Lynn Canal is up in Chilkoot Pass at MILE-88—apparently both trails came together there and went up Klukshu to Dezadeash. What a story all that stuff would make—and what a marvelous setting the country provides! Had a time getting back up hill—very steep, sand soft, and no room to turn around. Inched back up, digging out laying spruce boughs, and blocking up front wheels; took an hour to get up to a spot large enough to turn around in, and then the rest wasn't bad. Went on to Takhani River crossing and had lunch there on a lovely gravel bank beside the stream. Cast over a few spots around the bridge but no satisfactory holes nearby.

Continued on up towards the divide commencing at MILE-88 and there opened up a beautiful inter-montane plateau, a regular alpine meadow stretching flat for miles ahead and lined on E and W with snow-capped mountains, their spurs into valley truncated by some vast glacier. All this above treeline and entire plateau a sort of bog, filled with numerous small blue lakes and ponds, full of shore birds, ducks and gulls. The turf deep, soft, and muskegy, showing strong frost-action forms. A fantastic place (elevation + 3400'), lonely, with only the wild wind coursing down the pass and the Bonaparte gulls trailing their screams above us. Found a Lesser Yellowleg's nest with 4 large spotted eggs in it. Continued on to MILE-80, taking many pictures until finally with much regret had to turn back, it being then 5:30. Sometime, must take that Haines Rd. all the way to the sea—a wonderful drive. Had the first flat of the season and changed it at MILE-126 by Dezadeash Lake. Arrived in camp by 8:15 and while having supper, in pulled the same gang from Lubbock, Texas who stopped here about 10 days ago.

Friday 25 June 1948

In camp all day. Spent most of it drawing up a map of the Shakwak Valley between Bear Creek and Champagne so we can plot out the old lake levels.

Also did some laundry, mending, boot-dubbing, etc. Rec'd Elaine's of the 20th. Heard news broadcast at Abbott's; Dewey and Warren elected to the Republican ticket, and Joe Lewis returned from the ring after KO'ing Walcott in the 11th. Cleveland leading the American League as of the 21st.
Wrote Elaine.



Dalton Post and Tlingit dugout canoe

Saturday 26 June 1948

Operations rather tapering off here now—beginning to think of next move. Nothing in particular to do today so the boys and I went fishing in Jarvis R., (at MILE-1035), outlet of Kloo Lake. Cloudy morning and mosquitoes very bad—caught one and discovered some nice holes upstream from road. Went back there in afternoon and caught 3 more, largest 12". Took Walter along, Paul's Indian brother-in-law—he fished with hand-line, hook and bacon and caught one. A fine, enjoyable afternoon. Read some "Tales of the SoPac" in evening and did some mending.

Sunday 27 June 1948

Spent a morning and afternoon trip scouting around the -40' Alsek beach in vicinity of MILE-1022. Turned off and followed the old Burwash trail far down into woods. Cut out spruce specimens at various levels. Found 3 old lean-to brush shelters and traced drykye far to E. Ran a level down to lowest beach and found it to be 88' below the -40'. Abbott's over in evening for visit and to see some artifacts. Cold and blustery night.

To be continued

MOCTEL 214 Photos from Lucinda Carter inspire memories

Just finished reading the latest MocTel and have to say that the input from Lucinda Carter (nee Hall) was such a wonderful trip down memory lane for me. Probably not too many of us on this list remember those days - when the US army arrived for the first time in our little town of Whitehorse, but her memory is wonderful.

She would remember well, I'm sure, the old "bridle path"- where the narrow trail up over the escarpment led to our small airport (in the 1940's) and the town folk could walk across the airplane runway to the path that led through the trees to "Ice Lake."

Charlie Atherton, Jimmy Porter, Bruce Watson (brother of Mathew, who owned the store in Carcross) and my dad Eric Richards, (who worked at Taylor and Drury's store) had all built cabins around the Lake, which of course no longer exists, being destroyed by the US army when they built a "beam station" in the vicinity. Our family spent every week-end there for a number of years, kept a canoe and the "sailboat" that Dad built on the beach. Enclosing a picture taken of me (around 5 years old) on the bridle path, and one of my son Kirk when he was about 10 in the same spot. And here's me on Dad's sailboat on Ice Lake, while we're on the subject. Lots of you have seen the latter in my book, "Yukon Tears and Laughter."

