

## **MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 315<sup>th</sup> Edition – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

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### **A YUKON NUGGET**

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### **Morley River**

There was always something magical about the Morley River lodge on the Alaska Highway. We always felt good when we reached the place after a long drive from Dawson Creek over the then-dusty, unpaved road.

It probably had a lot to do with the milepost at Morley River. It was 777.7. Lucky eh? Clyde Wann was the Yukoner who started the lodge at Morley River. In fact, until his death in 1967, Clyde had been one of the Yukon's busiest businessmen and lodge owners.

In 1927, he formed Yukon Airways and the Post authorities in Ottawa gave the company permission to fly mail. He also owned the Swift River Lodge at Mile 733, built the Beaver Creek

Lodge at Mile 1202 in 1958, and operated the Destruction Bay Lodge at 1083. He also owned the first Chrysler dealership in Whitehorse. Clyde Wann was a busy guy.

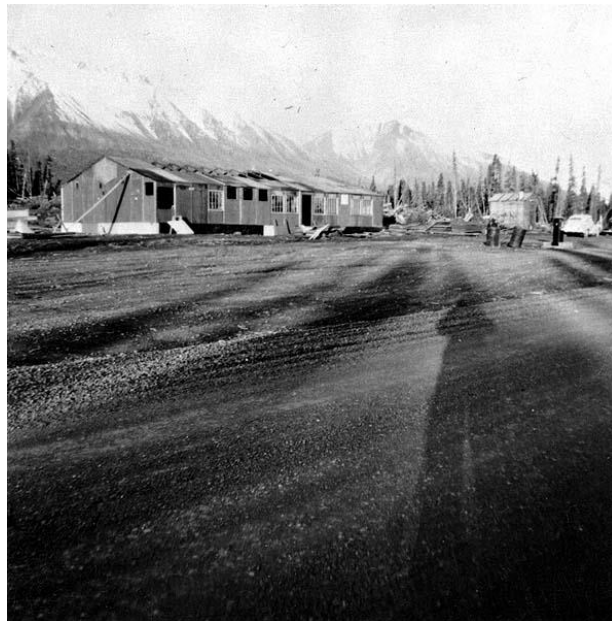
Maybe he was too busy to wonder or worry about how his lodge at 777.7 - Morley River - got its name.

Well, let's worry about it for a moment. Morley River is perhaps one of the few places in the Yukon named for a person's first name. I can't tell you why that is, but I can tell you who.

Morley was Morley Ogilvie, son of the famed Yukon surveyor and politician William Ogilvie. In 1897, the young Ogilvie had a job on a dominion land survey as they were laying out the boundary between BC and the Yukon. They were also surveying a wagon road from Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake.

When the survey party reached Teslin, Morley Ogilvie was given the task of surveying the east shore of Teslin Lake, and then ordered to continue his work down the Teslin River to the Yukon River.

For his formidable task, survey boss, St. Cyr, recommended that a nameless river at the start of Teslin Lake be named for him. So it became Morley River.



**Destruction Bay Lodge.**

Yukon Archives. Clyde Wann Motors Ltd. Fonds, #7.

Then, between the 1930s and 1950s, the names Morley Lake, Morley Mountain and Morley Bay were added to the list of Canadian place names that honour the son of the famed William Ogilvie.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

## **13 FOOT PLUMBER**

I would like to know if anyone remembers Dutch's last name, who, with Ray Davies, was half of the 13 foot plumber. He was married to Terry. I'd love to get in touch with Terry.

The 13 foot plumber was how they billed themselves as plumbers; each fellow was six feet 5 inches tall or so. I can't recall if that was the company name. This was in the early seventies in Whitehorse.

Hopefully,  
Debbie Winston [juba\\*northwestel.net](mailto:juba*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

## **DOCTOR DUNCAN'S BABIES**

You can add my name to the list of "Dr Duncan's Babies", along with my sisters Arlene Hayes and Judy Woodward.

I am sure there are quite a number of us among the Moc Tel readers.

Vivian (Lelievre) Stuart [lornellis\\*shaw.ca](mailto:lornellis*shaw.ca) (In Victoria BC)

Hi Sherron....thank you for another fantastic edition!!!

I, too, was delivered by Dr. Alan Duncan on 20 Feb. 1938 in Dawson City. I arrived on time to mess up my brother, Lionel's 9th birthday party on 23 Feb., as our Mom was still at St. Mary's Hospital (burned down around 1950), where I arrived @ 4 a.m!!!

I also have an AUTOGRAPHED edition of Dr. Alan Duncan's book.....SOOOO proud!

I hope to see you both in August. Lotts love,

Tina (Brasseur) Parsons [artinap\\*shaw.ca](mailto:artinap*shaw.ca) (In Victoria)

## **MOCTEL 314 – ELEANOR MILLARD PHOTOS**

The photos of the Carcross to Skagway trip and Carcross area are fabulous, and remind me of a trip with Lloyd Romfo's aircraft (Yukon Flying Club) which a friend and I took in 1959, [51 yrs ago], from Whitehorse to Skagway and return. At that time, the White Pass trains were running

all the way to Whitehorse, and were still hauling lead-silver-zinc concentrate from the Elsa/Calumet mines to Skagway. There was no highway beyond Carcross at that time !!!

The trip was only half the story !!!! The aircraft was seized by Canada Customs when we returned to Whitehorse because we hadn't reported to them outbound to Skagway. Luckily, we had asked the Whitehorse Tower before we left if we had to report to customs outbound and they had advised us "No". We also asked the Tower to advise Skagway that we were inbound and would require US customs at their end. It was on their tape so the aircraft was released by noon on Monday (the flight was on Sunday) !!!! Sort of embarrassing for two members of the RCMP !!!!

Ira Saunders [sandisaunders\\*rogers.com](mailto:sandisaunders*rogers.com) (In Ottawa)

## **YUKON RIVER QUEST 2010 SPECIAL EDITION**

Donna,

Thanks so much for sharing your adventures serving with the rescue team on the Yukon River Quest - June 30-July 4, 2010. The trip down the Yukon River from Whitehorse to Dawson is one that I would love to do someday before I get too ancient to be able to do it! Though I was born in the Yukon (in Dawson City) and did travel on some parts of the river system when the steamboats were still running, I never have taken that particular trip. It's unfortunate for you (and the quest teams) that the weather did not cooperate too well but thankfully everyone made it safely, if not a bit wet and cold, even if a number were forced to drop out because of the adverse conditions.

It might interest you to know (if you don't already) that the Linda you met and who hosted you at the Kirkman Creek stop is my cousin, Linda (Burian) Taylor. She is Margaret (Burian) Underwood's sister and spends her summer at Kirkman and Winters in Dawson City. She may have told you that she grew up with her family in what used to be Stewart City located on an island (which I believe is either almost or completely washed away) at the confluence of the Stewart and Yukon Rivers. I am told by others who have passed by and stopped to taste Linda's baking and cooking that there is none better on the river (and some claim anywhere!)

