

Christmas Concert Draws Large Crowd

by Dan Davidson

One of the challenges of a school Christmas Concert is finding a way to involve the maximum number of students without boring people to tears or having an evening which lasts almost as long as a showing of "Dr. Zhivago". Robert Service School's staff and students met that challenge this year with an adaptation of Margaret Laurence's "The Olden Days Coat", which played to a packed gymnasium on December 20.

The main cast of 13 worked their way through the tale of Sal, a disgruntled teenager who mystically time travels to scenes of her grandmother's youth on Christmas Eve. While all the players, ranging in age from grades 7 through 12, were more than adequate, Renée Brickner's Sal, who was present in every major scene, deserves special mention.

Grades K-6 were worked into the production as a series of musical numbers and pantomimes, featuring snowmen, snowflakes, rabbits, squirrels, bluejays, kids in a park and dancing trees.

Other high school students slaved for

two weeks preparing props, sets, programmes, decorations, lighting and special effects. Then there were the 23 members of the school choir (grades 4-12), which provided the musical backbone for much of the show.

In a lot of ways it was a community event as well, with local hotels contributing old sheets for costumes, the Dawson Drama Club loaning stage "risers", many parents sewing costumes, and the Fire Department helping with the "smoke and mystery" of Sal's trips through time.

The evening ended with a special presentation to retiring teacher Joyce Caley, made by school secretary Bonnie Barber, who was in her first grade three class some 30 years ago, and Greg Braga, a grade 12 student who had Joyce as a grade one teacher.

"The Olden Day's Coat" was adapted for the concert by Carol McCauley and prepared for presentation by all of the teachers and most of the students of the school.



Photo by Michael Gates

The Robert Service Choir



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"Why, it is a magic forest!" David Algottson and Enmelia Warren-McKonkey take a bough.



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Sal (Renée Brickner) and Sarah (Kelly Burns) ride to the church.

Winter Rebate Program to Help Consumers Combat Increased Electric Bills

WHITEHORSE - The Yukon Energy Corporation is introducing a temporary rebate plan to help soften the blow of increased electrical bills to Yukon residents. Tony Penikett, the Minister Responsible for the corporation announced today.

The winter rebate program has been designed to offset increases in electric bills caused by the expiry of the temporary rebate rider on December 31 and the beginning of the seven per cent federal goods and services tax.

The rebate will save consumers seven per cent a month. This will equal, on average, \$28 over the three month period. The total savings to Yukon consumers will be approximately \$200,000.

"The rebate will cushion the impact on Yukon families of the increase during the initial winter months when electrical consumption and bills are at their highest," said Penikett.

The program is being extended only to residential consumers.

The funds to operate the winter rebate program will come from an existing

trust account held by Yukon Energy Corporation on behalf of the government which is now used to provide customers with the four per cent income tax rebate on their bills. It is able to provide an extra seven per cent rebate for three months because the trust account has funds available as a result of the interest it has earned.

The minister stressed that because the funds come from excess trust account funds, the rebate program will not affect in any way YEC's normal financial operations. But he added there are only enough funds to operate the program for the three winter months when electrical bills are highest.

"In providing the rebate for the first three months of next year, we are striking a balance between providing consumers with some time to adjust to higher bills while not encouraging unnecessary energy consumption," said Penikett.

Stork Report

Congratulations to former Dawsonites Kim and Yves Racine on the birth of their first child, a daughter Amy Barbara, born on January 4th, 1991 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, weighing 8 lb. 1 oz.



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Tree Decorations

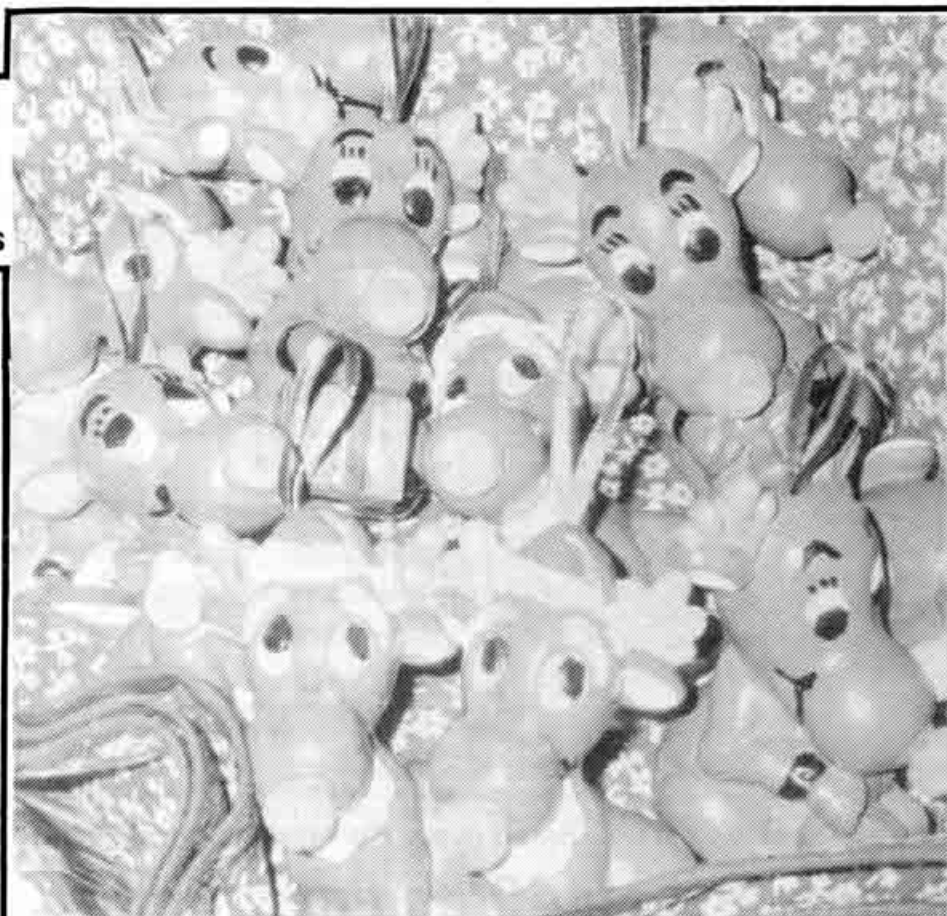


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Baby McDiarmid on Santa's knee

New Year's Eve Dance

by Peter Menzies

Over 200 people brought in the New Year with a big bash at Diamond Tooth Gertie's. Organizers were very pleased with the turnout given that the first hours of 1991 were a balmy -46.

The dance was co-sponsored by the Legion and Music Festival Society. Security was provided by the Klondike Valley Fire Fighters. A local band, "Gone Even Further North Band" kept people dancing all night.

The highlight of the evening was the food spread brought on at midnight. Under the culinary direction of Myrna Butterworth, a full course meal of salads,

ham, bar-b-q chicken and turkey filled awaiting customers. Second helpings were allowed and some were even seen taking extra food home with them!

The organizing committee would like to thank the many volunteers who willingly took on responsibility. Over 25 people helped with security, bar, food, hall set-up, music and the many things required to run a dance.

Finally, a very special "thank-you" to the Klondike Visitors Association for making the hall available for the dance. Gertie's is a great place to hold a community function and everyone who attended the dance appreciated being able to use the hall.



Photo by Michael Gates



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Part of the Christmas Concert at the school



The Clearing House

I have had a very unsatisfactory experience while having a Panasonic T.V. repaired. I received no satisfaction from either the business making the repairs or the Western Canada distributor, and I want to write directly to the head office in Japan to complain. My question is, how do I get an address for a company in another country?

Panasonic is a subsidiary of Matsushita, so that is the name of the company you want to get in touch with.

Probably the simplest way would be to phone or write to the Japanese Consulate General at 1177 West Hastings in Vancouver, phone #604-684-5868. They assure me that they have various directories there and will try to assist callers wanting addresses in Japan.

My question is, when cooking with foil, is the shiny side supposed to be on the inside or outside.

I remember the Galloping Gourmet on T.V. solemnly telling the studio audience that he was very careful to keep the dull side of the foil on the outside. Then, as the audience made a mental note of that, he continued, otherwise it reflected the studio lights. (Not the average person's problem.)

Reynolds Aluminum Company of Canada advises us that in a conventional oven it makes no difference if the shiny side is in or out as heat does not reflect. Also there is no element shining directly on the foil.

They say that if you wanted to use the foil for solar purposes you would put the dull side facing out, on a window. In this case the direct sunlight would shine onto the foil and thus retain the heat. Putting the shiny side out would achieve the exact opposite.

Thanks to Carolyn Galley of Reynolds Aluminum for her assistance on this question.

BROWNIE NEWS



by Holly Reeves, Brown Owl

On Thursday, December 6, while Moms and Dads looked on, Kyla Boivin, Shauna Kormendy, Kristen Cook, Natalie Chartier, Corey Dewald, Rhiannon Juniper, Willow Peerenboom and Leah Adams made

their promise by the magic pond and became Brownies. After the enrollment we all enjoyed juice and cookies, some of which were baked by Rhiannon who is working on her Baker Badge.

Congratulations to Heather Campbell, Nova Besharah, Sonya Whatmore, Jenny Reeves and Emmelia Warren-McKonkey who received their gold bars on December 13.

On Saturday December 15, we enjoyed the hospitality of the folks at McDonald Lodge where we sang carols and presented hand made Christmas cards to the residents.

Thanks for the wonderful welcome and the goodies. Thanks also to Kathy Gates

who loaned us her Polaroid camera and donated the film to help make our Christmas Cards more personal.

IS ANYONE OUT THERE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BROWNIE LEADER?

