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President's Message

With Phase 2 of BC's re-start plan going into effect on June 15th and then smoothly transitioning into Phase 3 on July 1st, we are now slowly returning to a new normal.

We are hoping for an in-person gathering on Saturday December 4th at Carman United Church to welcome you all back and to celebrate Christmas.

Fingers crossed and stay tuned.

In getting to this point, the heat of June 27 thru 30 was quite unbearable. And, apparently there is more to come for the August long weekend. I do not do well in heat like this. My garden and hanging baskets are holding their own. So I can attest to the fact that early morning hand watering at 6:00 am works. Thank you, Brian Minter.

But we never water the grass in the summer. It will survive - grass always does. My husband and I are hoping to drive to Prince George for a Merritt Family Reunion Picnic, which had to be cancelled last year. We are watching the road closures closely.

Time to see the family in the north for the first time in 2 years.

We are pleased to announce the new look to our branch web page. We have included back issues of our newsletter to June 2012 and also the "Branching Out" history from 1990.

Please have a look at page 5 and at : <http://www.uelac.org/Chilliwack/>

Some exciting items from our members have resulted in the articles on pages 7 thru 11. Firstly, from Gwendolyn Gold UE, all about her famous BC photographer grandfather Wilmer Gold. Then from Ken Vance UE, part one of his article on his Loyalist Adam Papst which appeared in the Loyalist Gazette Spring 2021 issue.

Thanks to you both.

A few of us drove to Queen's Park in New Westminster for the Vancouver Branch Loyalist Picnic. How nice to be with and talk to everyone. Hugs all round. See the picture on page 6.

And thanks to Thompson/Okanagan branch for sending us their Loyalist picnic picture with all the names.

Stay safe and well till we can meet up again .

Loyally yours

Marlene Dance UE



PS: time to take off the mask. Did you notice?

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Chilliwack Branch

Your Management Committee
for 2021

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Calendar of Events for 2021

Print and save with your calendar



Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall, 7258 Vedder Road, Chilliwack BC
Trooping of the flag will commence at 11:45am - followed immediately by lunch - then a planned program.

2021	August	Long Weekend: Fur Brigade Days at Ft. Langley Cancelled
	October	Fall Fleet hosted by Vancouver Branch. Cancelled
	October	LDS Finding your Roots Conference in Surrey BC Cancelled
	November 11	Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens TBA
	December 4	Christmas Social 11:00 am to 3:00 pm details TBA

Details and reminders about any change in time, location or about guest speakers
will be sent via email and/or included in each edition of this newsletter.

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Partnering with: Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

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On the Porch video series. Click here and enjoy: [On the Porch With Heritage Chilliwack Society Episode 4 - YouTube](#)
More episodes on the right of your screen.

www.theprogress.com/entertainment/chilliwack-heritage-societys-on-the-porch-video-series-shines-spotlight-on-historic-homes/



Welcome to the world little one!

Brinley Ann Wolf Lyftogt

Born July 12, 2021 in New Westminster.

We see proud Dad Ethan Lyftogh UE, son of equally proud Gramma Cindy Lyftogh UE and darling "little" Brinley peeking out.

"Please meet my newest great-granddaughter weighing in at only 3 lbs. Mummy had preeclampsia very badly. So for Chelsea and the baby's health, she was delivered by c-section.

Both of them are doing very well.

A family baby shower was planned for July 12th. This will now be rescheduled so the family can enjoy shopping for premie clothes.

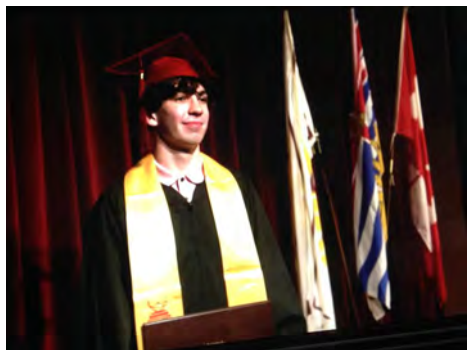
God is good and we as a family are so grateful".

