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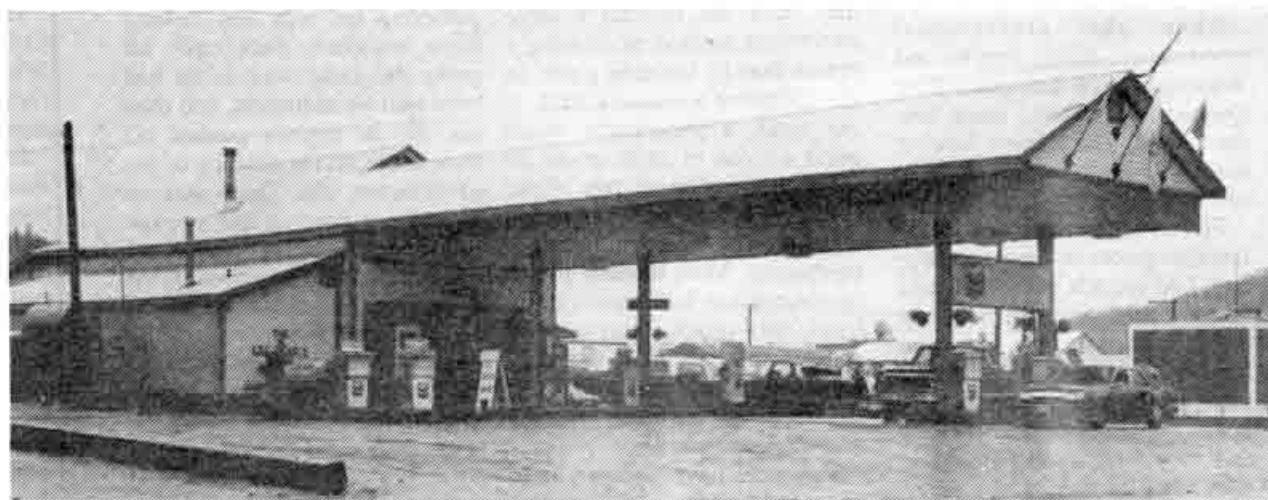


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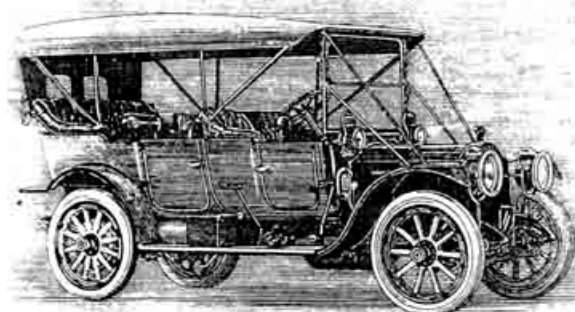
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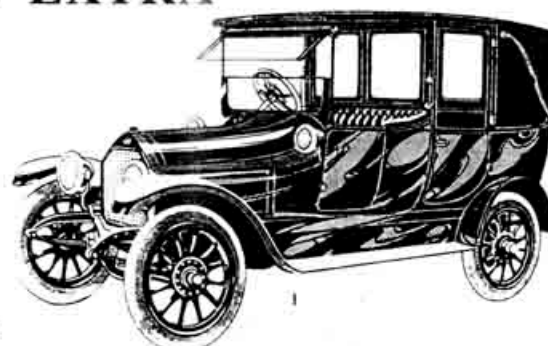
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WOODSMEN OF THE RIVER

by Iris Warner

In July, 1955, the steamer "Klondike" made her last trip on the Yukon River and then was pulled up on the ways at Whitehorse where the famous ship remains today. With her ended the era of the Yukon riverboats that plowed the Yukon from Whitehorse to Dawson and thence down the great river to St. Michaels on the Arctic Ocean. And when the riverboats ended their gracious lives on the Yukon they also ended what was up to that time one of the chief industries in the Territory . . . the cutting of firewood to feed their hungry boilers.

It is little remembered now, but until only a decade ago many sourdoughs made a good living cutting wood, and a very great proportion of the native population also cut wood to augment the income they received from trapping. The riverboats burned vast quantities of wood every year, often a cord an hour, and great stacks could be seen drying in the sun at regular intervals along the 2,000 mile long river.

Woodcutting started even before the gold rush to service the trading vessels that plied the river but when the gold boom came along in 1897, a great demand went up for firewood and logs for lumber to build the city of Dawson which sprang up almost overnight. Some idea of the vast amounts of lumber needed can be imagined when it is realized that Dawson went from a practically zero population in 1897 to a boom city of 30,000 people in 1898-99. All thoughts were on the yellow metal, but probably nearly as much was made on cutting the wood to warm and house the gold-seekers. And when dozens of riverboats appeared overnight on the Yukon River the need for wood became desperate.

The native craft of eastern Canada is the birchbark canoe; the craft of the western provinces was the Hudson's Bay longboats, but the truly native craft of the Yukon has always been the simplest conveyance known to man . . . the raft made of logs.

Many an early stamper ended up on the creeks around Dawson in 1898 to find all the good ground staked. He had come thousands of miles; he was tired and broke. He could offer his labour to one of the many placer operations going full blast in order to find beans and bacon for his belly, or if he disliked standing waist-deep in freezing muck on the end of a number eight shovel, he could cut wood. Many of them did and often found the job more financially rewarding than "moiling for gold."

The hills around Dawson were soon stripped bare of trees and woodcutters had to roam farther and farther afield to find

suitable logs for lumber with which to build houses and sluice boxes. Gangs of miners swarmed along the river close to Dawson for their own firewood in the early years but they soon disappeared leaving the job to the professionals, when the trees became scarce.

Then the professional woodcutters, mostly Swedes and Norwegians and Canadians from Quebec and Ontario came into their own. They knew how to make a Swede saw and a cross cut saw sing in the bush!

Firewood commanded some fantastic prices in Dawson's heyday. Old records show that cold miners paid as high as sixty dollars a cord in 1898 and good lumber logs brought a higher price yet. Several saw-mills were operating full blast near the city and they were soon outbidding each other for logs.

The woodsmen travelled on foot up the river until they found a suitable stand of trees close to the shore and set up a camp. Some were quite permanent, complete with log cabins and all the comforts of home. Others were a mere bivouac made of canvas or spruce boughs. Trees were felled in the summer and fall and were skidded to the river in the winter. Manpower was mostly used to haul the logs to the river's edge in the early days but later, dog teams were used for the purpose. Some fortunate woodsmen used horses for skidding the logs but horses were hard to come by during the stampede.

As the industry became more refined and the early demand was satisfied, the requirements became more stringent for firewood. Because of the short, hot summer, Yukon trees do not dry out very well unless they are blazed full length of the log and left for at least one summer in the bush. Green logs contain too much pitch and wood stoves and stovepipes become sooty and dangerous as a fire hazard if the wood is not seasoned properly. The riverboats paid a premium price of \$16 a cord for wood for many, many years. It sold for considerably higher prices delivered stove-length in the communities of Dawson and later, Whitehorse, Mayo and Carcross.

The delivery system used for Dawson was simple in the extreme. Woodsmen cut their logs upriver and skidded them to the water's edge then formed them into large rafts. The Pelly River Indians habitually erected tents on the rafts complete with their families and dogs and they floated in style downstream to market in Dawson. So well did they develop the knack of building a sturdy raft that they even passed through Five Finger Rapids, the graveyard of many a stamper's boat, without shipping more than a bucketful

or two of white foamy water.

Even today, in an era where water travel has been developed to a high degree with high speed outboard motors, plastic, rubber and aluminum boats, the lowly raft remains an important means of transportation in the Yukon. Prospectors who must carry all of their equipment on their back in the field are forced to cross dozens of lakes and streams on their peripatetic wanderings; they have yet to find a more convenient method of crossing a stream than by building a raft. In the course of a season's work in the field, a prospector might build dozens of rafts, some no more than a log or two wired together, others very large and elaborate for transporting heavy equipment. Most modern placer operations use bulldozers, draglines or other heavy duty equipment, and often the only means by which this equipment can be moved from one showing to another is by raft.

Yukoners have become quite adept at building rafts and at working them through swift and shallow waters, over submerged islands and sandbars.

During the Dawson City Festival of 1962 when the Broadway play "Foxy" had its premiere performance in the renovated Palace Grand Theatre, one of the male members of the cast became intrigued with the history of Yukon raftmaking and decided he would build a raft himself and float downstream from Dawson to Eagle, Alaska just as the pioneers did in the early days. He spent long hours gathering his logs and lashing them together, butt ends all going the same way as he had been told by oldtimers, and then one day he merrily pushed off from shore on the first leg of his adventurous trip. There was no second leg because his voyage ended at the first stretch of white water that he encountered downriver. His raft hung up on the bars and sweepers that lie waiting for the unwary riverman and his raft broke up beneath him. He received only a dunking in the chill water and returned to Dawson a much more educated man.

But then he may not have read all the directions.

THE WEATHER REPORT

by Art Vickers

April Statistics

The Maximum temperature for April was 17.2 Celcius on April 26th, but, we still had some chilly nights with April 1st giving us the April Fools Low temperature for the month of minus 20.5 Celcius. There was 0.8 mm of rain and a trace of snow for April.

May Statistics

Moving on to May - the Minimum temperature was -4.3 C. on May 12th and Maximum was 22.8 on May 29th. The month came in wet and went out wet with rain on the 1st and 31st. Add a few showers throughout the month and we got a total of 13.6 mm of precipitation. Two new high temperature records were set in May - 22.5 on May 4th edged out the old high of 22, set in 1915, and 21.9 on May 5th demolished the old mark of 20 set way back in 1907.

June Statistics

And then came June. The Low for the month was 0.0 C on June 11th with a high of 30.7 C (87.3 F.) on June 20th (equalling the old record set in 1958). Although we did have 21.8 mm of rain during the course of the month, there was quite a bit more wind than usual for Dawson. The warm temperatures and wind combined with a few of Ma Nature's light shows and we all wound up with smoke in our eyes. It was forest fire season again! There are still plenty of fires burning and local smoke conditions depend on the direction of the winds each day.

I've heard some grumbling around town from people saying the weather hasn't been up to snuff for Dawson in July.

Well, all in all, it's been a fairly average July and, compared

to other places both in the Yukon or the rest of Canada, we've done well for this year. After all, there were only six days in July that the temperature didn't get into the 20's C (70's F for the unconverted) and that's passable. No one here in Dawson has been hampered by developing furry webbed feet, unlike those unfortunate people who mistakenly chose to live in the territorial capital. Whitehorse has really had a wet, cold, windy month!!! Ho! Ho!

July Statistics:

The high for the month was 26.4 C on the 7th. The low was 2.8 C on the 30th. The record low of 2.0 C was set in 1975 and we gave it a bit of a scare. That was the only record we came near to during this average month of July.

We had a total of 54.3 mm of rain during the month, more than half of which fell during the monsoons of July 11-13th.

The airport has been spared quite a few of the thunderstorms that got the attention of Dawson residents. Ask Librarian John Bilton about his new waterfall that he had installed at the library one particular day this July. It brought back a few fond memories for him. Only six thunderstorms were recorded at the airport and none of these compared to the ones in town. We must be doing something right.

That's in for July (sob, snivel).
[Ed. Note: Art Vickers, your friendly Flight Service Specialist at the Transport Canada Flight Service Station at the Dawson City airport, was a little late with last month's weather report. In the interests of historical completeness, we present it here.]



THE CLEARING HOUSE

By Fran Hakonson
& Evelyn DuBois

Is there an insurance to ensure that you don't lose your investment in high technology machines, like computers, when a new model comes out?

In a word - no. Valerie Collins of Reed Stenhouse in Whitehorse advises me that there is no such thing as insurance against obsolescence.

She says the idea of insurance is that you prove a loss, and the insurance company tries to put you back in the same position, by replacing identical equipment or if not available, then like kind or quality. You would never get a more advanced machine as the object of insurance is not to improve on what you had, just to replace it. So insurance is not the answer to protecting investment in high tech machines.

Businesses are allowed to depreciate, or expense fixed assets like computers. Computers are class 8 and depreciate at 20% a year, so in effect, a business could replace a computer every 5 years if necessary.

The private buyer doesn't have that privilege and my advice to him or her would be either to buy a more advanced computer than you need at present, if you can afford it, or if not, to buy an inexpensive one that allows for future expansion (system upgrades, more memory, larger hard disc etc.)

Newer versions of software, especially graphics, because they do more, may very well require more memory, so you would be ill-advised to limit your upgrade options at the time you purchase your computer.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a Happy Discovery Weekend, wherever you are.



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MIKE 'PA' TELEP

JULY 19TH 1907 - JUNE 26TH 1991

by Kathy Jones-Gates

Mike "Pa" Telep was born in Fernie, B.C., on July 19th, 1907. He worked on the railway between B.C. and Montana during his early working years. In 1938, he married Delva Elliott. He came to Dawson the same year, looking for employment. He found work as a mechanic for the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation at Bear Creek from 1939 until 1966.

Pretoria Butterworth recalled that Mike was looking for some extra work in 1938 so assisted her future husband, Jack, in building the house that Jack and Pretoria were to live in following their 1938 marriage.

Bear Creek was a hive of activity in the late 1930's and into the 1940's and the Telep's were active members with many people recalling their involvement in the Bear Creek Curling Club, a sporting interest that continued when they moved to Dawson. Palma Berger recalls Pa's fond recollections of fishing in the Klondike River from the back of his Bear Creek home. That was in the days when the river was on the other side of the Klondike valley, prior to the dredging of the valley.

Following the shut down of the YCGC in 1966 the Telep family moved into Dawson, where Pa worked for the Yukon Territorial Government as a mechanic until his retirement at aged 70.

Ma and Pa as most of the community affectionately called the couple, raised a family of four and immersed themselves fully in the community life of Dawson. Pa augmented his mechanics salary by running a trapline in the Klondike valley. A warm welcome awaited all the Dawson kids according to Dan Moi, now a resident of Tumbler Ridge, B.C. "Every kid in town was considered a member of the family."

Most people would have been quite happy to retire at aged 70. Not so for Pa. Diamond Tooth Gerties first opened its doors in 1971. On opening night, resplendent in his red vest, Pa became one of Gerties more colourful doormen. Pa's bewhiskered face was a natural target for the media, from Yukon newspapers to the National Geographic magazine. A second, albeit most reluctant, retirement came in 1985. His doorman's duties now

over, Pa was rewarded with a lifetime membership to Diamond Tooth Gerties. He wintered outside with his family, occasionally trying his luck at the larger southern Casinos, and loved to show off his unique Gerties card to one and all.

