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WEATHER PATTERNS

by John Gould

Yukon temperature records have been kept since 1899. The coldest recorded since then for November was on Monday, November 13, 1989 when it went down to minus 47.9 degrees celsius. This works out to -54 degrees Fahrenheit for those who don't like the metric system. The last time it got down to near this temperature was in November 1948 when it went down to -46 C. and stayed there for three days, Nov. 27, 28, and 29th.

Today's temperatures are recorded at the airport; back in 1948 they were recorded in town. According to the weather office at the Dawson Airport temperatures in Dawson are 2 to 5 degrees warmer than at the airport. So it is possible that in 1948 it was -48 or more at the airport.

Apparently without the greenhouse effect it could have been several degrees colder than -48C...

Those who study world weather patterns blame our cold winter and last summers warm weather on a large body of water in the South Pacific called El Nino and El Nina.

Another bit of information is, that in the last 10 years the average snow fall for the month of November has been only 2 to 3 centimetres, but by the first of November this year the recorded amount of snowfall was 25 centimetres.



Karl Algotsson (9) was Fire Chief For a Day with a drawing of fire escape routes for his home. Children from grades 1 - 6 at RSS entered the contest. Members of Dawson's Volunteer Fire Dept. testified that Karl really made them work during his day as Chief. Karl and his family will be treated to a Whitehorse trip sponsored by MacDonald's Restaurant and The Territorial Fire Marshall's office. There Karl will meet other Young "Fire Chiefs" from Yukon communities. photo by Dawne Mitchell

ARCTIC COTTON WINS DAWSON CHAMBER NOMINATION

FROM THE DAWSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Merlin Grade was recently chosen Businessperson of the Year by the Dawson Chamber of Commerce. Merlin operates a



business on Front Street called Arctic Cotton, and she is currently marketing her new Christmas sweatshirt design.

Merlin has been a resident of Dawson for more than five years. For the past two years, she has operated a completely selfsupporting business. Arctic Cotton is a retail outlet specializing in the sale of sweatshirts and t-shirts. These shirts are unique in that Merlin has used her own imagination, ingenuity and creativity to design original logos promoting Dawson City and the Yukon. Since these shirts are in demand from local Yukon residents as well as tourists, the long term future of the business is a very positive one. Merlin's sales volume has steadily increased since she opened her business, and a continued increase is virtually assured.

Merlin has a very positive management style that emphasizes flexibility and consumer service. When dealing personally with her customers, she imparts a genuine friendliness and concern and achieves her large sales volume by marketing a good product rather than by other less desirable salesmanship skills. When training her staff she emphasizes these same positive attributes.

Merlin is a very welcome Dawson City Chamber of Commerce member. She does not attempt to obtain public recognition and maintains a low profile. However, she is supportive and contributes to many local organizations and activities including, but not limited to, Annual Discovery Days, Horseshoe Tournament, Dawson Museum and Historical Society, Dawson Seniors' Social Club, and the Dawson City Curling Club. Considering the size of her business and its relative newness, her contributions are almost overwhelming.

The continued positive response given to her business is encouraging Merlin to expand. She is now considering marketing her product through retail outlets in Whitehorse and other Yukon communities. In the local demographic area, she has achieved a large market share, even though there are many other retail t-shirt outlets in the community.

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extremely innovative both in name and in the actual enterprise. All of the material used in her shirts is of superior quality. A major innovation is the flamboyant use of colours which has changed the perception of how a t-shirt should look. She responds to the varied climatic conditions experienced by her customers by providing a variety of seasonal styles and fabrics.

Her business, Arctic Cotton, is

Interest in her product is maintained by the frequent creation and introduction of different styles and new original design logos. Her originality is emphasized by her upcoming special Christmas shirts.

Another aspect of her marketing skills is the unique method used in wrapping the product. Plain white plastic bags were transformed by Merlin and her staff into one-of-a-kind colourful, artistic advertisments for Arctic Cotton. Many bright coloured markers applied with the clever creativity of Merlin and her staff were used to place the store's name and varied designs on the bags.

R.S.S. Students Get National Voice

by Dan Davidson

A soon-to-be-published edition of Maclean's Magazine will contain a letter from the Grade 11 English class at the Robert Service School. Having read Alan Fotheringham's description of Robert Service's cabin as having about 8 of its original logs, the class decided to set the record straight. Fotheringham, it appeared had confused the Service and Jack London cabins during his brief stay in Dawson in September.

The class learned that the letter would be published sometime during the next fortnight when Mr. Davidson received a call from the magazine's editorial offices on November 15. Seems they wanted to make sure it was a real letter.

RACE COMMITTEE DOG-GONE BUSY

The Percey DeWolfe Memorial Dog Race Committee has held several meetings so far this fall. A new executive has been elected with John Mitchell as president. The other executive members are: Mikin Bilina -Vice-president; Ann Bilina - Treasurer; and Ed. Kerklywich - Secretary.

There has been one major rule change approved for the race. The upper limit to the number of dogs on a team has been raised to nine, from seven. Teams will now start with between six and nine dogs.

Financing is the biggest problem the committee has to contend with. Many suggestions have been discussed for raising money. A number of souvenirs, such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, pins and commemorative envelopes are still in our inventory and are for sale. Orders can be placed directly by calling Elaine Behn at 993-6320, or by writing the committee at Box 133, Dawson City.

The committee is always looking for new members and new ideas from non -members. Anyone interested can call Elaine for information on meeting times, or to make suggestions.

by Ed Kerklywich

WORDS FROM WEBSTER

by Art Webster, Klondike M.L.A.

Recently (November 13-15) I attended the annual meeting of the Wildlife Ministers' Council of Canada in Quebec City. This was an extremely important meeting, for on the agenda were many items of concern to all Federal/Provincial/Territorial ministers responsible for wildlife. Loss of habitat, endangered species, humane trapping, and poaching were just a few of the matters discussed. Some of these issues, such as the de:.aand for more humane trapping practices, have attracted international attention, while others are of National or Regional

Following a presentation in one session by the Fur Institute of Canada, an organization which has made significant efforts to promote and improve our fur industry, discussions centered on the proposed requirement that trappers make daily checks of their lines. In response to this proposal I suggested that a mandatory daily trap check is impractical in the Yukon considering factors such as the large area of our trapping concessions, their inaccessibility by roads, extreme weather conditions, and the brief duration of daylight. This argument was accepted by my colleagues and it convinced them not to endorse such a recommendation.

In the course of stating a Yukon perspective on this matter, reference was made to Dawson City and specially to trapping in the Klondike Region. Over quiet conversations that evening in a social setting. I was impressed with the keen interest shown in Dawson City, the Klondike, and the Yukon in general. Comments from Maritime ministers focused on the Yukon being THAT BIG (two to three of our average size trapping concessions are equal in area to Prince Edward Island), while my Ontario and Quebec colleagues expressed surprise that our population is THAT SMALL. However, ministers were unanimous in expressing sympathy for the extremely cold temperatures we were experiencing.

Having had the opportunity to attend a few of these ministerial meetings, it has become obvious that all of us, as elected representatives, have a sincere interest in each jurisdiction on matters not only related to our specific ministerial responsibilities but also to culture, heritage and the economy.

In addition to the dedication with which we serve our own constituencies, we all share a genuine appreciation for the uniqueness and a real concern for the well being of every region of this rich and diverse country.

With this in mind, and being in the capital city of the only province still not part of Canada's constitutional family at a time (immediately following the failure of our First ministers to resolve the Meech Lake impasse), I couldn't help but think just how impoverished a country we would be without Quebec. Such a country is just as unthinkable to Southern Canadians as would be a Canada without the Yukon and Northwest Territories!

When I departed Quebec it was with a greater awareness of why and how our country is different from other nations, and with an improved appreciation of why I like the difference. I also left with a greater desire to see Quebec become a full participant in a Confederation that treats all regions as fair and equal partners in a strong and united Canada.

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The Dawson City Music Festival Assoc-iation would like to thank the following people for their contribution to our "Dizzy Grizzly" Coffee House on November 9: Melinda Warren, Paula Hassard, Denise Norman, Nikki Walch, Pauline Scott, Louise Ranger, Peter Menzies, Marie Go Go, Deb Ryder, Val Baggaley and the Museum staff, The Klondike Sun, and everyone who came out to the coffee house on such a chilly night!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held November 30, at 7:30 pm in the Down-town Hotel Conference Room. Election for Board of Directors will be held. Everyone is welcome!



Ice and Fire Plague Rec. Centre

by Dan Davidson

"Some say the world will end in fire, some say in ice," wrote poet Robert Frost. Dawson's recreation centre seems determined to do both this fall. The Bonanza Centre was again "laid up in traction", in the words of a city offices communique, when the record low temperatures of November 10-13 proved to be too much for the single furnace that remained to heat the building.

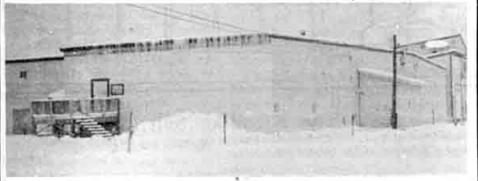
"One big ice box" is the phrase the city produced flyer used to describe the results of the freeze-up, but things weren't quite that bad. City manager Allanah Tunnicliffe says the water was shut off at the outside main when it became clear the that heating system was inadequate to its task at -47 or more degrees.

The centre's heating system and furnace room were the major casualties and causes of the disastrous fire that broke out in the centre on the morning of November 1. Firefighters rushed to the scene and got the main fire under control in record time, but had more trouble with a secondary blaze under the roof, which kept them busy for hours.

Initial damage estimates on the building have now been confirmed at around \$150,000.00. The city's insurance company has selected Oliver Construction as the low bidder on the restoration contract. Aside from a new furnace and room, there will have to be a major reconstruction of water damaged areas in the foyer and concession area.

Power was restored to the building just a week after the fire, and flooding of the ice in the arena has been proceeding since.

Tunnicliffe says that the work is scheduled to be completed by Christmas, and that all recreation programs should be back to normal by then.



Firefighters had to chop a hole in the roof on the far side of the Rec. Centre to combat the blaze as it spread to the rafters. photo by Dan Davidson

CENTENNIALS AROUND THE CORNER

by John Gould

During the evening of October 25, a public meeting was held in the Curling Club. The meeting was called by Leslie Greenwood, consultant for the city of Dawson. The theme of the meeting was "Share your views on proposed centennial projects and events." Only twelve Dawsonites showed up. Maybe it is too early for most people to start thinking about events that are still five to twelve years away. But really, it isn't. It takes a lot of planning to stage a centennial birthday bash and there are a number of them coming up in the next few years:

1994 Yukon Order of Pioneers 1996 Discovery of gold on Bonanza

1997-98 Klondike gold rush 1998 Formation of the Yukon as a

separate territory 2002 Dawson City

These are a few of the celebrations that are coming, so don't you think it is time to start planning?

Leslie Greenwood is putting together a report for the City of Dawson which will be used to form a new centennial committee. The previous committee (an advisory one) submitted its report last April and made several recommendations to the city. One was to change the structure of the committee, possibly to include members from different organizations in the city. Some of the ideas that were put forward at this meeting were:

*Push for the upgrading of the Alaska Highway

*Push for the construction of the new Dawson airport in time for the gold

discovery centennial in 1996 *Have Yukon Electric tie into the Mayo Hydro system as soon as poss-

Al Fisk, Superintendent for Canadian Parks Service in Dawson, said that the Commissioner's Residence will be finished. No. 4 Dredge will be lifted up out of its bed of silt and stabilized. Someone at the meeting asked about No. 12 Dredge on Dominion, which Parks owns, but they have no immediate plans for it, except to leave it as part of the landscape. If some organization wishes to sponsor a project to move it into the dredge pond near Bear Creek, Fisk indicated that Parks would go along with that.

