

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 237th Edition – January 20th, 2008

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Taken outside our home at Lewis Lake near Whitehorse. The guest cabin shot was taken last year when we had so much snow. So far, we haven't had much this year.

Norma Waddington norma@redwoodrealty.net (In Whitehorse/Lewes Lake)

Moments Remembered

By Gus Barrett sourdoughs2@shaw.ca (In Qualicum Beach BC)

It was late in the evening and darkness had come,
And Jimmy was sitting and sipping his rum,
All cozy and warm with his wife on his knee,
Just sitting and sipping and watching t.v.

While up from the river, and out of the woods,
Came a black bear, in search of available food.
It was hungry and cold, in the fresh fallen snow.
When it walked across Jimmy's fine back patio.

And there to its highly trained nose did appear,
A delicious aroma on the cool evening air.
It came from a garbage can, properly sealed,
Where Jimmy had dumped the remains of his meal.

The bear was atremble with fear as it tried
To extract from that can, all the treasure inside.
In it's haste to get all of this tempting food store,
It's backside collided with Jimmy's back door.

The missus arose with a trembling heart,
And said "Jimmy, that thumping fair gave me a start"
Please check the disturbance that's set me a' fright,
For, who would come calling at this time of night?

Brave Jimmy stepped out, not a tingle of fear,
And he stumbled right into a great hairy rear,
The bear, when it heard Jimmy's hand on the knob,
Was fleeing in panic, still spraying a "job."

When Jimmy returned and acquired a torch,
He found garbage and clutter all over the porch,
While the bear, in the bushes, its appetite sated.
Having found a new larder, just sat there and waited.

Now, Jimmy still lives in his home by the stream,
Still safe and content with the girl of his dreams,
But it's not quite the same when they're watching t.v.
Now his wife's by his side there's a gun on his knee.

c2008 Gus Barrett

This little ditty was inspired by from a friend in Port Alberni telling me of a late evening visitor. Seems that black bears around there don't necessarily den up, if the weather is mild and lots of food around.

Would be a little startling in the city. – Gus



This is the trail of the visitor in "Moments remembered." - (photo by Jim McCombie)

YUKON NUGGETS

Some time back I received this message from Rolf Hougen and started sharing some of the stories on his site in the MocTel:

Sherron: The Hougengroup.com web site has had a great deal of information added over the past few months, All of the Les McLaughlin /CKRW Yukon Nuggets (that we commissioned him to do several years ago – he is still working on additional stories) are now on the Hougen Web.

You are welcome to reproduce any of the material from the Web in the Moc Tel.

We would appreciate feed back pointing out any errors, suggestions of additional topics, and comment.

Rolf & Marg Hougen
marg@hougens.com

This week I was gathering more stories from the site for the next dozen editions and e-mailed Rolf with a few corrections and an additional photo. Rolf now has this message to share with the MocTel readers.

The web site is growing almost on a daily basis. Thanks for your input from time to time.

I would like it known that all readers input would be welcome as to accuracy of the stories, photo contributions, ideas for new subjects, etc.

There is no need to send spelling and punctuation corrections as Ralph Lortie, a Yukoner and retired geologist, now living in Ontario, has volunteered to review every story. He is now up to 1945

The number of CKRW Yukon Nuggets, researched and produced by Leslie McLaughlin, a Yukoner, now living in Ottawa has reached 300. These stories are aired daily on CKRW, Whitehorse.

Every story is indexed and cross referenced on the Hougen Group site which permits researchers, historians, and those interested in Yukon history to quickly find a ‘thumb nail’ sketch of people and events. If further information is required the date, when it applies, is referenced to the publication date of Whitehorse Star.

You may wish to inform the Moc Tel readers.

Thank You

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The history section of the website, address is:

http://www.hougen.com/yukonHistory/facts_year/1940s.aspx?year40=1940

Norman Lee and the Klondike Cattle Drive

A Yukon Nugget – By Les McLaughlin leslorn@rogers.com (In Ottawa) and Courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg@hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

Norman Lee was born in England, the oldest son of an English vicar. Not the kind of background you'd expect for a man who would attempt to drive cattle to the Klondike!

In 1882, Lee left a comfortable apprenticeship in an architectural office in London, England for the lure of the Cariboo gold fields of British Columbia, where he became a rancher and a trader.

Lee easily adjusted to the life of a cattle rancher, but the remote Chilcotin made the economics of cattle ranching difficult. So when the rush to the Klondike began, he jumped at what he thought was an opportunity for real money by driving two hundred head of cattle through 1,500 miles of wilderness to Dawson City.

He wasn't alone. By the spring of 1898 there was a flurry of activity as cattle ranchers assembled herd for the long trek north over the all-Canadian route from central BC via Telegraph Creek to Teslin. Ranchers knew that the first to arrive would have the best opportunity to sell their cattle.

The distinction of being the first to attempt a cattle drive from the Chilcotin to the Klondike was Jim Cornell. He headed north with a hundred head in early May of 1898.

Cornell was followed by Jerry Gravelle with another hundred head of cattle, then Norman Lee with two hundred head and finally Johnny Harris with another two hundred head.

Lee headed out from his Chilcotin ranch on May 17 with five cowboys, nine packhorses and a cook. There was a keen sense of competition because the first herds over the trail depleted the grazing lands along the way, leaving little forage. The lack of food was made worse by the mud churned up by the hundreds of gold seekers with horses and mules who were also on the trail.



King's Mill employees posing on a cattle scow that is ready to be launched. Date: 1901. Yukon Archives. H.C. Barley fonds, #4677.

Lee and his herd finally arrived at Telegraph Creek on September 2nd, 1898. After more than three daunting months on the trail, he wasn't even close to the Klondike.

