

1959

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Stewart of Seattle attended our January meeting. Ray was a real Sourdough, having worked claims in the 60 Mile country as early as 1892. After 40 years of reasonably successful work, he sold his property to S. McCormick and Gordon Stewart (his son). Ray was a wonderful raconteur and as usual told a few stories.

Gordon Lee and his Victoria group were most anxious to host the 1959 International Reunion, August 27 to 30th, a very ambitious project for them. However, Gordon was both persuasive and energetic so it was decided to give them a hand and Sourdough Hamilton went over to assist in organizing the affair. In February, the Victoria and Island Sourdough Association was formed with a membership of 54 persons. Gordon Lee was elected President, Courtney Haddock Vice-President, and 5 Committee members, including our Dick Diment. Efforts were made, but only partially successful, to obtain financial assistance from the City, merchants, etc. Our group then underwrote them to the extent of \$500.00 upon the understanding that if a surplus was produced from the affair, that part or all our advance be returned. Messrs. Begg and Carnsew also went to Victoria to help start the Convention. With no previous experience, the Victoria group, despite the energy of Gordon Lee, was lost. However, with our assistance, the show got on the road and problems ironed out. The Victoria group had not yet made formal application for membership in the International; consequently the Vancouver Yukoners acted as hosts. However, it was decided to let Gordon Lee and his committee preside. 314 persons attended, of whom 75 came from Vancouver and 104 from Seattle. It was held in the Empress Hotel. Tickets \$12.50 each. It was deemed a great success for Gordon Lee and his hard working Committee. Our \$500.00 was repaid from receipts.

Going back to March, 249 persons attended the Banquet. Some complaints about the turkey. One would think by this time, turkey would be banned, but economy usually won out. Also and despite the sharp demands to limit speeches, more complaints were heard. \$25.00 donated as gratuity was provided. A deficit of \$256.00 was incurred. A \$500.00 Bond was sold.

Elections: James E. Hooker, President; Harry Colvey, Vice-President. No other changes.

Our new President, Jimmy Hooker, a cheerful Scot, went to the Yukon in 1910, worked for the Guggenheims and later for John N. Spence. Came out in 1932, but went back each summer to work for the Y.C.G.C. until 1942. Passed away 1963, since which time his highly esteemed widow, Lucille, has taken her place on the Executive. During his lifetime, Jimmy was much in demand as an entertainer, especially for "Harry Lauder" songs.

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The Honorarium for the Secretary was increased to \$150.00. In October, it was decided to dispense with the Gold Pans in future. Claude Bermingham's bequest brought prosperity. It was decided that every November Social evening in future would be designated the "Claude Bermingham Night", but this custom has now been discontinued.

The Reverend and Mrs. Hibbert celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at which happy event many of our members were present.

Among those crossing the Great Divide were Art Rouse, P.B. Anderson, Joe Redmond in Dawson; Malcolm Ross was killed in an automobile accident, Dan McRae, our faithful member from Ruskin, also our venerable B.R. Dusenbury, so long one of the mainstays of the Association, E.G. Hartshorn, Amedee Dubois, the former dredgemaster; John N. Spence, a past Honorary President, Mrs. Axel Erickson, also W.E. Mead, who constructed the White Pass docks in Dawson. Sometime prior to his decease, Mr. Mead had donated a number of large framed pictures to us which were hung at the Castle Hotel. After his demise, his daughter asked for the return of the pictures to her. After some discussions, and as we had little further use for them, we agreed to deliver them, at Miss Mead's request, to the Fine Arts Gallery at U.B.C. There were 11 pictures in all. They were delivered by Clayton Betts. We have yet to obtain a receipt.

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There's a land where the mountains are nameless,  
And the rivers all run God knows where;  
There are lives that are erring and aimless,  
And deaths that just hang by a hair;  
There are hardships that nobody reckons;  
There are valleys unpeopled and still;  
There's a land--oh, it beckons and beckons,  
And I want to go back--and I will.

There's gold, and it's haunting and haunting;  
It's luring me on as of old;  
Yet it isn't the gold that I'm wanting  
So much as just finding the gold.  
It's the great, big, broad land 'way up yonder,  
It's the forests where silence has lease;  
It's the beauty that thrills me with wonder,  
It's the stillness that fills me with peace.

from "The Spell of the Yukon", by R.W. Service.

1960

Paid up Membership:	1960	220
	1961	210
	1962	217
	1963	220

And so another decade is ushered in. The March Banquet was held in the Georgia and despite the many previous controversies over turkey, it was decided we might have better luck this time; so economy won again. Turkey at \$3.50 per plate was the favourite. However, we stipulated the Hotel must serve the gravy in jugs.

254 Tickets were sold at \$3.50 each, resulting in a deficit of \$266.00. No complaints appear to have surfaced, so perhaps it was after all the gravy which sparked the complaints. A \$500.00 Bond was sold to cover expenses. It is noted that while 220 annual dues were collected, only \$13.10 was remitted to the International.

Regretfully we hear the Dawson Museum with its many priceless relics and pictures, has been destroyed by fire.

The April elections resulted in Billie Mellish and Chris Grant being added to the Board. No executive change except that Rev. Hibbert replaced Rev. Ellis as Chaplain; E.E. Mason, auditor.

A few words about our Chaplain:

The Rev. J.W. Ellis first went to the Yukon 1938/41, as a student missionary (Anglican) and served 3 years at Champagne, Klukshu and Kluane Lake. A graduate of Anglican Theological College, U.B.C., he was ordained and posted to Old Crow 1941/43. Married Ruth in Calgary 1941. Spent 4 years in Alberta, then went to Carcross 1947/51. Came to Vancouver 1951 serving at St. Margarets and St. Paul's. Is now serving on a team ministry in the Fraser Valley. From 1950/68 was Chaplain in the Royal Canadian Volunteer Naval Reserve. Has served us faithfully as Chaplain or Committee member for 13 years.

A change in the Constitution was made at the Annual meeting. Moved by Sourdough Carnsew, seconded by Sourdough Colvey "that all past Presidents shall be ex-officio members of the Executive to replace the present two immediate Past Presidents". It is rather difficult to understand this Resolution. The same Resolution was passed in 1932, but perhaps was not included in the Constitution of 1934. Also in 1945, the same Resolution was passed. As far as we can note, all Past Presidents have been taking part in Executive meetings since 1945, sometimes as many as 8 Past Presidents on the Board.

Sourdough Colvey and Secretary Parker were Delegates to the International at Oakland. Our member, Walter Hamilton, was elected President of the International and Helen Parker, Assistant Secretary.

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11 new members were obtained in a drive for new membership.

It was also decided to reintroduce the Gold Pans. Our legacies cannot last forever.

There appears to be some backsliding of attendance at Executive meetings. Sourdough Heath was elected to interview the delinquents in his usual diplomatic manner.

The Claude Bérmingham Memorial Night was again held in November with the usual report on the fund, the terms of the Will and the investments made.

We have lost a number of old and trusted members during this year, including Emil Forrest, who was picked to pilot the last trip of the S.S. Keno from Whitehorse to Dawson, to be used as a show-piece. Died of a heart attack just before the sailing. Our Past President, Tom Lamb, and former executive member James Mason, will both be missed. One of our first members, Ed. Maddocks, died on his 78th birthday, A.E. Lee of Victoria, Mrs. VanCleave and Ernest Corp, all three of them 90 years of age, also our good member Rupert Steeves, Mrs. Marjorie Wade, Neil McLeod, former Executive member W. Pringle, Mrs. E. Chapman, mother of Evelyn Craig and Virginia Fournier, crossed the Great Divide in April.

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THE SOURDOUGH'S SOLILOQUY

When I quit this mortal shore  
And mosey round this earth no more  
Dont weep, dont sigh, dont grieve, dont sob--  
I may have struck a better job.

Dont go and buy a large bouquet  
For which you'll find it hard to pay.  
Dont hang around me feeling blue,  
I may be better off than you.

Dont tell folks that I was a saint,  
Or anything else you know I aint.  
If you have stuff like this to spread  
Please hand it out before I'm dead.

If you have roses, bless your soul,  
Just pin one on my buttonhole;  
But please do it when I'm at my best  
Instead of when I'm safe at rest.

Sourdough Fred Elliot.

Fred Elliot went to the Yukon in 1898. He ran the D.A.A.A. for many years. Deceased 1966.

1961

In February, The White Pass & Yukon Route, hosted a "Discover Yukon Day" at the Vancouver Board of Trade meeting in the Vancouver Hotel. Capt. Roy Minter requested our Association invite all the ninety-eighters we could find on our records. It may be interesting to read the list as follows:

Capt. W.H. Alexander	1898	Joe E. Vigner	1898
Hon. George Black	1898	Chas. J. Vifquain	1898
Col. R.M. Blair	1898	John Bruce Watson	1898
J.H. Davis	1898	Stuart Z.T. Wood	1898
R.W. Dick	1897	Tom Tellefsen	1898
W.J.D. Dempster	1898	T.M. Watson	1899
W.M. Mellish	1899	Walter Hamilton	1898
Alex Nicol	1898	Enoch Wilmann	1897

Apart from the 16 names listed above, there are likely some others unknown to us. They are a hardy lot but unfortunately are thinning out fast. Not all the above were able to accept the invitation, but the members able to go received a royal welcome.

In preparing for the March Banquet, turkey was sidetracked in favour of Roast Beef. As there was lots of Bermingham money in the Bank, it was decided to pay \$4.00 a plate to the Hotel and charge \$3.25 to the members. This time, speakers were advised in writing to shorten the speeches. 297 tickets were sold and a deficit of \$537.00 occurred. This included \$30.00 gratuity to Hotel staff, suggested by the Hotel, 10¢ per plate as being adequate.

There were some complaints with the dinner. Sourdough Hickey reported that a number of persons considered the Beef too rare and returned their plates to the kitchen. Some were returned in improved condition but 9 dinner plates came back in a scorched condition minus vegetables. We advised the caterer that 230 tickets were sold, unfortunately 297 people turned up and the Hotel wasn't prepared for all the excess. The entertainment was criticized by some, praised by others. Despite these little adversities, Sourdough Fraser reported it a jolly good show.

April elections: 75 members present. Harry Colvey, President, Mrs. Louise Black, Vice-President, Mrs. Evelyn Craig, Assistant Secretary. No other changes.

Our new President, Harry Colvey, went to the Yukon in 1906, worked at various jobs including bartending. Left 1918 and came to Vancouver. A blunt talking man with good common sense, he retained an active interest in our affairs until his death in October 1969.

The International was held in Seattle. 20 of our members attended. Delegates were Harry Colvey, Helen Parker and Louise Black.

For several years our monthly meetings were held at the Y.W.C.A., at a cost of \$17.50 per month.

## THE DEMPSTER HIGHWAY

1961 - 1963

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As we have a file on this subject which became one of our major projects, we propose to outline the developments which culminated in our successful efforts in naming this important Northern road. The road was commenced in 1959, but at first no name was attached to it, simply known as the Aklavik road or the McPherson road, as it was designed to reach these points from Dawson City. By 1961, however, there were suggestions from the Dawson Chamber of Commerce and others that the road should be named the Hamilton Road in honor of Northern Affairs Minister Alvin Hamilton, who initiated the new Highway projects in the North. In the meanwhile, other thoughts were being expressed in Ottawa to have the road named the Fitzgerald Highway. Walter Dinsdale, Minister of Northern Affairs, appears to have had an open mind and the strongest proponent for the "Fitzgerald Highway" was Erik Nielsen, M.P. for the Yukon, supported by Ottawa officials, in order to honor the memory of Inspector Fitzgerald, who, with his 3 Constables, perished in this uncharted wilderness in 1911. To our minds, the hero of this episode and many others, was our good member, Jack Dempster. Alternatively, the Ottawa people suggested a bridge be named for Dempster.

Who was this modest hero we are championing?

W.J.D. Dempster was born in Wales, October 21, 1876. He came to Canada in 1897 and joined the R.N.W.M.P., the same year. He was transferred to the Yukon in the spring of 1898, his first posting at the Dalton Post. During his 37 years service in the Yukon, he served also at Bennett, Halfway, Bonanza, Caribou, McQuesten, Stewart, Forty Mile, White River, Rampart House, Mayo and Dawson City.

He was promoted to the rank of Corporal January 1, 1911, Sergeant on May 1, 1911, Staff Sergeant July 1, 1918 and to Inspector March 1, 1931.

It was during the years 1907-08, 1913-14, 1916-18 and 1920-21, that Inspector Dempster made the annual dog team Patrols from Dawson to McPherson and return through this unpopulated wilderness of the North. When Inspector Fitzgerald attempted the same feat in 1911, he became lost and perished with his 3 companions. Dempster was sent to find them, which he did and brought out the bodies for burial. We will not go into the details of this saga of the Northland, well documented in other works and particularly so in Walter Hamilton's graphic description in "Yukon Story".

To our organization, Inspector Dempster, the "iron man of the North", was a hero and a man who had made a significant contribution to Law and Order in the North. On February 14, 1962, a letter was forwarded by us to Minister Dinsdale, which included the following Resolution:

"Moved by Sourdough Frank Heath, "That to honor the exploits, courage and prominence of Ex-Sergeant W.J.D. Dempster, who

## The Dempster Highway cont.

pioneered the trails and remote areas of the Yukon and was responsible in the winter of 1910-11 for the finding of the Lost Patrol of Inspector Fitzgerald; in its near vicinity the modern highway now being constructed between Flat Creek, north to Fort McPherson and Aklavik, be known as named the "Dempster Highway".

There were 125 names attached to the Resolution.

In March 1962, we wrote Erik Nielsen, M.P., requesting his support. He replied by sending us a brochure and map of the Fitzgerald Patrol. His letter of April, 2, 1962, states in part:

"If you agree with the suggestions that the Highway be named after Inspector Fitzgerald rather than Inspector Dempster, I wonder if your Association could cause that opinion to be expressed in a letter to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Hon. W. Dinsdale".

