

DAWSON CITY, YUKON VOLUME 1, NUMBER 9 50 CENTS

## CHIMNEY FIRE

by Dan Davidson

Dawson's volunteer fire fighters were challenged again on Dec. 18, as temperatures in the minus 30's made fighting a late evening fire a little more tricky than it might have been otherwise. The home of Monina Whitfoth, at the corner of 7th Avenue and Princess Street, suffered severe damage to the roof and attic from a fire that chief Dennis Montgomery says probably started when a very hot metal chimney ignited some wooden beams.

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-53 degrees F. at noon Jan. 2, 1990 Kathy Gates Photo The department was called out at 10:05 by a neighbour who reported the fire, and found itself faced with a situation that looked worse than it turned out to be, and a fire hydrant with a frozen valve. Smoke was oozing out from under the eaves and the occasional lick of flame was coming through the roof even before the squad chopped a hole through to get water at the fire.

Montgomery says that his first look inside showed him a ball of flame in the ceiling. Roofs are tricky on old houses. This building was cobbled together over the years from several smaller structures and new roofs were laid over old ones. Montgomery says that one place in the building had three separate roofs on top of each other, each providing a channel for the fire to hide in. That, and the sawdust insulation in some portions of the building, made the fire difficult to fight. In the early stages he was not sure his crew would be successful.

"Some exceptional work (by the crew) got water on the fire early," he said, "and that, plus our quick response time and some luck, was the key."

Whitfoth had tropical fish, a dog and a lot of plants in the house. R.C.M.P. Constable Paris managed to coax the dog out of the building. The fish survived as well. The plants were not so lucky, and many perished in the cold while they were being moved for the night. cont. on p. 2

Dedicated to Federal and Territorial Employees;

SMOKERS ATTENTION by Anonymous I have walked in summers meadow, When the sunbeams flashed and broke, But I never saw the cattle, Or the sheep and horses smoke. I have watched the world with wonder, When the grass with dew was wet, But I never saw a robin Puffing at a cigarette. I have fished in many a river, When the sucker crop was ripe, But I never saw a catfish Puffing at a pipe. Man's the only living creature, That parades this vale of tears, Like a snorting traction engine, Puffing smoke from nose and ears.

When she first invented man,
That he'd smoke, she would have built him
On a widely different plan.
She would have fixed him with a

If Dame nature had intended

atovepipe,
And a damper and a grate,
And he'd have a smoke consumer,
That was strictly up to date.



Harvey Jessop and Alex Van Bibber judging fox pelts at the Second Annual Fur Show.

photo by Dawne Mitchell

## FUR SHOW

By Dawne Mitchell

The Second Annual Dawson Fur Show was held on Thursday, Jan 4th at the TroChuTin Hall. Jack Fraser, organizer of the event says it was a great success. More trappers brought their pelts for display this year than last.

There are 40 active trappers in the Dawson area. 70% of these people are trapping steadily which makes this industry a major winter income for the community. Since most of these trappers are out all winter working their lines, the Fur Show is a good opportunity for them to get together to observe and learn from each others work. As one man said, "I like the casual atmosphere of the show. It's a social time and we can visit with each other over coffee and talk about problems and new ideas."

The Fur Show is also a time for the public to meet the trappers and become a little more aware of the industry. The pelts on display included fox, wolf, marten, lynx, mink, black bear and wolverine.

There were 3 categories the trappers could enter their pelts in with cash prizes for the winners. A total of 32 pelts were entered in all categories. Mr Fraser observed, "The Quality of the pelts are improving all the time. I can see the difference in them from last year to now."

Judges for the show were Alex Van Bibber, who teaches trapping workshops throughout the Territory and has many years trapping experience, and Harvey Jessop, Fur Harvest Manager from the Dept. of Renewable Resources. Winners at this year's show wereIn the Lynx Category:
1st prize JACK FRASER
2nd prize HENRY HANULIK
3rd prize GRANT DOWDELL
In the Sable (Marten) Category:
1st prize CHUCK FARRER
2nd prize MEL BESHARAH
3rd prize DARREN KORMENDY
In the 3rd category which is 3 pelts of any
kind except lynx and marten:
1st prize PONCHO RUDNISKI
2nd prize HENRY HANULIK
3rd prize BRYAN DUPONT

Prizes for each category are \$150.00 for 1st, \$100.00 for 2nd, and \$50.00 for 3rd. Prize money comes from the Government which gives each Trapping Association in the Territory a yearly grant. The Dawson Trapping Association uses their allotted funds in this way.

Jack Fraser hopes next year will see even more entries in the Fur Show. "It"s not great at this time of year to travel 100 miles or so just to this event, so we can certainly appreciate the participation of those trappers who brought their pelts in."

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## WOMEN ARE PERSONS by Palma Berger

On October 16th, 1939, five women, led by Emily Murphy, petitioned the Supreme Court of Canada on a ruling on Section 24 of the British North America Act ... "The Governor General shall . . . . summon qualified persons to the Senate." They had fought against the ruling that women could not sit in the Senate because they were not "persons". Only "persons" had the right to participate in law-making. These five women had taken their case to every court in Canada, and lost each time. The Supreme Court also ruled that only MEN were considered persons!

The five went to the Privy Council in England, which was the last resort at that time. On October 18th, 1929, the Privy Council ruled women were indeed "persons" and had equal rights with men to make laws. Sixty years ago this year, women became "persons".

(Note: Emily Murphy wrote under the pseudonym "JANEY CANUCK" and one of her books was called BISHOP BOMPAS.)

#### WHITE FANG LOSS DISAPPOINTING

by Dan Davidson

Losing the filming of "White Fang" to Haines, Alaska, still smarts, and Dawson's mayor, Peter Jenkins, says it shouldn't have happened.

"The Minister of Tourism (Art Webster, the M.L.A. for Klondike) didn't do his job," Jenkins said in a recent interview.

Jenkins says that local involvement is the key to getting film companies (like the one that shot "Christmas Comes to Willow Creek" here almost two years ago) to consider Dawson as a site.

"We've been successful in the past," be noted, citing the "Willow Creek" venture and a number of lower profile shootings that have taken place before and since. "Everybody gets involved, the city, the K.V.A., everybody."

Jenkins says that locals are best able to counter arguments about variety of locations, costs and the other factors that the producers of the "White Fang" venture say caused them to pick Haines.

Chuck Holloway, the manager of the Klondike Visitors Association, agrees tha a local team could have done a good selling job, but is quick to add that he doesn't think it would have made a difference in this case. He believes the company had already made up its mind and that no efforts, those of the government included, would have changed the outcome.

"I don't think we were ever in the running," he said, citing the Yukon government's strenuous letter campaign t get the producers to come to Dawson and look it over for their movie.

Holloway and Jenkins agree that the film people didn't come anywhere near Dawson or give it any kind of attention that they were aware of. The first that both of them knew of the production was when they learned it wasn't coming here.



The new roof ventilation at Monina Whitfoth's house makes its future uncertain. See story on p. 1.

Den Davidson photo

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Dan Cozac, who was housesitting while Whitfoth was enjoying Christmas in Vancouver, said that he heard about the fire while he was at a bingo game. Whitfoth has been notified and Cozak says that she will probably not try to repair the house. Between water and roof damage it would cost too much to bring such an old building up to code standards. The original building dates back to the early 1900's, but it has been added to and altered greatly since then.

On Tuesday Cozac was working at packaging things up and getting ready to close down the house. He said it was a bit smoky and damp inside. From the street it looked normal except for the peeled back tin on the roof where the fire fighters had cut through. The remaining wood stove and oil furnace were keeping an even 68 F. temperature, but there were too many holes in the roof for it to be a viable

residence for very long.

The fire department packed up around 2:30 and Montgomery himself stayed with Cozac until 4:30, working at cleaning up water damage. He said that old houses pose some special problems, not just with roofs, but with rooms. The Whitfoth house is deceptively roomy, having four bedrooms and "all kinds" of little rooms, cubbyholes and odd angles here and there. It was easy to lose track of directions inside in the smoke.

This fire shows how serious chimney fires can be if they get out of hand. Councillor Lambert Curzon had such a blaze one morning about two weeks ago and thanked the fire chief for getting it out at the last council meeting.

It also shows the importance of turning in alarms, although Montgomery says he could have done without the false alarm that was caused by some drunks at the Eldorado Hotel recently.

#### DAWSON BAND PRESENTS ANNUAL AWARDS

The Dawson Indian Band is pleased to announce the recipients of 6 awards that were presented during the Community Dinner on December 20.

STAFF AWARDS

Special Mention - Jannice Johnson, for her hard work in making the Trinkee Zhoh Daycare Centre a Success.

Achievement - Kathy Kosuta, for her dedication and contributions to the Land Claims department.

Employee of the Year - Jenny Christianson, for her hard work in achieving her goals.

BAND MEMBERS AWARDS

Volunteer of the Year - Kelly VanEvery, for her efforts in assisting the Band throughout the year. Band Member of the Year - Robert Rear, for his involvement and support towards the Band and Members.

Elder of the Year - Annie Henry, for her support in sharing her traditional and cultural values to the Band and Members.

Each year the Band awards these honours to acknowledge those members who have excelled in the above areas.

The Dawson Indian Band also recognized the following individuals for their contributions in volunteering at various times throughout the year.

Katie Taylor Eileen Olson Marion Roberts Henry Henry George Semple

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS!

Miraculously, the driver and passenger of Northern Kat's vehicle walked away from this accident four miles south of Dawson.

photo by Dawne Mitchell





Livestock owners are reminded that regulations under the Highways Act restrict livestock from free-ranging on most Yukon highways.

Any livestock (horse, mule, donkey, goat, cattle, swine or geese) found at large may be impounded and the owner will be subject to charges under the act. This applies to the Alaska Highway, Klondike Highway, Haines Road, Silver Trail, and the Robert Campbell Highway between Ross River and Carmacks.

Maximum fines per animal are \$100 for the first offense, \$300 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third offense.

If fines are not paid within three days of the owner being notified of the impoundment, or if the owner cannot be contacted, the animals may be sold by auction.

Livestock at large on these highways can be reported by calling your nearest highway foreman, or the Yukon government's toll free number 1-800-661-0408.



Community and Transportation Services

# The City News

## COUNCIL REPORT: R.V.'S, STREETS AND TRAVEL CLAIMS

by Dan Davidson

THE PROPOSED NORTH END R.V. PARK met some opposition at the December 21 meeting of Dawson City Council. Jane Fraser and Karen McCann, representing the newly formed North End Recreational Development Society, expressed the group's intention to present an alternative development plan for the proposed R.V. park site, and also pledged to address the issue of where a new R.V. park might be developed instead. McCann requested that a public meeting outside of regular council evenings be held on this matter and asked that council give the committee until the end of January to come up with its plan.

Mayor Peter Jenkins requested that the group weigh carefully the financial implications of any change to the plan at this time when it submitted its brief.

STREET CONDITIONS were raised by Sylvia Farr, who was concerned about the safety of her property and vehicle. Duke Street, where it ascends to 7th and 8th Avenue, becomes almost impassable in the winter due to the grade and the ice conditions. Farr finds people backing up to her house on the corner once they have failed to make the climb. Sometimes they lose control while backing up. Her vehicle has been hit and she fears her house may be in danger. Her request to council was for some sort of barrier to protect her property from this problem.

Mayor Jenkins instructed the city administration to look into increased sanding for the time being. He also raised the idea of making Duke a one way street, but that was opposed from the floor. The other option discussed was cutting down the hill to decrease the grade once spring comes. A barrier may also be put in place.

TRAVEL CLAIMS were once again a topic of discussion at this meeting, with councillor Herb Watt extending an apology for any suggestive words he might have used in the heat of the argument over Mayor Peter Jenkin's travel claim at the previous meeting. To recap, Watt believed at that time that Jenkins had improperly obtained a spouse's travel allowance when he has been separated from his wife for over a year. City manager Allanah Tunnicliffe had absolved Jenkins of blame, saying that the mistake was her's in issuing the allowance without checking the changes in the bylaw.