From a very happy great-grandmother

Hugs, from Judy Scholz UE



Alex Merritt Dance Coblenz UE



Celebrating his birthday and graduation from Templeton Secondary School in Vancouver. Alex and his class had a virtual ceremony where they each walked across the stage in an empty auditorium

their diplomas in hand.

Proud grandparents, Marlene and Wayne Dance UEs, watched at home and captured this screenshot.

A few days before, as BC had moved into Phase 3 of it's Re-start program, the family was together to celebrate all these events and Father's Day was a bonus.

Alex also attends the Sarah McLachlan School of Music and the year end concert was also virtual.

Congratulations Alex !



In the April issue of our newsletter we reported Marian Reid UE as being in hospital. Thank you to all who sent cards. Marian has now moved into assisted living here in Chilliwack. Judy Scholz UE and I had a lovely visit with her on Friday July 23rd. The time just flew. We found Marian just waking from a nap and in great spirits. We talked, laughed and recalled good times. Marian asked after a number of people and we were happy to give her the news. Judy snapped this picture just before we left and we wanted to share.



Last Post:

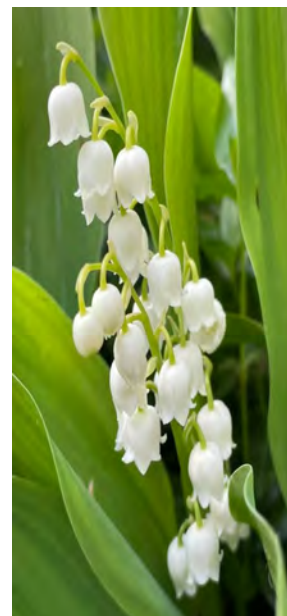
We send our thoughts and prayers to friends and family of two long-time and well-loved Victoria Branch members. You will be missed and remembered.



Last Post: SPARKS UE, William F. Sparks June 28, 2021
www.legacy.com/obituaries/timescolonist/obituary.aspx?n=william-f-sparks&pid=199318711



Last Post: BORDEN UE, Karen Eileen July 4, 2021
www.mccallgardens.com/obituaries/karen-eileen-borden-nee-cronk



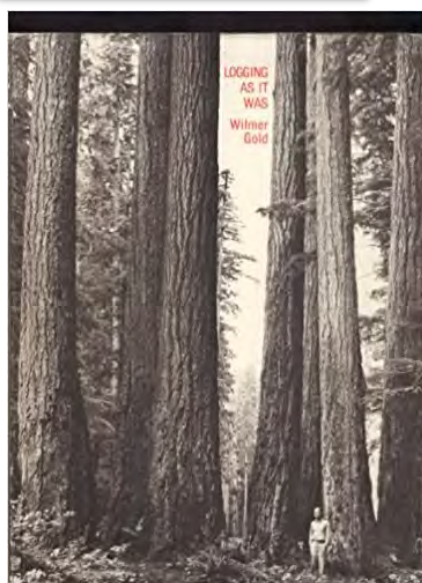
On the Bookshelf

Loyal and True by Brian McConnell UE

Those were words included in the inscription on the headstone of an Orangeman who died in 1894 in Nova Scotia. What did this mean? By the early 1900s there were over 100 Orange Lodges in Nova Scotia from Cape Breton Island in the east to Yarmouth in the west. This book explores the beginnings and history of Spurgeon Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1624 of Torbrook Mines, Annapolis County. It was organized in 1892 and declared dormant in 1923. The headstone inscription was for one of its departed members. The book also includes an Appendix A: Listing of Orange Lodges and locations which once were active throughout the Province.

Available through Amazon.ca link below:

[Loyal and True: Spurgeon L.O.L. # 1624: McConnell, Brian: 9798522798987: Books - Amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.ca/Loyal-and-True-Spurgeon-L.O.L.-#-1624-McConnell-Brian-9798522798987-Books-Amazon.ca)



Logging As It Was:

A pictorial history of logging on Vancouver Island

by Wilmer Gold

Published in 1986

<https://www.amazon.ca/Logging-was-pictorial-history-Vancouver/dp/0919203582>

This book is available at a number of book purchasing online sites. Mr. Gold is considered BC's premier logging photographer and this book is full of some of his amazing pictures. See his story on pages 10 and 11.



