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## DAWSON DOUBLES IN DECADE!

by Dan Davidson

One problem with community planning in Dawson City is that the town keeps exceeding expectations. That was the clear message from Don Drackley of IMC Consulting Group, the company which council has hired to prepare the official community plan required by the territorial government's Municipal Act.

Drackley was speaking to a small group of twelve people gathered on July 16 to discuss his work and Dawson council's revamped Zoning Bylaw (#90-02) which will be the instrument of governance for the plan. The two documents were both under consideration.

Drackley said that a moderate growth projection for Dawson seems a safe - perhaps even conservative - bet after the doubling of the last decade. He is anticipating a population of 3,500 within the next 20 years. That would be just less than double the current population, and would happen only if the growth rate of the last 5 to 10 years were to slow down a bit.

"Your population growth has been abnormal over the last five years," he said.

That being so, Dawson will face a severe housing problem in a fairly short time, and will need to plan for both boundary expansion and more thorough use of existing core residential space. In particular, Drackley's map style plan and oral presentation pointed to the need for intensive redevelopment of the North End of the town.

"This is the best direction for expansion for single or multi-family units," Drackley said.

Another priority is the relocation of the recreational vehicle park (run by Goldrush Campgrounds, which is

presently up for sale) currently located at 5th Avenue and York Street. There is a full block of already serviced lots there which will need to be opened for residential use. Relocation of the campground poses a problem, but Drackley recommends an initial move to an area at the north end of Front Street, beside the Yukon River.

The proposal has already been the subject of some intense discussions in the community. Some favour it as a natural extension of Front Street's commercial tourist orientation. Others oppose it as the commercialization of the last green space left for park development in the town.

Drackley sees a need to link development considerations in the town core with those outside its present boundaries in the Klondike Valley. A commissioned study on land use in the valley, which IMC has been preparing for the territorial government, will be released sometime in the next few months, but Drackley did indicate that a need to preserve water quality will be one of the primary concerns to be addressed in that study.

The plan being presented by IMC will be a flexible document, largely consisting

of a series of maps identifying areas of concern and possible expansions. These potential boundary increases are not tied to dates, but rather to constellations of data. The final plan will, in general terms, indicate what services and boundaries should be in place by the time such a size is reached. Events would thus be the trigger for implementation.

An expanded Dawson City would probably not require any extension of the historical control zone building code which currently encourages a goldrush facade theme on buildings within the town. Drackley says his plan will not recommend an extension.

Mayor Peter Jenkins feels it would not be necessary any way. Most businesses, he said, now recognize that the historical image of the community is one of the biggest factors in its success story over the last decade.

"Most will conform in their own best interests," Jenkins said.

Implementation of any community plan comes through its bylaws, Drackley says. The current zoning bylaw, updated on a regular basis, would be the proper instrument for this implementation. The plan itself should be reviewed and updated regularly as a series of five year plans.

**NO YOOPEE!  
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WHOOPEE!**



Madeleine Gould reports her application for membership in Y.O.O.P. was rejected without explanation at the meeting held August 2nd.

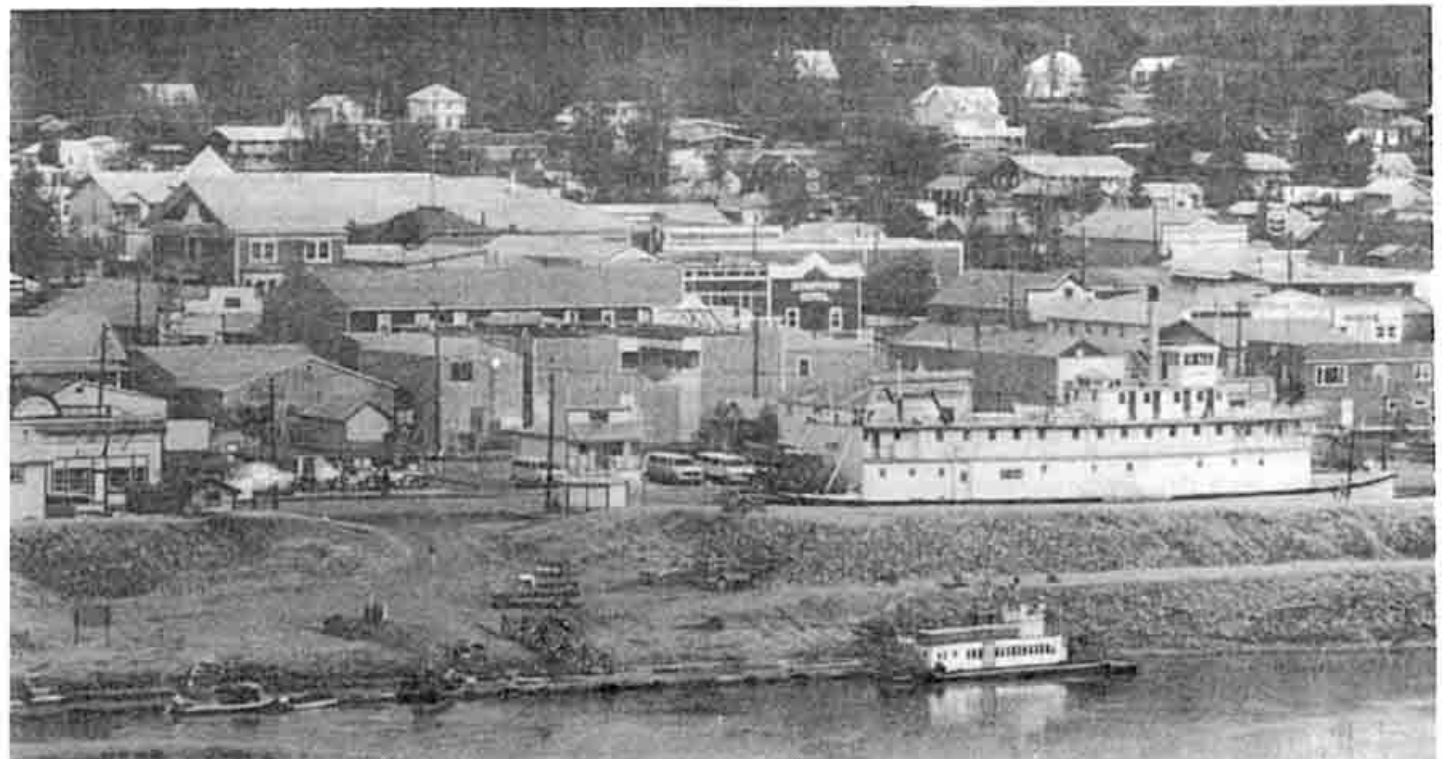
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The Downtown Area Reflects the Building & Population Boom of the Past Decade.

Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates



## Hotel Fires Keep Crew Busy

by Dan Davidson

Fires in two hotels kept the Dawson Volunteer Fire Department busy on July 22 and 23. In both cases, hotel employees had a lot to do with controlling the situations.

The first call was at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, when a faulty water heater at the Midnight Sun hotel ignited floor joists and boards in the basement. Fire chief Dennis Montgomery reports that the desk clerk smelled smoke and that hotel staff had the fire pretty much under control by the time the department could respond.

Monday's fire call was just after noon, at 12:10. Jim Fisher, a maintenance man at the Westmark Hotel, heard a popping noise in one of the rooms as he was passing, and then saw smoke. While another employee telephoned the fire department, Fisher hit the room with a fire extinguisher, finding a burning garbage can and rug. Some smokejumpers

staying at the hotel were also of assistance.

Montgomery says that he and his crew arrived inside of five minutes, and that Fisher had controlled the problem to the point where it was easy to extinguish. Once again, it appears to have been an electrical problem; a worn power cord on a fan set the wastebasket's contents on fire and then it spread to the carpet.

"Either fire could have been very, very serious," Montgomery said in an interview. He was particularly worried about the Westmark, since the building is not on a centralized alarm or sprinkler system. The smoke detector in the room had gone off, and this would have warned any guests in the room, but it was just luck that Fisher was there when he was to hear the popping, which Montgomery thinks may have been an aerosol can exploding.

Hotel manager Linda Briemon was both relieved and worried when interviewed

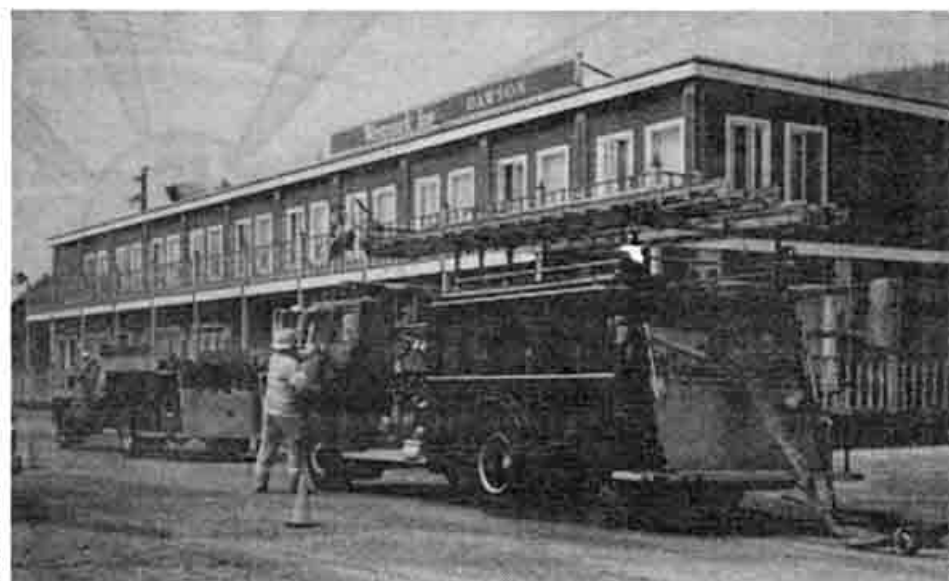


Photo by Dan Davidson

### Fire Dept. Responds Very Quickly to Fire Call at Westmark Hotel

later in the day.

"It ended up as a very minor thing," she said, "but when you see it you realize it could have been dangerous. I'll sleep a lot better knowing that they (the fire

department) are that fast."

Of Fisher's contribution she noted: "Jim's a good employee and will be receiving some recognition from the company."

## July 19th Meeting Contentious

by Dan Davidson

A request by Gordon Woodley and Lee Juniper to have the City of Dawson clean up the results of a delivery of silted water to their tank turned out to be the least contentious item on council's July 19 agenda. Woodley produced a jar of settled water scooped from the top of his tank after agitation to demonstrate what had been delivered to him back in early July. When the bottle was inverted the water immediately took on a brownish hue which Woodley says smells somewhat like slough water when you're taking a shower in it.

The family has not been using the stuff for cooking or drinking after their first attempt to do so made them feel ill. Woodley has had the water tested and it shows no signs of human waste contamination. It wasn't tested for any other specific contaminants.

### BYLAW ENFORCEMENT QUESTIONED

Councillor Herb Watt continues to be unhappy with the enforcement provisions of the new zoning bylaw (90-02), especially section 18.08, which states "Where an offense is committed or continued on more than one day, it shall be deemed to be a separate offence for each day on which the offense is committed or continued." (Note: Variations in spelling of "offence"/"offense" are from the bylaw as written.)

When taken together with the preceding section this appears to mean that a person continuing to commit an offense against a city bylaw could be hit with the maximum possible summary conviction fine each day for however many days it takes to remedy the problem.

Watt contends that this would constitute harassment, and would be contrary to the Charter of Rights. Mayor Peter Jenkins and the other councillors do not agree with him.

They do agree that last year's practice of issuing daily tickets for nuisance bylaw offenders was a mistake, partly because it led to one case being thrown out (on grounds of harassment) by a local justice

of the peace, and partly because council members now feel that this approach was too heavy handed.

