

The KLONDIKE Sun

Mercury Spill Closed Building

by Dan Davidson

It has been revealed officially that mercury contamination was the reason for the closure of the former Dawson City Gold Buyer's Building, on the corner of 2nd Avenue and Princess Street last fall. A

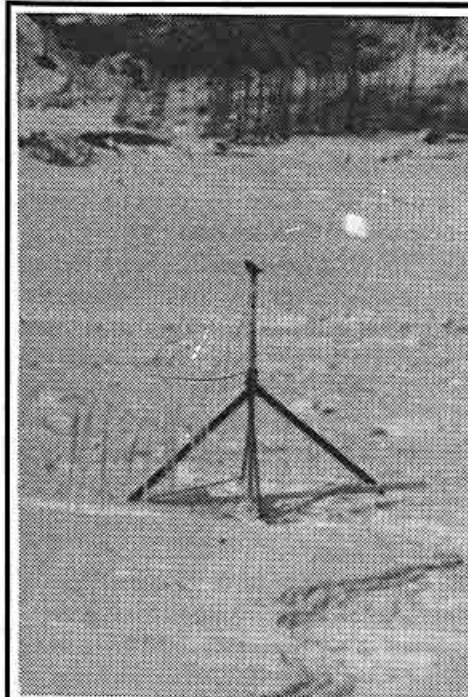
letter and report was released at the April 5 meeting of Dawson City Council after a question by local dentist Helmut Schoener.

According to a letter from Brian Nordin, the environmental health officer who undertook the inspection of the premises last fall on behalf of the Environmental Health Division of the federal Medical Services Branch, there was gold smelting done on the premises until the autumn of 1988. The fan used to exhaust the fumes was inadequate and Nordin says the mercury vapour was absorbed into the building itself.

In addition, there was mercury spilled into the yard behind the building, which is enclosed by a high fence.

The vapours in the building could be released into the air if the building were to be heated to normal residential temperatures. This becomes a matter of some health concern since the building was used last summer as a take out restaurant before it was known that there was any sort of problem. Asked if there might have been any health problems resulting from that, Mayor Peter Jenkins replied: "We just don't know," but indicated that Nordin had thought it unlikely.

The premises were ordered vacated and secured as a result of the inspection. There will have to be a cleanup done before they can be used again. The building is the property of Worldwide Numismatics Ltd., a firm with a Toronto address. Their local operator was Bob Koteff.



Apr.25 is the deadline to buy tickets on the IODE Yukon River Breakup Pool. When the tripod goes, it's all over.



photos by Michael Gates

Fire Chief Gets Creamed

1990 Budget Tops Four Million

by Dawne Mitchell

At a special meeting March 24th, Dawson City Council presented the taxation, capital expenditure, and 1990 budgets.

The mill-rate for property taxes remains the same although property assessment has gone up, as it does most years.

Included in the five-year capital budget forecast, is a commitment of two million dollars towards a new swimming pool.

The City's 1990 operational budget is balanced at \$4,012,624.00 revenue, to the same amount of expenses. Last year's budget, after two amendments, was \$3,268,042.00.

Some highlights of the 1990 budget are predicted revenues of \$1,751,000.00 in the form of Legislative grants from the government and \$961,000.00 from water and sewer grants and services. Taxes generate approximately \$477,000.00.

The swimming pool and Bonanza Centre account for \$20,000.00 and \$137,000.00 revenue, respectively while their expenses will be \$72,315.00 for the pool (which includes a \$30,000.00 design of the new complex) and \$390,000.00 for Bonanza Centre (which includes new boards in the arena and a facelift for the front entrance).

Some of the major expenses expected in 1990 are \$240,000.00 to maintain roads and streets; \$37,000.00 to repair and maintain sidewalks and \$22,000.00 to put-in, take-out the City dock on the Yukon River and maintain a parking lot there.

It will take an estimated \$1 million to operate and maintain the water and sewer system. The City is planning to install a new storm sewer on Church St. for \$160,000.00 and a water and sewer expansion to Block O at the cost of \$550,000.00. (The Indian Band is kicking \$100,000.00 into this project.)

Fixed costs to operate and maintain City equipment like fire trucks, pickups, steamers, pumps, backhoe is \$210,000.00

Some of the smaller, more interesting expenses will be \$7,750.00 for bylaw enforcement services. This includes advertising bylaws, Issuing 'order to remedy' notices, enforcing the bylaws and sometimes the City has to do the work to correct the infraction. There is an expected revenue from bylaw enforcement of \$600.00, as stated in the budget paper.

The City will pay YTG \$9,500.00 to control mosquitos, \$86,550.00 is in the plan for garbage collection disposal and maintenance of the dump.

It will cost \$26,800.00 to operate the TV satellite dish and the City workers' portable radio communication system.

The consultant for the Community Plan is listed under expenses of \$35,000.00 and special events like Canada Day and the World Gold panning Competition have been budgeted \$15,000.00.

The City expects a revenue from use of the cemeteries of \$480.00 and expenses to maintain them of \$1,500.00

Those are just a few examples of a complex and large operational budget. According to City Treasurer, Rob Bristow, Dawson is doing quite well financially, compared to other municipalities. Bristow explains that over the last few years, the City has managed to save up money towards extra expenses like refitting the front of Bonanza Centre and water and sewer extensions. Likewise, in the five-year expenditure plan, the City will set aside additional money for the new swimming pool complex.

As with last year's budget, this one will be monitored regularly and amended if necessary.

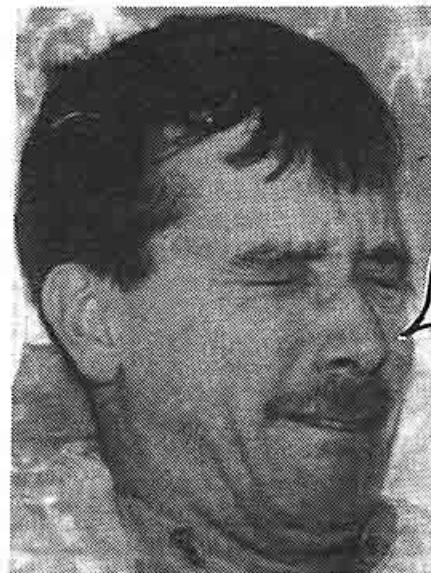
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Concerns Raised At Zoning Meeting

by Dan Davidson

Council meetings in Dawson City could usually be held in the city manager's office instead of in council chambers if numbers in attendance were the only factor under consideration. The audience tends to be no larger than the five member council, and is usually outnumbered by the time city employees are taken into account.

Not so at the public meeting held on March 30. Nearly 40 people crowded into the chambers, filled all the seats and lined the walls to hear the discussion of Bylaw #90-02, the newest edition of Dawson's zoning bylaw. The major purpose of this bylaw is to revise the 1980 version and amalgamate with it the various changes (16 in all) that have been made since it was passed. Having a zoning bylaw at all is a requirement of chapter 119 of the territorial Municipal Act.

There is also some new material that needs to be worked in, making, in the end, a document that is 34 pages long. City treasurer Rob Bristow was kept busy during the early part of the evening making additional copies of the proposed law - clearly stamped "For Discussion Purposes Only" - for people to follow. Council clearly had not anticipated this turnout.

Many of the apprehensions held by those in the gallery were summed up by

Brian Reeves when he asked whether the bill was or could be retroactive.

