

Stickman Chartered Plane in 1929 Now Would Charter Wien 737

By FRED STICKMAN

Spring, 1929, May beaver season was open for shooting. Although the limit was 20, I spring camp Mud River on the Innoko River. I shot 37 instead of 20. I make my own law, or no law.

In June, there was a big potlatch at Kokrines, so I had to go up and see it. I was there three days when the Steamer Jacobs landed with mail and freight and the steward was looking for me.

I worked for him two years as a dish washer. Dishwasher means you have to peel one and half buckets of spuds all summer, seven days a week; mop the kitchen three times a day; get up 5 o'clock in the morning; set the table for the deck hands and wait on them see if they get enough to eat; all for 90 dollars a month—seven days a week.

That fall, we left Nenana

in two kicker boats and froze in at Minto, Johnny Campbell's place. And I walked back to Nenana.

My brother brought a passenger up and brought my six dogs. That's how I picked up a dog here and there at Nenana to race in Fairbanks. After the race was over, I came in third in the Chatinika race and first in the Endicott race, 17 1/4 miles.

After I arrived at Nenana, Fred Milligan was looking for me with an emergency telegram. My younger brother passed away at Tanana and Ma and Dad were stuck there with 14 dogs as my adopted brother also passed away.

I left as soon as possible. I arrived at Tanana with 13 dogs and 14 more to drive to Nulato. My brother have to be buried at home. That was my folks custom and nothing was going to change.

Reverend Joseph McElmed, known all over the Yukon as "Father Mack," was there. I was there eight days when Father Mack came to me and asked me if I have enough money to charter a airplane.

I said yes. I didn't care. I never thought, or anyone would think about an airplane in 1929. I didn't care what it cost.

So Father Mack left, but when he came back to me at the hotel where I was staying, he said my Dad and Ma wouldn't go on no plane whatsoever.

He said for me to talk to them and explain and also tell them that the Wiens are good fliers and if they know they were going to die, they fly anyway, etc.

Ralph Wien was on the way. The plane that landed in front of Tanana had two wings on

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3-Year-Old Eskimo Boy Survives 1/2 Hr. Snow Burial at Nome

Three-year-old Dickson Ozenna of Nome was buried beneath a snowdrift for over a half hour last week when a snow cave collapsed on him, the Nome Nugget reports.

A group of children had dug the cave in the snowdrift as a place to play. They had shored up the roof with timbers and planks, but the shoring failed to hold the snow and the cave collapsed with young Ozenna being buried deep in the middle of the snowdrift.

His mother, along with a

group of neighbors and friends, managed to dig him out of the drift after a half hour of frantic digging.

The youngster was taken to MMM Hospital where he was found to be all right—just a little wet and scared.

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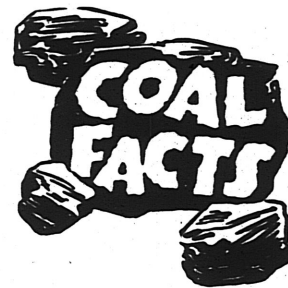
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