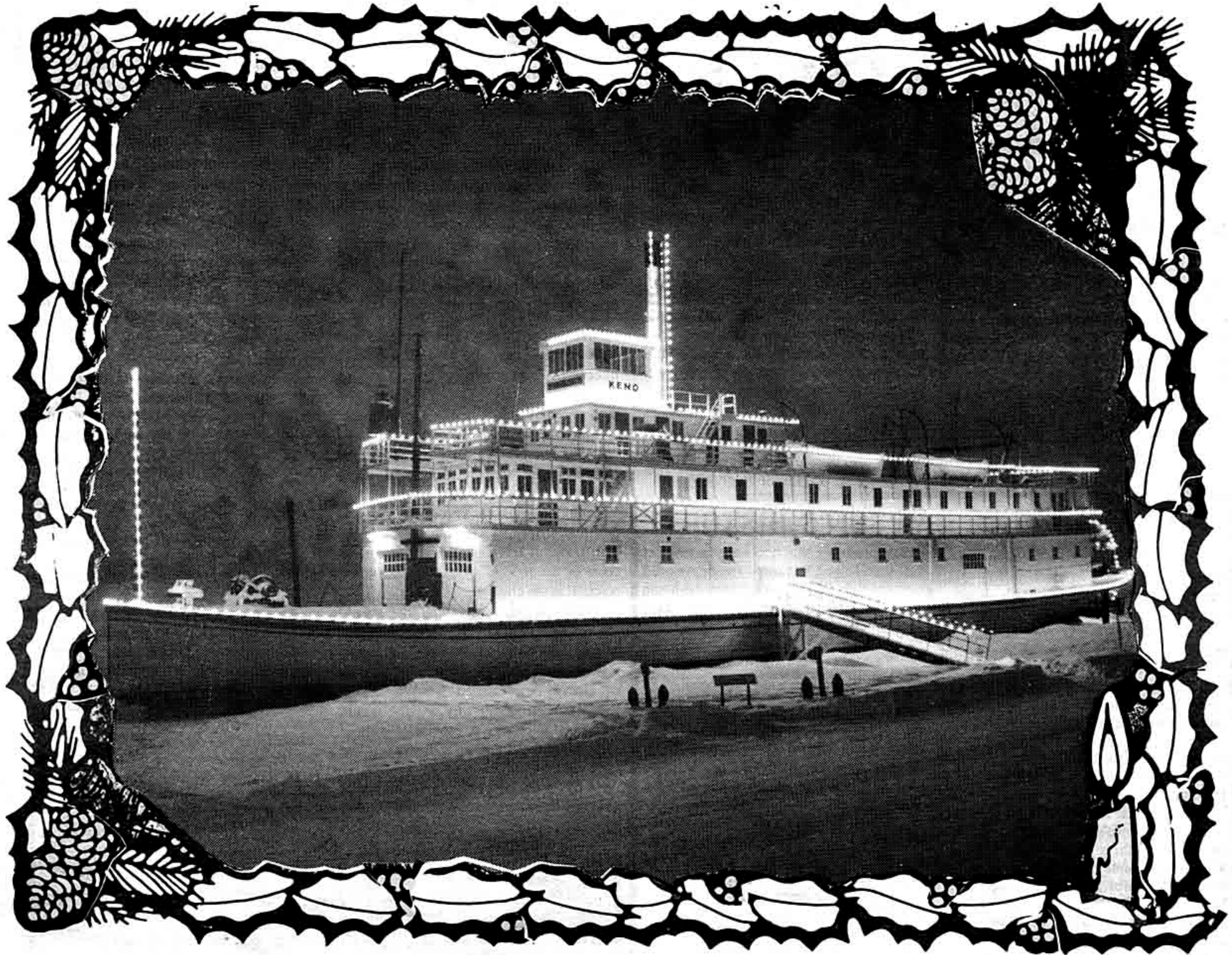


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The Christmas lights on the Steamer Keno grace Front Street, courtesy of Klondike National Historic Sites and the Yukon Electrical Company. PHOTO BY MICHAEL GATES

CHRISTMAS

CONGRATULATIONS AUDREY

*To have come so far... from the Yukon to Ottawa
as the new Leader of the N.D.P.
Audrey McLaughlin has made history!*

PLATE PLANS PROVOKE PETITION



by Mitchell & Davidson

Immediate public reaction here in Dawson to the government's plan to banish the goldminer from Yukon's motor vehicle licence plates seems to be summed up by a rapidly filling petition which is making the rounds in stores here. The Amazing Life in Video Entertainment store put out their copy of the document on the Thursday afternoon after the news broke (on Tuesday) and had made page 3 by late Saturday afternoon. This, bearing in mind that Dawsonites had

not actually seen the Wednesday news stories on the proposed changes until Friday, is pretty fast work.

The petition reads, "SAVE THE GOLD PANNER. To the Yukon Legislative Assembly: This petition of the undersigned shows that the people of the Yukon support the retention of the 'Gold Panner' on their motor vehicle license plates as the 'Gold Panner' is representative of Yukon's cultural heritage and has become an international symbol of Yukoners' proud, independent entrepreneurial spirit; of their rugged

individualism; of the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898 and of Yukon's number one industry - mining. Therefore the undersigned ask the Yukon Legislative Assembly to restore the 'Gold Panner' to his rightful place on Yukon motor vehicle license plates."

The general response from people questioned around town towards the new license plate (which replaces the gold panner with fireweed and the words 'magic and the mystery') is negative.

K.V.A. manager Chuck Holloway says the petition was sent here by Ted Staffen. Staffen, who happens to be the vice-president of the territorial Progressive Conservative party, says that he did not originate the petition, but that he was happy to help get it around.

"We should stick with some of our Yukon traditions," he said in a Dec. 1 interview. "The goldminer should stay on the licence plate. The Klondike was discovered by goldminers."

Staffen sees this as the sort of symbolic issue which crosses all party lines and believes that the petition will some gather a lot of popular support from Yukoners of all backgrounds and and political stripes.

In Dawson Joe Castellarin, the current chair of the K.V.A., was blunt about his reaction to the change.

"I don't see any reason why they should change the licence plates to begin with," he said. "It's still doing its job."

Castellarin sees the goldminer logo as an already established symbol of the Yukon and wonders why anyone would see a need to change it, especially without consulting the tourism industry on the issue first.

He has a list of of questions he wants

answered: If there is financial restraint right now, why waste money on a new plate design? What is the reasoning behind the change in symbols? Is someone trying to deny the history of the territory? Is it someone's thinking that mining is out of date? Why spend millions of dollars to advertise the Yukon and then throw away one of its well known symbols?

He is adamant about one thing: this move is going to require a lot of explanation on the part of the government. The K.V.A. won't be meeting until later this month to discuss the issue, but he is pretty sure what tone its statements will take when they are issued, and it won't be in favour of the change.

And, yes, he was happy to sign the petition.

Peter Jenkins, Mayor of Dawson City and owner of the Eldorado Hotel, has one petition at the Hotel's front desk and one in the lounge. One hundred people had signed in the first two days. Jenkins agrees with the petition and gives this opinion: "The land of the Klondike is synonymous around the world. What does 'the magic and the mystery' on the new license plate mean? There was no discussion. It seems this government has embarked upon turning us all into cunuchs."

At the December 7 meeting of Dawson's city council, it was decided that a copy of the petition would also be available at city offices. City manager Allannah Tunnicliffe reported that she had been told that the goldpanner was to have been retained in both the designs that came from the design agency contracted by the territorial government, but that it was replaced by the fireweed anyway before it was released to the public.

VANDALS STRIKE DAWSON'S HISTORY

(PRESS RELEASE)

The historic legacy of Dawson has been dealt a small blow this fall. Vandals have hit historic sites in Dawson City several times in October and November. The damage to these sites has amounted to thousands of dollars.

Lowe's Mortuary window display, on second avenue, was one of two historic attractions affected. The first incident at Lowe's, in October, was a simple breakage of the north display window, and the damage was repaired quickly. The second incident, which happened on November 21st, was much more serious. The front window of Lowe's was smashed and 15 original artifacts were removed. In addition, a couple of reproductions, and a large multi-color anatomical chart were lifted.

Mike Gates, Curator of Collections at the Klondike National Historic Sites, says "It's not just that the theft occurred; the artifacts originally came from this building. There is no way we could ever replace them, at any cost. We wanted to bring some of our collection 'out of the closet' to where people could see and appreciate it. Over the past few years, we have developed many new exhibits in storefront displays in downtown Dawson. This winter, we decided to leave the displays in so that the year round residents would have a better chance to see them."

The displays represent hundreds of hours of work. "I'm not sure what motivated the perpetrators, but I don't think that it was money", says Gates, "The

items probably do not have a market value, so I don't think that the thieves did it to get rich. I keep hoping that the items will be returned to us one day, anonymously, in a cardboard box, on the Parks doorstep."

Vandals also hit the Bigg's Blacksmith Shop display at the corner of third and Princess. Two photographs were taken, and an exhibit panel was damaged. The photos, one of the Great Northern Hotel, the other of the interior of an early Dawson blacksmith shop, were only reproductions, and can be replaced for a cost.

The RCMP are investigating the two break-ins. Parks is adding more lights and security systems to deter such attacks in the future.

