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SHOTS FIRED AT HELICOPTER

from the Dawson City RCMP Detachment

RCMP Dawson City in conjunction with support service from RCMP Whitehorse are currently investigating an offence of attempted murder against a U.S. citizen from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The incident began at 1900 hours Wednesday, July 19, 1989, when Police received notification that an unknown male had approached a mining camp approximately 8 km up Bonanza Creek Road.

The person's vehicle became disabled at the mining camp when he drove over an obstruction. At that time, he approached personnel at the camp for a drink of water. He was carrying a shotgun along with ammunition. The male was noncommunicative and after receiving his water walked up the hill to the west of the camp into an area known as 49 Gulch. No direct or indirect threats were made to persons at the camp, although his behaviour was cause for concern. The suspect was later observed in a tailing area (gravel area) on 49 Gulch.

Dawson RCMP responded and contained the area after residents of the mining camp left for safety reasons. Efforts to locate the man with the

assistance of a Trans North helicopter were unsuccessful.

Later in the evening, two blasts from a firearm in the area of the 49 Gulch were heard. A search of the area was again conducted with the helicopter and at that time the Bell 206 was struck by a projectile, which passed through the cockpit and front seat passenger area. Pilot Adam Morrison and observer Sgt. B. Gudmundson were slightly injured. The helicopter was landed successfully by the pilot, in spite of damage to it and the injury to the pilot.

The "M" Division Emergency Response Team from Whitehorse attended Dawson at 0200 hours on July 20 and took over containment of the scene. The position of the police was communicated via loud hailer, without immediate response from the suspect. At approximately 0830 hours, the suspect came down from a hill on 49 Gulch and was taken into custody by police.

Robert Sutton, age 43, has been formally charged with two counts of attempted murder and has been remanded in custody to appear in Territorial Court at Whitehorse on July 24, 1989.

Local fishermen upset

by Dawne Mitchell

Some local commercial fishermen are not happy with the five-day-a-week closure on salmon fishing. As Mel Besharah, a commercial fisherman says, "It's the peak of the run right now, and here we are, sitting at home. When I get out on July 23 for the first four-day opening, it will be too late."

The closures were put in place to allow more spawning salmon to reach their

destinations and increase the salmon stocks. Alaskan commercial fishermen have similar restrictions, but according to Besharah, the Alaskans are catching too many fish, under the guise of subsistence fishing.

"We're becoming an Alaskan spawning ground," says Besharah. "Here we are, cut back to a small income for this summer, while the Alaskans keep fishing and fishing."

Dawson fishermen agree that the spawning stock must be increased, but some feel the Alaskan subsistence fishermen are exploiting the situation at the expense of a small number of commercial fishermen in the Yukon.

Canada is the major spawning ground for the salmon in the Yukon River. According to Sandy Johnson, management biologist for the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the Yukon and Alaska are working on "a long-term plan for the co-operative management of the salmon stocks".

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Forest fires burn more than 17,000 hectares

by Dawne Mitchell

Each morning for the past three weeks Dawson residents and visitors have awakened to the acute smell of burning forests. This summer has been the driest for a long time, and in Dawson area up to 20 fires were burning simultaneously.

Nineteen eighty-six was also a dry year, with 100 fire-starts reported in the Dawson area. This year, a total of 28 fire-starts have occurred, but according to Neale Wortley, duty officer for Dawson Forestry office, 10 to 20 times the amount of hectareage (about 17,000 hectares) has burned this year, compared to 1986. "With the plus-30-degree temperatures, the trees and underlying moss is tinder-dry and getting drier," says Wortley.

All fires have been lightning-started

except for one, which was the result of a careless camper.

Under an international agreement, 84 professional and regular fire-fighters from Alaska came to the Dawson area to assist. Two fire retardant aircraft from Alaska were used, as well. Last year, several Yukon firefighters went south to the States to battle fires in Yellowstone National Park.

Most of the fires have been successfully contained and "demobilized", but Forestry people are looking for help in the form of "lots and lots of rain". The fires are so hot that just a little rain would evaporate before it even touched the fire.

Until those rains come, forest-fire fighters will continue to put in long, hard hours to keep the fires controlled.



Local residents and visitors have a close-up view of forest fires at Mile 448 on the Top of the World Highway.

Dawne Mitchell photo

M.V. ANNA MARIA ARRIVES AT LAST

by Dan Davidson

A good-sized crowd of locals and tourists lined the Yukon River waterfront on Saturday, July 8, as the M.V. Anna Maria slipped smoothly into place at the dock, bringing to an end a maiden voyage that sometimes seemed doomed never to be. Plagued with construction delays, broken axles and choked channels, the ship is about a year late getting here, but people were glad to see it anyway.

Dawson did the ship proud. Klondike Visitors Association manager Chuck Holloway was decked out in period costume to welcome the owners, Gus Karpes and Irene Pugh, over a public address system. Two-thirds of the Celtic Trio, Bill Jackson on the bagpipes and Tom Naughton on the Celtic drum, piped the passengers off the ship, where they were

greeted by members of the casts of the Palace Grand Theatre and Diamond Tooth Gertie's, also in performance garb.

The onlookers were invited aboard to get a good look at the boat, which should be turning up regularly during the remainder of the summer season. She seems a pleasant enough craft, and if the cabin quarters look to be a bit cramped, so were those on the original boats whose trips she is intended to bring to mind.

Karpes says that the trip to Dawson was without incident, although the river was a bit shallow in places. The Anna Maria actually had to slow its journey from Whitehorse a bit, to avoid arriving in Dawson before the scheduled time and jumping the gun on the festivities.

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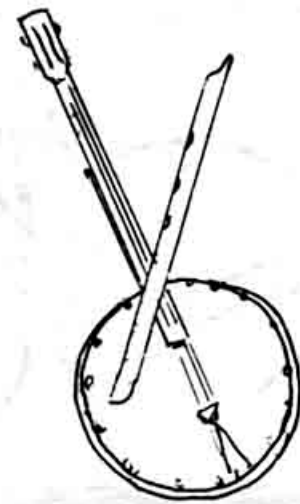


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DAWSON PROPERTY TAXES JINXED

(Ed. note: Since this story was first written, new tax notices have been issued. Congratulations to the City staff for dealing so well with awkward circumstances. It should be noted that the City administration has objected to this story and says it contains errors. What these mistakes are, no one will say. We feel the issue is both timely and relevant, so have decided to publish regardless.)

by Dan Davidson

By now, Dawson taxpayers should have received their third - and hopefully final - tax notices, bringing to a close a taxation odyssey which has City office personnel shaking their heads in bewilderment.

In late June all notices were placed on hold, after a series of errors made it impossible to proceed with them.

"I'm not willing to release any more tax notices until I'm sure," said new city treasurer Rob Bristow in an interview in late June.

According to Bristow, there was a software error in the computer-generated notices that went out on May 12. He started work in Dawson on May 15, and problems had already cropped up by then. As it turned out, the mill rate had been improperly programmed into the equation

which was used to calculate the figures. A follow-up letter was issued instructing ratepayers to ignore the notices and they were reissued.

By June 13, it was clear that there was another problem. Further investigation revealed that the formula for calculating the homeowner's grant was at fault this time, but the flaw invalidated the second issue of bills. On that date, a letter to ratepayers from Bristow advised people to "hold payment of your taxes until you receive your new tax notices. An extension of 30 days will be granted from the date of issue of the new tax notices for payment".

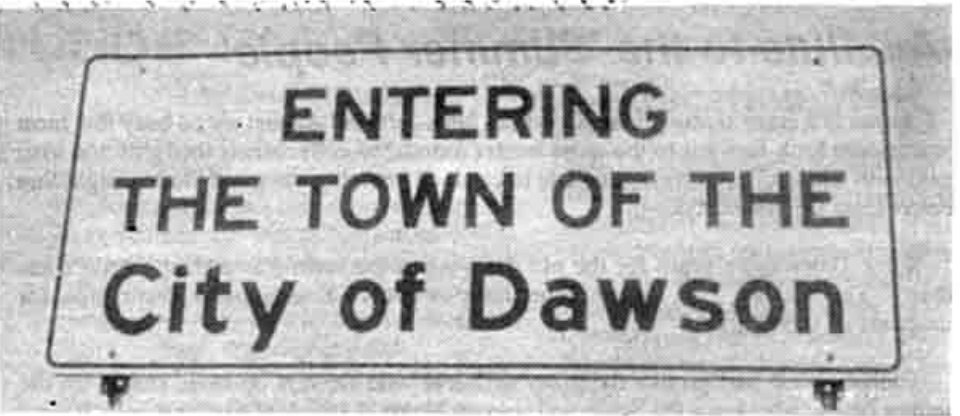
The same letter, reissued under the signature of Mayor Peter Jenkins, was run as an advertisement in the June 22 issue of the *Klondike Sun*.