Pa was pre-deceased by his wife Delva in May of 1981. He is survived by 4 children, Ann Marie Johanson of Whitehorse, Clara (Jorma) Norila of Vanderhoof, B.C., Mike (Marion) Telep of Whitehorse, Henry (Pam) Telep of Victoria, B.C and Shirley Buyck Telep, 8 grandchildren, 2 brothers, 1 sister and many, many friends and all his other "kids". A funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church on July 1st with Father Leo Boyd officiating. Pallbearers were: Gary Gammie, Ralph Troberg, Fletcher Hunston, Joe Fellers, Joe Mason and Frank Chambers. Honorary pallbearers were Kim and Penny Tuson wearing their Can-Can outfits. He was laid to rest beside his wife in the Catholic Cemetery on the hillside.

Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates



Kim and Penny Tuson wanted to share this memory of Pa Telep.

MEMORIES OF PA TELEP

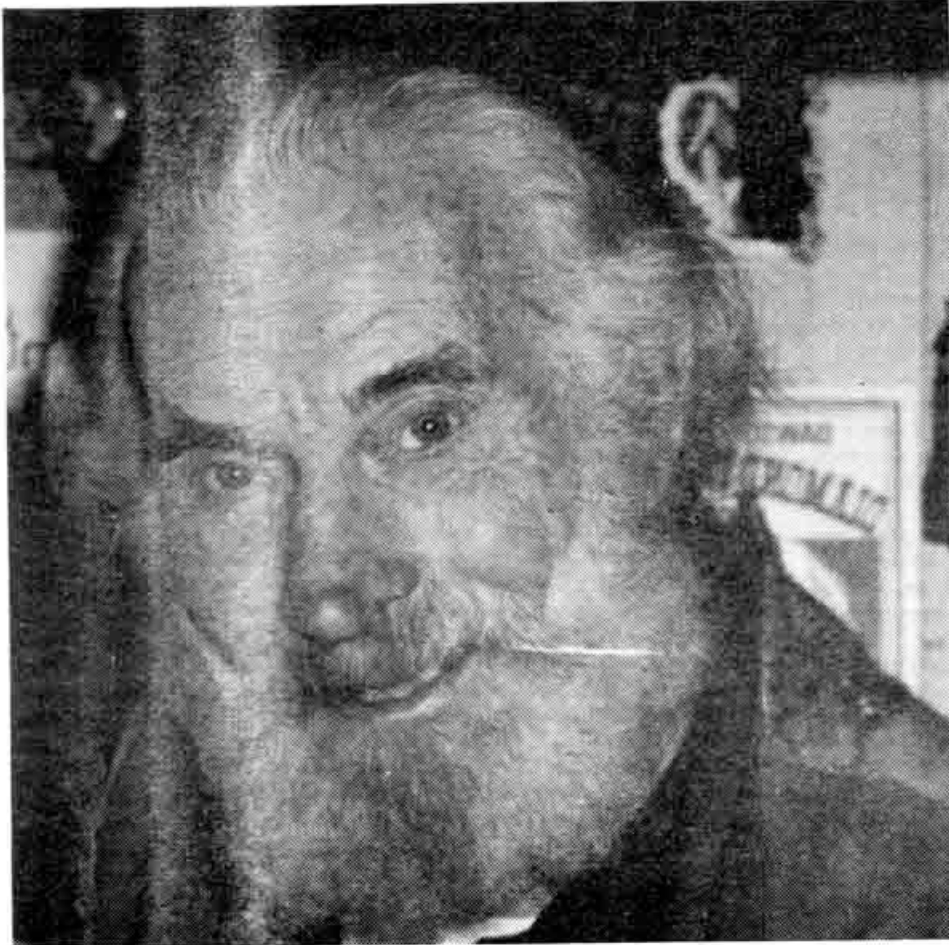
by Sue Ward

I remember asking Pa how he had come into Dawson in the Dirty Thirties. He told me several of them flew in a small plane. When they were touching down at Whitehorse, the wing hit a stand of small spruce trees. Much time and effort went into securing the wing back on. The pilot asked Mike if he wanted to call it quits or take a chance on making Dawson. Aren't we glad he took the chance? He said he never missed a day's work in all the years he lived here, which was why he found it so difficult to accept retirement as doorman in Gertie's when he was well into his seventies.

Mike and his sparky wife Delva were George Murray Waltz Champions. My fondest memory of Mike Telep is floating around the floor in his arms the year the Native folk put on the wonderful banquet for Dawson's Oldsters in Gertie's (must be all of ten years ago) time passes so quickly when you're dancing with a champion!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our friends. You are too numerous to mention. Thank you for all your kindness and support on the loss of our father. THE TELEP FAMILY



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Thanks to all our advertisers for supporting this special issue.

Thanks to Paula P. for the new/old look banner and overall design of this issue.

Thanks to: Fran Hakonson, Sheila Jones, Michael Gates, Richard Reeves, Lorelei Cook, Joan Posno, Peter Menzies, and to Jennifer W. for being a really hands on and feet down reporter.

Condolences to all those people who still think we sell boat tour tickets in this office.

Joan McKenzie

June 5, 1926 - August 3, 1991

Survived by -

Husband: Chuck McKenzie

Daughter: Dale Laser &

Husband, Ken

Grandchildren: Leah & Jodie Laser

Sister: Yvonne Burian

Nieces and Nephews

Father - Al Woodburn, a long time employee of the White Pass & Yukon Route and a resident of Stewart River.

Mother - Vic Woodburn

There will be a private funeral and the body will be cremated.

Contact Chuck McKenzie at 993-5206 for further information.



Many Thanks.

The family of Joan McKenzie would like to give a heartfelt "thank you" to Dr. Parsons for his superb care and compassion for our Wife and Mother and to the Nursing Staff of Father Judge Nursing Station for their caring and support throughout. To Darcy Braga, Joanne Smith and Linda Taylor, thank you for being there.

YUKON HISTORIAN SAYS: NAIL DOWN YOUR HISTORY, BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE DOES

by Roy Minter

When in 1971 Charles Lynch visited Edmonton he asked how come Edmonton could pinch a name like Capilano for its new freeway when it rightly belonged to Vancouver.

"We'll steal anything," his hostess replied, with an openness for which Albertans are noted. "We stole Klondike Days from the Yukon, didn't we?"

They did indeed, right from under the noses of Yukoners who are inclined to trust strangers; that is until they discover that they had departed in the middle of the night with the family jewels.

It was not long after the Edmonton promoters visited Dawson in the early sixties that Yukoners discovered that the sleazy Edmontonians had not only walked out with a few bags of black sand, but they had also filched the Yukon's Klondike history as well.

Soon Yukoners learned that in 1964 the Edmonton Klondike bilkers had built a Chilkoot Mountain on their exhibition ground where they exclaimed "There's gold in them thar hills!" And soon there were sophisticated marketing strategies and promotional campaigns designed to tell the world where the Klondike could best be seen, experienced, and heard. The exploitation of the Edmonton "Klondike Days" theme was up and away.

They were on a good thing.

EDMONTON PROFITS

Gold and civic promotional benefits began to flow into the deep pockets of Edmonton's highjackers.

As an example, on November, 1964 Yukoners noted an Edmonton Journal headline proclaiming that "KLONDIKE DAYS THEME WINS CONVENTIONS". The Edmonton Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Edmonton Kiwanis Club had both latched on to Edmonton's Klondike Days and, together, they were bringing some two to three thousand visitors to the city.

Sensing a growing Bonanza, Edmontonian Leo LeClerc declared to the Edmonton Motel Association that "Klondike Days should be promoted even more."

This they have done - and they have never stopped.

True, many Edmontonians were embarrassed by its city's usurpation of the Yukon's Klondike history - and promoting it as its own. "They are stealing a theme of the Yukon," writes Earl Denard, Curator of Alberta's Pioneer Village. "As an all-time resident of northern Alberta I wish to express how wrong Edmonton can be in performing this false theme."

But Edmonton was on to a good thing and it wasn't about to listen to anyone spouting morality, honesty, or fair play. It raised its voice even louder as the bucks started rolling in. "We invite you to travel the colourful trail of '98," said Edmonton's Klondike Day's promoters. You may ARRIVE as a duded-up cheechako but we guarantee you'll GO HOME a full-fledged sourdough."

What cheek! What might we have expected next from this gang of insensitive Albertans?

When Yukon's editorial writers started blasting Edmonton for its

theft of the Yukon's history many of Edmonton's citizens rose to defend their Klondike Days, while others attacked their city's insensitive promoters for stealing the Yukon's great and noble history, repackaging it, and selling it to the world as a phony civic promotion.

The Fight Begins

Soon all Hell was breaking loose.

To protect its phony Klondike promotion from a growing tide of resentment Edmonton moved to

Wyoming and "plunge deep into Klondike Country with stops at Edmonton and Jasper.

Even the internationally famous promoter of motorhome travel had been duped into believing that Edmonton was in the heart of the Klondike. Just as some of us had predicted, the name "Klondike" was gradually being associated with Edmonton, and that future generations would gradually accept this as a reality.

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The indignity of it. Seeing something you love being used by a group of crass promoters as a vehicle to sell their city as a great convention centre, playland, and fun-time paradise, is a heart-wrenching experience.

A few of us got together and started to fight back.

The Klondike Visitors Association fired off wires to Ottawa protesting Edmonton's

Klondike.

Columnist Jamie Portman called the Edmonton usurpation of the Yukon's Klondike "a monumental piece of thievery..." He said, "It was inevitable that the proud residents higher up on the map should complain vociferously."

And so we did.

Yukon Legislature Acts

In 1967 this writer addressed the Territorial Council on the loss of the Klondike to Edmonton.



To raise money to fight Edmonton the Yukon Klondike Defence Force sold hundreds of "Victory Bonds" throughout the United States and Canada. The money was used to finance two mailings to 120,000 households in Edmonton urging Edmontonians to cease and desist. Thousands of Edmontonians supported the Yukon's position - but it did no good. Edmonton promoters continue using the Yukon's Klondike history as a civic promotion to this day.

copyright the words "KLONDIKE DAYS" so that no one else could use them - including the Yukon.

"Klondike Mike" became Edmonton's living mascot to whom they erected a twenty foot statue.

"Klondike Mike is now a trade mark of the Edmonton Exhibition Association," pontificated an Association spokesman. "And anyone using the name, symbol, or figure without the consent of the association is subject to prosecution."

This was tough talk from Edmonton.

The irony of it all will bewilder any thinking northerner. As Yukoners we would be prosecuted for using the name "Klondike Mike" or for that matter "Klondike Days". And all of these phony Edmonton promotional symbols were based on OUR history - taken without formal request or our consent.

Soon sham Edmonton Klondike store fronts, commercial ads, societies, companies and corporations, as well as public school classrooms were all involved in this odious affair.

Famous radio and television personality Lorne Greene was made the first honorary member of the Edmonton Klondike Posse - a group of mounted riders who had always been known as Edmonton's Sheriff's Posse.

Wally Byam Caravaners stated in their 1965 brochure that their huge convoy of motorhomes will leave

Even the very symbol of OUR Klondike in days past, "Yukon Bud" Fisher was described in a newspaper story as "Yukon Bud" from Edmonton.

All of this transpired years ago. Now it is 1991 and Edmonton still beats its Klondike drum, and the world has learned to respond to its rhythm.

In short, having very little exciting history of its own, oil rich, wheat rich, industry rich, Edmonton, reached into the Yukon with its grubby, grasping hands and departed with the Yukon's priceless Klondike history. And in the process it plastered the roads and highways of Alberta and British Columbia with signs proclaiming that travelers were on the Trail of '98-trails that would lead them to Edmonton's fabulous Klondike Days.

Edmonton's "two weeks of Klondike fun" had emerged as a year-round civic promotional gimmick.

Sadly, under the impact of Edmonton's promotional talents and skills Edmonton was becoming accepted as the legitimate home of the Klondike.

Ask the Dawson Information Centre how the little American schoolboy had to obtain the help of a Centre staffer to prove to his teacher in the States that the Klondike was NOT in Edmonton.

Reality in Doubt

The shadow had become the im-

copyrighting "Klondike Days". But we were told that the protest proved too late as the copyright had already been approved.

Dawson citizen George Shaw got into the act. At a Territorial Council meeting he shouted, "The Yukon can no longer stand idly by while its historical birthright is carried off by pirates to the south."

About the same time I was asked to debate the issue with the editor of the *Edmonton Journal* at a special meeting organized by the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce. I concluded my presentation by saying, "Yukon David can not - and will not - stand idly by while Edmonton's Goliath caricatures and uses the Yukon's Klondike history for its civic promotion. It does not belong to Edmonton. It belongs to us and we are using it ourselves. To this end, Yukon citizens, the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce, and the Klondike Visitors Association asks you to STOP."

It did no good. We won the battle that night but we lost the war. Edmonton still touts the Yukon's Klondike history as its own. And there are many, many Yukoners who weep when they see Edmonton Klondike billboards on the side of busses, read promotional stories (written by platoons of reporters who were children during the early days of the big steal and know little or nothing of the background), or listen to radio commercials extolling the wonders of Edmonton's

Subsequently, George Shaw moved that the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs "make every effort to restore the Klondike to its rightful place in Canadian history and lend his full support to this end." (Carried unanimously)

George Shaw then moved that the "Yukon Legislative Council insists that no display depicting the Yukon's Klondike be permitted at EXPO '67 without its consent."

And it was further resolved that immediate steps be taken by all levels of government to ensure that the history of the Klondike and its people is universally recognized as the sole and exclusive property of the Yukon Territory.

The Territorial Council then resolved to dispatch a telegram to the mayor and council of Edmonton warning them that they must disassociate themselves from Edmonton's commercial exploitation of the Yukon's Klondike heritage. Further, the Council served notice of its intention to oppose by all legitimate means any Edmonton plans to mount an Edmonton Klondike Display at EXPO '67.

Because Edmonton gave no assurance that it would not mount a Klondike display at EXPO '67 George Shaw, Don Taylor, and this writer travelled to Montreal to confer with EXPO's secretary general. We stated that unless Edmonton withdrew its Klondike display from EXPO '67 the Yukon would picket every entrance to EXPO and raise

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every kind of hell we could think up.

After a hasty meeting with the Edmonton delegation Edmonton agreed to abandon its Klondike theme and replace it with a theme based on Fort Edmonton. But we were eventually dismayed to learn that the Fort Edmonton theme would become a front for a Klondike display inside.

And so it goes.

We needed cash. We were serious. We planned to send an open letter to every household in Edmonton - some 130,000 of them.

Victory Bonds Fill Treasury

To start the ball rolling we formed The Klondike Defence Force and started to sell "WAR BONDS". We sold hundreds of them all over the United States and Canada. The money flowed in and with it we mounted an intensive mail campaign to bring this hideous affair to an end.

I was invited on many occasions to attend meetings in Edmonton, as well as newspaper, radio, and television interviews. I stuck to my line, "GIVE UP". After one particular half-hour session called the "Hot Seat" (in which I sat) I was pelted with tomatoes outside the studio for daring to demand the return of the Klondike to its rightful owner.

