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WOMAN IN 60S PANS FOR GOLD

New Westminster BC

Mrs. Al Jenkins, now in her 60s, but with 14 years of gold-panning and prospecting to her credit, is searching the interior of British Columbia for a fabled "lost mine."

With her husband employed as a boom watchman near Pitt Lake, Miss [sic] Jenkins slings a rifle and a 50-pound pack on her shoulder and trudges through the hills nearby looking for gold.

She hopes to find a lode abandoned many years ago, according to legend. Until that day comes, she makes an excellent living panning placer gold. On some days she averages \$8 along the Fraser River.

Mrs. Jenkins has been globetrotting with her husband for nearly 40 years, off and on, but they recently acquired an old fishing boat and decided to settle down at Pitt Lake.

"Some people think the gold rush cleaned out the Fraser River diggings," she said, "but they forget that new gold sand is washed down every year."

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Sunday Times Signal Zanesville (Ohio) 12 January 1941

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The Ireton Ledger (Iowa) 6 March 1941

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The Charleroi Mail (Pennsylvania) 24 April 1941

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The Deming Headline (New Mexico) 25 July 1941