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Randi Leigh Henry works on her split level creation at the 2nd annual Shelter Gingerbread House Decorating evening on December 14.

## Dawson Dental talks fail to resolve problems

by Dan Davidson

"It was like talking to a brick wall," said Dr. Helmut Schoener, describing his Dec. 9th meeting with Dr. R. D'Aeth, the Acting Regional Director of Medical Services Branch of Health and Welfare Canada.

D'Aeth was in Dawson to discuss with Schoener the dentist's demands that his forced transfer to a new location within the Dawson Nursing Station be to a place with lighting and ventilation comparable to the offices he has used for the last 12 years.

There were no negotiations, according to Schoener. D'Aeth's attitude was "take it or leave it," said the dentist. "It's very frustrating to me."

It was also frustrating to a half a dozen residents, who stood outside the building wanting to know why they couldn't voice their opinion to D'Aeth on the issue. The meeting, however, was closed. Chere Mitchell, a local secretarial worker, says she hopes their presence made a point any way.

Mayor Peter Jenkins was equally perturbed. He was there along with both of the town's medical doctors, Gerard Parsons and Stephen Howells, the local coroner, Vi Campbell, and the chief of the Dawson First Nation, Steve Taylor.

"It was one of the most non-productive meetings I've ever at-

tended," Jenkins said. It ran for about 2 1/2 hours and ended where it began.

"D'Aeth showed total disregard for the community's feelings and those of the other health care professionals," Jenkins said, with reference to the 300 signatures that Schoener has collected on a petition demanding that the feds negotiate with him in good faith.

Jenkins has often complained about the level of medical service offered by the federal government in the Klondike region, and he is now very concerned about what he sees as a minimum

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## Jenkins wins clear majority

by Dan Davidson

Peter Jenkins has been returned to the mayor's office with a clear majority. Jenkins polled 285 votes while his challenger, Gail Hendley picked up 178. While the eventual spread between the two candidates was large, the evening started off with Jenkins maintaining a 15- to 20-vote lead and pulling way ahead during the latter half of the two and a half-hour counting session, Jenkins winning with a 61.5% majority.

Of the 14 running for council, incumbent Tim Gerberding was by far the leader of the pack, running well ahead all night and finishing with 215 votes. He was followed by Henry Procyk, who polled 185. A see-saw battle for the final two places on the new council ended with Shirley Pennell (147) and Hugh Gouthro (140) outdistancing incumbent councillors Glenn Everitt (127) and Lambert Curzon (122). Other strong showings included Helmut Schoener (133) and

Kevin Anderson (123).

Overall, the election scene here was very healthy, with 467 voting out of a list of 647 for a turnout of 72%. Returning officer Bonnie Barber questioned the accuracy of the voters' list, feeling the numbers were high. Quite a few people on it had moved on, but she said this was balanced by the 29 that were sworn in at the polls.

By comparison, there were 488 registered voters in Dawson in 1988 and 391 of them voted. In 1988 there were also questions about the accuracy of the voters' lists and Gail Hendley, who was the returning officer at that election, wanted to see the list revised properly then. Apparently this had not been done. The estimated turnout in 1988, allowing for problems on the list, was also 72%.

Newly elected councillor

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## Dawson Dental talks fail to resolve problems

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service and hard-line attitude by D'Aeth. He expects it will only be a matter of time before Dawson's doctors feel the same pressures now being placed on its dentist.

"We could end up losing our dentist and our two doctors,"

Jenkins warned.

Jenkins has entered this battle to win it if possible, and intends to take the next stage of complaints well over D'Aeth's head, to the federal cabinet. Health Minister Benoit Bouchard has already been contacted, along with his assistant deputy minister, Neil Faulkner.

A later comment from D'Aeth, quoted in the *Whitehorse Star*, indicated that MSB might be willing to look at the possibility of a skylight for Schoener's new offices, providing it was feasible and didn't cost too much.

## Federal dental program at school trimmed

by Dan Davidson

Quietly, without any advance notice, the federal program which has delivered dental therapy to all students in schools in Mayo and Dawson City has been trimmed to elementary school students only, with grades 9-12 being excluded from this year's round of therapist's visits.

Sources at the medical offices in Dawson indicate that they learned of this only recently and that little notice was given. Observers can only wonder if this will have any impact on the intended placement of a full time dental therapist in the Klondike capital, a move which has been in the works since last summer. Why place a specialist to cover Dawson, Mayo, Old Crow and area, and then reduce the client base?

Dr. Helmut Schoener, Dawson's resident dentist was surprised to learn that the dental program had been cancelled.

Schoener holds the contract to do the dental services for the grade 9-

12 students at the Robert Service School, and no one had bothered to discuss the policy change with him.

Schoener used to have the work for the entire school, but decided a few years ago that this gave him a busier practice than he wanted. He requested that dental therapists be brought in to cover the elementary grades, which make up nearly two-thirds of the school population these days. His work, combined with that of the therapists, has resulted in what he feels is a very good state of general dental health among youngsters here. He describes his relationship with the visiting therapists as excellent, and they agree.

Schoener says he learned of the change in policy only during the week of the first therapists' visit to Dawson for this season. He doesn't know what's going on but feels that Health and Welfare Canada should have to answer some tough questions from parents and local authorities.

## Medical Services Branch termed "Unreasonable" by local doctor

by Dan Davidson

While no one has so far threatened Dr. Gerard Parsons with any serious changes in his status at the Dawson Nursing station, he is still feeling very uneasy about the events whirling around Dr. Helmut Schoener, the local dentist.

"There's been a lot of unilateral decision making without consultation," Parsons said, after participating in a meeting between Dr. R. D'Aeth and the local medical community early in the week. "Budget slashing here (in the Yukon) appears to be quite ruthless, and shows a disregard for the opinions of the professionals in the field."

He termed the meeting "quite unproductive" and it gave him lots of concern about his future and the future of his new partner, Dr. Stephen Howells.

"Whatever is allowed to happen to Helmut now may be allowed to happen to me in the future," he said.

Part of the problem seems to be that many of the arrangements and incentives offered to people like Parsons and Schoener by the late Dr. George Walker, the former head of Medical Services Branch, to persuade them to move to the rural Yukon communities, were made on an oral commitment and handshake basis. Schoener has already noted that his arrangements don't exist on paper, and Parsons says the same is true of him.

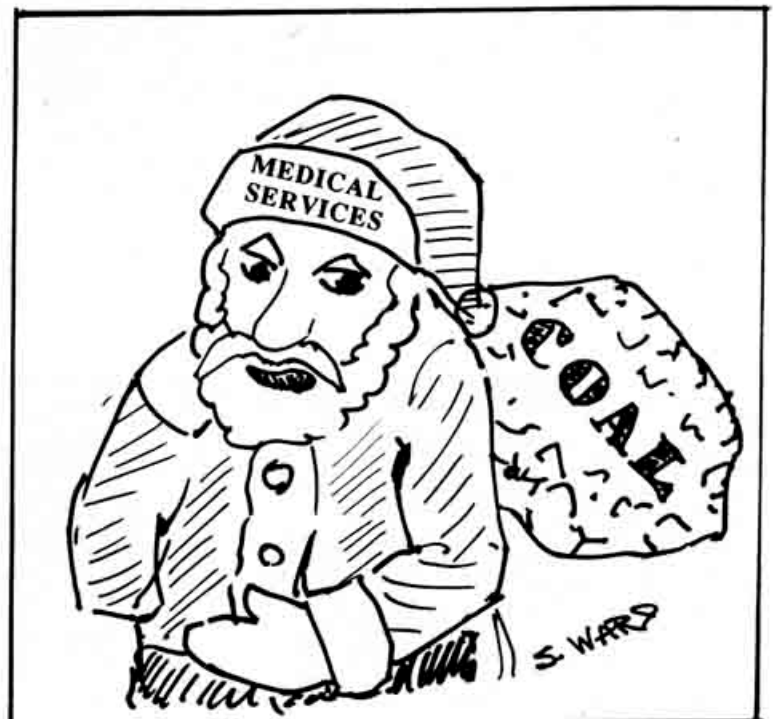
This looseness has enabled the federal Medical Services Branch to trim some services here already. Parsons notes that his ability to place patients in the nursing station for full time care was cut back last summer. In the past he has been able to put a patient under nursing care for about 4 days, depending on the case. Some people are better off being transported to Whitehorse quite quickly, but others simply need a few days to rest and recuperate and don't need the extra strain of a trip to the city.

Last summer he was informed by D'Aeth's office that the limit was now 48 hours and no more.

Mayor Peter Jenkins has suggested a simple reason for this trimming: money. Overtime charges paid to nurses here for 24 hour care come from the federal coffers, while the cost of an evacuation to Whitehorse is born by the territory and there is already 24 hour care at Whitehorse General Hospital.

Whatever the reason, Parsons is concerned that this type of thing diminishes his ability to offer a full range of local care to his patients and wonders what will come next.

He is especially frustrated because he has spent the last 2 1/2



Ho! Ho! Now what does Santa have for Dawson's dentist and doctors this year??

years trying to build a case, which he feels is a strong one, for expanded care facilities in the community. He feels that the core of the problem is that the mandates of his practice and that of the nurses here are in conflict due to a lack of staffing.

Nurses, he says, are told by MSB to focus on public health issues, while doctors tend to work on acute care cases. There need be no conflict, as long as there is enough staff to cover both types of need. Parsons says he recruited Dr. Howells to allow him to handle his case load better without burning out, even though it meant a reduction in income.

The nursing staff of 4 here, he says, simply isn't large enough to answer the community's full range of needs. While a smaller community like Mayo has 7 nurses, Dawson, more than 4 times as large, is limping along with a smaller staff and a lower category of health care station.

Parsons says it was clear from the meeting on Dec. 9 that MSB is not even thinking about expanding Dawson's services at a time when Parsons feels the community (which has already doubled in the last decade) is about to experience accelerated growth.

"I would like to anticipate the future and keep ahead of it. I find it very frustrating that they can appear to be so unreasonable," he said.

As far as Schoener's case is concerned, Parsons is unable to understand why MSB would want to drive away an incumbent specialist who offers a good service and replace him with visiting dentists at a greater cost. Besides that, their attitude takes no account of the lack of continuity and community understanding that such an arrangement must entail.

Parsons is hoping this sort of thinking isn't somewhere in his future as well.

## Smash and grab at Maximilian's Bookstore

by Dan Davidson

When Chris Sorg, manager of Maximilian's Gold Rush Emporium, got a phone call at 5:15 a.m. on Dec. 10, he steered himself for the worst news. He was relieved, then, to learn that the store had been broken into rather than leveled by fire. Not that a break-in of any kind is good news, but at -31 C it beats a fire.

Sometime between 3 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. someone put large piece of wood through one of the front panes of the Front Street store and walked off with several of the items of electronic equipment that were on display there. Sorg says a portable compact disc player, two portable tape players and a ghetto blaster were removed, while a similar display further along the window was untouched.

"We commented on it (the risk) when we put the stuff in


the window the other day," he said ruefully, "thinking this might be just a bit too tempting." But a store has to advertise, and Maximilian's has been aiming at raising the buying public's awareness of its entertainment line, so they took the chance.

He wasn't the only one willing to do that. A non-profit organization hoping to raise some raffle money had approached him about displaying the prizes in his store's windows a bit later on this winter.

The items taken were worth about \$600.00 in dealer costs to the store and were insured. Sorg made sure of that after the still unsolved New Year's Break-ins of last winter.

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# DAWSON COUNCIL BRIEFS



l - r Joanne Smith, Tim Gerberding, Henry Procyk, Hugh Gouthro, Shirley Pennell

## New Council Sworn In

by Dan Davidson

### No Smoking, Please

Smokeless council chambers may be the first innovation of the new edition of Dawson's municipal council. The resolution was proposed by returning Coun. Tim Gerberding at the first meeting of the new council. There was no serious opposition to the idea from new councillors Shirley Pennell, Henry Procyk or Hugh Gouthro, but they did decide to put off the final form of the resolution for a week to determine how best to phrase it. Realizing that chambers are the regular daytime smoking area for city staff, Gerberding conceded that he was really only interested in banning smoking from council meetings or public meetings held in the room.

Council was sworn in by

Justice of the Peace Joanne Smith. Mayor Jenkins, out of the territory to attend his mother's funeral, was unable to attend the meeting, but it was felt to be important to put an official stamp on the new council as promptly as possible.

### Accounts Payable

This was probably the cheapest meeting in a long time, as well as being one of the shortest at a mere 1 1/2 hours. The accounts payable for this fortnight totalled only about \$36,000.00. Average meetings are two to three times that amount, while the last meeting of the old council paid out nearly half a million dollars due to sewer and water repair expenses.

### Open House to Be Dry

Council decided to hold a "dry" open house on December 20, flying somewhat in the face of tradition, but hoping, in the

words of acting chair Pennell, to set an example for public functions.

### Board members needed

City Council requests interested persons to submit their names, together with a brief resume, to fill vacancies on the following Boards: Dawson City Planning Board and Dawson City Recreation Board.

Please supply this information by December 16, 1991.

### Setting an example

Dawson City's newly elected Municipal Council announced today that it will support the Interagency Committee's call for a Substance Free Christmas

Celebration. For the first time, Council's Open House will be alcohol-free. "It is important that Council demonstrate leadership," said Mayor Peter Jenkins. "The Interagency Committee's request for substance free events has given the new Council an early opportunity to let the public know where it stands on certain social issues. I'm sure the public will both understand and support the decision."

For more information, contact Carol Murray at 993-5434.

### DOGS...DOGS...DOGS...


Residents are reminded that loose dogs are still all considered dangerous and are being shot on sight. This applies to dogs running loose both by day and by night, and to licensed and to unlicensed dogs.