We have lots of Brownies this year and would love to welcome another adult into our group. Working and playing with a group of 6-9 year old girls can be a delightful and challenging way to spend some volunteer time. If you would like to become involved either on a regular or an occasional basis, please call me at 993-55425 or Val Baggaley at 993-5598 (home) or 993-5291 (museum).



Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates

Back Row L to R: Holly Reeves (Brown Owl), Jenny Reeves, Heather Campbell, Nova Besharah, Rhiannon Juniper, Priscilla Christianson, Kyla Boivin, Willow Peerenboom, Emmelia Warren-McKonkey, Val Baggaley (Tawny Owl). Front Row L to R: Natalie Chartier, Corey DeWald, Sonya Whatmore, Shauna Kormendy, Kristen Cook, Leah Adam

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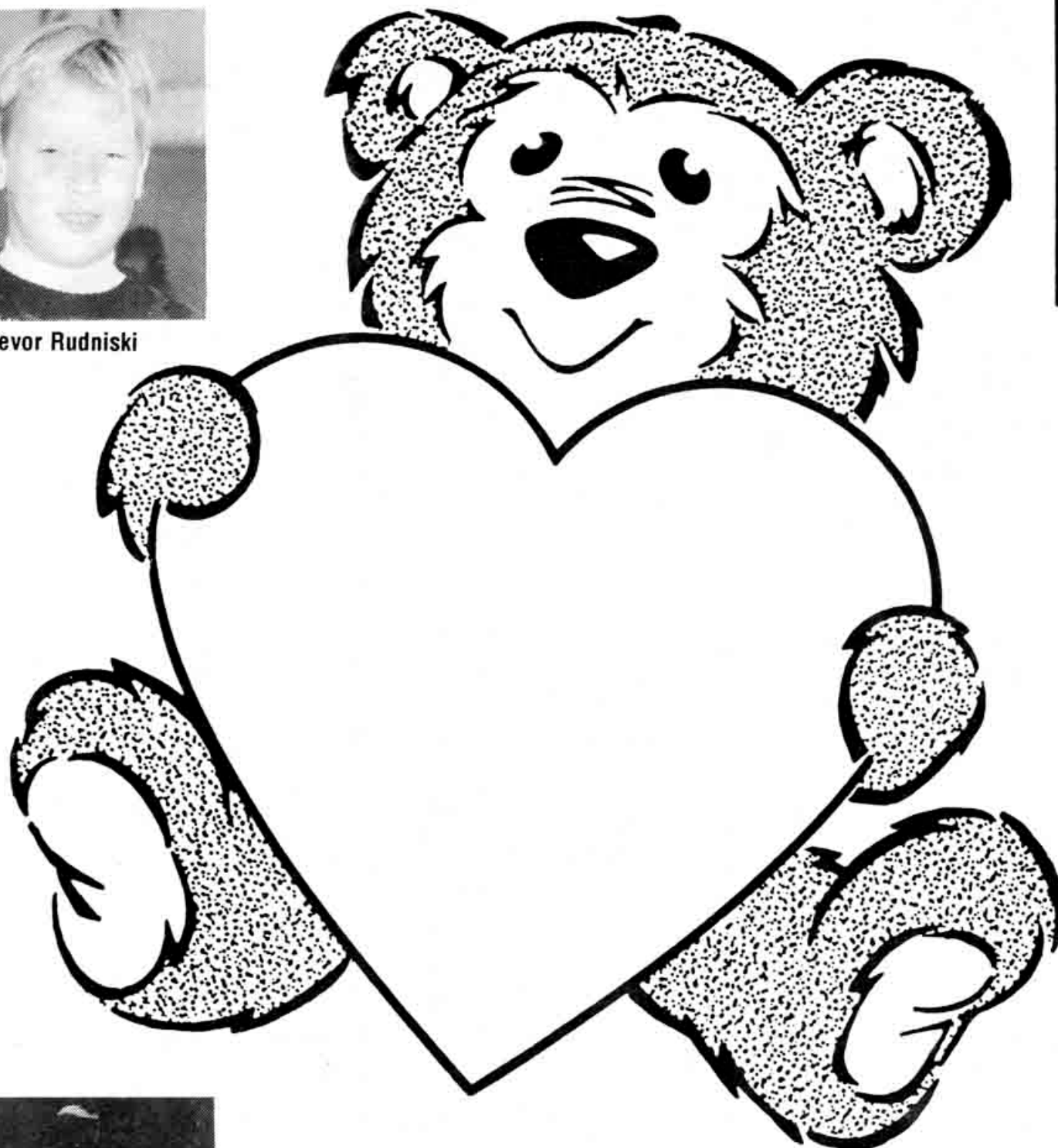


Samantha Blanchard

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by Palma Berger

We had a lovely Christmas out here. The -40 degree weather held off for us over Christmas and did not return until New Year. The Christmas lights at Bear Creek were a surprise and a delight. From the bright array at the Owens as one drove in, to the driveway of Jannice Johnson's invitingly lit on either side, to the colours on the Kormendy's house glowing through the trees, and many others made it a colorful Christmas. The one display of lights that made it really Christmassy was at Bob Sutherland's. He even had a tall spruce decorated with lights! Have not yet asked him how he got all those lights to the top.

Out here we enjoyed driving or walking up and down our two "streets" to view OUR lights at BEAR CREEK.

We are an ever growing settlement. When Kathy and Les Robbins move out here there will be 52 people here, and, counting Nikki in the compound there will be 53!

With no street lights out here we see the moonlight of our recent full moons and its wonderful effects on snow and trees.

With son in town house-sitting, it was left to yours truly to try to keep up the

raking up of the fertiliser for the garden. Into the yard I went, and began raking. The spoilt pony is happy to have company and trails close, all the time sniffing pickets for the elusive carrot or oats. His timing is way out, though. He is in fact inconsiderate of other people in the vicinity. He decided to toss his happy little head around and up and down as he came even nearer. But it was just as I was straightening up with my shovel full, we connected! And How! Old Cement Head brought his happy little head down on to my glasses. I saw stars. Glasses broke. It cost me a bruised and scratched cheek and over \$200 for new glasses.

We still have that communication and manners problem. Another time when I walked past him and failed to produce the carrot he so obviously could smell, he took my toque between his teeth and whipped it off. Manners he has not!

In the meantime we have increasing daylight now, and the sun is hitting the hills lower and lower and will soon be in the valley. Great weather for skiing enthusiasts. Now where did that trail go that led to Marnie and Les Sommerton's on Hunker? That was a worthwhile trail with a nice hot cuppa at the end.



Audrey McLaughlin

Report From the Hill

I encourage Yukoners to share your concerns on the GST by writing to me at my constituency office #210 - Lambert Street, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 1Z4 or call, toll free, Zenith 5000. Together, we can ensure our messages are received and understood in Ottawa.

Goods and Service Tax

What do you know about the GST? Not much? Well, welcome to the Canadian club.

It is unclear whether the Conservative government is implementing the most complicated and unfair tax in Canada's history or creating another attempt to national unity. Yes, Canadians are definitely unified in their confusion and anger against the infamous GST.

Revenue Minister, Otto Jelinek, says the implementation of the GST is not the bureaucratic nightmare that everyone expected. Furthermore he described the feeling of Canadians as calm. But the reality is the tax has caused so much confusion. Line-ups are getting longer in the stores, as a result of clerks having to explain how the tax works, and the GST hotline is now receiving over 15,000 calls per day. Canadians are not calm, they are in shock.

Unfortunately, experts have predicted it will take at least two years to work out the snags. Not to mention any changes which may be implemented to the tax at a later date.

Canadians are not happy and in many cases their anger is misdirected in the wrong direction. It was not the store clerks who developed the tax and it was not the businesses and organizations who implemented the tax.

Iraq

As the January 15, 1991 deadline approaches for Saddam Hussein to leave Kuwait, many Canadians have been forced to examine their inner feelings about war. A situation that most Canadians probably felt they would never be faced with.

It is a difficult situation but one thing we can be sure of is, if there is a war in the Middle East, every part of the world will be affected, including the Yukon. Firstly there will be the loss of lives -- there are Yukoners who serve in the Armed Forces too; and there will be the economic costs, to a country already deep in recession.

What is contemplated is the possibility of continuing the horrors of the chemical warfare of World War I, with the nuclear weapons of World War II in a holocaust of untold horrors.

Measuring this against isolating Saddam Hussein by economic sanctions and by authorizing the United Nations to undertake a comprehensive initiative on all Middle East problems, is surely the way to go.

No one supports the aggression of Saddam Hussein. The question is how to isolate Hussein to force withdrawal from Kuwait in the least destructive way. As we move to the 21st Century, surely we have learned that reckless retaliation is as destructive as reckless aggression.

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Information from the Consumer's Guide to the GST and Prices

Consumers' Guide to the GST

(NC)—"Knowledge is Power" said Francis Bacon. And while he may not have known about the proposed goods and services tax (GST), his words are now more appropriate than ever. By learning what will and won't be affected by GST, consumers will have the power to protect themselves against inappropriate pricing once the tax is introduced.

The key lies in getting reliable information about the GST and prices into the hands of Canadians. This is why an independent agency called the GST Consumer Information Office has been established. Its job is to inform, to let Canadians know about the effect of the GST on prices, and to represent consumers' interests during the introduction of the tax.

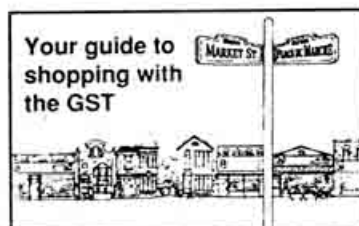
The Office is directed by a council of individuals from across the country, which in turn is headed by Nicholas Murray, former president of the Consumer's Association of Canada. It will monitor price changes as the proposed GST is implemented, provide the public with information on these changes and receive, record and resolve consumer complaints about pricing.