At the Dec. 21 meeting, Jenkins explained that he had instructed Tunnicliffe

to prepare travel bonuses for all the council members, and that, when he was asked what his own should be, he had told her to give him whatever was allowed under the bylaw. She had issued a double allowance by error, and when Watt called it to her attention, she contacted the Mayor with this information and he returned the funds by cheque.

In a later interview, Jenkins noted that councillors don't actually apply for these bonuses. They are issued directly to their bank accounts on the anniversary dates of their coming onto the council. The first a councillor actually knows of the bonus is when it turns up on his or her bank statement. The exception to this rule is Councillor Watt, who has to fill out an application to establish his continuing common-law relationship with his partner.

## STAFF HOUSING HOTISSUE

by Dan Davidson

Staff Housing, in one form or another, dominated discussions at the December 21 meeting of Dawson's City Council. Council appears divided on the issue of providing housing for its key employees, and the problems it has been having with the con truction of the new city duplex only served to underline the issue.

At the Dec. 7 meeting of council city manager Allanah Tunnicliffe outlined to council members and the gallery the problems she has experienced with the new building, which the city has arranged to buy from Harry Campbell at a cost of up to \$260,000.00. Tunnicliffe stated plainly that the work of the contractor, Watson MacKinnon, was not up to a standard she considered satisfactory.

MacKinnon was at the Dec. 21 meeting, demanding an apology from council for what he termed "a direct put down of my work." Tunnicliffe was not present at this meeting, but Mayor Peter Jenkins, who had been absent at the previous meeting, questioned the accuracy of the reporting on the story and refused to deal directly with MacKinnon on the matter. He said that MacKinnon's contract was strictly with his employer, Harry Campbell, and he should direct his problems to or through Campbell.

MacKinnon admitted readily that the work he had contracted to do on the duplex was not finished when Tunnicliffe moved in, but contended that the city had known that and should have reacted accordingly. Any inspection, he said, should be done when the building is complete.

Housing was not a closed item when the unsatisfied MacKinnon departed. Treasurer Robert Bristow reported to the council on the options currently available with respect to the Campbell duplex. Council can back out of the sale totally, continue with the sale, or go instead to renting the two units at \$1200.00 per month per side.

These numbers prompted Councillor Herb Watt to propose that the city get almost completely out of staff housing, providing accommodation for one year only, after which employees would be expected to find their own homes. Councillors Lynn MacKenzie and Lambert Curzon were inclined to agree with Watt. This left Jenkins to make a spirited defense of the concept of staff housing.

Jenkins noted that Dawson has trouble recruiting and retaining top talent. There have been 4-5 managers in the last decade. Since it costs anywhere from 1/2 to 1 whole year's salary to recruit and relocate an employee (assuming that they come from Outside), Jenkins maintained that there has to be some kind of incentive to keep them. Both the city manager and the superintendent of works (Harry DeWindt) have contracts which specify the provision of housing at a low rental rate. Other employees, such as the recreation director, the treasurer and the fire chief, do not.

Watt was ready to press for a resolution on the issue of staff housing generally, but was persuaded to allow the matter to be tabled until the next council meeting. Jenkins urged council to ask territorial and federal employees in the community about the importance of the staff housing factor in getting them to come here and stay. The matter will be raised again in January.



Firefighters responded in December to a call one-half mile up Bonanza Road.

photo by Dawne Mitchell

## OPPOSITION TO R.V. PARK

by Dan Davidson

A committee composed of north end residents and members of several interest groups has formed to oppose the City of Dawson's expressed intention to locate a recreational vehicle camp site at the north end of Front Street, overlooking the Yukon River below the Moosehide Slide. Ten representatives of these groups met on Dec. 19 in the conference room of the Downtown Hotel to discuss the proposal and react to it.

Karen McCann, representing the Dawson City Music Festival Society, said her organization has lobbied the territorial government to withold release of that land for any purpose until after a public meeting has been held to discuss the issue.

"It is the last really beautiful place in town," said local businessman Oswald Wiener, "and it is the worst place to put an R.V. Park."

McCann and Karen Dubois were particularly annoyed at the city's response to an Oct. 22 letter from the DCMFS which had registered the society's protest to council's plan. The Dec. 11 reply from city manager Allanah Tunnicliffe, did not, in their opinion, address their own letter, and instead placed on the written record a proposal that the society itself might wish to operate an R.V. park, a concept which both say has never been discussed in any meetings they have attended. In a later interview Tunnicliffe indicated that a member of the music festival committee,

Don Armitage, had mentioned the possibility when the two of them were looking over the proposed R.V. park plans.

One of the counter-proposals for this area was outlined last July in a letter circulated by John Gould on behalf of the Dawson Centennial Committee. The letter proposed that "the north end of Front Street (where the first hospital was) be reserved and made into a park for the enjoyment of Dawsonites during and after the centennials. This area could be landscaped, trees planted, etc. The Gold Panning Championships could be held there every year, maybe even the Music Festival could take place there. It is a lovely spot overlooking the town and the river."

It is currently the intention of the city council to have an R.V. park developed there and close down the Goldrush Campground on Fifth Avenue. Submissions have been requested from the private sector for proposals to develop such a park.

The new opposition group, which is calling itself the North End Recreational Development Society, intends to develop a full proposal for alternative uses of the disputed area, and will be served notice of this intention at the Dec. 21st council meeting.

Subsequently, the group met and initiated a petition which should be in circulation by the time this edition of the Sun is on sale.

## WANT TO BUY AN ISLAND?

by Dan Davidson

The "Yukon Lou" is for sale, but owner Scott Billing says that no one should worry that the little tourist cruiser is going out of business. His advance bookings for next year already look slightly better than what he had this year, so it isn't bad business that is causing the sale.

"I'll run it next year if its doesn't sell," said Billing in an interview from his winter residence in Enderby, British Columbia. He went on to say that he had been having some health problems over the last year after he hurt his shoulder.

"I began to think that maybe it was time to go fishing," he said.

Billing and Sue Cowan own Pleasure Island, Ltd., which comprises the Yukon Lou operation and Pleasure Island itself, a site just three miles down river from Dawson where tourists are plied with salmon barbeques each summer. They bought the business from Capt. Dick Stevenson, who had started it nine years earlier, in 1979. Stevenson, who built the boat in 1970, is the person most publically associated with it (as well as with his "Sourtoe" Cocktail), he has no contract with Billing and Cowan, but has worked for them for the last 11 years. He is also wintering in Enderby this year.

Advertisement of this sale appears in the "Classifieds" section of this paper. The owners are seeking \$135,000.00.

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#### HAVE YOU EVER-----SUN EDITORIAL

by Sourdough Sue Ward

Have you ever tried to imagine what goes through the minds of tribes-people in secret places when, into their midst, men and modern technology are dropped from the skies? Methinks we do not have to go too far from home. Our School Supts. Newsletter tells us that "Recently the Department of Education installed a satellite dish on the school at OLD CROW. The receiver is capable of obtaining ONE HUNDRED CHANNELS. The important channels, of course, are the education ones."

Old Crow is over 250 miles North of Dawson, as the crow flies of course--no road. Old Crow, twenty-odd years ago, was acclaimed by the media as the last pure stronghold of Canadian Native people, untouched by tourists. Residents were taken to task for insisting on walking across the new air-field to get to their muskrat trapping area. The outsiders were the teacher, RCMP, Public Health Nurse, priest and Anglican minister and wife, and store keepers, periodic government reps. and V.I.P.'s.

EDITH JOSIE wrote 'HERE ARE THE NEWS" for Harry Boyle of The Whitehorse Star and her collective reports were published in hardback. "OLD CROW is small town and two store keeper went to Whitehorse and they will be gone for long time. Miss Clark make meeting at 7 p.m. for the people how to be healthy and also how to eat right food. They sent 5 rats to Old Crow and the kids are feed them. I think rats don't get use to north but later on they will be in good shape. Sure nice to see animals from different place country. Still bad weather in north. I hope the weather is clear. When bad weather and nothing to see make us feel lazy. This is end the news. Edith Josie."

When geologists were checking rocks and searching for black-gold, replacing the voyageurs of old, some "dropped in" on Old Crow. They "dropped in" on Dawson and that was how I met Blake Brady of Calgary. By the time he flew out we had a special friendship and that winter in Richmond, B.C. Blake called from Calgary. He said, "Find a good-sized piano-accordion and ship it to Chief Charlie Abel in Old Crow." I had the feeling of making contact with Chief Man in the Moon.

I sit in Dawson City, the City of Gold, gearing up to celebrate its Centenary in 2002, with SIX CHANNELS. In case you're interested, I found a dandy 48-bass accordion, through FOR SALE MISC., over in North Vancouver, for two hundred and fifty bucks, and created quite a rapport when I told the seller and the airport freight-clerk where it would make music.

A new School Newsletter, dated Dec. 20, gives "an update on the fate of the dish at Old Crow...(some have read) that the wind had blown the dish down. Not quite! The wind cleaned out part of the mesh from inside the dish. However, it has now been replaced and presumable fixed inside the dish much more securely in order to withstand the tremendous winds that we get in Old Crow. Pupils once more are enjoying the benefits of 100 channels of TV.

In Dawson City, on SIX CHANNELS in less than two weeks, I have watched The Berlin Wall fall, The Brandenberg Gate opened, a flood-tide of humanity sweep away Communism in Central Europe, bringing freedom to millions and death of thousands, the U.S. A. invasion of Panama, an earthquake in Newcastle, Australia, and the unveiling of the 7% GST in Ottawa.

Have you ever tried to imagine......100 CHANNELS?

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## "Christmas in Dawson" Contest Results

Subscribers:

1st Place - Iris Warner, Ganges, B.C.
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Yolanda Burkhard, Whiteh
Lil Munroe, Richmond, B.C.
Rick & Lin Rehn, Calgary,
Grace Delorme, North Bay,
Violet Thompson, Van., B.C.
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Dawson Residents:

1st Place - Paula Pawlovich 2nd Place - Sheila Jones

Robert Service School:

1st Place - Sarah Winton 2nd Place - Karl Algotsson

3rd Place - Matthieu Robertson

Congratulations to our winners and many thanks to all those who entered.



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#### HOW TO FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE SUN

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.

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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 on the second week of the month, so our deadline for articles is about the 1st of each month. We would like to have the ads in even sooner than that, since they often take longer to prepare.
- Classified ads must be paid for in advance.
- 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

We are alive and well and doing great. So far Europe has been a wonderful experience. There is just so much to do and see, and so many interesting people to meet (believe us, some of them are really interesting!) Backpacking is not as tough as we thought it would be, although we've had our moments (e.g. Paris subway at rush hour). Travelling by train is the only way to go. So far we've been through Scandinavia, Germany, including East and West Berlin, Belgium, the Netherlands, part of France, Switzerland, Austria, and now Italy. We have done too much and seen too much that it is impossible to tell it all. We'll be taking a break for a couple of weeks over Then it's down through Christmas. Yugoslavia to Greece, and on to Spain, Portugal, France, Ireland and Great Britain.

Just thought we'd take the time out of our busy schedule to wish our fellow Dawsonites a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you in March!

The Lost Patrol Tammy, Shea, Louise, Juanita

(Well . . . , we're not lost anymore. We finally figured out how to use the map!)

P.S. Send money!! Dear Editor:

Imagine--we actually fight to see who will read the Klondike Sun first. We love every word of it--can't wait for each edition--Congratulations all--on a job well done. A great 1990 to all.

Brownie and Pete Foth White Rock, B.C.

Dear Everybody:

It's just Gertie missing Dawson City and thinking of you in this season of Cheer. Please send me a subscription to the Klondike Sun. I know it's kinda late but what the heck, it's never too late, right? By the way, Erma says hi. It seems that every time I turn on the T.V. or open a paper I see Audrey. I just heard she made the leadership. Yet another Fab Female from the Yukon. It's very inspirational for all us other lowly ladies.

