

Schools Reunion

by Dan Davidson

It was a weekend of excitement, tears, memories and good times as 450 former school students and teachers descended on Dawson City for the first-ever Dawson Schools Reunion. They came from near and far, by bus, truck, motorhome and plane, to visit a community some of them had not seen for decades. They came to talk, to throw their arms around old friends, to wander the streets in search of their memories and to gather at the various social functions that punctuated the weekend.

Organizer Mona Troberg reports that there were a few cancellations from the original registrations, but about 30 unregistered out-of-town people turned up on Friday night and more than made up the difference.

Dawsonites can be found all over the place. Delegates to the reunion arrived from Norway, Texas, California, Washington State, Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia and elsewhere in the Yukon. A sizeable Whitehorse contingent chartered a bus and made a weekend of the trip, prompting Saturday night's master of ceremonies, Wolf Riedl, to ask, "If you held a reunion in Whitehorse, would you get this many people?"

They came in many ages, as well. Many were middle aged, but there were some notable exceptions. Lilian Cheatham, an octogenarian from Texas, attended school here in 1906 and was the oldest female reunionite. Ed Whitehouse and Alex McCarter were schoolmates in 1915. Former principal Mary Gartside (1955 to 1967) also made the trip from Richmond, where she now lives. Madame Tremblay's granddaughters, Loraine Schraum and Joan White, also made the trek.

Two major group events were the focus of the weekend. The Friday

night registration and wine and cheese at the Tro-Chu-Tin Hall drew everyone, of course. Delegates wandered about the hall, throwing their arms around friends, and searching the more than 350 photos displayed on the ten large bulletin boards placed around the hall for pictures of themselves and their friends over the years. Diamond Tooth Gertie's and the Palace Grand were also open, but many seemed content to chat in groups at the hall.

There were town tours arranged for Saturday, but reunion organizer John Gould says that most of the people he talked to preferred to wander on their own in smaller groups of family members and friends, soaking up the sunshine and debating the location of houses and favourite spots.

Principal Jim Montgomery reports dozens of people taking tours through the new school. For many of them, the building just vacated was the "new school" of their day, having been opened in 1959 after the Dawson Public School burned down. Delegates declared their presence visually with blue reunion ribbons, name tags and sweat shirts which bore likenesses of the Dawson Public School, Saint Mary's Catholic School and the original version of the Robert Service School, which was first known as Dawson Elementary-High School. Other souvenirs included reunion hats and coffee mugs, and a good many purchased mementos of the present school in the form of bags and sweat shirts, which were on sale during the tour.

Also open to the public was the Masonic Lodge, which makes its quarters in what was once the Carnegie Library. Yukon Lodge #45 was visited by the B.C. Grandmaster David L. Gibson, and took advantage of the opportunity to show off its chambers on the second floor.

The Ball Was A Bash!

by Sourdough Sue Ward

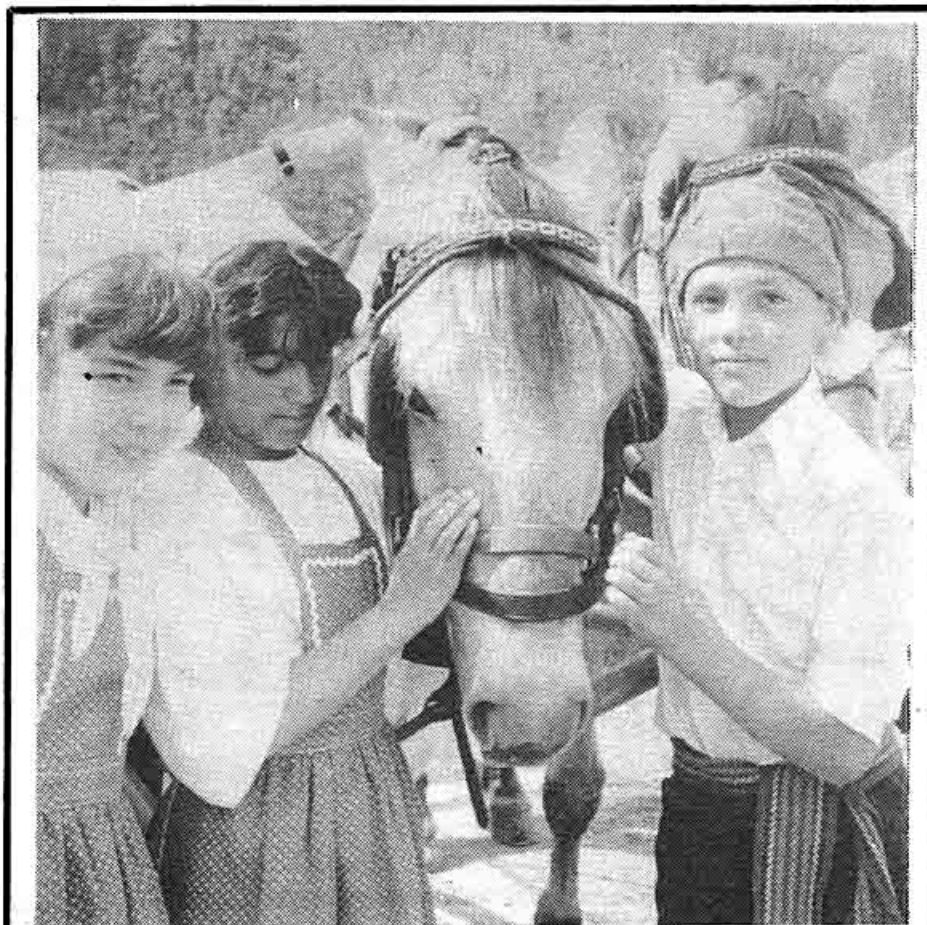
Seventeen years ago, Dawson's native son, John Gould, had a dream of the revival of the Commissioner's Ball to be held in the Palace Grand Theatre. Parks Canada agreed to the use of the theatre and the Klondike Visitor's Association cancelled the Saturday Night Gaslight Follies performance while taking over the responsibilities for what has become the most elegant happening of the year.

sumptuous dinner following the cocktail hour and tasty hors d'oeuvres.