Happy Birthday, Prince George !
Born on BC Loyalist day July 22nd, this 8th birthday picture was taken by his mother, the Duchess of Cambridge.

Over the years, the Duchess has released a number of pictures of the family and her children to celebrate various occasions.

**She is a very good photographer.
 What a great shot!**



Chilliwack Branch

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

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WELCOME!

We are the **Chilliwack Branch** of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (**UELAC**)

Our Heritage:

"Those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their Children, and their Descendants by either sex, are to be distinguished by the following capitals affixed to their names U.E. . Alluding to their great principle The Unity of the Empire"

*- Gov. Guy Carleton
 Nov. 9, 1789*

Here is the top of the opening page to our new website. Scroll down to see more.

Then the "About Us" section has links to the UELAC, the mission statement, Branching out reports from 1990 forward, our newsletters and more.

The "Events" page shows our 2021 Schedule, which had to be cancelled, but 2022 is soon to come.

"Membership" page has all the details plus links to the right places to join, renew or read our newsletters.

"Our Ancestors" page shows in alphabetical order all the "proven" names this branch has researched. At the bottom shows the names of those we are still looking for, together with where they settled.

"Newsletter" page has the archive of all our issues going back to June 2012.

A big thank you goes out to Corcoran Conn-Grant for his help, expertise and prompt action in taking on these changes and effecting them quickly and efficiently. The new site was up and running and all links working within days. Kudos from Chilliwack Branch.

Loyalist Picnic hosted by Vancouver Branch. Sunday July 25, 2021 at Queens Park



Do you recognize all these smiling faces? Three are from Chilliwack - Marlene, Margaret and Carole. Such a lovely day. Very hot, but lots of breeze. Carl Stymiest UE paid a visit from Toronto via Face Time.



Thompson/Okanagan Branch
Held at the beautiful heritage home of a branch member on Friday, July 23rd.
Front row l-r: Gloria Christian, Darlene Jones, Maureen Rydings. Middle row l-r: Pat Kellerman, President Sandy Farynuk, Linda Drake (Van. Br), Shelly and Aaron Schmidt. Back row l-r: Reid and Erica Williamson, Ivan Schmidt.
Wonderful attire. Thanks for sharing.



Flags flying in the breeze on July 22nd again this year for Chilliwack Branch.



KEN VANCE UE,
MEMBER OF THE
CHILLIWACK BRANCH UELAC

Ken Vance UE worked as a senior policy advisor for the local government in British Columbia for over thirty years. He is retired and is currently pursuing his interest in historical research. He earned a Master's degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Victoria. He is a Member of the Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC and is adding depth to the research into the Vance family and its links to the Loyalists, first undertaken by Gordon Vance, a second cousin and longstanding member of the Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC, until his recent death.

His lineage to two Loyalist ancestors has been proven: Johann 'Adam' Papst UE and Michael Johannes Warner UE, both of whom lived in the Mohawk Valley, New York, and settled in Stormont County, Upper Canada. He is currently researching links to other Loyalist ancestors.

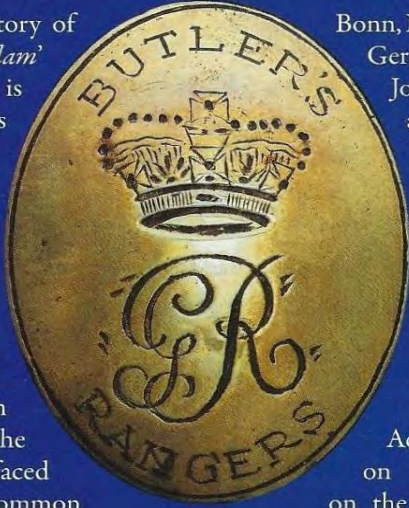
He has recently discovered while undertaking research into his wife's family that she has two Patriot ancestors: John Hayes, a member John McGowan's Company, who fought for the 4th Regiment, Pennsylvania, and Thomas Blades Wildgoose, a member of Captain David Vaughan's Company, who fought for the Delaware Regiment. Neither of these regiments were involved in the fighting in the Mohawk Valley.