Well, gotta go. I'm writing an extended version of Sisters of the Sourdough. The new title is Fireweeds. Look out for it. Toronto is going to get a taste of the Yukon I know and love. Take care, and please have a safe and very happy holiday.

Yours truly Cathy Elliott



(Copy of a letter sent to: Hon T. Penikett, Premier, Government of the Yukon)

Dear Mr. Premier:

The Board of Directors at their recent meeting discussed the intention of your Government to change the current licence plate

To say that the Board was upset with that is an understatement. They found none of the reasons being advanced by the Government to have any validity. Further to remove from the licence plate, not only the gold panner, but the words the Klondike, is the same as if the NWT were to stop producing the bear plate.

The Yukon is known throughout the world, because of the greatest gold rush known to man, the Klondike Gold Rush. No one recognizes the Yukon because of the Magic and the Mystery. People instantly relate to the gold panner and the words the Klondike. They will not relate to the proposed wording, nor the visual.

The proposed plate, in colour and design, looks like many you will find in the lower 48, and certainly is not as distinctive, as the current design.

Using three letters and two digits will provide sufficient combinations to meet the requirements of the Territory, as to the number of plates, and would allow for the retention of the gold panner.

The Board urges the Government to retain both the gold panner and the words "The Klondike" in the design of Yukon licence

Sincerely yours,

G. Castellarin, Chairman

Dear Editors:

Congratulations on the growing success of The Klondike Sun. Its voice is already well known and it speaks with both sensitivity and authority.

I was most happy to see the Klondike Centennial piece on the "Dawson Bronze" in your December 14 issue. It was well reported by John Gould, and Mike Gates captured the essence of the modelled Sourdough in his excellent photograph.

Indeed a great deal of research went into the development of the Maquette. The purpose of course was to create a noble statue that depicted the spirit of the Klondike Gold Rush Days of '98. This involved studying many photographs of the period. From this research I was able to provide sculptor, Jack Harman, with a sense of direction, plus create a "background life and description" of the Sourdough. At this point Harman took over and, with his talented fingers, sculptored the Sourdough Maquette.

We are most fortunate to have Jack Harman on our side. He is an outstanding artist who has earned an international reputation as a sculptor, as well as the founder of the Harman Sculpture Foundry where he casts his own work in bronze as well as the work of other

He is the artist who created and cast the Bannister-Landy statue which is mounted outside the Vancouver Empire Stadium. This famous statue commemorates the sub-four minute "Miracle Mile" both men ran during the Empire Games.

He also did the statue of Harry Jerome, Canada's record-holding sprinter, which is mounted in Stanley Park. Indeed, his works of art grace many public buildings across the land.

I have included this background on Harman because I want Dawson to know that the on Bronze" concept has excited the interest of one of Canada's finest sculptors - a creative interest that is clearly reflected in the Sourdough Maquette that is at present on display at Dawson.

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely, Roy Minter Vancouver, B.C.

(Editor's note: A profile of sculptor Jack Harman will appear in a future edition of the Dear Editor:

Your November 23rd issue of the Klondike Sun arrived here this morning. Thanks. I'm so enjoying each and every issue.

Wow! 47.9 C!!! It may get very cold there, but your spirits are warm. If I wasn't such a "chicken" I'd come spend a winter with you. All the best in 1990.

Laura Schell

## **New System for Motor Vehicle Registration**

It's time to renew your motor vehicle registration under the new staggered licensing system. You can pick up your plate decals any time between now and March 31, 1990.

Renewal notices explaining your options under the new system were mailed in December. Information is also available from your nearest territorial agent or the Motor Vehicles Office in Whitehorse.

The new system includes a change in registration fees. These are now charged on a monthly basis.

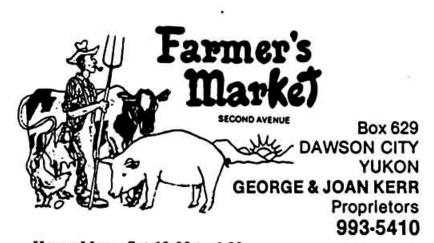
When renewing your registration, please bring your renewal notice and proof of insurance (pink card). If you didn't get a renewal notice, bring your current registration and the pink card.

If you live outside Whitehorse, you can renew your registration with territorial agents in Dawson City, Mayo, Haines Junction, Faro and Watson Lake. A mobile office will visit Carcross, Teslin, Ross River, Stewart Crossing, Pelly Crossing, Carmacks, Destruction Bay, Burwash Landing, and Beaver Creek, and the dates will be posted in these communities.

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Dr. Colin Park, who taught High School French and mathematics first term at R.S.S., was given a rousing send off and a souvenir dog-sled ride thanks to Mikkin Bilina & the Percy DeWolfe committee ,at the staff party just before Christmas. **Dawne Mitchell Photo** 

#### UFFISH THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT MINER ALTERATION

by Dan Davidson

Now that all the leadership hoopla is out of the way and the boys and girls in the government are home from Winnipeg, we can start considering the value of the exercise. While it seems unlikely that Audrey will ever get to be Prime Minister, it does seem that there is a lot of symbolic coinage to be minted from the profile she now enjoys.

We can expect at least as much public relations benefit from having the NDP leader as we got from having the Deputy Prime Minister. In fact we'll probably get even more, since Audrey will undoubtedly talk a lot more often than Erik ever did. No sexist slur intended there; leaders of opposition parties have to talk a lot more than "good right arms" do. It comes with the job. Still, the exposure will be good for us.

Symbolism, as everyone knows, does not come cheap these days. Governments and industry spend a lot of money looking for phrases and concepts that will be catchy and

inspirational. If the public is lucky, the end result of the ad agency's deliberations will even bear some relationship to the truth, though it seems that more often this is not the

Since symbolism is so hard to come by, I was left aghast last week by the government's light-hearted (or was it light-headed?) decision to throw away one of the niftiest little symbols we've ever had. Why would anyone in his or her right mind want to replace the goldpanner licence plate? I can't figure it

This plate has been invaluable to me in my many travels around the country. I admit that I used to get a little edgy when people eased up to my bumper to read the thing, but they always fell back a few car-lengths when they saw where I was from. Obviously anyone from my neck of the woods wouldn't know much about 4 lane highways, so fellow travellers tended to give me a wide berth when I was

This was especially nice the last time I was in Vancouver. Other drivers - and a couple of police officers - gave me the benefit of the doubt, and lots of room to do whatever it was I was attempting with my truck and camper. When I was at rest, however, they strolled on over to see the plates and always commented on them favourably.

The only plate more unique than ours was the NWT polar bear. There was a brief intellectual fliration with the idea of a Raven plate a few years ago, but it died in the planning stages. I seem to recall that "Dash" Penniket was then of the opinion that any change to the panner plate should be taken up with the public at large before it happened.

Obviously, someone has had a change of heart over this. The press release announcing the change said something about it being unlikely that any public consensus could be arrived at when it came to licence plates. How can this be? The government that brought us Yukon 2000, the Education Act, the new Robert Service School and the Klondike Valley Land Use Planning Committee now balks at asking its electors about the design of a licence plate? This I have trouble believing.

Since the link has been made to the government's tourism promotion, I guess I can assume that this is a continuation of the attempt to broaden the visitor appeal of the territory, to get more people to sample our "magic and mystery". That's fine, up to a certain point. Most provinces do that. Only one. Quebec, uses its plate as a reminder of its heritage, wearing its heart on its bumpers, so to speak.

"I remember" isn't such a bad idea. Our present plate does that well. After all, this territory came into existence in the first place because of those miners, both white and native, scrabbling and mucking like slaves to find the gold. Fireweed, on the other hand, thrives mainly in those ecologically disturbed areas where roads, old landing strips and cat tracks - primarily non-Indian preoccupations litter the landscape.

The Yukon is already known for its miners and rustic heritage. London, Service and Berton took care of that for us. A lot of the "magic" in "the magic and the mystery" doubt that relics of that past are still a bigger of 89 from 11 239 kg in June of 1988.

tourist draw than anything else we have to offer. Better to find a way to link the two concepts than to push the one by an attempt to eliminate the other.

I suspect they are wrong about the public consensus, by the way. I have a feeling that the groundswell of popular indignation over this little caper will ripple the bedrock of public opinion about the same way it shook during the territorial bird controversy a few years ago. I wasn't really a raven maniac about that particular issue, but simple logic made the year round resident the best choice. It was an affair of the heart, rather than the mind, and I suspect that most people will approach this one the

## YUKON **STATISTICS**

by John Gould

The following information comes from the Yukon Government's 2nd quarter statistical review of June 1989.

The population of the Yukon increased by 1120 between June 1988 and June 1989, there are now 29 845 people living in the Yukon. Dawson's population went up by 141 from 1650 in June '88 to 1791 in June of this year. These figures come from the government health care system, these are year-round figures. With the influx of summer workers and miners this figure must increase by 500 or more.

There are 13,516 people employed in the Yukon, of this number the largest employer is all governments with 4733 on the payroll. The service and accommodation industry is next with 2224, mining and exploration hired 1113.

Weekly earnings increased by \$35.01 to \$522.32 in the period June '88 to June

The consumer price index increased in Whitehorse by 4%, Dawson CPI increased by 2.8%, Carmacks went down by 2.7%, (maybe we should move to Carmacks). The average price of a basket of food in Dawson in June '89 cost \$79.82, the same basket of food in Whitehorse cost \$73.94, but in Old Crow it was \$120.00 (sure glad I don't live there).

The price of gold dropped by \$82.62 Canadian. In spite of this drop in price, harkens back to those days, and there's no production went up to 13 729.6 kg in June

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## CHLORINE SAFETY IMPROVES FOLLOWING ACCIDENT IN MAYO

by Dan Davidson

Following what Barry Graham, Mayo's chief administrative officer called a "potentially very serious disaster" last August, the Village of Mayo and the Yukon Government have come up with better ways of handling the chlorine feed into the village's water system. So much has been done that Graham now says most of the recommendations contained in his August 14 assessment of the situation have been dealt with.

On August 10 approximately 25 pounds of chlorine gas escaped from the cylinder in use at the Mayo pumphouse. According to an inspection report filed August 22 by Dawson City's pumphouse foreman, Norm Carlson, who was loaned to Mayo to assist in the clean-up five days after the leak, "the entire pumphouse was filled with chlorine as well as the surrounding grounds. Possibly some damage occurred to the electronic controls in the chlorine room and the pumphouse."

"Also," wrote Carlson, "trees outside the pumphouse showed signs of damage and the lawn outside the chlorine room was burned. Chlorine in the pumphouse indicated that the chlorine room is definitely not sealed as it should be."

One of the concerns Graham noted in his August 14 report was that the J.V. Clarke School is just "250 feet away from the pumphouse. Our accident had the potential of killing students in the school." In a recent interview Graham indicated that he still felt relief that this accident had happened in the summer, when school was

As it was, Graham's report noted that "We are fortunate we had a slight Westerly wind that carried the chlorine away from the community. If the air (had been) calm or blowing toward the village we would have evacuated the residents immediately."

Both Carlson and Graham agreed that insufficient training was the major reason behind the accident. Graham explained that the death of the former foreman in Mayo had left the community without anyone properly trained in the use of the equipment. Two remaining operators had attempted repairs to the malfunctioning system about two days before the accident and had managed to coax two days' proper operation out of it before it quit again. Thinking the chlorine tank to be empty William Hummel and Glen Clarke proceeded to turn off its valve (so they

thought) and remove it. This resulted in an open valve spewing chlorine into the room in such quantities as to drive the two out immediately. Hummel suffered slight chlorine burns to the mouth. The gas continued to escape the supposedly sealed room, venting into the main pumphouse and outside as well.

The volunteer fire department's Scott airpacks and trained personnel were finally required to close off the open valve and reconnect it to the system. The whole incident took about a 1/2 hour, winding up at 10:30 a.m. Alarm systems could not be restored until 4:30 that afternoon.