Everyone at the meeting felt that once the Alaska Highway celebrations are over, the Yukon Anniversary Commission should move their office to Dawson. This is where it all happened, and will happen again in 1996-98. The Yukon Anniversary Commission has had a strategic plan prepared by a consulting firm from Vancouver. This plan establishes the mission statement and objectives of the organization, detailing the potential impact of the anniversaries, identifies initiatives which will be pursued by the commission, describes the organizational structure and outlines financial requirements. Part of the commission's role is to provide support to the community comm-

The gold rush centennial is projected to have a greater impact on tourism than the Alaska Highway's fiftieth. The gold rush is a better known event, is of international appeal and has a longer lead time for planning.



Fortunately no one was hurt, but don't leave your bicycle parked in the wrong place at the wrong time. photo by Dawne Mitchell

REPORT RECREATION

by Holley Kushniryk

One would have to admit there is never a dull moment for one who leads the life of a - RECREATION DIRECTOR. Especially, when one is in such a small town where word of mouth feeds the imagination of all of us who dream of living on the edge. Did you know the whole Rec. Centre burnt down, and a mad man with one eye had set fire to the dressing rooms - in order to sabotage the Dawson Senior Hockey league - NO HOCKEY FOR TWO MONTHS!!

Okay the real story is really not all that exciting. The furnace room, caught on fire and our built-in alarm system went off. No doubt the system and our trusty, and incredibly organized fire department saved the building and the Hockey season. Unfortunately, with all the cubby holes and ceiling space the firemen had a bit of a chore locating the fire which had spread into the ceiling. We basically lost the furnace room upstairs, so fire damage is not visible in the public use areas.

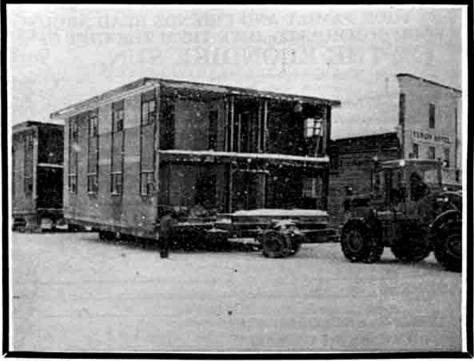
However, water damaged the concession, electrical room, hallway, and shower room. It's a fact with fire comes water damage, but without it we would have lost the facility and instead of a three week delay we would have experienced a three year delay!!!

The fire did put us a week behind schedule, but I hope that as you sit reading this very paper, Dawson is playing hockey with or without dressing rooms. And despite rumour the ice is in and earlier than last year.

The outdoor rink in the School yard is ready, thanks to Dennis and the fire truck it's real smooth guys!!

I am planning for the new year, so if you have any talents you'd like to share or courses you would love to teach through the rec. dept. please contact Holley - 993-5614!

The busy Christmas season will soon be here - hope to see you at the Bazaar, Christmas Tree party, gymnasium or arena - till then have a Wild & Crazy Day!!



Clinton Creek recycled. It may not look it, but this is about to become an apartment building. photo by Dan Davidson

GIVE THE SUN FOR CHRISTMAS!

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DAWSON'S WINTER FAR FROM DARK

by Dan Davidson

The winter face of Dawson City differs greatly from the tourist town visage that visitors see in the summer. Gone are the herds of motorhomes parked along Front Street. Gone are the tour guides, shepherding their groups of camera-toting travellers from point to historical point.

Gone, too, are a number of businesses, packed up and stored away until next season. These include hotels, bars and several stores, as well as one of the hair stylists. These places stand out in the winter, with their greying plywood shutters and unshoveled entrances. They used to be the norm.

Becoming more common is that other type of building, the year-round store, marked by its winterized entrance. These entrances take two basic forms. A porch may be added to the front of the building, as has happened at the General Store, and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

The Dawson branch of Marina's goes this one better and adds two porches. Alternatively, the recessed summer entrance may be boarded over and a door added in this new wall, as at the recently-opened Maximillian's.

Some stores have long since made the double door entrance a part of their permanent look. J. and J. Emporium has had one for ages, as has Arctic Drugs. The Farmers Market gave up on seasonal porches a year or so ago and made permanent alterations to their building. An unheated porch the width of the building stores plants in the summer and dry goods in the winter.

Porches seem an awfully good idea in a town where the summers feature dust and mud and the winter feature snow and cold. They appear such a sensible way of dealing with both problems that I wonder why they haven't long since become a staple feature of Dawson architecture at the household level. Every so often, I muse about what it would cost to put one on the front of my own place.

Winter used to be a time of declining options when it came to shopping. That's changing. The new book store is part of what we hope is a trend, one

of several specialty stores that are now open all year.

Two others come to mind. The Klondike Nugget and Ivory Shop is part of the same row of stores as the book store. The other is the still unnamed pink all-purpose store next to the Dawson Hardware. The Gold Poke took this step somewhat sooner than the others, expanding into children's toys last year.

The relocation of Alive video to the Nancy's block of buildings in June further extended the geographic dimensions of shopping in Dawson. Where groceries, banking and the Sears catalogue office were once the major reasons to visit Front Street in the off-season, Dawsonites may now visit a much wider range of stores, starting at Arctic Drugs beside the Visitor Reception Centre and moving several blocks down to Alive. Add to these such long-established places as the Raven's Nook and the Loft, Trapper's Men's wear and Wild & Wooly (the latter two in their new building).

While the consumers' options are still pretty basic compared to many places, they are quite a far cry from what they were in 1985, when I arrived here. All that having been said, I still hold with the line of thinking that says winter is when Dawson is most real. The hustle is over, and if the number of people who have suddenly turned out to volunteer for work on our newspaper is any indication, folks have more time on their hands to contribute to the community.

Even if turning back the clocks makes the sun set sooner, winter here is far from dark.

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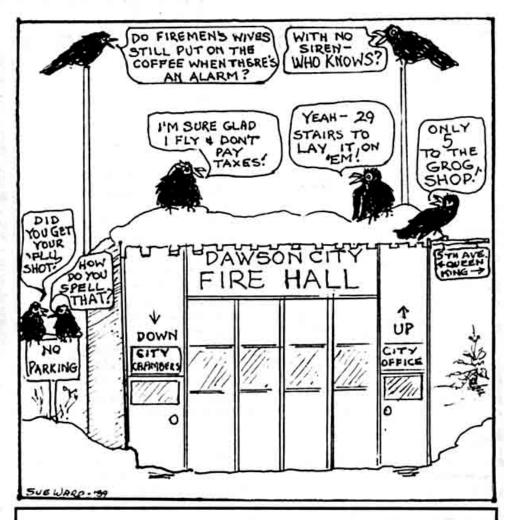
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Submissions to the Klondike Sun are very welcome, but there are a few things we would like you to do to help us get them in the paper.

- All submissions must be signed. If you would like to remain anonymous, we won't give you away, but we have to know who you are.
- Please either type your submissions or write them very clearly on decent quality paper. Skip a line after each line of type. This is to help both our editors and our typists. If you can submit your material already stored on a Macintosh or Appleworks data disk that would be even better.
- We may do a little editing of your material, but if what you have written makes no sense to our committee, we won't print it. We won't print slanders or character assassinations either.
- Please keep articles to about two double-spaced, typewritten pages in length unless you have already discussed the piece in advance with one of our editors.
- 5. Please observe our deadlines. We go to press in the fourth week of the month, so our deadline for articles is about the 15th of the month. We would like to have the ads in even sooner than that, since they often take longer to prepare.
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- 7. Volunteer some time. We will train you in the use of the computer and in the finer arts of layout and ad creation. We are all volunteers here and the sooner we have more of you, the sooner we can think about coming out twice a month.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR

In your latest paper, September 28, 1989, page 21 was about Discovery Days. I would like to bring to your attention that first prize in the "Float" category was not won by the Tro Chu Tin Daycare but was won by the Tr'inkee Zhoh Daycare. We have our daycare in the Tro Chu Tin Hall.

Tr'inkee Zhoh is "Children's House" in the Han language.

Yours truly,

Jannice Johnson Supervisor

Trinkee Zhoh Daycare

Editor's Note! Oops - Sorry! But we received the results from the Discovery Days Committee.

To the Editor:

In August, my ten year old son and I drove from our home in Rose Hill, Kansas across Canada,, the Yukon and many interesting places in Alaska. I enjoyed our stay in Dawson the most. Everyone was so friendly, never felt like "just a tourist."

I am sending \$12.00 for a year's subscription to The Klondike Sun. Also, enclosed you will find copies of a few of my poems I have written. Please, feel free to publish any of them.

Jim Rexroat Route 2, Box 9 Rose Hill, Kansas 67133

Dear Editor,

Sincerely yours,

This is a letter that I have written to the Editor of the Yukon News. I hope you will also print it.

Dear Editor:

Your headline of Wed. Oct. 11th made me so angry I just had to write. I refuse to call the GOVERNMENT LEADER by his new title.

I also refuse to tell people when they ask where I'm from, the abbreviated form of "Yukon". I am proud to say I'm from the YUKON TERRITORY.

This attitude of the present government that they will lead us out of the wilderness and into province-hood is a myth that I hope will never become a reality.

The tax base here in THE YUKON TERRITORY is so small that we couldn't maintain our roads and highways let alone our surplus of government employees and everything else we want or need.

I think this new title is the result of an over inflated ego.

Sincerely,

Paula Ross



Dear Editor:

My name is Melissa Seecharan and I am a fifteen year old student in Grade 10 at Central Etobicoke High School. Etobicoke is a large city which is a suburb of Metropolitan Toronto. Central Etobicoke has 450 students who take a variety of shops and academic courses.

This letter is my English project for our Wilderness Survival Reading Unit. We studied "The Cremation of Sam McGee" and were very interested in Robert Service and his life in the Yukon. We enjoyed the beautiful pictures done by Mr. Harrison in a special edition of the poem our teacher brought into the class. My project is to write to sign up for a subscription to your newspaper. We read about "The Klondike Sun" in an article by Isobel Griffin in "The Enterprise-Bulletin," a newspaper from Collingwood, Ontario where our English teacher was born. We thought it would be interesting to read a newspaper from Dawson City. We are interested in the school named after Robert Service and his cabin. We were wondering if you could send us pictures of the school, and the cabins of Robert Service and Jack London. Perhaps a student at the school could write to us.

We are having a year-long recognition of International Literacy Year and reading newspapers from around the world is one of our projects (Around the World in the Library). We are sending you our poster commemorating this special year.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Enclosed is a cheque for our subscription. We are looking forward to receiving our first paper in the mail. We especially hope to hear from the Robert Service School.

Sincerely. Melissa Seecharan Central Etobicoke High School 10 Denfleld Street Etobicoke, Ontario M9R 3H1

Dear Editor:

Your new Klondike Sun is a delight and I wish it and you and your crew a long and successful run.

I am sending along the item mentioned to one of you, which is, I am sure, much too long for a paper your size. The introduction is 900 words and the testimonials are about 1,200. Possibly they can be put into smaller type and thereby be useful.

I really want someone up there to realize that the moosehide cover and greeting and the farewell scroll are still (I hope) in Whitehorse, and I believe they should be acquired and put in the Commissioner's Residence. Possibly in this way other early gifts to commissioners could be located and returned.

This is why I have persisted in trying to get the article into print. Being told time and again that it is rather local and since the Klondike Sun is LOCAL I AM VENTURING TO SEND IT TO YOU.

Again, congratulations. When I get some money I will send off a subscription so as not to miss a pearly word.