The missing items include:
2 coffin handles
a small black mortician's tool box
a large glass funnel and filter pad
forceps
suturing needles
two special syringe-like pumps
various small bottles or jars for formaldehyde and cosmetics and a powder compact

The reproductions include a large color photograph of a mortician's circulatory chart, and two black-and-white photographs of the Great Northern Hotel and the interior of a Dawson blacksmith's shop. All of the photos are mounted on special foam-core panels.

If anyone has any information that might lead to the recovery of the missing artifacts, they are asked to contact the Dawson RCMP.



This display no longer exists. Vandals have made off with most of it. See our story at left.

MAYOR'S TRAVEL CLAIM QUESTIONED

by Dan Davidson

Harsh words were exchanged during the December 7 meeting of Dawson's city council over the actions of Mayor Peter Jenkins, who, according to Councillor Herb Watt, violated the town bylaw regarding travel allowances for councillors when he recently made his yearly claim.

Watt contended that Jenkins, who has been separated from his wife for some months, should not have claimed a spouse's allowance for this year. Watt says that the total claim for a married or cohabiting councillor would be on the order of \$2,100.00, and that Jenkins was not entitled to the entire amount.

City manager Allanah Tunnicliffe agreed that the claim was unjustified, but said that the affair was her fault. She had, she said, forgotten about the changes that were made to the bylaw recently, and authorized the issuing of the cheques by mistake. She reported to council that after Watt had drawn the error to her attention she called

the mayor and informed him of the problem, at which point he returned the spouse's portion, some \$984.00, of the allowance.

"I shouldn't have approved the payment," she said.

Watt was not totally satisfied with this explanation, but without the presence of Jenkins, who was absent on vacation at this meeting of council, was unable to press the questions as he clearly wished to do.

"What can we do about it?" asked councillor Lynn MacKenzie, who appeared to be exasperated with Watt's line of attack. She felt the issue should have been held and raised when Jenkins was present.

Acting mayor Lambert Curzon said that he saw no point in pursuing the matter at this meeting.

"I'm not making excuses," he said. "I honestly don't know why he did it."

Watt has vowed to bring the matter up again in January, when the mayor will once again be present.

COUNCIL REPORT: FROM DOGS TO HOUSES

by Dan Davidson

Dawson City has a new dog catcher. The person's identity is a secret, but he or she has been busy in recent weeks. Fifteen dogs have been taken off the streets, five have been shot and six reclaimed by their owners after the payment of a fine. One dog, a stray, was sick and died on its own. Dogs picked up in Dawson City are kept in the pound for 72 hours if they are tagged, and for 48 if they are not.

Dogs remain a problem. At the December 7 meeting of council, City manager Allanah Tunnicliffe described the actions of one stray, a female which kept going into heat and having litter after litter, while in the meantime becoming so bold that it was snatching at grocery bags in peoples' hands. This particular dog was put down with the assistance of the Dawson detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

STORM PORCHES are another problem that was addressed by council. Businesses typically get ready for winter weather here by tacking porches on to their entrances. Some businesses have done so without taking their designs before the town's planning board to see if they meet the

historical facade building code. Porches are under the 100 square foot limit which governs the board's authority, but fall under it anyway because they are attached to and become part of the larger buildings. Council passed a resolution instructing the administration to continue enforcement of this bylaw.

CITY HOUSING came up for discussion as well. Council has lately been involved in the construction of a duplex to house City Manager Tunnicliffe and Super. of Works Harry deWindt and his family. Cost estimates have varied on this building, but the total expenditure was set by council at \$260,000.00. Tunnicliffe reported that the contractor, Watson MacKinnon, employed by the duplex's current owner, Harry Campbell, has not been turning in satisfactory work. She questioned the quality of his workmanship and the justification of the additional charges being sought for some extra work that was to be carried out.

Council, which had intended to buy the building, discussed the possibility of backing out of the deal as it stands, or of going to a rental arrangement with Campbell instead.

Triple Play for Dawson Fire Fighters

by Dan Davidson

Three fire alarms in less than 12 hours kept the Dawson Volunteer Fire Department hopping on Dec. 5, but the membership was up to the challenge once again.

The first call, out to Rock Creek, came just before 9 A.M. and was caused by a tiger torch that had, for some reason, ignited on the ground next to a 100 lb. propane tank at the home of Joe Broughton. Two trucks and 6 volunteers made the 14 mile trip in about 18 minutes from the time of the call-out. R.C.M.P.

Sgt. Crowe beat them to the blaze and got it out before they arrived, which Fire Chief Dennis Montgomery says is just as well.

"The sergeant deserves to be commended for that," said Montgomery, noting that one cannot move too quickly to ward off a possible gas explosion.

The mid-afternoon alarm at 3:10 as well as the evening alarm at 7:25 were for the Dawson City Museum, which often seems to have alarm problems in unseasonable weather.

While there is a long history of problems with the system over there, Montgomery says that it is still necessary to treat each call as if it might

by Dan Davidson

By the Friday, December 1 deadline, it was clear that there was lots of interest in the new Dome subdivision lots in Dawson City. City treasurer Rob Bristow reported that 30 of the available information packages had been picked up from the municipal offices with a deposit of \$50.00 apiece, and that 22 of them had been returned with definite selections made for Monday's lottery.

There were only 12 lots being sold at this event, which took place at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of December 4. The prospectus clearly stated that the hopeful landowners had to indicate their choice of lots in descending order. When a name was selected that person got the first of the selected lots still available at that point in the draw.

The subdivision has been in the planning stages for a number of years, but really began to take its present form in the late spring of 1986, when boundary expansion was last under discussion here. Located about 1 1/2 miles from the Klondike Highway, the 1 - 2 1/2 acre lots are in a loop just off the road to the Midnight Dome. Dawson's council has developed them to sell at a cost of \$10,000.00 each.

The lots are inside the town's boundaries, so they will enjoy fire protection. There will not be garbage collection, though. Drinking water will be trucked to the residences for the standard fee, but waste water and sewage will have to be dealt with by a fully approved septic field. Electricity will be available to the lots via overhead lines, and telephones may also be installed.

The lucky winners of the lottery will have to put \$1,000.00 down on the lots and pay off the remainder by April 1990. They will have to build on them within 3 years. The regulations specify that there is to be no excavation (ie: gravel pits) on the lots and that construction must be of a residential nature.



be real, just in case.

On Tuesday evening Y.T.G. electricians were pulling and testing circuit chips from the alarm system to try to determine the problem.

Montgomery says his crew responded well during the day. Eighteen members turned out for the first and last alarms and fifteen for the afternoon call. Fire fighters in Dawson wear personal pagers that emit a high pitched beep when they are needed. By 9:45 that night weary members of the fire crew were sitting at the station, talking things over, hoping that there wouldn't be another call in the wee hours of the morning, and perhaps wondering if they would really need to have their regular Wednesday night practice that week.

LOTS OF INTEREST

Lots were sold to the following people (lot numbers are in parentheses): Ed Lacey (2), Daniel G. McRae (12), Harry Campbell (10), Brian and May Gudmundson (7), David and Marion Stobbe (6), Eric Blattler (5), Jim Leary (3), Erik Gulstad (4), Bruce Inkster (9), Brian Bierlmeir (11), Clair and Susan Dragoman (8) and Arnold Arthro (1).

Our roving reporter, Sue Ward, indicates that excitement ran high during the draw, and that at least one of the new land owners expressed the strong desire simply to go and stand on the lot for a time and savour the feeling of owning a piece of the Klondike.

DAWSON CITY T.V.

by Dawne Mitchell

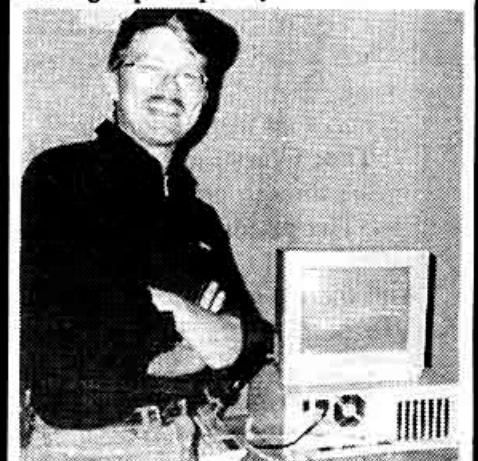
It's flashy! It's new! It's called (unofficially) DCTV - Dawson's own Television station.

Starting with rolling ads, the community access T.V. will broadcast daily by Christmas of this year. The gang at C.F.Y.T.FM (Dawson City Community Radio Society) played with the television idea for a year before getting funds and equipment to see their project developed. According to Ray Fugard, office manager at CFYT, the purpose of a local TV station "is to provide the community a communication device that is easily accessible and efficient. The combination of local TV and radio will really benefit the town in the future."

Rolling advertisements and messages will broadcast several times a day. There are 2600 spaces (or pages) available with hundreds of options for design. The system was presented to the public for the first time at the Bazaar on Saturday. Several example ads came on the screen showing dazzling colours and movements. While businesses will have to pay for the TV ad exposure, there will be lots of free space for announcements and non-profit organizations. The ad fees will help operate the Society. Management says the message board will be updated daily and CFYT FM music will play in the background.

A future project of DCTV will be local video broadcasts. Imagine, "Live From City Council" or the Drama Club's newest production right there on your TV screen at home.

Promotion for businesses and organizations will be the main benefit for Dawson. Some people may ask if our small population is ready for local TV but others will suggest that advertising and communication options are too exciting to pass up. Stay tuned...



