

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 323rd Edition – November 21st, 2010

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SS Tutshi Memorial near completion

Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)



Lake Bennett viewing deck

Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)



Daphne Mennell at Entrance Sign
Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)

Carcross was a busy town this summer, with Canada and the Yukon investing more than 9 million in the development of the Carcross waterfront under the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) and the Building Canada Fund (BCF). There is still some completion to be done, next summer. Although I spent the summer mostly using my HD

video camera, I did snap a few still shots of some of the changes. The Caribou Hotel has not done much outside work this summer, but I understand that a lot of inside work was done and everything is progressing as it should. I am excited to see the final road construction, landscaping, and buildings that will be mostly completed next summer. Will update you then. If some would like to get more info on everything that's going on here, they can go to www.community.gov.yk.ca.

Daphne Mennell is the artist who designed the Caribou and Roger Poole the welder, worked with her extensively to put it together. They are presently working on a horse for the City of Whitehorse and I hear it is coming along very well. There were 2 articles, one in the Yukon News and one in the Whse. Star, about the welcome sign in Carcross, both within the last 2 weeks.

Norma (Yardley) Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)



Roger Poole welding on the Caribou cropped

Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)



Caribou Entrance Sign in Carcross

Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)



New paved lane to pedestrian walk bridge

Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)



New Paved Entrance Rd into Carcross
Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)



Carcross Construction Downtown

Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)



First Nation's Carving Facility

Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)



New Boat Launching Area

Photo courtesy Norma Waddington norma@southklondike.ca (In Carcross)

Carcross Waterfront Projects

(Excerpt from http://www.community.gov.yk.ca/infrastructure/carcross_waterfront.html)

Carcross is rich with history and is a place of natural beauty-- the Gold Rush, spectacular views of Bennett and Nares Lakes, the excellent beach and the mountains in which the community is nestled -- these attributes make Carcross a natural destination for visitors and locals, alike.

Revitalizing the downtown core of Carcross contributes to the community's well being, overall. The projects underway will bring long-term benefits to the Southern Lakes region by supporting local tourism, culture, heritage and business ventures.

The governments of Yukon, Canada, Carcross/Tagish First Nation and the Local Advisory Council have worked together with the community for many beneficial projects.

In total, Canada and Yukon are investing more than \$9 million in the development of the Carcross waterfront under Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) and the Building Canada Fund (BCF). By the end of 2010, over \$5 million will have been invested, and further \$4 million will be invested over the next 2 years. The Yukon government has also contributed \$20,000 to the Carcross / Tagish First Nation Skookum Jim House project. This support has leveraged other funding programs and investments from the private sector, in partnership with governments.

Arts Underground Exhibit

By Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

On November 5, 2010 Bryan and I attended the unveiling of a photo exhibit titled *'Life in Whitehorse 1946 – 1969'* located at Arts Underground, lower level of the Hougen Centre.

It is a selection of Rolf & Margaret Hougen's own photographs. The photos can be viewed until the end of January at which time the collection will be moved to the second floor of the Hougen Centre to be on permanent display. As Rolf Hougen mentioned to the crowded room, he and his wife have many hundreds more that he hopes will surface as well.

These photos are stunning – a story in every single image. I could hear whispers around me as I jostled for a viewing spot, "I remember that gas station, I remember".

I would like to thank the Hougen's for this special gift to the residents of Whitehorse and the Yukon. I wish I would have had the forethought throughout the decades to record my observances in photographs. Thank goodness Rolf & Margaret were thinking ahead.

Arts Underground was a perfect location for viewing these invaluable photographs. The evening was introduced by Diane Chisholm, President, Friends of Yukon Archives. Premier Fentie spoke (see his notes below) as well as Rolf himself. We all enjoyed the delicious snacks and wine, making it all a perfect exhibit a perfect event. Gentlemen Hank Karr filled the room with sounds of the Klondike. To the Hougen's – THANK YOU!



Dennis Fentie & Rolf Hougen
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson



Diane Chisholm
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson



Hank Karr
Photo courtesy Donna Clayson

Sharing Decades of Memories
Longtime businessman Rolf Hougen speaks
By Vince Fedoroff on November 12, 2010



Photo by Vince Fedoroff

SHARING DECADES OF MEMORIES – Longtime businessman Rolf Hougen speaks at last Friday's opening of Life in Whitehorse 1946-1969 at the Arts Underground in the Hougen Heritage Gallery. The photos are from the Hougen collection donated to the Yukon Archives.

I would like to thank the Premier for permission to use his notes. (below)

Speaking Notes for Premier Dennis Fentie
Life in Whitehorse 1946 – 1969
Selected photographs from the Rolf & Margaret Collection
Arts Underground
Friday, November 5, 2010 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

- Welcome, and thank you for coming.
- I am pleased to be here, to share this evening's celebration with you—the opening of the Rolf & Margaret Hougen photo exhibit titled: Life in Whitehorse 1946 – 1969.
- The selected photographs from the Rolf & Margaret Hougen Collection displayed in the Hougen Heritage Gallery are an impressive collection documenting a unique time in Whitehorse history.
- It was a time when Yukon was just beginning to find its legs to promote its identity within Canada's national fabric as a nation coming out of the Second World War.
- Yukon First Nations were beginning to gain strength to make positive strides in the important impact they too, would take in shaping Yukon of today.
- Yukon's arts, culture and heritage communities were just beginning to capitalize on the rich history of the Klondike, and First Nations cultures and traditions.
- During that time, from 1946 through to 1969, Rolf Hougen was a young man with a vision. He had an aptitude for business, for community development, and for entrepreneurial insights,
- and Rolf had an eye for capturing images on film.
- Today, we can view his work, preserved in these impressive photos, and truly enjoy a small part of Yukon's past rooted in a sense of community pride and community spirit.
- Not only did Rolf do all that, but he is also known as a man of vision who spearheaded many business ventures in town, more recently, his important role in helping to launch Arts Underground, which opened its doors in 2005.
- Since that time, many activities and events have taken place at Arts Underground. This important venue is a vibrant member of Yukon's arts and culture community.
- The space you see around you is used for arts programming and home to the Hougen Heritage Gallery and the Yukon Art Society Gallery, both featuring informative collections year-round for all to enjoy.
- Thank you to the Hougen family for their faith and support in realizing the creation of Arts Underground, and the Hougen Heritage Gallery, curated by the MacBride Museum and Friends of the Yukon Archives Society.

- The Hougen's family significant contribution and long-standing support of Yukon's cultural community shines as an outstanding example of corporate philanthropy and leadership we hope others may emulate in years to come.
- A special thank you to Rolf and Margaret for donating their precious collection of thousands of photographs to the Yukon Archives, working in partnership with Friends of the Yukon Archives Society so that we all may enjoy and appreciate this legacy documenting an important timeline in Whitehorse history.
- I understand many of Rolf's personal negatives were donated to the Yukon Archives more than 25 years ago, with a recent donation of another thousand images as a precursor to many more to come.
- Rolf's engaging images can be seen at the Yukon Archives, if anyone is interested in viewing more of Rolf's impressive collection.
- To Arts Underground, an innovative partnership that combines heritage, arts, youth and business, offering services to Yukon's Whitehorse community in support of cultural economic development, we thank you for your good works these past five years, and wish you every success in the years to come.
- To the Yukon Archives, and Friends of the Yukon Archives Society, thank you for organizing this evening's event. Your collective efforts help to broaden the scope of making available Yukon's unique heritage to all Yukoners and visitors who come to view the many exhibits such as what we see this evening, on an on-going basis.
- Congratulations, Rolf, to you, Margaret and your family. I am sure many people will be into the gallery over the coming days, and they will truly enjoy your images captured on film, for all to appreciate.
- Good evening.

JACK LONDON BUST UNVEILING – NOV 5, 2010

By Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

JACK LONDON
JANUARY 1876 – NOVEMBER 1916

IN THE SUMMER OF 1897, AT THE AGE OF 21, JACK LONDON CAMPED IN THE WHITEHORSE AREA AFTER RUNNING MILES CANYON AND THE WHITEHORSE RAPIDS. HE THEN WENT DOWN RIVER TO SPEND FALL THROUGH SPRING AT DAWSON CITY, STEWART ISLAND AND HENDERSON CREEK. IN AUGUST 1898 HE RETURNED TO HIS OAKLAND CALIFORNIA HOME. THE INFLUENCE OF THE NORTH WAS EVIDENT IN HIS 5 NOVELS AND 65 SHORT STORIES. TWO OF HIS NOVELS, "THE CALL OF THE WILD"

AND “WHITE FANG” WERE BESTSELLERS AND DREW WORLD-WIDE ATTENTION TO THE YUKON. HIS SHORT STORY “TO BUILD A FIRE” GENERALLY ASCRIBED TO CONTAIN THE MOST POIGNANT DESCRIPTIONS OF THE COLD EVER WRITTEN.