Iris Warner

(Ed. note: see Iris' story on the Christmas Tree Association in this issue. We will publish her story on Commissioner Henderson in an upcoming issue).

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am sending a cheque for twelve dollars for a subscription to your paper. Margaret Batten and I had the pleasure as guests of Sue Ward to visit Dawson. We had a wonderful experience touring and taking in the beauty of the north. The sight from the dome is spectacular. The people we met were very friendly. We hope some day to return. We saw so much in a few days and our memories will last a long time. Sue is a very special lady and so interesting and knowledgeable of the area.

We wish the paper every success and will look forward to every issue.

> Sincerely, Ada Peart

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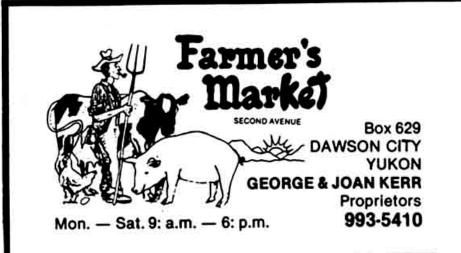


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This small poem was taken from the June 29, 1929 issue of the Dawson Daily lews, author unknown.

O, thou my trusty servant, My chef, my pantry maid. A million hungry stomachs wait The magic of thy blade. Upon thy mighty master strokes A nation safely leans. Thou art the emblem of the home, The key to pork and beans. With thee the blushing eager bride. may face life unafraid. Her destiny in coming years, hangs on thy shining blade. And thou shall leave thy bold imprint, On history's crowded page. To thee we owe the laurel wreath, Of this the tin can age.





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WIND-CHILL DRIVES CENOTAPH SERVICE INDOORS

by Sue Ward

It was to have been the last outdoor
Remembrance Day Service as Legionnaires
and Veterans grow older and Air Cadets
and families grow younger. Forty-eight
hours prior to The Eleventh, of The
Eleventh, of The Eleventh, members of
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 1
Yukon had, after lengthy discussion and
soul-searching, passed the motion
allowing for indoor services as of
November Ilth, 1990,

When Saturday morning brought a frigid wind to accompany the 40 below temperatures it took but a few minutes to transfer the ceremony to Macdonald Lodge. Old-timers could not recall the "wind-chill factor" in earlier years.

An air of reverence was achieved as flags were draped upon stacked chairs and Sentries and Color Guard of Squadron 896 Air Cadets of Canada were posted by C.O. Chuck Margeson. Following a vigorous full-throated "O Canada", Rev. Andrew Wilson, Incumbent of St. Paul's Anglican Church, offered the Opening Prayer. Father Leo Boyd OMI, of St. Mary's Catholic Church, as Canadian Legion Chaplain, continued the brief service concluding with the period of silence. Bill Jackson was again on hand to pipe a Lament, signalling that living must carry on. Wreaths were laid temporarily upon and in front of the window table area. Though arrangements were impromptu and the service short, there were adequate silences to allow the packed crowd of citizens of all ages to Remember, and to pay homage to those who had served their country with life and limb.

Following "God Save The Queen", Kelly deWald, 3rd Vice-President of Branch No. 1 Canadian Legion and Chairman of the Poppy Campaign, immediately transported sixteen laurels to their dedicated places about the Cenotaph, that monument erected in



40 Below plus wind-chill on November 11, 1989, 10:55 A.M.

photo by Sue Ward

honor of those buried elsewhere in service to their country.

For a second year Betty Davidson made time to train a girl's choir in songs of the wars in which choruses a few townie.k joined at her invitation.

A delicious array of dainties and beverages prepared by the staff of Macdonald Lodge, caused friends and families to linger and visit, before scurrying home through the bitter cold.



896 Pioneer Squadron Air Cadets Honour Guard at the MacDonald Lodge. photo by John Gould



R,C.M.P. Sgt. Crowe; Father Leo Boyd, OMI; the Reverend Andrew Wilson; Air Cadet Cpl. Carl Taylor. photo by Sue Ward





The Robert Service School Choir, led by director, Betty Davidson.

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DAWSON AIR CADETS ARE FLYING DODDDDDDDDDDD

by Sue Ward

Commanding officer Chuck Margeson keeps 896 Pioneer Squadron of the Air Cadet League of Canada of Dawson City in high spirits as weekly training sessions are enlivened by Winter Camp-Out at Minto Landing in late October, assisting Legionnaire Betty Groner in a most successful 1989 Poppy Campaign, and parading as Honor Guard for Remembrance Day Services.

This last was followed by a luncheon at The Downtown Hotel, hosted by the squadron for one of their sponsors, Branch No. 1 Yukon of the Royal Canadian Legion, where Lt. Margeson accepted a cheque for \$900.00 to assist the group in its exciting program.

On the snowy weekend of October 27-29, Lt. Margeson, 2nd Lt. Jim Ellison, Sgt. Phillip Combs, Cpl. Albert Taylor, with seven cadets, five boys and two girls, travelled in a van rented from The Downtown Hotel, to the Government Campsite at Minto Landing. They rendezvoused with 212 Ptarmigan Squadron from Faro, made up of nine cadets, six girls and three boys, with C.O. Elizabeth Scheper and her husband, Admin. Officer, Harry Scheper.



on snowshoes.

photo by Chuck Margeson

The purpose of the outing was to provide a first joint winter exercises which involved setting up a camp of three tents, issuing of winter apparel, parkas, mukluks, sleeping bags, snowshoes, etc., care and use of gas stoves and lamps, cooking of regular army rations, living together in a tent, not to overlook the challenge of hauling 5-gallon Jerry Cans of water 200 yards from the campsite pump.

A four-hour session on Compass Reading involved a practical exercise. There was a Route March on snowshoes, some cadets meeting the strange footgear for the first time. But there was fun when a game of snowshoe baseball called for

the losers to carry the winners by fireman's lift, on snowshoes, of course. Enough energy was saved to build a great bonfire, and, after songs and hot chocolate, there was no need to coax the weary warriors to settle down with Lights Out.

Reveille came early officially at 0700 hrs., though the sergeant figured an earlier wake-up would prove helpful, and with breakfast parade and tents tidy, the troops were ready for Inspection at 0800 hrs. Parade inspection encouraged a morning scrub-up.

Sunday was game time when the two Squadrons challenged each other to "Capture the Flag" a vigorous though non-contact sport.

After lunch it was time to break camp, return all gear to stores, and scramble into vehicles for the long ride home.

In two weeks time Capt. Ken Almeda of Whitehorse Hdqts., who visited Dawson over Remembrance Day Weekend, has promised to return with a Twin Otter aircraft to share with this special group of young people.

This is Lt. Chuck Margeson's fifth year with the Air Cadet League of Canada, after having served in the Canadian Army. Supporting C.O. Margeson is Linda Taylor, handling Q.M. Stores.

If you think your 12 to 19- year-old could handle this demanding and rewarding training you should know that Squadron 896 parades each Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Robert Service School.

Surely this unit is deserving of a HOME for their trophies, equipment, stores, and records. We congratulate Lt. Chuck Margeson on the high standard of performance of his troops under most difficult conditions. Discipline is the key to success. It must first be accepted from those we respect if we are to be capable of applying self-restraint to enable us to reach our goals.



Lt. Chuck Margeson accepts cheque for \$900,00 from Capt. Jim Reilly, No. 1 Branch Yukon, Royal Canadian Legion. photo by Sue Ward







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LOWER PHOTO: company snowshoe route march.

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THE TAGISH CHARLIE SPORT FUND

by Dawne Mitchell

Need money for a sports, arts or cultural project? Well, there's always grants from Lotteries, Government or Recreation. And in Dawson there's another source - The Tagish Charlie Society.

Started years ago by a local gold miner, Art Fry, the Tagish Charlie Sport Fund has evolved into an important community asset.

The first money came from Art's gold mining claim #2 below Discovery on Bonanza Creek. The claim was originally staked in 1896 by an Indian man named Charlie from Tagish Lake. Charlie was with Skookum Jim and George Carmacks when they made the gold discovery which prompted the Klondike Gold Rush. Charlie's claim was quite rich with gold and when Art Fry reworked it in 1980, he gave a percentage of the gold recovered to

his favourite sport - Boxing. \$38,000.00 was distributed to the Canadian and Yukon Boxing Association.

When Art started the Boxing Club in Dawson 20 years ago, it became a popular recreation time for all the kids in the community. Sometimes 40 or 50 boys and girls would show up for the Club. Art, an ex-professional boxer, would train the boys and his wife Margie would play games with the other kids at the same time. In order for his proteges to be part of the Canadian Boxing Association, they were required to pay an individual registration fee. As Art explains, "One kid could afford to pay and one kid couldn't so I said, let no kid pay, let the Boxing Club pay". Thus the Tagish Charlie Sports Fund was established. It enabled many young people to benefit from the positive aspects of sport. George Mason, as one example, won the Canadian Junior Welterweight Boxing Title and represented Canada at the British Empire Games in Australia. Jimmy Wood, from Whitehorse, also trained by Art, was the Heavy Weight Junior Champion of Canada. Chester Kelly, from Whitehorse, won several boxing medals at the National level.

Today, revenue for the Tagish Charlie Fund comes from the sales of a booklet that Art Fry wrote and a pin with the Tagish Charlie logo on it.

The book, entitled I Found Gold! is Art's concept of Tagish Charlie's story as told to Art by Chief Isaac years ago. The story is "dedicated to all the athletes who have attained recognition, and to those who in the future will excel".

On the cover of the book is an illustration by Kerry Fry with real gold flakes glued into the gold pan.

The pin was designed in a Territorywide competition by Melanie Shannon of Carmacks. For her winning entry she received a gold nugget..

The creative project was a continuation in Art Fry's mind of the Tagish Charlie Legacy. "What I wanted to do", says Art, "was to generate money to sports and recreation for the local youngsters, from the Tourists who are just passing through the Territory".

The Lottery Commission helped print the 5000 books and 5000 pins and all funds raised from the sale of them is distributed by the Tagish Charlie Society. To date \$9,000.00 has been raised. The books and pins have been for sale in local shops for four years. The retailer makes a percentage on the sale of each item. Two years ago the fund enabled kids from Dawson to travel to the Arctic Winter Games. It also helped the Dawson Senior's Society reorganize. This year it helped a group of Grade 1 and 2 students attend the Northern Story telling Festival in Whitehorse.

As Peter Menzies, Y.T.G. Recreation Representative explains, "There are certain things that grants from Lotteries, Government and Recreation Board can and can't do. Tagish Charlie raises money for the extra things. It's wide open to requests". Groups needing some money can directly retail the books and pins as a fund raiser.

Future plans for the fund are scholarships and travel outside the Yukon for sports, arts or cultural events.

Art Fry describes what he feels is the end result of the Sports fund: "An important thing we're doing is honoring the man Charlie from Tagish who was a co-discoverer of gold in the Klondike. His Legacy is for the kids who are left out. They're the ones who need help. We can raise the standards of these youngsters and they will develop into better citizens."

THE YUKON MINER'S DIRECTORY

The Yukon Miner's Directory is currently preparing for publication of the 6th edition in January 1990. The directory is distributed free of charge, by first class mail, and there is a cost to list in it.

The directory has been successful thus far as a compendium of information for the mining industry. Distribution covered all those involved in mining - resource companies; mine development, mineral exploration and drilling companies; companies with Yukon and far northern B.C. mining interests.

Because of the growth of the Yukon's business community, it has become apparent that there is a need for a good annual, general Yukon business directory. Presently no such comprehensive directory exists. It is the intention of The Yukon Miner's Directory to better fill

this gap. With the 6th edition, distribution will include all identified Yukon businesses - not just those with mining as their primary business

The directory will be sent to over 360 firms involved in construction, 500 transportation and accommodation companies, 650 service /supply /retail / recreation businesses as well as the professional services. Also included are key people in all levels of government and within larger organizations such as Curragh Resources. Where appropriate, the directory will be mailed to outside businesses, such as transportation companies with Yukon licences.