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PART ONE
ADAM PAPST:
LOYALIST

This is the story of Johann 'Adam' Papst. Who is Adam Papst? He is a farmer, a soldier and a Loyalist at the time of the American Revolution. As a Loyalist, he faced a number of challenges during the American Revolution. At the end of the war he faced a major dilemma, common to many Loyalists, whether or not to move his family to what became Canada and where to move them in Canada. While certain facts are known, there is an aura of mystery that surrounds him.

Johann 'Adam' Papst (1732-1807) had a number of different names. Historical records show at least nine different spellings of his last name: Pabst, Papts, Papst, Paps, Papes, Popps, Poapst, Babst, Paupst, etc. The reason for these changes remains a mystery. Adam Papst joined Butler's Rangers in 1777, and is listed in the Census of Niagara held in 1783. The name Adam Paps appears on the Old United Empire Loyalist list: *Papts, Adam, E District, Soldier, Butler's Rangers, p. affidavit R.P.* His appearance in both of these documents confirm his legacy as a Loyalist soldier during the American Revolution.

Johann 'Adam' Papst was born in



Bonn, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. His father, Johann Paul Pabst, was a wealthy merchant who became Burgomaster of Bonn and his mother was Maria Dorothea Weiss. Adam Papst moved to North America in the early 1750's.

The name Johan Adam Papst appears on the passenger list on the ship, *Two Brothers*, captained by Thomas Arnott. The ship sailed from Rotterdam, through Portsmouth, to Philadelphia, and landed on 28 September 1753.

Johann 'Adam' Papst (1732-1807) married Eva Marie Hamm (1736-1817) in 1753 upon landing in Philadelphia. The Hamm family was one of many Palatine families that moved to America to avoid religious persecution and ongoing conflict in Europe. Adam and Marie Papst moved into the Helleburgh area on or near the Manor Rensselaerswyck around 1760, where a large Palatine community existed.

Adam Papst had nine children, six girls and three boys, and the Papst family lived in the Helleburgh area until the late 1780's. His second oldest son, Daniel 'Frederick' Poapst (1768-1848) was born on 23 June 1768 in Albany (Schoharie), Schoharie County, Province of New York. He

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was christened on 17 May 1771 in the Schenectady Reformed Church, Schenectady, New York. Exactly where he lived in the area or what his status was remains a mystery. It is not known whether he was a tenant farmer or a squatter or whether he rented land or owned land in the area. These questions are never clearly answered.

The Hellebergh area is located approximately twenty-nine kilometres or eighteen miles, west of Albany. It was later named Watervliet and today is the Town of Guelderland, New York. The Guelderland was originally a part of the Manor of Rensselaerswyck, begun by Patroon Kiliaen van Rensselaer in 1629 as part of the New Netherland colony. By the end of the 17th century, Dutch settlers from Albany and Schenectady began to establish farms in the area, locating first along the banks of the Normans Kill.

The Hellebergh region, according to historical records, is known to have had Loyalists living in the area. Local history suggests that the Loyalists used caves in the Hellebergh escarpment as a base in fighting against the Rebels. The American Revolution would disrupt Adam Papst's life forever.

The American Revolution in the early stages was an uncertain time. This is reflected in the uprising that took place in the Hellebergh area. In October 1776 there were rumours "of a most dangerous Conspiracy of the Tories in and about the Helleburgh."

Information collected at the time indicated that a number of farmers in the area had met to defend themselves: "That they had been told that the rangers (Rebel troops) would come and pull down their houses and they were determined to oppose them." The farmers "were friends to the County, but that they won't fight if they can help it, and so agreed at said meeting – that the reasons for not fighting for the country is, that they will not fight



➤ Sauthiers 1777 Tryon County.

against the King." They had been advised "not to fight against the King for if he did he would be ruined and sent away." The farmers only wished to preserve their lives and property.