Joyce Yardley Joyce*dataspan.ca (In Nanaimo)



Joyce at the Bridal Path above Whitehorse
1930

Photo courtesy Joyce Yardley Joyce*dataspan.ca (In Nanaimo)



Her son Kirk Yardley, same spot 1954
Photo courtesy Joyce Yardley Joyce*dataspan.ca (In Nanaimo)



Joyce (Richards) Yardley on her fathers sailboat on Ice Lake near Whitehorse in 1942.
Photo courtesy Joyce Yardley Joyce*dataspan.ca (In Nanaimo)

Re - LUCINDA CARTER MESSAGE IN MOCTEL 214 - July 29 , 2007

Please thank Lucinda M. Carter (nee Hall) via Jean Hartnell for the photos of Whitehorse
And the memories. Great stuff as I was there at the same time.

98 Ballroom picture.

On the left of the picture. Was the McKay house, on the right was just the top of the Regina hotel as seen over the other roof tops.

The Ballroom became a roller rink in its second life.

The picture of the public library.

Donna Mclean has told her story re the library in an earlier MocTel.

So now we see it as she described it.

My only part re the library was to keep the fire going and lock it up at night.

Joe Lewis

Please tell Lucinda I had the chance to meet Mr. Joe Lewis when he came out of the spider building. He shook my hand. Later I went up to the hanger to watch him box. He was my idol for years after.

White Horse Inn & T bone steaks.

Please ask Lucinda if she remembers the Sizzler steak ?

They always made a big production of bringing it to the one who ordered it.

RE the bakery cream horns etc.

This as you have guessed by now was the Cake Box bakery.

At that time it was facing 2nd Avenue. Behind the Whitehorse theatre on the lane.

Later moved by skids to Main St. next to the Whitehorse theatre.

My dad looking down on your kind words re. the cream horns etc.

Must make him proud to have such a long ago tale of his cream horns.

Filling them was quite an art, as they were made with very light French pastry.

Good morning to you both (hope Bill is back by now).

I have a neighbour here on the island. His brother trails his boat all the way up and back from San Diego to fish he also does a catch and release program.

Been a bit busy, one thing is my oldest grandson gets married this Saturday.

Please send a copy to Jean Hartnell. In Abbotsford.

Cheers for now Weldon Pinchin pinchin@gulfislands.com (On Mayne Island BC)

[Bill and his friend arrived back just after lunch time Monday with the boat. They were on the road just a couple of hours more than the full 7 days – having left Vernon for Kingston NY on the previous Monday at 10:30 in the morning. The trip went smoothly and they were up at 4 am each morning and back on the road. They did relieve each other driving every couple of hours and were able to get some snoozing in between. They did travel more than 6,000 miles. - Sherron]



Postcard image courtesy Gina (Hughes) Span ginaspan@yahoo.com (In Coquitlam BC)

OLD CROW & EDITH JOSIE



This is a picture of Edith Josie I took.

Photo courtesy Rose Scrivens rcscrivens@eastlink.ca (In Kentville, NS)

I lived and worked in Old Crow in 87 and 88. Have been following the news on Edith Josie “here are the news”. - Rose

SCRIVENS, Rose rcscrivens@eastlink.ca In Faro, Mayo, Dawson, Old Crow and Carmacks 1981 – 90) Kentville, NS

A MESSAGE FROM CAROL BUZZELL AT THE JUNCTION

Thoroughly enjoyed reading thru the latest issues. Have been 'out on the land' for the past couple of weeks, so have had 'time out' from the PC.....Upon arriving home last evening, Marion Mogenson (Moge) stopped by to visit. She stayed overnite, today I will be taking her for a 'road trip' towards Haines, Alaska, so she can re-visit her old 'stomping grounds' out that way. Having a great time, with all of the 'remember whens'. She is looking great and will be heading South again sometime this week.

Enjoying the 'summer', alot of rain, the green house is going crazy, the flower beds are drippy wet from all the rain, but do get some sun shine, so with the long hours, they will do fine. The 'jet rangers' (mosquitoes) are not toooooo bad yet, don't show enough of bare skin to let them feed on.....