It was clear that Mr. Nielsen was not on our side. The Secretary was instructed to write a firm letter to Mr. Nielsen regarding our views. In the meanwhile, we had mustered our forces and by now the Yukon Order of Pioneers and the Yukon Boards of Trade, were all for Dempster. Mrs. Parker interviewed Mr. Nielsen in September 1962, but his mind was unchanged. We wrote again to Ottawa in October. Gordon Cameron, the new Commissioner, Pierre Berton and Victoria Faulkner did good work for our side. By the end of the year 1962, opposition to our recommendation appeared to be crumbling. Walter Dinsdale began to realize where public opinion lay and we were advised by his successor, Arthur Laing, August 26, 1963, that the Dempster Highway was official. The actual ceremony was carried out by the Y.O.O.P. Dawson Lodge No. 1.

It was a long hard struggle for us and our Secretary, but we wound up with the satisfaction of a job well done and knowing that our strong support and representations were a major factor in the final decision.

The following is a letter of appreciation from our honored member:

"Dear Mrs. Parker:

I received your October notice in which you quote part of a communication from the Honorable Arthur Laing with reference to opening of the road into Eagle Plains under the name of "Dempster Highway".

This is a great honour being paid to me and I do feel very heavily indebted to a large number of good Yukoners, many of whom I know and many others whom I do not know, for the friendship and goodwill you have shown in the effort to have this signal honour paid to me. I assure you that I do appreciate it very much and the further honour of being named Honorary President of the International.

The Dempster Highway, cont.

I can't help but feel that the reward is somewhat out of proportion to the service rendered, and I can only say that I thank you all most sincerely.

May I ask that you kindly convey my appreciation to the International.

With regards and sincere thanks

signed W.J.D. Dempster".

We would also like to mention that Mrs. Dempster served Overseas as a nurse in the first World War. She took her discharge in Vancouver, proceeded to the Yukon and became Matron at Mayo Hospital. Sergeant Dempster was Secretary of the Hospital Board, so it was logical that the close association of these two worthy people would end in marriage.

On a more sombre note, we have in our records a facsimile copy of Inspector Fitzgerald's Will, which he wrote with a burnt stick before he perished:

"All money in despatch bag and Bank, clothes, etc.  
I leave to my dearly beloved mother, Mrs. John  
Fitzgerald, Halifax. God Bless All.  
F.J. Fitzgerald,  
R.N.W.M.P.



1962

For the March Banquet, it was decided to repeat last year's Menu of Roast Beef at \$4.00 per plate. Also by a margin of 8-7 it was decided to hold ticket prices to \$3.50 each. 337 tickets were sold resulting in a deficit of \$527.00, which included a gratuity of \$35.00. There were no complaints this year. Another Bond was sold and at the rate our Banquet deficits are mounting up, there will soon be no necessity for holding the Claude Birmingham Memorial night.

The following Executive were nominated for the coming year: H. Colvey reelected President, Mrs. Louise Black, Vice-President, Helen Parker, Secretary and Art Carnsew, Treasurer. Other members were Clayton Betts, Clarence Craig, A.H. Fraser, Frank C. Heath, William Mellish, E.E. Hickey, Chris Grant, Frank Kearney, Herb Lintner, John Melville, Evelyn Craig, Assistant Secretary.

Apart from the above mentioned 15 names, the following Past Presidents are ex-officio members: Chas Reid, Walter Hamilton, T. Tellefsen, J.P. Begg, J.E. Hooker.

Sourdoughs Andrew Baird and E.E. Mason appointed Auditors. Rev. Hibbert, Chaplain. Andrew Baird and Mrs. Ben Craig were elected Honorary Vice-Presidents.

This was the year of the Dawson Gold Rush Festival and the Dawson Committee went all out towards making it a real celebration. Costs were forgotten about. A New York cast, including Bert Lahr, played for 2 months at the Palace Grand, sometimes to packed houses, at other times to very small ones. The Canadian Pacific Airlines donated 6 tickets to our party which consisted of Hon. & Mrs. George Black, Mrs. Wm. Elliott, Tom Tellefsen and Mesdames Parker and Black. Quite a number of our members motored or flew to Dawson. It was quite a bash. When the bills fluttered in, the local Committee found itself in debt to the tune of about \$700,000.00. The only body able to pay such a Bill was the Federal Government, which reluctantly did so.

The 1962 International Reunion was held at Santa Barbara on October 18 to 21st. President Colvey and Secretary Helen Parker were our delegates. They were instructed that we would not be prepared to host a Reunion until 1964. At about the same time, Gordon Lee wrote to the effect that Victoria would be ready and glad to host a Reunion in 1964. Consequently this invitation was offered to the International and accepted. Our Association agreed to underwrite any deficits for Victoria and share 50/50 on any surplus.

The International also passed a motion in favour of the "Dempster Highway".

## 1962 cont.

Among those crossing the Great Divide were former Committee member Frank J. Burd, aged 92, also former committee member, Chas. Vifquain, a kindly courteous man, a ninety-eighter who spent 45 years with the White Pass & Yukon Route, mainly as Manager of their Dawson office. Another '98 er, popular Joe Vigner, for many years a member of our group, Robert J. Esplin, aged 93, Murdoch McCuish of Dawson, Mrs. R.J. Mitchell. Two of our active members, Mrs. J.P. Begg and Mrs. Allan Duncan will also be sadly missed.

## YUKON DOCTORS

We would like to say a few words regarding Dr. Allan Duncan, who for various reasons, was obliged to resign from the Committee. Allan C. Duncan, M.D., graduate of University of Manitoba, went to Mayo in 1933, left for Whitehorse 1934, then to Dawson in 1936. He left the Yukon in 1947 for Vancouver. For nearly half a century, he has attended to the bodily and sometimes mental ills of these expatriots. He has listened to their troubles, sympathized with them, pummelled them and sometimes threatened them. He has also operated on them, worried about them, delivered them and attended their funerals. More than anyone else, he knows the inside story of the Vancouver Yukoners.

If he ever took it into his head to write a book about the Yukoners, what a whopper that would be! Let us hope he does not!

Dr. Irving E. Snider and Dr. Robert Franks went to the Yukon in 1925, providing dental care during the summer months at Dawson, Mayo, Carcross, Whitehorse and Atlin. In 1936 they were joined by Dr. Monty Franks. Dr. Robert Franks left in 1937 and Dr. Snider came to Vancouver in 1940, joined the Armed Forces and spent three years in the Dental Corps, after which, he continued to practice in Vancouver. Married in 1947. Is an ardent photographer and has recently donated to the Yukon Archives the use of 4500 ft. of 16 mm film, featuring Yukon scenes which will be taped for the public use.

1963

The March Banquet was held as usual in the Georgia. Dinner price quoted \$4.00. It was decided to sell the tickets at \$3.75 an increase over the previous year. 345 persons attended. A deficit of \$417.00 was shown. Another \$500.00 Bond was cashed.

During the 50's and 60's, the Committee was under the mistaken impression that expensive entertainment was necessary. Such stars as Barney Potts, Ernie Prentice, etc., were employed, usually in excess of \$100.00. Also the Association honored and appreciated the Executive Committee by stocking up their Hotel room with \$30.00 to \$40.00 worth of refreshments. This worthy habit has now sadly disappeared. Another bad habit--too many Complimentary tickets!

It was decided to save money and time by eliminating expensive entertainments at future Annual Banquets.

A donation of \$50.00 was made to the "Old Crow Skiing Champions" being trained by Oblate Father Mouchet.

Elections: Sourdough R.L. Greenslade was added to the Executive. President, Mrs. Archie Black, Vice-President Frank C. Heath, Secretary and Treasurer unchanged. Mrs. Helen Parker elected Honorary President.

Mrs. Louise Black, the first lady to be elected to the Committee and the first to be elected President went to the Yukon in 1900, later married Archie Black, our late esteemed Past President, moved to Vancouver in 1920. She has been a member of our Organization for nearly 40 years. With dignity and good common sense, she proved an excellent chairwoman, despite the misgivings of the male chauvinists. She was elected President of the International in 1969. For many years, executive meetings have been held at her home.

The International was held in Portland. Helen Parker and Sourdough J.P. Begg were delegates. Over 20 of our members also attended.

We note the following attendance at monthly meetings:

December	1963	110
January	1964	90
February	1964	89

In May, Miss Dinah Warrilow, Howard Firth's Aunt, celebrated her 100th Birthday.

Frank Heath was busy soliciting \$25.00 to purchase a Banner with which to dress up the stage at the Annual Banquet.

1963 cont.

In April, a party was held and presentation made to Mr. & Mrs. James Hooker, who leave shortly on a trip to Scotland and Europe, as a token of appreciation of their long faithful service to our organization.

It is noted in June that all President's pictures from 1928 to 1948 are still stored in Sourdough Bett's' home. The host of pictures and photographs acquired during the past has become a burden.

The November Social evening was dedicated to Claude Birmingham Memorial night as per usual.

Mrs. Parker obtained permission to donate our dishes to the Vancouver Second Mile Society at 346 East Hastings St. This gift was gratefully received.

Past President Jas. Hooker passed away while in England on vacation. Another sad blow for us. Other members passing away include A.W. Sewell, a 98'er, Mrs. H. Colvey, Mrs. E. Gartly, Mrs. John Robinson and Capt. Sid Barrington, a pioneer of the River trails. Also W.C. Sime, Government Assayer and a 98'er and good friend of Robert Service, Sourdough Chas. Mills, R.J. Spicer, Ole Besner, Mrs. Geo. Earsman.

1964

There were 181 paid up members this year, a drop from the 3 previous years. However, a record crowd of 459 persons attended the March Banquet. Our records showed only 445 tickets sold. After some discussion with the Hotel, we agreed to split the difference. A deficit of \$520.00 occurred and another \$500.00 Bond sold. Despite good intentions to reduce entertainment expense, this item was \$100.00. We have now outgrown the Georgia accommodation, so arrangements were made to book the Hotel Vancouver for 1965. As a bonus, an Executive suite was thrown in. The Georgia was thanked for the long and satisfactory service.

At our March 1964 meeting, a touching letter was read from Mrs. Frances Wynes, Baltimore, regarding the 1954 Reunion. We feel it is worth repeating here:

"Sitting in the lobby of Hotel Vancouver, August 18, 1954, hearing snatches of conversation, I became aware that this is something everyone in the country and in the U.S.A. would be interested in hearing. This is wonderful material for an article in Life - I am amazed by the gaiety, the spirit of adventure which is still alive at this 23rd Convention of the International Sourdough Association. I have travelled a great deal, but I have never heard more interesting tales. Life Magazine should make this possible for all to experience - this real beat of the heart of the awakening of the Northwest. It would be the best feature ever."

Signed Frances R. Wynes.

Moved by Sourdough Greenslade, seconded by Sourdough Colvey, a copy be sent to Life Magazine. It is apparent that the same spirit pervades our meetings today.

75 present at Annual meeting. Elections: no changes in Officers. Auditors appointed were Andrew Baird and W.A. Hutchings. In August Art Carnsew resigned as Treasurer for health reasons, after 8 years faithful service. Sourdough C.S. Betts was elected in his place.

The 1964 International Reunion was held September 10 to 13th, at Victoria, B.C., R. Gordon Lee, Chairman. J.P. Begg was International President. During the preceding months, preparations were underway in planning the Reunion. The mailing of circulars, Hotel reservations, entertainment, ticket sales and all the details necessary for a successful meeting were ironed out.

The undertaking turned out very successfully. The weather was fine and the delegates enjoyed themselves. While our organization was very helpful, most of the credit should go to Gordon Lee and his Committee. Total cash receipts were \$3,140.00, expenses \$2,676.00. We recouped our \$500.00 underwriting as well as our share of the profits amounting to \$232.00.

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Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Watson and Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Turnbull celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversaries.

It was decided to eliminate expensive entertainment at the March Banquet. Sourdough Walter Hamilton's book "The Yukon Story" was put on sale at \$6.50. It contains many fine pictures and a vast amount of information on the Yukon. Well worth reading.

Miss Margaret Ogilvie reports from Ottawa that their Yukon Association is rapidly dwindling.

On October 25, Ex-R.C.M.P. Inspector Jack Dempster went on his last Patrol. He will always be regarded as a legend of the Northland and the Dempster Highway, for which we fought so hard, will be a lasting memory to his character and exploits. We also miss Mrs. David Gourlie whose golden voice often entertained us. Angus Beaton, Mrs. Harry Jones, Mrs. Mary Miller have also departed us.

On a happier note, Harriet Osborn, the third, married George Butterworth, Louise Black's grand nephew.

1965

The Annual Banquet was held in March at the Hotel Vancouver, Some difficulties surfaced. As it was necessary to hire a Union orchestra, we were obliged to write to Toronto for a permit. The P.A. system could not be controlled and there was overcrowding at the entrance to the Banquet. Otherwise it was a good show. 453 persons attended. A deficit of \$289.00 was incurred.

It was decided that in this year's elections, the Nomination Committee would not recommend a slate for the Executive, as there had been some criticism of such methods. Consequently, all nominations were to be called from the floor. As a result 27 names were called for nomination, of which 12 declined. After some minor confusion, a slate was elected. In future the Nominating Committee was reinstated. B. Barnwell and Scottie Coutts were elected Auditors.

For the first time in many years, the financial report shows a surplus of \$342.00, partly due to a profit of \$232.00 on the 1964 Reunion and partly to our small outlay for rentals, \$100.00. The reports show cash assets of \$14,384.00 of which \$13,000.00 is in Bonds.

The results of the elections were: President Frank C. Heath, Vice-President, R.L. Greenslade, Treasurer, C.S. Betts, Secretaries Helen Parker, Evelyn Craig. Committee members, R.C. Beaumont (new) J.B. Watson (new), Clarence Craig, Allan H. Fraser, E.E. Hickey, Chris Grant, (11 members). Also Past President, Mrs. Louise Black, J.P. Begg, A.H. Carnsew.

Our new President, Frank C. Heath, one of the original Signal Corps men in the Canadian Army, went to Dawson in 1923, came out in 1928, married Corrie, returned to the Yukon in 1933 and left in 1947 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. For a number of years, he returned in the summer to work for the White Pass & Yukon Route. Frank was enthusiastic, energetic and full of ideas, always willing to volunteer for work. Outspoken and with an independent mind, he nevertheless was always cooperative and made an excellent Chairman and M.C.

The November meeting has now been changed from the "Claude Birmingham Memorial Night" to simply "Memorial Night".

