



Looking east from Skondooo's Resting Place — Yantaiastaki. Mile four on the Haines Highway. The Haines Municipal Airport is now where this river channel was running back at the turn of the century. Note the dugouts in the foreground. This was before the Haines Highway so if you will examine the picture you will see fourteen boats. All travel from this settlement of Yantaiastaki to Haines was by boat.

HOWSERS CAFE

THE BEST FOOD IN ALASKA - HAINES, ALASKA

Please do not take this menu. You may have a clean one for only 10 cents.

Ask for it when you pay your bill.

There is no tax added to any bill at Howsers.

The prices you see are all. They are high enough, ain't they?



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★ I. B. AND MERLE HOW

BREAKFAST

LIGHT BREAKFASTS—Coffee extra at 10¢ a cup or pour		Order of toast — three slices or less	.25
Sweet roll — large and small	.30 & .20	Prepared or dry cereal	.40
HOT CAKE BREAKFASTS — Made of our famous Sourdough Batter — Some of the starter that was used originally on the Dalton Trail of '97. Some times this batter doesn't work proper. It is due to the fact that we have to use enriched flour nowadays. If not feasible to use sourdough we use buttermilk batter.			
Hot Cakes — short stack, oleo, coffee	.65	Hot cakes, side of two eggs with lots of good coffee	1.25
Hot Cakes (3) oleo, coffee	.85	Hot cakes, oleo, side of little pigs and good coffee	1.25
Hot Cakes, side of ham — and lots of coffee	1.25	Hot cakes, oleo, side of bacon and lots of coffee	1.25
TOAST BREAKFASTS		Toast with bacon, jelly, oleo, and good coffee	1.00
Toast, oleo — coffee is extra at 10¢ a cup—or pour	.25	Toast with ham, jelly, oleo, and lots of good coffee	1.00
Toast, oleo, jelly — coffee is extra at 10¢ per cup	.35	Toast with little pigs, jelly, oleo and lots of coffee	1.00
Toast with two eggs, oleo, jelly and coffee	1.00	French toast with oleo, jelly or syrup and coffee	1.00
REAL HE MAN AND SHE WOMAN BREAKFAST		Hamburger and eggs, spuds, oleo, jelly and coffee	1.75
Ham and eggs, spuds, oleo, jelly and coffee	1.50	Pork chop, eggs, spuds, oleo, jelly and coffee	1.75
Bacon and eggs, spuds, oleo, jelly and coffee	1.50	Pork steak, eggs, spuds, oleo, jelly and coffee	2.00
Little pigs, eggs, spuds, oleo, jelly and coffee	1.50		

FOUNTAIN

All fountain orders are prepared with our delicious
"SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM"

CHOCOLATE SUNDAE — Hershey's Chocolate Syrup on top of a generous serving of "Soft Serve Ice Cream" and a cherry on top	.40
CHOCOLATE NUT SUNDAE — Same as above with shredded nuts	.50
STRAWBERRY SUNDAE — Generous serving of our "Soft Serve Ice Cream" topped with good (Haines Strawberries when in season) otherwise Strawberry Sundae Topping	.40
STRAWBERRY NUT SUNDAE — Same as above with shredded nuts	.50
PINEAPPLE SUNDAE — Generous serving of our "Soft Serve Ice Cream" topped with good Hawaiian Pineapple and a red cherry	.40
PINEAPPLE NUT SUNDAE — Same as above with shredded nuts	.50
BUTTERSCOTCH SUNDAE — Lots of "Soft Serve Ice Cream" topped with butterscotch and a red cherry on top	.40
BUTTERSCOTCH NUT SUNDAE — Same as above with nuts around the cherry	.50
MALTS — Real thick one . . . that's the only way we know to make them	.60
MILK SHAKES — Just as thick because our "Soft Serve Ice Cream" won't make them any other way	.50
(SHAKES & MALTS come in Vanilla, Chocolate, Pineapple, Butterscotch, Strawberry. We use fountain syrup to flavor)	
SKONDOOO—We put everything we got on this, nothing but the best — just as SKONDOOO would have done. A glass full of Sundae Goodness. Ice cream, chocolate syrup, ice cream ("Soft Serve" that is) strawberry topping, more "Soft Serv" topped with pineapple and a red cherry	.50
SODAS — We serve old fashioned sodas. A generous serving of "Soft Serve Ice Cream" and give you a bottle of pop, a straw and a spoon. Then it's up to you	.40
BLACK CAT — A soda of chocolate "Soft Serv Ice Cream" and a bottle of root beer, a spoon and a straw	.40
PURPLE COW — A soda of vanilla ice cream, "Soft Serv" that is, a bottle of grape pop, a straw and a spoon and you are on your own	.40
CHILKAT FLOAT — A generous serving of vanilla "Soft Serve Ice Cream" and a bottle of Lemon & Lime Pop, a straw, & spoon	.40
COKE FLOAT — A bottle of Coke and a generous amount of "Soft Serv"	.45
ICE CREAM — Generous amount of "Soft Serv Ice Cream"	.25

HOWSERS CAFE

AND DAUGHTERS MYRNA, LOUETTA AND BENGIE ☆

Howsers Cafe ain't responsible for anything.

