

## First Yukon Arts Centre Corporation Board Approved

WHITEHORSE - Education Minister Piers McDonald announced on February 15th, the appointment of the 12 Yukon residents who will form the first board of the Yukon Arts Centre Corporation.

"I am confident that the Yukon Arts Centre, and the arts in the Yukon, will prosper under the guidance of these people," McDonald said.

"The interests of the visual and performing arts, and especially the interests of Yukon audiences are ably represented by these people, who are charged with encouraging and assisting the development of the fine arts in the territory" he said.



Photo by Michael Gates

As outlined in the Arts Centre Act, the board is responsible for arranging, sponsoring and conducting presentations of the fine arts at the Yukon Arts Centre and at other places in the Yukon, in conjunction with presentations at the centre.

The board members were selected to ensure fair representation of women, First Nations people and rural Yukoners, in keeping with government policy. Arts, community and business groups were all approached for nominations.

From Dawson City is Karen Dubois whose strong support for the arts includes being a founding member of the Dawson City Music Festival and Farrago, a co-founder of the Dawson City summer art school, and a potter and fabric artist in her own right.

Terms of appointment are for one, two or three years to ensure continuity on the Yukon Arts Centre Corporation board. The corporation will be independent of the Yukon government and must submit an annual report and audited statements to the legislature each year.

## Golden Mountain Discovers Canada

by Dan Davidson

With the Spicer Commission roaming the communities and the government's own constitutional road show about to roll, it seems appropriate that Su-Chong Lim should be visiting three Yukon towns this month. This Singapore-born Calgarian of Chinese ancestry has already figured out what Canada is all about, and his show "Golden Mountain or Su-Chong Lim Discovers Canada" really ought to be submitted as a brief to the Citizen's Forum.

"Golden Mountain" is what immigrant Chinese called Canada among themselves. Representative of a land of golden opportunity, it seems as good a name as any. Su-Chong and his two piece band take the audience on a musical tour of some Canadian cultures, set within the framework of a Chinese traveller's letters home to his mother.

The Chinese, says Su-Chong, are a particularly arrogant people. Who else would dare to move 3,000 miles away from the homeland and refer to the local area with a diminutive word that marks it as a Chinese province? Or is that so odd after all? In a show which professes to "show no reverence to anything" one cannot be quite sure.

Su-Chong explains that he tries his best to fit in. After the harrowing van drive ("three days of sheer horror") from Whitehorse to Dawson "my knuckles were starting to turn white, at least."

He stands dressed in the red-trimmed black silk of a travelling philosopher/minstrel, ready to tease, cajole or obliquely insult his audience into agreeing with him. His appearance is in sharp contrast to his music, which manages to sound very western and contemporary - elements of Lightfoot, Jim Croce and Bruce Cockburn are detectable in the mix - whether he is playing his guitar or his pipa. This, he explains, is an ancient Chinese instrument, true in every detail to its origins, right down to its clever antique microphone pick-up.

His musical repertoire ranges from the country sounds of "Basic Two-Bit Love Song" to the folksy "Twelve-Foot Davis" and the oriental sounding "Boat Song". He sings songs of people, or survival and relationships. In his songs and his talk he invites you to like him, and through him to experience the many cultures that make up the country. In the process he appears to be enjoying himself immensely.

Su-Chong Lim played in Mayo late last week, and in Dawson City over the weekend. While the show did play some Whitehorse schools, organizers for the Yukon Arts Council apparently decided that Whitehorse audiences would be burned out after rendezvous, so the band made an unscheduled stop in Haines Junction before it headed back south to the rest of its 27 community western tour.

by Kathy Jones-Gates

## 6 YEAR OLD LYNETTE CAPTURES ART PRIZE

6 year old Lynette Peterson is on top of the Yukon art world these days! In mid-January, Lynette learned that art work she had submitted to the Regional/National Fire Prevention Poster competition for 1991, had earned her a 2nd prize of \$100.00 and a plaque to be presented locally.

Lynette entered the category I of the regional competition held by the D.I.A.N.D. Technical Services in Whitehorse, along with seventy-eight young artists from the Yukon Region in the fall of 1990. Her category included artists in Kindergarten and grades 1 and 2. She was required to colour a predrawn colouring sheet. The competition was open to all of the Yukon Region's First Nations' children who are attending school and are living in the region. The contest's theme was Fire Prevention Awareness as it relates to living in a community.



Photo by Michael Gates

On Wednesday, February 27th Jennie Christiansen and Wes Deputy Fire Chief Al Fisk Peterson and former Dawson Indian Band Chief Angie Joseph presented Lynette with her plaque at the Fire Hall, with her parents on hand for the ceremony.



## Arts Attack Apprentice

by Leslie Piercy

Attention all artists! JOHN STEINS will conduct a workshop on grant applications at the Library on Monday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. This will be a stimulating get together for all

those interested in the arts in Dawson to Discuss ....Discover ....! Don't forget that the Advanced Artist Grant applications are due April 1st 1991. So please attend!

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## OUR VERY OWN VET

**Jim Kenyon D.V.M.**

Our "Vet" Jim Kenyon, D.V.M., travelled to Dawson as part of the veterinarian team caring for hundreds of sled dogs participating in the Yukon Quest. It was a challenging period as, added to the usual testing and checking of all racing dogs, this year a virus struck many animals creating great strain on dogs, mushers, and Vets as recorded elsewhere in this edition.

As promised, on March 4 and 5, Jim held two very long days of clinics at the Dawson City Firehall where he set up shop with gas machine, oxygen, monitors and emergency drugs and equipment in the spanking clean boiler room. Dr. Jim will return to Dawson shortly to share filming of CBC TV's "On the Road Again."

Of interest to pet owners planning neutering and spaying of their dogs and cats, when Jim plans his JUNE CLINIC, the following is an introduction to the subject, written for our paper by him. A further column on the subject will follow.

Many pet owners will spay or neuter their pets, especially if they are primarily house pets. There are numerous reasons for electing to neuter your pet ranging from unwanted pregnancy to more consistent performance in a working or racing dog. Let's look at how this is done and why it's done in a particular way.

In the dog, each heat period brings behavioural changes, bleeding, the interest of any male in the area and a possible pregnancy. The cat shows even more dramatic behavioural changes, no bleeding and a visit

from every tomcat in the city. The neutering of the female dog or cat is therefore designed to accomplish both the sterilization of the animal and the removal of the behavioural changes. Therefore, tying off the tubes of a dog or cat will effectively sterilize (actually, neither species has tubes but you get the idea) but do little for the behavioural changes or bleeding in the dog. In one case in Ontario, a local physician decided to spay friends' dogs and simply did a surgery similar to 'tying the tubes' without thinking of the implications. As each dog came back into heat after the surgery, he had fewer friends. They were sterile but all the other reasons for neutering a pet were still there.

In the human, there is relatively little production of the main female hormones, estrogens, in any place other than the ovaries. If the ovaries are removed, it's necessary to supplement hormones or there will usually be marked changes in the women's metabolism. In the dog and cat, there are significant amounts of estrogens released by the adrenal glands which sit on top of the kidneys. Removal of the ovaries is not a major problem and only rarely are there clinical signs of estrogen deficiency. This most often appears as an incontinent urinary bladder which responds well to estrogen therapy.

In the male, simple vasectomy will render the animal sterile, but all normal behaviour is still there from roaming, breeding, aggression, etc.

In the dog and cat then, it is

really necessary to approach the procedure in a different way. Since you are trying to stop the behavioural changes of the male and female, it is necessary to surgically remove the source of most of the hormones and to do both a complete castration of the male and removal of the ovaries (ovariectomy) in the female. There are several diseases of the uterus that are unique to dogs and cats and have no human equivalent. It makes little sense to leave the uterus behind in the surgery and leave the animal at



risk to these when the uterus serves no function once pregnancy isn't possible. The 'spay' operation in these species is therefore usually a complete 'ovariohysterectomy' or removal of both the ovaries and the uterus. It may seem a bit more radical than the human equivalent, but it's as safe a surgery and a much more rational approach. Each year, I get someone who wants a 'tubal ligation' or a vasectomy for their pet because it's more 'natural'. Think about what you want to accomplish and how you're going to do it.

Another factor of the neuter operation in tomcats is their susceptibility to FUS or Feline Urethritis Syndrome... or their habit of 'blocking'. We'll look at this syndrome another day since it's extremely common in tomcats and also has no human equivalent.

## INSIDE - OUTSIDE

Ken Knutson had an interesting holiday. He and kayaking friends went to Central Chile for some whitewater kayaking. Of their five weeks there, 12 days were spent on the Rio Bio Bio. Ken reports what with the turbulent waters and waterfalls it was "sheer terror", but exhilarating. This year the Germans plan to build a dam on that river, but he hopes the Gulf War took all their money and that they can't go ahead with their plans. He wants to return next year! Otherwise he is the nice normal fellow he appears to be.

John Hanulik phoned home from Brisbane, Australia. His mum, ever anxious that he was broadening his horizons, asked what he had done that day. "Oh", said John, "we visited an art gallery". Barb was so thrilled her son was getting some culture. She hesitated! asked

"What attracted you to the Art Gallery, John?" "The air conditioning", came the reply.

Richard McMaster and sons Keith and Richard Lee are back after a month's holiday in Mazatlan.

John & Gail Henley are home after touching various spots in Canada and the States including Las Vegas and Florida.

Alan Gould is back after a visit to relatives in Vancouver. Also a couple of days in Las Vegas.

Constable Marcel Paris and family are home from holidays. Also Neal & Debbie Wortley. Home from a European holiday are Jim & Uta Reilly.