Have a great day, talk later.....cb

Carol Buzzell buzzy.cj*northwestel.net (In Haines Junction)

FOLLOW UP WITH YUKON ARCHIVES

Did write to Yukon Archives once more to follow up on an offer made two months ago by Bill Craig to provide a copy of his film of the SS Keno going past Carmacks on its final trip to Dawson to become the historic site it is today. – Sherron

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. My apologies for not responding sooner. June and July were indeed very busy months for me but I have found Mr. Craig's address in the June 3rd edition of the Moccasin Telegraph and will be responding to him immediately. Thank you also for drawing my attention to the photographs in the last edition. I will be sure to have a look at them. And finally, in case anyone is still looking for copies of the Last Voyage of the Keno from CBC, my contact there is as follows:
John Boivin, CBC North Yukon 867-668-8434 john_boivin*cbc.ca

Clara J. Rutherford, Accessions Archivist, Yukon Archives, Tourism and Culture
P.O. Box 2703 L-6 Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6
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TO ORDER A COPY OF THE FILM “The Last Voyage of the Keno”

Print this form and complete your name, address and signature and fax it to the attention of John Boivin (CBC Whitehorse) at 1-867-668-8408.

In addition to this you will need to contact the Reference Service at yukon.archives@gov.yk.ca to arrange for the copying of the video once you have received permission from the CBC via John Boivin. There is no charge for the reproduction but you will be asked to provide a good quality blank videotape.

(Attn: John Boivin)

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It is understood that the VHS copy of the item "The Last Voyage of the Keno", being found on tape # -V-46-4 of the Yukon Archives, being 25 minutes in duration and having aired [filmed August 25-29,1960] on the CBC North TV program -----, is being provided by CBC North to -----(herein after referred to as the "Licensee"), under the following terms and conditions:

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CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANYONE IN THESE PHOTOS?

The next slides are of a couple of events. The first is of dad as one of the bartenders (I think at the Army Officer's Mess but could be The Rainbow Room) but I think it might have something to do with the carnivals that the Lion's Club used to have.



Bob Hughes far right.

The rest are from a Brigadier's visit to Whitehorse. I am pretty sure the staff pictured in the next 4 slides are of residents of Whitehorse. Does anyone know who's who?

Cheers Gina Gina (Hughes) Span ginaspan@yahoo.com (In Coquitlam BC)



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The sun the last time we saw it in Old Crow - Dec 87.
Photo courtesy Rose Scrivens [rscrivens*eastlink.ca](mailto:rscrivens@eastlink.ca) (In Kentville, NS)

MARSH LAKE FLOOD PHOTOS

Further photos were posted last Friday July 27, 2007

<http://www.community.gov.yk.ca/2007flood.html>

Also CBC photo –

http://www.cbc.ca/north/features/yukonflood/gallery1.html?dataPath=/photogallery/regions/north/gallery_587/xml/gallery_587.xml

I phoned and talked to Penny Sippel on Tuesday and they have been evacuated and are staying in a friend's cottage. Her mother Martha Collins is with them and they are comfortable in their temporary accommodation. When I called Don was back at his property sand bagging his driveway. Ground water is now under their home at McClintock Bay. – Sherron

A MESSAGE FROM AL OSTER

Had asked Al for a message for the MocTel and outline what he has available and this is his reply. – Sherron

Hi Sherron:

I've had a number of Email enquiries about my CD's and DVD and other publications. What is available and how much cost?? Perhaps you could find a corner of MocTel to insert this bit of info please.

My web site www.alosteryukon.com has a complete listing description and retail prices of my CD releases and other products currently available by mail order service directly from Al Oster, Northland Music Co., Box 1645, Salmon Arm, B.C., V1E-4P7. Sales distribution in quantities for all products to Yukon and Alaska dealers is administered by PR Services in Whitehorse. The mail order retail cost of a CD or DVD is \$15.00 each plus .90 GST and \$2.00 air mail. BC residents add another 7% (\$1.05). The song book and cassettes are available and priced as listed on the web site.

Currently I am working on another 16 song CD featuring re-records of 6 of my earlier releases and 10 new songs. (White Pass Wheels, White Pass Yukon Rail, I'm Going Home To Yukon, Klondike, Swiftwater Bill, Looking For Silver & Gold, Sunshine Of The Yukon, and more). I had planned a May, 2007 release but that has been delayed for personal health reasons. My target now is May, 2008. The re-release of earlier recorded songs include 918 Miles, Next Boat, 49 Days, Klondike Cattle Drive, Cheechako's Beard, Out In The Great Northwest. And "Midnight Sun Rock" will not be re-recorded. That song has been placed in the Nashville Rockabilly Hall of Fame as originally recorded and will remain a Yukon "collector" item.