If it is on the menu . . . that is no sign we got it.



DINNERS

HOWSERS BLUE PLATE SPECIAL FOR THE DAY 1.75
Includes soup, meat, salad if available, spuds, oleo, bread, vegetable, coffee and dessert

WE COOK THE FOLLOWING TO ORDER (if the meat is available)

T-Bone steaks, one full pound of meat, soup, salad, fries, toast	4.00 3.50	Small Steaks— Quick Fries , soup, salad, spuds, vegetable, dessert	2.00
Rib Steak, one full pound of meat, soup, salad, fries, toast	3.50	Pork Chops (2), soup, salad, spuds, vegetable, dessert, coffee	2.00
Veal T-Bones (2), soup, salad, spuds, vegetable, dessert, coffee	2.50	Lamb Chops, soup, salad, spuds, vegetable, coffee, dessert	2.00
Ham Steak, soup, salad, spuds, vegetable, coffee	2.50	Pork Steak, soup, salad, spuds, vegetable, dessert, coffee	2.00
Hamburger Steak topped with chili, soup, french fries, toast	2.50	Hamburger Steak, soup, spuds, vegetables, dessert, coffee	2.00
Veal Chops (2), soup, salad, spuds, vegetable, coffee	2.25	Hot Beef Sandwich, spuds, gravy, coffee—that's all	1.50
		Hot Pork Sandwich, spuds, gravy, coffee—that's all	1.50

SEA FOODS

Oyster Stew, salad, crackers or bread, coffee	2.00
French Fried Shrimp, fries, salad, coffee — these are from a can—use of any other not permitted without special facilities	2.00
Halibut Steaks — if available, salad, spuds, vegetable, coffee	2.00
Salmon Steak — if available, salad, spuds, vegetable, coffee	2.00
Fish and Chips — That's all . . . fish and french fries, oh! yes — coffee	1.50

SOUP — SOUP — SOUP — Try our Sun-of-a-Gun Soup . . . We don't have it every day50

SANDWICHES

Bacon, lettuce, and tomato	1.00	Ham and egg	.85	Cold Beef	.60
Hamburger deluxe	.85	Grilled cheese	.70	Cold pork	.60
Cheeseburger	.85	Fried ham	.70	Tuna Salad	.60
Cheese and bacon	.85	Hamburger	.60	Turkey salad	.60
Cheese and ham	.85	Egg	.60	Chicken salad	.60
Bacon and tomato	.85	Cold ham	.60	Lettuce and tomato	.60
Bacon and egg	.85	Cold cheese	.60	Onion	.50

Any of the above sandwiches toasted at 10¢ additional. They also can be served with side orders of Potato Salad .35 French Fries .35 or Sun-of-a-Gun Soup .50 You ought to try our Sun-of-a-Gun—it's got a body to it!

DRINKS

Every town has a leading first class restaurant that does not sell alcoholic beverages——The following drinks we proudly serve

Milk shakes	.50	Hot Chocolate	.15
Malts	.60	Tea	.15
Sodas	.40	Coffee	.15
Juices—orange, tomato, etc.	.25		
Pop in a brown bottle	.20		
Cokes, bottled	.25		

Coffee refills or repours in the same cup are ten cents extra

Coffee goes with a meal — No limit to number of cups

SALADS

These are always subject to the available supply. Sometimes this is very short. We get a boat a month. All other times fresh produce has to be flown from Seattle

Dinner Salad—and not very much either	.35	Lettuce and mayonnaise	.50
Potato Salad—it's darn good without onions	.35	Sliced Tomatoes with salad dressing or mayonnaise	.50
Lettuce and Tomato Salad and very little, too	.50	Sliced Onions	.25

DESSERTS

Home Made Pie	per cut .35	Cake a la mode with "Soft Serv"	.45
Bakery cake, per cut	.30	Ice Cream — good old "Soft Serv"	.25
Pie a la mode with our "Soft Serv"	.50	Dish fruit	.25