Shirley Dewald is home again. She went to Prince George to see husband Herb who had surgery. He will be home later. Her granddaughter was here visiting for a month.

Gail Dunn & family have headed back south to Prince George, B.C. to live. THE KLONDIKE SUN says thanks to Gail for all the typing help.

Stan & Ella Patay are back from their holiday in Florida. Joyce Caley is home from an extensive holiday.

Welcome back from holidays Alan & Linda Yamaguchi: Bud and Violet Pierson. Bob and Joanne Smith returning from sunny Spain.

Susie, big black Labrador belonging to Carmen DuBois & Irwin Gaw, won 3rd prize in the Whitehorse Rendezvous dog pull, managing to move a sleigh of 1050 pounds the required distance. Her prize was 4 big bags of dog food. We hope to see her enter the Spring Carnival dog pull in Dawson.

FINNING SUMMER STAFF are due anytime as snow removal has opened parking areas.

## Dawson Dogs May Die With Dignity



by Sue Ward

No town of under two thousand can support a veterinarian yet there are probably more domestic pets per capita here than outside. When their short life-spans run out there is a most sensitive network of folks who will "put her to sleep". They will even come to the home where the ailing pet rests in her favourite spot. As tender words and gentle stroking is offered by either the owner or one of the team (or both), a doctor will give an anaesthetic with a gentle shot to the hip, and when "Slippers" is in the deepest sleep, another needle is given directly into the heart. Would humans allow such dignity in passing to our own kind?

Knowing that several pets were reaching this final stage in life, and the nearest Vet being 325 miles away, our visiting Veterinarian arranged for these things to be left in the safe and secure trust of our doctor, and to be administered only by him.

This is the time to sincerely thank Dr. James Stempian, asst. Chris Hunter, Dr. Helmet Schoener, caring friends, and even a member of Macdonald Lodge Staff who heard a senior was under stress.

Friends are holding the remains until "the big thaw" when the land can be opened and "Slippers" will join several pals on Nugget Hill. Dawson City is truly a very special place.



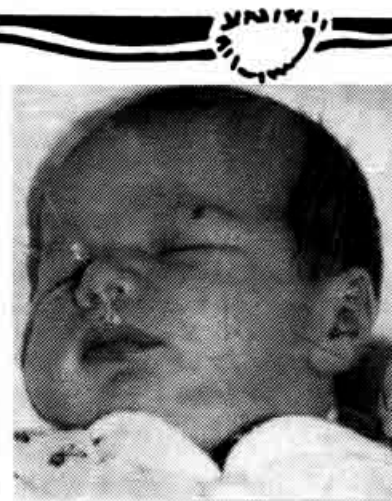
**Happy Birthday Lenore!**

### BIRTH NOTICE

Born to Stephanie Parker and Chris Stacey, currently of Pangnirtung N.W.T., on 25th December 1990 a 7 lb. son Joel Christopher David Stacey. Proud cousin to Sonny.



## Klondike Nuggets



**Logan James Nadon**

Born on Feb. 24th at 10:04 a.m. at Whitehorse General Hospital, weighing 9 lb. 1 oz. Parents are Trish Nadon and Andy Skerlec.



Photo by Michael Gates



# BEAR CREEK

by Palma Berger

The sun hit this end of Bear Creek on Feb. 12th. A great day! It seemed to take forever to creep down the hills opposite... Now it seems we have had it forever.

It is our usual winter here. But we really miss the signs of activity on the dredge pond of the family that is out for the winter. No young hockey players, no flash of colour as activities are pursued.

Our population is increasing. With the arrival of Sonny our numbers now reach 54 people out here.

But so many have been away on holidays. The unnatural quietness on our road was because Marjorie and Peter Kormendy and family were away for 4 weeks. They visited Marjorie's parents in Alaska and then on to Hawaii. They look so tanned and healthy one can hardly speak to them.

Kathy Hines is back from a brief trip to Ontario. Marion Dejean returned from holidays only to end up in hospital with a problem requiring a bit of surgery. Good thing she had a rest before the op. She is again taking it easy. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Anne Bilina is visiting in Ontario and Victoria. Husband Mikkin has been racing his dogs in Carmacks and is entered in another race coming up. If you are secretly getting experience before entering the Quest one year, Mikkin, I won't tell anybody.

Myrna and Les Butterworth's daughter, Robbie McMannis, was over from Fairbanks to help with the Quest. They appreciated the whole 15 minutes she could spare them.

Greg and Cynthia Brunner are moving to town after house-sitting for Joanne and Wayne Fraughton. Joanne and Wayne return from their trapline this month.

Nikki Walsh had a nice break away around Christmas when she visited her family in Saskatchewan. But... on her return she found she had had "visitors". She returned cold and tired from her travels and thought only of crawling into bed, late at night.

She got in and then out again just as fast. There were nuts and shells between the sheets. Knowing her friends, she immediately blamed them. But further investigation showed that her bowl of nuts left on the kitchen table were strewn around, and hidden around in various places. She discovered a family of voles had taken over her place. They had helped themselves to the nuts and then cached them away. They seemed to prefer the colours brown and green, hence the nuts in her brown sheets, in her green or beige sweaters, tucked into the sofa. Good thing she found the voles. Friends would not do a thing like that.

The other animals out here? Greg and Sally's Uncle Donnie pulled a beauty the other day. The normally docile Uncle Donnie was pulling the cutter and passengers along when a slowly passing car spooked him, and he took off into the nearest snowbank where he dumped the passengers, and then off he went. He later quietened down at the other end of Bear Creek. The passengers were all right, and the cutter had only a broken shaft. (Greg and Sally's friend, Scott McNally, suggested that they should get collision insurance. But on what...the horse or the cart?)

When yours truly had to catch a plane out later that day, Buff and the fellow passengers would not believe the story "I am late, you see, because there was this runaway horse...." Oh, yeah?

You ask about the other little pony? Well let me tell you that he is still producing, but he also has Spring Fever. He gallops around, pivots, turns, leaps in the air. He has even done an "airs above the ground" exactly like one of the horses of the famed Viennese Riding School. He is the same colour as those horses also. He may look like a pint-sized Welsh pony, but let me tell you that somewhere in his background there is a Lippizaner. I kid you not.



Photo by Michael Gates

## Dawson Museum and Historical Society

### MUSE LETTER

by Valerie Baggaley

The Dawson City Museum is having a very busy winter. We have several projects going on. These include adding to the photograph finding aid, purchasing a large selection of books to enlarge our resource library and, just recently, four new staff are being trained for various positions at the museum.

Community Development

### EDUCATION MINISTER APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS TO YUKON COLLEGE BOARD

WHITEHORSE - Yukon Education Minister Piers McDonald announced on February 19th, the appointment of five new members to the Board of Governors of Yukon College.

"These people will complement the strengths of the existing board members, enabling the board to fulfill its mandate of providing educational programs and activities to meet the needs of people in the Yukon," McDonald said.

As outlined in the College Act, the board governs the activities and programs of the college.

The 12 member board consists of three members nominated by Yukon First Nations, three nominated by the public at large, one chosen by college employees, and one chosen by college students. The college's president also serves on the board. Appointed to the board for the first time is Dawson resident, Palma Berger. She has served on the Dawson Community Campus Committee for four years and is a former member of the Yukon Education Council. She is currently a member of the boards of the Dawson City Museum and the Klondike Sun community newspaper.

Fund and Canadian Council of Archives are funding the Photograph Finding Aid project. Barb Hogan, Greg Skuce, Jennifer Flynn and Daryl Buckley have been making copies of the historic photographs and arranging them into a subject index. This makes the photos more easily available to researchers. Approximately 2400 photographs are available for the public to browse through. Please come down to our resource room and have a look.

While you're in the resource room have a peek at all of the new books. Lotteries Yukon and YTG Heritage Branch provided money to buy more books for our library. Also staff has been working on improved access to information in the resource room. This library is open to the public by appointment. We have a wealth of information available about the local history.

Canadian Council of Archives has assisted the Museum in arranging and describing several archival collections. Finding aids are now available for the maps, ledgers, and blue prints. We have also created finding aids for the

records of the Nutty Club, Bonanza Hotel and the Dawson Heritage Committee. Slowly the archives is becoming more and more accessible for research purposes.

Under the Federal Job Development programme the Museum has recently hired four trainees. Mandy Thompson and Bonnie Kearn are learning how to do archival research. Wendy Bilton is training to be an assistant gift shop manager and Jan Couture is the administrative assistant/fundraiser trainee.

This is a reminder that it's time to renew your museum membership. The AGM is just around the corner. If anyone is interested in becoming a board member, please let the Museum know. The phone number is 993-5291. Volunteers for the various committees are always needed.

A special thanks to Harold Shannon and his many hours of volunteer carpenter skills. We certainly appreciated it. Good bye to Bob Mitchell and thank you for volunteering at the Museum. Lastly, thank you to Kim Tuson who was our wonderful admin. assistant for the past six months.