Commissioner Ken McKinnon and wife Judy had much to be happy about, as Judy, following back surgery, was again able to swirl about the ballroom. Ken was full of wit and good humour as he greeted his guests. Mayor Peter Jenkins, resplendent in evening attire and wearing his Mayoralty Chain of Office, lent dignity and grace to the ceremonies.

One hundred and thirty-three exuberant dignitaries and townsfolk donned period costumes to sup and sip and dance the night, had there been one, away to the special style and variety of The Northernaires. Bill and Rusty Reed and Company are celebrating their 35th year in the music business, their son flying to join them each engagement in Dawson. The Triple J's Richard provided a

Seventy percent of the gathering were local residents, bringing many new ballgowns to the colourful affair. Countless hours of hand sewing had enhanced the ornate dresses with beads and sequins. "It was the best one ever!" "It was OUR party!" "The gowns were incredibly beautiful, as were so many of the young women!" "To waltz about the floor in a beautiful gown made it all seem so right!" "A memory for all time!"



Visiting Students from E'COLE TREMBLAY FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM of Whitehorse

Saturday evening saw a barbeque and dance at the Bonanza Centre Arena for the delegates and a Community Action Team dance for those under 19, held in the school gymnasium. The affair at the arena opened with the Canadian and U.S. national anthems, sung by the Robert Service Choir. The fire department looked after the steaks.

After supper, speakers included former Yukon schools

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Dawson International Gold Show

by Dan Davidson

DAWSON CITY - The fourth edition of the Dawson City International Gold Show was a rousing success. Held from May 26 to 28, the show drew some 500 people to see the 65 mining trade exhibits and to attend the annual spring meeting of the Klondike Placer Miners' Association.

The show has grown from its beginnings with 35 exhibitors and

200 delegates to what it is today. It has also become self-financing, after getting its start on government grants four years ago. It has grown not only financially, but also in size, its 77 booths outstripping the recreation centre arena and the lot beside it and spilling over into the street. Events for the show tied up every major venue in town, and included seminars on tailings sampling, gold recovery, women in mining,

and tires for placer mining and off-road applications.

Essentially a trade show with a focus on placer mining, the event has from its beginnings attracted a lot of official attention in government and industry circles. Special guests at the show included Yukon's MP Audrey McLaughlin, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Pierre Cadieu

and members of the Yukon Territorial Government and Official Opposition.

The show also provides the local tourist industry with a kick-start bringing in business during a usually slack period.

This year's show was truly an international affair with visitors coming from Finland, China and New Zealand as well as the more traditional locations in Canada and the United States. Manager Maddie Davis reports that exhibitors are already enquiring about next year's event.



**Gold Show Photos
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Results Of Senior Citizen Study In Dawson

by Jane Olynyk

Last March and April many Dawson residents participated in a study to assess the services programs and facilities available to senior citizens. A survey was conducted by Jane Olynyk of Co-Active Counselling for the Department of Human Resources of YTG. There was a total of 41 responses to the survey, with 15 of those from seniors. The remainder came from people who have had some involvement with seniors in Dawson.

The results are now compiled and here are a few of the main observations Dawsonites had.

One of the prime concerns was the desire to let the elderly die in Dawson. Respondents did not like the idea of being sent to Whitehorse to die away from family and friends. They see a need for a medical facility that could serve this purpose.

Seniors want to stay independent as long as possible. To that end they had many requests for services that would facilitate that.

More accommodation is needed with minimum maintenance. Seniors desire apartments large enough to accommodate couples and pets. They want a manager/supervisor who could act as a resource person to them and be able to act in case of emergencies. The present apartments with Yukon Housing were well thought of.

McDonald Lodge was said to be providing a valuable service to the seniors both for accommodation and community activities. The Lodge did well in providing accommodation for the single person in need of assistance and that the service should be continued in the future.

One of the overwhelming comments concerned the linking of the Nursing Station and McDonald Lodge as had been suggested in a recent study done on health facilities in the Territory. Respondents thought they would benefit from the two buildings being physically joined. Most people had a vision of a multi-purpose facility that would have three levels of care available. First through the hospital care for the dying person. Attached there would be a personal care area much like McDonald Lodge. Attached to that would be an apartment complex for those more independent seniors. In this way respondents thought they would be able to maintain the independence they desired while still having the links to services when they chose. There was a belief that a multi-purpose facility would reduce the amount of staff needed and the overall O and M expenditure.

In the way of services respondents wanted to see more in the areas of recreation and community outreach services. More social events involving young and old alike were requested. Some other suggestions

were having an adopt-a-grandparent program, an active social club, more card games, singing and workshops on health and social issues such as wills and Alzheimer's disease.