The City of Dawson will be holding its annual Open House on **Friday, December 20**, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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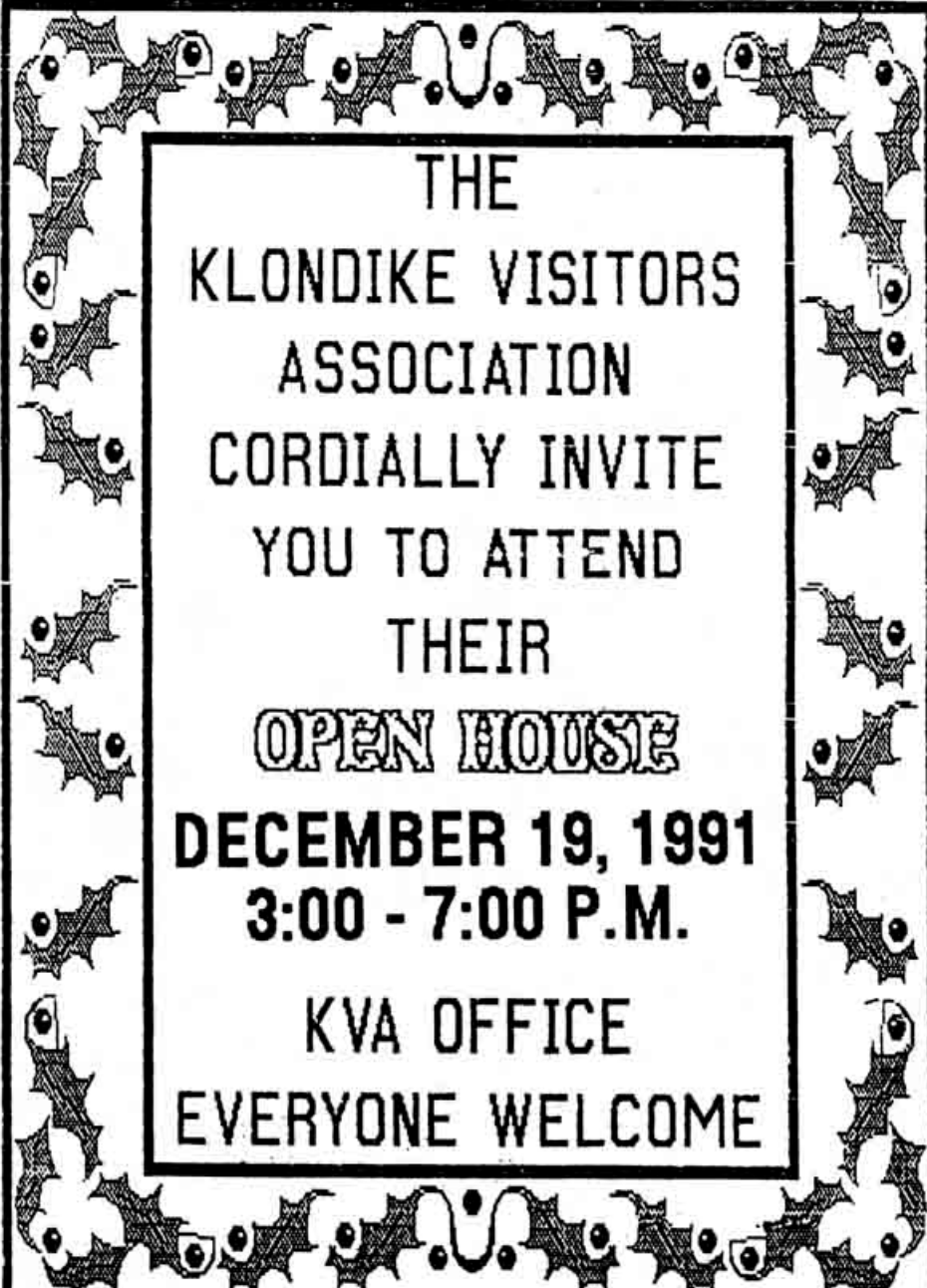
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## Editorial : No Need for this Crisis

by Dan Davidson

What a month! The Soviet Union ceased to exist this morning and everyone suddenly began to realize that maybe that wasn't such a good idea after all. Now we have to worry about a dozen semi-autonomous states controlling some 25,000 nuclear weapons instead of just one. This is progress?

Things always sneak up on us, though, don't they? Six months ago who would have predicted that Dawson City, with such a nice mix of local medical and dental services, would suddenly be embroiled in a controversy that would threaten one or more of them?

Like many Yukon communities, we're at a difficult stage in our life cycle. I heard some visitors in our largest grocery store a summer or two back commenting on cramped aisles and space.

'Yeah,' said the man, showing an amazing degree of perspicacity for a mere tourist, 'it's crowded now, but it's probably too big in the winter.'

While I dare say that situation has changed a bit in the meantime, it's still true with regard to social infrastructure. We have made some progress over the last year, after all, in expanding our services by getting another doctor, but that doesn't solve everything. We have far too much work for our doctors and nurses to do in the summer and perhaps not quite enough the rest of the year. At this point, it's even getting to be a bit much in the winter.

Dr. Parsons is fond of saying that there is too much work here for one doctor and not quite enough for two. It's also seems pretty clear that he and Mayor Jenkins are correct in noting that our nursing station is understaffed.

The events of the last month have made it obvious that it's also undersized. Shuffling space is at least part of what this current tension and uneasiness is all about.

Let's start with the assumption, which I don't believe will be disputed by any Dawsonite, that having a resident dentist is infinitely preferable to the alternatives. Periodic visits like those made by the ophthalmologist do little to give regular care. If we had to deal with a broken tooth or filling the same way we have to deal with broken glasses we'd be in a fine mess out here, many hours and hundreds of dollars from a repair job.

Let's also assume that we like having two doctors. Each one is under less stress than he would be alone. Less tired when you see him, more likely to become involved in the healthy part of the community as well as the sick part. They get to compare notes on patients and pool their knowledge. They take up a little more room, but they're worth it.

Our nurses are also a pretty great bunch, and we've all seen enough of them leave over the years to know that they're overworked, even in the slow season. It's easy to understand why they would sooner have a public health room in the station rather than run around the town doing that part of the job in the other spaces that are available. The only problem with that desire is that it's turned into one of those 'either/or' situations where nobody wins.

It all seems to add up to a need for more space, more staff and more consultation about what to do with the available resources. While all the parties here work under different mandates at this time, it won't be long (we're told) before the Yukon government controls the whole works. In that event, it seems timely to recall a study from the territorial dept. of health a few years ago, that recommended integration of all our medical services under one roof and one jurisdiction. I keep hearing that this is the future of Dawson.

Physically, it seems to me that we have a small scale version of that situation right now. Therefore it seems sensible to begin to practice the kind of joint decision making that will be needed when the future arrives. From what I have heard of the meeting that took place here on December 9, most people who were at the meeting or outside the door listening agree that there wasn't much consultation evident as far as Medical Services Branch was concerned. There were some softer words about skylights and accommodations after the meeting was over, but our local people felt left out of the decision making process at the time of the meeting. Nor was there any possibility of having a public meeting to find out what the community wanted.

This isn't a good thing. No one knows this town better than the people who live and work in it, and any major changes in our lives should be debated in public long before they are due to happen.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Friends,

The time is fast approaching when we will once again celebrate the season of love and good will to mankind.

Many of you have already started or will soon start choosing gifts for those special people around you. We do this as a token of our love and appreciation for them.

However, there are those within the Yukon who really do not have much to look forward to this Christmas. In some cases due to circumstances beyond their control, there will not even be the basics for a good Christmas Dinner.

Many of the less fortunate will be looking to us, The Salvation Army, for help to make their Christmas a joyful one. You will also realize I'm sure that this brings with it a great financial responsibility. The Salvation Army is trying to be available to meet those genuine needs, but we cannot do so without the assistance from you, the public.

Your financial assistance in the past years has helped us in a tremendous way with our work here in the Yukon, and for that we do sincerely thank each one of you. However, we would like to ask you once again for your kind support. Help us to make someone else's Christmas a memorable and brighter occasion this year. Please give generously to



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Dear Editors:

Noreen Sailer and the Directors of the KPMA have asked me to write to tell you how very much we all appreciated your help at our annual barbeque and dance.

Noreen says thank you for putting in our Thank You ad. It was done up nicely and she was especially glad to get it in the August 17 Discovery Days Special Edition. She also expresses her appreciation for the write-up on our Mr. and Mrs. Miner for 1991 - Alex and Mary Seely.

Thanks again from the KPMA!

Sincerely,  
Alan Fry  
Executive Assistant,  
KPMA

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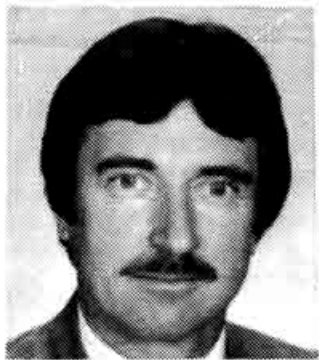
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Art Webster,  
M.L.A., Klondike

Congratulations to Mayor Peter Jenkins and councillors Tim Gerberding, Henry Procyk, Hugh Gouthro and Shirley Pennell for their success in the recent municipal election. May members of council, facing the challenges before us, gain satisfaction from making sound decisions which will benefit our community. I look forward to working with the new council as we move well into this most important decade in Dawson City's history.

The Government of Yukon's 1992-93 capital and operational maintenance budgets were introduced in the Legislature on November 12. One of many features of the budget was a healthy 7.7 percent increase in funding to municipalities. This increase will mean over \$1 million in comprehensive block funding for Dawson City municipal government operations and capital projects, not including \$180,000 in special funding advanced to the city for sewage repairs undertaken this fall.

This budget, like previous Yukon government budgets, puts a higher proportion into investments in infrastructure, such as better roads and community facilities, than any other province or territory.

For example, \$700,000 has been allocated for highway reconstruction in the Flat Creek Hill area from Km 658 to Km 668. This will include reconstruction, culvert replacement and BST surfacing. Reconstruction of the Bruin Creek to the Border section of the Top of the World Highway in the amount of \$490,000 will provide for an 80 km/hr. design with BST surfacing.

Four hundred thousand dollars is budgeted for construction of a firehall and training room for the Klondike Valley Fire Fighters' Association, which serves Bear Creek, Rock Creek and Henderson Corner.

## WORDS FROM WEBSTER

A quarter of a million dollars is targeted for Stage 3 of the Callison Industrial Subdivision, which will make eight industrial lots available in 1992-93, and the same amount is budgeted for detailed site selection work in the Dempster Cut-off area for the new Dawson Airport.

At the Old Territorial Administration Building, \$16,000 has been put aside for the Dawson Museum to plan its gold discovery/rush anniversary exhibit, and \$60,000 has been allocated for landscaping the Victory Gardens.

Two hundred twenty-three thousand dollars will be invested to upgrade non-profit Yukon Housing units in Dawson and to bring them into conformity with the historic control bylaw.

The above are just several of many examples of work planned for the Klondike in the next fiscal year. The capital budget will invest more than \$3.3 million in our riding, not counting municipal funding. In addition to this, the Red Feather Saloon/Liquor Store will proceed with a budget of approximately two million dollars. Complementing these capital investments is \$5.3 million budgeted for operations and maintenance expenditures in Dawson and surrounding area.

This 1992-93 budget, like the last five, contains no tax increases, and maintains a healthy accumulated surplus to weather hard times. It continues to meet our commitments to a sustainable economy, healthy communities and settlement of land claims. It represents new investments in the economy, in the environment, in our children and in all Yukon people.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## REPORT FROM OTTAWA

by Audrey McLaughlin, Yukon  
M.P.

the Senate and receives Royal Assent in less than a month.

But that was the case with Bill C-202, a Private Member's Bill respecting a national day of remembrance and action on violence against women. NDP Status of Women critic Dawn Black initiated this Bill to commemorate December 6 as a day to remember the tragedy of the 14 women who were killed in

the Montreal massacre two years ago. I had the privilege of meeting recently with the mother of one of the victims. She has been speaking out against this needless violence and through her, Dawn, and others, hopefully something positive will come of this horrific incident.

The facts on violence against women speak for themselves. At least one in 10 women is beaten by the man she lives with. One woman in four is sexually assaulted or abused. According to a 1987 government report, 62 per-cent of the women murdered in Canada died as a result of domestic violence. This violence is committed by men of all ages, from all backgrounds - high school dropouts and university professors alike.

There can be change. There are alternatives. Says Dawson, "I did not call it a day of remembrance and action for nothing. Without the action the bill is worthless."

The cycle of violence can be stopped. Violence against women is not natural behaviour. It is learned.

This is not a woman's problem. It's a community problem. Here in Dawson, the community has shown how a community can work together on this problem through the combined efforts of many with the Dawson City Transition Home.

More can be done through education, legislation and discussion. The silence is ending; the cycle will be broken.

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The federal government may have been hoping to be on Santa's "good" list this year, but according to the Auditor General's 1991 report, they've been more "naughty than

The Auditor General complained of the continued refusal to provide information on Departmental travel expenses. It's hard to know where costs can be trimmed, when the public is denied access to information.

And, when the Auditor General examined the Department of Indian and Northern Development, he found that many northerners are without a home due mostly to inadequate planning. For example, housing on native reserves is exclusively under federal jurisdiction. Yet, there is a backlog of a need for over 10,000 housing units on reserves. The *Indian Act* deters band members from receiving any kind of financial assistance other than from DIAND. Yet DIAND has no strategy to deal with this problem.

The environment fares no better. The Auditor General says that the government does not have an effective enforcement procedure for environmental laws and regulations already in place. The issue of jurisdiction - who has responsibility for what aspects of environmental protection - has not been clarified. Yukoners have known that for a long time. Just look at the jurisdictional mess surrounding the pollution in Lake Laberge.

And since Customs is doing nothing to enforce the *Hazardous Products Act*, the Auditor General says that toxic and hazardous substances may be entering the country unnoticed because there is no coordinated effort to stop them.

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Who would like to see the Northern Tax Benefit eliminated? Not many Yukoners. But the Leader

of the Reform Party would, as he recently called for its elimination. The creation of this fair tax benefit, needed to offset the high cost of northern living, came about as a result of hundreds of meetings with people dedicated to a northern way of life. A real grass roots effort.

It seems Preston Manning's vision for Canadians does not include northerners.

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Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday, and hope that we are all able to give and receive a little of the kindness which makes this time of the year special.