As someone has said, "You can take the kid out of the Yukon but you can't take the Yukon out of the kid!" Not sure who said that but it seems to be certainly true for me.

Take care.

Harvey Burian [hburian\\*telus.net](mailto:hburian*telus.net) (In Parksville BC)

## **1945 NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS**

The following newspaper clippings were recopied and sent to the Moccasin Telegraph by Blanche (Holbrook) Barrett. Blanche had borrowed these images from Roberta (Heath) Fraser [frasal@telus.net](mailto:frasal@telus.net) (In Qualicum BC)

**The first seven images were taken, in Dawson, in 1945 by a Toronto Weekly Star Correspondent.** I recall another image that Roberta didn't have and it was of my sister Marianne (Holbrook) and Madge (Gillespie) Caley, taken in front of Caley's store (previously owned by Burkhart's) in south Dawson.

Blanche (Holbrook) Barrett [sourdoughs2shaw.ca](http://sourdoughs2shaw.ca) (In Qualicum BC)



**WAITRESS BETTY WARK** holds up the menu for an old sourdough, Sam Broughton, 85 years old. He came in '98 and has never since been outside, not even as far away as White Horse. Before going to the Yukon he railroaded out of Toronto. Meat hungry Canadians will note with envy the bill of fare's moose, grizzly, caribou, roast beef.

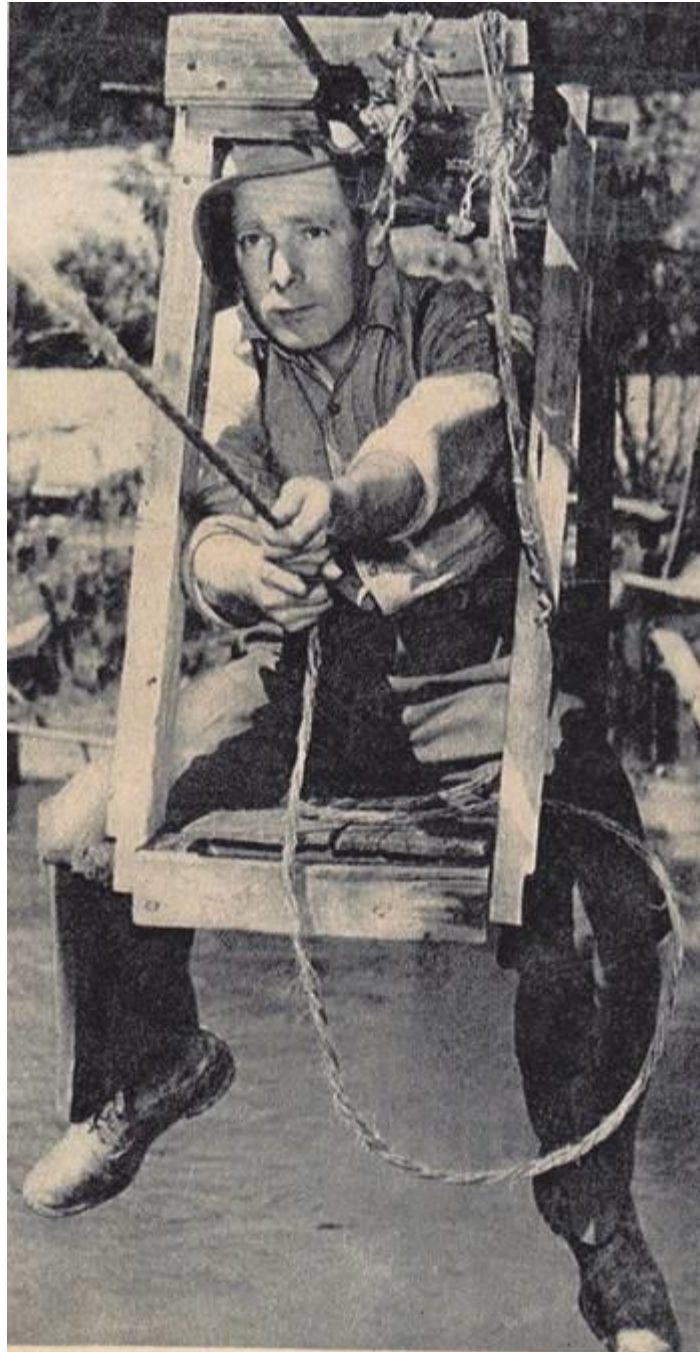
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**TWO '98-ERS**, Zevreau Beaulieu and Joe Gatt, roll into town in a caleche used 50 years ago. The hotel in the background, the Monte Carlo, once more famous for games of chance than it is today, is still one of Dawson City's leading hostleries, though no longer crowded.

A headline under this photo read, "Sourdoughs Still Pan Gold in the Klondyke."

Image courtesy Roberta (Heath) Fraser [frasal@telus.net](mailto:frasal@telus.net) (In Qualicum BC)



**JACK COLBOURNE**, mail carrier, has to use this rope-propelled aerial highway to get across Bonanza creek during high water. The original discovery was made by...