Pete Menzies shows off DCTV's new technology. Dawne Mitchell photo.

Editorial: Raspberries in December - and other Christmas Cheer

In some senses of the word it hasn't been a really good two weeks for Dawson City. It seems that our heritage and our scenery aren't good enough for some people these days. No sooner did we absorb the idea that the goldpanner was leaving the licence plate (Maybe not...keep signing those petitions, folks.) than we learned that we'd been rejected by Hollywood.

The story broke a little too late in our production schedule for us to have all the details this issue, but it appears that a movie to be made from the Jack London novel, *White Fang*, will be shot in Haines, Alaska, rather than here, the area that gave London his inspiration in the first place.

How ironic! When the script calls for an Alaskan town, the movie makers come to us. When the story actually calls for Dawson City and the Klondike region, they go to Alaska.

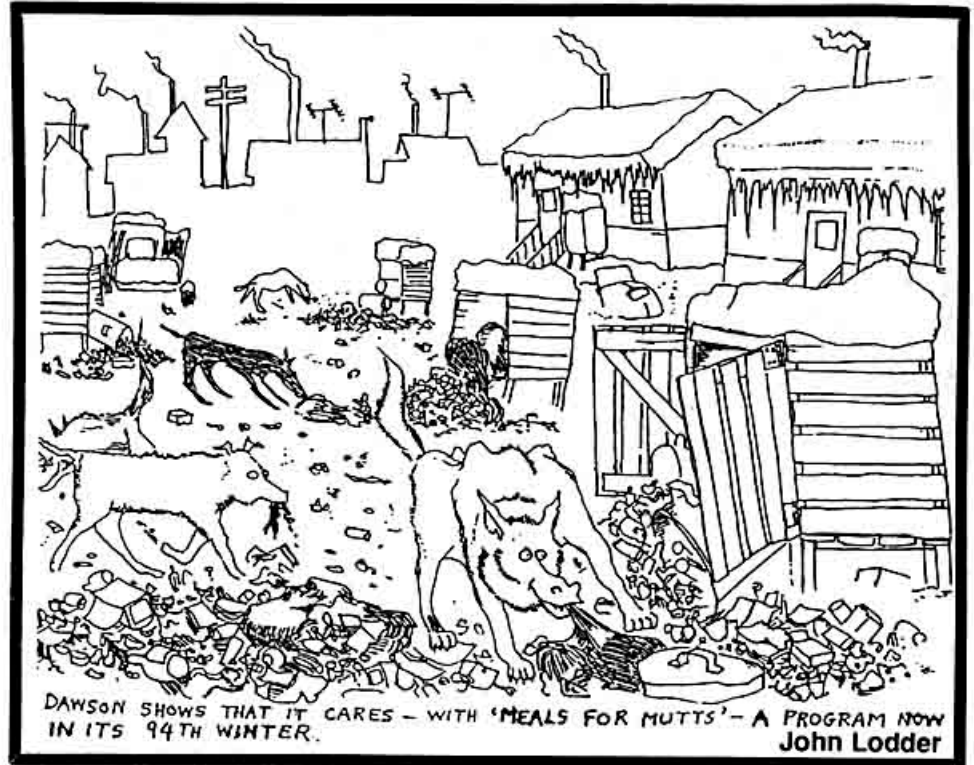
We won't dwell on it for now, but you can bet that we'll have somebody look into it for next issue.

MANY THANKS to all of you who sent in material for our Christmas Memories issue. There's a great stack of stuff from our out-of-town subscribers, along with another stack of material from some of the classes at the school. We've used what we could fit in. We did, after all, have to leave some room for the news of the day.

The other shock was the number of ads that came our way this month. We actually had to turn people down. This is as big as we can get without doing severe damage to our postal budget.

There is story material left over too, and, once again, we will try to use some of it next issue. Since number 9 will also have coverage of the Christmas Season in it, the material already typed will still be appropriate.

Number 9, you ask? Do we mean that this isn't number 9? After all, last issue had "8" on the cover. Well, yes, it did. Somewhere along the production line for what was really issue number 7, we all began talking about the next issue, and the inevitable typo occurred. Between that front page blooper and the rather exotic recipe near the back of the paper, issue number 7 will be one to remember. This is the real issue number 8. Accept no substitutes!



DAWSON SHOWS THAT IT CARES - WITH 'MEALS FOR MUTTS' - A PROGRAM NOW IN ITS 94TH WINTER. John Lodder

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LOCAL CHRISTMAS STORY WINNER FIRST PLACE

Christmas Special

'Twas the month before Christmas,

The Klondike Sun asked it -
What is it in Dawson?
Why's Christmas fantastic?

In our town of all places,
With the forty below,
What makes it so special?
I think that I know!

It's dressing your kids
In six layers of clothes,
And trying to keep
Their wool scarf on their nose!

It's packing them up
Buckling into the sled,
The truck it won't start -
And your batteries are dead.

It's all to go shopping!
That Christmas time treat.
Although anywhere else
The prices we can beat!

And there's nothing like shopping
Through Sears; it's just great!
Order in November
So your gifts won't be late.

It's the same with the Post.

"Early! Early!" they say,
Mail in October -
Then there'll be no delay!

So what do we do
With our time in December?
Since all of our Christmas stuff
Done by November?
We PARTY of course!
Open houses abound.
But wait! it's just not
Quite as good as it sounds.

For as we must notice,
As we hit all the places,
The music's the same -
As are all of the faces.

Oh well! So there's no one
Exciting and new.
These are our friends -
Tried, true and chilled blue.

Exchanging verbatim
Our Christmas traditions;
Our favourites, what's special
Ten million renditions!

But the thing I like most -
It's the best thing of all!
My relatives won't visit -
They'll just give a call!

by Paula Pawlovich

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Klondike Sun:

Thank you for your letter and the paper, you did a "super" job on Dads write-up, he would have been so pleased, its one "obit" I wished he could have read. My daughters and grand children were so proud and along with me send their thanks.

Enjoyed "The Klondike Sun" very much and wish you all good luck, and looking forward to future copies.

Thanks again
Doreen Jeffery.

Dear Editor:

As a tax payer I would like to express my views or comments on the section under Chamber Talk by Allanah Tunnicliffe in the November 23, 1989 issue of the Klondike Sun.

Let's start with "the inability to get away from the job." I have lived in small Yukon communities for over 15 years and you know I find that everyone works so well together. The summer is such a busy time for all of us and you seem to lose track of time. I get calls at all hours of the night or through the weekends.

Like many other business persons I get "caught" in the grocery store, while I'm out for supper, etc. Sometimes it's just questions to do with my job, but quite often it requires me to go back to work. Even though at the time it may be an inconvenience, I'm glad to be able to help someone out, no matter how important or unimportant I may think it is.

The next sentence was also interesting. "This is a problem faced by those of you in business as well, but, in your case you don't have regulated hours of work for which you are paid a regular salary." I am a paid employee, and I put in my fair share of 10, 12, or 14 hour days. I am also on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When I took the job I was aware that there would be long hours. Even though I get exasperated and uptight sometimes, I can honestly say I love my job and I could never think of things being any different.

"Council of course makes all of the policy decisions and approves all bylaws." I have noticed that the Chief Administrative Officer has an awful lot of input and makes suggestions to help the decisions being made by Council. Please correct me if I'm wrong but I was under the impression that the Mayor and the Council ran the meetings and the C.A.O. was in attendance more as a resource person not as an influence on the issues being discussed.

The enforcement of bylaws is another concern, I think Why are we not informed of up-coming bylaws to be approved? It would be nice if a community notice board could be put up in the Post Office or maybe in the Hotels in town. For the last minute items that come in to be discussed why not use OUR local radio station? After the Council meetings, let us know what new bylaws have been approved and the outcome of the issues discussed, by way of the notice board or the radio.

Things seem to be changing so fast around here lately and there seems to be a lot of taking and very little giving. Some have had to pay for their lack of knowledge through fines. Through our taxes are we not helping to pay wages for these people? Are we not entitled to know what is going on in OUR community before we get fined? Are we not entitled to hear the facts instead of the rumors? And then to think what an inconvenience we are to bother anyone after hours with our concerns or problems.

In my opinion if I have been labelled "the bad guy," I would sit back and see if the problem has been self inflicted. If so I would try to improve so that other people do not have to do the explaining for any problem I may have caused.

There has been a lot of spending going on in town.. The dollar amounts on single expenditures seems to be getting quite high e.g. "about" \$85,000 here, "approximately"

\$100,000 there and "about" \$250,000 somewhere else. What I am wondering is - what is the ceiling on capital expenditures before the public gets to know PRIOR to the work being done?

I am hoping that other people will take the time to voice their concerns. We are the tax payers and I think we should have more input to what is going on in OUR community. Let's take the time to attend City Council meetings.

Sincerely,

Janet Lyon

Dear Editor:

As homeowners and homebuilders, we are constantly dismayed at having to install slider windows in new and retrofitted buildings. Here is a quote from the May-June, 1989, issue of Home Builder Magazine - "casement windows are three times more airtight than sliders".

We, the homeowners, are having to bear the brunt of the cost of this heat loss and the discomfort of drafts where there should be none. When the City was pressured by outside influence, they were quick enough to change the historical window facade detail to include plastic as well as wood why not go a step further and allow us to use a window that will keep out the weather. Modern technology is a marvellous thing - especially in imitation.