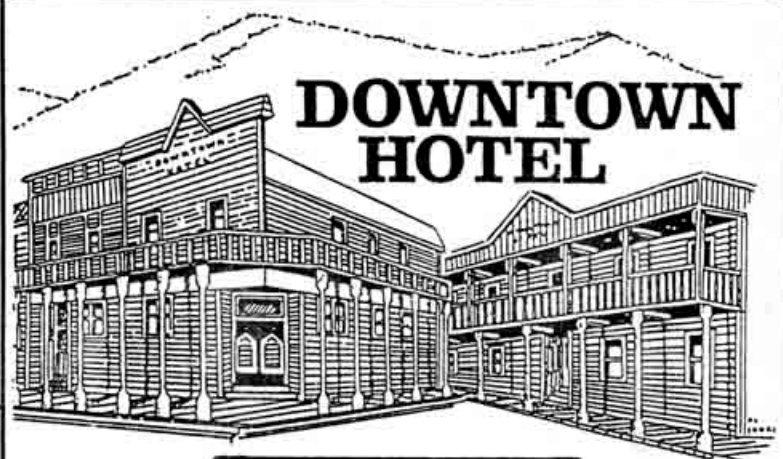
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# "Guiding" An Ongoing Commitment

by Sue Ward

Most little girls become Brownies. A "flying up" celebration sees a change of uniform and they become members of the world-wide association of Girl Guides. In earlier times we matured more slowly, so Guiding continued until we were well into our teens. In today's society you can complete the entire set of challenges and win your All Round Cord just entering your teens. For those who grow to love the movement you may then become a Pathfinder and on to a Cadet and hopefully that is where future Guide Leaders are found.

Tara McCauley, daughter of school principal Carol McCauley, at twelve years, and a Grade 7 Student, wears with great pride, the All Round Cord, and is now into her first of three years as a Pathfinder. If she succeeds she will then wear the Canada Cord, to replace the All Round, which is a blue and white interwoven cord, worn on the right shoulder under the blouse epaulet. It represents achievement in many fields, especially in social responsibilities. Of course, all of this work is intermingled with Camps where one makes friends that can last a lifetime.



Photo by Sue Ward

Pathfinders is experienced as an individual striving and Tara is to be commended for her dedication to the world-wide Girl Guide movement, as are the Guiders who make space in their lives to lead the way.



Photo by Sue Ward

## Goodies and Refills



BACK ROW: Tara McCauley, Marlissa Mann, Margy Mann, Chris Hunter, Shella Montgomery FRONT ROW: Joanna Davidson, Harmony Hunter, Charissa Reeves, Stacey McDiarmid, Amanda Montgomery Photo by Sue Ward

## Brownie News



Photo by Michael Gates

By Holly Reeves

Brownies have been in a flurry of activity this month.

On February 14, Priscilla Joe was enrolled while her Mom looked on. We celebrated Priscilla's enrolment with cookies and juice. Later we were visited by Lawrie Stewart who showed the girls how to read a compass.

We shared thinking day celebrations with the guides on February 21. They entertained us with a play about the history of

guiding and scouting after which we joined in a delightful ceremony prepared by the Guides which celebrated Brownies and Guides around the world.

Thank you to Joanne Davidson, Charissa Reeves, and Harmony Hunter, for helping at some of our Brownie meetings and teaching the girls new games and songs.

On March 7 our two new Brownie leaders Cyndi O'Rourke (Snowy Owl) and Tina Braga

(Grey Owl) were enrolled as Guides. According to the rules of Guiding, leaders who have never been Guides must learn the Guide Promise, Law, and Motto and be enrolled as Guides.

This special ceremony which we performed by the light of a campfire was a first for the Brownies.

Thanks for the wonderful cookies to Tina, Cyndi, and Marie-Eve who's working on her Baker's badge.

## "Thinking Day" Tea Success

by Sue Ward

On Saturday, February 23rd, Dawson City Girl Guides honoured the dual birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell by inviting townsfolk to share a delicious tea at the Seniors' Drop-In Center.

There are eight Guides in the local troop with three leaders, leaving room for some new members. Although the tea was a means of raising funds for camp

and other group expenses, there was a deeper meaning as we were all reminded of the ongoing building of good citizens coming to all who associate themselves with the movement.

In these days of multiple choices open to the youth of our town it bodes well to know that Guiding continues to be a part of our sponsorship.



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# Klondike Kids



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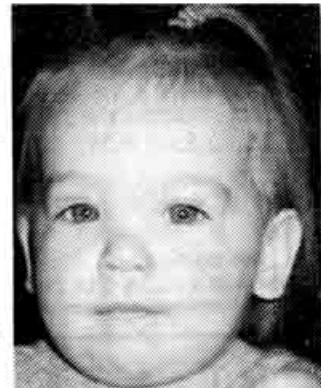
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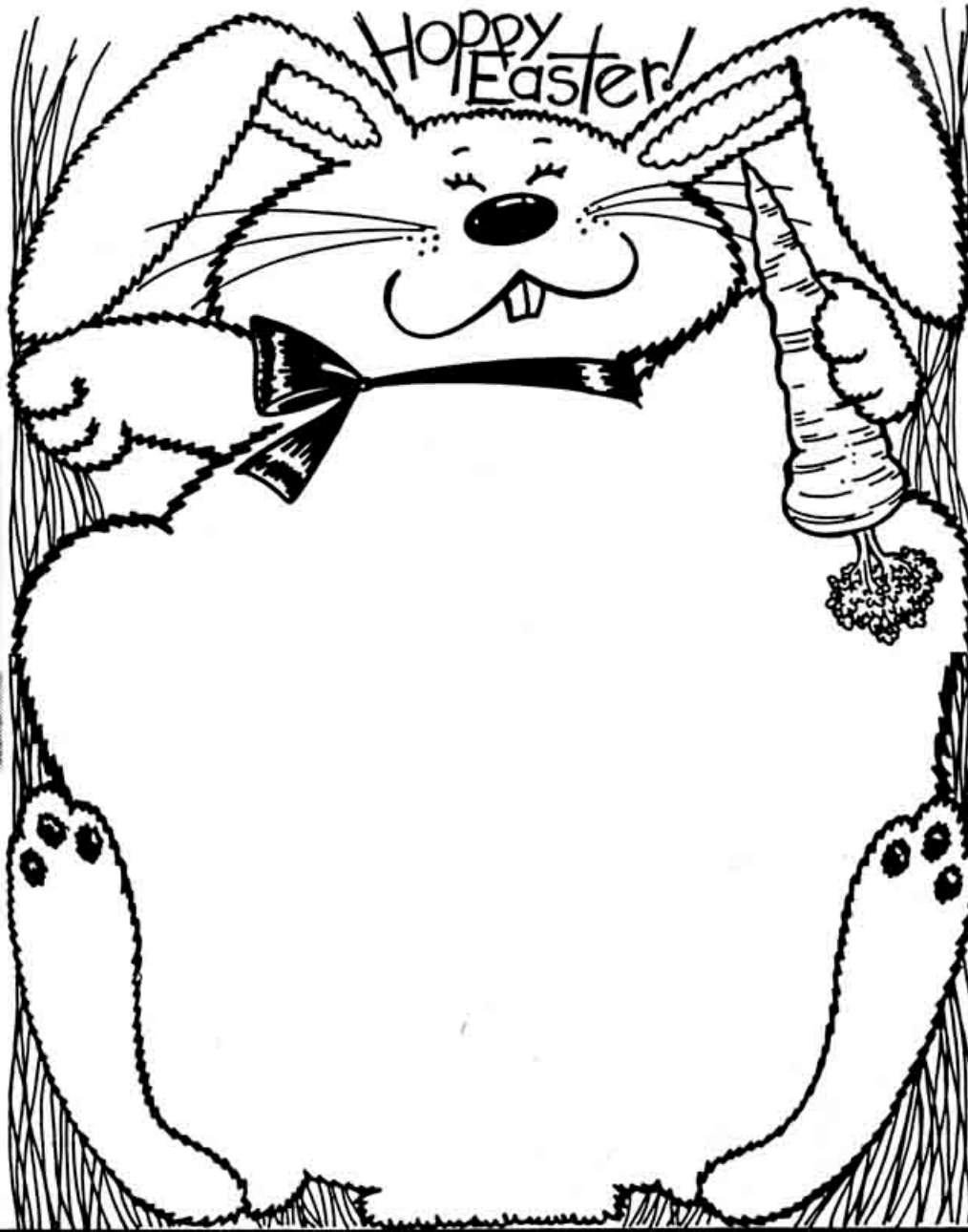
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Alexander Bowie

## Attention! Moms and Dads ...

I would like to let everyone know that there are some wonderful new children's books in our library which have the distinct possibility of being overlooked. Children, (and I say that in general as I have seen this happen over and over) seem to have the impression that choosing library books is somewhat like a race, where one sees how many books can be pulled off the shelf in the shortest period of time.

This activity seems to be rewarding for the child, and possibly the parent (although we won't say what the Librarian thinks of it) regardless of what the books may contain. With a little help, Mom and Dad, your

children can be guided to find some real treats in our library and thus gain a real reward: **GREAT! Reading.**

Here are three books which I suggest to be exceptional: *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin, Jr., and John Archambault, illustrated by Lois Ehlert.

This is a very brightly illustrated tale of the alphabet. The rhythmic verse and simplistic pictures make it a perfect first learning book for children showing an interest in learning the letters of the alphabet. **VERY FUN!**

*A Day of Rhymes* selected and illustrated by Sarah Pooley

This book has enthralled my 2-year old to the point that she cannot go to sleep without having it read first (whereupon

she gladly goes off). It is a collection of old and new rhymes complemented by very different and intriguing illustrations.

*The Talking Eggs* by Robert D. San Souci, pictures by Jerry Pinkney

*The Talking Eggs* is a folktale from the American South that basically tells the moral - 'good things come to those who are good.' It is quite a bit more intricate than that though, being the tale of 2 sisters, a magical old woman and the marvellous talking eggs. The beautiful watercolour illustrations are highly impressive and will entice the young and old to read this book over and over.

by Paula Pawlovich





## Who Was Percy DeWolfe?

by Roberta Humberstone

"I never knew such a dependable man....Percy's word was his bond and I doubt if two men ever got along any better than we did. If it had been my own brother that died, it couldn't have taken any more out of my heart." These words were uttered by his friend and partner, Pete Anderson.

