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## Fifth Annual Gold Show

by Dawne Mitchell

Close to one thousand people visited the Fifth Annual Dawson City International Gold Show.

There were a total of fifty-five exhibitors from the Yukon, Vancouver, Edmonton, Alaska, Chicago and Seattle.

Two hundred and fifty paid delegates registered. This is about the same number as last year. The \$25 registration fee gave individuals the opportunity to observe the show before it opened to the public, attend Thursday's mining seminars and partake of the food and beverages at the sponsored parties.

Coordinator of the event, Renee Mayes, was pleased with the turn-out. She confirmed that the technical seminars were "enthusiastically received" and had a much better attendance than past years.

Local miner, Harold Shannon, agreed that the seminar on Gold Recovery Tests was very informative and, for him, the highlight of the weekend. Mayes also reported that it was good to see more community representation at the show

this year, exhibits like the Dawson Ambulance Association, Museum, Parks Canada, World Goldpanning Championships and Community Services.

Many of the gold miners attending the show were still waiting for their water licenses to be approved by the Federal Government, so they could start sluicing.

It was with a sense of relief that they heard the official announcement on Friday, stating all but a few licenses had been ratified.

Mel Zeiler, gold miner from the Keno City area, who has attended every gold show since its inception, had this to say, "I talked to a lot of miners this weekend who are depressed about these new regulations. Some of these miners were going to open up new ground. Instead, they're going to finish what they're doing now and wait to see what happens, before they do new work."

Zeiler said despite the evident worries, this year's gold show was better organized and well worth his time and money to attend.

Because of the extraordinary situations

## "I OWE MY LIFE TO BARNEY"

By Palma Berger

A trip up the creeks for 17 year old Barney Mahoney and 18 year old Kim Gulstad ended with the boys experiencing a situation they never thought they would have to face. At 3 am Tuesday, May 29th, Barney and Kim were heading back with Kim in his vehicle going ahead. On rounding a bend about 5 miles south of town Barney noticed that Kim had just disappeared. But Barney noticed ripples and the jerry can from Kim's Dodge Dakota floating in a dredge pond to the right.

Quick thinking Barney stopped, scrambled down the side of the pond (discarding his shoes) and because he was such a poor swimmer, grabbed the jerry can to float him to the bubbles coming up from the vehicle.

Fighting for breath because of the cold water he managed to get hold of non-swimmer, Kim and holding onto him with one hand and the jerry can with the other he got them both to shore.

As Barney said, "I responded so quickly. My life didn't matter at the time, I almost let him go once cause I didn't think I could make it but I guess I was swimming on borrowed time." Barney said he never had time to start worrying about himself until he was taking Kim in.

But how did Kim end up in the pond? He thinks that because of the late hour he just fell asleep at the wheel. He woke up to find the vehicle headed for the pond. He just blanked out when the vehicle hit the water, and only came to remember anything when Barney was trying to get him up the side of the pond. He doesn't know how he even got out of his truck. But he remembers getting into Barney's vehicle, and then returning to Barney's sister, Virginia's house.

They were both suffering from hypothermia. They were taken to hospital by ambulance where they were kept warm and under observation until released at 4:30 pm that day as they were okay. The adventure had been a lucky escape for both of them.

After their release, life went back to normal. The 4 1/2 day old 1990 Dodge Dakota was hauled out of the pond the next day. Kim went back to work at 'Pot of Gold' and Barney has gone back to work for Favron Enterprises out on the creeks.

But as Kim readily admits, "I owe my life to Barney."



Photo by Michael Gates

### Kids Inspect the Pump

with water licenses, the Dept. of Indian and Northern Affairs set up a special booth to deal with enquiries about the Environmental Assessment Review Process. Craig Yeo, spokesman for the Dept. and booth attendant, described "A really good and cooperative exchange of information" between miners and himself.

Exhibitors had mixed feelings about the attendance at this year's show. Some, like Acklands Supplies of Whitehorse, reported a slower day on Friday than the year before. This is the day when the delegates, (mostly miners) have the first opportunity to view the exhibits.

Al Brodie representing Engelhard Precious Metals Refinery, also thought it seemed slower than last year but hastened to add, that there wasn't any miner they hadn't seen and "That was the reason we came up."

The Farmers Market - Grocery People display, on the other hand, had a hard time keeping up with their food giveaways.

Dick Benoit from Edmonton, vegetable wholesaler to the Grocery People, suggested to one of the organizers that they have three other food booths at future gold shows. "We were always empty and people were waiting in line," he said, "I brought twice as much food as we use in the Vancouver and Edmonton Food Shows. I can't believe I went through twenty cases, that's 3,600 perogies!"

For their delicious effort, the Farmers Market - Grocery People display won First Prize in the Gold Show Committee's Best Booth Awards. Honorable mention went to Acklands and the Chocolate Claim.

The Gold Jewelry contest had several entrants. Winner of the competition is chosen by secret ballots from the delegates and exhibitors. This year Barbara Schmidt won with her entry of a gold mastodon and hematite necklace.

Another popular exhibit was Enchanted Designs. Tom Chant displayed

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Barney Mahoney (left) and Kim Gulstad

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# Fifth Annual Gold Show (cont'd)

several of his trademark Mastodon sculpture and jewelry pieces. One large tusk, ten feet long, took 300 hours to complete. It was inlaid with various gem stones and six ounces of gold. The tusk was valued at \$20 - \$30 thousand dollars.

One of the more charismatic exhibitors was Eugene Erdos of Infrared Photogeological Services from Seattle, Washington. "I am absolutely confident," suggested Erdos, owner and photographer, "that if I had a sponsor, I would fly over this area and find the Motherlode." Mr. Erdos had several infrared photo examples on display, of the Atlin area.

There were some ideas and recommendations expressed by the exhibitors. Bedrock Supplies, from Edmonton, which has been attending the gold show for many years, suggested having the event at an earlier date to coincide with the Whitehorse Trade Show. It would attract more exhibitors if they could attend one show the first weekend and a second show, the next weekend.

William Nestor, representing Nesmont Precious Metals had a different idea. Mr. Nestor wondered if it wouldn't be better to have the gold show later in the season. "Right now, the timing could be a little off," said Nestor, "because a lot of the miners are just starting up. Many are out in the field working." Nestor also thought a show in the later part of the season would attract more exhibitors.

The Public's reaction to this year's gold show was generally positive, although some people complained about the lack of "freebies" compared to previous years.

Gerry McCully, Chairman of the Dawson City International Gold Show Committee, made it clear at the closing host party on Saturday night, that it had been much more difficult to get sponsors and raise money for this year's event. "We had an excellent gold show considering the economy," explained McCully. "We were very happy to do as well as we did with what we had for sponsorship."

The price of gold and condition of the Placer Mining Industry will dictate the future of the annual event. Exhibitors, delegates and the public all expressed their interest in its continued success and looked forward to next years presentation.



Audrey McLaughlin, Yukon's M.P.

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# The City News

## Council Encourages Clean Sweep

by Dan Davidson

While there is still some debate in the community about the wisdom of this move, Dawson's council is continuing its annual drive to make the community presentable for visitors and encourage safety. Mayor Peter Jenkins reported that he has recently sent out letters to the owners of forty-five sites around the town that could stand to be spruced up and tidied.

Jenkins' letter also indicates that city works crews will be available at no charge to assist anyone with large items that need to be disposed of.

These letters are an attempt at moral persuasion, request for cooperation signed by the Mayor, but they will have attached to them a copy of the city's nuisance bylaw, just to make the point that there are further steps that can be taken.

The nature of those steps was the subject of some debate between Councillor Herb Watt and Jenkins. Watt objects to section 18.08 of the Enforcement section of the new draft zoning bylaw, which incorporates the old

nuisance bylaw. It reads: "Where an offense is committed or continued for more than one day, it shall be deemed to be a separate offence of each day on which the offence is committed or continued."

Watt felt that this clause constitutes an assumption of guilt and that its strict enforcement could be termed harassment. A year ago several individuals in the community were issued daily summary conviction tickets when they were in conflict with city offices over nuisance offenses.

Jenkins responded that this wording was the best recommendation of the city's solicitors.

"They don't live here," Watt shot back.

The mayor went on to add that city bylaw enforcement officials no longer issue daily tickets. It was found to be an offensive practice, and it was not necessary. A single ticket constitutes the same notice.