Mrs. Harriet E. Osborn, O.B.E., passed away, aged 92. She was the first Yukoner to be awarded the "Order of the British Empire" and travelled to Ottawa for the Investiture in 1935 to receive the honor from King George V, for her 40 years of social and welfare work in Dawson. A wonderful person and a true Northerner.

Among others who passed away was Ray Stewart, aged 99, who went to the Forty Mile in 1892, also our highly regarded Past President T. Tellefsen, Inspector Calkins, former R.C.M.P. Superintendent

at Dawson, Archie Martin, right hand man of Col. W.J. Boyle, Honorary President Hon. George Black, K.C., whose story is so well known, we will not dwell on it here, Aime Rousseau, well known dredgemaster, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Lawton, W.H. Hayman, Henry Rowbottom, Mrs. Ralph Troberg, Mrs. B.R. Dusenbury, Mrs. Paddy McIvor, F.N. Gisborne, Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Whitehorse and Dawson for 10 years. He left the Yukon in 1939, died suddenly while on vacation in Honolulu.

No International Reunion was held this year.

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COAT OF ARMS FOR THE YUKON TERRITORY

EXPLANATION

SHIELD The wavy white and blue vertical stripe represents the Yukon River and refers also to the rivers and creeks where placer gold was discovered and led to the Klondike Gold Rush. The red spire-like forms represent the mountainous country and the gold discs the mineral resources. The St. George's Cross is in reference to the early explorers and fur traders from England who were mainly responsible for the exploration and early development of the Yukon Territory. The roundel in vair in the centre of the cross is a symbol for the fur trade.

CREST: The crest displays a Malamute dog, an animal which has played an important part in the early history of the Yukon, and is noted for its loyalty, stamina and courage.



1966

375 members and friends, a decrease from previous years, attended the March Banquet. A deficit of \$403.00 was incurred despite the fact tickets were increased to \$5.00 each.

At the Annual meeting April 8, it was reported 16 new members were enrolled. The Executive has decided to revert to the old system of the nominating committee bringing in a full slate. All existing Executive members were nominated for reelection and this recommendation was passed by the membership. One member, Bruce Watson, resigned for health reasons and W.A. Hutchings was elected in his place. Gordon Armstrong and Scottie Coutts were elected as Auditors.

Chuck Beaumont reported on the Edmonton "Klondike Stampede" scheme. This was quite an eye opener and shock to our group. Each person present was asked to write, among others, to Yukon Council, Mayor Howard Firth, Mayor of Edmonton and Erik Nielsen in Ottawa of their disapproval of the use "Edmonton Klondike" and also that the Executive be empowered to write their official disapproval of this name misuse. Moved by Sourdough Allan Fraser, seconded by Mrs. Geo. McKay. Carried. It turned out our efforts were fruitless. Edmonton turned the Stampede into a major attraction, bringing in thousands of visitors and scads of money. We will just have to live with it. Nevertheless it still rankles.

All table officers reelected for the year. As the Y.W.C.A. is being rebuilt, we are obliged to switch our meeting place to the Y.M.C.A. (September 11) rentals \$20.00 per meeting.

Helen Parker and R.L. Greenslade were delegates to the International at Santa Barbara. Expenses allowed \$100.00 each. Gordon Lee is International President. An attempt was made to increase the per capita dues from 15¢ to 25¢. However, after heated discussion, it was voted down.

Our records show 273 paid up members, a considerable increase over previous years, and an increase of 114 since 1963.

Our meeting place at the Y.M.C.A. is not satisfactory. The seating and tables are never ready. The "mike" is imperfect and their picture screen is torn. Due to these conditions, it is decided to hold the Christmas party at St. Andrews Wesley United Church. At the Hotel Vancouver, major renovations are being undertaken, so our March 1967 Banquet plans are very indefinite.

1966 cont.

Among those crossing the Great Divide were 98'ers Alex Nicol, Fred Elliott, F.T. Downes, Jack Devine, E. Somerton, also R. Roy, born in Dawson, S. Samuelson, Ed. Barteau, Mrs. Geo. McKenzie, Mrs. W.D. McBride, Alfred Dickson, Henry LeBlanc of Mayo. Ex. Assistant Commissioner E.V. Sandys-Wunsch passed away after a distinguished career, including several years in charge of the Yukon Division of the R.C.M.P.

INTERNATIONAL THEME SONG

LAND OF THE NORTH

Land of rolling hill and plain - beckons man

His heart e're stirs to go and seek thy fortune's fame  
In yellow gold and finest furs

Land that knows the midnite sun where winter's night  
is never done

E're we'll see the Northern Light dancing O'er the sky  
so bright.

Land of the North, you're the land we love.

Land of the North\* ev'ry other land above!  
Color land of beauty when your flowers are aglow!

Wonderland in wealth, you're a Fairy land in snow.  
Top of the world, you're so close to the sky.

Land of our fathers, this is our cry,  
Help us guard it, Lord on High, Land of the North!

One of many letter written by President Frank Heath.

April 4, 1966

His Worship, Mayor Vincent Dantzer  
And Council,  
Edmonton, Alta.

Gentlemen:

Claim jumpers never had much success in the Klondike, or any other mining camp.

Every member of the Vancouver Yukoners' Association, and every real Sourdough, hotly resents Edmonton's doubtful and unjustified claim to any part or portion of the Klondike or to any substantial contribution to the origin and development of the Klondike.

Of the many thousands of gold seekers entering Yukon and reaching the Klondike area at any time, only a few score went in via the practically unknown, and still obscure Edmonton Trail; or even outfitted in Edmonton.

This one fact alone, plus the geography involved makes it very hard to understand why Edmonton should even attempt to claim, and capitalize upon a feature not closely related to, or a part of its own colorful history.

Extensive publicity and promotion which leads to the belief that the Klondike, and all its glamour and appeal is practically in the suburbs of Edmonton, and an exclusive tourist feature and attraction of Edmonton and the Province of Alberta is, to say the least, downright misleading.

Of the few "outside" points involved in the origin and development of the Klondike Edmonton is the least concerned, and not entitled to elaborate upon or emphasize its claim to any part of Yukon's own Klondike District.

If Edmonton is determined to proceed with extensive and expensive plans to capitalize upon the one and only Klondike-- rather than its own exclusive features of the early N.W.T.; oil and mineral resources; grain growing and industrial potentials etc. we suggest you give credit where due, and stress the fact that Whitehorse, Dawson City and Klondike are closely linked -- NOT IN ALBERTA OR EDMONTON but in YUKON TERRITORY a long, long way and far removed from Edmonton.

Respectfully submitted by  
VANCOUVER YUKONERS' ASSOCIATION  
(signed) F.C. Heath, PRESIDENT

copy of a reply from Pierre Berton to Frank Heath re the "Edmonton unjustified claim to the Klondike":

April 15, 1966

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your recent letter. I quite agree that Edmonton hasn't much claim on the Klondike. As a matter of fact Edmonton merchants, through greed, were responsible for the deaths of many men who took the so-called Edmonton trails and perished in the attempt to reach the gold fields. These trails, as you know, and as documented in my book KLONDIKE were the worst and most foolish method of reaching the Yukon and were only promoted in the interests of the Edmontonians' personal profit.

Unfortunately, there isn't much we can do but protest. There is no way legally of preventing Edmonton from using the Klondike theme anymore than there is of preventing any of the thousands of service clubs who use the name occasionally for KLONDIKE NIGHTS. All I think that can be done is try to make sure that Edmonton in having a Klondike celebration publicizes Dawson City, Whitehorse and the Yukon as much as possible--and this is especially important when the World's Fair rolls around.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

(signed) Pierre

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Mr. Frank C. Heath  
c/o Mrs. Helen H. Parker  
3426 West 33rd Ave.,  
Vancouver 13, B.C.

1967

We have now moved into the Ramada Inn. By changing our meetings to Monday night from Friday night, we obtain the favourable rate of \$50.00 per meeting.

At the February meeting, moved by C. Betts, seconded by A.H. Fraser, "that \$50.00 be donated to the Carcross Community Club to assist in a headstone for the late Mrs. Kate Carmack." Total amount required \$500.00. Subsequently a suitable headstone was erected as planned.

The Hotel Vancouver renovations are well underway. We are able to hold our March 11 Banquet after all. The W.P. & Y.R. as usual, supplied the very attractive Menu and Program cards. Tickets \$5.00 each. 413 dinners were served, gratuities paid 10%. Deficit \$268.00.

Our Mrs. R.A. Ballentine is 102 years old and still active.

Our Annual meeting was held on March 31. 27 new members were welcomed. Mrs. Lucille Hooker was added to the Executive. Capt. R.L. Greenslade was elected President, Allan H. Fraser, Vice-President.

Our new President, R.L. Greenslade, went to the Yukon in 1935, left 1953. During this period he spent 18 months with Aubrey Simmons at Carcross, the rest of the time in the Armed Services at Whitehorse, where he met and married Doris Harbottle, who was born in Whitehorse. He retired with rank of Captain. Articulate, energetic, a good organizer, Ron made a significant contribution to our organization, not only as President, but during his entire membership life. Mount Harbottle in the Yukon is named in memory of Doris' father.

The International was held in Seattle August 10 to 13th. Apart from delegates Greenslade and Parker, it was moved by C. Grant, seconded by Ev. Craig that Mesdames Black and Heath be appointed social delegates and awarded \$75.00 each for entertainment expenses. It was also moved that C. Betts be granted an honorarium of \$50.00 for faithful services.

Gordon R. Lee was International President. A few words on this dedicated Sourdough. Gordon went to the Yukon in the early 20's, an employee of Treadwell Yukon Co. Ltd. for some years at Mayo. Married a local girl, Evelyn Middlecoff, mined for himself for awhile, moved to Whitehorse at the end of the war, ran a Variety store and put in a stint as Mayor of the town. Left in the late 50's and settled in Brentwood. He was most active in generating enthusiasm for the Yukoners, including the founding of the Victoria group; a tireless missionary for the cause. He loved the position of Chairman and due to his strong convictions and tactfulness, made an excellent one. He passed away while on a visit to England.

1967 cont.

140 members were present at the Christmas party. Among those crossing the Great Divide are G. Yorke Wilson, long time employee of W.P. & Y.R. at Mayo, Dawson and Whitehorse. Robert Dick, a charter member who went over the Trail of 1897 and Mrs. W.L. Phelps. Also W.E. McInnes, a veteran of the Boer War, Alex Matheson, also a 98'er, as was Lt. Col. R.M. Blair, the famous Bisley competition marksman; Mrs. Gladys MacKay, Miss Margaret Campbell. Our old member Mrs. R.A. Ballentine died in her 103rd year, also Mrs. Laura Berton, mother of Pierre, and Joe E. Vigner, another 98'er.

An excerpt from a very interesting letter from our old committee member, W.L. Lawton. Mr. Lawton, a member for many years, wrote a number of interesting letters mostly about the trips he and his wife took in various parts of the world. This excerpt about the Royal Mail Route is of particular interest. Both the Lawtons are now deceased:

"I or we enjoy hearing from you and generally get very interesting news that otherwise we would not know about. The one of Fred Donnenworth's passing out. I or we knew Fred's parents very well having lived or resided in the next house to them in Whitehorse for several years. I also knew Bill when he was with the (Red Line) when building or constructing the White Pass from Cariboo or as it is now called Car X, into Whitehorse in '99. Then I was with the Mail service for several years and knew the drivers etc. of the Mail service, and they were a good and great bunch of skimmers. This last word was what they were known as. The old R.M. Service the last year I was with them. H. Wheeler was Supt. at that time. It was possibly the longest and best equipped stage and Mail line that ever existed in North America. I am saying, we, now, as I was kind of head Stableman at Whitehorse. We ran app. 250 head of horses that was 1910-11. Had 12 regular Stage drivers, besides Freight drivers, 14 stables."

1968

A good crowd of 460 Sourdoughs and friends attended the March Banquet. Tickets were \$4.50 each, a deficit of \$272.00 occurred. There are 5 lists of out-of-town visitors, about 200 in all of which about 35 came from Seattle.

A Bond for \$1000.00 was sold and credited to the Bank account. Our Treasurer, C.S. Betts, prepared a talk for our General meeting, calling attention of members to our constant deficits and requesting them to keep this in mind and if no hardship ensued, to remember the Yukoners at some future time.

At the Annual meeting April 9, Gordon Armstrong was added to the Executive. Sourdoughs W.D. Coutts and Gym Fyke as Auditors. It was decided to issue an invitation to host the International in 1969. The Secretary mentioned 45 new members being added during the year. Executive officers were reelected.

The Okanagan Main Line Yukoners Association of Vernon, B.C. has just been formed, President Mrs. Daz McCarter. We sent them a copy of our Constitution and also assisted them in many ways for which they expressed their deep appreciation.

This is our 40th Anniversary and Pauline Johnson's toast to Vancouver is so applicable:

AND HERE'S TO THE DAYS THAT ARE COMING  
AND HERE'S TO THE DAYS THAT ARE GONE,  
AND HERE'S TO YOUR GOLD AND YOUR SPIRIT BOLD,  
AND YOUR LUCK THAT HAS HELD ITS OWN:  
AND HERE'S TO YOUR HANDS SO STURDY  
AND HERE'S TO YOUR HEARTS SO TRUE,  
AND HERE'S TO THE SPEED OF THE DAY DECREED  
THAT BRINGS ME AGAIN TO YOU.

Attendance at monthly meetings varied. January - 72, February - 90, April - 56, September - 70, October - 72 and December - 128. By this time, the Secretary was mailing out 400 notices per month.

Gordon Armstrong very kindly presented us with a beautiful silk Yukon Territory Flag to be used at our meetings. Gordon has served on the Committee for a number of years and also has been one of our Auditors. He married Margaret Wallace in 1929, went to the Yukon the same year. For 25 years he was T.C. Richards' right hand man, then with B. Barnwell, former Yukon Sales, and has now retired. When Whitehorse was incorporated as a City, he was elected its first Mayor and served for 8 consecutive years in that capacity.

1968 cont.