A list detailing how the tax change will affect certain key goods and services is available to the general public. "The Consumers' Guide to the GST and Prices" shows how prices are expected to change once the existing federal sales tax ends and the GST begins. Contrary to popular belief, not all prices will go up. Some big ticket items like cars and household appliances should go down. It is up to consumers to be aware of any potential savings.

Armed with pricing information guidelines, shoppers will be able to ask questions about why prices are set where they are. Knowledge plus shopping around for the best deal will ensure that the marketplace works effectively.

To find out how the GST will affect prices in 1991, call the GST Consumer Information Office toll free at 1-800-668-2122 for a copy of The Consumer's Guide to the GST and Prices.

(NC)—For over 60 years Canadian consumers have been paying a tax that few were aware even existed. The Federal Sales Tax (FST) has, since 1924, been charged on goods from tobacco to telecommunications, at rates anywhere from 9-19%. The federal government is proposing to stop charging the FST and start charging a more visible consumer tax, the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Most services and some goods will be taxed for the first time. This means that some prices may go up, and others, because less tax will be paid than before, may go down. So, how to tell which way they're supposed to go? An independent agency called the GST Consumer Information



Office has been set up to help consumers grapple with exactly this question.

A Key List of goods and service categories is available to help consumers make informal shopping decisions. Because it's true: well informed shoppers have an influence over pricing patterns. Refusing to buy over-priced goods and checking around for the best deals will ensure that the marketplace is competitive. The Key List outlines how prices will be affected when the old FST is replaced by the proposed GST. For example, many essential goods and services will be exempt from the GST. Basic groceries, prescription drugs and medical devices will continue to be tax free. There won't be GST charged on residential rents or the purchase of existing homes. Most health and dental charges will be exempt along with day care, and most educational and financial services. Generally, prices for big ticket manufactured goods like cars and household appliances should go down as a result of the tax change-over, while previously untaxed services like haircuts, membership fees and legal fees should go up.

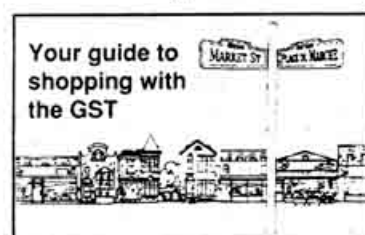
"Know the Key List. Use it as a guide before shopping."



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If you're unsure about consumer prices and the GST or if you have complaints about inappropriate pricing, call the GST Consumer Information Office toll free at 1-800-668-2122 for a copy of The Consumer's Guide to the GST and Prices.

The Key List shows how GST will affect prices on: Clothing



(NC)—A Key List of estimated price changes is now available to Canadian consumers who have questions about how prices might shift when the proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST) begins on January 1, 1991 and the old Federal Sales Tax (FST), ends on December 31, 1990.

Produced by the GST Consumer Information Office, The Key List provides estimates on how the tax change-over will affect prices on a variety of important goods and services. Items are grouped under categories such as Household Furnishings; Equipment and Services; Clothing; and Food, Drink, Tobacco. In each case examples are given of how the GST will affect prices. For instance, let's say you are interested in buying a dress. First, you look under Clothing to find Women's Dress. The price is \$110. As a result of GST replacing FST, tax on this item should rise by just under \$7.00.

| Estimated Effect of GST on Prices in 1991 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------|------|
| GOODS / SERVICES | EXAMPLE PRICE | SAVINGS FROM FST REMOVAL | AMOUNT OF GST | CHANGE | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | % |
| CLOTHING | | | | | |
| MEN'S AND BOY'S CLOTHING FULLY TAXED | | | | | +6.1 |
| Men's Business Suit | \$270.00 | \$1.57 | \$18.15 | +\$16.58 | +6.1 |
| Men's Raincoat | \$110.00 | \$0.64 | \$7.40 | +\$6.76 | +6.1 |
| Boy's Knit Shirt | \$14.00 | \$0.07 | \$0.94 | +\$0.87 | +6.2 |
| Men's Sport Socks | \$4.00 | \$0.03 | \$0.27 | +\$0.24 | +6.0 |
| Men's Jeans | \$35.00 | \$0.20 | \$2.35 | +\$2.15 | +6.1 |
| Men's Wallet | \$30.00 | \$2.21 | \$1.85 | +\$0.36 | +1.2 |
| WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING FULLY TAXED | | | | | +5.9 |
| Women's Dress | \$110.00 | \$0.56 | \$7.41 | +\$6.85 | +6.2 |
| Women's Winter Coat | \$320.00 | \$1.86 | \$21.54 | +\$19.68 | +6.2 |
| Girls' Sweater | \$20.00 | \$0.10 | \$1.35 | +\$1.25 | +6.2 |
| Women's Panty Hose | \$3.00 | \$0.02 | \$0.20 | +\$0.18 | +6.0 |
| Girls' Snowsuit | \$65.00 | \$0.38 | \$4.38 | +\$4.00 | +6.2 |
| Women's Nightgown | \$25.00 | \$0.15 | \$1.68 | +\$1.53 | +6.1 |
| FOOTWEAR AND SHOE REPAIR FULLY TAXED | | | | | +6.3 |
| Boy's Athletic Shoes | \$37.00 | \$0.18 | \$2.51 | +\$2.33 | +6.3 |
| Men's Workboots | \$85.00 | \$0.41 | \$5.77 | +\$5.36 | +6.3 |
| Women's Dress Shoes | \$64.00 | \$0.31 | \$4.34 | +\$4.03 | +6.3 |
| Replacement of Half Soles (one pair) | \$22.00 | \$0.23 | \$1.48 | +\$1.25 | +5.7 |

For the complete story on how the GST will change consumer prices, call the GST Consumer Information Office toll free at 1-800-668-2122 for a copy of The Key List, as found in The Consumer's Guide to the GST and Prices.

The Key List shows how GST will affect prices on: Household Appliances



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| GOODS / SERVICES | EXAMPLE PRICE | SAVINGS FROM FST REMOVAL | AMOUNT OF GST | CHANGE | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | % |
| HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES | | | | | |
| | | | | | -0.9 |
| Broadloom Carpet (1 sq. metre) | \$40.00 | \$2.80 | \$2.42 | -\$0.38 | -0.9 |
| FURNITURE FULLY TAXED | | | | | -1.8 |
| Dining Room Furniture (7 pieces) | \$3,200.00 | \$262.40 | \$195.84 | -\$66.56 | -2.1 |
| Mattress and Box Spring (Queen Size) | \$900.00 | \$63.99 | \$55.17 | -\$8.82 | -1.0 |
| Couch and Love Seat | \$1,115.00 | \$91.43 | \$68.24 | -\$23.19 | -2.1 |
| HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES FULLY TAXED | | | | | -1.0 |
| Refrigerator | \$1,050.00 | \$76.55 | \$64.31 | -\$12.24 | -1.2 |
| Stove | \$850.00 | \$54.40 | \$52.71 | -\$1.69 | -0.2 |
| Microwave Oven (1 cu. ft) | \$375.00 | \$29.29 | \$22.51 | -\$6.78 | -1.8 |
| Gas Barbecue (40,000 BTU) | \$225.00 | \$14.40 | \$13.95 | -\$0.45 | -0.2 |
| Electric Portable Hand Mixer | \$30.00 | \$2.34 | \$1.80 | -\$0.54 | -1.8 |
| Washing Machine | \$750.00 | \$55.20 | \$45.35 | -\$9.85 | -1.3 |
| Clothes Dryer | \$530.00 | \$39.01 | \$32.05 | -\$6.96 | -1.3 |
| Electric Dishwasher | \$700.00 | \$51.52 | \$42.33 | -\$9.19 | -1.3 |
| Electric Vacuum Cleaner | \$450.00 | \$35.15 | \$27.01 | -\$8.14 | -1.8 |
| Lawn Mower (Gasoline) | \$245.00 | \$18.03 | \$14.81 | -\$3.22 | -1.3 |

find washing machines. A typically priced unit is \$750. As a result of GST replacing FST, tax on this item should

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Inside/Outside

Belated welcome to R.C.M.P. members who arrived in July.

First Corporal John Gillen, with wife Maureen and two boys, from Pelly Crossing.

Welcome also to Constable Gerry Sutherland and wife Marie and son, who came from Watson Lake.

Good-bye to Phil Summers, popular chef of the Downtown Hotel. Phil has a job to go to in Switzerland, no less.

Good-bye to Barbara Forsyth. Barb has been Social Worker in Dawson for the past few years. She has moved to the Justice Department in Whitehorse.

Back from a Mexican holiday are Robie VanRumpt and Trevor and Pat Russell. All looking tanned with an awful healthy glow to them.

News from Dr. Mike Johnson and family now living in Dalhousie, N.B. Family Update: Shana is in her third year Biology at St. FXU. She is on the Dean's list with all sorts of honours etc. Once again she is demonstrating biology labs to the first year students and is also tutoring Chemistry and Physiology.

Susan is in Grade 13 this year. She was picked to represent her school at Encounters at the Terry Fox Center in Ottawa. She will be going to Ottawa March 17, 1991.

Amy had a great basketball season and took in a basketball camp at UNB in August. In May she was named Female Junior Athlete of the year and in June was named Student of the Year. Amy is looking forward to March break this

coming year when she will be flying to London, England on a student trip.

Matthew's main love is still hockey. This year he was picked for the Atom A team as their main goalie. He is in a 10 team league and has to travel almost every weekend.

Mike and Karyn are still helping coordinate the kids' activities and run the medical practice. Their summer was filled with trying to master the fine art of sailing. They bought a sailboat named the COSTALOT II. They entertained the local Boat Club as they learned to get the boat in and out of the Marina without hitting anything.

"Pa" Telep Doing Nicely

by Sue Ward

When young folk leave town they are missed with the hope that they will return, especially if they have become involved with the actions that make Dawson tick. When an old-timer leaves Dawson the hole in the town fabric remains.

