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DAWSON PLANS FOR FUTURE

by Dan Davidson

Dawson City is in the enviable position of having grown much faster than anyone would have predicted a decade ago. At that time a disastrous flood had wreaked havoc with much of the town, and it looked like it might take a while to put things back on track. Much to everyone's surprise, the town not only picked itself up, but more than doubled its population during the next 10 years, the result of what Mayor Peter Jenkins has referred to as "no effort at all."

Success brings problems of its own, however. If any major development were to occur in the area - the opening of a hard rock mine, for instance - the community would be unable to house the number of people who would want to live here.

An old community plan, dating from about 1981, sits gathering dust in City Offices. Never endorsed, it is now quite out of touch with the town, reflecting as it does the realities of the late 1970's. For these, among other reasons, the town council is exploring the creation of a community development plan, or Official Community Plan, as it was referred to in briefing documents from IMC Consulting Group, the agency working on the plan.

The immediate impetus to develop an OCP comes from the territorial government which has indicated that Dawson City should have such a plan by the end of 1990. The moment is opportune in another way, since the development of the first phase of the Klondike Valley Land Use Plan is happening at the same time and is being researched by the same consulting firm.

The first public meeting in what will probably be a series was held in Council Chambers on Feb. 19. Some 20 people listened as IMC's Don Drackley outlined the kind of development alternatives Dawson has and the major issues that he had identified in his preliminary report to Council.

In general terms Dawson will either regress, stagnate, or grow. In the past it has done all three. If it matched the 1980-85 growth rate of 10% a year there could be 9,100 persons in the area by the year 2010. Such a pace seems fantastic. More probable is the less hectic 3%-4% growth pattern of the last five years which, if it continued unabated, would see 3,400 in the community by the same year.

Even if the pace were slower than that, there is a strong feeling that continued growth at some rate is the most likely scenario. In such a case Drackley has identified 12 issues which will need to be addressed, beginning with an overall philosophy to govern the regulation of growth and expansion.

Following that would be the need for a town boundary plan, taking into consideration the most likely directions for future expansion; the need for an expanded amount and variety of residential housing, whether in town or through further projects such as last fall's Dome Subdivision; identification of housing locations; relocation of the RV park (Goldrush Campground) currently situated in the downtown area; more intensive use of remaining downtown land; the establishment of open spaces for parks, festivals and special events; development of areas for outdoor recreation and industrial activity, as well as agricultural land.

Utilities would have to be expanded to service the remainder of the community. In addition, it would need to be determined just what limits there are to be placed on the current Historical Control building bylaw that has shaped the restored face of the community. It has already been determined that these controls do not extend to the Dome lots. Where else might that be true?

QUEST POSITIONS INTO DAWSON

March 4th

Position	Name	Time
1st	Vern Holter-Ak	4:56 am
2nd	F. Varigas-Daw	10:05 am
3rd	Jeff King-Ak	10:15 am
4th	Kate Persons-Ak	10:10 am
5th	Ned Cathers-Whse	2:13 pm
6th	Linda Forsberg-Ak	2:14 pm
7th	D. McLeod-Ak	2:26 pm
8th	Peter Thomann-Ak	4:15 pm
9th	Larry Smith-Daw	5:02 pm
10th	W. Forsberg-Ak	7:39 pm

(* Mark Elliott-Dawson scratched at Eagle.)



Grand Opening of "Trappers Mens Wear" by owner Lynn Bowers at new location corner 2nd & Queen



CITY MANAGER MOVES ON

by Dan Davidson

Dawson's chief administrative officer is moving on to bigger challenges after her 2-year tenure here. Allanah Tunnicliffe, whose 2-year contract expired in January, will be the new Director of Policy, Planning and Evaluation for the Y.T.G.'s Department of Community and Transportation Services, a post she will fill as of April 2.

Tunnicliffe, who announced her departure at the end of the March 1 Council meeting, is the second key player in Dawson's City Offices to move in a month. Just last week Harry deWindt left for Whitehorse to take a new job with Northwestel. Tunnicliffe says the timing is coincidental, and not an indication of problems in the community.

"I was ready for more challenges," she said, "and an opportunity came up so I took it. The sad part is leaving behind all the people I've met and the friends I've made while I've been here."

The hardest part of her job here has been the way in which she has sometimes been held personally responsible for the Council directives she has been carrying out. She concedes, however, that this sort of thing goes with the job and the paycheck.

"It's certainly been a challenge," she said, "but I think I can leave confident that I accomplished what I set out to do when I came here. The municipal office is running very well administratively."

Tunnicliffe's last day will be March 27. Since the March 22 Council meeting has been cancelled due to lack of a quorum, this means she has attended her last Council meeting. Her job is advertised. Applications close on March 23.

"I hope," she said, "that people will give the new person the same assistance and cooperation I received when I first came here."

Ned Cathers in 5th place on Arrival in Dawson



Quest Photos by Paula Pawlovich

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YUKON: HOLLYWOOD NORTH?

by Dan Davidson

Imagine Dawson City and Whitehorse as segments of a far-flung rural Hollywood North that includes Vancouver, parts of the lower B.C. mainland and places such as Nelson. It may sound a bit far fetched, but that's the sales pitch that Jak King and Mary Guilfoyle hope to take to the Location Expo at the American Film Market in Los Angeles later this spring.

King and Guilfoyle have been in the territory this month, meeting selected groups of people to sell the idea of their Preferred Locations Program. Four B.C. towns and two in the Yukon have been selected to become part of a package that the B.C. and Yukon Council of Film Unions hopes to be able to push in both the U.S.A. and Canada.

They were in Dawson on Jan. 8th pitching the plan to a selected group of local politicians, business persons and other interested parties. They are making the same pitch this evening in Whitehorse. The reason they are here is simple: the plan won't work without local cooperation.

The Council of Film Unions wants to be able to offer a deal to film producers. They are looking for a local commitment to avoid price gouging when the movies come to town, and a further commitment to provide "no cost locations" to productions. In return for that kind of guarantee, King and Guilfoyle believe the producers will respond by bringing film work to these communities. In their turn, the five unions which make up this council are willing to provide preferential terms to producers which are willing to buy into the program.

By this scenario, everybody wins. The unions get jobs, the locals get economic activity and the producers get good terms on the sites and workers they need to do their jobs. This kind of deal can offset such disadvantages as distance, the relative strength of the Canadian dollar and higher energy costs.

King denies that this move is the result of a slump in the Vancouver film market. He says, in fact, that the lower

mainland is well on its way to having its best first quarter in years, even after a 22% rise in activity last year. But he notes that the kinds of things that used to make Vancouver unique - the settings and ambiance - are now becoming more and more familiar to audiences, and that it is probably time to be offering some newer and more different to those who are attempting to attract the viewing public.

While King spent most of his time touting the advantages of the plan, he did admit to some problems.

"Film companies like small towns," he noted, "because they can take them over." Film people, he conceded, are not always the nicest in the world, and can be quite overbearing in their demands. Still, he feels that if a town is ready for this sort of thing and makes allowance for it, the whole business can still be of immense profit.

There exists the danger that the Yukon would simply become the backdrop against which B.C. technicians and actors worked with American stars to make movies without a lot of involvement by locals. The territory doesn't have the sort of film crews that could do world class work at this point in time. But then, Vancouver didn't when it started either, and it is now, much to the chagrin of Toronto, the film and t.v. capital of Canada.

Having the territory out there on display would reduce the chances of losing a film like "White Fang" in the future. King, by the way, agrees with Tourism minister Art Webster that the real Klondike was never in the running for that film. While his union, local 891 of IATSE (Motion Picture Technicians) have done a lot of work with the Disney organization, King says that he knew hardly anything about the "White Fang" project until it was announced.

King's Dawson audience gave him a cautious hearing, but seemed positive about the idea. John Hendley of White Ram Contracting was curious as to what kind of special terms the industry might want. Town councillor Lynn MacKenzie wondered if was enough simply to say that a film production would face the same charges as everyone else, without fear of having advantage taken of them.

DAWSON - CALLISON PLANNING BEGINS

by Dan Davidson

There was a fair degree of tension in the Downtown Hotel's conference room on Feb. 18 when residents of the Klondike Valley met to discuss the first phase of the creation of a land use plan for the area between the current boundaries of Dawson City and the Callison Industrial Subdivision, just a few miles away.

This is the first tangible fruit of a decision taken last September when the territorial government released and approved the major recommendations of the Klondike Valley Land Use Plan which had been in preparation for the previous 18 months.

Of major concern to the between 30 and 40 residents who turned up at the meeting is a controversial plan to withdraw from further placer staking the area within the plan's scope. There was quite a bit of discussion around this issue, much of it based on assumptions which, according to IMC Consulting Group's Don Drackley, are faulty.

Drackley assured his audience of several things. First and foremost, any decision to ban further staking in the Dawson to Callison area would have no effect on existing claims insofar as they are self-contained operations.

"Existing rights cannot be extinguished," he said.

There were, of course, some people who couldn't see any need for a plan at all. To them Drackley gave a pretty standard planner's answer: In any growing area which is left unplanned there will eventually come to be conflicting land uses. The only way to avoid irreconcilable conflicts is to plan to avoid them.

Drackley cautioned the audience to remember that he was his associates were

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COUNCILLOR LOSES HER SEAT

by Dan Davidson

Councillor Dianne Freed has been stripped of her council position because of her extended absence from the community over the last three months.