DONATED BY MARGARET AND ROLF HOUGEN O.C.
OCTOBER 2010
SCULPTED BY HARRESON TANNER

Note: Dick North wrote the actual words on the plaque. Located at 4th & Main - Donna



Sculptor Harreson Tanner and Patricia Fortier



Jack London bust



Veiled Bust with donors Marg and Rolf Hougen



Unveiling - Marg Hougen and Mayor Bev Buckway



Dick North



Harreson Tanner, Margaret & Rolf Hougen, Dick North.

ROBERT SERVICE BUST – Sept 1996

**ROBERT W. SERVICE
1874 - 1958**

KNOWN AS “THE BARD OF THE NORTH”, POET ROBERT SERVICE IMMORTALIZED IN NOVELS AND VERSE, THE TRIUMPHS AND DEFEATS OF THE SOURDOUGHS DURING THE GREAT KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH.

ARRIVING IN THE YUKON IN 1904, AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE IN WHITEHORSE, AND LATER DAWSON, HE QUICKLY ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION FOR CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH BY PENNING SUCH EPIC RHYMES AS “THE SHOOTING OF DAN McGREW”, “THE CREMATION OF SAM McGEE”, AND THE ENTRALLING “SPELL OF THE YUKON”.

AFTER THE SUCCESS OF HIS BOOK “SONGS OF A SOURDOUGH”, HE LEFT THE YUKON IN 1912 TO CONTINUE WRITING AND WANDER THE WORLD – FINALLY SETTLING IN FRANCE WHERE HE DIED IN 1958.

SCULPTED BY CHUCK BUCHANAN
DONATED BY MARGARET & ROLF HOUGEN, SEPTEMBER 1996

NOTE: Robert Service statue is located behind the Tourist information office on 2nd Avenue. - Rolf



Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen



Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen

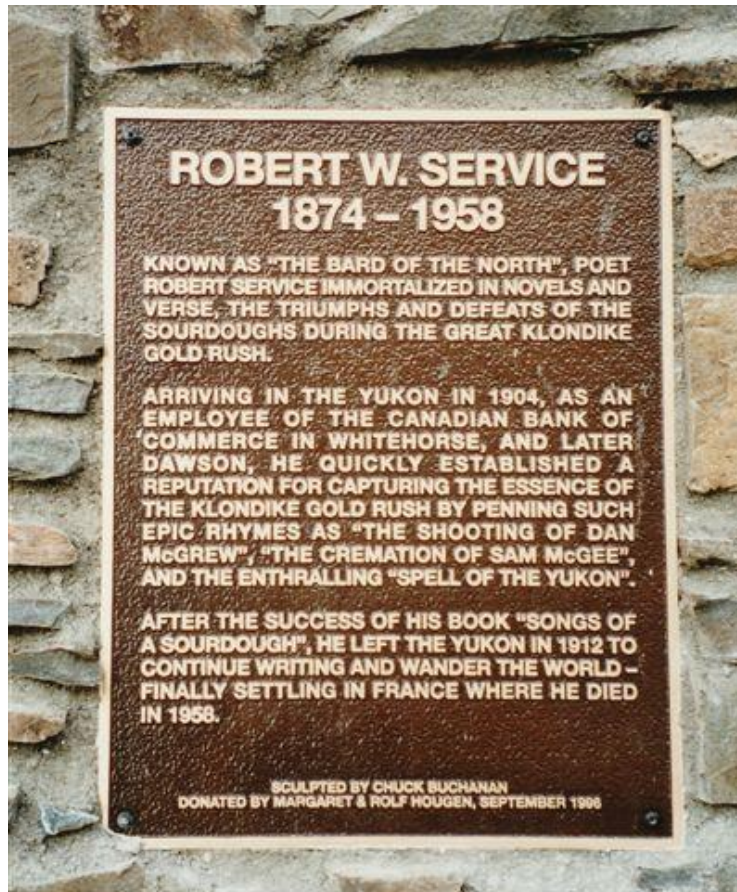


Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen

SAM STEELE BUST – July 1995

**SUPERINTENDENT SAMUEL
 BENFIELD STEELE
 "LION OF THE YUKON"
 1850 - 1919**

DISPATCHED TO THE YUKON IN FEBRUARY, 1898, DURING THE PEAK OF THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH. HIS COMING MEANT ORDER; HIS PRESENCE MEANT JUSTICE. SAM STEELE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN, WHO STEADFAST DETERMINATION TO DO WHAT WAS GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY. WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR, WON THE YUKON'S RESPECT AND APPRECIATION BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE IN 1899. MAJOR-GENERAL SIR SAMUEL BENFIELD STEELE WAS LATER KNIGHTED FOR SERVICE IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

DONATED BY MARGARET & ROLF HOUGEN
 JULY 1995

NOTE: This was presented at the Anniversary of the RCMP/NWMP in the Yukon. It is located in front of the RCMP headquarters. – Rolf



Bust of Samuel Benfield Steele
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen



Donors – Rolf and Marg Hougen
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen

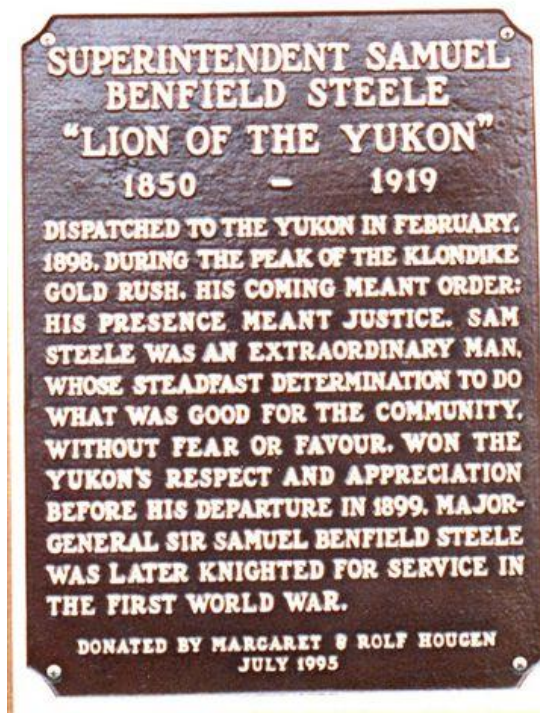


Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen

ANGELA SIDNEY BUST – June 1997

Angela Sidney, 1902 - 1991
Ch'óoneté Má Stóow

Respected and much loved Tagish Elder of the Delsheetaan Nation, Mrs. Angela Sidney co-authored three important historical documents: “My Stories are My Wealth” and “Tagish Tiaagu”, written narratives of traditional Tagish legends and a document of Tagish Place Names for southern Yukon.

Co-founder of the Yukon International Storytelling Festival, Mrs. Sidney spent her entire life working for her community to ensure that her people's traditions, language, dances and stories were passed on to the next generation. For these endeavours she received the Order of Canada in 1984. Her own words illustrate the beauty and humility of such a generous and noble woman:

“I have no money to leave for my grandchildren.
My stories are my wealth!”