Percy DeWolfe, born 1878, originally hailed from Nova Scotia and headed west to Red Deer, Alberta as a young man. There, the "Bluenoser" captured and sold wild horses before following the Liard River to the Klondike Gold Fields in 1898.

Too late to stake a gold claim, Percy received a contract for \$480 a month to transport the Royal Mail between Dawson City and Eagle, Alaska, a distance of 210 miles, return trip. He provided year round service for 40 continuous years across very difficult terrain and persevered the harsh northern climate, never failing to deliver the mail.

In summer, the mail was transported by a 30 ft. river boat equipped with a 25 hp marine motor, sometimes assisted by sled dogs pulling the boat from the shoreline. In winter Percy used either a dog team or horse drawn sleigh, depending on the river ice conditions. Several times Percy's dogs fell through the ice and he narrowly escaped drowning himself. On one particular occasion, with passenger Archie King, Percy's team and his sleigh broke through thin ice. The horses drowned, the men made it safely from the frigid waters, and then saved 23 sacks of mail. Frozen, they walked 20 miles to John Fanning's Roadhouse, they then borrowed another horse and retrieved the mail, just a little behind schedule.

Percy DeWolfe became a legend in his own time. Nicknamed the "Iron Man of the North", he was awarded the Silver Medal for his perseverance and dedication to his work by King George V in 1935. Two years later, Percy is credited with saving roadhouse owner John Fanning's life when flooding caused the man's establishment to be swept away.

Percy raised seven children alone. His wife passed away after the last child was born. Many of his descendants still live in Dawson City today. Halfway Roadhouse was the DeWolfe family home, a place where they grew potatoes and oats, and used fish wheels and gill nets to capture salmon for dog food. During the summer, the roadhouse was managed by sons Walter and Willie.

The winter mail run would take 8 days for the return trip, logging only 25 miles a day. Each night, Percy would arrive at

either Halfway Roadhouse, Al Shultz's Roadhouse at Forty Mile, John Fanning's Roadhouse or Bob Steele's Hotel in Eagle. Meals were \$1.00 each, lodging was \$1.00 per night and 50 cents to board the horses.

Using a birch sled built in Eagle, Percy faced the elements wearing a caribou skin parka, seal skin mukluks, moose skin mittens and a fur cap. The horses too, were protected from the extreme cold by wearing a gunny sack over their head to protect the nostrils and mouth.

Percy's team dogs were mostly MacKenzie River Huskies weighing an average of 80 pounds. He usually ran a team of 9 dogs. One special lead dog was "Monkey" who travelled precariously over the winter trail, avoiding open water and thin ice. This highly valued dog would always find the trail, no matter what the weather conditions were.

Percy DeWolfe retired as a mail carrier in 1950 and died one year later at the age of 74. A man of stamina, drive and zeal, he was an example to all that knew him. He wanted no recognition for what he considered his duty. We are proud to dedicate the 1991 mail race to Percy DeWolfe, a legend.

## Percy DeWolfe



Photo courtesy of Debbie Everitt

## Archbishop Visits St. Paul's

by Dan Davidson

Anglican Archbishop Douglas Hambidge almost ended up in Dawson City when he first came to the North in 1956. His actual destination was Dawson Creek, en route to his first parish in Cassiar, and he didn't know the difference. He managed to change the labels on his luggage just in time.

Twenty-five years later, after serving in northern British Columbia as both priest and bishop, he had it figured out. Today, he is Metropolitan Archbishop of British Columbia and the Yukon, and he visited St. Paul's Anglican Church on March 3 as a part of the centennial celebrations of the

Yukon Diocese. He acknowledged that he pulled rank to get here.

Archbishop Hambidge spoke that Sunday about his travels in the North and in the world at large, and how they have helped

to shape his vision of what the Christian church ought to be: caring, daring, sharing, visible, and full of faith.

The service of Holy Communion was followed by a pot dinner for the members of the congregation.



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# CREATURE COMFORTS

by Shelley Hakonson



The Irish in me wants to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish country dinner.

This bread is wonderful with Irish stew.

## Whole Wheat Oatmeal Bread (2 small round loaves)

1 tbsp. yeast  
2 cp. warm water  
2 tsp. oil  
1 tsp. honey  
2 eggs, room temp., lightly beaten  
1 cp. uncooked rolled oats  
1 tsp. salt  
4 cps. whole wheat flour  
about 1 cp. unbleached white flour

In a large mixing bowl, dissolve the yeast in the warm water with the honey and let stand 10 minutes.

Add the remaining ingredients and work them into a dough. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 8-10 minutes until the dough is smooth, elastic and glossy.

Return the dough to the bowl and cover it with a towel, let it rise in a warm place for 50 minutes, or until doubled in bulk.

Divide the dough into 2 halves and shape each piece into a round loaf. Set the loaves on a baking sheet that has been liberally sprinkled with cornmeal. Cover with a towel and let rise again for 50 minutes. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 45 minutes or until golden brown. Remove the loaves and cool on a wire rack.

## Irish Stew (serves 8)

8 shoulder lamb chops 1" thick  
6 potatoes  
8 carrots  
2 tbsp. oil  
6 onions, quartered  
3/4 cp. sliced leeks or green onions  
3 1/2 cp. beef stock  
1 1/2 tsp. thyme  
1 bay leaf  
1/4 tsp. pepper, salt  
1 tbsp. flour  
1 tbsp. butter  
1/4 cp. coarsely chopped fresh parsley

Trim chops and cut into 1" cubes, set aside. Cut potatoes into 1 inch chunks, set aside. Cut carrots in half lengthwise, then diagonally into 1 inch pieces, set aside.

In large pot or dutch oven, heat oil over medium high heat and cook lamb cubes, in batches, until well browned. Remove to plate. Drain off all but 2 tbsp. fat, add onions, leeks and potatoes. Cook, stirring constantly, for 3-4 minutes or just until vegetables are softened. Remove to bowl.

Return lamb and accumulated juices to pan or dutch oven. Spread vegetable mixture over lamb, add stock, thyme, bay leaf, pepper and salt to taste. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 35 minutes. Add carrots and simmer, covered, for 45-55 minutes or until lamb and vegetables are tender. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary (I would add a little garlic at this point).

Using a slotted spoon, remove lamb and vegetables to a bowl, cover and keep warm. Remove bay leaf and skim any fat from remaining liquid.

Knead together the flour and the butter and whisk into the hot pan juices. Cook, whisking constantly, over high heat for 5-10 minutes or until sauce has thickened slightly. Stir in parsley and return the lamb and veggies to pot. Heat and serve.

## Stek

This potato dish is good even without the leeks, which we don't see too often here in Dawson.

8 potatoes  
1 cp. chopped green onions  
1/4 cp. chopped leek  
1 1/2 cps. milk  
1/4 cp. butter  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper

In a large saucepan, pour enough cold water over potatoes to cover and bring to a boil over medium heat, cook until they are tender, but don't overcook.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, combine 3/4 cup of the green onions, leek and milk in a small

saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and cook for 15 min.

Drain potatoes and shake over low heat for 1 - 2 min. to evaporate excess moisture. Mash them, and beat in butter and enough of the hot milk mixture to make creamy potatoes. Add salt and pepper and transfer to heated serving bowl. Garnish with remaining green onion.

Make a simple green salad to have with this Irish meal and perhaps a Guinness.

## Apple Pie with Crumbly Cheese Topping

This pie is delicious served with creme fraiche or sour cream or if you want to be truly sinful, have Devon Cream with it.

2 cps. flour  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 1/4 cp. chilled unsalted butter, in small pieces  
1/2 cp. ice water

## Pastry

Mix flour, salt and butter with a pastry blender, add the water all at once and mix until the dough forms a ball. Divide in two. Roll out one ball as thin as possible and place in a pie dish.

## Filling

6 - 7 apples, peeled & sliced  
1 cp. sugar  
2 tsp. flour  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. grated lemon peel  
1/8 tsp. cloves  
1/8 tsp. salt

Combine and place in pie shell.

## Topping

1/2 cp. flour  
1/4 cp. sugar  
1/8 tsp. salt  
1/2 cp. grated old cheddar cheese  
1/4 cp. melted butter

Mix and sprinkle over the apples. Bake at 400 degrees for 40 min. (I double the topping).

Freeze the other ball of dough for another occasion.

## Creme Fraiche

Will keep 2 weeks in the fridge.

2 cps. whipping cream - at room temperature  
1/2 cp. sour cream - at room temperature

Both ingredients must be at room temperature or it simply won't work. Whisk together the whipping and sour cream in a large bowl, cover with plastic wrap and place in a warm, draft free spot for 12 hours or overnight. Chill completely, then transfer to smaller containers.

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Here's something for the kids to do for Easter and they are really beautiful grouped together.

1 doz. hard cooked eggs  
liquid food colouring - red, blue and yellow  
white vinegar  
coffee mugs  
teaspoons and tablespoons  
paper towels

1. For each colour, mix 1 tbsp. food colouring in mug with enough boiling water to fill the mug 2/3 full. Stir in 1 tsp. vinegar. When cool, add 1 tsp. oil.

2. To colour eggs, vigorously stir the dye you wish to use and immediately dip egg on a spoon in and out of the dye once only. Place on a paper towel to dry. To create a multicoloured effect, dip egg in a second or third different dye colour after preceding colour is dry.

3. Store eggs in an egg carton in the fridge. When ready to display, rub eggs lightly with oil and a paper towel.

Make egg salad after Easter.

## COURT REPORT

By Madeleine Gould

"All Rise!"