On a lighter note, but on the same subject, the city's recreation department recently sponsored "Clean Sweep '90", a town-wide cleanup blitz that involved a corporate challenge, school day, citizens' day and highways cleanup. Working with



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*Photo by Sue Ward*

funds provided through territorial grants, the department spent almost \$1,000.00 on goodies, promotions and donations, netting two and a half tons of garbage during the week.

The report to council notes that "While the bulk of this garbage was household garbage (leaves, lumber and such), several old cars, engine blocks, bathtubs, water heaters and furniture were also hauled away."

## MUSEUM INTRUDER ALARM PROBLEM

by Dan Davidson

The Dawson detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have served notice that they do not have the time to answer a continual string of false alarms from the Dawson Museum's intruder alarm system. In a letter produced at a recent meeting of Dawson council, Sgt. Gordon Crow indicated that the detachment would respond only to those alarms which had already been checked out by some member of the society and that the detachment's number should be removed from the automatic dialer on the system.

Museum society president Chris Sorg says that the problem stems not from actual attempts to break in nor from a faulty system but rather from the number of people who are in the old territorial building doing work after hours as volunteers. There is a procedure for deactivating the alarm, but some people don't follow through on it.

The alarm, when it goes off as it did on Saturday evening, sounds like special sound effects for a U.F.O. landing, and can be heard for several blocks.

Sorg says that the alarm is currently hooked up so that it will ring a telephone in the home of some member of the museum society, who can then check out the alert and either call the R.C.M.P. or deactivate the alarm.

The museum has had a troubled history of false alarms since its reconstruction a few years ago. Many of these were fire alarms, and it was a rare spring that did not see the volunteer firefighters responding to several alarms a week as the moisture from melting snow triggered the system. Fire chief Dennis Montgomery says that this was not the case this year and that the fire department does not have a problem with the museum at the present time.

Montgomery says that improvements to the fire alarm system plus improvements in the Northwestel lines which carry the signals to his alarm board at the fire hall, have resulted in far fewer false fire alarms generally. The odd one or two is good practice for his crew anyway, he says. It's only when they recur needlessly that he gets frustrated.

## Banks to be First in Line

by Dan Davidson

In an attempt to make it easier for Dawson homeowners to get interim financing when building new homes, Dawson City's council has resolved to allow the banks to take the first position charge on land, ahead of the city.

Presently, the city has the right to repossess land it has sold if it has not been built on as intended within a specified length of time. What this has meant, according to Dawson CIBC manager Axel Speer, is that the bank has not had effective security against loans obtained for the purpose of purchase or construction.

In the event that the owner defaulted on his building schedule, the city took the land back, but the bank was left without anything to show for its risk.

At the urging of Mayor Peter Jenkins, council passed a resolution allowing the banks to have general priority over the city's caveat.

Speer says this will make it much easier for lot owners in the new Dome subdivision to obtain interim financing for their building projects. He says that the position council has now taken is similar to practices already in place elsewhere in the Yukon, especially in the Whitehorse area.

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**Editorial: MAIL CALL!**

by Dan Davidson

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You will recall that somewhere in the upper echelons of the system (not here at home where things generally work just fine) the decision has been made to phase out rural post offices, ours included. Those in charge call this "service enhancement".

One of the ways to get this accomplished is to make people annoyed with the local service. Here, one of the ways to do that is to delay providing the usual extra summer staff until our daily service has line-ups at the wicket extending to the front door.

Let's face it, every federal and territorial agency in this town recognizes our perennial population explosion and increases its staff. Normally Canada Post does the same, but apparently something went wrong this year. Rumour has it that it took a call from our mayor to get some action. Thanks for that.

What went wrong is probably the same thing that happened to the Sun's application for second class mailing privileges, which we filed for over a year ago before our first issue appeared. After three successive attempts, we have finally made contact with the people in the O (for Ottawa) zone and this issue will mark our first use of the mailing rate. Please let us know how it works out.

The Canada Post ad asking for private sector people interested in providing service enhancement fell mostly on deaf ears, or perhaps on ears that could hear the thin edge of the wedge fumbling for a purchase. So far only one business has entered into any talks with the corporation, and Chief Isaac Inc. says that it's all very tentative at the moment. Meanwhile, you can buy stamps at a dozen or so places around town and even drop off mail in a few spots other than the federal building. I wonder how much "enhancement" a town this size really needs.

The letter we received from Ottawa was a little disturbing. I quote: "When your mailing plans have been received and approved, you will be notified at which post office your mailings can be accepted . . ."

Here at the Sun, we all hope that wording is just the result of this being a form letter, but we worry about it. If you're worried too, why don't you drop our Member of Parliament a line? It wouldn't cost you anything but time, and it might do some good. At least they would know we're watching.

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**896 Pioneer Squadron****Year End Parade 1989/1990**

This year the members of 896 Pioneer Squadron achieved a great deal in our training year. We had an opportunity to go to the Northern Region Drill Competition again this year and we won our Zone Competition.

Also this year we did a lot of flying in different Canadian Armed Forces Aircraft; from a C-138 Twin Otter to a Bell 212 Twin Huey tactical helicopter.

After attending last year's summer camps two cadets will be going to Whitehorse as staff cadets: Flt. Sgt. N. Saito and Cpl. C. Taylor. Also this year we have 13 cadets going to camps ranging from basic camp to an exchange trip to Alabama in the United States.

During the past winter the cadets went on a winter exercise with the air cadet squadron from Faro. Also, this spring the cadets went on a one day Air Search and Rescue exercise.

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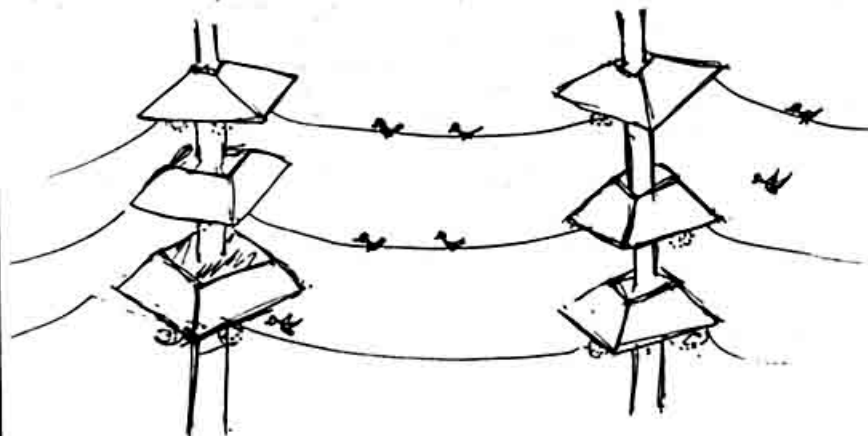
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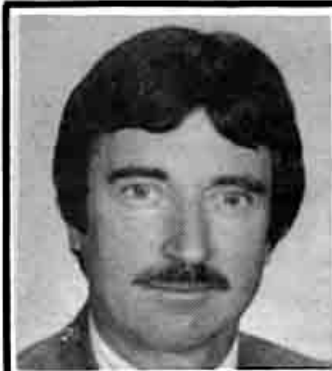
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**New Housing in Dawson**

There is constant concern about the swallows building on the windows of the Masonic Lodge and dropping their droppings on nearby cars, so Maryanne Isaac designed these dwellings to be built away from the Lodge



So as not to confuse this housing development with Yukon Housing she suggested calling it Swallow Hollow Housing.



## Words from Webster

by Art Webster - MLA for Klondike

With the opening of Diamond Tooth Gertie's, the Gaslight Follies, and all the attractions, tours, and exhibits offered by the Klondike Visitors Association, Klondike National Historic Sites, and the Dawson City Museum and Historical Society, another tourism season in Dawson City is well under way. Another sign is the flurry of activity in the private sector, which has been busy upgrading existing services, facilities, and attractions, as well as developing new ones.

Last year was a good one for local tourism. According to information contained in the recently released *1989 Yukon Tourism Industry Highlights Report*, prepared by the Yukon Department of Tourism, 38,351 visitors registered at the Dawson Visitor Reception Centre, and attendance figures at most Klondike National Historic Sites attractions were higher than 1988 and 1987. The prognosis for this year is that we may experience the best one on record. New marketing programs aimed at the R.V. clientele are producing encouraging results, and new package tours featuring Dawson City offered by both Westours and Princess Tours will translate into more visitors spending more time and money in our community. In addition, indications from local residents point to another excellent year for visiting friends and relatives. I am pleased to report that my parents will be here in June and July.