DONATED BY THE HOUGEN FAMILY
JUNE 1997
SCULPTED BY CHUCK BUCHANAN

NOTE: Angela Sydney, the last person who spoke TAGISH, was a feature of a book and was herself a great story teller. It is located in Whiskey Flats. – Rolf

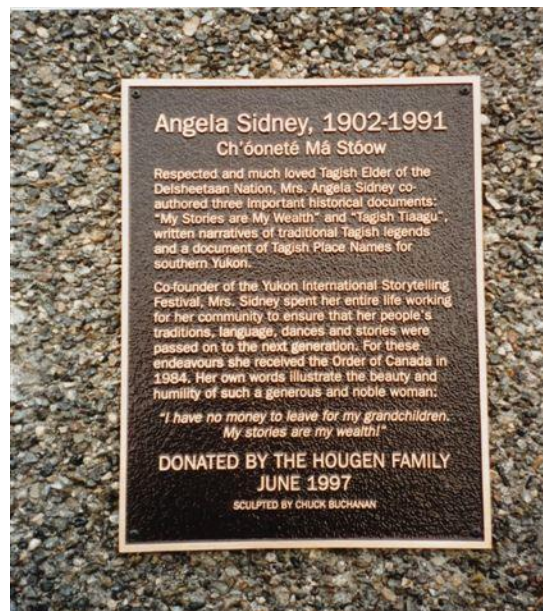


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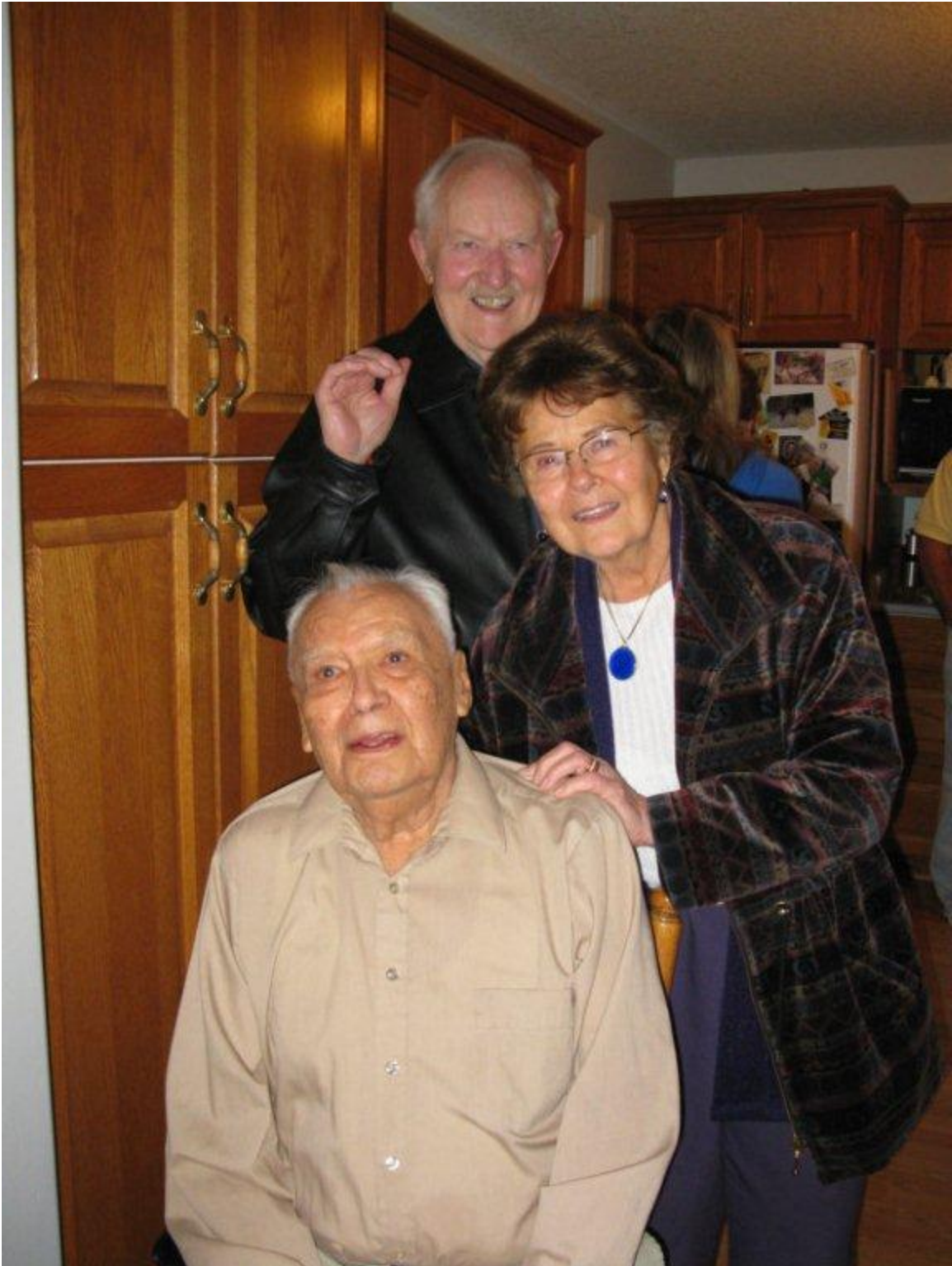


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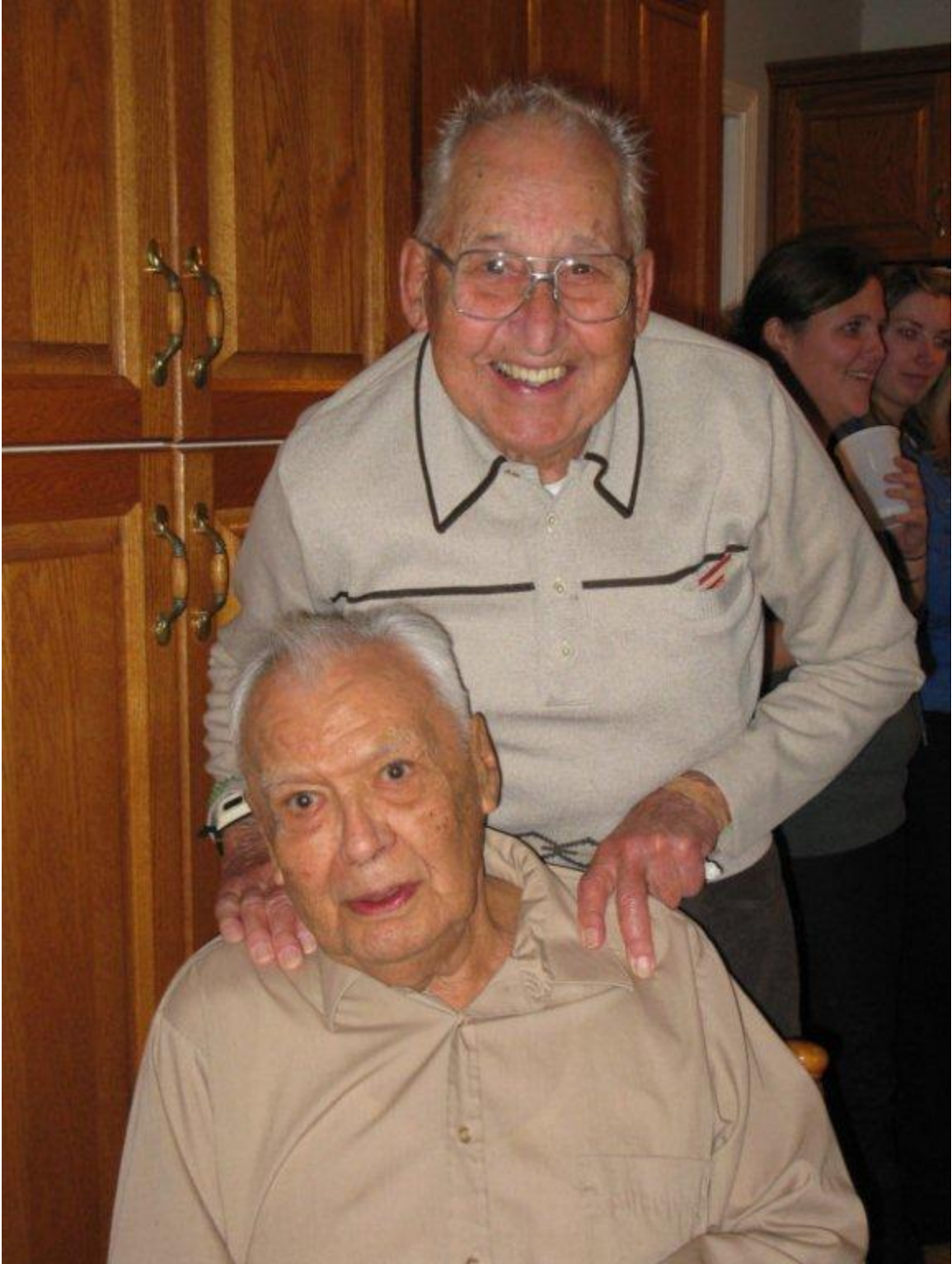
Percy DeWolfe Jr. – 95th Birthday



Percy DeWolfe Jr. with his Birthday Cake.
Photo courtesy Donna DeWolfe, Percy's daughter.



Percy DeWolfe with Fred Horn and Joyce Yardley
Photo courtesy Donna DeWolfe, Percy's daughter.