Mayor Peter Jenkins raised the matter as the last item of a recent council meeting, citing Section 132 of the Municipal Act as his reason.

Earlier in the meeting, the attendance records of all the councillors had been tabled. They showed that all councillors except Freed were present at more than 85 per cent of 1989's 26 meetings.

Freed missed four of the 10 meetings which she might have attended after being acclaimed to the seat last fall, following the resignation of former councillor Axel Speer. As of Feb. 17, she had also missed an additional four meetings, sending her record of absence well over the three months set out in the Municipal Act.

Council was informed by City Manager Allanah Tunnicliffe that Freed had been cautioned about her situation before she left the territory.

Freed, who was married last fall, left Dawson to join her husband in the Caribbean several weeks after the wedding. At the time, she expressed her clear intention of returning to Dawson before her leave of absence could expire, but neither council nor other colleagues of hers have heard from her lately.

Council voted without opposition to declare her seat vacant. Councillor Herb Watt abstained from the vote, but read his reasons into the record. Council, he agreed, was doing the right thing in acting now, but his personal friendship with Freed left him feeling awkward about voting in favor of the motion.

A by-election to fill the vacancy is to be called as soon as possible. This will be the second by-election for that seat in the last year.

Freed, who launched an unsuccessful mayoral challenge in 1988, is not precluded from running again if she should return before the nomination period expires.

VERDICT REACHED IN STABBING

February 2, 1990: Previously Released: On April 28th, 1989 at approximately 2215 hrs, Darrell Taylor, an 18 year old from Dawson City was stabbed in the stomach during a fight at the intersection of Queen St. and 3rd Ave. in Dawson City.

As a result of his injuries, Taylor, was medicated to Whitehorse General Hospital. His condition was reported as stable.

Mary Anne Chudy, a 25 year old woman from Dawson City, Yukon, has

been charged with aggravated assault. She appeared in Territorial Court on June 20th, 1989 in Dawson City.

RESULT OF SUPREME COURT:

On February 15 and 16, 1990, Mary Ann Chudy, charged with Aggravated Assault, Section 268 of the Criminal Code, was tried in Dawson City before Supreme Court Judge Maddison. Chudy was found guilty and will be sentenced at a later date. Judge Maddison has ordered a Pre-sentence Report.

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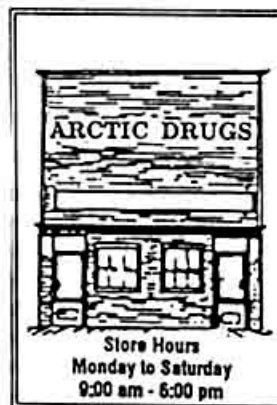
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FIRE AT CHIEF ISAAC INCORPORATED

By Dawne Mitchell

Staff at Chief Isaac Inc., headquarters of the Dawson Indian Band, could detect a distinct wood smoke odor throughout their building, for three or four days recently.

The Dawson Fire Chief was called in to investigate. He was unable to discover the source of the smoky smell until Friday. At this time there was heavy smoke in the offices upstairs. The Fire Chief called in the alarm.

The source of the fire turned out to be smoldering wood under the oil-fired boiler. Apparently, the wood had been smoldering for some time. The boiler is used to heat the Chief Isaac building and provides hot water for the laundromat facilities. It sits on a concrete pad. Under the concrete is a platform of plywood and wooden joists.

Some blocking and minor repairs were all that was necessary to get the boiler fired up again. It was business as usual within two hours.

YUKON ROSE MUST MOVE

By Dawne Mitchell

At February 15th council meeting, Kevin Hewar, co-owner of the historic riverboat "Yukon Rose", requested assistance from the city to find a proper

storage space for his boat. Where the Yukon Rose is situated now on 3rd Ave. is in contravention of a city by-law. Arson two summers ago caused some alarm as to the boat's security in relation to houses nearby.

When asked by the mayor for evidence of it's historical significance, Mr. Hewar circulated a photograph of the Yukon Rose in all her glory. She was owned and operated by White Pass and worked the Yukon River between Whitehorse and Dawson until the 1950's, delivering mail and freight.

The future of the boat, according to Mr. Hewar, is to maintain her private ownership, restore and make her riverworthy and then use her for the tourism industry. This could cost approximately twenty thousand dollars which the owners, to date, have not been able to raise.

Mayor Jenkins suggested that if the boat was fixed up and properly secured

against vandalism, the city might be willing to offer a prominent display area on Front St., until such time as the owners were prepared to move her to drydock for restoration. A secure place would ensure her safety against ice break-up and also add an attraction for visitors to Dawson.

This will be discussed again by Council and the owners of the Yukon Rose before a decision is made.

The bylaw setting all this up has been amended and in the amendments the due date for the bills, which are supposed to be issued in January each year, was adjusted to the usual "due in 30 days" structure that is common in other sales arrangements. Jenkins says he didn't realize that the change had been made until recently.

"I don't agree with it," he said at the Feb. 16 council meeting. "I made a mistake by approving it." What alerted him were some complaints that arrived on his desk, one from the Westmark hotel chain, and several from private residents. A business might save as much as \$500.00 from the bonus, while homeowners will generally see a \$30.00-\$40.00 reduction.

Jenkins feels strongly that the bylaw should be changed to return to the quarterly due date, and that some way should be found to extend this year's due date so that people who are used to cashing in on the bonus before the end of March won't lose the opportunity.

This is a bit difficult. City manager Allanah Tunnicliffe advised council that

ANOTHER WINTER HOUSE FIRE

By Sourdough Sue Ward

Two men shovelling snow from the roof of the Liquor Store spotted smoke curling from the roof vents of ALBERT FUHRE'S home on second ave. early Monday afternoon, February 26th. Once again, prompt action by the Dawson City Fire Fighters enabled MR FUHR, not

only to make his own escape, but much of his Art work, quickly wrapped in blankets by thoughtful Firefighters, was saved. Electrical problems caused the stubborn attic fire.

MR. FUHRE can be reached at the home of his family, MR. and MRS. BILL HAKONSON.

WATER WAS THE MAIN PROBLEM

by Sue Ward

On Thursday February 15th the unthinkable happened; two water mains burst. While the crew labored hard and long at Queen and Fifth, a second line affecting Princess Street and Seventh Avenue residents, broke at the Pump Valve Chamber, just like that. These challenges occur "when the ground shifts" I am told. Once the water is turned off the crew must dig at least eight feet down through the frozen gravel, find the break, which is allowing all the water in the line to pour out, soon to become ice at THIRTY BELOW, repair the water main, all the while pumping the hole out, creating a glacier on the streets. Even working in the bitter cold until after ten o'clock at night, that job took over two days.

Now it was time to begin thawing out sewers and water lines to seven homes. Manholes were "witched" with metal detectors, frozen roadbed was clawed away with the digger, the steamer was

a bylaw cannot be changed by a resolution, although it can be amended. The trouble with that is that the next council meeting falls after the Feb. 28 due date.

While two councillors expressed reservations about this course of action, it was decided to give first and second reading to a bylaw amendment designed to extend this year's due date and establish the quarterly precedent. Third reading and approval could then follow at the next meeting, with retroactive forgiveness being granted to anyone who had missed paying their bills in time to catch the bonus.

That was how it stood when the public meeting closed. In camera discussions are reported by reliable sources to have taken a different tack, and it is not now certain that the amendment will pass a third

reading. Some councillors feel that it is too irregular and will create too much of an administrative mess. While they are in favour of changing the date for future years, they are not inclined to alter this year's deadline.

POSTSCRIPT: The Water and Sewer Bylaw has now been amended to make the bills due at the end of the 1st quarter -- or the end of March. This will be effective in 1991.

The decision to leave things as they were this year was based on two factors. By the end of April last year 62% of the bills had been paid on time. By March 1 this year 60% of the bills had been paid. The change seemed to make little difference, perhaps due to the inconsistency of deadlines over the last 3 years.

WATER BILLS DUE EARLY THIS YEAR

by Dan Davidson

Homeowners in Dawson City may be surprised to find that their annual water and sewer bills need to be paid by February 28 this year. For the last several years the payment date has been in March or April, and people may need to hustle if they want to claim the 10% rebate that is given to those who pay their bills on time.

Mayor Peter Jenkins says that February 28 was not the intended due date for the bills. When Dawson changed over to annual billing a few years back it was intended that the bills should fall due at the end of the first quarter, with the 10% thrown in as a sweetener to make people content with the fact that they were paying for a service they had not yet received.

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Editorial: Help Wanted at City Hall

by Dan Davidson

"Isn't it wonderful how things are coming to life?" That's a line you hear a lot on the street and in the shops and restaurants as the season begins to turn and things get just a little bit busy after the winter lull. This Quest weekend is like a foretaste of things to come. People are outdoors once more and trying to do things. There's lots of second story activity as the flatter roofs of the town fill with people trying to avoid the leaks that inevitably follow when a warm daytime sun begins to beat on the winter's accumulation of snow.

Now may not be a great time to have to think about taking on additional duties, but there's a job vacancy that needs filling, and some of you should give it serious consideration. As you will know, we lost a city councillor recently. It was a stupid situation that shouldn't have happened, but it did, and that leaves council short handed at a time when departures of key city staff will make life a little difficult. It's not every spring that we have to replace the works superintendent and the chief administrative officer, after all.