Transportation was a major complaint as seniors wanted more accessibility for in-town travel. Doctor's appointments, grocery shopping and social events were among the kind of activities they needed transport for. Presently, this is provided by the Lodge or Indian Band and is done on a limited basis. A van was suggested with a worker available who could provide the service.

Community Outreach was seen as being done by the Lodge, Indian Band and Nursing Station. Respondents thought there was a need for more, wanting someone who could act as a resource for them if they needed help. It was generally thought the present staff were doing a good job, but that more was needed.

Many other comments were made that included needing a physiotherapist, health care, travel costs, improved public access to buildings, staff training on seniors issues etc.

The results in more detail were provided at a public meeting on June 22. Copies of the results are available from Human Resources.



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Editorial: And Now For #2

From California, Texas, British Columbia and points in between, the subscriptions and letters of support have been rolling in; from Calgary, a phoned-in advertisement; and from all over Dawson, the *Klondike Sun* newspaper staff have received positive comments on the newspaper.

Oh boy!!

Issue No. 1, with 1,000 copies, sold out in less than two weeks... although staff members rounded up a few copies for those Outsiders who wish to subscribe or collect Issue No. 1s of publications. Our survey suggested 16 pages might be the exceptional issue, but Issue No. 1 rolled off the presses with 28 pages. Yes, we *know* there were some goofs... will Winton's Machine Shop ever recover from having the Dawson Shelter phone number as part of their advert? Local businessman John Bliton sums it all up when he comments that the only people pointing out the errors are the newspaper staff. John says that after 18 years in Dawson, it was good to see a newspaper revived... and can he subscribe?

Dawsonites realize that this community is a veritable 'melting pot' of talent; we have discovered that when newspaper people want 'time out' from publishing, they come to Dawson... typesetters, layout artists, etc. They come out of the woodwork - and the talling piles - to see how we are progressing, and offering a little advice here and there. Now, if we can only get them ALL to stay around long enough to help run off a few issues...!

With this issue, our paper goes on sale in Whitehorse at both book stores, and at Stewart Crossing Info Centre. We have also made our debut on West German national television ZDF. A film crew have been in town under the direction of Dr. Deter Kronzucker, editor-in-chief of the second channel German TV. show *Adventures and Legends*. He and his talented team had originally planned to travel on the maiden voyage of the *Mil Anna Maria* riverboat, which grounded at Carmacks. Undaunted, they vanned to Dawson to televise the Klondike story through its senior citizens. Our staff member, Sourdough Sue Ward, obliged with an interview at the *Dawson Daily News* office, presenting the ongoing power of the press from the *Dawson News* to the *Klondike Korner*, and - proudly - the *Klondike Sun*.

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Special thanks this issue go out to Michael Gates, who assisted on photography (it was the only way he could get to see his wife over the weekend) and Tracey Braun, who is going to help us organize our layout a bit more - *all right: TOTALLY* - before next issue. Also thanks to the Robert Service School, where most of this was printed, and Sue Ward, who financed our new Macintosh.

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Expect to hear from us about ads even sooner this time. Deadline days are for stories. We need to do up the ads well before that in order to survive.



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Dawson Community Library Opens

by Dan Davidson

The new Dawson Community Library opened with much pomp and circumstance on June 17. Visitors from Whitehorse joined a number of local dignitaries for the event.

Master of ceremonies for the event was library board chairperson Joanne Smith, who introduced speeches and presentations by Mayor Peter Jenkins and Miriam McTierman of Libraries and Archives Branch.

McTierman presented a special service award to Dorothy Crayford, who was for many years the school secretary/part-time librarian. A mounted copy of her 1967 letter requesting a new library for the community will be displayed in the new building.

Area III Superintendent of Education Dr. Robert Smith joined McTierman in the ribbon cutting, while young Nathan Dewell (who has read over 300 books this year in the school's reading program) joined Dorothy Crayford in cutting the book-shaped cake.

The Library is seen by many as the linchpin between the school and the community complex idea that dominated the minds of the committee that worked on the building proposal two years ago. In order to make it a functioning reality, a joint school/library board committee has spent the last 18 months drafting a joint-use policy agreement to govern the use of the facility.

After the ceremony, the crowd of about 100 people toured the new facility, checked out the display on Yukon authors on the second floor and tried out the handicap lift, which will be used to spare seniors and anyone else who needs it the trip up the spiral staircase to the second floor.

After June 23, the hours of the Library will be Monday to Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A lot of people got to see the Library at the Grand Opening on June 17. If you missed this event, please come down to the Library and see the new building. I'm sure you will be impressed. Senior citizens no longer have to climb a ton of stairs; we now have an operating elevator - the first one in Dawson City!



The Library staff for the summer are the Public Librarian, Kay Tinkler, and the Challenge '89 student who is Charlotte Braga. The Library phone number is 993-5571. Please phone us if you have any questions we can help you answer.



Memberships to the Library are free to Yukon residents. Yukon ID must be shown when applying for your membership. Those people without Yukon residency may still apply for a Temporary Membership, which is available by leaving a refundable deposit of \$10.

The Library Board is looking for recipes and craft ideas for a recipe/craft book which they would like to publish later this year. If you have a recipe or craft that you would like to share, please drop it off at the Library.