Here he discovered that Jim Cornell, who had made better time with a smaller herd, decided not to go any further. Cornell had taken over a butcher shop previously owned by Dominic Burns, brother of Pat Burns, who would later become owner of the famous Burns Meat Packing Plants. Norman Lee pressed on to Teslin Lake, where the cattle were slaughtered. The plan was to raft the beef products down Teslin lake on hastily built scows and then on the Yukon river to Dawson.

After two days of good sailing, a gale blew in. The scows were wrecked leaving the beef lying in the shallow water. Lee's Klondike Cattle Drive was over.

The fate of Johnny Harris, who had preceded Lee, was not much better. Although he had escaped the storm on Teslin lake, his scows became frozen in on the river about the two hundred miles above Dawson and the beef, like Lee's was a complete loss.

When he returned from his Yukon trek, Norman Lee rewrote the notes from his daily journal, illustrating the story with cartoons and sketches. He completed the manuscript in 1900, but it sat untouched until 1960, when it was published in the fascinating story of the Klondike Cattle Drive.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin



Supposedly the only cow in Yukon – 1944-45 - at Teslin.

Photo courtesy Lucinda (Hall) Carter (In Abbotsford BC)

WHITE PASS RAILWAY (PPS file)

My goodness! I just viewed the slide show and I am stunned. It is fabulous! Whoever made it deserves some kind of Yukoner Academy award!! My husband, two of our three kids and myself hiked the Chilkoot pass a long time ago and that show brought back huge memories.

I can hardly wait to show this to my sister, brothers and kids. One of my grandsons is a train fanatic and I know he is going to love this. Thank you so much for sharing this.

A belated Happy New Year to you and a warm thank you for all that you do.

Gwynn (Peirson) Kroeker Gwynn_Kroeker*telus.net (In Prince George)



Joyce Yardley - Dec 2007

Looking radiant - on the beach, in the sunshine, and among family.

*I cropped Joyce out of a photo and asked if I could share it with you.
She is looking so good and we are very happy for her. - Sherron*

Photo was taken on Venice Beach during Fred and my visit with family in Sarasota, Florida in January 2008. Also on the beach that day were my son and daughter-in-law; one of my grandsons with his wife and two of my great-grandkids: plus a granddaughter, who will become a doctor when she graduates from her University in Tallahassee.

Joyce Yardley Joyce*dataspan.ca (In Nanaimo BC)

*I did ask Joyce to forward information to her daughter Norma Waddington in Whitehorse because I was getting messages indicating my mail to Norma was not getting through.
The following is Norma's reply. – Sherron*

Hi Sherron, Thanks for your concern regarding my getting all the Moc Tel info you have sent. Actually, I got all of it but the list of subscribers. I think we had a problem at the office, but it must have been remedied, because I got everything else. It continues to be a very good winter here and we are just starting to get quite a bit of snow.

The Northern Lights are supposed to be out tonight, so I guess I won't get much sleep, as I continue to chase them for that extra bit of color. I'm noticing I don't have the perseverance I once had, for staying out half the night, in the cold, waiting for the next wave.

Keep up the good work!

Cheers, Norma Waddington norma@redwoodrealty.net (In Whitehorse)

Hi Sherron, I am enclosing a picture I took a while ago at Lewis Lake. I don't usually take prints of the Northern Lights. There are a few people around here who do that very well. Mostly, I take video, so tonight it is -28 and my batteries will freeze up in a short time, not to mention myself. The camera will stiffen up and when I take it into the garage it will be a while before I can use it again, as it will mist up. Most of the time I take my car, and set the camera up outside. Then I can warm up and bring the battery in to warm up as well. However, if I'm up on a hill somewhere, I just have to warm the battery up under my armpit and persevere as long as I can. It hasn't been that great for me this year, as we have had a lot of ice fog and snowy nights.

We do have a northern lights video showing in the Watson Lake Northern Lights Centre in the summers and also have a video for sale in a few downtown stores in Whitehorse. They seem to get in the blood though, and you can't stop watching and trying to get that little extra bit of color.

Anyway, got to go and look outside, just in case 'tonight's the night'

Cheers, Norma Waddington norma@redwoodrealty.net (In Whitehorse)



Northern Lights at Lewis Lake

Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@redwoodrealty.net (In Whitehorse – Lewes Lake)

Comments from Sandy Campbell – re MocTel 236

Well, finally have a couple of minutes while my third coat of Varathane is drying on the wainscoting for my walls in the addition.

The PPS show on the White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad was absolutely spectacular. As I have never had the opportunity to ride the rails so to speak, I was absolutely fascinated. Over the years I have seen many pictures of the railroad. There are several picture postcards that a photographer from Skagway did in the early 1900's, shortly after the railroad was completed, that resemble some of these pictures, but nonetheless, it was wonderful to see them in colour. The pictures he took were all black and white. Quite dramatic, but not as pretty.

The book on the Andover-Harvard Yukon Expedition 1948 was spectacular. Though I know a bit of the area that they were in, it was wonderful to have gained a lot more knowledge of that area. What a wise man to have preserved all these pictures and then to have kept such a fantastic log...especially to be able to put it in the Moc Tel, and subsequently to end up in the Yukon Archives.....preserved for ever more.

I especially love the wall tents....they were a very unique "home" away from home. If they had a wood floor and four foot wooden wall, and so becoming a "wall tent".

The "Tale of the Flour Sack"....that is just too cool.

I remember my mom had several of them, and it did not seem to matter how much she used them, they never seemed to wear out....I do not recall buying flour that way, but I see that certain types of rice is being sold in the cotton bags now here in the Lower Mainland. History repeats itself they say.