The value of tourism to our community and our Territory is most often stated in economic terms. However, tourism is more than the Territory's second largest industry, providing opportunities for economic development and diversification. It also offers us a vehicle to showcase the Yukon: our culture - aboriginal and non-aboriginal; our heritage - natural and otherwise, our museums, and cultural celebrations like the Teslin Tlinget Dancers, or the Dawson City Music Festival, even wilderness activities, are all reflections of our way of life, of what makes us unique and different from our neighbours. So, while our museums, for example, remind us of our roots and heritage, they also offer the visitor an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of our land, our history, and our people. In these ways tourism has the potential to reinforce our identity, to preserve and strengthen our culture, even as we increase our appeal to tourists.

So, considering the value of tourism in social, cultural, and yes, economic terms, let's go out of our way to extend to all visitors to our community the northern hospitality for which we are famed. We will all benefit from the experience.



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and moved to Vancouver when enrollment demanded larger premises. Currently there are just over 90 students attending the school. The Fraser Academy is dedicated to providing an education environment that enables dyslexic children to develop reading and writing skills that they cannot acquire in the public school system.

For more information contact: Wayne Kuypers, Head Master, Fraser Academy, 2294 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6K 2H8, (604) 736-5575.

## Police Notes:

This summer the local RCMP detachment, with the cooperation of all licensed premises are starting to enforce section 9(3)(c) of the Yukon Liquor Act Regulations.

This section states:

"A person who has been forbidden entry to more than one licensed premises, or liquor store pursuant to paragraph (a), may be prohibited from entering any other licensed premises or liquor store by the licensee or person thereof for such period of time as such licensee or a person in charge may choose and any person so prohibited may appeal such prohibition pursuant to paragraph (b)."

What this means is that if a person is barred from more than one licensed premises in Dawson City, every other licensed premises may also choose to bar that same person, even if he/she did not cause a disturbance in that establishment.

A licensed premises means premises in respect to which a license has been granted and includes any building or other place appertaining to such premises. (IE: bar, restaurant serving liquor, restaurant in the same building as the bar, dance at which liquor is being served, etc.)

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## WATER LICENSE HEARING

By Dawne Mitchell

A placer mining operation just outside Dawson City limits, has applied for a three year renewal on its water license.

At the water board hearing held on May 28 th, there were two interventions against the renewal. Art Fry, for three families living adjacent to the mining operation and Mayor Peter Jenkins for the City of Dawson, presented their protests against the water license application.

Lee R. Hall, is the gold miner who is applying for his water license renewal, effective August 1st, 1990.

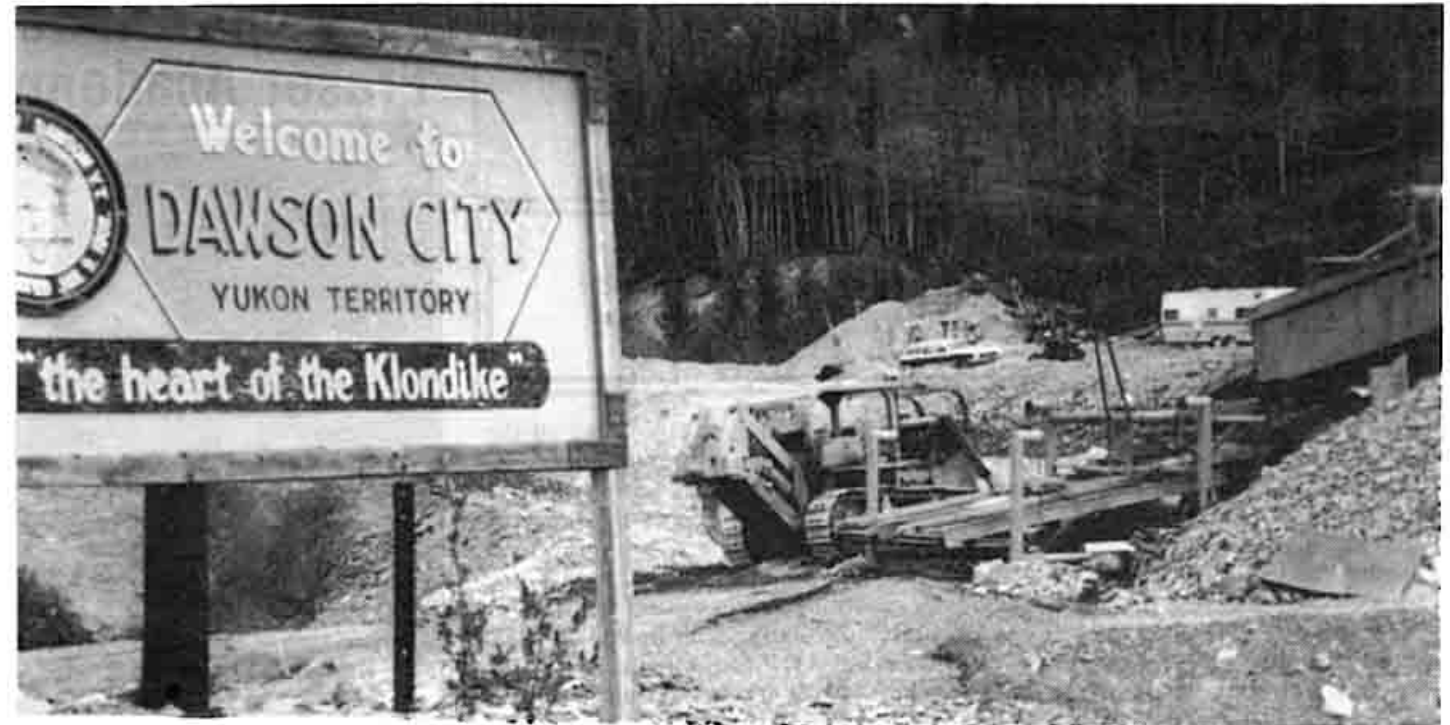
In its intervention, the City of Dawson expressed its major concern of silting, in the City's water supply which is at the mouth of the Klondike River, about three quarters of a mile from Hall's sluicing operation.

In August 1989, the City also questioned the use of a mining camp so close to town and requested that the Water Board investigate.

A subsequent inspection by the water board observed that the two RVs and one small trailer used as camp units, had sewage holding tanks which were pumped out at the disposal facility in town. The report stated that there was 'no sewage discharge at any camp location.'

Mr. Hall was, however, instructed by the water board to relocate his RVs from beside the highway to a site on the Dome Road near his gravel excavation.

Art Fry, neighbors Mitch Sprockreeff and Paul Isakson, are concerned that the water they use from a nearby pond is adversely affected by Hall's sluicing. Last fall, according to Mrs. Margy Fry, the water for the first time in the many



Lee Hall's Mining Claim Just Outside City Limits

Photo by Michael Gates

years they've lived there, was unsuitable to use.

Mr. Hall originally from Oregon, has been a miner for ten years. He was mining in Alaska until last summer when he started working in the Klondike. His sluice box is set up on the Dredge tailing piles directly beside the highway going into Dawson City. Water for sluicing, is recirculated from a Dredge pond nearby. The paydirt is trucked from a bench claim on the Dome road and dumped at the sluice box.

"I certainly don't want to cause any hardship to anyone," says Mr. Hall. "If it's proven that I'm contaminating their water, I'll go over and drill a well for them at no cost."

On Sunday, before the water hearing, the Water Board went out and toured Mr. Hall's operation. According to Mr. Hall, the group went to Art Fry's and up to the top of the hill where there is a good view of the tailing ponds towards the mouth of the river.

"The only pond that is discoloured," contends Mr. Hall, "is the one we're sluicing in and the one across the road which clears right up at the end of the day."

The City is conducting a water quality study this year, focussing on domestic water use in the whole Klondike Valley.

According to Mayor Jenkins, the City's wells at the mouth of the Klondike River are silting in and the town is having trouble meeting the water needs of its citizens. The wells were dug in the 1950s and have been cleaned out two or three times since then, the last time being in the early 1980s.