Between 20 and 30 people had already paid their taxes by this time, some due to mortgage arrangements through a bank. Bristow says that none of these cheques have been cashed. Letters of advice and explanation will go out to the ratepayers as soon as the tax program has been repaired and verified.

Bristow said he wouldn't be satisfied until he had manually checked the results of a number of different types of calculations.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped at Joe and Annie's Anniversary Dinner. - From the family.



In 1902 Dawson had a population of 30,000 people and it was incorporated as a city. A Territorial Municipal Act in the early 1980's officially changed Dawson from a city to a town but it was allowed to keep the name, "City of Dawson".

POWER OFF

by Dan Davidson

A faulty service transformer was the cause of a generating plant shut-down that cut power to Dawson City for between three and six hours on July 4, according to Gordon McPhee, Yukon Electrical's manager of energy supply.

The service transformer governs the operation of the plant itself, including the cooling fans for the diesel generators. Local employees and a visiting line crew were able to rig service from transformers outside the community's reservoir pump house across the street, and get the plant working by 10 p.m. The community was phased back on in three stages, the last of which, being a bit troublesome, came online about 2 a.m.

Overnight a spare transformer of the correct type was flown in from Watson Lake. There was a shutdown from 6:08 to 6:38 a.m. in order to install this device.

FISHERMEN

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The department set a catch limit of 11,000 Chinook salmon for this commercial year in the Yukon, compared to 13,263 caught commercially last year. Mr. Johnson says the number of spawners has been on a decline for several years. Last year, 22,000 Chinook salmon reached their spawning grounds, up from the 1983 to 1987 average of 17,000 spawners per year. The desired range is 33,000 to 34,000 Chinook spawners. Everyone is hoping to see another increase this year.

"Something has to be done," says Marcia Jordan, a commercial fisherman on the Yukon River for the last 10 years, who wants to preserve her family's way of life. She feels "The only reason there's any negotiations going on at all is because the Americans realize most of the fish comes from our side of the river."

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Some Dawsonites yearn for the old days, when the town was a sleepy little community. Yearn away - for Dawson continues to evolve as a summer destination for thousands of travellers.

Tourists come and go like the many different wild flowers up here, and so do the summer people who leave the South and sojourn North in search of higher wages. It's not uncommon to meet a university student tackling three jobs in Dawson to earn enough money to go back to school in the fall. Canadian author Pierre Berton is a good example of this: he came back to the Klondike in the summer during his college days to work for the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation. One oldtimer told me that when the Depression hit hard down South, there was always summer work with the mining companies in the Klondike.

A salute to the summer people, who work long, hard hours in the tourism and mining industries: who sometimes have to live in tents because there's no other housing available, and who grow to love and appreciate the land as much as the local people do.

Could the town survive without the summer people? Who would sling the beer, and dance the can-can, and pull rocks down the sluice box 12 hours a day, seven days a week?

Bev has been a summer person to the Klondike for eight years. What keeps bringing her back? "The wages are important, so I can continue my schooling," she says. "But so is the country and the community itself. I've met the local people and I've learned to like them, and to understand the Yukon through them. I'd like to be more involved in the community, but it's difficult when you're so busy and you know you're leaving in the fall. That doesn't mean I don't care. I try to contribute with little things, like sponsoring community activities. Some day, I want to move to the Yukon permanently."

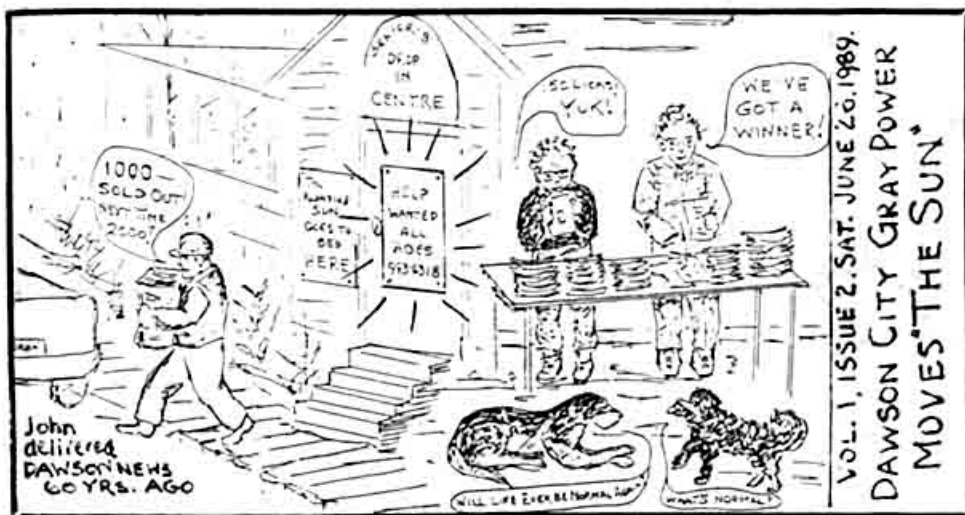
It's time for Dawson City to appreciate the summer people. They have a lot of laughter and ideas to share with us. We depend on them to help our community operate smoothly through this hectic season.

Stop and get acquainted with a summer person. You never know... they may become your neighbour some winter.

Our readers' opinions are important to us - please drop us a line to let us know what you think of the *Klondike Sun*, now that the current ambitious bunch of volunteers has a whopping big three issues under their collective belt. We are your community newspaper, Dawson City! Is the publication reflecting your views? Addressing your concerns? Covering stories of interest to you? If anyone out there wants to offer suggestions, time, talent, criticism, kudos, etc., kindly drop us a line at Bag 6040, Dawson City, Yukon Y0B 1G0, or phone the paper at 993-6318.

Once life's pace becomes slightly less frantic, this Autumn, an upcoming edition of the *Sun* hopes to include a readership survey - when there is actually time to sit for a moment and fill it out! We also call your attention to our subscription form.

Enjoy yourselves during Discovery Days, and we'll see you next month!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi there!

What a great new paper. Congratulations! It looks and reads so professionally! I am sending my \$12 for a year's subscription - so keep them coming. We still miss Dawson City lots.

Bye for now,
Irene Szabla,
Knowlton, Quebec

Dear *Klondike Sun*:

Just a note to let you know that you have done a 'bang-up' job on the new paper. It is really information and I enjoyed the crossword puzzle. I'm enclosing a cheque for \$12, one year's subscription.

Have a great summer! We may be up your way later this year.

Ellen and Ken Moore,
Whitehorse

Dear Editor:

So nice to hear from you and to read the first issue of the *Klondike Sun* with my piece in it. I'm really delighted that you're going ahead with this and hope the paper will not only be successful but that it will start coming out bi-weekly.

I'm sorry I missed the Dawson school reunion; I would have given a lot to be there but it was the weekend in which I had my duties as chancellor of Yukon College in Whitehorse.

Sincerely,
Pierre Berton
Toronto, Ontario

To the Editors and Staff:

Enclosed please find a cheque for \$12 for a one year subscription to the *Klondike Sun*. Volume I, Number 2 is impressive.

All the best from an Old Nut!
Athol Retallack

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend the women of the Dawson Shelter. They are doing a great job, providing emotional support and guidance as part of an essential service to this community.

I hope the Shelter receives the recognition it deserves, as it offers drop in days, and provides services, not only for women, but for all family members.

Best wishes for the future. To Angie and Debbie - thank you. To all the volunteers - great teamwork, ladies, you have my admiration and respect.

Thank you.
Carol

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a cheque for \$12 for a one-year subscription to the *Klondike Sun*. Good luck, and thanks in advance for keeping us in touch with happenings in Dawson City.

Sincerely,
Dan Jurovich,
White Rock, British Columbia

(Ed Note: The following letter, dated July 10, 1989, was sent to Dawson City Chamber of Commerce. Copies were sent to KVA, YOOP, Museum, IOD, Music Festival, City of Dawson, World Gold Panning and the *Klondike Sun*.)

Dear Members:

In the report the Dawson Centennial Committee submitted to the City Council, there were a number of suggestions and recommendations that could be done for the upcoming Gold Discovery and Gold Rush centennials in 1996 and 1998.