The city's legal firm seems to be divided on the matter. The senior partner, Ivan J. Cable, has responded with his written opinion that, while this section of the bylaw used to be "somewhat shakey", it has been strengthened by the revision of the territorial Municipal Act, which now recognizes more clearly the concept of "continuing offences".

Watt has obtained a varying opinion from one of the other partners in the law firm, Norma L. Farkvam, and says he will vote against the bylaw if this section continues to exist unamended.

### ASBESTOS IN THE AIR

Council has finally been provided with a copy of the 1986 summary report dealing with airborne asbestos sampling undertaken here in that year. The subject of asbestos has been under discussion with regard to the use of certain parts of the north end of town as sources of landfill material and also with regard to the eventual development of this area for residential use.

That report recommended the closure of the gravel pit at the end of Front Street. This was done by the territorial government before the report was even complete. It further recommended that the entire area at the foot of the Moosehide Slide "be protected from further development as a source of fill" since further "dispositions in the area of the slide may aggravate the problem of asbestos contamination in the townsite."

The report was against disturbing the slide area since "the toe of the slide may be unstable and poses a potential threat of further landslide." This has amounted over the years to a few falling rocks, which, according to Mayor Jenkins, have been contained by a "swale" just below the foot of the slide.

Finally the report states that "the proposed subdivision of the Midnight Dome Road should be examined in the context of available geologic information as the area may be rich in asbestos; specific

soil and other testing may be indicated..."

Jenkins says that extensive soil testing was done along with all the other routine geological and percolation tests when the Dome lots were prepared for sale, which took place last December. Each individual landowner will have a copy of the analysis done on his or her lot. Asbestos was not, the mayor said, a problem on the hill.

In town may be another matter,

however. Councillor Herb Watt pressed for a council resolution to cease any development of the north end area that would involve any disturbance of the slide. The rest of council also expressed reservations, but settled for Jenkins' proposal that the engineers who worked on this report and others related to it be contacted to suggest what it would be best to do about any development in the area.

## 10% Telephone Shut Down

by Dan Davidson

Quality control problems related to the original installation of the equipment were responsible for loss of telephone service to about 10% of Northwestel's subscribers in Dawson City on July 16 and 17.

Anne Grainger, the company's Manager of Corporate Communications, says that 64 of the 679 network access lines at the Dawson exchange went out of service sometime Monday afternoon. The exact time is not known, but 19 trouble reports were received and a number of those had already been noted by operators on the trouble line by 4:30 p.m. on Monday.

On Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. the total number of service disruptions was discovered by the technician coming on duty. It took Jim Bierlmeier half the day to track down the problem and effect repairs. For twenty minutes of that time

(1:30-1:50), Bierlmeier had to take a total of 320 lines out of service to finish the job. Service was restored by 2 o'clock.

Grainger says that the problem has been reported to Northern Telecom, the manufacturer of the equipment, which was installed here when the station was upgraded in April, 1988. She describes the location of the problem as being like a plug-in shelf containing a number of circuit relays. Any numbers that were relayed through that shelf were effected.

While there have been numerous small problems with the exchange and also with the Aurora cellular system, this is the biggest service interruption the exchange has had since then. The Dawson exchange is equipped to handle a possible 800 lines, of which 679 are currently in use. Grainger says that there is further room for expansion in the building as the community continues to grow.



Justice Thomas Berger and Percy Henry in Conversation at Recent North Slope Conference

Photo by Dawne Mitchell



## Town Wrestles Growing Pains

by Sue Ward

Another lively Town Council meeting on Thursday, August 2nd, faced a variety of issues. Newcomer Carol Murray was granted signing authority under the title of Assistant City Manager-Treasurer.

Two of three Variance Applications were tabled. The third allowed Farmer's Market, through property owner Mary Seeley, a 25% Setback Variance where their new Bakery and Chicken Franchise opens on Second Avenue across from Golden Scissors (Murdoch Building).

### Reports

Fire Chief Dennis Montgomery was asked how his department would handle a fire on the new Dome Subdivision. He promised a detailed proposal for next Council Meeting.

Parking vehicles facing the wrong way is frowned on by R.C.M.P. causing Hill, Geskow and McLeod, who haul Alaska fuel tankers for Tesoro holding tanks, to request permission to over-night their tanker-trailers on Front Street, facing north en route to the Ferry. With approval of the R.C.M.P., the area across from the Commissioner's Residence is now designated for this purpose.

### The Dump

Ongoing "bear complaints" being relative to the new Dump Site, will not go away as bear lovers have difficulty appreciating hassled residents' point of view. The solution will prove a most expensive one. Eighteen thousand four hundred dollars will be required to finance yet another study. \$4,400 of it covering the expenses of the persons involved. Two locations, out the Klondike Highway at Goring Creek, involving a lengthy new access road, is

one, while the second, farther up the Dome Road, must see reclassifying of the Dome Road to year-round allowing maintenance in winter. Preparation of the site chosen will cost another \$100,000. Because hauling distance will be much longer, the Garbage Removal Contract will jump from \$80,000 to \$100,000 plus, as a new larger vehicle would be required to haul larger loads a longer distance.

Reclamation of lots at the north end of town as future homesites has created difficulties such as: true estimates of how many loads of gravel bring lots to what heights? Who keeps score? If the fill comes from south-end excavations, is it free? If it's dumped for free, the contractor provides the cat and operator to level it for free, which he wouldn't have to do if he hauled it out of town onto undeveloped land.

And in the midst of all this is Dawson City's summer Robert Service, Tom Byrne. As a romantic, Tom restored a vintage cabin over the years, even to raising his small lot by six feet. He's ended up in a hole again. The City says it's really his problem. Maybe he can line up some good free fill somewhere. In all of this the block-size wetlands has taken away the over-night stopover for migrating birds, and the City saves a large part of the \$9,500 it spends to spray the swamp to kill mosquito larva.

### Water Delivery

Water, its quality, availability, and the expense involved in turning on a tap disclosed that a new hookup can cost up to \$18,000! In earlier times, water delivery was a simple affair of filling a drum or two for domestic use where sewer and water services were unavailable. Now plastic holding tanks for 1,000 gallons are here. One householder complained of

bad taste and a Water Inspector from the Federal Government Health Department was brought to town to test all city waters. They were found to be of excellent quality. From now on, householders will be responsible for disinfecting and cleaning of their own facilities.

Topping page 2 of the Agenda was "Farr - City of Dawson". This related to Fred Farr's 23-foot piece of property within the north end park complex. Mr. Farr

willingly turned over the small strip of land to the City in exchange for having the City write off over \$3,000 in back taxes on the nearby north end property on which Eliza and Weldon Farr lived for many years, thus freeing Eliza of all indebtedness.

You are invited to attend Council and Planning Board meetings in the City Chambers atop the Fire Hall Thursday evenings at 7:30. Should you wish to discuss a specific issue call the City Office to arrange for your matter to be included on the Agenda.

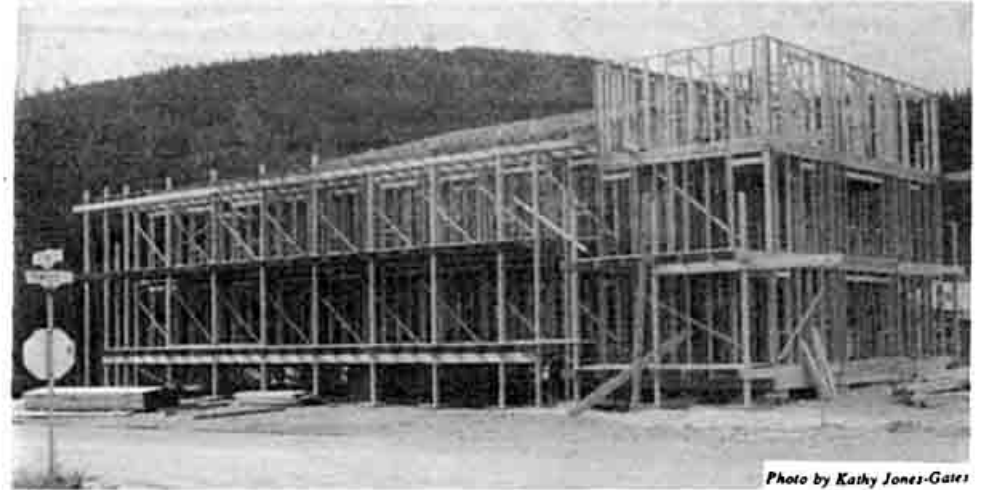


Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates

## Frame of New Hostel on S.W. Corner of Princess & 2nd Ave.

### Hostel Requests Letter

Meanwhile, mid-town, where a large new hostel stands framed and idle, local dentist Dr. Helmut Schoener requested a Letter of Reference from the City, expressing the need for the Hostel. Dr. Schoener's partners in the investment were found out-of-line by Canadian Immigration for working on their investment without a work permit visa which they had been led to believe was

unnecessary as they were financing the enterprise. The Hostel, when completed, will house travellers unable to meet hotel accommodation prices. Council was most willing to render support.

Then came an enquiry of Council as to why information regarding a "potential mine operation" on the Dempster Highway wasn't made public to Dawson residents. In answer, the Mayor said as "a potential mine" it was not as yet a positive item for discussion.

## Narcotics Seizure

R.C.M.P. News Release

A Dawson City RCMP drug investigation resulted in the seizure of cocaine on July 6, 1990. The cocaine has an estimated street value of approx. \$4,000.00.

Charged as a result of the investigation are 24 year old Michael Garner, who is charged with possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking contrary to the Narcotic control Act.

Also charged is 38 year old William


McIntyre who is charged with possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking and 2 counts of possession of a narcotic all contrary to the Narcotic Control Act. He is also charged with possession of a prohibited weapon, a sawed off shotgun, contrary to provisions of the Criminal Code. Both men appeared in Dawson City court on July 7, 1990 and were released to appear next in Dawson City Territorial Court on August 28, 1990.

## Historically Classy!



Photo by Sue Ward

*These fine street signs of pressed metal are created in Montreal at the approximate price of \$200.00 each.*



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# Editorial:

by Sue Ward

Will we never plan ahead unless it involves making more bucks or things that bucks buy?

Here we are, the most northerly settlement by road in the Territory, hosting thousands of visitors who think of our being in the Great Canadian Hinterland, and we can boast no bird habitat, no watering or resting place for migrating feathered friends. There's not even a frog pond left. Old tailing ponds must be a godsend to the birds, but they are most inaccessible to you and me.

And how many trees and shrubs are planted when lots are raised with loads of rock? Decaying trees are felled, but no young trees replace them. The dike, with few access paths, is reached by crossing a sterile grass pasture. Not one tree, not one branch on which a bird could perch. Can you remember the beautiful trill of the Adam's Song Sparrow, night or day, as you walked along Front Street, enjoying the moods of the river? One robin nested in my neighbourhood this year. Two swallows raised families where ten nested several years ago. I heard my last frog three springs ago in a marshy spot where Marina's now stands.

This town spends over \$9,000 to spray each spring, killing all the bugs and the mosquito larva which is the main diet of the swallows. Tourists in campers are prepared for summer pests. Those in busses aren't on the streets long enough to be bitten.

Can something be done to set aside and nurture the slough bordering St. Paul's Church and the Commissioner's Residence? It's our last chance. That is one Committee this scribe would be excited to serve on. How do we save face and win back the birds? Let's find out.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The Editors:

We would like to clarify a statement which appeared in your July 12 issue, regarding the new North End playground being developed by the City of Dawson.

Your article indicated that, according to Mayor Jenkins, Gammie Trucking "had been too slow getting around to the operation and that he had wanted it done sooner."

We feel it necessary to defend our business reputation in this matter. In fact, we had been advised by Recreation Director Peter Menzies, with whom we had been dealing on this project, that there was no rush in getting to the work. He was advised at the time he awarded us the project that we would not be in a position to do the work immediately, but would get to it as soon as possible. He assured us this was satisfactory. Apparently, according to your article, the Mayor felt differently.