What a great idea for a quiz.

I must say I only got a couple of them, but it should be interesting to see how much interest it sparks. Really makes one think.

As for the second one, I was a bit better at it, but nonetheless, it was good to get the memory cells working again....LOL....are the answers for either of these quizzes going to be in the next Moc Tel????

Congratulation to Shirley and Bucky Keobke. You are truly blessed. I know you are going to very busy this coming year with all of the "royal duties" that you will become part of, but what a rich legacy to have bestowed upon you. Will look forward to seeing you both in April for the Yukoner's Banquet here in Vancouver.

The shovel that is pictured in the Moc Tel, looks similar to one of the shovels that John MacPhail had in Beaver Creek. I don't know a lot of the history, though. Now if Andy Hooper was still with us, I know that he could tell you a whole lot about it. No doubt he

had operated one of these, or at least worked on one or two of them at some time. Tommy or Charlie Eikland may be able to shed some light on these shovels as well, as I believe Pete, their dad, knew something of them, and may have shared his knowledge with them.

Rusty, what a wonderful story of the tree. I think that if we all had the same idea, that there would likely be a lot less pain and misery in this old world. Thank you for sharing that with us.

I am sending along a couple of recipes to you, so I hope that will inspire others to forward theirs as well.

Have a great day and I will look forward to talking to you again sometime.

Hugs to all,

Sandy Campbell northernlyght@shaw.ca (In Langley BC)

ANNOUNCEMENT

My mom, Frances Wellar (Fromme) who is celebrating her 92nd birthday on January 16th is happy to announce that three members of her family received their Master's degrees in 2007.

Daughter Joan Fromme earned a Master's Degree in Leadership and Communication from Royal Roads University in Victoria,

grand-daughter Michelle Fromme-Marcellin earned a Master's Degree in Environmental Sciences from Ryerson University in Toronto and

grand-daughter Colleen Reimer (Horner - Maxine Fromme's daughter) earned a Master's Degree in Education from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, BC.

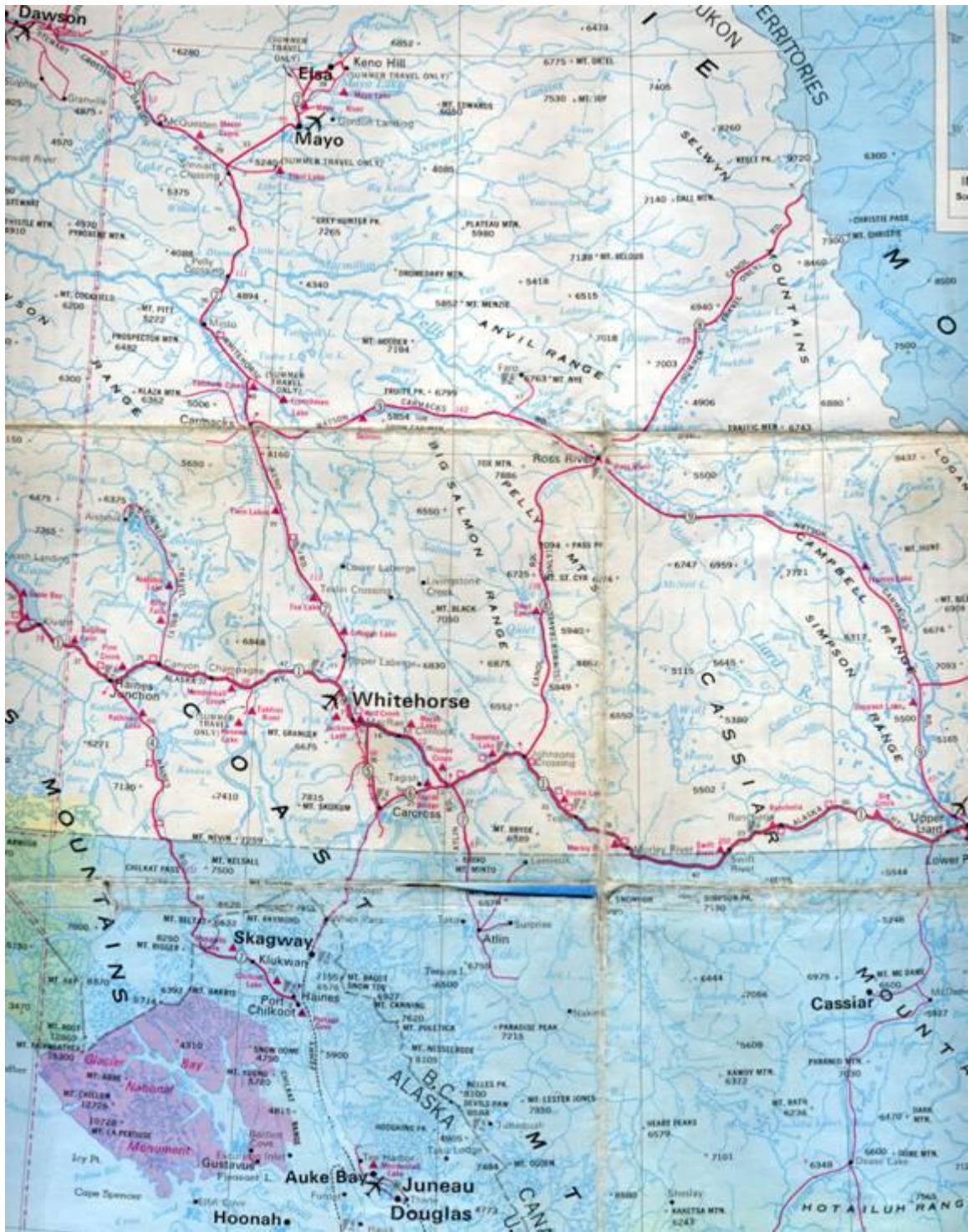
With best wishes,

Maxine (Fromme) Horner maxinehornerart@hotmail.com (In Vancouver)

1969 TOURIST MAP AND MILEPOSTS

I scanned a couple of documents for you before I left Tagish to share with the MOCTEL. It's from an old tourist map I found in the dump. I noticed it shows all the highway lodges at the time. Please share with the Mocket group.