## Letters

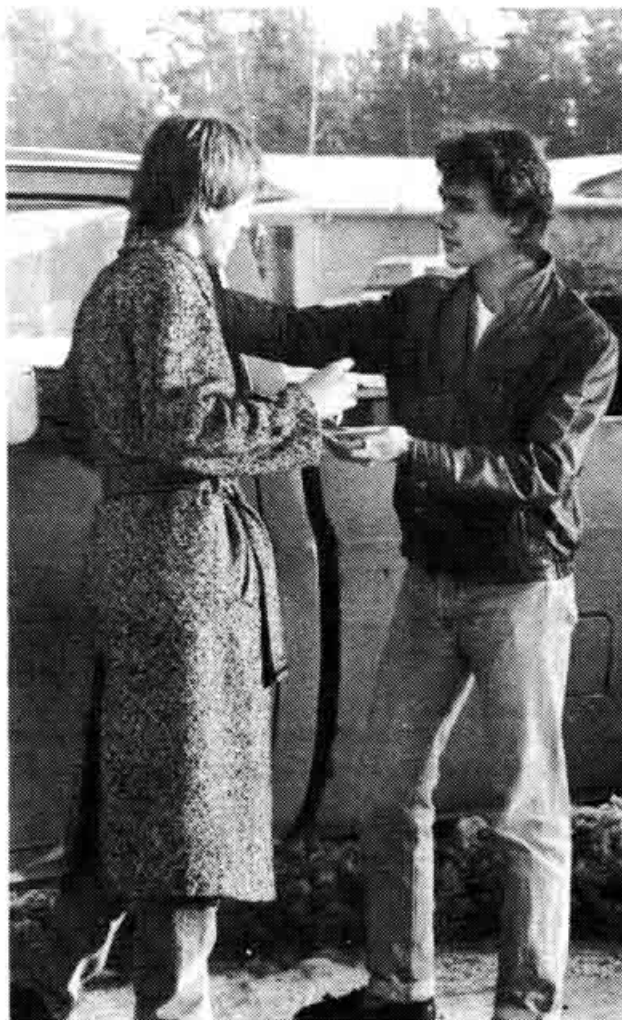
Dear Klondike Sun:

Many thanks for nice layout and also a big Thank-you for the discount.

The money raised will go to getting a Block Parent Community sign for the road coming into town and also to purchase some promotional things for the kids. Yours truly,

Kathy Robbins,  
Co-ordinator,  
Dawson City  
Block Parents

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A greeting of the season  
from the Motor Vehicles Office.



by Audrey McLaughlin,  
Yukon MP

It's not often a Private Member's Bill is not only supported by all federal political parties, but also is passed by the House of Commons,



## Uffish Thoughts:

## The Only Poll that Counts

by Dan Davidson

Counting ballots sounds like a "thrilling" way to spend a Thursday evening, but things actually did get exciting in the Bonanza Centre Lobby on November 14, and the 15 or so people who were there for the event had a good time.

The doors of Dawson's one polling station were shut at 8, but by then 9 of the candidates or their agents had come to join the returning officer and her clerks, the C.B.C. reporter and me in the lobby. Chairs and tables were set out, large grid sheets of paper were distributed and the group waited eagerly for the first name to come out of the locked ballot box.

What a change from the last municipal election, when another C.B.C. reporter and I were chased from the polling station by an over-zealous city official and spent our evening running up and down the stairs, waiting for news at the crack of a door.

The clerk unlocks the box, pulls out a slip of paper and announces the contents. It is a councillors' ballot, so there are four names to get down, and the recorders begin to race across the columns, marking an "x" or a "check" in the proper spaces.

I wonder, does the first person to fill up his or her card yell out "Bingo"? It's a little like what I have seen of that. The first slip has to be repeated, but after half a dozen have gone by folks get into the rhythm of the thing and rarely need a recall after the first five minutes. The contents are announced; the official recorder puts down a mark; the ballot is handed to the returning officer and dropped into one of three trays before her. And so it goes.

For the first 45 minutes there isn't much to see. The race between Peter Jenkins and Gail Hendley soon assumes the shape it will take throughout the night. At the first break for a

numbers check around the 6 different sheets, he leads by 40 votes. He will maintain a fairly proportionate lead throughout, dropping by only a few percentage points at the end.

The spread for the councillors is remarkably even. Leaving aside Tim Gerberding, who maintains a fantastic lead all night, the spread was from 67 votes down to 33, with a cluster of 7 between 42 and 48. Some of these racers don't make their move until the last 20 minutes of the counting, over an hour later. Henry Procyk's is the second name to pull ahead.

In the meantime, the grids begin to form inverted bar graphs, and the contest is starting to take on visual form as some bars clearly begin to outdistance the others. Again, it is a long time before it is evident that Shirley Pennell and Hugh Gouthro will be the final two councillors.

People are quite focussed on their jobs at this point, and I get the impression that I am the only one who really notices the live broadcasts that our C.B.C. visitor is doing from one of the canteen booths that overlook the arena. I manage to get some work done on a stack of school assignments during the first hour, but after that the paper drama becomes too interesting. The 10 advance poll ballots, counted after all the others, could have changed the final results if they had all gone one way, but they didn't. It's tense.

I am not quite as captivated as our local radio/t.v. volunteers, who are determined to beat the Whitehorse visitor in breaking the results of the voting to the Dawson audience. CFYT-fm/DCTV president Peter Menzies is on hand, trying to figure out how to accomplish this slight of hand. In the end technology comes to his rescue in the form of a walkie-talkie. Every so often he retreats into one of the washrooms - with my

notebook - and reads off the latest tally to the home audience, who are treated to the image of a walkie-talkie being held up to a microphone at the broadcast studio just down the block.

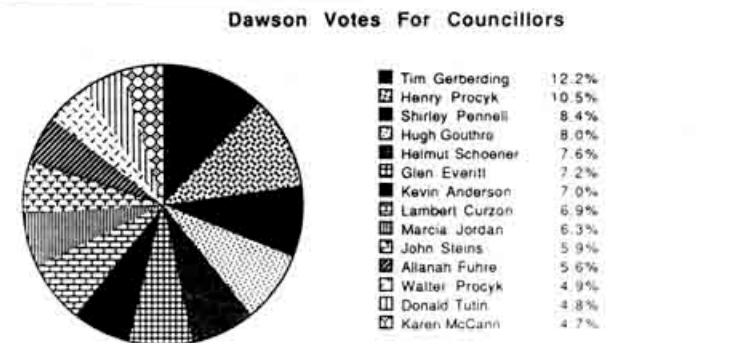
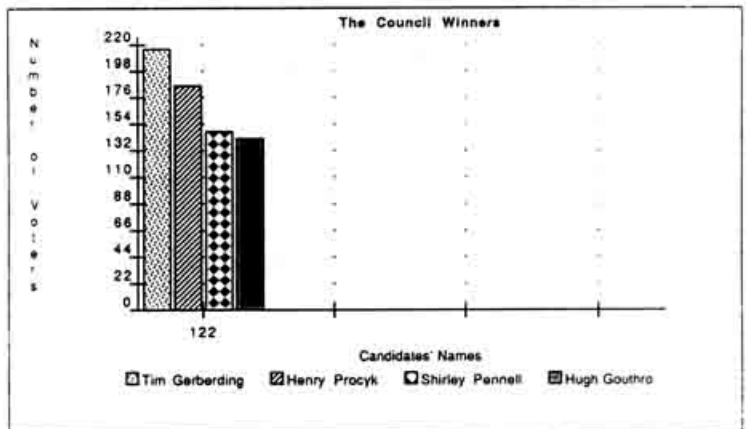
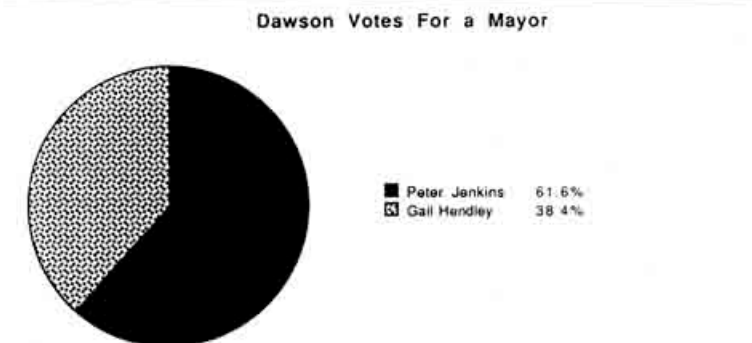
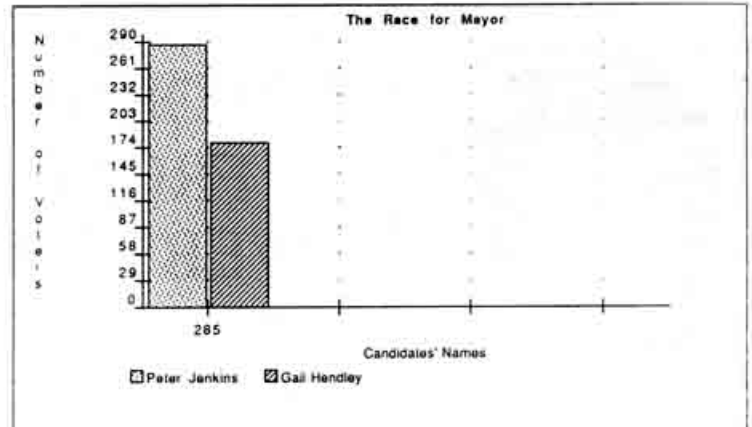
As it turns out, re-elected Mayor Peter Jenkins, cooperates to the full and turns up at the station to give a brief statement just minutes after DCTV announces his victory.

Jenkins' victory is predictable after the second numbers check, and while people in the lobby are curious to see what the final spread would be, their attention turns to the race for the councillors' positions, on the theory that Dawson's apparent desire for some sort of change at city offices (recognized even by Jenkins in his own ad campaign) will have to show up there if it really exists at all.

Jenkins had summed up his decision to run again by saying that people had told him he was doing a good job even though they didn't like him. The voters apparently accept that logic, but show the negative side of their assessment by voting out the mayor's protege, returning the councillor who spoke in the most detail about the need for change in city politics, and electing two others who made similar statements. This even extends to choosing a relatively unknown candidate, apparently on the strength of his dispassionate but detailed analysis of council's problems.

"It's a conscience vote," says one of the unelected candidates as the bar graphs lengthen and the picture becomes clearer. "They vote for the mayor and then they vote for a council they think can control him." No one in the room argues with that; a number agree vocally, others nod.

The final names are announced. The bar graphs make the results obvious even before the numbers are tallied. The congratulations and condolences begin and the group breaks up. There is a sense that we have all been part of something interesting this evening. Some leave feeling the first flush of victory. The rest of us leave hoping it will all amount to something in the weeks to come.



Above: left to right, Kathy Webster, Shirley Pennell and Hugh Gouthro are intent on the numbers



Left: "Hello Dawson, this is Meter-uh-Peter Menzies live from election central for CFYT/DCTV. Stay tuned for the latest results"

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

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# Many, Many Christmases Ago

by Sue Ward

Seventy-eight Christmases to remember. Which ones held the magic? Which were endured? Which built up questions "Why?" in a little girl's growing mind?

"Christmas is what you make it!" shout those with families, food, and funds. "Will Santa Claus come to our house?" asks the child who knows there are no funds for feasts and presents. "Too bad we don't have any relatives we could invite to dinner." "We can't help that," explains mother "but Mr. Prowse and Mr. West will be here. They have no family either."

That was when times saw my Dad with a steady job. It was not always so. I remember our first Christmases in Vancouver in hard times, with snow a foot deep -- that was magic, except we never had a sled and had to cadge rides with kids who owned swift shiny models with steel runners, or toboggans. We offered to pull the carriers up the hill, hoping we would be told to squeeze on the back end, or push it for a good start, planning to jump on before it swished away, leaving us standing. The US would be me some others who were sledless.

I remember Mr. Charlie Raines, our postman, who had a

fine singing voice and a cheerful manner. He was a veteran, of course. All postmen were veterans, paid minimal wages because they would draw some small pension for war injury. A truck would drop off sacks of mail onto front porches of corner houses and these would be picked up by the postman. My young friend VI suggested we should offer to run Christmas letters and packages up to the letter boxes, saving Mr. Raines many steps and precious time. There were two house deliveries a day, one on Saturdays, and an extra if needed, to clear all the mail before the holiday. Ladies of the house would offer us cookies and treats and Mr. Raines would reward us with two candy bars each when we stuck to him until he reached the Sub-Station four blocks away.

Vi, with her Mum and Dad, shared our house, their bedroom being next to mine. She was the closest thing to a sister I ever had. We hung our socks, regular style, on the end of our beds, and our Mums would stuff an orange, an apple, a few nuts and Christmas candy mix, and a small puzzle into them to be enjoyed when we awoke in the

early morning. I remember that Christmas morn when, hearing Vi and her Dad rooting through their socks, I jumped out of my small cot, my feet hitting the cold linoleum, and reaching into the darkness, found my empty sock. When I arrived downstairs in a glum mood which Mum recognized, she asked me why? Having shared the stocking game with my own kids, I can imagine her sadness. She said she thought I was too old for it.

It is quite wonderful to look about and see some of our Dawson Homes displaying fine designs in outdoor lighting. Children take it all for granted. The moment of magic in my young years was after dishes were washed and leftovers put away, aprons hung up, and everyone but Dad was seated facing the Christmas tree. We awaited the magical minutes when the real coloured candles, held firmly in their metal clips, were set alight! All other lights had been turned off and one by one the tree would become circles of light until there it stood, a spectacle of glowing golden orbs. No one moved, except Dad, as he hustled to set every candle aglow, as the magic could last not more than several minutes for fear a flame should reach a nearby needle.

The greatest Christmas memory is the year when Dad had no work. He had set out early in the morning to try to be needed, in any way for anyone, enough to provide dinner for his little family. Weather can be very miserable in Vancouver at Christmas. My brother Bill and I were home with Mum when about three o'clock the doorbell rang and we rushed to answer the call. Two men stood there holding a large pinewood box between them. On its side was stencilled the letters B.P.O.E. and pushing it inside they shouted "Merry Christmas from the Elks." Seventy years later I can still see that box which Bill and I hauled into the back kitchen. It seemed an eternity before Dad arrived home, empty-handed and full of despair, because we must wait for him to share the miracle. Seventy years later I can see the bag of cocoa, Christmas sweets, roast of beef and all the trimmings, tea for Mum, a pound of coffee, etc. On Boxing Day I

was walking through the lane behind an apartment building and there was a Christmas tree lying in garbage clutter. I hauled it home, got my brother to help me set it up, and decorated it with tufts of cotton batten.