Perhaps a lack of communication within the City administration is to blame for the mix-up, however we feel our company acted efficiently and responsibly at all times with regards to this project.

Sincerely,  
S. Guilbord  
Gammie Trucking Ltd.  
Dawson City, Yukon

### The Editor:

Here is a copy of my letter to Dawson City Council.

### Dear City Council:

I am writing this letter in regards to "local contractors and council policy on awarding city contracts."

The first part of this letter is addressed to Mayor Peter Jenkins. Peter, you were asked by a councillor during the July 19 council meeting whether the jobs that were being paid for that meeting on the doctor's residence were put out to tender.

You replied "yes" - that the local contractors on the list were phoned - you were only able to get hold of two, and low bidder got the job.

I believe we are a local contractor - we have resided in Dawson since 1985. We have a valid business licence in the City of Dawson. We have been in Dawson on a full-time basis this year since February - and we have an answering machine - just in case we have to step out of the office.

There was never a call made to the White Ram office regarding the swimming pool - the dump fence - the doctor's residence - contracts that I know of being awarded this year.

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## OOPS!

Corrections to our July issue:

July issue number should read volume 2 #3. (Not 2 #2).

We also did not thank volunteers Maureen Matchett for the typing assistance and Beryl Zaykowski for help with the newspaper distribution.

### Dear Editor:

Last Sunday's talent show ended with an act comprised of men dressing up as women and participating in a kind of relay race. These men presupposed that there is humour in the stereotypical portrayal of women as catty, promiscuous, and generally interested in nothing but their physical appearance and sex. In effect, the attempted humour lies in the ridiculing of both female sexuality and what it is to be female.

Amazingly, these men performed to benefit the women's shelter. Can one not see that such blatant disrespect and misunderstanding of women is directly connected to the abuse and battery of women? By comparison, one would not expect a group of white people to offer openly racist "entertainment" against blacks, Jews, or native people and then have the proceeds go to victims of the Klu Klux Klan. The basic assumptions behind such performances are what perpetuate the oppression of and violence against minorities and women.

Raising funds for an integral community service like the women's shelter requires mature and responsible behaviour. As a group, we feel the "drag race" entry in the talent show was perverse and damaging in its nature and intent.

Sincerely,  
Carleen Sheerlin Karen DuBois  
Kim Tuson Paula Pryce  
Raffles McDowell Jay Armitage  
Glenda Bolt Rose Margeson  
Wendy Cairns Byron Shandler  
Elaine Cairns John Nunan  
Kim Delighton

The next part of this letter is addressed to the councillors. Is there a policy in place with regards to awarding local contracts? If there are no written directives, we, the local contractors, would be only too happy to meet with you and help set a policy for the future.

If all contracts were awarded in the same fair manner, much of the unrest and dissatisfaction that is very evident in this town would disappear.

Fairness is all I ask. Give us all an equal chance to bid on this work.

Thank you for listening - thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Yours truly,  
Gail Hendley  
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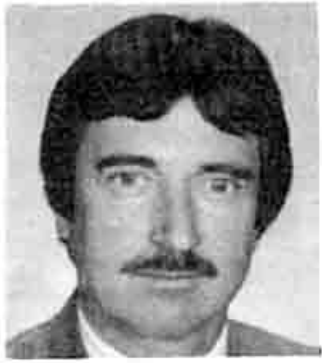
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## Words from Webster

by Art Webster - MLA for Klondike

At a public meeting held recently in the Council Chambers, the issue of relocating the Gold Rush Campground R.V. Park was discussed as just one of many important topics that must be addressed in the preparation of our community's official plan. This matter of relocating the R.V. park is but one of several issues that focus attention on important questions such as how we want our community to develop, and what we want for ourselves as residents.

For instance, if the decision is to relocate the R.V. park to the Moosehide Slide area, would it provide impetus for development of other tourist attractions in the north end of town? What effect would such development have on traffic use and patterns? Would this development adversely affect our ability to develop residential lots that are needed to accommodate future growth?

If, on the other hand, the decision is not to relocate the R.V. park to the Moosehide Slide area, what other developments are possible and desirable? Should this area be reserved as a park to further advance the establishment of a parks system extending to Crocus Bluff and into the Klondike Valley, all connected by walk/bike/ski trails? Would the suggestion of a Yukon College campus facility designed to offer courses in the performing and visual arts be a preferred use for this space?

And what about a decision to relocate the Gold Rush R.V. park to a more suitable location elsewhere? What would be the best use for the block of land vacated by the R.V. park: residential lots, a new hospital/extended care facility...?

The latter choice would raise the obvious question of what would become of the existing facilities. It is quite conceivable that Father Judge Nursing Station could be used for other purposes and moved to allow for expansion of Minto Park (tennis anyone?), while MacDonald Lodge could be renovated for Government of Yukon office space when additional positions are located in Dawson. And, speaking of Government of Yukon operations, what will become of the land presently occupied by the Highways Branch when it moves the compound out of town?

The point of the above exercise is to demonstrate how a decision on only one of many issues can create a chain reaction of possible events which, individually and collectively, have dramatic effects on how our community will develop. It is for this reason that each of us must become involved in the process to develop an official plan for our community. Visit the City Office to review the draft plan, attend the public meetings, and make your opinions and suggestions known to City Council.

### How To Find Your Place In The Sun

Submissions to the **Klondike Sun** are very welcome, but there are a few things we would like you to do to help us get them in the paper.

1. All submissions must be signed. If you would like to remain anonymous, we won't give you away, but we have to know who you are.
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## Chamber of Commerce News:

By Renee and Lyle

The Chamber will once again be awarding local businesses with a plaque and \$\$\$ for best costuming/decorations during Discovery Days. Last year's winners were Gold City Tours - for best business and all the girls at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for costumes.

The Dawson Chamber and the Yukon Chamber have written to the Premier expressing their encouragement for decentralization of Government Programs. A report being prepared for Government is being kept secret. We understand the report called for decentralizing a department of government to each community.

Nominations are now being accepted for Business and Business Person of the Year in Dawson. Call Renee if you want to nominate someone. Last year's winner was Merlin Grade.

The Chamber AGM will be held on September 5th, 1990. Talk to Glen Bowers. He's heading up the Nominations Committee. We need motivated people!

The FBDB Case Counselling Program is coming to Dawson City in September. Call 668-4030 (collect) for further information or to book time.

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The City of Dawson has prepared an excellent Community Plan and a draft Zoning Bylaw. We recommend that all small business people get a copy.

Did you know that a "modest" population projection by the consultants called for a doubling of the population in Dawson and vicinity by the end of the decade.

Member Gail Hendley wants to know who is in charge of Highway Signage and where is the "Turn here to Dawson City" sign in Whitehorse?

We understand Tourist visits are up; a building boom is going on this summer; and employers can't fill their job vacancies. Wow! Is Dawson City on a roll or what!

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## Yukon College Board of Governors Meets in Dawson

by Palma Berger

On June 1st, Dawson saw a first, when the Board of Governors of Yukon College held their meeting in Dawson City, with President Charles McHaffrey and some faculty members. They also received presentations from various members of the community.

The emphasis from the College is going to be on Distance Education. All new curriculum is going to be so designed on the assumption that it may be run in any outlying community. This of course will mean making greater use of technology such as tele-conferencing, video tapes and fax machines.

The president announced that Dr. Dennis Wing, president of North Island College will be giving a written report on Yukon College as it is, and what he could see for the future, and he will visit all campuses.

There is a Research Endowment Fund established for the developing of a Yukon College press for the publication of its findings in Research.

As yet, the driveway to the Yukon College has not been named. It was suggested that the naming be left to a group of native elders to do so.

The name of Whitehorse Campus of the College is Ayamdigut College, so do not get it confused with the College.

Peter Menzies made the first presentation. He spoke from the Recreation viewpoint. He pointed out that recreation is a growing profession. Dawson employs 3 1/2 people. He asked for more training in the Yukon for Recreation, pointing out that organizations such as Music Festival, Arts Council, Sports Yukon must now hire help. He suggested blending Tourism and Special Events into Culture. He pointed out that Haines Junction is the only spot in the Yukon that has a Yukon trained person in Recreation.

The Dawson Indian Band, represented by Doreen Olsen and Phyllis Vittrekwa asked for better facilities for Distance Education, more chance to do studying in the home, and more staff for the College to fulfil its obligations to its students. They outlined the skills they needed for their stage of development for 1990-1991 which is mainly setting up office procedures. But from 1993 on when Land Claims are being finalised they will be needing Land Administrators, Teachers, Nurses, Special Education and Lawyers to name a few.

Lyle Thompson's presentation asked for a "rural" Social worker to be trained in a

rural setting. He also suggested that the College representative of the Northern Region live in the North.

Chuck Holloway of K.V.A. asked that the College provide training for the Tourist industry. He pointed out that one hotel had to go south to get a manager. Alaska has a tourism training program. The board felt that the Tourism Industry should get together to make a stronger presentation of exactly what they need.

The Chamber of Commerce President, Fred Berger, emphasized that what they wanted was the College to be Decentralised, Dynamic and Developmental. Dawson could be the Centre for Fine Arts. Mining could go to Mayo.

Dawson has the oldest history of theatre in the Yukon, and Music and Art are strongly represented here, so Fine Arts seems a natural to be placed in Dawson. This would attract more tourists too.

On the Social side there are many young undereducated and untrained people here that the College needs to pick up.

The Dawson Campus Committee in their brief, asked for more native teachers to be trained, more staff, including a secretary and the Region's Supervisor be stationed in the Region. In the programs they would like better career counselling, business education, upgrading, human resources including Han language, Life skills and prework training, and an Arts Centre.

They would like a new and better facility to be located either in the Downtown area, or up at the North End with dormitories, space for a conference centre and space for an elder hostel. They asked for so much in their plans and dreams that one Board member was heard to mutter something about "Santa Claus". But if we do not dream big, we will get nothing at all.

Discussion came back to the hoped for new facility, and by chance there is a Facility Committee already formed consisting of Fred Berger, Jane Olynik, Peter Menzies and Karen DuBois.

After the meeting, Fred Berger took the President, Mr. McHaffrey, Jim Holt, Chairman of the Board and member Bill Dunbar up to the site they had picked out for the new facility, at the old Hospital site overlooking the Yukon River. They were mightily impressed.

Well, that is a hopeful beginning.



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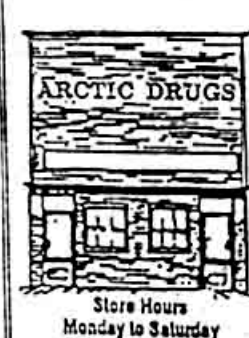
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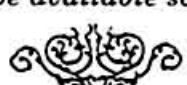
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## REPORT FROM OTTAWA

Audrey McLaughlin, MP

Greetings to all of you in the Dawson area! I hope you are enjoying the summer. This is the first of what will be a monthly report in the Klondike Sun. I look forward to this regular opportunity to fill you in on what's happening on the Federal scene, both in Ottawa and with issues of Federal concern in the Yukon. And thanks to the Sun for giving me the chance to do so.

It's been quite a year in Parliament! With the Goods & Services Tax, the Meech Lake constitutional accord, a very harsh federal budget and increasingly obvious effects of the trade deal with the U.S. on our economy, we Members of the House of Commons have been working hard to represent the views and interests of our constituents.

Despite every effort of the opposition, the legislation to pass the new Goods & Services Tax was passed. As of January 1, 1990, we will all be paying this new 7% tax on almost everything from non-prescription drugs to books to take-out food. It will make a big difference to us here in the North where we will start paying tax on our home heating oil and electricity. It is estimated that the new tax will cost the average Northern family \$2500.00 more per year in taxes. However, it can be stopped by the Senate, if they choose to do so. There is yet a possibility that the tax will be stopped.