The city has thoughtfully provided all the details about the by-election on its feature page. Look it over. Check out the voters' list and make sure that you get yourself on it before the deadline. See if you qualify to run for office. Think about who you would like to see doing that job. If you can't see yourself doing it, encourage someone else to give it a try. You have until April 11 to arrange for nominations. Voting day is April 26. Election by acclamation seems to be a less than satisfactory way to fill the position. Let's see a little action out there this time!

Dear Friends:

What a lovely surprise! A link with bygone days. As I read your accompanying letter, a lump rose in my throat at the realization that I am not alone or pushed along the road of life in my wheelchair. I know that people of Dawson City have not failed me.

I would like very much to receive some letters from people there. Is there anyone there now that I knew years ago?

And your television station. Wonderful!

Evelyn, although we have never met I know you and I look forward to meeting you. I hope to make a trip up to Dawson as soon as conditions permit. This leaves me looking toward the future with renewed hope.

Now I will take my leave. Thank you again!

Joyce Huculak
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P.S. Please Darcy, Larry and Evelyn, drop a line. Thanks.

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for Pauline's writings of my album, *Secret of the North* (DD 17001), in the November issue of the Klondike Sun.

Your positive response is much appreciated and has contributed to the success of my first independent album release.

I hope you're coping with the cold weather. Being one of those "summerdoughs" who have never spent a February day in Dawson, I am enjoying my subscription to your newspaper here in Vancouver.

Keep warm and happy. There may be a chance I'll see you in April.

Bill Costlin
Dogwood Discs

Dear Editor:

I am going to make out a cheque for you for Ida and I for the Sun. I do enjoy it!

When I was in Dawson in 1939 I bought some skis from Nels Swanson. Used them there quite a lot and in Houston and here. A friend of mine said he would take off all the old wax and shine them up for me about a month ago. So when I got back from Houston where John and I spent the New Year with my sister and brother and friends, he phoned me quite excited. He had uncovered the name of the man that made them in 1848! So now he would like the history of them and I won't be using them any more!

We have a friend that goes there (Sweden) every two years and has a lot of friends there so he is going to see if he can find out anything about the man that made them! I think Nels Swanson is dead.

You know I still have lobelia in front that are still in bloom!

We've just had one snow fall, and it didn't last. My grass is quite green. Sure glad that we moved here!

Ethel Colbourne
Kelowna, BC

Dear Editor

Congratulations on a great paper!

We were sent a copy by the Stubberfield family in Fort Smith, NWT and they want their edition back, of course!

Please find enclosed our cheque to cover a one year subscription.

It's great to hear about all the Dawson City happenings.

Say "Hello" to everyone there from our family.

The Millers: Bob, Donna, Natalie,
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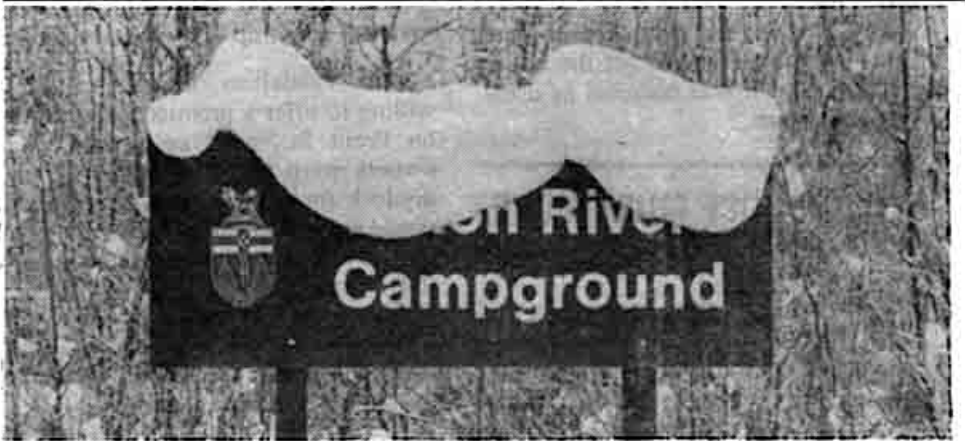


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Just a note to let all of our friends know we arrived safe and sound and are doing well on the prairies.

A belated but very big thank you to all who attended and contributed to our farewell party in November. It was wonderful. The video is also great. Thank you to Joanne and Sally for such a great job. You didn't miss a thing, lip synch etc. Alexander's dancing was a big hit when we showed the video to our families in Ontario at Christmas.

Dawson holds some very special memories for us and we do miss it. The weather here is just about the same right now once you consider the wind chill (50 - 90 km winds.)

We have lots of room in our new home and we are anxiously awaiting some visitors.

Kim and Pat Hanson made it two weeks ago. Thank you again to all our "Northern Friends". We miss you. Keep in touch.

Kim and Yves Racine
Box 474
Aberdeen, Sask.
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We have received all the copies of the Sun and have enjoyed everything including the ads. We have only been to Dawson City twice but feel we know a little more about you because of your excellent paper.

Our subscription will expire in the summer but I'm enclosing a cheque for the next years subscription as well as one for good friends in Toronto. Keep up the splendid work.

Jack and Marion Corless
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Donald Lander
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Dear Mr. Lander:

Re: Dawson City, Yukon Territory

For some time there has been discussion regarding the Dawson City Post Office. The community has petitioned to have the post office located in an historic site, but this has been vetoed by the Historical Board as not being feasible owing to the structural changes which would be required to the old building.

There has been discussion that the old federal building in Dawson City, in which the Post Office is located, will be replaced.

Could you please advise me what the corporate plan is for the Dawson City Post Office? Given the experience in Whitehorse following the demolition of the federal building there and the subsequent loss of the post office, there is concern in the community about the loss of the Dawson City Post Office.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely,
Audrey McLaughlin, M.P.
Leader, New Democratic Party
(Ed. Note: This letter is dated Jan. 6, 1990.
It was forwarded to the City of Dawson.
There is no indication of a reply.)

*Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Dan Davidson's recent column on Canada Post's rural expansion program and, in particular, efforts to improve service in Dawson City.

Expansion outlets are being opened across the country in communities where there is a large enough customer base to support them. It is part of Canada Post's commitment to make postal products and services more accessible to our customers.

Canada Post customers in Dawson City have asked us for the extended business hours and more access to lock boxes.

Since the existing corporate outlet cannot accommodate the request for additional lock boxes, the corporation is seeking an outlet run by a local business that can achieve this as well as provide longer hours. Not only will this benefit the customers of Dawson City, but it will help increase customer traffic and improve local business for the local operator.

This type of reaction to the needs of our customers is just another example of how Canada Post is working with Canadians to improve service.

Jack Van Dusen
Director, media relations
Canada Post
Ottawa

As an example of "rural expansion", we offer you the case of Halfmoon Bay, B.C., as reported in the January 15, 1990 edition of *The Sunshine Coast News*. A franchise operation there has been operated since 1897 and was most recently housed in the B.&J. Store. Canada Post recently "downscaled" service there and redirected residents to another franchise at Buccaneer Marina. When the B.&J. franchise operator resigned in protest over the reduction of his services, the operation was closed completely. This all happened in spite of residents' protests and public meetings. Perhaps it had something to do with the fact that the place is in a federal N.D.P. riding?)

LIMERICK CONTEST WINNER

Welcome to fair Dawson City!
We've been reduced to a town--
more's the pity.
But it boggles my mind
When I drive past the sign
That calls us "The Town of the City".

Holly Reeves

Dear Mr. Webster

Having checked on the current status of our plans for Dawson City, I am now able to tell you the following.

We are, indeed, planning to consolidate our three locations (TV receiver, TV transmitter and radio transmitter) at the site of the TV receiver. We would also convert our radio distribution from AM to FM. This project is intended to achieve operational efficiencies resulting in cost savings, and to improve our signal strength to the existing coverage area (i.e. Dawson City).

Owing to continuing budget constraints faced by the Corporation, the CBC is not undertaking any "extensions of service" projects to serve previously unserved areas.

As the area of the creeks beyond the town site is not considered part of our existing coverage area, the CBC cannot undertake a project specifically intended to extend service to the creeks. However, it is expected that the Dawson City consolidation project with a new tower and new FM radio transmitter and antenna will extend the range of our radio and TV services. We are hopeful that this will include the area of the creeks.

The project has been proposed for 1990-91 and is expected to proceed. However, we will not know until later this year if this project is approved for the new fiscal year.

Yours truly
James A. Boyles
Area Manager
CBC Yukon

(Editors Note: This is a copy of a letter sent to Klondike MLA Art Webster regarding expansion of CBC signals for those residents living South of Dawson City.)

CALLISON PLAN

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not the committee that would be making the final recommendations. They were simply agents of the committee, and this meeting was merely the first in a process which is just a little over a month old. The Feb. 18 meeting was intended as a fact and opinion finding exercise, not as a definitive statement of what was to come.

The preliminary nature of the meeting was perhaps best illustrated by the wall maps, which were far from the usual acetate overlay presentations which characterized the Klondike Valley Land Use Plan in its final stages. These were large maps marked up with felt pens, the markings determined in part by past study results and in part, according to Beak Associates Consulting representative Ruth Hall, by anecdotal information collected in interviews. They were posted for discussion only, to stimulate the gathering of more information.