Dad later became a member of The Benevolent Order of Elks and my pal and I would spend many Christmases at the Vancouver Children's hospital, he carving and serving the little patients a turkey dinner as Mae and I sang and played our way through the wards.

True. Christmas is what you make it. The more you give the more you get. Have a wonderful Giving Christmas everyone! Of yourselves, that is!

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Sorg figures the R.C.M.P. have pegged the time about right. Even with the cold air coming in the broken 30 inch by 60 inch window, the store still hadn't cooled off to the point were damage from freezing was any problem by the time he made the 20 minute drive to town from his home in Rock Creek.

"It doesn't look like they even climbed in," he said, "just reached in and took what was there."

Sorg says it shows how popular the discman player is. This is the second one he's had stolen from him in the last few months. The other incident was a theft from inside the store.

"People must like those," he said with a chuckle, "but it's hard to offer a product on a regular basis if this sort of thing is going to happen."

This robbery story ends on a positive note. The perpetrator, who is a young offender and cannot be identified here because of that fact, returned the stolen goods later in the week. Sorg says he is satisfied to have his stock returned and that the culprit is making arrangements to pay for the broken window.

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## SOMETHING TO SINK YOUR TEETH INTO

The following comments are a selection from Dr. Schoener's petition which is still available for signing and will eventually be presented to the appropriate politicians. These are presented here anonymously, but each has been signed and dated.

"There has to be a way to settle this ridiculous situation."

"Dr. Schoener serves my family and community very well. Families from Alaska drive hundreds of miles for his excellent dental work. We in this family do not want to see Dr. Schoener forced to leave. He is not only Dawson's dentist but he is a respected friend and asset to our community. Please let him stay. Thank you."

"Dr. Schoener serves a medical necessity and is one of the strongest assets to the community."

"I have lived here all my life, I know what it is like to have no dentist, do you?"

"Seems like the Feds (once again) are being penny wise and pound foolish."

"I feel very lucky to have Dr. Schoener here in Dawson. I do not wish to go to Whitehorse for dental service!"

"Have you ever had real tooth pain?"

"I have teeth yet, so I need dental services so should every person that has teeth."

"We have an excellent dentist. In the past we have gone through **TERRIBLE** times without a resident dentist and we now want to retain the capable services of Dr. Schoener as long as he is willing to stay."

**"I believe that when a man has his home here and is willing to stay that every effort should be made to help him. A Dentist is needed here at all times."**

"It is a rare thing to have a dental surgeon of Dr. Schoener's calibre living in a small community like Dawson, especially when he is also community-minded. Anyone creating ridiculous circumstances which will cause us to lose him will be remembered by our community at election or appointment time. Is this yet another case of mediocrity trying to crowd out talent so one of their own kind can fill the vacancy?"

"Why are we being thrown to the mercy of people who have no idea what it is like to be 300 miles from a dentist? I remember very clearly what it is like to not have a dentist here. Many dental problems arise that cannot be "booked" two weeks or two months in advance, never mind things that can come up post treatment. Actually, I think that I shall call Dr. Schoener now as the thought of this problem arising has set my teeth on edge!!!"

## Letters

To the Editor

I am writing to protest the eviction of our local Dentist from his present sparse but useable office into what sounds like a glorified closet. He states that he shouldn't work in unsuitable, unventilated (windowless) surroundings, the people of Dawson want him to stay; but apparently without considering either his point of view or ours, one person in Whitehorse has decided his office is required for meetings of various local groups. (One of his arguments is that Dr. Schoener's practice is part time - I doubt if AA and Expectant Mothers meetings are full time.)

But the fact that Dr. Schoener has been willing to stay in Dawson even though there is only part-time work at some times in the year speaks in his favour. What other dentist will we be able to attract who will work part time, in a windowless cell, in Dawson City?

Not to mention that Dr. Schoener handles the full range of dental problems, and we certainly don't want to lose a dentist with his qualifications and dedication to Dawson.

I lived in Dawson for decades without a resident dentist. I remember that time as a series of visiting dentists, some incompetent like the one who pulled children's permanent teeth rather than filling them, of expensive, inconvenient rush trips to Whitehorse for dental care, of having to ask the Doctor to have teeth pulled, and of Dawson visitors having to leave when some trouble like a root canal flared up.

Somehow in the last 20 or 30 years, bureaucrats have changed from servants of the people to petty dictators, each with their little turf where they rule by some self-held idea of divine right. The town of Dawson has been as vocal and communicative as possible in letting it be known we want to keep Dr. Schoener in his present office.

We aren't asking for any more - we haven't asked the government to build a dental clinic, just to leave well enough alone; so how can one man at a 300 mile remove decide otherwise, ignoring our point of view totally. (I warrant he doesn't have to travel 300 miles to see a dentist.)

He feels AA meetings and Expectant Mothers meetings need a washroom, waiting room and office more than a dentist. A thousand Dawsonites disagree with him.

So I am going over his head, and will appeal to Audrey and Tony for fairness in this matter, and to let Dawson keep Dr. Schoener in his present location.

Sincerely  
Evelyn DuBois  
c.c.  
Yukon News  
Audrey McLaughlin  
Tony Penikett

Open letter to Dr. D'Aeth, acting medical director, Yukon Region.  
Dear Sir,

I would like to express my feelings of dismay regarding the very real possibility of my employer, Dr. Helmut Schoener, being forced to close his dental practice in Dawson City due to the unsuitable conditions of rent and relocation within the Dawson City nursing station.

I simply cannot visualize the community of Dawson without its resident dentist who has served this area for the last 12 years.

The likelihood of another dentist

moving to Dawson and setting up a year-round, part-time practice is remote, to say the least.

This situation would result in the government sending a dentist to service the community only a fixed number of times during the year, something which is done in the smaller Yukon towns.

Please consider the needs of the residents of Dawson and area, who will be very much inconvenienced if regular care is interrupted.

There will be many patients having toothaches occurring during the time the travelling dentist will not be in town and therefore will be forced to seek dental care in Whitehorse.

Driving under the influence of certain painkillers is dangerous and even illegal.

It is also not easy for the average person to take a day or two off work to make the long drive.

If the cost of lost income, gasoline and hotel expenses are added up, it comes to a stiff bill.

What will happen to people who simply can't afford to go to Whitehorse and don't qualify for social assistance?

They are the ones who are going to really suffer.

Of all the jobs that I have performed, it is being a dental assistant that I treasure the most since it has been the most meaningful.

It is certainly a challenge to work with patients under pain and stress.

I have told Dr. Schoener many times that I am very happy to be working in this capacity and that I

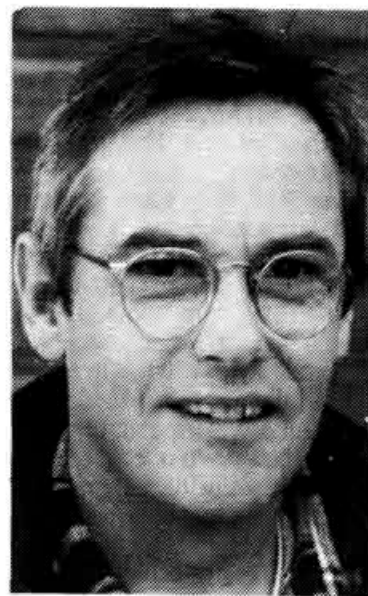
am proud to be part of the dental team in this community.

Perhaps it does not matter if I lose my job. After all, Canada is in a recession and I am only one of many who are facing layoffs.

But the fact remains that under the circumstances, Dr. Schoener may be forced to close his practice, leaving this community with no dentist.

It would be a shame to lose such an individual who is a part of Dawson and done so much for the people living here.

Anne Bilina  
Dawson City



Helmut Schoener

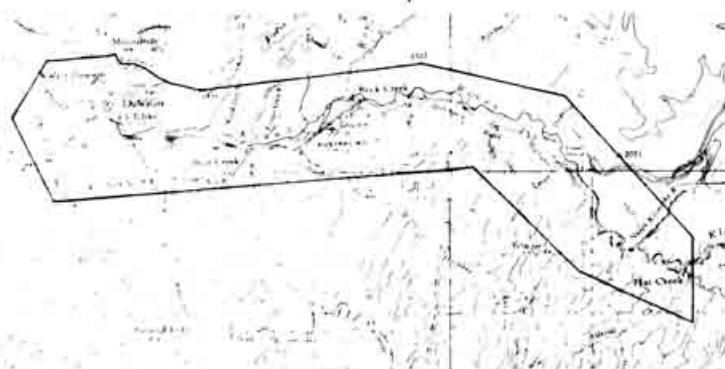
## Notice of Proposed Boundary Expansion

### The Town of Dawson City Bylaw 91-11

Being a bylaw to expand the boundaries of the Town of the City of Dawson in the Yukon Territory.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 14(2) of the Municipal Act, the Minister of Community and Transportation Services is giving public notice of the Town of the City of Dawson's proposed boundary expansion.

The Town of the City of Dawson proposes to amend its boundaries as shown on the map below:



Copies of the bylaw may be viewed at the Town of the City of Dawson's offices between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Any resident of the area to be annexed or resident of the Town of the City of Dawson who is opposed to the proposed expansion may appeal to the Yukon Municipal Board, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6, up until February 17, 1992.

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Hugh Gouthro felt that the high voter interest was perhaps the biggest story of the evening.

"You could knock me over with a feather," said Gouthro, parts manager at Northern Kat and a newcomer to Dawson, when he looked at his come-from-behind victory. Gouthro polled weakly during the first hour, but picked up steam as the evening progressed, jousting with Helmut Schoener for a spot on the final slate.

Shirley Pennell, Robert Service School's vice-principal, had a strong and steady presence all evening and was clearly pleased as she surveyed the tally sheets when it was all over, but she kept herself to a simple "Thank you to all Dawsonites" when pressed for a statement.

Henry Procyk, a former city treasurer, now an independent contractor, felt that the final choice was "a good council and showed a good year coming up with a lot of hard work ahead".

Tim Gerberding, who is Land Claims Coordinator for the Dawson First Nation, was interviewed from his hotel room in Whitehorse.

"I'm overwhelmed at the

amount of support I've received," he said. "I kind of thought I'd win, but I didn't expect to top the poll."

He felt, along with Gouthro, that the voters' selection sent a clear message about changes needed in the way council operated. He is looking forward to working with the new team.

Gail Hendley was visibly disappointed, but also felt that the council that had been selected to work with Mayor Jenkins was a strong one.

Mayor Peter Jenkins made a statement over DCTV just minutes after the results were reported via walkie-talkie from the Bonanza Centre lobby. He characterized this council as "a good cross section of Dawsonites" and gave his personal thanks to all those who returned him to office.

Council was sworn in at ceremonies on November 28.

**The Mayor and Council of Dawson City would like to remind all residents that Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of the month in the Council Chambers, above the Fire Hall. December meetings are on December 5 and 19.**

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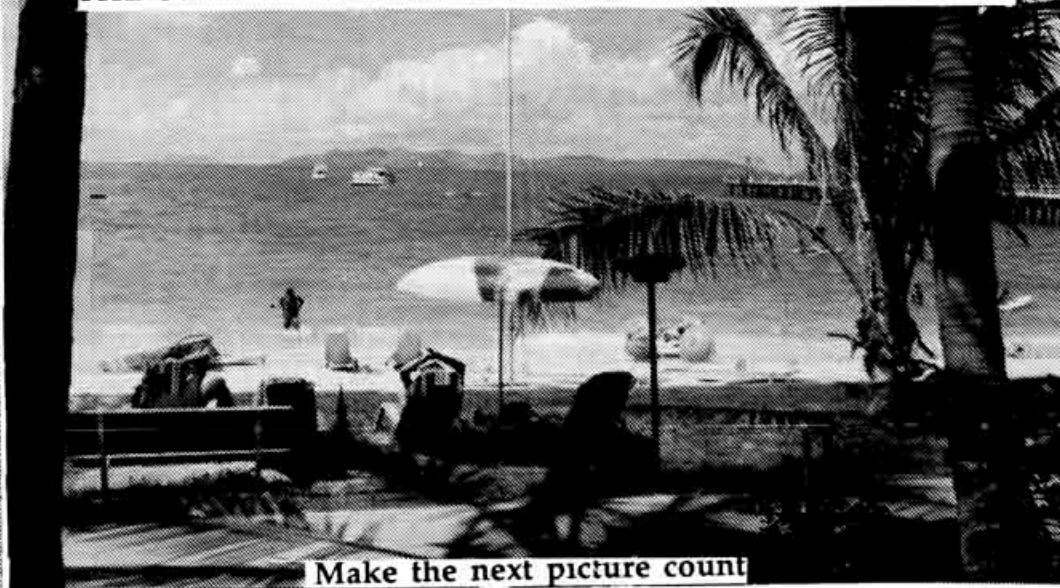


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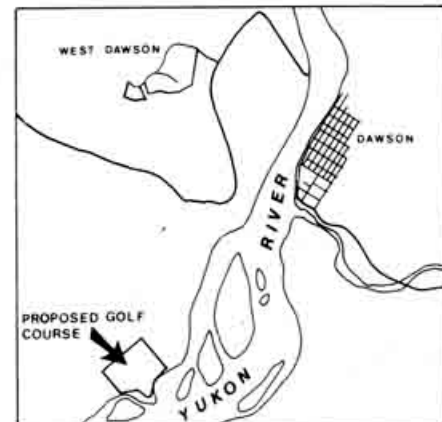
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## Dancing Away the Grinches

by Dan Davidson

The Grinch tried to steal Christmas from the Klondike in a revised version of Dr. Seuss' classic story, but he didn't have a prayer once the young dancers of Dawson City got into the act. There were no successful grinches at the December 13 dance recital.