Norm Carlson arrived in Mayo five days later to help straighten things out. He found the entire system was in a mess. Various internal valves and O-rings were broken or warped. The flowmeters were full of water and the cold water regulator was junked as unservicable. Carlson reckoned it had been installed improperly in the first place. At the end of his visit he was able to re-establish chlorination of Mayo's drinking water.

Speaking in a recent interview, Graham said that the lack of training evident in the Mayo situation was, at that time, quite common in the rural communities using gas chlorination systems. The exception seems to have been Dawson City, in his opinion. Since that time, he says that the government has been very good about setting up training programs and providing new equipment to deal with such situations.

The Village of Mayo now has its own Scott airpacks and its employees have been trained in their use. Two employees have been trained to maintain the system so far, and a third soon will be. An "Emergency A" kit for chlorine emergencies has been ordered and should soon be in place. An emergency measures plan is being developed to deal with such situations. Graham hopes that chlorine monitors will be placed on the nearby school to help in detecting emergencies. But this should not happen at all, as the chlorine room is now thought to be leak proof.

The City of Dawson was immediately sympathetic to Mayo's plight and supplied the expertise necessary to deal with it. A very minor leak a few years ago resulted in the evacuation of a residential block in Dawson.

At the time of the incident in Mayo, Graham complained that the Yukon government was not doing its share in dealing with this problem. He still maintains that any community using this method of purifying its water should have the trained personnel, safety procedures and necessary safety equipment in place before an accident happens, not after. But he now feels that the government is doing its share and providing the necessary leadership in this area.

Chlorine is greenish-yellow (hence its name, which refers to its colour) in its gaseous state. It is both toxic and corrosive and has been used as a item of chemical warfare. In carefully controlled amounts it is useful as both a bleach and a disinfectant. Chlorine, or some compound containing it, is the substance most commonly used to treat swimming pools and drinking water supplies.

# PORCUPINE CARIBOU MANAGEMENT BOARD PRESS RELEASE

The Porcupine Caribou Management Board met in Mayo on November 18-20 to discuss a variety of management issues including the sale of caribou antlers, hunting on the Dempster Highway, and completion of a management plan for the herd in Canada.

Concerns over the recent sale of Porcupine Caribou antlers to Alaska were reviewed by the Board which has recommended that such sales be discontinued until this situation has been fully investigated by the Board in consultation with the communities.

After reviewing the response from the communities on its draft recommendations for hunting on the Dempster Highway, the Board passed a final set of recommendations which will be forwarded to the Yukon and NWT Ministers of Renewable Resources. These recommendations include a 2 km corridor (1 km each side of the road) from km 68 on the highway to the Peel River in the NWT. As well, the Board is recommending that nonnative hunters be permitted to use snowmobiles to cross the corridor.

A management plan for the Porcupine Caribou Herd has been the goal of native organizations and governments since the Berger Inquiry in the mid-1970's. These concerns eventually led to the formation of a Porcupine Caribou Management Board which was determined to produce a plan despite the numerous difficulties in creating such a document. On November 20th, Board Chairman, Victor Mitander, formally received the completed plan from the Board's Management Plan Committee Chairman, Brian Pelchat. Following the presentation, the Board reviewed the 1989/90 worksheet in the plan to ensure that all projects designated for this year were being acted upon.

Although Canadian management of the Porcupine Herd is now being fully coordinated, the need for an International Plan remains and the Board agreed to contact the International Board's Canadian co-chair to recommend that an international plan be discussed at the next International Board meeting in Aklavik in mid International Board meeting in Aklavik





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# TOOTSIE TUNE-UP AT MACDONALDS

by Madeleine Gould

Every month a foot clinic is held at the Alexander MacDonald Lodge for all Dawson Seniors. Because I am a senior I decided to attend one of these sessions to find out what it was all about. There were seven of us, and to begin with we soaked our feet in nice warm water. There were two nurses on hand plus Joanne Smith, the Supervisor of the Lodge. While we were waiting our turn to have our feet rid of callouses and our nails trimmed, we enjoyed some good conversation and were served tea, coffee or juice, and cookies. I must say that this was a very relaxing time, and I left there with feet that felt ever so much better. Of course, I could have done this at home, but how much nicer to have it done for me and to enjoy the company of friends.



Elaine Parker tunes Ellie Berglund's tootsies.

Madeleine Gould photo

# TRADE MISSION TO KOREA

## C.A.R.E. VISITS YUKON SCHOOLS Child Abuse Prevention is Focus of Joint Program

by Dan Davidson

Suzanne Bertrand likes to say that C.A.R.E. makes a classroom a warmer place, but the grade 1/2 teacher from Ecole Emile Tremblay isn't talking about normal teacher/student empathy when she uses this term. C.A.R.E. stands for Child Abuse Research and Education, a program which Bertrand is spending part of this year taking to elementary school teachers around the Yukon.

C.A.R.E. is a child abuse prevention program aimed at helping young children learn about and be able to deal with the potential dangers they may face while they are growing up. Recent news stories such those emanating from the Newfoundland enquiry make it clear that such dangers exist, even in what the public may believe to be the most unlikely of places. It is the hope that children exposed to the C.A.R.E. materials will learn to discriminate between good and bad touching, will learn to trust their feelings about these things and will learn what to do if they are asked or forced to do something that violates

The program is being jointly sponsored by the Department of Education and the Yukon Teachers' Association. When she is travelling Bertrand's supply teacher is provided by the department, while her journeys have been combined with those of Y.T.A. president Ken Taylor to cut other costs. Accomodation and meals are provided when she is travelling.

Bertrand is a trained facilitor for C.A.R.E. and has been using the program for eight years. It was imported to the Yukon under the auspices of the Y.T.A.'s Women in Education Committee. So far this year she has been in contact with most of the rural schools to establish interest in the program and has given a one day workshop to primary teachers at Dawson's Robert Service School.

Teachers who take the workshop are trained in the use of the card and puppet based kits and instructed in how to deal with problems that may arise in the classroom. Bertrand says that doing this program with a class does not usually lead to children disclosing problems, but teachers are taught to recognize some of the danger signs, just in case the matter actually arises. Changes in normal behavior, social withdrawal, and defensive body language are some of the manifestations common to abused children. The physical signs tend to be less common and less obvious in normal school situations.

Bertrand says that the C.A.R.E. kit is not the only way to approach these matters, which should probably be covered in some way during each school year, She recommends using C.A.R.E. every other year. C.A.R.E., says Bertrand, makes students more aware of teachers as people to whom they can tell things if necessary. In this sense it leads the kids to respond more warmly to their teachers. It also makes them more assertive of their personal rights; they may suddenly develop a need for privacy where they had not shown it before.

The program takes 3 to 6 weeks to cover in school depending on how concentrated it is and how much time it is given for each session. The Primary kit covers students' awareness of their bodies, types of touching and the feelings that are associated with "good" and "bad" touching. The Intermediate kits covers 14 topics is somewhat more detail but with the same basic message, one summed up quite well in the primary level song "Your Body Belongs to You".

Children are taught to recognize signs of abuse, no matter where they might arise. This is important because the majority of abusers are people that the kids actually trust and find it hard to say "no" to. They are taught to say "no" persistently and, if they are ignored, to take their problem to someone who will listen and keep telling about it until someone DOES listen.

Parents are kept informed about C.A.R.E. They are invited to a pre-presentation meeting, and they receive take-home reproductions of the materials as they are used in the class.

Bertrand hopes to give workshops in most of the schools this year.

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Because of the resounding success of Alaska's first trade mission and trade fair in Seoul, South Korea, they are planning a second event April 23-25, 1990. Although this is for Alaska business only (no other U.S. companies can participate), Yukon companies are again invited this year because of the special relationship between the Alaska and Yukon Chambers of Commerce.

As a result of last year's show, six travel companies are planning on researching group tours to Alaska and a detailed itinerary for a FAM-trip (familiarization tour) of tour wholesalers is being prepared for early June. Therefore, this year we are also encouraging Yukon tourism related businesses to investigate this opportunity. For further information, contact Larry Bagnell at the International Trade Centre, Whitehorse, ISTC, 668-4655.

## Coming of Age

by Joanne Smith

Happy New Year from all the residents and staff of McDonald Lodge. We look forward to the year as we have some exciting events planned.

To kick off the year, the Lodge will hold a Tropical night on January 24th at 5:00 p.m. This is our way of battling the winter blues! We encourage you to dress up in a tropical way (I know many of you have flowered shirts and straw hats!). A tropical buffet will be served. So all of you seniors come join in the fun.

Also in January plans are under way to start an evening card club. You can join in a poker game, cribbage, cuchre or whatever your game is. Try to get a troup together and we will give you the table, cards and room! Stay tuned for a specific night. I will put the announcement on CBC radio and I will put up posters.

The seniors Home Care Programme is well under way. Three new Home Makers were hired just to assist seniors in the community. The programme is designed to assist seniors with tasks such as light housekeeping, shopping, bathing or other tasks that are identified as being quite difficult for someone to do on their own. The goal is to allow the senior to remain in their home for as long as possible. If you would like to know more or you know of someone who could benefit from this service, please call me a 993-5345.

January birthday greetings go out to Tony Frits, Frank Aheam, Ed Ballendine, Bill Blanchard, Bertha Gibson.

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Health and Human Resources Tony Penikett, Minister

## Inside -Outside

We have certainly had some cold, cold days to remember this Christmas. The temperature dropped down to -50 degrees Centigrade, and we cheered when it went up to -44 degrees. (At the same time the radio was expressing shock at the unseasonable hot weather on the east coast of Australia 48 degrees C (ABOVE!)

. While here it was cold. How cold? So cold that a curly haired halfsize dog was wearing booties held in place with velcro. The radio announced "FOUND: one black dog wearing a red sweater." Now that is

Many people with a good sixth sense chose to leave for points south this Xmas season.

But most students returned home for Christmas. Returning from B.C. were JASON BARBER, TONY BERGER, WORRELL, JACKIE HOLLOWAY, TARI McKENZIE, SANDRA and GREG KEHOE.

From Whitehorse came MONIQUE BRICKNER, NOEL BRAGA, CINDY BRAGA, AARON KERKLYWICH and MARK MENDELSOHN.

One who did not come home, but had parents go out to visit was CHARMAINE GRANDY. Charmaine's friends in Dawson are making sure that she knows she is still being thought of. They are making a video to send on to her, with each friend on camera saying a few words. Would love to see that one.

There have been some changes in faces at business places around town.

The bank has lost KIM STOTT after 5 years. Kim has gone to Wetaskiwin, Alberta. We'll miss you Kim.

BUD PEIRSON is retiring as Foreman of the Territorial Govt. garage. GERRY CRAYFORD has been appointed in his place.

DIANNE FREED has quit as Housing Manager in Dawson. PALMA BERGER has taken her place. MARK **BOWERS** is now the Assistant Liquor Store Manager.

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER:

The Fire Department every year chooses for an award a fireman for best overall performance throughout the past year. This year the plaque is awarded to GERRY CRAYFORD.

wedding on Nov 14th. They had hoped to be married on the top of the Dome, but the But they managed to get half way up.

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A lucky escape for NOEL BRAGA and STRIDER LACOSSE as they returned to Whitehorse in Strider's car. Their fuel line froze and their car came to a halt. It was a pretty cold and lonely half hour wait til help came, especially for Noel who wore runners. Could say a lot more on that one Noel, but will leave it to your

A sad Christmas for JOHN and CHERYL McGRATH. Their home at Watson Lake that they had built and were now renting, burnt to the ground. A week or two was spent in a hotel in Watson Lake. Then on their return trip in the cold weather their car broke down between Stewart Crossing and Dawson. Luckily they were picked up in half an hour and spent the night at the Dempster Lodge.



Up from Campbell River were SHELLY and TOM VARGA. They visited with Shelley's family and then all the BILTONS joined MARK BILTONS family in Whitehorse for Xmas.

PAT GAW, IRWIN'S mother, was up from Whitehorse visiting with Irwin and Carmen.