"You can't make a law that goes backwards," said Mayor Peter Jenkins. Things that already exist are unaffected by the intent of the bylaw. New things come under its power.

For instance, it is the intent of the council not to make any further back lanes, and to prohibit off-street parking in any kind of back lane arrangement. This concerns expansions and streets yet to be built. Large portions of Dawson already have developed back lanes, with rear parking and garbage pick-up arrangements. These will not be effected by the bylaw unless there is a petition to close the lane brought to council by persons owning more than 51% of the land.

The four hour meeting went through the bylaw page by page, discussion following many of the items. In all, there were challenges and suggestions for revision on about 15 items. While the items concerned different topics, most had in common a concern over the degree or complexity of regulation which the city might choose to exercise over peoples' lives.

There seem to be two extremes of thought in the community at present. There are those, represented by a vocal group at the meeting, who feel that no limits should be set and that there should be as little governmental regulation as

possible in the interests of keeping Dawson's basic frontier qualities intact. There are others, also represented at the meeting, who concede that growth at the level that has gone on here for the last ten years must be managed, that progress must be regulated in some way.

What seemed not to be understood by many at the beginning of the meeting was that most of the regulations in Bylaw 90-02 have been in effect for the last decade already. These regulations have attracted a fair amount of attention in Dawson over the last two years, as the city administration finally became efficient enough to be begin to enforce more of them.

Concern was expressed over the move to regulate the amount of time that someone can reside in an "r.v." type of trailer or vehicle parked on a residential lot. It is council's intent, explained Lynn MacKenzie, to prohibit the use of r.v.'s as overflow rental accommodation (an annual problem here), but not to keep people from having friends or family visit. Discussion then centered on the mechanism for getting a permit to allow this, and what the length of the permit should be. Hotel owner Bob Laking wanted to see the method spelled out so that it could not be changed at an administrative whim. Others wanted the 7 day permit time extended to perhaps 3 weeks.

Storage on private lots was also discussed. Where should people keep their own r.v.'s and storage sheds? Storage is still not defined in the 9 page glossary that goes with this bylaw. Council faces a challenge in amending the regulation so as

to allow efficient storage of wood piles, satellite dishes and such temporary uses as yard sales.

It was felt that council should take a second look at the sizes of some types of signs in the community. Byron Chandler argued that people operating home businesses which do not infringe on their neighbours' piece of mind should be permitted to advertise a little on their own homes.

New to this bylaw were the provisions for "country residential" lots such as those on the Dome. The actual wording and details were not correctly listed in the document at hand, but will be available for viewing at the city offices.

The meeting thinned out as the evening went on. It appeared that many of the spectators had a specific part of the bylaw that concerned them, and once that had been discussed, they were ready to leave the rest.

Councillors Curzon and Watt both expressed pleasure at the high turn-out and the level of discussion. MacKenzie said that she felt it was beneficial to have so many more heads going over this bill. Jenkins felt that the meeting was a positive experience which should contribute to making a more satisfactory piece of legislation, though he does not believe that it is possible to please everyone in matters of this nature.

Council agreed to reconsider and redraft about 15 items. These will be up for discussion at future council meetings which occur on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

\$10,000.00 DRUG BUST

As a result of a search of a residence in Dawson City on March 31, 1990, cocaine was seized with an estimated street value of approximately \$10,000.00.

Richard Guay, age 31, and Michelle Van Kimmenaede, age 24, have been charged with possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking.

Both have appeared before a justice of peace in Dawson City and have been released.

They are now scheduled to appear in Territorial Court on April 24, 1990 in Dawson City.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fires- 2 False Alarms- 7 Practices- 4

Fires

March 3, 8:00 p.m. - Called to a report of a smell of gasoline near the Band six-plex. Gasoline was leaking from a parked vehicle. No danger as leak was very small.

March 13, 5:00 p.m. - Called to a report of a fire in the boiler in the Liquor Store building. Fire extinguished by applying dry chemical with shovels into the firebox.

March 25, 9:00 p.m. - Called to a report of a propane leak at The Boardwalk on 5th Avenue. Leak was from an illegal line on the propane tank. Line was removed by owner.

False Alarms

March 3 - Commissioner's Residence caused by faulty telephone line

March 3 - Korbo Apartments caused by faulty detector

March 14 - Korbo Apartments caused by faulty detector

March 22 - Rec Centre caused by accidental activation of pull station

March 23 - K.T.M. caused by portable heater in building

March 24 - Manse caused by moisture from melting snow

March 28 - Parks Workshop caused by faulty telephone line

Practices

A total of 118 man-hours spent training this month. We also sent Barry Hunter and Jim Allison out to Whitehorse for a week-long fire ground command course.

Helping Hands

Bonnie Barber	Cathy Hines
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More Staff Changes at City Offices

by Dan Davidson

Dawson City's treasurer has submitted his resignation, bringing to three the number of senior staff to resign this spring. Bristow will be leaving as of the end of April. With the appointment of Peter Menzies as recreation director just last month, this means that 4 of the five senior staff will have been replaced by this summer. (Menzies replaced Holley Kushniryk, who indicated last fall that her then current contract would be her last, so that replacement was expected.) The fifth member, fire chief Dennis Montgomery, has not indicated any desire to leave his position at this time.

At the present time Dawson has just hired a new works superintendent, Wayne Lidster, who has arrived here from Inuvik. Lidster was introduced to council and the

gallery by Mayor Jenkins at the most recent meeting on April 5. Jenkins reported that 38 applications for the city manager's position just vacated by Allanah Tunnicliffe have been short listed down to 4 and that interviews will be held soon.

Another staff member, long time secretary Shirley Moi, has also decided to leave the city's employ. Her resignation takes effect later this month.

The exact payroll of city offices is a bit hard to compute, spread out as it is over several different budget areas. When at full strength there are five managerial positions. Thirteen to sixteen other people are on the payroll through the winter, and up to ten more are hired for temporary services (including the pool) each summer.

City Council Buys Duplex After All

by Dan Davidson

The on-again-off-again purchase of a staff housing duplex by Dawson's council from local developer Harry Campbell (Klondike Transport Limited) is on once again and has been completed.

The building, originally a section of the old Robert Service School, was to be developed as staff housing for the chief administrative officer and works superintendent positions following an agreement reached in the fall of 1989. A \$176,940.00 deposit was placed on what was to eventually become a \$260,000.00 development.

By December there appeared to be disagreements between the city and Campbell over the quality of the work

being done, and council debated pulling out of the sale. In January 1990 council decided to do just that, opting to rent the duplex from Campbell for \$2400.00 a month while gearing up to construct or purchase two single dwelling units for the purpose of staff housing. At the same time council put in place its first draft strategy for staff housing, including the provision of housing for the two top positions and subsidies for the three other senior staff jobs.

This month two things happened to change that decision. First, says Mayor Jenkins, the "deficiencies have been corrected" by Campbell, who brought in a new contractor to finish the work.

FREED WON'T SEEK RE-ELECTION

by Dawne Mitchell

Diane Freed, who lost her city council seat in February while she was out of the country, said in an interview she didn't know her council seat was in jeopardy until three weeks ago when she arrived in Vancouver on her way home.

"I booked a holiday for the allotted three months (December, January and February) but apparently miscalculated one meeting I'd missed in November," said Freed who is now back in Dawson City.