Edmonton families were caught up in the emotions of the moment. Family rows were generated and, on several occasions, we had Edmonton husbands and wives on the opposite side of the issues screaming at each other on the phone as one supported us and the other condemned us in no uncertain terms.

It was a lively time.

This writer has sixteen file folders packed to bursting with correspondence, speeches, news clips, editorials, angry letters, appeals - you name it - all devoted to the repatriation of the Yukon's Klondike history from the gang of Edmontonians who committed the Great Klondike Robbery.

Confusion Reigns

The two Klondikes began to create a great deal of confusion. One Klondike somewhere in northern Canada, and the big one in Alberta near Edmonton. That is what threw the Gray Cup Parade T.V. commentator when he found three - count 'em - floats representing the Klondike in the Grey Cup Parade. Two of them were from Edmonton and one was entered from the Yukon, but as far as the commentator was concerned - as well as the viewing audience - ALL THREE were from Edmonton.

Today, Edmonton still drums the Klondike for world-wide attention. There are some, even in the Yukon, who see Edmonton's Klondike as good advertising for the Yukon. The trouble is it doesn't work that way. You can't successfully promote two companies with the name Rolls Royce. There can not be two Coca Colas. There can not be two Klondike Visitors Associations - one in Watson Lake say, and one in Dawson - both claiming to represent Dawson City.

Imagine being asked to identify yourself at a meeting and you arose only to find another person standing, claiming to be you.

But apart from the promotional

value of the name KLONDIKE (which is sheer magic in the promotional world) there is the quiet dignity of having our Klondike history, our Klondike names, our Klondike vents, our Klondike people, respected for what they are. There is a warmth and a fond regard for our past history that transcends dollars and tawdry promotional gimmicks.

Yes, there is love for our corner of Canada, and it hurts us to see its history put through some promotional meat grinder to be reformed, repackaged, and sold as a cheap imitation of a land that has within its bosom a spell that is felt rather than spoken.

Yukoners know of what I speak. Edmontonians don't.

And that's the trouble.

Happy Discovery Day.



Roy Minter

CONSERVATION NEWS

Catch and Release - How To

Limiting your harvest through catch and release fishing is one of the most effective conservation measures you can practice. When you return large spawners to the water and allow small fish to reach maturity, you are guaranteeing fish for next year and the next generation. You have the pleasure of catching the fish plus the satisfaction of enhancing the resource. You also gain the respect of your fellow anglers. Here's how it's done:

1. Use barbless hooks. They're easy to remove and kill fewer fish than barbed hooks.
2. Carry a pair of long nose pliers with you. They make hook removal easier on you and the fish.
3. Keep the fish in the water while removing the hook.
4. Run your hand down the line to the fish's mouth. Grasp the shank of the hook with your long nose pliers and give it a twist. If you must handle the fish, grasp it gently behind the gill cover. Do not touch the gills or squeeze the belly.
5. Instead of weighing the fish, measure its length and consult the length/weight conversion tables. If you feel you must weigh the fish, weigh it in a landing net, then subtract the weight of the net.
6. If the fish loses consciousness and floats on its side, hold it in the water in a normal swimming position and move it slowly back and forth so water runs through its gills. When it begins to swim normally, release it.
7. If the fish will not revive or its gills are damaged, keep it for the table.

Catch and Release Angling Records

The Yukon Fisheries Section will accept declarations of trophy fish length/weights for record purposes. But, in the spirit of catch and release fishing, you need not keep your trophy. All you have to do is measure the fish in the presence of a witness, then release it. For released lake trout, pike and grayling, a length measurement is sufficient (consult the length/weight conversion tables.) To estimate the weights of other species, take length and girth measurements and plug them into the following formula:

Weight = (length x girth x girth) divided by 800

Note: this formula works only with imperial weights and measures system (inches and pounds).

If you catch a "lunker" that exceeds the minimum trophy length/weight listed below, send us the following information and we will put you on a trophy angler list:

1. Type of fish
2. Length
3. Girth (if necessary)
4. Kept or released?
5. Water body
6. Date caught
7. Line test weight
8. Your name & address
9. Name and address of 1 witness

LENGTH/WEIGHT CONVERSION TABLES

| LARGE NORTHERN PIKE | | | LARGE ARCTIC GRAYLING | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|--|
| Length cm/in. | Weight kg/lbs. | | Length cm/in. | Weight kg/lbs. | |
| 105 - 41.3 | 7.5 - 16.5 | | 45 - 17.7 | .89 - 2.0 | |
| 106 - 41.7 | 7.7 - 17.0 | | 46 - 18.1 | .95 - 2.1 | |
| 107 - 42.1 | 7.9 - 17.4 | | 47 - 18.5 | 1.01 - 2.2 | |
| 108 - 42.5 | 8.1 - 17.9 | | 48 - 18.9 | 1.08 - 2.4 | |
| 109 - 42.9 | 8.3 - 18.3 | | 49 - 19.3 | 1.14 - 2.5 | |
| 110 - 43.3 | 8.6 - 19.0 | | 50 - 19.7 | 1.21 - 2.7 | |
| 111 - 43.7 | 8.8 - 19.4 | | 51 - 20.1 | 1.29 - 2.8 | |
| 112 - 44.1 | 9.0 - 19.8 | | 52 - 20.5 | 1.36 - 3.0 | |
| 113 - 44.5 | 9.3 - 20.5 | | 53 - 20.9 | 1.44 - 3.2 | |
| 114 - 44.9 | 9.5 - 20.9 | | 54 - 21.3 | 1.53 - 3.4 | |
| 115 - 45.3 | 9.8 - 21.6 | | 55 - 21.7 | 1.61 - 3.6 | |
| 116 - 45.7 | 10.1 - 22.3 | | 56 - 22.1 | 1.70 - 3.8 | |
| 117 - 46.1 | 10.3 - 22.7 | | | | |
| 118 - 46.5 | 10.6 - 23.4 | | | | |
| 119 - 46.9 | 10.9 - 24.0 | | | | |
| 120 - 47.2 | 11.1 - 24.5 | | | | |
| 121 - 47.6 | 11.4 - 25.1 | | | | |
| 122 - 48.0 | 11.7 - 25.8 | | | | |
| 123 - 48.4 | 12.0 - 26.5 | | | | |
| 124 - 48.8 | 12.3 - 27.1 | | | | |
| 125 - 49.2 | 12.6 - 27.8 | | | | |
| 126 - 49.6 | 12.9 - 28.4 | | | | |
| 127 - 50.0 | 13.2 - 29.1 | | | | |
| 128 - 50.4 | 13.5 - 29.8 | | | | |
| 129 - 50.8 | 13.8 - 30.4 | | | | |
| 130 - 51.2 | 14.2 - 31.3 | | | | |
| 131 - 51.6 | 14.5 - 32.0 | | | | |
| 132 - 52.0 | 14.8 - 32.6 | | | | |
| 133 - 52.4 | 15.2 - 33.5 | | | | |
| 134 - 52.8 | 15.5 - 34.2 | | | | |
| 135 - 53.1 | 15.9 - 35.0 | | | | |
| 136 - 53.5 | 16.2 - 35.7 | | | | |
| 137 - 53.9 | 16.6 - 36.6 | | | | |
| 138 - 54.3 | 17.0 - 37.5 | | | | |
| 139 - 54.7 | 17.3 - 38.1 | | | | |
| 140 - 55.1 | 17.7 - 39.0 | | | | |



HOW TO MAKE A BARBLESS HOOK



MINIMUM TROPHY LENGTHS/WEIGHTS

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Lake Trout (100 cm/39 in.) | 10.5 kg |
| Arctic Grayling (48 cm/19 in.) | 1.0 |
| Northern Pike (105 cm/41 in.) | 7.5 |
| Arctic Char | 2.0 |
| Burbot | 4.0 |
| Rainbow Trout | 1.8 |
| Whitefish | 1.8 |
| Chinook Salmon | 20.0 |
| Coho Salmon | 10.0 |
| Chum Salmon | 5.0 |
| Sockeye Salmon | 5.0 |

LENGTH-WEIGHT CONVERSION TABLES

| LARGE LAKE TROUT | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Length cm/in. | Weight kg/lbs. | Length cm/in. | Weight kg/lbs. |
| 90 - 35.4 | 8.6 - 19.0 | 121 - 47.6 | 14.5 - 32.0 |
| 91 - 35.8 | 8.8 - 19.4 | 122 - 48.0 | 14.7 - 32.4 |
| 92 - 36.2 | 9.0 - 19.8 | 123 - 48.4 | 14.9 - 32.8 |
| 93 - 36.6 | 9.2 - 20.3 | 124 - 48.8 | 15.1 - 33.3 |
| 94 - 37.0 | 9.4 - 20.7 | 125 - 49.2 | 15.3 - 33.7 |
| 95 - 37.4 | 9.6 - 21.2 | 126 - 49.6 | 15.5 - 34.2 |
| 96 - 37.8 | 9.8 - 21.6 | 127 - 50.0 | 15.7 - 34.6 |
| 97 - 38.2 | 9.9 - 21.8 | 128 - 50.4 | 15.8 - 34.8 |
| 98 - 38.6 | 10.1 - 22.3 | 129 - 50.8 | 16.0 - 35.3 |
| 99 - 38.9 | 10.3 - 22.7 | 130 - 51.2 | 16.2 - 35.7 |
| 100 - 39.4 | 10.5 - 23.2 | 131 - 51.6 | 16.4 - 36.2 |
| 101 - 39.8 | 10.7 - 23.6 | 132 - 52.0 | 16.6 - 36.6 |
| 102 - 40.2 | 10.9 - 24.0 | 133 - 52.4 | 16.8 - 37.0 |
| 103 - 40.6 | 11.1 - 24.5 | 134 - 52.8 | 17.0 - 37.5 |
| 104 - 40.9 | 11.3 - 24.9 | 135 - 53.1 | 17.2 - 37.9 |
| 105 - 41.3 | 11.5 - 25.4 | 136 - 53.5 | 17.4 - 38.4 |
| 106 - 41.7 | 11.7 - 25.8 | 137 - 53.9 | 17.6 - 38.8 |
| 107 - 42.1 | 11.8 - 26.0 | 138 - 54.3 | 17.7 - 39.0 |
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| 110 - 43.3 | 12.4 - 27.3 | 141 - 55.5 | 18.3 - 40.3 |
| 111 - 43.7 | 12.6 - 27.8 | 142 - 55.9 | 18.5 - 40.8 |
| 112 - 44.1 | 12.8 - 28.2 | 143 - 56.3 | 18.7 - 41.2 |
| 113 - 44.5 | 13.0 - 28.7 | 144 - 56.7 | 18.9 - 41.7 |
| 114 - 44.9 | 13.2 - 29.1 | 145 - 57.0 | 19.1 - 42.1 |
| 115 - 45.3 | 13.4 - 29.5 | 146 - 57.5 | 19.3 - 42.5 |
| 116 - 45.7 | 13.6 - 30.0 | 147 - 57.9 | 19.5 - 43.0 |
| 117 - 46.1 | 13.8 - 30.4 | 148 - 58.3 | 19.7 - 43.4 |
| 118 - 46.5 | 13.9 - 30.6 | 149 - 58.7 | 19.8 - 43.7 |
| 119 - 46.9 | 14.1 - 31.1 | 150 - 59.1 | 20.0 - 44.1 |
| 120 - 47.2 | 14.3 - 31.5 | | |



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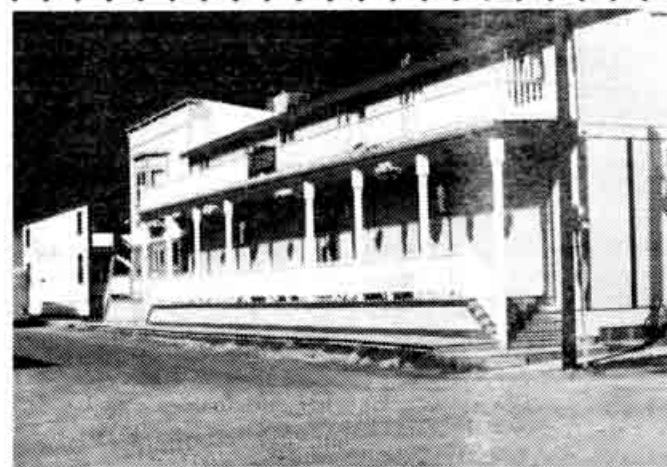
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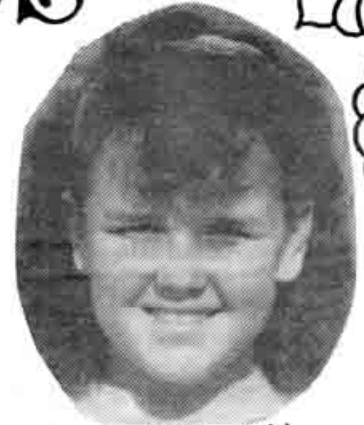
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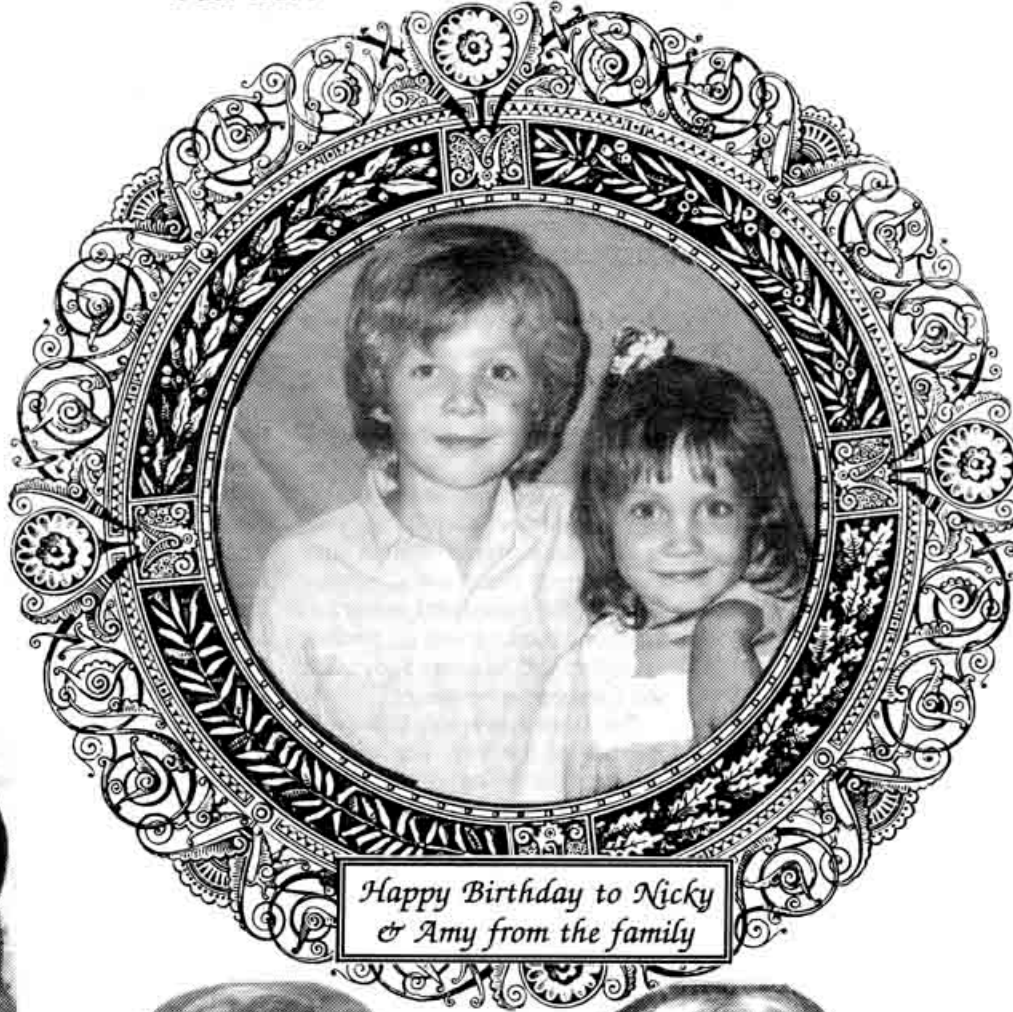
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THE NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE COME TO THE YUKON

by Michael Gates

The arrival of the mounted police in the Yukon could not have been better timed. The population of white intruders in the Yukon River basin had gradually grown from a mere handful in the early 1870's to seventeen hundred by the time of the fateful discovery of gold in the Klondike. Throughout the early days, the miners had become accustomed to living in a political vacuum, in which there was no representation of British, Canadian or American sovereignty. During this period, these grizzled, hardy men administered their own affairs by means of a rather democratic form of anarchy known as rule by miners' committee.