TOM NAUGHTON returned for a Christmas visit from Winnipeg where he is deeply engrossed in a Computer course.

Teacher DR. COLIN PARK has resigned and returned to Edmonton. WELCOME to his replacement MR RAIMUND HOFFBAUER.

We did say good-bye to MO CALEY but it was still nice to see her back for a Xmas visit.

PAULA HASSARD was off visiting her family in Ontario.

Joining ex-Dawsonite, GEORGE MILLEN, on the project of building an airport in Antarctic, is PETER TIESENHAUSEN. With this many going down there the penguins had better move

LOUIS DOUCET of Beaver Lumber will be returning from a well-earned holiday this week. Well earned because Louis through his company lucked into a

Belated congratulations to INEKE trip to Mexico. But to get his papers in PRIOR and BERND SCHMIDT on their order he needed his original birth certificate, to prove that he was ever born. Louis was born in New Brunswick at a -40 degree C weather put a stop to that. time when birth certificates were not necessary. Now you may think you look at Louis; you may think you talk to Louis, but without that piece of paper he does not exist. After many phone calls and much frustration, it was decided that the baptismal record from the church would be proof enough.. It was a hassle, and that is why Louis had a well-earned holiday.



Some lucky winners of the contests around town are:

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Congratulations to IRENE SZABLA and GLEN DAVIDSON on the birth of Number 2, a girl, PASCALE.

Visiting with WENDY BURNS and family is Wendy's mum, PHYLISS PHILLIPS from Calmar, Alberta.

DAN DAVIDSON has his mother up from Wolfville, Nova Scotia visiting with him and Betty for the past month, and enjoying all that Dawson has to offer at this time of the year.

KEN HERRMAN'S brother TONY, was not at all deterred when he phoned from California and found that the Temperature was -40 degrees C. He still came up for a visit and pronounced he was thoroughly enjoying himself here.

SUE TAYLOR'S Mum, from Stratford, Ontario, having visited her daughter one summer, had to come back to see what it was like in the winter. She left Sue in Whitehorse and came up here where Sue's friends looked after her. She enjoyed the dog team ride, the snow and made local businesses rich with the amount of film she went through.

These last four could be the last "tourists" of the year!

A WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT:

VIOLET MOI wishes to announce the forthcoming wedding of her daughter, BRENDA, to BRADLEY WARREN, at Swift Current, B.C. on January 29th,



#### Child Development Centre

The services of the "Child Development Centre" are now available in Dawson City. In response to the Child Care Consultation Panel recommendations the Yukon Government has funded a community Outreach Program through the Whitehorse Child Development Centre to meet the needs of special needs pre-school children in their home communities.

The primary objectives of the Outreach Program are:

- 1. To increase the availability of the services of the Child Development Centre within rural communities, thereby ensuring accessibility for rural special needs pre-school children and their families,
- Implementation of training for families and community child care workers within their own community,
- The integration of special needs pre-school children with the child care system throughout the Yukon.

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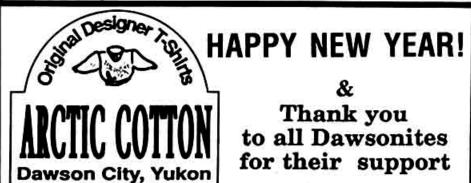
- to talk?
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Thank you to all our Dawson customers and a Happy New Year .

John & Ria



## KLONDIKE LIFE

## BINGO

#### by Dawne Mitchell

Monday night and Dawson is winter quiet, the streets are empty. It may seem a deserted town to strangers, but there's one place on this particular night of the week where there's always a crowd - the Pioneer Hall.

It's warm inside, quiet and the air is heavy with cigarette smoke. A man sits at the front of the hall calling out to the people who are in deep concentration at the tables, "Under the B - 12." Of course, it's BINGO night. Always a popular place to be in the winter.

Started in 1968 by the Yukon Order of Pioneers, BINGO has endured as an important source of charitable community funds. the Y.O.O.P.s support many different projects like Cubs. Salvation Army, Cancer Society, the local Xmas Tree Association and the Heart Fund to name a few. Part of the proceeds are also going into a Heritage Fund for the Pioneers to research their history. In 1994 the Yukon Order of Pioneers will celebrate their 100th Anniversary. At that time they will have a collection of photographs and information as part of their Centennial project.

Lotteries Commission sets the rules and regulations by which the BINGO is operated, but it wasn't always so. John Gould, one of the original organizers, explained that, "In the early days you didn't need a license, you could set it up at any time in any old way. We used BINGO to help pay for our new Pioneer Hall. The original burned in 1966. I worked the



Jack Fraser Calling Bingo Numbers photo by Dawne Mitchell

BINGO for so many years that I can't stand the sight of a BINGO card today."

Allan Gould is now in charge. It costs \$1.00 to enter the Hall and \$1.00 for each card. Avid players come early so they can choose certain cards, ones they have kept track of that were lucky for them in the past. As Allan says, "It gives people something else to do in the winter besides sit at home and watch TV or go to the bar. They talk and visit with their neighbor between games."

Popular it is, and there's Jack Fraser at the front of the Hall calling numbers,

photo by Dawne Mitchell

this Monday night. The Concession is open for coffee and goodies, the players are intent as they check through their cards, and you never know ... "Under the O -67. BINGO .... You win the jackpot!

#### HUMANITY

If those who hate would love us And all our loves were true, The stars that shine above us Would brighten in the blue. If cruel words were kisses And every scowl a smile, A better world than this is Would hardly be worthwhile. If purses would untighten To help a brother's needs, The load we bear would lighten Above the grave or greed. those who whine would whistle And those who languish, laugh, The rose would rout the thistle And the grain outrun the chaff. If hearts were always jolly,

If grieving were forgot And tears and melancholy, Were things that now are not. Then love would kneel to duty And all the world would seem,

A bridal bower of beauty, A dream within a dream.

Taken from the Dawson Daily News, December 24, 1914. Author unknown.



#### OBITUARY

#### JAMES WESLEY BALLENTINE

James Wesley Ballentine, late of 106-9280 Mary St., Chilliwack, B.C. passed away November 20, 1989 at the Chilliwack General Hospital

He is survived by his wife Martha of Chilliwack; his sister Martha Cameron of Whitehorse; and by his two nieces and two nephews.

He was born in Dawson City on March 2, 1909, and lived there most of his life. Living in a pioneer community, his capable ability led him into a variety of work including dredging, cat driving, wood cutting, winch man, hardrock mining, office work and being the Chief of the Dawson City Fire Department. He was Foreman on the Alaska Highway for nine years.

He was enthusiastic and thorough in whatever he did. Jim earned his pilot's license when he was sixty and flew in the Whitehorse area for a number of years for recreation.

In 1939, he joined the Canadian Army and went overseas in 1941. He was Staff Sergeant with the Royal Canadian Engineers, 5th Canadian Armoured Division. He was outstanding in building bridges, including the Birmingham Assault bridge. He received several injuries and after contracting diphtheria, was paralyzed. He returned to Canada on the hospital ship Lady Nelson in September, 1945. Among the medals he received were the British Empire Medal and the Oak Leaf.

After the war, he was determined to regain and maintain his health. He studied a great deal and shared his knowledge with anyone interested. He left the Alaska Highway construction and became a stationary engineer with the Federal Government until he retired as Chief Engineer at CFB Chilliwack.

After retiring, Jim and Martha enjoyed extensive travelling.

Jim belonged to the Pioneer Lodge of Yukon; the Odd Fellows; the Ruth Rebekahs; the Masonic Lodge in the Yukon; the Royal Arch Masons; the Cryptic Rite Masons; Preceptory; and the Shriners. He had a special interest in working with the Shriners on behalf of crippled children.

At the request of the deceased, no service was held.







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Sorry, this is the way the system works. The corner posts belong to the surveyors until they are put in the ground, then they become Public Domain, and are a legal entity themselves, and surveyors have a right to use them. No one is allowed to damage or move them - for more information read the CANADA LAND SURVEY ACT. And many thanks to Gabriel Aucoin of G Aucoin & Associates of Whitehorse for his assistance on this question.

In drug raids I hear of police seizing vehicles, planes, boats and money. I want to know if this money and goods are used directly to fight drug usage, or if it goes into general government revenues.

In Canada these seized goods and money go directly into general revenues.

An order sent to a store outside with the salutation "Sir" was returned with the "Sir" circled, and a note saying "Please stop this, There are many women in the work force and it is 1990." I am aware of this, being one of them, but have never been able to think of a clear, concise substitute, and from inertia have continued using the offending Sir. Any suggestions? I feel I have to make a change. (They didn't fill the order either.)

There is no perfect substitute - I would suggest using Dear Sir or Madam, the someone could object and want ladies first (Dear Madam or Sir), and then they could object that they are a Mademoiselle.





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#### "Christmas in Dawson" Contest Results

Robert Service School: 1st Place - Sarah Winton 2nd Place - Karl Algotsson 3rd Place - Matthieu Robertson









#### **BROWNIE NEWS**

by Holly Reeves, Brown Owl

Our final meeting of 1989 was held on Monday, December 11. Our special guests for the evening were the First Dawson Sparks and their leaders, Patti Grabowski and Ursula Kurth.

The Sparks are the newest group to the Guide movement. This group was formed to bring five-year old girls into Guiding.

Our evening was very full with badge presentations, crafts, singing and cookies.

"Golden ladders" were presented to Melissa Flynn, Kristin Grabowski, Sarah Winton, Harmony Hunter, Marlissa Mann, Elaine Bowers, Charissa Reeves, and Jo-anna Davidson. Crystal Kearn and Clare Sheerin received their puppeteer badges; Kristin Grabowski and Elaine Bowers received their baker badges; and Sarah Winton, Charissa Reeves, Melissa Flynn, Harmony Hunter, and Marlissa Mann received their swimmer badge which they had earned last summer.

Badge presentations were followed by lots of activity making Christmas crafts. Thanks goes to Jackie Dellerman of the Sewing Centre for her donation of Christmas trim for our crafts.

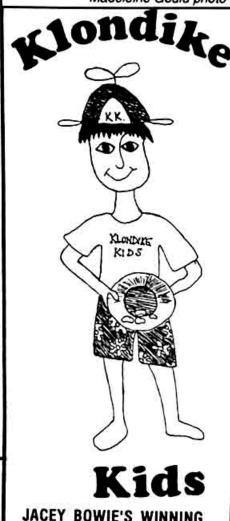
Our last half hour was spent singing Christmas Carols accompanied on guitar by Dawne Mitchell. Thanks Dawne for taking time out of your busy evening with the newspaper to add to the enjoyment of our special meeting.

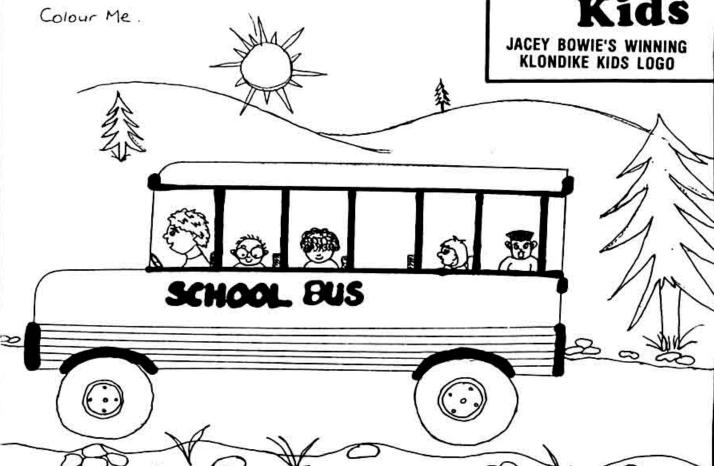
We finished our evening with cookies supplied by Patti Grabowski of the Sparks, and we all wish Clare Sheerin, who will be spending the rest of the winter in Calgary, good-bye and good luck. We'll see you in April, Clare.

Happy New Year, everyone!