Thank you to Yukon and those Yukoners who have made my Yukon compositions a part of Yukon memorabilia. 50 years have passed (1957) since I first wrote songs about Yukon folklore, and I still receive letters of enquiry and sales orders for CD's and cassettes from all over the world. I share my music accomplishments and award recognitions with the "Yukoners" that gave me faith and support over the past 50 years. I have not derived great wealth from my musical endeavours, but I have enjoyed a great personal satisfaction in sharing a love of the Yukon with other "Yukoners" for this beautiful land. Yukon has been good to me.

Al Oster [alosteryukon*jetstream.net](mailto:alosteryukon@jetstream.net) (In Salmon Arm BC)

JEAN GORDON HONORED

Politics and Population in Moccasin Telegraph 214 brought to mind that my mother was a political trailblazer.

Jean Gordon was celebrated on June 22/07 which was the 40th anniversary of the first woman elected to Yukon Territorial Council/Yukon Legislative assembly. This took place in the members lounge from 2-4 pm.

This was published in the Whitehorse Star on June 27/07 on Page 6 by Julie Skikavich (reporter).

A picture of her was unveiled by her in the gallery.

Mom was a part of the council that negotiated the start of responsible government and went to Ottawa to meet with former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Jean Chretien the former minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Just thought this would be of interest to some people. The Star would likely have to give permission for their article to be printed.

Was up North for three weeks and was also able to attend the celebration and see some old friends. I do go to Mayo every summer. We do some mining on Rudolph Gulch as time permits.

I am enjoying Moccasin Telegraph and thanks to you for all your time to keep us all connected.

Betty Lone (Gordon)

LONE, Betty (GORDON) lonehbk*xplornet.com (Born in Dawson, lived Granville, Mayo & Keno until 1959) Morden MB

I never lived in Dawson. I was born there but we lived in Granville on Dominion Creek. In 1945 I needed to go to school so we crossed country and caught the steamboat Neecheah on the Stewart River and went up to Mayo. Later years I married and lived in Keno. I left Yukon in 1959 to live in Edmonton and eventually to Powell River B.C. then Lynn Lake Man. in 1967. I moved to Morden Manitoba in July 1970. I do go to Mayo every summer.

Betty

‘Mother of responsible government’ feted

Courtesy of the Whitehorse Star.

By Julia Skikavich

The women of the Yukon’s political history gathered in the legislature last Friday afternoon to pay tribute to the territory’s first elected female representative. Jean Gordon led the way in the legislative assembly for the many women MLAs who followed, said Speaker Ted Staffen. “You’ve always been a trailblazer.” It marked the 40th anniversary of Gordon’s election to the Yukon territorial council in 1967.

When the caucus first met, Gordon told the men, “I’m just one of the boys and call me Charlie,” said Ken McKinnon, who served with her until 1970.

“Let me tell you: she was not just one of the boys and she was not just Charlie,” said McKinnon, a former Yukon commissioner.

Born in Vancouver on March 6, 1918, Gordon represented the Mayo district during her

term in office.

In 1938, Gordon and her husband, Wilf, moved to Dawson City, where they trapped, raised bear cubs and used a wolf in their dog team.

They later moved to Mayo in 1945 so their daughter, Betty, could attend school and Gordon became an active volunteer.

She worked as treasurer for the Mayo Community Club, bookkeeper for the community theatre and was a weekly columnist for the Star as well as working as an insurance agent. “She was the first woman I ever met who could skin a moose, skin a wolf, shoot a bear – absolutely fearless,” said McKinnon.

Her husband endured some pressure from the community to let her run for council, said Gordon. At the time, there were local concerns over water and sewer systems.

She added she ran in the election because she couldn’t keep her mouth shut and was never at a loss for words.

“I’m still not,” she said.

Throughout her time with the council, Gordon said, she insisted on being treated as a person first before being viewed as a woman.

She was the surrogate mother to the other members of council and helped keep the young men in line, said McKinnon.