The fall dance program, known as "Dance-a Smorg" was an attempt to introduce the youngsters to a variety of dance styles, from formal to contemporary, and all of these styles were used to good effect in the 9 presentations that punctuated Grant Hartwick's adapted reading of the story.

"Trim up the Tree" was a lively introduction to all the Klondikers who were getting ready for the season of joy and "bush beast". "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" was a rocking variation on the old standard, while "Welcome Christmas" featured a trio of ballerina style music box dancers, artfully performed by Harmony Hunter, Stephanie Cayen and Emmelia Warren-McKonkey.

Youngsters crept their way through "You're a Mean One,

Mr. Grinch", while the evil one plotted his nasty schemes. Then the Grinch (Natasha Fras) and his dog Max (Harmony Hunter) showed that even villains can be made for each other in "You and Me".

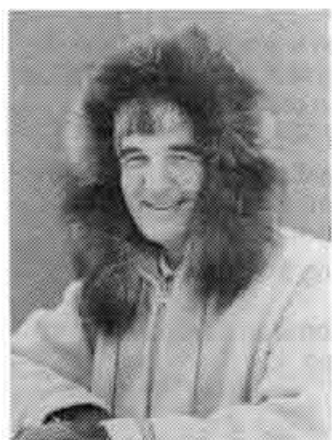
The Grinch and his henchdog travelled to Dawson to do their dirty deed under the cover of Northern Lights, provided by the tiny feet of Jennifer Stobbe, Melinda Margeson, Monica Fras, Amy Ball and Stephanie Matchett, ably shepherded by choreographer Kim Tuson. The costumes for this number were really quite special.

Stacey McDiarmid, who is a member of the mentoring program sponsored by the Robert Service School and the Dawson First Nation, provided a gymnastics routine to the tune of "It's Christmas", and the whole company enlarged the Grinch's heart with "It's Christmas".

In all, it was a most enjoyable half-hour of entertainment. The parents were proud and the girls had a lot of fun. The whole thing was taped by DCTV for a broadcast later in the weekend.



"You and Me", Harmony and Natasha ham it up.



## New Year's Message

*"May you have warm words on a cold evening,  
A full moon on a dark night,  
And the road downhill all the way to your door."*

- An Irish Wish

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Commissioner of the Yukon Territory





# Making a Scene at the YOOP Hall

by Dan Davidson

Dinner theatre is an amusing way to pass an evening, and the Dawson Drama Club put on two nights of it in late November (29 & 30) for the entertainment of the packed house at the Yukon Order of Pioneers Hall.

Host and m.c. Dan Haffey got things off to a fine start with his version of "The Cremation of Sam McGee", that old Robert Service standard. Dan needed a little prompting assistance on a few of the verses, but managed to work in his problems as part of his presentation, so it went smoothly.

The first play of the evening was "Ladies Alone", a obviously pre-feminist piece of work by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clement. Three working girl., played by Christina Shulda, Brenda Baxter and Gwen McIntyre, decide to have their revenge on all the men who aren't taking them out by declaring this Saturday night a "girls night in", and taking a solemn vow to stick together through thick and thin. Two telephone calls and a knock on the door make short work of this awkward evening as dates develop and the ladies depart. There's a marvellous bit of staging with a nightdress and a lampshade near the end of the play.

More intense, but no less funny, was "The Purple Door Knob", by Walter Prichard Eaton, a play about a confrontation between an elderly, bored invalid lady (played with a stern

face by Char Farr) and an actress who wants to buy the glass door knob on her front door (Cam Sigurdson). Viola Cole must humour old Mrs. Bartholomew by entertaining her before she will give in, and does so by making her request part of an impromptu

play, much to the disgust of Mrs. Dunbar, the maid, played with the right degree of raised eyebrow by Carrie Haffey.

The evening's final work was "Pastoral, or Recollection of Country Life" by Peter Maloney. While intended for another locale, this comedy of commitment and discontent was a good choice to transplant to Dawson, which has its share of occasional residents every year. In this case a young urban couple named Kate (Marjorie Logue) and Kevin (Peter Maxwell) are experiencing the joys of minding a farm for a fortnight. From the opening scene when Kevin runs back to the house in fear of Horace the rooster to the closing reconciliation of opposites, the play was a delightful combination of serious discussion and farcical over-reaction to events.

The YOOP Hall is far from being a suitable playhouse, but the drama club did well within its cramped confines, laying on a program and a spread which did credit to themselves and certainly pleased the packed audience.



Cam Sigurdson and Char Farr

Photo by Dan Davidson

## Lights! Camera! Action! in Canada's north

(NC)—Born in the Klondike, the son of the first Director of the Northwest Territories and Yukon for the Department of the Interior and grandson of the founder of the Dawson Daily News, Richard Sterling Finnie had the North in his blood.

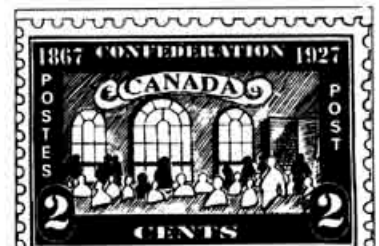
At seventeen, he served as a radio operator under the famous Captain J.E. Bernier on board the *Arctic*. Voyages in the mid-1920s took him far north to the tiny outposts and whaling stations among the islands of the Eastern Arctic. Thanks to several fellow crew members who had expertise in photography and journalism, Finnie learned the basics of motion-picture filming and production.

He put his new skills to good use several years later, when he was appointed historian to the Canadian Government Eastern Arctic Expeditions. His first film, *In the Shadow of the Pole*, is a record of the 1928 voyage of the S.S. *Boethic*. It features the hustle and bustle of an outpost at "ship time," when new provisions are unloaded at the docks. Over the next 10 years, he produced a variety of films and wrote several books on the North.

### IT'S YOUR HISTORY

Thanks to his knowledge of the North and his film-making experience, the U.S. Army Engineers retained Finnie's services in 1942 to document the construction of the Alaska highway and pipeline. As part of this massive project, Finnie produced some 45 reels of film and thousands of still photographs. Its success resulted in an invitation from the international engineering giant Bechtel, to serve as company historian and film producer. Over the next quarter century, Finnie produced over 60 films documenting projects in all corner of the globe. He often served as his own cameraman, writer, director, soundman and narrator.

Richard Sterling Finnie died in 1987. His collection of films, photographs, manuscripts and sound recordings was donated to the National Archives of Canada by his wife. It contains some of the most impressive film footage ever taken of life in Canada's North.



(NC)—Years ago. The federal government announced on February 6, 1962, that all federal cheques henceforth would be bilingual.

The first bilingual stamp appeared in 1927 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Confederation. We're close now to its 125th birthday.

Bilingual bank notes started circulating in 1936; family allowance cheques have been mailed out bilingually since 1945 in Quebec and since 1962 in the rest of Canada.

It was in 1882, more than a century ago, that the Civil Service Commission of Canada laid down the rule that examinations were to be held in English or French or both at the choice of the candidate and that notices of recruitment and promotion examinations were to be published in both languages in the *Canada Gazette*.

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Just a Sleepy Hollow?

# THE BIG TIME

by Kathy Jones-Gates

The success or failure of celebrations to commemorate the centennials of the Discovery of Gold and the subsequent Gold Rush could be the "Last time for Dawson to hit the big time, or remain the Sleepy Hollow," according to resident Jon Magnusson. Commenting at a late November meeting of the Yukon Anniversaries Commission in Dawson, Magnusson, a member of the Klondike Centennials Society, underlined comments made earlier by other Society members that Dawson City does not feel it can wait to see how the evaluation of the '92 celebrations turns out, before the commission turns its sights towards the many centennials to celebrate in the next ten years.

The Commission held a meeting in Dawson November 25 and 26, with a public meeting the evening of the 25th with the local Society. Local chairperson, Akio Saito indicated that Dawson was planning a Drop-In Centre with two displays for 1992, devoted to Dawson's contribution to the Alaska highway construction and informing visitors about the upcoming centennials. He wondered what contingency plans were in place

to accommodate the anticipated volume of visitors, as well as wishing to know when Dawson could see an office to handle Centennials information and when planning for Dawson would begin.

Commissioner Ken McKinnon, Chairman of the Commission outlined the '92 celebrations, noting that there were indeed 1,992 events scheduled for next year. The plan for 1992 was threefold: 1) have some fun; 2) make the cash registers ring! According to the Tourism Industry outlook for next year, the Yukon should expect to be overbooked! 3) Ensure a legacy of the celebrations; this can be seen, according to McKinnon, in the many permanent projects, such as a giant Mural, historic highway markers, major renovations to the Yukon Transportation Museum and the new Visitor Information Centre under construction in Whitehorse.

He echoed other Commission members comments that the lessons learned in the three years it has been functioning will be a bonus and help when Centennial plans go ahead. At present, he said that the plan was to focus on the '92 celebrations and evaluate them next fall and then to start focusing on the Centennials.

Dawson members felt that the Discovery of Gold and the Klondike Gold Rush were of major worldwide impact, and that Dawson should not have to wait until next fall to begin planning. Magnusson felt that the local

Society needed all the lead time it could get.

There was much general discussion about what the Klondike Centennials Society really wanted from the Commission, and eventually concluded with support for the Dawson committee to draw up a document to send McKinnon outlining its concerns and suggesting that the current plans for 1996 to 1998 be restructured so that planning may begin earlier in Dawson.

McKinnon indicated that next year's budget did suggest that a Dawson office be established. He also replied to the request for an update on '92 contingency plans. Various government departments had indicated that a) campgrounds were adequate to meet the anticipated demands; b) there is a contingency to open schools if needed; c) Bed and Breakfasts are to be encouraged; d) trying to get expanded ferry service for Dawson.

Travelling to Dawson for the meetings were: Commissioner Ken McKinnon, Doug Bell, Chuck Halliday, Mary McCullough from Watson Lake, Ken Spotswood, Communications Officer for the Commission, Tish Tomlin from Haines Junction, Bob Cousins and Kathy Hain from Whitehorse, Deborah Miller, who was born and raised in Dawson, and is administrator on the commission, Ron Pond, executive Director of the Commission, and Josephine Stewart, Deputy Minister of Tourism for the Yukon Government.

## MUSEUM NOTES

by Penny Soderlund

Administrative Assistant

As usual, things are pretty busy at the museum. Although we don't have visitors, at least not on a daily basis, winter is the time when we try to catch up on all the work and projects that were put off in the summer.

Greg Skuce and Barb Hogan are putting the finishing touches on the Yukon Ditch photo exhibit. This exhibit will be on permanent display in the courtroom. Due to continued interest in this project, we will combine the opening night of the exhibit with a repeat of Greg and Barb's Yukon Ditch slide show and lecture.

Jennifer Flynn is once again working on the expansion of our Photo Finding Aid. This will make it much easier for those of you wanting to do a little research into the historic photo images currently in our collection. We continue to receive many wonderful donations of photographs, so Jennifer is kept busy!

Thank goodness the temperature has finally dropped! Now Barb can go out and start taking slides for our "40 Below" slide show. This will be used to respond to that often-asked question, "What is Dawson like in the winter?"

We are also working on expanding our membership. In that light, we would like to welcome our newest corporate member, the Downtown Hotel! It is always good to see local businesses come out and support a community organization, such as the museum.

Season's greetings to our former Director, Val Baggaley, and her daughter, Camille, who are now living in Vancouver. For those who didn't know, Val left in October to begin a one-year internship as Executive Assistant to the Director of the Vancouver Museum. Daintry Chapple has been graciously acting as director since Val left, and will continue to do so until we lure a new Director here.

There was another in our series of evening lectures (yes, they're free, and you missed it) last month. Gerald Isaac was up from Whitehorse to talk about the Aboriginal Language Services and give us some examples of Han G'wichin place names.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This Christmas, we are planning an Open House for everyone - bring along the whole family. Watch for posters with the date and times!



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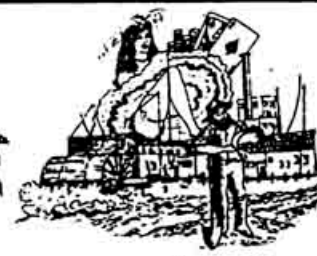
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## A TWENTY-YEAR GAMBLE: THE STORY OF DIAMOND TOOTH GERTIES...

by Sue Ward

To understand why Diamond Tooth Gerties exists the way it does and how it got that way, we need first to look back a ways, to how it all began.

We need to be reminded that the Klondike Visitors Association is a volunteer group of Dawsonites who pay a one-dollar yearly membership to call the shots on how our "tourist industry" will be run.

In those long ago days a few long-time residents realized that once the Capitol was moved to Whitehorse, and the Yukon Consolidated Gold Company had ceased operations, the town could become the ghost town many thought it was.

These same folk donned turn-of-the-century clothes, meeting the summer riverboats, but the death-knell of that route was sounded with the building of the bridges over the Pelly and Stewart Rivers, their spans being too low to allow the romantic crafts to pass under.

The rebuilding of the Palace Grand Theatre in 1962 was an early victory, allowing live performances to begin on a summer schedule. Imported talent put the young association into the red, making a new source of revenue a must. With a debt of \$5,000, it was necessary to ask for a \$6,000 grant in advance to get the new season under way.

Winter meetings wrestled with the plans for a recognized gambling hall. Gambling of sorts had been a means of fund raising for years among those who searched for gold - an immense gamble in itself. Paper money used in the old Palace Grand and on the beached *SS Keno* was cashed in for a small vial of gold or nugget spoons. This would be replaced by chips. As Canada had no counterparts, the whole operation was the creation of these livewires and a few neighbours with some understanding of the lure of the tables. There were also the feisty folk of Clinton Creek, a town of 500 souls mining asbestos 50 miles nearer the Alaska border.

The minutes of the challenging, yet stimulating, Board meetings presumably were lost in the '79 flood when the icy waters swept through the town and the KVA office. Brenda Caley, then a young school teacher and bride acting as volunteer secretary, well remembers the input from Clinton Creek Store manager Frank Buckley, with Ron Burbridge, Jim Patusak and Doris and Howie Gates being the bulk of those folk who had contacts and purchasing know-how. The road to Clinton Creek became a lifeline.