Romy Jensen (r) hands a cheque to Nicole Sulyma (I) for winning the Wild and Wooly Christmas Draw. Madeleine Gould photo





## SUCCESS STORY

by Iris Warner

Reporters for the lively new Klondike Sun will appreciate the opportunities for dramatic expression, or purple prose, that was the accepted form in early Dawson newspapers, as was illustrated upon the arrival, and later the departure, of an early commissioner, Alexander H. Henderson, K.C.

Henderson, a Toronto lawyer, lifelong Liberal, active sportsman and competitive rifle shot, was married to Susan Crawford before moving to New Westminster, B.C.

There, he was accepted to the Bar, joined the 6th Regiment, Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles [now the Royal Westminster Regiment] and broadened his career. It was on June 17th, 1907, while a judge of the county court of Vancouver, that Henderson learned of his appointment as Commissioner of the Yukon.

Said the Vancouver Sun, "Everyone who knows Mr. Alex. Henderson late judge of the county court will be glad to congratulate him on his appointment to the lucrative and honorable position of commissioner of the Yukon. Mr. Henderson personally enjoys the confidence, respect and esteem of everyone who knows him."

Perhaps less encouraging to the appointee was an editorial in the Dawson News that said in Ottawa, the Yukon was viewed as "The graveyard of reputations"

Henderson, wanting to be- sure of suitable accommodations in Dawson, left his wife and daughter, Grace, and travelled north with his staff. At Whitehorse, he found a welcoming delegation eager to tell him of the great possibilities for development to be found in southern Yukon.

Continuing downriver to Dawson, then the Yukon capital, Henderson anticipated a similar reception. Instead, he was presented with a fine fringed moosehide cover that was wrapped around a strongly-worded message. It urged him to maintain a balance while encouraging the development of Yukon mining, so that the entrepreneur and the small miner both would benefit.

The avid sportsman found, to his dismay, that he had little time to hunt or fish. With his desk lost beneath official reports and his office besieged by supplicants for funds or favour, Henderson inadvertently added to the paperwork when he ordered, "Write your grievances."

The accommodation, too, was not as expected. Some years before, the Commissioner's Residence had burned and was being restored. For a time, the Hendersons were camped in Judge Macaulay's house where they were obliged to welcome and entertain visiting dignitaries.

Even when they were moved into the renovated building, then called Government House, they greeted the end of each summer with relief and, increasingly, wintered in Ottawa and Vancouver. By 1910, the Dawson News was suggesting that Henderson was leaving; a year later, he retired.

As the Henderson family boarded the steamer Canadian, on the evening of Friday, July 7th, 1911, in preparation for the journey to Whitehorse and Vancouver, there was a spontaneous public gathering on First avenue when they were given a farewell presentation. By 9 p.m. several

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hundred well-wishers had crowded around and Murray S. Eads, the manager of the Hotel Alexandria, invited the ceremonial committee to use the hotel's large new balcony.

From this vantage point, the commissioner was presented with a magnificent scroll on a white moosehide liberally decorated with scenes recalling his term in office. The words of the address were read aloud by Yukon Councillor James W. Murphy. At the same time, the scroll was unrolled and held up for all to admire by Charles Macdonald, clerk of the Yukon court and legal advisor, and Joseph Barrette.

Mr Henderson's reply was well-received and followed by three rousing cheers from the crowd.

Not on view, was a silver tea service, gift of the people of the Yukon, that had been purchased from Renzoni & Brier, Dawson, at a cost of several hundred dollars, and was being engraved. It would follow them to Vancouver.

Fifty years were to pass before the scroll and fringed cover were discovered in Seattle by Jim Scott of Whitehorse and returned to the Yukon to become part of the display of memorabilia in Murdoch's Gem Shop. Twenty years more and this writer, while reading microfilm in the Yukon Archives, found a description of the ceremony in Dawson when Henderson received the scroll, and identified it as the one hanging in Murdoch's.

Photographs taken by John Peacock of Whitehorse, show how well the unique pyrographic art work has withstood the years, travel and possibly neglect, while the sturdy moosehide succeeded in protecting the elaborately-worded documents.

Alexander Henderson was one of more than 40 Yukoners who have given the often-onerous position of Commissioner its dignity and integrity. That his term became a personal success can be read in the following warm welcome, and the effusive farewell:

#### **BOOK ONE - The Welcome**

Commissioner Alexander Henderson arrived in Dawson on Sunday, July 14th, 1907, aboard the steamer Whitehorse. Although he was greeted by many townspeople on the ship's hurricane deck, he was given a regular Klondike welcome a week later in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall when, said the Dawson News, he received an address on behalf of the people of the Yukon Territory "embossed and finished in burnt mooseskin." It read:

Alexander Henderson, Esquire, K.C. Commissioner of the Yukon Territory

The citizens of Dawson have great pleasure in extending to you and to the members of your family a most cordial and hearty welcome on your arrival in this the territorial capital to assume the most important executive office within the gift of the government of this great Dominion.

It is conceded that this far northland of kaleidoscopic vicissitudes has been favored in the selection of yourself as Commissioner. We are well informed of your experience in the various paths of public metiers knowing as we do that you have in this regard filled in the province to the south of us many positions of trust and of the greatest responsibilities with credit to yourself and satisfaction to all concerned; therefore we feel and anticipate that the many interests of this portion of Canada will be dealt with in a manner whereby the scales of justice will ever be in the balance.

It is unnecessary to inform you that the principal industry of this large territory is that of mining in its various phases, from the early simple methods of placer mining the precious metals and other minerals from the ground, have been developed. We know that in this territory there are great possibilities in gold, silver, copper, lead and coal. In this connection

reasonable encouragement to the hardy prospector should not be overlooked as the field for intelligent exploration is so vast that assistance should be given in this direction. If this is done, it will still further induce that coy nymph, capital, to be invested to gather from our storehouses of wealth, that which will benefit the workman, the investor and Canada as a whole. Before arriving in this city you will have been informed of much that is transpiring in this territory, especially in the installation of dredges and in the development of the many quartz lodes that have been discovered which has and is inducing large sums of capital to be invested, we are pleased to note, in many instances, very satisfactory, while in other ventures the outlook is most promising.

Large sums of money are being expended in the construction of a ditch, flume and pipeline to supply water for hydraulic purposes on the several hills of the Klondike camp. It is ;hoped that in this connection the interests of the miner of small means have been, by the government, considered and conserved. The population of Dawson is truly cosmopolitan, but you will find that the different elements of which it is composed, will ever be ready to extend a hearty hand of appreciation of what we feel will be your endeavor to promote the best interests of the territory and its varied resources.

In conclusion, we ardently hope that you and those dependent upon you will enjoy good health and all will be spared for many years to grace the high office to which you have been appointed.

> On behalf of the citizens of Dawson Alfred Thompson, M.P. Chairman of Special Committee

#### **BOOK TWO - Farewell**

The scroll, presented to retiring Commissioner Alexander Henderson on Friday, July 7th, 1911, was, said the Dawson News, "Six feet in length, and nearly five feet in width, the scroll is a sketch by Max Kollm, sourdough Yukon artist skilled in the art of pygraphics and retouching with a brush.

"The main sketch on the scroll shows the Government House, Dawson, the Henderson's home for four years. Back of it looms the historic Moosehide Hills, rising to the Midnight Dome. In the foreground is "a luxuriant growth of verdure for which the Yukon is famous..."

"On the right, affording a marked contrast to the modern palatial home of the Yukon governors, is the old log home of the first Canadian Bank of Commerce in Yukon, the historic spot where millions of gold dust changed hands in early days. A little further to the right is the spot where stood the noted Royal Northwest Mounted Police barracks, recently dismantled. Beyond this main sketch is a scene of the Yukon forest and wildwood with a little girl playing beside one of the gold streams; and pointing to a stalwart Klondiker who stands nearby in typical miner's garb, carving on a large tree the letters "A.H." forming the initials of the recipient of the attress.

"At the bottom of the large skin are the names of the committee"

Meanwhile, on the balcony, the address on the raised scroll was read aloud by Yukon Councillor James W. Murphy:

"To the Hon. Alexander Henderson, K.C., Commissioner of the Yukon Territory. Dear Sir: The Yukon has been a land of coming and going; of meeting and parting. Now, at the end of four years, we have come, with deep regret, to say to you "Good bye."

"We congratulate you that, as the chief executive officer here of the Dominion, you have, during the period of your office, maintained the confidence as well of the government of Canada as of the people of the Yukon Territory.

"We believe that sterling integrity and unswerving honesty have characterized your official life.

"The social life of this community is deeply indebted to you and Mrs. Henderson. You have both given cheerfully of your talents to its advancement.

"As the occupants of Government House your sincere welcome and warm cordiality will long be remembered.

"We wish to both of you and your daughter health and happiness.

"We express the hope that admidst new surroundings and all that pertains to a busy life the Yukon will retain a place in your affection, and that should opportunity offer your energy and influence will be at its disposal.

"We ask you to accept this service of plate and the accompanying scroll as a token of the warm affection which the people of the territory have for you and Mrs. Henderson.

"Dawson, July 7, 1911

"Arthur Wilson, James Craig, A.E. Snyder, Chester A. Thomas, D.M. Sanson, J.T. Kelly, Joseph L. Barrette, C.A. Dugas, Alfred Thompson.

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#### An Unforgettable Event

by John Gould

It was New Years Eve in 1962 or was it 1963? The Kiwanis Club of Dawson planned a big dinner and dance at the Palace Grand Theatre and both Madeleine and I planned on going. The weather was starting to get cold but that wasn't unusual for this time of year and wasn't going to stop the dinner and dance.

I had a contract with the post office to carry the mail to the post office at Granville on lower Dominion Creek and to the other dredging company camps on Sulpher Creek and to No. 10 camp at Jensen on Dominion Creek as well as a few old-timers along the creeks.

My contract read that the mail must go, weather and roads permitting. It was starting to get colder, but some of the people at Granville and Jensen wanted their last mail of the year and also they had some parcels and freight at the stores that they needed. So I loaded everything into my 1954 Chev panel and left town about noon in -30F weather. Our oldest boy, Jock, decided that he was going with me. We put on our warmest clothes and left town stopping at the company camp at Bear Creek to pick up some more freight. This trip I decided to go by way of Sulpher Creek. We dropped off what mail and parcels we had for the one man living at No. 9 camp on Sulpher at about 2 p.m. and headed on down the creek to Granville delivering the mail to the post office and what freight we had to the few homes around that area. It was now close to 40 below. We headed up Dominion Creek towards Jensen camp, 10 or 12 miles away, arriving there around 5 p.m. We left the mail at the post office and what freight we had for those living there. The last stop we made was at Joe Vanstreppin's, his thermometer

registered -52F. He told me I was nutty for coming out in this cold weather - by that time I agreed with him! As we were leaving, Joe phoned Madeleine and told her we were on the way home. We had two more stops to make at a couple of old-timers living between Jensen Camp and the Hunker summit. The first stop was at Pete Nazareno's and the next at Quebec Creek where Pete Pontaletta lived. From here on there was no one until Bear Creek.

The truck did not have a very good heater and we were starting to get cold, so was the truck and it was starting to act up. We finally made it to the Hunker summit, here there was a phone in a box on one of the power poles. This phone had been put there by the dredging company many years before for emergency use. It was only connected with the power house in Dawson. It was so cold I had a hard time cranking it, but the operator in the power house heard it. It was Axel Nordling who was on duty that night. I told him we were having trouble, that the truck was freezing up, but we would try and make it to Pete Brady's cabin on Hunker Creek about 6 or 8 miles away. We finally made it to the cabin getting there around 6 p.m. By this time I was having a terrible time keeping the truck running.

It was a cloudless night. The moon and stars were out in all their brilliance, but we were not interested in the winter beauty around us -- we were damn cold. All we could think about was getting into Pete's cabin and getting a good fire going. Pete Brady wasn't home, he was away some place for the winter and the cabin was locked. We managed to get in and soon had a good fire going in the drum heater. There was lots of wood on hand, thank God and Pete! The cabin thermometer registered -60F.