The Meech Lake debate continued furiously into the spring. Through heavy-handed pressure and intense last minute bargaining, the Prime Minister got his deal. But Mr. Mulroney did not bargain for Elijah Harper who is a New Democrat MLA from Manitoba.

Meech Lake failed because of the refusal of the Prime Minister to use the democratic process to consult the

Canadian people about the constitution. As a result, our country has gone through a change. There is no turning back; we must now look forward to find a peaceful and consultative process to build real unity and respect for each other in this country, a process that starts with the people and builds from the bottom up. We can pass on a Canada which is intact to our children. But the confrontation style of politics must be left behind.

On Yukon issues: I met once again over the winter with the Minister of Public Works to discuss getting more funding for the the Alaska Highway, emphasizing the upcoming anniversary celebrations. I also took the opportunity during Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Ottawa in the spring to encourage him to attend the highway celebrations in 1992. As Northern nations, we have a lot in common. We can share, culturally, scientifically, and socially to address issues of common concern.

I continue to press the Minister Responsible for Canada Post for answers on the plans for the Dawson Post Office. The Minister, and the President of Canada Post continue to say that no definite plans have yet been made. I will keep you "posted".

Once again this year I enjoyed the very successful Gold Show in Dawson. I will have the pleasure of representing Yukoners at three conferences in Norway at the beginning of August. One of the conferences addresses themes of circumpolar unity, and ways that Nordic nations can look to the future together. Afterwards look forward to seeing you all at the International Gold Panning Championships in Dawson at the end of the month.

Have a good summer.

## SENIORS ENJOY CRUISE

by Sue Ward

THE Annual river trip to Pleasure Island as guests of Scott Billings and Sonia Cowan drew thirty-four happy "locals". Thirty-one travelled on the Yukon Lou with Joe and Annie Henry arriving by rivercraft from Moosehide. The skies had cleared by afternoons end and folks seemed reluctant to leave the restful environment, though they were compelled to seek shelter below decks from the heavy summer storm enroute home.

Special guests were Victoria Kosuta's relatives from Trieste, Italy - sister Silva, nephew Lorenzo and brother-in-law Emilio who celebrated his birthday with Jimmy Lynch and Chuck MacKenzie. Pete and Brownie Foth enjoyed the company of both their daughters, Debbie and Lynn from B.C.'s Okanagan. Jimmy Lynch was joined by his nephew Jason Lynch and wife Joanne from Lincoln, England.

Luncheon was King Salmon perfectly barbecued by Scott and staff (Karen Froess, of Enderby, B.C., Mary Gartshore



Emilio Diviacchi

of Whistler, B.C., and Teresa Doucet, also of Enderby). It was topped off with melt-in-your-mouth, made-from-scratch chocolate cake and biscuits.

Time spent on the mighty Yukon River always eases cares and stress. A sincere thank you to one and all.



Chuck MacKenzie



Jimmy Lynch

Photo by Sue Ward

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## I.O.D.E.

by Dawne Mitchell

In a memorial to Yukon politician and botanist, Martha Louise Black, the Dawson Chapter of the IODE has donated \$780 towards beautifying the town.

Martha Louise Black was the founder of IODE in the Yukon. The money comes from royalties accumulated from the sale of her book, *My Ninety Years*.

In the original version, *My Seventy Years*, written in 1938, Black said all royalties from the book should go to the Yukon IODE. When the Whitehorse chapter of IODE was discontinued due to lack of membership, the steady proceeds from the book came to Dawson's chapter.

Whitehorse historian Flo Whyard

updated Black's book in 1976 through the North West Publishing Company. According to Myrna Butterworth, national councillor to the IODE, the royalties from the updated version were sent to Whyard by mistake.

Dawson's IODE wrote a letter of inquiry and the situation was clarified.

In an effort to use the money as effectively as possible, the local IODE will work with Dawson City to develop a suitable memorial.

"Martha Black loved flowers," says IODE treasurer Lenore Jenkins. "What we want to do in her remembrance is help beautify the town. With the city's help, it could be done in conjunction with something else."

Several ideas have been suggested to the city by Dawson's IODE, including a bench with a plaque on it, trees, shrubs and flower boxes.

## Recipe of the Month Italian Meat Pie

3/4 pound (350g) lean ground beef  
1/2 cup (125ml) chopped green pepper  
2 tsp. (10ml) cornstarch  
3/4 cup (175ml) water  
1 - 156 ml can tomato paste  
1/2 tsp. (2ml) dried oregano, crushed  
1/2 tsp. (2ml) dried basil, crushed  
1/4 tsp. (1ml) garlic powder  
1/4 c. (50ml) onion flakes  
1/4 tsp. (1ml) onion powder  
1/4 tsp. (1ml) salt  
Pinch fresh ground black pepper.  
1/3 c. (75ml) grated parmesan cheese  
1 frozen (9 inch or 23 cm.) deep pie shell  
1 c. (250ml) grated mozzarella cheese

Brown beef in large non-stick frypan. Drain well. Add green pepper and cook two minutes.

Dissolve cornstarch in water and add to frypan along with tomato paste, oregano, basil, garlic powder, onion flakes, onion powder, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer 10 minutes.

Sprinkle half the parmesan cheese over bottom of frozen pie shell. Cover with half the meat mixture, then half the mozzarella. Layer remaining meat and parmesan cheese.

Place pie on baking sheet and bake at 400 F (200 C) for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella and return to oven for another five minutes or until cheese melts. Makes eight servings.

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### Pick-Up Truck Occupants Credit Roll-Bar With Saving Their Lives


On Wednesday, July 11th, 1990, at 16:07 hrs, members of the Dawson City R.C.M.P. Detachment and the Dawson City Ambulance Service were called to the scene of a single vehicle, roll-over accident. The accident scene was located on the Upper Bonanza Creek Road, approximately 18 kilometres south of the town of Dawson City.

A 1990 Chevrolet S-10 4 x 4 pickup truck failed to negotiate a sharp righthand curve, while heading down a slight grade. The pickup truck went straight across the roadway and crashed into some bushes. The vehicle then rolled and bounced down a steep embankment. The vehicle came to rest, on its roof, on the creek bed, approximately 12 metres below the level of the roadway. The pickup truck was demolished.

The pickup truck was driven by a 16 year old, male, Dawson City resident. His 15 year old, male cousin, from Dawson Creek, B.C. and 2 young, female Dawson City residents, were passengers in the vehicle. The driver, his cousin and one female received minor scrapes and bruises. They were treated, at the Dawson City Nursing Station and were released. The 16 year old, female passenger was thrown from the vehicle and received some more serious scrapes and bruises. She was also treated at the Dawson City Nursing Station, but was held over night, for observation.

The names of the occupants of this vehicle are not being released, at this time. The R.C.M.P. members are continuing their investigation.

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## Dawson City Fire Department News



by Dennis Montgomery, Fire Chief

Well a lot has happened during July. I guess the best news is that we now have our Jaws of Life. Mr. Jack Bell from Wholesale Fire and Rescue in Calgary arrived on July 27. Mr. Bell spent all day Saturday, July 28, training us in the operation of the Jaws. My only wish is that we never have to use it but it is nice to know it is there if we need it. We are planning on holding an Open House and demonstration on Wednesday September 5 from 7-11 p.m. at the Fire Hall. We will be demonstrating our new Jaws and giving tours of our fire hall so please try to attend.

I thought that this month I could answer some of the questions that everybody asks about the Jaws of Life. I have been asked many times why the Jaws cost so much and what does it do. Well first I should mention that we used the name "Jaws of Life" when we were raising funds. This was done so that everybody knew what we were buying. Just about everyone has heard about the "Jaws of Life". What we really bought was a complete rescue system. The "Jaws of Life" is only one component of our rescue system. We felt that we needed to have all the tools that would be required to extricate someone from a vehicle or from a hazardous situation. When a person is trapped, time is a very critical factor to their survival. Also, unless a rescuer has all the necessary tools, their job becomes very risky and futile. Not a good feeling to have in an emergency. We now have a complete rescue system that will allow us to rescue people in the following situations:

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### Fires

July 22, 1990 at 5:05 a.m. - we responded to a fire at the Midnight Sun Hotel. Fire caused by an oil-fired hot water tank. Damage estimated at \$10,000. Fire had been partially extinguished by owner or damage would have been greater.

July 24, 1990 at 12:08 p.m. - we responded to a fire at the Westmark Hotel. The fire had been caused by an electrical problem in one of the rooms. Damage estimated at \$5,000. Thanks to the quick action of Jim Fischer, a hotel employee, the fire was extinguished when we arrived.

### False Alarms

July 25, 1990 at 3:00 p.m. - false alarm at the fire hall caused by a faulty detector.

July 27, 1990 at 11:03 a.m. - false alarm at the Keno caused by moisture in a detector.

### Training

A total of 170 manhours were spent on training this month.

## Chickens Have Landed

by Brent Morrison

July 31st, 1990, may have marked the end of a long-standing Dawson tradition. For years people returning from Whitehorse have brought with them buckets and barrels of Kentucky Fried Chicken for friends and family. This may end now with the opening of The Bakery. The Bakery is an off-shoot of the Farmer's Market owned by George and Joan Kerr. Located in the green and yellow building just north of the Downtown Hotel, The Bakery offers a variety of foods. Sandwiches, submarines, fish and chips, and Henny Penny fried chicken are available.

One of the best deals offered is two pieces of chicken with fries, coleslaw and a bun for \$5.50. The chicken has much the same texture as K.F.C.'s, but without being overly salty. Of course, The Bakery would be a misnomer if it also didn't supply fresh baked goods.

Managed by Phyllis Toner, The Bakery will provide Dawson's largest selection

of baked goods. With the installation of the oven, freezer, and cooler, The Bakery will be in full production baking breads, buns, rolls, and everyone's favourite doughnuts. Many other novelty items are available including candies and ice cream, and they will still be making birthday cakes.

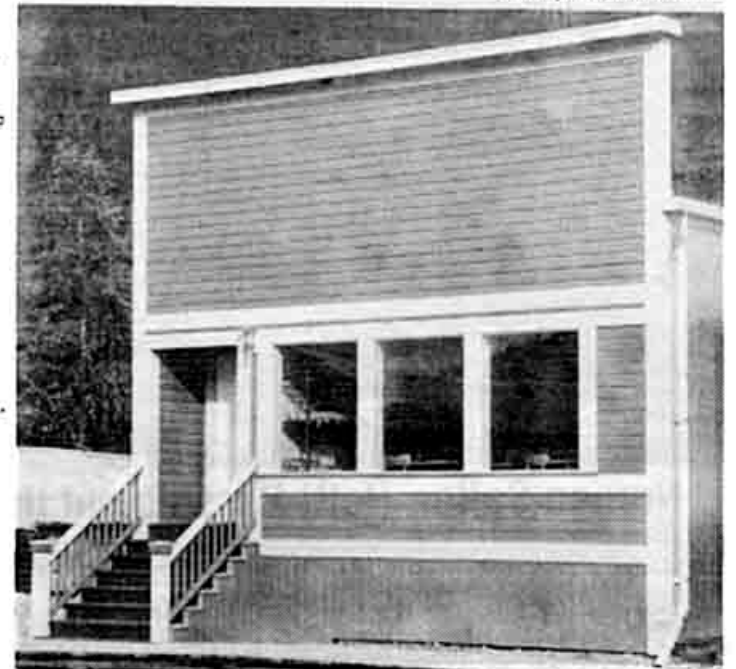
The Bakery has a small dining area, but is geared more towards take-out. If the Farmer's Market has been your mid-morning pit stop for goodies, then you'll have to go up the street a little farther. The selection will be wider, with coffee, hot chocolate, and other beverages.

The Farmer's Market will still provide some baked goods (breads, buns, etc.) from The Bakery, right in the store. The majority, however, will be up the street in the green and yellow building you just can't miss. If the first day was any indication, the Kerr's have another success on their hands.