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YUKON MILEPOSTS

GUIDE TO SYMBOLS

A—accommodation & meals
 G—groceries &/or general merchandise
 S—service station
 T—trailer park or private camping area
 L—Liquor sales, lounge or tavern
 W—wrecking, towing or welding
 N—novelties, confections
 C—coin operated laundromat or laundry facilities
 B—Boats for rent
 P—propane tanks filled

ALASKA HIGHWAY (Yukon Hwy 1—mile 588.4 to mile 1221.3)

Once called the Alcan Highway, the Alaska Highway is known as the finest highway of its type anywhere. Construction started in March, 1942 and was rushed to completion in eight months as an emergency war measure. This all-weather, well-engineered and well-maintained artery fascinates thousands of visitors each year. It runs 1,523 miles from Mile "0" at Dawson Creek, B.C., through the Yukon Territory to Fairbanks, Alaska. The route has occasionally been depicted as rugged and hazardous, but the average motorist will find that, with ordinary caution and planning, he will encounter no more problems than on any other highway. A leisurely pace is recommended as a new scene of mountain, valley, stream or lake unfolds around nearly every bend in the road. Speed limit is 50 m.p.h., and 30 m.p.h. through camping areas and when passing highway maintenance equipment.

588.4 —B.C.-Yukon border (crossed 9 times to mile 775.7)
 590 —Contact Creek Service (A,S,G,N,T)
 596.5 —Iron Creek Lodge (A,S,W)
 620 —Lower Post, B.C. (all services, all year)
 632-636 —Watson Lake, Yukon (all services, all year)
 642.7 —Upper Liard Motel (A,S,G,T,L)
 687.2 —Transport Motel (A,S,W,L,N, all year, rooms 24 hrs.)
 710 —Rancheria Hotel-Motel (A,S,G,L,T)
 733.3 —Swift River Lodge (A,G,S,L,T)
 777.7 —Morley River Lodge (A,G,S,L,T)
 803.9-805 —Teslin, Yukon (all services, all year)
 806.7 —Fox Point Lodge (A,S,T,B,N,L)
 813 —Mackinaw Campsite (S,G,T,C, coffee shop)
 837 —Johnson's Crossing Lodge (A,S,L,T)
 849.5 —Squanga Lake Lodge (A,S,T,B,N)
 866 —Jake's Corner Services (A,S, all year, heated pool)
 883 —Marsh Lake Resort (A,S,G,N,L,B)
 910 —McCrae Hiway Services (A,S,L,P, 24 hrs. all year)
 910.8 —Chen-E-Chee Trailer Court (T,C)
 912.7 —Arctic Tire Services (S,W)
 914-924 —Whitehorse area (all services, all year)

968 —Mendenhall Camp Lodge (A,S,C,T,L, 24 hrs. all year)
 996 —Canyon Creek Lodge (A,S,L,N)
 1015-1018—Haines Junction (all services, all year)
 1022 —MacIntosh Lodge (A,S,G, all year, rooms 24 hrs.)
 1054 —Sheep Mountain Motel (A,S,W,T)
 1064 —Bayside Motel (A,S,L,B)
 1083 —Talbot Arms Motel (cabins, S,T,B,N,W, all year)
 —Destruction Bay Lodge (A,S,G,T,L,B, all year)
 1093 —Burwash Lodge (A,S,G,T,L,N,B, all year)
 1118 —Travellers' Services (A,S,G,T,L,W)
 —Mount Kennedy Motel
 1128 —Bradley's Mountain View Lodge (A,S,G,W,N,T)
 1147 —Pine Valley Motel (cabins, S,G,W,T)
 1169 —Bradley's White River Lodge (A,S,G,W,L,T)
 1201 —Livesey's Hiway Service (G,S,W,T)
 1202 —Alas/Kon Border Lodge (A,S,T,L,N)
 —Canada Customs office
 —Ida's Motel (A,S,T,L,N,P)
 1202.3 —Beaver Creek Motors (S,W)
 1221.3 —Yukon-Alaska boundary

TERRITORIAL HIGHWAYS—A network of highways and roads in the Yukon provide the traveller with alternate routes and "circle tour" possibilities for a better look at the territory. Check the map when planning your trip. Because of rapidly changing economic developments, there may be some variance in the availability of facilities. Also, some services may close for the winter months and some of the roads not used in winter are maintained for summer driving only. Therefore, it is wise to check periodically, particularly during winter, on the availability of services, as well as road and weather conditions.