A body of troops was dispatched "against the disaffected at the Helleburgh and its neighbourhood, which has been attended with the wished for success, as they dispersed without opposition and many of them are taken." It was reported that "the disaffected there has been greatly exaggerated. Since the Committee of the district have thought fit to discharge even those who were apprehended as Tories, which however imprudent is at least a proof that they were not thought Dangerous." (*Calendar of Historical Manuscripts, Relating to the War of the Revolution*, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Albany, N.Y. – pp. 515-520 activity against the Rebellion

in the Hellebergh area during the American Revolution in 1776.)

It is not known what role, if any, Adam Papst played in the Helleburgh uprising in 1776. However, the incident may have influenced his decision to join the Loyalist cause. In 1777 Adam Papst joined Butler's Rangers. Butler's Rangers were an elite unit of skilled, knowledgeable men who were "well acquainted with the woods" and went on raiding parties with the Native Americans that supported the British. Butler's Rangers were to muster over nine hundred men in total during the War and were the highest paid of the Loyalist regiments. However they were expected to provide their own clothing and weapons. The Rangers operated out of Niagara when they were not in the field.

Adam Papst was directly involved

ADAM PAPST: LOYALIST



Loyalist Migration to Canada 1780s.

in a number of events that took place during the American Revolution. In the first case, a family story indicates that he escaped being killed and/or captured by the Rebels following one of the many battles that took place in the Mohawk Valley. It is not known when the battle took place or what battle he was involved in. The family story has been passed down over the years and is now part of the family folklore:

“John Poapst was shot in the War of Independence with a charge of buckshot and was badly wounded. He managed to get away and hid in a mow of hay in a barn. The enemy saw him and came into the barn looking for him. One of them came into the hay to look for him, and it was said by some of the old people that once it passed down through the hair of his head, but he laid quiet as he could and was not discovered by them. His wound was very painful and he was nearly starved with nothing to eat, but was afraid to venture out of his hiding place.

When night came an old man and his wife came into the barn to do up some evening chores and he heard her saying, ‘I wonder where that poor man is? If I knew I would get him something to eat.’ John thought that this was only a ruse to lure him out to capture him, so he did not let them know that he heard them.

The next evening he again heard her saying the same thing, but was still afraid that it only was a ruse to make him come out, so he lay still. His wound was now so painful and he was so hungry that he saw that he would die anyway. He made up his mind that if he heard her saying that again that he would venture out, which he did and nearly scared them into fits for they were very superstitious and they thought he was a ghost.

The old lady went to their cabin and brought him something to eat and then they hid him again until after night and the old man paddled him across the river to the British lines. After many narrow escapes, John at last reached the British lines in safety.”

In the second case, Adam Papst was called before the Board of Commissioners for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies in Albany, New York, on two occasions. The first time he and his son, Rudolph, were “delivered as prisoners on 14 September 1778” to the Board, charged “with having advised a Number of Men to go to the Indians and have themselves gone Part of the way with them.”

Adam Paps and Rudolph Paps were held in jail for ten days and appeared before the Board on 24 September

1778. The Board reviewed the evidence against them and determined that “nothing special having appeared against them from the Examinations of Jurie Pater and Regina Parkerson who were produced as Evidences against them.” The Board “ordered that they be discharged from Confinement on their entering into Recognizance for future good Behaviour and Appearance when called for -Adam Paps on Recognizance in \$100 £ Rudolph Paps on Recognizance in \$100 £”

Rudolph Paps (Papst) in 1778 joined the King’s Royal Regiment of New York and fought under Archibald McDonell during the American Revolution.