Kim Gulstad - Pleaded guilty to driving while impaired. Fined \$650. licence suspended for three months.

Gerald Taylor - Pleaded guilty to assault charges. Sentenced to 30 days in jail and two years probation.

Donald Flynn - Break and entry at Flora Dora Hotel. Fined \$600. and 12 months probation. Make restitution to David Taylor in the amount of \$485. for damages.

Eugene Erdos - Caused an accident by driving without due care and attention. Fined \$200.

Joseph Henry - Damaging property. Suspended and 12 months probation.

Jon Sveen - Possession of a narcotic. Fined \$2000.

Walter VanFleet - Pleaded guilty to being impaired. Four months in jail, licence suspended for 18 months and 12 months probation.

"She is prepared to sacrifice the welfare of her children to satisfy her own personal needs" said Judge Lilles as he sentenced Betty Lou Purington to ten days in jail, after which she will be incarcerated in her home for thirty days. No visitors will be allowed between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. She will also be on probation for eighteen months. Mrs. Purington appeared in court on February 28, and pleaded guilty to possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking. Mrs. Purington has seven children.



## Police Notes

### If not for the Law, then for the Children

Section 186.1 of the Motor Vehicle Act states that no person shall operate a motor vehicle on a highway in which an infant or child under the age of six is a passenger unless:

- the motor vehicle is equipped with a prescribed infant or child restraint system.
- the infant or child restraint system is properly installed in the motor vehicle, and
- the child is occupying and is properly secured in the infant or child restraint system.

Dawson City R.C.M. Police are endeavouring to educate the motoring public of the requirement to utilize infant child restraint systems. Your children cannot be expected to make this decision, therefore, the onus is on you, the operator of the motor vehicle, to ensure they are properly secured. Failure to conform to this law may result in a \$100 fine, or even worse, injury or death to your child.

Infant restraint systems can be rented from Yukon Family

Services Association, 210 Elliot Street, Whitehorse at 1 - 667-2970. Infant and Child restraint systems can be purchased locally at Sears, Monte Carlo Hardware, 5th Avenue Boardwalk and the Gold Poke.

Pamphlets on this matter will soon be available at the Territorial Agent and the Dawson City R.C.M. Police detachment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your local detachment of the R.C.M. Police.

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## ELLA'S TRAVEL TIPS

By Ella Patay

### TRAVEL TIPS TRIVIA CONTEST!!\*\*\*\*

Skiing in Juneau appeal to you? Or a jaunt to Fairbanks? Enter our trivia contest, and you can win passes for two anywhere in Air North System (space available)

All entries will be put in a hat, draw will be made, and the first entry with all correct answers is the winner.

Deadline is April 30, 1991, with draw to be made May 1, 1991.

OK, here goes --

1. WHAT CITY HAS A DISTRICT CALLED ELEPHANT AND CASTLE?

2. WHAT SEPARATED THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN?

3. THE HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD. NAME FOUR OTHERS.

4. IN WHAT COUNTRY WOULD YOU FIND THE RUINS OF BABYLON TODAY?

5. THE SUEZ CANAL CONNECTS WHAT TWO BODIES OF WATER?

6. WHAT IS THE CAPITAL OF MOROCCO?

7. WHAT IS THE NATIONAL AIRLINE OF IRELAND?

8. THE POPULAR RESORT OF IXTAPA IN MEXICO IS BUILT BESIDE WHAT FISHING VILLAGE?

9. KLM TRANSLATES TO "ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES". WHAT DO THE LETTERS MEAN IN DUTCH?

10. THE NEW TERMINAL 3 IN TORONTO IS OFTEN CALLED THE T-TERMINAL. NAME FOUR OTHERS.

11. WHAT TWO SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES DON'T BORDER BRAZIL?

12. NAME THE CAPITAL CITY IN EUROPE THAT OVERLOOKS THE TAGUS RIVER.

13. WHAT TRAVEL AGENCY GIVES YOU THE BEST SERVICE IN THE YUKON?

And that's it! It's a cinch, eh?

Get your entries in to Gold City Travel either by dropping it off to our office on Front Street, or mailing it to P.O. Box 960, Dawson City, Yukon.

Good luck to all of you! Winners name and answers will be announced in the May issue of the Klondike Sun.

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## What Fun to Turn the Tables!



Irene Marushko CBC Whitehorse meets Andy Little CBC (TV) Ottawa, in town to set up filming of "On the Road Again".

by Sue Ward

Dawson City has been providing great story material for nigh on a century and the flow has never dried up. What makes it more exciting is that anyone who come to write news becomes news. And so it was when CBC TV from Ottawa sent Andy Little to firm up an episode of Wayne Rostad's "On the Road Again" which will be shot in mid-March.

Andy's father was an engineer with CBC Radio for most of a lifetime leaving a legacy of service to Canada to his son who is about to take early retirement as part of the 4,000 job - cut. How sad that the institution must part with its experienced personnel, as well as pruning out the deadwood. It is happening everywhere but not all retirees

have as much to draw on as Andy who looks forward to a future of free-lance photography.

CBC Management offered Andy a "farewell assignment" and when he asked "Anywhere of my own choosing?" and he said Dawson City they thought he had run off track. "Of course in winter," he retorted. "Everybody goes in summertime".

As this old scribe had agreed to become involved, our first drop-in was at the Klondike Sun Office where staff members had assembled to "do a taping" for CBC Radio Whitehorse with Irene Marushko. It's like I said "You get a story - we get a story!" And let me tell you, dear readers, Andy Little was sure impressed. His Whitehorse commitment cut short his stay, but he'll be back in a hurry.



## TOMBSTONE PEAK REMAINS TO BE CONQUERED IN WINTER

by Sue Ward

Myk Kurth tells me that it is getting there that is the challenge, not climbing the peak. And so, despite a valiant attempt, Myk and his eager crew were unable to break trail through the heavy snows. He will try again after he has conquered Mount Everest this fall.

## Toilet Talk

by Earth Kids

### DID YOU KNOW

- the water in your toilet is fresh drinkable water
  - each time you flush the toilet you use 5 to 7 gallons of water
  - but you do not have to
- WHAT YOU CAN DO**
- get a plastic jug, i.e. a milk jug
  - soak off the label in warm water
  - put some small rocks, dried beans or beads in the bottom of the container
  - now you can fill the container with water and place in the toilet tank
- YOU CAN WEAR A SMILE ON YOUR FACE THAT YOU SAVE A COUPLE OF GALLONS OF WATER EACH TIME YOU FLUSH THE TOILET.**

## From the Sourdough

### School Council Elected

Congratulations to the newly elected school council of Robert Service School: Robbie Van Rumpt, Helen Winton, Sheila Montgomery, Bruce Campbell, Fletcher Hunston, Bonnie Nordling and Linda Taylor, representative of the Dawson Indian Band. Sworn in at its first meeting on February 7, the new council dealt with a number of current matters including the selection of Robbie Van Rumpt as Chairperson and consideration of a change to the traditional school calendar. Under the new Education Act, school councils may advise the minister respecting the establishment of the school year and school day in an effort to implement a calendar which better reflects the needs of the local community.

### Northern Polar Games

Robert Service School hosted the annual Northern Polar Games from March 6-9. These games bring together students from the seven schools in the northern region for two days of sports and comradeship. The Grade 11/12 physical education class under the direction of Mr. Sutherland is largely responsible for organizing the events this year. The preparation for hosting the games is a required part of the students' physical education course. The students and Mr. Sutherland should be commended for their fine efforts. The school is also appreciative of the many organizations in Dawson which have lent their support and provided facilities needed to host this event.

### Grade 12 Student to Terry Fox Centre

Grade 12 student, Leanne MacKenzie, represented Robert Service School at the Terry Fox Centre in Ottawa the week of February 3. Leanne joined 130 other students from across Canada to attend sessions on the topic of law. The students attended bilingual workshops during the day and had a chance to socialize, shop and see the sights of the city after hours. What were the most memorable highlights for Leanne? She mentioned two in particular. One was a stimulating panel discussion on the Gulf War which presented many different perspectives to the young people present, and the second was a visit with the Yukon's MP, Audrey McLaughlin.

### Grad Class

Members of the Class of '91 have been busy raising money for their graduation. Working with staff advisor, Mrs. Dragoman, the students recently put on a Fun Day for elementary students. The children were treated to games and activities of all sorts, a hot lunch and a movie. Other fund raisers have included bottle drives and hot dog lunches. The Class of '91 want to make their graduation a truly

special occasion. Please continue your support of their activities and plan to attend the graduation ceremony slated for June 7.

### Rockerthon

The members of the Robert Service School Choir literally rocked their way to \$1000 last Friday afternoon. For those of you unfamiliar with a rockerthon, it is exactly as the name suggests. Students collect pledges in order to sit and rock in a rocking chair non-stop for five hours. Sound easy? "Not so," says choir director, Betty Davidson. "Staying in one place for that length of time is quite a challenge for many of the youth present at this event, not to mention coping with boredom, fatigue and, in some cases, motion sickness." The money raised at the rockerthon will help to take our 25 member choir to Whitehorse for a week in April to participate in the annual Rotary Music Festival. Thank you to all who supported our singers.

### Thanks to Community Members

Recently, a number of community members visited the Grade 1/2 class to talk about their occupations as part of a class study of community helpers. Thanks to the following people who took time to contribute to the lessons: Peter Jenkins, Kelvin Leary, Val Baggaley, Ken Knutson, Sue Ward, Bruce McDowall, John Bilton, Robert Keaton and Joan Crosby. Next week, Fletcher Hunston and Art Webster will talk to the students.