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Panning For Gold

by Kathy Jones-Gates

It took Alan Nordling of Whitehorse just three minutes and 21 seconds to recover all eight flakes of gold from a large bucket of gravel or "paydirt." That speed earned him a return air ticket to France in 1985 to compete at the annual World Goldpanning Championships where he placed eleventh out of 70 panners.

The Twelfth Annual Yukon Goldpanning Championships will take place in Minto Park on July 1 starting at 1:00 p.m. The Klondike Visitors Association is again offering a round trip air ticket to this year's world goldpanning event scheduled for West Germany in September. The highlight category will again be the Yukon Open here the more professional panners will demonstrate their skills before a large crowd of visitors and residents hoping to be Yukon's representative at the World event. Even the runner-up has the chance to represent the Yukon when he or she receives a round-trip ticket to Edmonton, Alberta to compete in the Canadian Goldpanning Championships which take place in late July.

Other categories for serious and prospective goldpanners round out the Yukon Championship meet. They include a youth event, seniors event, Klondike Open, and a category especially for visitors named the Cheechako. There is also a team category called the corporate challenge with aggregate times from four panners deciding the winner. A special feature this year may be the V.I.P. category. Federal

provincial and territorial ministers of housing are scheduled to spend two days enjoying Dawson. They have been invited to exchange briefcases for gold pans for a half-hour.

Registration will take place at Minto Park at the goldpanning site on July 1. For further information contact the Klondike Visitors Association at 993-5575.



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GERTIE: You've Come A Long Way BABY!

by Sourdough Sue Ward

It is past time that Dawson's own Klondike Visitors Association was applauded for reaching such a high standard of presentation in the former Arctic Brotherhood/Centennial Hall/Canada's only legalized gambling hall, now known internationally as "Diamond Tooth Gertie's"

How challenging it was to transform the community bingo hall, substitute school gym, banquet facility etc into a legitimate casino and entertainment centre in the dying days of the school year as Colin Mayes made stage aprons, steps, bars, while floor hockey took precedence followed by would-be can-can dancers whooping their way through routines to taped music earning a big five dollars per show serving drinks between performances clogging about in knee-high red boots of crippling design while sweating it out under huge blonde wigs. Among them were cashiers, clerks, nurses, lodge aides. The one o'clock show often had a brace of birds hanging in as morning schedules and aching arches took priority.

There were no dressing rooms - April and Dan Moi provided limited space in the small house out back where madness prevailed as costumes, wigs and boots were stacked and draped with pantyhose.

Nineteen seventy-one is the date to be remembered. Clinton Creek's town manager Frank Buckley was the chap who with singer Doris Gates and a couple of extra hoofers drove the 50-odd miles over rugged road to advise and give of his talents to the venturesome KVA folk. They slept in the vehicle one night returning in time for shifts at the minesite after the Saturday show. Some nights Tommy Hawkins carried the whole night with his banjo and stirring songs after standing ovations at the Palace Grand.

As MC, singer, stop-gap piano player '71 was a truly fantastic summer for this scribe. Old kitchen chairs around a few beer tables with washable terrytowel covers (everything was blushing pink), surrounded a clutch of hand-made Blackjack tables and simple bar stools. There were dice games, and a great Ace Away table close to the stage, where the big-time gamblers stood three deep awaiting a chance to gamble against each other, the House taking a cut. Ottawa put an end to all that. As you know, our Criminal Code says only games which can't be fixed are OK in Canada.

It was a family affair which established the squeaky-clean standard of performance. No material unfit for young ears. Gertie's new pastoral backdrop offers much less challenge to performing in front of a Roman chariot race painted in 1904 by a German artist who hopped this way. It is preserved by Parks Canada. A lone spotlight strapped to a post on the bingo balcony held an artiste centre stage. A grim sound system discouraged many. Yet - there was a camaraderie in Dawson's new fun house that is impossible to recapture in its new opulence.

So let us applaud those KVA'ers: Giovanni Castellarin, John Gould, Rev. Len Snider, Linda and Jim Bierlmeier, Lynn and Bill Bowie, Kathy Jones-Gates, Pauline Scott and Jane Olynyk, to name a few, and those who have moved along to other climes or interests. Remember young Curt Davis, the "Army Brat" who could bring order from chaos in 36 hours of non-stop hustle. And with his memory couple Darrel Steininger truly missed at this writing. In '71 the KVA directors were the dealers with "Colorado" Doug Sack taking a fling at pit boss. He was followed by imports as Canadians were not permitted to learn by working in Vegas. It takes years to qualify, and our Fletcher Hunston and Gary Parker are doing us proud.

Chuck Holloway and staff handle the huge financial responsibilities and other KVA attractions up in the office.

You bet you've come a long way, Gertie! Cathy Elliott, as Gertie for her second year, is sensational. Her quality and strength of voice is remarkable in a young, vivacious personality. She is sensitively accompanied by Laura Cave at the '88. Chris Aiken on

percussion draws every ounce of energy from The Gertie Girls. Julie, Deanna, Rhonda and Pia set and maintain a heady pace and one wonders how their energy can possibly last for three shows. Their costumes do not do them justice. Dawsonites recall Debby Winston's lens catchers. Mustn't forget the man Blair Morris, who manages to set up the show so well. Great show - and the cigarette smoke's not too bad either.