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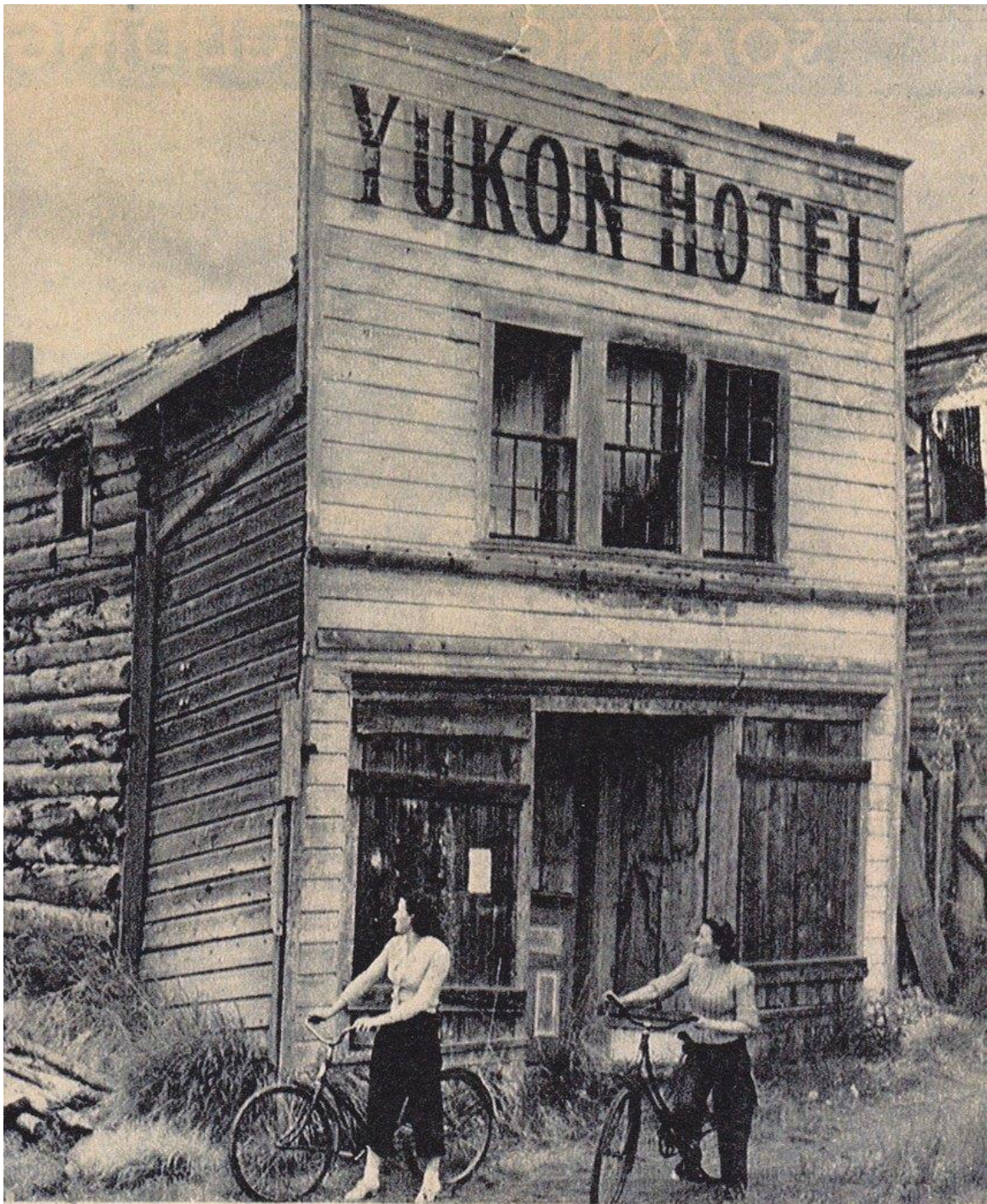
**THE DANCING** glories of the Floradora where dance girls held miners spellbound have departed but the name and swing doors still remain. The dance hall is now a kitchen and the waitress pushes the doors aside to carry her tray into the restaurant.

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**FIRST WHITE** woman to reach Yukon by way of the 'Summit' from Skagway, Alaska, was Mme. Emily Tremblay, now Mme. Louis Legrois. She came there in 1894 on her honeymoon. She lives in a log cabin near Dawson, where Bonanza and Eldorado creeks meet.

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**THE YUKON HOTEL** dating back to 1898 is boarded up as unfit for human habitation. Two nurses from the Dawson hospital, Ivy Park from Voming, Sask., and Rose Marie Desorcy of Winnipeg, look over the ruins, inside which Dangerous Dan McGrew revelled.

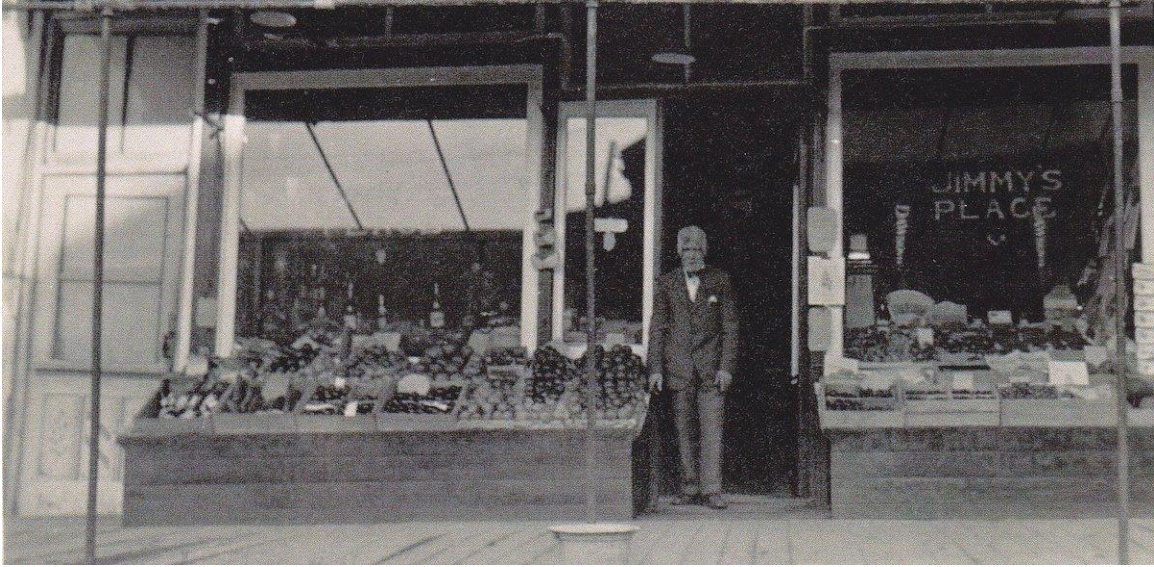
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**BUBBLE NEFF**, who was proclaimed 1945's Miss Dawson at the Yukon Winter Carnival, holds up two gold bars which are part of an \$85,000 shipment. Big dredges conduct large scale placer mining and old timers still work claims yielding nuggets and dust.

Image courtesy Roberta (Heath) Fraser [frasal@telus.net](mailto:frasal@telus.net) (In Qualicum BC)

The following photos were also recopied and sent to the Moccasin Telegraph by Blanche Barrett and willingly shared with us by Roberta (Heath) Fraser of Qualicum Beach, BC.