Percy DeWolfe (age 95) with Ernie Cottle (age 94).
Photo courtesy Donna DeWolfe, Percy's daughter.



Percy with Gus & Blanche Barrett and Percy's nephew Jim McCausland
Photo courtesy Donna DeWolfe, Percy's daughter.



Percy with Ted and Trudy (DeWolfe) North, and Bonnie (DeWolfe) & Chuck Barber.
Trudy and Bonnie are Percy's neices.
Photo courtesy Donna DeWolfe, Percy's daughter.

BOOK LAUNCH - DEC 3 - WHITEHORSE

We are releasing this book Dec. 1, 2010. Book launch in Whitehorse on Dec. 3, 5-7:30 p.m., at the White Pass depot at the foot of Main Street. Book will be available in book stores and gift shops throughout the Yukon

Copies can be ordered thru my website: johnfirth.ca or through the website for the Jamaican Dogsled Team. Will also be available thru Amazon.

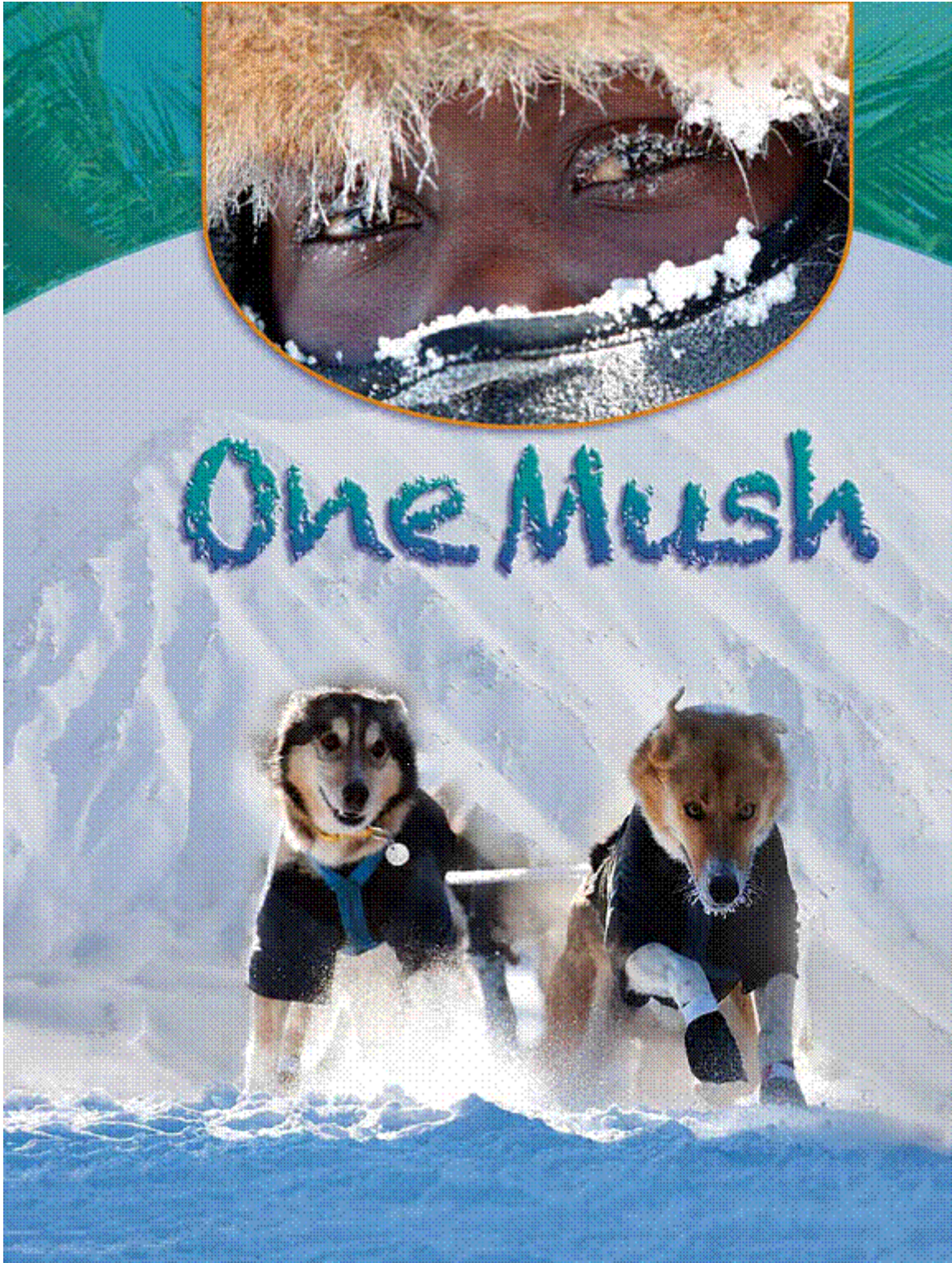
Foreword in the book is by Rachel Manley, former Berton House author, winner of the Governor General's Award for literature and daughter of former Jamaican Prime Minister Micheal Manely.

Reviews on the back cover are by singer/song writer Jimmy Buffett and music producer Chris Blackwell (Bob Marley, U2).

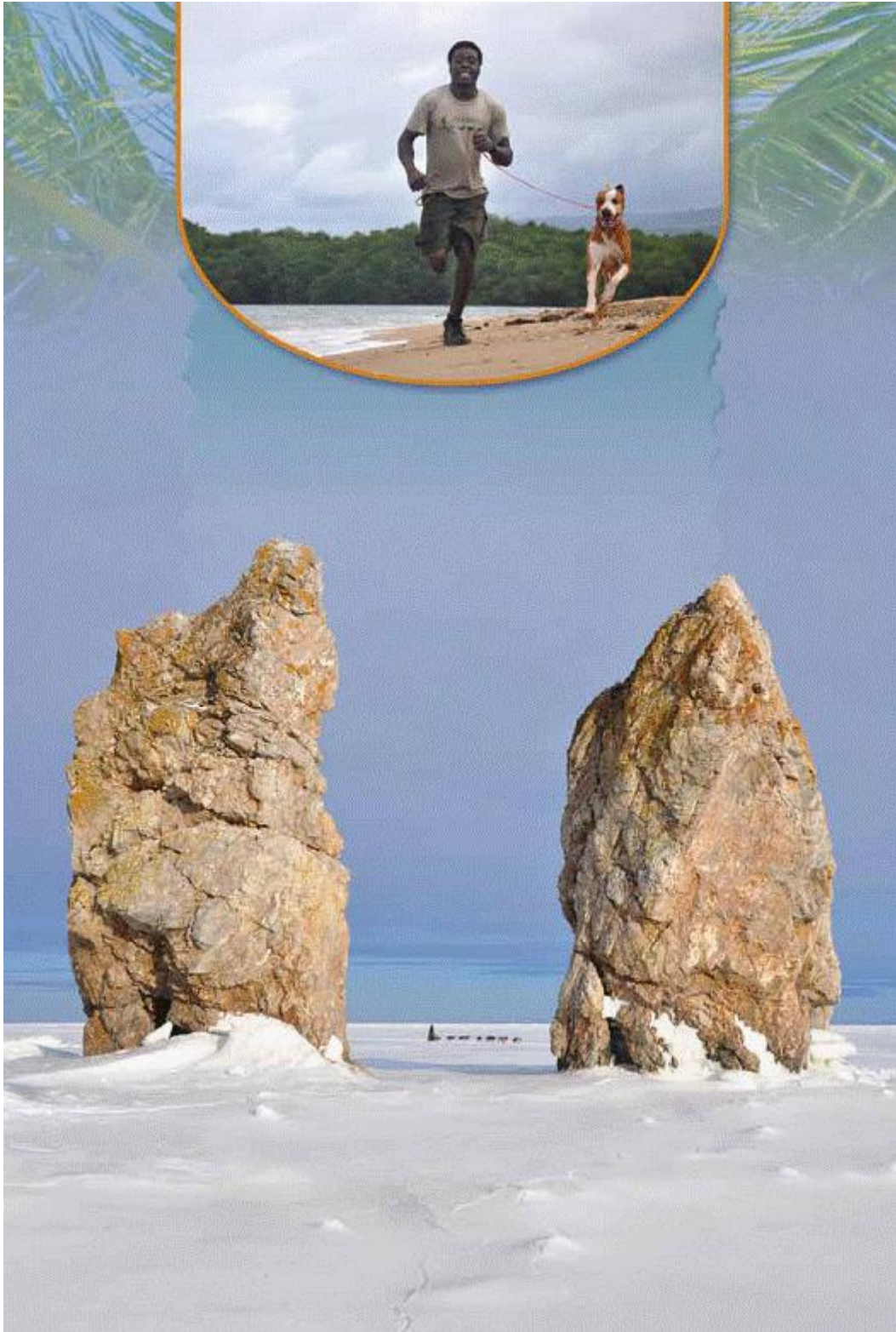
There are over 100 images in the book, all of them full color. Front cover photo won the National Geographic Adventure Tourism Photo Award in 2010 and was the opening picture for the television special on ESPN last month.