"Had I known there was a problem, I most certainly would have phoned."

When asked if she knew what amount of time she could be gone, Freed said, "Before I left, I asked City Manager Allanah Tunnicliffe if I should write a formal letter to council asking for leave. She told me no, it wasn't necessary and that I was allowed three months."

"To my remembrance, there was no specification of the number of meetings I could miss. There was no specific dates discussed. I was thinking three complete months but realized later that I had missed a meeting in November."

Freed said she guessed her dismissal was fair if that was the rule:

"It was my responsibility to know but I do feel that I was slightly ill-informed before I left. If city management had brought it up a little earlier instead of waiting until the last minute, my friends would have contacted me."

Two years ago, Freed had a similar experience when she was first elected as a

Secondly, it became clear that if council pulled out of the deal it would lose the deposit it had placed on the building. To lose that money and then have to lay out an additional \$260,000.00 or more to get two other houses didn't make economic sense.

After additional expenditures on such things as furnace burners, appliances and incidental construction costs, Jenkins figures that the final cost of the building

councillor. Again, she was going out for a holiday.

That time, Freed said, Mayor Peter Jenkins told her that she would be sworn-in when she came back. Through a friend's correspondence while on holiday, she learned that she only had a week to get

back to Dawson City before she would lose her elected councillor's seat.

Freed said she was not told before she went that she only had 40-day time limit from the day she was elected to be sworn in. At that time she cancelled the rest of her trip, bought a new ticket and returned to Dawson City with four hours to spare.

Freed said she will not appeal the decision, nor will she run again because she anticipates a change in lifestyle that may include less time in Dawson City.

"All I wanted to do when I first ran for council was to create more interest in what's happening with the city," said Freed. "One part of the community has always been well represented on council. That's the business part. Another part of the community that I tried to represent was the people that are here for a special quality of life. Some people are afraid of losing that quality of life to the regulations and rules that the changes dictate."

"There's nothing wrong with the business part of the community but there should be a balance so that everyone feels comfortable to live here."

A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held on April 26.

will be around \$270 thousand. Councillor Herb Watt has requested that a full accounting of expenses related to the duplex be tabled at the next council meeting.

City treasurer Rob Bristow says the purchase is spread over a two year period in the city's budgetary planning. Jenkins says there are no plans to build further staff housing.

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Editorial: Princess Street Remembered

by Palma Berger

Every Spring in Dawson you hear the sigh, "Now we must prepare for the Spring floods", and everyone looks to the hills from whence they come.

We go into the shed to check our supplies -- i.e. shovels. You may think there is a roaring business in the sale of rubber boots to miners, but Dawson residents buy their fair share also. Hastily we make our purchases for the floods from the hills come pretty quickly.

The shovels are not just a mere tool for digging drainage ditches, they stimulate conversation and encourage socializing. For as each neighbour digs his trench to ensure his flood goes on to his neighbours, and this neighbour in turn is ensuring that it does not stay but passes on, conversation starts...beginning maybe with comparing the quality of shovels, and leading onto deeper things. Shovels are also good for leaning on while socializing.

This wonderful chance to socialize was brought to us by engineers who designed a closed sewer system that would collect all sewage from each house and pump it through the treatment centre before hitting the Yukon River. Too costly to handle the surface water also, said the government, so the engineers devised the idea of ditches into which the water must flow.

However nobody told the water. It had a mind of its own as it merrily tripped over the edges of the few ditches, caused the sides to cave in, and just became seepage water anyway, and the town flooded every spring.

One could mention that there are large dogs in the household yards on the upper slopes of town. But I won't mention it as you will probably become aware of what could be washed through yours and your neighbours' yards from these friendly beasts.

Some water stays, unable to be drained away from our properties. In our case, our garage sits in a pool of water that by the end of summer has a vivid green colour. Some with supersensitive nostrils would maybe find it offensive, but for pure colour it is most arresting.

Some lawns stay wet and lawnmowers sink I hear. This could lead to the invention of the first hydrofoil lawn mower. Go to it, you geniuses!

Constantly wet ground causes thawing and then foundations slip a bit. One neighbour builds up to rise above his neighbour, but slowly sinks back until they are eye-to-eye. The other neighbour does his foundation to rise above his neighbour, but give him time, he will be at the same level again in no time.

But it is Springtime, and I am already missing the exercise with my shovels, and visiting with my neighbours on the streets as together we shovel and talk and compare notes on techniques.

(Ed. Note: Palma and Fred Berger have just completed their epic move to Bear Creek, recounted elsewhere in this issue. How soon nostalgia sets in.)



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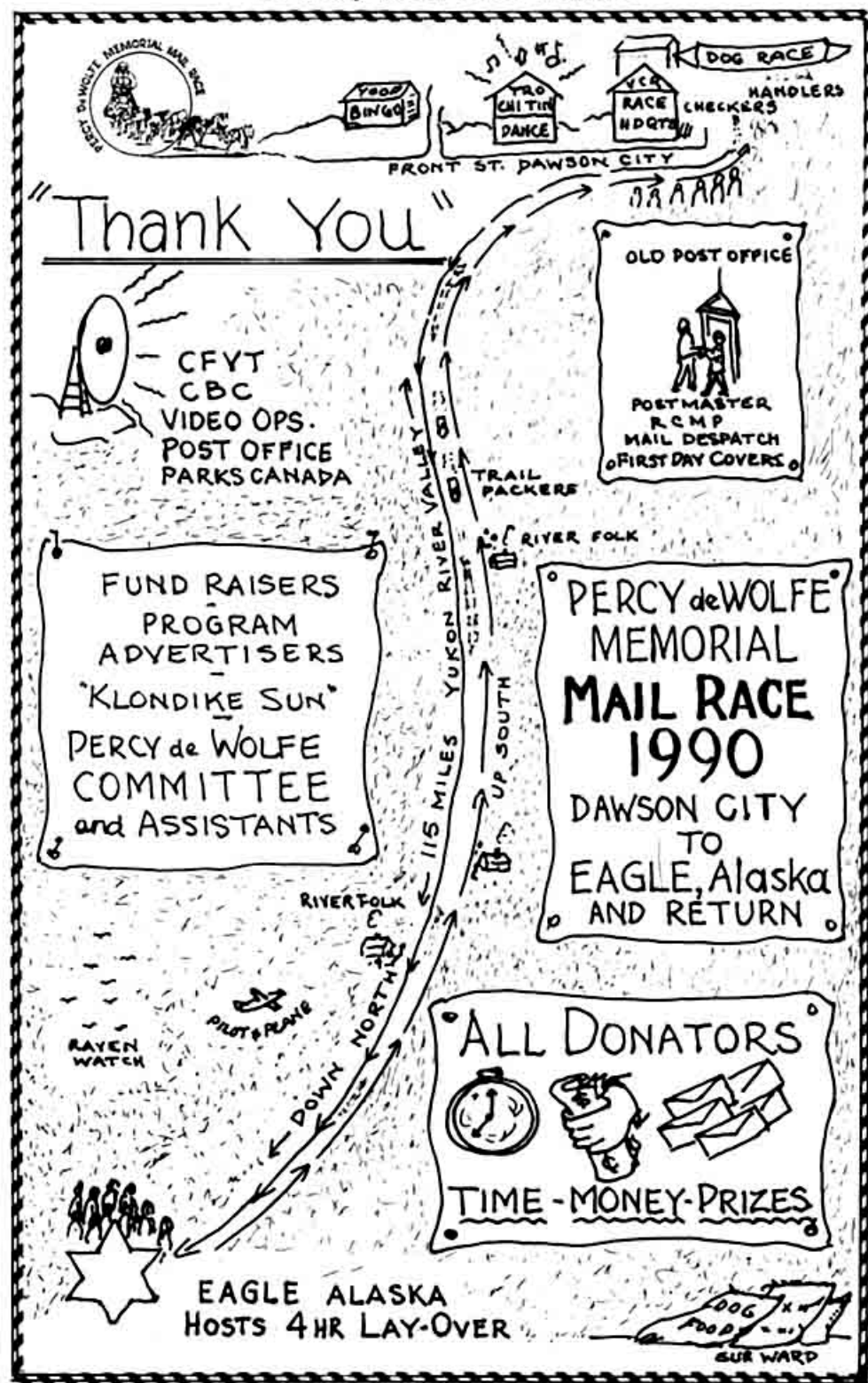
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Gold City Travel Ticket Winners