In-town KVA directors' names included Ralph Troberg, Deacon Ken Snider, Father "Bob" Bobillier, Vic Peters, John Gould, Steve Herrman, Colin

Mayes, Dan Moi, Pat Ray, Giovanni Castellarin, Mac Monroe, George Shaw and Palma Berger, to mention but a few locals who at that time represented private merchants, banks, construction, Parks Canada, churches, school teachers, fire department, with nigh on everyone taking a term or two of office in order to wrestle with what the awakening town truly wanted.

The games were chosen to provide a degree of luck and skill, though the federal government soon ruled out dice games, and slot machines were never considered. Dealers, from the beginning were checked "clean" by RCMP. And the stage show would be above reproach as, for a couple of years, families could attend with close supervision of children. Bingo was played on the balcony.

A motion was passed that all Directors would wear turn-of-the-century costumes; men were measured and Frank Buckley acquired the suits through an Edmonton outlet, while the ladies' costumes were made-to-order by Ray Buchanan through Watts Costumiers of Vancouver. All the folks would wear costumes when attending, whether as staff or as part of the crowd. In July, 1973, a motion read: "to spend \$739 of a \$900 grant for costumes, \$200 for dealers' shirts, \$60 on costume for 'girl selling advance tickets for Palace Grand', and \$239 on shoes and leggings for 'Gertie Girls'", which replaced the "killer" knee-high red boots the first line of dancers had worn for six hours, four nights a week.

A December, 1973 motion moved to obtain professional help for DTG. Also, a better cash register, glasses, a sink and glass washer. Peter Jenkins suggested placing order as soon as possible. In January, 1974, John Gould and April Moi moved "that 14,000 new chips be ordered at \$175 per thousand". At the end of the first season, the original chips were counted and sealed and deposited with the bank. When re-ordering, only \$1.00 chips were required, as 2,500 had been bought and kept as souvenirs.

A serious decision involved the price of drinks. KVA was concerned that local beverage outlets should still draw patronage, and to this day, DTG charges considerably more for drinks. Season memberships were also set up, and primarily the three shows per night were of short duration, so that table play would not be interrupted long enough for gamblers to lose the mood, or thirst.

The dancers whooped their way through the can-can routines to taped music, having "watered the house", moments before the opening notes, as waitresses.

They received \$5.00 each for each of the three performances to entice the dancers to remain for the 1:00 a.m. show, as all of them held daytime jobs.

The first-year budget was just over \$10,000, providing 24 full-time and four part-time jobs. Kitchen chairs and a few small-sized beer tables and locally made blackjack tables created a sparse decor, and high ceiling lights in a hall that was used as a school gymnasium and rented from the City for \$1,000 per each of three months lent little enhancement.

Mr. Bob Bussy had arrived on June 1 to "train us and employees at the gambling hall. No license could be granted until his OK was received by the government." KVA paid \$100 per day for this advice. No mean sum, when in fact the City was asked to cover the tuning of the piano in the hall. The greatest worry at the time was the *high price of gas*, deterring travel over the notorious Alaska and Klondike Highways.

Because there were no legal gambling halls in Canada, there were no trained pit bosses, so each summer an American pit boss would be permitted to operate the casino and train Canadians. Work permits were not

granted for Canadians to train in Vegas or Reno. The qualification took seven years, so it was some time before we were an all-Canadian operation.

Directors' meetings were held almost nightly, as new problems demanded instant decisions. Staff was asked to keep an eye out for visitors "lifting" glasses. Waitresses were instructed to refuse drinks to visitors who "appear drunk". A standard of dress for patrons was a delicate issue, as costumed locals and out-of-town visitors needed a limited degree of Klondike Stampede atmosphere. The 832 residents in 1977 cared for visitors on a ratio of 68 to 1. Almost everyone wore at least two hats - and sometimes three - during the endless daylight.

Once local hotels and business establishments could see growth in the fledgling tourist industry and the Association books were again in the black, plans were developed to create a showbiz environment from the floor to the roof, onstage and backstage. Later, nothing short of a new foundation job would be acceptable for fire, water and crowd safety, and a deal was struck with the City to finance such a big project on behalf of the Association.

Recalling that the original intent was to raise funds for the promotion and marketing of the tourist industry as a new economy for Dawson City, it is exciting to learn that three-quarters of the \$100,000 cost of the 1990-91 season was paid from revenues from Diamond Tooth Gerties, the Palace Grand contributing 15 percent and the Klondike Visitors Association providing the 10 percent.

This year, 69 persons were employed at Diamond Tooth Gerties. The \$10,000 budget had swollen to nigh on \$800,000. This summer was Gertie's twentieth birthday and there's talk travelling the airwaves for a Silver Jubilee celebration in 1996, as part of the ongoing Centennial Whoop-de-Doos. What a party it could be!

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## Dawson Pioneers Anniversary Supper a Sellout

by Sue Ward

It was a balmy -25 Celsius evening with the stars dancing to and fro as eighty-six Pioneers and friends gathered for the Dawson Yukon Order of Pioneers' Annual Anniversary Supper. The first such gathering was held in Dawson City in 1897. It is doubtful that such pleasures as cocktails were the social vogue of that day, but no doubt fellow Pioneers and guests arrived early in order to partake of a little Christmas Cheer as was the case on Saturday evening, December 7, 1991.

Everything was in readiness at 7:30 as guests took their places, to be welcomed by President Jack Fraser, who in the absence of the Chaplain, asked long time Dawson resident Joyce Caley to offer a blessing. The tables were graced in cheerful Christmas themes with beribboned sprigs of spruce lending a true scent of our Northern woods. The phrase "a sumptuous feast" would truly describe the tender turkey, spiced ham, cranberry sauce, mixed vegetables, rolls with butter, Christmas pudding with brandy sauce, topped with dinner wine, and beverages. Myrna Butterworth, with her helpers Peggy Amendola, Vicki Crayford, and Rhonda McConkey, catered a most successful banquet in the Y.O.O.P. hall.

Head table guests were

President Jack Fraser, accompanied by his daughter Edith, and Past President Earl Mackenzie and wife Lynn.

Attending the bar were Claude Meridith and Frank O'Hearn, while Dave Mierau handled the door.

Much chat and conversation ensued as many members and

friends renewed acquaintances after the busy summer on the creeks or activities with the construction and tourist enterprises. Longtime Dawsonites Willie and Irene Crayford made the trip from Whitehorse.

As the attendance far out-reached the anticipated numbers, the card games planned were set

aside. The evening established a fine Christmas Spirit and guests made their way home under a grand display of Northern lights, so fitting for such a gathering.



## Conservation News

Lately we have put out the welcome mat for a new staff member at the Dawson Fish and Wildlife Office. Decentralization has given us a Regional Biologist in the person of Dorothy Cooley. Dorothy is a life-long Yukoner and recently received her Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Alaska. Her duties and responsibilities will include developing wildlife management strategies for the northern Yukon and working closely with the recipients of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

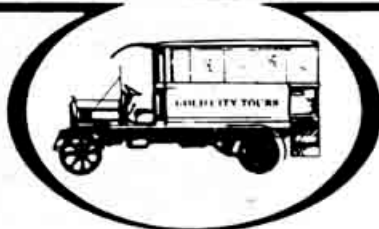
The entire staff of Dawson Fish and Wildlife would like to wish the folks of Dawson City a safe and happy Christmas!

- John, Ken, Sharon, Tammy and Dorothy



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## UP A CREEK IN THE KLONDIKE

by Dan Davidson

Comic book legend has it that Scrooge McDuck started his fortune in the Klondike. He returned there this fall in Ducktales #17 (Disney Comics) on a time travel trip that saw the old story sadly - but comically - changed.

Past journeys by Scrooge and his nephews to our part of the world have attempted a loose sort of authenticity, with some attention being paid to things like the Yukon River and Dawson. This time, however, Scrooge's quest to preserve his lucky Number One Dime from the clutches of an evil sorceress takes him to a place called Uppa Creek.

The town is supposed to be in the Klondike, but it's markedly more American than it has ever been before, looking mostly like a transplanted western cattle town (as seen on television) with snow on the buildings. When Scrooge

and company get mistaken for some villains, the local townsfolk build a gallows on main street and hang them without so much as a by your leave. Not a sign of a Royal Northwest Mounted Policeman anywhere.

Northern ambience is established on their arrival in 1898 by the sound of wolves howling nearby and the wind blowing through the pine trees. Pine trees? Definitely the wrong evergreens. Northern readers can only hold their noses at this vision of home and hope that Disney's scribes will "spruce" up on their flora, fauna and geography before their hero comes North again.

But wait! Maybe there's an out after all. This was a time travel story, so the Klondike depicted here exists on some alternate time line. There we go. Saved by the critic. Whew! That was a close one, wasn't it?

## AN EYE IN THE SKY...

by Brent Morrison

During the long, dark nights of Dawson's winters, most eyes look to the heavens in search of the Northern Lights dancing across the atmosphere, but there are a lot of other celestial happenings in our cold, black sky. This December, the sky is full of phenomenal events. Five planets are visible to the naked eye all month long - Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Mars can all be seen in the southeast before dawn. Saturn is visible in the southwest during the evenings.

In addition to the planets, there is also the Geminid meteor shower on the December 14. The falling stars are best seen after midnight once the moon sets, and up to 50 per hour may be viewed. On the December 21, there is a partial lunar eclipse, occurring in the early morning hours. At 12:25 a.m., the eclipse will begin as the earth moves between the sun and the moon. The eclipse

should reach its maximum coverage around 2:33 a.m., then the earth will slowly begin to move out of the way. By 8:41 a.m., the moon should be totally visible. This is also the day that the moon reaches fullness.

The next day, December 22, the moon is closer to the earth than any other time this month (it is farthest from us on the 10th), more importantly, however, December 22 is the winter solstice.

At 1:54 a.m., the sun reaches its southernmost point (the Tropic of Capricorn) and will begin its long journey north, reaching the Tropic of Cancer around June 21. While December 22 is regarded as the first day of winter, it is from that date on that each day grows longer; perhaps it should be regarded as the first day of spring. While the solstice cannot actually be seen from here, it's nice to know it's occurring.

In addition to the events already mentioned, there are also the phases of the moon to be seen. There is a new moon on December 6, with the first quarter appearing on December 14. The moon will be full on December 21, and its last quarter is on the 28th. The phases of the moon and the other celestial events can all be obscured by our blanketing clouds. With any luck, we'll have clear skies on at least December 14 and 21, then be clouded over again quickly to warm things up.

The best place to watch the sky here is probably The Top of the World Highway, away from the town's lights, which can hide some of the dimmer stars, both stationary and falling.

Good luck to anyone who watches the sky.



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## Destination - Dawson!

by Robert McConkey,  
General Manager, KVA

Last month we introduced this new column and discussed in general terms the major market segments that Dawson City attracts. In this issue, I would like to take a look at the motor coach market and explain how we go about attracting this market.

Almost ten years ago, the concept of intermodel travel came into vogue. At that time, traditional motor coach tour operators started to link their tour programmes up with other transportation modes. Trains, planes, cruise ships and even snow machines were integrated into tours in an attempt to make them more interesting and to appeal to the growing demands of the discriminating travel shopper.

Ship cruising companies also got on the band wagon by organizing a land component to their cruises. In Dawson we have benefited from this development as cruise companies compete with each other to offer the most interesting cruise/tour packages.

At the Gaslight Follies, nearly 40% of our total season seat sales can be attributed to customers on cruise/tour packages.

The cruise companies have many millions of dollars tied up in ships, motor coaches, staff, etc. and therefore must be very aggressive in selling their cruise



departures. To do this, they go to tour operators and entice them to package tours using their cruise ships. They promote to retail travel agents to encourage them to reach for their brochure first when selling their clients on a cruising vacation. They promote to incentive travel organizations who specialize in sales incentive programmes for other companies using "exotic" travel packages as the grand prize(s). Finally, they promote directly to the general public to raise their interest in the merits of taking a cruising vacation.

When we recognize the way in which the above process works it gives us some clear direction in how we can market to them. We need to "package" ourselves in a way that will cater to the different kinds of customers that arrive on our doorsteps.

As a destination organization, the Klondike Visitors Association works with a multitude of partners to help sell Dawson City. One of the most effective ways we do this is through familiarization tours, or "fam tours" as they are more commonly referred to. Audiences

we wish to familiarize with our product include tour operators, travel agents, group leaders of clubs and organizations, auto club travel counsellors and travel writers. Other fam tour targets might include meetings and convention planners, incentive travel organizers and even government tourism department field office personnel.

The reason this promotional technique is so successful is because it is much easier to get the target audience "emotionally" committed to the destination when they have experienced first hand what we have to offer. Since most vacation travel decisions are based on an emotional reaction to a destination it is easily understood why we put on "fam tours".

Partners in fam tours frequently include airlines, hotels, attractions, restaurants, government tourism departments and destination marketing organizations such as K.V.A. The principle is simple, "the buck starts where the buck stops". Put another way, all those who have got something to gain from increased tourism activity need to help "sell" the destination.

By the time the January edition of the Klondike Sun comes out I will be on my way to California and Arizona to do a forty-day promotional tour of Recreational Vehicle Parks. In the February edition of the Destination - Dawson! column I

will discuss this market and reactions I am getting on that promotion.

In January, I will comment on how the Klondike Visitors Association attracts the interest of the smaller, but no less important motor coach tour operator.

Until then, keep smiling - you're a tourist attraction!

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The American Bus Association uses the Top 100 list each year to help its 700 motor coach opera-

tor members find new and exciting events and attractions to take their groups to. Events are selected based on their broad appeal, uniqueness and quality of organization. Nominations are sent in by state/province and territorial tourism departments and the committee selects from a preliminary list of 434 events.

The Klondike Visitors Association, which serves as Dawson's lead marketing agency will feature this honour in its promotional activity to the lucrative motor coach market.



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## Gertrude Story

by Marion Stobbe

Everyone has a little of "the writer" hiding away inside them! The Dawson Community Library Board was pleased to welcome Gertrude Story to Dawson, November 4-6, 1991.

Gertrude is an adult fiction writer from Saskatchewan and is presently the Yukon Writer in Residence, residing in Whitehorse.