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Noreen Sailer (left) Passing out the Plates

## Placer Miners Entertained

by Noreen Sailer

The 11th Annual Klondike Placer Miners Association (K.P.M.A.) Steak B.B.Q. and Dance was held on July 27th, 1990, and by all indications it was a success. Eleven years ago at the annual Spring meeting it was suggested that we have a B.B.Q. and dance as a miners' social event and also as a fund raiser for the Association.

The first B.B.Q. and Dance was held in Finnings' new parts building in 1980 with music supplied by Brian Harris and his group, some of whom were employed in the placer industry. The second year, Finnings' building was full of parts, etc., so the B.B.Q. and Dance was held in the Bonanza Recreation Centre in Dawson and has been held there every year since.

It was also decided to honour a member or members of the K.P.M.A. who have made a significant contribution to the placer industry as a miner or as persons dedicated to the industry. The following people have been selected over the years as Mr. and/or Mrs. Miner and most are still active in the industry.

- 1981 - Mary & Ole Lunde
- 1982 - Margaret Bremner
- 1983 - George & Agnes Shaw
- 1984 - Lorne & Paula Ross
- 1985 - Edward Bleiler, Mayo
- 1986 - Ian Bremner
- 1987 - Art & Noreen Sailer
- 1988 - Marion Schmidt
- 1989 - Norman Ross & Sandra Rodness
- 1990 - Lowell & Lyn Bleiler, Mayo.

This honour is acknowledged by an engraved plaque gold pan from the K.P.M.A. and a beautifully-framed picture depicting gold presented by Johnson-Matthey Refiners, Brampton, Ontario.

The dance floor was built and donated by Ross Mining and was used for ours and many other dances in the Rec Centre. The floor finally succumbed to weather and wear and was replaced with a new one in 1989, the cost of which was shared by the K.P.M.A.

The B.B.Q. and Dance caters mainly to the Placer miners, the Service and Supply business and anyone else interested in good food, good music, and placer mining. Every year the event is attended by upward of five hundred people and their families and is the major fund raiser for the K.P.M.A.

The task of organizing this function for the first two years was handled by Paula Ross and in 1982 the job was taken over by Noreen Sailer who has done it every year up to the present. Organizing such an event involves many, many hours of time and effort by a number of dedicated volunteers, who give freely of their time and services. The Supply and Service business's both local and non-local also contribute advice, goods, services and/or door prizes. This support is very, very important to the survival of the industry and the Dance.

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# LONDON'S GOLD NOT IN THE GROUND

by Dan Davidson

Almost any course or text on creative writing will start out by advising the aspiring author to use his or her personal experiences in the shaping of fiction. Should there be any doubt at all about the effectiveness of this advice, one needs only to take a look at the life of Jack London, a writer whose experiences and acquaintances inspired his written work.

Dick North, sometime journalist, author of several books on Yukon history and, for the last four years, the interpretative voice of the Jack London Square Exhibit in Dawson, makes this point quite clearly as he speaks to his audience each day at 1 p.m.

About thirty people can squeeze into the comfortable log building that sits beside half of the cabin Jack London once occupied on Stewart Island, about 75 miles from Dawson. London came to the Klondike in 1897, hoping to make enough money to allow him to sit down back home in Oakland, California, and work on his real goal in life, which was to be a writer.

The largely self-educated London had had his appetite for writing whetted earlier by winning a contest. He had already lived through some of the experiences as a sailor, oyster pirate, and roving labourer which he would be able to work into his later books, but he wasn't having a lot of luck selling the short stories he was trying to market so, when the Klondike beckoned, he borrowed some money and set off.

He and his partners were poor miners. They picked the wrong places to go, and they had no luck when they were there. In

Jack's case, however, the luck he did have was just what he needed. In long winter nights spent listening to miners' tales, and in the half a dozen weeks he actually spent in Dawson City while he was registering his claim, he picked up enough background material to build two major novels, four volumes of short stories (over 800 pages in THE UNABRIDGED



Dick North

Photo by Michael Gates

JACK LONDON) out of a total of 51 books. Most importantly, the Yukon material, much of which appeared within a few years of the events which inspired it, made his reputation, and started him on his way to becoming one of the highest paid writers of his generation.

Buck, the dog in THE CALL OF THE WILD, was based on a dog named Jack, one of two working dogs that he met while camped beside a cabin occupied by the Bond brothers in Dawson City. He wrote it in San Francisco, five years later, having already had some success with his short stories about the Klondike. London sold all the rights to the book for about \$3,000.00 and did not realize the profits which he would have made on royalties of the millions of copies of which were sold during his brief lifetime.

North tells all of this to his audience. When he makes a point that requires documentation, he gestures to a spot on the wall of the cabin, which is hung with a chronological collection of charts, maps, documents, letters and photographs which prove all that he is saying. The collection started out as North's own. His interest in London goes back many years, and his connection with the cabin outside is most appropriate.

He is not the man who discovered it

two decades ago, but he is the fellow who realized what it was, who verified the "Jack London" signature engraved on a log therein, and who helped organize the relocation of the cabin to the two sites where it can now be seen. Half of it sits in Oakland, outside London's favorite bar. The other half sits in Dawson, at the corner of 8th Avenue and Mission Street. It's a literary neighbourhood. Robert Service lived about a block away on 8th, and Pierre Berton grew up almost across the street from Service's cabin.

North doesn't read directly from London's work this year, but he cites several stories and shows how their origins relate to things that London did while he was here. After his one hour talk, visitors can wander the hall for themselves, seeing the collection which serves as North's research.

Outside there is the cabin. This year the iron grate at the front door is open and folks can look inside once again. There's little to see as yet, just a few log pole bunks. North says that the actual stove that he found with the cabin is in the hands of Klondike National Historic Sites and he hopes to get it put in the cabin for next season. Even now, the low roofed, dingy, cramped cabin gives visitors an idea of the conditions in which some miners lived while searching for gold.

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## 30 Years Later SERVICE'S WORK LIVES ON

by Dan Davidson

Thirty years after his death the legend and poetry of Robert Service continues to draw people to the cabin he lived in here during his early years of international fame. The Dawson City keeper of the keys to that legend is Tom Byrne, The Irish born actor who is now in his tenth year at the task, and who seems as interested in his subject as he was when he began.

Seventy or more spectators are present when the afternoon reading begins on this day, and about a dozen more turn up to sneak onto the lawn or line the fence as Byrne warms up for his first poem.

Before that, however, there is the narrative of Service's early years; of his infatuation with things western, his decision to move to Canada from England, his attempts to become a cowboy, his life as a tutor in a bordello, his travels as a singing hobo and, finally, his fateful entrance into the banking service for which he trained years before in England.

Ironically, it was the staid job of bank clerk that brought him to the land where he would find his fame. A succession of transfers brought him from lower mainland B.C. to Whitehorse, and it was there that the magic began.

Even if his subjects were Klondike oriented from the beginning, Dawson has to share some of the glory with Whitehorse, for it was there that his two single most famous ballads, "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" and "The Cremation of Sam McGee", were penned.

His final move as a banker was to come to Dawson City, the source of so much of his inspiration, in 1908, at the end of four years in Whitehorse. By then his first book of verses, SONGS OF A SOURDOUGH, was selling briskly, much to his surprise. He had thought to have it printed up as a sort of vanity publication to give away to his friends, using his Christmas bonus from the bank to finance his whim. Instead, it was a best-seller.

Byrne attributes this to the accessibility of Service's work. In an era which was producing ever more obscure poetry, stuff which was downbeat and crowded with classical and philosophical references, Service's work hearkened back to Kipling's ballads and caught the common taste.

"Here was poetry anyone could read," Byrne tells his audience. Here was poetry like the earlier "Face on the Barroom Floor" and "Gunga Din", which Service had recited so often at parties in the days before he began to write his own material.

"The Spell of the Yukon" seems to have unlocked Service's creative muse. Once he left the territory, in 1912, he was able to turn his skills to other subjects, but he refined his skills in the little cabin on 8th



Tom Byrne Photo by Michael Gates

Avenue where he went to live when he decided to quit the bank and devote himself to writing.

"I used to write them (poems) on coarse rolls of paper used by paper-hangers," Service wrote in his autobiography, "pinning them on the wall and printing my verses in big charcoal letters."

"Then I would pace back and forth before them, studying them, repeating them, trying to make them perfect....I tried to avoid any literary quality. Verse, not poetry, is what I was after -

something the man in the street would take notice of and the sweet old lady would paste in her album; something the school boy would spout and the fellow in a pub would quote..."

As Byrne tells his audience, Service was too late for the gold rush and never roamed the hills with pick and pan looking for the gold, but he found it anyway, struck paydirt in the rich lore of the decade before which had begun to take shape in the years since 1898. This stirring stuff would include the inspirational piece "The Quitter" and such comedies as "A Sourdough Went to Heaven".

The cabin, eulogized by Service in "Good-bye Little Cabin" was the property of Edna Clark, who decided to keep it for Service when he went off to cover the Balkan Wars. When it became clear that he wasn't coming back, she kept it vacant in his memory. It passed on to the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, the City of Dawson, and finally, in 1970, to the Klondike National Historic Site branch of Environment Canada, Parks. Much of it is the original turn the century dwelling that Service knew and loved.

*Editors Note: The C.B.C. radio program "As It Happens" ran an interview with Service's daughter early in July. There was a celebration of Service's life and work in his French home on July 13.*

## DAWSON AMBULANCE SERVICE NEWS

By Carrie Haffey,  
Ambulance Supervisor,  
Dawson City, YT.

The Dawson Ambulance Service would like to say good bye to Tracey Braun and Louise Schlender. They were volunteer Ambulance Attendants here in Dawson and were valuable members of our team. Tracey and Louise were the successful applicants for the Whitehorse Ambulance Service, so they have moved on and will be working there full time. We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for their service with us. All the best to both.

We would also like to welcome some new members to our team. Shea MacKenzie, Lisa Hutton and Simon Nagano have joined us. We look forward to working and training with you.

I think it is important at this busy time of year to recognize our employers. They have been very supportive in allowing our members to go on call while at work. The Dawson Ambulance service would also like to thank the Farmers Market, Dawson Indian Band, Y.T.G., the Canadian Parks Service and The Klondike Visitors Association. Your support in the community is greatly appreciated.