One of these suggestions was that the site at the north end of Front Street (where the first Hospital was) be reserved and made into a park for the enjoyment of Dawsonites during and after the centennials.

This area could be landscaped, trees planted, etc. The Gold Panning Championships could be held there every year; maybe even the Music Festival could take place there. It is a lovely spot overlooking the town and the river.

I am asking your support to get the City to move in this direction. It is rumoured that the City has plans to use the site as an RV park. Yes, we need a good RV park - tourism is vital to Dawson - but there are other areas of the city that can be used for the three or four months that an RV park is needed.

The idea to have a park at the old hospital site came from not only the Centennial Committee, but from a number of Dawson people.

Sincerely,
John Gould, Chairman
Centennial Committee,
Dawson City

To the Editor:

Fantastic! A newspaper with pictures from one of my favourite places...

Sincerely,
Mary Kay West,
Bozeman, Montana

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith cheque for \$12 subscription for the *Klondike Sun*.

I was very sorry and saddened to hear that one of the last male bastions, the Yukon Order of Pioneers, has been broken. Why didn't the women form their own Order?

Congratulations on your new newspaper, and Good Luck.

Yours truly,
(Miss) Violet N. Thompson
Vancouver, British Columbia

Congratulations on your newspaper! Best of luck for every success. Please find enclosed a cheque for 12 issues of the new *Klondike Sun*. All the best.

Dr. Mike and Mrs. Karyn Johnston,
Dalhousie, New Brunswick

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *con't.*

To The Editor:

Hope all is well in the Yukon. It has always been a dream of mine to visit one day. I have enclosed *The Greenfield Park Journal*. If you are like me, you enjoy reading a community newspaper. I write a column called Park Update, which I enjoy doing very much.

Enclosed is a cheque for one year's subscription. Wishing you all the very best. Yours truly,

Gordon Hamblin
Greenfield Park, Quebec
P.S. Greenfield Park is the home town of your Mayor, Peter Jenkins.

To The Editor:

On June 3, the Dawson City Environmental Group met and cleaned up the downtown core again. A week before, the Robert Service School kids, the day care children and some members of the group had cleaned up the streets of Dawson.

Pop cans and chip bags seemed to be everywhere. In only an hour, the six people who showed up for the cleanup collected about 15 bags of garbage. Just imagine - 15 bags - and all that in a week since the school kids had just cleaned up that area before.

Picking up garbage can get an obsession. Once you are aware of it, it is hard to walk by. The playground, despite three big garbage containers, is always littered with pop cans and so on. One evening, my kids and I would have like to enjoy the new toys the city put up there. Instead, we were stunned by the destruction which had taken place. Boards had been ripped off the climbing toy and were thrown around, posing a real danger for little ones because of the nails sticking out. Beer bottles and bags and cans completed the picture. Instead of playing, we picked up what had been thrown around.

You get mad at the senseless destruction. Why is it that some teenagers seem to get the greatest fun by drinking and smashing beer bottles? What, as a community, are we doing to stop it? Where does the problem start? I have the impression that the children of Dawson need more loving, tender care. Quite often, you see them strolling around without parents to guide them. Dawson is a "seasonal" town. In the summer, it seems we have no time for the kids. But we all should know that money cannot substitute love and care. And there is quite a drinking problem in this town. We know how much children learn by example. Drunk adults are no good role models. The adult's drinking behaviour suggests that drinking and having fun are closely related.

As a member of this planet, I do not like just to go by and watch what happens to the world. I know that we need the children and teenagers of today. Our society faces immense environmental problems. We just start to get aware of them and try to solve some. I am confident that the children of today will help clean up our continents. It is their world as well, and they have to live here for many more years. Many convenience items of today might need to be abolished if this world wants to survive.

Picking up garbage in Dawson City is a start. Not a big one, but it might help us to understand that we have to do much more picking up to get the world a better place to live.
Renate Schmidt,
Dawson City

Dear Sirs/Madams:
Thank you for the fine job you did of advertising for us.

I hope all is going well with you in your new adventure and I certainly wish you continued success. Thank you again.
Sincerely,
Maddie Davis, Manager,
Dawson City International Gold Show '89
Dawson City

To the Editor:

Over the past year, the Quest for Vision training team has noticed considerable improvement in the young people who have attended the wholistic youth development workshops and in the community of Dawson City as a whole. The changes in the young people are: increased self-esteem, ability to co-operate in group functions, application of peer counselling skills, healthier attitudes about drugs and alcohol, and leadership prowess as demonstrated in public speaking activities.

Concurrently, the changes in the community of Dawson City are: a greater awareness of the effects of drugs and alcohol on family and community life, solid backing of youth initiatives, a core group of visionaries and increased involvement in community affairs.

Quest for Vision strongly recommends that all grassroot projects designed by the Community Action Team be supported financially and recognized socially by government and community organizations. The magnitude of the social problems and hardships revealed in the community needs assessment and through our own personal observations demands drastic intervention measures.

A careful planning phase must be initiated as a follow-up to the needs assessment to create a comprehensive community development strategy, i.e. a five-year plan and a generational plan.

Also, it will be advantageous to broaden the spectrum of community programming to include all age groups and to focus on family team-building activities.

Quest for Vision, being a community development catalyst, recognizes Dawson City to be a progressive community with a bright future. Therefore, with adequate funding, facilities, well-trained community personnel and ongoing program evaluation, we feel Dawson City has the potential to become a model community in Canada.

Keep the circle strong, Dawson!
Sincerely,
Ellen Chambers,
Northern Lights Educational Consulting Ltd.
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My very best wishes for success in publishing the *Klondike Sun*!
Sincerely,
Laura M. Schell,
Seal Beach, California

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M. Caley
Dawson City

To the Editor:
Thank you to all my sponsors, supporters and employers for your help in sending me to France for language training. The support I have been shown by so many people in Dawson is very encouraging, and I am extremely grateful. See you in August!

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Sorry if I've forgotten anyone. Thanks again.
Atlin Bowle

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on the start-up of your newspaper in Dawson, and thank-you for the kind thought and invitation to spark Han Gwich'in language use by publishing articles, legends, stories, songs, etc. in your paper. Also, for your information, the *Klondike Sun*, translated into Han, would be *Trondiuk sraa*. I've enclosed an interesting story for you of a very important Han word to forewarn our village people of potential marauders/intruders/invaders. All the children were taught to be the town criers, i.e. Paul Revere: "The British are coming! The British are coming!" High prestige was attached to the first early warning system announcer(s).

Sincerely,
Gerald Isaac
Whitehorse

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Discovery Days celebration commemorates the discovery of gold on Bonanza Creek August 17, 1896. Since the rush of 1898, when 30,000 converged on Dawson City, recreation and amusement were as much a part of the hectic times as any other activity. Today is no different, and the mining community, local residents and visitors get together to celebrate this important event in our history. We all realize that mining is a very vital industry in the Dawson area and contributes many millions of dollars to the economy.

The organizers of Discovery Days are attempting to expand and add to the weekend yearly. For 1989, the committee have confirmed the attendance of the following groups/people:

- * Alaska Air Force Show Band
- * Can-Can Dancers
- * Snowshoe Can-Can Dancers
- * Russian Folk Dance Troupe from Alaska
- * Celtic Trio from Dawson City
- * For the dance, Long John Baldry from Vancouver

In 1988, new events, such as 5- and 10-km runs, bucket brigade, a volleyball tournament and mini-golf were added to the program. For 1989, there will be the addition of an event called "Claim Staking Stampede", sponsored by Linbeck, in keeping with the mining theme.

More emphasis will be placed on events and entertainment for children, with a special Discovery Day Birthday Celebration for kids, thanks to the Drama Club. This party will help add to the theme of Discovery Days being a family affair.

The committee is an unincorporated group of Dawson and area residents who, with the co-operation and support the City, volunteers, businesses and organizations, co-ordinate and plan the

many events for the celebrations. Until recent years, the responsibility for the celebrations was undertaken by the Yukon Order of Pioneers. Their participation is still crucial to the success of Discovery Days.

In the past, financial obligations have been met through donations from business, individuals and special events. The City of Dawson and Klondike Visitors Association have very generously provided initial funding for 1989, which will allow the committee to make the financial commitments for various events.

This year's Discovery Days Committee is comprised of the following: David Millar, chairman; Teresa Doenz, secretary; Len Millar, treasurer; Akio Saito, entertainment co-ordinator; Pat Hogan, entertainment co-ordinator; Brenda Caley, events co-ordinator; Myrna Butterworth, events co-ordinator and Jan Gammie, events co-ordinator.