### Ski Afternoons Held

Downhill skiing afternoons were planned for Grades 3 and 4 on March 1, Grades 5 and 6 on March 4, and Grade 7-10 on March 5. As part of their physical education program, students received lessons during each afternoon from a ski instructor who came from Watson Lake. This was a great opportunity to have children pick up a few pointers from a pro or to expose your child to the sport if he/she has not tried skiing before.

### Student Council Update

Members of the student council have been involved with several projects this month. On the social side, they held a highly successful Valentine dance for high school students and a Valentine dance lesson/sock hop for elementary children. Hot dog days have kept them busy as well. The council has just purchased a compact disc player for student functions. They are also in the process of developing a policy manual for student council members.

### Dates to Remember

March Break - March 18-22  
Good Friday (holiday) - March 29  
Easter Monday (holiday) - April 1





## DOWNHILL SKIING

In cooperation with the Dawson Ski Association, the Recreation Department's downhill ski programme is a smash hit. Fifteen kids from six to thirteen, are learning all about snowplows, braking and hanging on to the rope tow.

A special thanks to Jennifer Flynn and the Ski Club, for helping with the instruction and hauling kids up the rope tow.

## FENCING CLINIC

A Fencing clinic sponsored by the Dawson Fencing Club, is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of April 13-14 at Robert Service School. This is a beginners level

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workshop, and would appeal to anyone interested in trying out the sport. Norm Dan at 993-6706 will give you all the information you need.

## ADULT KARATE

Regular Karate classes are being offered through the City's Recreation Department. Classes are held every Tuesday and Friday evening at Robert Service School.

Instruction is offered in a variety of styles and techniques. Anyone interested in learning the art of Karate are encouraged to drop in on a class and participate or observe. Class times are 7:00 pm. on Tuesdays and 8:15 pm. on Fridays.

*The Whole Family is Invited to an*

*Easter Egg Hunt and Party*



*Saturday, Mar. 30th.*

*1:00 - 3:00 pm.*

*New North End Park*

*bring your skates and toboggans*

## FIGURE SKATING

It's not too late to register your son or daughter for figure skating lessons.

We are very fortunate to have the services of Sabrynna Whiteside, a certified figure skating instructor for this programme. There are lessons for beginners through to intermediates. Class times are Wednesday and Fridays at the Bonanza Center. Register at the Town Offices.

## BADMINTON

The Yukon Badminton Championships will be held April 26-28 in Whitehorse. Interested individuals are asked to contact Lawrie at, 993-5434.

## PLEASE NOTE !!!

Just a reminder that all recreational sports programmes will be concluding on March 29 or sooner. It has been a very good winter, but now it's time to turn our sights to the spring and summer. The Recreation Department would like to hear from you regarding programmes and courses you would like to see us offer this spring and summer. Please drop us a line and let us know!



## ARCTIC SPORTS

The 3rd. annual Arctic Sports Championships will be held in Dawson City April 6th. - 7th.

There are four categories: Open Mens, Open Womens, Junior Mens and Junior Womens, plus a coaching and officiating clinic. Some of the more popular events include: one and two foot high kick, one hand reach, airplane and knuckle hop. All events will be held at Robert Service School.

Atheletes from around the territory will be competing. The Dawson team is coached by Michael Mason and Billy Fields. If anyone is interested in competing in these Championships, Michael and Billy are holding practises from 2-3:00 pm., Saturdays at the School.

For more information on these exciting games, call Peter at 993-5434.



Caroline Meyer of Watson Lake instructing Grades 5 & 6 at Bunny Hill



# No Rush To Provincehood Here

by Dan Davidson

There's no great urgency about the Yukon achieving provincehood to be found in Dawson City. There is an assumption that the territory will develop eventually to the point in economic strength and population where provincehood would be a natural step, but there's no hurry to get there as long as the possibility remains open.

Independence from Whitehorse would be a more popular goal, if the comments at the Hayden/Firth Constitutional Hearing can be taken as an indicator.

This is not to say that no one favours the moves already being made toward devolution of federal powers to the territorial government. Comments at the meeting support the idea of combining overlapping services and eliminating federal services where ever both exist.

There was some concern that the territory could not afford to be a province, and might not be able to afford the transferred services unless the cash settlements are generous.

The only direct advantage to be seen in provincial status was the hope that the Yukon might get more respect in the rest of the country if this were the case. The ghost of the Meech Lake Snub, and the recent federal refusal to put a Northerner on the Spicer Commission have not been forgotten. People want to see the Yukon's representatives having a voice on national matters which concern the territory, rather than camping out in the corridors of power.

Joyce Hayden noted that such comments were not far out of line with what she had been hearing so far. Some of the concerns Yukoners are expressing to her and Bea Firth involve Yukon's place in the rest of the country, but just as many involve internal matters. The general trend with regard to relations with Outside seems to be to proceed with care along the same line that both of our major political parties have already mapped out. In the long run, people want to see more power vested here, along with more money and more respect.

Dawsonites, however, clearly do not wish to see that money go to Whitehorse. Fred Berger was by far the most outspoken critic of the aggregation of power which has accumulated in the capital since the mid-1950's. While he agrees that the political process in the territory is generally more satisfactory than in the provinces, he says that it is moving in the direction of decay already charted there.

"The key element (in maintaining a distinct Yukon style) is to stop the growth of Whitehorse," Berger stated flatly. "If this doesn't happen, you can foresee a day when there won't be any (rural) communities left." Rural life will soon be impossible if something isn't done to encourage other towns rather than Whitehorse to grow, he said.

Berger maintained, and got general agreement from those present, that a capital city in Dawson would never have grown as much as Whitehorse has, while Whitehorse would still have grown due to its natural

transportation advantages. Thus there could have been two major population centers in the territory rather than the one we have now. The whole dynamic of government operation would thus have been much different, much more balanced.

There was a feeling at the meeting, expressed by Kathy Kosuta, a Land Claims worker with the Dawson Indian Band, that too often important decisions have been taken, populations shifted around and other things done, just for the sake of the administrative convenience of people who hardly knew the locations of the places they were changing by their decisions.

Decentralization was seen as a key element in finding solutions to this sort of problem, although there is a general feeling that there isn't enough being done along this line.

"Decentralization," said local saw mill owner Bill Bowie, "isn't a problem of money or principle, but one of political will." Bowie was member of the panel which drew up the government's report on decentralization.

As for Land Claims, the subject was raised by Hayden in passing but did not emerge as an issue here.

"Land Claims is a given," said Fred Berger, "a forgone conclusion." Former band chief Angie Joseph-Rear simply smiled and nodded.

There were about 10 people at the Hayden/Firth meeting in the community library, most peoples' interest having been diverted by the school council meeting elsewhere in the building that same evening.



## The Clearing House

*I just bought an automatic camera, and all close-ups of peoples faces taken indoors have bright red eyes, making people look like visitors from outer space. Is there any way to correct this?*

This only happens when taking pictures indoors with a flash. When the flash on the camera is very close to the axis of the lens, light rays from the flash enter the subjects eyes and reflect back to the lens from the retina of the eye. The light will be colored red from the blood vessels in the eye.

The best cure is to move the flash gun away from the camera. Some pocket cameras come with an extension which raises the flash bulb a few inches above the lens. Most SLR cameras mount a flash high enough to avoid this problem.

One photography book I consulted said there is no cure for this problem.

Others were more helpful, as was our Klondike Sun photographic expert, Kathy Gates.

Some suggestions if the flash can't be moved-

Brighten the room to reduce the size of the pupils in your subjects eyes.

Ask the subject not to look directly into the lens.

Use faster film, like 400 AST. It might eliminate the need for the flash, though you will find that enlargements are grainier than pictures taken at slower speeds.

And lastly, by diffusing the flash. A diffuser to scatter the light might help where the flash can't be taken off the camera.

The simplest diffusers are tissue paper, muslin or even a clean handkerchief taped over tube and reflector. (Don't obscure the photoelectric sensor.) Some manufacturers make inexpensive plastic diffusing screens to attach over the flash.

However you diffuse the light, some will be absorbed and this must be allowed for in judging exposure. An automatic sensor will handle that if you have one, otherwise the aperture should be opened by at least one stop - you could experiment with this.

The effect of using a diffuser is that shadows are lighter, containing more detail and edges are less distinct. The effect will be a little flat. As the flash is close to the lens most of the shadows created are on those parts of the face hidden from the lens.

## Nursing Station News

by Charlotte Thompson

As 1990 drew to a close, the Nursing Station recorded its final patients and submitted the year end reports to Whitehorse. We have now received the final draft of the 1990 workload at the Dawson City Nursing Station (does not include the Doctor's office patients).

The Nursing Station saw a grand total of 5715 patients in 1990. Of the total, by far most of our patients were Yukoners at 5199. There were 322 other Canadians and 93 Americans with 19 from other countries. Then there was a number of people, 81 in fact, that we did not record a country of residency.

The patients' numbers were split evenly between males and females but by ages it was a different picture. The 20 to 50 year old group was our largest group; greater than the children or senior populations.

The Nursing Station provides service in two areas - Public Health and Treatment. We had 4408 contacts that were treatment services and 1274 contacts that were for Public Health services. There were also 218 administration entries for service for the general running of the stations.

Most of our work was at the Nursing Station but we made 518 home visits, 118 school visits, 134 lodge visits and 24 visits to other community locations. The visits in the community are part of the Community Health Program and are shared equally by all the nurses in their roles as Public Health Nurses.

Treatment services at the Nursing Station were provided in almost every area of medicine from earaches to motor vehicle accidents. There were 386 x-rays done, 72 electrocardiograms performed and 493 laboratory specimens were drawn and processed.