HIGHWAY 2 (Whitehorse-Stewart Crossing-Keno)

0 —Junction (mile 925 Alaska Highway)
 3.7 —Junction, side road, 6 miles to Takhini Hot Springs (pool, cabins, snack bar, T, all year)
 55 —Braeburn (S, coffee shop)
 102-104—Carmacks (all services, all year)
 142.4 —Midway Lodge (A,S,T,N)
 168 —Pelly River Lodge (A,S,G,L,W, all year)
 —The Clans (A,S,N)
 213 —Stewart Crossing Lodge (A,S,T,L, all year)
 244-246—Mayo (all services, all year)
 287 —Keno (all services, all year)

HIGHWAY 3 (Stewart Crossing-Dawson City-Alaska)

0 —Stewart Crossing (mile 213 Hwy 2)
 29.4—McQuesten River Lodge (A,S,G,T,W,L)

56 —Gravel Lake Cafe (S, coffee shop, all year)
 114 —Dawson City (all services, all year) Canada Customs office
 152 —Junction, side road 26 miles to Clinton Creek (new mining townsite partially completed)
 174 —Yukon-Alaska boundary (4 miles to first service, 110 miles to Tetlin Junction, mile 1301 Alaska Hwy)

HAINES HIGHWAY (Yukon Hwy 4-Haines Junction-Haines, Alaska)

159 —Haines Junction, mile 1016 Alaska Hwy (all services, all year)
 125 —Dezadeash Lodge (A,S,T,B,L, rooms 24 hrs.)
 96 —Brewster Service (S,T,G, light lunch)
 93.8—Yukon-B.C. boundary
 42 —Canada Customs office, B.C.-Alaska boundary, 42 miles to Haines, Alaska (ferry terminal, all services, all year)

HIGHWAY 9 (Watson Lake-Ross River-Carmacks)

Portions of this highway were opened in 1968 through virgin wilderness.
 0 —Watson Lake, mile 635 Alaska Hwy (all services, all year)
 67 —Junction Hwy 10
 230 —Ross River (all services, all year)
 264—Junction, 17 miles to Faro (new mining townsite under construction)
 372—Carmacks, mile 103 Hwy 2 (all services, all year)

HIGHWAYS 5 & 6 (Tagish-Carcross)

Hwy 6—Junction, mile 866 Alaska Hwy
 13—Tagish (cabins, snack bar, B)
 33—Carcross, start of Klondike Hwy (A,S,G,L,N, all year)
 Hwy 5—Carcross, 48 miles to mile 904.5 Alaska Hwy

OTHER HIGHWAYS

KLONDIKE HIGHWAY—starts at Carcross on Hwy 6 and covers portions of Alaska Highway and Highways 2 and 3 to Dawson City.
 Highway 7 —mile 865 Alaska Highway, 61 miles to Atlin, B.C. (A,S,G,T)
 Highway 8 —(Canol Road) mile 836 Alaska Highway, 138 miles to Ross River (all services, all year)
 Highway 10—(Nahanni Range Road) mile 67 on Hwy 9, 125 miles to Cantung Mines on N.W.T. border (no facilities)
 Highway 11—(Dempster Highway) mile 88 on Hwy 3, completed for 79 miles, proposed to Ft. McPherson, N.W.T. (no facilities)

CORRECTIONS to MocTel 236

This is most interesting for me are the Liquor Store (which Dan Vars' father managed) at about Wood St. and 3rd Ave

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

Should read

Location for the liquor store in the last Moc Tel it was on the north west corner of 2nd and Steele Street.

Fred Aylwin fbaylwin@shaw.ca (In Vernon)

Just to keep the record straight the photo of the liquor Store in the 40's, Moc Tel 236, would have been located on the corner of 2nd Ave. and Steel St. Danny Vars' brother Kerry and I played in the Shades and other teen dance bands in the 60's when growing up in Whitehorse. His father was Liquor Commissioner and they lived upstairs from the store. My family and I lived on the corner of 3rd Ave. and Wood St. during the 50's and 60's.

Harry Miller ee.miller@shaw.ca (In Coombs BC)

The Whitehorse Star, Whitehorse, Yukon, Monday, June 17, 1963

OLD CROW NEWS Josie

May 24 - First two planes landed at Old Crow. These are Connelly Dawson Airways. Both Beaver aircrafts are hauling gasoline to replace the gasoline which the three helicopters used on their way to Inuvik.

May 25 - Same two aircrafts came again still hauling gasoline. On return trip, Mr. Roy Hall and family left on holidays.

May 29 - Connelly Dawson Airways Beaver Aircrafts arrived with the rest of the gasoline and also brought some mail.

On May 27, Mr. Steven Frost, Peter Tizyah and John Joseph left to Crow Flat with motor boat, but one of their boat brake the engine, so they came to town. Mr. Neuro lend his motor engine and they left on May 28 till June 13 for hunting rats.

June 2 - Aircraft Beaver arrived from Dawson with four men aboard. They are Socony Mobil Oil Co.

On June 3, once again the river boat Brainstorm arrived Old Crow, operated by Mr. Stutter. Aboard the boat was Mr. Kendi and Mr. Kasi. Both are pilots. Also Mr. Stutter's partner, Benny came along, and their cook. The boat unloaded the same day and left for Dawson the Fourth of June.

No More Bear

June 3 - Alfred Charlie came into town from his camp up river. He has been in twice before, but this time in, he brought a good size raft of wood for sale. His family are out at the camp when Alfred was in town on his second trip. A bear came to his camp while his family

and his mother-in-law and her kids are all in bed. When the dogs bark, Mrs. Helen Charlie wake up and went out of the tent to see what was wrong with the dogs. The bear was spotted by Helen only few yards away and Helen had only 22 rifle.

Helen didn't waste no time and made a run for her 22 rifle and there was no shells in the gun. So Helen have to put shells in the magazine first before she shoot. When she loaded her gun, Helen started the job. She fire at the bear few times, and she was sure she shot the bear, but she won't go to look for it.

When Alfred came back to his camp, he made a search, but no sign of a dead bear. Next time Helen might do better, but probably Helen don't wish to see any more bear.

On evening of June 3, an outboard motor boat with five

people aboard arrived Old Crow from Fairbanks university. They are on their holidays. They left Old Crow on the fourth of June but their names are not known.