Drackley seemed a bit overwhelmed by the responses during the two hour meeting.

"I've heard so much today," he said. Four themes seemed to run through the afternoon as far as he was concerned. There was one group that wanted to see

unrestricted mining, another that was concerned with maintaining an unregulated alternative lifestyle, another

that saw tourism development as being very important and still another that wanted no plan at all.

Drackley and Hall have until sometime early in April to put all this information together into digestible form for the committee, which will have its work cut out for it finding a Solomon-like way to reconcile these conflicting aspirations.

At the present time the territorial government does not control the land in question, but it is expected to be among the first of the areas to be turned over by the government of Canada as devolution proceeds. The planning process embarked on here is just the first phase of a scheme which will see area plans developed probably as far south as the Dempster Highway turn-off over the next several years. There are some voices saying that the entire area should have been included in the plan from the beginning, but the government decided last fall to do it step by step.



photo by Sue Ward

A PROPOSAL FROM THE DAWSON CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH END LAND USAGE

Feb 20, 1990

The Dawson City Music Festival is rapidly becoming an internationally significant event. It is undoubtedly an important component when promoting the north for tourism gains. The weekend of the festival itself brings close to 750 people into the town, all needing the essential services of hospitality.

Recently, the Music Festival has been forced to meet the exciting, new challenge of expanding its' commitment to the arts and culture of the entire territory. The 1990 festival plans to be the biggest yet: by doubling its' box office there will be no excuses for excluding local residents from the enjoyable experience of participating.

However, the limitations of holding the festival in Minto Park have been apparent for some time. It is in the heart of residential Dawson and the long hours, scores of people, sound volume and inadequate facilities all contribute to the necessity of growth, change and expansion.

November of 1988 saw the music festival board of directors submit a proposal for use of the north end area to

Art Webster, MLA. The proposal remains for a multiple purpose community recreational area that would include a suitable site for the festival. The plan is one that would continue to benefit the community for many years to come:

- * Provide a family picnicking area with tables, barbecue pits and playground equipment - road access in the summer would be limited to service vehicles only to discourage overnight parkers.

- * Maintain nature trails to encourage the discovery of Dawson's entire landscape, beauty and history.

- * Establish a summertime line up of performances in an outdoor amphitheatre (maintained by the Festival Association) in addition to the festival weekend for continued cultural development and for the benefit of residents and tourists, alike.

- * The construction of a permanent concession / washroom / and storage facility on the site using holding tanks for sewage and water - Future sights will be set on the development of a multi-media cultural centre in the northend, housing the radio - T.V. station broadcasting facility, music festival offices, and studio for recordings, workshops and classes.

- * In winter, the park could be opened to encourage tobogganing on the fabulous hillsides where the danger of vehicles is eliminated. It is also a great spot for snowshoeing and snowmobiling.

The goal of the music festival is to work closely with existing organizations and concerned residents to establish an attractive, open green space for the enjoyment of all and to present these ideas at an upcoming community meeting. It is in our opinion that the land should not be lavishly handed over to free enterprise and personal gain, but should adequately respect the desires of the community.

The Dawson Indian Band is respectfully applauded for including a site for the festival in their proposal submitted to city council, last month. However, it is in our view that such a proposal would be unsuitable and inappropriate as there are other acceptable locations for the development of an R.V. park.

While the direction of Dawson's economic development is a vital factor for its growth, one must also consider that a strong and respected community is known for the high value it places on its recreational and artistic heritage. Dawson has always been honoured for its cultural importance. It is time, once again, to show it off in world class proportions.

Don Armitage
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GOLDPANNING COMMITTEE WORKING HARD

THE PERSONS WHO MOIL FOR GOLD

By Kathy Jones Gates

Dawson first hosted the World Goldpanning Championships in 1984. About 100 panners from Outside the Yukon attended.

The 1990 World Goldpanning Committee is encouraged by news that considerable interest has been shown in Europe for panners to attend the Dawson event, slated for August 20 - 26th 1990. Groups of 30 or more have already booked hotel rooms; a major German newspaper, in co-operation with Canadian Airlines, is running a competition, with the winners prize being a trip to Dawson for the World Goldpanning event. The committee is becoming more confident that it can achieve its goal of 250 participants.

The goldpanning will take place in Minto Park. Twenty-four troughs are being constructed. They will be bolted together to form twelve troughs on each side. Panners can stand or sit inside or out to compete. Three new bleachers are also being constructed, to augment the bleacher already in Minto Park.

The committee has approached some businesses to help sponsor the troughs, and major producers, processors and buyers of gold will be approached to donate gold for the major event prizes.

Coins have been struck . . . oreate nickel, silver and gold will be available, and the next issue of THE SUN should contain a coin order form.

Orders can be taken for a 3 ft by 5 ft flag, with four colors showing the logo of the Klondike World Goldpanning Committee. They will cost \$125.00 each, and it is hoped that businesses etc. will fly them throughout the summer, or at least during the event. Canadian Airlines International have already agreed to sponsor all the competitors bibs.

The budget is approximately \$100,000.00. Financial support has already been provided from a number of sources. The Yukon Government's "Community Development Fund" has awarded a grant for the bleachers and troughs. The City of Dawson has provided a grant of \$5000.00; the KVA has provided a grant and also assisted with secretarial and management assistance. The Canada-Yukon Tourism Sub-

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AUGUST 20-26, 1990

Agreement (CYTSA) providing funding to help send a group of Dawsonites to West Germany in 1989, as well as the development of a poster and initial mailings.

Tourism Yukon, through the "Partners in Tourism" program is giving the committee \$2,900.00 for marketing and advertising. The remainder of the funding the committee has to go out and raise. Advertising in the form of sponsorship of the troughs is available.

A tentative schedule has been drawn up. The committee anticipates that other local groups may wish to put on an event during the week, to raise monies, such as a Pancake breakfast. Their event will be included in the advertising. Anyone interested in having an event included in the schedule should contact the Committee as soon as possible to discuss their ideas.

The event will operate using the rules of the World Goldpanning Committee. Championship categories include: Beginner Ladies and Men; Men's and Ladies Open; Youth 15 and under. The Seniors category is a combined one for men and women over 60 years. There is also a team event. All categories will cost \$25.00 except the Youth which will cost \$10.00.

The committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at the KVA offices. If you are interested in helping out, they will be glad for more volunteers!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WORLD GOLD PANNING EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

3:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
4:30 p.m. VIP/Dignitaries Gold Panning
5:00 p.m. Committee Challenge Gold Panning

6:00 p.m. Get Acquainted Party

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 a.m. Operating Gold Mine Tours
Participants Practice
Free panning at KVA Claim
7:30 p.m. Period Fashion Show - Palace Grand Theatre

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30 a.m. Operating Gold Mine Tours
Participants practice
Free panning at KVA Claim
5:00 p.m. Gold Panning World Assoc. Annual Meeting

6:00 p.m. Gold Panners Social Evening

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Participants practice
Free panning at KVA Claim
1:00 p.m. Gold Panning - Team Event Preliminary heats
4:00 p.m. Gold Panning - Team Event Final

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Participants practice
Free panning at KVA Claim
1:00 p.m. Gold Panning - Preliminary heats

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Participants practice
Free Panning at KVA Claim
1:00 p.m. Gold Panning - Semi finals

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Participants practice
Free panning at KVA Claim
1:00 p.m. Gold Panning - Finals in all categories
5:00 p.m. Closing Ceremonies - at site
7:00 p.m. Steak Awards Banquet - Diamond Tooth Gerties
10:00 p.m. Dance-Diamond Tooth Gerties

NEWS RELEASE

SIXTY YEARS AGO CANADIAN WOMEN BECAME PEOPLE

WHITEHORSE: "Sixty years is not a long time in relation to world history, but it is an historical milestone for Canadian women," said Minister responsible for Women's Directorate Margaret Joe.

Referring to October 18, the 60th anniversary of the famous Person's Case which resulted in the official recognition of Canadian women as persons under the law, Joe was reflecting on the progress that women have made in reaching the goal of equality.

"We are very proud of the many programs that have been launched through the Women's Directorate" said Joe.

"There is always room for improvement. There are still many important issues to resolve concerning women, not the least of which is the issue of abortion."

Coincidentally, on the anniversary of the Person's Case, the federal government announced plans to introduce legislation against abortion. Such action could result in many more women seeking court decisions concerning abortions. The proposed legislation is viewed by some critics as a diminishing of women's rights.

"There is seldom an easy solution to a very complex problem but I wonder if any solution at all can be found in our courts," continued Joe.

Joe is an advocate of rights for all women including the personal right to decide on abortion without the courts intervention.

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PHONE 667-5336

STAFF LIMERICKS

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Who drove into town in a klunker
She went to the bar
To play her guitar
Got drunk, stole a boat, then sunk'er

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ALASKA MARKETING

by Kathy Jones-Gates

For the past four years, the K.V.A. has been aggressively advertising Dawson and the Yukon... not around the world, but in Alaska. In 1985, General manager, Chuck Holloway was sent into Alaska to check out the possibilities of marketing Dawson and the Yukon as a tourist destination for Alaskans. Encouraged by the interest shown, the K.V.A. began a modest, \$30,000.00 campaign, promoting Yukon's attractions, and encouraging visitation during the shoulder season: early May, late August and September. They concentrated on a narrow market, the "Golden Triangle" of Fairbanks, Anchorage and Tok, which is where the deepest concentration of Alaskans live. These areas were also a days drive from Dawson. By 1989 the program cost \$200,000.00. In order to undertake this aggressive marketing, the K.V.A. jointly funded the program with C.Y.T.S.A. (Canada Yukon Tourism Sub-Agreement). Unfortunately, that program is at an end, and the K.V.A. have had to reduce the Alaskan marketing program to \$30,000.00 for 1990.