By monitoring sources such as the Yukon Gazette, the Yukon Contractors Association's bid depository office and the Yukon Motor Transportation Board lists, distribution to new businesses in the market will be ensured. Also monitored are membership lists of various business associations and organizations.

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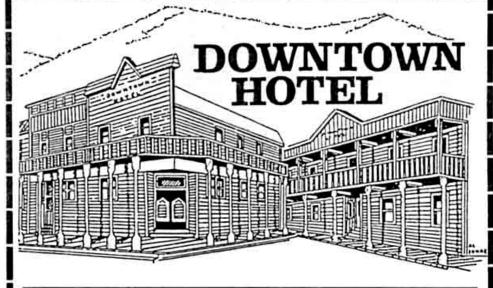
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CHRISTMAS

by Iris Warner

Dear Editor: With regard to Norah Paton's call for volunteers to keep the Christmas Tree Association alive ...

About 25 years ago, the association was in similar straits. At that time I looked into the long history of the event and learned that many of the clubs and organizations in Dawson had been holding Christmas parties for "their" children. Eventually a committee was formed to arrange these affairs under one banner community.

When this committee became overworked and indifferent, the whole affair was forgotten for a time. There was renewed interest during the Second World War and, in 1944, a new idea was presented that proved to be very satisfactory. As I wrote in '62, "Notice of the yearly meeting is given to each organization in Dawson who are expected to send two or more delegates. A new executive is elected from this group. In this way, the membership is varied, the interest is kept at a peak and the organization is self-perpetuating. It has become increasingly apparent however, that many organizations have folded their tents and that many people belong to no organization. Despite this difficulty, the policy that directs the association will see to it that each child can continue to anticipate at least this much Christmas -a visit with Santa Claus and a gift of candies, fruit, hats and noisemakers."



In 1961, Shirley Ford and I, determined to see not only Santa but children on the historic stage of the old Arctic Brotherhood, or Community Hall, designed a pageant. Miss Mary Gartside, school principal, chose the participants. Four hectic rehearsals were held in the curling club which was heated, close to the school and not busy mid-afternoons. The last was held at the hall where the stage proved to be not only set out with grand piano, a bar and decorations for the summer Klondike Nights entertainments, but very drafty. Although the children donned their costumes, somehow, over the halos and wings, the Three Kings crowns and the other elaborate costuming, parkas, toques and mitts went on as well.



We learned of the labour of love required in just heating the hall, with half-a-dozen men volunteering to attend the huge furnace and boiler through four long days and nights, the time necessary to raise the heat of the building to a fairly comfortable level. We discovered the mechanics, perfected by Lil Munroe and others, of ordering sacks of peanuts and boxes of

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candies and other treats, and being able to find replacements locally when some or all of the order failed to arrive in time. Of the need for many hands to count into hundreds of small bags a fair share of the



goodies, tying them all, and heaping them into Santa's sack, and spare cartons.

Before long, the stage was set for Christmas. Spruce boughs replaced spring flowers on a decorative trellis. Ribbons, paper chains and bells were strung. With the piano on the floor of the hall, there was room for a huge chair for Santa. Portable steps were moved stage front and, while someone played Christmas music, teenagers lined stacked chairs in rows, and we got on with our practice. It went fairly well despite shudders punctuating the carols and shivers twisting the placid features of our Mary and Joseph.

On the night, the hall was warm. Everyone shed outdoor clothing and prepared to applaud the excited performers on stage who looked elegant in their Christmas finery borrowed from Grace Haldenby's secret store in the Good Samaritan Hall. Carols were sung and crates of pop someone had donated were enjoyed. Santa presented his annual miracle and when the little children went home to bed the teenagers danced till the hall, furnace off, cooled down.

The following year a fresh new look was given the Christmas Tree festivities when the program was prepared by the Dawson Youth Organization. Virginia Black took her tiny Grade One class through carols, and carols were sung by Wilma Burnside's newly-formed glee club. The D.Y.O, directed by George Maczynski, presented two short one act plays and Rona Miller put on the Christmas Pageant.

After that, others took up the challenge during the years I lived in Dawson. Today, children of those years, now adult, might look back at their Christmas Tree celebrations and, if they find them as pleasant in memory as I have done, volunteer to present still another of those wild and woolly, albeit ceremonious, Christmas Pageants. For the fun of it, and the sense of history the continuation of this very pleasant prelude to the Christmas season lends to Dawson.

Christmas Tree!

The Christmas Tree Association will hold the annual Christmas party for all the children of Dawson. Once again it will be a skating party at the rink. Santa will be there with gifts for children from birth to 10 years of age. The date will be December 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. See you there. Anyone wishing to help should contact Norah Paton at the post office.



(Editor's Note: Iris Warner lived in Dawson in the 1960's before moving to Whitehorse with her family. A consumate writer of Yukon history, Iris, and husband Al now live in B. C. We hope to feature more of Iris' articles in future editions of the Klondike Sun.)





Stephanie Matchett

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ARTS ATTACK

By Pauline Scott

As I write this column I'm sitting in Whitehorse General - Emerson has just had a tonsillectomy and is intermittently awake. It's a weird time to be thinking about "the Arts" in the Klondike but it is a quiet place to focus.

Before he left town, Bill Costin gave me a press release, a great black and white photo and a tape of his music, "Secret of the North", now on sale in this area, so that I could talk about it in this column. At long last it's Bill's turn. He played piano in the Palace Grand Gaslight Follies Show this summer (Gerties last season), and his tape includes some turn of the century rags. It's a good tape. I enjoyed it and so did my guests, when I played it as instrumental background music. It's varied, well-crafted and it evokes a Yukon mood. This tape makes a nice souvenir of Dawson, a thoughtful gift for Christmas or any other time, to send to family and friends far away. The tape is available in several locations around town. Look for it and send it out.

As usual, Dawson has had arts activities to report. Dizzy Grizzly, one of the groups on tour this season for Yukon Arts Council, was sponsored by the Dawson City Music Festival for their Dawson performance. They appeared at the Museum A.V. room Thursday November 9. Unfortunately they arrived at the same time as our first cold snap and the concert was somewhat under attended (about 30-35 folks showed up). The audience however, was very enthusiastic and with very good reason. Dizzy Grizzly played an eclectic concert that included Jazz, Swing, Blues and Folk ranging from the 1930's to very recently written. The vocal harmonies had clarity and power and

the concert was, in places, riveting. Their musical ability on several instruments gave the concert range and depth. Steve Slade, Bob Hamilton and Annie Avery gave a terrific concert, despite technical difficulties with the power supply. They came equipped with a variety of sound equipment and even some evocative lighting. After intermission, Marie Go Go sang some wonderful coffee house folk tunes and played her guitar. Peter Menzies acted as an MC and played a short set too (thanks Peter, for playing my favourite). The Music Festival arranged for a fabulous selection of cheese cakes for the break. It was a treat of an evening out. The Music Festival hopes to sponsor more coffee houses over the winter so watch for them.

The Dawson Drama Club and the Dawson Fire Department joined forces to put on the October 31 Halloween Extravaganza and Party for the kids of Dawson at the Fire Hall. The place was packed, featuring a haunted house, treats, games and a spooky black-light play. It was a hoot for parents too. Congratulations to both the Fire Department and the Drama Club for a job well done.

The Drama Club didn't rest on their laurels long. The next event was "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Tro Chu Tin Hall Sunday November 12 - a night that was close to fifty below. I doubt I have ever seen so many people put such effort into such appropriately bizarre costumes. The audience came ready to appreciate all the work of the Drama Club in preparing this, including prop bags, popcom and meat loaf sandwiches. The clean up must have been quite something. It was a fun-filled evening, this famous cult classic movie usually available only at "Arts Theaters" in big southern cities.

The Drama Club's next project is a Christmas event, so watch for it. The next tour of the Arts Council Touring Program will be in January or Febru-

I attended the Yukon Arts Council week-end workshop November 5 and 6 in Whitehorse. There was a commitment made by the new board to ensure communities get a fair share of the Yukon Arts Council's focus.

*Artists in the school programs will continue (so local artists make sure you register with the Yukon Arts Council office). Remember, artforms include literary, performing and visual arts.

*The touring programs will contin-

*The Program Committee is to look at establishing a workshop tour for the

 An Artist's Directory will be produced and will include community artists, information and contact people.

*Once or twice annually the YAC Board will go to the communities for a Board meeting, with plans for Watson Lake in March and Dawson in September of 1990. YAC staff will also tour the communities to let our community organizations and individuals interested in the Arts know what YAC can do to help them, and more importantly, find out what these groups and individuals want from YAC in the future.

 Continue the Newsletter but revamp it to include community contact info in each issue.

*Lobby to include regular full page newspaper coverage of the Arts.

 Solicit community opinion on policy and direction the YAC should take.

*Set up and administer the Writers in Residence Program in the Berton house in Dawson once it's restored or renovated.

So if you have an opinion about any YAC activities or projects - speak up - this is your chance to be heard. Talk to me or call, write or visit the YAC office.

The Dawson Day Care's Halloween Dance was Saturday October 28 at the Tro Chu Tin all. CFYT's "Red-neck" Ray was the DJ. The Curling Club provided bouncers. This year's costume selection was terrific. A few years back there were only 8 costumes to judge, so this is a good sign that there's lots of imagination and creativity looking for a forum. If costumes are your art form, Dawson is looking good in the "Expressiveness and Most Original Technique" category. Cabin fever - Ha!

If your group has any Arts events planned, contact me or the paper. Don't forget the mixed media class for Adult Beginners in January and February. Call Holly Kushniryk to register. If you have any questions, comments, beefs or bouquets - express yourself.

Since Emerson has now eaten two popsicles while I wrote this - things are looking good.





Dizzy Grizzly is joined by Peter Menzies (on guitar).

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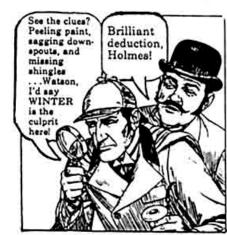
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We say goodbye to YVES and KIM RACINE who are moving to Batoche National Historic Park in Saskatchewan. Yves will be continuing with Parks and Kim, after a visit back east with family, will join him and look for a job. Kim has been Loans Manager at the C.I.B.C.here.

Congratulations to MAUREEN CALEY who has got herself a supervisory job in the Day Care field in Whitehorse. She will be gone before Christmas. There is big panic at the Dawson Day Care here at which Mo has been organizer for many years. Incidentally Mo did a flip, not with joy and not intentionally. She flipped her car on an icy stretch near Takhini a few weeks ago. The car was a write-off, but our Mo is still intact.

BRIAN BIERLMEIER went out to Vancouver to pick up brother Tim, and casually bought a lottery ticket. The trip paid off be-cause Brian won \$5000.00. Luck of the Irish, eh? No, not quite - not with a name like Bierlmeier.

Back home for a visit over the Remembrance Day weekend were CINDY BRAGA, NOEL BRAGA, MONIQUE BRICKNER and ED KORMENDY.

LORRAINE and AL FISK combined a business and pleasure trip to Anchorage. Well if you can't get to the Bahamas, Anchorage is the place to go.

Hear that the trapper of 8th Ave. was giving lessons in how to dispose of a wolverine. They were on the spot, out in the bush lessons.

CHUCK MACKENZIE is back after holidaying in Vancouver and environs.

LYNN NIMMO and BRENDON WHITE found they had a new tenant for the winter. Unasked and, in the end, unwelcome. At first he was so cute and because it was such an unusual occurrence he was absorbing.