Which brings me to doors. Just this week, four people stood outside a Whitehorse restaurant trying to decide if the entrance door was metal or wood. It took a very close inspection to determine that it was metal - two of the four were still not convinced. With this type of product available to us, why are we harassed with warpy doors?

I do like the Dawson historical cal facade detail - for the most part Metal roofing is so practical. I would like to see a little more practicality applied in these two vital areas. What do you think?

Gail Hendley

DAWSON CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

I'm enclosing an interesting story of my most unforgettable memories of a Christmas in the City of Dawson.

It was December '77. As I remember, it started very well, by my winning two "Turkey Shoots" which landed me two turkeys for Christmas dinner; in addition I won two bottles of Champagne.

Later on in the month my "Ex" and myself went for a trip to Whitehorse, to shop for Christmas. Upon our arrival back in Dawson, late one evening, we discovered, after unlocking the door that the inside of our house had turned into an "ice palace". The floor was a hockey rink and ice crystals were floating everywhere, and the walls were all frosty. The water pipes had burst while we were away and our house got transformed.

We ended up spending our Christmas holiday and New Years at my Mom and Dad's place. We had all our Christmas dinners with all our relatives and family members. To top off the holiday season, I had to do all the repairs to the water pipes myself, with the help of my "Ex".

That was a Christmas I won't forget, but now I am able to laugh about it.

In addition to my story I would like to take this opportunity to send my family and friends hearty Greetings and Best Wishes for an alcohol free and safe Christmas and New Years.

Lionel Blanchard,
Box 13200, Agassiz, B.C., V0M-1A0

Dear Editor:

The day after buying the Oct. 26 issue of the Klondike Sun, I had a curious encounter which may throw a little light on two mysteries on the "Classifieds" page.

I was skiing up Eldorado Creek when I noticed ahead of me what seemed to be a stuffed white seal. I called out, "Sammy!" but the creature only glanced at me balefully over his "shoulder" before disappearing around a bend in the creek. That glance so chilled my spine that I turned around and headed home for a hot toddy.

I had noticed, however, that his progress was hampered by a large coffee urn carried under one flipper. I hope this information will be of assistance to your advertisers.

Sincerely,

Collin Park

(Ed. Note: We were baffled by this until we checked the paper. It seems the YOOP had lost the urn and the seal was missing as well. We are waiting now to hear if Sammy purchased either of the cars advertised on the same page before he escaped from town.)

Dear Klondike Sun,

Enclosed is my cheque to cover a subscription to your paper.

We have read some of them and think you are doing a great job -- It is all interesting. We also enjoyed the School Reunion so much and will carry those happy memories forever.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Craig

Dear Editors:

Two years ago my friend Ada Peart and I spent a magical three days in Dawson City, and were privileged to stay in the delightful home of our dear friend Sourdough Sue Ward. Hi, Sue. Someday Ada and I hope to return for another visit. In the meantime, enclosed cheque for a subscription to your paper THE KLONDIKE SUN. Then we can keep up with all the news in Dawson.

Sincerely,

Margaret Batten



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to everyone
in Dawson and the
surrounding area

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602	Mayo	2:45 PM	Whitehorse	4:00 PM	Thur
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	Mayo	1:20 PM	Dawson City	2:00 PM	
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WEBSTER'S WORDS: Christmas Memories

by Art Webster, Klondike M.L.A.
 Christmas will be different for me this year. Just one of several major reasons for this difference is that for the first time in more than a decade, I won't be in the Yukon for the holiday season. Instead, I will be "outside", in Toronto, visiting my family. And although I am looking forward to seeing Mom, Dad, my sister and her family, there is some apprehension in realizing that I will not be able to do so many things that make a Dawson Christmas so enjoyable.

For example, I will not be here to exchange greetings with those associated with community groups, businesses and service agencies as they host their annual "Open Houses". Nor will there be an opportunity to go out to cut my own tree (or is that "perfect" one in the distance really two scrawny trees close together?), to decorate the house and tree, or to sample the baking still warm from the oven. And I will miss attending Christmas church services for which choirgirls and boys spent hours rehearsing, dropping over to friends' for some Christmas cheer, and simply taking my dog a morning walk along the river bank to watch the sun gradually highlight the sky.

In Short, this holiday season will be different because I will not be able to do or experience all that I have come to associate with a Dawson Christmas.

However, in at least one regard, there is something positive to be gained from this, for just knowing that this year will be unlike others causes one to reflect on all that makes our Dawson Christmas so special. Like so many things in life, we really don't fully appreciate and value what we have until we no longer have it.

For next Christmas, I plan to be home. To all residents of the Klondike, have a Merry Christmas, and a healthy, prosperous New Year!



Paul Isaacson Bud Peirson Pres. YOOP

Y.O.O.P Celebrates 95th Anniversary

by John Gould

On December 2, 1989, the Yukon Order of Pioneers celebrated their 95th anniversary, having been organized at Forty Mile on December 1, 1894. The weather was a mild -4C when 55-57 pioneers and their friends sat down to a hot beef dinner with all the trimmings, catered to by the Eldorado hotel. The President then asked May Peter Jenkins for a few words. The Mayor spoke for a few minutes on city business and gave a brief description of the 7 foot bronze statue proposed for Dawson, to help commemorate the centennial of the discovery of gold and the resulting gold rush.

The entertainment were two videos, supplied by Chuck Holloway of the Klondike Visitors Association. One of the videos was produced by a German TV crew who were here last summer, to record a trip of the MV Anna Maria down river from Whitehorse to Dawson. Even though the narration was in German, everyone enjoyed it.

The Dawson Lodge of the Yukon Order of Pioneers held their first anniversary dinner and ball on December 31, 1897. There were 125 tickets at \$12.50 each. It wasn't until 1910 that the anniversary celebrations were moved to December 1st. At that time it was held in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, (Diamond Tooth Gerties). By this time the lodge had 400 active members.

To all our Dawson Friends:
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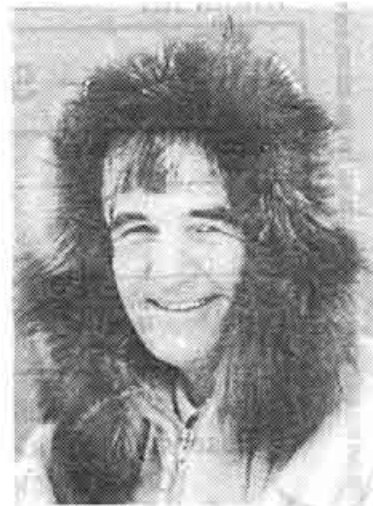
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Helen Boutillier, Art & Margy Fry



Happy Birthday to Michael Besharah and his quilt that was made by many friends and put together by Vickie Roberts. Standing with Michael is his cousin Illa. PHOTO BY DAWNE MITCHELL

New Year's Message



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Christmas: 1978-79

by Elaine Donaldson, Lethbridge, Alta

Bob and I spent 9 years in the Yukon. We had five Christmases at Beaver Creek and one in Dawson City. The rest we spent outside.

At Beaver Creek we used to put our outdoor lights on a big spruce tree in our yard, and I would paint Christmas scenes on the windows. We never had a tree inside, because we hated to cut down a tree that took so many years to grow, and then just throw it away.

One Christmas at Beaver Creek we had Christmas dinner with our neighbours, and because Donnie was of Ukrainian descent we had a Ukrainian style Christmas, it was really good and different for us. The one Christmas we spent at Dawson City was in 1978, the winter before the flood, and we had such a big snow fall. The Christmas lights looked so pretty with all that snow. We spent Christmas alone that year, just the two of us and it was so wonderful, so peaceful and quiet, not knowing what we were going to be in for in the spring when the flood hit.

We love the Yukon and wish we could have stayed as we really miss it and all our friends.



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BAZAAR KICKS OFF DAWSON CHRISTMAS SEASON

by Davidson & Mitchell

The Annual Christmas Bazaar changed venues again this year, but was as successful as ever in its new quarters at the Robert Service School, where it filled the gymnasium, ancillary room and the stage on November 25. From Santa Claus to homemade crafts and Tupperware to tasty treats, there was something for everyone.

Craft sales dominated the gym area, with tables displaying baked goods, clothing, wrought iron, sweaters, scarves, moccasins, leathercrafts and bone carving. There was also a sale of ski gear put on by the ski club and CFYT-fm was showing off the gear that will help it launch community t.v. later this winter.

Kids activities were held in the foyer at the south end of the building and in part of the ancillary room. The ever-popular fish pond was joined by a mini-gym for the really young ones in one end of the ancillary room, while the cake walk and concession filled up the rest of the area.

Organizers wisely restricted decorations to the stage area itself. Since the design of the rooms allows the stage to be viewed from either room, the Christmas atmosphere was easily visible without being underfoot. The stage also made a perfect place for Santa to visit the youngsters when he arrived later on by Trans North helicopter.

Long before he arrived, children lined up to meet him. The plan was for Santa to be delivered to the school by helicopter but the organizers say they were not allowed a permit to do so. Santa's chariot swooped past the excited kids waving in the school grounds before landing outside of Dawson. He was driven back to town. So well-garbed was the jolly man in red that many adults were unable to identify the face under the white beard.

There were many favourable comments on the venue this year. After many years in Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall, the bazaar moved to the Tro Chu Tin Centre last year, where things were a bit crowded. The new school facility made a very effective setting for the bazaar.

This year's organizers were the Brownies & Guides organization, the City of Dawson, and the Trinkee Zhoh Day Care Centre.