SKONDOOO

THE CHILKAT VALLEY at Yantaiastaki is the burial place of the last of the great Medicine Men. Skondooo was the last of the great Medicine Men because he lived at a time when the change from tribal law to that of the white man was taking place. During these many changes Skondooo was always taking his position as Medicine Man very serious. What Skondooo said or did was generally what happened, and if it didn't happen as Skondooo said he could give you the exact reason for things being as they were. Some of the things being in Change at this time were, first; the Indian was beginning to be dependent upon the white man for his food, clothing, drink, shelter and ammunition, second; the Indian's government was changing from tribal to the white man's method of political maneuvering. Skondooo was caught in the "bite of the line" in this important government change. During the Russian occupation the Indians here in the Chilkat Valley had their own tribal law and administered it. The nearest Russian settlement and law and order was at Sitka.



—Photo courtesy of Steve Snelson

After the United States purchase of Alaska, Alaska was administered by the U. S. Army under the Customs Act of July 1868. So you see some of Skondooo's Medicine Man activities were being replaced by the U. S. Army, and the U. S. Army by right of force is always right. Skondooo's Medicine Man activities other than administering medicine were to see into the future and to show off and use his mystic powers. So Skondooo's bombastic methods of his office of Medicine Man came into direct conflict with the U. S. Army and the Christian Churches being established in this area of Alaska. Nevertheless Skondooo went right on as Medicine Man, rightfully fulfilling all the honors, privileges and duties that his office had conferred upon him. Skondooo wasn't going to take a back seat to the U. S. Army, he didn't do that back seat stuff while the Russians occupied Alaska and as Medicine Man his duties were his obligation. In the face of all this upheaval and social change an important official of the vicinity took sick and Skondooo was treating him with all his medical knowledge and all the mystical powers befitting such an important man. Skondooo was making a big event of this sickness. But something went wrong. The man died. Skondooo was tried for the man's death. The outcome of the trial was forty (40) years at McNeill Island prison for Skondooo the mighty Medicine Man. What a great defeat Skondooo must have suffered.

Under normal conditions you would think that this would have been the last of the big red Headed Medicine Man of the Thunderbirds. But it wasn't. Soon after Skondooo left for McNeill Island a large sum of money was stolen here in the valley and somehow through his mystic powers Skondooo contacted the right parties and got a deal made where, if he would point out and locate the four culprits involved in the theft of the white man's money that he would receive his pardon. Money had a way of talking, even in the late 1800's, too. So after spending a year at McNeill Island Skondooo arrived back in the Chilkat Valley to point out those guilty of this dastardly deed of stealing the white man's money and receive his full pardon. On arrival Skondooo called a meeting and after his duly executed ritual and mystification he pointed out the four men from the crowd. Skondooo went free, and those guilty of stealing the white man's money served their just punishment for the theft.

From here on legend grew. One and probably the most important story is that on arrival back and after being honorably cleared of his offense he became known as a judge—Judge Skondooo. He took this title either because the judge had more authority than the Medicine Man or that he had been converted from tribal ways to the ways of the U. S. Army. The former is probably the reason. After all, Skondooo considered himself an important man. According to his tribal customs he was an important man. So you see by assuming the handle judge, he was in his way proving to the U. S. Army that they weren't so darn big and smart after all, and that he was still Medicine Man, but under the name of Judge Skondooo. Skondooo continued to be honored by his people throughout his life. He died at the age of 83, while sitting in his chair. True to Skondooo's bombastic, mystic methods he up and told the people that he was going to leave them, and within ten minutes his spirit left the body.

Skondooo was buried in full tribal honor and custom, above ground with all his personal belongings and his boat along side to assist him in his journey into the beyond. The picture shows his deteriorated boat. Since Skondooo's death there have been some lowly thieving men (and too many, too) who have carted or stolen all of these artifacts from the grave and today there are only a couple short ribs, a vest, and some pieces of wooden boxes that were originally placed there.

Skondooo had chosen his burial place according to tribal custom and surrounded his after life with the statement that as long as his body (the word used indicated bones) was overlooking the peaceful Chilkat Valley that his people would enjoy peace. His people, the Thlingits, had lived at war practically all the time. They were at war with the Inside Indian. The Thlingits were at war with the Russians from the time of the Russian occupation. One Russian gunboat was boarded by a war party of Thlingits at Murphy Point one night and sunk to the bottom and all aboard were killed. After Fort Seward was built, the Chilkat Valley became a very peaceful place for both the Indian and the white man. We don't profess to know the reason, but the army has gone and there are at least two of Skondooo's bones in his grave at Yantaiastaki which overlooks the Chilkat Valley at four mile on the Haines Highway.