The objective of the 1989 Committee is to at least break even financially. Hopefully, we will do better than that, and perhaps achieve a profit to assist in 1990's Discovery Days Celebration. We count on your support and participation. concession, the profits of which will be put towards paying off the remaining debt from the class's trip to the Northern Storytelling Festival last month.

Parks Canada provided cake and coffee at the Palace Grand Theatre following the matinee performance of a play called *Sisters of the Klondike*. It played to a packed house.

On a more commercial note, downtown merchants planned and carried off a successful sidewalk sale on Second Avenue, which was blocked off as a mall for the event.

by Dan Davidson
Nature brought its own fireworks to Canada Day celebration in Dawson over the holiday weekend. There was mid-morning thunder and lightning in the Klondike Valley, along with some rain. These cleared up by noon, leaving a day that was either warm or a bit nippy, depending on where the sun was at the moment.

Kids found lots of excitement in Minto Park. There was a 100-foot soapy, slippery, flat waterslide, five mini-pools for the babies, croquet, a water war zone (with balloons) and a dunk tank to keep the kids amused. The pool was busy much of the day, as well.

Parents from the grade 2 class at the Robert Service School ran a busy



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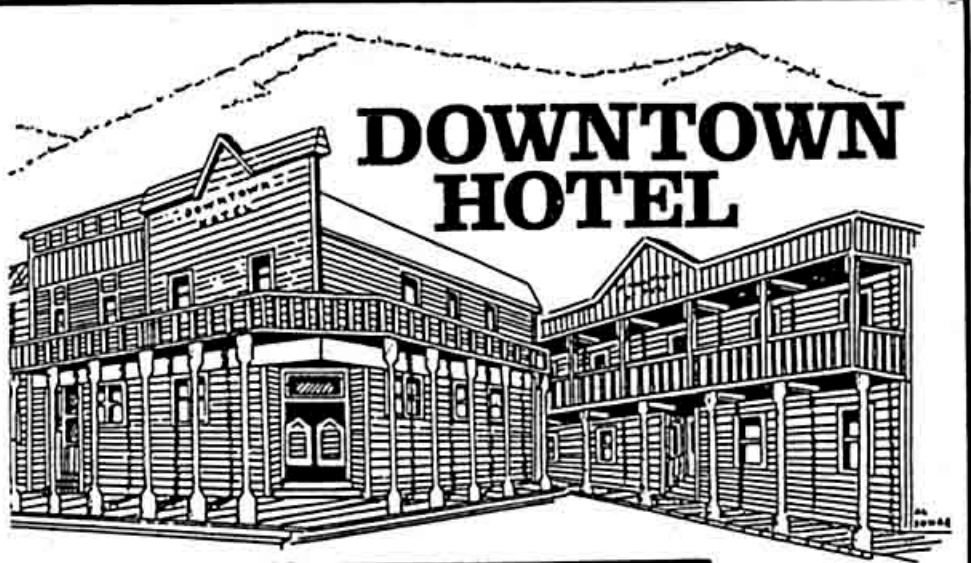
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K.V.A. TALENT NIGHT

by Sourdough Sue Ward

What a cure for the mid-season blahs! The SRO crowd screamed everything from "Get the hook!" to shrieks of delight, surging volumes immeasurable on any applause meter. Fifteen of the 20 acts vied for money prizes: \$500, \$300 and \$200, and a helicopter ride, while "the pros" wound up the show with group acts, which must have been of great therapeutic value in rehearsal, when repetitious performances begin to pall.

Five judges needed considerable time to allot the many merchandise prizes donated by Dawson business houses. How supportive Dawson folks continue to be on so many occasions.

The scoring allotted a total of 10 points each for Originality, Talent and Presentation. Many totals were fractions apart, as the quality required no sympathy from such an eager audience.


Funny Man Grant Hartwick, with Dale Cooper and Company, created a blockbuster with his satirical skit of a well-known local personality, climaxing in his sensational impersonation of singer Tom Jones. Mark Smith was awarded second prize money for his two presentations: a unique strip-tease, and the old chestnut, *Nobody Loves a Fairy When She's Forty*, which improves with age - of the performer, that is.

Tara Jones easily earned third prize with her exciting, original and flawless song and dance routines.


Christine and Gail hopefully will enjoy the fourth prize, a helicopter flight, attaining a comparable "high" to the one the audience got from their original lyrics and unexpected costuming as... Sisters of St. Anne.

Irma, *alias* Kathy Elliott, *alias* "Gertie" was on hand to MC the first half, when Craig Moddle took over. The unsung talented workers were Vikki Anderson as on-the-spot stage manager and Blair Morris controlling the lights and sound - and lots of both!





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Centennial Celebrations

by Kathy Jones-Gates

For both residents and visitors alike, the next 12 years promise to be one long celebration. Centennials and anniversaries litter the calendars from 1992 to 2002, starting with the fiftieth anniversary of the Alaska Highway, and ending with the centennial of the incorporation of the City of Dawson. In between, if you get the chance to reload your camera, you can enjoy centennials marking the arrival of the Mounted Police and the establishment of the Yukon Order of Pioneers (1994), the Discovery of Gold in the Klondike and St. Mary's and St. Paul's Churches (1996) and the Klondike Gold Rush the Dawson Curling Club and the formation of the Yukon Territory (1998).

The Yukon government established the Yukon Anniversaries Commission to oversee all the anniversaries and the City of Dawson established its own Centennial Board in February 1988. Original members were Al Fisk, Boyd Gillis, Lynne Bowie, Bill Hakonson, John Gould (chairman), and Bob Laking, who later resigned and was replaced by Kathy Jones-Gates. John Gould is the Dawson representative on the Anniversaries Commission board.

Amongst the recommendations made to the City Council has been the planting of 100 trees in the community. Other suggestions include commemorative coins, stamps, a history book on Dawson families, an essay contest, a film production in co-operation with the CBC, finding corporate sponsors to restore the Big Alex Pump and the Yukon Ditch Steam Shovels. As a lasting community gift, it was thought that the old hospital site and gravel pit at the north end of Front Street could be converted into a park.

Local artist Albert Fuhre designed the centennial logo used by the city on all their correspondence and the Yukon Anniversaries Commission requested and received permission to use Fuhre's design for their logo.

In order to prepare for and celebrate the numerous centennials that involve Dawson, the board has strongly recommended to the City Council the hiring of a co-ordinator as soon as possible. The Yukon Anniversaries Commission hired Ron Pond as executive director in 1988, and the local board has also recommended that Pond's office be moved to Dawson following completion of the fiftieth anniversary celebrations of the Alaska Highway in 1992. While Pond will be overseeing the Yukon celebrations, it was agreed that Dawson required an individual of similar calibre to be the Dawson spokesperson and organizer.

Included in the board's celebration ideas is encouragement of Canada Post to relocate to the Old Post Office Building on King Street. Parks Canada have indicated plans for the restoration of the Commissioner's Residence and Dredge No. 4 to coincide with local celebrations in 1996.

The Yukon Order of Pioneers are already at work with plans for a photo display at their Hall and for their historian to gather material for a book.

Human Resources News

Facts you should know about child sexual abuse:

- * Child sexual abuse is any incident of sexual contact between a child and an adult, including rape, fondling, molestation, exhibitionism, sodomy, anal or oral intercourse, and/or incest, with or without force.
- * Physical force is present in only a small percentage of child sexual abuse incidents.
- * The child's view of an adult as the authority can make it much more likely that he or she can be threatened, bribed or manipulated into following adult orders.
- * Children rarely tell about their sexual abuse because they are frightened and are told not to tell by the offender.
- * Child sexual abuse most often happens in the home - the victim's or the offender's. For further information, please contact Barb Forsyth, social worker, Health and Human Resources (993-5543) or the RCMP (993-5444).
- * Child sexual abuse may eventually involve intercourse but it typically begins with touching.
- * Children want to tell but they are often afraid they will not be believed or protected.

* Typical child sexual abuse will occur repeatedly within a long-term relationship, because the offender abuses his or her position of power.

* Most offenders are not strangers - 85 percent of the offenders are known to the child, a family member, neighbour, family friend or babysitter.

* Children do not invent stories about their own sexual abuse.

* The average age of an abused child is eight, but it is not uncommon for children three years old or younger to be sexually abused.

* Reported cases show that a girl born today has a one-in-four chance of being sexually abused before the age of 18, the risk for boys is one in eight. Boys may under-report.