Jannice Johnson, main coordinator of Bazaar, looking a little tired at the end of



Renee Mayes and Suzanne Galitzine promoting Dawson Museum at Christmas Fair.



Fair fishing.

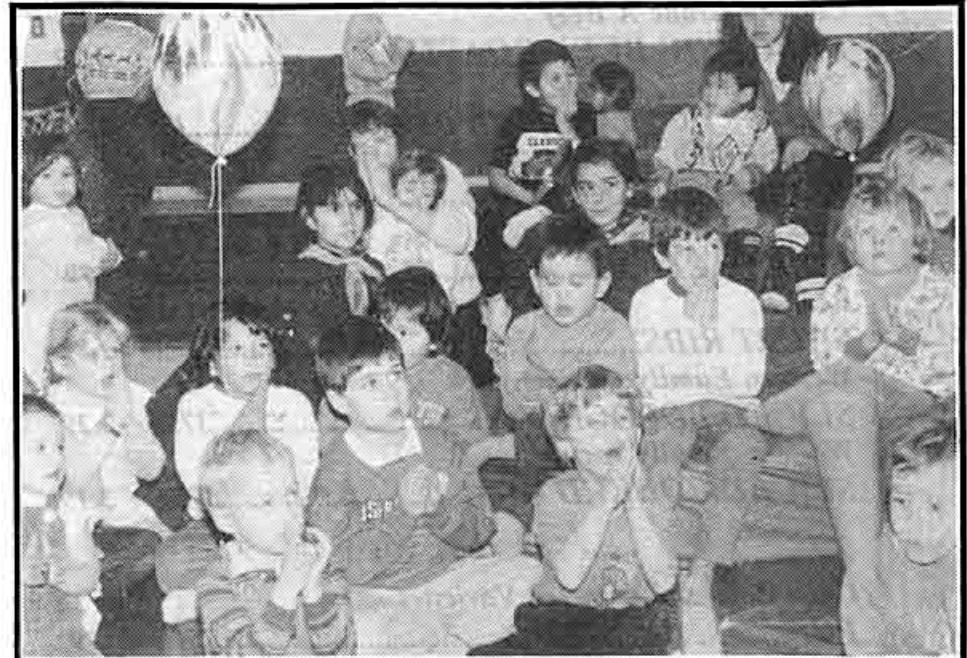
her busy day, conferred with most of the crafts people and reported that sales were down from last year. The general consensus was the number of people at the event was high but not so much money was exchanged. Many tables that usually sold out of their baked goods, took boxes of cakes and coffee home. Perhaps it was the huge selection to choose from that overwhelmed the crowd. For such a small town, there are many crafts represented.

Numerous Dawsonites took advantage of the downhill-ski sale by the local ski club, in anticipation of a busy season at Moose Mountain. Others enjoyed the atmosphere of community and an opportunity to visit with neighbors over coffee and goodies.

Even though some sales were low, most sellers agreed the exposure was positive and they would "more than likely" be back next year. The Bazaar is always an enjoyable social time.



Hank Barendse displays his wrought iron crafts at the Christmas Fair. Dawne Mitchell photo



KLONDIKE KIDS at the Christmas Fair. Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates



CHRISTMAS FAIR

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL GATES

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KLONDIKE CENTENNIAL

by John Gould

What should be done to commemorate the 100th anniversary of this world shaking event?

One idea was discussed by a small group of people who met with Roy Minter of Vancouver in mid June of this year. The subject of discussion was an idea of Roy's. Have 3 bronze items built to help commemorate the gold rush, one for Dawson, one for Whitehorse and one for Skagway. The one for Dawson could be a statue of a typical miner of the early days. A man who was self motivated who could have gained his experience in the gold fields of B.C., or California or maybe he was a hard worker from the farms of Nova Scotia.

The gold discovery on August 16th 1896, on what is now Bonanza Creek which started the Klondike gold rush, was made up of thousands of people from all walks of life, wearing a variety of clothing. The above photo shows what one of these stamperders -come miner- may have looked like.

Hundreds of photos were researched to determine what this early miner may have looked like; this statue is the result.

As Roy Minter, from whom the idea came, puts it--"He wears gumboots, a miners shirt, a belt and a pair of braces to secure his pants. His hat is on a rakish angle, depicting a slight devil-may-care attitude, but he is no dude. He is a miner who knows his business, but one who keeps his own council. You wouldn't mess with this miner, although he would offer a helping hand to a neighbor in need. A trim beard and a moustache adorn his face."

The thought is to erect the 7 foot bronze statue in the small picnic area at the south end of town where he could be looking up the creeks. The cost of this 7 foot giant is \$68,000.00 as he now looks.



Model of proposed centennial bronze statue for Dawson City.
Photo by Mike Gates

This small statue, (a maquette as it is called), is on display around town for everyone to see. Your comments and thoughts on the appropriateness of this project would be appreciated.

Please send your thoughts and comments to the Klondike Sun, Bag 6040, Dawson City, Y0B 1G0.

P.S. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this statue, please do so.

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Season's Greetings From Whitehorse



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The temperature kept dropping over night, so we stayed pretty close to the cabin, and anyway, there were no neighbours. Late in the afternoon, we heard a horrendous noise coming into the yard - Roy McDiarmid and Johnny Boyce, on square tires, coming from Stewart Crossing. Well, that's as far as they got - the engine quit, and wouldn't start again. So our family increased by two, and we played cards and talked and read; we ate, I made ice cream outdoors, which then made us so cold we had to have another hot rum. It was a marvellous Christmas!

pretty late in the evening, but greeted with joy by Steve Cramer, who thought he'd have to spend Christmas all by himself. The first job was to hang up the turkey to thaw out; not easy in a large, two room log cabin, in which the water barrel, touching the back of the stove, would freeze nearly every night.]

First thing next morning, Frank went out to get a tree (by then it was 50 below), and I realized that the one thing

FLAT CREEK CHRISTMAS 1954

by Yolanda Burkhard, Whitehorse

Our most memorable Christmas happened in 1954, when our first daughter Sylvia was not quite a year old.

We were then living at Flat Creek, 35 miles from Dawson City, and had gone into town on the 19th of December to take in the Christmas Concert, and do some shopping. This stretched out a little longer than planned, and by Christmas Eve, it had turned cold.

Our vehicle at that time was a 1933 Ford Coupe, with the only warmth provided by a manifold heater (some of you old timers will remember this as the old puddle jumper that had belonged to Victoria Faulkner). So we bundled up and headed out the road (not a highway then!). By the time we reached Arlington, we were feeling chilly, so we stopped in for a hot rum supplied by Mr. Skistad

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THE BEAR CREEK BUCKET

by Lorna Walmsley (A Flashback from April 10, 1968)

Guess poor old Bear Creek could be classified as a ghost camp now, although the old flag is still bravely flying from the pole in the square, and there still are a couple of pretty lively ghosts around camp yet, with Bud and Esther holding the fort.

It's sad to see Bear Creek looking so empty, neglected and forlorn - tall weeds in abandoned yards, instead of kids playing and yelling; no lovely flower gardens or green lawns; no happy gang at the old dredge pond swimming hole; no lush vegetable gardens or well-tended greenhouses; no machine shop whistle; no busy sounds of trucks and pickups heading in from over the hill; no air hammer banging or derrick clanging; no cats rumbling around; no dredge shift coming

or going; no crews heading out for the creeks; no curlers at the rink; no whoopee at the community hall; and no neighbours bustling about.

Bud's pride and joy, and once the best equipped machine shop in the Yukon and northern B.C., is now stripped of all large machinery and equipment, and the largest lathe in the Yukon is no longer located at Bear Creek, having been purchased and shipped to Fort St. John by truck last summer.

The old curling rink, where the Bear Creek Broom Brigade and faithful fans, young and old, spent so many happy hours, has had the course. It is now flat as a pancake, having succumbed last spring, when it collapsed under the weight of

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snow. It's nice to know, though, that the rocks donated by the Bear Creek Club to the Pleasant Camp Club in October '66 are still getting good use, and participated in the first Pleasant Camp bonspiel last January. Hope the Bristle 'n Rock Hounds at Pleasant Camp have as much fun with them as we did.

Since the old camp broke up, it is probably at Christmas and New Year's that our hearts and thoughts most strongly have been drawn back to Bear Creek, with fond memories of dear friends and all the old gang. How could any of us ever forget that close community spirit; the warmth, the friendliness, the thoughtfulness of good neighbours; those wonderful happy family gatherings in the community hall each Christmas Eve; or Bear Creek's own peculiar type of pandemonium on New Year's Eve - our famous "Fantastic Follies", horrible hairy-legged "hula girls", harem-scare'em "harem cuties", and cannibals, for heaven's sake! Where else will we ever find so much fun and friendliness?

But all good things must come to an end, and time mushes on, and we all have our wonderful memories of good old Bear Creek daze to keep our hearts warm.

Notices

The Dawson City Music Festival
Our Annual General Meeting was held on November 30 featuring a small but enthusiastic membership. The new Board of Directors is: Karen McCann, President; Doug Cotter, Vice-President; Glenda Miller, Treasurer; Carmen Dubois, Secretary; and Don Armitage, Paula Hassard, Karen Dubois, Louise Ranger, Directors.

We will be holding a lunch meeting to discuss the various concerns regarding the projected land use of the north end of Front Street. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the meeting, December 19, 12:00 p.m. in the Downtown Conference Room.