Retail price is \$24.95 (same price in Canada and the U.S.) 328 pages.

John Firth jfirth@klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)



(Front Book Cover)



(Rear Book Cover)

MocTel 322

Oh Sherron. Thank you for the M.T. such great information, always look forward to receiving it.

I can't tell you how thrilled we are with the "White Horse Inn", sign, back where it should be in full view for everyone to enjoy...

We had such Magical times at the INN...Frantic Follies and Playing Gigs.. Many happy memories'. It's just so exiting, to see it all lit up again.

We had Jim Robb here for about a week, he had Doctors appointments' which we took him too.. He is very funny.. and we did so enjoy his visit with us, he will be back again, he tells us 14th April for another check, so we suggested that he come to the Yukoners Convention at the River Rock, so he said he would love to do that...

When he left, Judy and Jim Derosia...(Maxwell).they came to stay for a week..sorry to see them leave... Judy's Maiden name, she used to Dance at the "Frantic Follies" she is so much fun...such a great conversationalist....so very kind too, we look forward to their visit too as they plan to be here when Jim is here, now that will be a riot...

So thank you again Sherron..lots of work there, and appreciated.. By all I am sure.
Hugs Edward and Gillian ...

Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca (In Burnaby)

FISHWHEEL

If I remember correctly the fish wheel was usually across the Yukon River from Moose Hide. I seem to recall seeing it when exploring the old "bone yard" of paddle wheelers.

Bea Wytinck (Cook) bwytinck*yahoo.ca (In Oliver BC)

As a child, I can remember the fishwheel in the 1940's. I remember the fish drying on racks....also I believe one was at 12 mile, one at Moosehide and some at Halfway. I believe they were run individually by local Native people, but I am not POSITIVE.

Regards, Tina Parsons (nee Brasseur) artinap*shaw.ca (In Victoria)

WHITEHORSE INN SIGN

Hi Donna, (*written to Donna Clayson and shared with the MocTel readers*)

Just had to let you know that the “Whitehorse Inn” sign... featured in the latest MocTel ...was definitely designed by my father Eric Coke Richards, who worked for ” Taylor and Drury’s” store in the “Drygoods” department for many years in the early days.

Dad was a Taylor in “Menswear” in London, England before moving Canada and eventually to the Yukon in 1941. He designed and actually BUILT several signs for various businesses during his years in Whitehorse and this was definitely one of them. (“The Kee-Bird “was another.)

Gudrun Erickson and Babe Richards can confirm this information, I’m sure. We went to “the Lambert St. High School” together.

My father also produced many “Plays” for the old Theatre building in Whitehorse in those days (before it burned down) employing local “unpaid” talent. I think the population at that time was around 5 or 6 hundred people.

Just thought you might be interested.
All the best,

Joyce Yardley joyce@dataspan.ca (In Nanaimo BC)

Hi Joyce

Long time no hear from. I see Norma every so often and ask her to pass along my ‘hellos’ to you.

You know, after reading over the Whitehorse Inn sign info it doesn’t actually say that your dad designed the sign, only that it was ordered to certain specifications. This part should definitely be added to the history that we have. Do you know if this information is recorded anywhere?

Sherron, I would like to see this info from Joyce added into the text MocTel. Very interesting.

Joyce, where was the old theatre in Whitehorse and when did it burn down?

Thank you for the clarification Joyce. Your dad was certainly a talented individual.

All the best,
Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

Hi Donna

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Answer from Joyce: Should be in the old Whitehorse Star records, I would think.

Joyce, where was the old theatre in Whitehorse and when did it burn down? I can see it in my mind's eye, but not clearly enough to verify.

Answer from Joyce: Gudrun Sparling would likely know, because she and Audrey Ryder used to be "ushers" in the theatre when they were teenagers.

Joyce Yardley joyce@dataspan.ca (In Nanaimo BC)

MOCTEL 322

What an interesting Moc Tel this month!!! I would just like to comment on a couple items - I just read Joyce Yardley's book 'Crazy Cooks & Goldminers' & loved it! Would also like to comment on the article on Les McLaughlin - I never realised what an important position he has played in the history of the Yukon. The picture of Les at age 7 is the Les I remember. I was about 5 yrs old when we moved into his neighbourhood & he taught me to ride my first 2-wheeler. I remember him as being very popular with all the kids on the block & I thought he was the greatest!! I hope he is doing OK at this time & my thoughts are with him.

Also thanks to Rolf Hougen for the pictures - what fun to see my cousins Colin Yeulet & Bill Wilson as cute teen-agers. (also Phyllis Lepage)

Joy (Fraser) Denton joydenton@hotmail.com (In Whitehorse)

HECHAEL HILL 1957

The attached photos were taken in Oct./Nov. 1957 when we were looking for a suitable site for a communications transmitter for the RCMP in the Whitehorse area. The first photo is taken from the crest of the hill towards Whitehorse with Sgt. (later C/Supt.) Warren Huget, C/M Graham Coles and myself trying to stay warm.



Photo courtesy Ira Saunders sandisaunders@rogers.com (In Ottawa)

The second is about the same view - but without the benefit of the handsome individuals.



Photo courtesy Ira Saunders sandisaunders@rogers.com (In Ottawa)

The third is taken from the same point, but looking towards the west towards Haines Junction.



Photo courtesy Ira Saunders sandisaunders@rogers.com (In Ottawa)

Our means of transport had been graciously provided by the Yukon Forestry service as a four wheel drive vehicle was the only thing that could navigate the roads at that time.

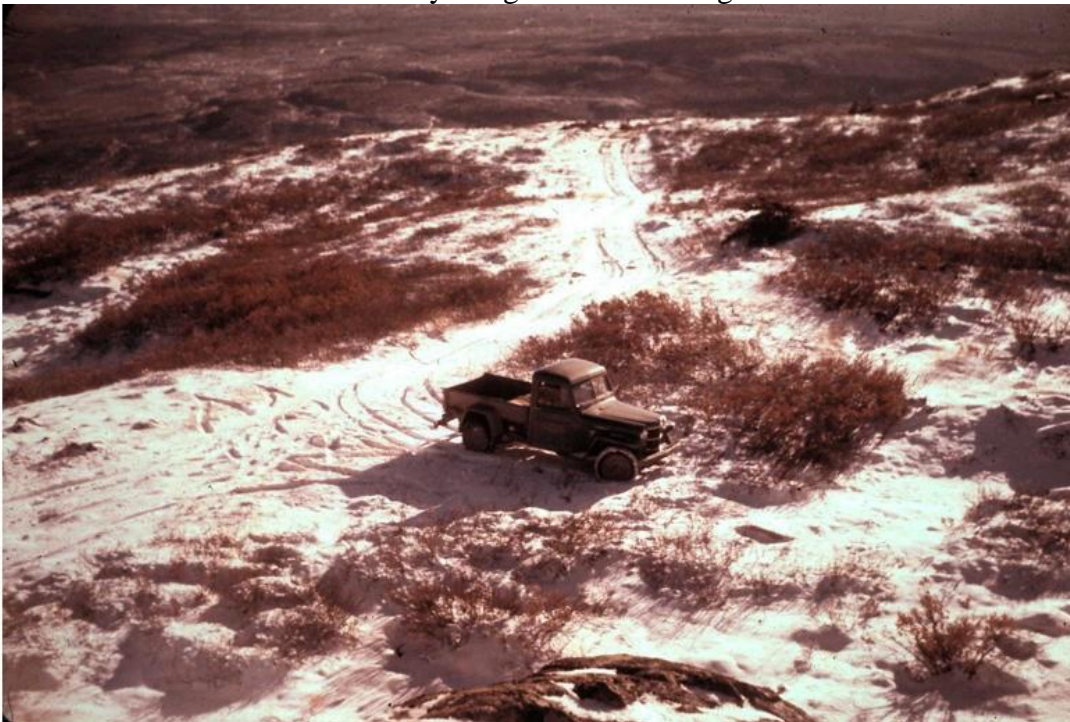


Photo courtesy Ira Saunders sandisaunders@rogers.com (In Ottawa)

The last picture is taken from the Alaska Highway towards the west and the hill itself - in all its glory.



