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Rural residents riled, rankled, irate

by Palma Berger

The Downtown Conference room was where an angry group of rural residents gathered on the evening of Thursday January 10. The room was packed until no seats were available and those who could not find standing room flowed into the hallway and lobby.

They had gathered to voice their concerns about the City's proposed extension of the City's boundaries to include the Klondike Valley up to Flat Creek. These rural residents felt this was being thrust upon them. There was no consultation with them; they say they cannot find out anything from the City office. They already deal with two levels of government, Territorial and Federal, and do not want a third, Municipal, with its many by-laws.

John Cramp, who chaired the meeting, had prepared three papers headed (1) Agreeing to the City concept, (2) Agreement to expansion to Quigley, (3) Opposition to City expansion,

for those in attendance to sign the one of their choice. John had done a lot of research for the meeting. He had spoken to Tim Gerberding from the Dawson Indian Band to confirm land claims progress in this area. This brought cries of "conflict of interest" as Gerberding is also a City Councillor.

John had also researched the idea of forming a hamlet. Papers explaining how a hamlet works were handed out, but as Fred Berger pointed out and verified by Municipal Advisor, Ross Knox, a hamlet does not give them any power. It is just an advisory board, and they would have to organise themselves to elect representatives to do an awful lot of work on their behalf.

There were many in the group who did not want to be organised at all. They wanted to be left alone, but individual grievances began to be expressed about their present lot.

Concern was expressed over the Quigley garbage dump.

People on the town side of Quigley complained of oil and even diapers floating in a stream from whence they used to get their water. It was reported that even the City dumps at Quigley, so how would the City protect the rural residents?

Feelings of bitterness were expressed at the oft repeated line that the rural residents use the City's facilities. Nobody had mentioned the amount of volunteer time contributed by rural people. Why also are there no complaints made that summer workers, residents and tourists also use these facilities. Their response to the complaint that many rural people come to town to make their living, was that rural people spend a lot of their pay cheques in town.

When people asked why does the City want to expand, Lee Juniper volunteered the information that she attended the City Council meeting that said more money was needed to protect the City's water supply... (The by-law adds a land fill site and sec-

ondary sewage treatment are necessary). At the same Council meeting it was revealed that the City was very much in the red.

The main source of discontent was that the City consulted with no rural people, and rural residents can find no further details about the proposal. A representative from the City was invited to the meeting but unfortunately this meeting clashed with the Council meeting. At this announcement, space immediately became available as a large group left swearing they were going over to the City Chambers right at that moment! (Apparently only three people made it.)

The benefits for the City are that they would get the Valley's taxes and block funding from the Government. It does seem that what the City wants is just the money, but the residents wanted to know if they get any benefits.

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CITY BYLAW # 91-11:

Dawson's growth debated once more

by Dan Davidson

It doesn't take much paper to begin the process of altering a town's boundaries. The original draft of bylaw #91-11 takes up scarcely a sheet of paper, with a map attached to make up a second page. It proposes extending Dawson City's boundaries to take in the area from Moosehide on the north to Flat Creek on the south, and the land within a 6 mile radius on the west side of the Yukon River. All this on two sheets of paper. Before the process of boundary alteration is concluded, however, it is certain that a sizable stand of trees will have been sacrificed to the mills of democracy.

The first turn of the printing presses came on Monday, Jan. 13, when the city administration made available its long awaited discussion paper on expansion. Originally it had been planned to print the document, or relevant parts of it, in the local paper, but council decided, on Jan. 9, to stop worrying about meeting the paper's weekend deadline and get the most comprehensive package

it could into peoples' hands.

The result is a 10 page discussion paper clearly marked with words like "draft" and "for discussion". This should not be viewed as the final word on expansion, but merely the city council's viewpoint on the process right now. At this point all sorts of things are still negotiable. The only thing that is fairly certain is that there will be changes in the status of the Klondike Valley, whether those changes are created by annexation to Dawson (first proposed on June 13, 1991), by the birth of hamlets or by the eventual territorial imposition of the Klondike Valley Area Development Regulations (a draft of these regulations appeared in May 1991).