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QUEEN CANDIDATES



Atlin Bowie



Vikki Crayford



Sandra Roberts



Namiko Saito

SPRING CARNIVAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY MARCH 23th, 1990

- 3:00 P.M. - CULTURAL GATHERING (Indian Band) TRO-CHU-TIN HALL (Arts & Crafts Display, Poster Contest)
- 6:00 P.M. - COMPLIMENTARY FEAST, TRO-CHU-TIN HALL
Sponsored by the Dawson Indian Band
- QUEEN CANDIDATES will give speeches on predetermined topics, concerning Dawson City.
- 7:00 P.M. - 3RD ANNUAL LIP SYNCH CONTEST (Contest will begin at 8:00 p.m.) Lots of Fun & Prizes - Wanda Roe
- 8:00 P.M. - BOREDOM BREAKER VARIETY NIGHT (Ancillary Room At the School 12yrs. to 18 yrs.) - Holley Kushniryk
- 9:00 P.M. - ENTERTAINMENT - LIVE MUSIC (Tro-Chu-Tin Hall)
Raffle to be drawn for Handicrafts at 9:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the Dawson Indian Band

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

- 11:00 A.M. - SNOWSHOE BASEBALL - (Minto Park) - Wanda Roe
- 11:00 A.M. - YUKON DOG SHOW (Tro-Chu-Tin Hall) M. Sprockkreeff
- 12:00 P.M. - CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY (Complimentary Hot Dogs, Coffee and Juice for the Kids)
Sponsored by the Gas Shack
- 12:00 P.M. - MINTO PARK CONCESSION BOOTH - Band Day Care
- 1:00 P.M. - TOBOGGAN RACES (King St.) - Holley Kushniryk
- 1:00 P.M. - LOG SAWING 1:00p.m. - C, 1:45 - Y, 2:30 - A (Minto Park) - Jack Frazer
- 1:00 P.M. - ROLLING PIN THROW 1:00 - Y, 1:45 - A, 3:15 - C (Minto Park) - Janet
- 1:00 P.M. - CHAINSAW THROW 1:00 - A, 2:30 - C, 3:15 - Y (Minto Park) - Peter Menzies
- 1:45 P.M. - EGG TOSS 1:45 - C, 2:30 - Y, 3:15 - Y (Minto Park) - Bob
- C - 11YRS & UNDER, Y - 12YRS TO 15YRS, A - 16YRS & OVER
- 4:00 P.M. - QUEENS FASHION SHOW (MacDonald Lodge) - Jeanine
- 6:00 P.M. - CANOE RACE (Start at Downtown) - Herb Watt
- 7:00 P.M. - AIR BAND COMPETITION (Gerties) - Holley
- 7:00 P.M. - FAMILY DANCE (Tro-Chu-Tin Hall) - L. Sprockkreeff
- 8:00 P.M. - ENJOY "SPRING THAW" (Downtown Hotel) Various Competitions and Activities - Lots of Prizes.
Watch for Posters Around Town!
- 9:00 P.M. - TEEN DANCE (Gerties) - Holley
- 9:00 P.M. - ARM WRESTLING (Eldorado Hotel)

SUNDAY MARCH 25TH

- 10:00 A.M. - GOURMET BREAKFAST (Curling Club)
Prepared by your FAVORITE QUEEN CANDIDATE
- 11:00 A.M. - MINTO PARK CONCESSION (Band Day Care)
- 11:00 A.M. - SNOWSHOE BASEBALL (MINTO PARK) - Wanda Roe
- 11:00 A.M. - ICE FISHING (Ice Bridge) Tentative Event & Time
- 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. - ROLL ALL OVER - PARENT TOT MINI GYM (0-7yrs) School Gym - Holley
- 1:00 P.M. - 1 DOG PULL (Minto Park) 13 & Over
- 1:00 P.M. - KIDS DOG SLED PULL (Minto Park) 12 & Under
- 2:00 P.M. - SMOOSH RACES (Minto Park) Peter Menzies
- 2:00 P.M. - TUG OF WAR (Minto Park) Barry Hunter
- 2:00 P.M. - SUNNYDALE CLASSIC (Ice Bridge) - Barry Farney
- 2:30 P.M. - BROOMBALL OR RINGETTE TOURNAMENT (Rec Centre)
- 6:00 P.M. - AWARDS BANQUET (Chicken Dinner for first 270 people at Gerties, Price \$6.00 per person)
- Master of Ceremonies - Chuck Holloway
- Draw is made for Spring Carnival Tickets
- Spring Carnival Queen Crowned

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TOURISM NORTH

By Kathy Jones-Gates

In May, 1989, the premiers of the Yukon and B.C., and the Governor of Alaska signed a co-operative marketing program to promote travel to the North. The program is unique in part, because the B.C. promotion only deals with the Peace River district and Highway 16 to Prince Rupert in addition to the Yukon and Alaska. The three governments have committed fairly large amounts of money per year to the program, which began with a budget of between \$200,000.00 and \$250,000.00 its first year.

Part of the program is a very attractive booklet promoting the northern regions, called "North! To Alaska". In addition, a road show recently took place in the U.S.A. In co-operation with Tourism Yukon and the K.V.A. who paid his salary, Chuck Holloway recently spent 4 weeks as Tour Manager for a promotional road show. Kay Holloway accompanied her husband as a representative of the Yukon, and her expenses were picked up by T.I.A.Y. Unlike other promotional tours, this one focussed on major centres, in auditoriums and comprised a show featuring 3 Yukon performers. The tour began in Houston Texas, and went to Dallas, Oklahoma City, San Diego, Fullerton, Riverside and Sacramento and concluded in Portland Oregon and Seattle, Washington.

Another element to the program will be co-ordinated by John Kostelnik, of Tourism Yukon. He will be conducting training sessions in Whitehorse in early May for the personnel of the Visitor Information Centres in the three regions represented by Tourism North. Each person will receive a manual that provides them with information on each region. It is hoped that no matter what Visitor Centre one may stop at to inquire about Dawson, or Fairbanks or Prince Rupert, each will have correct data to pass along.

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\$1.4 MILLION BUDGET PROPOSED

By Kathy Jones Gates

The people who started the Klondike Visitors Association in 1954 knew that Dawson would prosper from Tourism. It is doubtful, however, that as far-sighted as they were, that they could have ever imagined a budget of one million dollars - plus! But that is the size of the budget that General Manager Chuck Holloway has managed for the last few years. The proposed 1990-91 budget is set at \$1.4 million, down approximately 100,000.00 from last year. The budget will be a major item on the agenda of the association's annual meeting set for April 26th.

Also on the April 26th agenda, will be a discussion of future work for the 1910 ODDFELLOWS HALL... monies have been identified to go ahead with mechanical plans for the building. The Berton home on 8th ave. is currently boarded up. The proposed budget designates \$10,000.00 towards the structure's restoration. If this meets with the general membership approval, it will enable the KVA to apply to the Yukon Government's Community Development Fund for upwards of \$100,000.00 that is needed to restore the place.

In the event that the membership does not approve this, Holloway hopes that KVA would be able to use the budgeted money to tidy the grounds, improve signage and repair the stairs.

To help manage the budget and the various visitor attractions and events under the KVA responsibility, there are 3 full-time staff as well as between 80-90 seasonal staff employed by KVA.

According to Holloway, the KVA basically held its own last year. The numbers at Gerties and the Follies were about the same as 1988. He did feel, however, that KVA suffered the same as other Dawson businesses when it came to visitor spending... the visitors were here, but their spending was down from previous years. Late in the '89 summer, Holloway indicated that some adjustments were made that he feels should enable the KVA to remain in a fairly good financial position.

Belt-tightening occurred when the Gold Room was closed early, and a cut-back in the hours at the souvenir booth in Gerties was decided upon by the board of directors. At the A.G.M. it is currently proposed to not open the Gold Room this summer. At the time the budget was put together, the KVA did not have a firm location for re-opening the Gold Room... an exhibit that was located on the second floor of the former Bank of Commerce building on Front Street. However, if discussions with Parks Canada come to fruition, there is a possibility of re-opening the exhibit at a new location and having it included in the Walking Tours.

Stillwater Willie Productions Inc. has again been awarded the 1990 entertainment contract for the Follies and at Gerties. The contract is in excess of \$200,000.00. In conjunction with the contractor, the KVA will offer 4 floor-shows nightly... previously there were 3 available. It was noticed that many bus tours booked for this summer were only remaining in Dawson overnight... they were booked into the Follies however. In order to accommodate the "overnighters", it was agreed to try adding a floor show at 10 pm. The new times for 1990 will be 8:30pm, 10:00pm, 11:30pm and 1:00am.

If advance bookings to the Palace Grand are an indication, there are going to be a number of nights this summer when the Palace Grand is going to be pre-sold out... which is not usually the case. The advance bookings are reflected somewhat in the shift of at least one major tour wholesaler, who will be flying people into Dawson from Fairbanks, rather than bussing them over the "Top of the World Highway" and then flying them back. Some major tour groups expect to have 140 people per night in Dawson.