**Apple Jimmy's Store** on Front Street in Dawson. Photo taken in the late 1930's.

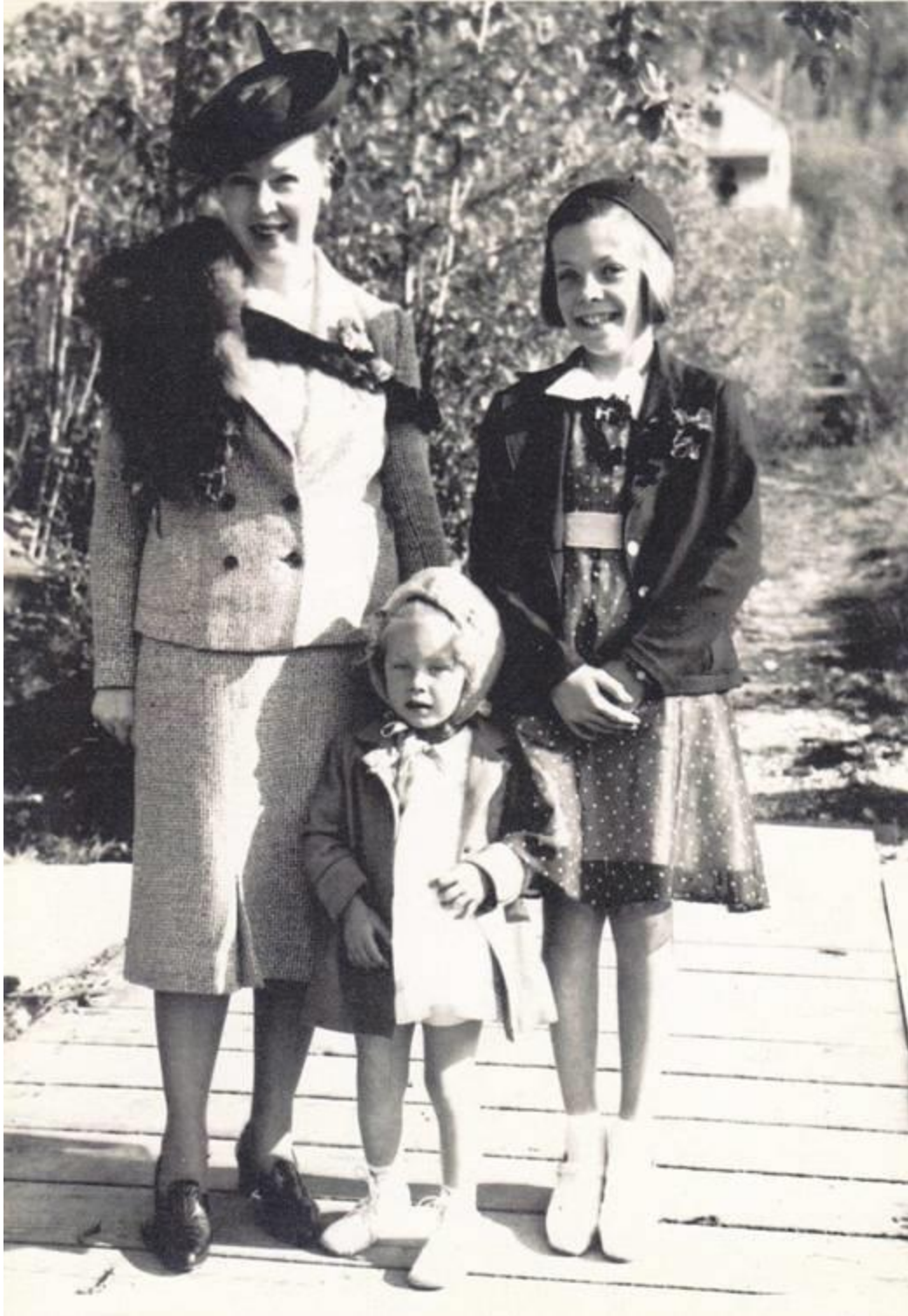
I remember it !! – Blanche (Holbrook) Barrett

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**St. Mary's Hospital – Dawson Y.T.**

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**Cora Heath and daughters Roberta Fraser and Verna Heath** (now deceased) in front.

Roberta was born in 1927 so this photo must be about 1937.

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**Frank Heath** taken in 1st World War uniform on board ship Louise near Juneau, Alaska Sept 4, 1923.

Frank Heath 1897-1972 born Stoke-on-Trent England, to Dawson 1923, left in 1947.  
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**Frank Heath during 2nd World War**  
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**St. Pauls Choir – Easter Sunday 1943 – Dawson Y.T.**

Front Row L to R - David Blackmore, Dick Grant, David Geddes., Irene Mills, Marianne Holbrook, ??, Rhona Cappell, Mary Mellor (behind her) Betty Porsild (behind her).

Back to Frond – One of the Olson girls, Margaret Taylor, Blanche Holbrook (Barrett), Peggy Diment (Drott), Doreen Caley (Jeffery), Donna Holbrook (Rivest) & Ellen Goertsen (behind her).

I'm having trouble with the adults, top back left is Bishop Stringer – front of him is Solway Dines – 2 over from her Mrs. Cora Heath, 3 over Tom Byers, Tom Rendell or twin Charlie, Percy Pugh, 3 over Sue Bowyer (?) teacher, and Ken Bond (?) R.C.M.P. I think 2 over from Cora Heath may be Mrs. McCuish.

– message from Blanche Barrett [sourdoughs2@shaw.ca](mailto:sourdoughs2@shaw.ca) (In Qualicum BC)

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Apparently the 3 **R.C.C.S.** fellows on the right went to Mayo while the rest to Dawson, 1923.  
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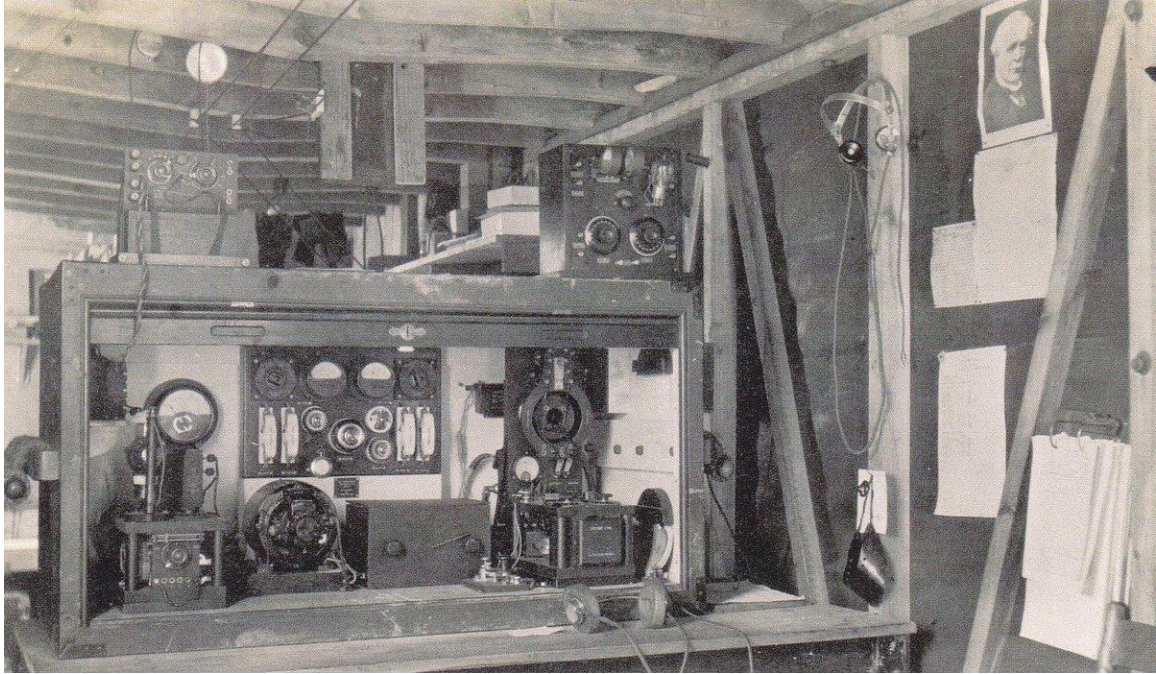


