

Ever hear of selling moose meat in Fort Yukon. Joe says not, but he knew friends traded meat and supplies back and forth. Not for sale, though.

Joe said he had about 35 or 36 lakes on his traplines. He had one line with 30 lakes on it.

The yearly pattern called for a trip into Fort Yukon for Christmas and New Years (about one week) and one month in the summer.

On the line Joe read a lot. Had no radios. It was not practical because of the battery power that was required. Ellen used to accompany him on the lines until they adopted Jimmy. Then she stayed at the main cabin and sewed and listened to the gramophone (and cooked, cut wood, fed dogs, etc.). She did beautiful beadwork which Joe has today in his cabin. Ellen made all the foot gear for the family.

Joe had a 40-40 Springfield and was a good shot. Also had shotgun. Had no gardens as a rule because they were gone from the garden and the animals would ravage it.