On the positive side, Chuck Holloway is obviously pleased with the results of the Alaska Marketing program (see article elsewhere in this issue). He is also complimentary of the new person in the



Chuck Holloway
KVA - General Mgr.

office of the Convention Co-Ordinator at the Tourism Industry Assoc. of Yukon in Whitehorse. Dawson has received increased attention from groups who are planning either small meetings or post or pre-conference tours on major events that will be held in Whitehorse. At present, Holloway is aware of 6-7 events that will be coming to Dawson in 1990. He also feels that the hard work Dawsonites put into hosting the wrap-up conference of the "Yukon 2,000" proved to the government that Dawson knew what it was doing.

Diamond Tooth Gertie will be closed to the public from approximately April 7th to allow a major sanding and refinishing of the floor to take place. The work has to be completed before Gerties opens May 18th. As a result the Annual General Meeting will likely take place in the Dawson Museum's audio visual room.

In addition to the budget, the general membership will be voting in 7 director - 6 for a 2 year term and 1 for a one year term. Current Chairman, Giovanni Castellarin's term has expired, but he plans to run again.



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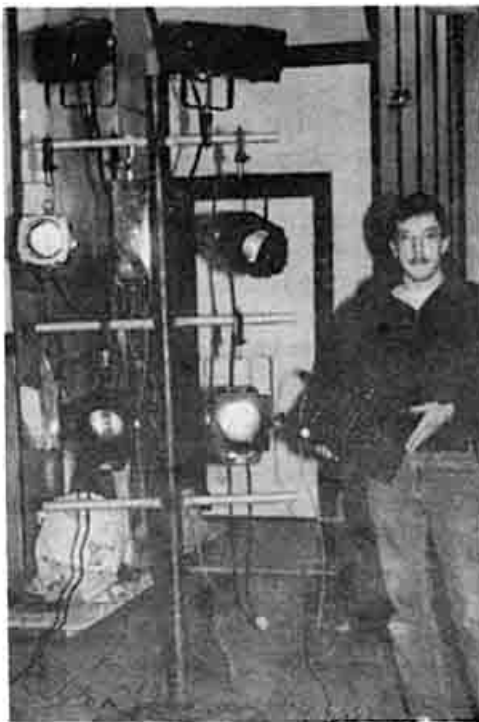
DRAMA CLUB LOOKS TO BRIGHT FUTURE

by Kathy Jones-Gates

"Lights!" When the Dawson Drama Club calls out that word from now on . . . boy, will we ever get lights!!!! No longer will they have to keep fingers crossed that they don't fall over extension cords strung out all over the place, or wonder when they would trip the fuse at whatever location they were giving a performance from. No longer will the lighting person have to sit behind the audience to control the old 1000 watt flood lamps.

Thanks to a Yukon Lotteries grant of approximately \$3,800 the club has been able to acquire an impressive set of lights that would do credit to any small drama club in the Yukon. Vice-President Dennis Montgomery demonstrated the various capabilities of the six lights. Four will be used as spots or accenting for the stage with coloured filters and shading and the remaining two larger lights will be used to accent the whole stage. There is a lighting console, nifty filters for special effect backdrops and everything is wired in such a manner that more than one electrical outlet can be used, but controlled by one person. The Dawson Indian Band constructed a steel 'tree' on which the lights are held.

Montgomery indicated that when he had joined the talented Drama Club about a year and a half ago, he was attracted to the stage lighting work. The late Reg



Tunncliffe suggested the idea of applying for a Lotteries Grant to obtain a good set of lights and the technicians from "Front Page Challenge" advised on both techniques and suggestions for possible lights to acquire. The grant was applied for, and once a written commitment was received, he went to work to get the best possible deal for the club. He credits the firm of "Lighting by Monty" in Edmonton with help and firming up the equipment list and from whom they finally acquired the equipment.

HARMON PROFILE OF A SCULPTOR

The 7-foot bronze statue of a typical early Klondike miner proposed for one of Dawson's centennials is to be sculpted by Jack Harman in Vancouver. The following is a brief biography of him, he is the one who made the 20-inch plaster model on display around Dawson.

Jack Harman was born in Vancouver in 1927, he studied at the Vancouver School of Art and the Hammersmith School of Art in London, England. He has instructed in sculpture in Vancouver, Penticton, and as an exchange teacher at the Chelsea School of Art in London, England. He has a number of awards for his work as a sculptor. He has had a number of commissions in bronze works of several types, 19 in all, from 1961 to 1987. Most of these commissions were in Vancouver, two in Toronto, one in Edmonton, and one in Ottawa. These commissions include a large bronze relief plaque of the Twelve Apostles at the Corpus Christi Church in Vancouver. Also a 9-foot bronze statue of Harry Jerome in Stanley Park.

He is a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, past president of the North West Institute of Sculpture, Director of the B.C. Sculptures Society and a member of the Foundrymen's Association.

In 1987 he formed the Harman Sculpture Foundry in order to have better casting facilities. The fund raising for this statue is being spearheaded by the Yukon Order of Pioneers, Dawson Lodge, with help from other Dawsonites.

BLIZZARD CHALLENGES MEN

"OUT LIKE A LION" brought high winds and heavy snowfall on Tuesday last, causing roads to be blocked and visibility nil.

Trapping Regulations call for all traps to be pulled from traplines at month's end which explains why RAYMOND CALEY and PETER GOULD were about 170 miles up the Dempster highway when the storm struck.

By the time they reached the Passes, the winds were strong enough to rock the vehicle, nearly tipping it over. Blinding, swirling snows made it necessary for Raymond to guide the truck for several miles while Peter fought to keep it on the roadbed. At 121 Mile contact was made by phone to 41 Mile Camp telling of their danger and estimating three more hours to reach that point. When they didn't show, TOMMY TAYLOR headed out to find them, doing so about nine miles later.

The long day brought the men home to Dawson City at 1:00 a.m.

Many roads were plugged, even the School Bus primarily cancelling it's run, parents getting their kids to school. Snow clearing equipment was in great demand throughout the entire area.



"WHITE PASS" BECOMES BOOKTAPE

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind has selected "THE WHITE PASS - Gateway to the Klondike," for transcription in both braille and audio cassettes.

Barbara Freeze, Chair of the Institutes Book Selection Committee, said, "We were very enthusiastic about the White Pass book and felt it would be extremely popular with our library readers."

Selected books are produced in braille for those suffering sight impairment, and in audio cassette format for the blind who are not proficient in the use of braille, as well as those who are physically handicapped.

The book has already been produced in audio cassette form by the British Columbia Library Services Branch. The cassettes are restricted to circulation among the blind and handicapped persons.

The Washington State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Seattle, Washington, has also taped the book for distribution in cassette format.

The White Pass - Gateway to the

Klondike is a definitive history of the conception, construction, and early operations of the White Pass and Yukon Railway. Written by Roy Minter, the story traces the legal and financial machinations of the railway's organizers in London, Washington, Ottawa and Victoria, before the turn of the century, as well as the activities of Hawkins, Heney, Hislop and Graves, the four principal figures who blasted the roadbed through the White Pass to the Yukon River.

Since its publication in December, 1987, the book has received acclaim in Canada, Britain and the United States. In a citation for the Hubert Evans Award the judges said that the book "merits distinction as one of the three best works of non-fiction by a British Columbia author published in 1987." The book was also nominated for the Roderick Haig-Brown Award in 1988.

Minter is currently researching the transportation and political development of the Yukon since the driving of the railway's last spike on Aug 29, 1900.

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UFFISH THOUGHTS by Dan Davidson

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE POST OFFICE

The other week I got a letter. It wasn't the usual sort of thing, in that I didn't receive it here at Bag 4020. No, instead it turned up on the letters page of the Star. It was a letter of reaction to something I had written. Initially I was flattered, but not for too long. As I read the letter, I realized that its author was just repeating things I already knew and had commented upon in my Jan. 2 column. I wondered why he had bothered. I'm not that important, after all.

My Jan. 2 column was called "Few Facts Available in Big Post Office Debate", and it was grounded in my long standing fear that Dawson City will be the next Yukon community to lose its corporate post office. I think it could happen. I think the attempt to move the post office from its present location to its original site in the building opposite the Palace Grand fell through in part because Canada Post doesn't have a future in mind for its official Dawson outlet. I've read some of the correspondence that went into the federal Historical Board's

decision not to allow the transfer to take place, and I think that Canada Post deliberately asked for things they knew the board could not agree to.

In mid-December I began making phone calls and asking for opinions with an eye to doing a news story on just that subject. Surprise, surprise: no one was in to talk about it. I got frustrated, so I took the two public documents so far available in the case and wrote a comment column around them, trying to stir things up a little. I asked what the future held in store, in terms of both corporate and franchise plans. I speculated that any move to replace the existing federal building here would be the signal for us all to begin to worry.

Four days after my column was printed, Audrey McLaughlin decided to ask the same questions in a letter to Donald Lander, Canada Post's president. I quote: "Could you please advise me what the corporate plan is for the Dawson City Post Office? Given the experience in Whitehorse following the demolition of the federal building there and the

subsequent loss of the post office, there is concern in the community about the loss of the Dawson City Post Office."