Photo courtesy Ira Saunders sandisaunders*rogers.com (In Ottawa)

I was on the Hill in 1958 also to run coverage surveys to mobiles along the Highway - with transport loaned from the DND (Army) establishment. I did not get pictures of that event, tho, as I was too busy trying to keep away from the mosquitoes and black flies - it was early summer. We (the RCMP) did not develop any facilities on the Hill as there were no power or telephone line facilities available at the time, and the cost to put them in would have been prohibitive. In later years, developments were made on Grey Mountain for the microwave facilities that, I think, exist to this day.

Ira Saunders sandisaunders*rogers.com (In Ottawa)

Northern Kids is launched in Dawson City

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

The Dawson Community Library set a new record for Berton House readings and local book launches on September 21 when over 40 people turned out to meet Linda Goyette and celebrate the Yukon debut of her newest book, *Northern Kids* (Brindle & Glass).

"I am so thrilled to see each and every one of you," said Goyette as she settled the audience. "You all became friends when I was living in Dawson last winter and I can't believe that you're here. I very much appreciate. As well, having some of the writers – three of the storytellers in the book – here today makes me feel absolutely wonderful." Goyette and her husband, Allan Chambers, had arrived in Dawson in early September to spend a little over two weeks house-sitting between writers in Berton House. They lived here for three months last September through December while Linda was researching and gathering stories for this book, and she returned again in the middle of the winter to finish off her interviews here and in Old Crow.

"I couldn't imagine launching this book in any place but Dawson," she said, expressing her gratitude to the Library Board and the Writers Trust of Canada, which allowed them the opportunity to fill in here.

"Living in your community and among you has been a gift I will never ever forget. One of the best experiences of my life And Allan's too."

Northern Kids is a collection of 24 true stories from all over the north but, as Goyette's editor never tired of telling her, there are a disproportionate number of Dawson City stories in the book.

"This is my seventh book and I think it is my favorite one. For the past 30 years I've worked as a newspaper reporter and magazine writer, a writer of books and an editor, and for most of that time I've published true stories about adults for adult readers.

"But lately I have decided to pull up my socks and write for younger readers for some very good reasons. I've travelled for the last four years or so around western Canada and the North, looking for true stories about kids and teenagers of the distant past and also of the present.

"I don't really tell these stories. The young storytellers tell them. Sometimes they tell them from the distant past or from the present."

Goyette read from the introduction to her book and then gave brief accounts of all the local stories. These included a story about Chief Isaac's son, two child entertainers from the Goldrush era, Graphie Gracie Carmack and Daisy Mason, a child who survived one of Dawson's early fires, the family and children of Iron Man Percy DeWolfe, and the story of how J.J. Van Bibber and his siblings went to school, among others.

Goyette presented a lot of books to local people who had assisted here. Breanna Lancaster helped her find the story of Ella Day, the child in the fire, and also contributed a story of her own. Francis Bouffard told her about spending time in the bush. Ronald Johnson gave her his story about running away from the Choooutla Residential School as a child. Angie Joseph spoke to her about Moosehide. Lexi Joinson, who now lives in Old Crow, but used to live in Dawson, wrote about the joys of mushing. Bonnie Barber gave her the story of Walter DeWolfe.

Goyette gave each of them a book and arranged for books to be given to others who had allowed her to interview them.

Northern Kids is part of a series Linda Goyette has been writing. Other titles in the series are: *Kidmonton*, *Rocky Mountain Kids* and *Island Kids*.



Breanna Lancaster and Linda Goyette

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Memories of Life in Granville in the 1950s

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

October 10, 2010

The recent Bear Creek Oral History Project gathering at the former Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation town and industrial site also brought to Dawson people who had lived in some of the other goldfields communities and dredge camps that used to exist.

Born and raised in the United Kingdom, Peter Killon moved to Canada at the age of 19 and had some difficulty finding steady work in Vancouver. Two years later, at the urging of a friend who had worked for YCGC, he decided to give the Yukon a try. It was 1954 and Killon would spend the next 8 years working for the company on various dredge operations.

“I was 21 at that point with a lady friend in Vancouver, but not married,” he said. “I worked the season bowdecking on the dredge #8 at Granville and lived in the single men’s bunkhouse.”

He went Outside at the end of that summer season, got married and came back with his new wife.

“Granville was a community where you brought your family, so I brought my wife. There was a camp for unmarried men at Granville, but there was also a community of 12 families.”

“We were in Grannie Mac’s cabin that she rented to us. She and her husband owned the roadhouse, just down the road.”

After that season they went Outside again, “because we weren’t prepared for a Yukon winter.” He worked in Vancouver that winter and they went back to Granville the following year.

“By that time I got the sterndecker position. Another year I got boiler and then I was up in the winch room, so I was a wincher.”

His youngest son, Terry, was born in the Dawson Hospital in 1957 (the Old Courthouse), as was his daughter, Tricia.

“I brought up a family there.”

While he enjoyed his life in the Yukon, the job here was always a means to fulfilling a long-range plan.

“The reason for me to be working there was to save enough money to buy a house in Vancouver. At \$600 a month to come up here as a winchman for eight years, I saved enough money to buy a \$14,500 house in Kitsilano. I saved that money because I didn’t go to town too much with a family at home.”

“I was with #8 for about three years and then I moved to #6.”

They might have stayed longer if there had been more opportunities for schooling.

“We had a school there because there was a couple from Manitoba. He was a winchman and she was a teacher so she started up a kindergarten. The company supplied us with a house there to hold the school in. That kept us here when the kids first started school, but when it came to more than just elementary school we decided it was time to move. So that’s what I did.”

That was in 1963, just three years before the company shut down.

The grubstake that the Killons took out of the Yukon allowed them to get a good start in the south and do quite well there. Peter’s wife died 12 years ago.

“It was an enjoyable experience up here,” Killon said, adding that they had been back to visit ten years ago, with his children.

“I hadn’t been back for 35 years before that. We enjoyed that trip. We went back to the old cabin at Granville. It was all in pieces but we recognized a lot of it.

“There’s something about the Yukon, and I think it’s called ‘the spell of the Yukon’, because as a newcomer from England I kind of felt that. I was caught by things like the Aurora Borealis, which Europeans never see.”

One of the memories that sticks with him the most was their trip Outside when they finally moved.

“When we drove out in 1963 it was 62 below. There were three of us in a convoy and there were three ice bridges we had to cross. We’d waited until almost December to get out of here and when we got to the first crossing at Stewart, I think it was, it was ‘cross at your own risk’.

“My wife was six months pregnant. So what I did – it was a four door Hudson – so I opened all four doors and I drove across very slowly, and I made it to the other side.

Near Watson Lake they ended up in a snow bank on a horseshoe bend. They had to wait there until an AMC sedan came by with six football players in it. They stopped and lifted the back end of the car and pulled it out of the snow.

‘That’s my big memory of the Alaska Highway.’

The Bear Creek Oral History project was a great experience for the Killons, father and son, who once again took a tour of their old Granville stomping grounds.

“I really appreciate what Parks has done for us here,” he said. ‘They sent us the papers and everything, me and my son. It’s been very good, and maybe we’ll come again if they do it in two or three years.’”

At 76, he thinks he will come back for another visit.



Peter Killon expressed his great appreciation to Parks Canada and all the volunteers who helped to make the Bear Creek Oral History Project a great success in his opinion.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Michael Mason to make New Connections in Alaska

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

October 12, 2010

Dawson artist Michael Mason has headed off to Alaska for an indefinite period, to get in touch with another part of his extended family, find some steady winter work and seek some fresh artistic inspiration. Before leaving town, however, he put together a couple of art shows, the last one being at the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre on September 23.

Entitled "Connection: Spirit of the Ancestors", Mason's show featured new carvings, jewelry and paintings which were just a sampling of the work this prolific artist has been turning out of late.

"I have probably about 400 other pieces I'm working on with my jewelry and I have continuous – just like my one-line – ideas for my paintings. They just keep coming and coming. I keep telling people that if I had a hundred canvases, just give me a year and they would all be completed – and all be different."

Why the move to Alaska just now?