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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

by Sue Ward

When Pastor Bruce Campbell and his wife Ruth agreed to join the Pentecostal Fellowship in service in Dawson City, Bruce's yen to come North was fulfilled. A necessary home move within six days of the appointment gave them no chance to change their minds. Their arrival coincided with that initial 40 below spell so everything has been mighty easy to handle since then and the CAMPBELLS, sons DAVID, ROBERT and JORDAN and daughter HEATHER were the folks in our first "Winter is here pic" as they enjoyed tobogganing down Queen Street, in our early snowfalls.

BRUCE, of Burnaby, B.C., accepted his first charge in Victoria, six years ago. Though their Dawson congregation is much smaller, the family are full of praise for the warmth and support they are receiving.

Services, open to one and all, are scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday, preceded by Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

BONNIE and MARK KEARNS host a Ladies Bible Study session each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in their home at Rock Creek.

The Dawson Pentecostal Chapel is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Harper Street.



PHOTO BY SUE WARD

Pastor Bruce Campbell, his wife Ruth, and children, Robert, Heather, Jordon, and David.

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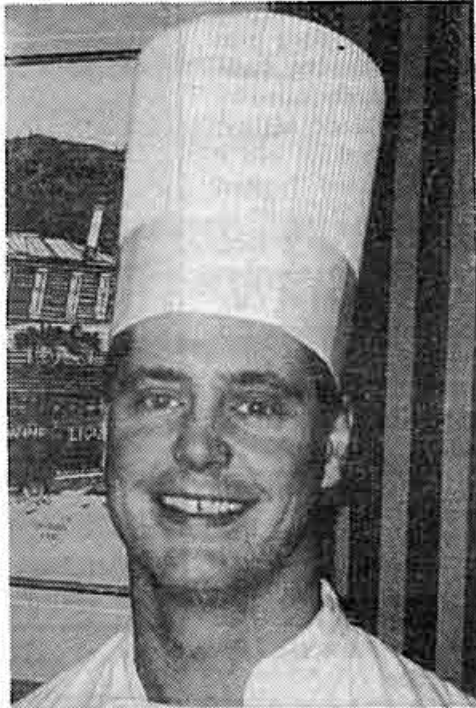


Sous Chef **Phil Somers** joined the kitchen staff in November of 1988. At the time he accepted the position here he was employed by CP Hotels at the Banff Springs Hotel as morning supervisor. He had also been employed by the Ramada chain and by other CP properties for a number of years. Phil is also a journeyman and has allowed the kitchen to take on a second apprentice.

Missing from the pictures is **Jeff Thompson** who came to the hotel in September of 1989. Jeff had previously been kitchen supervisor at another Dawson City hotel.



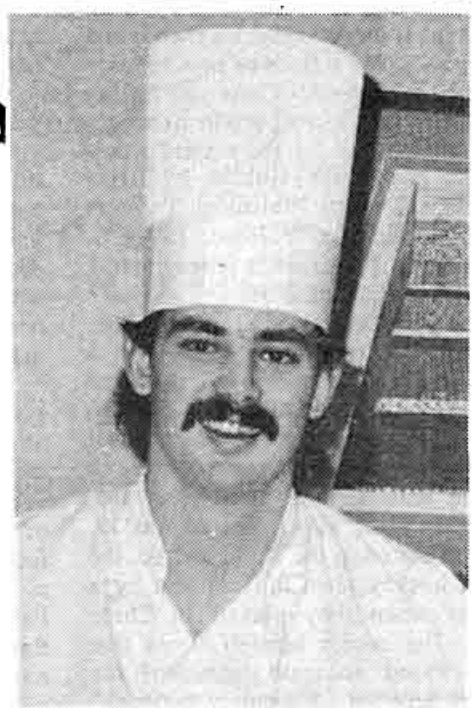
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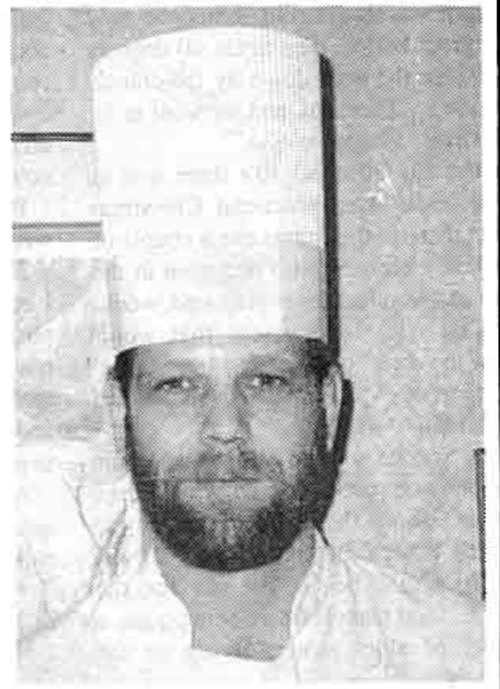
Chef Doug Roth came to the Downtown Hotel in May of 1988. He had been a relief sous chef at the Village Green in Vernon B.C. for HY's of Canada and has 15 years experience in the industry. Doug was employed as Sous Chef when he first arrived at the Downtown. He took over the Chef duties in October 1988. Doug is a journeyman chef and as such has been able to institute an apprenticeship program in the kitchen here. Doug is responsible for the direction of the kitchen operations. He has been able to continue the tradition of quality food and to institute improvements allowing the kitchen to achieve the quality, speed and efficiency it is noted for.



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Scott White is the second apprentice, joining the team in October of this year. Scott came to the Downtown directly from Earl's Restaurant in Burnaby where he was the kitchen supervisor.



Tom Yalloway is one of the hotel's apprentices and is now in his second year of the program. Tom joined the hotel in April of 1989 coming from the Fogg and Suds in Victoria. He also had worked at Pickwick's in Victoria and the Keg in Kelowna among others.

No restaurant would be complete without the serving staff. Two different groups look after the restaurant being the day and night staff. The type of service offered varies from one shift to the other. Daytime patrons are looking for quick service whereas nighttime diners tend to relax a little more. This difference is reflected in the type of music played during the different shifts. We have received many positive comments about the dinner music and have recently doubled the size of our collection of night music.



JAYNE FRASER BARRY ROTHWELL COLETTE PILON



The night staff is comprised of **Jayne Fraser**, **Cam Sigurdson**, **Colette Pilon** and **Barry Rothwell**. All are Dawsonites and all but Barry have been employed in the hotel off and on since 1983. Barry arrived on the scene in October this year. Jayne is the supervisor on the shift. Missing from the staff at this time is **Grant Hartwick** who is in Victoria for another month or so.

KERRY BUTLER LIZ WILLIAMS LEE JUNIPER AUDREY HARRIS



Presently our daytime staff consists of **Audrey Harris**, **Kerry Butler**, **Liz Williams** and **Lee Juniper**. Audrey has been with the hotel since March 1988, coming from Merritt B.C., and has been restaurant supervisor since October that year. Kerry joined us in May 1988 from Kelowna. Liz arrived in December 1988 also from Kelowna. Lee is the newest addition to the staff joining us in October of this year, and she is a resident of Dawson.

BOOK REVIEW

By Mike Gates

Merry Christmas to you all! With the excitement surrounding Christmas, and the quest for gift ideas for friends and family, has come a flood of new releases for the bookshelf. There is ample opportunity for the avid reader to satisfy his or her passion for the printed word.

The Youngest Goalie, by Brian McFarlane. Deneau Publishers, Toronto. Deneau Publishers, Toronto. ISBN 0-88879-185-2. 120 pages, 1 photograph, 1 map. Softcover; Price \$9.95.

Upon first examination of this book, my historical tendencies came out. I snorted with contempt when I read that Robert Service visited the school children to recite his poetry to them, when in fact he did not pen any of his work, or come to Dawson until several years after this story takes place. Albert Forrest was 19, not 17 as stated in the story, and no, the Nugget hockey team did not win by a shut-out when they played in Three Rivers. The author himself states that "while based on truth, some of the episodes depicted... are purely fictional." Unfortunately, he let me read the entire story before adding this remark as the

closing sentence in the book.

This is an excellent read for children, I would guess, in the 10 to 12 year old bracket. It is the story of a young man named Albert Forrest, who, as a boy, came to the Klondike with his family, lured by gold. Having obvious athletic ability, young Albert is approached to join a hockey team which famed Yukon entrepreneur Joe Boyle sends to Ottawa to battle for the Stanley Cup. This is fact, did happen, and resulted in a rather amazing journey for the Dawson City hockey team, as well as the most lopsided defeat in Stanley Cup history.

Though a novice in the position of goal tender, and plagued by uncertainty about his ability, young Albert's determination and natural talent win out in the end, proving him to be the true hero of the team. Throughout the story, he faces many obstacles and challenges, such as an avalanche in the famed Chilkoot Pass, abduction in Skagway, and the flashing skates of Hall of Fame Hockey star, one eyed Frank McGee.

This book would make a good stocking stuffer for the young boys in the family.