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In the span of just one month Dawson City has played host to three special events the Yukon North Slope Conference, the Gold Show and the School Reunion. All three were major undertakings in terms of complexity of organization and the large numbers of delegates. Yet each was unique, appealing to people of different interests and backgrounds. Regardless of the event, everyone enjoyed Dawson. From the comments I've heard, visitors were impressed with more than just the good weather. Those visiting for the first time were impressed with the economic vitality and with the variety and quality of facilities used to host their event. Others who had not returned for more than a few years exclaimed about the improved appearance of the community, reacting very favourably to the new community complex/school, the Tro Chu Tin Hall, the restored museum and Parks Canada buildings. Those attending the School Reunion who had been absent for a considerable period of time just

could not get over how much Dawson had grown and spoke of our growth in positive terms. Most encouraging of all was to hear these visitors speak so positively about the people of Dawson - the fine hospitality of those in the service industry, the energy and eagerness of those co-ordinating and hosting these events, the genuine friendliness of locals that made visitors feel welcomed, relaxed and right at home. As tourism and the convention industries become increasingly more important contributors to Dawson's economic well-being, it is reassuring to know that we have all the ingredients - modern facilities in a unique, beautiful setting, restored buildings recalling the romantic period of the Klondike gold rush, a rich aboriginal heritage, and an established reputation as friendly hosts who want to share our history, spirit of adventure and to provide quality services - to make Dawson City and the Yukon better known throughout the world.



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Dawson City Music Festival 89



MUSICAL FESTIVAL NOTES

This year's Music Festival line-up guarantees a raving success, with Pied Pumpkin back together for a Reunion Tour. Josephine, a Cajun band from Quebec, offers a workshop of Quebecois folk music and traditional step-dancing, in addition to presenting their biting deep-south rhythms in concert. From Winnipeg **Gerald Laroche** The Harmonica Master performs on Indian mouth bow jaw harp chromatic harp and penny whistle. **Daniel Janke** is coming back and bringing with him a sax player drummer and bass player.

That is our out-of-territory line-up

Friends from Whitehorse include **Meter Maids**, "Dizzy Grizzly" band members **Bob Hamilton, Steve Slade, Annie Avery**; "King Frog" band members, **Bob Hamilton, Marc Paradis, Bruce Bergman and Dave Haddock**; "Pig Boy Slade & the Baby Bloomer Blues

Band members **Bob, Dave, Annie and Jimmy Salt.**

Saving the best for last Dawson's **John Stiens** will join us with his guitar and charm your ears like the wind in the poplars

Rick Scott (Pied Pumpkin) will be playing at a Children's Concert as well as some members from Josephine. **Grant Hartwick** will be MC and **Kaptain Klondike** for the occasion as well. We plan face painting mask and hat making and lots more excitement for the kids. Children will be admitted free if accompanied by a mature adult.

Grant Hartwick will also be Master of Ceremonies for the whole festival along with Rick Scott

Tickets go on sale July 1 at the Downtown and Eldorado Hotels \$40 for a weekend pass individual workshop tickets and concert tickets available. No individual dance tickets are being sold. There are no mail order tickets left

Anyone interested in helping out the Festival with some volunteer work in the concession hospitality, bull gang meal for performers, etc. there is so much to be done any help would be greatly appreciated. There will be a special dinner and jam session with the musicians and the volunteers on the Friday night before the Festival. Don't hesitate to get involved. Sign up with Kim over at radio station CFYT. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Music Festival line is 993-5554

So people get ready July 22 and 23 there'll be magic in the air! We look forward to seeing you there



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superintendent Harry Thompson, regional superintendent Robert Smith and principal Jim Montgomery. A special award of flowers and a 22-carat gold pan was presented to Grade One teacher Joyce Caley, who, after 23 and a half years, holds the record for long-time service at the school.

Reunion committee chairperson Myrna Butterworth was presented with special gifts by the organizing committee and Whitehorse organizer Tina Miller was recognized by those from the city.

Events ended on Sunday with a late brunch at the Tro-Chu-Tin Hall. From comments addressed to the organizers during the weekend, it seems safe to say that the next reunion won't be so long in coming.

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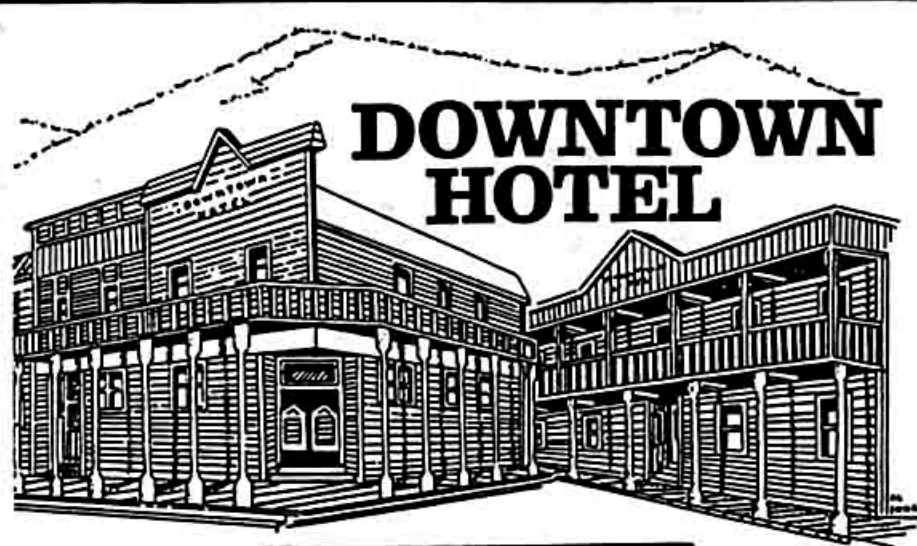
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DAWSON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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by Fred Berger, President

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Many of us are adept at getting good penetration out of this advertising medium however more often than not we neglect to remove these ads after they are no longer applicable. These ads tend to become ragged after awhile and detract from the appearance of our community. Some might even contend that they look shabby at the best of times.