June 4 - Two Beaver aircraft arrived Old Crow. They are Connelly Dawson Airways. Both aircrafts made two trips. They hauling the Socony Mobil Oil Co. into Old Crow. The party set up their camp on the near the village.

On June 4, John Joe Kay and his family and Dick Nelson and family came into town from their ratting camp. They reported no rats around there but they say too many mosquito. Too bad no prize on mosquito. They also say plenty of caribous but they never get any more than what they needed as it is too far to move to the river.

Here are ended news.



Four budding young cross-country skiers.

New World Record – Moose killed near Terrace BC

These photos are from a forwarded e-mail with the source not provided. Only clue to the hunter is name on each photo - 'Jay'. - Sherron



HELLO FROM SLOCAN PARK BC

Happy New Year to Everyone

Congratulations to Bucky and Shirley Keobke for being chosen Mr. and Mrs. Yukon 2008.

Thank you for the article on the “Land of Gold” – priceless photographs.

I enjoyed the poem on the “Flour Sack”. I am fortunate to still be able to use the tea towels that my mom and my late mother in law made for us. The quality of cotton was so much better in the days gone by.

Enjoy your time in Arizona, keep up the good work.

Cheers, Elena Popoff popoff47*xplornet.com (In Slocan Park BC)

THE FLOUR SACK

Thank you to Dorothy Graham for the poem “The Flour Sack” in Moc Tel 236. It brings to mind a story from my Mom.

“My mom, Alice Lelievre, was likely around 18 or so and this would be 1933 and there was a dance coming up. She desperately wanted to attend this dance, but of course had no money to purchase a new dress. She approached her father and there was no money forthcoming from him either. However, he did tell her – “if you can make a dress, you can go to the dance”. I can just see her excitement in being able to attend the dance and more important getting her father’s permission. That was the biggest hurdle and the matter of a new dress was quite trivial to her.

She made her own pattern from brown paper, but now she needed material. Again, no money to purchase such an item.

Since my grandfather was a baker (Palace Bakery at the south end of town), there was quite a supply of flour sacks.

She carefully washed out the sacks and dyed them red ! This was going to be a fancy dress. I don’t believe she had ever sewed before, so this was quite an endeavour.

According to her, it turned out to be the most beautiful dress she had ever seen, complete with spaghetti straps. She also said, in retrospect, it likely wasn’t really the prettiest there, but she didn’t care – she got to attend the dance and had a wonderful time.”

For those of you that knew my mom, she turned out to be a beautiful seamstress and made all our clothes while growing up, including her own. We had many outfits where all four of us were dressed alike. I don’t think I had a “store-bought” dress until I was 10 or 11.

Vivian Stuart lornellis*shaw.ca (In Victoria)



My Mom, Alice Lelievre and left to right – Arlene, Judy and Vivian
No, not made from Flour Sacks. Just confirming that she made the matching dresses.
Likely got the material from the Eaton’s catalogue
Vivian Stuart lornellis*shaw.ca (In Victoria)

SPECIAL EDITION – LAND OF GOLD

This document is absolutely priceless. The photos are unique.
Please pass on my congratulations to Bill & Jeri for finding this invaluable booklet.
I'm sure the feedback will be pouring into you and the Weigands.

Ralph Lortie rlortie001@sympatico.ca (In Mississauga)

p.s. I would like to remind those who might have seen it that Mr. McPherson had a cottage at Ear Lake. I have often wondered if it's still there.

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What a terrific find - These photos are wonderful. What a lot of work the Weigands' and Jones' have done, for all of our benefit. Thank you so much!

Brownie Foth lfoth@shaw.ca (In White Rock)

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Thank you very much for sharing this with us. What a wonderful collection of photographs of the history of the Yukon.

Judith (CHAPPELL) Parkes jparkes@telus.net (In Vancouver)

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Hi Sherron, thanks for the latest edition with those old black and white pictures, they are priceless, Love, Maroesja Van Oeveren maroesjabigm@hotmail.com (Visiting in White Rock from Belgium)

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Gosh Sherron those pictures were awesome. A real collectors item. Who would have thought 105 years ago that one would be viewing these old photos on computers? Henry would have been amazed at them. It is fantastic what history is being shared through the Moc Tel. Thank you all again ...Alice Breaden ambreaden@shaw.ca (In Nanaimo)

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Wonderful photographic history - many thanks to all who made this possible.
Bill Dawson yhuree@sympatico.ca (In Burlington ON)

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Thank very much for forwarding the comments you received from a number of Moc Tel folks on the old Yukon Tourist book. And thank you, to those who did write you, from

us. It is a pleasure to share these old pictures. It could not happen with out you two. It must have taken hours to scan all those pages and set it up. Thank you.

We are wondering if you had heard that our dear friend Edi Cousins passed away on January 3rd in hospital in Edmonton. Have you received any information yet? If not, Jeri will email Nikki for the details and let you know.

What a wind roared through here last night. No problems for us and it blew away the rain and now it is sunny but cool.

Cheers, Bill & Jeri Weigand bweigand@shaw.ca (In Steveston BC)

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Sherron, thank you for "Land of Gold". Must write to the Weigands and thank them directly for putting visuals to the letters of Cap Hoggan that my cousin and I have been transcribing this past year.

Maribeth Mainer mainerml@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)

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What a fascinating archive to have found. Loved the photos and many many thanks to Bill and Jeri Weigand for sharing them. Wonder how many people still remember McPherson's old drug store ... I certainly do!

Joyce Yardley Joyce@dataspan.ca (In Nanaimo)

LAND OF GOLD – CANOE PHOTO

Excellent set of photos, in unbelievable condition!