During her short stay here in Dawson, Gertrude spent time with some of the students of Robert Service School. I'm sure she inspired some young writers in the Grade 2/3 class, Grades 4, 5, and 6, along with Grades 11 and 12.

Evenings were spent enjoying a Writer's Workshop and an Open House.

At the Workshop, Gertrude told the tale of how she became a writer and her background in this field. She encouraged the writers present to "keep writing", and gave information on how to publish your work. The air was filled with ideas, stories and lots of laughter as Gertrude relayed information and helpful hints. There was talk of establishing a Writer's Group with regular meetings, but nothing definite was planned. Gertrude is a very heart-warming and genuine individual, and she inspired us all with her gift of storytelling. I for one was pleased to take part in the Workshop. Books by Gertrude Story are available in the Dawson Community Library.



The Dawson Girl Guides wish Kathy Langtree Bon Voyage. Kathy has been a wonderful asset to the Girl Guide during the fall, but has now headed back to her homeland (New Zealand). We hope to see Kathy again in '92

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a Merry Christmas and a  
very Happy New Year*



## ARTS ATTACK

by Leslie Piercy

The final show at the Territorial Gallery in the Library at Whitehorse featured six Dawson artists. They were Jennifer Docken, Sylvia Strutton, John Steins, Sharon Edmunds, Halin deRepentigny and Barb Hogan. The show closed Dec. 15 and seemed to be well received by everyone!

Thanks to Ruth McCulloch at

the Gallery; to Bob Laking at the Downtown, Westmark Whitehorse, and our Rec Board for helping get people down for the opening. What a wonderful feeling to have that sense of support from the community!

And now the Arctic Winter Games Cultural Committee is hoping to hear from those interested in showing work at two

Also is anyone interested in snow sculpture?

And now... I am pleased to announce that there are three of us from Dawson sitting on the board of the Arts Council. Joanne Vriend and Paula Hassard

have joined me to strengthen community input. So any concerns, questions, ideas... get in touch with one of us.

Also... watch the bulletin board at the post office for meetings etc.

banquets for the trials in January. Please get in touch with Peter Menzies or Leslie Piercy at 993-5050 evenings before 9 PM.

*The Staff at Klondike National Historic Sites wish all of you  
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*





# CREATURE COMFORTS

by Shelley Hakonson



Creature Comforts  
Shelley Hakonson

## More Christmas Ideas

### Hot Buttered Rum (4 servings)

4 sticks cinnamon  
1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. brown sugar  
1/2 cp. dark rum  
2 2/3 cp. apple cider  
2 tbsp. butter  
1 tsp. mace  
4 lemon slices

Evenly divide cinnamon sticks, brown sugar and rum among 4 warm heatproof mugs or glasses.

Heat cider until hot but not boiling and fill each glass to the top, add a dot of butter to each, sprinkle with mace and add a lemon slice, stir well and serve and then make 4 more and 4 more, etc...

### Creme de Menthe Cookies (no cooking)

8 sq semi-sweet chocolate  
2 tbsp. butter  
2 cp. graham wafer crumbs  
3/4 cp. plain cake crumbs (pound cake, yellow cake, etc.)  
superfine sugar (put regular sugar in your blender)

Filling:  
1/4 cp. butter  
3/4 cp. superfine sugar, sieved  
2 tsp. creme de menthe

To prepare filling beat butter in a bowl until soft and smooth, gradually beat in superfine sugar and creme de menthe till light and fluffy. Chop up chocolate and place in a bowl with butter and melt slowly in the microwave or do it in a double boiler over simmering water. Stir till smooth, add graham cracker crumbs and cake crumbs, stir till evenly mixed and mixture forms a ball. Sprinkle a 10" square of foil with superfine sugar and roll out chocolate mixture into an 8" square.

Spread filling over chocolate to within 1/2" of edges. Roll up carefully from long edge in a smooth roll using foil. Wrap in foil and chill till needed. Cut into thin slices and decorate with holly sprigs.

### Glazed Carrots and Onions - beautiful!

12 small even-sized carrots  
16 pickling onions  
1 tsp. salt  
1/4 cp. turkey or chicken stock  
1 tbsp. superfine sugar  
2 tbsp. butter  
1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

Peel and trim carrots so they are all even in size. Peel and trim onions. In 2 saucepans, cook carrots and onions separately in boiling salted water 5-8 minutes or just till tender. Drain.

In a medium saucepan, combine stock, sugar and butter, heat gently, stirring until sugar has dissolved and butter has melted, boil rapidly until mixture is reduced by half.

Add carrots, onions, and parsley, toss well in glaze and cook for a few minutes, then arrange on a warmed platter to serve.

### Broccoli and Cauliflower Crumble - dressy

2 cps. cauliflower florets  
2 cps. broccoli florets  
2 hard-cooked eggs and parsley to garnish

Topping:  
2 tbsp. butter  
1 cp. soft white bread crumbs  
1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley  
1 hard-cooked egg, sieved.

Sauce:  
2 tbsp. butter  
1/4 cp. flour  
1 1/4 cp. milk  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. black pepper

To prepare topping, heat butter in a skillet, add bread crumbs and fry until golden brown and crisp. In a bowl combine crumbs, parsley, and sieved egg.

To prepare sauce, place butter, flour, milk, salt and pepper in a saucepan, whisk over a moderate heat until thick, cook 1-2 minutes and keep warm.

In a saucepan, cook cauliflower and broccoli in boiling salted water (or steam) until just tender. Drain and place in a warmed serving dish. Pour sauce over and sprinkle with topping, garnish with egg wedges and parsley sprigs.

Cranberry and Orange Stuffing - enough for an 8 lb. turkey (a little different from the normal bread stuffing)

2 cp. cranberries  
grated peel & juice of 2 oranges  
3 tbsp. honey  
2 tbsp. butter  
2 chopped onions  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. black pepper  
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper  
1 tsp. mace  
1 1/2 tsp. sage  
4 1/4 cps. soft white bread crumbs  
1/2 cp. pine nuts

In a saucepan, combine cranberries and orange peel and juice. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer very gently 1 minute or until cranberries are just tender. Take off heat and add honey. Pour cranberries into a bowl.

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in onions and cook gently 2 minutes until tender. Add salt, pepper, cayenne, mace and sage and mix until well blended.

Stir onion mixture, bread crumbs and pine nuts into cranberries until well mixed. Makes 6 cps.

### Frosted Fruit (looks spectacular piled up on a silver tray or crystal bowl)

Simply brush apples, pears, lemons, oranges, grapes, etc., with egg white and roll them in sugar. Let dry on a wire screen and then arrange decoratively. Add gold ribbons and you have a tremendous centerpiece!

Happy New Year,  
Everyone!  
Shelley



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## Reprinted by Request! Chef de Cuisine du Canada

Dawson City's "Uncle John" was pleased to contribute one of his favourite simple recipes. He further offers to solve any culinary problems our Readers may encounter.

### GRAMMAS POPPY SEED CAKE

by John Kollda  
1/2 cup poppy seed 125ml  
1 cup milk 250ml  
1/2 cup butter 125ml  
1 1/2 cups sugar 375ml  
3 egg yolks, well beaten  
2 cups flour 500ml  
2 1/2 tsp baking powder  
3 egg whites

Soak poppy seeds overnight in milk

Cream butter and sugar well. Add fluffy beaten egg yolks. Sift flour and baking powder and add to batter alternately with milk and poppy seed mixture. Fold in stiffly beaten egg white. Bake in greased layer pans in 375 F (or 190 C) oven for 30 minutes.

Cool and ice with your favourite chocolate icing. Or serve with whip cream and apple sauce.



## OBITUARY DAL LAWRIE

Family and friends of Dal Lawrie were heartbroken to hear of his death on November 19th, 1991.

Although he had only lived in Dawson for 6 months, his warm personality, his sense of humor, his sincerity, his devotion to his daughter and his desire to experience life in Dawson had endeared him to many people. Dal will be deeply missed by his family and friends in Victoria, his wife Pam and daughter Sarah and by all of us in Dawson who were lucky enough to know him.

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## WE COULD HAVE HAD MORE OF MORIN

by Palma Berger

He was interested in the origins of man. For this reason, he had travelled through South America, South Africa and branching out into Asia. He had been travelling for 10 years. He felt there was so much to be learned from the emerging cultures. The ideal vehicle for this learning was through their myths.

The "he" was Paul Morin, and this young man had just won the Canada Council Children's Literature Prize for 1990, for his book in which he told young readers the story of *The Orphan Boy*, a story from Tololwa M. Mollel of the Mazai people of East Africa. The illustrations to go with the story were Morin's paintings of this area and the tribespeople from whom he had drawn the main characters.

This particular evening in the library of Dawson we were to be taken on a trip through this part of Africa by slides and recorded sounds of people, breezes, animals and movement from this region.

Paul Morin had been asked by Oxfam to do research on the Masai. Rather than do it through existing written work, he went off to East Africa.

A wonderful story teller, he took us through life in a Masai village where he lived for nine days. He told of their eating the mixture of their cattle's blood with yoghurt to get their protein; of the throat singing that the young boys begin to learn at age 12 (so similar to our Inuits), of their chanting that beats in time to the human heart; of their elongated slit ear lobes that are a sign of beauty; of their co-existence with the wild animals there. They kill only their goats for meat. That and the Masai's rubbing of animal fat on their bodies when they venture out on the land, make the animals unafraid of them.

We then left the colour, shapes and warm stories of the hospitality of the Masai (who do drink a bit of honey beer) to journey to

China from whence Morin had just come.

His slides of China were unbelievably beautiful, particularly the Kwelin area. He felt much at home here where he found poetry and art so ingrained in the people he met. He intends to do a book on a Chinese fable, *The Dragon's Pearl*, also. Again, his slides were accompanied by the recorded sounds of the place with his own music added now and again.

All the time he spoke with such love and passion of each place. One can understand that when the Chinese designed his own 'chop' with which to sign his name, it read: *Paulo the man who speaks with passion*.

From China he took us verbally to Costa Rica and told of the sneakiness of those who would deforest the land there, and the way they discover loopholes in the law, and of the bravery of the local and native people who fight to preserve the forests and their way of life.

Paul Morin mixes with these people, collecting their stories, caring for that part of the earth on which they dwell. Through sales of his posters, tapes and his art work he is able to contribute to the local cause in which he gets involved.

But it is the children to whom he wants to communicate these stories so they appreciate the morals, myths and the life of another culture. For, as he says, children are born without prejudice, and he wishes more than anything to keep that alive.

He had so many stories, and so many were told from the heart that he had his audience absorbed to the end. The *End*?! They did not want it to end! So, it was with great reluctance that the audience allowed their fired-up imaginations to die down and rose slowly to their feet. After a few final words with Paul Morin they wended their way out of the library to their homes in Dawson City.

## COMING OF AGE

by Joanne Smith

*Wrinkles are only  
the bypaths  
of many smiles.*

### Home Care Programme

There are still many people to whom the Home Care Programme is a mystery. The actual mission statement describes the programme the following way:

The Homecare Programme provides community-based visiting services to assist clients and their families to promote, maintain, or restore health or maximize the level of independence while minimizing the effects of disability and illness including terminal illness.

The service is available for Yukoners of all ages in their place of residence for the following reasons:

1. Chronic Illness and Disability
2. Terminal Illness
3. Acute Illness not Requiring Hospitalization
4. Care related to Early Hospital Discharge

### BOOK REVIEW New Book Probes Old Traditions

by Michael Gates

A new book was officially launched on November 12 in Whitehorse. *Reading Voices*, or *Dan Dha Ts'edeninth'e*, was written by former Yukoner and currently UBC anthropologist Julie Cruikshank for Grade 10 students in the territory.

This book is not just for students. Published by Douglas and McIntyre of Vancouver at a price of \$35.00 in the hardcover edition, it is an attractive and eye appealing product. Ample supported by photographs, both in colour and black and white, and by 16 clean and easy-to-understand maps, this book will provide informative reading for anyone who would like to learn more about Yukon aboriginal culture.

The author has spent the better part of two decades studying and learning about Yukon native traditions. Much of this was

Our Home Support team in Dawson has provided care to various individuals with some of the above reasons.

The Home Support team focus mainly on the elderly population to maintain an acceptable quality of life. The programme aims at protecting the dignity and independence of the individual and assists him/her to remain in their own community with family and friends.

At present there are five Home Support staff. Janet Howells is an Occupational Therapist. She has assisted people with obtaining equipment for their homes that allows more mobility and freedom to manage daily living tasks. This has been most beneficial to some elderly people in areas of their homes such as bathrooms, kitchens, walkways. In addition, guidance is provided with regard to canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and other tools that come in handy for simple tasks that arthritis may make into monumental tasks. The addition of Janet to our team is appreciated.

derived from the stories she was told. She compels the reader to view native culture, the environment and historical events from a new perspective. She describes the different perspectives which have been brought to the Yukon over the past 150 years by traders, prospectors, missionaries, explorers and government officials. Each has painted its own rendering of the native people. Unfortunately, they all did so from the European/American point of view. What Cruikshank has done is re-present the view of the country from the indigenous perspective.

Through eight chapters, this 158-page book compares the European/American with that of oral tradition. Subjects covered include pre-history, the natural environment, the fur trade, the comparison of indigenous and intrusive cultures, and the discovery of the Klondike.

The value in this work lies in the fact that it opens the door to a new dimension of understanding of the land, and the past which complements the more familiar, outsiders' view. She

ated.

Our Home Support Workers are Lois Smith, Darcy Braga, John Kolida and Elaine Grandy. These people do some or all of the following: light housekeeping, shovelling of walkways, assist with bathing, shopping, collecting mail, thawing frozen pipes, changing beds, comforting the terminally ill, driving to appointments. And many more tasks too numerous to name.

Referrals for the service can come from neighbours, friends and relatives of someone in need as well as doctors, nurses and social workers. The programme is run through the McDonald Lodge.

### HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Yvonne Burian  
Charlie Rivers  
Margaret Allison

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Residents and Staff of McDonald Lodge!

does this using specific examples of story and song which are included as sidebars throughout the book.