Axel had phoned Madeleine and told her what was going on with us. They both tried to find someone who would go out and get us. It was about 8 p.m. by this time and most people were getting ready for the dance. Madeleine did not know that we had made it to Pete Brady's cabin and we were comfortable. We had no way of letting her know. So far as she knew we could have been froze up anywhere along the road. Between Madeleine and Axel they convinced the Police to go out and look for us. They arrived at the cabin about 9 p.m. In another half hour Jock

renewable resource offices around the territory.

and I were home in Dawson, just in time for the New Year's dance which was enjoyed by everyone, even with the temperature hovering around 63 below Fahrenheit.

It was several days before the weather moderated enough so that I was able to go and get the truck for the next mail run.

## SIX GRANTS APPROVED UNDER SAFE PLACES PROGRAM

WHITEHORSE - November 22, 1989
- Community groups in Old Crow,
Dawson City, Mayo, Faro, Teslin and
Watson Lake have received grants for the
development of safe places, Health and
Human Resources Minister Tony
Penikett announced today.

The Dawson Shelter received a \$10,400 capital grant for household furnishings and improvements to building security. The other groups received approximately \$3,000 for local consultations to develop safety plans for battered women in their communities.'

"The response to the Safe Places Program indicates that Yukon people want to provide safety and support for victims of family violence in their communities", Penikett said. It is estimated that one in seven Yukon women are victims of spousal assault every year.

The Safe Places Program, introduced in June, 1989, provides capital and operating funding for safe places in the Yukon. There are two shelters in the Yukon, one in Whitehorse and one in Dawson. These shelters offer emergency crisis housing and support services for women who are fleeing a violent relationship.

A new Safe Places Program Officer will be working closely with communities to help them set up safe networks.

Contact: Lorraine Stick, Safe Places Program Officer, Health and Human Resources, (403) 667-3745; Jan Langford, Program Research and Development Officer, Health and Human Resources; (403) 667-3674; Government of the Yukon, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6.

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# FUR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS TRAPPERS

(Whitehorse) More than 30 Yukon trappers have received funding this year under the Yukon government's Fur Enhancement Program.

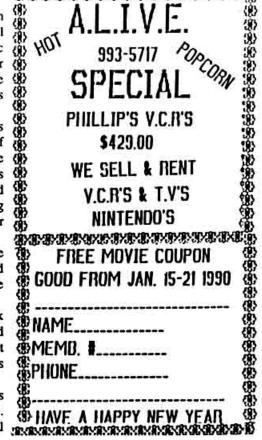
"Trapping is important to the Yukon economy and particularly to rural communities," said Minister of Economic Development Piers McDonald. "The Fur Enhancement Program provides assistance to trappers for upgrading their traplines and purchasing necessary equipment."

This year the program, which is administered by the Department of Economic Development, provided more than \$40,000 in funding to 31 trappers around the territory. The funds were used to purchase snow machines, trapping equipment, cabin materials, and to pay air freight to remote traplines.

"Trapping is essential to the subsistence lifestyle of Yukon Indian people and communities and for the many non-native trappers in the territory," McDonald said.

"Today, this way of life is under attack from anti-trapping lobbies in Europe and North America. The Fur Enhancement Program is designed to help maintain this important sector of the Yukon economy."

The deadline for applications for this year's program is December 1, 1989. Application forms are available at regional



#### LIBRARY

The biggest news for the Library is the coming visit of author Jim Greene. January 15, 16 and 17 he will be in Dawson to do a public reading, meet with authors in town (this is wide open to anyone who dabbles in the printed word). and host a writers' workshop. For more information call Kay at 993-5571. Don't miss this opportunity to have your work reviewed or just share some ideas with Jim. Watch for posters around town and announcements on the radio station.

Many of you have experienced frustration with the lack of a book-drop at the new library. We had a portable book-drop that was to be left in the hall just inside the front doors.

## CORNER

Unfortunately, it was delivered in damaged condition and had to be returned. We are waiting for the replacement and we have submitted a work order to have a book drop slot installed from the outside. It will be accessible from the front school steps. When these plans will occur we are not sure. The Library Board is aware of the problem as is the Principal of Robert Service and we are working together to try to solve this. Comments and suggestions from the public are greatly appreciated as the Board is committed to managing the Library in a manner that best serves the patrons of this community.

#### RETURNS LOST MOOSE

Whitehorse - The Lost Whole Moose is coming back.

Nearly 10,000 copies of the Lost Whole Moose Catalogue were sold between 1979 and 1981, making it one of the Yukon's most popular books. Lost Moose co-founder Max Fraser says it's time to do another one.

Like its forerunner, the next catalogue will contain a wide variety of "how-to" articles, photos, illustrations, commentaries, and stories about life in the Yukon. The book was aptly subtitled"A Yukon Way Of Knowledge."

Most articles were submitted by novice Yukon authors, Fraser says. "More than 100 Northerners contributed and we want to encourage that kind of participation again.

'That's what made the first book so special. People had something to share by way of knowledge or skills, or had something to say about the land they love."

The first catalogue had articles on how to build a log cabin, make homemade beer, cook bannock, heat with wood, go canoeing, skin a moose, and find a job.

"We had lots of great photos and good anecdotes about the silly kinds of things that happen in everyday life. Humour was an important part of the first book," Fraser says.

Fraser says the size and shape will be much the same as last time - 112 blackand-white pages in the same dimensions as a tabloid newspaper.

But he adds the content will be shaped by Yukoners.

The final product will depend on what people write - what they think is important. A decade has passed and there have been a lot of changes since the first publication" he says.

An organizing group is pulling the talent, ideas, and technical resources together now. It is expected the book will be self-financed.

Submissions can be made any time between now and next spring. Several group creative sessions through the winter will shape overall content. Final production is scheduled for next summer with publication in the fall of 1990.

Interested people should contact: Max Fraser at 668-3441 or Arnold Hedstrom at 668-3549.

## BOOK REVIEWS by Michael Gates

Gold! The Klondike Adventure, by Delia Ray. Lodestar Books, New York. ISBN 0-525-67288-5. Hardcover; price: \$20.95. 90 pages, 52 photos, 2 maps.

Klondike Fever: The Famous Gold Rush of 1898, by Michael Cooper. Clarion Books, New York. ISBN 0-89919-803-1. Hardcover;, price:\$22.95. 80 pages, I map, 49 photos.

It seems as though these two authors had the same unique idea at the same time: "Why not make up a pictorial story of the Klondike gold rush, package it up in a lovely cover, keep it short and the price low, so that people will be more inclined to add it to their library?"

This has been done before, and certainly better than either of these to books. The Klondike is a rather unusual historical and human event, and may win the title of the most photographed historical odyssey in the 19th century. Literally thousands of photographs chronicle the fascinating story of the stampede of '98. Some of the better volumes assembled to tell this story include Pierre Berton's "Klondike Quest", Murray Morgan's "One Man's Gold Rush", or William Bronson's "The Last

Grand Adventure." It's unfortunate that some of these books aren't available today, for they would be a better investment than either of the two new

Cooper's book is loaded with photographs which have been published on numerous occasions in other books. The historical content of the text is short, superficial, and filled with factual errors. Joe Ladue did not come up the Yukon river from Fortymile to set up his sawmill at the townsite of Dawson City, nor had Robert Henderson just returned from Fortymile when he invited George Carmack to join him on Gold Bottom Creek. It was in fact the trading post at Sixtymile from which both of these men had come. The photograph on page 63 identifies a photograph of George Carmack as his antagonist, Robert Henderson. Even the title is old news; Berton's book Klondike has for many years been released in the U.S. as "The Klondike Fever," and Stumer's book of some years ago was titled "This was Klondike Fever." I would have to give this book a 5 out of 10.

For my money, though suffering

### Bookends

by Dan Davidson

Lightning by Dean R. Koontz, Berkley Books, 355 pages, \$6.50

The Koontz secret is getting out. In a recent panning review of the latest Stephen King book, Koontz was cited as a more dependable source of good escapist reading. I'm not about to join in the spate of King bashing I've been reading, but I have to agree that Koontz tells a good

Part of his success is a good marketing strategy, one that has taken a rather diverse collection of material and given it a solid niche for booksellers to relate to. Koontz is marketed with horror-suspense covers, no matter what the book may be about. Like F. Paul Wilson, he is doing pretty much what he likes, and while some of it has a horror edge to it, a lot of it is either fantasy or science fiction.

LIGHTNING is a time travel story. It is the story of Laura Shane, whose life seems touched by tragedy in a number of ways, but who manages to endure it all with the assistance of her guardian angel, a mysterious, ageless man who usually pops up just when she needs him most. It is also the story of Stefan, the time traveller whose desire to save Laura caused him to change her personal history and even the history of the world.

It is a story full of love and hate, quiet moments and furious action, tragedy and triumph. It ticks along like a time-bomb



and dares you to put it down.

Proof a reading by Charles Dance of Dick Francis' novel, Listen for Pleasure, 2 1/2

Francis takes us away from the familiar scenes at the track this time to dabble in the world of wines and spirits, thus the rather appropriate title of the story. Tony Beach is a wine merchant who is drawn into a mystery involving hi-jacked trucks and phony liquor because of his highly developed ability to distinguish between types by taste alone. He finds himself helping the police and a private security firm on what seems to be two unrelated

At first Tony simply welcomes the distraction of his consultant's role, which takes his mind off his recently deceased wife and keeps him busy. Eventually however, he becomes truly interested in what he is doing and is certainly the first person to realize that there is some sort of connection between the wine, the whiskey and the tragic garden party scene with which the story opened.

Charles Dance provides a very effective reading of this mystery. We were quick to flip the tapes over to find out what was going to happen next. Francis' books seem to work very well in this sort of format. I haven't heard one yet that I didn't enjoy.

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from many of the same complaints as Cooper's book, "Gold," at two dollars less, is a better buy. Although she uses many of the same photographs as other books I have mentioned, and in some cases, the same photographs as Cooper, Delia Ray does use some of the less familiar photographs of the Kinsey Brothers, who, om their studio in Grand Forks thoroughly documented the lives of the miners in the goldfields.Ray's work, based upon her previous Klondike research appears to have given her the edge in writing supporting text for the photos. I would give this one 6 out of 10, and would make this the one I would send to relatives and friends outside. I will also pray that next year, someone will come out with a book which is more original and uses some new photographs.



## SANTA VISITS DAWSON CHILDREN

by Dan Davidson

All children in Dawson City get something from Santa Claus every year. All they have to do is turn up at the Christmas Tree Association's annual event. This year's was held on December 17 in the recently revived recreation centre, and featured a visit with Saint Nick as well as a skating party.

The association's operations go back many, many years. According to historian Iris Warner (Klondike Sun, November 23, 1989) the umbrella organization was founded to gather a variety of independent kids' parties under one community banner. It died out for a time between the two world wars and was revived again in 1944. There was another crisis of interest during the 1960's when the event was combined with a Christmas Pageant. Later on it was, for a number of years, tied in with whatever type of concert or presentation was going on at the Robert Service School.

In recent years it has been a separate event focussed mainly on the visit from Santa, with some sort of activity on the side to keep the kids busy before and after their turn with the old gentleman. Skating at the recreation centre has worked out as a very good solution to excess energy problems.

The association gets its funding from local businesses which are tapped for money every other year in order to provide a bank account. Toys are ordered in bulk from a jobber who supplies them according to an age/sex list of all the elementary school kids in Dawson.

As with many volunteer organizations, the association seems to be going through an involvement crisis just now. Organizer Norah Paton put out a plea for assistance in the October issue of the "Klondike Sun", but Vicki Roberts reports that it didn't seem to do much good.

Luckily for the kids the volunteer fire department looked after getting Santa to the recreation centre and a few high school kids and moms turned out to help get things ready at the last minute. It does look as if there will need to be more of a community committment made in the future if this event is to continue.



Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Past visit scenes from Scrooge's early life.