* The offender is always responsible for his or her own actions. Child sexual abuse is never the victim's fault.

* Most offenders are male - he may hold a professional job, a white collar job, a blue collar job or no job.

* A child can be sexually assaulted by a stranger and that incident is more likely to involve force and occur only once.

Gov't plans to eliminate harmful building material

WHITEHORSE--Minister of Government Services Maurice Byblow said today that he has approved a plan to reduce and eliminate the use of building materials containing harmful chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in future construction projects.

"The move was prompted by a national objective to eliminate use of all building products containing CFCs within the next 10 years, because of their harmful effects on the ozone layer," Byblow said.

CFCs are used in the manufacture of some widely used building materials, such as styrofoam and urethane insulation. Officials in the Government Services department determined that the use of these products could be eliminated by using alternative insulation materials which are environmentally safe.

In the future, the building development branch will specify that all construction projects use only those insulation materials not containing CFCs, such as fiberglass.

"The plan is quite simple and is based on the knowledge that the use of CFCs in

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Ninja Warriors of the North

by Doug Sack

Something or somebody came into their tent site.

A heated battle in the eternal war between males and females was waged in early June at Tombstone Mountain campground on the Yukon's Dempster Highway, where 25 grade four and five students from Robert Service Elementary School in Dawson City were camped on a field trip.

The boys appeared to win, but there is always more to a story than greets the eyes and ears. Here's what happened, according to the biased observations of a parent supervisor accompanying the three-day, two-night excursion.

The kids, aged nine to 11, had three days of a full schedule, concluding with bedtime each night at 9:30 p.m., which of course meant simulated sleep until the teacher and parents stopped checking on them. At midnight, like Ninja warriors of the North, the children crept silently out of their sleeping robes and stole quietly into the cold night air in their relentless quest for maturity and adulthood.

The boys, still at the age where girls are "dumb", had built a secret fort in a moss meadow a short way from the campground and planned an important meeting therein at 1:00 a.m. to discuss secret business.

The girls, still at the age where boys are "ickey", found out about the fort and meeting, conspired to disrupt it and succeeded. That was the first night. During the second day, the boys mapped out a retaliatory mission to get even with the girls who violated a primitive male taboo by attacking their fort.

This parent supervisor, who picked up tidbits of intelligence about the planned operation, napped during the day in order to be awake that night to be sure it didn't get out of hand. It did, but the next morning nobody could figure out how or why. What began as innocent kid's play somehow resulted in six semi-hysterical females crowded into our motorhome, scared out of their wits and afraid to return to their tents and sleeping bags.

At the same time, the boys were back in their tents, trying genuinely to sleep and laughing about the girls "seeing things". The parent supervisor, rightly or wrongly, assumed the boys had spooked the girls with a sneak attack on their tent and the bill was squared from the violation of their secret fort the night before.

Maybe

Maybe not.

Although the boys wouldn't admit it (Ninja warriors never get caught), something or somebody came into the girls' tent site, threw pebbles at their tent and overturned their picnic table. When the girls got dressed and came out to launch a counterattack on the boys' tent site, they found them in their sleeping bags, lying quietly or sleeping and not wanting to be bothered. The boys told them to go away, but they returned several minutes later, acting more upset than playful, and two of the boys dressed and left with the six girls.

Less than an hour later, after the boys had returned to bed but not to sleep, the girls, all crying, knocked on the door of the motorhome in an agitated state and announced:

"There's something really weird going on. There's a man out there with long, black hair, dressed in camouflage, who's following us around and the table in our tent site is upside-down and we're really scared. Can we come in?"

Asked if this was part of the pranking, they replied, "No", and said the guy was a man with a moustache and Chinese features, but only one of the girls saw him before he disappeared into the bush. It was 3:00 a.m. The girls were in their night clothes and

shivering. Whether there was anything out there or not, they were cold, tired and scared and seemed to get more frightened as the heat lubricated their voices and vivid imaginations.

Slightly alarmed but cognizant the chances of a weirdo creeping around a campground on the Dempster Highway were one in a million, the parent supervisor, a

Viet Nam veteran, dressed and checked out every inch of the campground looking for the mysterious Ninja warrior or any sign of him. There was nobody else in the campground but a couple of retirees in a motorhome from San Diego.

The boys still awake in their tent and chuckling at the girls' fear, swore again they hadn't done it, and two of them said they were just out looking for the same Ninja warrior as the parent supervisor. The difference between boys and

girls is they were hoping to find one, so they could pounce on him and steal his Star of Death.

"They're just freaked out and seeing things," the boys summarized. "Girls are afraid of everything." The parent supervisor agreed and returned to the girls, warm now, but still scared, and gently explained to them how fear and young imaginations often see things which aren't there.

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From the Creeks

by Marjie Mann,
Rock Creek Correspondent
Back again - it's incredible to think a whole month has flown by already - half the summer gone like a flash! These precious, sun-filled days are far too few - I would like to just grab one and hang on to it for awhile longer - really *s-t-r-e-t-c-h* out the summer. Oh well... if wishes were horses....

Summer Solstice - the party - has come and gone. Thank goodness we only have one a year, sometimes recovery takes awhile. I would love to be able to record some really newsworthy events from the party, but that would just be too much like *gossip*, wouldn't it? And people don't want to hear that sort of stuff, right? The newsworthy item I shall mention is that "Himself" recently had knee surgery and was unable to keep up his personal tradition of getting all the guests wet by chucking them in the creek. I think that is the reason we had a very good turn-out this year. (I hope he doesn't ready this, else I'll end up in the creek, just as soon as he's able!) Anyway, I had a great time, and I hope everyone else enjoyed themselves.

With summer slipping by so quickly, we are trying to squeeze in a few summer activities - you know: boating, fishing, camping - *adventure!* We've had a few minor adventures this year. Let's see - I guess the first was on the May 24 long weekend, when a bunch of us went for a picnic down by McQuestin. Like silly fools, we took the infamous Pigmobile, and ended up running out of gas. Unfortunately, the car-load of friends ahead of us didn't realize we weren't right behind until it was too late. They were low on gas, and all the stations were closed. So we spent the night in the truck. Don't let anyone tell you different - a Chevy pickup *does not* sleep five comfortably.

Our next adventure was the opportunity to go on a ride down the Klondike in one of those Hovercraft. Three little kids, me and the guy that owns it. What a trip! Very

exhilarating. Except that on our way back up the Klondike, guess what happened? Yep - ran out of gas. No paddles. No oars. Just the five of us. I had visions of floating by Dawson and having to yell for help. I had other visions, too...

Luckily, the Klondike took us to shore. There really are guardian angels - I'm convinced. And we were on the right side of the river and within walking distance from home. Not bad for luck. I figured by then that running out of gas was what was in store for me for the rest of the summer. And then, on the July 1 weekend, when six of us piled in our little boat and headed for Moosehide, I had suspicions. Especially when we tried heading back to Dawson with a four and a half-horse motor. Ha! Well, it took awhile, but we were successful in getting back without running out of gas. So, I wonder what our next adventure will be. Let's see... we're heading to Ethel Lake this weekend... who knows what will happen?

Rural living definitely has its values - but every summer we seem to have trouble finding babysitters. The problem is, of course, that one of the reasons we move to "the suburbs" is to offer our children a rural setting to grow up in: a creek to play in, trees to climb, lots of room to run and enjoy. And then we end up hauling them into town during that precious summer vacation so that there is someone around to keep an eye on them! Doesn't that seem kind of silly? Live-in grandmas and grandpas - *that's* what we need! Grandma Evelyn, come home! And the search goes on...

So amongst the social gatherings, the gardens, the yard work, the work on that blasted addition and - what was the other thing? - Oh yeah - our *jobs* (rats! tried to forget that one), summer goes on. But not for long! Enjoy it as much as you can! And, until next time - bye!



Gov't AIDS Campaign

WHITEHORSE--The Yukon government is launching a summer-long campaign to augment its public information program on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Increased promotion over the summer months is aimed at reaching students returning from schools outside the Yukon, along with the influx of tourists and seasonal workers. The multi-media information campaign is designed to educate as many people as possible.

Brochures and posters providing information on AIDS are currently being distributed to doctors' offices, community health centres, Indian band offices and schools.

The campaign also includes workshops and seminars with interest groups throughout the Yukon, plus radio and newspaper promotions.

"Until a preventive vaccine is found, the only method of reducing the number of potential AIDS victims is by making all Yukoners aware of how to protect themselves," said Health and Human Resources minister Tony Penikett.