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Webster's Words

by Art Webster, M.L.A., Klondike

I had the good fortune to attend the Globe '90 Environmental Conference and Trade Fair held recently in Vancouver. The Government of Yukon was an official sponsor of this event which attracted 2,400 delegates from 60 countries.

Over 500 exhibitions at the Trade Fair displayed interesting and imaginative environmental products, processes, services and technologies. Some of the most popular items at our Yukon booth were Yukon bottled spring water, smoked Yukon-raised Char, and materials on the Yukon Economic and Conservation Strategies. The Conference section promoted discussions on integrating the environment with a wide variety of economic activities including agriculture, mining, fishing, oil and gas exploration, and tourism.

During Globe '90, I participated, as the Yukon's Minister of Renewable Resources, in a meeting of the Canadian Council of Environment Ministers. After months of work and discussions, we were able to agree on several important initiatives, including a national packaging protocol aimed at reducing by 20% the amount of packaging produced by 1992 and by 50% by the year 2000, and a national statement on interjurisdictional cooperation on environmental management matters.

With so much interest on the environment, there's some suggestion that it's a fad. I believe, however, the interest in genuine and lasting rather than just fashionable and that a concern for the environment is now firmly embedded in the consciousness of Canadians. Yukoners have demonstrated their awareness of the importance of a clean, healthy environment through increased involvement in initiatives to protect and enhance our environment. Public participation in drafting a Yukon Conservation Strategy, teacher interest in Project Wild, commitment of volunteer-based associations to projects which encourage conservation measures, and involvement of territorial organizations on the Yukon Council on the Economy and the Environment, are just a few examples.

The Dawson Cub and Scout aluminum can recycling project, coordinated by Leader Carol McBride and supported by businesses, volunteer groups and the Yukon Liquor Corporation, is a local example of Yukoners doing more than just talking about the environment.

With individual initiatives such as this, and with government commitment to a strategy to protect the Yukon environment, we should be assured of a healthy place to raise our families for generations to come.

Watch for the release of the "Yukon Conservation Strategy" later this month.

Dear Dawsonites:

I have just read the Jan. 11th & Feb. 8th editions of the Klondike Sun (an excellent "rag", by the way), and came across an article which challenged me to respond. It dealt with the proposal by the town to put an R.V. park below the slide, on the river. I am glad to see there is opposition to this idea, and, as an ex-Dawsonite, I thought I would share some insights from "down south".

We live in a community of 5,000 people, just south of Edmonton, in the heart of Alberta's vacation land. Tourism, as in Dawson, is very important, and much effort is spent in attracting the ever illusive tourist dollar. One of the town's main efforts at the present time is a part project which will run the full length of the small river which cuts through the town, ending in a large conservation area. The proposal is looked upon as a prime way of attracting tourists since more and more of those summertime travellers are looking for areas where they can relax by hiking, biking, birdwatching etc. (Incidentally, birdwatching is one of the fastest growing leisure activities!) The town has tapped into some government funding which has enabled the project to get started, and it has received a great deal of support from the local people.

A park on the Yukon River, well developed and advertised, would undoubtedly attract many people who are looking to the Yukon for an experience of the raw nature of the north. The development would also have the added feature of improving community spirit and providing a needed peaceful spot for the locals to relax as well.

I hope you don't mind this advice from an "outsider" but since Dawson is still very close to my heart, I thought a bit of shared experience would offer some food for thought.

Marcy Laycock

Editor:

I am trying to find someone interested in a letter mailed November 17, 1927 from Dawson Yukon. This letter was carried on the first flight of an airplane carrying mail from Dawson to the USA. The letter is intact in an envelope with a Yukon Airways and Exploration Co. Ltd. 25 cent stamp and a King of England 2 cent stamp. I believe it is the only existing letter mailed on this first flight. It has a letter telling of life in Dawson City.

I would like to either sell the stamp, cover and letter, or if there is indeed another cover that was used on this particular flight, I would be interested in buying it.

Ruby Baldrige
1109 Jewell
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Merrill Scott and I was born in Dawson in 1917. My mother and father, Walter Scott were a pioneer family in Dawson for many years. I am planning a cruise this summer which takes me to Skagway and then a side trip to Whitehorse. I plan to fly down to Dawson the morning of July 20th and return to Whitehorse in the evening of the same day.

I would like to know if there are any second generation pioneer families still in Dawson. If so, I will appreciate their names and PO Box numbers so that I may drop them a note. If not I am still going to make a side trip as I would like to see the city once again.

Thank you for any information you can provide.

Merrill Scott
55 W. Washington Ave., Apt #20
Yakima, Wa. 98903

Dear Editor:

I know that all of the staff involved with this paper strive to produce quality. I also feel that the paper reflects a good community spirit in the articles, editorials and letters. It is for this reason that I feel that the Anonymous Limerick that appeared on page 11 of the March 8 issue does not fit in with this spirit. I am not dissuading people from expressing their views or feelings. In fact I would not have been offended by the limerick if it had been signed. If the paper decides to publish such items I think it will open the game up to unlimited cowardly slander. Anonymous publications are usually found in editorials or social affairs articles when an issue needs to be aired but innocent people need to be protected. Further, such articles are subject to the editor's pen. This limerick should have been signed or slashed.

Joanne Smith
Dawson

SHEDDING LIGHT ON POWER DISPUTE

In defence of the NDP decision to extend the main power transmission line to the community of Henderson Corner, I would like to shed some light on the facts and keep away from the infantile name calling that we see in the paper and the Hansard.

We moved to Henderson Corner in 1984, just after the then federally-operated Northern Canada Power Commission had extended the power lines out to, and throughout the community of Rock Creek at absolutely no charge to the residents.

I have a letter dated August 1984 from NCPC with an accompanying map indicating the proposed locations for the power poles asking if we were happy with the proposed locations and also asking when commencement of construction would be convenient.

I should add that there was a line at the bottom of the page that was later to be used as the federal government's escape clause, indicating that this was not a guarantee but simply a proposal.

However, the upshot was that we moved out to the community, sincere in the knowledge that power was coming to our area very shortly.

This was not to be the case.

NCPC construction plans were put on hold while the federal and territorial governments

decided what the assets of the company were, prior to the company being transferred to the territorial government.

