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In
Memory



A Spokane prospector and his wife believe they have found a commercial deposit of copper-nickel-tungsten-zinc ore in Ferry County's Sherman Creek Mining District after 11 years of effort. They are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Ferguson, E. 617 Seventh. At first they worked their claims on summer weekends and during their vacations but during the last five summers they have lived at the site in a tent mounted on a truck, Ferguson said in an interview. Mrs. Ferguson helped do the exploration work and got pretty handy with both a pick and a portable compressed-air drilling machine, he said. They made a 30-foot-deep cut on a gossan measuring about 30 feet in diameter, he said, and assays of material in the bottom of the cut assayed 1.05 per cent copper, 0.55 percent nickel, 0.54 per cent tungsten and 1.60 per cent zinc. "We believe we have uncovered a commercial deposit," he said. Prospecting came naturally to Ferguson. Raised at Sherman Creek, he recalls finding and bringing home mineral specimens as a boy. While in the grain business here, he was a part-time prospector in Spokane and Stevens counties. But he always wanted to return to the Sherman Creek area. He did go back in 1954. He located two mining claims there in 1955 and two more in 1960, based on values in copper, tungsten, zinc and nickel. Uranium prospectors filed many mining claims in the Sherman Creek District during the Northwest uranium rush of 1954-55 but persons still holding such claims are performing annual assessment work only, Ferguson said.

In Loving Memory Of
Frankie Aletha Ferguson

Born

October 18, 1913
St. John, Washington

Passed Away

May 20, 2005
Spokane, Washington

Graveside Service

Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Cemetery

Memorial Service

Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.
Windriver House