Though an effective and efficient form of justice in the early days, this system had fallen into a serious state of disrepute by the middle of the 1880's. The practice of convening these meetings in saloons, which inhabited by men who did not make their living from the hard exertion of mining, led to justice which was uneven, inconsistent and often patently unjust.

Into this forbidding wilderness, the mounted police were sent, upon the request of Bishop Bompas, the Anglican prelate, who felt that the miners were corrupting the natives of the area, and the North American Transportation and Trading Company, which wanted its interests protected by force of law. In 1894, Inspector Constantine and Staff Sergeant Brown entered the Yukon over the Chilkoot Pass, in the same way



Shown in the picture are Inspector Constantine and his first detachment at Fortymile, during the winter of 1896/97. Photo credit goes to the Yukon Archives, Strickland Collection.

as the miners did. During his brief visit, Constantine was able to size up the situation, and he returned to southern Canada to write his report, leaving Sgt. Brown at Fortymile for the winter.

The following summer, Constantine returned to the Yukon with twenty officers and men. They established a small post called Fort Constantine at the mouth of the Fortymile River, opposite the small but busy mining town of Fortymile. In contrast to the straggling assortment of crude miners' huts, saloons and stores, the post

established by the mounties was a model of British civilization; a cluster of uniformly built log barracks, organized in a neat military compound enclosed by a wooden palisade. During the next year, the unmounted mounties conducted patrols by dog team, administered British justice, heard complaints, apprehended and prosecuted minor infractions, and served as mining recorders and customs agents for the Canadian government.

Far from romantic, however, the life of the men was one of military discipline, dull routine, and the exhausting task of main-

taining themselves through the brutal winter that followed. The following spring, however, they finally came into conflict with the justice applied by the miners' committee. In July of 1896, in response to a complaint by a claim owner on Glacier Creek, whose claim was confiscated by local miners, Constantine sent Inspector D'Arcy Strickland and half of the detachment, all heavily armed, to confront the miners on the creek and settle the dispute.

In the showdown that followed, the mounties won without a shot being fired, and dis-

placed the miners' committee entirely as the source of justice on the Canadian side of the border. These events set the stage for the madness that followed. Within weeks of the Glacier Creek showdown, Constantine and his men were flooded with applications for claims on the newly discovered creeks of the Klondike River. Hundreds of men and a small handful of women converged upon the confluence of the Klondike River and the Yukon where the siren call of gold held them through the winter.

During this excitement, there were no serious cases of violence or crime reported. The miners respectfully petitioned William Ogilvie, the government surveyor to legally measure out their claims, and accepted his decisions without dispute. The mounties were respected to the extent that, if word reached someone a hundred miles from town that the mounties wanted to talk to them, they would travel immediately to report to Inspector Constantine.

The reputation of the mounties was established, and the precedent for peaceful co-existence was set before the gigantic stampede from the outside occurred, and the experience that they gained during their first two seasons in the Yukon contributed to their success in peacefully watching over the amazing events that unfolded during the next two frantic years.

THE FORCE IS WITH US TODAY RCMP PRESS RELEASES

RCMP Press Releases Forty-Eight Calls for R.C.M.P. on Music Festival Weekend

A total of 48 calls were registered between July 18-21 inclusive. These included:

- 8 driving while impaired
- 2 complaints of theft under \$1,000.00
- 2 charges under the Narcotics Control Act - possession of small quantities.
- 1 minor motor vehicle accident
- 1 common assault charge
- 19 charges of drinking in a restricted area and/or drinking in a motor vehicle
- 2 wilful damages under \$1,000.00
- 1 breach of court undertaking
- 12 assisting the general public, various requests
- 41 traffic tickets - none were seat belt

Four extra police officers were brought in from across the Territory for this weekend. Because of the extra officers, we were able to have a high profile

and be proactive within the area. Generally speaking it was a fairly quiet weekend from our point of view.

Accident on Dempster

At approximately 1815 hours, on 91-07-14, Dawson City RCMP attended the scene of a single vehicle rollover at kilometre 100 on the Dempster Highway, Yukon Territory. Both the driver of the vehicle, Myrna Bernhardt (aged 48 years), and her daughter, Donna Bernhardt (aged 22 years) a passenger, were injured by the accident. The extent of the injuries is unknown as of July 15, 1991. Both injured persons were taken by helicopter from the accident scene to the Dawson Nursing Station, and were subsequently medivaced to Whitehorse General Hospital.

Highlights from the Territorial Court (Court Date: July 17, 1991)

1. James Alfred Leatherbarrow
DOB 45-05-29

Careless storage of firearms,
Section 86(2) CC
Accused Pled guilty to charge,
fined \$450.00, i/d 10 days,
\$50.00 victim surcharge.

2. Sarah Irene Peerenboom
DOB 46-11-29
Trafficking in Hashish, Section 4
(2) CC
Acquitted of the Trafficking charge, but found guilty of Possession of Hashish. Fined \$750.00, i/d 20 days, \$50.00 victim surcharge.

3. Larry John Remple
DOB 43-05-29
Drive over 80 mg, Section 253
(b) CC
Found guilty, sentenced to 9 months in jail, and driver's licence suspended for two years.

4. James Malcolm McNaughton
DOB 63-12-22
Trafficking in Hashish, Section 4
(2) NCA - Prelim
McNaughton committed to stand trial, date yet to be set.

5. Frank Peter John Power
DOB 54-02-02
Common assault, Section 266 CC
Pled guilty, fined \$1400.00, i/d 30 days, \$100.00 victim surcharge.

POLICE NOTES: SEAT BELT LAW NOW BINDING

Canada is now entirely bound by seat belts legislation. On 91-JUL-01, the Yukon Territory, the last jurisdiction in Canada not to have a seat belt law, enacted amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act making it mandatory to wear seat belts while in an automobile.

The law quite simply states that anyone in an automobile must wear a seat belt, should there be such device available. It is important for the operators of vehicles to realize that persons under the age of fifteen are the driver's responsibility. This puts the onus on the driver to ensure that persons in this age group are securely fastened in a proper fitting seat belt/child restraint seat before the vehicle is put into motion. Persons fifteen and older take the responsibility on themselves for wearing a seat belt.

Everyone is required to wear seat belts except for:

- when a vehicle is being operated in reverse
- ambulance attendants
- personnel whose work requires them to exit vehicles at frequent intervals and who do not drive in excess of 30 kph, do not drive through intersections, and stop at least every 250 metres.

There are however, provisions for medical exemptions which require a doctor's certificate and approval by

the Motor Vehicles Branch. Persons with such exemptions must keep the documents with them whenever in an automobile.

The R.C.M.P. Police are responsible for the enforcement of this legislation. A period of adjustment has been established by Yukon Territorial Justice Department, until August 15th, 1991. During this time offenders will be issued a warning ticket for failing to wear seat belts. Each offender will be allowed one warning and thereafter will receive a ticket and \$40.00 fine. To date approximately 50 warning tickets have been issued by the Dawson City Detachment.

The myth that seat belts do not save lives is not supported by statistics. Recent statistics for the Yukon show that 70% of motor vehicle injuries and fatalities were incurred by people not wearing their seat belts. Belt up and be safe.

If you have any questions about this new law, please feel free to contact the local RCMP detachment.

**** DRIVE SAFE ****
**** DRIVE SOBER ****



Photo by John Gould

**MR & MRS PLACER MINER
KLONDIKE PLACER MINERS ASSOCIATION NAMES ALEX &
MARY SEELEY MR & MRS PLACER MINER FOR 1991 AT THE
ANNUAL BARBECUE & DANCE**

Contributed by Lyn & Lowell Bleiler

Alex and Mary Seely were chosen as Mr. & Mrs. Placer Miner for 1991 by the Klondike Placer Miners Association at its 12th Annual Bar B Q Dance July 26th. Lyn and Lowell Bleiler, the previous years award recipients made the presentation at the evening's function at Dawson City.

The award is given each year to a person, or in many instances, a couple who have been instrumental in the advancement of the placer mining industry in the Yukon. This years couple received the award for their tireless work on behalf of the industry. In particular, they were honoured for the contributions they have made to assist the Klondike Placer Miners Association with its many meetings and other functions that it is involved in throughout the Yukon. In a word, the work done by Alex and Mary could be considered civic or community work on behalf of, or for, the placer mining industry.

Mary hails from Ontario originally, but came to the Yukon from Alaska. Over the years she has had her involvement in mining too. She worked for INCO as a camp cook for a spell. She also spent some time in the Livingston area. Possibly, she had to come to the Yukon, because she had mining in her blood! Like Alex she has had a heavy involvement with this

function. She has not let one year go by without having participated in the Bar B Q Dance, whether her task was to make salads, man the food lines or clean up this venue on the following morning.

Alex is a long time Yukoner with his roots in the Klondike Gold Rush. His grandfather John P. Kazinsky arrived at the headwaters of the Yukon River on May 18, 1897. His father, Alex Seely Sr., and his mother, Mabel Kolkin, were married at Last Chance in 1913 and Alex Jr. was born in St. Mary's Hospital in Dawson.

Alex Jr.'s first experience with placer mining came at an early age. Between the ages of 8 and 10 years old he made his pocket money by raking the dirt from under the old commercial establishments in Dawson. He would wash the dirt to win from it the gold that had been lost through the floorboards by careless merchants when gold dust was the principal legal tender during the early gold rush days. In true entrepreneurial fashion, Alex would split his proceeds with the owner of the building for the privilege of getting the gold.

Alex later moved to Whitehorse where he carried on business as a merchandiser of second hand goods. It was at this time he began his dealings as a broker in placer gold, buying and

selling dust and nuggets that the miners would bring to him.

By 1974, Alex gave up the second hand store and became involved full time in the gold brokerage business. Since 1983 Alex has been the Yukon agent for one of the world's largest precious metals refining houses, Johnson Matthey Limited. He maintains offices in both Whitehorse and Dawson.



Photo by Jennifer Williams

Catch of the day - Mark Edey, an Industrial design student from Ottawa, started and ended his Yukon vacation wet. After pulling a one ton Chevy from the Yukon River Sunday afternoon, June 21st, he figured he got the last laugh at his fishing buddies who have been teasing about his lack of success.

DAWSON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

by Darlene Caley, Office Manager

The Dawson City Chamber of Commerce has been busy this past month with meetings, a luncheon with City Council, and organizing special events in Dawson for the up-coming months.

The King Royal Brothers Circus will be in Dawson on Monday, August 12, 1991. Tickets are being sold at the Chamber Office on Queen Street. be sure to buy your tickets in advance and save money!!

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On July 20, the Chamber board of directors had a meeting with Premier Tony Penikett to discuss certain issues and concerns. Some topics discussed were: problems with the ferry line-ups, highway conditions, and the overhead directional sign for Dawson that is supposed to be located outside of Whitehorse.

The next General Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1991 at noon. The guest speaker will be Kevin Houston from Canada Customs at Beaver Creek. He will be giving a presentation on Commercial Goods. Members will be contacted in advance as to the location.

Non-members - join the majority and become a member of the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce.



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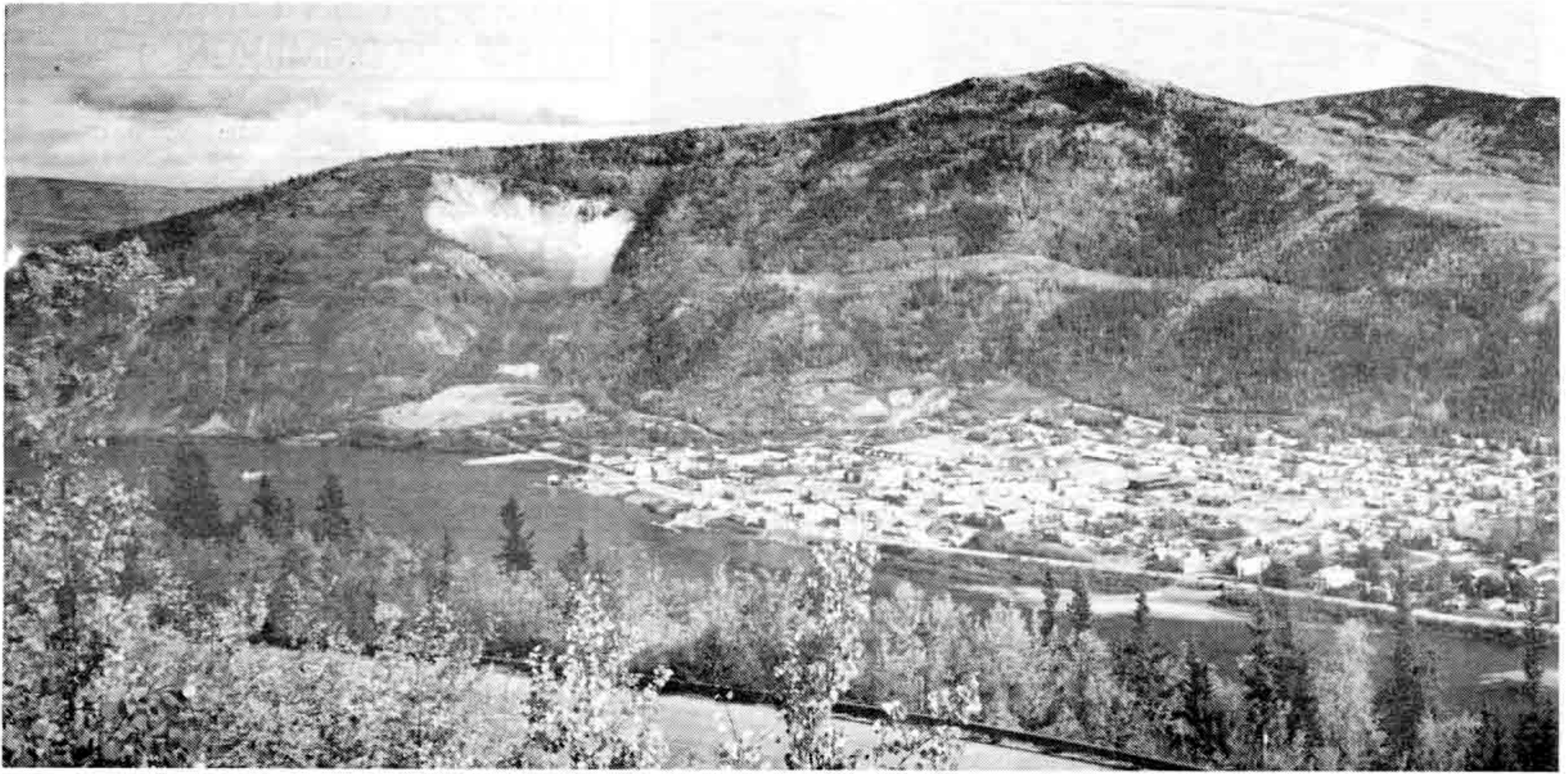
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SCRAP PLAN AND START OVER, SAYS WEBSTER. MUNICIPAL BOARD MEETS ON DAWSON COMMUNITY PLAN

by Dan Davidson

Reactions to the proposed Official Community Plan at the Municipal Board hearings here on July 31 were varied, ranging from objections on minor points and wording to a request to scrap the whole thing and start over.

