

Bert Winstrom and wife Mary...he retired after 44 years work with the railroad (retired 1964). April 21, 1920 started.

Mrs. Muriel C. Gotwals - Col. John C. Gotwals, chief engineer of the Alaska Railroad.

Mrs. Ethel A. (Long) Oakquist - Her father Harry A. Long retired in 1940's.

Mrs. Arthur Holbrook of Wasilla (infant in 1923...pictured with the president).

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Teeland, Wasilla

Mrs. Jessie Anderson of Fairbanks (Motchman) and child in Nenana at 1923 ceremony.

Mrs. Robert (Flora) Sibold, Fairbanks, daughter of Donald McDonald, one of the designers of the railroad bridge.

Sam Soter Dhiamas - Anchorage now, began working for the railroad in 1917.

Mrs. Gernadine M. Prince - Sept. 8, 1967 retired from the railroad. Edited two volume history of the Alaska Railroad.

Two page history: Alaska Central Railroad in 1903...went bankrupt in 1908. Succeeded by Alaska Northern Railway which became inoperative by 1915....71 miles north of Seward. President Taft recommended construction of the Alaska Railroad. Congress authorized the railroad in 1914. Construction took eight years and \$60 million. Combined populations of Seward, Anchorage and Fairbanks in 1930 totaled 5,400.

In 1938 revenues exceeded expenses. And since that time congressional appropriations were not needed for operation. World War II caused much upgrading. Earthquake of 1964. Took \$27 million in repairs. Crash program had route back but 1966 until Seward dock was completed. Department of Interior control terminated in 1967 (50 years) April of 1967. It became a bureau of federal Railroad Administration under the new Department of Transportation.

Since Jan. 1, 1972 Walker S. Johnson became manager. Eleven managers.

Equipment inventory this date: 1,878 freight cars, 419 containers and trailer components (whatever that means), 44 freight and passenger locomotives, 54 passenger type cars and numerous special equipment such as plows, dericks, spreaders and work equipment. Docks at Whittier...operates dock at Nenana. Two steel hulled river tugs of 1,200 horsepower that shuttle barges on the Tanana and Yukon Rivers. Track: 522 miles, 11 tunnels, 73 bridges, 168 tressels and 10,507 culverts.

Financed: revolving fund. No appropriations for capital improvements since 1956 except for earthquake recovery funds. Payroll in fiscal year 1973 will total nearly \$14 million.

Oct. 6, 1972 spur completed to Fairbaks airport. road bed built by military, state, private firms. Describes the funding of road bed...military, Raho Brothers, Mitchell et all and state department of aviaiton.