"There's a strong indication," says Mayor Jenkins, "that something has

changed the course of the water and the Engineers identified Mr. Hall's operation.

At the water board hearing, the Engineers presented the results of a study using samples of water from the North side of the Klondike River near Hall's sluicing operation.

Mr. Hall was surprised that samples weren't taken from the other side of the river as well, because Bonanza Creek, a heavily mined water source, flows into the Klondike River almost directly across from Hall's operation.

"Mr. Jenkins was very nice," commented Hall, "At the hearing was the first time I met him. I definitely don't want to cause any problems to anyone. I will certainly do what the Water Board says."

Mayor Jenkins also agrees the problem will be solved. "The City is pro mining", said the Mayor, "and pro development and wants to see the mining continue but there has to be a better way to do it than they're doing it now."

## Han Literacy Workshop

by Palma Berger

The second session of the Han Literacy Workshop was held in the facilities of the Dawson Campus this past week. (The first was held in December last year.)

Professor Geoff O'Grady, Linguistics Professor from the University of Victoria, is here to record the language, alphabet and sounds.

There are still about 35 people who speak the language, but most live in Eagle, Alaska. Edith Josie from Old Crow speaks some as she was born in Eagle, but lost a lot when she switched to Loucheaux when they moved to Old Crow when she was a child. The two Dawson people who were being 'interviewed' were Archie Roberts and Percy Henry. Their responses were recorded. Others present were also trying to learn the language. There are a

lot of different tones used to denote different words, and to help get the right tone a 'whistler' was used who would whistle the tone to make sure everyone got it correct.

Others present were John Ritter and Gerald Isaac of Yukon Native Language Centre and our Joan McLeod who is John's Secretary and acted as recorder. From Whitehorse was Rosemary Blair-Smith of CYI, Jan Montgomery (Edith's daughter), and Ingrid Johnson, Instructors of Native language. Our own Vicki Roberts was there as she will be working with the Dawson Indian Band this coming year.

A small booklet will be published and made available to the public on the Han language. Eventually it is hoped that tapes will also be available using Percy's and Archie's voices.

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# "Gertie's"--What a blast!

by Sue Ward

Do yourself a favor. Buy a season's pass for ten bucks, take a few shekels along for refreshment or a whirl at the games, and let the Meech Lake Accord fade into the sunset now and then.

There's Lorraine Butler, a big voice, a big smile, and a big lady. What a pro! You don't dare "just sit there!" She's got the whole House on their feet a'singin', swaying and cavorting about, loving every minute of it. I've just got to take a early evening nap in order to share Lorraine's "Stormy Weather" on the One O'clock Show. Goose bumps guaranteed.

Glen Stevenson on the "88" liked Dawson enough to return for a full season having helped us wind up the season in '84. And what a bonus he brought with him. Ross Hill has the sweetest trumpet lip, and the fastest. These two gents have spent the last two years with The

Princess Ships touring the Caribbean. I honestly wondered how a trumpet could replace drums. It does -- and much more.

Add those sensational Gertie Girls, Julie, Pia, Lori and Alexandria all presenting four shows a night, 8:30, 10, 11:30, and 1:00 a.m. and there is truly A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN TONIGHT!

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Glen Stevenson (L) and Ross Hill (R) accompany this year's Diamond Tooth Gertie - Lorraine Butler (Top Right) at Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall



Photo by Sue Ward



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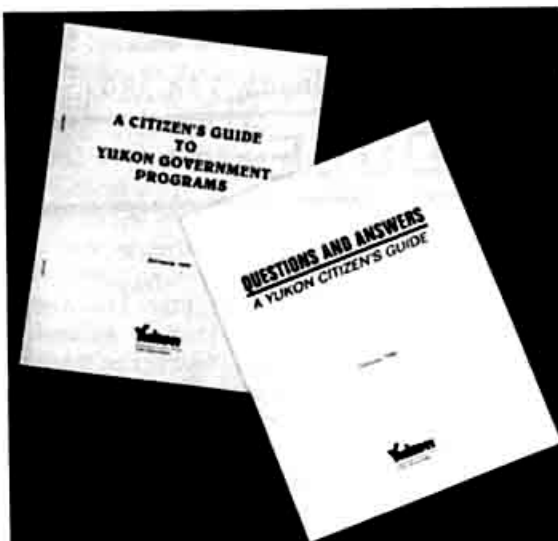
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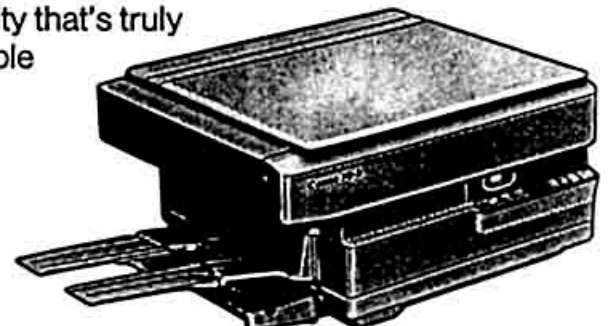
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## BUSY DAY for DAWSON GRADS

By Dan Davidson

June means fine weather, tired students and graduation exercises. Robert Service School was kept busy with graduation events on June 1, with both senior classes heavily involved in the events. The day belonged to the nine members of the grade 12 class, while the most of the eleven students in grade 11 pitched in to help make it all work.

Special events got under way with an afternoon assembly at which the senior class was presented to the entire school and roasted just slightly by the presentation of gag certificates by the grade 11's. This was followed by high school students and staff posing for a yearbook portrait on the front steps of the school.

After that the graduates dispersed to get ready for the evening, while the grade 11's dug into the decorations and transformed the gymnasium into a special place for the later events.

The formal ceremony took place at 6 P.M. with the grads marching in to the tune of "In Time". Guest speaker Mayor Peter Jenkins promised not to bore anyone, but exhorted the students to go ahead with the formal education. He said he has always regretted not completing his university degree.

"Do as I say, not as I have done," he advised the nine smartly dressed young people on the stage.

Valedictorian Atlin Bowie undertook a short history of the class and bade the traditional farewell to school days while thanking parents, teachers and the community for the support the class has had over the years. Dawson was, she said, a place to which they could always return: "the real heart of the Klondike."

Regional superintendent Dr. Robert Smith presented Bowie with a \$250.00 award from the Department of Education, along with a commemorative pen for each of the students.

Principal Jim Montgomery and school committee chair Robie Van Rumpf gave each student a gold pan in honour of the occasion.

After picture taking and much hand shaking were over, the grads, their escorts, families and special guests proceeded to a private dinner at the Yukon Order of Pioneers Hall.

Meanwhile, back at the school, the Dawson Recreation Department and the grade 11 class put on a community dry dance to celebrate the occasion.



# BEST WISHES GRADS



Photo by Michael Gates

### Graduating Students:

Back Row L. to R. Gary Zeller, Dennis Walton, Chris Balderas, John Hanulik, Duayne MacKenzie.  
Front Row L. to R. Anne-Marie Sather, Mandy Thompson, Atlin Bowie, Tina Braga



### Rumours by Palma Berger

Rumours is a newly opened video, pool hall and games arcade. The building is the former 'Second Time Around' store, and the building is owned by Donna Conley and managed by Glenn Everitt. They felt there was a need in Dawson for a place for teens to gather.

Their original idea was for a pool table and video games for the kids. But on talking to a couple of businesses in Whitehorse, Glen found that there was one that had wanted to open a video store in Dawson. From this they were able to add video rentals. They have drop off boxes at Bear Creek and Rock Creek for their videos. There is also a large cooler for pop with 28 brands of pop to choose from.

They plan on having bicycle rentals

later this month. They have also started a baseball team of teens who are playing ball in the Dawson City Slow Pitch. They plan on taking them to Whitehorse on tournaments. This has been working out really well.

The building has been repainted and is fresh inside. The store hours are 1 p.m. - 10 p.m. Sun. - Thurs., 1 p.m. - 12 a.m. Fri. & Sat. until the kids are out of school, and then they will change to 12 p.m. - 12 a.m. seven days a week.



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# Palace Grand Opens: "Not Now Nell"

by Kathy Jones-Gates

The Gaslight Follies began the season on May 25th with "Not Now Nell". It is an old melodrama rewritten by the talented J. Craig Moddle for the 1990 season. It is supported by excellent musical numbers that, with the exception of two, were written by pianist Bill Costin with assistance from Grant Hartwick.