The latter call came from Klondike M.L.A. Art Webster, who claimed that the plan in its present form met with objections from almost everyone he had spoken with about it. Speaking in the ancillary room of the Robert Service School, Webster pointed to the school building itself as the outcome of a local committee process that could have been used to outline the major precepts of a community plan.

Webster claimed that most community organizations, including the Dawson Indian Band, the Planning Board, Parks Canada, the Klondike Visitors Association, and the Chamber of Commerce, were not consulted about what to put into the plan until it had already reached the draft stages.

This was somewhat confirmed by Planning Board chair Shirley Pennell, who told Municipal Board chair Craig Tuton, that her board had seen the plan after it reached the draft stages. Indeed, this seems likely in the case of all but town council, which had elected to hire a consultant to put a draft plan together and then gather reaction to the draft from the public.

A closed process such as this, said Webster, tends to breed mistrust and suspicion, even when the plan has as many good things in it as this one has. Concluding, Webster suggested that the process should be done

again from the beginning.

That proposal was seconded by Fred Berger, local drugstore owner and chair of the Klondike Valley Land Use Planning Committee. Berger, a Bear Creek resident, was especially concerned about sections of the plan that appeared to be aimed at preparing for an extension of Dawson City's present boundaries into the Klondike Valley.

Craig Tuton noted that any discussion of Dawson's recent boundary expansion bylaw would be a separate issue which would no doubt rate its own meeting in due time.

Mayor Peter Jenkins had already dealt with the matter of secrecy in his opening statement to the board, noting that there had been three public meetings on the OCP before it got to second reading stage at council and that the entire draft of the plan had been published as a four page supplement to the *Klondike Sun* in February 1991.

It was possible to do this in such a short space because the OCP, as drawn up by Don Drackley of IMC Consulting Group, is a poster style plan. "A good plan, not a fat plan," Jenkins said.

Anne MacDonald, speaking on behalf of YTG's Community and Transportation Services, tackled the OCP on technical grounds, making a presentation focussed on three areas.

"How well will the plan serve the community?" she asked. While the differences between the zoning map of Dawson and the OCP map do not mean immediate changes for the community, the OCP does constitute a template towards which the com-

munity will grow. How many people agree with that? Have the 160 lot owners who might be affected by proposed zoning changes been consulted with individually?

What about the certainty of home owners that they won't wake up to discover a garage going up next door some day? Is there enough detail in the plan, enough of a procedural outline, to give people a blueprint as to how to make changes or safeguard what they have? Do enough people know enough about the plan and the process for the community to feel secure with it? In addition, MacDonald found some of the technical designations of transitional use space to be unwieldy.

Drackley and his colleague Graham Murchie, of Urban Systems Ltd. (Richmond), defended the unusual zoning descriptions by pointing out the window, to a corner dominated by a school, two private homes, a store and a garage, a mixed bag of uses which they felt needed something new to describe it.

Drackley held that the process used to compile the OCP was perfectly in line with the strictures of the Municipal Act. The product, he said, was an example of dynamic planning, based on the assumption that Dawson was going to double in size, and therefore it was not to be expected that the OCP's zone map would look exactly like the zoning plan map, which was created to describe things as they are.

Community involvement could not, he maintained, be termed "alter the fact", as several speakers from the 30 at the meeting had said, since there was, as

yet, no fact for it to be after. Even this municipal board hearing was another part of the process.

Of course, as Craig Tuton had pointed out earlier in the meeting, one of the reasons this hearing was taking place was because the Municipal Board had had problems with the version of the OCP which had come its way for approval. He declined to elaborate on just what those problems might be.

Art Webster and local resident Byron Shandler both complained that the wording of the OCP left too much discretion for council to be the final word on what was good or bad about a development proposal.

"A planner," said Drackley, "can't base his planning on protecting the public from the whimsical actions of elected public officials."

One of the biggest problems facing the smooth progress of the OCP appears to be the existence of different versions of similar things that seem to be on the table. Indeed, the rush to get an OCP ready was upgraded from a leisurely exercise in municipal affairs when it turned out that the territorial government wouldn't authorize the city's new omnibus zoning bylaw without it first having a plan in place. The bylaw was put on the back burner and the OCP advanced to the front. Zoning and planning have been mixed up in the public consciousness ever since.

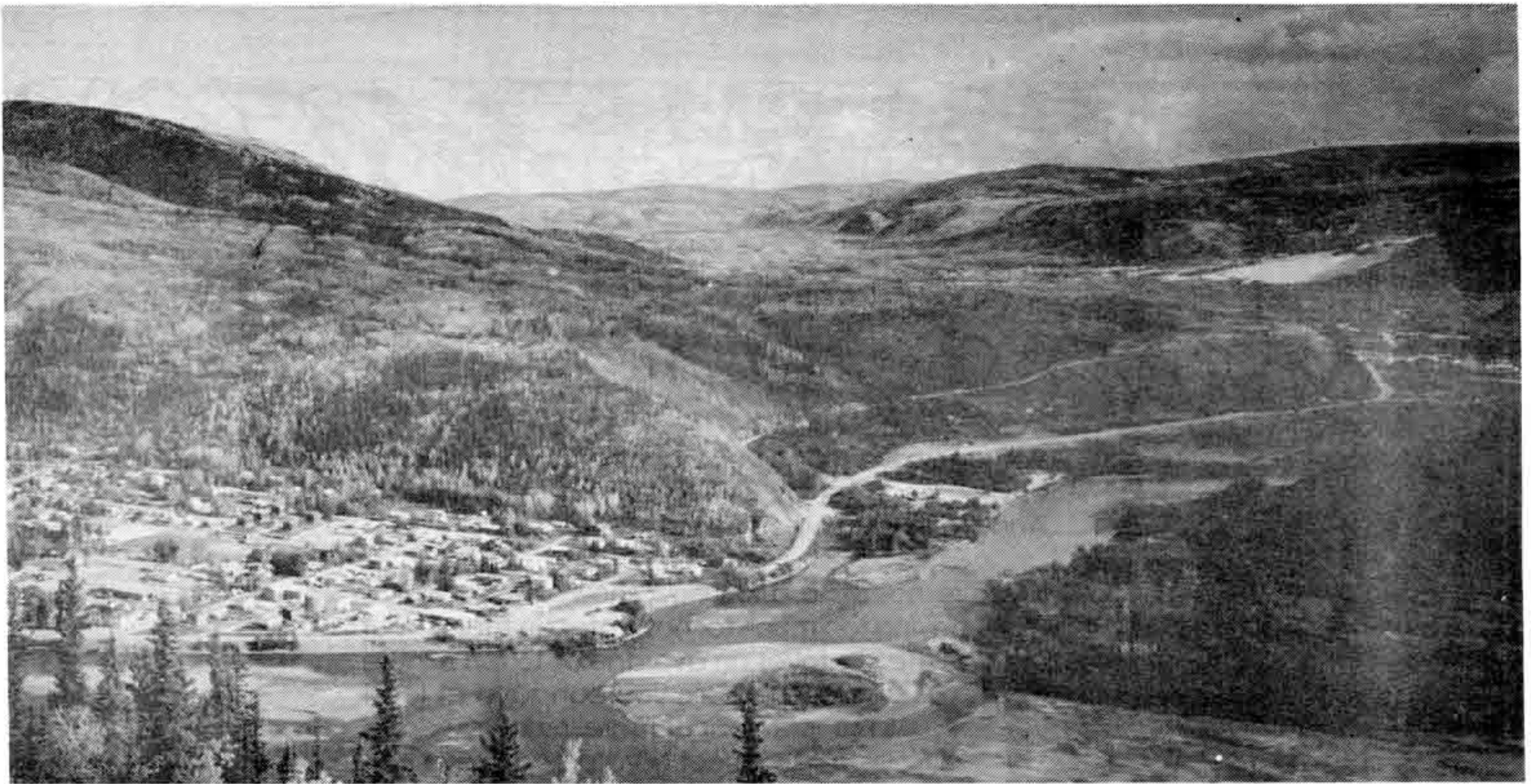
The other issue which has

overshadowed the OCP itself is the eventual designation of the former North End gravel pit near Father Judge's gravesite, which many residents wish to see developed into a park of some sort. Karen McCann, one of those who spearheaded opposition to the possible development of an R.V. park in that part of town, was at the hearing to seek clarification of the Special Planning Area designation that was hammered out for this area last December.

Graham Murchie assured her that it would take a revision of the OCP, a process nearly as taxing as the original development of the plan, before anything could be done in that area.

A last minute submission by the city council had already accepted many of the recommendations in Anne MacDonald's report, and it seems likely that these things would be incorporated into a revised version of the plan. As the meeting ended Murchie handed the board's members a 14 page document which was basically the text of the original OCP draft with handwritten changes noted beside the text.

Tuton adjourned the meeting after nearly three hours of debate at about 10:15. He indicated that a report for his board would go to the minister, Maurice Byblow, in about 30 days. He declined to speculate what might be in that report, but it seems possible that the board will recommend an acceptance of the plan as long as certain changes are made.



GLEANINGS FROM DAWSON HISTORY

by John Gould

While going through my history notes recently I came across the following items for the month of August through the years from 1897 to 1925.

The Dawson news for **August 10, 1905**, reported that the Yukon Order of Pioneers decided to hold a big celebration in Dawson on **August 16** to commemorate the discovery of gold on Bonanza Creek nine years ago. The celebration will be in the form of a smoker for all sourdoughs. All who were north of the 60th parallel will be asked to attend. The old timers will be tuned to do some yarning in the reminiscent mood and there will be a jolly good time by all.

[This, I believe, was the first Discovery Day celebration. August 16th was the day that Carmack and his friends made the discovery and August 17th was the day they staked the claims. (Question? What is a smoker?)]

The newspaper of **August 6, 1913**, had a notice from the Y.O.O.P. that the annual celebrations would take place on Monday, August 18th. There would be a grand parade and children's sports at Minto Park. There would also be free picture shows at Creamers and the Orpheum theatres (note: Creamers theatre was the D.A.A.A. where the parking lot is now behind Gerties). Everyone was invited to assist, the Dawson Lodge Aerie No. 50 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will participate in the celebration. A dance will be held in the evening at the A.B. Hall.

On **August 18, 1920**, the Dawson Daily News announced the arrival of the first aeroplane

in Dawson. Four DeHaviland bi-planes landed on August 18th on what was known as the Faulkners field across the river from Dawson. They were U.S. Army planes on a flight from Mitchell field in New York to Nome, Alaska. They had left Mitchell field at 12:33 p.m. on July 15th.

August 4, 1925, issue of the Dawson News there was an item that the road to the Dome was assured. Under the direction of the Tourist Committee of the Y.O.O.P., a road was being constructed at a cost of \$1000.00, \$500.00 of which was donated by White Pass. The road was finished by mid-September and Dr. Lachepelle as chairman of the Tourist Committee drove the first auto up the road. The road was built from the A.C. trail near the cemeteries at the top to the hill. (The A.C. trail is what is now known as the Dome road from King St. up the hill.)

In the July issue of the Klondike Sun, there was an item on the telephone system of 1962. Since then I have found the following item in the Dawson Semi-Weekly Nugget of June 28, 1898.

Telephone Plant Arrives

The Yukon Telephone and Telegraph Syndicate organized last fall by E. LeRoy Peletier and numbering among the stock holders were, Alex MacDonald, Dr. LeBane, Bill McPhee, Geo Demars and John Ericson is a reality. The Syndicate have received its plant. Consisting of 80 miles of wire, 25 long distant transmitters, 100 drop switch boards and a city exchange established. The "Hello" girl will soon be among the many evidences of civilisation in our midst.

Does "Archival Research" conjure up images of dusty tomes and ancient artifacts from days of yore, long boring hours of bookworming over decrepit volumes with faded pages in search of a clue to its origin?

Well, think again. Sure, there's research involved, but here at the Dawson City Museum and Historical Society I hobnob with the rich and famous and rub shoulders with the strange and bizarre. I've met the great grand daughter of Campbell, the explorer, and a South American adventurer who claims to know the real end of Swiftwater Bill Gates, deep in the jungles of Brazil. I've been on the trail of Wyatt Earp and Tex Rickard as they promoted their way from Dawson to Nome and been amazed at the adventures of Joe Boyle, a genuine unsung Canadian hero.

People who come to me with a genealogical research request often discover their ancestor was a member of that certain class of Yukoners that made Yukon, well, the Yukon. Take for example the lady who discovered that not only did her grandfather take part in the Rush, but ended his days by getting his buddies drunk while they tried to bury him on top of Haystack Mountain!

Sometimes they seem to belong to the group themselves, like the gentleman who strolled in and casually asked me to do a "gynaecological" search on his (male) ancestor - (diplomacy prevailed!)