The Chamber is advised by Yukon Electrical Company Limited that it is against their policy to allow such use of their poles. In the fall of 1988 YECL removed all the signage attached to their poles at that time. We are also advised by YCEL that due to the time involved they are unable to continuously remove this signage as it is attached.

Since it is in everyone's best interests to have our town look its best, the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with YECL, is asking you to please refrain from this form of advertising. We believe that there are an adequate number of bulletin boards in town to serve the need. Chamber members are encouraged to remove any signage they observe and to encourage those ignoring this request to comply.



Join The Ambulance Crew!

by Dawne Mitchell

Anyone interested in training with the Dawson Ambulance team to save lives and assist people in emergencies? The ambulance answers calls 24 hours a day and it answers an average 80 calls a year.

Summer is always the busiest time. The area covered is a large one. As well as Dawson, it includes the Top of the World Highway to the Alaska border, halfway up the Dempster and south as far as Gravel Lake. If there is an emergency evacuation from the creeks, the ambulance is there to meet the helicopter when it arrives near town.

This year, the crew will have a high-tech paging system and a more up-to-date ambulance machine to speed up emergency response.

Tracy Braun, Ambulance Supervisor, is happy to have a better equipped team this year. Advanced first aid and CPR is taught to every volunteer and each week the group gets together for upgrading.

Christine Hunter joined the Ambulance crew to get the valuable training. As she relates, "It's knowledge I've always thought would be useful and it's one way I can contribute to the community."

If anyone is interested, contact Tracy Braun.

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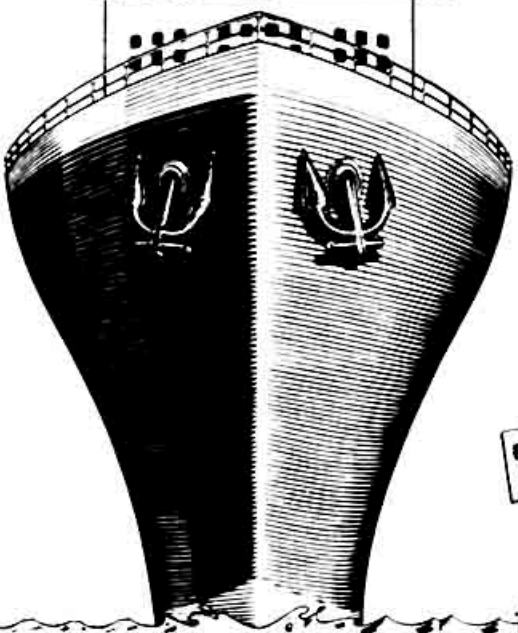
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We will also be piloting a Law 050 course (Criminal Law at a Grade 11 level), which has been developed in Whitehorse and will be taught by teleconference to a Yukon-wide class in September. The enrollment is limited, so contact us immediately if you are interested.

Two new courses have been developed at Yukon College and will be offered beginning in September. Both courses will have a classroom component at Yukon College in Whitehorse, and a field component in the community. The courses are:

*** Community Administrative Skills Training (C.A.S.T.)**
A program designed to provide administrative skills that will enable participants to be employed in local business, economic development or administrative positions with local and/or community government.

*** Yukon Native Teacher Education Training:**
This is an off-campus, school-based teacher education program directed towards people of native ancestry. It is a four-year program with a mixture of education, Northern Studies and locally developed Yukon Native culture courses.

We have information and application forms for both of these courses at the Campus.

Phone Karen, Helen or Pat at 993-5231.

The Campus will be open regular hours until June 30. Throughout the summer, we will be open on Tuesdays only. On August 14, we will return to regular hours.

GIVE OUR CHILDREN A BRAKE!

by Dan Davidson
DAWSON CITY - Visitors to the Klondike capital will be greeted by a new public safety sign this summer. Officially unveiled to the public on May 23, the sign is based on the winning design of Grade 10 student Kandice Holloway, who entered the RCMP's Police Week contest earlier in the month.

Give our children a brake, says the sign, which was rendered by local artist Alain Derpentigny from Holloway's art class original. It displays a silhouette of a child on a bicycle passing across the face of an oversized Stop sign surmounted by the legend.

Constable Marcel Paris, who was in charge of the contest on behalf of the Dawson detachment, says the idea for the sign and the contest came from the local Mounties and was promoted at the Robert Service School by art instructor Shirley Pennell.

Paris says that the community hasn't had a particular problem with kids being hurt on the road, but the sign is a good warning anyway.

It's important to remind people - especially tourists - to slow down

and stop at signs, he said. "We have children here and we want to keep them alive."

As part of her prize, Holloway became "Police Chief for a Day." She had lunch at the Eldorado Hotel with Staff Sgt. Brian Gudmundson, took a ride on the detachment's boat as well as a helicopter ride up and down the valley. A ride in the police truck produced an unexpected bonus. While she was being shown how the radar unit worked, they caught a speeder.