Moddle, whose company "Swiftwater Willie Productions", has the contract for the entertainment at both the Theatre and Gerties, is back for his 8th summer, 5th as producer and director. He combines a simple set -- a cabin interior, with a well-rounded cast of talented performers and a script full of 'punny' lines to tell the story of Nell Worn-Out--the heroine who falls for a dismounted mountie--Stan Dean Upright, who is accused of setting fire to a mining camp. A nice twist to the plot is that the villain is a woman, Velma Von Vermin who hauls along a reluctant Farley Goodbody as an accomplice. I Worn Out (Nell's father) and Lucky Strike, manage to mangle and unmangle the proceedings with Velma doing her level best to deflect any seeds of suspicion towards the poor Mountie. The usual shenanigans of a melodrama unfold...the groans and boos and hisses add to the flavour of the moment, with some good twists and turns before the final curtain. You will have to take in the show to see whether Nell (lumpy pancakes and all) finally gets her Mountie and whether the Mountie gets remounted.

This year's cast is comprised of performers returning for another Follies season and newcomers. Moddle has managed to gather a cast that projects well, sings well, and entertains our Dawson Visitors.

Patricia Henman is back for her second season and is the villainess Velma Von Vermin, a character she succeeds in convincing us to dislike and boo and hiss for all her conniving ways; Jill Garland as Nell is enjoying her first northern summer. She spent the past winter at the Vancouver Playhouse Acting School. (She doesn't usually throw in some smelling salts to add flavour to the pancake mix...

does she?) Bill Hosie has a great singing voice. Moddle finally extracted Bill from his many seasons at the Charlottetown Festival, and it will be interesting to see more of his talents in the Variety Show. Ed Belanger does a creditable job as the dismounted Mountie. He is from the University of Victoria. Dale Cooper has been treading the boards of northern theatre for a number of years and performs the role of Velma's browbeaten sidekick, Farley. Moddle takes a turn as Arizona Charlie Meadows to welcome visitors to the Theatre, and later portrays the snow-blind Lucky Strike. Even pianist Bill Costin gets onto the stage when the cast rope him in to fill the shoes of the absent actor named "George". He is Judge Justice Will B. Done.

Prepping the audience to Boo and Hiss ahead of time might have added just the right dash of fun to an otherwise well-received play. Pianist Bill Costin demonstrated his excellent composing ability throughout the melodrama, so it



Photo by Michael Gates

was a surprise that the opening tune was a contemporary number by Billy Joel "Root Beer Rag" ...not quite 1898!

Starting June 6th the Gaslight Follies alternate the Melodrama night with a Variety Show night.



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# Bear Crisis at Dump

By Sue Ward

Wherever there are dumps in this part of North America there will be BEARS. Dumps are usually located as far from residents as possible. Sometimes the towns expand when the need is there, and local authorities are responsive to those needs. Last winter twelve lucky applicants became owners of lots on the Dome Subdivision. More than twelve others had put up deposits and a second subdivision is being surveyed adjoining the first.

On Monday, June 4th, a Dome resident shot and killed a bear which had become a nuisance and a threat to the family's small children. There are more bears. The orderly routine of securing a new dump now becomes a crisis, especially for Dome Dwellers.

There cannot be a dump in close proximity to an Airport, or where any

seepage can reach a river which acts as a water supply. The Quigley Dump accessible from the Klondike Highway for Klondike River Residents is temporary because of its nearness to the Airport or lands being considered for Airport expansion or a new Airport at another site. Three studies have been done, the last one costing \$60,000, and three YTG Departments have decisive input plus the Federal Government Department of Lands. It is recommended that a new dump for Dawson City be located farther up and off from The Dome Road. This location would, if ever, have seepage drain in the direction of The Yukon River, thus protecting Dawson's Water Supply.

It costs a considerable sum of tax dollars to move the town's garbage, which in the early days was trucked out onto the Yukon River Ice, which was how

the folks at Circle City knew when the Ice Had Gone Out in Dawson--our garbage floated by. It is during the last twenty years that our trash has not been dumped on the riverbank at the north end of town, and some thought it impossible that OTTO BLATTNER could make it up the south end road with a full load.

So, knowing all of this, what's the hitch? The DOME ROAD IS DESIGNATED AS A SUMMER-ROAD, i.e. not requiring ploughing during the snowy months. To use the new location, the only one open to us, THE DOME ROAD MUST BE RE-ASSESSED AS A YEAR ROUND ROAD thereby allowing access to a new dump location. Snow-ploughing would add considerable costs to the YTG Road Maintenance Budget.

Conservation Officers tell us that bears have been known to return two hundred miles to their haunts. So there goes the "TRAP THEM" theory. There have been many sightings of bears in the area this

spring. The writer met up with a sow and cub beside the new road. In my car, it was a thrill. On the ground--"LOOK OUT!"

Given the normal pace of government this issue could take up to two more years. While you are writing your letter asking that our Post Office Not Be Privatized to HARVIE ANDRE, Minister for Canada Post, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0A6, keep the ink flowing and pen an URGENT MESSAGE TO PREMIER TONY PENIKETT, Legislative Buildings, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6, ask that The Dome Road be Re-assessed as a YEAR-ROUND ROAD THEREBY ALLOWING ACCESS TO A NEW SAFE DUMPSITE FOR DAWSON CITY. No stamp to Ottawa, but 39 cents to Premier Penikett as YTG 'House' is in recess.

Don't think you haven't got time to do this. Make time--won't take but a few minutes, and it could save the life of one of our own!

## Excavations No Problem

by Dan Davidson

Dawson contractor Ed Lacey says that he has been within the terms of his agreements with the city office in his excavation and leveling work on his north end lots. Lacey was at the May 17 council meeting to answer complaints raised at the previous meeting by resident Tim Gerberding.

Gerberding had appeared during delegations to question Lacey's diggings on the seven lots he owns in that area of town up against the hillside. Gerberding complained on three grounds. First, he queried the safety of digging in an area known to be saturated with asbestos fibres. Second, he questioned the aesthetic implications of digging away at the natural hillside vegetation. Third, he was of the opinion that Lacey's work had, in fact, strayed off his own land and was proceeding on some of the lots the city still owns in the area.

After the government shut down the North End gravel pit several years ago because of possible health problems, Gerberding thought it odd that the city would now sanction removal of land fill material from its own lands.

Lacey and Mayor Peter Jenkins were able to provide the answers to some of these questions at the most recent meeting. The Fire Hall/City Hall complex that opened two years ago sits on six lots that used to belong to Ed Lacey. In 1983-84 the city got them in trade for seven smaller lots in the North End, lots that had back taxes owing against them and were unusable as (cont. pg. 11)



Photo by Sue Ward

## Alaskan Gas Available in Dawson

by Dan Davidson

DAWSON CITY - It's been in the works since last summer, and has already been organized enough to bid on city fuel contracts a month ago, but May 25 marked the official opening of Tesoro Alaska's first extension into the Canadian market. Mayor Peter Jenkins and Councillor Janet Lyon were there to help in cutting the ribbon as the new bulk sales plant opened for business.

Wally Olsen, Tesoro's Fairbanks' manager, says that the Dawson plant is primarily interested in commercial and business accounts and that there are no immediate plans to open branded stations such as the company has in Alaska.

This is Tesoro's first expansion in 10 years, prompted in part by the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and

Canada. Unleaded gasoline, diesel fuel and two lines of lubricant are on sale at the plant, and can be obtained through a "cardlok" system which is now in operation.

Is it true that Alaskan oil allows Tesoro to offer the cheapest prices in town?

"That's what we've heard," Olsen grins. "We aim to be competitive."

Tesoro's local manager is Colin Mayes, who used to be a year round Dawsonite and has more recently been a summer miner.

## Local Cadets Learn To Fly

By Dawne Mitchell

Three Dawson cadets have an exiting summer ahead of them. Flight Sergeant Greg Braga will be travelling to Europe for a six week International Cadet Exchange Program. He will be touring around Europe with a group of 25 Cadets chosen from all across Canada.


Corporal Keith McMasters has been accepted into a six week Glider Plane scholarship course in Penhold, Alberta. This is the toughest pilot's course in Cadets and McMasters had the highest mark in the Northern Region (NWT and Yukon) to qualify for the course. There are 25 Cadets from across Canada enrolled in the Gliding program.