Due to the sheer number of stampedeers (30 to 40 thousand) that came to Dawson, there are lots of descendants curious to see if they can find some documentary proof of their ancestor's having passed through our town. I use a resource base composed of

Panoramic photo courtesy of Richard Hartmier

TALES FROM THE ARCHIVES

by Brad Landreth

tax records, newspapers, magazines, school registers, etc. from about 1897 on to look for any documentary evidence of a person's life here. The success rate is about 5 "positives" for every 10 requests this summer. Considering the records left to us after three major fires, we do pretty well!

One recent story that comes to mind involves an elderly gentleman making a request for his son-in-law in regards to a grandfather who made his way over the Pass in '98. I wasn't getting very far, and he seemed to be growing bored over the whole procedure, for he strolled over and remarked, "You know, last year at a family barbecue the sons got together over a few beers and talked about the old man. One of the sons told me that he knew the old man had got married in 1905 in Dawson but never mentioned his wife to the family - ever. He sort of figured out that she might have been a madam or somesuch!"

We smiled about that, but now I had a clue - that he may have owned a house by 1905 - and so I checked the tax rolls for 1903. There he was, large as life, and complete with a street address. The next step was to check a city map from that time period, and we soon learned that the old man had lived right on the main street of ... Klondike City.

This didn't signify much to my visitor, so I had to explain that Klondike City, better known as "Lousetown", was the site of a brewery, some railway yards - and most of the hookers in Dawson. My guest's ancestor had lived smack dab in the middle of the street where most of these working ladies had lived.

During this explanation I had been watching his face rather

carefully for a reaction to this news. Finally a slow grin appeared and he turned to go. "I think I'll just let this one slip by Mother", said he, and left.

Needless to say this sort of thing doesn't happen every day, but it certainly happens often enough to keep the job interesting, and you, gentle reader, can get in on the action! The Museum's Resource Centre is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, and you can get all kinds of help for your particular project. The Archival Researcher has had lots of coffee by this point in the day, and is alert, cheerful and willing to help you in your quest. See you there!

Ed. Note: Brad Landreth is a recent graduate in Communication Studies from Concordia University in Montreal. Brad has written scripts and articles for CBC North, Rolls-Royce Canada and various literary journals. He likes the taste of Bud Lite, the writings of William Gibson, and the acting (?) of Arnold Schwarzenegger. Truly a man for the Nineties. (He told us to put all this in, honest.)





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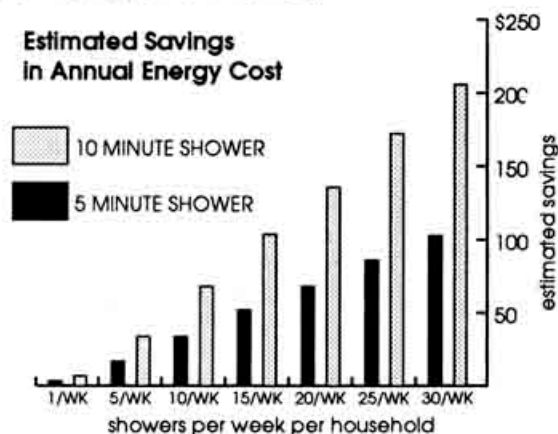


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FENCE BUILDER FACES BYLAW ENFORCEMENT CHARGES

by Dan Davidson

Donna Mendelsohn has thirty days from July 18 to do something about her new fence. Either she rectifies what city council sees as a problem by removing the fence, or else a city crew will step in and remove it.

The problem with Mendelsohn's fence is that it is a modern 6 foot chain-link fence in an area that is clearly designated as being within the influence of council's historic control bylaw. The effect of this bylaw is to have homes within the core area of Dawson City conform as much as possible to the historic ambience of post-goldrush Dawson. All projects such as homes, fences and storage sheds must have their designs submitted to the city council's planning board for examination and approval.

Mendelsohn's fence, located at the corner of 7th Avenue and Princess Street, clearly does not meet the standard of the bylaw.

Mayor Peter Jenkins told council that Mendelsohn was warned not to continue when she began the work, and that attempts were made to issue a "stop-work order" while the fence was in progress.

Councillor Lambert Curzon saw the need to proceed against Mendelsohn as protecting the right of the city to have its historic look maintained. He saw a kind of domino effect spreading out if the bylaw were not upheld in obvious case.

Mayor Peter Jenkins agreed: "The precedents that you set if you do not pursue this are horrendous."

Council voted 3 to 1 in favour of taking action, with councillor Glenn Everitt opposing.

CHILDREN ENDANGERED BY SPEEDERS

by Dan Davidson

City council will be requesting that the R.C.M.P. monitor more closely the posted speed limits and the public's use of stop signs in town, but especially in the south end of town, where a problem seems to be developing at the corner of 7th Avenue and Dugas Street.

The city has received a protest letter signed by a number of area residents, a number of whom are members of R.C.M.P. families.

The letter requests that "children playing" signs be posted on all the streets which lead into this corner, as there "are numerous children playing in this immediate area. Frequently traffic can be observed travelling at unsafe speeds and ignoring the posted stop signs."

Council members wondered

how posting more signs would do any good when existing speed and stop signs are already being ignored.

Mayor Jenkins noted that an attempt to do the same thing on the streets around the Robert Service School was a dismal failure, working only when the police were actually on patrol to enforce them.

"In that case," he said, "some of the parents were the worst offenders. The mounties caught the same parent twice one day there."

As a first response, council will request that the R.C.M.P. detachment step up surveillance at the street corner in question. Council hasn't ruled out signs for good, but wants to postpone this expensive undertaking to a later stage.

COUNCIL OPPOSES NORTHWESTEL EXTENSION

by Dan Davidson

City Council has passed a resolution against the proposed Northwestel scheme to extend service to the North Yukon and Mackenzie Delta following a route along the Dempster Highway. Council is opposed to the technical outline of the extension, and not the extension itself. In discussion council members debated the need for the micro-wave towers, and the use of fuel to power and maintain them.

Mayor Jenkins was particularly vocal in criticizing the use of what he termed "obsolete technology" in this proposal. Microwave technology should be shelved in favour of a fibre optic system, such as is being used in British Columbia. He could not see spending \$30 million now to service 12,000 customers and then having to redo the whole system in a very few years. Jenkins sees a fibre optic line as being about the same cost in the short run and much cheaper in the long run, since the improvements to be made later are to the electronics at either end of the line rather than at each station. In addition, operations and maintenance costs would be less, Jenkins felt.

The council resolution was in response to a letter from Northwestel's General Manager Monique S. Pelland, who was seeking council's support for the project.

DOMESUBDIVISION DESTINED FOR LITERARY HEIGHTS

by Dan Davidson

Dawson's most famous literary figures will soon be the inspiration for new street names in the Dome sub-division, phases 1, 2 and 3. After much debate and some irreverent suggestions about famous streetwalkers, it was decided that the three new roads on the Dome would be christened Robert Service Road, Jack London Lane and Pierre Berton Crescent.

The discussion was not totally on track throughout the meeting, and there was a little bit of resistance to what seemed to on-lookers in the gallery to be an easy and obvious proposal. Gail

Hendley, a regular member of the audience at council meetings, was moved to suggest that some council members seemed to have "writers' block" on this issue.

The final vote was unanimous, however, acknowledging Mayor Peter Jenkins contention that "We will get the most mileage out of these names."

After all, he went on, how many communities this size can lay claim to three such prominent authors? No date has been fixed for any sort of official naming ceremony.



CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

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Yukon Native Products, a division of Yukon Indian Arts and Crafts Co-operative is owned by approximately three hundred shareholders who are actively involved with native arts and crafts in the Yukon. Major policy decisions are made by a Board of Directors consisting of six Yukon Indians.

Yukon Native Products was started in Whitehorse in 1976 by a small group of enterprising Indian women who began making parkas in their homes in the Indian village. It became necessary to move their activities into one facility as the village was fairly inaccessible to visitors who were interested in native arts and crafts, and the demand for their products

became too great to continue on without some expansion.

The original purpose of the Co-op (which is still major focus today) was to provide a retail outlet for the craftspeople of the Yukon. The primary goals of Yukon Native Products are to supply raw materials to Yukon craftspeople at reasonable prices, to market finished crafts, and to encourage fine art development in the outlying Yukon communities. There are essentially two main focusses in the business, one being retail, with stores in Dawson City and in Whitehorse, and the other, the garment manufacturing facility located in Whitehorse, which makes the original Yukon Parka as well as Kluane Anorak.

Yukon Native Products has thirty six employees and is one of the largest non-public sector employers of Natives in the territory. The native craftspeople are spread throughout the Yukon, with articles coming from all twelve Yukon Indian Bands, including Old Crow, the most northerly band. However, not everything sold in the stores is made by the craftspeople. Some items which sell well are not available in the territory; but all are northern in flavour. Yukon Native Products retails the non-Yukon made goods to offset their low profit margin on native crafts.

There are approximately one hundred active craftspeople supplying products to the Co-operative, and approximately twenty of these are almost entirely dependent upon the sale of their craft to make their living. All craftspeople are paid for their products as they bring them into the Co-op. Parkas, Anoraks, and all crafts from Yukon Native Products are distributed nationally through mail order.

KLONDIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES ATTRACTIONS 1991 SEASON

PALACE GRAND THEATRE

SCHEDULED TOURS

May 23 - May 31 3:00 p.m.
June 1 - June 10 1:00 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
August 28 - September 15 1:00 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. daily

CONTINUOUS TOURS

June 11 - August 28 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

INTERPRETIVE SPECIALS

June 24 - August 23 1:30 p.m. daily
Talks, Slide Shows, Movies, Walks

MATINEE SPECIAL

July 01 - August 19 3:30 p.m. Wed. - Fri. - Sun.

MOVIE: CITY OF GOLD

May 23 - September 15 2:30 p.m. daily

GASLIGHT FOLLIES: VARIETY SHOW / MELODRAMA

May 24 - September 08 8:00 p.m. No show Tuesdays

STEAMER KENO

WALKING TOURS

May 23 - September 15 : Will be included as part of the Town Core Walking Tours.

OAK HALL

MARIONETTE PUPPET SHOW

July 02 - August 24 3:30 p.m. Tues. - Thurs. - Sat.

OLD POST OFFICE

MAIL DROP, STAMP SALES, INFORMATION

June 06 - September 03 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. daily
By Contract

HARRINGTON'S STORE

PHOTO EXHIBIT

May 24 - June 17 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. daily
June 15 - August 31 Included in Walking Tour
September 01 - September 15 Included in Walking Tour
By Contract

ROBERT SERVICE CABIN

TOURS / READINGS

June 01 - September 15 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Readings: 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Closed 12:00 - 1:00

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CAMPGROUND VISITS

PROVIDING INFORMATION ON PARKS, ACTIVITIES
AND ATTRACTIONS: June 11 - August 28 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

VISITORS RECEPTION CENTRE Y.T.G. / PARKS

INFORMATION, SLIDE SHOWS, MOVIES, EXHIBITS
May 23 - September 20 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. daily
Y.T.G. starts May 18 - September 15

GUIDE ORIENTATION - TRAINING June 03 - 05

COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE

Tours Scheduled May 23 - September 15 on Ft. Herchner
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FORT HERCHMER WALKING TOUR

Start at Commissioner's Residence

TOURS - May 23 - June 10 4:30 p.m. daily
TOURS - June 11 - August 28 11:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
TOURS - August 29 - September 15 4:30 p.m. daily

DOWNTOWN CORE TOUR

Start at Visitors Reception Centre

TOURS - May 23 - May 31 1:00 p.m.
TOURS - June 01 - June 10 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
TOURS - June 11 - June 30 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
TOURS - July 01 - August 28 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
TOURS - August 29 - September 15 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

FRENCH WALKING TOUR - Start at V.R.C.

TOURS - June 17 - August 31 10:30 a.m. daily

BEAR CREEK

TOURS - June 15 - August 25 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SHOULDER SEASON TOURS

PALACE GRAND, WALKING TOURS, SLIDE SHOW
MOVIE - See Schedule.

LEASES

MME TREMBLEYS DRESS SHOP

June 1 - October 31 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

MME TREMBLEYS SMALL SHOP

May 1 - September 30 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

WINDOW EXHIBITS / DISPLAYS

MME. TREMBLEYS - Ladies Fashion
May 15 - September 30 Full Time

OAK HALL - History on Site and Men's Wear
May 15 - September 30 Full Time

K.T.M. - Mining Items
May 15 - September 30 Full Time

V.R.C. - Showcase, Rifles, Items on the Store in Shelving
May 10 - September 25 Full Time

RUBY'S - History on Site and Ruby
May 1 - September 30 Full Time

DAWSON DAILY NEWS - History on Site and Activities
May 1 September 30 Full Time

DOWNTOWN HOTEL - May 1 - Year Round Full Time

AIRPORT - Year Round Full Time

OFFICE LOBBY - Year Round Full Time

COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE - Photos / Furniture
As per Fort Herchner Tour May 23 - September 30

B.N.A. BANK - Part of Town Core Walking Tour
May 23 - September 30

PALACE GRAND THEATRE - Bar Area / Kate's Room
May 23 - September 30 as per Palace Grand

LOWE'S - Window Display May 15 - September 30

ENVIRONMENT WEEK - June 03 - June 08

PARKS DAY - July 21

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GETTING OFF TO A GOOD "START"

by Jennifer Williams

As a result of the research skills and hard work of Donna Conley, the Dawson Indian Band has received two grants from the federal government designed to benefit the whole community. The Band has since hired three people to implement different aspects of the "Stay-in-School" and "Building Healthy Families" projects.

Pam Lawrie, a transplanted British Columbian with a background in psychology, is the co-ordinator of both programs. While Pam will be working out of the Band office, Jim Johnston and Grant Hartwick will be spending at least 50% of their time in the Robert Service School. Jim started work on August 5th as a family and school counsellor. Once classes begin in the fall Grant will be animating workshops, on personal and family well-being, in his capacity as "video module instructor."

One of the aims of the START "Stay in School" initiative is to start up a mentor program whereby individuals in the area can give support to students at risk of dropping out. Participation in the program is entirely voluntary, both for the



students and the adults, but all members of the community are considered "stakeholders" in a brighter future through the completion of secondary school education by all Dawson youth. "There is a higher rate of unemployment among high school drop outs and the 45% drop out rate in Dawson is 15% above the national average," says Pam.

The idea for the mentoring program developed out of the knowledge that those who have earned their high school diploma often attribute their success to the interest shown in their studies by an adult other than their teachers. Therefore the co-ordinator will match concerned adults with students having trouble in school and the pair will work together on a project for 2-3 months.

This set-up is "not intended as a parental replacement or a cure-all," says Ms. Lawrie, "but there are various ways that a third party can help a student both directly and indirectly." According to Pam, a mentor can give assistance indirectly "by referring the student to other

resources in the community and the school system, and directly by working with the student on a variety of activities and goals."

The second grant is aimed at reducing family violence and "building healthy families". Pam explains that the mandate approved by the government involves "establishing a Dawson City Youth Council that will encourage active role models within the community and will liaise with other youth councils across the territory."

