

The Party Line

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Roadhouse at Six Mile Corner

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Located at the corner of the Blackwater Road and Bonny Road is one of the oldest and still in use buildings in Bouchie Lake. Constructed in 1912 by Floyd Vernon, the building sits at what was known as “Six Mile Corner” at the junction of the original Collins Overland Telegraph Trail / COTT and Nazko Road; now Blackwater Road and Bonny Road. At the time of construction, the COTT trail was the main route to Fort St. James and Fort George (Hwy. 97 North did not exist).



Floyd Vernon arrived in Bouchie Lake in May, 1910 on his way to Fraser Lake in search of farmland. He was from Portland, Oregon. During his travels, he injured his foot and stopped in Bouchie Lake to allow it to heal. While waiting, he came upon land along the lakeshore and decided to stay. He constructed a small cabin and put up some hay. After spending the winter in Vancouver, he returned to Bouchie Lake in 1911 with his mother, Myra, his daughter, Verna and brother Clifford. The lakeshore property is where his mother and brother lived whereas Floyd took up land at Six Mile Corner adjacent to a camping spot for the pack trains.

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In 1912, the Broceus family (also from the USA) arrived in Bouchie Lake. The Broceus and Vernon families worked together to construct their homes at Six Mile Corner with assistance from Billie Bouchie (William Boucher). Billie had the experience in log building. The families were in their new homes by November, 1912. During 1912 and 1913 the Vernons' home became a roadhouse where travellers would overnight. In 1930 Floyd opened a small general store beside his home at Six Mile Corner. At least twice a week he gathered mail from the Quesnel Post Office and brought it out to Bouchie Lake. The store remained open until after WW II when the first Bouchie Lake Store was opened by Brazier Armstrong.

Today, the Roadhouse at Six Mile Corner is the home of Elizabeth Staats, Elizabeth has lived there for 38 years and has her own historical connection to our community which will be shared at another time.

Credit: Norm Fletcher, Elizabeth Staats, "Pioneers of Bouchie Lake" (1975)

A quick little quiz number one.

Approximately what percentage of an iceberg is visible above water?

- A) 27 percent B) 9 percent
C) 13 percent D) 4 percent

Answer on back page.



Hello From The Party Line's Editor

Welcome to the second issue of The Party Line, our own local newsletter for Bouchie lake and area. I have seen a drop in advertisements and submissions. This is a call out for all and any thing you may wish to send in. We are seeking recipes, local stories and history pieces as well as pictures of bi-gone years. Jokes are welcome too. If you have an event coming up drop me a line. I am looking forward to receiving these interesting reading items.

The Party Line is available through email, send me your email address and I will ad you to the list.

Friends of Bouchie-Milburn Society updated their website to include the first issue.

Thanks, Melody Watson

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Summer May 15

Fall Aug 15.

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list. Keep informed and up to date on
our community and local events.

Enjoy the Party Line



A quick little quiz number two

Approximately what percentage of
the world's surface is covered by
mountains?

- A) 2 percent B) 1 percent
C) 10 percent D) 7 percent

Answer on back page

Be safe this spring

As spring arrives be aware
of possible floods. Our
forests being ravaged by
wild fires these past years
have burned off the
vegetation, under brush,
grass, etc. that can hold the
snow melt. Thus the
resulting water can travel
fast and free destroying all
in its path.



We are so excited to our local Partly Line.

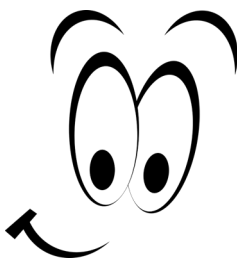
be able to advertise in

The Bouchie Lake Program for Seniors

Helping Hands Food is now up and run-

ning to support our seniors who need a helping hand. Our program is the 3rd Monday of each month. You will need to register, you can pick up and drop off registrations in the entrance of the Bouche Lake Community Hall and register at the Bouchie Lake Country Store. Or call Leslie at 250-249-5430 or Elaine at 778-465-3325.

For any information.



Place your ad here and be seen.

Answers from quick little quizzes.

Number one answer is C.

Number two answer is D.