Peterborough canoe shooting Whitehorse Rapids (LofG.h9) was particularly meaningful to us, in Peterborough. Canoes have been manufactured in and around Peterborough since about 1850 and used around the world.....the Natives invented the birch bark canoe see attach photos and... taken in The Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough ON,
by Herb G

Keeping this world class Museum going has been a problem at times. 'Paying' visitors are solicited...it is well worth the visit.

Suggest you include the web site, for maximum info and exposure.

<http://www.canoemuseum.net/visitorinformation/default.asp>

Herb Gaensbauer herbgaen@cogeco.ca (In Peterborough ON)



Birch Bark canoe at the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough Ontario.
Photo courtesy Herb Gaensbauer [herbgaen*cogeco.ca](mailto:herbgaen@cogeco.ca) (In Peterborough ON)



Wood Plank Peterborough Canoes.
Photo courtesy Herb Gaensbauer [herbgaen*cogeco.ca](mailto:herbgaen@cogeco.ca) (In Peterborough ON)



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Herb's sons' wife trying on a pack complete with headstrap.
Photo courtesy Herb Gaensbauer [herbgaen*cogeco.ca](mailto:herbgaen@cogeco.ca) (In Peterborough ON)



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Tee Pee

Photo courtesy Herb Gaensbauer [herbgaen*cogeco.ca](mailto:herbgaen@cogeco.ca) (In Peterborough ON)



Fully loaded 26-foot canoe. Used in Fur Trade.

Photo courtesy Herb Gaensbauer [herbgaen*cogeco.ca](mailto:herbgaen@cogeco.ca) (In Peterborough ON)

I had asked Herb if the birch bark canoe in his photos was the one that had belonged to Pierre Trudeau. He could not say for sure. I think likely not by what I can see on the website. It appears the background is different. – Sherron Jones

Just phoned Museum...they have 2 of Trudeau's canoes, but only one is there right now, don't know which one, but second will be back end of this month...also have his buckskin jacket.

They have a Farley Mowat boat. This is the Boat who would float, not the other one, 'The Boat who wouldn't float'. It is a canoe rigged with a sail

They also have 3 'Royal' canoes, which were made in Peterborough or Lakefield (15miles away).

...canoe given to Queen Elizabeth as Wedding present
...canoe given to Prince Charles and Diana as Wedding present
...canoe given to Prince Andrew - he went to school in Lakefield

...these canoes were specially built, and are in pristine condition...they were returned from England to the Museum.

Herb Gaensbauer herbgaen*cogeco.ca (In Peterborough ON)

MOCTEL SPECIAL – A WINTER SAFARI

AT LAST I AM CATCHING UP ON THE M.T. DONT LIKE TO RUSH IT WHEN I AM LOOKING AT IT... AND THERE WAS MARY GARTSIDE AND JINKS ROSS.. TWO OF MY FAVOURITE PEOPLE WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US..... THEY WERE BOTH SO INTERESTING AND JINKS WAS A WONDERFUL FRIEND..... ALL THROUGH HER ILLNESS SHE NEVER EVER STOPPED BEING A FRIEND ALSO A GREAT MOTHERSTILL MISS HER... LOVE AND THANKS GILLIAN

Gillian Campbell (Klondike Kate) gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)

Web: www.gilliancampbellshow.com



Winter wonderland in the Cariboo, north of Quesnel BC.
Sunset taken from our front yard. We have about 3' to 4' of snow in our area now.

Looks like spring is a long way off for us.

Photo courtesy Kathryn Goulet jgoul*telus.net (In Quesnel)



Winter wonderland in the Cariboo. Taken north of Quesnel BC in our back yard.
Photo courtesy Kathryn Goulet jgoul@telus.net (In Quesnel)



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ARTISTIC TALENT



Third Avenue Complex

Image copyright Barb Forsyth blackbarb7@hotmail.com (In Victoria)

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CLARK, Carol carol@mpnrg.com (In Whitehorse 1971 – 88, Grad 73) Calgary

Could you please take me off your mailing list until further notice? We have computer problems. Thank you. Millie Hall millie@northwestel.net (In Haines Junction)

OBIT

Rosemary Ann Brovster (Sale) passed away peacefully on January 10, 2008 in Victoria, BC, in the gentle and compassionate care of the RJH Victoria Hospice. She is survived by her husband of 34 years Kjeld Brovster; sisters Andrea (Florian) Lemphers, and

Tamara Sale; brothers Ron (Lynn) Sale, Geoff (Ann) Sale , Christopher Sale, Steven Sale and many nieces and nephews. Rosemary was born on March 14, 1944 in London, England the 3rd of 7 children born to Harry John and Joan Spearman Sale. The Sale family moved from England to Canada in 1957 and settled in Burnaby, British Columbia. Rosemary met Kjeld while working at Xerox Canada when she was dispatching service personnel in Vancouver, B.C. **They married in 1973 in Atlin B.C. Rosemary and Kjeld lived in diverse parts of the world including the Yukon Territory, Malta, and Australia and finally settled in Victoria in 1989.** They enjoyed travelling very much, owned two boats together and had some amazing adventures on their overseas jaunts. Rosemary was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in May 2007, two years before she was planning to retire. Rosemary worked for several years for the B.C. Government and developed a great many special, loving friends. They often visited her during the time she spent at home and at the hospice. She treated her friends and care givers at the Hospice with dignity, sincere appreciation and respect, developing many special relationships during her stay. She gave the many people who visited or cared for her, a special smile of recognition and exhibited an amazing resiliency and grace to the end of her life. Her favorite phrase of response right till the end, when asked how she was, was "I'm just fine!!!" She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her. The love and support shown her by all her family and very special friends will be treasured. Special thanks to all of the staff and volunteers at Victoria Hospice. A Celebration of Rosemary's Life will be held in Victoria, B.C. at MCCALL BROS. FLORAL CHAPEL, Vancouver & Johnson St., on Sunday, January 20, 2008 at 10:00 am. A reception will follow in the McCall's Family Centre. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Victoria Hospice or the charity of your choice. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallbros.com Published in the Victoria Times-Colonist on 1/16/2008.