NCPC (federal) became Yukon Electric (territorial) along with a new set of rules for financial responsibility and watched over by the new Yukon Development Corporation.

Years passed with constant negotiations going on.

To make a long story short, we had to wait until the feasibility studies on the proposed North Fork power installation were completed before they could decide what grade of power transmission lines were going to run past the community.

Everyone understood that the present diesel-generated power in Dawson City was not satisfactory for the long run.

The North Fork project was put aside temporarily, I believe mainly because of a sharp drop in the cost of diesel to the power plant in Dawson.

The cost of extending the power transmission lines could now be justified as part of a pre-build for a future line that will either run to North Fork or Mayo to supply hydro power to Dawson in the future when it becomes economically prudent to do so.

It should also be noted that although the NDP came to us with the good and long-awaited news that we were going to receive power finally, just before the last election; the Conservatives also came to us and promised that whatever the deal was that we were going to get from the NDP, they would better it.

The issue was used extensively by both parties before the election.

I must say that it worries me to see such childish antics being carried on in the legislature by the persons that are, or hope to be, responsible for running our government.

Ron Ryant

Editor:


I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Dawson City who helped in billeting the mushers and their handlers for the Yukon Quest. This was my first involvement in helping to organize the billeting for the Quest and I thank you for helping me.

Karen Crowe
Yukon Quest Volunteer

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Race Start and Musher Profiles

by Dan Davidson
& Kathy Jones-Gates

A hazy sun peeked over the Dome on Thursday, March 15, just in time to see the first of the five starters in this year's Percy DeWolfe race head off down King Street on the first leg of their 170 km trek to Eagle, Alaska. Dawson's Fire Chief, Dennis Montgomery, was on hand with a loud hailer to announce each musher as they left the line beside the Old Post Office at 2 minute intervals.

Steve Fossett of Chicago guaranteed the international flavour of the race, running a team of 8 dogs belonging to Bruce Johnson. His objective was to build up enough race time to qualify for the Iditarod. He has previously placed 13th in the "Northern Lights" race from Carmacks to

Whitchose.

Atlin's Bruce Johnson, race record holder (both in time and number of wins), ran second with 9 dogs. He was carrying the commemorative mail bag, which was handed to him ceremonially by Postmaster Lambert Curzon and Constable Marcel Paris of the Dawson Detachment of the R.C.M.P. decked out in his red serge. Johnson won the event the first year it was a race in 1981, and thereafter for the next 3 years. He took it again last year with a record time of 25 hours and 24 minutes. He has placed 14th and 19th in the Iditarod.

Third out was Gerry Kuzyk of Whitehorse, who ran with 8 dogs. He handled Frank Turner's dogs on the 1989 Yukon Quest and has placed 3rd and 4th in the Southern Lakes Classic and the Northern Lights Trail Tour.

Brad Keenan from Dawson City ran fourth. Keenan was a relative beginner in this crowd and had never attempted a race in his two years of mushing. He considered his team, owned by Suzanne Guimond, to be past its prime, but was interested to see how it would do.

Benoit LeFebvre of Whitehorse started last with a full complement of 9 dogs. He was this race's "Rookie of the Year" in 1985, and won the race in 1987. In 1988 he was 3rd in both the Midnight Madness race and the Southern Lakes Classic, and in 1989 he came 4th in the Sourdough Rendezvous dog racing event.

While the crowd was healthy, the number of mushers was only half last year's field, a fact which organizer Elaine Behn attributes to a lack of advertising on the part of her committee. In an interview late Thursday night she noted that this year's committee started out quite broke and had had to devote most of its energies to raising the \$5,000.00 in prize money it



Postmaster Lambert Surzon and Const. Marcel Paris watch as the race begins.

Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates

needed to make the race work. That left little time or energy for other activities.

Mushers seem to set their year's itinerary early in the fall, and Behn says that that is when they will try to push this race next year.

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Johnson Runs Away With DeWolfe - Again

by Dan Davidson

Bruce Johnson's team trotted into Dawson at 6:29 Friday afternoon under a cheerful blue sky that was just beginning to turn brisk after a sunny day. His first place time of 28 hours and 27 minutes was by no means a record, but it wasn't the slowest time on record either, and it was enough to make him a six time winner of the Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Run. Six out of ten races is a very respectable showing for the 340 km round trip from Dawson to Eagle.

For his efforts Johnson collected \$2,500.00 in prize money, plus the 6 troy oz. of silver which goes with arriving first in Eagle.

Benoit LeFebvre of Whitehorse posted the second fastest time, with 29 hours even, followed 16 minutes later by Gerry Kuzyk of Whitehorse. They picked up \$1200.00 and \$800.00 respectively. The last musher to arrive was Steve Fosset of Chicago, whose leisurely 68 hours and 48 minutes brought him in at 10:30 Sunday morning. He won \$400.00 and the traditional red lantern for last place, along with two mugs from Klondike Nugget and Ivory for being a fine rookie.

The remaining starter, Brad Keenan, scratched from the race between Cassiar Creek and Fortymile, on the way to Eagle. Suzanne Guimond, the owner of Keenan's team, said that her dogs were old working dogs, bush dogs rather than sprinters, and she wasn't really surprised when it became



necessary to pull them out.

Race marshall John Borg took advantage of the fine weather to delay his skidoo journey from Eagle to Dawson so that he could see the mushers come in at both points. Arriving in Dawson on Friday after a five hour trip, he said it was the first time in his 14 years with the race that he had been able to do that.

The race, a 210 mile run to Eagle, Alaska, and back, honours the career of Percy DeWolfe, known as the "Iron Man of the North" for his efforts as a mail carrier. He was awarded a Silver Medal by King George in 1935 to mark his 25th anniversary and continued on the job until the year before he died at the age of 75 (1951).

DeWolfe, a Nova Scotian by birth, arrived in the territory during the Gold Rush in 1898, and began his job as a mail carrier in 1910. He carried the mail by horse, boat and dogsled during his 40 year career, but it is the latter method of travel that is honoured by this race.

Contestants face a 340 km round trip, broken by a mandatory 4 hour layover in

Eagle. DeWolfe is credited with making the trip in 8 days - 4 each way - but he was a working man and hauled freight and the occasional passenger as well as the mail.

The slowest race ever was won by Larry Smith in 1988, when foul weather and confusion led to a 72 hour first place time. Bruce Johnson himself set the course record last year, with 24 hrs. 25 mins. The race was begun in 1977 as a memorial run planned by the Jubilee Committee and later taken over by the Klondike Visitors Association. In 1981 it evolved into a real race. Johnson (him again) won it in 42 hrs. 59 mins. If it seems slow, it bears remembering that some took four days to finish.

The race committee raises funds each year through donations from private individuals and businesses, sales of commemorative envelopes and pins, the snack bar at the YOOP bingo nights, grants and dances. The committee is always looking for ideas and volunteers and can be reached in Dawson at P.O. Box 133.



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MARDIS GRAS HELPS TO MARK WARMER WEATHER

by Dan Davidson

Early March marked the end of a long, long cold snap in Dawson City and the community celebrated with a mini-Mardi Gras evening at the Robert Service School. Jointly organized by school staff and the Dawson City Fire Dept., the event, held on March 8, consisted of two straight hours of carny games, activities and light hearted fun, held in the school gym and the ancillary room.