Among those crossing the Great Divide during the past year were F.W. Spears, one of the last 98'ers, W.D. "Bill" Martin, R.M. Dick O'Loane, uncle of Mrs. Louise Black, Mrs. Hazel Hibbert, wife of our Chaplain, Mrs. Hector Morrison, Mrs. W.D. McLeod, Earl Marcus, Mrs. W.C. Grennan, wife of Capt. Grennan, R.C.M.P., Phil Creamer, Geoff Bidlake, Mrs. W.S. Carr, Life member Mrs. Ross Moulton, Mrs. Aime Rousseau, Mrs. Ellen Smith, Jack Elliott, former Chief Engineer W.P. & Y.R. ships, Ole Odegard, former dredgemaster, Mrs. May Maddocks, one of our early members.

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SOURDOUGH REUNION

Up along the Yukon River  
By a winding grass grown trail  
There's a little old log cabin  
That was built without a nail.

The roof leaks, the door sags  
The wind blows through the cracks  
The four days of the Sourdough reunion  
Brought many of the old memories back.

We again renewed old acquaintances  
With many a story retold  
Of the hardships on the trail; the claims we staked,  
The Prospects, and the thrill of finding gold.

We reminisced about the long years past  
When we all were young and gay.  
About the ones we travelled with and worked with,  
The ones that have passed away.

We recalled the different mining camps,  
Along the Yukon, from Dawson down to Nome.  
Fairbanks, the Iditarod, the Koyokuk, and Porcupine,  
As our thoughts drifted off toward home.

There were many a hearty hand-shake  
As we said our last good-bys  
And started our homeward journey  
There were many a tear dimmed eye.

I know many visioned the Yukon River  
And that winding grass grown trail  
And that little old log cabin  
That was built without a nail.

Frank Carpenter.



1969

Helen Parker resignes after 21 years as Association Secretary:

February 6, 1969

Mr. R.L. Greenslade, President,  
Vancouver Yukoners Association,  
3826 West 18th,  
Vancouver 8, B.C.

Dear Mr. President:

This is the official resignation of Helen H. Parker, as Secretary of the Vancouver Yukoners Association. Time and computers have finally taken over, and I no longer feel capable or able to perform the duties required in this important position.

I thank you, your Executive and all concerned for the kindness and courtesy, also invaluable help, given me through all the years I have done my best to faithfully and honestly perform my duties.

Respectfully submitted,  
(signed)

Helen Parker

As previously mentioned, Bert and Helen Parker consecutively held the Secretary's post for 41 years. Far more important than the time element were the significant efforts made to further our cause. Such efforts included literally thousands of letters to our members in and outside Vancouver, to the numerous friends in other similar organizations resulting in a wealth of goodwill towards the Vancouver Yukoners. When the officials of other Sourdough organizations were having troubles, they would invariably confide in the Parkers and obtain some consolation and advice from them. Sick or lonely members were never forgotten. A little note from time to time to cheer them up. It is in such intangibles that Organizations grow and flourish. How fortunate we are to have had such faithful servants.

On April 21, moved by H.G. Armstrong and seconded by R.L. Greenslade that Mrs. Florence W. Beaumont be appointed Secretary and authorized to purchase a typewriter for our use. We were again fortunate to obtain the services of Florence, an efficient and dedicated worker, who has continued to serve our members in line with her predecessor's efforts.

1969 cont.

499 Members and friends attended the Annual Banquet, a record. Financially, we broke even, also a record after many years of deficits. Tickets were \$6.00 each, also a record high.

April 4 elections: President Allan H. Fraser, Vice-President R.C. Beaumont, Treasurer C.S. Betts and subsequently Florence Beaumont as Secretary.

Allan H. Fraser, our new President, went to the Yukon in 1919, after service in the First World War, and left in 1948. Practically all these years were spent in the service of the W.P. & Y.R. He served in many capacities at Mayo, Dawson and other points. Two children, Jack in Arvida, Que., and Elaine Johnson in Edmonton. Allan was a jolly, friendly type, popular and despite an easy going manner, always held firm control over his committee; an enthusiastic worker. Keenly missed when he passed away 1971.

April 21. It had previously been decided to ask the Rev. Hibbert to be our Historian to collect the History and background of our Association. However, due to health reasons, he informs us he is not able to carry on this task. The accumulated material was moved to Frank Heath's basement and Frank took on the job as Historian.

A new gavel has been donated to us by the Whitehorse Sourdoughs to replace the Mastadon Ivory gavel presented to us by Mrs. Kate Matson. The inscription reads "A Gift from Home". Bill Hancock made the presentation.

Preparations are now underway to host the International Sourdough Reunion to be held September 5 to 7th. A package deal of \$13.00 included Registration \$1.50, Bus tour \$1.50, Boat trip \$2.50, Banquet \$7.50. Tickets for separate events were also available. The dinner, Roast Lamb, cost to us \$5.25 per plate by Hotel Vancouver. Historian Jim Stanton of the Centennial Museum arranged to have printed 400 inserts of the Klondike Gold Rush. As usual, the W.P. & Y.R. supplied the programs. Mrs. Evelyn Craig made a big hit on the CKVN broadcast. Generally speaking, the Reunion was a happy affair. Attendance at the Banquet was disappointing, 270 turned up with a very small representation from our own members. We made money on the Banquet, but lost on the Tours. The overall deficit was \$529.00. It would appear that our charge for registration was also on the low side.

Mrs. Janet Owen, aged 87, the oldest lady present, was awarded the Friendship bracelet. She entertained us with a charming, witty and amusing poem, which we think worth repeating here: 3 verses:

How do I know my youth is spent?  
Because my get up and go has got up and went  
I don't mind a bit, when I think with a grin  
Of all the grand places my get up has been.

Old age is golden, so I have heard said  
But I sometimes wonder, when I tuck into bed  
With my ears in the drawer and my eyes on the shelf  
My teeth on the table, I say to myself,  
Is there anything else I can put on the shelf.

1969 cont.

I get up in the morning, dust off my wits,  
I pick up the paper and read the obits,  
If my name isn't there, I know I'm not dead,  
So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed.

During the summer a number of our members attended a gathering of Yukoners at Vernon. There was also a picnic at Alouette Lake.

Among those passing away were J.H. McCausland, a former Mayor of Dawson, Mrs. Nan Gleaves, Mrs. John Mellish, Clem Eminger, Mrs. Dora Nicol, John F. Donald of the N.C. Co., Dan Gillis, Mrs. Phyllis McEwen, Mrs. G. Hoyem, Art Vigner.

Rev. R.W. Hibbert

Our highly respected Chaplain for many years, also passed away. A graduate of the University of Toronto (Methodist Church). He went to the Yukon in 1911, left 1916 for British Columbia, where he served at such points as Hedley, Keremeos, Penticton, Greenwood, Lethbridge, Calgary and the Fraser Valley. His accomplishments included such talents as poet, essayist, naturalist and public speaker. His book "Nuggets in the Gold Pan" is a large volume of poetry, Yukon lore, anecdotes and stories about dogs, mining, flowers and people, all of which pay tribute to his powers of study and observation. To the best of our knowledge, his book has never been published. Both he and his good wife were devoted and faithful members of our organization, until they passed away.



**A. H. CARNSEW**  
President 1953-1954  
Treasurer 1956-1964



**W.H.S. MacFARLAND**  
President 1955-1956



**JAS. P. BEGG**  
President 1957-1958  
Pres. International Sour doughs 1963



**JAMES E. HOOKER, Pres. 1959-60**  
**MRS. LUCILLE HOOKER**  
Executive Member 1974



**MRS. LOUISE BLACK**  
President 1963-1964  
President Int. Sour doughs 1970



**FRANK C. HEATH**  
President 1965-1966



**CAPT. R.L. GREENSLADE**  
President 1967-68



**ALLAN H. FRASER**  
President 1969-1970



**CHARLES BEAUMONT**, Pres. 1971-72  
**FLORENCE W. BEAUMONT**, Secy. 1969-74



**W.A. HUTCHINGS**  
President 1973-74



**MRS. HELEN PARKER**  
Secretary 1948 to 1969  
Hon. Pres. 1963 Exec. Member 1974



**BERT J. PARKER**  
Secretary  
President International Sourdoughs 1947



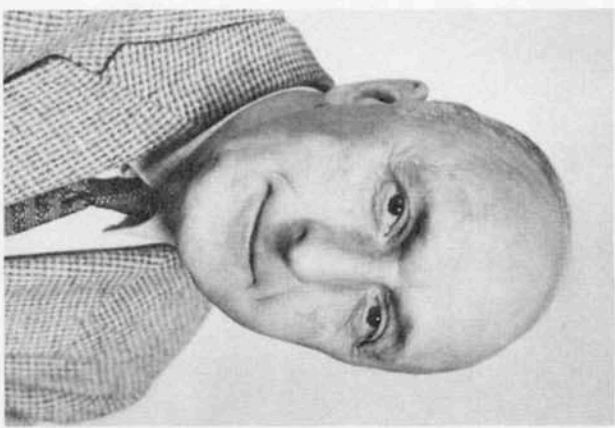
**HON. GEO. BLACK, K.C., M.P.**,  
Honorary President 1931 to 1957



**CLAYTON S. BETTS**  
Vice-President 1973-74  
Treasurer 1964-



**CLARENCE W. CRAIG**  
Exec. Member 1974 Original Member 1928  
**MRS. EVELYN CRAIG**, Asst. Secy. 1961-



**R. GORDON LEE**  
1st Pres. Victoria & Isl. Yukoners  
Pres. International Sourdoughs 1967



**H. GORDON ARMSTRONG**  
Executive Member 1974



**J. H. BRYNE**  
Executive Member 1974



**MRS. KAY SCHINK**  
Executive Member 1974



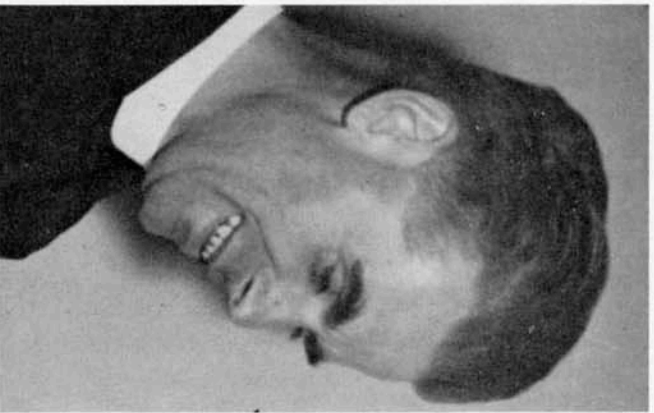
**MISS MINNIE HACKETT**  
Executive Member 1974



**E. F. MASON**  
Executive Member 1974



**R. W. McLAREN**  
Executive Member 1974



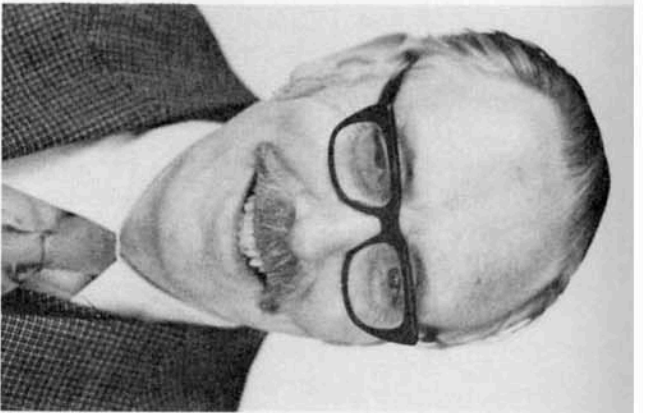
**REV. J. W. ELLIS**  
Chaplain 1974



**MISS LULU FAIRBANKS**  
Secretary-Treasurer International  
Sourdough Reunion Inc. 1931-1968



**INSP. W.J.D. DEMPSTER**  
1876 - 1964



**G. G. FYKE**  
Auditor 1974



**W. D. COUTTS**  
Auditor 1974



**ROBERT W. SERVICE**  
1874 - 1958



**PAT CALLISON, C.M.**  
Awarded Medal of Canada 1974



**MRS. HAZEL GLOSLIE**  
Arr. Yukon 1899 Club Member 1974



**BRUCE WATSON**  
Arr. Alaska 1898 Member 1974



**JOHN MELLISH**  
Executive Member 1928  
Club Member 1974

1970

473 persons attended the March Banquet. Roy Minter was the main speaker and gave a stirring address. Financially we had a surplus of \$18.00. Tickets were \$6.00 each.

Elections: The same slate as the previous year, which consisted of:

H.G. Armstrong	C.W. Craig	W.A. Hutchings
R.C. Beaumont	Mrs. Ev Craig	Lucille Hooker
Mrs. F. Beaumont	A.H. Fraser	J. Melville
C.S. Betts	E.E. Hickey	Helen Parker

also past Presidents Black, Greenslade, Begg and Heath.

Our overall financial deficit for the year was \$871.00 mostly due to the Reunion and it was necessary to sell \$1000.00 Bond. We are now holding our social meetings at the Holiday Inn, \$60.00 per meeting.

April 20: Moved by R.L. Greenslade, seconded by R.C. Beaumont, that Annual dues be increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 each, commencing in 1972. This motion was subsequently passed at the October General meeting.

Enoch Willman celebrated his 100th Birthday in January, an event which was attended by a number of our members. 18 of our members attended the International Reunion in Las Vegas. A merry time was had. Louise Black appointed President of the International. Our member, Mrs. Janet Findlay, aged 87, was the oldest lady attending and was given the Friendship Bracelet to wear for a year.

Among those crossing the Great Divide were C.A. MacPherson, Miss Mary Murphy, Mrs. Dorothy de la Pole, Thos. Sorensen, Jack McMurphy of Carcross, Mrs. John Lamb, Bud Herring (Gladwin), Jack Butterworth, husband of Louise Black's niece, Bob Elliott, Miss May McPhee.

Yukon House was opened in October by the Yukon Travel and Information Bureau.

#### Auditors

Among the many Auditors appointed, no one has served as long as W.D. "Scottie" Coutts. Scottie went to the Yukon in 1943 and after serving in various jobs, entered Canadian Customs in 1951. He left the Yukon in 1958. In 1946 he and Eileen were married in the Whitehorse Liquor Store. Larry Higgins presided at the nuptials. The couple are among our most faithful members.



1970 cont.

G.G. "Gym" Fyke has also given us long service as an Auditor. He went to the Yukon in the early 30's as an engineer for the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corpn., married a local girl, the well known Solway Dines, in 1944, moved to Vancouver in 1956, where he joined the staff of Canadian Pacific Railway. Gym and Solway are among our most faithful workers.