Dan Davidson photo

## **Annual Christmas Carol Service** At St. Paul's

Warm Hearts Triumph in Frigid Church

by Sue Ward

It was standing room only at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve for the Ecumenical Celebration and the huge kerosene heat blaster had done its job. The combined choirs ran through difficult passages while scrambling into assorted choir attire in cozy Richard Martin Chapel on the adjoining property. With outdoor temp about -18 C., the processional down Church Street was "on the double". Marking time, latecomers were encouraged to hustle up into the church, as choir members' parkas were stashed. And hustle they did, but alas--as the choir reached the doors all lights were switched off to enhance the lighting of



L-R: Kathy Linklater and Richard McMaster tray for a Christmas donation from Jason Mann, while Atlin Bowie and Annmarie Sathers look on.

Dan Davidson photo

the Christmas Candle. Bewildered all those who knew about it, hurried to choristers were joined by another wave of the coffee urn and homemade treats in the late-late-comers. Only the heat knew where to go, and go it did, up the belfry and out into the sparkling night.

first Dawson Christmas with his family from Victoria, B.C. set spines a-tingling with his sweet trumpet solo, and the Candle blazing, the lights restored, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" brought hearts and voices together.

The little Sunday School children created a beautiful Manger Tableau, and singers and soloists alternated with the clergy who read the familiar Christmas Story. Toes began to chill as breath became mist and Pastor Campbell snuggled his trumpet under his choir gown. Someone forgot to invite the congregation to offer The Gift of Peace and a Merry Christmas to each other, and

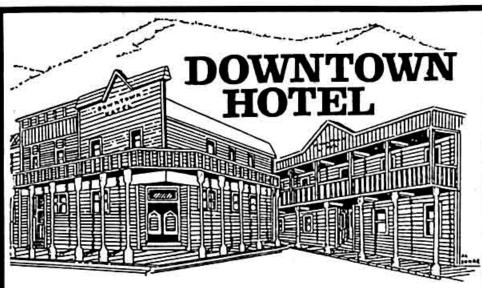
Chapel.

Rev. Andrew Wilson spent many hours in preparatory work and is to be Pastor Bruce Campbell, celebrating his commended for keeping the tradition. Pastor Lyle Anderson and his wife Rita, of the Gospel Hall, lent great strength to the choir, members of which, including this correspondent, made time for several practices during the busy pre-Christmas schedules.

> The above is my memory of the 1989 Christmas Pageant Service.

> A GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASE, dated Dec. 14th, tells OLD LOG CHURCH RECEIVES FUNDING TO PRESERVE RELIGIOUS HERITAGE in Whitehorse. Wouldn't it warm the cockles of your hearts, dear readers, if St. Paul's could light a furnace? AMEN!





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assistance to the exploration phase of the local mining industry.

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fashion to other helicopter businesses. They also participate in the Dawson City Gold Show and the Whitehorse Trade Show where they offer prizes of 1/2-hour helicopter rides. This participation does increase business, however the majority of their advertising occurs by word of mouth from satisfied customers. This satisfaction is a result of the company providing an extremely safe courteous service, and a quick response to customers' needs. Trans North Air even equipped their helicopter with a special stretcher to assist with medical emergencies and medi-vacs which occur in remote areas.

Contributions of 1/2-hour helicopter rides (worth #330 each) are often given to community groups for prizes, auctions, and other fund raising events. In the past year, contributions have been made to

Klondike Placer Miners Association, Yukon Quest, Run Dawson, Percey deWolfe Mail Run, Dawson Museum and Historical Society, Dawson Ski Club, Annual Discovery Days Horseshoe Tournament, Golden Age Social Club, and the Dawson Curling Club. Many of the foregoing contributions are repeated on an annual basis. Trans North Air also allow their hanger and yard to be used for community events such as barbecues.

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WORLD GOLD PANNING

## COMMITTEE IN HIGH GEAR

DAWSON CITY - The World Gold Panning Committee has moved into high gear in preparing to host the 1990 World Gold Panning Championships. This is the second time Dawson City has been chosen as the site of the World Championships. It previously was in Dawson in 1984 and the World Gold Panning Association has already awarded Dawson City the event in 1996 as part of the Klondike Gold Rush Centennial.

Mr. Castellarin, the Committee Chairman, said there is already a great deal of interest in the event. The Dawson City delegation attending the 1989 event in Goldkronach, West Germany, were inundated with inquires about 1990. The Canadian Embassy in Paris has received requests, as well as Tourism Yukon. He said they expect to have far more competitors and spectators in 1990. As part of the preparations, a new panning trough for 24 panners will be constructed as well as more bleachers for the spectators.

The opening day August 20th will include the opening ceremonies and reception some VIP gold panning and a dance. There are events planned for all week culminating in the finals, closing ceremonies and Awards Banquet on Sunday, August 26th.

Mr. Castellarin said he was very pleased with the way people have volunteered to assist with the event, such as officiating - Al Fisk: site preparation - Ralph Troberg and Harold Shannon; special events - Peggy Amendola: Entertainment - Linda Bierlmeier: fund raising and prizes - Lenore Jenkins and Finances - Jim Reilly.

In concluding, Mr. Castellarin said the Committee anticipates over one million dollars in ecomonic benefit to Dawson City and because so many of the competitors will be making this a part of an extended vacation, there will be great economic benefit to the Yukon as well.

For further information contact: C. Holloway, 403-993-5575



Giovanni Castellarin - chairman of Dawson's 1990 World Goldpanning Committee.

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Namiko Saito, Jason Mann and Annmarie Sathers present Mrs. Davidson (I) and Mrs. Dragoman (r) with tokens of appreciation from the school for masterminding the music and the play.

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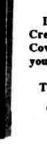
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## A DAWSON "CHRISTMAS CAROL"

by Dan Davidson

Ebenezer Scrooge lived again for about an hour on December 12 as the Robert Service School entertained the community with a Christmas concert. Principal Jim Montgomery estimates that that there were about 400 people in the audience, which, with the 230 students who worked on the concert, made for a very full school that night.

This version of "A Christmas Carol" involved just about everyone in the school. The high school did the organizing of sets and costumes and provided the main cast for the play. Elementary classes provided secondary characters while the school choir kept the evening moving with singing in between scenes.

The play began with a lamplighter (Kelly Burns) quietly lighting four streetlights while the 18 voice choir sang "Christmas Filled With Love" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". This was followed by a snow party staged by Kindergarten and Grade 3 and featuring the special effects hit of the evening, a drift of "snow" from the rafters. As the play proceeded Scrooge (Jason Mann) argued with his nephew (Atlin Bowie), his clerk (Annemarie Sathers) and a couple of solicitors from the orphanage (Richard McMaster and Kathy Linklater) before heading home to face the ghost of Jacob Marley (Trevor Van Rumpt). Spirited away by the Ghost of Christmas Past

(Namiko Saito), Scrooge faced himself at a younger age, enjoying life at a party held by his one time employer. The grade 4/5 class danced an energetic reel and waltz while the spectral visitors looked on.

Next, Christmas Present (Leanne MacKenzie) led Scrooge to the home of his clerk, Bob Cratchit and the grade 6/7 class showed the old miser the real spirit of Christmas cheer. Then came the grim spirit of Christmas Future (Greg Braga), who whisked Scrooge off to the graveside of Tiny Tim (Terry Grabowski), showed him three gentlemen (Kyla Burns, Sandra Roberts and Faith Godfrey) discussing his own death, and led him to his graveside where he experienced the traditional change of heart before waking up in his own rooms again.

Dancing with the sheer ecstacy of his revelation, Scrooge sent a village boy (Amy Conley) off to buy a turkey for the Cratchits and then cavorted off to do some shopping, leading the grade I class, which had sung "Jingle Bells" while he was leaving the stage. As they skipped out of the gymnasium, grade two appeared to sing "O, Christmas Tree" and dance about four walking trees.

In the final scene at the Cratchit house, a reformed Scrooge offered presents to the family and a raise to his somewhat puzzled clerk.

Behind the scenes a cadre of classroom supervisors and runners worked with the teachers to collect the junior grades and



(L-R) Annmarie Sathers, Terry Grabowski, Christina Shulda, Sammy Jenkins & Jeff Troberg stage a scene at the Cratchit home.

Dan Davidson photo

get them ready to answer their cues. The construction crew rested from its labours on the sets and two auxiliary stages. The costume group worked on make-up and costume changes while the lighting and special effects crew practised their visual and auditory magic and the stage hands worked smoothly and without intrusion to whisk away the used sets from the three production areas and get them ready for the next scene.

Lighting and continuous motion had a lot to do with the success of this play. Well placed spotlights told the audience where to focus its attention and what to ignore, while the nearly seamless continuity of frame-work play, music and special class numbers kept the evening moving without interruption.

One choir song out of the dozen was cut by too quick a response from the students manning the sound board, and the black-robed Ghost of Christmas Future was improperly cued for his entry, stalking from the rear of the gym almost at the end of his theme music, causing Scrooge to run through anticipatory nervousness far in excess of any that had been rehearsed. The audience did not notice these things, which were obvious only to those who had worked on the production.

In the words of the original story, this year Robert Service School showed that it "knew how to keep Christmas well".



Mr. Scrooge jumps for joy the morning after.

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## CURLING CLUB NOTES

Well at long last we can start to curl again after the fire, flood, Christmas, and New Year! We still have three draws left -- they are January, February, and March. Each draw costs \$25.00 per person. You can curl any night you wish providing we have the teams. Monday and Thursday nights seem to be the most popular but any night goes!! So get your team in now or if you just want to curl and do not have a team, contact any member of the Curling Club. Beginners, we will hold a night for you so just let us know who you are!!

Don't forget our Commercial Cashspiel on January 19-21 and International Bonspiel on March 1-4. See the ad in this paper for more details.

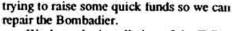
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## SKI CLUB NEWS

By Lorie Sprokreeff

We did manage to open Moose Mountain for a few days over the Christmas Holidays for skiing. The weather was great and a few people did come out.. Santa had brought a few kids some skis and they even were up there trying out the slopes. Our Bombadier machine (hill groomer) decided to break down only I day before we were to open and therefore we couldn't pack the hill properly. Thanks to a few eager people part of the main run was packed by strong human legs and by skidoo. We are now



Work on the installation of the T-Bar has been at a standstill since Dec 15th. The money which was granted to us for labour costs has run out and not enough volunteer help has turned up.

We have a new entrance to the bottom of the ski hill. Just turn to where the dump is and follow the sign. You can still get to it by the top as well, but you still have to walk though, either way. Come on out and check it out. It's beautiful up there.

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#### NOTICE

#### COMING EVENTS

The Dawson City Museum is hosting a talk on the arctic dinosaurs and their migration. Everyone is welcome to attend. It will take place at the Museum on Saturday, January 20. at 7:30. This presentation is by the Yukon Science Institute.

Thank you to OLE LUNDE and SUZANNE **GALITZINE** for their donations for the Dawson City Museum's raffle. The winner of the ounce of gold was TRACEY MCBRIDE, and TODD DEWALD won the hand-painted sweatshirt. Linda Thompson now has her membership at the Museum paid up for two more years!

#### NOTICE

#### RCMP Dawson Detachment

Your local detachment of the RCMP would like to advise you that starting in 1990 we will be enforcing the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations regarding heavy equipment and the operation of construction vehicles on highways and city streets.

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The competition is open only to individuals and is limited to one entry per

The committee felt the competitions held in 1988 and 1989 were such a success, and were of such interest to those attending the Gold Show, that the competition should be carried on.

The winning entry will be selected by secret ballot, cast by the trade exhibitors and delegates attending the show.

The ballots will be cast during the first day and the winner announced on the morning of May 26th.

There is no fee to enter the Gold Jewellery competition. Those interested in entering, may contact the Gold Show office at P.O. Box 812, Dawson City, Yukon, YOB 1G0, for entry form and complete rules, or you may telephone Renee Mayes at (403) 993-6720.



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