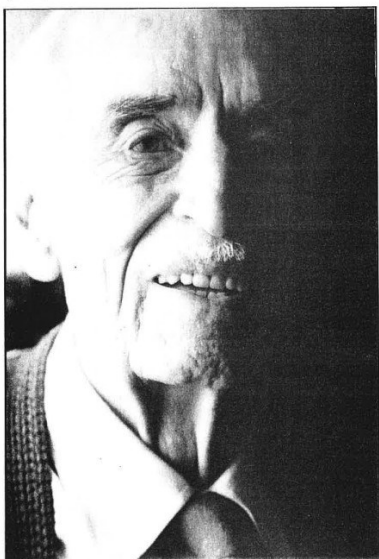
On the second occasion, Adam Papst was ordered to appear before the Board of Commissioners for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies in Albany, New York, on 17 March 1781 to renew his earlier bond. He appeared “before the Board with sufficient surety to enter Recognizance of a new bond and appeared resolved that he be bound for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain – Adam Papst of the Hellebergh in the County of Albany Farmer in \$100 £”

To be continued...

Part two of this article will be in the Fall 2021 issue.

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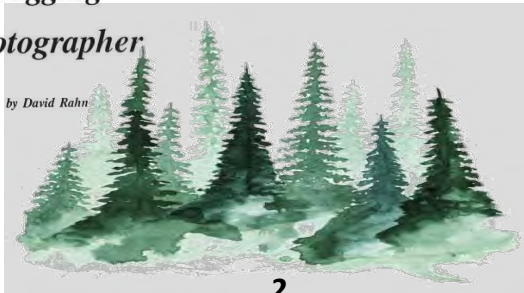


PIONEER LOGGING PHOTOGRAPHER, WILMER GOLD.

WILMER GOLD

*A Premier
B.C.
Logging
Photographer*

by David Rahn



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One of our members, Gwendoline Gold UE, has a very interesting story to tell about her grandfather, Wilmer H. Gold. Let's let this magazine article from "The WestCoast Logger" September 1990 and the newspaper clipping from "The Lake News" March 1986 tell the story. Thank you for bringing this wonderful legacy to our attention.

Also, thank you to

Lynn Engstrom Manager,
Kaatza Station Museum and
Archives,
Lake Cowichan, BC

Please follow the column numbers.

1 IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN MORE logging shows, or documented more changes in B.C. logging in one lifetime, than Wilmer Gold. Wilmer is 97 this year and he took his first photographs in 1902, when he was nine years old. His father, William Frederick Gold, taught him the rudiments of photography when he was a young boy, and then after Wilmer finished high school he went to apprentice with several photographers in Edmonton. He stayed on in Edmonton and continued to freelance on his own there for a number of years. In 1934 he returned to Vancouver Island where he and his wife, Julia Margaret Holt-Gold, settled into a small waterfront house in Youbou, on Lake Cowichan.

The move to Youbou marked a transition in Wilmer's career. Up until then he had mainly been taking scenic photographs and portraits, but now he turned his attention to the logging

industry that was all around him. Beginning in 1934, he began photographing every phase of logging and lumber milling all over Vancouver Island, with a special emphasis on the shows near his home: Gordon River, Nitinat, Mesachie, and of course, Youbou.

Sitting in the kitchen of his home today, Wilmer pulls out photos of an oxen team skidding logs to the water. Another shows a yarder crew repairing a steam donkey, and he easily recalls the time and place he took them.

When he first started heading into the bush in the 30s, he took along the latest photographic equipment available: a New Century 5x7 glass plate camera and a 5x7 Graflex field camera, plus all the other paraphernalia a roving photographer was likely to need: focusing cloth, light meter, sturdy tripod and plenty of film and sensitized glass plates. "I had heavy equipment," he says, recalling

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AT HIS KITCHEN TABLE, WILMER LOOKS OVER SOME OF THE PICTURES HE USED IN HIS BOOK: LOGGING AS IT WAS.



WILMER HAS BEEN LIVING AND WORKING OUT OF HIS HOME ON LAKE COWICHAN SINCE 1934.

3 the cumbersome rigs he hauled across the hill sides. When the first compact cameras made their appearance in the 40s, he welcomed the change and bought himself a small Rolieflex. "For years and years, I used a Rolieflex. I think it was my favourite camera," he says today.