"I've been here for a lot of years," he said, "and I just want to try something new; new work, new environment. Plus when I went over in July ... I met 25 or 30 of my relatives in Tetlin and through Tanacross and Northway. I want to try to get to know them a lot better. Plus work over there is better than here through the winter."

Mason is a truck driver by profession these days. He spent a month this summer working here with the park rangers and then ran a loader over in Forty Mile for a short time.

His personal focus lately had been on organizing this show and getting ready to move.

"It's always great working here with Glenda (Bolt). She's just a great lady."

Mason has two pieces of art in the National Native Art Collection. One of them has just recently been selected to go on tour.

"There was two pieces from Newfoundland, two from Ontario and one from Dawson City, which was mine. It made me stick my chest out a little further and I felt pretty proud when I got that letter."

Dawson can expect to see Mason again. He's been gone before and has returned.



* antler carving – Mason enjoys working with antler and bone.
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A display of Michael Mason's smaller carvings.
Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



The images and designs on Mason's paintings are formed from a continuous single line.
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Mason also makes pendants and rings.

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George Black Comes Out of the River today

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

October 23, 2010

Ice began to show up in the Yukon River beside Dawson during the latter part of the week. On Wednesday at noon the river looked thick and glassy, but there was no ice. Just days later puddles of slushy looking frazil ice pans were floating down the river, bumping into each other and shattering on the sides of the *George Black Ferry*.

That's usually the signal to pull the boat from the river. This year it will come out on October 25 at noon, a week earlier than last year's November 2.

Grocery stores were busy on the weekend as residents of West Dawson and Sunnydale stocked up for what could be a period of several weeks before they can begin to cross on the ice. By Saturday there were no boxes to be found in the General Store as the groceries flowed out the door and down to the ferry landing.

With the ferry coming out sooner this year, it is likely the period of isolation from the town will be longer than it has been lately.



Ferry pull-out notice – West Dawsonites were warned on the weekend that it was time get supplies across the Yukon River before the ferry was pulled out for the season.

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Uffish Thoughts: The Ferry Pull-Out marks the beginning of Winter

By Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

October 25, 2010

If there were any remaining doubt about the season's shift to winter, it ended last weekend when puddles of frazil ice began to crowd the Yukon River. There hadn't been any at all on Wednesday, but by the time I got back from a quick trip to the city on Friday the river was full of the stuff. Folks in the Dept. of Highways tell me the sudden appearance of the ice caused them to advance the ferry pull out timetable by a couple of weeks.

The George Black itself could stand quite a bit more of having those slushy pads of almost-ice smashing against its sides, but if anyone were to fall overboard, the boat's little rescue craft wouldn't be able to deal with it.

The ferry ceased operations at 1 p.m. on Monday, and sidled over along the bank to the ramp that leads to its winter home up beside the dyke. As early as a few minutes past the hour a dozen or so adults and small children had gathered to watch the small drama, which proceeded rather slowly, but confidently, over the next couple of hours.

The audience turned over a few times during this period, with some leaving and being replaced, and others going and coming back as the operation progressed. Lots of people had cameras.

In short order the cats were in position to hold the anchor cables, while the graders that would do the heavy pulling waited for cables up on the dyke. More cables were threaded under the keel through the railings near the bow and stern (are they still called that on a boat which reverses its front and back on every crossing?), across the decks, and up the ramps, to be fastened to a system of pulleys, which would multiply the hauling power of the graders.

The boat was lower on the bank than in some years as the river itself was low, and a loader rammed a network of timbers under the midsection of the boat to help ease it out of the water when the pulling began.

Cables were fastened to the graders and they took up the slack.

Bystanders were asked to move well back from the action in case a cable snapped or, paradoxically, to stand right in the middle of the action on top of the dyke behind the ramp, because all the force of the operation was directed elsewhere and that spot was safe.

Workers greased the rails of the ramp with some sort of organic based lubricant. I'm told it was still lard, as in other years, but it must have been a brand the local ravens didn't like very much, as there were very few of them around.

In past years swarms have dive-bombed the rails and clustered there, pecking at the solidifying lard chunks, moving out of the way only when absolutely necessary. This year, there seemed to be only a few.

The signal was given and four machines revved up to power, the graders moving off in opposite directions along the dyke. One would end up on Front Street down by the Waterfront Building and the other at the bottom of the ferry landing. The cats chugged along as well, no doubt lending something to the effort, but mainly making sure the boat didn't slide back.

The George Black tilted backwards as if it would flip into the river, and then advanced, coming down flat on the rails and moving steadily up towards the flat space where it will spend the winter awaiting its annual spring refit.

West Dawsonites have spent the last several days stocking up on things from the Dawson side of the river, which they will not see again until the ice solidifies and the first walking trails begin to form. A lot of them claim to like the isolation of the period before the formation of the ice bridge and the time after it washes out before the George Black begins its summer schedule.

I'm sure they're telling the truth, but I can't help but remember the cheer that went up from the crowd looking on from the west bank last May when the boat splashed back into the water.



Cats are hooked up to the cables on the George Black.
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Levering. Timbers will help to ease the boat out of the water.
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Out of the water. At this point, success of the operation is assured. It's just a matter of sliding it further up to its winter berth.

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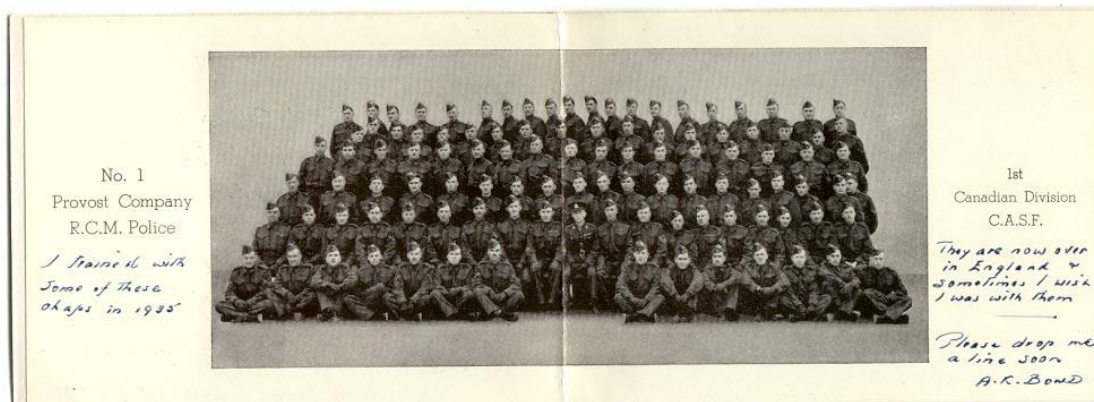
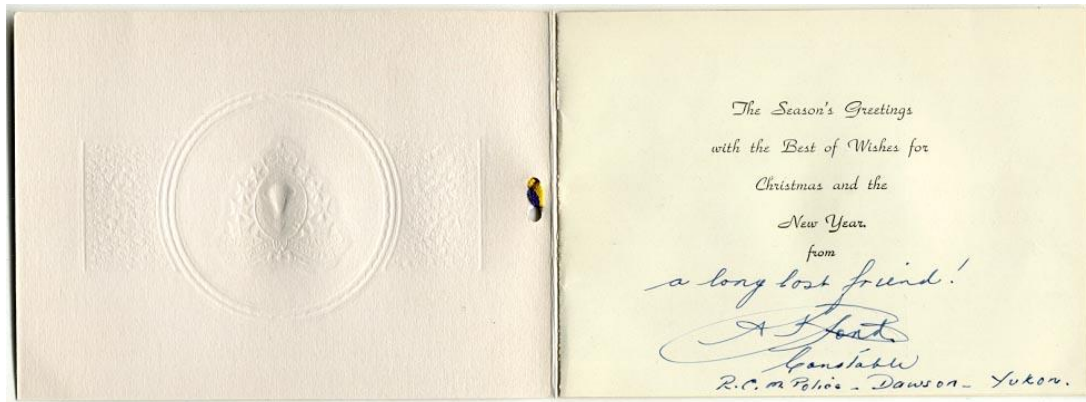
1940 CHRISTMAS CARD FROM DAWSON

Hi Sherron.....I was looking something up on Dawson City, and found this. "A.K. (Ken Bond") was my brother, Lionel's boyscout leader; he used to come to our home! I am sure many Dawson City folks will remember him. Hope all is well...I had a super time on Maui from Oct. 15-Nov.1st with two of my girls Tina Marie and Tammy.

Check this site for all 5 images.