Early day plane (**Waco**) landed in Dawson.  
 “Long synonymous with aviation's “golden age,” the **Weaver Aircraft Company** (soon to be known by its acronym **WACO**) was **founded in 1920** in Lorain, Ohio by George “Buck” Weaver, Elwood “Sam” Junkin, Clayton “Clay” Bruckner and Charles “Charlie” William Meyers. For the next 26 years, the **WACO** name would be associated with a popular line of versatile open-cockpit and cabin biplanes.”  
 Photo courtesy Roberta (Heath) Fraser [frasal@telus.net](mailto:frasal@telus.net) (In Qualicum BC)



**Martha (Ballantyne) Cameron & Cora Heath**

Presented to Parliament by Martha Louise Black sometime between 1935 & 1940.  
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**R.C.C.S. Royal Canadian Corp of Signals – Dawson Yukon  
1<sup>st</sup> radio station in Dawson 1923.**

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**St Pats Champs – 1926**

L. to R. Howard Firth, ??, Archie Gillespie, Socks Troberg, child ??, Joe Redmond, ??, Ben Kingswell – Dawson City 1926

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John Stelfox [betty\\_stelfox@telus.net](mailto:betty_stelfox@telus.net) (In Vernon BC, 1989 - 2010)

Edmonton Journal - December 29, 1977

## **Both man, bear may have died in bizarre fight**

By Andrew Hume

WHITEHORSE – When 63 year old Garrett [Jared] Wilkinson returned after a few weeks from checking his trap line, he expected to find a nice warm cabin and his brother waiting.

Instead, what the trapper found was the home frozen solid in the -45 degree weather and his younger brother Edwin, 58 missing.

Troubled by the scene before him, Garrett [Jared] began looking for his life-long partner.

Just 180 metres from the cabin he found shreds of his brother's clothing in the snow, but no sign of a body.

On further investigation he found the frozen body of a grizzly bear about one kilometre down river from the cabin.

In Mayo a tiny community 128 kilometres due west of the Wilkinson cabin, RCMP are releasing little information on the case, although there is some speculation that both the bear and Edwin Wilkinson died following a life and death struggle near the cabin.

An autopsy on the bear has not been completed, but there is some suggestion that it may have died from stab wounds in the chest, RCMP are hopeful that the autopsy will shed a little more light on the incident.

Wilkinson's body has not been found and authorities believe it may have been devoured by wolves, although they add that it is only speculation at this point.

"This is a pretty sensitive case because we don't have a body." Remarked one RCMP spokesman.

When Garrett Wilkinson realized he had lost his brother and trapping partner, he sought the help of a fellow trapper 32 kilometres up river.

Peter Beattie, in his early 30's, who was working his trap line for the winter, harnessed up his dog team and made the long overland haul into Mayo.

Garrett remained at his cabin, but is expected to come out of the bush within the next few weeks.

The Wilkinson brothers have lived in the Yukon all their lives. They were born on the Pelly River and for a number of years in their younger days served the sternwheelers which plied the river systems between Whitehorse and Dawson City.

The brothers took to trapping along the Pelly a good many years ago, but recently moved to an abandoned town site called Lansing far up the Stewart River. One person who knew the Wilkinsons said they wanted to move off the Pelly River because they felt it was getting too populated.

They had a very close knit relationship, living all year round on the trap line, while other trappers were being flown in to their own trap lines for the winter and then out again in the spring.

One acquaintance of the Wilkinson brothers called them “about the nicest people you would care to meet.”

“They never had a bad word to say about anyone. Real gentlemen, both of them.”

Although the exact date of the incident is unknown, an RCMP spokesman in Mayo said Garrett Wilkinson left the cabin to check the trap line around Nov. 29. He returned between two and three weeks later and found his brother missing.

After seeking the help of a neighbouring trapper, Garrett returned to the cabin and it took Beattie four days to mush his dog team the 192 kilometres down the Stewart River to Mayo. The police received the news of **Edwin Wilkinson’s** disappearance Dec. 27. [1977]

*(Byron Edwin ‘Eddie’ Wilkinson, was born in Fort Selkirk, Yukon on March 19, 1919)*

## **A LETTER FROM JARED WILKINSON SOON AFTER DEATH OF HIS BROTHER -**

*(This letter has been typed as written with spelling not corrected – Sherron)*

Jan. 27, 1978  
Dawson City, Yukon

Dear Folks (John & Betty Stelfox):

Thanks a lot for your nice letter and to help I have so many friends up here. I been helped ever since they herd of Eddie tragedy.

It sure has been lonsome with out him. We were like two peas in a pod.

There are lots of big bears up in that neck of the land to dam meny. I went down river & set up 2 loged up tent camps in the middle of Oct. My first camp was about 12 miles down river from Lansing, & the other one was about 7 miles farther on. & I let a man & his wife come up from

Mayo last fall and build a cabin on my trap line about 4 miles below my last tent. So we had friends down there.

My first camp was going to be my main camp away from home camp.

My boat was too small to haul all my dogs & stuff, in one trip, it looked like snow was coming. So I got Eddie to take a load some of my dogs & some stuff.

We landed down at the first camp. The tent was back in the brush from the river. We couldn't see it from the river. But when we were tying up our boats, we saw some great big bear tracks. So like fools we went back to look at the camp with our gun. The Bear had tore my tent all to pieces & all the things I left inside were all chewed up, the stove bent out of shape & the stove pipe was as flat as pan cakes. Just 5 days after I had set it up.

I was mad as hell. All that work for nothing & I couldn't get another tent set up because I didn't have another tent. I said I can't stay here. Well Eddie said well I guess I will have to help you down to your other tent. Eddie went ahead in his boat. I was about 120 yards behind. When we got to the upper end of the island my tent was on about ½ mile farther. When I saw Eddie get his gun he was aiming but didn't fire. When we landed down at the tent he said he saw a big bear on the bank up there, but it got back in the brush too quick for him to get a shot at it. Good thing we got there when we did or I wouldn't have any tent left. We unloaded the boats had dinner. Eddie went home.

Next morning it was snowing like hell. I had a hard time getting my boat out of the river. But I finally made it. I didn't get back home for a month & one day.

While I was cutting trails around I saw bear tracks in the snow.

The river froze up bad, lots of open water in places, so I walked ahead of my dogs most all the way home. Eddie was doing fine then, he had 2 of his 3 camps up & had 7 martens, he had caught most of them within a 100 yards of the house he had 2 traps set out there, one behind an old cabin 40 yards from the house & one about 100 yards from the house. He got 4 martens out of the far one and 1 out of the first one.

I had put out 2 short lines across the river & up the river. While Eddie was up on his line put up another tent on the mountain. When I went up over my line to see if I had caught a marten, there was a bear track going up it. I was 3 miles from home. & I had only an axe so I didn't feel too good. So I came back, it was 30 below zero, & it was going on up the Stewart River trail, & we thought it was gone for the winter. When Eddie got back I told him, about the bear track. Eddie had been packing his gun about everywhere he went but the right time.

We had been going down to those 2 traps every evening for a long time & so far there was only Rabbits Marten & a lone wolf around there. & we didn't think that damn bear would come around. After a week of 30 & 45 below zero weather, on the 27 of Nov I went out up the river, I had a trap about 300 yards past Eddie's 100 yard trap. I had a marten in my trap & Eddie had a marten in his so I brought them both back & we skinned them. I didn't take a gun that little ways. Next day

Eddie went out over the same line & a mile farther. While I took a bath and washed some clouthes. He didnt get any thing but he took his gun a long any way.