Klondike Valley residents have complained bitterly that the city has taken a long time to get this document ready. The subject first came up in June 1991, when the bylaw received its first two readings. After that, the legislative process could not proceed until official sanction was given to the new Official Community Plan.

That approval, after a public hearing in the summer, was reported here in the November Sun.

The third reading of the expansion bylaw was also reported on by the Sun, but by error was written up as extending only to Callison Subdivision. Municipal Advisor Ross Knox pointed this out to us about the time we were ready to put the December edition to bed. That issue carried the official YTG notice that the Municipal Board was seeking interveners.

The discussion paper prepared by city manager Carol Murray expands on the major issues identified in the bylaw: public health issues, coordination of regional planning and controlled development of both industry and residential needs.

Under the first issue, water quality and effluent treatment seem to be of prime importance. Dawson and the YTG concluded a year long study of water needs recently and the city concludes that "although Dawson's water supply

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DEBUT ALBUM RELEASED



Marie Gogo spent her summer in Whitehorse as the Leading Lady of the Frantic Follies Vaudeville Revue by night and record producer by day. With the very generous assistance of Grant Simpson and Bob Hamilton, Miss Gogo's debut album has now been completed. The recording is called "YOU WERE MADE FOR LOVE" as several of the ten original songs are love songs.

"This project took a lot of work, many hours and was highly rewarding," said Miss Gogo. "I don't think that I would have had the courage to even start a project this large at this time in my life if it weren't for the help

and support of Peter Menzies, Don Armitage, Doug Cotter and Ray Fuggard. I also appreciate the support of all those people who pre-bought my tapes."

One of the songs featured on this album, written by Miss Gogo and her husband Gene Dubois (crazy Gene Dubois, the dog musher) is called "We Won't Be Home for Christmas". "We were spending the winter in Dawson, and we couldn't afford to go to my parents' home for Christmas, so we wrote a song for the family. We recorded it and mailed them a tape," says Miss Gogo. "Hearing good comments about it from friends convinced me to include it in my album."

Some of the other song writers known to Yukoners are Grant Simpson, Val Dean, Paul Foster and James Musselwhite.

This cassette recording has a diverse selection of musical styles which Miss Gogo hopes will be pleasing to music lovers of all ages.

"YOU WERE MADE FOR LOVE" is available at the Raven's Nook, Maximilian Trappers and Arctic Drugs or contacting Gene Dubois or Marie Gogo Dubois at 993-5846.

DAWSON'S GROWTH DEBATED. . . CONT' FROM PAGE 1

is presently of good quality, significant contamination potential exists within the Klondike Valley which would have impact on the supply. (The) City of Dawson does not currently have the direct ability to protect its water supply watershed, a serious concern given the amount of existing and anticipated future development in that area."

In the second case, a site will soon be needed for secondary sewage treatment. There is no place within the present boundaries of the town where a sewage lagoon could be located. Likewise, neither the city nor the YTG have been able to locate a good site for a garbage dump, though about \$70,000.00 has been spent on engineering and feasibility studies.

Land development itself, the need to regulate conflicting uses, set aside residential areas, and define the orderly development of the valley, is a major item on the city's list, just as it is in the Klondike Valley land use regulations mentioned above. The city maintains that it is better able to do this at close hand than the YTG would be from Whitehorse.

To counter the immediate suggestion that town folk would outnumber valley folk in any election to council, the paper proposes the creation of a ward system of representation which would "give the residents more opportunity and participation in local government decisions."

The paper is at pains to ensure

rural residents that annexation does not mean massive change. "It must be reiterated that it is not the intention of the City to alter the lifestyle of any Klondike Valley resident."

Taxes are another thorny issue that pops up every time annexation is mentioned. Mayor Jenkins has repeated quite often that Dawson has some of the highest municipal taxes in the territory, but it needs to be noted that things like the Dawson Grant and Seniors Grant mean that not everyone has to pay the full bill.