In addition, Constable Greenlaw met with the graduating class at the school to discuss the realities of law enforcement outside of small-town Yukon, and Corporal Nason had a meeting at the Indian Band Hall on the subject of assault.

Other features of Police Week included a visit to the school by Safety Bear. The cautious bruin was still sleepy after his long winter nap, but 70 Grade 1 to 5 children were enough to wake him up. He also visited a joint meeting of the two Dawson daycares held at the Tro-Chu-Tin Centre.



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REUNION SPECIAL INSERT

A Personal View

by John Burnside

Mine was a relatively minor role in the history of education in Dawson City. From 1963 to 1966, I taught English and Social Studies to all of the high school grades in Dawson Elementary-High School, as it was then called, as well as Physical Education and Guidance to the boys and ordered the school's library books.

They were the happiest years of my 15-year teaching career. The classes were small enough that one could get to know the students well, and teaching that many different classes to them didn't hurt either.

When I first got the word that there was to be a school reunion in Dawson City, I knew I wanted to come. To me and as the reunion made plain, to many others, Dawson City was a special place and the time here a special time in my life. Like many others, also, I suspect I greatly underestimated both the scope and the quality of the event itself.

Rarely can there have been an event which generated so much good feeling, rekindled so many memories and created so much simple joy.

To the very end of the last event there was the animated hum of high-voltage human interaction to the very end of the Sunday brunch, there were heart-warming vignettes of old friends embracing and reminiscing.

There was an award for the female student who went to school in Dawson City earliest - 1905. Lillian McLaren Ed Whitehouse, now of Whitehorse, was determined to be there to represent 'the kindergarten class of 1914' and got out of hospital to make it. Ed tied with Alex McCarter for the prize, which went to the male student who went to school in Dawson earliest, but it was Alex's name which was drawn from the hat to win the gold.

It was always difficult to get to sleep in Dawson City in June, and the first weekend in June in 1989 was certainly no exception. After lunch at the Alexander McDonald Lodge on Saturday, Johnny Dines mentioned walking around town about six o'clock Saturday morning, having left a party with his own very well represented classmates from the late 50s and early 60s.

"I just walked around," said Johnny, and there were parties still going everywhere. The town is rotating.

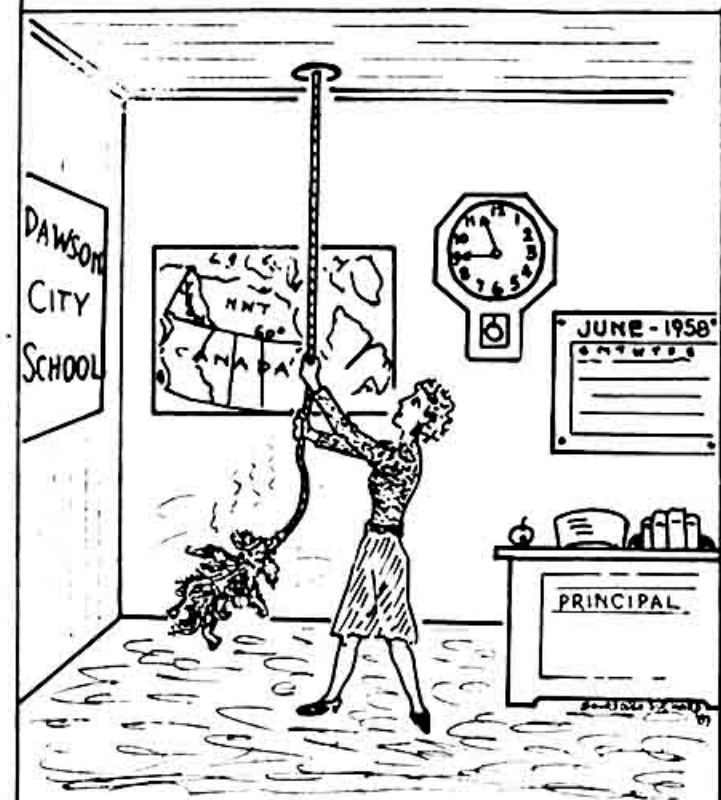
For me, there was the great pleasure of seeing Mary Gartside again and great to see her recognized for her 12 years of service as Dawson's school principal. In one man's opinion, she was the best principal I ever worked with, caring about the children, supportive of the teachers, and generally running a tight ship with firmness and fairness.

There were old students, some of them difficult to recognize from the 14- or 15-year-olds they were in my memory. Bonnie deWolfe was easy to recognize; the years have not dimmed the lustre of her smile. She and Madeleine Gould must vie for the brightest smile in Dawson City. There were Ralph and Allan Nordling, Victor Mitander, David Charman, Janice Troberg, Mona Burdek, Judy Crayford, Linda Christiansen, Lenore and Wendy Hakonson, and others. My apologies if I cannot remember the married names ladies.

There were well-remembered old friends, some resident and some visitors. How nice it was to see Joyce Caley recognized for her years of quality service to the school and the community. Vi Campbell, who wears the years with becoming grace, Helen Fitch, who was my neighbour for three years in the teacherage on Fifth Avenue. And of course my special friends, Art and Margie Fry, who during my years in Dawson and over the years since have shown me more kindness than I can ever repay.

All in all, it was a wonderful weekend. There were people there representing every decade of the Twentieth Century, all of whom had warm memories of going to school in Dawson City and life thereafter.

And the remarkable efforts of Myrna Butterworth and her crew drew unanimous commendation. It is no light matter to provide the care and feeding for 500 people in a town the size of Dawson City. It was accomplished with generosity and grace.