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The Registration for the World Gold Panning will be at the K.V.A. Office, on the second floor of the Visitor Reception Centre. Registration forms are available at the Visitor Reception Centre or at the K.V.A. Office. ALL COMPETITORS MUST REGISTER BEFORE THE BELOW MENTIONED DEADLINES:

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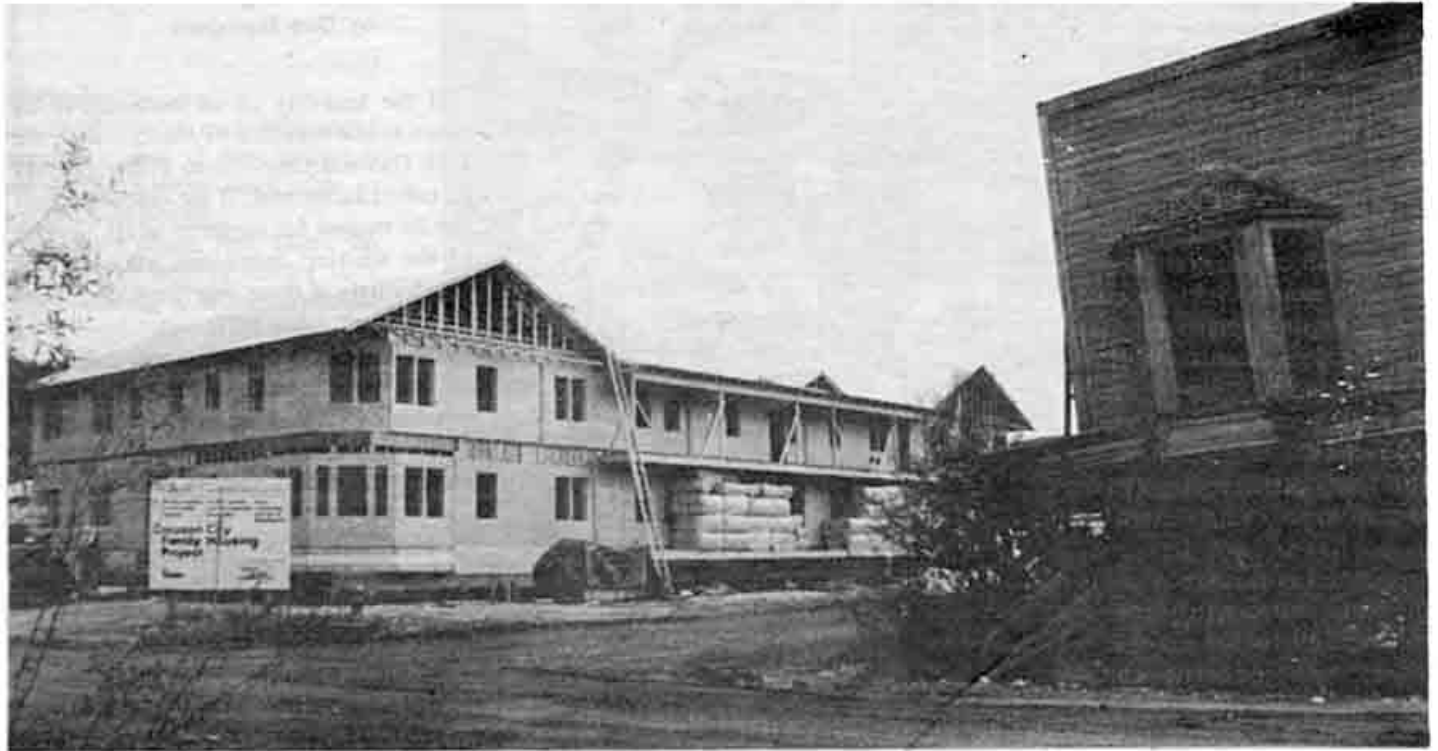
by Dan Davidson

Is it proper to have a sod turning when the building is already half up? That was the thorny question of protocol that needed to be either resolved or ignored on July 10 when the new Yukon Housing Corporation apartment building was officially launched at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Harper Street.

It's been nearly four years since the Dawson Housing Association put in the original request for an apartment complex to expand its stock for singles, couples and single parent families. Various regulatory and financial hurdles impeded the start of the project, but it is, at last, well under way, and officials from the territorial government, Yukon Housing Corporation and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation were on hand to do the honours.

Premier Tony Penikett, MLA Art Webster and Mayor Peter Jenkins spoke briefly in the grey morning as intermittent sprinkles threatened to become a full fledged rainstorm. All approved the beginning of the new project and agreed that the need in Dawson for additional housing was great.

Penikett and CMHC Chairman Bob Jarvis turned the ceremonial shovelfull of dirt, watched by a small group that included Yukon Housing's Chair Truska Gorell and president, Maurice Albert, as well as CMHC national board member



The Old "Guns and Ammo" Store on 3rd and Harper Leans Towards its New Neighbour - Yukon Housings New Apartment Building

Ross Marks, B.C. and Yukon General Manager Peter Anderson and Whitehorse based David Kingsley.

Jarvis presented Penikett with a gold pin to commemorate the occasion, and gave to Jenkins the official shovel used to turn the soil.

The 13 unit apartment building will add considerably to the stock of housing

units already operated by the Dawson Housing Association. At present there are 10 YTG staff housing units and 52 social housing units, including a number of bungalows, duplexes, a 4 unit seniors building and the 13 unit Korbo Apartments.

Despite the abundance of units, the association which allocates them continues to look at a regular list of some 20 applicants needing housing. At present, in fact, local manager Palma Berger says there are 36 names on the waiting list. Since many of the names on the list were single people, or single parent families, the association decided some time ago that

an apartment building would best suit the needs of the community. This was verified and confirmed by questionnaire, public meeting and through city council before final steps were taken to design the new building.

Yukon Homes Limited, a Whitehorse firm, is scheduled to complete the building in the fall. Other projects currently under way here include the retrofitting of three bungalows and two duplexes as well as completion of last year's exterior facade work on the Korbo Apartments. A staff housing duplex project will be tendered for bids shortly.



Premier Tony Penikett and C.M.H.C. Chairman Bob Janis

## Yukon Government Helps Preserve Historic Properties

Whitehorse - Tourism Yukon has approved \$22,378 in funding under the Historic Properties Assistance Contribution (HPAC) program, Tourism Yukon Minister Art Webster announced today.

The program helps individuals, community groups, societies, Yukon First Nations and buildings which are considered heritage sites. It provides technical and financial assistance for planning and design, stabilization, exterior restoration, landscaping and interpretation.

The 1990 projects and funding approved to date are:

- \* roof repairs to Christ the King Catholic Church in Mayo (\$2,578);

- \* Kwanlin Dun Indian Band to stabilize the bank at Marsh Lake burial sites (\$13,800);
- \* and replacing the foundation at #407 Hawkins St. in Whitehorse, a private residence (\$6,000).

Since it started in 1987, the program has assisted projects in Whitehorse, Carcross, Watson Lake, Moosehide, Teslin, Keno City, Burwash, and Old Crow, as well as other more remote locations. Yukoners can apply for 50 per cent of the cost of preservation, restoration, development and interpretation of their properties if they can meet criteria regarding historic significance, public accessibility and design specifications.

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**Saxophone Jam Anyone?** Photo by Dan Davidson



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**Dawson's Dawne Mitchell and Sandy Pilon Entertaining Festival-Goers**

## They Couldn't Sit Down

by Dan Davidson

If the inability of an audience to sit down is one measure of success, then the 12th Dawson City Music Festival could be called successful. If the emcees' patter can be trusted for anything at all, several of the visiting musicians asked rather wonderingly if there was "anything these people won't dance to?"

It didn't seem so. The expanded tent had led the organizers to set up a sectioned wooden dance area up front by the stage. While this had the negative effect of putting too much distance between the performers and those who were sitting in the bleachers at the back, it seemed to draw most of the audience to the front near the stage, where the music was louder and there was room to move.

The movement began Friday night and seemed to continue through most of the weekend.

If versatility is a mark of success, the festival passes there too. What else can one say about a weekend that features nearly every sort of pop music one can imagine, leans a bit towards jazz fusion and ends with a polka? If you wanted LOUD music you could get it in the main tent. If your preference was a bit quieter, you could take in an acoustic workshop in any one of three for four other spots, some indoors, some out.

Equally versatile were the 68 musicians who crowded the stage for three nights and two days. There were Dawson locals, of course, a number of solo performers who chipped in at workshops, and the surprisingly good Bill Costin (and the Sizzling Dogs?) band which rocked the house with a set of original Yukon material at the final concert.

There was the Whitehorse contingent, a mix and match assortment of first rate performers who change hats and styles as quickly as they change band names: Dizzy Grizzly, King Frog, the Swing Sisters. Whether solo or in combination, they make some fine sounds.

Now, the odd thing about the visitors from Outside is that they work pretty

much the same way. The folks from Ontario and Manitoba step in and out of each others' musical arrangements with great abandon. Gerald Laroche's backing band borrowed heavily from Jacques Lussier's group, but this is not immediately obvious when you're just listening to the music and not watching who is playing it. Daisy Debolt's Stawshyks and Melwood Cutlery's Fashion Plates were similarly skilled. The musicians showed a great ability to adapt themselves to the style of their leaders, and to fuse themselves into new combinations at what seemed to be a moment's notice.

A good festival will try to do something for everybody. This one tried hard, but came up a little short in the kids' department. Entertaining kids isn't just a matter of replaying your snappier adult tunes. Performers hankering to take on this chore should immerse themselves in some of the excellent children's tapes currently available and plan to do some covers of people like Fred Penner, Raffi, Rosenshontz or Rick Scott.

The Sunday Family Concert and Dance was saved by the fact that the Jacques Lussier Band figured part of this out and worked with Dave Aiken, the resourceful Checkerboard Guy, to come up with some unique stunts. Aiken with his juggling routines and acrobatic artistry, was a scream throughout the weekend, providing the festival with a fresh sense of humour whenever it threatened to begin to take itself too seriously.

Mainstage tended to be a little heavy on screaming guitar solos this year, but this was relieved by some nice work on saxophones, harmonicas, keyboards and even a drum solo or two.

The acoustic bluegrass group, New Wine, helped to lighten the mood a bit. Lucie Blue Tremblay, carrying the solo performer's torch this year, reminded the audience that you don't require a rhythm section to do good work on "mush" songs and hard hitting social commentary.

Photo by Palma Berger



**Nyetz at McDonald Lodge Sunday Workshop**



Nyetz, a four piece group with a weird Eastern European ethnic/jazz touch to its music, was also a change of pace from the blues dominated stylings of many of the bigger groups. Marie Gogo-Dubois and some of the folks from the Frantic Follies added nicely to the mix on Sunday night.

"Workshop" is probably not the right word to describe the majority of the thirteen small sessions that took place on Saturday and Sunday. Most of them seemed to take on the character of mini-concerts. This was a little less true of the acoustic sets, but there was still not very much in the way of shared knowledge going on. One advantage of the smaller, more intimate, sessions was the greater tendency of musicians to talk about their work. While one wag in the folk gathering suggested that folkies need a 30 second cut-off on their mikes to keep them from rambling on between songs, that time for dialogue can be one of the nicer things in a set.

"Trouble Free" is something that every festival would like to be. Alas, it is hard to achieve. With Dawson's already extreme dog problem, visitors had to be reminded several times to corral the pets they had brought with them before bad things happened to them or the people they were bothering. The liquor inspector dropped by to forbid people from bringing their own booze to the show. The R.C.M.P. sat outside on the street, wondering how to respond to calls of complaints from residents next to the park when the Saturday night dance and the final concert on Sunday both ran overtime.

The cure for the latter problem, which is pretty extreme if you don't happen to want to hear what's going on, is to move the festival to another location. Organizers are going to have to work at this. While this year's festival did not seem to me to be notably more noisy than the last two, I'm sure I will be able to find people who will disagree with me.

Another problem was handled quite well for the most part. Wherever there's a party there's bound to be someone who isn't happy. Wherever there is alcohol,



## "Super-Ficial Man"

there's bound to be a few belligerent drinkers. It was a joy to watch the floor crew handling potential troublemakers without creating a scene about it. How do you fight with someone who is smaller than you and gives you a hug?

A festival, says the new Penguin Canadian Dictionary, is "a special period of celebration." Dawson celebrated quite nicely for about 52 hours last weekend. None of it could have happened without the long range efforts of the festival's directors, all the volunteer committee members, and the people who simply turned up to help with out any advance warning. One suspects that certain businesses were mysteriously missing employees for about a day and a half prior to the festival's opening, since there seemed to be a lot of people involved in the setting up. At one point on Thursday the festival's tent broke, and things were a little bit tense until the welder got to work and put the supports back together.

That could make a dandy metaphor for the way people usually feel about an event this size just before it is about to happen. It'll never come off, they think. And then it does. What a relief! What fun!



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Fred Taylor and Darren Taylor. The wedding party was whisked away in "the surrey with the fringe on top" to the reception where the newly-married

couple opened their gifts.

The hall, which was decorated by many friends and relatives, was charming with all the pink and white balloons, wedding bells, and streamers. Each table had a lovely bouquet of flowers which had been grown and arranged by Karen Dowdell with Sandy Sippola helping with the arrangements.