Another of our Auditors, Chas. D. Fyfe, went to the Yukon in the 1920's and in 1939 returned as Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Dawson. Left in 1946 and served in several B.C. branches including Prince George and Langley, and is now retired. Charlie and Cathy make it a point to attend all the International Reunions.

Clayton S. Betts, our ever zealous Treasurer and presently Vice-President, also served as an Auditor. Born in Dawson City in 1907, he left for the outside in 1928, spent most of his adult life in the service of the National Harbours Board. Now retired, but still a student of languages and the humanities. He and wife, Evelyn, are among our most staunch supporters.

Our faithful member, Dan MacRae went North in 1898, married in 1910. Came to B.C. in 1950, passed away in 1959. He wrote many poems including the one below, to Father Judge "The Saint of the Yukon":

FATHER JUDGE.

He came when the need was the greatest,  
Without any hope of reward;  
He lingered 'mid sickness and travail,  
Sublime was his trust in the Lord.

His love was a balm to the weary,  
He labored where heroes have trod,  
In his touch there was healing and blessing,  
His joy was the work of his God.

In the Northland his memory will linger  
While waves of the ocean shall roll;  
There was sorrow and tears at his passing,  
O the kindness and love in his soul.

Father Judge, we grieve at your going;  
Our anguish and sorrow transcends;  
Your's was the heart understanding,  
Who gave your life for your friends.

PAX VOBISCUM. VALE.

1971

January 25: Moved by Helen Parker, seconded by H.G. Armstrong, that the Gavel presented to us by Mrs. Kate (Rockwell) Matson, be given to the Centennial Museum as a permanent gift. Carried.

Ed. Hickey is ill and with regret resigns from the Executive.

484 persons attended the March Banquet; \$6.00 per plate. A surplus of \$18.00 is disclosed.

John Melville resigns from the Executive. Both he and Mrs. Melville have been most faithful members for many years. His resignation was received with regret.

62 members attended the Annual meeting April 12. Three new members were elected to the Committee: Rev. J.W. Ellis, R.W. McLaren, and J.H. Bryne. An average of 70 members attended our meetings during the year.

At the subsequent Executive meeting R.C. Beaumont elected President, W.A. Hutchings Vice-President. No other changes.

Our new President, R. Charles Beaumont, usually known as "Chuck", went to the Yukon in 1932 serving on the S.S. Keno and other ships for 7 years. Went to Dawson in 1939, and in 1940 married Florence Troberg, a Dawson girl, then moved to Whitehorse in 1942. Spent the war years in Whitehorse with the hectic job of handling the American invasion. After the war, served in various capacities for the W.P. & Y.R. at Dawson, Mayo, Whitehorse and Skagway, Alaska. Left the North in 1963 and is now on the Executive staff of the W.P. & Y.R. in Vancouver. A hearty, energetic and decisive individual, Chuck Beaumont was a popular choice for President. As wife, Florence, was Secretary, the combination made for convenient and efficient administration of our affairs.

Our Christmas party was marred by a terrific snowstorm, despite which 37 members braved the elements to attend. One of the highlights of the meeting was the serving of a delicious fudge cake flown to Vancouver for the occasion and the gift of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Gaundroue of Dawson City.

The International was held at Seattle, Mrs. Louise Black as President, presided over the meetings. A good attendance from Vancouver, the Beaumonts and 31 others, a tribute to Louise Black.

The Okanagan Main Line Yukoners Association sponsored a cruise August 21, on Lake Okanagan. Mrs. Daz McCarter and husband, Alex, were the moving spirits in this enterprise. A number of our members attended. There was also a Haney picnic on August 15.

1971 cont.

Passed away during the year old time member Billy Mellish, brother to John, Allan Lee was killed in an automobile accident, Former Executive member Ed. Hickey also passed away. Ed went into the Yukon in 1913 and spent 42 years in Dawson, most of the time in the transportation business. He was an active member of our Committee for many years. Among others passing were J.J. Boyle, Ethel Becker, Mrs. Wm. Radford and E. Edwards.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE LADIES OF ST. ANDREW'S BALL

The fairest flowers on earth were there  
In dainty gowns and jewels rare,  
With rounded arms and shoulders bare,  
At Saint Andrew's ball in Dawson.

'Twas the prettiest picture ever painted  
For the saintiest saint that was ever sainted;  
Why, even Rafael's spirit fainted  
At the sight of our girls in Dawson!

With her rosy cheek and her sparkling eye,  
Her little "moue" and her happy sigh,  
We danced with her, didn't we-you and I,  
At St. Andrew's ball in Dawson?

And didn't we prop up her pedestal higher,  
Divinely enroped in her richest attire,  
'Mid the glint of her jewels, a-flame and a-fire,  
At St. Andrew's ball in Dawson?

Yea, little we recked of the beautiful earth  
From the day of the dance dating back to our birth!  
'Twas the ladies, the dancing, the music, the mirth,  
And St. Andrew's ball in Dawson!

And how sadly we noted the waning of night,  
When we saw that the angels were pluming for flight  
Through an ether of sighs as they vanished from sight,  
And St. Andrew's ball in Dawson!

The ball has came and the ball has went,  
And today it is only a past event;  
But the dearest things in our lives are blent  
With Saint Andrew's ball in Dawson.

Morte H. Craig

## Entertainers

We have been extremely fortunate during a large period of our history in being able to draw from our membership a considerable amount of talent to entertain us at our meetings. We are unable to catalogue them all, but will list a few which come to mind:

Beatrice Lorne (married name Smith), a professional singer whose sweet and compelling voice delighted audiences in various parts of America. She spent a number of years in Dawson and became known as the "Songbird of the Yukon". She later came outside and continued her career in Vancouver and other cities. The old Sourdoughs at the Dawson Hospital thought so much of her that many years after she left, they requested a recording of some of her songs be made and forwarded to them. She was generous to a fault and in her later years was in straitened circumstances. She deeply appreciated any assistance from our members. Passed away in 1946.

James & Lucille Hooker. Jimmy was a great favourite with both old and young. His specialty, Harry Lauder songs, which he imitated to perfection. His good wife, Lucille, not only accompanied him, but was our faithful standby for any occasion. An accomplished pianist, she has always been on hand to open our meetings with "O Canada".

Stan Field. A gifted pianist with a happy disposition, was a regular entertainer during most of the 50's. He frequently accompanied his friend, Bill Estabrook, an Irish tenor type of singer and the two of them contributed in no small measure to the success of our meetings during that period.

Mrs. Janet Owen. Mother of our present Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. Walter S. Owen, was both a poet and electioneer. From time to time during the 50's and 60's, she delighted us with her readings.

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Knight led a troupe of old time singers which always received a royal welcome from our members. Mr. Knight has recently passed away. His widow resides in White Rock.

Mrs. Dave Gourlie possessed a strong and clear voice, which entertained our members during the 50's from a wide repertoire of songs. She passed away in the early 1960's.

Mesdames Jean Clarke, Pauline (Pop) Webber and Liz Rowley, commonly known as the "Parker House Rollers", have been willing volunteers in providing a variety of cheerful music on many occasions. They are daughters of our own Bert and Helen Parker.

Mrs. Elaine Johnson, well known in Edmonton Musical circles, and daughter of our late Past President Allan H. Fraser, entertained us with her golden voice at several of our Annual Banquets.

In recent years, we have been obliged to go outside our organization for some of our entertainment.

1972

For many years, our Executive meetings have been held at Mrs. Louise Black's abode. The meetings are usually harmonious with much laughter and reminiscing. Louise, the perfect hostess, presides at the tea table after adjournment and reminiscing is continued. Unlike the 20's and 30's, there are no lawyers and politicians to jar sensibilities. Just a nice get together and frequently there is a 100% turnout.

At the January meeting, preparations were made for the March Banquet. Salmon at \$5.50 was decided upon. Mr. Laurent Cyr of Whitehorse was asked to make a short address. As usual, Mrs. Lucille Hooker attended to the ad notices in the newspapers and radio stations. Mrs. Evelyn Craig took on the arduous task of ticket sales. This year, suggested by C. Beaumont, that the singing of "God Save the Queen" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee" be eliminated; that toasts be made to the Queen and to the President, followed by "O Canada". This sensible idea was carried out.

485 tickets were sold at \$6.50 each. A small deficit of \$56.00 was incurred. A good time was had by all. A letter was written to Howard Hughes, then residing in Vancouver, inviting him to the Banquet -- no reply!

At the Annual meeting, April 10, 48 members in attendance. The Treasurer reported that a Memorial Fund of \$100.00 was received re Matthew Watson. The Executive was unchanged. The Secretary reported 485 Bulletins mailed monthly - 262 paid up members.

A picnic was held in August by the Okanagan group at Vernon. 12 of our members attended. The Misses Hackett entertained the October meeting with a delightful selection of slides taken in Europe. In November, C. Craig repeated the performance with Yukon pictures.

The International Reunion was held in San Francisco. Eight of our members attended and attested to much hospitality. R.C. Beaumont elected 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Parker Honorary Vice-President.

The Holiday Inn are raising our rental to \$95.00, so we are going to look elsewhere for a meeting place. It was found necessary to sell a \$500.00 bond. 80 persons attended the Christmas party.

Our Past President Allan H. Fraser passed away January 15, 1972. A dear friend to all of us. In memory of their father, Elaine Johnson and Jack Fraser donated a gold lapel pin depicting a Yukon scene. This pin is to be worn by the incumbent President at meetings and is to be known as the President's Pin of Office.

1972 cont.

This has been a sad year for us. On August 23, our Past President Frank C. Heath, succumbed suddenly. As one of our most enthusiastic members, Frank's passing is another broken link with the past.

In September, Andrew Baird, aged 101, passed away. A Past Honorary President, Mr. Baird was one of our last 98'ers. An Australian miner from Ballarat, he mined on No. 5 Sulphur Creek where after a serious accident, it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs. Nothing daunted, he turned to indoor work and was, at various times, office manager, manager, superintendent, general manager and operator in various mining ventures usually identified with the Treadgold interests. From 1928 to 1948, when he left the Yukon, he was office manager for Y.C.G.C. He was always a good supporter of our organization.

Also passing away, another staunch member, Mrs. Harriet Steeves, who spent 32 years in the Yukon, mostly in the Mayo district, where she and Rupert ran the Minto Roadhouse.

Another member, Courtney Haddock, former Mayor of Victoria, passed away. His father, W.E. Haddock, was a Past President of our Association. Also Jos. Skrill of Nanaimo, an old member, as well as Hill Barrington, Miss Doris Muir and Mrs. Helen MacPherson.

Despite the fact we sometimes forget to elect him as our official Chaplain, the Rev. J.W. Ellis has been our padre from 1953 to 1960 and again from 1968 until to date.

We hear that Mount Osborn in the Yukon has been named in memory of the late Franklin Osborn.

1973

We are now meeting at the McKenzie Room in the Grosvenor Hotel. Cost of rentals is a considerable relief as compared to the Holiday Inn; \$35.00 per meeting, plus 25¢ per head for coffee. The room is slightly on the small side, but the location is excellent.

During the past few years, the entertainment at our General meetings usually consists of one night of Bingo, three nights of picture shows, one musical evening and the Christmas night show. For many years, we held a summer picnic at Alouette Lake. Johnny Hoggan attended to many of the details, including the cash receipts. Due to various reasons, these picnics have now been discontinued.

At the January Executive meeting, plans were made for the March Banquet. Menu selected Roast Pork at \$5.45 and tickets to be sold at \$6.50. There is to be no entertainment. James Smith, Yukon Commissioner was asked to be the guest speaker (an excellent one as it turned out). The relative committees were formed. Mrs. Evelyn Craig again took on the onerous task of supervising ticket sales, assisted by our Secretary. In general, the splendid cooperation of our Executive again created a first class production, which is evidenced by the smooth manner in which a large crowd is handled. With the banning of long speeches and expensive entertainment, the guests are now better able to enjoy themselves.

509 persons attended the Banquet and a surplus of \$33.00 was disclosed.

In February, it was decided to send all the pictures of Past Presidents to Dawson Museum, on loan. Dr. I.E. Snider favoured us with a very interesting show, consisting of pictures taken by him during a lengthy tour of Russia.

In March, the Secretary's well earned Honorarium was increased from \$150.00 to \$240.00.

At the Annual Meeting, April 13, Pat Callison was added to the Executive committee. At the Executive meeting April 16, W.A. Hutchings was elected President, Clayton Betts Vice-President and Treasurer, Florence Beaumont, Secretary.

Your new President, W.A. Hutchings, a retired employee of the Bank of Montreal, arrived in Mayo 1932, left 1934, returned to Dawson in 1937, left in 1942 for British Columbia, where he served the bank in branches at Rossland, Nanaimo and Vancouver, his last five years in the Administration Department. Retired in 1961.

1973 cont.

John A. Gould, Custodian, National Historic Sites, Dawson City, requested information on Robert W. Service's relatives. After a search, we were able to inform him that one brother still survives, Dr. S. Service of Ottawa.

We were glad to learn on November 12, that the Okanagan Mainline Yukoners has been reactivated with 55 persons on the roster, including such stalwarts as the McCarters, Vars, Carswells and Bonds. Our best wishes to them.

Historical comment: Laurent A. Cyr, President of the Grand Lodge, Y.C.O.P., Dawson City, officiated at the dedication of a massive boulder at Forty Mile to commemorate the first organization of the Y.O.O.P. in December 1894.

Mrs. Corrie Heath was voted a Life Member of our Association. In October, nine of our members attended the International Sourdough Reunion on board the S.S. Wickersham, travelling from Seattle to Skagway, then by W.P. & Y.R. to Whitehorse and back to Seattle. It was a most enjoyable affair. A great deal of credit is due to Budd Clark of Seattle and to his wife, Carol, for organizing the affair.

A congratulatory telegram was dispatched to the Commissioner, Yukon Territory, for his action in dedicating a new school at Whitehorse in Memory of the late George A. Jeckell, the former highly esteemed Commissioner (see remarks G.A. Jeckell 1949).