"It's been my lifelong dream, to fly," says McMasters.

Philip Combs has also been accepted for a flying scholarship. His course is for a fixed wing pilot's license and it will be conducted in Pat Bay, BC. Combs is one of two people chosen from the Northern Region to get his Pilot's wings.

This is the first time that both these scholarships have been awarded to Cadets from Dawson City.

Most of the other Dawson Cadets will be participating in a two week Cadet camp in Whitehorse, this summer.



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# The Problem is the Pits

by Dan Davidson

Discussion over the advisability of terracing and excavating on city owned lots at the north end of town became fairly intense at the June 7 meeting of Dawson's City Council.

Tim Gerberding, who spoke to this issue two meetings ago in regard to excavations by contractor Ed Lacey, returned to request that no further digging be done in this area. He was supported in his request by his own informal survey of his neighbours in that area and vocally by Byron Shandler who has similar concerns about another area where the council has proposed doing excavations in order to prepare lots for sale.

Gerberding and Shandler object to the excavation on three main grounds: health risks from asbestos fibres, aesthetic concerns and the danger of sloughage in an area which is quite close to the Moosehide slide.

Councillor Herb Watt, who has displayed a continuing interest in this situation, indicated that his researches have shown him that a report on airborne asbestos fibres, begun here several years ago, was never formally concluded. The documents in the case are, Watt reports, about two inches thick, but the summative conclusion is only now being done. Watt recommends putting any digging in that area on hold until the report is complete.

Mayor Peter Jenkins continues to stand

by his earlier insistence that the asbestos danger is minimal. There was a fairly heated exchange with Watt and Shandler on this difference of opinion. He also felt that the need for lots and for land fill to assist with the city's summer and fall sewer and water projects outweighed the objections. He felt that some of the city's 1/2 million dollar costs for the sewer project could be reduced in this way.

This thinking had been behind some of council's recent internal discussions over the advisability of allowing local contractors to remove fill from city owned lots in order to clear them.

Shandler noted that the fill from the north end was not the right type for sewer construction, not in his experience in working on other city sewer projects when he was a city employee, and requested firmly that council should not "open the 5th or 6th Avenue pits for any reason, whether to open lots or to haul gravel."

Gerberding and Watt felt very strongly that Lacey had had enough time to finish terracing his lots, and that there should not, from their own look at the site, be any further need for him to haul gravel from there. Gerberding asked council to halt further excavation.

## Excavations (Cont.)

building lots without considerable terracing work.

Lacey said that part of the understanding of the trade was that he would be able to sell the fill he removed from the lots while he was getting them ready to use.

"There may have been some encroachment on city land," he admitted, "but not much." Council agreed that the location of the lots would have made it impossible not to trespass somewhat while doing the work of sloping.

The questions raised by digging relate in part to council's thinking about ways to develop some of its North End lots for building. All of them need to be trimmed and leveled, and one way to do that at no cost would be to allow contractors to remove the material and sell it or use it

elsewhere in the community on other projects.

Councillor Herb Watt stepped down from his seat to appear as a delegation on this matter. He produced a random sampling of ore bearing rocks that he had picked up that evening prior to the meeting. He said that his discussions with residents in that area of town indicated that many would rather see it left untouched for just the reasons that Gerberding had cited at the previous meeting.

Jenkins spoke to the asbestos problem. Apparently the results of the study that were done of few years ago have never been made available to the city for study, but a summary he received indicated that traces of the mineral were well within acceptable limits. Any regular city, he reported, would have higher concentrations.

## C.A.T. Society Update



by D. Conley/C.A.T. Soc.

The Community Action Team has now been meeting and active for two years. Though the society has seen a lot of changes, the aims and objectives remain the same. This society remains committed to providing healthy and fun alternatives to abusive lifestyles.

Last year C.A.T. completed a community needs assessment, started a wilderness retreat camp 12 miles down river, financed Quest for Vision, helped with some other worthy endeavors in the community and hosted some dry events and dances. This work was accomplished through the funding of the National Drug Strategy and the efforts of Dawson City residents.

This year C.A.T. has a busy schedule of user groups lined up to use the wilderness retreat camp again this summer. A community development grant has been applied for to upgrade the facility and do the preparation necessary to establish a year-round lodge on the site. A lottery application may bring a metal-hulled boat to increase river services.

Application has also been made to run radio bingos to raise funds. The Trap Door Society of Whitehorse is making a generous donation of replacement camp gear for the articles stolen last year.

Having no funding this year has proved to be quite a challenge for hosting dry events in 1990. With a lot of ingenuity

and a helpful community the C.A.T. Variety Nite last month was a success. Congratulations to the board members; Sally Derry, Glen Everitt and Donna Conley who organized the event, and a big thank you to all the performers, workers and R.S. School for providing the location.

The society maintains a phone/answering machine at 993-6410 for any inquiries. If you would like to attend a meeting the next one will be held on June 11th. Meetings are held every second Monday of each month at 8.00 p.m. in the Learning Centre, except the summer months of July and August. Come out to a meeting and bring a friend. Everyone's welcome!



## Police Notes

The Dawson City R.C.M.P. has undertaken a plan to reduce the incidence of drinking and driving offences. This plan includes both education and enforcement related activities. Our slogan is "Drive Safely. Drive Sober."

During the months of June, July and August, we will be conducting intermittent, Roving Check Stops. These Roving Check Stops will be used instead of stationary Road Blocks. The Roving Check Stops are designed to deter people from driving, after drinking, anywhere in and around Dawson City. Our main target will be Impaired Drivers, but we will also be checking vehicle equipment and documents.

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## Dawson City Museum



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- ☐ Resource Library

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# The Yukon Lou Sails Anew

by Sue Ward

The huge Cat. 980C front-end loader roars along the river bank, holding the ferry traffic at bay until it is three feet from the prow of the **Yukon Lou**, perched on her steel cradle, where she has rested since beaching last August. A cable is snaked around the massive bucket, tested for safety as the slack is taken up, and summer is officially here as "The Lou", sparkling in her new coat of paint, is dragged squealing to the river's edge, looking for all the world like a Tinker Toy amid the enormous landscape. On the ground her owner, **Scott Billings**, hustles about ensuring a safe haul as "Capt. Dick" Stevenson leans on the upper deck rail, awaiting his duty to go below and kick in the motor, once the big 'Cat' has pushed her into the swirling Yukon. The whole procedure took no longer than ten minutes on the sunny afternoon of Friday, May 25, 1990.

Dawson City's superb Salmon Barbeque at Pleasure Island has been a fine addition to the town's visitor program since 1978. In 1980 **Scott Billings** and **Sonia Cowan** bought out **Dick Stevenson**, who remained as Captain. For roughly fifteen minutes one can be haunted by visions of the Klondike adventurers as "The Lou" glides skillfully through the river channels, but she must churn and obey the eight to twelve knot current for up to forty minutes, depending on the river level, when she heads home with her sated passengers.

**Sonia** handles the bookings, sailings, purchasing, etc., in The Little Birch Cabin on Front Street, while downriver, **Scott** and his crew of **Clarence "Scotty" Scott**, **Karen Froess**, and **Connie Grant** prepare the tasteful cookouts. Extra staff are required in peak periods.

**King Salmon** are purchased from the fishermen, direct to Pleasure Island where refrigeration and preparation of salmon steaks is an ongoing physical challenge. Enough salmon is frozen to meet the early visitors' appetites and the new catch is dealt with on a daily basis throughout the run in July.

Every menu item is equally fresh, with delicious biscuits and melt-in-your-mouth chocolate cake prepared daily "from scratch". Salad greens are homegrown in season and **Grant Dowdell** freights in fresh lettuce once his crop has matured on his farm eight miles upriver from Dawson.

A choice of beverages is offered including a frosty beer to quench the thirst on 'scorchers'. The large screened dining room seats many hungry patrons. The Yukon Lou will make as many as four return trips daily at the height of the season. "The Captain" adds his own special flavor with his commentary to and fro.

The folks have for many years saved a sailing for Dawson's own Seniors to be their guests, it being a highlight of their summers. For many it is the only opportunity to travel the river which is a distinct experience.