"Pa" Telep had been spending longer winter months Outside, but last late summer he was taken ill in Gertie's where one could find him at a table every night "his kids" were on the job.

Mike Telep, Jr. was truly upbeat when he informed me that "Dad's feeling pretty good. In fact, he's walking about with family in Nanaimo, after spending Christmas with more family in Smithers, and 'WE'LL BE DRIVING HIM BACK TO DAWSON COMES THE SUMMER WEEKENDS as he no longer drives."

Good news travels quickly and far, too, with the Klondike Sun. Way to go, Pa!

Over Christmas it was as if the clock was turned back many years, when we saw Daisy Nordling and offspring Patsy, Alan, and Ralph and their families gather in Dawson.

By the way, it is official that Ralph and Bonnie Nordling are calling their son Axel Alexander Nordling.

Welcome back to Joan and Wendy Bilton. Although temporarily confined to a wheel chair, the never-to-be-daunted Joan had to view Stanley Park, even though it was snow covered. Hope you enjoy your held-over Christmas with John.

Welcome back to Grant Hartwick, who has been on tour with Bill Costin. They toured Vancouver - high schools, shopping malls etc. as well as Vancouver Island, with the show "Jingle Bugs", a show with contemporary Christmas music. The second act was the "Ballad of Johnny Yukon", a local fable of their own creation.

It promotes the Yukon and has been so successful that this is the third Christmas they have done the show.

To see her husband at Christmas, Dale Cooper had to fly south, with the children, of course. That only after she had given her contribution to Dawson's Christmas through her choreography.

Countdown to the Yukon Quest

by Kathy Jones Gates

Two Dawson based mushers will be competing in the 8th Yukon Quest International Dogsled race, when it begins on February 24th.

No stranger to the 1,000 mile (1,600 km) race, is Francois Verigas, who placed 3rd in 1990. Corwin Guimond competes for the third time. They are joined by four other Canadian entries; father and daughter mushers Ned and Jannine Cathers of Whitehorse, Daniel Bourassa of Quebec, and Pelly Crossing Musher, Frank Turner, who will enter the record books this year as being the only musher to have started all 8 races.

The 1991 start will occur in Whitehorse at 1:00 pm on Sunday, 24th February. To date 33 mushers are confirmed entered, paying the \$650.00 (U.S.) entry fee. Deadline for entries is midnight, February 15th.

The total purse has risen from \$75,000.00 U.S. to \$100,000.00 U.S. and race organisers will be paying the first twenty teams to cross the finish line. The first place purse is \$25,000.00 U.S. with the 20th place receiving \$650.00 U.S.

With the Sunday start, Michael Hislop, the Yukon Manager for this year's Quest, anticipates that the approximate arrival time to Dawson should be about 80 hours, and we should start looking for mushers by Friday or Saturday of that week.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Klondike Sun is interested in having all you photographers taking photos of the Yukon Quest in Dawson. We will be announcing a great competition in our February issue, with winning photos published in the March or April issues. Look for details in February.

Jane Vincent Strikes Gold!

by Kathy Jones Gates

A gold medal in the 30 km free technique event at the national Cross-Country Ski championships has assured Jane Vincent of Dawson a berth on the senior Canadian squad which will be competing at the World championships in Italy next month.

Despite problems with air flights in and out of both Dawson and Whitehorse resulting from the cold -45 degrees celsius temperatures, Jane finally arrived in Vancouver for the championships, held last week at the Mt. Hollyburn Winter Club.

Dawson should feel justly proud of Jane's determination and skiing capability. . . when she places in the top 3, sportscasters usually add her hometown

of Dawson City when reading out names. What price free publicity!

Jane entered 4 events, placing 6th, 2nd, 11th and 1st respectively. She placed 4th overall, with Whitehorse's Lucy Steele capturing the 2nd place overall spot. To have 2 Yukoners competing for Canada at the senior level is a great honour!

Local business people, Earl and Lynn MacKenzie of MacKenzie Petroleum, added some much needed support earlier in the week when they agreed to sponsor Jane for \$5,000.00. Lynn had heard on the radio that Jane was looking for financial support, and contacted her to offer the \$5,000.00. MacKenzie Petroleum has been a community leader with their continued support of various sporting activities and are to be applauded for this timely help.



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DAWSON CAMPUS YUKON COLLEGE

WINTER / SPRING CALENDAR

The following courses will be offered through the Dawson Campus in the winter / spring term. For more detailed information see mail fliers or call the campus at 993-5231.

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Klondike Sun Says "Thanks"



The Board of Directors of the Klondike Sun would like to extend Thanks to the following for their continued support.

THE YUKON NEWS: Another year as "long distance apprentices" under the willing and helpful direction of Stephen Robertson and his Yukon News staff is completed. The success of the newspaper would have been much more difficult without your shared expertise.

ALL OUR ADVERTISERS: Your continued support is much appreciated. Without it there would be no paper.

THE ELDORADO HOTEL: We appreciate being able to receive FAX items via your line; you will be happy to know that we finally have our own FAX machine. . .

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WRITERS: All our regular columnists. Special thanks also to regular writers Dawne Mitchell, Michael Gates and Brent Morrison. Thank you also to Romy Jansen and Sally Derry for contributing our recipe column and Kids page respectively in 1990.

CHANGES IN THE KLONDIKE SUN

Beginning with the February 1991 issue, the following changes will occur in the Klondike Sun.

Columns: Increase from 4 to 5 columns per page.

Advertising Rate: Per column-inch rate goes back to \$5.00

Billings: Billings starting January, 1991 will have 7% G.S.T. added.

Price of Newspaper: 60 cents

Subscriptions: All Canadian Subscriptions will have 7% G.S.T. added.

Personal Classified: 30 words or less FREE

Notices & Thank You's: 50 words or less FREE

FAX Number: It's new. Contact us at the office (993-6318) for FAX number.

Klondike Kids Pics: Provide either wallet-sized school picture (colored), name and birth month, OR let a Sun staffer know in good time so that a black and white photo may be taken. These are FREE.

Special Greetings: If you wish to send special greetings with your child's photo OR if you would like to surprise any family member or friend with a photo and greetings, border included, cost is \$20.00

Klondike Nuggets: Everyone loves a new baby. . . we think a photo of the baby and the vital statistics can be a treasured keepsake. . . providing Mom is up to one of us arriving to take the photo. Call the office or a Sun staffer for the photo time.

Photos of your Event: The Sun staff are all volunteers, so cannot always get out to every event. Contact us in plenty of time to see if we can be there; OR if we are unable to, we can supply the black and white film, you take pics, we will process and use pics and you get the credit. Or provide your own film. After we have used photos we will return the film to you with a contact sheet.



Valentine's Day Contest

How Romantic is Dawson?

WIN - A Romantic Valentine's Day Dinner for 2 at the Dawson Restaurant of your choice. Value \$60.00

CONTEST - Come on Dawson. . . just how romantic are you???? In 50 words or less, put your romantic thinking cap on and, using either prose or poetry, send Valentine's greetings to the special person in your life.

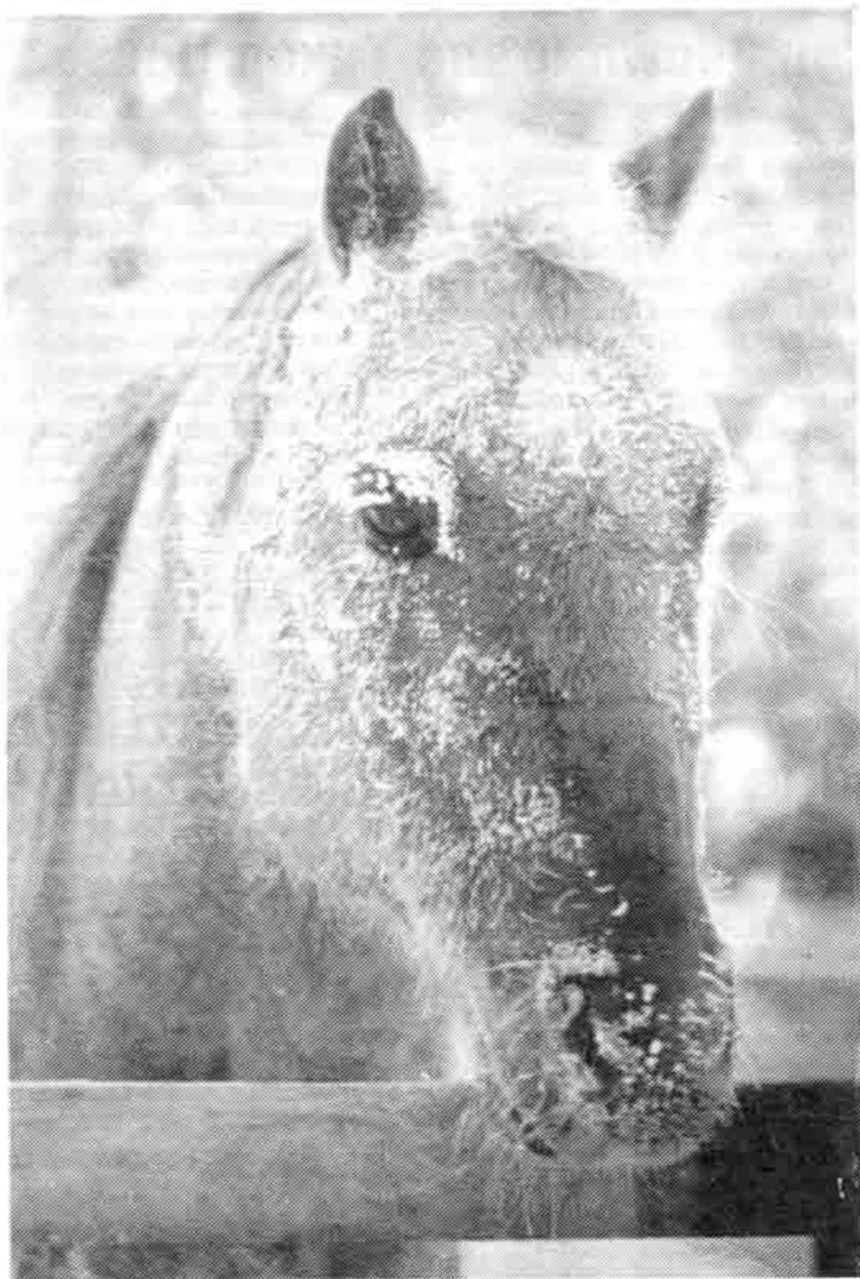
DEADLINE - February 6th, 1991. Either mail to The Klondike Sun, Bag 6040, Dawson, OR leave at Drop-Box at Maximilians by 5:30 pm, Feb. 6th.