Nov 29 Snowing & hard to see

I leave for my long line down river. Eddie helped me harness up my 6 dogs & help me down the river bank. When we got down on the river, I said let em go. & dogs took off as hard sas they could go, across the river I waved back to Eddie & he waved good by to me. I looked back a little later I look back could see Eddie walk up to the house. & that's the last time I saw him.

By the look of things, he worked all day getting go on his line, the next day he fixed a Wheel harness, he sanded & wax his toboggan, & he baked bach of cookies & put them in a plastic sack, & he just got a pan of biskts out of the oven & put them on the table, & then he went out & fed his dogs & left his cook can out by the dogs.

When ever got a Marten in one of them traps they would put up quite a fuss & the dogs wood bark at them. So I guess the dogs barked & Eddie went to look at the traps, there was a little creek he had to cross, & the trail went throught a thick bunch of willow.

The next day the weather turned cold, got down to 68 below, & stayed down there for all most to [2] weeks.

I spent a week in tent camp, & then I went down to my new friends, for 4 days till it started to warm up, then came home. It was getting dark when about 1 ½ below home, there was a big bear laying beside my trail, it had about 5 inches of snow on it the last day & night snow, I didnt like the look of that. Wounder why it was there. I got about a mile from home & could here Eddies dogs barking. I said to my self that sounds fine I will have help on harness my dogs & have a nice warm house to warm up in. I was cold & tired. But that wasnt to be.

When I was across the river I could see two of Eddies dogs loose & barking at me.

I could see snow on top of the stove pipe & know there was some thing wrong then. I left my dogs at there houses, & went around to house. I thought Eddie was sick & in bed but there wasnt any budy in bed or in the house & is 2 more cabins there & went & look in both of them, but found nothing.

The last two days & one night it had been snowing & snowed up all Eddies tracks. When I went out to unharness the dogs I saw Eddie hadn't packed in no wood from the wood pile & in the house the watter pails was all froze up & busted, so I new then Eddie had been gone a long time, all through that cold weather. I got both fires a going & supper. I hadent eat any thing since erly morning but I couldnt eat anything. I was sick. I brought two of my dogs in the house with me for the night, I couldnt sleep.

It sure was a long night.

When it started to get light I harnessed up my dogs & Eddies leader, headed down to my friends to get help. When I got down there in the eaving Pete [Beatie] was out on his longest line & wouldnt be back for 4 or 5 day so I lade one 1 day. I went back on the hill shot my big gun off 5 times. But Pete was to far a didnt here it. So I went back home next. When I got back & was unharnessing the dogs they all started to bark & looked over to wards the creek, so I grabed off

my 348 gun from Toboggan & went down through the narrow trail through the willows. I right up on to where a wolf was digging up some of Eddie's cloths, a piece of under wear 2 peaces of his shirt & one leg of his pants & his parka hood it had a lot of blod on it.

There was lots of old Bear tracks around there & pile of brush where the Bear had killed Eddie, & the wolf came in later & eat Eddie up, a sad ending.

We walked down there lots of times before and nothing happened.

This old bear was sick & had been in a fight with a mother bear, had shoulder blade broken, & they say had froze to death.

I hate bears.

I still have bad dreams.

I going out to my sister pretty soon, & I might come back your way. I got my dogs all down on a hay farm up & across the river from Dawson, with friends.

Best of luck to you all out there.

Your Friend Jared [William Jared Wilkinson born 1914]

***According to Yukon Archives Wilkinson family fonds:***

*“**Jared Cecil Wilkinson** was born in Richfield, Utah on July 30, 1886. Lura Thompson was born in Amery, Wisconsin on July 4, 1882. The two met in Washington state where J.C. was working with horse teams and they were married in the town of Redmond in 1909.*

*In 1914 they moved to Peace River Crossing where there first son, **William Jared**, was born on November 13, 1914. Shortly thereafter the family decided to move back to Washington and settled in the Wenatchee Valley. Their daughter **Ethel Lougene** was born on March 17, 1917.*

*Lura Thompson's brother Bill had come to the Yukon during the Klondike Gold Rush. He worked for a short time as a pilot on the Yukon River, guiding boats through Miles Canyon and the Whitehorse Rapids. After that he moved to Fort Selkirk and began prospecting and mining on the nearby Selwyn River. Bill Thompson invited the Wilkinsons to join him and they arrived in Fort Selkirk in 1917. Not finding much gold on the Selwyn River, the family settled at Fort Selkirk where J.C. trapped in the Winter and did odd jobs during the Summer. The Wilkinsons' second son, **Byron Edwin (Eddie)**, was born in Fort Selkirk on March 19, 1919.*

*In 1927, the family moved to Plateau Mountain near the MacMillan River, just below Russell Creek, where Jared continued to be a trapper.*

*On June 14, 1940, the family left the MacMillan River for the Pelly Farm, located six miles west of Fort Selkirk along the Pelly River. There, they pursued a life of trapping, hunting, farming, and guiding until 1954 when they sold the farm and moved to Pelly Crossing, where they lived at the site of the old Pelly Roadhouse. In 1956 **Ethel met Andy Porterfield**, whom she was to marry a few years later. In 1957 Jared ran boats for the topographical survey crews.*

*In 1958 the family left the Yukon to live in Edgewood, British Columbia. From 1962-1964 Jared worked as a logger and farm hand in B.C. In **1964 Jared and Eddie returned** to the Yukon and to the **Pelly Crossing** area where they farmed, hunted, and trapped. J.C. and Lura returned to the Yukon in 1967 and settled with their sons near Pelly Crossing. Ethel remained in B.C. for the rest of her life, only returning to the Yukon for a holiday. Lura died in 1970 and J.C. died around 1976.*

*In **1976 Jared and Eddie moved to Lansing**, an abandoned settlement near the confluence of the Stewart and MacMillan Rivers. Eddie was killed by a bear at Lansing in 1977, Jared died in a car accident in Whitehorse in 1980, and Ethel died in B.C. in 1985.”*

## **Survey on Items for Charity**

Even though we are in the midst of summer, I don't put down my knitting and crocheting. It helps to keep my hands out of the frig. All my kids have scarves, hats, etc. and don't need/want any more; and I don't have any grandchildren yet.

I discovered a few years back that one can knit or crochet for charity (e.g. silent auctions) and get a tax receipt for same. This at least gives us an excuse to buy more wool to store away.

So, I am doing a bit of a survey to see what readers like to buy when they go to an event with a silent auction. Last year I made several dozen cell phone holders and kids' crayon holders (fit a box of crayons perfectly); but the big hit has always been a baby blanket. They just take so darn long to do!