The new tenant was a squirrel. He shared their home. He loved T.V. watching, and joined them every time the T.V. was on. His favourite spot was the electric heater, especially in the cold weather. He would lie across this with his legs dangling down the sides watching T.V. Add to this some peanut butter. The peanut butter was placed in a trap set for him. He managed to avoid the trap but filled himself up on the peanut butter.

Things might have gone along just fine, but he decided to really move in and make a nest for himself...like having his own room too. To this end he got into the linen cup-board and chewed on some of the contents to line his nest with. That was too much for Lynn, and Brendon went in search of a bigger trap. This he found. The end of the story is the squirrel ended up in squirrel heaven, and Lynn and Brendon sit alone watching T.V. and keep all the peanut butter to themselves.

It's "all in the family" ... ? Al Leary's replacement at Forestry is Calvin Leary. Calvin is Al's nephew. Welcome to Dawson Calvin. Also, welcome his wife Kathy and their daughter Brie.

Murray Macare who had been stationed with the R.C.M.P. in Dawson and the Yukon for many years, passed away in St. Pauls Hospital on Friday November 3rd..

He is survived by his wife Gwen and four daughters, Lynne, Cindy, Debbie and Laurie.

Klondike Life

HAPPY REUNION. WILMA

by Palma Berger

Many of you remember Wilma as the wife of Dawson's one time Pentecostal min-ister, Frank Barret. They are now residents of Hope, B.C.

The good news about Wilma, who was adopted, is that she has had a reunion with her birth family for the first time in 41

A newcomer to Hope from Owen Sound had brought a telephone book from that area with him. In browsing through it. Wilma discovered ten people with her birth name of Minard. Feeling quite excited, she wrote to everyone of them. Within three days she had a telephone call from Owen Sound, confirming that she did indeed have birth family there. It was her sister Irene.

Through the Children's Aid Society she was able to confirm that these people were her birth family. Eventually a family reunion was organized for last August, at the home of her sister Irene. Wilma discovered she had four sisters still living and a brother. Although Wilma was adopted at three and thought she would be a stranger at the reunion, she soon felt the warmth of being accepted into a group of newly discovered brothers and sisters.

They also laid to rest a secret fear that maybe her birth family had never wanted to see her again. This fear was played upon by her adoptive parents when she was younger and her resentment had built up also. But after the reunion at Owen Sound all this was miraculously dispelled.

She now understands why her parents gave her up for adoption. Her mother was just 16 years old when she was married. This fact and the eight children that soon followed were too much pressure for the young woman who then took off.

Wilma learned that her mother died 5 years ago, and that she (Wilma) was the only one of the family that her second eldest sister, Isabelle, had not been able to locate. Wilma said she had thought of going through Children's Aid herself, but all this time she thought it would cost too much money, which she never had. Now she discovers it is all free.



Cultural Sewing Get Together. Linda Blanchard making beaded slippers.

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The Cultural Sewing Get Together at the Band Hall Wednesday nights. Angi Joseph helps Bonnie Joseph learn the fine art of knitting. photo by Dawne Mitche

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Romy's Recipes

by Romy Jansen



Get into the spirit of holiday entertaining with festive punches and warming toddies to make you feel toasty all over. Here are a mugful of special Christmas drink ideas for all kinds of gettogethers.

Tree-Trimming Fruit Punch

White grape juice is wonderful in a nonalcoholic punch for both children and adults to enjoy.

- 3 bottles white grape juice, chilled
- 1 bottle soda water, chilled
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 1 lime, sliced
- 1 tablespoon angostura bitters

ice ring *

In a large punch bowl, combine grape juice, soda water, lemon and lime slices and bitters. Just before serving time, gently add ice ring. Makes about 30 servings.

*Pour a thin layer of water into a ring mold and top with lemon and lime slices. Freeze until firm. Cover with about 1 such of water and freeze until solid.

Christmas Cranberry Punch

The fruited ice rounds add a colorful touch to this drink and the fruit can be eaten after the ice thaws in the punch. If you prefer, you can substitute any fruits for the ones we've suggested here. For a non-alcoholic punch, use soda water instead of vodka.

- 1 can pineapple chunks
- sliced apple rings
- 1 can mandarin oranges
- 2 cups strawberries
- 1 can frozen lemonade concentrate
- I can frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 bottle cranberry cocktail
- 1 bottle vodka
- 1 bottle soda water, chilled.

The day before serving, drain pineapple, apple rings and oranges; reserve syrup and mix together. Into muffin tins, pour thin layer of reserved syrup mixture; top with

combination of pineapple, apples, oranges and strawberries. Freeze until firm. Pour remaining syrup mixture over; add water, if necessary, to fill tins. Freeze.

In punch bowl, combine lemonade concentrate, orange juice concentrate, cranberry cocktail and vodka; refrigerate until serving time. To serve, stir in soda water and float fruited ice rounds on top. Makes about 30 servings.

Peachy Eggnog

Peach brandy gives classic eggnog an extra fruity flavor.

12 eggs, separated

1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

4 cups milk

3/4 cup brandy

3/4 cup peach brandy

1/2 cup rum

2 cups whipping cream, whipped

Freshly grated nutmeg

About one hour before serving, in large
bowl, beat egg yolks until pale and

bowl, beat egg yolks until pale and thickened; gradually add sugar, beating until fluffy. Gradually beat in milk, brandy and peach brandy; stir in rum. Fold in whipping cream.

In separate bowl, beat egg whites until stiff but not dry; fold into egg yolk mixture. Chill until serving time. To serve, pour into punch bowl and sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes about 20 servings.

Hot Buttered Bum Mix

Keep this on hand to mix and serve after a holiday outing of tobogganing, skating or carolling. The mix also makes a great hostess gift during the festive season. For a non-alcoholic drink, spoon the mix into mugs and fill with hot lemonade.

1/2 cup butter

1/2 firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Pinch salt

Dark rum

Boiling water

Lemon slices

Cinnamon sticks

In container with tight-fitting lid, mix together butter and sugar until fluffy; stir in cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and salt. Cover and store in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

To serve, spoon about 1 tablespoon of the mix into mug. Stir in 2 ounces of rum and fill with boiling water. Garnish with lemon slice and serve with cinnamon stick for stirring. Makes enough mix for about 10 servings.



Home-cooked food anyone?



by Madeleine Gould

Every Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 Holley Kushniryk teaches six, seven and eight year olds how to make cookies. These children do not use electric mixers to cream the butter and sugar, but are taught to use either a fork or spoon. The day I attended this class was just before Hallowe'en, so the children were making rice krispie squares. The children work in teams of two or three, depending on the number attending. They learn how to measure out the ingredients, how to use the stoves and how to clean up when they are finished.

Like all good cooks the kids like to taste what they are making, and Jenny did so much tasting I was beginning to wonder if there would be anything left for the pan. All in all it was nice to see how well these children were doing and, thanks to Holley, who was kept busy running from one team to another, these children will one day be excellent cookie makers.



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NEWS FROM THE ROCK

Correspondent - Marjle Mann

So, winter is really here - and with a vengeance! And winter-time issues are the talk of the neighbourhood these days. Like fire-wood, and frozen water lines and heating fuel consumption, etc. And with the water table lower than usual, there have been problems with wells running dry. Gail Kreitzer is having well and furnace problems - naturally everything goes wrong at the most inopportune times! I hope every-thing is working for you by the time this gets out, Gail!

But - despite the cold - things are pretty active in Rock Creek and Henderson's Comer. A flock of Rock Creek ducks, with Elmer Fudd in tow, flew in for the Halloween Dance in town, and a pretty bizarre looking bunch made it into town for the Rocky Horror Picture show - it's amazing what people will brave for a good cause...

Other activity includes the birth of a local aerobic exercise "club" with Jane MacArthur, Maddie Davis (glad to see you safely back from the San Francisco area, Maddie!), Sherry Lindley and Nancy Sorg. And there is lots of indoor "puttering" happening - Gord Burns is enjoying the time he has to work on his place, Pat Hogan took some time to stay home for a couple of weeks and putter about, and Joe Fraughten didn't complain too much when severe cold kept him from going to work, so he was able to spend some time at home as well. I'd also like to say goodbye to the Balderas' and Brent Morrison - all who have left Rock Creek for accommodations in town.

It seems that most of us who work in town have been somehow getting into work. It's not always easy. There is a definite vehicle shortage at our place lately - registration from one vehicle was transferred to the pumper truck that "Himself" bought in Winnipeg unfortunately, that vehicle got waylaid in Muncho Lake. And I blew the front seal on our other vehicle whilst attempting the Whitehorse-Dawson run at minus 40. Thank goodness for friends and neighbours! Greg, Shelly and Alex Hakkonsen rescued me on the highway and saw me safely home. And Terry Kell has been very generous by lending us his pick-up. What would we do without you, Terry?! Thanks to all!

I went on a micro-trip to Victoria and was able to spend a bit of time with Val Thorp. Jack made it safely home and barely had time to catch his breath when he was offered a job! And this job may last till June or later, so it looks like they will have a busy winter. They were just taking a week or so off to fly to Rochester, New York, to visit Jack's mom and sister. Val says hello to everyone and plans to be back for a visit next summer.

KLONDIKE LIFE

Sylvia and David will be heading out soon for a well-deserved vacation to points south. Sylvia is putting out hundreds of handmade Christmas ornaments which she plans on selling at a bazaar in Toronto. Jude and Jacob will be flying into the Forty Mile area to visit dad James later this month. Then it's off to some place warmer - can't say as I blame you, Jude. Sure going to miss you, though! (try to be back in time for the Summer Solstice Party this time, okay?) Pat, Paul and Joel Pierson are, at this very moment, frolicking in Disneyland! Yes - we are envious! But they sure did deserve a fun-filled holiday.

I haven't heard too much about the fire protection issue lately - I hope it hasn't been shuffled to the back burner - it's too important! There is lots of talk about a couple of new issues though - one is CBC Television. Wanda Schmidt has put together a petition to CBC Television to get the station broadcast to Klondike River Valley residents. For more info, Call Wanda. Last petition I recall was for telephone service to the Rock Creek area - and it was pretty successful! Another hot topic these days is dogs particularly loose dogs packing up. Several neighbourhood pets have been beat up pretty bad by a gang of dogs and food thefts are also a problem.. The worst incident that I know of is a stray dog demolished George Kerr's rabbits and started in on his pheasants before he ran it off. There are plenty of neighbours now that will fire at any stray dogs that come onto their property. So, please, if you love your dog - keep them contained at your place! Or it may not come home some day...

John Lenert has been asked to sit on a sort of advisory board for YTG. This board will be comprised of various construction trades experts as well as business, government and rural resident representatives and they will apparently be going through existing rules and regulations for building construction. It seems someone finally recognized that there are a lot of Yukoners that are here to escape the oppressiveness of southern regulations. Unfortunately, these people are being faced with similar restrictions here in the Yukon and they are not happy about it. Maybe the outcome of this board will be something more Yukoners can live with. I hope.

Well, I suppose that's about it for not. So, until next month - bye!



Victoria Allison





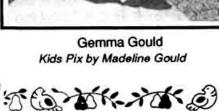
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Britney-Lea Adoline Schmidt was Christened on November 5, 1989 in Whitehorse at the United Church with Reverend Don Lewis officiating.

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Grama and Grampa Kropius, Grama and Grampa Berndt, along with Grama Schmidt (who was up visiting from Kelowna B.C.) hosted a Christening tea for Britney with about twenty friends attending.

Britney's godparents are Uncle Warren and Aunt Tuijia Berndt of Kitimat B.C.