The discussion paper states that it is unlikely that rural residents would pay the same rate as town residents anyway. The rate would probably "vary according to the level of services presently being provided to each area. Boundary expansion will not distribute the city's current mill rate across the proposed expansion area." The present town rate is 1.56 mills, while comparative mill rates in the Klondike Valley "range from .80 mills for residential, .57 mills for non-residential and .52 mills for agriculture."

If mill rates are based on services provided, then it is useful to know what services are in place in each area. City of Dawson residents are taxed to pay for services in 12 areas, including: water and sewer, protective services, land planning and zoning, general gov't services, building inspection, streets & sidewalks, recreation, solid waste collection, water delivery, animal

control, housing for medical practitioners and services the city administration performs on behalf of the YTG.

In the Klondike Valley, the YTG currently provides the following: land use planning and zoning, road maintenance, general inspection services, and protective services (help with the volunteer fire dept.).

This has merely been a summary of the discussion paper's highlights. Interested parties should pick up a copy of all related documents at the city office, the post office or the mining recorder's office. For a look at the Klondike Valley resident's reaction to this bill, see our article in this issue.

Ross Knox has indicated that the Municipal Board will probably meet with the public here on March 25, a date which was acceptable to both Council and a meeting of Klondike Valley residents. He notes that letters may be written to the board any time up to a week or so before the hearing, although the deadline for appeals has been set at Feb. 17, 1992.

This does not mean that things are likely to be concluded by April or May of this year. Knox says that his reading of the files indicates that there were two public meetings prior to the 1987 Municipal Board decision and that the process took about a year from start to finish last time.

RURAL RESIDENTS RILED. . . CONT' FROM PAGE 1

The City probably does have concerns with two new proposed mining operations - one on the North side of the Klondike River opposite Quigley, and the other on the Valley hill that leads to Jousetown. Results may be potential destruction of pure water supply and more scars on the hillsides. In 1974, if the City Council at that time had accepted the idea to expand to what was then called Callison Airport there would have been no Grizzly Mines tearing down part of the hillside. The opportunity was lost again in 1987. Perhaps they are trying to avoid having a similar situation occur now. There is mining development planned just

up the Dempster and the companies say they want to house the families in Dawson nearer to schools and facilities. Dawson is getting crowded.

But no one knows how the City is going to handle the Valley with its diversity of operations; trapping, mining, industrial, residential, domestic animals, etc.

By-law #91-11 is not the final document implementing expansion. It is the City's proposal and now must pass the Municipal Board. The rural residents must demand a hearing and they decided that each should write a letter to be more effective.

But having witnessed the many and varied outbursts such as "interfering with my rights", "communists", "no information" and quite a few four letter words, Chere Mitchell was moved to emphasize that everyone forget their paranoia and hysteria and get their facts clear and arguments well thought out to be effective, and then send their letters to the Municipal Board by February 17th, the deadline.

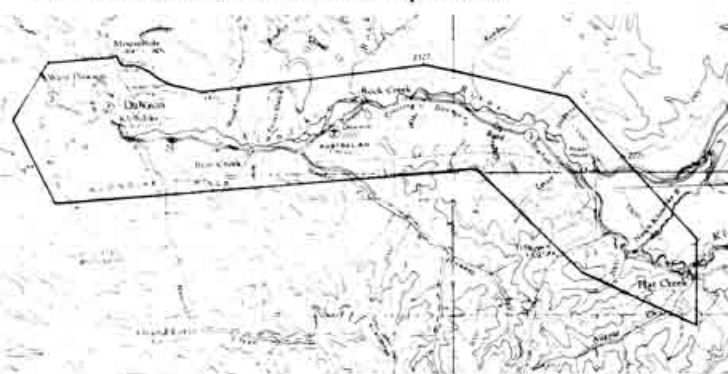
The group agreed that the best date for a Municipal Board Hearing would be March 25th. In the meantime they hope to hear more from the City.