Late last June, **Scott** suffered a broken shoulder, which went undetected by X-Rays, when a sudden wind-squall swept the boat aside as he was alighting to the dock. This injury has restricted his ability to handle the heavy physical work involved and **Scott** and **Sonia** have listed this unique business for sale.

It is to be hoped some enterprising folk with the true Klondike Spirit will appear to take over this imaginative summer operation which has brought much delight to thousands of world-wide visitors.



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## CONSERVATION NEWS

### Sports Fishing in the Yukon

#### General Information:

**Yukon Sports Fishing Licence:** You must have a licence to Sports Fish in the Yukon. The current season licence is valid from April 01, 1990, to March 31, 1991.

Licences are available from:

Renewable Resources

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Most highway lodges and sporting goods, hardware and general stores throughout the Yukon.

#### Daily Catch Limits:

Species:	Daily Limits:
Rainbow Trout	5
Cutthroat Trout	5
Dolly Varden	5
Lake Trout	3 (of which only 1 may be over 80 cm [31.5"] in length)
Arctic Char	2
Whitefish	5
Kokanee Salmon	5
Salmon	2 (of which only 1 may be a Chinook [King] Salmon)
Arctic Grayling	5
Inconnu	5
Northern Pike	5
Burbot	No Limit

#### Possession Limits:

The possession limits are twice the daily catch limits BUT note the following restrictions:

-No more than one Lake Trout in your possession may be over 80 cm (31.5") in length.

-No more than two Salmon in your possession may be Chinook Salmon.

#### General Regulations:

-It is unlawful to buy, sell or barter fish caught under the authority of an Angling Licence, Domestic Licence, or Indian Food Fish Licence.

-It is unlawful to abandon game fish or waste any portion that is suitable for human consumption.

-It is unlawful to: introduce live fish or fish eggs into the territory; or transfer live fish or eggs from one body of water to another in the territory.

-All fishes less than 20 cm (8") in length must be returned to the water unharmed.

#### Angling Method Regulations:

It is unlawful to:

-Use a downrigger

-Snag fish

-Use tackle designed to catch more than one fish at a time, except when fly fishing

-Stone, club, shoot or molest fish, or attempt to do so

-Use torches or artificial lights to attract fish

-Use spears, gaffs, arrows, or snares to catch or attempt to catch fish

-Use explosives, firearms or chemicals to catch or attempt to catch fish

-Use or be in possession of a landing gaff

-Use or be in possession of a landing net with a handle exceeding 1.2 metres (4 ft)

-Use more than one line, except while trolling or ice fishing when two lines are permitted

-Leave a fishing line unattended

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# GOLDPANNING: YUKON and the WORLD

By Kathy Jones-Gates

**YUKON GOLDPANNING CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The annual goldpanning event will again take place in Minto Park on July 1st, but a brand new location and facility will be in place. The new location will be behind the train shelter and therefore south of the Dawson Museum. The new facility will also serve as a breaking-in point for the World Goldpanning Championships slated for August 20th - 26th.

Committee member Chuck Holloway indicated that a set of 24 new troughs have been constructed, and will be set up so that 12 are on each side of the panning arena. Panners will-in effect-have their own tub to pan in. New bleachers have also been constructed to expand the existing viewing facility.

Holloway indicated that the World Goldpanning committee will be running the Yukon event July 1st in order to resolve any glitches that might occur. To

assist the committee with the smooth flowing of the World event, they are looking for volunteers to assist with: JUDGING, TIMING, SPOTTING, RECORD KEEPING etc. Volunteers will have first hand experience at this event, and it is hoped that they will then be available to undertake the same work at the World event in August.

This year's Yukon Goldpanning top prize will see the winner and a guest be sent to Edmonton to compete in the Klondike Days goldpanning in July, a prize worth between \$1,500.00 and \$2,000.00, which is not redeemable for cash. Runner-up will have his/her entry fee and ALL costs of the social events at the World Goldpanning Championships paid for.

If you can volunteer, contact the K.V.A. for more information, or Giovanni Castellarin, the Chairman of the World Goldpanning Committee.



Competitors shake their goldpans in the annual Yukon Goldpanning Championship

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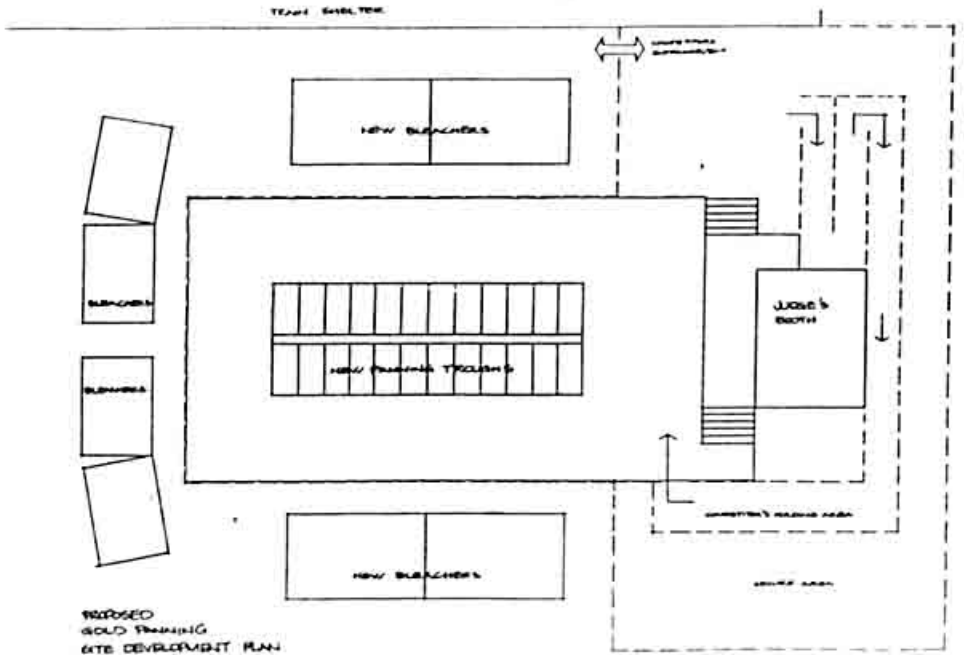
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### SOUVENIRS:

Sweatshirts, T shirts, caps, pins and spoons are now available commemorating the World Goldpanning event. Retail outlets have been notified of their availability. The Trade Dollars will soon be available, and the committee is still taking orders for the silver and gold coins. Half the colourful flags are sold....great bargain there as they can be flown in 1996 as well, when the World event returns to Dawson.

For more World Goldpanning info., write Box 900, Dawson City, Yukon, Y0B 1G0, or contact the K.V.A. office at 993-5575, weekdays.

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## From Granville

by Paula Ross

Mid June,  
Oh no, not so soon,  
I'm not in tune,  
Or up to speed,  
One extra month I need,  
To carry out my duties and deeds.

Isn't that the way we all feel about this time of year? Well I hope you all do, I'd hate to be the only one behind the eight ball as they say.

There's lots of work going on out here at the end of the Dominion Sulphur Loop.

Starting from the lower end of the Granville area, John Brown's Airgold camp is going full steam ahead with two sluiceways running. They started sluicing first this year of us all in this area. In May, John and his crew finished off a stockpile from last year.

Just a little upstream is the Gatenby property that Lyle Jr. and George moved onto a year ago last fall and have since leased out to Queenstake, so we have some new neighbours.

Roy Smith is the foreman of the Granville Queenstake project and with a crew of eight plans on getting sluicing sometime in July. The lovely Louisa, daughter Casey and mother Jackie are charming additions to the Queenstake camp and our Granville population.

Next in line as you head upstream is our C.M.Y. camp and like all our neighbours we've been hard at it. The it being everything pertaining to mining, stripping, repairing, welding, setting up and sluicing.

Any day now we are expecting the arrival of our camp members that couldn't come in April. Jim's wife, Cathy, has spent the winter going back to school and stayed behind to finish her courses and their daughter, Sammy, has finished her school year too. With them will be the newest C.M.Y. member, one-year-old Jessica. Later this month we hope to see Ken's girlfriend, Jean, and her great big dog Ziko, come up from Sydney B.C. for a nice long, summer visit.

Next in line upstream is the Ross Mining camp and Norm's been building more road- and nice wide road it is, as he moves his cuts closer to the mouth of Gold Run.

Norman Ross and Sandra Rodness have moved into a new house that they hauled in and set up last fall.