JUDGING - A "distinguished" panel of literary judges will select the winner and notify him/her in time to plan the meal out on Feb. 14th, or another day in February if necessary.

We will not substitute cash in lieu of the dinner. If you prefer, we will only publish your initials or a fictitious name, providing the judges know whom to contact to award the prize.

A selection of entries, including the winner,

will appear in our February edition.



"Uncle Donny" was a wedding present to Skuce / Robinson. It hasn't aged, it just looks like this at -40 degrees C.

Photo by Greg Skuce

How To Find Your Place In The Sun

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

1. All submissions must be signed. If you would like to remain anonymous, we won't give you away, but we have to know who you are.
2. Please either type your submissions or write them very clearly on decent quality paper. Skip a line after each line of type. This is to help both our editors and our typists. If you can submit your material already stored on a Macintosh or Appleworks data disk that would be even better.
3. Available space might require editing.
4. Please keep articles under 350 words unless you have already discussed the piece in advance with one of our editors.
5. Please observe deadlines. We go to press on the second week of the month, so our deadline for articles is about the 1st of each month. We would like to have the ads in even sooner than that, since they often take longer to prepare.
6. Classified ads must be paid for in advance.
7. Volunteer some time. We will train you in the use of the computer and in the finer arts of layout and ad creation. We are all volunteers here, and the sooner we have more of you, the sooner we can think about coming out twice a month.

SHELTER UPDATE

by Marjie Hills



On the afternoon of December 5, the Shelter hosted its first of a ten part series of "Bradshaw on the Family" videos. John Bradshaw, well-known family therapist, theologian speaks on the "Family in Crisis," each showing is approximately one hour long and is open for all to view. Please join us Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. for an afternoon of Bradshaw.

There was a workshop in Whitehorse held at the Crossroads Treatment Center, December 11, 12, and 13. The theme was "Care for the Caregiver." The three day workshop focused on Stress in the Work Place, Learning to Care for Myself, and Dealing with Grief and Loss. Overall the workshop was well received by a large group of people which included Grace Jackson (Dawson Shelter), Barry Fargey (Secretary to the Shelter Board), and Marjie Hills (Dawson Shelter).

Thanks to Barry for picking up our Christmas tree on route home from the workshop in Whitehorse. The kids involved in our "Time Out Program" were able to decorate the tree on December 18. The entire tree was decked out with decorations that were crafted during the past six "Time Out" afternoons. (Bravo, Kids, it looked great!)

The Shelter held its Christmas Open House on December 21, it was a pleasant

afternoon of communal gathering and a feast of delectable delights.

And finally to capture the spirit of Christmas, the Shelter held a "Gingerbread House Making Party", an afternoon of fun, sticky, creative candy construction. Each child built and decorated their own house with a large assortment of candies. A big thank you to Kim Besharah, Roberta Humberstone, and Jim Toner for their helping (sticky) hands. A very special thank you to the

Mining Recorder Staff, Employee's Union in Whitehorse, and Pat Russell for Christmas donations to the Shelter.

Now that Christmas is over, relax a little, and join us Thursdays 7-9 pm at the Shelter for an evening of creative crafts. The weekly craft night starts January 10 and will be hosted by Sandra Hall and Grace Jackson. For more information please call 993-5086.

Until next month...Happy New Year to all from the Dawson Shelter.

Minister Names Yukon Child Care Board

Whitehorse -

The 10 members of the newly appointed Yukon Child Care Board were introduced in the Yukon Legislature today by Health and Human Resources Minister Tony Penikett.

"The dedication of these 10 individuals to ensuring quality child care for all Yukon children is evident when you look at their backgrounds and their willingness to sit on this new board. I expect that with their qualifications, they will ensure child care services in the territory are among the best anywhere in the country."

The new board members include Jannice Johnson from Dawson City. Jannice is a third-generation Dawsonite who has been involved with the child care profession for ten years. For the past 18 months she has worked to get the Trinke Zoo Day Care Centre running and has been its supervisor/director since January 1989. Jannice also sat on the board of Dawson's other day care centre and is a member of the Dawson School Committee. She has also taken Introduction to Early Childhood Development.

The Yukon Child Care Board replaces

the Daycare Services Board and was created with the passage of the Child Care Act last May.

"This board will have new responsibilities and a new direction that are different from the previous Daycare Services Board," said Penikett.

"It brings together representatives of child care professionals, parents, licensed child care services, family day homes, and Yukon First Nations, to give us insight from every possible point of view."

The new board will make recommendations to the minister on all child care matters including reviewing policies, programs, services development, evaluation of child care services and the development and support of these services in the Yukon.

As well, this independent board will hear appeals on decisions about child care subsidies, licensing and enforcement.

It will not be responsible for licensing child care facilities, inspections, monitoring or enforcement. Those responsibilities, previously handled by the Daycare Services Board, will now be carried out by the department.

YUKON GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASE

Capital Budget for Transportation Systems

Whitehorse - Community and Transportation Services Minister Maurice Byblow today outlined the department's 13.6 million capital budget for transportation infrastructure. The money will be used to continue upgrading the Yukon's roads and airports.

"These programs support the Yukon's economy through improvements to the transportation systems which link our communities," Byblow said. "In allocating the limited funds available, we have paid special attention to community needs, to sustaining economic development and to public safety."

The budget for the Klondike and Top of the World Highways is \$2.9 million. Of that, \$800,000 is for BST overlays on the Klondike Highway. Spot reconstruction to repair sections subject to severe breakup between Whitehorse and Fox Lake will cost \$760,000. Other projects include:

- * \$700,000 for restoration of slide areas at Flat and Tatchun Creeks.
 - * \$80,000 for installation of guide rail and other safety devices between Carmacks and Dawson City.
 - * \$60,000 for engineering work for reconstruction of the Top of the World Highway between Bruin Creek and the Alaska Border.
- A total of \$1.15 million has been allocated for the Dempster Highway.



Joe and Pam are really on to something. EnerGuide labels appear on major appliances and tell you how much electricity they use each month. The lower the EnerGuide number, the higher the efficiency. These labels can assist Joe and Pam with comparison shopping in the future.

For now, there are many Energy Wise ways for them to reduce electrical consumption and still enjoy all the conveniences modern appliances provide. Learning ways to conserve can make a real difference

because the costs of running major appliances like fridges, stoves and TV's do add up.

Protecting Our Environment

Inefficient or improper use of appliances also contributes to the drain on Yukon's limited energy supply. Developing new power sources is expensive

and it can affect our environment! Protecting the environment is in everyone's interest - that's why we must get the best use out of our present electricity supplies and ensure our appliances are Energy Wise.

If you would like to plug into Energy Wise and get more tips on how to save electricity and dollars, let us know.

Outside Whitehorse call Toll Free:

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OUR VERY OWN VET

Jim Kenyon D.V.M.

by Jim Kenyon

Cats get their shots too. Feline Distemper has nothing whatsoever to do with Canine Distemper. In cats, the real name is Feline Panleukopenia. You can see why people just call it distemper. In cats this is a virus that attacks the lining of the intestine. This leads to vomiting, diarrhoea, dehydration and may lead to massive infection as bacteria no longer have a natural barrier into the blood stream. Some cats can recover from this with aggressive treatment and those that do recover will recover fully. Unless the treatment is immediate and extensive, death will usually follow. The virus is closely related to canine parvovirus (and parvovirus of pigs too). Some people feel that canine parvo may well be a mutation of cat distemper.

There are two common respiratory diseases of cats that most veterinarians vaccinate for. Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, or FVR and Calicivirus. Both cause severe respiratory disease and they can sometimes be difficult to tell apart. Most vaccines cover both types (Calici actually has 55 strains) and together they represent about 70% of all cat respiratory problems. Will the cat get sick after this vaccine? We can only protect against the worst 70% and put up with the other 30% which is caused by



many other agents. Fortunately, this 30% is usually mild and not dangerous. Think of the common human cold and the 200+ agents that can cause it. No vaccine is perfect, but we try to cover the worst forms.

There is another vaccine against feline pneumonitis or chlamydia. Useful under some conditions, the vaccine may only last a few months and is very erratic in its behaviour. Few veterinarians recommend its routine use. There is also a vaccine for Feline Leukemia. The original leukemia vaccine was less than ideal, but newer vaccines make this a good choice for those with larger numbers of cats, breeders, etc.

I still maintain that veterinary vaccines, in general, are purer and better than most human vaccines. We expect to have a sore arm or sit at an angle after a flu shot. But god help the vet if "Poopsy" limps after her annual shots. We look away and clench our teeth when we get our shots, but if our pet reacts in any way we think the needle is dull. We restrain our kids but push the sharp end of the dog at the vet...but that's another article!