So, this year I discovered a pattern for coffee cup sleeves. I have made up a few in the traditional colours of the big coffee names - like Starbucks and Tim Hortons - to display at the auction. I am also going to get the charity who is getting the benefit to ask those companies to donate what they figure they can save from not having to buy those cardboard sleeves. What do you think? Any other ideas?

Thanks for listening, and I would love to hear from other crafters as to where you get your materials, etc. I am also an E-Bay fanatic!

Joyce C. Bachli [megareporting@klondiker.com](mailto:megareporting@klondiker.com) (In Whitehorse)

## HAINES JUNCTION AIRPORT



This sign which is on the Tait Road on the way to the Haines Junction Airport.

Photo courtesy Severine (Erin) Schnyder, pilot for Whitehorse Air Services.

Submitted by Donna Clayson [bdclayson@northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

## DOES WHITE PASS RAILWAY PLAN TO TRAVEL TO WHITEHORSE

Any truth to the rumour ?

The White Pass has plans to have trains running from Skagway all the way to Whitehorse? In 2011 or 2012 ?

Also, the track making was very interesting, thanks

Melody Hughes [songsinger48@hotmail.com](mailto:songsinger48@hotmail.com) (In Vancouver)

*(Melody is a former White Pass employee at the Vancouver end of business.)*

*(So I sent a query to Ken Jones who has worked on the Carcross to Skagway section of WP for a couple of summers recently.)*

Hi Sherron, I have not received my usual invitation from White Pass so have not gone North this year, Yet!!!

As far as I know there is no plan on White Pass' part to reopen the route to Whitehorse. I have heard a rumour from my mother that there was some interest in opening the route and extending it past Carmacks for the ore bodies there. However the last that I had heard was that White Pass is very content with the Cruise Ship business. But even that is down this year as the Skagway to Carcross run is only one way each day instead of both ways.

Ken Jones [k29j32@shaw.ca](mailto:k29j32@shaw.ca) (In Chilliwack BC)

*Does anyone have any further insight into the rumour? - Sherron Jones – [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca)*

## **ANYONE NEED A RIDE TO THE ISLAND YUKONERS PICNIC ?**

Hi Sherron, could you send out a notice to put readers that if anyone needs a ride to the Island, I have two seats to fill. Karen Shaw will be going with me, but would like to fill the other two seats if possible.

We will be heading over on Saturday morning, catching the 7 am ferry, and returning on the 5 pm ferry, unless it is full, then we will have to wait for the 8 pm ferry.

Thanks for this

Sandy Campbell [northernlyght@shaw.ca](mailto:northernlyght@shaw.ca) (In Langley)

## **RIVER TRIP CONNECTION**

Sherron, I was reading with delight the memories of Betty Sutton and her 'little river quest'. She mentions they tried to get out of the rain. I'm wondering: from our safety boat we saw some people under the trees in their yellow rain gear and red/green canoes on the shore. Would that have been them? I actually wrote about this in the special I did. They didn't look too happy from our vantage point standing in the pouring rain.

Donna Clayson [bdclayson@northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

Hi Donna

My guess is that it probably was Betty and her crew.

If she recalls seeing your Habercraft Aluminum boat (made in Vernon BC) on the river at the same time it's a pretty likely match.

Will cc Betty and see if she or her husband recall your boat.

If it seems a match and Betty replies, I will place your notes in the MocTel.

Sherron Jones [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca) (In Vernon)

Hi Sherron..... Hi Donna,

That was probably us... I do remember an aluminium Rescue Boat passing us when we were trying to get under the roots of trees on a very rocky bank... and I had a yellow life jacket on... on the outside of my rain jacket .. which leaked... now that the trip is over, Jan, Bill, Paul and I laugh about our hardships... we got rained on a lot and it was sometimes only our combined sense of humour that kept us going... we had brought lots of extra clothes, thank goodness, we used it all and at the end we were sharing... we wouldn't get a chance to dry out our clothes when we camped because it was so wet... it was frustrating and so unusual for the Yukon... where we normally don't get that much rain... our daily joke on the trip.... but we had pretty good food etc and we did have some sunshine ... just not enough....

Donna, where did you write about us under the trees... I would love to read that and also to send it to our friends that are now back in Sask... where it continues to rain.

Betty (& Paul) [elizabethsutton@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethsutton@yahoo.com) (In Whitehorse)

Hi Sherron, I chatted with Betty Sutton via e-mail and it was them on the shore. They didn't look too happy standing on the steep bank standing under the trees in the pouring rain. We would have checked on them but they didn't wave or indicate they wanted us to come to shore. Too bad, apparently they would have liked the company.

Donna Clayson

## **SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT AND CANOL PROJECT REFINERY IN WHITEHORSE**

Howdy Sherron

I just sent \$25.00 to you Via email transfer

The code for you is .....

Thanks and keep up the good work.

Why don't you request for people to send funds this way it is so easy and very a cheap way.

I was just reading some stuff on the Canol pipeline again and all I ever see on it is the building etc. of it.

I would like to request from Moctel members some info on the Whitehorse refinery where it was what it did how long it produced and when it was removed.

I am sure lots of people can give us some good input

Cliff Armstrong [ss\\*still.net](http://ss*still.net) (In Cranbrook)

## **ONLINE BANKING – MOCTEL SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT**

For any of the readers who already do online banking, making a transfer is a breeze. It is as simple as going to the TRANSFERS option and choosing it. You will then have an option of transferring funds between your own accounts or by EMAIL; which when you chose will request an email address which in the case of the MocTel is [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca) Then you will fill in the amount and a password which I normally request - Moctel.

Simple, simple, simple.

The banking system will send me an email letting me know there is a transfer and I click on a link in their email which takes me online and I choose my bank and deposit it by adding the password.

Sherron Jones  
Publisher, Moccasin Telegraph

## **CANOL PROJECT REFINERY IN WHITEHORSE**

My husband Bill Jones who worked for White Pass in Whitehorse during the 1970's and early 1980's tells me that he heard the refinery was packed up and shipped to Edmonton.

Can anyone tell us any more ?

Sherron Jones [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca) (In Whitehorse)

## **MURRAY LUNDBERG**

Just checked out this web address of Murray Lundbergs. <http://explorenorth.com/wordpress/>

He has lots of photos of aircraft in for the Century Flight 2010 (Over 100 planes involved) , from a walk along the cliff at the airport in Whitehorse, a couple of Alaska Cruises and even a new toy he bought recently.

Sherron Jones [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca) (In Whitehorse)

## **SOURDOUGH RENDEZVOUS HISTORY**

I was searching around on the Internet for something else and came across this webpage, put up by the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous organization, which gives a great comprehensive history of the Sourdough Rendezvous.

[http://www.yukonrendezvous.com/history\\_of\\_sourdough\\_rendezvous](http://www.yukonrendezvous.com/history_of_sourdough_rendezvous)

Some of the the MocTel readers may be interested in having a look. It names all the Rendezvous Queens and Mr & Mrs Yukon for each year up to 2009. My parents had the privilege of being Mr & Mrs Yukon in 1977, although I notice they spelled my dad's name "Rene". It was actually "Renny", short for Reinhold.