The tiered wedding cake decorated with miniature flowers had been provided by Shelley Hakonson. Helping serve the refreshments were Val Drummond-Hay, Diane Wilson, Peggy Amendola and Linda Bierlmeier.

The evening was spent dancing to the music of Bill Costin and friends.

Out of town guests of the bride were her uncle and aunt, Jim and Linda Elliott, from Savage, Minnesota. They had escorted Kelly's grandmother, Marguerite Elliott, from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

With so many friends helping make the wedding so beautiful, the occasion will have provided memories that will dance forever in the minds of the new bride and groom.

## Remembering August 17th

by John Gould

The Gould family lived on Hunker Creek year round until the fall of 1925, when I, as the oldest, had to start school so it was necessary for us to move to town. After moving to town though, we still spent the summers on Hunker.

Every year as August 17th drew near, we children would get excited hoping that Dad and Mother would take us to town for the annual celebrations sponsored by the Yukon Order of Pioneers. We never called it Discovery Days back then.

Dad would tell us that if it didn't rain we would go in. Dad was mining on Nugget Hill and depended on the rain for mining purposes. Nevertheless us kids would hope and pray that it wouldn't rain. I can never remember having to stay home on account of rain.

The sixteen mile trip into town was often made by horse and buggy, so it was a long day by the time we got back home on Nugget Hill.

We enjoyed the parade but thought the best part was Alec Seeley Sr. acting up in his clown suit. During the afternoon there were many races sponsored by the Pioneers, and each one who entered a race received a quarter whether they won or not. There was also a lot of free pop supplied by the Y.O.O.P. from Schinks Bottling Works.

I remember one 17th in 1924 when I was five years old we came home to Nugget Hill and found our chickens scattered around the yard dead. The dogs from a neighbor who lived 3-4 miles away had come over while we were away and killed them all. Dad was some mad.

Many years later in 1951 when I became a member of the Pioneer Lodge and the Lodge was organizing the celebrations, Madeleine and I and Hector Grant (then secretary of the Lodge) on the morning of the 17th would drive all over town delivering noise makers to all the younger children, parasols for the girls and bowler type hats for the boys. All during

the parade and afternoon these could be seen amongst the crowd of people. Also a couple of months before the celebration the Lodge members would encourage the women of Dawson to bake their favourite cakes and pies and get their fancy work ready for display at the grounds. As a result, the tables were laden with baked goods. Not to be outdone was the garden produce. There was barely enough room to hold it all.

## Thank you

To all the local people for their support and patronage at the store.

To all the ladies who brought me bags.

To Romy for her advice and time.

A special thank you to Lynn Bowers of Trappers Menswear. Gail Dunn

## 1989-1990 Student Financial Assistance Funding Levels Released

WHITEHORSE - More than \$2.6 million was allocated by the Student Financial Assistance unit of the Advanced Education Branch during the fiscal 1989-90, according to figures released today by the Department of Education.

Post-secondary grants totalling \$922,100 were provided to 365 Yukon students attending institutions outside the territory, covering a significant portion of their tuition, accommodation and travelling costs. Post-secondary allowances totalling \$940,400 were made to 396 students, enabling them to pursue studies at Yukon College.

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Schools open	Sept. 4
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Schools reopen (1991)	Jan. 7
Last day before Spring Break	Mar. 15
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Schools close	June 25

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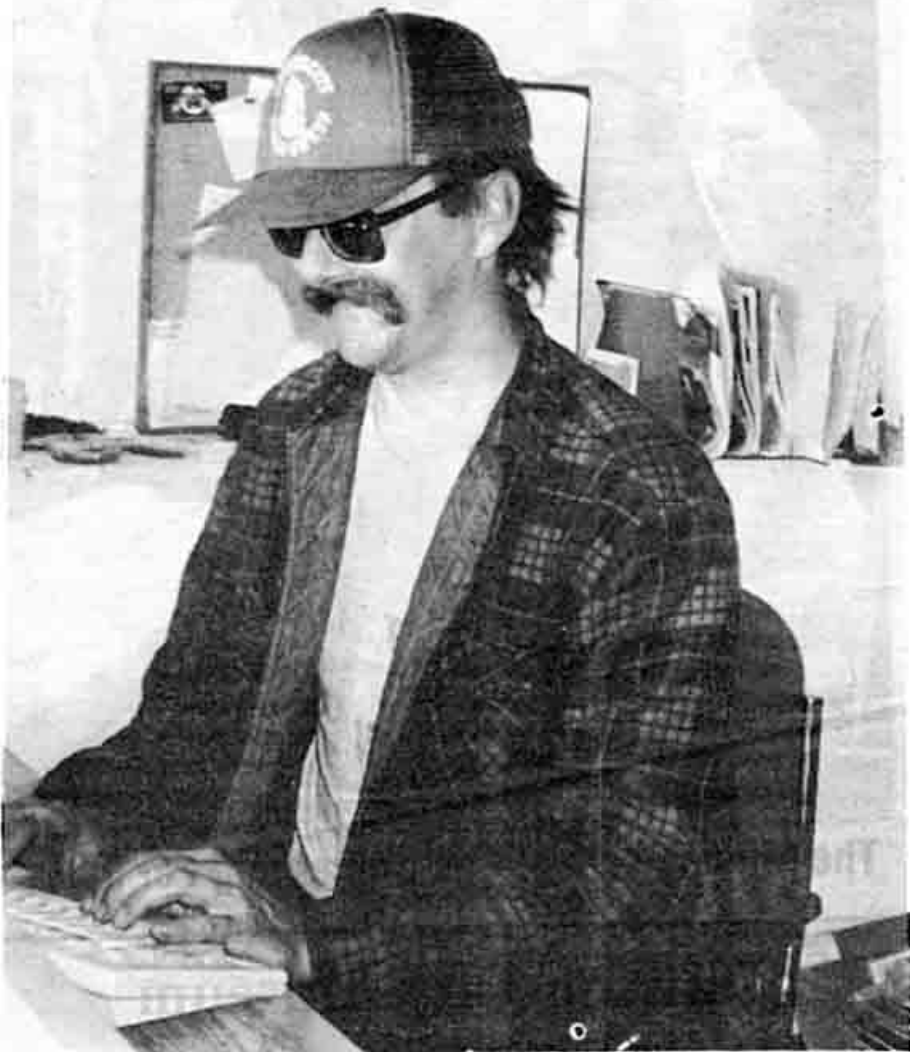


Photo by Sue Ward

### "Redneck Ray" Fuegard

by Dan Davidson

Ray Fuegard enjoys his work. "Redneck Ray", as he is known to his listeners at CFYT-fm or DCTV in Dawson City, is the 1/2 time station manager of Dawson's electronic media. CFYT has been in operation for the last 10 years, but the television side of the station began officially in early January of this year. So far it is mostly a rolling ad and community notices channel, with occasional broadcasts of edited videotapes from community events. Running the whole shebang is Ray's job, and he's happy with it.

"I like being a famous personality," he says and then laughs. "No, that's not the best part, but it's nice to get lots of recognition from people around town because I'm the station manager. I keep the place running and they know how much overtime I've put in over the years."

It's been quite a few years, actually. Ray started out as a volunteer deejay back in

the summer of 1983, learned the ropes of studio work, and graduated eventually to being the regular operator during the winter. For a few years the station managed to tap Challenge employment programs to pay for students to do the work in the summer, but Ray was usually around the rest of the year.

When the station decided to expand to television the committee decided to go for a part-time permanent employee, reasoning that there would be a lot more regular daily work involved than volunteers would be able to handle. When the move was completed a year later that proved to be correct. Ray spends quite a bit of his official 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. shift sitting in front of the Commodore 2000 that creates the ads on channel 11. People either drop in or telephone to make changes. With one disk drive and no hard drive capability, the job of transferring their requests to the video display is time consuming. Ray longs for a hard disk.

"It would sure make my life simpler," he sighs.

When he's not running the computer, Ray is in charge of other aspects of the three room log building on 5th Avenue. There is a live broadcast studio where deejays come in to serve their shifts. Ray has trained most of them, though two did arrive this year with university radio experience. Most of the 13 deejay's are summer people. "Cheechako" (they all have code names) comes in at noon 3 times a week. Four of them do afternoon shifts, from 2-4 p.m.; seven fill 9-11 slots at night and one comes in for a late show from 11-12:30.

"People ask why we don't have deejays 24 hours a day," Ray says. "You'd have to pay 'em to do those hours. We're just volunteers here."

The station does run a 24 hour day, though. Tapes and compact discs fill up the hours. A programmable multi-tape machine capable of handling ten 90 minute tapes fills up the gaps in the daytime and a CD player with 12 discs serves after 11 o'clock most evenings. The music can be heard on the radio at 107 or as audio background on channel 11 television.

The second fully equipped studio is

used mainly for preparing tapes. The television operation runs out of the front office.

What's the hardest part of the job?

"Keeping everybody happy," Ray says without hesitation, "whether it's advertisers or listeners. I'm always the one who gets the comments. That's the thing about being the station manager. Hey, why don't ya play more country? Why're playin' that headbanger music? I get it at the gas station, in the bar, in restaurants."

"DCTV" isn't the official name for channel 11, but the association would like it to be. Ray says the papers are in the pipeline, and if they don't get it, if for some reason they have to use a different call sign, they'll probably still call it that unofficially.

While the television station is available only in town, CFYT-fm reaches out to Bear Creek, Rock Creek and part of Henderson's Corner. The one watt transmitter at Rock Creek is going to be boosted sometime later this year. Likewise, the in-town antennas beside the station are going to be raised on their tower to improve the signal in Dawson City, which gets a little fuzzy along the hillside.

### YUKON STUDENTS GET ACCESS TO DISTANCE EDUCATION

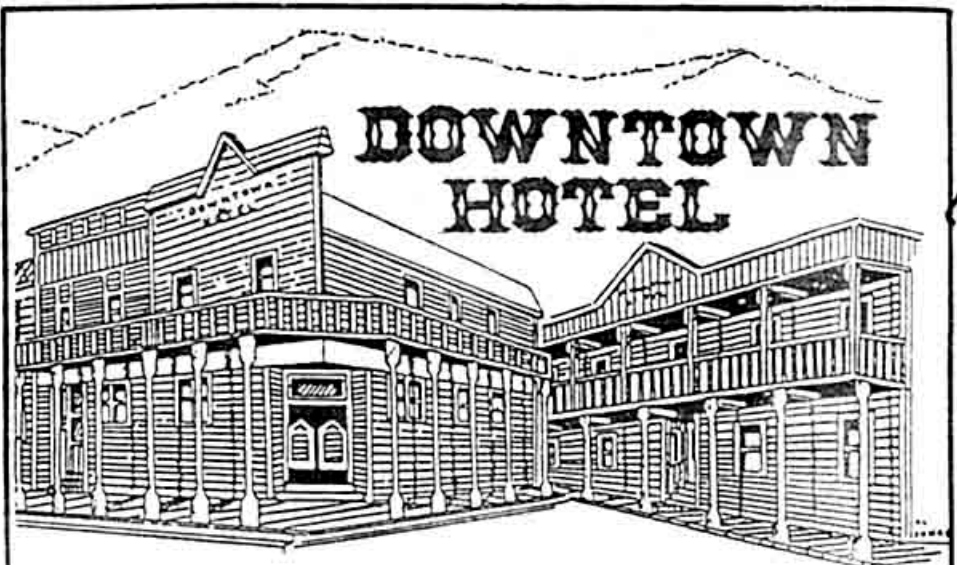
WHITEHORSE -- Access to college courses will be easier and cheaper for students in the Yukon Territory, thanks to an equipment-loan agreement between Yukon College and the Department of Communications.

Under the agreement, the Department of Communications will furnish the recently built college studio with specialized video equipment to teach

students the techniques of video production. The videos will deal with administration and management studies, arts and science, applied arts and trades.

Students will view the educational videos in a community campus while connected via teleconference link-up to the teacher in Whitehorse. Students can then ask questions and receive immediate feedback.