Gordon also helped the Yukon negotiate the start of responsible government when the council and then-commissioner Jim Smith went down to Ottawa to meet with former prime minister Pierre Trudeau and Jean Chretien, the former minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

“It all began with northern Canada,” Smith said.

Ottawa looked at the Yukoners as a bunch of wild-eyed rebels, said Smith. “But everybody played their part.”

Said McKinnon: “You will go down in the history books as one of the mothers of responsible government for Yukon.”

Women in the legislature held their own in the legislature, said local author Flo Whyard, who has also served on the territorial council.

Gordon said she didn’t consider herself as having blazed any trails for others to follow. She pointed out that Martha Black had served federally before she was ever elected territorially.

Gordon said she didn’t view others running for office as adversaries. They were other people in the community, she said. They were friends.

“It wasn’t as though we were enemies in any way. We were friends and hopefully I’ll always be friends to everyone.”

The 40 years that have passed since she was on the territorial council don’t seem that long, she said. She’ll be celebrating her 90th birthday later this year.

“I think the secret to staying young and living a long time is having an open mind and staying interested in not just yourself or the things around you but everything you do and everybody you know,” she said.

After her term as a Yukon councillor, Gordon worked for Canada Manpower and the local post office as well as the family business.

She also started up the first Mayo Outreach office, served on the Yukon River basin study group and was a member of the Yukon Territory Water Board for 10 years.

“Your work touched on every aspect of community life in the Yukon,” said Staffen.

Gordon continues to be interested. She's preparing to make a presentation to the Yukon electoral boundary commission, saying she has some ideas on how things could be made better.

"My point of interest is not Whitehorse. It's the whole north country and the whole territory," she said.

A photograph of Gordon was unveiled in the members' lounge at the legislative assembly.

She joked she had come to Whitehorse to be hung, as the Yukon tartan was taken off the framed picture denoting her as the first female representative elected in the territory.

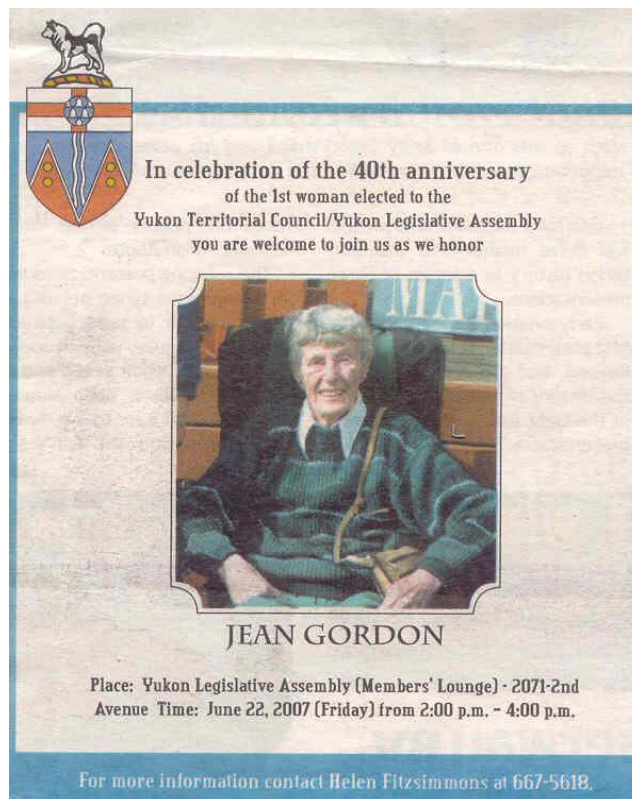
The gathering attracted Whyard, Lorraine Peter and Pat Duncan who have also served in the assembly since Gordon's election. Peter is a former NDP MLA while Duncan was a Liberal premier between 2000 and 2002.

Former Yukon MP Audrey McLaughlin was also in attendance.

"Only big things, important to you, your family, your friends, your community and the world at large, are really important enough to fight for. Then get out and give it all you've got," said Staffen, quoting words Gordon herself had previously written.

"You certainly know how to give it all you've got," he said.

An announcement of the event appeared in "Whats Up Yukon". A current copy of the free booklet, 73rd edition is online at- <http://www.whatsupyukon.com/>



(A Harvey Burian photo from the MocTel Jean Gordon Special Edition.)