The gym was decked out in mid-way style. Carnival goers threw darts and beanbags, had their faces painted, bought balloons and even got to throw whipped cream pies at selected volunteers at a booth run by the firefighters.

In the ancillary room, there was a mini-gym for tots with all manner of floor games and a trampoline. Catering for the evening was by the Farmer's Market, and Joan Kerr had a good selection of pizzas, subs, pop, juice, fruit and candy.

Chief organizers for the school were

Desmond Chiu and Joann Vriend. Chiu explained that the profits from the evening, which amounted to \$600.00 after expenses, would be split later with the fire department, along with the as yet undetermined profits from a quilt raffle (possibly as much as \$1,000.00). The firefighters will put their share directly into their "Jaws of Life" fund, while the school can always find uses for a few extra dollars.

This was a positive family event which had something for everyone. Little kids had the fun of winning at games that were challenging without being too hard, while adults had the joy of helping them do it.

"It was two hours of non-stop activity," said a tired Chiu later on. The only problem with it was that the staff and students who worked on it were ready to have March Break start a day early.

A Pat On the Back for Dawson's Yukon Quest Volunteers

I had the pleasure of attending the Yukon Quest Awards banquet this year and while there received many, many compliments from mushers, handlers, Quest officials, etc. to pass on to the super volunteer team in Dawson. Everyone commented on how smoothly everything went and how helpful all the volunteers were. It was a great checkpoint! All enjoyed their stay in Dawson and send thanks also to their billets.

The following is a list of volunteers for the 1990 Quest. I sincerely hope I haven't missed any.

Assistant Coordinator - Shirley Moi
Checkpoint Staffer - Tracey Braun
Billet Organizer - Karen Crow

Trail Crew Checkpoint Volunteers

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World Goldpanning News

Joe Castellarin, Chairman of Klondyke '90 World Goldpanning Championship Committee, said that a drawing by Albert Fuhre, a Dawson artist, of Dredge #4 had been selected by the Committee for one side of the commemorative trade dollar to be produced. The obverse side features the Klondyke '90 Goldpanning logo. Mr. Castellarin said the Dredge was chosen as it symbolized the start of using large machinery in the Klondyke goldfields. It

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will also transfer to the coin very effectively, making a unique souvenir item of the World Goldpanning, not only for visitors but locals as well.

The \$1.00 gold-colored trade dollars, which can be used as currency in Dawson City until September 30, 1990, will be available early in May. Orders are now being taken for silver and gold medallions by the Committee. (see advertisement)



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Kevin and Margot Anderson would like to announce the marriage of their very own Kay Tinkler to Charles Gee on March 28, 1990, in the Courtroom of the Dawson City Museum. The bride wore a stunning taffeta and lace gown that she designed herself. The beadwork on the front and back panels and shoulders took a few months to bead. Her breath-taking headdress was hand-beaded into little colourful hearts and flowers. She was truly a vision of beauty.

We would like to thank those who came out and supported Kay and Charles in their wedding vows and we would also like to thank the following people for their wonderful help in making this wedding a success: the Dawson City Museum; the Eldorado Hotel; the Downtown Hotel for such a wonderful reception and excellent food; The Raven's Nook for creating the

for the MOST BEAUTIFUL AND DELICIOUS wedding cake a girl could ask for. Roses to Shelly! A very heartfelt thank you to Bill Jackson for dressing in Highland attire and performing on the flute and the bagpipes. We appreciate your wonderful talents and friendship. Bev Bilodeau for being the Matron of Honour, being the hostess of the Bridal Shower and for just being there! I would also like to thank Uschi Kurth for her help in decorating the reception room and for being there when we needed her. Thanks, Uschi! Thank you to John Bilton for performing the ceremony.

We would also like to acknowledge the presence of Kay's parents, Brian and Sylvia Tinkler who came from Elkford, B.C., to be here for the ceremony. Brian went to school in England where his favourite teacher was Ted Harrison. (Hello to Tuska!)

AND... a very, very, very special hug and thank you to John Gould for putting this wonderful memory on video tape. A very sincere thank you, John!

We would just like to add that giving Kaybear away wasn't easy. She first moved in with us for three months and decided to stay three years. Kay is and always will be a part of our family. Most important of all she will always be our friend. We do not lose a roommate, but we gain a free room when we shop in Fairbanks! So Kay, a toast to you and Chuck; be kind to each other and love each other and all happiness will follow you.

Margot and Kevin Anderson P.S. No, we will not be renting out Kay's room, so please don't ask... after all, who could replace her?

Romy's Recipes

Fettuccine Alla Romana

A great dish that's quick to prepare. Have all the ingredients measured ahead of time; put noodles on to cook while you're eating the first course and mix the garlic into the butter. It takes only a few minutes to toss all the ingredients together.

1/2 lb fettuccine or medium egg noodles
1/4 cup butter
3 large cloves garlic, minced
1 small red pepper, cut in thin strips
1/2 cup thin strips cooked ham

1/2 cup green peas
1/2 cup whipping cream
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Cook noodles in boiling salted water according to package directions or until al dente (tender but firm); drain.

In large heavy saucepan, melt butter. Add garlic and cook over low heat for 2-3 minutes. Just before serving, stir in red pepper, ham and peas; stir over medium-high heat until hot, about 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in cream, then noodles. Add egg and cheese, tossing gently to mix. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

The New 3 R's



by Sharon Edmunds

An "Environmentally Friendly Workshop" was held in Dawson on March 4th at the Council Chambers. Two members of the Yukon Conservation Society in Whitehorse, gave an informative talk stressing the 3 R's - Reduce, Recycle, and Reuse. They focussed on our choices as consumers.

For example: Reduce the number of products you purchase that are wrapped in plastic or Styrofoam. Reduce the number of toxic chemical products you use, i.e. aerosols, phosphate detergents, cleaning products.

Recycle: Did you know we have two pop can recycling bins, located at the

General Store and Farmers Market? Funds from cans collected in these bins support our local Cubs and Scouts. The liquor store takes pop cans as well.

Reuse: Buy recycled writing paper; use both sides; start a compost pile in your yard; take old clothes and household items to thrift shops or second hand stores to be used by someone else.

Two books were recommended from this workshop: *How to Get Your Lawn and Garden Off Drugs* by Carole Rubin and *Canadian Green Consumer Guide* from the Pollution Probe Foundation. These books can be requested at the Library and Chris Sorg at Maximilian's has them on order. Either one would make a great gift for a friend.

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SCHOOL POSTER COMES FROM HARRISON PAINTING

by Dan Davidson

Ted Harrison's painting of the new Robert Service School has become a poster, and is being used by the school to raise some funds for school activities.

The painting, which now hangs in the school foyer, was specially commissioned by the Department of Education to celebrate the opening of the school. Harrison, a former teacher who likes to maintain his ties with the profession, produced a canvas somewhat larger than the contract called for and says doing it was an interesting experience.

When he began his work the school was not completely finished, and he needed a photographic assist to put the final touches on his work. By that time, it was getting close to the September deadline.

"They faxed me copies of photographs of the school to work from," Harrison said in an interview recently. The view of the front doorway was in too much shadow for him to get the details, so there had to be a special picture taken for that and faxed again.

The colours on the painting are truer to Harrison's work than they are to life. He took some artistic license with the season as well.

"Greyish didn't suit," the artist chuckles, "so I made it orange. Straight lines aren't as interesting as curved, so I

covered them with snow."