BROWNIE NEWS



Dawson Brownies Melissa Flynn (L) and Jo-Anna Davidson (R) assisting Santa at the Christmas Fair. MIKE GATES PHOTO

by Holly Reeves, Brown Owl

The past few weeks have been exciting ones for the 1st Dawson Brownies

On Saturday, November 25, we had the happy opportunity to work closely with Santa, helping to line children up to get their pictures taken with the jolly old man, or just for a chance to sit on his knee for a chat and a candy cane. Our appreciation goes to Cheri Thompson of the Dawson Girl Guides and Holley Kushniryk of the Dawson City Rec Centre for their hard work and excellent organizational skills and for giving us a chance to be part of a great team. Christina Shulda also deserves a big "hip-hip-hooray" for endurance and patience in taking all those pictures.

November 27 saw a number of moms at our meeting to watch some of their daughters being enrolled into Brownies or receiving gold bars and interest badges. Cookies were provided by Laine Bowers and a cake by Kristin Grabowski.

Congratulations to Clare Sheerin, Austin Gavin, Crystal Kearn, Jenny Reeves, Samantha Roberts, Sonya Whatmore and Nova Besharah who are now full fledged Brownies, and to Allie Winton and Lyndsay Thompson for having achieved their gold bars. Allie and Lyndsay were also presented with their Puppeteer badges, and Lyndsay received here Housekeeper; Pet Keeper; and Cook badges. Good work girls!

The Brownies would like to send a special thank you to Mr. Glen Bowers and Shadow for a wonderful afternoon of horse and sleigh rides and Rock Creek on Sunday, December 3. Thanks also to the parents who provided vehicles and hot chocolate and to Kristin for the cookies. Without parent volunteers these outings would not be possible.

We are looking forward to more exciting events and badge presentations both before and after the holidays.

Have a Happy Christmas.

DAWSON CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Well it was always cold, sometimes only 10 degrees below, then again 40 degrees below, but the trees down by the church were always beautiful, and we went to St. Paul's every Christmas Eve.

In the late 30's and 40's there was an active choir who practiced Christmas music; then on Christmas eve a couple of old choir members, who had been in the sauce and who had never practiced, would show up with loud voices that would "throw the choir" completely.

The rest of us just enjoyed the music and friendship.

After Service we'd go home to a hot rum and open one parcel each. I would warn the kids to open their parcels carefully to save the paper "for the old men". Next year it would be ironed out for the I.O.D.E. food parcels, there being quite a number of older miners living on the creeks, at that time.

Christmas Day was confusion and cooking. A big dinner - turkey and all the trimmings. We always had company, usually someone from "Outside" who had no one in Dawson. I forget who they are now.

Before Christmas and when the kids were in school, that was a busy, busy time - Christmas concerts, costumes, and cold. I remember dressing two children and pushing one in a sleigh; then Mac always played for the dance after the show. Looking back, we must have been strong; and those teachers, they had to be the best to plan all those plays and dances.

Anyway, the walk home was always quiet and beautiful, no trouble getting the children and myself to sleep afterwards.

Why didn't we drive to the concerts, you ask. Well, there were very few cars in Dawson, for we didn't have a road till the 50's.

I'll not forget New Year's Day, 1938; we moved, the floor of our cabin fell 3 inches on December 28 and broke most of the china I'd been given for Christmas.

I'll always be thankful for the happy years in Dawson and I wish you all a healthy, happy time and best luck in the New Year.

by Lil Munroe, Richmond, BC



Monica Nordling & Santa



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INSIDE / OUTSIDE

Pleased to see WES PETERSON back from a trip to hospital outside. Wes had been using a stapling gun, when one of the staples ricocheted off a hard surface and flew back into his eye. He was immediately flown out to St. Paul's where surgery was done. He was fortunate he says, because if it had been a 1/4 inch higher it would have hit the optic nerve and so blinded him. Now he has blurred vision in the one eye, but when it has recovered more he will return to Vancouver to have a new lens to replace the damaged one.

What some people won't do for a change of scene. Ex-Dawson resident has found employment. He is off to Antarctica with a construction company on December 28th. He will spend the next 100 days down there sunning himself with the penguins.

Up in Dawson on a working visit was DAVID McLAUGHLIN. He was able to watch the progress of his mother, AUDREY at the NDP Convention in Winnipeg on the TV at the Downtown. So that was where all the cheering was coming from that weekend.

Welcome back from tripping around down south and east to VI CAMPBELL. She and sister RUTH TAYLOR took a trip to New York, Montreal where she did all her Christmas shopping and then back to Ottawa. After New York she said it was good to come back and breathe the fresh air of Canada.

We received news that Mr Russo and son of Russo's Fruit Truck were killed.

They were hauling Christmas trees in southern B.C. when they were involved in an accident with another vehicle.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Bill and I would like to wish everyone in Dawson a very Merry Christmas.

We have very fond memories of the Yukon Christmas, especially our first one as we were away from our families. We had planned on a quiet Christmas but the people of Dawson don't let anyone have a lonely Christmas. Next thing we knew we were sitting at a table with 15 other people who were also away from their families.

Dawsonites are very thoughtful of other people, especially at that time of year. Thanks to everyone, and Merry Christmas to all.

Bill, Hetty, Brendon, Nicholas Wright
Williams Lake, B.C.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

by Ethel Colbourne, Kelowna, B.C.

Christmas memories of Dawson in the 1940's.

Christmas Eve having to go down Front Street, in 45 degrees below zero to drive home our three quarter ton pickup after Jack and Franklin Osborn started their annual Christmas calls.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and may the weather cooperate. In the 20 winters we spent there two Christmases were around only zero.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

by Pretoria Butterworth, Vancouver

In the years when Jack and I were in business in the old Winaut Store, the Christmas season was a very hectic time. First of all a display for the window was a must. One year we made a reindeer and a sleigh, dressed a doll as Santa and I even ironed the dresses that the dolls were wearing.

In Dawson in the 1950's there were a number of bachelors, who, anxious to show their appreciation to some of the families who were kind to them throughout the year, would come to the store with a list of the children of the families, and ask us to select, gift wrap and deliver appropriate gifts for them. This was always done in the evenings after my own children were in bed, so that we could work without interruption, often finishing at midnight.

To have Christmas baking etc. we chose the Sunday prior to the big day, and it was a family effort. We made shortbread, mince tarts, cookies, cheese straws etc., all helped - Jack made the pastry and the children filled the tart shells and we managed to finish in time for me to go to church to sing in the choir.

When we moved into the new building (Butterworth's Store) the dining room was small, so we moved counters etc. and had our dinner in the store. We borrowed chairs from the Downtown Hotel and one year I discovered I didn't have a pan large enough to cook the turkey in, so we borrowed one from the Penguin Cafe.

Last year I spent Christmas with my family in Whitehorse and many of the old family traditions were kept, including bringing in the lighted pudding. Christmas pudding may not be one of their favourite desserts, but they make an exception, especially when they can have lots of hard sauce flavoured with rum.

Merry Christmas to the Klondike Sun and staff and to all our old friends in Dawson



by Palma Berger

We do not mind you playing in our backyard but we do mind if you plan to destroy its natural beauty and interfere with our life-style. This is how Bear Creek residents felt when they found that the land at the hill side of Bear Creek had been staked for a lease to prospect by a mining company. The land had been staked from the garbage dump at Quigley Gulch right along the back of Bear Creek to Hunker Creek. More staking had been done along the top of the ridge behind Bear Creek.

This was particularly annoying as the Klondike Valley Steering Committee had recommended in its report that the "Klondike Valley floor from the City of Dawson boundaries to Rock Creek be removed from claim staking".

A map from the Department of Community and Municipal Affairs, dated 1984, shows the staked area, as being greenbelt. This added to our confusion and concern.

A petition was quickly organised and signatures gathered and mailed off to Roland Ronaghan, Regional Director, Mineral Resources, Whitehorse. This and phone calls to our M.L.A. Art Webster, Y.T.G. Departments, Federal Departments, and even to Audrey McLaughlin, did bring results. The staked lease at Bear Creek is now on Hold.

It is bad enough that the road through our settlement becomes a dustbowl in the summer from the speeding vehicles as they pursue their activities further up the creek, but to have the possibility of further being disturbed from other activities on the environs is more than irritating. But for now the peace of winter is upon us.

Some people have left. After three and a half years living in the Parks Canada Compound, Yves and Kim Racine have left for Saskatchewan. They always made us feel so welcome when we brought our odd visitor or two through. Hope their replacement is as friendly. Wonder who it will be?

While we are at this end of Bear Creek...Will McIntyre may be gone for the winter. Last time I spoke to him, he said, "If that blankety-blank (only much stronger) oil heater doesn't co-operate, I'm leaving for the winter". I think he and

the stove are not on speaking terms and Will has gone.

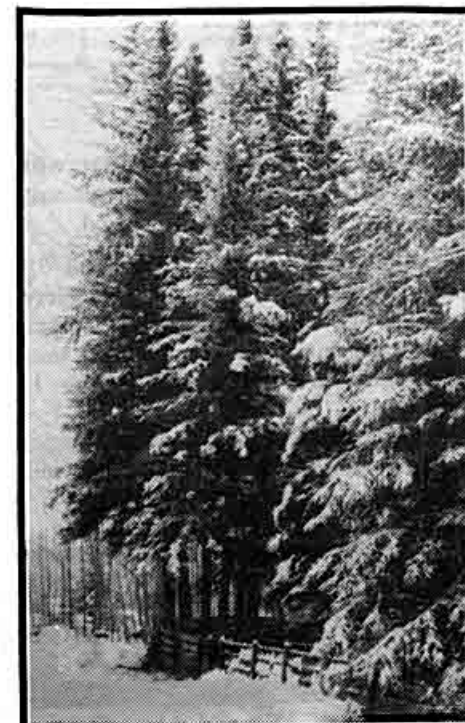
Welcome back and good health to Alena Hampl who has been Outside for medical reasons.