A MESSAGE FROM GARY MCROBB

Thought you might like to see some pictures from my weekend travels in beautiful Kluane Country.

Gary McRobb gm*northwestel.net (In Kluane area)



Road construction in full swing at the toe of Sheep Mountain along Kluane Lake on July 27/07.



Shovels working overhead the narrow trail stop while traffic passes through.



The new highway, seen here to the left, will cut out several sharp corners along the lakeshore.



After 40 years at their lodge, Jim and Dorothy Cook are never short on stories to tell.



And their old highway lodge, now reduced to selling fuel and souvenirs, is never short on character!



Archaeologist Norm Easton explains his crew's findings at the site 14 miles north of Beaver Creek.



One of several digs at the site, this one manned by a professor from the University of Anchorage.



A collection of newspaper articles related to findings at the site, dating back 14,000 years!



Some artifacts found at the site indicate this was the first area known to be populated in the Yukon.



The MLA chews on some moose meat while visiting with Sid van der Meer Sr. from Beaver Creek.



The bbq chef with one of several full grille loads at CAFN's GA on the shores of Kathleen Lake.

Haines to Fairbanks pipeline

It wasn't the Yukon's first pipeline. The Canol line had been built in 1942 and included a line from Whitehorse to Skagway.

But the eight-inch pipe line built in 1954 from Haines to Fairbanks was expensive and a symbol, not of WWII, but rather of the cold war with Russia. It was designed to deliver low-cost quantities of jet fuel to Eielson Air force base in Alaska used by the Strategic Air Command bombers. The six hundred mile line cost the American military 54 million dollars. Today, it would total about 400 million.

The pipeline was part of the American policy of deterrence during the frightening days of the Cold War.

Prior to 1955, fuel for Alaskan military bases was supplied by the Alaska Railroad at a delivery cost of ten cents a gallon from Anchorage to Fairbanks. Too expensive said military planners. Fuel delivered by the eight-inch pipeline was a cent a gallon in shipping costs from Haines to Fairbanks.

The route from Haines to Fairbanks was selected because the Haines Highway provided a ready-made corridor. Haines had a deepwater, ice-free port capable of handling large fuel tankers with docking facilities.

The pipe and construction materials began arriving in 1954 and were trucked to staging areas throughout Alaska, the Yukon and British Columbia. By the summer of 1955, the job was finished and the first tanker arrived in Haines in June 1955.

The line ran from Haines, up the Chilkat River valley and paralleled the Haines Highway to Haines Junction. A pump station at 49 mile lifted the fuel over the Chilkat Pass, the highest point on the entire line at 3600 feet. At Haines Junction, the line turned north along the Alaska Highway and headed for Eielson Air force Base.

The fuel was boosted over the summit and past Kluane Lake by a pump station ten miles north of Haines Junction. There was also a pump station at Destruction Bay and on south of the Donjek River.

The flow and pressure were constantly monitored at pump houses in both the Yukon and Alaska as the fuel ran to a terminal at Tok Junction to await a delivery to Eielson Air force Base.

Storage facilities at both Haines and Tok could handle almost three hundred thousand barrels of fuel. The line carried a mixed bag of product at the same time including jet fuel, aviation gas, diesel and regular gasoline. Pressure inside the line prevented the different type of fuels from mixing.

The pipeline could deliver almost thirty thousand barrels of fuel per day. Well-trained American and Canadian professionals operated the system including my brother Fred who loved his work and the family life offered at the Destruction Bay pump house.

By the early 1970's, solid-fuel Minuteman missiles began replacing bombers and reduced the need for conventional fuel. The pipeline and pump stations were abandoned in 1971. The pipe was salvaged in 1991.

But the Haines to Fairbanks pipeline had done its job. It was economical and safe. During sixteen years of operation delivering millions of barrels of fuel to the US Military in Alaska, not a single plane was lost because of bad fuel.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin
Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg*hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

S.S. Princess Sophia – upcoming special edition.

We are currently compiling information about and comments from relatives of the victims of the sinking of the Princess Sophia. If you have any tidbits of information to share with the MocTel group, please pass them along to me. – Sherron Jones
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GEORGE & GLADYS MURDOCH

Hello Sherron, Jeri & I thought you might wish to have a photo of Gladys and George Murdoch in your Moc Tel. They were so much a part of Dawson and Whitehorse history. George walked to Dawson from Whitehorse in the cold, bitter winter of 1937. They both had great stories to tell. We were so fortunate to share so many good years with Gladys and George.