"The Council will participate in a series of workshops on self-esteem, and drug and alcohol awareness, and will plan a four-day youth symposium on 'Building Healthy Families' to be held in March which will be open to anyone interested," adds the enthusiastic and personable administrator.

The success of both programs depend on the commitment of the citizens of Dawson. Pam hopes to involve as many people as possible in the project from all sectors and groups in the area. "We really want community input on what people feel would work to help kids stay in school and go on to be well-adjusted adults," she stressed.

In a recent interview Ms. Lawrie emphasized that the grants are intended to respond to the needs of both the native and non-native community in Dawson. She will have an article in next month's issue on specific ways in which people can become involved in the mentoring and Youth Council initiatives. Pam wishes to encourage people to contact her with suggestions or questions at the Band office 993-5385.

NEWS FROM THE ROCK

Correspondent - Marjie Mann

Another Klondike summer going by in a blur.... Wish we could grasp it and make it stay just a wee bit longer...

The gardens are in harvest stage - as are the berries. It seems all the wild berries did really well this year - they must have had the right amount of rain and sun. And when the kids come in with faces and hands all smudged red or purple, you know just where they have been!

We have had a busy month - lots of visitors and activities. "Grandma" Evelyn and her significant other popped in for an all-too-short visit in early July. She left me to say hello and goodbye to all the friends she didn't have a chance to see. Sherry Lindley's mom and dad have been up for a nice visit, Mich Gagne's brother and sister-in-law were up, Jane MacArthur's mom was visiting the family for a few weeks, John Kolida's aunt and uncle spent a couple of weeks up here, and his mom was up for a few days. Chuck and Rose had their daughter-in-law and grandson visiting for a while, and Michael Hogarth is back up for the rest of the summer to spend time with his mom, Gwen.

Barb Hogan is back from a 2-week trek along the Yukon

Ditch. This was a sort of continuation of a project she started last summer whereby portions of the Ditch were to be examined and recorded. Although this year she was actually hired by the Dawson Museum. The trip was again done on horseback, and she was assisted by Greg Skuce and Brian Dupont provided the horses, gear and guiding services. Barb will be continuing with the paper-work part of the project well into August.

Many residents from Rock Creek, as well as Bear Creek and Henderson Corners helped out with security at the Music Festival this year. This was a money-raiser for the Klondike Valley Fire Fighters and all went quite well. The KVFFA lost their 2nd fire chief - and we lost a great neighbour - when Mark Bowers accepted a new position with the Liquor Store in Faro. Mistie will be joining him when her Parks job finishes off in the fall. Howard "the Mann" will be interim Fire Chief until an election is held early in the fall. More on that later!

Probably one of the best "events" lately was the wedding of John Lenart and Julie Frisch

John has been living in Rock



Creek since 1986 and Julie and her daughter Sylvia have had a cabin near the Dempster Corner for years. They got married at cabin, but it sounds like they will be splitting their time together between the cabin, John's place and Julie's house in Whitehorse. This wedding was of particular significance to me because John was probably the very first person we met when we arrived in this area in 1985. And we have been almost like a family ever since. Congratulations John, Julie and Sylvia on your union! Best wishes for a wonderful life together!

There are a lot of feathers being ruffled by the City of Dawson with talk of expanding boundaries. I feel like we are being put on the defensive - and for what? We didn't do anything! At any rate, there is really nothing to get excited about at this time. The unfortunate part is that those of us who are partially out here in order to be removed from City politics may be forced into being involved in order to preserve what we have. Sad, sad, sad...

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*** To all persons who sold tickets, set up, clean up crews, my family and crew, SPECIAL THANKS.

*** My thanks to Ruth Ann Risby and Myrna Butterworth who helped stamp hands, and gave out plates. To bartender Brandi Maude and all her volunteers. To Monna Sprokkreeff for looking after coffee.

A VERY BIG THANK-YOU to Marg van Dusen (Dawson City General Store) who did the baked Potatoes. To Sandra Rodness, Vicky Johnson and all the ladies who helped with the serving, my thanks also. The sweet table was again a prize-winner of wonderful goodies brought by all the ladies.

*** Our steaks were supplied by the Dawson City General Store and were very well looked after by Teck Mining, Murray Crockett, Art Sailer, Leo Twordik and Volunteers. THANKS to everyone on the B.B.Q. it was enjoyed by all.

*** Thank-you to the Klondike Valley Volunteer Fire Fighters Assoc. for security. They did a great job. EVERYONE please remember that without the security, this event cannot take place!!!

*** Thank -you to the Dawson City General Store and all the hotels for the ice.

*** The City of Dawson for setting up the picnic tables and helping in every way.

MY VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Alex and Mary Seely, and Johnson-Matthey Refiners for their time and labour, and for the tablecloths from Johnson-Matthey and Anna-Marie. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies.

SPECIAL THANKS goes to the following who donated such wonderful door prizes; these make our evening events very special:

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Our MR. AND MRS. MINER for 1991 are MR. and MRS. ALEX and MARY SEELY from the Dawson Mining district. We all extend our congratulations.

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THRILLS AND NO SPILLS AS THE BARMIDS RACE RUNS AGAIN

by Brent Morrison

The sixth annual barmids' race was held Sunday July 7th at the lounge of the Midnight Sun. Six teams entered what has become one of Dawson's most anticipated events. The host team, the Midnight Sun, entered a team of French Maids while the Triple J went for a Bag Lady look; the Westminster team wore their baseball uniforms. The Eldorado team was dressed as table dancers (complete with full course meals). The Gertie's team was fashionably late, arriving on horseback decked out as Bolero dancers. Not to be outdone, the Westmark team showed up well past the 1:00 starting time dressed as dumb blondes, complete with blonde jokes hanging from their costumes.

The event was hosted by Bill Costin and Grant Hartwick who managed to cut up just about every business in Dawson and entertain the crowd with a medley of hits that included: LaLaLa Late, Dawson City Here I Come, Buffman, Spanish Thighs, Clive Talking, A Hard Day's Night, I've Been Working At The Westmark, Staying A Clive, Tequila, and the much repeated Visa song. The teams were required to serve drinks to eight stations where judges were appointed. Servers were penalized for: spilling drinks, serving the wrong drink, heading to a wrong table, missing a table,

having the wrong number of glasses at the finish, asking the judges what they ordered, filling out the Visa form incompletely or incorrectly, or dropping or tipping their tray.

Shortly after 1:00 p.m., with the rules read, the judges introduced, and the National Anthem played, the Gertie's team started the competition in front of a standing-room-only crowd. With Hartwick's cry of "On your mark, get set, serve!" the contest began. The eventual winner is decided by the fastest combined team total. The Gertie's team started off with an impressive time of 2:15. The other teams followed in order with each of the four team members completing one circuit.

Dale Braga served up the mock drinks which were used throughout the day while the rest of the Midnight Sun staff served up the real thing to the crowd of onlookers. Grant and Bill provided theme music, play-by-play, and colour commentary until Bill was forced to leave halfway through the competition. Times were close between some teams, while others were there just for the fun of it, and others still just didn't give a damn.

"Susie" of the Westmark's Keno Lounge got lost somewhere in the "Keno Zone" and recorded the slowest (unofficial) time of four

minutes, twenty-five seconds. By 4:00 p.m. the official race was over but three exhibition servers did the course in phenomenal times. Rita of the Sun posted a time of 1:32 (not counting penalties) causing Hartwick to remark that just when you finally get a waitress that can serve you a drink as fast as you want it, they stick her behind the bar.

By 4:30 p.m., with Costin back and complaining about Grant playing with his equipment, it

was time for the official results. Honourable mentions went to the Triple J, The Westmark, and The Westminster. Third place went to the Midnight Sun with a combined time of 14:32; second was Diamond Tooth Gertie's with a time of 13:51; and winning with a time of 13:43, the Eldorado Hotel, who won the first event six years ago. Best costume was given to the Gertie's team, and Mary McLeod with a time of 2:55 was the fastest individual.

Prizes were supplied by Al Kapy of United Distillers of Whitehorse, Frank Daly of Bacardi Rum Vancouver, and Haine and Nancy Wing of the Midnight Sun.

Plans for next year's race are already underway with more prize sponsors being sought, and plans to move the race into the Sun's Tavern to allow more spectators. Until then residents and visitors alike will be able to get a quick drink just about anywhere in town.



DAWSON AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOC.

VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED

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Run Dawson was started in 1988 by David and Dirk Millar. In the beginning, Anne Nason, Deb Wortley, Robyn Morrison, Dave Kingston, David Millar and Dirk Millar were instrumental in getting the club going. That same year the Solstice run on June 21st, and the 5 km and 10 km. Discovery Days races began. Initially, the main strength came from the Millar boys and their families.

In 1989 Janet Johnson came on the scene and has been another major source of help, doing secretarial duties, plus much more!

'89 was a big growth year for the club, we ran the June 21st Summer Solstice run and members ran in the Dome race, as well as hosting the Discovery Days 5 Km and 10 Km run. Members also ran in the Outhouse race and we had a mixed team in the Trail of '98 Road Relay.

In 1990, we added the Dome race to our list of runs that we organize (this race is the largest road race solely in the Yukon).

Our club has really grown in 1991! Bob McCauley was the co-ordinator of the Summer Solstice run, doing a super job. Norma Kobayashi co-ordinated

the Dome race and with all of her hard work, it was the most successful, plus there was the most number of people we've ever had enter, at 145!! Ella Patay has been a staunch volunteer with the Dome race since the very beginning and her help is always very much appreciated.

People like Ted Paine (a local miner and former runner from Washington State) who comes out and helps with all the races, are imperative in hosting events.

Other major helpers include Melody Caywood, Lawrie Stewart, Joanne Hunston, Lorraine Millar, Denny Kobayashi and Lyndsay Beck.

Newcomers to the 1991 executive are Jeff Cook, Meredith O'Connor and Joanne Hunston.

With Run Dawson now having three annual races, plus members in the out-house races and a team in the "Trail of '98," 110 mile relay race: this club gives individuals in the Dawson area the fun of competition and recreation.

However, Run Dawson is not just for the serious runner. Each Wednesday at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 11 am, we meet at the gazebo on Front St. for a fun run. All ages and abilities are most welcome!

Thanks to all the hard workers on past and present Run Dawson boards and volunteers for a job well done and a club well run!



L - R: John Sherman, Gerard Parsons, David Millar, Al Lucier, Gareth Jones

Photo by Jennifer Williams

POOL CLOSURE

No, not already! Please note that the swimming pool will officially close on Sunday, August 25, 1991. Wet and cold weather will also mean closures throughout August.

FITNESS CLASS UPDATE

Fitness classes will continue throughout August. Classes at the gym will be moved to the Water Front Building for the week of August 12 - 16 to allow for school cleaning. Classes will resume in the gym once school is back after Discovery Days.

Fitness North of 60 will be hosting its fall seminar in early October. Dale Cooper will be one of the guest instructors. Dale will be leading a coeography workshop for the 55 fitness leaders in the Yukon.

TERRY FOX 1991 RUN

Important! Please Note! The Terry Fox Run date has been set for Sunday, September 8, 1991 at 1:00 p.m. Please note that is one week earlier than the Official date. This date fits better with the Dawson busy schedule, particularly for those that will be attending the Skagway-Whitehorse Road Relay.

BEAVER LUMBER MOUNTAIN BIKE RALLY

Neither rain, nor mud, nor slippery trails could keep five intrepid mountain bikers from competing in this year's Beaver Lumber Mountain Bike Rally.

An all night rain made the 8.4 km. course very slippery and increased the difficulty of the new and expanded course. Starting at Minto Park, racers were escorted by the RCMP down 7th. Avenue to King Street. From there the racers were on their own as they worked their way up the Old Dome Road to the Cemetery, past the Dragoon's and on up to the new sub-division road.

Winding their way to the top of the ski hill, the racers faced a difficult and treacherous descent down the beginners slope to the ski club parking lot. Crossing the New Dome Road at the dump turn off, the racers were left to negotiate a narrow winding path around the cemetery, finishing with a sprint to the finish line in front of the RCMP cemetery.

Finishing first in the Men's over 30n category and first over all was Gareth Jones with a time of 25:15. Following quickly on his heels was Gerrard Parsons, with the second best time of the day at 25:35. Dave Miller, who was leading for much of the race, finished in third place with a time of 25:36.

In the men's 20-30 age bracket, recently arrived Constable Al Lucier was the first over all and recorded the fourth best overall time of 26:35. Rounding out this year's very competitive field was John Sherman who, despite some navigational problems, finished with a very respectable 29:40.

Mud splattered and thoroughly soaked, competitors milled around the finish site discussing the new course, the terrain and the spills. All expressed a desire to compete in next years rally and hoped that it would continue in future years.

The sponsors would like to thank all those who volunteered and helped with timing, set-up and directing. Without your help this even could not happen. See you next year!!



Photo by Jennifer Williams

Wendy Burns Festival Volunteer

Wendy Burns' first impression of the Dawson City Music Festival in 1980 was "the openness of it all, the friendly people. I was a stranger here but I felt like I belonged." She helped out with the Children's Concert in 1982, served on the Board of Directors in 83-84, and took on the "Meals" portfolio in 1985.

The 10th Anniversary in 1988 was "really special" as a kind of

reunion of former board members Stella Winart, Barb Hogan, Carleen Sheerin and, of course, Arthur Black. Her favourite memory: the Parachute Club singing "Rise Up, Rise Up" on closing night.

This year saw Wendy back in the fold in charge of Performers Meals. She is appreciated not only for her wonderful culinary and organizational skills, but for her ability to really live up a party. Thank-you, Wendy, for your years of hard work!

from Empire were to back to school library books

CREATURE COMFORTS

by Shelley Hakonson



Creature Comforts

Hors d'oeuvres have become known as finger foods, those easily munched, hard to resist, before the main event snacks. Dawson's own Claims Cafe offers a different selection of terrific finger foods every night and it's quite difficult to decide which ones to choose, one or two or all of them! I've looked up some of the ones that appeal to me -- hope you like them.

B.B.Q. Chicken Wings

Serves 6-8 (Kids like these!)

24 chicken wings
2 cp. ketchup
1 cp. water
4 tbsp. dijon mustard
6 tbsp. malt or white vinegar
2 tbsp. brown sugar
4 tbsp. Worcester sauce
2 cloves garlic
2 tsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. Durkee hot sauce

- Cut wings in half at the joint
- Combine remaining ingredients in a non-metallic bowl.
- Add wings and toss to coat, marinate at least 2 hours or overnight in fridge. Broil or grill wings 10-15 minutes per side. Serve with Mexican

salsa or a dipping sauce of your choice.

Cheese Dreams

A basic recipe that's been around for years in various guises and is one of the few good things to do with store-bought white bread!