Harvey Burian [hburian@telus.net](mailto:hburian@telus.net) (In Parksville BC)

## PLAYING IN THE YUKON RIVER

Sherron, we were down at the dam yesterday [July 28, 2010] and found these fellows 'playing in the river'. I took these photos from the bridge off the Millennium Trail that crosses over the river.

Donna Clayson [bdclayson@northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



Photo courtesy Donna Clayson [bdclayson@northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



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These are a couple of fellows that were riding the rapids (you can see a bit of the rapids in front of the them). They get out of the water here and walk back to the rapids. – Donna  
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson [bdclayson\\*northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson*northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



These people are getting ready to float down the river. In the background you can see the fish ladder at the dam. I have some fantastic video of the five floating down to Kanoe People Rentals, past the Robert Service Bridge. I'm thinking these people are crazy. I heard the water was moving at around 29 knots - very, very fast. The fellows in the kayak were practicing just downriver of the floaters and we were standing on the Millennium Bridge. – Donna  
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson [bdclayson\\*northwestel.net](mailto:bdclayson*northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

**78th ISR SOURDOUGH ALERT**

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**State/Prov.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A LAST MINUTE MESSAGE JUST IN re Bear Creek Reunion**

We are happy to report that the dates for the YCGC/Bear Creek Oral History Gathering have been confirmed. We will be holding this gathering September 8, 9, and 10, 2010. We hope you will be able to join us!

The purpose of this project is to provide an opportunity for individuals who worked for the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation or who lived at the Bear Creek Compound to share their stories, artifacts, photos and memories of the place and their work there. It is also a chance to return to the place where it all happened. We look forward to welcoming you back to the place that was once an important part of your life.

To make your visit as carefree as possible, Parks Canada will be working with hotels in Dawson City for preferred rates. We will also provide shuttles from Dawson City to Bear Creek. Lunches, dinners and snacks will also be provided.

In order to help with our planning, please complete the attached registration form before August 13, 2010 and return it to me, Trina Buhler at Parks Canada. You can send the form by email or fax, or give me a call and we can complete the process over the phone. If you have family or friends that will be accompanying you, please be sure to make a note on the form so that we can provide the best possible experience for you and your family.

A complete listing of activities over the three days will be provided after we have determined the number of participants. We are planning a variety of activities, and of course there will be plenty of time to wander through many of the buildings and residential areas of Bear Creek. Are there any activities you would particularly like to do? Please give us your ideas and feedback and we will see what we can arrange!

We look forward to hearing your stories.

Sincerely, Trina

\*\*Please contact Trina Buhler for a registration form:

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Fax: 867-993-7203

Or call me directly to register over the phone at: 867-993-7222

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## YUKON WILDFLOWERS



**Wild Geranium or Cranesbill – Kelsol Lake Trail – off Haines Road**  
Photo courtesy Jim & June Austin [jraustin929@yahoo.ca](mailto:jraustin929@yahoo.ca) (In Vernon)

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Effective October I will no longer be using: [john.firth@sunlife.com](mailto:john.firth@sunlife.com)

You can start sending emails to: [jfirth@klondiker.com](mailto:jfirth@klondiker.com)

effective immediately if you wish.

John Firth (In Whitehorse)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace" - Jimi Hendrix*

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### **Guk-On-A-Bun**

Submitted by Noelle (Cyr) Misko [sourdoughyt@hotmail.com](mailto:sourdoughyt@hotmail.com) (In Edmonton)

Recipe included in 1<sup>st</sup> Porter Creek Scout Outdoor Cookbook.

½ lb sliced ham  
½ lb (or less) of cheese cut into ¼” cubes

Combine with:

1/3 cup chopped onions  
2 hard boiled eggs – chopped  
½ cup chopped stuffed olives

Toss together with:

3 tbsp mayonnaise  
½ cup chili sauce

Mix well and spread on split buns.  
Cover securely with double aluminum foil.  
Bake for 10 – 15 minutes or until heated through.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **CHILDREN OF THE KLONDIKE – NORTHERN BOOK TOUR**

My *Children of the Klondike* northern tour is happening in mid August, timed to coincide with Discovery Days in Dawson. I'd love to meet any MocTel readers who can make it out to any of my events. Here's my itinerary so far:

#### Monday, Aug. 9: Skagway

12-1:30 pm - book signing at the Skaguay News Depot Bookstore  
6-7 pm - slide show presentation & book signing at the Klondike Gold Rush National Park visitor center auditorium

#### Tuesday, Aug. 10: Whitehorse

12-1 pm - interview on Midday Cafe (CBC Whitehorse)  
2-3:30 pm - book signing at Mac's Fireweed Bookstore

#### Wednesday, Aug. 11: Dawson

7-8 pm - slide show presentation & book signing at the Dawson City Museum (refreshments provided)

#### Thursday, Aug. 12: Dawson

3:15 pm - reading at Berton House (part of the annual Authors on Eighth literary walking tour)

I'll post details of any other events on my Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Frances-Backhouse-Klondike-Author/111688515514387>) which is accessible to everyone, whether or not they have a Facebook account. I'll post photos from my northern trip on Facebook and I welcome contributions (comments and/or photos) from anyone with an interest in the Klondike gold rush.

For those who missed my announcement about *Children of the Klondike* when it came out in the spring, it's the first nonfiction book ever to focus on the youngsters who witnessed the treasure hunt of the century firsthand. The large cast of characters includes Daisy Mason, daughter of Klondike discoverer Skookum Jim; Monte and Crystal Snow, the first non-Native children to cross the infamous Chilkoot Pass; and Dawsie Schultz, the Klondike's first gold rush baby. It's written in the same story-telling style I used for my best-selling first book, *Women of the Klondike*.

Frances Backhouse  
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**Island Yukoners Picnic**  
**Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
(Saturday closest to Discovery Day Aug 17<sup>th</sup>)

11am-3pm  
Bring your own lunch, coffee and tea provided.  
St Mary's Church  
2600 Powder Pt. Rd., Nanoose, B.C.

Hwy. 19 to Northwest Bay Road at the Petro Can station, turn east. Continue to Powder Point Road and turn right. Continue on Powder Point Rd until you see a church on the right. Just over the railway tracks turn right.

Contacts: Sharon Redmond 250-729-9773 or Harriett 250-714-2774

**Bear Creek/YCGC Reunion**  
**Labour Day Weekend 2010**

Parks Canada is planning a reunion of those who lived in Bear Creek or who worked for Yukon Consolidated Gold Company. They have been in touch with former residents to correct and clarify their maps and information. We realize that this is short notice for us but they probably have a short time line for use of the funds for the event. If you are interested in this reunion, contact: Trina at 867-993-7222, or e-mail [Trina.Buhler@pc.gc.ca](mailto:Trina.Buhler@pc.gc.ca), or write Box 390 Dawson City, Yukon, Y0B 1G0.

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– Sherron Jones [sherronjones\\*shaw](mailto:sherronjones*shaw).

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