

Lula Expected Quiet Life when She Wed Don

When Lula Fredson married Don Young in the Episcopal Church in Fort Yukon in 1963 she thought they were going to have a quiet life together.

Don would continue teaching school in the winter and work as a riverboat captain in the summer, and Lou would be a wife and mother.

It didn't quite turn out that way. After Don served on the Fort Yukon City Council and as mayor, he was elected to the state house and then the state senate. In March, 1973 he was elected U.S. Congressman in a special election.

Being the wife of a congressman, living in Washington, D.C., campaigning door to door, talking to the press and attending public affairs isn't the kind of

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IN FAIRBANKS — Lou Young, wife of Congressman Don Young, campaigned in Fairbanks last week and visited with her mother, Mrs. Jean Frank. The Youngs will be in Fairbanks Nov. 3 to meet the public at Alaskaland from 1 until 5 p.m.

(Photo by Wayne Jex)

life Lou visualized 11 years ago.

Lou was born in Fort Yukon and spent her childhood there and in the villages of Venetie, Beaver and Chalkyitsik where her parents taught school.

"The first thing people want to know is how I like living in Washington, D.C.," Lou said. "It wasn't easy at first," she admitted, "but it has been a good experience for all of us." Lou said that she is keeping notes on her activities and someday she hopes to write a book about it.

It was in Washington, D.C. that Lou got her first driver's license. "I only drive when I absolutely have to," Lou confessed.

The Youngs live in a two-story brick house in McLean, Va., 14 miles from the nation's capitol. Their two daughters, Joni, 11; and Dawn, 9, attend public school in McLean. Lou has taken on a Campfire Girl troop and participates in PTA.

"We all look forward to coming back to Alaska when Don is in recess," Lou said. "We both feel so good when we come back."

Since Don was elected to Congress he has returned to Alaska on 32 weekends. "Political life is hard on families," Lou said, "especially when Don is away from home. But the girls

and I believe in the work Don is doing. The most thrilling moment for us all was when Don's Trans-Alaska Pipeline bill passed the House. We are so proud of him."

While in Fairbanks last week Lou visited with her mother, Mrs. Jean Frank, and her brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Alice Fredson.

Congressman Young and his