Sincerely

Bill & Jeri Weigand bweigand*shaw.ca (In Steveston BC)



George & Gladys Murdoch

Photo courtesy Bill & Jeri Weigand bweigand@shaw.ca (In Steveston BC)

I.C.E. – In Case of Emergency

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign

The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as "ICE".

Please forward this. It won't take too many "forwards" before everybody will know about this . It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest .

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

A great idea that will make a difference!

Checked this out on Hoax slayer and it is 'True' – also further info on sites below – it is International. – Sherron

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In_case_of_emergency

<http://www.icecontact.com/>

ARTISTIC TALENT



Common Raven

Photo courtesy Heinrich Lohmann heinrich*lohmann.ca (In Airdrie AB)

OBIT

BRAGA , Jean Mary August 12, 1928 - July 25, 2007 Jean Mary Braga passed peacefully on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 through the grace of God. Jean was born on August 12, 1928 alongside her twin sister Joyce in Souris, MB to Wesley and Hazel Harding. On December 10, 1955 Jean married William Louise Braga and for the next fifty-two years she was a devoted wife, mother, sister, friend, and grandmother. Jean had a passion for gardening, reading, bowling, and lawn bowling. Jean's talents will live on forever through her amazing needle point. Jean will be lovingly remembered by her husband Bill; two sons, Wesley of Edmonton and Tom and his wife Dawn and their

children, Mathew, Christopher and Veronica; daughter Beverly and her children, Dylan and Alex; sisters, Marjorie and Joyce; brother-in-law Joe; as well as nieces, nephews and numerous friends. We will all miss her gentle touch and strength of spirit. Jean was such a loving and caring soul to all who knew her. A Memorial Service will be held at McINNIS & HOLLOWAY'S Fish Creek Chapel (14441 Bannister Road S.E.) on Monday, July 30, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. Forward condolences through www.mcinnisandholloway.com . If friends so desire, in lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Alberta Cancer Foundation, c/o Tom Baker Cancer Centre and designated to "Cancer Research", 1331 - 29 Street N.W., Calgary, AB T2N 4N2 (Telephone 403-521-3433). In living memory of Jean Braga, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Fish Creek Chapel, 14441 BANNISTER ROAD S.E. Telephone: 403-256-9575.

BLANCHARD, Gordon R. It is with sadness the family announces the passing of Gordon, in his 63rd year, on June 6, 2007, in Edmonton, Alberta, husband of Florence Cooke, father of Michael, brother of Norman, William, Fred, Jeannie, Barbara, Carl, Roy, Annabel and Laurena. Now that he is at rest, "God will lift him up on eagle's wings, and hold him in the palm of His hand." **Gordon will be returned to his hometown of Dawson City, Yukon.** If desired, donations may be made to The Scott Mission, Toronto.

SNELL, James Clinton Suddenly in Vancouver, BC on July 23, 2007. Beloved husband of Carol, dearly loved father of Daniel (Dawn), James, Luke and Matthew and loved by six grandchildren. Dear brother of Clint and Heather. Jim was a geologist extraordinaire; **he discovered mines in the Yukon, Bolivia and Mali.** Funeral service has taken place in Vancouver.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS & Back on List

I knew I missed notifying some people and news letters that I receive and totally forgot to send you my new e-mail address since I moved. It's [celticme*cogeco.ca](mailto:celticme@cogeco.ca)

Been pretty busy with the move but should have missed my Moc Tel reading lol. Take care and thanks for adding me back on the list...cheers Debbie Nelson

NEW ADDITION - Last Week

Briefly, we came to Yukon in 1965, Dave to teach at Whitehorse Elementary. We were from Alberta. After a year, he transferred to Old Crow as principal and we really grew up.

I was not teaching. We have two daughters, Alison and Marnie – both now have teenage children.

Dave was principal of Takhini for 15 years, then took training and a job as a counselor at two schools. I began to teach and took special training in learning disabilities working at Jeckell and Vanier.

When Dave retired, he became Federal Elections Returning Officer for the Yukon and was in charge of 5 elections. He also serves on the North Yukon Land Use Planning Commission along with many of his former students.