Fifth Avenue doesn't look quite that way either, but Harrison thought it appropriate to have a crowd of people and animals outside the building, standing in some multi-hued drifts.

"The adults are teachers and parents," he says. The kids have ravens and dogs near them. "Ravens always know the best spots for food, and kids always seem to have some."

The abstract sky is pure Harrison, filled with pulsating swirls of line and colour. In all, it's a joyous picture to celebrate a school with.

Harrison says he was happy to have been able to present it to the school at the official opening last September.

"Dawson's a long journey, but we worked it into a trip and took in Front Page Challenge at the same time. They gave me a sweater at the ceremony, and since it was freezing cold on the stage I put it right on."

One thousand posters were produced with Harrison's cooperation. He received 100 of them as a commission and the rest are available through the school in both signed (\$25.00) and unsigned (\$20.00) versions.

Teacher Clair Dragoman did the photos from which the prints were made, and the school used a Vancouver printer suggested by Harrison. The result is

something Harrison has said is one of the best reproductions ever of his work.

"He was great," says Principal Jim Montgomery. "We were in his hands from start to finish even to his suggestion of a price."

Seed money for the project came from the R.S. School Committee, which was given a fund of over \$4,000.00 to draw on for special needs when the Dawson Schools Reunion committee wrapped up its business in the fall.

Montgomery says that funds raised through the sale of the posters will be used "for the betterment of any and all school activities."

Harrison approves of this concept, but has special hopes for art related programs.



Exchange Visit in Old Crow

by Sue Ward

April 1 a group of seventeen high school students from Riverdale High School in Montreal start a two-week visit to Old Crow, to exchange cultural studies and differences. When they return to Montreal they will prepare to greet seventeen students from Chief Zzeh Gittlit School in Old Crow.

The students visiting Montreal will receive an official reception and tour of the city by car, travel by subway, visiting older parts of Montreal. They will attend classes at Riverdale High, tour industrial sites, a high tech plant and the Dorval Airport. Add a visit to TV and radio installations at CBC etc. There will be time for visiting the largest shopping centres in West Montreal, and Place des Arts.

This info is gleaned from Yukon North, a summary of Yukon Schools published by the Regional Superintendent.

The young people will certainly have a lot to think about when it is 'Rat Trappin' time in Old Crow, wouldn't you think?

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Recital Was a Vocal Treat

by Dan Davidson

The Robert Service School Choir wrapped up its practice season with a recital for parents and friends, held on March 30 in the school gymnasium. Some thirty people turned out for the recital, which featured a selection of choral, duet and solo pieces performed by various members and combinations of the 19 member girls' choir.

The concert began and ended with strong numbers by the entire group, voices from grades 4 to 11 blending nicely on "Dream Angus" and "I'd Do Anything".

The next largest group is the 7 member senior ensemble, which includes the girls from grades 8-11. The girls did a splendid job of harmony on the Latin "A Pacem Domine" but managed to lose the last few notes of "You Light Up My Life".

The duo of Namiko Saito and Erin Troberg performed well on both "Pussywillows, Cat-tails" and "Where Go the Boats".

Individual classes at the Rotary Music Festival feature two kinds of material. First there are "test pieces", which are required by all performers in a particular category. Then each singer is allowed a free choice for a second piece.

The girls were in high spirits through much of the evening, and this plus a bit of nervousness translated into giggles and forgotten lines during a few of the solo

pieces. Naomi Delleman showed some courage by continuing in spite of problems. Namiko Saito distinguished her performance by offering songs in English, French and German. Christina Shulda, Erin Troberg, Ann Mendelsohn Kim Jenkins and Amanda Montgomery all turned in solid performances.

This choir is not assembled as part of a school offering. It is an extra-curricular activity which sees the girls and their leader giving up countless noon hours and lots of after school time in order to learn the material and perfect their delivery.

This recital serves several purposes. First, it gives them a chance to perform before an audience. Second, it allows parents and friends to hear what they have been up to. Finally, with the assistance of Mr. Dragoman on video camera, it allows them to get a tape of themselves in action, so that they can critique their own performances before the actual festival.

The members of the choir are: Sarah Winton, Laine Bowers, Harmony Hunter, Melissa Flynn, Marlissa Mann, Vashti Hill, Amanda Montgomery, Ann Mendelsohn, Kathy Linklater, Christina Shulda, Erin Troberg, Namiko Saito, Naomi Delleman, Jessica Montgomery, Kylie Van Every, Kristin Grabowski, Frances Kormandy and Kim Jenkins. They are directed, coached and accompanied on piano by Betty Davidson.

Musical Offices Above the Liquor Store

by Palma Berger

As Dawson grows larger, so do the Government Departments serving the needs of the Community. It was crowded in the Territorial Building on the floor above the Liquor Store.

The Library moved over to the school, so there was a large empty space. The powers that be in Whitehorse thought it over long and hard, and came up with the solution that the Learning Centre (Dawson Campus) could take over the old Library area. Human Resources could take over the old Court Room that the Learning Centre had inhabited for so long. The Housing Office would be moved to the south-east corner, above the Liquor Store's back landing.

But the Learning Centre has long needed an office for private telephone conversations, or private counselling. This was available if the Klondike Outreach, which is not a Territorial Government Department moved out. This they did.

Klondike Outreach is now located in the Band Hall where Yukon Native Products were. They too now have the space they have long yearned for.

A door was cut in the wall adjoining the old Library and the old Klondike Outreach office to provide access for the Learning Centre.

Nobody has moved as yet, but the paint is being applied in preparation. It is as if everyone is poised, waiting for the starting pistol to go, and then all Departments will be off, scrambling to their new, larger locations.

It has been said that the building has only another 5 years left, but who believes that when it has been found unsuitable so many times? The Territorial Government has had so many uses for it over the years, even way back when it was the living quarters of the teachers, and of the Liquor Store manager, that no one will be surprised if it lingers on a few years yet.



NOTICE

KLONDIKE VISITORS ASSOCIATION AGM

will be held April 26 at 7:30 pm at the AV Room of the DAWSON MUSEUM

Nominations for Directors will be received up to the start of the AGM

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KLONDIKE LIFE

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR EXCITED TO BE IN DAWSON

by Dan Davidson

Nova Scotia author Budge Wilson spent the winter trying to stay well, afraid that something would happen to cancel her trip to the Yukon. Originally scheduled for last fall's Canada Book Week, Wilson's tour had to be postponed when her eardrums were damaged during the accidental discharge of a rifle. It was the kind of freak accident that made her begin to wonder if this tour was jinxed.

Wilson arrived in Dawson City on Sunday, March 25, and spent a busy day following the remaining events of Dawson's Spring Carnival, watching ice-fishing and dog mushing and touring the town with teacher-librarian Betty Davidson.

Budge, as she is known to her fans, was tremendously excited about being in the Klondike. Dawson had been her preferred destination when the organizing committee for this tour asked her where she would like to go to do public and school presentations. Her visit here was sponsored by the Dawson City Library Board.

Budge has had 9 books appear in print since her first, *THE BEST/WORST CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER*, appeared in 1984. She had been writing for 6 years before that, but it took a long time to find a publisher for that first book. Oddly enough, it has since sold 58,000 copies and been translated into several other languages, including Finnish. She takes a copy of that edition on tour with her and gives a quarter to any child who can figure out what language it is.