W.E. MacBride, a highly respected member, a dedicated Yukoner, founder of the MacBride Museum in Whitehorse, passed away after a long illness, aged 85, leaving behind a host of friends. Others passing away were J. Wilkinson, Joe Stevens, Mrs. Edith Field, widow of Col. R. Field, R.C.M.P., Mrs. A.B. Binning, widow of Capt. Binning, R.C.M.P., E.H. Brasseur, International Reunion Historian LeRoy Moyer, Jack Meloy of Dawson, who was selected as "Mr. Yukon" for 1973, John D. Dines, born in Dawson in 1914 and brother to Mrs. Solway Fyke, Syd May, Ron McCuish. Another old timer passing away was Pete Huley, who tried out in Hollywood films and was interviewed on T.V. by Pierre Berton.



1974

We have now been informed, March 15, that our meeting room at the Grosvenor Hotel will soon be required for a dining room. Our last meeting there was the Annual, held March 29.

The Secretary reported 382 paid up members, an all time high. Three new members were added to the Executive. We are glad to see some new blood added to our committee and welcome the following new members:

Mrs. Kay Schink went to the Yukon in 1946 and spent 10 years there. Came to Vancouver in 1956 and is currently employed by the Kinsmen's Rehabilitation Foundation. She has three children and has been an active member for many years.

Miss Minnie Hackett served as a public Health nurse at Aklavik from 1926-1930. Went to the Yukon later and, as senior Public Health nurse stationed at Whitehorse, travelled throughout the Territory. She was instrumental in making a Territorial survey for the Department of Health. Came to Vancouver in 1948. Has been a world traveller and has favoured us with a showing of some of her slides.

Ernest E. Mason, who has previously been one of our faithful Auditors for some years, entered the service of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Armstrong, B.C., served at many branches including Kamloops, Vernon, Mission, New Westminster, Princeton, Creston and Vancouver. Was Manager at Dawson from 1946 to 1949; retired in 1969.

The complete Executive committee as at April 1, 1974:

W.A. Hutchings, President	Clayton S. Betts, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. F.W. Beaumont, Secretary	& Treasurer
H.G. Armstrong	Mrs. E. Craig, Asst. Secretary
J.H. Bryne	E.E. Mason
C.W. Craig	Mrs. Kay Schink
Mrs. Helen Parker	Mrs. Lucille Hooker
Miss M. Hackett	R.W. McLaren

Past Presidents eligible to serve on the Committee: Mrs. Louise Black, R.C. Beaumont, Jas. P. Begg and R.L. Greenslade.

Of the original 10 Executive members, Clarence Craig is the only one still with us. Shortly after his election in 1928, he returned to the Yukon where he eventually became Transportation Superintendent for the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corp. Returning to Vancouver in 1950, he shortly after entered the employ of Placer Development Ltd. from which he has recently been retired. He has now served for many years on our Executive Committee, his modesty preventing him from accepting a higher post for which he is well fitted. As for his very amiable wife, Evelyn, Assistant Secretary since 1961, her good works are well known. Both of them were born in Dawson and represent the best traditions of the Yukon.

1974 cont.

The March dinner was a huge success. 566 tickets ( a record) were sold at \$7.00 each. John Guldner, Director of Tourism and Information, Whitehorse, provided an interesting address (12 minutes). Brick Henderson's orchestra was hired for \$140.00. A small deficit of \$55.00 was incurred.

A few words on one of our faithful Committee members, R.W. McLaren. Bobby was born in Dawson in 1908, went to school there, married Florence Miller of Puyallup, Wash., worked many years for the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation, and retired to Vancouver in 1967. A willing and cheerful worker.

The International Reunion will be held in San Diego in September. We have recently been informed that the Convention Committee have decided to hold the 1975 Convention in Hawaii during August, subject to confirmation at San Diego this year. The Committee take the stand that no Club wishes to host the International Convention in future years and consequently, if such Conventions are to continue, it will be necessary to place them on a commercial basis, through a Travel Agency, etc. We realize there is considerable merit in this contention, but we are anxious to see more discussion on this matter.

A Special meeting was held in June to appoint delegates to San Diego. Vice-President Clayton S. Betts and Secretary Florence Beaumont were selected. This meeting was held at the lovely home of John and Peggy Bryne at Whonnock. It was a lovely outing and our hosts gave us a royal welcome. John has been an Executive member for five years and despite the long trip into town, is a faithful attendant at meetings. John went to the Yukon as a student missionary in the summer of 1924-25, serving such communities as Ross River, Carmacks, and Big and Little Salmon River. He was ordained in 1926 (Anglican) and served three years at Dawson. Married Peggy at Whitehorse in 1927. In 1929 went to Carcross as principal of the Chooutla Indian Residential School. In 1932 he left the Yukon and spent the rest of his active life as teacher and principal of several schools in Alberta. Retired in 1963 but is still a practising agriculturist in a modest way.

We regret to report the passing away of Bert Barber of Dawson, Bill Hutchinson, A.E. "Happy " LePage, Curley Desrosiers, Hugh Cutting, Mrs. Edith Holmes of Dawson, Bishop Tom Greenwood, Anglican Bishop of the Yukon for 10 years; also oldtimer W.T. Guttschick of Reno, Nevada, who generously provided us with Christmas tablecloths for so many years.

It is now 46 years since the Vancouver Yukoners' Association was organized. With few exceptions, all the 98'ers have now departed. The present membership is composed of persons entering the Yukon after the turn of the Century or descendants of the early pioneers and their families. Nevertheless, it is a tribute to our members that the same camaraderie and close fellowship of our founders still exists.

1974 cont.

As for the present 98'ers, the only ones we can identify as arriving prior to 1900 are as follows:

J. Bruce Watson at age 11, with his parents and brother and sister, sailed from Tacoma, Wash. to Dyea in February 1898; spent the winter there, while the father was in Dawson. Went over the Chilcoot Pass in 1899 enroute to Atlin where Watson, Sr., mined for awhile. The family moved to Whitehorse in 1900. Bruce joined the Dominion Telegraph Service as a messenger boy in 1903 and spent most of his adult life with them. In 1919 he took a trip to Vancouver and met and married Edna Dixon. He retired from the service in 1952 and the same year came out to Vancouver. Has been an active member and has served his stint on the Executive Committee. William Watson, younger brother to Bruce, went North in 1898 with the family and was brought up in Whitehorse. He worked for the White Pass & Yukon Route for a number of years, then came outside and now resides in Bellingham.

Mrs. Lucille Hooker went to Dawson with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Adam McKay, in 1899. Attended school there. In 1912, she attended business school in Vancouver and for two years was a Secretary in the real estate office of H.J. Landahl. Married Wm. MacMillan and both returned to the Yukon in 1915. Mr. MacMillan passed away 1936. In 1939 she married Jimmy Hooker, who passed away in 1963. Lucille has been on our Executive Committee for many years.

Mrs. Hazel Gloslie went to the Yukon as a young girl in 1899. Her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Bert Hartshorn had previously gone to Dawson in 1898. Next year, they returned with their daughter, spending some time at Log Cabin and Bennett. Hazel attended Sunday School in the then recently constructed Church at Bennett, which is now a curiosity for tourists. She later attended school at Dawson, then married Chris Gloslie in 1915. Chris was employed for 48 years with the Y.C.G.C., his final years as Manager of the Company. They left the Yukon in 1960 and now reside in New Westminster, B.C.

We have now been informed that our highly esteemed member, Pat Callison has been advised under date of June 29, 1974, that he is now a Member of the Order of Canada. This honor is in recognition of outstanding achievement and service to Canada and humanity at large. Our modest and unpretentious member is the last man to blow his own horn, but Yukoners in general are familiar with the significant amount of Community work accomplished by him during his long residence in the North. The Investiture will take place sometime in late 1974. Pat and Ethel Callison were married in 1932, came to the Yukon in 1936. In 1938 Pat formed and operated Cassiar Airways for 4 years, flying into Dease Lake. From 1942 to 1947 he flew for Northern Airways (George Simmons) then went to Dawson, formed Callison's Flying Service which he operated for nine years. In 1956 commenced Klondike Helicopters Ltd., which he operated until 1966 when he disposed of his holdings and retired to Vancouver.

1974 cont.

We are coming to the end of our story. Our financial balance sheet is appended showing the healthy sum of \$11,590.00 in cash and securities. During the first 28 years of our existence, we enjoyed free rentals from Mr. Maurice DeLeon and with an excellent Treasurer, Mr. B.R. Dusenbury, we were always in a good cash position, \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00. During the 1950's we received approximately \$16,000.00 in legacies and, while we are unable to locate any balance sheets for that period, our cash position must have topped \$17,000.00 at one time. The decline in our funds since then has largely been due to Banquet deficits, which have now been eliminated, so there has been little deterioration in our financial structure during the past four years.

Our present paid up membership of nearly 400 members is at an all time high. This large membership is reflected at the Annual Banquets, which have disclosed increasing attendance during the past ten years. On the other hand, attendance at General monthly meetings has shown a drop during the past three years. Possibly this is due to the demise of so many of our older members who looked forward to the meetings as being so important in their social lives. There also are so many diversions today for young members. Perhaps we should upgrade our entertainment or start a recruiting drive for new members. These are matters for the Executive to consider for we must bear in mind that our organization is too important to the Community to allow it to lapse into dormancy as so many other Yukoner organizations have done. We are fortunate in having a dedicated, harmonious and energetic group on our Executive Committee and should continue to draw from our membership new people to carry on.

We trust the reader will take a charitable view of errors and omissions which are almost bound to happen in a narrative of this sort, but we assure you that we have been careful in checking our records and trust such errors will be few in number.

As mentioned in our Introduction, many of our members have led interesting lives which we would like to include here. However, lack of space and information precludes us from such reporting and it is possible some future narrator will carry on with a more detailed story of our membership.

SOURDOUGHS MUSH ON

VANCOUVER YUKONERS' ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT 1974

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Dues	\$ 899.43	Rent	351.00
Donations (received)	67.50	Meetings, all other expenses	231.25
Gold Pan collections	245.93	Printing	159.48
Interest earned	813.15	Stamps & Stationery	282.64
Yukon Pins sold	3.50	Secretary's stipend	240.00
Miscellaneous	.40	Asst. Secy. Honorarium	50.00
	<u>2029.91</u>	Treasurer "	50.00
Bank Balance, Period 1973-74 --	979.10	Flowers and other remembrances	76.50
Petty Cash Balance	<u>111.82</u>	Donations(given)	28.67
Cash in Bank and Cash on hand	1090.92	International dues	35.40
Total Cash on hand end of 1972-73	<u>888.31</u>	Expenses of Delegates to International S.D. Reunion	250.00
<u>Surplus this year</u>	<u>202.61</u>	Safety Deposit Box	7.50
Bond Holdings as at April 1, 1974:		Miscellaneous	<u>8.61</u>
Govt. of Canada EH-E002625 ----	1000.00		1771.05
Canada Sav'gs bonds S24- Z064817	500.00	Deficit, Mch dinner	<u>56.25</u>
S24- 0M271440/48	<u>9000.00</u>	Total	1827.30
	<u>10500.00</u>	Surplus, Season of 1973-74	<u>202.61</u>
Cash on hand March 31, 1974	<u>1090.92</u>		<u>2029.91</u>
Total	<u>11590.92</u>		

Among those present at the

YUKONERS RE-UNION

Dinner & Dance at Ambassador Cafe, Feb. 29/1928

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Arrival in Yukon

Mrs. Hume Adamson	1899	R.W. Dodds	1898
T.H. Ainsworth	1910	Mr. & Mrs. D. Donaghy	1900
Mr. & Mrs. W. Aldcroft	1903	Wm. Donnerworth	1898
		Mrs. Wm. Donnerworth	1902
Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Ballentine	1898	Mr. & Mrs. John Dunham	1899
Mrs. E.V. Ballentine	1898	Mr. & Mrs. G. Earsman	1899
Geo. Barnes	1898	Mr. & Mrs. D. Elliott	
C.R.S. Barwell	1897	& Violet Elliott	1898
D.J. Bell, M.D.	1898	Mr. & Mrs. Axel E.	
Daughter of Tom Bell	1899	Erickson	1897
Angus Beaton	1898	C.N. Estabrooks	1902
H. Beech	1905		
John Bennett	1898	Wm. Fitzpatrick	1900
Capt. J. Bergman	1898	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth	
S.H. Bilton	1898	A. Forbes	1913
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Black	1902	William Forrest	1897
John Black	1897		
George Brown	1898	G.M. Gibbs & Mrs.	
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Brown	1898	Gibbs	1905
J.A. Brown	1897	Mrs. Jas. Gibbon	1900
Jim Brown	1899	Vera Gillespie	1908
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Brier	1898	Mark Gosse	1897
Frank Britton	1899	A.R. Gould	1897
		Mr. & Mrs. Jas. G.	
C. Campbell	1896	Graham	1899
Mrs. Geo. Carmack		Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Greene	1897
Thos. Carson	1900		
H. Chapman	1897	Frances Halliburton	
C.A. Carman	1900	T.A. Hamley	1902
Mr. Chester	1898	Mr. & Mrs. Walter R.	
Dr. W.W. Chipman	1913	Hamilton	1898
Mrs. H. Chapman	1899	Mrs. Geo. Hitchen	1908
Arthur Clare	1894	Mrs. John Hawksley	1897
Mrs. Comes	1898	Mr. & Mrs. Cy Hawksley	
Hank Cole	1886	Mr. & Mrs. I. Hawksley	
T.B. Colville	1898	Mr. & Mrs. S. Hawksley	
Sergt. P.O. Conway		Mr. & Mrs. Alexander	
& Mrs. Conway	1917	Henderson	1907
Arthur Cosens	1898	Mrs. E. Hicks	1902
Capt. & Mrs. Wm. Cowley	1899	Albert Heyman	1898
Geo. Crookston	1912	Chas. Hines	1898
Mr. & Mrs. Ben F. Craig	1898	Geo. Hitchen	1906
Clarence Craig	1905	Col. H.D. Hulme	1898
John A. Craig	1905		
H.A. Crofton	1897	Capt. Jno. Irving	1874
Geo. Crowley	1898	Ed. Insley	1898
D.A. Cunningham	1898		