<http://explorenorth.com/library/history/rcmpcard1.html>

(Image 2 & 3 below)



WHITEHORSE INN ARTICLE BRINGS BACK MEMORIES

I really liked the story about the Whitehorse Inn sign; I have a lot of fond memories of the Inn.

In November of 1947 a crew of us landed in Whitehorse to be shipped out to salvage the machinery on the Canol pipeline. We were held in the lobby of the Whitehorse Inn and if memory serves me right it was T.C. Richards', son in-law that took us to Ross River. We had to drag our groceries over the suspension bridge as the ice bridge wasn't strong enough to hold the truck.

In 1965, I think it was when I was flying a helicopter out of Ross River, while the big staking rush was on and how I remember the cold. We lived in a log shack that was owned by Norma Andrews; I have a picture of me with the Herman Nelson heater under the shack to heat the stove oil pipes so we could get some heat in there.

There were times that we came into Whitehorse for repairs etc., and those were the heady days of go-go dancers and the bird cages in the bar. The Inn was a great place to relax. Later we stayed across the street at the Capital hotel (Cal Millers) this was also one of the entertainment capitals of the north. I have so many fond memories of the Yukon. As ever "Rev." Hal Tetz mznipg@shaw.ca (In Edmonton)

TED HARRISON



Ted Harrison News

Our handsome Ted Harrison smiles during his visit with Loreen Harper at the Prime Minister's residence to celebrate his gift of paintings to the children of Canada.

The paintings from his book, O Canada, are seen in the background of the centre picture.

During that visit, Mrs. Harper said that she has a copy of the new biography, Ted Harrison: Painting Paradise on the coffee table of their Calgary home.

Ted's gallery on Oak Bay Avenue is holding an exhibition of paintings from private collections beginning Nov. 24. On Dec. 2, he and author Katherine Gibson will be signing copies of his book.

If you cannot make the signing, but would like a copy please email hello28@shaw.ca to arrange for your copy. Free shipping until Christmas.

More about the book at www.tedharrisonbiography.com

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Riverdale hillbillies

Yukon News

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YUKONOMICS

By Keith Halliday

“It turns out that the people of Riverdale are a lot like the Clampetts in that TV classic Beverly Hillbillies. Except that instead of living on top of a fortune in crude oil, Riverdalians have built their houses smack on top of a vast and potentially lucrative aquifer of - get this - tepid water.”

See story at : <http://yukon-news.com/opinions/columns/20390/>

Story link submitted by Alistair McGregor mmac1952@telus.net (In Vernon)

YUKON WILDFLOWERS



Nootka Lupins - Dyea Alaska

Photo courtesy Jim & June Austin jaustin929@yahoo.ca (In Vernon)

OBIT

Good morning Sherron.

Just a short note to inform you that Dad " Les R. Hiltz" passed away quietly in his sleep November 06/2010 around 11:00 in the evening in the Hospital in Middleton Nova Scotia.

Ron Hiltz ronmarg@ns.sympatico.ca (In Berwick NS)

Obituary for Leslie Hiltz



HILTZ, Leslie Randolph - 84, West Berwick, Kings Co., passed away on Saturday, November 6, 2010, in Soldier's Memorial Hospital, Middleton. Born in Berwick, he was a son of the late Wallace and Myrtle (Prime) Hiltz. Leslie had been a member of the Royal Canadian Engineers for many years was a member of Mac Meadows Trading Post and the Blue Mountain Gun Club. He was a very talented man and his hobbies included making rifles, boats and airplanes. Leslie had worked in the Maintenance Department at Grand View Manor, Berwick, until his retirement. Surviving are his children, Reginald, Sutton, Ont.; Ronald (Margaret), Somerset; Sandra (Gordon) Atwood; Carla (George) Silver, all of South Berwick; Leiane (Mark Lane) Hiltz, Bridgetown; 10 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two great-great-granddaughters; brother, Benny, Morristown; sisters, Vivian Lee, South Berwick; Bernice Pinkerton, Berwick; Doris Craig; Evelyn (Linton) Powers, all of South Berwick; several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, M. Norah I. (Donaldson) Hiltz; sisters, Frances MacMillan; Shirley Drew. There will be no visitation. Funeral service for Leslie will take place at 2 p.m., Thursday, November 11, in the Serenity Lindsay Funeral Home, 192 Commercial St., Berwick, N.S., B0P 1E0, (902-538-9900), with burial in the Morristown Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations in his memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to any charity. Condolences may be sent to the family at the funeral home address or on-line by visiting: www.serenitylindsayfuneralhome.ca

Early memories of Dad

by Ronald D Hiltz ronmarg*ns.sympatico.ca

My early memories of Dad began in the Yukon on the bank of the Yukon River. Dad began my early training with a small 22 rifle made to fit me. I was handling a rifle and shooting rabbits long before I started going to school. Dad use to get kick out of watching me try to carry my rabbits out of the woods by my self.

Later on I was joined by my sister Carla, it was fun helping her learn to ride her first bike. It was a great kick to take her and her first fishing rod to catch her first fish out of Snag lake or try to pull a salmon by the tail out of Kluane River, a salmon all most as big as her. It was funny to watch Carla nab a loaf of bread from the house and head out the edge

of the Pump Station camp to feed squirrels and whiskey jacks.
A little later on we were joined by a second sister Leane. As a little sister we were always giving her things to play with as she grew older I would always bring baby rabbits in the spring for them to hold and feed and watch hop about and play.
These are just some of my early memories growing up in the Yukon with Dad.

CONNIE CASSELMAN

Kathie and I are writing to everyone in Connie's email address book, so forgive this email if you are not acquainted with our mom.

On Friday, November 12, 2010 our mother passed away suddenly at home. A celebration of life will be held here in Calgary on Friday, November 19 at 10am. If anyone is in the city, you are welcome to attend.

Please call either Kathie, our father Nate or myself at 403-202-2018 for further information or if you just want to express your condolences.

Thank you.

Dahn Casselman

We were asked to provide mom's postal address. Dad will be here for a few weeks deciding what to do. We're not making any rash decisions on anything for now.

It is:
Nate Casselman
#477, 3223-83 Street NW
Calgary, AB T3B 5P4

Thank you for everyone's best wishes. It means a lot to us since we know almost everyone from mom's contact list.

Kathie

CASSELMAN, Connie caselman@telus.net (In Whitehorse 1976 – 90) Calgary AB

**Constance Margaret
Casselman (Purdy)
May 16, 1945 - November 13, 2010**

Born and raised in Calgary, Connie moved to Whitehorse with her husband Nate and daughters Dahn and Kathie in 1976. Connie was

always involved in Yukon politics. She volunteered with numerous organizations and charities, and was a founding member of the Mountain View Golf Course. The most important part of her life was the Lutheran Church, which she was dedicated to. Although Nate and Connie moved to Calgary in 1990, she never forgot her many friends and acquaintances throughout the Yukon. Connie passed away suddenly on Saturday.

**A Celebration of Life will be held in Calgary
at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
on Friday, November 19, 2010.
Nate Casselman can be reached at (403)-928-0769.**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

An economist's guess is liable to be as good as anybody else's. - Will Rogers

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

RICE WAFFLES

Submitted by Teri McNaughton mcnaughtont@yahoo.ca (In Watson Lake BC)

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ c water
1 c soaked brown rice (soak rice for several hours or overnight)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c nuts or sunflower seeds
1 c cooked brown rice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c water
 $\frac{1}{3}$ c unsweetened coconut (opt)
1 tsp. Vanilla or $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Maple flavoring
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Salt

Blend first 3 ingredients for about a minute. Add remaining ingredients and continue blending until smooth. Pour onto preheated waffle iron, sprayed with Pam. Bake until steaming stops...10 mins.

DATES TO REMEMBER



The Vancouver Yukoners' Association invites
Yukoners past and present to attend our 83rd Annual Banquet
Date: April 16, 2011
Place: River Rock Casino/Resort – Whistler Ballroom
Address: 8811 River Rd, Richmond BC – Free Parking

Hotel reservations:

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Banquet Reception/Registration: Ballroom Foyer 5pm – 6pm Dinner: 6:30 pm

Hospitality Suite: Open Friday evening and Saturday

Note: registration/pick up tickets at Hospitality Suite

Check www.vancouver-yukoners.com for updates

FOR TICKETS CONTACT VIVIAN STUART:

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Phone: 250-383-1349

(Maiden names too please – Helps to find friends of years ago)

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