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by Cherie Thompson, Guider

On the weekend of October 28, 1989, ten Girl Guides from Carmacks accompanied by Guider Willow Brown, arrived to spend a funfilled weekend sleeping in the Robert Service School. The Dawson City Girl Guides hosted this event providing excellent food baked by their supportive mothers. Thank you for your donations. The girls ate royally!

In 1990, eight members of the Dawson City Brownie Pack, led by Brown Owl Holly Reeves, will complete their Golden Hand and earn their wings to "fly up" to Girl Guides. These lucky girls (Sarah Winton, Harmony Hunter, Kristin Grabowski, Melissa Flynn, Marlissa Mann, Charissa Reeves, Laine Bowers, Jo-Anna Davidson) were invited to join the Guide Rally. Their enthusiastic support and fine singing voices were excellent additions to our weekend. Their mothers provided scrumptious sweets and treats. Thank you for these baked goodies. A special thanks to Holly Reeves for her tireless work and continual devotation to Brownies and Girl Guides.

Finally, this gives me an excellent opportunity to introduce all our fabulous Guides, new and old. Frances Kormendy, Jessica Montgomery, and Christina Shulda are into their second year of Guiding; while Sammy Jenkins, Kim Jenkins, Amanda Montgomery, Jacey Bowie, Meridith Couture, Paula Farr, and Bonnie Rear are recruits until they complete their Tenderfoot test. Atlin Bowie has joined us to become a Junior Leader. Pat Montgomery and Dahna Coles are Guide Leaders.



Brownies and Guides from Carmack's join with the kids from Dawson for a weekend of fun at the Robert Service School.

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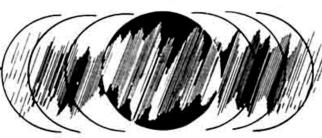
The weekend was packed with many activities to promote health, fitness, and friendship. The hike up Crocus Bluff gave our-girls a chance to show off our fine town while providing a lesson in history. Games played in the gym stopped only for campfire songs and the making of friendship sticks; sawed, drilled, and painted by every individual girl. Sunday morning, many tired girls made their way home after a pancake breakfast and a quick exchange of names and addresses by newly formed friends from Carmacks.

Thank you to all for making this weekend a success.



Brownies and Guides earning their badges and loving it!

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An Experiment in Gonzo Journalism by Brent Morrison

The Klondike Sun

The following article is based on notes written down on the prop kit bag.

It's been written that "Strange things are done in the land of the midnight sun" and while this is true, stranger things are done when the sun retreats. Case in point; the Dawson City Premiere of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show", which was held Sunday November 12th at the Tro Chu Tin hall: during a full moon, at minus 44 degrees.

The doors opened at nine, and early arrivals (dressed for the occasion) were greeted by a staff of "Horrors", the Drama Club members dressed in bizarre costumes based on the ones in the movie. They took tickets, sold beer and handed out prop kits. The kits included: playing cards, rolls of toilet paper, matches, newspapers, toast and rice. Each table had three water pistols to round the kits out. It was a great idea that paid off with glorious results.

The horror "virgins" showed up, and displayed looks of shock at the costumed people. People slowly filled the hall as the soundtrack to the film played on a portable stereo. This allowed the audience to practise, what at the risk of censorship I will refer to as "colourful interjections". As the first set of "virgins" prepared to sit in front of us, we screamed in delight at these "victims" and fired our water pistols at them before they sat down. They moved to another table, out of range.

It was about this time, as more "dressed" people showed up that I noticed there were more people than guns, an interesting situation I figured, then. The hall was filling up quickly and the crowd (about a third of which was "dressed") was getting restless and rowdy. The water fights began. There is nothing quite

like watching a room full of slightly (?) intoxicated adults running around like children, soaking every and anyone they could. A very enjoyable sight.

Amid this chaos I tried to do some actual "reporting". I asked the door person what the ratio of normal to un-normal was, and was told there are no normal people in Dawson. Ask a stupid question, ah you know the rest. I then found out that this event was probably the Drama Club's biggest turnout, and there is talk of making it an annual event.

Ten minutes before the show was to begin, more tables were set up, behind us. A scary notion, but the people turned out to look normal, so I figured we were safe. Then I noticed more water pistols were appearing. Did I say pistols?, these were definitely GUNS, Dirty Harry style. This was going to be an interesting evening.

At this point our fire chief (dressed to the max for the occasion) announced that the movie would start in ten minutes, and the food and drinks would be cut off then. Dennis then proceeded to explain the prop kits. This included a demonstration of how to safely light the matches. Being fire conscious citizens that we are, we tried to extinguish his match with our pistols.He then warned us that if he got wet, he would get us with a firehose. Most people were convinced he wasn't joking. After telling us he really hoped there wasn't a fire call tonight he announced there was only one minute until the movie began. This of course caused a typical Dawson reaction: STAMPEDE!

People that didn't run for beer, ran to fill up their guns. After this rush the film started. There were some technical difficulties at the beginning, setting the crowd off, but they were quickly fixed and the fun began.

Rice was thrown, colourful



Come on up and see us sometime! "She-bitches and broads in black from hell."

photo by Bob Mitchell

interjections were yelled, newspapers were turned into hats, rain fell via the guns, and matches provided "the light at the Frankenstein place". The crowd participation was fantastic. We were a little rusty, miscueing some things, forgetting others, but everyone caught on quickly.

The yells/chants of "Boring" nearly raised the roof (I've always wondered what the boring guy actually says, but it probably is BORING.). Several people got up to do



Robbie Van Rumpt and Dennis Montgomery? photo by Bob Mitchell

"the time warp" dance routine, adding some live action to the film.

After two reels there was an intermission. The lights came on revealing a typical Rocky Horror aftermath, the place was soaked and covered with rice, and we still had half a prop kit to go through. The food and drinks were reopened. The dollar meatloaf sandwiches seemed to be getting popular, as was the popcom (which had become a new weapon). There were more unnouncements from our lovely fire chief, and another round of water fights. Then it was time for part two.

The next reel also experienced technical difficulties, but again these were fixed quickly, and the show resumed. Toast was tossed, toilet paper flew, and "cards of sorrow, cards of pain" were thrown. There were more "Boring" scenes and more "colorful interjections",

When the movie finally ended the bar reopened, and people waded through the now dispersed prop kits covering the floor. At this point I think a "Best Costume" contest would have been in order. Or perhaps a separate "Best Hair" contest, Dennis or Margie? I'M not sure, they both looked pretty wild, not that mine was exactly normal. Well perhaps we can arrange a contest next year.

With the success of this show, hopefully the Drama Club (who cleaned the place up) will try for another movie in the future. Perhaps Pink Floyd's "The Wall." If not we can look forward to the return of "Rocky Horror". Way to go Dawson; you were a hit, the "Inside" may never be the same.



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HAPPY HALLOWE'EN HI-JINKS

by Sun staff

As predicted, Hallowe'en was cold, but that did not stop the community from getting into the spirit of things. The Farmers' Market and Bank of Commerce staff dressed up in weird and wonderful Hallowe'en garb; stores were decorated; costumes, decorations and make-up were readily available. A chance look in the offices at Parks Canada showed strangely garbed staff busy working on everyday matters.

Even before Hallowe'en there were special events. The Library Board held an afternoon spooky reading and craft time on Saturday, while there was a big adult dance the same night.

At the Robert Service School on the day itself the afternoon halls were treated to the annual parade, when high school students look at the younger fry and secretly wish that they had the nerve to dress up as well. Grades 7 to 12 got their chance later in the day at the dance put on by the Grad '90 Class and the Students' Council. It was the first test of the Ancillary Room as a dance floor and it held up well.

Over at the Fire Hall on Fifth Avenue, a

steady line of Hallowe'en-costumed youngsters encourage parents to "get them in line." Billed as a "Hallowe'en Extravaganza", the evening gave Dawson youngsters the chance to create their own cup-cake toppings (while sipping "witches brew"), fish for free gifts at the "slightly dead" Fish Pond, tour the Haunted House,



Alexander Derry - the little devil!

enjoy a performance by the local Drama Club, and get their fortunes told.

More than 200 youngsters came to the festivities. Best costumes were awarded prizes and everyone left with a bag of goodies. A great and special thanks to the committee which conjured up the evening!

a Dallowe'en Poem by Lindsey Thompson, aged 7, Grade 2

> A Whoo, A Whoo, A Whoo, A Whoo

The witch is out tonight. If you don't watch out, Then the goblins will get you, Then the mummies will get you, too.

Goodbye, A Whoo, A Whoo!



Joanne Hunston with daughter Whitney (I) and son Alister (r) at the Halloween Party.

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More than one way to bob for apples!

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BOOKENDS

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BONNET PLUME'S GOLD by
Dolores Cline Brown, Klein Publishing,
178 pages

This is a charming little memoir, written by the author of YUKON TROPHY TRAILS, and produced, for the most part, in the Yukon.

Brown, who spent last summer minding the tourist information booth at Stewart Cossing (and incidentally hawking our paper to tourists) has an energetic style and uses it to tell her steries to good effect. This tale of a lost gold claim is one that is bound up with the life of her late husband, Louis, and so she begins with five chapters recounting his early days in the Yukon, after his youth in Alberta.

The narrative suddenly moves from this third person account to a first person viewpoint when Dolores enters Louis' life on page 53, but her personal story soon gives way to the story of Julia Bonnet Plume, the mysterious Indian girl who claimed to know of a vast horde of gold waiting to be exploited somewhere north of the Mayo area.

The rather Jack Londonish story of this maiden who takes Dawson by storm at a ball, and mesmerizes local prospectors with tales of hidden bullion, takes up most of chapters 8 through 16. The account is a little shy on dates, but the few that are mentioned make it a turn of the century story passed down by people who have heard it from others or have had some vague connection with it. Brown was introduced to it in 1953, and her search for verifiable artifacts, as recounted in chapters 17-20, seems to have taken place within a year or so after that.

The mystery remains a mystery at the end of the book. Julia's story comes to an end at the point when she and Tom Skelly settle in near the claim they make somewhere on the Bonnet Plume River. Reference is made to their later life, but the gold remains elusive. When Louis and Dolores Brown seek it out years later their search is inconclusive, but they don't really mind, having long since decided, along with Robert Service, that "it isn't the gold that I'm wanting, so much as just finding the gold."

The paperback edition I have been reading is nicely bound, and the print, set in Mayo on a Macintosh computer, is first rate. Having said all that, I have to add that the book should have gone through another very serious round with its editor before it got into print. The list of annoying lapses in spelling, paragraphing, missed punctuation and occasionally awkward phrasing is a considerable one, and it is certain that none of it will get fixed before the second printing, which, as in the case of most such books, will likely be some years off.

A few examples will suffice to illustrate the problems. The word "it's" is pretty consistently misused throughout the

book. More obvious is the mistyped header "Bonnet Plumes Gold" (it should have been "Plume's") which tops every even numbered page. Aside from that, Brown has a continuing problem with commas - too many or not enough - which either leaves one chafing over the

interruption in the flow of the prose or mentally gasping for breath as a sentence stretches out of control.

Let me hasten to add that I enjoyed the book anyway. The story is engaging and has an authentic ring to it that makes up for a lot of textual sins.

Writer in Residence to Visit Dawson

by Patti Grabowski

The Dawson City Library Board will be hosting Jim Green, the Yukon Libraries and Archives Branch first long term Writer-in-Residence, from January 15 to 17, 1990.