"Controlling the spread of the AIDS virus will diminish the potential for human suffering. Campaigns such as ours can also help prevent a substantial increase in health care costs."

Plans are also being discussed for an AIDS Awareness Day in the fall, and a Yukon-wide tour of *Snap Shots*, a play about AIDS.

While the campaign encourages people to consult their doctor for AIDS

information, media advertising is also being used to promote the confidential AIDS information phone line.

The toll-free number is 1-800-661-0507 and is for Whitehorse residents as well as people who live outside Whitehorse. This information service is sponsored jointly by the Yukon government and Health and Welfare Canada.

AIDS information is also provided through a health education program in the schools.

Forty Mile News

by Cathy Wylie
Last month the Clinton Creek Ball Park could have been called Tent City, as it became the home of the firefighters battling the blaze at the head of Maiden Creek.

On July 1, the old Clinton Creek ball park was the scene for a Canada Day kids party. All the Forty Mile children brought their parents for games, hot dogs and ice cream. Also present were friends of the Claxton's visiting from New Zealand. Neither wind nor rain stopped anyone from having a good time.

Fishing has started and the Han fish truck will again become a familiar sight on the road.




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HARRY THOMPSON

by **Palma Berger**

Harry Thompson succeeded Jack Hulland as Superintendent of Education (i.e. Head of the Department of Education) in those days, the position was that of a civil servant. He was appointed to this position by the Commissioner, who in turn was appointed by the federal government.

He found the 50s and 60s to be years of rapid growth. At times they found it difficult to get teachers for the different schools. On school in particular was the Destruction Bay School. The school with this name did not attract too many applicants, so the name was

In the early days the native children went to church-run schools only. Old Crow was administered from the mission in Inuvik. In 1962, the Department of Education took this school over. The difficulty they encountered here was that, beginning about the first of April, all the families would go "ratting" for two months to catch the muskrats so necessary to their economic survival at that time. The Education Department had to adapt to this. What they did was allow the school to close for the two months and open again in June. A teacher was appointed for a two-year period only. The school year began in June and ended March 30. Thus, a newly appointed teacher would have no holidays the first year there, but at the end of the second year, would have a four-month holiday.

Harry appointed Mary Gartside principal of the Dawson School, and he was in Dawson at the time the first school burned down at 4:00 a.m. on June 21, 1957. The school had to be moved to the Administration Building until a new one could be built. The official opening of the new school was January 6, 1959.

Harry still keeps fit. While here, he ran and came first in the five-kilometer run in his age group.

He and his wife, Doreen, are now retired to Powell River, British Columbia.

From The Creeks And Loving It

by **Sourdough Sue Ward**

It could have been downright disappointing to be an out-of-town reporter covering the Women's Forum at our Tenth Annual Gold Show. Long gone is the Little Old Log Cabin on the Claim. It had, they learned, been replaced by modern mobile homes, or RVs, the hole-in-the-ground cooler had given way to the propane fridge, with pumps providing showers and even indoor plumbing. Of course, there were exceptions among the 40 miners' wives. One or two still called Dawson City home on a year-round basis, living simply on the creek in new cabins resembling 'the cottage at the lake', buzzing into town to shop while the laundry went through their machines.

Road improvement removes the isolation that once spawned cabin fever. With constant daylight, folks can still drive over to check on a neighbour or two after a full day's sluicing. The Annual Miners' Barbeque is the bash of the summer.

This is not to say that the livin' is easy. Far from it. Many wives spend long hours on the machines in order to save wages as they dream of warm climes during the long winter months. On family operations, the youngsters are soon trained to handle the least dangerous jobs and both sons and daughters become capable operators.

And who would the miner prefer on his machines? The girls! Why? "They learn quickly and do what they are told." They are more careful with the machinery and don't sluff on the maintenance. The greatest challenge is packing up outside in readiness for the summer in the Klondike. Lists, lists, lists. If you forget something - too bad. There's no going back for it. But none would choose another lifestyle. "It's a time of renewal." "I'd do anything not to give up this lifestyle." It is a partnership, with strong women backing up their menfolk.

And to top it all off, there is Radio Telephone, which brings instant communication, once you learn to

use the service, first having listed your number with Northwestel. No wonder there was such a warm appreciation of the Fashion Show


presented by the Raven's Nook and Loft. These gals were having a ball while their menfolk clued into the mechanics of the goldseekers.




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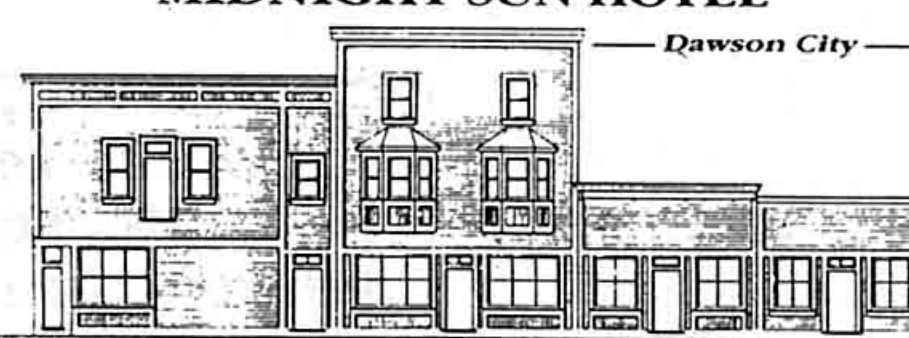
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Near Tragedy On The Klondike

by Brent Morrison

The following is a true story. The names have been changed to protect the foolish.

It was Sunday, April 30, some 12 hours after the Yukon break-up. Although they had been told by several people not to, including one person who told them 14 times, the trio of intrepid newcomers decided to try to canoe down the Klondike. They selected Henderson Corner as the starting point, after borrowing a canoe and three paddles. They could not get any life jackets, but did get three headbands, proclaiming, "Who needs life jackets, anyway?"

Again, they were told not to, that their chances of success were about 20 percent. They still were not convinced.

They arrived at Henderson Corner at 2:30 p.m. As they set the canoe in the water and boarded it, "Bob" went straight through the ice. He got out quickly and found a dry set of clothes in the truck. "Mike" and "Tom" (who were still trying to talk them out of it), said this was an omen and they should pack it in. The counter-argument was that it was a lucky sign - no one else would get wet today.

Finally, "Stan", "Dave" and Bob were in the canoe, and away they went. Mike and Tom drove to Rock Creek to wait for them, and to see if they would try to make it all the way to Dawson.

The water was high and quick, but they progressed well. No ice chunks had rear-ended them, and they had avoided a couple in front of them. Things seemed to be going well - and then, 10 minutes down-river, the inevitable occurred.

The canoe was headed right for the huge chunks of ice that lined the far bank. They could not steer away, and the canoe went, bow first, into the ice. It rode up the ice a way, then slid back into the water. The canoe tipped to the right, but they managed to straighten it out. For a fraction of a second, things seemed alright; then, the canoe filled with water. All three looked at each other in shock, then simultaneously dove out of the canoe and into the numbing waters of the Klondike.

With white fear etched on their faces, they were swept downstream in order of height. A large stick was jutting out of the ice and all three reached for it. All three missed. Suddenly, Stan was stopped in a corner of the ice wall; Bob braced himself behind him. "Where's Dave?" Bob yelled.

"Up there," Stan replied. Dave had made it up, using Stan as a stepping stone. Stan scrambled up the 10-foot ice wall next, leaving Bob waiting in the waist-high icewater. Finally, he, too, turned part polar bear and was on top of the ice.

Shivering and drenched, they removed their shirts and stood, stunned, for a moment. Although it had seemed like several minutes, they had only been in the water about 20 or 30 seconds. Then they began rejoicing: "We're alive! We're alive!" They set off towards the shore, and within 10 feet Bob hit a pit-trap. The ice went straight out from under him, but he managed to spread his arms and keep from going all the way down. Three feet below his feet, the river swept by. Jagged ice lined the narrow chute to it.

He tried to pull himself up, but Stan and Dave quickly pulled him out. They headed toward the shore again, trying to avoid the pit-traps. However, all hit them again, though none quite as dangerous as the first.

When they were about half-way to shore, they noticed Mike racing down the highway. He had seen the capsized canoe float by at Rock Creek and raced to their rescue. Unfortunately, they were on the wrong side of the river. The trio stopped to scream their "We're alive" chant, and whooped and wailed. Mike called them some nasty names, then told them he would try to find someone with a power boat to come to get them. Mike drove away, leaving the canoeists to make their way to the forest.