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## INSIDE / OUTSIDE

Visiting with his son, **Richard McMaster**, is **Ron McMaster** from Lumby, B.C. This is Ron's second summer visit; if he keeps this up we will be calling him one of our summer residents. Richard also has his daughter **Melanie** visiting. Melanie is now all of 9 years of age.

**Keith McMaster** is at flying school in Penticton, B.C. He is doing very well although the money isn't lasting.

Two **Laurensens** up from Ponoka, Alberta are **Jim** (14) and **Phillip** (12) who are visiting with their Dad, **Dave Laurensen**, and **Sarah**. Dad needed some extra hands out at the mine and has a couple of willing ones there.

Back for a couple of weeks visiting is **Walter Denholm**, one time Customs officer here, but now enjoying retirement. He looked hard and still found people he knew more than 20 years ago.

Back again for the summer is school teacher **Stella Weinert** and children from Salt Spring Island. They are helping Dad **Chris** at the goldmine. Well all that mining work will give the brain a rest, **Stella**.

It does pay to send a letter to the Editor! **Merrill Scott's** letter was published in the *Klondike Sun*, April 12th, 1990. Merrill was born in Dawson in 1917 of pioneering parents. In his letter, he wondered if there were residents who might recall his family as he planned to fly to Dawson on July 20th. According to **Margie Fry** who responded to his request, he enjoyed lunch with **Willie DeWolfe** and **Les Butterworth** before flying back to join his wife in Whitehorse. The **Scotts** now live in Yakima, Washington.

**Wendy Gaw** of Northern Ireland, cousin of **Irwin Gaw** was up visiting and had a "Brilliant Time", especially during the Music Festival.

**GET WELL WISHES** go out to "Pa" **Telep**. Pa was taken ill at Gerties and medivac-ed to Whitehorse for attention.

**Pauline Scott** and son **Emerson** pulled out all the stops this past month, when Pauline's Mom, **Connie Scott**, from Maple Ridge, B.C. paid them a visit. Of course, Pauline is convinced that she had a hand in all that warm weather!! Then there was a trip into Denali Park and Fairbanks, and to Eagle Alaska . . . and as if Grandma hadn't really completed a "memorable month" . . . Emerson decided to help out and managed to get chicken pox in the middle of the visit. We KNOW you enjoyed Dawson, **Connie** . . . hopefully, we will see you back again soon!

**John Gates** from Calgary, paid a visit in late July, in time for Granddaughter **Megan Gates's** 3rd birthday. He also managed to enjoy a two-day trip on the Dempster with son **Michael** . . . no fish though . . . and a busy day exploring the Klondike Goldfields. John has been visiting the Yukon for many years but indicated that many things had changed, although some of the faces were still familiar!

Being a camp cook for a forestry crew 75 miles out of town is an experience in itself - but having to defend the camp from marauding wildlife was not part of **Richard Belcourt's** resume until this summer. Formerly a Downtown Hotel employee, Richard and other unarmed crew members tried a new tactic to scare unwelcome Bears away - by chasing them with chainsaws and axes!

At the recent "Fresh Air" Craft Show held in the Whitehorse Public Library there were two exhibits from Dawson artists. **Hank Barendse** had entered two pieces of his wrought iron work. **Ursula Kurth's** was a large framed piece of paper quilling suggesting gently falling snow. Lovely pieces from both people.



## Stork Report

**Bonnie, Ralph and Monica Nordling** are delighted to announce the arrival of a son and brother on July 27th at 3:15 A.M. in Whitehorse General Hospital. **Ralph** and Grandfather **Jack Duffee** attended as Labour Support. Weighing 7 lb. 14 oz., the fair-haired addition to the Nordling home is temporarily known as **Axel** - with his new name in transit - somewhere on the Klondike Highway!

Congratulations to **Debbie and Pete Greenlaw** on the birth of their first child, a boy, in Whitehorse on July 5, 1990. **Graydon James Greenlaw** weighed in at 7 lbs. 15 ozs. All doing well - a new recruit for the R.C.M.P.?

Congratulations to **Val and Allan Anderson** on the birth of a daughter, **Mindy Lynn** at Whitehorse General Hospital. **Mindy** was born on July 14th and was a healthy 7 lbs. 4 ozs.



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## Bar maids race:

by Dawne Mitchell

The recent third annual barmaids' race was a challenge to all summer workers employed by local drinking establishments. This year, for the first time, a mixed team of men and women barmaids entered. They represented the Triple J Hotel.

Four teams, comprised of four contestants each, took part. At the first table, they had to serve a customer, put the payment on a Visa card behind the bar and pick up the empty bottles on the table.

At tables two, three, four and five, they had to deliver designated drinks and pick up any empty glasses.

Some great balancing acts occurred as contestants tried to follow the course through a crowded room carrying the small, round trays filled with drink

glasses and empty beer bottles.

Penalties of 10 seconds each were added to a contestant's time if they spilled a drink, put a wrong drink on a table or forgot to pick up an empty.

Table six was a tough one. There the contestants had to deliver coffee to a judge, impersonating a drunken patron. True to a real-life situation, the contestants (both the men and women) had a tough time staying out of reach of his amorous clutches.

A team from the Midnight Sun Hotel won. It took only 7 minutes and 55 seconds to navigate the course. The Diamond Tooth Gerties' team scored a first prize for their sexy harem costumes.

Each winner got \$50 and new respect from hotel patrons.

"How do they do that?" said one onlooker. "I don't even know how to hold the tray."



Diamond Tooth Gertie's Team

Photo by Dawne Mitchell

## KLONDIKE PLACER MINERS

### ASSOCIATION 11th

### ANNUAL STEAK DINNER AND DANCE (1990)

**THANK YOU:** The Klondike Placer Miners Assoc. (K.P.M.A.) would like to thank the following people and businesses who give so generously of their time or made donations of goods and equipment. With your help the 11th Annual Steak Dinner and Dance of July 27, 1990 was a huge success.

The City of Dawson - Mgr., Rec. Director & Crews

Alex Seely - Keenocks Placer Mines

Johnson-Matthey Gold Refiners

Dawson General Store

Farmers Market

Eldorado Hotel

Downtown Hotel

Triple J. Hotel

Allan Fry, Mary Seely

Linda and Peter Seely-Wojtowicz

Gordon & Brenda Caley

Jane Olynik

Yukon Jacks Band-Clint Carpenter

Also all additional Musical Entertainment

To all persons who sold tickets, set up, clean up crews, my family & crew.

Our thanks to Ruth Ann Risby & daughter who stamped hands and gave out plates. To bartender Brandi Maude and all her volunteers. To Monna Sprokkreeff for looking after coffee. A very big thanks to Lyn MacKenzie, Marg Van Dusen (Dawson General Store) and all her ladies that did the baked potatoes. The sweet table was again a prize winner of wonderful goodies brought by all the ladies. Our steaks were supplied by the Dawson General Store and were very well looked after by Don Cox, Charlie Friday, volunteers from Finning, Teck mining, Sailer's, M. Crockett. Thanks to everyone on the B.B.Q., it was enjoyed by all.

To all the men that were willing volunteers when I needed them for Security, and the Dawson Curling Club. Everyone please remember that without the Security this event cannot take place. To Frontier Freight and the Dawson General Store for the ice machine and the ice. The City of Dawson for setting up the picnic tables and helping in every way.

My very special thanks to Alex & Mary Seely, and Johnson-Matthey Refiners for their time and labour, and the tablecloths from Johnson-Matthey.

If I missed anyone please accept my apologies.

**SPECIAL THANKS** goes to the following who donated such wonderful door prizes, these make our evening events very special. Thanks so much.

K.P.M.A. - Frank Taylor, Pres.

Johnson-Matthey - Ray Gaudet

Keenocks Placer Mines - Alex Seely

Trans-North - Al Kapty

Eldorado Hotel - Peter Jenkins

Esso Sales Agent - Gerald Mitchell

Beaver Lumber - Lou Doucet - Don Crouthers

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- M. Taylor, Don Frizzell, Janet Lyons

Van Every Inc. - John Van Every

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MacKenzie Petroleum - Earl MacKenzie

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce - Axel Speer - Ivan Dechkoff

Degussa Refiners - Dave Davidson

Downtown Hotel - Bob Laking

Ravens Nook & The Loft - Lenora Jenkins

Golden Scissors - Mark Seely

Murdoch's Gem Shop - Mike Scott

Finning Tractor & Equipment - Kelly Scott

Gas Shack - Peter Horsnell

Northern Metallic - Don Cox, Peter Dunbar

Acklands-Westward Tools - Marita Power Tools

Midnight Sun Hotel - N. & H. Wing

Kal Tire-Watson Lake - Ron Galbraith

Tesoro Canada - Colin Mayes

Wild & Woolly - Romi Jansen

Our Mr. & Mrs. Miner for 1990 was Mr. and Mrs. Lowell & Lyn Bleiler from Mayo Mining District. We all extend our congratulations.

**THANKS AGAIN EVERYONE**

Arthur and Noreen Sailer 1990

## Dawson Daycare Barbecue

The annual Dawson Daycare salmon barbecue, held July 21 and 22 at the Music Festival, was once again a big success. Thanks go out to the many people who help make this event possible.

In particular, we wish to make special mention and send a special thank-you to the fishermen who have donated massive quantities of salmon over many years, and this year donated the entire 539 pounds served at the festival!

A special thank-you to Cor Guimond, Sebastian Jones, Andrée Gaulin, Yves Gervais, Marcia Jordan, Tim Gerberding, Gerry Couture, Sylvain Florant, Mel Besharah, James Bouton, Jim Gattie and Merco Kennedy for their continued generosity.

Also, thanks to Grant Dowdell for a large produce donation; to Don Tutin and the Han Fisheries; and to Paul Derry for cutting the salmon steaks.

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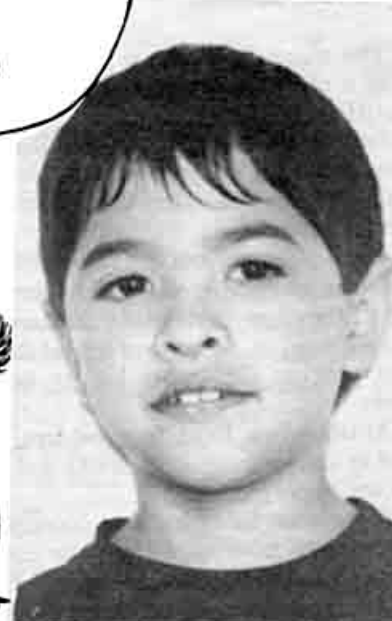


Amanda Taylor



Happy Birthday Willie!

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Natalie



Willie Wing



Jenny Reeves  
(July Birthday)



Chelsea Hartwick

Happy August Birthdays!



Nicholas Ball

Amy Ball

Happy Birthday from Nana, Mama, Carmen, Irwin & Marvin

## Our Pet Squirrel and How We Raised Him

by Charissa Reeves, aged 9

My dad found "Mischief" our pet squirrel on Wednesday, May 30. He dug the nest up in the garden. Mischief's eyes weren't open but he had fur. We left him to see if his mother would come but she didn't. The next morning my mom fed him rice water until she knew what to feed him. Later my mom found a book on wild orphan babies. It told us to mix an egg yolk into formula and feed him with an eye dropper. When my dad found Mischief he had a broken leg but we were told to leave it alone. In about a week it healed and he could walk properly.

He opened his eyes on Sunday, June 3rd; he was about four or five weeks old by then. We started to take him into my mom's room to let him run around. A week or so later we started to take him outside to run around; by then he was eating natural foods. Some funny things he did were: crawling in people's hair, yawning, crawling into your pockets and up your shirt. Finally we let him go. He was around for three days. Each day we saw less of him and then he was gone.



Artist Kathi Romanchuk "Furbearers of Yukon" Booklet