ELLA'S TRAVEL TIPS

By Ella Patay

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What's the most convenient, efficient, safe and economical way to carry money? Traveller's cheques? Bank drafts? Canadian dollars? American dollars? French francs? Yen? Credit cards?

The answer depends on your destination and on your purpose

Cash

"Pictures of the Queen" otherwise known as cash, is useful only if you want to deal in the black market! Otherwise, it is not only dangerous, it is expensive.

Why is cash expensive? Because the rates of exchange that you will get in a foreign country for Canadian cash is distinctly inferior to the amount that you will receive for an equivalent traveller's cheque in Canadian dollars. The spread is often four of five per cent with the result

that even if you have to pay the one per cent commission to buy traveller's cheques, it is still worthwhile. The reason for the spread is that foreign banks find it easier to deal in negotiable instruments, such as traveller's cheques, rather than cash. Therefore, they penalize the cash by applying a bigger spread between the buying price and the selling price. Test it. The next time you are abroad, cash a traveller's cheque for CDN \$100 and a one hundred dollar Canadian bill, and see which one will give you the most. Bank drafts are good for large transactions but cannot be cashed everywhere.

--Continued next month--

****Hot Tip**** Vancouver/Fiji RTN two weeks hotel and airfare 1439.00 PP



We Mean Business



by Gwen E. Hogarth, Manager

Happy New Year! The Dawson City Chamber of Commerce hopes that 1991 will bring happiness and prosperity to all of our members and Dawson Chamber supporters.

The Chamber has rung the New Year in with a series of G.S.T. informational seminars held at the Downtown Hotel. The two seminars, dealing with business and non-profit organizations, were extremely well received. The Chamber will ensure that we have a repeat visit from the G.S.T. seminar speaker in early spring to help our seasonal businesses set up for the G.S.T. and to review and examine any G.S.T. questions that may have come up in the interim.

Due to inclement weather our guest speaker, Sterling Young, was unable to attend our January General Membership Meeting. Mr. Young was to address the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan.

The Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan is available to any eligible Member Firm or Individual.

If you run a small business with one to fifteen people, this is the plan for you. It was designed specifically for smaller firms and offers group insurance coverage and stability of premiums, regardless of company size.

Benefits available include life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, disability income insurance, dependent life and extended health and

dental plans.

The program is kept up-to-date and suited to the needs of participants by the Chamber Insurance Corporation of Canada which is made up of representatives from each of the participating Provincial and Territorial Chambers.

Most member firms are in the small business category, from one to fifty employees and have difficulty in obtaining or maintaining group insurance plans because of too few employees or companies not being prepared to guarantee continuity of the plan from year to year.

That's why the Chambers of Commerce across Canada make available Group Insurance Plans for their Members and in particular for small Firms, even one man Firms.

This is just one of the many services that the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce provides for its' members. So, why not join the majority and become a member of the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce?

R.C.M.P. Report

Sometime during the night of 90-12-31 and 90-01-01 vandal(s) broke windows in eleven businesses and one parked vehicle all in the general area of Front Street, Dawson City. Total value of damage is estimated at approx. \$4000. One business was entered and a quantity of video tapes were taken. This vandalism was a real threat to the buildings freezing up as temperatures dropped to -47C overnight.

The R.C.M.P. would ask any persons with information to call their office.



Chamber Sponsors GST Seminars

by John Gould

On January 10th and 11th the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce sponsored a seminar on the Goods and Service Tax. The first day was for any local business that was interested in learning more about the tax. Day two was for the non-profit organizations in town. The seminar took place in the Downtown Hotel conference room.

Erick Mocek, a representative of Revenue Canada, came in from the Prince George Office. Erick Mocek was originally from Germany and had read many of Jack London's stories. So when his boss asked him if he would go to Dawson to talk about the GST he jumped at the chance.

On Thursday evening he spoke on how the GST worked. All businesses whose revenue is more than \$30,000 must register. Once registered they get a tax number and a package of information. The businesses must also remit the tax collected or the refund they might have coming, every three months, unless the business is up in the millions. Then it is every month. If there is a refund coming then the Government must send the check within 21 days or pay interest.

According to much we have heard over

the past few months, any product that was subject to the Federal Sales tax should be reduced by 13.5% before the GST is added. But that is not quite true, what happens in many cases is that only 8.1% is refunded by the Federal Government. Some businesses may reduce by that amount then add the GST, but they have other costs that have to be considered. So prices may not come down, but they may not go up by the full 7%. The Arctic Drugs store reduced prices on any item that was subject to the FST by 3% then added the GST.

The miners will not have to add the GST to any gold that is refined before it is sold. Any gold that is sold in the raw state for jewelry or whatever will have to have the tax added to the price. The GST will be charged on the shipping and refining cost of their gold.

Most non-profit organizations will not charge the tax on any of their projects, providing their revenues are less than \$30,000. Also they cannot collect any tax they may have paid on purchased supplies. They also do not have to register. Anyone who wants information, or has questions there is an 800 number that can be called; 1-800-561-6990.



By Canoe to Dawson City

by Gordon Rennie

Part 2

Visits to Fort Selkirk, and homesteads at Kirkman and Thistle Creek proved interesting. Fort Selkirk was established as the first fort in the Yukon back in 1841. It is the Yukon's equivalent to Fort St. James. It was originally a Native Tutchone community, going back over 800 years. Archaeologists have been at this site for several years now, establishing a line of history on these early aboriginal people.

There are ten buildings at Selkirk in a continuing state of restoration. The fort thrived during the gold rush days of 1898.

I have met one other Canadian on the river, a chap from Whitehorse by the name of Cliff Crain. A man in his mid-50's, he was floating Tom Sawyer style on a five-log raft, the current his only propulsion. I tied up to his raft and he told me an interesting tale. This was his fifth trip down the river and he has always done it by raft. He had set up a barrel stove, which he used on his raft, and on his shore camp each evening.

He pretty well lived off fish and small game he shot along the river bank. He was in no hurry, and time was not a concern.

He said that he simply gets fed up with things around Whitehorse, takes his Swede-saw, cuts himself the necessary logs, and floats away.

His greatest challenge, he said, was navigating the many channels of the Yukon River, avoiding getting hung up on a gravel bar.

Yesterday, I landed at Dawson City, below the confluence of the Klondike River with the Yukon. I have been nine days coming down from Johnson's Crossing, and have traversed some 780 kilometers in the canoe.

Dawson City is as exciting as ever. This morning, I took in Tommie Byrne and his recitations of Robert Service at the wee Robert Service cabin tucked in among the willow trees on 8th Avenue. This evening, I plan to take in the show at the Palace Grand Theater, followed by a bit of black-jack at Diamond Tooth Gertie's.

In the meantime, it's off to buy a grubstake at the only grocery store in town, and tomorrow morning I'll be out in that Yukon River current, heading down into Alaska and across the Arctic Circle at Fort Yukon.

Tally-ho.....!!!

To be continued ...

(Editor's Note: Gordon is a teacher from Fort St. James, B.C.)

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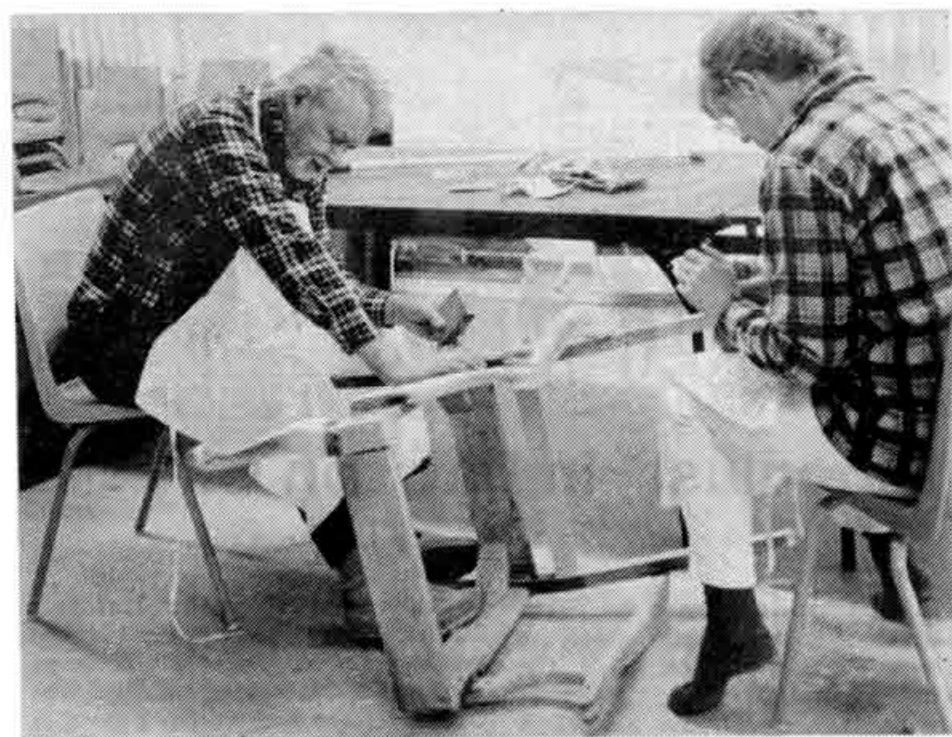
January 1991. Once it is in place, the major omnibus zoning consolidation bylaw which was argued through last year can be given final approval.

As is usual at meetings of this sort, people tended to react to the words "for discussion purposes only" stamped on a document as if they did not exist. There is clearly a fear that anything which has been written or drawn is already in final form and that the concept of "draft" is some sort of deception. Both consultant Don Drackley (IMC Consulting Group, Inc.) and Mayor Peter Jenkins were at some pains to express this over and over, but it didn't really sink in until the North End proposal took shape. The release of tension was immediate at that point in the meeting.