Anne and Juri Bilina have returned from a visit to Kitimat and are now busy helping organise the Percy deWolfe race.

The ski trail from Bear Creek to Hunker Creek is getting well used. In recent history there was a ski trail to the Summit from Bear Creek. Any one know the history of this?

If you see Bob Sutherland leaving for school much later these days, it isn't that he has lost interest in teaching---it is just that he now has the luxury of running water from his very own well, and can shower and shave at home instead of ducking into town early for his morning ablutions.

In closing, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and a joyous New Year. Will see you next year.



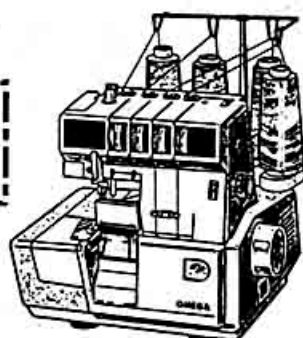
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be there to draw the winning ticket.

Romy's Recipes

by Romy Jansen

Traditional Turkey Dinner

Turkey and trimmings are still the basis for big family dinners, and with good reason. Roasted to a rich succulent brown, it's breast plump under a crisp golden skin, the big bird certainly makes a handsome presentation on a large oval platter.

1 12to14 lb turkey
salt and freshly ground pepper
2 Tbsp lemon juice

Stuffing

1-1 1/2 cups butter
2 1/2 cups chopped onion
2 cups chopped celery
4 tsp crushed dried sage
2 tsp salt
1 1/4 tsp crushed dried savory
1 tsp crushed dry marjoram
1 tsp freshly ground pepper
1/2 tsp crushed dried thyme
14 cups homemade-style bread, in 1/2 inch cubes
1 cup finely chopped fresh parsley

Sherry pan gravy with giblets

6 cups water
1 each onion, celery stalk and carrot, chopped
1 bay leaf
1 sprig thyme
3 whole peppercorns, crushed
1/4 cup all purpose flour
1/4 cup dry sherry
salt and freshly ground pepper

Garnish

Celery leaves

Wipe turkey inside and out with damp cloth. Sprinkle cavity with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Keep chilled.

Stuffing: In large skillet, melt 3/4 cup of the butter. Cook onions, celery, sage, savory, marjoram, pepper, and thyme over low heat, stirring frequently, until vegetables are translucent, 10 to 15 minutes.

Place bread in large bowl. Add onion mixture along with parsley. Toss well. Taste and adjust seasoning, if desired.

Just before roasting turkey, fill body cavity loosely with stuffing and sew or skewer closed. Spoon stuffing into neck cavity, easing some between skin and breast meat. Skewer or sew neck closed. (Wrap leftover stuffing in foil; place in oven to coincide with last hour of cooking time). Tie legs of turkey together and wings close to body.

Place turkey breast side up on rack in large roasting pan. Melt remaining butter and brush over turkey, reserving any remaining butter for basting. Cover turkey loosely with tent of foil, shiny side in.

Roast in 375 degree oven for 4 1/2 to 5 1/4 hours, basting turkey initially with remaining melted butter, and later with pan juices.

Uncover turkey for last hour of roasting to brown and crisp skin. Place any excess stuffing in oven at this point. Turkey is done when meat thermometer inserted into stuffing registers 165F and into thigh 185F or when juices run clear when skewer is inserted into thigh. Transfer turkey to heated platter and keep warm for 20 to 30 minutes while making gravy and glazing sweet potatoes and carrots.

Sherry pan gravy with giblets:

Meanwhile, in medium saucepan, combine giblets, neck, water, onion, celery, carrot, bay leaf, thyme and peppercorns. Bring to boil and skim off scum. Reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, for 2 hours. Strain stock and reserve. Trim and dice giblets neatly.

To make gravy:

Remove all but 3 Tbsp fat from roasting pan (skim off only the fat, leaving all tasty brown liquid and particles) with wooden spoon, stir in flour. Cook over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes. Gradually pour in giblet stock, whisking if necessary until smooth. Add sherry, and salt and pepper to taste. Add more liquid if desired to make gravy just thick enough to coat spoon. Stir in the diced giblets and heat through; serve in heated gravy boat.

Garnish turkey platter with bunches of celery leaves and serve.

Note: For the stuffing, you can add 1 cup diced unpeeled apple or 1/2 cup diced red pepper to sauteing vegetables. Or add 1 cup diced cooked ham, raisins or chopped prunes or 1/2 cup currants to bread cubes. If you prefer moist stuffing add a cup chicken stock or 2 eggs, well beaten.

Cranberry Apple Jelly

4 large apples, preferably McIntosh
3 cups cranberries, fresh or frozen (thawed)
4 cups water
granulated sugar

Wash apples, remove blossom ends and stems but don't core. Chop coarsely and place in medium saucepan with cranberries. Add enough water to almost cover fruit. Cover pan and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring frequently, until fruit is mushy, about 10 minutes. Crush with potato masher and cook for one minute longer.

Transfer mixture to dampened jelly bag or colander lined with cheesecloth and let drain for 4 hours or overnight. There should be about 3 cups of juice.

Wash and rinse five 8 ounce jars and set upright on baking sheet. Place in 225F oven for 15 minutes while boiling jelly. Leave jars in hot oven with heat turned off until needed.

In heavy saucepan, combine juice with an equal quantity of sugar. Bring to a rapid boil and boil, stirring constantly, until liquid reaches 218 degrees on candy thermometer or until setting point is reached, 5 to 8 minutes. (To test for setting point, dip large metal spoon into jelly as soon as liquid boils. Raise spoon above pan and let liquid run off. At first, it will run off quickly in 2 streams. When it reaches the setting point, streams will blend together and form a wide drop that hangs from spoon.)

Remove jelly from heat with clean metal spoon, quickly skim off scum. Pour into hot sterilized jars, leaving 1/2 inch headspace. Cover with clean lids.

Orange Glazed Carrots and Sweet Potatoes

Enliven mild carrot and sweet potato slices with a spicy orange sauce. Everything but the glazing can be done early in the day.

1 1/2 lb carrots
6 large sweet potatoes
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
3/4 cup orange juice
1/3 cup butter
3 Tbsp coarsely grated orange rind
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp each ground nutmeg and coriander
1 tsp orange liqueur
salt, freshly ground pepper
1 cup chopped pecans

Trim and peel carrots and sweet potatoes. Cut into 2 cm slices and cook in boiling salted water until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and chill quickly in ice water. Drain and pat dry.

In shallow heatproof 13 x 9 inch casserole, overlap slices of potatoes around the outside of dish. Arrange carrots in centre.

In small saucepan, combine sugar, orange juice, butter, orange rind, cinnamon, nutmeg and coriander. Heat gently until butter is melted and sugar dissolved. Remove from heat. Stir in liqueurs, and salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle over vegetables and sprinkle with pecans.

Bake in 450 F oven for 20 minutes, basting occasionally with orange syrup. For crusty topping, broil for 1 to 2 minutes.

Traditional Plum Pudding with Rum Cream Sauce

According to folklore, you should stir the pudding batter from east to west as a tribute to the Three Wise Men and let everyone in the family take a turn with the spoon. Include some wrapped coins in the batter - the person who gets a coin is ensured prosperity in the coming year. For a glorious finale, pour 1/3 cup of warmed rum over the pudding and light it before bringing it to the table. Plum pudding is better when aged for three to four weeks in the refrigerator or it can be frozen for about one year.

8 oz finely shredded suet
2 1/2 cups fine, stale but not dry bread crumbs
1 1/4 cups finely packed brown sugar
1 cup all purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp each ground allspice and nutmeg
1/4 tsp each ground cinnamon and ginger
2 cups seeded raisins
1 cup golden raisins
3/4 cup slivered almonds
3/4 cup halved candied cherries
1/2 cup each candied lemon and orange peel
4 tsp coarsely grated orange rind
2 tsp coarsely grated lemon rind
4 eggs
1/2 cup rum
1/4 cup lemon juice
holly sprig

In large bowl, combine suet, bread crumbs, sugar, flour, soda, salt and spices. Add both kinds of raisins, almonds, cherries, candied peel and rinds. Mix thoroughly.

In smaller bowl, whisk together eggs, rum and juices. Pour over fruit and bread crumb mixture and mix thoroughly.

Cut waxed paper circle and place in bottom of greased heatproof 10 cup bowl. Grease paper circle and spoon in pudding, pressing down to eliminate air bubbles. Cover pudding with greased waxed paper circle.

In middle of large piece of foil, make 1 inch pleat. Place over bowl and press foil down 2 inch overhang. Tie string securely around tops of bowl and fold foil overhang over string.


Place bowl on wire rack or 3 metal canning jar rings in large saucepan or preserving kettle. Pour in enough boiling water to reach two-thirds of the way up sides of bowl. Cover and bring to boil; reduce heat and boil moderately for 6 hours, adding more water when necessary to maintain water level. (cont'd on p. 17)

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The Staff at the Trinkee Zhoh Daycare would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. There will be an Open House on Dec 14th 3-5pm at our Daycare. We would like to remind parents that the Daycare Centre will be closed from Dec 18, /89 - Jan 2, /90. Jannice, Steve, Anita and Bertha.

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