*In loving Memory of
Edith Domnica Cousins
May 20, 1927 - January 3, 2008*

Edie is survived by her beloved husband Bob of 60 years, her 3 children Jay (Cindy) Cousins (Nanaimo, BC), Gayle (Rick) Lovell (Sarnia, Ont.), Wayne Cousins (Whitehorse, VT), her brother Lawrence Schuck (Edmonton, AB), her sister Dorothy (Al) Todd (Victoria, BC). Edie leaves behind 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

*She will be greatly missed by
all the hearts she touched.*

Miss me, But Let Me Go

Author Unknown

*When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me.
I want no tears in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that was once shared.
Miss me, but let me go.*



In Loving Memory of



Edith Domnica Cousins



I thought I would send along a photo of a sun dog that I took from my living room window yesterday. It would have been at about the time the visitation was being held for Edie so I thought it was quite meaningful.

Forwarded by Bill & Jeri Weigand - Photo courtesy Missy Follwell (In Whitehorse)

Please take note that the colours of a sundog appear over Edie's face in the forwarded photos. ---- Coincidence? ---- Farewell Edie ! – Sherron Jones

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is the time to upgrade my E-mail address, my new address is [mech634*telus.net](mailto:mech634@telus.net) for Dave Hildebrand. Jack n Doreen say hello.

Please note my new email address as follows, effective immediately:

[trevbennett*shaw.ca](mailto:trevbennett@shaw.ca)

Trevor S. Bennett
Pender Island, B.C.

My new email address is [sharsow*sasktel.net](mailto:sharsow@sasktel.net), box 156 Rouleau, SK S0G 4H0

Dad's [Al Sowden] has not changed, and hopefully he will get a computer soon.

Sharon Sowden

NEW ADDITIONS

Lowry & Barbara Toombs –Crowsnest Pass, AB
Whitehorse 1972 – 1998 Now in Coleman, AB barbara.toombs@gmail.com

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As a born and raised Yukoner currently still living in Whitehorse, Yukon, I am interested in receiving your emails for MocTel. Please advise how I can be included in your mailouts. Thank you.

Debra Thibodeau (Holway)

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[thibodeau*northwestel.net](mailto:thibodeau@northwestel.net)

Hello Sherron,

My name is Debra Ann (Holway) Thibodeau, I was born at Whitehorse, Yukon in 1958. My parents are Ron Holway (came to the Yukon from Ft St John, BC in the '50s) and

Helen (Webber) Holway. Helen was born at Whitehorse as was her Mother (Dorothy Baker Webber). On my Mother's side our history shows ancestors in Yukon for many generations.

Along with my brother and sister, we attended the old Porter Creek School (which burned down in late 1968 (I think)). From there I was sent to Whitehorse Elementary School until the new Jack Hulland School was built in Porter Creek. In grade eight I went to FH Collins Secondary until graduating in 1976.

I am married to Bryan M. Thibodeau (born in Edson, Alta.) and we have three children (all born at Whitehorse). I have worked on and off for the Government of Yukon for quite a few years.

Florence Roberts introduced me to MocTel as a friend of ours was recently featured (Yvonne Lafreniere) with Florence's excellently composed obituary of Yvonne's life. I found MocTel of great interest and would like to be included in future editions. Thank you for all the work you do putting MocTel together!

Debra (Holway) Thibodeau

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I would like to be on the MocTel subscription list. Can you give me the details on how it works, where to send cheque etc.

Mark Koepke shout*markkoepke.com (In Whitehorse)

Hi Sherron, I heard about MocTel through my dad, Tim, who reads it regularly. I was born in Whitehorse in 1972, and still live here, just a few blocks from my parents. When I'm not looking after my 17-month old daughter, I'm a freelance writer. Among my various projects, I write a magazine column called Yukonography (<http://www.yukonography.com>) and also produce a regular segment for local CBC Radio called Smells Like Yukon (<http://www.smellslikeyukon.com>). I'm always interested in stories about the Yukon, its people and its past--so I was intrigued by the whole MocTel concept.

I know how much work it is to keep something like this going, so I'm happy to make a donation. I assume there's no problem with a cheque in \$CDN?

Regards,

Mark Koepke

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Success keeps you glowing.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Submitted by Florence Roberts yapper*klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

SHORT RIBS OF MOOSE OR BEEF

6 pieces short ribs in 3 inch lengths
1 tsp salt
1 onion, chopped
2 tbsp brown sugar
1 cup water
½ tsp dry mustard
½ cup celery, diced
3 tbsp flour
2 tbsp fat
¼ cup vinegar
2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce or HP sauce
¼ tsp pepper and paprika mixed

Combine flour, salt and pepper. Rub seasoned flour on meat. Heat the fat and sear the floured ribs. Put in casserole. Add chopped onion to pan, cook and stir till golden brown. Add all other ingredients and heat to near boiling. Pour over ribs. Cover closely and bake until tender. Use 275 to 325 degree oven and bake about 2 hours. Serve with golden brown roasted potatoes.

Mickey Dunnett
First Presbyterian Ladies Aid
Whitehorse, Yukon

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– Sherron Jones sherronjones*shaw.

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