R.J. Johnston	1900	W.D. McLaughlin	1896
A.Eric Johnson	1912	Mrs. C.J. McLennan	1903
Evelyn Johnson	1905	Mr. & Mrs. A.K. McLean	1898
Mrs. P.H. Johnson	1900	Mrs. Chas. R. McLeod	1900
E.G. Johnson	1897	Gordon McLeod	1900
Alfred Allayne Jones	1900	Donald B. McLeod	1902
Sergt. G.B. Joy	1898	S. Gordon McLellan	1899
Mrs. Tom Kearney		Pete McMillan	1900
Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Landahl	1898	Geo. B. McMillan	1897
Thos.A. Lamb	1903	Miss Vera McMurphy	1920
Mr. & Mrs. P. Larsen	1898	Mr. & Mrs. F.F. McPhail	1897
J.B. Lawrence	1899	Mr. & Mrs. Tom McSmart	1899
Dan Lindeberg	1898	M. Nicholson	1903
G.H. Lipsett	1898	Mr. W.J. O'Brien	1901
Beatrice Lorne		Mr. & Mrs. D.B. O'Connor	1898
Frank Lowe	1898	Mr. & Mrs. Jas. Oliver	1898
Mr. & Mrs. Ed.Maddocks	1900	Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Omez	1901
Maurice M. & Mrs. Marsden	1898	Mr. & Mrs. B.J. Parker	1898
Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Mason	1903	Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Paton	1907
Chas. Matson	1898	Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Patterson	1898
Alex M. Matheson	1899	W. Pell	1902
John M. Mellish	1903	Mrs. M. Percival	1900
Dave Menzies	1899	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pike	1900
Wm. Muir	1899	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pinder	1904
Jene Moden	1888	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Pearse	1898
R. Moncreiff	1897	James Pender	1897
Mr.& Mrs. W.W. Moore	1901	Geo. S. Potter	1898
C.W. Moore	1897	Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Radford	1902
T.Ross Moulton	1898	Mrs. Jas. Ramsay	1902
Henry C. Macaulay	1898	Chas. Reid	1898
Mr.&Mrs. Bob Macaulay	1902	Mary Reid	1905
John McDonald	1898	James Redpath	1898
Mrs.Alex MacDonald	1899	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Rendell	1898
Colin A. MacDonald		P.J.F. Ransom	1924
Mr.& Mrs. A.B. MacDonald	1900	Fred Renald	1898
Isobel MacDonald	1903	Hy. Richmond	1916
B.A. MacDonald	1905	Thos. W. & Mrs. Rippon	1905
Mrs. Angus McIntyre	1905	Mrs. Herman Robinson	1902
Hazel McIntyre	1905	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew W. Robinson	1898
Gordon McIntyre	1910	R. & Mrs. A. Rouse	1899
Edna McIntyre	1906	P. Rouse	1901
Mr. & Mrs. A.D. MacInnes	1902	Miss Kate Ryan	1898
Mrs. S. McKay	1901	Charles J. Ryan	1906
Horace McKay	1898	John A. Ryan	1906
Mrs. Amanda M. MacKay	1899	John Roark	1898
Mr. & Mrs. J.S. MacKay	1898	Dr. Scharschmidt	1898
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Moore McKay	1898	Geo. Scully	1903
		Mrs. Sharpe	
		Duncan Sinclair	1898
		Frank Slavin	1898

J.P. Smith	
F.F. Sparks	1887
A. Erskine Smith	1898
Pete Smith	1898
Mr. Hector A. Stewart	1898
Mrs. Al. Stewart	1922
Dr. & Mrs. Z. Strong	1898
Dorothy Strong	1908
Miss Irene Swanston	1925

Dr. & Mrs. Alfred Thompson	1899
J.D. Tillar	1899
B. Trites	1898
Mrs. B.R. Trenaman	1905
Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Turnbull	1905

G.C. Walker	1898
John J. Walsh	1897
F.T. "Wings" Wilkinson	1900
Miss Tottie Williams	1900
Mrs. J.W. Wilson	1902
Chas. M. & Mrs. Woodworth	1898
H.D. Wright	1894
Miss Jean Wyness	1910

You will note several of our present members attended this affair.



## Other Canadian Yukoners' Associations:

During the past half century a number of Yukoners' Associations have sprung up and in many cases, withered away. Our information on them is rather sketchy, but we will give you what little we have:

### Canadian Arctic Brotherhood, Calgary, Alta.

This group was formed about 1927 by J.J. Wilson, a Calgary realtor and former R.N.W.M.P. Sergeant. Appears to have been quite active for a few years and hosted the International Reunion in 1932. After Wilson's death in 1933, we hear little about it, although we notice delegates being sent to the International in 1936. We believe they changed their name to Calgary Yukoners' Association. We have been unable to obtain any recent information and presume it is dormant.

### The Ontario Yukoners' Association

We believe the above mentioned were organized in the late 1920's. Most of the members were scattered between Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and London. The roster for 1936 shows 100 names. Meetings held from time to time appear to have alternated between Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa. The International Reunion was hosted in Toronto in 1937, the only time this event has been held East of Calgary. Mike Mahoney of Ottawa was elected President. We have no further record on file and assume they are dormant.

### The Okanagan Mainline Yukoners' Association

This Association was organized in 1968. Daz and Alex McCarter were the founders and key figures. We understand the membership runs between 50-60 persons. The Club is still active. Many Vancouverites have attended their summer entertainments.

### The Victoria and Vancouver Island Yukoners' Association

The Association was formed in 1959 largely through the efforts of Gordon Lee. Original membership 55 persons. With our assistance they hosted two International Reunions in 1959 and 1964. Remained active for ten years, but since Gordon's passing, interest has waned and it is now inactive.

### Ottawa Yukoners' Association

This group was founded in 1951 with Miss Margaret Ogilvie, granddaughter of the first Commissioner of Yukon, as Secretary and central figure. Was quite active for a few years. In 1964 Miss Ogilvie reported a dwindling membership and we believe it is now inactive. In 1952 Otto Nordling reported 86 names on the roster.

### Langley Yukoners' Association

According to our scanty information, this group was quite active for several years in the late 1950's. Meetings were held from time to time and a carnival was held each summer, which a number of our members attended. We understand no records were maintained and activities have now ceased.

It is likely there were other similar organizations formed years ago, but if so, we have no information on them.

"COME BACK"

Come back, my friends, to this beautiful land.

Let me welcome you with open heart

Filled with the joy that fellowship brings.

We will talk of many things,

Of fish and game and places yet unseen.

And better still of our Alaska.

We know her, you and I.

We know the joy that this land can bring and

Feel the pride of being here.

Tell me, please, of the pleasures you have known.

Help me, if you will, to know those same fine years.

I too want the joy of looking back with pride.

And if by some chance, we cannot meet again

Remember me, when behind some snow-capped mountain

The sun hides until another day.

Or with the smell of crisp, clean air

Wet-eyed, you dream of days gone by

And the past comes back through fond memories.

Come back my friend, if only in your mind and

know this, I will not forget you

Forgetting is a function of the mind and not the heart.

INTERNATIONAL SOURDOUGH SONG.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SOURDOUGH REUNION INC.

### MOTTO - NO BOUNDARY LINE HERE

It is not within the scope of our Story to write a complete history of the above mentioned Association. However, as we have considerable information on its origin, early history, and birth-pangs, we feel it may be of some interest to our readers to learn about such beginnings. During the 1920's, Sourdough groups were springing up at various points in the Pacific states. Seattle actually had an Association of sorts prior to 1908, but the present Alaska Yukon Pioneers Association was registered June 15, 1923 with Capt. A.J. Goddard as first President. Our information on other groups is too sketchy to mention here, but the Brotherhood of the North was vibrant and active at many points.

J.J. Wilson, President of the Canadian Arctic Brotherhood of Calgary was the fervent missionary and chief architect for the formation of a centralized Association which would link together the various individual groups. In 1928 he visited and wrote to several Sourdough Clubs, including Seattle and Vancouver, with the idea of union. He received some encouragement from us and in his letter of April 19, 1929, he suggests that Vancouver organize a Convention at which Seattle, Calgary and Vancouver would participate. After some discussions, we backed away from the idea. Wilson had better luck in Seattle. Vic Marion, President of the Alaska Yukon Pioneers, responded to Wilson's enthusiasm. The Ladies of the Golden North also liked the idea, so invitations were issued to all known Sourdough groups, including Vancouver (which we accepted) to hold a Stampede and Convention at Seattle on August 16 - 18th, to celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of the Discovery of gold on Bonanza Creek.

A tremendous amount of work was involved in setting up this first Convention. However, it was a huge success. 3500 cheering Sourdoughs took over the City of Seattle, 3000 of whom attended the final Ball. 200 Vancouverites attended as well as a detachment of R.N.W.M.P. and the Vancouver Police Band. A Sourdough Stampede Committee was formed. The name - The Alaska Yukon Pioneers Stampede Committee - our representatives were Lt. Col. H.D. Hulme, Rev. George Pringle (who also gave the keynote address) and Archie Scott.

While no proper Constitution was initiated, a preamble of aims and objects was drawn up and endorsed, of which we still have one of the original copies. Among the motions passed--to various Governments - the construction of the Seattle-Fairbanks road - on similar lines to the present Alaska Highway. Vic Marion was elected President of the new Committee and the Convention called for the Stampede to be held in 1930 at Vancouver, B.C.

As an aside to the Convention, our representative H.D. Hulme wrote a song for use, which we understand was quite popular with the Sourdoughs:

"The Sourdoughs liked their bacon fat,  
Cheechakos liked it lean,  
The Sourdoughs took their porridge flat  
Cheechakos called for cream.  
But the finest grub for dog or man,  
If the price was in your jeans,  
Was the old tin can,  
Full of pork and beans".

H.D. Hulme.

1929.

Next year Vancouver Yukoners made elaborate plans for the 1930 Convention. Major M.M. Marsden headed a strong committee. The dates set, August 14-16th. Some friction developed between Seattle and Vancouver in regard to speakers, Bands and other arrangements, partly our fault, but again the Stampede was a huge success. No record of attendance is available, but undoubtedly there was a very large crowd. The original committee set up in Seattle was disbanded, somewhat to their dismay and the next Convention was set for August 14-17th at Portland, Ore.

About 500 Sourdoughs attended the next Stampede at Portland. The delegates and representatives were inspired, especially by J.J. Wilson, to form a permanent International organization. The name - The Alaska Yukon Pioneers Reunion Inc., the date August 13, 1931. The Resolutions called for six men and two women to sit on the Board of Directors of which three are to be Canadians, two from California, one from Oregon, two from the State of Washington. Of the Canadian Directors, two were to represent British Columbia, one from Alberta.

The first Board of Directors elected at the meeting was as follows:

A.J. Eckelman	President	Portland, Ore.
H.D. Hulme	Vice-President	Vancouver, B.C.
Lulu M. Fairbanks	Secretary Treasurer	Seattle, Wash.
J.J. Wilson		Calgary, Alta.
Esther B. Darling		Berkeley, Calif.
Wm. J. Bunger		Los Angeles, Calif.
Frank Lowe		Vancouver, B.C.
Eugene C. Allen		Seattle, Wash.

Miss Lulu Fairbanks, although not present at the meeting and a non-Sourdough, was elected Secretary Treasurer, because of her long association with the Northland as Associate Editor of the Alaska Weekly. She was a logical choice. The City of Fairbanks, Alaska, was named in honor of her cousin, Senator Fairbanks.

H.D. Hulme of Vancouver, although unable to be present, was asked to draw up letters of Incorporation to be presented at the 1932 Convention, which was slated for Calgary, for approval and adoption.

However, when the delegates returned to their various cities and explained the purposes of the proposed new organization, they were met with apathy, suspicion and in some cases, open hostility. While the Sourdoughs were eager to attend Stampedes, many of them worried that the new organization would rob local clubs of their autonomy. Under these circumstances, the position of the new Secretary was an uneasy one. It required all the patience, determination and diplomacy of Miss Fairbanks to keep the organization alive.

On August 6, 1932, twelve months after the founding of the International, she writes that only one Club (Portland) had forwarded its dues and she worried as to how any voting procedures could be carried out at the coming Stampede in Calgary, when according to the Constitution, only one Club had voting rights.

Another complication arose May 23, 1932. The Registration office at Olympia refused the letters of Incorporation due to the possible conflict of names with the Alaska Yukon Pioneers of Seattle. From Vancouver came the suggestion that the word "Sourdough" be substituted for "Alaska Yukon Pioneers", so the name "International Sourdough Reunion Inc." was adopted and registration accepted by the authorities. Another letter from Lulu states that the original \$25.00 in the treasury is nearing exhaustion. There is no doubt that but for the dedication and tenacity of Miss Fairbanks, the new organization would have folded up in its infancy.

The most colorful of all Conventions was held August 16-18 at Calgary and Banff. A huge barbeque picnic was held. Old time gambling devices were in use, Mounties paraded. Hundreds of roses from Portland perfumed the Ballroom. The Stoney Indians put on a most colourful show, the ladies wore beautiful gowns, the City of Calgary was most hospitable and everyone had a grand time.

There is no mention of voting procedures, but we assume a very liberal attitude was taken. The new Constitution was adopted. Among some of its provisions were:

Three classes of Membership - Life, Active and Associate.

1. Life membership for old Sourdoughs \$100.00 per person.
2. Active membership - 25¢ per capita dues.
3. Associate membership for relatives or children \$1.00 per member.

15% of all Convention profits be paid into the International.

J.J. Wilson of Calgary was elected President. The prodding of Wilson and Miss Fairbanks began to have its effects and opposition to the International began to wither away. After the Calgary Stampede, the various Clubs started to affiliate and remit their dues. The Vancouver Yukoners held a special General meeting in December 1932 and approval was granted to apply for affiliation, subject to certain conditions. Our application was consequently forwarded and we were granted membership in 1933.

Miss Lulu Fairbanks, Secretary Treasurer 1931-1968

We are now going to give you a little information on this remarkable woman. Miss Fairbanks was born in Ohio in 1888. After graduation, she taught school in various parts of the United States and by 1923 we find her in Seattle as Associate Editor of the Alaska Weekly, a post she held for 33 years until the paper folded up. It was this association with the Northland which stimulated her interest in the Sourdough movement, an interest that never flagged during her lifetime. Among her many activities and accomplishments: she represented the Alaska press at the original conference of the United Nations at San Francisco in 1945. From 1929 to 1948, she looked after the Christmas fund of the Pioneer Home at Sitka. She assisted the famous explorer, Vilhjalmur Stefansson with the publication of an Arctic Encyclopedia. She established a fund in Seattle to aid crippled Alaska children and has personally cared for a number of Sourdoughs in their old age. A prolific and polished writer, she has contributed scores of articles on the Northland to various publications. At the 1942 International Convention, she was voted "Miss Alaska" for life; was also a Life member of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. In 1950 she was named the "Woman of Achievement" by the Women's Business and Professional Club of Seattle.