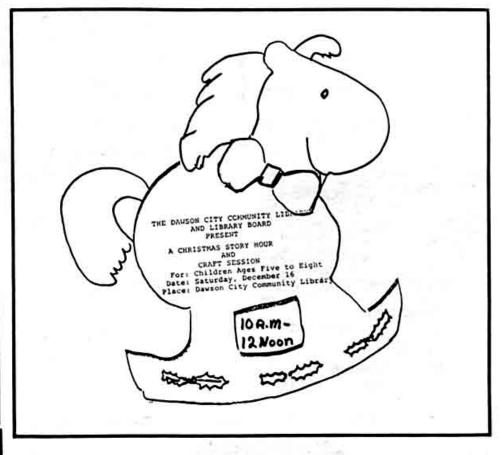
Jim Green is a well known and respected award-winning poet, storyteller, and author whose published works include Beyond Here and North Book. He has also written radio plays and his poems appear in a number of Canadian anthologies.

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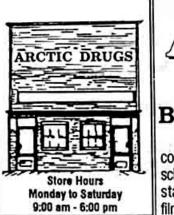
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And I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens.
And learn to spit.

But maybe I ought to practice a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

Author Unknown



by Joanne Smith

A couple of issues ago I talked about Alzheimer's Disease and mentioned that I would cover aspects of research and treatment. To recap, Alzheimer's Disease is named after the German physician who first described the condition in 1907. It is an irreversible dementia - a term used to describe intellectual deterioration, disorganization of the personality and the inability to carry on basic tasks of daily living. It is a progressive disease and there is currently no known cause, prevention or cure.

There are some theories of causes under study however. They include increased aluminum concentrations, latent viral infections, immunologic defects, genetic factors and chromosome defects. These theories have been outlined in a paper done by Catherine (Kip) Veale, a Seniors Social Worker in Whitchorse and is available for reading, along with other literature for anyone interested in learning more of the disease. Treatment is limited to day to day care of the person through some very distressing stages. The first stage may include: memory loss, time disorientation, decreased spontaneity, perceptual disturbances, just to name a few.

The second stage may include: speech may slow, forgetfulness of both recent and remote events, increased disorientation, restlessness (especially at night), difficulty recognizing objects and people once familiar, unsteady movements. The third stage may include: marked irritability, seizures, loss of emotions, increased

(constant) eating without weight gain, loss of appetite, helplessness.

All care for this patient occurs by manipulating the physical environment. Moving objects, making the rooms uncluttered is the first step. Memory aids such as notes, wrist alarms will help in the early stages. Accident-proof rooms are desirable. Removing low tables and scatter rugs are important. In the second and third stages the caretaker(s) end up doing all the personal care such as bathing and meal preparation.

There are no magic drugs for this disease. Only drugs to treat infections that may develop if there is a lack of care or secondary problems as the body deteriorates are given.

There are many articles about Alzheimer's at the Lodge if anyone is interested.

Seniors News:

Happy November Birthday greetings go out to: Marnie Somerton, Joe Lamontagne, Beryl Zaykowski, Elly Berglund and Fran Hakonson. Good day to all of you!

The Lodge will hold a January Blues luncheon January 17, 1990 instead of the December open house. Stay tuned for details - we are planning to dress up in bright, sunny, happy outfits!

A belated thank you to Bob Laking from all the seniors for providing tickets for the Front Page Challenge evening and for the transportation to and from!



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Welcome to Wendy Bilton, who filled in for vacationing librarian Kay Tinkler. New arrivals are:

The Spanish Gambit
-Stephen Hunter
Britain 1989
Trackdown
- Dick North

Ticket to Ride

- Dennis Potter

Tara Kane

- George Markstein The Bannerman Legacy

- Catheri okson

Talking Tombstones

- Gary Gumpert

Time Flies

- Bill Cosby

The Triumph of Vulgarity

- Robert Pattison

The Squirrels of Canada - S.E. Woods, Jr.

SITTING IN MY BOX story by Dee Lillegard and pictures by Jon Agee, Dutton (Penguin)

A boy sits in a cardboard box in the field, reading a book about animal stories. One by one he is joined by all the animals he has been reading about, until his box becomes impossibly crowded. He is rescued by a flea, which empties the box in record time. There are a lot of books that use this "too crowded" theme, but this one is fun, too. This one is for preschoolers or primary kids just learning to read.

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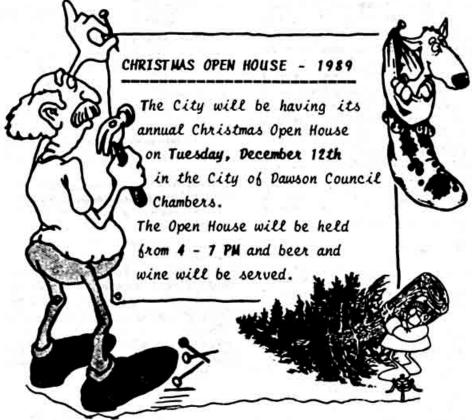
Historical Control: The Dawson Historical Control Guidelines are designed so that Dawson will be recreated as it was during the period the gold rush following (between 1900-1920: buildings (and most improvements to existing buildings) need to meet these guidelines. The only exception is the new Dome Subdivision

About Doing New Construction: Before you start on any new construction (including building a new structure. adding to or tearing down an existing structure) Board for their approval. Examples of new construction includes building a house, adding a porch (including a storm porch), changing your windows and exterior doors. building a fence, putting up a sign and moving a building.



and fourth of each month. be. 'e the meeting.

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the Planning Board: Some folks swear they saw the The Planning Board meets on Fire Chief chasing a grizzly down the Klondike Highway the other day. Sounds like a Plans can be submitted to the shaggy bear story to me...and City Office but must be in by did the City secretary really OUTDOOR RINK '00 p.m. on the Tuesday dump a bag of ice cubes in next month

DOME LOTS

At long last, the Dome lots are being sold by lottery. The prospectus cation forms may be obtained at the City Office for \$50.00 (cash, certified cheque, or The lottery money order). will be held on December 4. 1989 and all applications must be submitted by December 1. 1989 at 4:00 PM.

COUNCIL REMINDER

of every month at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers above the Fire Hall. The meetings are open to the public and all residents are invited to attend.



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BONANZA CENTRE

As most Dawson residents kn. by now. there was a fire at the Recreation Centre early in the morning of the first day of November. Things are slowly returning to normal. Unfortunately due to the lack of proper heat, the water pipes have frozen and may not be thawed out for several days. Damage is estimated at about \$150.000. The fire originated in the furnace room and there is lot of water damage on th main floor.



great service we get from our Fire Department. Without their able assistentire facility could have been lost.



The Halloween bash at the Fire Hall was a great success attending. Even some Mums the Yukon River to help it The 1989/90 outdoor skating were scared in the haunted freeze so that she could go rink is located in the house! A big thank you is For more 'formation, contact home to hubby sooner?...and playground at the south end given to the Halloween any member of the Planning why was the wife of a former of Robert Service School. Committee Members: Don Board or call the City City Councillor handing out Flooding should be completed Armitage. Ane Braga, Bev Office. You can look at parts of her chequebook to by the middle of November and Close. Joanne Hunston. Chris copies of the City's Building military personnel at a everyone is invited to come Hunter. Holley Kushniryk. and Zoning bylaws at the recent City event?...see you and have a good time. It's Dennis Montgomery. Lorie Sprokkreeff.

Chamber Talk

from Allanah Tunnicliffe on City of

Presented: October 4, 1989

(Editor's Note: City Manager Allanah Tunniclife gave the following talk to the Chamber of Commerce on October 4. It provides an interesting insight into the workings of city offices. For further information, see the return of the "City Page" elsewhere in this issue.)

I'm really pleased to have the opportunity to inform the Chamber of recent City activities and to present an "Administrative" rather than a "Political" viewpoint. My talk will cover three main areas. First, "What's going on?", second "Recent Chamber concerns", and third "Life as the bad guy". After my talk, I will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

What is going on with City? A number of projects are currently under-way and in various stages of completion. A new storm sewer will greatly alleviate drainage problems in that area. Total cost will be approximately \$100,000 and we hope to progress from Front Street to Seventh Avenue before the weather turns too cold to operate the equipment.

A Duplex is presently being constructed for City housing of the City manager and the Superintendent of Works to bring the supplied housing up to an acceptable standard. Cost for the duplex will be about \$250,000.

The Dawson Oldtimers Hockey Association purchased a Zamboni and sold it to the City for one dollar. A Zamboni room is currently being added on to the arena at a cost of about \$85,000.

The new Dome subdivision is progressing slowly but surely. The driveways are all in and electrical poles and lines are in process of installation. The biggest holdup to the sale has been an old easement of the Yukon Gold Company early in the 1900's. Unfortunately, the easement was never transferred and the Yukon Gold Company was later disbanded without any reference to the easement at all. The City lawyers have had to do research through the Federal Government in Ottawa, and through Public Archives at YTG. They now feel that we have researched the matter thoroughly enough to convince a judge that the easement can safely be removed. We will be going to court hopefully within a month and should have the easement removed not long after that. The lots will be sold by lottery and we hope to be able to sell them for about \$10,000 each. Some people want us to sell the lots this fall no matter how late so they can plan for next year's activity. However, other people have asked that the lottery be delayed until next spring to avoid tying their money up over the winter season. I will be asking council to make the decision as to when to hold the lottery at their meeting this Thursday.

The dock has of course been taken out for the season. This year we had planned to put in a new ramp but motorways damaged it in transit. Consequently, they must repair it before we can complete the installation. The ramp cost \$4,300 and the repair will cost \$3,500. We should be able to install it next spring.

The city is looking for a more reliable year end water supply. Our "big well", which is located at the Yukon Electric site, is used for the summer months and the "river well" is used for the winter

season. Due to the dyke, the flow in the river well may not be sufficient to meet future needs. The Yukon Government has agreed to drill a new well to replace the flow lost. To date they have not had much success but they keep trying. The recent rains have helped our water levels but if levels drop again we may have to dyke the Klondike this fall. Some interesting information has recently come to light about the big well. We believed that the water from the well came from the Klondike. However, all tested water samples from the Klondike show hard water with lots of minerals. It seems that out main source of water may be the Yukon River.

We are also in the process of preparing terms of reference for the hiring of a consultant to look at the Klondike Valley and its possible effects on the current and future water supply of the City. The costs of the study will be shared 50/50 between YTG and the City.

We are still working on the possible franchising of natural gas for the Dawson area by the City. A preliminary report was received and we hope to have the final report by Christmas. The delay was caused by the change in ownership of the companies involved in the production and transportation of the gas.

We will shortly be inviting proposals to develop the area at the foot of the Slide at the north end of town as Campground. The drawings have now been received

from our surveyor and I will be advertising shortly. Interested parties do date include Goldrush Campground and Chief Isaac Inc.

Sixty-seven building permits have been issued this year, which is amazing considering the size of Dawson. This is more than three times the permits issued Watson Lake or Faro. New installations of water and sewer services have also been up this year. Almost twenty new services have been installed.

The City has just ordered a new computer for the office. This computer will be used for all of the City accounting and payroll, and also the new property tax data base that we hope to be developing this fall.

The City will be developing a Community Plan in the coming months. We are required to have a plan by the Municipal Act. Council looked at various options and have decided to go with a Poster Plan. To give you an idea of what I am talking about, I have brought a copy of the Watson Lake Plan and the Rankin Inlet Plan. We believe that the Watson Lake Plan, which cost about \$60,000 to prepare, is too bulky a document for Dawson and would not be read by most politicians, staff, and residents alike. However, the Rankin Inlet Plan is short and clear. We hope to develop a plan something like the Rankin Inlet plan on one large sheet so that we will be able to distribute it widely throughout the community. This type of plan will be easy to display and refer to as well. Also, the costs should be closer to \$30,000 which is quite a saving for the community.