When Wilmer was photographing in the bush, he continued to operate mainly as a freelancer, and he often had to rely on the generosity of the companies to put him up for the night and allow him access to the active logging shows. "I would get in my little car and I'd go out for four or five days and stay in a logging camp. I'd shoot the fallers, the trains, the train loads of logs. Do nothing but shoot pictures." At the end of a trip, he took his exposed film home with him, "because I wouldn't leave it to anyone else," and using chemicals he mixed himself, he processed and printed his photographs in a little darkroom just off the kitchen. "Often I'd take orders for pictures. I'd take a photograph of a crew of a dozen


4 or fifteen men and that would be an order for 15 pictures. You see, a camera was very, very uncommon in those days. The pictures sold like hot cakes."

Throughout his life-time, Wilmer has earned awards and recognition from many organizations. In 1985 his friends and neighbours in the Cowichan Valley paid him tribute when they named him Citizen Of The Year. His logging photographs have appeared in many well-known magazines including Time, Life, Look and MacLeans. In the 1950s he gained a national reputation when the T. Eaton Co. sponsored a Canada-wide exhibit of his work. A decade later, he took up film-making and with his wife Julia spent over a year travelling around the world, filming in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia, Polynesia, Mexico and the Caribbean.

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But perhaps he is best known to today's generation for his book titled *Logging As It Was* (published by Morriss Publishing in Victoria and now in its fifth printing). In photos and text, he traces the lives of the loggers and the evolution of logging on Vancouver Island from the 30s up to the mid-1950s. Included in the book are over two hundred photographs which Wilmer acknowledges are the best of his life's work (most of the original negatives are now housed at the B.C. Forest Museum in Duncan).

Today, he lives on his own in the same lake-side house he and Julia bought in 1934, his living room crammed with a life-time of photos and memorabilia from his days in the logging camps. He takes "just the occasional picture, for the family now," adding that, "one day I'll retire." His enthusiasm for his work is still readily apparent today, along with his air of cheerful optimism which has obviously carried him through the years. "I trust everybody," he says. "Yes, it does get me into trouble sometimes but that's the way I am." 

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WILMER EXAMINES ONE OF HIS GLASS PLATE NEGATIVES, TAKEN OVER 50 YEARS AGO. IN THE BACKGROUND IS HIS 5x7 ENLARGER—HE BOUGHT IT NEW IN THE '30s.

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Photographer par excellence

Wilmer Gold, 92, became "Man of the Year" for the Cowichan Lake District Chamber of Commerce last week. The honor was delayed. It was to have been announced at a dinner dance in February. The dinner-dance had to be cancelled due to a snowfall.

Mr. Gold, who lives in Youbou, is one of North America's top photographers. He has had photographs published in "Life" as well as in many other publications.

Many of his pictures are to be found in his book "Logging as it Was", published last year by Morriss Publishing, of Victoria.

Son of a church minister, Mr. Gold was born in Victoria but the family moved to rural Alberta when he was a toddler. His father had filed on 140 acres of virgin land for \$10. He had decided to become a farmer. Young Wilmer had to walk three miles each way to school when he was old enough.

Gold's father made more money taking photographs than as a farmer and, when he reached his teens, young Gold bought his dad's photographic equipment and started in as a photographer himself.

The family moved to Edmonton which did not please young Gold, who preferred country living. He

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Man of the Year



Wilmer Gold, 92, Lake Cowichan's Citizen of the Year.

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spent seasons in Northern Alberta taking photographs and travelled to the bayous of New Orleans.

He met his future wife, Margaret, at Banff and, in 1933, Gold, his wife and young son moved to Vancouver Island. He spent a lot of time travelling the Island taking photographs.

Gold went to California for training in making movies and then the Golds went on a world trip, making 15 travelogue type movies that were widely used.

In 1977, Gold's wife, Margaret, died. After a period of mourning, he took off alone to travel the Island again, and the interior of B.C.. Then he went on to Tahiti, French Polynesia and Samoa, taking pictures all the time.

He now lives quietly in Youbou in the home he helped build with his own hands many years ago.