Yes, she was a busy woman, but her greatest love was for the International Sourdough Reunion and its affiliates for whom she gave 37 years of devoted service. She was one of those remarkable persons who obtained more pleasure in giving than in receiving. She gave of her energy, her time, her ability and her money to worthy causes that attracted her and they were many.

Commencing in 1933, the International became well established and prospered over the years under her capable direction. There were however, several occasions during her long stewardship when some small group would attempt to dominate the International and downgrade Miss Fairbanks. Lulu or "Fairy" as she was known to her intimates, would fight back tooth and nail. Sometimes she would become depressed and would confide her problems and fears to the Parkers from whom she always received encouragement. There are scores of letters on file between these warm hearted persons, which give quite an insight into the workings of the International, but they are much too personal for us to quote here. Suffice to say, the Vancouver Yukoners were her pet Association and she knew she could always rely upon us to back her up. In return, she was most

helpful to us in capably drafting resolutions on our behalf, among them Resolutions on the Dempster Trail and the Edmonton Klondike days. We have copies on file but will not enlarge on them here.

Miss Fairbanks passed away November 20, 1968, aged 80.

As we have now completed our Story on the initial beginnings of the International Sourdough Reunion Inc., we shall leave the rest to some other narrator and will conclude by listing the number of Member Clubs as at September 15, 1963:

Alaska Yukon Pioneers	Seattle, Wn.
Ladies of the Golden North	Seattle, Wn.
The Alaska Friends Association	Seattle, Wn.
Alaska Yukon Society of Oregon	Portland, Ore.
Alaska Club of the Willamette Valley	Salem, Ore.
Alaska Club of the Rogue Valley	Medford, Ore.
Vancouver Yukoners' Association	Vancouver, B.C.
Alaska Club of Woodburn Senior Estates	Woodburn, Ore.
San Francisco-Oakland Sourdoughs Assoc.	Berkeley, Calif.
Alaska Yukon Club of San Diego	San Diego, Calif.
Alaska Yukon Club of Southern California	Los Angeles, Calif.
The Alaskans	Santa Barbara, Calif.
Okanagan Mainline Yukoners Association	Vernon, B.C.
Ottawa Sourdough Club	Ottawa, Ont.
Victoria & Island Sourdough Association	Victoria, B.C.

LIST OF PRESIDENTS OF - INTERNATIONAL SOURDOUGH ASSOCIATION

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1931	A.J. ECKLEMAN	Portland, Ore.
1932	J.J. WILSON	Calgary, Alta.
	DAVE RING	Seattle (after Wilson's death)
1933	JACK ROBERTS	Los Angeles, Calif.
1934	DAVE E. GRIFFITHS	Seattle, Wn.
* 1935	B.R. DUSENBURY	Vancouver, B.C.
1936	BESSIE MAURO THAYER	Portland, Ore.
** 1937	M.A. MAHONEY	Ottawa and Los Angeles
1938	T.W. BUCHHOLZ	Long Beach, Calif.
1939	LEE B. LOOMIS	Portland, Ore.
* 1940	HENRY C. MACAULAY	Vancouver, B.C.
1941	C.O. SIVERTSEN	San Francisco, Calif.
1942-45	C.O. VALIKANZE	Yakima
1946	CAPT. A.J. GODDARD	Woodenville, Wn.
* 1947	B.J. PARKER	Vancouver
1948	WM. H. BROWN	Los Angeles
1949	DR. K. FALKENBERG	Seattle, Wn.
* 1950	W.E. HADDOCK	Vancouver, B.C.
1951	PAUL W. SCHWARZ	San Francisco, Calif.
1952	R.N. SUNDQUIST	Seattle, Wn.
* 1953	T.A. LAMB	Vancouver, B.C.
1954	GUS NACHAND	San Diego, Calif.
1955	JOHNNIE J. MCNEIL	San Francisco, Calif.
1956	SARAH BERTHELSEN	Portland, Ore.
* 1957	TOM TELLEFSEN	Vancouver, B.C.
1958	W.A. ELLIS	Seattle, Wn.
1959	RICHARD E. RACINE	Los Angeles, Calif.
* 1960	WALTER HAMILTON	Vancouver, B.C.
1961	CRYSTAL MORGAN	San Francisco
1962	HANS GREENAA	Seattle
* 1963	J.P. BEGG	Vancouver
1964	PAULINE STE MARIE	Portland
1965	HERB JOHNSTON	Montebella, Calif.
1966	No International	
* 1967	GORDON LEE	Victoria
1968	FRED HAND	Santa Barbara
1969	FRANK NASH	Seattle
* 1970	MRS. LOUISE BLACK	Vancouver
1971	DR. HAROLD CULVER	San Diego
1972	BERTHA MCKAY	Seattle
1973	FRED ANDERSEN	San Francisco

\* From Vancouver Yukoners

\*\* From Ontario Yukoners



VANCOUVER YUKONERS who have been appointed Honorary Vice-Presidents  
of the International Reunion Inc. 1938-1973:

1938	Rev. Geo. C.F. Pringle
* 1940	Dr. J.N.E. Brown
1941	Ross Moulton
1942	Tommy McSmart
1946	Hon. George Black
1947	Frank Lowe
1948	Robert W. Service
1949	Mrs. B.J. Parker
1950	Maurice DeLeon
1951	Mrs. Martha Louise Black
1952	Mrs. F.H. Osborn
1953	Tom Watson
1954	Mrs. Archie Black
1955	Aubrey Simmons
1956	W.D. McBride
1957	Jas. P. Begg
1958	Otto Nordling
* 1959	Geo. F. Pearkes
1960	Andrew Baird
* 1962	G. Diefenbaker
*	Pierre Berton
* 1963	W.A.C. Bennett
	W.J.D. Dempster
1966	Harry Colvey
1968	Rev. R.W. Hibbert
*	Miss Margaret Ogilvie
1970	Mrs. Albertine Haddock
1971	Mrs. Helen Parker
1972	Mrs. Florence Beaumont
1973	R.L. Greenslade

\* Canadians appointed from outside our Organization.

In 1936 a beautiful and courteous addition was added to the program, for it was at that reunion that a Fellowship bracelet was awarded, and was to continue annually, to the oldest lady attending the Convention. How appropriate it was that the First Bracelet was awarded to Mrs. Sarah Emily Service, the mother of our Yukon Bard, R.W. Service.

The full list is now given:

1936	Mrs. Sarah Emily Service	Vancouver, B.C.	*
1937	Mrs. R.J. Bowen	London, Ont.	
1938	Mrs. Mary Morrison	Anchorage	
1939	Mrs. Sylvia Chesley	Los Angeles	
1940	Mrs. Henrietta Wilkinson	Seattle	
1941	Mrs. C.W. Case -"Mother Woods"	San Bernardino	
1942	Mrs. Christine A. Koudela	Seattle	
1943-45	NO CONVENTIONS - WORLD WAR 11		
1946	Mrs. Clara P. Goddard	Seattle	
1947	Mrs. Jule Lomen (Judge J.G.)	Seattle	
1948	Mrs. M.A. Hawksley (Rev. John)	Vancouver, B.C.	*
1949	Mrs. Wm. E. Meisner	Los Angeles	
1950	Mrs. Leah Heilscher	Seattle	
1951	Mrs. Ethel W. Hawks	Santa Barbara	
1952	Mrs. Alice Handley	Fairbanks	
1953	Mrs. Christine Eddy	Culver City, Calif.	
1954	Mrs. Christine N. Ives	Seattle	
	Mrs. Rhoda McKenzie	White Rock, B.C.	*
	(both born Apr. 22, 1867. Each wore bracelet 6 months)		
1955	Mrs. Della Light	Seattle	
1956	Mrs. Antonia Lynch	Portland, Ore.	
1957	Mrs. Margaret Korthauer	Seattle	
1958	Mrs. W.C. Snooks	Los Angeles	
1959	Mrs. Jenzine Kazinski	New Westminster, B.C.	*
1960	Alaska McCutcheon	San Francisco	
1961	Christine Ives	Seattle	
1962	Marie Silverman	Anchorage	
1963	Harriet Osborn	Portland	
1964-5	Mrs. Charlotte Conrad	Toppenish, Wn.	
1966	Mrs. Minnie Evans	Los Angeles	
1967	Gertrude Elsner	" "	
1968	Mrs. Janet Owen	Vancouver	*
1969	Mabel White	Los Angeles	
1970	Mrs. G.H. Findlay	Vancouver	*
1971	Mrs. Gould	"	*
1972	Mrs. N. Enchinger		
1973	Mrs. Maude Curtis	Seattle	

\* Vancouver Members

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CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS  
VANCOUVER YUKONERS' ASSOCIATION

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VANCOUVER YUKONERS' ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

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1. The Association shall consist of an unlimited number of members, whose qualifications for membership shall be as follows:

(a) Man or woman who has lived for at least twelve months in any of the following places.

1. Anywhere in the Yukon Territory.
2. Anywhere in Alaska within the watershed of the Yukon river.
3. Any place in Alaska lying north of the mouth of the Yukon River.
4. Anywhere in the Province of British Columbia north of latitude 56.

(b) Wife or Husband, or any descendants of any such person.

2. All applications for membership in the Association shall be in writing upon a form provided, and shall give the full name, address and occupation and full particulars to establish the qualifications required for admission as a member of the Association. The fee of One Dollar (or such fee as shall be by resolution of the Executive Committee be fixed from time to time) shall accompany all applications for membership. In the event of any application being refused the fee accompanying the application shall be refunded, and in the event such application is accepted the fee accompanying the application shall apply to dues.

3. The Annual dues shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00) per year or such other amount as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.

4. Honorary members may be admitted to the Association on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, two-thirds majority members present at the Executive meeting being necessary to elect. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote on any subject.

5. Life members may be elected to the Association on the recommendation of the Executive Committee submitted to the General meeting of the Association, two-thirds majority of those present at the General meeting being necessary to elect.

6. All new members shall be notified in writing by the Secretary of their acceptance by the Association.

7. All dues payable to the Association by its members shall be payable in advance. Honorary and Life members elected as such shall be exempt from payment of dues.

8. No member shall be considered in good standing if more than three months in arrears for dues and shall not be allowed to vote on any question or entitled to any privileges or benefits which may be granted to members of the Association.

9. Any member misconducting himself or herself in any way detrimental to the welfare of the Association shall be suitably dealt with by the Executive Committee, who shall have the power to suspend or expel such member from the Association.

10. The General Meeting of the Association shall be held at least once a year. The date being fixed by the Executive Committee. Notice of such Meeting shall be given all members.

11. Special General Meetings may be called by the Executive Committee to deal with any question which may be considered should be dealt with by the whole membership. Twenty-five members of the Association in good standing shall form a quorum at any general meetings.

12. At all general meetings the order of business shall be as follows in so far as the same is applicable:

1. Minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. Financial statements.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Notice of motion.
7. Nomination and election of Executive Committee.
8. New business.
9. Good and welfare.

Provided the above order may be altered or suspended at any meeting of deemed advisable.

13. The Association shall be managed by the Executive Committee elected by the general meeting of the Association and shall consist of twelve members who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, and the officers of the Association shall be elected by the Executive Committee so elected, and shall consist of:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice-President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer

No member shall be eligible for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer unless he has served twelve months on the Executive Committee, and no member of the Association shall be eligible for the Executive Committee unless he has been a member of the Association for at least six months.

14. All Past Presidents shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

15. The Executive Committee shall have power to perform and carry to completion work entrusted to them at the Annual General meeting or any special general meeting; to fill any vacancies arising during the year; to enact rules and regulations governing the business of the Association; to enter into contracts; or perform any other acts authorized by the Constitution and By-Laws which may be legally entered into; such contracts or acts being binding upon the Association; to exercise control over the raising and expenditure of funds for the purpose of carrying out the object of the Association; and to invest any surplus funds.

16. Any or all monies invested by the Association shall be done at the will and by the direction of the Executive Committee. Any charges, expenses or outlay incidental thereto or which are legally incurred in the carrying out of the directions of the Executives shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for payment.

17. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month. Extra meetings may be called at any time by the President to deal with any urgent business which may arise. Six members shall form a quorum at all Executive meetings.

18. The President shall at the first meeting of the Executive Committee, after election, appoint the various standing Committees.

19. No member shall involve the Association in any manner whatsoever without first obtaining permission or by being delegated by the Executive Committee.

20. No goods shall be ordered or commitments entered into other than incidental office requirements without the sanction of the Executive Committee and all accounts shall be submitted to and passed by the Executive Committee and handed to the Treasurer for payment. The Treasurer shall make all payments by cheque, signed by himself and countersigned by the President or Secretary.

21. No remuneration shall be paid to any elected officer or member of the Association; provided, however, that the Association may grant an honorarium or presentation as an appreciation for services rendered to the Association.

22. Not less than two auditors shall be elected, for the ensuing year at the Annual general meeting after all the Executive

Committee have been elected. No member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for the office of auditor. The auditors shall be responsible direct to the general meeting for the auditing of all books and accounts and shall sign the balance sheet, reporting any exceptions, and may make recommendations.

23. The Association may invest its surplus funds in any securities authorized for Trust Funds. The fund of the Association shall not be used for any other purpose than its legitimate objects, and in accordance with these By-Laws.

24. In the event of the death of any member of the Association or of any of the family of any member, the President and Secretary are empowered to send floral tribute on behalf of the Association. Any financial or other assistance must be approved of and authorized by the Executive Committee before granted.

25. The Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the regular duties attaching to such offices, respectively, to the satisfaction and under the direction of the Executive Committee.

26. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of proceedings of meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee, and shall have general custody of the books and records of the Association, which shall be available for inspection by the members at all reasonable times.

27. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Association may be amended after notice in writing of such proposed amendment shall have been sent to each member of the Association in good standing, at least five days before the meeting convened to consider such proposed amendment.