There were other issues at hand. Fred Berger challenged the population figures used by Drackley in references to the Dawson core. A number of over 1850 may be correct for Dawson and vicinity, Berger

conceded, but it must be acknowledged that those figures include the settlements of Bear Creek, Rock Creek and Henderson's Corner, as well as some residents in West Dawson (across the Yukon River). How, Berger wanted to know, will such a plan for the Dawson core affect these people, and what kind of consultation has been undertaken to bring them up to date?

Robert Durham, also an out of town resident seconded the idea that Klondike Valley residents outside of the city boundaries are being left out of the planning. Durham also questioned the concept of packing the downtown core to accommodate the projected 3500 population. Why not, he suggested, solve the problem in a more efficient manner by leaving the town as it is and starting a new town site up the valley, perhaps closer to the rumoured new mining developments on the Dempster Highway.



Charlie Rivers and Evelyn McDonald at work on a chair. Photo by Sue Ward

Coming of Age

by Joanne Smith

The federal and territorial government provides many programmes and services for seniors. Seniors qualify automatically for some services. **You must apply for many others.**

Health insurance- All Yukon senior citizens who have a valid Pharmacare card are eligible for benefits under the **Extended Health Care Plan**. Eligible seniors do not pay for benefits under the plan, which is funded by the Yukon government. Benefits include:

1. Medical-surgical supplies and equipment
2. Dental Care
3. Eye examinations and glasses
4. Home nursing

Housing-Pioneer Utility Grant.

Introduced in 1978, this grant assists Yukon seniors with their heating costs. These costs include wood heat, propane, oil or any form of fuel used by a senior to heat his or her home. The grant is paid once a year and the maximum amount available is \$600.00.

Application deadline is January 31, 1991 and forms are available at McDonald Lodge or the Territorial Agent.

Income Security- Pensions.

Old Age Security - This program is a federal government program. This program ensures that a senior's income will not fall below a certain limit. You do not have to be retired to receive the basic Old Age Security pension, but you **must apply. This benefit is not paid automatically.**

Guaranteed Income Supplement - Some of you may have already received a form in

the mail called "Application of Renewal of Guaranteed Income Supplement". **You must fill this out every year before March 31** or you may find yourself short a significant amount of money when your April cheque comes. You may need to wait until your T4 slip arrives if the form requires you to fill out your income for 1990. Some of you have a form that has Nil on the bottom left-hand column. You may write Nil on the right-hand side, sign it and send it off right away. Please call Joanne at the lodge if you have any questions. Every year I get a call of panic from people wondering why their cheques are so low!

Canada Pension Plan - This is a plan to which most working Canadians and their employers must contribute. The plan provides for the payment of a retirement pension, survivors' benefits, children's benefits, disability benefits and death benefits. The amount of these benefits is related to the contributor's earnings and contributions to the Plan.

There are other benefits to seniors that are outlined in the "Information Please" handbook available from the Lodge.

Community Seniors' News

January Birthday Greetings to: Tony Fritz, Frank A'Hearn, Ed Ballendine, Bill Blanchard, Bertha Gibson

Foot Clinic: January 21 from 1:00 to 4:00

Tropical Party: At last! January 30th starting at 5:00 until the tide goes out!

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"Bloodlust" in Dawson City

by Dan Davidson

That lonesome stranger in the Yukon Mudslide Bar doesn't take kindly to interruptions from the local yokels. The fight that follows their attempt at crowding him would have made Dan McGrew wince. Even the stranger is a little surprised at his reaction. He takes a walk down the ruined streets to try and figure it out.

He has metal implants in his bones, is prone to berserker rages, is the self-professed "best I am at what I do" and pops out a set of six adamantium claws whenever the going gets really serious. His name (first or last, we're not sure) is Logan; sometimes he's known as "Patch", most often known as "Wolverine". He's the biggest single drawing card in a group of mutant super heroes known as the X-Men, and he also stars monthly in his own comic book.

In December he visited Dawson City, in a square-bound, prestige edition 64 page annual called "Bloodlust" put together by British comic creators Alan Davis and Paul Neary and published by the Marvel Comics for \$5.95.

The Dawson he visited doesn't resemble anything I know (the trees are too bushy,

too close to structures that don't look familiar), but it fits with the southern stereotype of the place: lots of snow, wind and ruined-looking buildings. The creators seem to think we have a sheriff in town and they don't seem to know what the RCMP do wear in the winter, but they did manage to get the last name of one of the victims right: a fellow named Axel Dubois.

Logan often has trouble suppressing the animal side of his nature, and there are some parts of his memory that are a bit vague, so when some terrible slasher murders take place in Dawson, he is naturally concerned that it might be himself. It isn't of course. The actual outcome owes something to mysticism and something to Bigfoot, and I won't say anything else about it. As happens every so often in his career, Logan is tempted to chuck his humanity and run wild. In the end, he resists the compulsion and learns a little something in the process.

Books like this one aren't generally available in the local stores so interested readers might have to contact a comics specialty store to get a peek at the adventure.

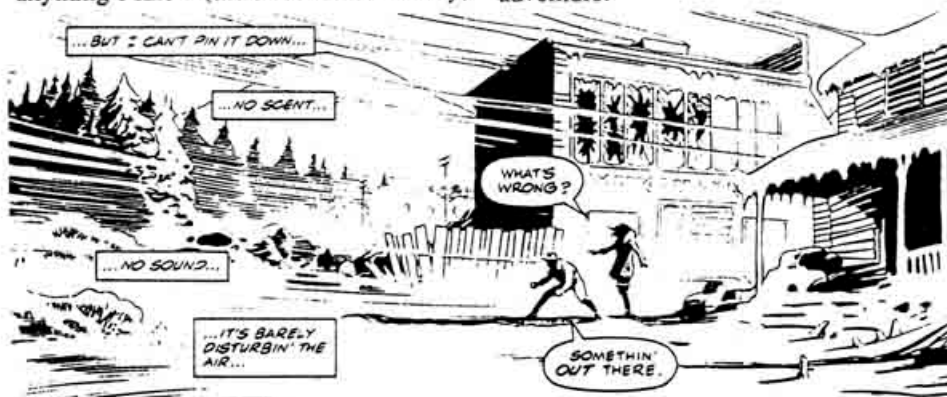
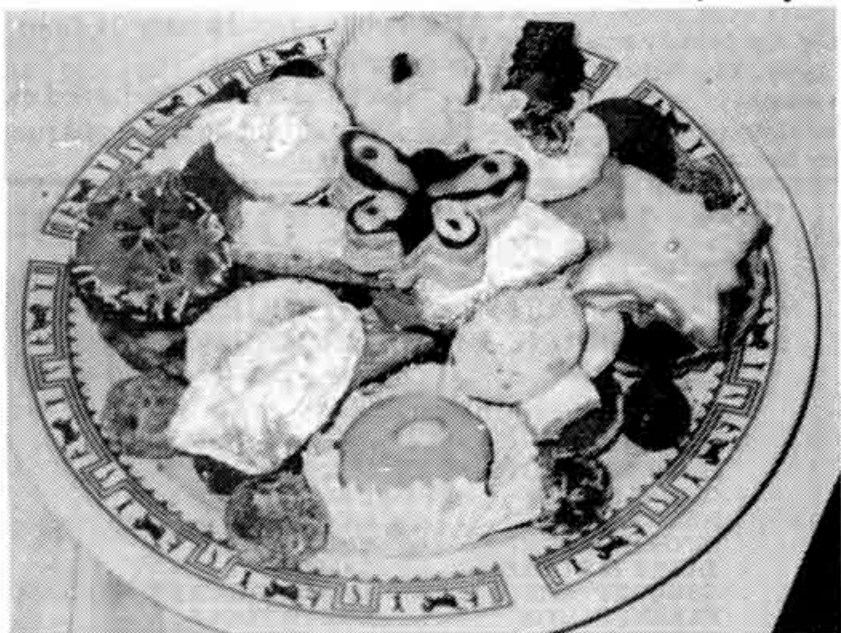


Photo by Palma Berger



After these have done you in, check out page 29 for some slimming activities.

(Czechoslovakian cookies made by Alena Hempl.)



Photo by Sue Ward

Y.T.G. Press Release

REVISIONS WIDEN SCOPE OF MEDICAL TRAVEL POLICY

Health and Human Resources Minister Tony Penikett has announced the Yukon government's revisions to its policy on travel for medical treatment.

"There are a variety of changes all designed to make it easier for Yukoners to access medical services, both outside and in the territory," Penikett said.

Changes to the policy include a discretionary compassionate travel clause which means that in the case of a critically ill infant, and with approval of the Chief Medical Officer and the Director of Health Services, transportation costs for both parents to accompany the child to an outside facility will be covered.

Other changes include travel subsidies to help defray costs of meals and accommodations for those escorting patients outside the territory and for pregnant women from rural communities who must travel to Whitehorse to await the birth of their babies. As well, subsidies will be available to outpatients receiving treatment at hospitals in the Yukon or at facilities outside the territory. Transportation subsidies will also be provided for some community health and preventive services.

"The revisions to this policy should alleviate some of the concerns raised by Yukoners over the past few months," Penikett said. "We've looked at all areas of the policy, changed what we thought needed changing and left what was already working well. We've broadened

the scope of the policy to better meet the needs of Yukon residents."

The minister added that the revisions won't address all of the issues. "The government cannot cover all costs associated with medical travel. No government in Canada can do that, the public purse isn't big enough," Penikett said. "However, we've tried to cover as broad a range of costs as possible."

The minister also said that in an effort to lower travel costs, the government has successfully negotiated a reduction in the cost of medical travel with Canadian Airlines International. Further details on the negotiations will be released within the next several weeks.

Because some of the revisions to the policy will require legislative changes, amendments to the Travel for Medical Treatment Act will be brought forward early in the fall session of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

The new policy took effect on December 1, 1990.