When they finally reached the forest thick mud greeted them. They couldn't have been happier. Finally, out of water and on solid, (though soggy) ground. Breaking trail through the trees and undergrowth, they realized that they

would have to cross the river eventually in order to get to Rock Creek.

When the men finally got to the river, Dave decided the best way to cross would be to wade. "We're not going to get any wetter than we already have" he said, as he led the way across the river, with Bob and Stan following.

The river didn't seem quite as cold as before. Suddenly, a chunk of ice hit Stan in the knee, nearly knocking him over.

They made it to the first island, and stopped to rest for a minute. Then they walked around to the other side, and waded on to the next island. This time, Bob fell to one knee and just got up in time to avoid another chunk of ice flowing down the river.

After a brief rest, they crossed the second island. As they reached the edge of land, they noticed the forest reached nearly to where they were standing. They could have made one crossing! Oh well, hindsight is 20-20.

They made one final crossing, and went around to the island's other side. Rock Creek at last! It was at least 100 yards across, and, while Dave was all for crossing the Creek, the other two were not so sure.

Then they saw Mike and another fellow putting a canoe in the water. A few minutes later, they were back on solid ground. Bob fell down and kissed the ground. Many thanks were expressed to the canoeist who rescued the trio.

The three men drove into town, claiming that their lucky headbands had saved them. They rode in the back of the truck, and headed straight for a victory draft. This proved to be a big mistake, as the cold liquid chilled them to the bone. They quickly downed their beer, and spent the rest of the day in the sun, thanking their lucky stars that they were alive.

It is important to mention that the three men had no alcohol or drugs in their systems that day. If they had, the events would surely have been tragic.

"School End"

by Dan Davidson

The Robert Service School ended its year with elementary and high school awards ceremonies held on the morning and afternoon of June 23.

Special elementary awards included the IODE attendance badges, which went to kindergarten's Mathew Webster, David Algotsson, Troy Blanchard, Philip Johnson, Adam Roberts and Mathew Robertson; grade 1's Allie Winton; grade 2's Larissa Bilodeau and Kris Magnusson; grade 3's Karl Algotsson, Darren Bullen and Sarah Winton; and grade 5's Anders Algotsson.

Library awards were presented in grades 1, 2, 3 and intermediate to Michael Davison, Robbie Whittingham, Marliisa Mann and Amanda Lilienskold.

Citizenship awards were presented to Jo-Anna Davidson from the primary classes and Daniel Kerklywich from the intermediates. Tari MacKenzie won the high school trophy while Atlin Bowie won the RCMP Appreciation Award.

In grade 1, top student Alex Bowie was joined on the honour roll by Jay J. Flynn, Anna Vogt, Clare Sheerin, Nathan Dewell, Jordan Doenz and Lindsey Thompson. In grade 2, it was Robbie Whittingham, along with Shawn Blais, Jo-Anna Davidson, Alex Kormendy, Charissa Reeves, Tammy Taylor and Jay Juniper. Grade 3 was led by Laurie Bowers, accompanied on the roll by Marliisa Mann, Kristin Grabowski, Karl Algotsson and Harmony Hunter. Grade 4's sole honour student was Frances Kormendy. In grade 5, Patrick Sack led the class, along with Lianne Bilodeau and Jessica Borisenko. In grade 6, Robbie Nason led Daniel Kerklywich and in grade 7, Jeremy Roscoe led Trevor Van Rumpit.

The top male and female athletes in the high school were grade 11's Gary Zeller and grade 9's Georgette McLeod.

In the high school, a new award - the Jaemar Construction Trophy for Academic Achievement - was presented to grade 8's Laura Coxford, grade 9's Renee Brickner, grade 10's Gordon Kerr and grade 11's Gary Zeller. The top grade 12 student, Cindi Braga, picked up the Mary Gartside Award.

The King Solomon's Mine Award is four one-quarter ounce vials of gold, which are given each year to a hard-working student who is not necessarily a high achiever. This year, the winners were primary's Melissa Flynn, intermediate's Kylie Van Every, junior high's Carl Taylor and high school's Tina Braga.

Numerous subject awards were also presented in the high school, as well as a long list of "hard worker" and "most improved" awards in the elementary school and an even longer list of athletic awards at both assemblies.

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Inside - Outside

We say good-bye to **Dave and Wendy Kingston**, who were Dawson residents for three years. They have been transferred to **Old Crow**. Welcome to Dawson: **Bruce and Deidre McDowall** and three children, who were transferred here from **Whitehorse**.

Vana Gammie and her two youngest finally dragged themselves away from their new home in **Ontario** to join husband **Bryon** in Dawson.

Seen around town was **Rob Tyacke** and dog **Cowboy**. Nothing special about **Rob**, but **Cowboy** flashes a **gold-capped tooth** in his lower jaw when he "smiles".

Visiting with **Ray Dagostin** and sister **Jane** and their respective families were their parents and grandmother from **Hamilton, Ontario**. Mr. D. Sr. really didn't like to leave, we hear.

Congratulations to our own **Jackie Worrell (nee Olson)**, who was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Society of Yukon Artists of Native Ancestry. This is the first time this grant was ever given. The money was raised by **Jim Logan's** donation of one of his paintings, which was then auctioned off. Jackie is in her second year of a Visual Arts program at Camosun College in **Victoria**.

Dawson's native daughter, **Pretoria ("Pete") Butterworth** was visiting with **Marion Hadley** at the Lodge. We could use a spare NUT, Pete!

Meta (Zimmerlie) Alecock: for 18 years, her father had a store at **Selkirk**.

Joy (Menzies) Stewart: her father ran the Taylor and Drury Store in **Selkirk**. They were two years in **Selkirk** and seven at **Selwyn Creek**. He mined and cut wood for the boats.

Connie Scott is up from **Maple Ridge, B.C.** visiting her daughter, **Pauline Scott** and grandson **Emerson** for three and a half weeks (please note that the hot weather arrived the same day she did, and she is taking full credit!). She has been noticed playing inordinate numbers of games of **Crazy-Eights** and **Fish** with **Emerson** and the **Scrabble** board is also getting a workout. This is **Connie's** tenth visit to Dawson, and she would gladly move here if we could guarantee tropical temperatures in **January**.

Congratulations to **Lynn Bower** and **Ron Bramadat** on the birth of their first child, a 6-pound, 15-ounce girl, **Ashley Dawn**, born June 11 in **Whitehorse**.

We say good-bye to **Lana Panko**, who is leaving Dawson (for the second time) after two years, mostly working in the Curatorial Division at **Parks Canada**; **Lana** is taking up **Museum Studies** at the **Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature**.

Last month saw the return of Dawson's former **Gospel Hall Minister, Jack Sailer**, and wife **Ella**, on a visit from **Glen Allen, Alaska**, where they are employed at the **Bible College** there. They had been in Dawson for 11 years.

Good-bye to long-time residents **Val Faminoff** and **Rene Mangold!** Following their marriage here, they journeyed to **B.C.** to visit with **Val's** parents. **Rene** will continue on to his home country of **Switzerland**, to take up a new job - his first love - as a **Primate Biologist** at the **Zurich Zoo**. **Val** and young **Tyler** will remain in **B.C.** until **Rene** finds them accommodation.


Back for a two-week visit, at **Music Festival** time again, is **Val Thorpe**, who now resides in **Victoria, B.C.**

Is Dawson finally "with it"? Must be... we noticed a very large **Pepsi-Cola** vending machine making its way into **Arctic Drugs** recently. Now we can really be the 'New Generation'!


On July 8, **Elizabeth Henry (Liz)** and **Shane Clark** returned to Dawson for a "celebration" of marriage vows at **St. Paul's Church**. **Rev. Ken Snider** was officiating. This was followed by a dinner and dance at **Tro-Chu-Tin Indian Heritage Centre**. The young couple then returned to their newly built home on **Lake LaBarge**.

Back-home after a few exciting weeks in **Japan** is **Juanita Nakashima**. She accompanied her grandfather, who was also her interpreter, back to his old country. She may have had a bit of trouble with the language, but had no trouble accepting the spoiling at the hands of never-before-seen relatives.

Back home to take up residence at **Henderson's Corner** are **Darvl Buckley** and **John Adams** and family. They tried making their home in **B.C.**, but missed one or two things about this area, so came back.



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Gwen's Gardens



by Gwen Fraser

This month I will touch on two topics - pest control and growing tomatoes.