I suspect it was her letter, rather than my column, which prompted the reply by Jack Van Dusen, the corporation's Director of media relations, that we ran in the Jan 19th Star. Van Dusen paraphrased rather extensively the flyer that Canada Post circulated here in Dawson last December, but added very little to it. Some of what he had to say is true.

The existing corporate post office here has reached its maximum capacity. With recent changes to its hours, it is probably more accessible than it has been in years, although this flexibility was accomplished at the cost of line-ups where we had had very few before. There are some 900 boxes in the office and, allowing for seasonal ups and downs, the post office could use at least half again as many.

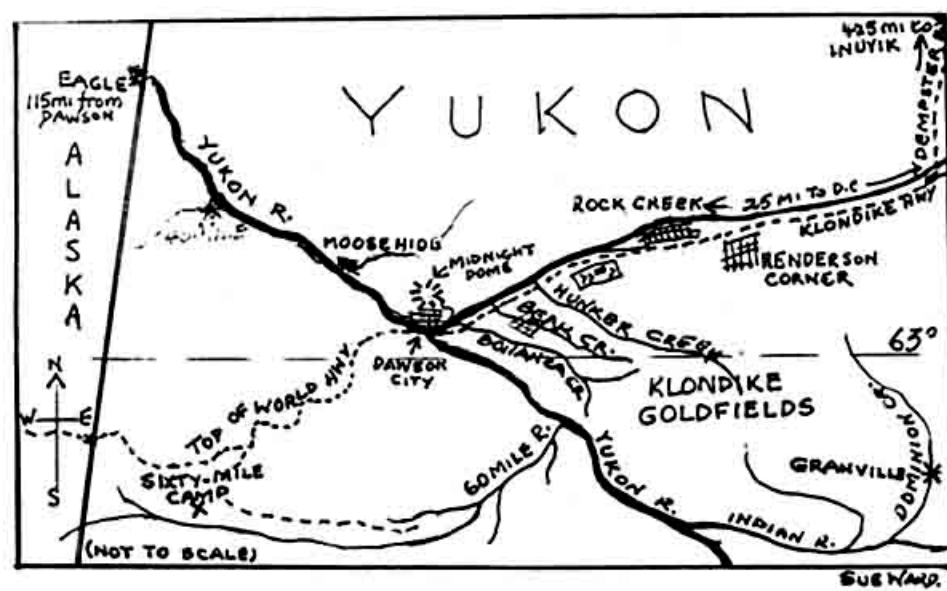
There isn't room in the building for them. There could have been if Canada Post had been smart a few years ago and had taken over the entire ground floor of the federal building. One could argue that it would still be possible to move the other ground floor federal tenant to another federally owned building in town and thus solve the problem internally.

Hours of access to these boxes is also a problem that can be solved. My little university town in Nova Scotia solved it with a front door patron key. But, you see, senior management at the Post Office isn't interested in internal solutions if they can avoid them. They have an "anything we can do they can do better" attitude to their business and that's all there is to it.

I'm sensitive about post offices. I have a large private and business correspondence. Before I joined the electronic age and bought a modem, I had to depend on the P.O. to get my material where it needed to go. The month after I arrived in the Yukon the community in which I was living lost its franchise post office when the operator quit because the deal wasn't worth the headaches. She found there were more effective ways to use her shop space, ie: as a store room. I spent a year and a half after that working to get a post office back. You can read the file of letters and petitions in the archives. I do not want to go through that sort of thing again, and so I want a lot of intelligent answers given and firm commitments made before any drastic changes are made to the present quality of our postal service.

KLONDIKE SUN ENVIRONS

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TRAPPER LEARNED FROM ELDERS

by Dawne Mitchell

Peggy Kormendy was born in Dawson City and has raised seven children here.

Trapping has always been part of her life. When she was young, Peggy spent a lot of time in the bush and learned to trap from the elders.

Her husband, Steve, is also a trapper. Together, the family makes trapping their winter livelihood.

In 1971, the Kormendys officially got their designated trapline lease. Together they manage the lease. Two sons have their own traplines and assist each other as much as possible.

It is a rewarding lifestyle for Peggy. She and her family lived on the trapline many years before making their permanent home in Dawson.

"You have to like it, to do it," says Peggy. "Every three days we've got to check our lines. It's about 120 miles by skidoo and sometimes I go by myself."

Before they had a skidoo, the Kormendys relied on snowshoes and a dogteam. Peggy remembers fondly two

Although it can be a lot of hard work in very cold temperatures, Peggy remembers the fun times on the trapline as well.

"Once me and the skidoo went rolling off the trail into the deep snow. The boys were there and started laughing at the sight. I started laughing so hard that I couldn't get up out of the snow for a long time."

The most special thing about trapping for Peggy is the peaceful environment of the bush.

"I have this saying. I talk to the animals and they don't talk back. So it's nice."

German Shepherds that pulled the sled when they were trapping at the Indian River.

"Those two dogs were great. They even helped us get a moose. They were trained to howl if they found something and one day we heard them howling up a storm. We shot the moose."

Over the many years, Peggy and her family have conscientiously worked this renewable resource. They leave different lines open from year to year so the animals can be replenished.

"If we see all the females are being trapped, we go to another area. Those things that I learned from the elders sure come in useful now. There's a technique for everything, even skinning, which I do myself."

"In the early days, I remember, they didn't want the scent from their hands on the traps so they boiled the traps in pine needles."

Peggy gets the skins tanned and then uses them for sewing mitts and hats and trim on coats.



**PEGGY KORMENDY
DISPLAYS
LYNX AND FOX FURS**

ANONYMOUS LIMERICK

DAWSON CITY

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- please sort your own cans and place them in the storage trays provided at each liquor store.
- you may return up to 5 dozen cans. If you wish to return more than five dozen cans per day, please contact your liquor store manager for special arrangements.
- customers returning the pop cans to the liquor store must be nineteen years of age or older.
- please note that this means no change to our regular beer can return policy. To get your full 10¢ refund from beer cans, please keep them separate from pop cans.

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Romy's Recipes

THE RICHEST CARROT CAKE EVER

By Romy Jansen

Make any occasion special by crowning it with a dessert that's as wholesome as it is delicious. Our carrot-walnut cake is rich with nuts and raisins and is covered with a snowy cream-cheese glaze. And it is moist enough to last for days.

INGREDIENTS

3 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 lb. carrots
1 c. butter or regular margarine, softened
1 c. light brown sugar, packed
1 cup granulated sugar
4 eggs
2 tablespoons grated lemon peel
2 tablespoons grated orange peel
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 c. coarsely chopped walnuts
1 c. seedless raisins

CREAM CHEESE GLAZE

1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
1 1/2 cups confectioners sugar
1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

1- Lightly grease and flour a 10 by 4 inch tube pan. Sift flour with baking powder, soda, cinnamon and salt, set aside. Wash and pare carrots. Grate on medium grater, or use coarse blade of food processor.

Should measure 4 cups. Preheat oven to 350 F.

2- In large bowl of mixer, at high speed, beat butter and brown and granulated sugars, occasionally scraping side of bowl with rubber scraper, until light and fluffy - about 4 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time: beat well after each addition, until smooth and light.

3- In measuring cup, combine lemon and orange peels and juices. At low speed, beat

in flour mixture, alternately with lemon - orange mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat just until smooth - about 1 minute.

4- With wooden spoon, stir in grated carrot, nuts and raisins, mix well. Turn into the prepared tube pan; spread evenly. Bake 60 minutes, or until cake tester inserted in centre of the cake comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack 20 minutes, to cool slightly.

5- Meanwhile, make cream-cheese glaze: In medium bowl, combine cream cheese, juice and peel and confectioners sugar. With portable electric mixer at medium speed, beat mixture until smooth. Set aside. Gently loosen edge of cake with spatula.

6- Turn out of pan onto rack. Spread glaze over top of the warm cake, letting it run down side of cake. Carefully remove cake to cake plate. Sprinkle chopped walnuts around top edge of cake. Serve. (Keeps well stored in a tightly covered cake tin).



had to move! Friday 13th will be a cinch from here on, PALMA!

Also the FRAS FAMILY . . . MARIA already has customers at Hair Cabaret on Queen St.

Inside/Outside

If you see PIA BLATTNER, or MADELEINE GOULD dancing their way around town, ignoring everyone...don't worry!!! They are enjoying the Sony Walkman they won on the 'scratch and win' lottery tickets these past few months!!!

PETER HORSNALL is back at the Gas Shack after a European vacation which saw him visiting with relations in Luxembourg.

Post Master LAMBERT CURZON enjoyed a vacation down south, almost, where he learned how to downhill ski at Mount Allen, in Alberta...site of the winter Olympic downhill skiing in 1988. According to Lambert, it is a great place to learn how to downhill ski.....Moose Mountain watch out!!!!

CONGRATS to LYNN BOWERS who has purchased the J & J Emporium from JOHN & JOAN BILTON. She has moved her "Trappers Men's Wear" into its new location, from its former home on Third Ave.

Enjoying Europe, especially Germany, right now are MERLIN GRADE and son MILES, while JIM WILLIAMS remains in Dawson to work on the "Strachan's Store renovation (see article elsewhere in this issue).