I am still very involved in education although formally retired. My interest is particularly dyslexia.

We make our home in Whitehorse, but love to travel – most recently to Portugal, Chile, Bolivia and Peru.

Irene & Dave Brekke brekkedi*northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

NEW ADDITION

I would like to be added to the mailing list for the Moccasin Telegraph please.

I am a born and raised Yukoner, only leaving to obtain my R.N., still live in Whitehorse and just retired from Whitehorse General Hospital after 32 years.

I got the last issue forwarded from my cousin Mag Wallingham and enjoyed it now that I have time for this stuff!

I will forward it to a few more family members that I think will be interested.

Thanks so much for all of your work on it and I hope I can contribute.

Donna Hogan (Rear)
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Hey Sherron,

Could you please include me on your Mocket mailing list?

Thanks!

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Hello Sherron, please add me to your subscribers' list. Earl R Bennett, 6 - 17th Avenue East, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A3Z8. erb*klondiker.com. Thank You.

ADDED BACK ON THE LIST

Please add me back on the Moctel mailing list. I had my internet disconnected while I was on vacation for several weeks and you probably had the last few issues returned as undeliverable.

I enjoy reading Moctel each week and would appreciate receiving it again.

Thankyou,

Doreen Karhut

Whitehorse YT

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Old age isn’t so bad when you consider the alternatives”

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Have just baked the annual Blueberry Buckle and decided that it might work with Yukon blueberries as well as it does with Fraser Valley blueberries.

Some thirty years ago, my Dutch mother-in-law was going to allow her visiting Dutch relatives to spend some time with us. She always prepared Dutch food for her relatives when they visited, so I decided to give them a totally Canadian cuisine experience. The decision was heartily approved by everyone but my mother in law. Even she had to agree that this cake was wonderful.

One of my son's friends used to check with me frequently through the year, so that she would not miss her annual piece of Blueberry Buckle. She was otherwise a very bashful child, but not about this.

Submitted by Maribeth (Tubman) Mainer mainerml*shaw.ca (In Burnaby)

Blueberry Buckle

½ c.	shortening
¾ c.	sugar
1	egg
2 c.	all purpose flour

2 ½ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
½ c. milk

2 c. fresh blueberries (do **not** use frozen, even if thawed)

½ c. sugar
½ c. flour
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
¼ c. butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease 8 x 8 or 11 x 7 cake pan.
Thoroughly cream shortening and ¾ c. sugar; add egg and beat until light and fluffy. Sift together 2 c. flour, baking powder and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Spread in greased cake pan. Top with berries.
Mix ½ c. sugar, ½ c. flour and cinnamon; cut in butter until crumbly; sprinkle over berries. Bake at 350 F for 45 min. for 11 x 7 pan; 55 min. for 8 x 8 pan or if berries very juicy. Cut in squares; serve warm. Best eaten same day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

International Sourdough Reunion

Will be held at the Ramada Inn in Penticton from September 19 to 23, 2007

Rooms are \$99 per couple flat rate.

For reservations call :

Toll Free 1-800-665-4966 Code word is: Sourdough 3474

ISR Registration is \$70.00

Registration limited to 175 People

Contact person is:

Larry Chalmers PO Box 1095 Oliver, BC V0H 1T0

Phone: 250-498-6887 e-mail: aksala49@telus.net

Island Yukoners Picnic – Saturday, Aug 11, 2007 at 11 AM at St Mary's Hall in Nanoose Bay. Bring your own picnic lunch & beverage, utensils and join in meeting old friends and acquaintances in an informal setting, which allows lots of time for chatting.

Turn off from highway 19 is at the PetroCan Station which is Northwest Bay Rd. Go about 1.2kms to Powder Road, turn right turn about 1/2km to the church on the right. Signs will be up thanks to Stan Hegstrom.

New committee this year are Carol Pearce, Sharon Redmond, Fay Ash and Harriett Butterworth.

For further information contact Harriett Butterworth at harriett*shaw.ca (In Nanaimo)

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH

If you have received this copy of the Moccasin Telegraph from a friend and wish to sign up to receive future editions yourself, the criteria is that you **are or were a Yukoner**. The goal of this project is to provide an opportunity for folks to reconnect.

– Sherron Jones sherronjones*shaw.

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