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The '91 hockey season is well underway, with play every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, starting at eight o'clock. Not on a team yet? Contact Duane Taylor 993-6613 and he will get you on a team. If you want to play hockey, but are not interested in joining the league, there is Recreational "Drop-in" hockey every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 8 - 9:30 pm. Drop-in fees are \$5.00 per person. The concession is always open, so why not come down to the arena, have a cup of coffee and take in a hockey game.

The last word we have has the Annual Old Timers Hockey Tournament slated for the Mar. 1st. weekend. There will be lots happening that weekend, with the Yukon Quest going through and the Curling Club hosting the 92nd International Curling Bonspiel. Be sure to mark this weekend on your calendar.



ARENA SCHEDULE

Please note the addition of a Saturday evening public skate. Due to repeated requests, the Bonanza Centre Skating Rink will be open Saturday evenings for public skating from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. See you there.

If you don't play hockey and you want to try something a little more exciting than just skating, why not try playing broomball. You do not need any equipment, brooms are provided with your admission fee. Get some friends together and come down to the arena. Check the Arena schedule for the times and details!



Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates

Dawson curling is in full swing

PROGRAMME REGISTRATION

We're all set to start a new season of activities. Except for a couple of programmes, there is still lots of room in all programmes. If you haven't yet got your hands on a Programme Guide, there are some still available at the General Store and at the Town Offices. You can still register for the programme of your choice at the Town Offices. Please hurry, we will not be able to run some programmes unless we receive a few more registrants.



SPEAKING OF CURLING...

The Dawson Curling Club have several 'spiels' coming up over the next few weeks. The weekend of Feb. 1-3, will see the rocks flying at annual Commercial Spiel. Following on the heels of this popular curling event, is the Heart to Heart Family Fun spiel on Sunday, Feb. 17. For information on these spiels and other Curling Club activities and events, contact Paul Derry at 993-5036.

SNOWSHOES

The Recreation Department has lots of snowshoes for rent. Don't let the three feet of snow in the bush stop you and your family from enjoying a quiet afternoon in the woods. Rental fees are \$8.00 + .56 GST full day or \$5.00 + .35 GST for half a day. A family rate of \$15.00 + \$1.05 GST full day or \$12.00 + .84 GST for half day is also available. You need to leave us a piece of identification and there is a replacement and or damage fee of \$40.00. Contact Lawrie Stewart at 993-5434 for more information.

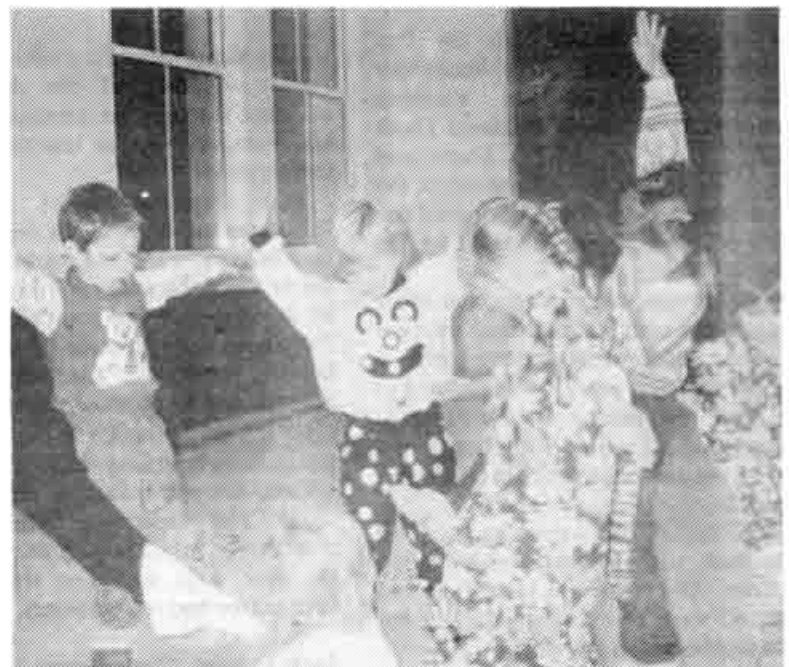
A WORD ABOUT PRICING

With the New Year comes the GST. According to the government, fees for recreation services and programmes are considered as revenues, and as such, we are required to add the 7% GST to these services. The only exceptions are for programmes where the majority (50%) of participants are 14 years of age and younger or for programmes specifically designed for special populations.

Please be assured that we are trying very hard to provide you services at the lowest costs possible.

LASTLY...

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, about any of the programmes offered or facility schedules, please let the Recreation Department in on them. If you have a special event or a list of upcoming activities, let us know and we can help your organization with the advertising and promotion.



Kinder-dance classes - every Wednesday morning

Photo by Madeleine Gould

Dawson Ski Club News

by Lorie Sprockreeff

Not much is new with the slopes, only that the cold weather has been holding us back. But we can only go forward as time, weather and help permits. Please don't give up on us as we are really trying. Remember if you have any free time to volunteer please contact us. No open date for the hill has been set yet but we're hoping to for the end of February or beginning of March depending on our financial situation.

A certified ski instructor from Watson Lake is to be here at this time to teach lessons and to show us how to run a ski school plus other things. We are getting her at no cost to us except to feed and billet her. We are members of the Yukon Alpine Ski Association and this entitles

us to some of her teachings to us.

If you haven't already purchased your lucky ticket for our raffle, please hurry so you don't miss out. It's for a 1991 Tundra LT snow machine (retail value \$4295). The tickets are \$50 each and only 200 tickets are printed. The snow machine can be viewed by calling 993-5125. Tickets are for sale at Rumours Video or from any Ski Club member. As I write this the Ski Club's recent purchase of a groomer is on it's way up here. The groomer is much larger than our present one with added features, plus in good running order. The total cost was \$21,000. 75% of the cost will be covered by a recent grant from Lotteries Yukon. The remaining has to be raised by the ski club. So please support us in our fund raising.

See you on the slopes! (This year I hope).



Photo by Sue Ward

A typical January scene - when it warms up in Dawson you have to shovel the roof!

A Vote of Thanks

All those involved with the Fur Industry in the Dawson Area would like to thank the Klondike Visitors Association for the use of Diamond Tooth Gerties for our recent Fur Show and Display. We would also like to thank the Dawson Indian Band for the proposed use of their hall which was thwarted by the fire.

Despite severe temperatures, the show was a success with 20 individual trappers placing furs in the different categories, a few more than last year. It was planned to have furs from across the Territory -- Watson Lake, Teslin, Whitehorse and Mayo -- but the cold weather made this impossible.

Sable (marten) were very well represented, with 19 entrants, including two from Old Crow. Lynx, fox and wolverine were of excellent quality but less in numbers than the sable.

Judging was well handled by Ivan Burian, Fred Berger and Neal Wortley,

and we thank them for coming to our aid. Public viewing of the display was constant through the afternoon, but was also hampered by the less than desirable temperatures.

The Department of Renewable Resources had a display of the most up-to-date humane traps and equipment, which are to a major extent currently being used by the Trappers. The main function of the Fur Show is to promote better and more humane methods of carrying out the fur harvest, and to produce the best possible grade of pelt, whether it be destined for use in Paris or in Dawson City.

Last, but not least, we would like to thank the ladies of the trapping community, who, as they do 365 days of the year, kept everyone well supplied with coffee and refreshments.

Jack Fraser, Chairperson for Dawson Local of Yukon Trappers Association

Remembrance Day 1990

"Lest We Forget"

by Kelly DeWald

Poppy Chairman, Royal Canadian Legion, Br. #1

On the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, approximately 60 people turned out in the -42 degree C weather to attend Dawson City's first "planned" indoor Remembrance Day Service, held in the Robert Service School gymnasium. Many other ceremonies have ended up indoors, but this year we gave in to the weather in advance.

At 10:45 a.m. the Colour party marched in, led by Parade Marshall Kelly Dewald of the Royal Canadian Legion, followed in order by flag bearers Chuck MacKenzie and Bud Pierson, 2 members of the R.C.M.P., members of the Royal Canadian Legion, and 896 Pioneer Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

The flags, with R.C.M.P. guard, were posted, followed by the posting of the cenotaph guard from 896 Pioneer Squadron. The service then commenced, led by master of ceremonies Jim Reilly, President, Royal Canadian Legion. The Robert Service School choir led in the singing of "O Canada". Bill Jackson played "The Last Post" on the pipes, followed by the "Act of Remembrance" (a silence) and as prayer offered by the Rev. Andrew Wilson.

The laying of 14 wreaths, in protocol order, took place while Bill Jackson played "Amazing Grace" and the choir delivered a musical setting of the poem "In Flanders Fields".

There was a brief but meaningful address by Jim Reilly, followed by a blessing and benediction pronounced by Rev. Wilson. The service ended with the choir leading in the singing of "God Save the Queen".

Following the service the wreaths were transported to the cenotaph outside Father Judge Memorial Hospital, and many of those at the ceremony retired to the Macdonald Lodge, where director Joanne Smith and her staff led a social gathering. The choir, led and directed by Betty Davidson, provided a selection of sing-a-longs and hymns.

The Royal Canadian Legion would like to thank all the participants and the public for attending the service in spite of the cold weather. Also thank you to school Principal Carol McCauley for the use of the gymnasium and to Klondike National Historic Sites for the cenotaph.

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DAWSON CURLING CLUB



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OBITUARY

Jonathon Scott Hunston, beloved husband of Cindy Hunston of Calgary, Alberta, passed away at his home on October 4, 1990, at the age of 37 years. Scott is survived by his mother, Viola Campbell of Dawson City, his two brothers Jeffrey Hunston of Whitehorse and Fletcher Hunston of Dawson City, Yukon.

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