Klondike Sun staff writer, PALMA BERGER, has a sure-fire way of

increasing tourism this year....send everyone you know a complete set of THE KLONDIKE SUN!! It works!! Ask Palma's cousin, WANDA YOUNG, who lives in S. Australia. To make up for a lull in letter-writing, Palma sent off a set of back-issues of the SUN, and Wanda, who used to be Editor of her community paper, was excited enough to seriously consider changing her plans for a trip to England and come to Canada instead. Come on over Wanda.....!

Back from a European vacation are ROMY, RENEE AND NIKOLAS JANSON...Renee says that they "suffered" through some stormy weather, but got to visit with all the relatives before heading back to town.

Dawson Oldtimer MIKE SENICHUK arrived home on March 1st having spent sun-time in The Central Americas.

Returning from three months in Europe are MARTY AND LOUISE TOMPKINS and daughter CASEY. LOUISE assures us it was not they who were responsible for the vicious storms that swept Europe . . . they managed to keep a week ahead of disaster. Good to see you back!

From holidays and relaxation in the south are DIANE WILSON and VAL DRUMMOND-HAY of Life Styles on Second Avenue. Business as usual everyone!



When SYLVIA FISSEL arrived as a tourist in 1985 she says she didn't know whether she was coming or going. Now that she has found out, she is GOING. SYLVIA is DORIS HOEFLICH's mother (Alive Video). While recovering her sense of direction SYLVIA has shared her talents at Dawson Sewing Center, Alive Video, Hair Cabaret, and Shelter Attendant. She'll be back as a tourist! Have fun, SYLVIA!

FRED and PALMA BERGER will not forget February, 1990! FRED fell and broke his leg, froze some fingers in the bitterly cold temperatures and had to be medi-vakked to Whitehorse for surgery. They also had their "town-house" up for sale. The water and sewer lines froze on Princess St. so it was water buckets for a few days. In between her job with Yukon Housing and keeping in touch with ANE BRAGA who was running Arctic Drugs for FRED until he became mobile with a walking cast, their house sold and they

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Rocking For Dollars

Onlookers may think it strange to see a room full of girls in rocking chairs, but the members of the Robert Service School Choir know what they are doing. Sports teams hit balls and throw them through hoops. These kids rock for dollars.

They rocked for five hours on Saturday afternoon, and if all the pledge money comes in, they will have earned over \$1600.00 towards the cost of attending the annual Rotary Music Festival in Whitehorse in early April.

Choir director Betty Davidson extends thanks to all those who supported the girls on their pledge sheets and to those who loaned rocking chairs and helped to get them to and from the Ancillary Room at the school.

The choir will be having a pre-festival on March 29 to give the community a chance to hear the material they've been working on since early January. There will be a number of full choir pieces, along with a senior ensemble, duets and solo work.

WHAT IS A SPARK

L to R: Patti Grabowski, Sophie Turcotte, Sarah Paton, Leanne Parsons, Kelly Vitrekwa, Ursula Kurth.



photo by Madeleine Gould

By Madeleine Gould

No doubt you will say that a spark is associated with fire and that is quite true, but not these sparks.

They are a group of five year old girls who meet every Monday at the school.

This is a pre-Brownie programme and their leaders are Pat Grabowski and Ursula Kurth.

It was started because many Brownies had sisters who wanted to join in their activities. Their motto is "I PROMISE

TO SHARE AND BE A FRIEND".

It allows them to share in group activities, indoors and outdoors, crafts and basic values. So if you know any five year old who is interested, send her to join the Sparks.



Madeleine Gould Photo



Writer Coming to Dawson

Budge Wilson, an author of children's and junior books will be in Dawson on March 26. The Dawson Community Library Board is sponsoring Ms Wilson to do a public reading and book signing session at the Dawson Community Library. This event will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 26. Books will be available to purchase at this event that can be signed by the author. If you already own a book by this author be sure to show up and get your copy autographed. Mark the date on your calendar now!

Wilson was to have been here last fall, but was unable to come because of an accident. When she was originally scheduled to visit the Yukon she indicated that Dawson was a place she especially wanted to see.



CADET NEWS

In the past couple of months, the squadron has been quite busy...as we are preparing a team for the zone drill competition. This year the team consists of 6 cadets, with Corporal C. Taylor as the team leader. They will be going to the competition sometime in March; we wish them luck. We would also like to wish lots of luck to Corporal C. Taylor who will be attending the National Biathlon at CFB Petawawa.

Summer camp applications are presently being made by most cadets. This year we have two NCO's who will be working as staff cadets in Whitehorse: Corporal C. Taylor - Survival Course, and Sergeant N. Saito - Photo Technician. Also Sergeant P. Coombs has written tests for his powered flight scholarship.

Also, this month, the Squadron's Sergeant Saito will be running for Spring Carnival Queen representing the Legion, and Officer Cadet Braga will be going to CFB Borden, March 11-21 for his Basic Officer Cadet training. Once he has completed this training he will be an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces Air Force Reserve. And last but not least, we would like to welcome back our Commanding Officer, Lt. Margeson, who has been away on holidays.

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By Charlotte Thompson

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2,900 gallons of soda
2,000 gallons of milk
1,800 gallons of beer
880 gallons of tea
296 gallons of wine
80,000 cups of coffee

(The typical North American puts away about a ton of food and drink per year - nearly 74 tons in a lifetime!)

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MEAT & ALTERNATES - 2 servings (fish, chicken, beef, pork, beans, peanut butter, eggs)

FRUITS & VEGETABLES - 4 to 5 servings (corn, cabbage, tomato, potato, apple, banana)

These are the four basic groups to be eaten daily. It is important to have a variety of foods within each of these groups to obtain the necessary minerals and vitamins needed to promote good health. Good nutrition is a simple way to maintain a good level of health.

NEWS FROM THE ROCK

Correspondent - Marjie Mann



Isn't it fabulous seeing the days get longer?? Get out those shades, Papa, and let's enjoy the wonderful, sunny days ahead! March is one of my personal favourite months - can get out and do some skiing, etc. For southerners, March is Spring. But for us tough Yukoners, March is the best part of winter. And this has been one heck of a winter. We'll have lots of stories to tell the grandchildren - "Oh yes, I remember the winter of 89/90. It was sooo cold..." I guess we all have our own special memories of this winter - frozen water lines is probably a favourite. Fuel shortages, both wood and propane. And, of course, vehicle problems. Boy, we could fill a book, with vehicle problems! My favourite is the 400 pounds of potatoes that froze in the "pit" under our house. I hope potatoes make good garden fertilizer, 'cuz that's all that's left of them. And I guess there was a good side to all that cold. It finally froze up the Klondike and that enabled George and Joan Kerr to get their ice bridge finished, and that enabled them to get their new home brought across. How exciting for them!

Life goes on in the "Rock". With more daylight, there is a lot more activity - kids going back and forth visiting each other, cross-country skiing, Gerrard out in his ultra-lite buzzing around up there. And people are starting to get busy. Knowing the months ahead will be hectic, the annual P.J. party for the Craft Night Gals is being held early in March at Gail Kreitzer's. We'll miss a few of the regulars - Barb Hogan, Maddie Davis and Wanda Schmidt - who will be going to Whitehorse to participate in the Women's Conference that same weekend.

Now, here's some news that should probably go on the Sports Page. At the regular Monday Dart Nite, Ross Lindley, in a game of 301, beat 10 consecutive players! This is apparently called a **GRAND SLAM!!!** How to go, Ross!!

Congratulations to Darrel and John in Henderson Corners who finally, after years of effort, have the 30 acres of land they have been working towards. I expect all of us in the Klondike will benefit from this deal when Darrel and John start harvesting vegies on a large scale!

We'd like to welcome Melody Caywood who is moving into "Downtown" Rock Creek. It will be great to have you as a neighbour, Mel! Keep that coffee pot on!

There has been some recent comments made by Willard Phelps about the power that Henderson Corners finally got that has got a few residents steaming under the collar. We all know that politicians will be politicians, but when they start dragging you through the mud to make their point, they sure do leave a bitter taste in the mouth. Now, now, Willard, that is no way to get future votes in the Henderson Corners area!

I am very happy to report that we finally have a shower (only the very best I have ever had the pleasure to use) AND a real, flushing toilet!! It may take "Himself" a while to get "a round toot", but he sure does a great job!! Thanks Sweetie!

A discussion about fire protection in the area Bear Creek to Henderson Corners finally took place with people from those areas, as well as the Dawson Fire Chief, Flight Services at the airport and Parks Canada's Superintendent participating. From the discussion, it appears that the best option for fire protection, would be to get a rural fire station, probably close to the airport if possible. To this end, petitions are being prepared and individuals wanting to show support are

being encouraged to write letters to Maurice Byblow, Minister of Community and Transportation Services at YTG, and also to MLA Art Webster. Nora Patten and Wendy Burns will be getting support via a petition in the Henderson Corners area, Chuck Margeson and myself in Rock Creek, and Denise Norman and Dave Robinson in Bear Creek. The petitions will not only be for support of the concept of having a fire hall for the communities, but they will also include room for people to put their money where their mouth is and (oh, oh, dirty word) COMMIT themselves to being a part of it. It's not as scary as it sounds. And, let's face it, our entire lives are at stake here! Please, please, please consider helping to make this happen. And when Nora, Wendy, Chuck, Denise, Dave, or myself show up at your door, show your support!! We will all be able to fill you in on more information to a certain extent, but getting petitions and letters of support out is the first step in the process.

And, I shall now get out of my begging position...and say "Bye for Now!"

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