For those of you who have not been to the station during the past year, you have missed some new developments. The current treatment room has been expanded to give more space for treatment during emergencies. The pharmacy has been given a permanent room away from the old treatment room. The Well Baby Clinic has finally moved into a bright larger room with a window and new toys for children of all ages.

The station has also acquired a new radio interconnect system for the nurse on call. The interconnect system provides a connection between the telephone system and a hand held radio giving direct access to the nurse on call anywhere in Dawson. We also have a second radio for the second nurse on call. The station's radios contact the ambulance service.

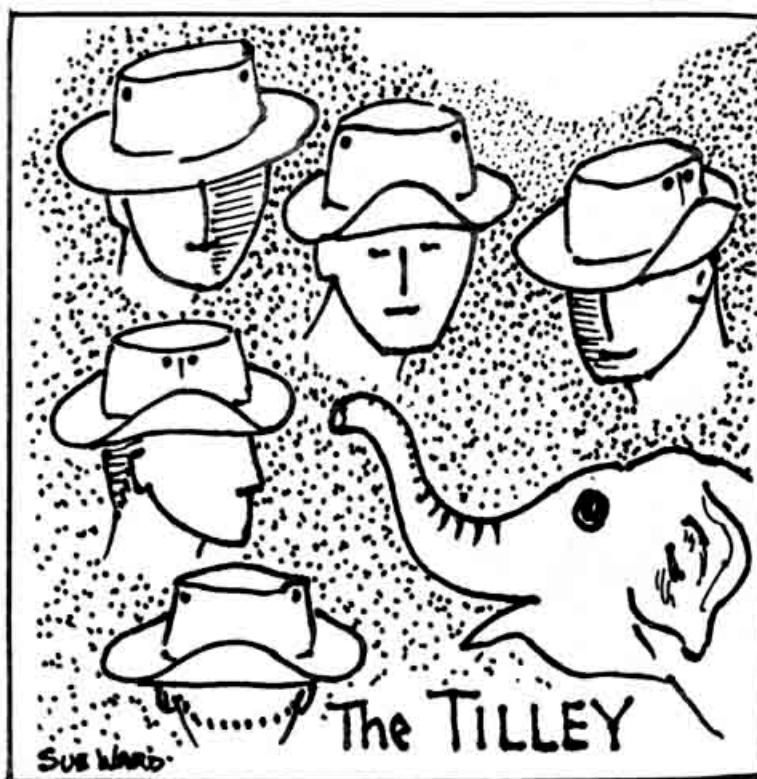
## About that Unique Canadian Armed Forces Headgear

by Sue Ward

Time perhaps for a lighter side to the Gulf War. Our readers Doug and Gwen Wright in Middletown, Nova Scotia send this story:

"You may have seen the unusual (different) headgear the Canadian Forces are wearing in the Middle East. It's a last minute idea - just happens to be a Canadian 'invention' if you can call a hat an invention. Anyhow, the troops embellish them, turn the sides up, and do their own thing in true Canadian fashion. Apparently they don't shrink and they can be laundered - sort of a pork-pie with a brim, off-white colour. According to the originator, one of these miraculous pieces of floppy headgear has been eaten by an elephant on two occasions when it removed the hat from its trainer. Each time it was recovered and laundered and now stands as a convincing selling point in the company's H.Q."

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# CURLING IN DAWSON

by John Gould



I was recently asked by a member of the curling club, "when did the Dawson curlers go to Fairbanks to curl?"

After some research of the Dawson Daily News using the micro films that Parks Canada has of the Dawson papers, I have been able to come up with the following information.

In early February of 1936, Fairbanks invited the people of Dawson to come to their ice carnival and dog derby on March 6, 7 & 8th. The invitation came in the form of a letter, addressed to T.A. Firth, president of the International Hiway association, inviting all Dawson sportsmen, curlers and hockey players, to come to Fairbanks and participate. The theme of the ice carnival and dog derby was to be "Dominion Day". Dawson was also asked to bring Miss Dawson, who would co-host the event along with Miss Alaska. According to the Dawson paper of February 20th there was a committee formed at the curling club to pick a suitable young lady to be Miss Dawson. The paper of February 27 announced that the young lady was to be Miss Bernice Kazinsky.

In the 3rd issue was a list of the lady curlers that would be

going to Fairbanks. They were; Mrs. J.E. Swartz; Mrs. E.E. Hickey; Mrs. A.A. Bigg and Mrs. G.A. McKay all members of the Dawson Curling club. On March 5, 1936; 22 passengers left for Fairbanks, included were the lady curlers, 6 men curlers, 8 members of the hockey team plus their coaches J.K. Johnstone and J. D. Dines.

The news of March 13, 1936 announced the return of the Klondikers from Fairbanks reporting that they all had a great time and that the people of Fairbanks treated them very well. The paper of March 14th gave considerable detail of the mens' curling games, nothing was said as to how the ladies did.

The Dawson curlers were G.A. Jeckell, Controller of the Yukon; J.K. Johnstone, post master; J. F. McLennan of McLennans Drug Store (where the Midnight Sun now is), M. H. Jones, of the Dawson Hardware; E. Somerton, of the Bluebird Cafe and R.C.M.P. Cpl. Joe Wynne. The Dawson team won the first game 16 to 9; tied the 2nd game, lost the 3rd 13 to 6, Fairbanks won the tie breaker 11 to 8. A cup was donated by the people of Fairbanks and a contest was

expected to be held yearly for the cup.

The six players from Dawson rotated positions and games - The first game, the Skip was M.H. Jones, 3rd - J.K. Johnstone, 2nd - G.A. Jeckell and Lead - J. F. McLennan.

The second game, the Skip was G.A. Jeckell, 3rd - M. H. Jones, 2nd - J.K. Johnstone and Lead - E. Somerton.

The third game, the Skip was M.H. Jones, 3rd - J.K. Johnstone, 2nd - G.A. Jeckell and Lead - Cpl. Joe Wynne.

In 1937, Dawson was again invited to go to Fairbanks and join in on the fun at the ice carnival and dog derby. There were a number of people who went. Miss Isabel Fournier went as Miss Dawson. There were no curling teams or hockey team.

The Dawson News of January 29, 1938, announced that the Fairbanks curlers were preparing to come to Dawson. The news of February 8th stated that the teams from Fairbanks would arrive on Thursday, February 10th. Four Dawson mens' teams and two ladies' teams would challenge the visitors.



## SKI CLUB NEWS

by Lorie Sprokkreeff

Skiing has been great this month with a few new faces trying their best at this sport. We were happy to have Caroline Meyer from Watson Lake here to teach lessons through the school for grades 3 - 10 this last week. A few private lessons happened over the weekend as well and it's wonderful to see both the young and old trying and succeeding in downhill skiing. A grueling 15 hour Level I Instructor course took place as well in the evenings and weekends. Nine people took the course with five of them being certified. The ski club will be offering ski lessons next year on a regular basis so look for details.

The next two weeks will be extremely busy finalizing the T-Bar for inspection. I know I've said this a few times but now it looks as though it may actually be in operation before our year

the third period, with goals from Jeremy Germaine and Grant Ewing. Scoring for Dawson were Cody Rudniski and Andy Sigurdson. All the boys played their hearts out and exhibited good sportsmanship through-

ends. We've had set backs financially and vandalism to the lift. The unofficial GRAND OPENING should be March 30th. Stay tuned to the radio and the T.V. for details.

The ski club wishes to thank all those people who graciously supported the raffle for the ski-doo. 190 out of 200 tickets were sold and the winner was LESLIE SMITH (WALLY) of Dawson City. Congratulations, Wally!

The ski club will be hosting the concession during Spring Carnival this year at Minto Park, so come on down and support the ski club.

A special thanks to Peter Menzies who billeted Caroline this past week. Remember, volunteers are always needed to run the lift and concession. Please call Lorie at 993-5125 for more information.

### SKI MOOSE MOUNTAIN

the series. Trophies were given to all the players of both teams at a supper after the second game, which created a lot of smiling, happy faces. A big thanks to all the parents who helped out at the games and the supper afterwards.



## Curling Club News Funspiel & Snow Golf

by Paul Derry

Please do not forget the Spring Carnival funspiel and golf tournament. We will be curling Thursday, Friday and Saturday night (March 21, 22 & 23). There will be a potluck supper on Saturday night and the bar will be open until 2 A.M. There is a limit of sixteen teams and the entry fee is \$40.00 per team. Each team is guaranteed four games, and each game will be four ends. Scoring will be done on a point system, so many points for a win, etc.

Snow golfing will start Sunday at noon. This also counts towards the points total.

There will be a pancake breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings, served by the Queen candidates.

After the Carnival, there will be "THE BETWEEN THE SHEETS AND BUMPER TO BUMPER FUNSPIELS".

In early April the Club will have its annual general meeting to elect a new executive for the 1991/92 season.

For more information about these events call Paul at 993 - 5036 or Akio at 993-5035.



## MINOR HOCKEY

by Grant Owen

On Sunday, February 17th, the residents of Dawson City were treated to some exciting and entertaining minor hockey action. The Mayo Mites came to town for a two home series with the Dawson Mites.

Mites are boys or girls up to the age of seven. Dawson won the first game 7 to 3 with goals from Cody Rudniski and Mile Beshara. Scoring for Mayo were Tim Taylor, Grant Ewing and Jeremy Germaine.

Mayo won the second game 6 to 5 with only 30 seconds left in



Photo by Paula Pawlovich



# Dawson City Curling Club News

by Marjie Mann

Wow - what a month we have had at the Curling Club!! On February 17th, we hosted the 2nd annual Heart Funspiel in conjunction with the B.C. and Yukon Heart Foundation. The John Wories team was the winner of this 4-ender event, Sue Gould won the ounce of gold for the most money raised through pledges (over \$1,000!!) and the big winner was the Heart Foundation with over \$1,700 being raised through pledges, a pancake breakfast, and rink fees.