Writing, says Budge, is what she does

to have fun, though she finds that about three hours at a stretch is what she can manage before she begins to write badly. She does most of her work in a small, seaside cottage near her home in Hubbards, N.S. She has some back trouble and likes to write sitting up on a bed she has in her workplace. After handwritten original drafts, she types up the final draft and sends the whole manuscript off for a professional typing job before packing it off to her publisher.

She also likes to illustrate books, although this takes longer. A humorous poem starring Victor the boa constrictor is one of her own that she hopes to illustrate herself. She read this one to the mixed audience of kids and adults at her Monday night reading, along with a short story set in the same seashore region that has been the setting for four of her books.

Wilson's books don't have one specific age as a target. *GOING BANANAS* is an easy reader. The first three "Blue Harbour" books are elementary level, while the fourth, *THIRTEEN NEVER CHANGES*, is for young teens. *BREAKDOWN*, an examination of a family tested by the father's nervous collapse, is also for mid-teens. Her latest book, just out, is a collection of stories for adults called *THE LEAVING*.

There is no question that Budge Wilson captured the hearts of her young readers during her two day stay here. She, in turn, found that Dawson more than met her expectations, and that special tours of both the museum and the Klondike National Historic Site operation added a lot to her trip.



News from The Rock

by Marjie Mann

Hey, Hey SPRING!! Long time coming, but she's here! Got the rubber boots out and the kids have been doing "doggie doo-doo duty". And Brian Reeves shaved his beard off. That's a good enough sign for me! Of course, we are sure to have one more good dump of snow - probably as soon as I have all the winter clothes packed up for the year. It is one of those Murphy's Law things. Now, I can think of more pleasant places to be than the Klondike in April. I think of Victoria in April and the wonderful aroma of blossoming trees. Then there is Dawson City, and the --- aroma of "malamute" in the air. No, this is not a new cologne scent! Oh well, we all know smelly April leads into the Klondike Summer - and nowhere can beat one of those!

Because of an unusually high snow load on roofs this year, there have been a few casualties and close calls. Terry Kell's woodshed is now firewood. Our new chimney for our as-yet-unused-boiler is "toast" (expressions of a 16-year old). Melody Caywood had to shovel her way to her front door the other day so she could open it. What fun! Now we are all wondering how wet things are going to get at break-up. The last flood in Rock Creek was in 1986 - are we due for another?

Welcome back Jude and Jacob! Home at last from a Mexican beach. It's wonderful to have you two back! Also back from a winter in Thailand is Jussi Laitinen. Jussi bought the Sheerin house and it's good to see it being lived in again.

Jack and Lucy Vogt and family have moved from the shadow of the Rock Creek Bluff to Henderson Corners. Jack has been very busy with his loader, clearing out yards and driveways, but

somehow they found time to make the move to their newly re-furbished house. And lots more sunshine, I hear.

Those of us in favour of getting some sort of fire protection in the area have made some progress. We passed around petitions, and the overall response was quite good. This is the letter we subsequently sent to YTG:

"The Honourable M. Byblow
Minister of Community and
Transportation Services
Yukon Territorial Government
P.O. Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon
Y1A 2C6

Dear Mr. Byblow:

We as residents and property owners/administrators within the communities of Bear Creek, Rock Creek and Henderson Corners, do hereby formally submit a request to the Yukon Territorial Government for provision of Level 1 Fire Protection in accordance with the Government of Yukon Policy on Fire Protection. We have canvassed the residents of the 3 communities and we believe the support necessary for this protection exists. Attached, please find petitions indicating support as well as active participation in this endeavour. We have also attached copies of previous correspondence relative to the issue.

Your early attention to this matter would be gratefully appreciated and we look forward to talking to your representative as soon as possible."

Now the ball is in YTG's court, and hopefully we will get some action soon. If you support the concept of fire protection in our area and were unable to get your name on the petition (we did miss a few people who were not around), please, send of a letter of support to Mr. Byblow. The more he hears from us, the more likely he is to take quick action!

And now, with a hope that we all stay relatively dry over the next month or so, I'll say "Bye".

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Signs of Spring in the Klondike

by Sue Ward

First washing hung out to dry.
Jackets replace parkas, joggers replace heavy foot-gear.

Heads are bared to the bright sunshine.
The joy of seeing the wee Arctic Redpolls as they migrate North.

Kids and parents sleighing on the slippery hills.
Children now back in school after Spring Break.

Summerfolk coming early hopeful of finding a roof to call home.

Finning Folk back on the job as mining machinery is made ready.
Miners who own the machinery checking things out.

The sound of hammers and saws into the evening as daylight already lasts until 9:30 p.m.

Weddings of two of our special young women: Recreational Director Holley Kushniryk and Librarian Kay Tinkler.

Seeds set into sunny windows bringing forth the June-July flowers.

Warning barriers around buildings where avalanches are yet to bare the metal roofs.

Piano Tuner Herbie Bouwman putting the 88's in tune with spring.

Town sold out of razor blades as beards are removed and returning miners take extra supplies to the creeks.
False-alarms as ice becomes water and the bells ring!
Puppies, puppies, puppies!
Bicycles, tricycles, prams.



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Phone 993-5907

SPRING CARNIVAL



Carnival Queen

- Ms. Congeniality • Vikki Crayford (Miss Fire Department)
 Runners-up • Sandra Roberts (Miss Dawson Indian Band)
 Namiko Saito (Miss Royal Canadian Legion)
 First Runner-up • Allin Bowie (Miss Dawson City General Store)
 1990 Spring Carnival Queen • VIKKI CRAYFORD (Miss Fire Department)



- 16 & Over Women**
 1st The Whatever's Team
 2nd The Char Fart Team
 3rd The Marcia Jordan Team

- Smooch Races**
12-15 Years Youth
 1st The Chris Johnson Team
 2nd The Milisa Flynn Team

- 16 & Over Men**
 1st The Willie Fellers Team
 2nd The Dr. G. Parsons Team
 3rd The Claude Turcotte Team



Snowshoe Baseball

- 1st Snowshoe Sweepers
 2nd Dawson Indian Band
 3rd Dawson Awesomes
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 Best Umpire: Daryl Taylor
 Best Pitcher: Joy Lindley

Arm Wrestling

- Light Weight: 1st Michael Mason
 Heavy Weight: 1st Michael Mason
 2nd Mark Elliott
 Women: 1st Janet Lyon



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| Jack Fraser | - Tundra | - 1st Unique |
| Andrew Sprockreiff | - Samson | - 2nd Best Dressed |
| Lyndsay Thompson | - Munchie | - 1st Best Dressed, 3rd Groomed |
| Carmen DuBois | - Suzie | - 2nd Tricks, 3rd Best Dressed, |
| | | - 2nd Obedience |
| Patrick Sack | - Chelsey | - 3rd Best Dressed |
| Mark McDowell | - Barkley | - 3rd Unique, 3rd Obedience |
| Cindy Braga | - Macho | - 3rd Cutest |
| Greg Hakanson | - Klondike Kate | - 1st Tricks, 1st Obedience |
| Vera Mendelsohn | - Skookum | - 2nd Unique |
| Cody Rudinski | - Lefty | - 1st Groomed, 2nd Cutest |
| Lisa Anderson | - Sarah | - 1st Cutest, 2nd Groomed |

Carnival

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