The impact of the discovery of the Klondike, for example, as rendered by historians, was not the same as that preserved in oral tradition. Rather than focusing on the search and discovery of gold, oral history deals with the social obligations of Skookum Jim (Keish) and in this way explains why he went downriver in search of his sisters, rather than gold.

Like written records, oral accounts reveal the way in which the narrator viewed the world. "There is a concern among Yukon educators," says Cruikshank in the introduction, "that many voices have been left out of written Yukon history ... students need to hear those voices and particularly the voices of Yukon's First Nations when they read about the Yukon's past."

I would say that this book succeeds admirably and give it a full 10 out of 10 for making a new contribution to understanding Yukon's history.

### RCMP NEWS RELEASE

As a result of a police investigation by the RCMP Dawson City Michel VINCENT (DB 54-01-01) was charged with:

Section 4 (1) Narcotic Control Act - traffick in cocaine

Section 3 (1) Narcotic Control Act - possession of cannabis marihuana

Section 3(1) Narcotic Control Act - possession of cannabis resin on 28th November 91 Vincent appeared in Territorial Court in Whitehorse and plead Guilty to all three charges.

Section 4(1) NCA twelve months jail

Section 3(1) NCA seven days jail concurrent

Section 3(1) NCA seven days jail concurrent plus the money seized by the police \$5245.00 was ordered forfeited to the Crown.

VINCENT is a long time resident of Dawson City.

Offence date is between 01 August 91 and 06 September 1991.

GORDON E. CROWE, SGT.

DAWSON CITY DETACHMENT

### ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH #1

3rd Annual Poster/Literary Contest for Remembrance Day, 1992

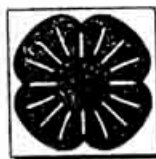
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## What's Inside ?

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DECEMBER 23	CHRISTMAS ARENA SCHEDULE 1991		DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 25	DECEMBER 26	DECEMBER 27
MONDAY			TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PARENTS & TOTS SKATE 10-11:30 PUBLIC SKATE 1-4:00 KIDS (6-12) STICKS & SKATES 4-5:00 REGULAR SCHEDULE			PUBLIC SKATE 1-4:00	CLOSED	CLOSED	PARENTS & TOTS SKATE 10-11:30 PUBLIC SKATE 1-4:00 TEENS (13&UP) STICKS & SKAT 4-5:00 REGULAR SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 28	DECEMBER 29	DECEMBER 30	DECEMBER 31	JANUARY 1	JANUARY 2	JANUARY 3
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JANUARY 4	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 6	 MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR			
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY				
REGULAR SCHEDULE	REGULAR SCHEDULE	REGULAR SCHEDULE				

## SCHEDULES !!!



## Winter '91-'92 ARENA SCHEDULE



Sunday	PUBLIC SKATE 2-5:00	OVER 30 DROP-IN HOCKEY 7-8:15	OPEN TO ANYONE DROP-IN HOCKEY 8:45-10:00
Monday	PARENTS & TOTS SKATE 2 - 3:30	KIDS (6-12 yrs.) STICKS & SKATES 3:30 - 5:00	MINOR HOCKEY 6-7:00 SENIOR HOCKEY 8-9:30
Tuesday	PUBLIC SKATE 3-5:00	MINOR HOCKEY 6-7:00	SENIOR HOCKEY 8-9:30
Wednesday	PARENTS & TOTS SKATE 2 - 3:30	WOMENS HOCKEY 7-8:30	PUBLIC SKATE 8:30-9:30
Thursday	PUBLIC SKATE 3-5:00	MINOR HOCKEY 6-7:00	SENIOR HOCKEY 8-9:30
Friday	PARENTS & TOTS SKATE 2 - 3:30	YOUTH (13 & up) STICKS & SKATES 3:30 - 5:00	SENIOR HOCKEY 8-9:30
Saturday	RINGETTE 10-11:00	MINOR HOCKEY 11-NOON	PUBLIC SKATE 1-4:00 TEEN (13 & UP) SKATE 7-9:00

### DAY PASS

SENIOR (55 & OLDER)	FREE
ADULT (18 AND OLDER)	\$1.87 + .13 GST = \$2.00
YOUTH (13 - 17 YEARS)	\$1.40 + .10 GST = \$1.50
CHILD (6 - 12 YEARS)	\$1.00 + NO GST = \$1.00
TOTS (0 - 5 YEARS)	FREE
FAMILY	\$4.65 + .35 GST = \$5.00

### SEASONS PASS

SENIOR	FREE
ADULT	\$30.00 + 2.10 GST = \$32.10
YOUTH (13 - 17 YEARS)	\$25.00 + 1.75 GST = \$26.75
CHILD (6 - 12 YEARS)	\$20.00 + NO GST = \$20.00
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## SCHEDULES !!!



# WINTER 1992



# PROGRAMS PROGRAMS PROGRAMS PROGRAMS PROGRAMS



## KIDS TIME

### DANCE AROUND THE CLOCK

IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER. THANKS TO SOME EXCELLENT WORK BY INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS ALIKE, THE DANCE PROGRAMMES ARE REALLY A BIG HIT. THE FALL WAS GREAT AND THIS WINTER LOOKS JUST AS GOOD. HERE IS THE LINE UP FOR 1992.

#### KINDERDANCE (AROUND 3 - 5 YRS.)

BACK AGAIN, BUT WITH A NEW NAME. KINDERDANCE IS THE TRACKERS PROGRAMME REVISED AND UPDATED FOR 1992. SONGS, MUSIC AND A WHOLE LOT MORE.

DAYS: TUESDAY  
DATES: JAN. 7 - 28 SESSION 1  
FEB. 11 - MAR. 3 SESSION 2  
TIMES: 10:30 - 11:30 AM  
LOCATION: BAND HALL  
FEE: \$10.00 PER SESSION, \$15.00 FOR TWO.  
INSTRUCTOR: PAULA PAWLOVICH  
MINIMUM NUMBER PER SESSION: 5

#### BALLET (5 - 7 YRS)

AN INTRODUCTION PROGRAMME FOR THE BUDDING BALLERINA. A WHOLE LOT OF FUN WITH BASIC, SIMPLE TECHNIQUES FOR THE YOUNG DANCER. THERE IS SOME STRUCTURE, BUT JUST A LITTLE!

DAYS: SATURDAY  
DATES: JAN. 18 - FEB. 29  
TIMES: 10:00 - 11:00 AM  
LOCATION: ROBERT SERVICE SCHOOL  
FEE: \$16.00  
INSTRUCTOR: DALE COOPER  
MIN. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 6 MAX. 12



#### DANCE - A - SMORG (6 YRS AND OLDER)

AS IN THE FALL - A LITTLE OF THIS, A LITTLE OF THAT! BASIC STEPS AND STYLE OF ALL TYPES OF DANCE ARE INTRODUCED AND BUILD UPON. SOME TAP, SOME JAZZ, SOME BALLET WILL KEEP THE CLASS INTERESTING AND EXCITING.

DAYS: WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
DATES: JAN. 8 - MAR. 27  
TIMES: 4 - 4:45 PM  
LOCATION: ROBERT SERVICE SCHOOL ANCILLARY ROOM  
FEE: \$21.00  
INSTRUCTOR: DALE COOPER AND FRIENDS  
MIN. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 7 MAX. 12



#### KIDS CURLING

TWO GROUPS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. KIDS UP TO 16 YEARS OF AGE AND WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CURLING LEAGUE BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WILL CURL ON MONDAYS. NEWCOMERS AND BEGINNER CURLERS, CURL ON FRIDAYS! ALL GROUPS BEGIN IN JANUARY!

GROUP 1	GROUP 2
DAYS: MONDAY	FRIDAY
DATES: JAN. 6 - MAR. 9	JAN. 10 - MAR. 13
TIMES: 3:45 - 4:45 PM	3:45 - 4:45 PM
LOCATION: CURLING CLUB	
FEE: \$20.00 PER CHILD	
INSTRUCTORS: SUSAN GOULD & LAWRIE STEWART	
MIN. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 8 MAX. 16 (FOR EACH GROUP).	



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DATES: JAN. 6 - MAR. 23  
TIMES: MONDAY 7:15 - 8:00 PM. KIDS SOCCER (6 - 9 YRS)  
WED. 7:15 - 8:15 PM. YOUTH SOCCER (14 - 17 YRS)  
FRI. 7:15 - 8:15 PM. YOUTH SOCCER (10 - 13 YRS)

LOCATION: ROBERT SERVICE SCHOOL  
FEE: \$10.00 FOR KIDS SOCCER ONLY!!! THERE IS A \$15.00 ASSOCIATION FEE FOR YOUTH SOCCER IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY PAID IT.  
INSTRUCTORS: JEFF THOMSON & LAWRIE STEWART  
MIN. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 5 MAX. 20 PER AGE GROUP

\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\* THERE ARE ENOUGH 6 - 9 YEAR OLDS TO FORM A LEAGUE SIMILAR TO YOUTH SLO-PITCH. WHAT ARE NEEDED ARE ADULTS TO VOLUNTEER AS COACHES/SUPERVISORS. WE CAN HELP TRAIN YOU!! PLEASE CONTACT LAWRIE STEWART AT 993-5434 IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR A WEEK.

### SKATING LESSONS

A GREAT WAY TO SKATE WITH SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS AND LEARN THE BASICS OF GOOD SKATING. THIS COURSE IS FOR BEGINNING SKATERS AND WILL HELP DEVELOP PROPER SKATING SKILLS. WHY NOT BRING YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER OR SISTER TO THE ARENA AND HELP THEM LEARN TO SKATE.

DAYS: WEDNESDAY  
DATES: JAN 15 - FEB. 12  
TIME: 3:30 - 4:15 PM. 4 - 6 YEAR OLDS  
4:15 - 5:00 PM. 6 - 8 YEAR OLDS  
LOCATION: BONANZA CENTRE ARENA  
FEE: \$10.00  
INSTRUCTOR: DON ARMITAGE  
MIN. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 6 MAX. 20



\*\* PLEASE NOTE: HELMETS ARE REQUIRED! \*\*

### FIGURE SKATING

FROM BASIC THROUGH TO NOVICE AND INTERMEDIATE, THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN THIS YEARS FIGURE SKATING PROGRAMME. A SPECIAL ADULT LEARN TO SKATE COMPONENT IS ADDED FOR THIS YEAR!

DATES: FEB. 26 - APRIL 15  
TIMES: WEDNESDAY 3:30 - 4:15 PM 6-8 YEARS  
4:15 - 5:00 PM 9-11 YEARS  
MONDAY 7 - 8:00 PM 12 AND OLDER (INCLUDING ADULTS)  
LOCATION: BONANZA CENTER ARENA  
FEE: WEDNESDAY \$12.00  
MONDAY \$16.00  
INSTRUCTOR: CORRINE SCIOGI  
MIN. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 6 MAX. 12

\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\* HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN

### CRAFTS FOR KIDS

#### SESSION 1 (AGES 6 - 8 YEARS)

EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, CLUB Y WILL BE HUMMING WITH THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF LITTLE HANDS BUSILY CONSTRUCTING AMAZING CRAFTS.

DAYS: WEDNESDAY  
DATES: JAN. 15 - FEB. 12  
TIMES: 3:30 - 5:00 PM  
LOCATION: BONANZA CENTRE YOUTH LOUNGE  
FEE: \$20.00 (MATERIALS INCLUDED)  
INSTRUCTOR: MARION STOBBE  
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS 12.

#### SESSION 2 (AGES 9 - 13 YEARS)

ACTIVITIES IN THIS SESSION WILL INCLUDE TIE-DIE SHIRTS, FABRIC PAINTED SHIRTS AND EARRING MAKING.

DAYS: WEDNESDAY  
DATES: FEB. 19 - MAR. 4  
TIMES: 3:30 - 5:00 PM  
LOCATION: BONANZA CENTRE YOUTH LOUNGE  
FEE: \$25.00 (MATERIALS INCLUDED)  
INSTRUCTOR: TBA  
MIN. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 6 MAX. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 12



### DOWNHILL SKIING

FOR THE BEGINNER TO NOVICE SKIER OR YOUNG RACER! THE DAWSON SKI ASSOCIATION IS FORMING A SKI SCHOOL. KEEP YOUR EYES POSTED FOR NOTICES AT THE POST OFFICE OR THE SKI HILL FOR TIMES, DATES, COSTS AND OTHER INFORMATION. SEE YOU ON THE SLOPES! THIS IS A GREAT DEAL!

### KARATE FOR KIDS (AGES 8 - 10)

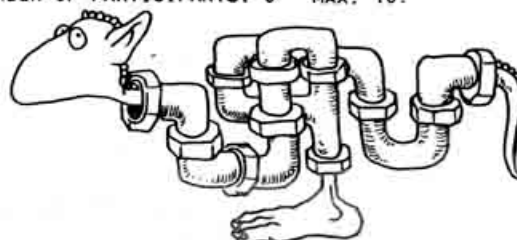
A GREAT FORM OF EXERCISE FOR YOUR CHILD. ALL CLASSES ARE SUPERVISED, WITH EMPHASIS PLACED ON THE VALUE OF KARATE AND NOT ON "SHOWING-OFF".

DAYS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
DATES: JAN. 15 - MAR. 28  
TIME: 4:30 - 5:00 PM  
LOCATION: ROBERT SERVICE SCHOOL  
FEE: \$40.00 + \$2.80 GST = \$42.80 (INCLUDES UNIFORM)  
\$20.00 (WITHOUT UNIFORM)  
INSTRUCTOR: LAWRIE STEWART  
MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 6

### TUMBLING FOR KIDS

AN INTRODUCTORY TUMBLING PROGRAMME FOR GIRLS AGE 5 - 7. TECHNIQUES INTRODUCED WILL INCLUDE: RYTHME, BALANCE, TUMBLING FLEXIBILITY AND CO-ORDINATION.

DAYS: SATURDAY  
DATES: JAN. 10 - MAR. 14  
TIMES: 11 - 12 NOON  
LOCATION: ROBERT SERVICE SCHOOL  
FEE: \$18.00  
INSTRUCTOR: MYRIAM WILSON  
MIN. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 6 MAX. 10.



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