I think that covers all of the major activities of the City. I would now like to touch on recent Chamber concerns. Hopefully, now that I attend Chamber meetings, the relationship between the City and Chamber will be a more positive

Recent correspondence has been largely negative in nature and from a City perspective hard to address.

The first example is a letter that we received early this spring complaining about dusty street conditions. As I am

sure most of you realize, dust control is always difficult in Dawson given our road conditions. However, every year we put calcium on the streets. We are unable to put calcium on the streets until YTG Highways is able to put it down for us. This cannot be done until the streets thaw out in the spring. We also have to be careful that it doesn't rain soon after, because rain on a street with fresh calcium causes thick muddy slime. As soon as we grade the streets a lot of the calcium that we have put down is lost and dust again becomes a problem. This year we put calcium down twice. Our costs for this were approximately \$30,000 this year alone. The only way we can provide a truly effective dust control for Dawson is to have chipseal or paved roads, but this decision has not at this time been made by Council.

The second letter was written and received late in July and complained about such things as Public Areas that are run down and not maintained, numbers of refuse cans and frequency of disposal, and sidewalks. I believe I addressed the Chamber 's concerns in my reply. My only comment is that it is very hard for us to deal with general letters of complaint from any source. As an example, the Chamber criticized unattended Public areas of our City. This is hard to respond to except in general terms. On the other hand, about the same time, a letter was received from Al Fisk at Parks, complaining about problem areas of sidewalk. Not only was a detailed letter received but a map was attached with each area of concern highlighted. With that kind of information, we can take prompt action to remedy the problems.

The Chamber also asked for a City representative to attend Chamber meetings. AH Enterprises, which I

operate with Harry deWindt, is a member of the Chamber, so I have been combining my AH Enterprises hat with my City of Dawson hat to provide the City representative as requested.

Now I have arrived at the portion of my talk that I have really been looking forward to, the "life as a bad guy" segment. It is not easy working for a municipality in a small town and I appreciate the opportunity to blow off a little steam. As an example, almost every one of the hundreds of people who come up to the City office complain to Shirley or Sarah about the stairs. Even humorous comments lose their appeal after you have heard them a hundred times. It is even more difficult to listen to angry complaints when you were not in any way responsible for the decision in the first place. The girls try to keep a smile on their faces but it is pretty difficult at

Another example is the homeowners' tax grant that was revised this year to make YTG pay their fair share. Instead of presenting concerns at Council where decisions are made, those people who were unhappy at the revisions, came into the office to pay their taxes, and then became angry with the office staff who were just doing their job. There is an old adage that don't blame the messenger. Obviously many Dawson City residents have not heard of it.

Another problem faced is an inability get away from the job. This is a problem faced by those of you in business as well but in your case you don't have regular hours of work for which you are paid a regular salary. Office staff are often accosted in restaurants, bars or grocery stores with complaints and/or concerns. Harry deWindt and myself cont'd on p. 23

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DAWSON MARKS 11TH

by Dan Davidson

Eleven years ago, volleyball was practically an unknown sport outside of Whitehorse. Dawson physical education teacher Bob Sutherland recalls how awful the teams were the first couple of years that he saw them in action. This is no longer the case, and as the 11th Annual Dawson Invitational Volleyball Tournament geared up for its Friday opening, one could feel fairly certain that the event would be both fun and challenging.

Sixteen teams will be arriving from five communities to try their luck on the courts. Whitehorse is sending five, Dawson has four, Faro three, Inuvik two and Mayo two. Sutherland figures that this will involve about 150 players.

While the nippy weather was a concern earlier in the week, it has now warmed up to the point where everyone should be able to make it.

"If it was -40 I wouldn't go myselt," Sutherland said with a chuckle.

For all that this event is a warm-up to the Yukon Volleyball Association meet later in the month, and in spite of its competitive edge, Sutherland is adamant YEAR

that winning is not the main point of this gathering.

Playing, he says, matter more than winning. Participation is what counts, even if it is nice to participate in a winning way.

Over the years the tournament has made its mark in the community. The players used to be billeted at the school, but, in recent years, have been put up in the Downtown and Eldorado Hotels, both of which offer special rates for the occasion. Some outlets, like Marina's, are offering discounts to players. The Farmers Market is looking after the concession this year for the first time, a profit sharing arrangement with the school sports

In addition, there is the usual crowd of volunteers and former students who chip in to assist in training and refereeing at the tournament.

The social aspect will not be neglected. The games, which will run from 9A.M. to 9 P.M. on Friday and from 9 A.M. to whenever they finish (probably midafternoon) on Saturday, will be followed by a dance on Saturday night.

Report носкеу by Rod Dewell

Registration for Senior and Minor hockey is now under way for the 89-90 season. If numbers warrant, there will be three teams plus the Oldtimers in the Senior league. The Downtown Hotel, MacKenzie Petroleum, King Solomon Mines along with the General Store will be represented. Anyone wishing to play may contact Mike Fraser or Bob Sutherland or pick up registration forms at one of the two hotels.

The Oldtimer's are introducing an Oldtimer Hockey Night (s) in hopes of attracting anyone out there who is over 30, who just wants to play hockey for the fun of it. A scrimmage will be played each night; no slapshots or body contact with referees and goaltenders being

DART TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 27 AT THE DOWNTOWN

by Sue Ward

Dawson City doesn't need another association, and after a summer of sluicing, or bustling tourists about, not everyone feels the need to keep fit with skiis, snowshoes, dogteams, or even aerobics. The answer - DARTS!

There are 50 potential Canadian Champion Darters in the Klondike area. Monday, November 27, in the Downtown Lounge, the first of three local tournaments will get underway at 6:30 p.m. Thirteen dollars gives you membership in the National Dart Association of Canada with ten dollars building funds for the Yukon Dart Association. Everyone over 19 is invited

provided. We would like to encourage anyone interested to contact Bud Docken or Rod Dewell.

We already have 40 kids registered for minor hockey. The league is split into two groups, 9 and under, 10 and over. The older age group will be coached by Kevin Anderson, Murray Matchett and Tony Thomas. The Novice group will be coached by John Flynn, Rod Dewell, Pat Hogan and Peter Kormendy. In this age group we have a beginner's class which will deal with those learning to skate.

Age is no problem, we had some four age olds last year.

Arctic Inland Resources will again be our Minor hockey sponsors. Helmets and face masks will be mandatory for anyone under 17 years of age and as well we would like to encourage the use of neck and throat protectors. There is some spare equipment floating around (helmets etc.) - contact Rod Dewell. A schedule of events and times will be out soon and posted at the arena.

to take a shot at the bull's-eye. Simon Nagano will accept your entry fee up to game time.

Dates for the second and third tournaments are December 11 and January 15. It is hoped that Dawson will be represented by "8 Guys and 8 Dolls" who can travel with Bob Laking to "the shoot out" in Whitehorse for February 4th. The sixteen best Darters of the Yukon will travel to Toronto for the Canadian National Dart Championship the week of June 10 to 17.

Whitehorse players have agreed that teams from Dawson City, Faro, Haines Junction and Watson Lake will enter a playdown on February 4 with the top sixteen shooters of the Capitol City. This will be truly a sporting event as former Yukon Championship Team Members have all been Whitehorse competitors.

Sharp dart-shooter, Bob Laking will van the players to the Whitehorse tournament.

Local Dart Demons gather at the Downtown Lounge every Wednesday night while Chuck Margeson's workshop a Rock Creek has three boards active each Monday night.

Dart throwing has been around for generations with International Compe titions on both sides of the Atlantic.

"A Junior Dart League could be arranged if enough interest surfaces," says Bob Laking, who keeps an impressive inventory of darts, flights, boards, etc. You can own your own darts for twenty to seventy dollars. Not many sports available for that price! In non-tournament gatherings the Darters decide the fee, which is used as prize-money. Gals are slow to take their place at the Toeline. Could time for chat be more precious than dartling?

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often receive phone calls and visits in the evenings and during the weekends. We generally try to help people calling because that is part of a management job but sometimes the interruptions become very difficult to handle. For example, the day my husband passed away I had an angry local contractor come to my front door and yell at me about a sewer problem that he felt hadn't been addressed quickly enough.

Council of course makes all of the policy decisions and approves all bylaws. Once they are approved, the job of carrying out these bylaws falls on the administration. I write about thirty to fifty letters a month about decisions of Council or enforcement of bylaws. The letters of course have my name and signature on them. Consequently I am thought of as "the bad guy" by most people on the receiving end of them. Anyone in my position must be able to handle this type of reaction from the public. However, on occasion someone who has been prosecuted or dealt with in a way that they feel is unfair, tries to make the issue a personal one with myself. Contrary to popular opinion, City Managers do have feelings and no matter how much I try to rise above this, it always hurts a little bit to be blamed personally for doing something that has been done on direction from Council.

On a more positive note, working for the City is never dull. In my job I deal with everything from the local resident who kept chickens on his porch to the Mrs. Dawson from New York who wanted to be crowned Queen of Dawson City, to Italian car drivers who don't follow any known rules of the road, to the person who came up to the City Office to ask where the Fire Hall was, to the Ottawa Public Library who tried to pay us for maps in American funds.

Again, now that I attend Chamber meetings on a regular basis, I hope communications between the Chamber and the City will continue to improve. That brings me to the end of my prepared speech. I have really appreciated the opportunity to bring you up to date on City activities and would be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

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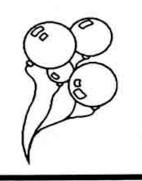
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ABC Densified Powder Laundry Detergent8 L Palmolive Liquid	8.99	Mayo FROZEN
Dishwashing Detergent1L	3.99	F.B.I. Orang
Spaghetti398m		Carnation Hash
Alpha Getti398m		Fish C
Smurfagetti	1.19	BAKE Hollandia
Cat Food	2/.99	Bread
Margarine 907g	2.99	Buns
White Flour10kg	8.99	Englis
Bathroom Tissue4 roll	1.99	PR
Paper Towels2 roll		B.C. Gem
Raisin Wheats450g		Potato Navel 138
Tomatoes796 ml		Orang Mexican C
Pink Salmon213g		CUCUI Calf Grow
Rice907 g	1.59	Carro
Evaporated Milk385 m	nl .97	
Soap Bars		Beef Bon
Cheese Slices		Chuc Beef Cros
Mushrooms284 m		Roas Regular
Apple Juice1	L 1.19	Grou
Oats		Bacor
Mincemeat		Bolog
Raisins375 g	1.89	Cotta

	Friday1 Saturday1	0 A.M. to 7 P.M. 0 A.M. to 6 P.M.
Best Food Mayonnaise. FROZEN FOOD F.B.I.		500 ml 2.89
Orange Juice	e	341 ml .99
Hash Brown	Potatoes	680g 1.99
Fish Cakes BAKERY		350 g 1.49
Hollandia White or 70%	% Whole Wheat	
Bread	amburger	576 g 1.69
Buns	A CPC CREATER AND THE ADD CA	12's 2.69
English Muff		6's 2.19
	DESCRIPTION OF A PROPERTY	

PRODUCE

B.C. Gem Canada #1 Grade Potatoes	10lb bag 4.99
Navel 138's	
Oranges	89/lb 1.96 kg
Mexican Grown Field	
Cucumbers	99/lb 2.18 kg
Calf Grown Canada #1 Grade	
Carrots	2 lb bag 1.29

MEAT

Beef Bone in	
Chuck Roast	2.29 lb 5.09/kg
Beef Cross Rib	
Roast	3.49 lb 7.69/kg
Regular	
Ground Beef	1.69 lb 3.73/kg
Olympic Side	=:
Bacon	500 g 3.49
Olympic Chunks	- Itel
Bologny	1.99 lb 4.39/kg
Olympic	
Cottage Rolls	3.99 lb 880/kg