The 92nd Annual International Bonspiel was held over the weekend of March 1st. It was a very busy weekend with the Quest happening and the Old-timers Hockey tournament as well. The bonspiel was a rousing great success with teams from Whitehorse, Fort McPherson, Inuvik, and Dawson. Unfortunately, the international flavour usually lent by teams from Fairbanks was sadly missed this year. The curlers rubbed shoulders with hockey players from the hockey tournament as they shared club facilities and the Saturday nite banquet and dance. It was a great idea and mutually beneficial to both clubs - hopefully this will be a new tradition we can carry on in years to come!

The theme this year was "GREEN" and the grade 5/6 class and Shirley Pennell can be thanked for all the great decorations. Curling began at 4 p.m. on Friday with a break at about 6 for the "official opening". This tradition was carried on with the curlers promenading around the ice behind Bill Jackson and his pipes. The ceremonial rock was thrown by Bonspiel Chairperson, Akio Saito, after a brief speech from Mayor Jenkins. Curling then continued until about 4 a.m. the following morning, then resumed at 8 a.m. There was a break in the rock-throwing at 6 p.m. to enjoy the wonderful banquet at Gerties (thanks again, Myrna!!). After the food was devoured, Akio and Paul Derry, President, said a few words

of thanks and awards of appreciation were given to Mark Castellarin, Marjie Mann and Paul Derry. There was also a special birthday-girl bonspieler present for Sue Gould. As well, a special award and life-time membership was given to a very deserving John Wories. Once the speeches were over, Gerties was opened up for an evening of enjoyment and 4 teams of curlers went back to their game from 9 to 11 p.m. By that time, curlers, hockey players and the general public were shaking the rafters at Gerties. A big bouquet to "Claim Jumpers", (Peter and the gang's newest name for their great band), to Fletcher Hunston and all the dealers, and to the Klondike Valley Fire Fighters Association who tended bar and other assorted duties. The next morning at 7 a.m., curling started up again and finished off with the final winning rock shot by our own Akio Saito at about 5:30 p.m.



## "C" Event

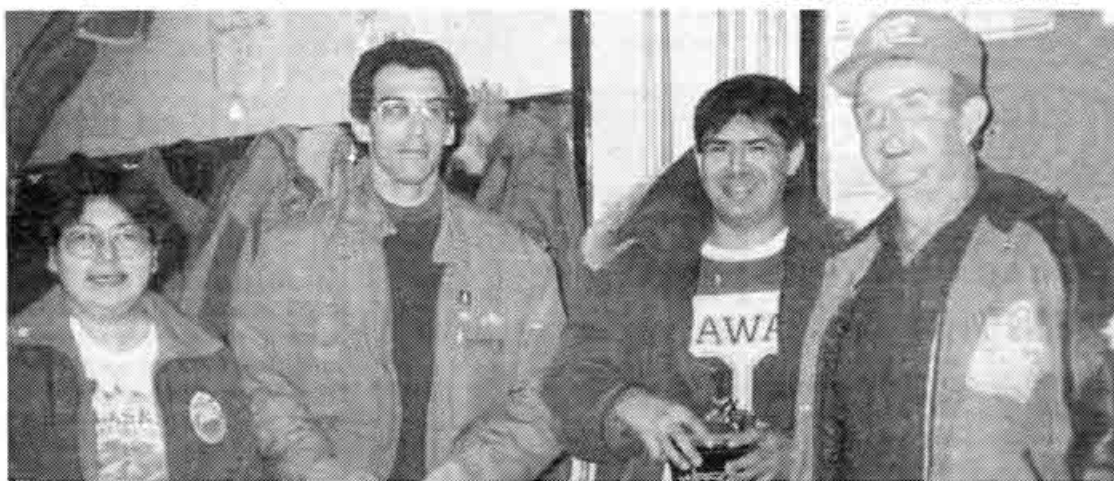
- 1st- John Hendley team (Dawson City) with Gail Hendley, Lyle Anderson and Murphy Anderson
- 2nd- Doreen Olson team (Dawson City) with Rosie Blair-Smith, Tick Gingell, and Robert Keaton



## And the Winners Are --

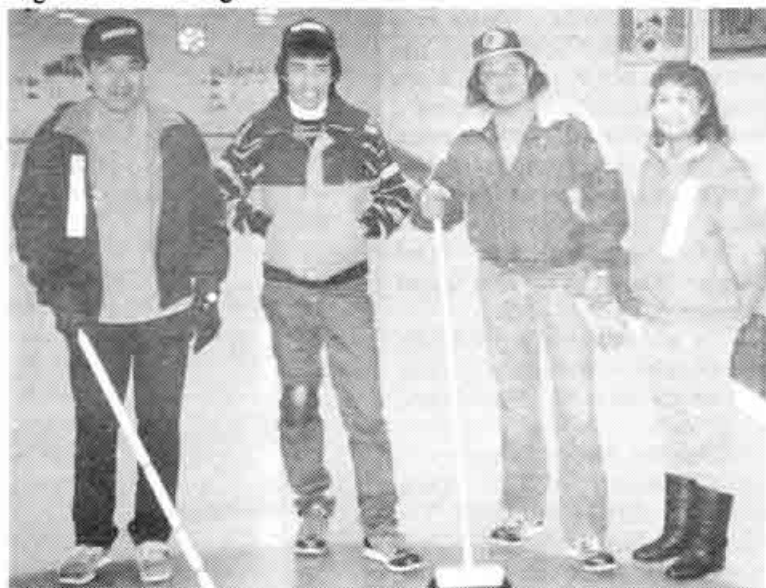
### "A" Event

- 1st- Akio Saito team (Dawson City) with Alana Murray, Clarence Jack and Don Mclean
- 2nd- John Wories team (Dawson City) with Mark Castellarin, Anna Hanulik and Gary McMillan
- 3rd- Linda Christiansen team (Dawson City) with Reg Stenstrom, Steve Taylor and Kelly Van Every
- 4th- Chris Mayes team (Dawson City) with Renee Mayes, Kandice Holloway and Wayne Braga



### "B" Event

- 1st- Gordon Johnston team (Inuvik) with James Firth, Helen Gordon and Gerry Walker
- 2nd- Art Christiansen team (Whitehorse) with Vic Mitander, Alan Nordling and Jenny Christiansen
- 3rd- Howard Mann team (Dawson City) with Lawrie Stewart, Marjie Mann and Nikki Walsh
- 4th- Leslie Johns team (Whitehorse) with Nancy Taylor, Irene Nagano and Gina Nagano



- 1st- James Greenland team (Fort McPherson) with P.J. Vittrekwa, Johnnie Charlie and Winnie Greenland
- 2nd- Jerry Toner team (Dawson City) with Paul Derry, Edith Henry and James Stempien



### Other Awards:

- 1st Team Out Award - The Colin Mayes team (Dawson City)
- Oldest Curler - Don McLean
- Sportsperson - Leslie Jones
- Bonspieler - Sue Gould

All in all, the weekend was very successful - some of us are still recovering! Credit must be given to Chairperson Akio Saito and his committee of hard-working individuals - Paul Derry, John Wories, Mark Castellarin and Sue Gould. Congratulations on a job well-done!

The Curling Club will be having their Annual General Meeting within the next month - keep your eyes open for it!! President Paul Derry, Vice-Pres. Mark Bowers and Treasurer Marjie Mann will be stepping down - so if you think you would like to donate your talents and energy by assuming one of these positions, please give Paul a call at 993-5475 for more details.





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Thank you to all the people who sponsored me in the Heart Bonspiel. My total pledges were over \$1000. - Susan Gould

A big thank you to Jeff and Diana, who helped me at the Curling Club pancake breakfast. Also the Queen candidates Misty Bowers, Jenny Bowers and Vanessa Joseph, who did a terrific job. - Susan Gould

## THANK YOU YUKON QUEST VOLUNTEERS

Once again I would like to pass on all the favourable comments and thank you's we received from the mushers, handlers and Quest officials, to the many volunteers involved with the Dawson checkpoint.

We had a total of 48 volunteers this year who put in uncountable hours building and marking trails and staffing the checkpoint around the clock for four days, and we would like to thank you by extending an invitation for all trail and checkpoint volunteers to attend a dinner party on March 23rd, at the Eldorado Hotel at 6:00 p.m. We will be sending out your invitations shortly, but if by some chance some of you get missed, please call me at 1-667-1015 or Shirley Moi at 993-6704.

We would like to thank Earl and Lynn MacKenzie, **MACKENZIE PETROLEUM** for donating all the snowmachine gas and oil for the trail makers and the following businesses for their continued support: Frontier Freightlines, Klondike Transport, the City crew, Territorial Department of Highways, Renewable Resources and Klondike National Historic Sites.

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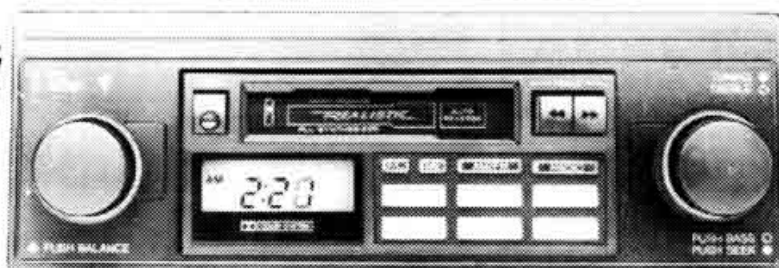
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