Have you noticed any red beetles with black spots or stripes eating your radishes or cole crops (cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli)? These beetles are very destructive and are known by several names, Japanese Beetle being the most common. A rotenone mixture dusted lightly over the plants is an effective way to protect them from this pest.

Occasionally you may see small, white butterflies hovering over your cole crops. They lay their eggs on the plant, and tiny green worms emerge from the eggs to munch on your cabbage and cauliflower. A naturally occurring bacterium, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, is very effective in controlling these worms and is sold under the trade names B. T., Depel or Thuricide. Dust plants lightly with the powder to prevent crop damage. Now - a few tips on tomatoes. These plants require a steady moisture supply. Allowing tomatoes to dry out is the main cause of blossom end-rot. Blossom end-rot is that unsightly, brown blotch on the bottom of your tomato. There is no

known cure once the fruit is affected. Consequently, your best bet is to discard the infected fruit, correct growing conditions and hope the new tomatoes forming are not affected.

Occasionally, lack of calcium may cause this problem. This can be remedied by adding dolomite lime to the soil. Dusting your tomato plants every week or 10 days with a good all-purpose tomato dust helps ensure healthy plants and good production.

Pruning tomatoes is very controversial. Excellent crops may be grown with or without pruning - use whatever method suits you best. Pruning usually produces fewer, larger tomatoes which tend to ripen earlier than fruit on the non-pruned plant.

To keep your tomatoes thriving, add a tablespoon of 5-10-10 fertilizer, a couple of handfuls of compost or some manure tea to the soil occasionally. If you are getting large, lush, green plants, but few tomatoes, you are probably adding too much nitrogen to the soil. Happy gardening!



BEAR

CREEK

by Palma Berger

The slough at Bear Creek is all that was left of the Klondike River after the Gold Company dredged it out in the 20s and 30s. The Klondike now flows on the other side of the valley. This area became the settlement for the families of the workers of the Gold Company, until 1966, when the Company pulled out.

In the early 70s the land was changed into a rural subdivision. There are once again families here enjoying a rural lifestyle.

Some have moved on. Siegmund and Lydia Cieplinski, after five years here, sold their house to the Audrey and Bill Harris. The Cieplinskis wintered in Toronto, where Siggy worked at his profession of engineer. While there, Lydia met Peter Gzowski of CBC, and so persuaded him of the wonders of the Dawson area that he is gung-ho for a visit up here.

The old Roman Catholic church, which for years looked as if each year was going to be its last, finally lost its pyramid-shaped tower, but the main building has held its sway to one side remarkably well.

Sally Robinson and Greg Skuce wintered Outside, visiting Toronto, holidaying in Mexico and working and visiting in Calgary. They arrived back refreshed and keen to continue work on their interesting house.

Marion Dejean and Pete Dunbar also moved away for the winter. They moved downriver to Clear Creek. A visit from Marion's brother, Paul and his wife, Pat, have brought them back to Bear Creek.

The latter two enjoyed a canoe trip from Pelly to Dawson.

Steve Hermann is back from a trip Outside. While he was away, summer guest Tony Hiller kept up watering the lawn.

We have had a very dry summer. Our water pumps have been working overtime as we tend our gardens. Their sounds mingle with sounds of the water bombers, such as the DC7, flying low as they take off from the nearby airport. Not complaining at all - just darned grateful, especially when the temperature hit 38 degrees Celsius.

News in brief of other residents: welcome to a new resident, Dave Robinson. Welcome back for the summer to Greg Clark, after two years of university and work Outside. Anne and Mikkon have moved from their 12-by-10 (?) cabin to a five-room log house they built. Such space and view! Peter and Marjie Kormendy had Marjie's parents visiting from Bethel, Alaska. Jannice Johnson, finally realizing she is no mechanic, traded in her old car for a new one.

Our 'new' residents, Denis and Bud Norman, bought Dale Gammie's house a few months ago. Bob Sutherland and neighbours are trying to figure out how to dam the slough at their end to keep some of the water for their canoes. Any ideas on an inexpensive and easy-to-operate dam?

And so much more... which we will catch up with next issue!

KLONDIKE LIFE

Summertime Care For Your Hair

by Dawna McLean

Ah... summer! Those long, sunny days of leisure and afternoons of fun spent by the pool are just a few of the pleasures that this season brings. It is also a time when personal hair care routines should be reassessed and even changed. While summer may be everyone's favourite time, it is undoubtedly the worst season for your hair. Sun and chlorine are the main culprits behind the classic problems of broken, sun-dried hair, matted, split ends and that unappealing greenish cast known as "pool-hair".

Though virgin (chemically unprocessed) hair can also be victimized by the environment, chemically treated hair is the most vulnerable during the summer months. Hair that has had any type of chemical process (perm, colour, straightening) should prepare for the summer by having a penetrating salon conditioning treatment. This professional service will improve the texture of the hair and offer long-term conditioning benefits like increased elasticity and shine.

When it comes to a regular maintenance program, both virgin and chemically processed hair require similar programs to keep them in optimum condition. Everyone's essential hair care kit should

contain a trio of: mild shampoo, suited to their hair type; a daily conditioning rinse and a weekly deep conditioning treatment. Many of the products available at your salon have sunscreens added to protect your hair.

In addition to a regular cleansing and conditioning routine, it is important to take preventive measures when out in the sun or at the pool. While in the sun, either wear a hat or use a product with sun screen. One of the best summertime hair care treatments is to put a small amount of deep conditioning treatment on your hair, massage it through to the ends and style hair wet. This procedure is great for your hair because it moisturizes it while protecting it from the sun's damaging rays. In addition, if you plan on swimming, the conditioner acts as a barrier between the hair and the water, preventing the chlorine from penetrating the hair. Just remember to rinse the water thoroughly out of your hair after swimming.

Even though the summer sounds like it can be gruelling to your hair, a little care and lots of conditioning will enable your tresses to look the best they've ever been.

CANADIAN GIRL GUIDES

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

by Sourdough Sue Ward

June 15 at the Seniors' Drop-In Centre, 11 Brownies and mothers, plus two grandmothers and one dad, spent several exciting hours celebrating Canadian Girl Guides' 75th Birthday in what was billed as a Mother and Daughter Supper.

Good food was followed by good fellowship as leaders presented a variety of badges to deserving members of the Dawson pack, all of whom are enrolled in the Blacksand District.

In this new age, when so often both parents are in the work force, those who give of their time and energies without monetary reward are to be especially commended. They will tell you their reward is in sharing the blossoming of a shy or lonely child, or the gentling of the unthinking, wild one. All true, but such women should never be taken for granted.

Congratulations to all, especially Guiders, Brown Owls and Tawny Owls. Lend a hand to our Girl Guide movement, not just at cookie sale time!

by Palma Berger
The Girl Guides started up again in January of this year, with Cherie Thompson as leader.

The Brownies started last fall, with Chris Hunter as Brown Owl, Patti Grabowski as Tawny Owl; Holly Reeves has been Brown Owl, taking over from Sharon Tokarek.

On Thursday, June 15, the Girl Guides and Brownies held a Mother-Daughter Potluck Supper and Badge Presentation evening.

Gold Bar, Beadworker, Hostess, Baker's, Bannock and Explorer badges were awarded to Sarah Winton, Melissa Flynn and Marlissa Mann.

Badges for Gold Bar, Beadworker, Hostess, Bannock and Explorer were given to Kristin Grabowski, Elaine Bowers, Joanna Mackay and Charissa Reeves. Charissa earned her Baker's badge in addition to those listed above.

Lindsay Thompson was awarded her badges for Hostess, Baker's, Bannock and Explorer.

Jessa Ryder and Allie Winton received Baker's and Bannock badges. Joanna Mackay received a Booklover badge.

A Housekeeping badge was given to Harmony Hunter, along with her Gold Bar, Beadworker, Hostess and Baker's badges.

Girls Guides Jessica Montgomery, Frances Kormendy and Christina Shulda each received badges for Collector's, Adventure Challenge and their Patrol crests, along with Friendship badges from Beaver Valley.

Congratulations to all of the Girl Guides and Brownies who have worked toward receiving these badges!

This is the seventy-fifth year of Girl Guiding in the Yukon. Joyce Hayden and Mary Lou Smith have put together an interesting book, *Seventy-five Summers*, about Yukon Guiding. It contains photos of a Girl Guide camp at Rock Creek. Perhaps our readers will recognize some of the faces. The book may be obtained from the Library in Dawson.