'RAGS' RINGS THE BELL - WITH HELP FROM MARY GARTSIDE.

A Shaggy Dog Story

by Sourdough Sue Ward

One could safely hazard a guess that there are more dogs per capita in Dawson City than most places you have been. And that's not counting dogs who harken to none but their mushers. It has always seemed so.

When Miss Mary Gartside accepted the principalship of the Dawson City School in the mid-50s, she brought Rags, a saucy little bundle of energy befitting his name, to a 'T' Teacher housing, which was a cluster of rooms above the Liquor Store. Still in use by other Yukon Government departments, the Grog Shop still very much in business at the same old stand. Each morning, Mary would leave Rags, who really was smart enough to know he needed no classes. But quite unexplained.

Rags would turn up and Mary would withdraw a bright little student long enough to return him to the teacherage. It became downright embarrassing, not to Rags, of course. Mary capitulated and Rags took over the Principal's Office.

All of this I learned when I asked Mary if the old school bell had been returned with dignity as part of the reunion to-do. "I really don't know," mused Mary. "That was only the handbell. The bell I used to ring was in the belfry. The bellrope hung down through the ceiling in my office. Rags used to leap into the air, grabbing the knot with his teeth, flying up and down with gay abandon. My, I hadn't thought of that in years. I'm glad you asked about the bell!"



It is safe to say that the sourdoughs who attended the Dawson City School Reunion all left the Klondike after that weekend with that golden glow which will last as long as human memory. The weekend was testimony that that can be a very long time indeed.

Congratulations, and thank you to those who made the event possible.

John Burnside presently publishes the *Sunshine Coast News* in Gibson's Landing, British Columbia.

School Reunion

HEY, TAXI!

by Palma Berger
"Where to Ma'am?"
"To Dawson, of course"

This conversation took place in Whitehorse. Madame Tremblay's granddaughters came to Dawson's School Reunion by yellow cab from Whitehorse. They laughed as they recalled one kid yelling excitedly to another, "Hey, look first taxi in Dawson" when their yellow cab drove in.

They said their driver, Brian, was the nicest man. He stopped to let them take pictures whenever they wanted.

How did they come to be travelling by taxi? When they heard of this reunion back in their hometown of Houston, Texas, they were determined to return for the event. They carefully planned their trip, made plane bookings well ahead, phoned the Bus Depot in Whitehorse and asked if the bus went to Dawson on May 31, a Wednesday. Definitely was the reassuring reply. The bus goes to Dawson on that Wednesday. They arrived on a Tuesday, so now they could relax, knowing all their connections were well planned. But what they did not know was that the bus information they were given was for the bus going south to Dawson Creek, not north to Dawson City. The bus to Dawson City did not leave until the Friday.

As they had promised their 91-year-old father they would bring back a video showing all of

Dawson, they could not waste any time. The airlines were booked, no car dealers wanted a car driven north, so they hailed a taxi. For \$50, the two ladies, Mrs. Lorraine Schraum and Mrs. Jean White, and Mrs. Schraum's two daughters, Amy Schraum and Lorraine Sanchez, taxi-ed to Dawson.

The two sisters, *nee* Poirier, were born in New York. But in 1935 Grandfather Tremblay became ill and sent money to the family to come to Dawson, so they came north. Lorraine was two at the time. Grandfather Tremblay died and the family was now stuck here.

Things did not go well. Lorraine remembers being in debt to the grocery store for \$3,000 at one time. Still, they remember a very happy childhood. Mother never had to worry about them in this small town. Everybody watched out for everybody else's kids in this small town.

They never had to lock their doors. When they moved to the city 39 years later, they found it very hard not to say "hello" to everyone.

In Dawson, Lorraine had worked for the CIBC for four years and Joan for the Northern Commercial Company for two years.

The opportunity to leave Dawson came when their grandmother died and left the family two silver mines in the Mayo district. They were able to sell these in 1950 and departed Dawson City the same year.

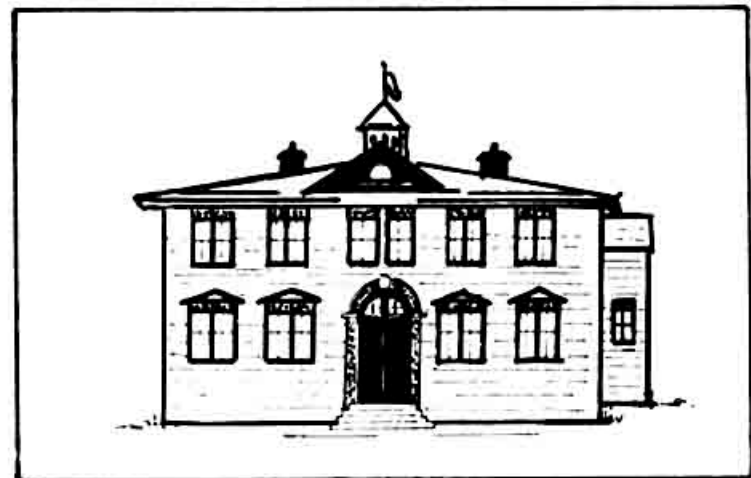
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*Should God see fit to recreate
Where would He find a fashion plate
That could be more appropriate
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(Written by John Dines Sr
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School Reunion Photos
by Dawne Mitchell