The last camp in our Granville group is Teck up on Gold Run creek and they have been in and working with a full crew of twenty-three since the latter part of March.

I'd like to welcome a new member of Teck's cast, a longtime friend and all round great gal, Shirley Klein.

Myself, I've been gardening like mad to get it all into the ground, running into town when I have to for all manner of supplies and painting in my spare times, but I'm never too busy that I can't sit and have a good visit if anybody comes by for coffee.

I think that instead of calling myself a gardener I should refer to me as Paula Ross - planter because I seem to plant a lot more than grows. They say Canadians are the most gardening mad people you'll encounter. All I can say is that we're probably the most stubborn but up here we have to be. As I said last month at the end of my column, I have been asked by the World Goldpanning Championship Committee to raise ten ounces of gold to be used as prizes and in the actual panning. So one again, PLEASE, any generous miners wishing to contribute to this worthy cause can contact me through Box 275, Dawson or definitely in person if you see me around town or if you happen to be out our way.



The Blattler's New Home off 8th Avenue

Photo by Palma Berger

## The Love of the Land

by Sue Ward

It becomes a way of life. To love this land, OUR LAND. With constant

That is the type of commitment I shared with my young friends Carole Legace and Kristen Benedek when invited to canoe across the Yukon river on Tuesday May 15th; the afternoon the George Black Ferry slid down the ways, ready to resume her summer duty shuttling cargo and campers back and forth.

Our destination was directly across from the town. Summer people save shelter expenses by camping in the bush on the West Side. Who can blame them? Town rents are steep if available. But what becomes of their garbage? It is thrown over the bank in cartons or plastic bags to be strewn about the rock-faced river bank. What an eyesore!

While I took pics, with little Gaston keeping a sharp lookout, the girls filled their new bio-degradable bags, even retrieving water-soaked debris from the steep rocky shoreline. It took three strenuous paddle crossings each way, plus a trip to the town dump with a vehicle.

We could but wonder how long it will take for everyone to become committed to love and care for this magnificent Yukon which provides our jobs and homes. You, Dear Reader, how constant and complete is your commitment? You may not be up to canoeing The Yukon, but if we all keep tabs on garbage and litterers on a day to day basis, we won't have to spend precious hours and tax dollars making our environs ready for visitors.

Like I said, "It's a way of life." Make it YOUR WAY, PLEASE!

Carole Legace & Kristen Benedek cleaning up Westside.

Photo by Sue Ward

commitment to demonstrate that love. Rather like mothering-- picking up after a family not yet trained in 'caring'.

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## The Commissioner's Ball

By Pauline Scott

It was a lovely way to cap Parks Day... after having been part of the big party at the Residence in the afternoon at the Commissioner's "Pad" as Commissioner Ken McKinnon called it... it was delightful to get all gussied up in satin and lace and see the Commissioner again... at the Ball. (Little did I realize I was going to be colour co-ordinated.)

Commissioner McKinnon and his wife Judy were charming and engaging during the receiving line. And it was indeed a very Red and Black ball. The Commissioner, Judy and nearly all of the official party of guests were dressed in scarlet and black with a dash of gold trim. Most of the aides and the Commissioner's guests were, of course, from the R.C.M.P. or the military and were in formal dress but Ken and Judy also carried the theme.

Commissioner McKinnon announced during his remarks that he had successfully lobbied the R.C.M.P. "Brass" to provide the R.C.M.P. band for the 1992 Ball. He hinted he was also applying a little pressure to encourage the same band to play at the Ball in 1996 and 1998, to really give the Yukon's centennial celebrations in this decade a wonderful push.

The Ball, at the Palace Grand Theatre has a theatrical as well as historic ambiance to it. Although cummerbund and boning do give everyone a stately air, there's something evocative about the swish and rustle of the miles of taffeta, silk and brocades along with the palette of glittering rich colours, set against all that blond oak and fir of the building.

The meal was sumptuous. As we waited for the arrival of all the Ball goers discrete servers brought us a multitude of nibbles. None mundane. It was not a night to be clinging to a weight watchers diet. The main meal was a long buffet of hot and cold dishes, delicious with lots of variety. The stuffed fish paupiette were exquisite. And I can personally attest to the truth of the statement that desserts were "Bliss on a Fork" in both chocolate and strawberry choices. When I asked who catered the meal I was told "Triple J". Good work, gang!

The Rusty Reid band played everything from the chicken dance and butterfly through polkas, two steps, waltzes and infinitely jiveable Rock and Roll.

Don Wilson's horse and carriage delivered a steady stream of guests in style but the most unusual entrance was made by Coleman and Maryanne. They arrived on horseback. They made quite a picture.

The array of gowns was stunning and I, like the gallery on the old Post Office Steps, had a couple of favourites that fairly took my breath away. (Gasps and claps were audible, even inside.)

The Ball was the crowning of a pretty special day for Dale Cooper and Grant Hartwick too. It's the first Ball I've attended where the clinking of glasses encouraged wedding reception romantic clinches (with style and panache) after the speeches.

All in all, it was probably my favourite Commissioner's Ball of those I've attended. I even got a dance lesson on the floor. (I got caught faking the two-step... what can I say?)

For those of you who missed it, I hope you'll get a chance another year.

Despite the rain, despite ticket troubles, for me it was definitely worth the price of admission.

Thanks to the K.V.A. Ball Committee for a job well done.

## Sold Out at the Ball

By Sue Ward

"We've never before had a 100% response. Finally the Ball is a sell-out leaving 12 - 14 couples on a waiting list," beamed Chuck Holloway, Manager of Klondike Visitors Association.

Such was the response to invitations, a promotional gimmick with a R.S.V.P. by 18 May. Unfortunately a number of couples honoring that day were told all tickets (75 couples) were gone by May 10th.

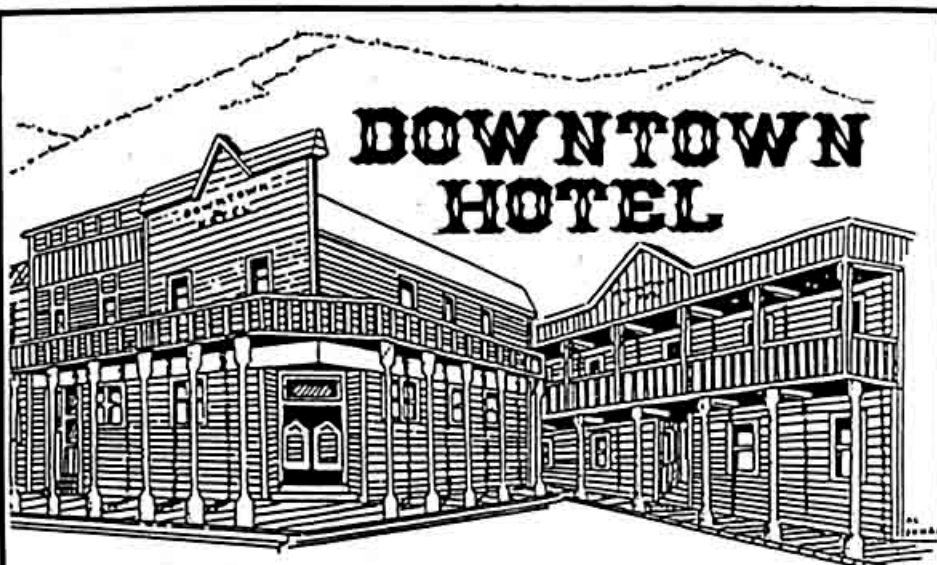
"It's an extremely unfortunate situation," Mr. Holloway remarked. "It would be nice if you could seat everybody."



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Photo by Michael Gates



May 19th Wedding at St. Paul's Anglican Church of Brenda Butterworth and Erroll Carr, with a guard-of-honour of R.C.M.P. members

"Oh Happy Day!"



Dawson Dolphins participate in Highway cleanup.

Photo by Palma Berger



Yukon writer Dick North interprets the life of Jack London at the Square daily during the season.

Photo by Michael Gates



Photo by Michael Gates

M.L.A. Art Webster watched by Mayor Peter Jenkins and K.N.H.S. Supt. Al Fisk, turns the first sod at the site of the New Liquor Store.



Photo by Palma Berger

Jason Doenz wonders how far he dare go in his rubber boots.