12 slices white bread
1/2 cp. melted butter
1/3 cp. slivered almonds
2 cps. grated old cheddar
4 slices bacon, cooked & chopped
2 egg yolks, lightly beaten
1 tbsp. dijon mustard
1 tbsp. mayonnaise
salt & pepper

Preheat oven to 350°. Trim crusts from bread and cut each slice into 4 triangles. Brush one side of each slice with melted butter and press each triangle, butter side up into muffin tins (small ones work best but regular ones will do). Bake 4-5 minutes or until toasted.

- Toast almonds in a heavy skillet, shaking constantly over low - medium heat until golden brown - 5 minutes.
- Combine cheese, bacon, egg yolks, mustard & mayonnaise, salt, pepper and toasted almonds in a bowl.

Spoon into toasted bread cups, return to the oven for 3-5 minutes or until heated through and golden brown.

Serve warm, garnish with a tiny shrimp.

Ratatouille French Bread Pizzas - about 40

These are actually like Italian bruschetta, toasted bread slices rubbed with garlic and olive oil.

1/4 cp. olive oil
1 lg. onion, chopped
1 medium eggplant - unpeeled in 1/2 inch cubes
2 small zucchini, diced
1 red bell pepper, chopped
3 garlic cloves, chopped
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
2 tbsp. capers
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. chopped fresh basil or 1 tsp. dried
1 french bread loaf, cut into 1/2 inch thick slices
1 1/2 cps. grated provolone or mozzarella cheese (6 oz.)

Heat the oil in a heavy large skillet over medium heat.

- Add onion and cook until it softens, add eggplant, zucchini, bell pepper, garlic and salt. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

- Reduce heat, cover and simmer until vegetables are tender -- about 30 minutes. Add tomatoes, capers and pepper to vegetables, simmer uncovered until most of

the liquid evaporates and the mixture thickens, stirring frequently -- about 15 minutes. Stir in basil and adjust seasonings to taste. This can be prepared up to 3 days ahead, cover and chill.

- Arrange bread slices on baking sheets, spoon about 1 tbsp. of the ratatouille on each and top with cheese. This can be done 2 hours ahead, cover and chill.

- Preheat broiler and broil pizzas about 5 inches from heat until cheese melts and bubbles, transfer to a platter and serve hot.

Grilled Sausages - nothing could be easier

- Use an assortment of sausages: chorizo, kielbasa, italian hot or sweet, bratwurst, knockwurst, beef, moose, etc.

- Prick the skins to keep them from bursting and grill on the b.b.q. over hot (not flaming) coals until they are brown and crispy. Slice diagonally or into short chunks for serving. Accompany the sausages with pieces of crusty buttered bread and a selection of mustards, dijon, pommery, deli style.

You can also put the pieces of sausage on skewers for barbecuing, add a chilled white wine or a jug of sangria and a salad and it turns into a complete meal.

Corn Cups filled with Beef Chili - Tex-Mex style savoury tarts (from Martha Stewart's "Hors D'oeuvres")

3 slices bacon
Corn Cup Dough
6 tbsp. butter, room temp.
3 oz. cream cheese, room temp.
1 cp. flour
1/2 cp. cornmeal
pinch of salt

Heat a pan over a medium-high flame and sauté the bacon for a few minutes until some of the fat is rendered, add the beef slivers and onion, reduce the heat to medium-low and sauté for 5 minutes. Add the garlic, pepper, cumin and chili powder, cook for 10 minutes or so.

- Add the tomatoes, stir well and cook over low heat until the liquid has evaporated - 1/2 to one hour.

- If necessary add 1-2 tbsp. cornmeal to the mixture to thicken it. No liquid should be left in the pan.

Preheat oven to 350°. To make the corn cups, cream together the butter and cream cheese with a wooden spoon or electric mixer. Combine the flour, cornmeal and salt and add it, a little at a time, to the butter mixture, stirring constantly until it's well incorporated. Knead it lightly.

Divide the dough into 1 inch balls and press them into small or regular size muffin tins, using your thumbs to form cups. They should be as even as possible and come up to the tops of the pans. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Fill with hot chili, garnish with sour cream and shredded old cheddar, sweet red or green pepper, a dollop of salsa and green onion or whatever you like.

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

DAWSONITES AT HOME & ON THE MOVE

Former Dawsonites **Jim, Barb and Robbie Elliot** were joined here by Jim's parents **Robert and Bert Elliot** of Dayton, Alberta. They came to share in the wedding celebration of **Julie Frisch and John Lenart** at North Fork.

What special hours were enjoyed when **Lil Munroe**, and daughters **Heather and Carol**, toured the streets of their childhood. Though saddened to see so much of their past gone, they felt things were going well and were surprised by the large population increase. The **Mac Munroe Family** called Dawson "Home" for 35 years.

John "Mr. Music" Finlay has sold his 6th Avenue home to Herb and Kim Watt. John has enjoyed 13 Dawson winters with music being his deep love. Hopefully, he will find room in an August special Music Seminar in Nanaimo before making his way to his parents and some family in Lethbridge, Alta. We share John's dream of returning with some fine musicians to play a gig or two next year.

Our Canadian Cross Country Ski Champion, **Jane Vincent**, has returned from a week of extensive training on Haig Glacier, near Canmore, Alta., where several trainers, recently returned from Europe, were on hand to

share the latest ideas in techniques and training.

After 4 years in Dawson City with Renewable Resources **Tony Grabowski** (with wife, **Patti** and three children, **Kristin, Terry, and Meagan**) has accepted a new position with the department in Whitehorse. Tony will be remembered for his fine taxidermy work. Patti taught for 1/2 year at the school, was the Public Librarian, served on the Library Board and subbed at both the school and the local Yukon College campus.

Welcome back to **John and Susan Russell** and their family (now 3). They went from here to Watson Lake a few years ago. John transfers back to Dawson to take over Tony Grabowski's old job.

Up from Parksville to visit with husband, **Joe**, for a few weeks is **Marion Langevin**. What would summer be without spotting the Langevins around?

Grammie Helen Davidson has reluctantly returned to Wolfville, Nova Scotia. She says she wishes she could have taken Val Deakin back with her to ease her back pains.

Betty Davidson is back from the University of Victoria, having completed a 5 year summer program leading to a diploma in school librarianship. **Jo-Anna**

has returned from her visit to relatives in Toronto.

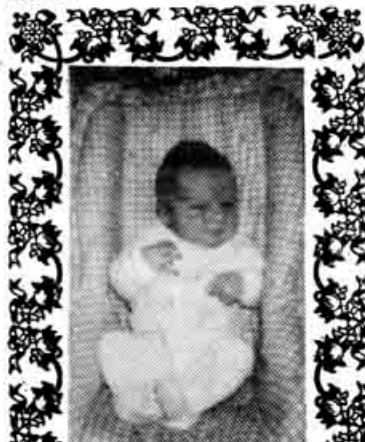
Betty's mum, **Joan Posno**, has arrived from New Glasgow. Joan is the former editor of the *Presbyterian Message*, which she used to assemble on a Franklin computer (an Apple II clone) so she had no difficulty getting into the swing of Macintosh keys for this issue of the *Sun*.

Nikki Walsh enjoyed a visit from her brother **Tom**, his wife **Dorothy** and niece and nephew **Mikel and Erika Walsh** during the Music Festival weekend.

A big welcome back to former long-time residents **Carleen Sheerin** and daughter **Claire**. Carleen has been busy with first year nursing studies at Mount Royal College in Calgary, and will be returning for her second year this fall. This is Carleen's 9th season as a tour guide for Klondike National Historic Sites. Claire has been enjoying Day Camp and making the most of the long, sunny Dawson summer.

Carol Butterworth accompanied her mom **Pretoria** to Dawson, and while mom enjoyed catching up on the news, Carol visited with friends.

Last winter **Meredith Couture** submitted some jokes to a proposed joke book for young people. This summer she received word that one of her jokes had been accepted and that it would be in the book. She also got a \$100.00 cheque. The book will appear sometime next year from General Publishing. Meredith's picture can be found on our kids' birthday page this month.



Dennis & Sheila Montgomery are pleased to announce the arrival of their son **Craig Mervyn**, 9 lbs., 3 oz., on June 26, 1991, at District of MacKenzie Hospital. A brother for Amanda.



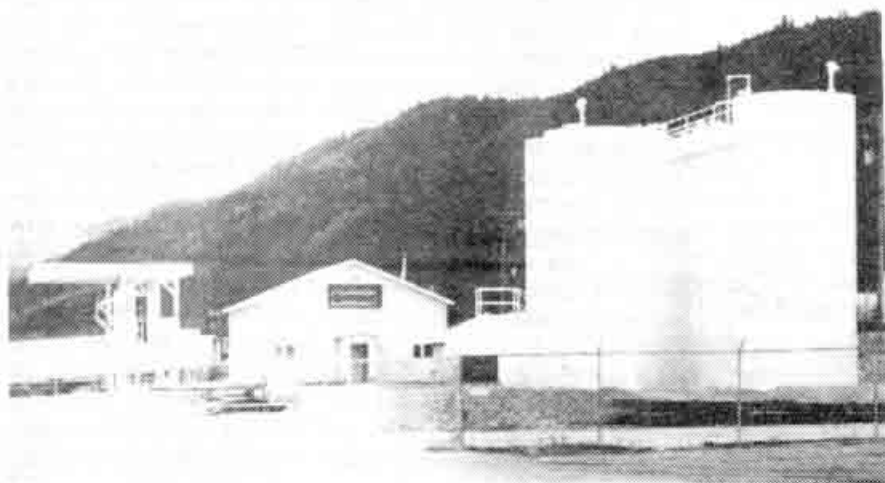
YAY! PAULA

Our *Klondike Sun* is red in the face. We forgot to recognize **Paula Hassard** when she got her Yukon Arts council award a month or so ago. Paula was honoured for all her years of work as a volunteer, including the many years that she has put in with the Dawson City Music Festival. We know, of course, that Paula is a hard worker. Before she got tied up with the Music Festival executive committee last fall, she did quite a bit of work for us.

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For Sale: 1.38 acres. Lot 184-29, group 1052 - in Rock Creek. If interested phone 993-5321 /2

Cabin Available to Rent: Sept. 10th (for approximately 1 month). Electricity, Wood heat, Running Water, \$400, utilities & wood included. Phone 993-6610 /1

Wanted to Buy: Old Yukon mail (Envelopes, post cards etc.) with postmarks from old post offices- ie. Clinton Creek, Granville etc. Will pay a good price. Apply P. Erickson, Box 214, Dawson City, Yukon, Y0B 1G0. /2

Gold: 12 Claims, Dawson Mining Area, easy access off Bonanza Creek Road 11 miles from Dawson City. For information, write PO Box 5360 Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 4Z2 Phone 403-668-2388 /12

Notice

Do you want to curl this season? If so there is a meeting being held on August 20 - 7:00 pm at the curling club.

If there is no interest the Dawson City Curling Club will be closed for this season.
S. Gould
President

Invitation to Tender

Chief Isaac Incorporated is tendering a Janitorial Services Contract for Chief Isaac Memorial Centre and Tro Chu Tin Hall. Closing date is 4:00 pm, August 30, 1991. For more details please contact:

Chief Isaac Incorporated:
PO Box 1014
Front & York Street
Dawson City, Yukon
Y0B 1G0
phone 993-5384

NOTICE

Sally and Eve Derry would like to thank all the ladies who gave them a lovely baby shower. Many thanks for the lovely gifts. We use them all the time.



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RUN DAWSON

RUN DAWSON says THANK YOU for our successful 14th ANNUAL MIDNIGHT DOME RACE & SALMON BARBEQUE

SPONSORS & CONTRIBUTORS:

CANADIAN AIRLINES for a draw prize of 2 tickets from Whitehorse to Vancouver return, "spot" prizes at the barbeque, and air freight for the trophies.

KLONDIKE VISITORS ASSOCIATION for cooking at the barbeque, supplying equipment & the lead vehicle & driver, and the use of Gerties.

CBC's RON McFAYDEN for the live media coverage.

DAWSON CITY GENERAL STORE for the corn & watermelon and a lot of faxes and over 500 photocopies for the race organization.

DAWSON CITY AMBULANCE for being on stand-by for the race.

DAWSON CITY FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION for race control & aid.

LASER HOLDINGS for the juice & pop.

MIDNIGHT SUN HOTEL for the keg of beer.

THE BILL COSTIN & GRANT HARTWICK duo for the great music.

THE CITY OF DAWSON RECREATION DEPT's Lawrie Stewart for helping with race set-up and timing.

THE R.C.M.P. for starting the race and race control.

TRANS NORTH TURBO AIR for the barbeque site.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS:

Lyndsay Beck, Cassandra Crayford, Sue & Clair Dragoman, Wendy Horner (who has helped with the water station many times), Ted Paine, Ella Patay (who has helped with timing since the race began), Helen McCullough, Alan McDade, Alanna Murray, Holly Reeves (for the potato salad), Marg White, & Vera.



SUMMER ART COURSE

We are fortunate to have visiting artist Murray Johnson, from Okanagan College in Kelowna, teaching here for two week-ends.

There will be drawing and sketching classes the weekend of Sept 7 and 8th. The fee is \$75.00. Bring your own materials.

Water color landscape painting classes will be held the weekend of Sept 14 and 15th. The fee is \$75.00. Bring your own materials.

He is willing to do visitations with practising watercolourists to answer questions and give helpful criticisms.

To register, and for more information contact Karen DuBois at Dawson Campus which opens on August 20th.

*We can stop the presses for you
But not the March of Time!*



HAPPY 40th Birthday DAN
from the SUN STAFF and YOUR FAMILY

DISCOVERY DAYS HORTICULTURAL DISPLAY 1991

The Y.O.O.P. will again be sponsoring the HORTICULTURAL & HANDICRAFT DISPLAY. SAT. August 17th at MINTO PARK.

Lists of the display categories will be available at Arctic Drugs but no entry forms are required.

Entries will be recieved from 9am to 11 am and to be picked up promptly after 3 pm.

Modest cash prizes will be awarded in all categories.

Your past participation has been greatly appreciated and we hope you can manage a few moments to enter your displays again this year.

NEW ENTRIES ARE MORE THAN WELCOME !!!!!

An Open Letter to all Music Festival Volunteers

We, the sound and lighting technicians for the 1991 festival, would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all those who worked with such spirit and dedication to make this year's festival such a success. Our job was made much easier and enjoyable due to all of your efforts. Many may not appreciate (or even realize!) how much work you all put into this event, but we do, and are extremely grateful.

We would also like to give special thanks to the hospitality staff for their unending efforts to make all participants welcome and comfortable. Most of them were blown away by the quality and generosity of the hospitality. The hours of availability and incredible selection of fabulous food were a source of constant amazement. We can only hope that you received as many compliments about the hospitality services as were passed on to us by the performers.

We hope that the experience was enjoyable to you all, and that you will participate again next year as well.

Sincerely

Ted Arnold
John Kilmer
Paul Gatten

John Bailey
Craig Moddle

Dean Emerick
Ian Todd

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