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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Community and Transportation Services

Boundary Expansion Draft Discussion Paper Available

The City of Dawson has prepared a *discussion paper* on the *proposed boundary expansion* into the Klondike Valley. The report sets out the city's reasons for this expansion and is available for distribution at the following locations:

City Hall
Post Office
Mining Recorder's Office

If you have concerns about the expansion that you feel are not adequately addressed in the report, we would appreciate being informed of these concerns. Please convey your concerns or questions, in writing, to the City Manager at Box 308, Dawson, or phone 993-5434.

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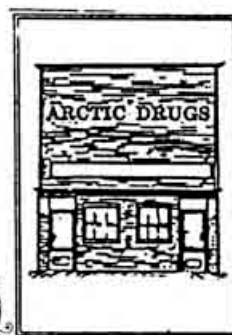
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DAWSON CITY COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

**From Dec.
19/91**

by Dan Davidson

Mayor skeptical on decentralization

Although Dawson City has picked up a few government jobs as a result of the YTG's decentralization program, Dawson's new council, and Mayor Jenkins in particular, expressed some reservations about the plan when Cathy Quinsey, coordinator for the project, was here in late December.

Jenkins felt that there were two things wrong with the program as it is now being carried out. One was that it was a catch-up measure, which was merely bringing the balance of rural to urban government jobs back to where it ought to be, in Dawson's case at least. Jenkins cited a ten year decline in government jobs here which will be returned to its previous numbers once the plan is complete. In that time, Dawson has doubled in population, so even regaining those positions won't really catch the community up, Jenkins said.

"We're underserved now," he said.

In addition, Jenkins said that the present program, which sees a job going here and a job going there, will be too easy to reverse when the federal budget crunch finally begins to have an impact on the Yukon. Attrition, he said, usually begins as far away from a department head's desk as possible.

The plan would, to his thinking, be much more effective, have more immediate impact, and be harder to derail later on, if entire departments were relocated. While he agreed that not all departments would be well served by a move, he thought that Renewable Resources, for instance, could work just as well from either Haines Junction, Dawson or Watson Lake.

Quinsey indicated that she did not see decentralization as a "here today, gone tomorrow" proposition. It was her understanding that relocation of entire departments had been ruled out early in the planning.

Councillor Shirley Pennell expressed her concerns about infrastructure pressures. Where were the people to be housed? What allowance was being made for the impact that transfer positions might have on an already crowded school? What was Dawson going to have to do to get ready for this and, finally, how were all these things to be paid for?

Councillor Hugh Gouthro concluded that "even one job these days is a victory," but he was also concerned about the long term implications of the program.

Dawson Boundary Expansion Plans

The Municipal Board is looking for information and objections related to the City of Dawson's proposed boundary expansion. Ads were placed in the December papers. The city is seeking to expand its boundaries south up the Klondike Highway to Flat Creek, which is just south of the Dempster Highway junction.

Ian Skinner, a West Dawson (across the Yukon River) resident appeared before council to complain that there was not very much information to be gleaned from the two page description in the bylaw and that city offices didn't seem to be prepared either to answer his questions or register them for consideration when he visited earlier in the week.

Mayor Jenkins agreed that the city administration was not as far ahead in the development of its detailed proposals as he would like it to be at this time, but noted that the February 17, 1992 deadline on the government ad does not mean that no objections or contributions will be considered after that time. The city manager is to have a press release ready for the January edition of the local paper.

The expansion proposal was stalled some months ago until the Municipal Board approved the final version of Dawson's Official Community Plan. This having been done in November, a number of initiatives which have been on hold will soon be moving to the fore.

Council's Perks Up

After some discussion, council has extended its benefit package by adding a second airplane ticket to the bundle of goodies that councillors already receive, irrespective of the marital status of the councillor.

This brings the indemnity package for councillors into line with the benefit package already being extended to all city employees.

Tim Gerberding and Henry Procyk argued strongly for the change, indicating that they felt the existing arrangement created a double standard among those who received city benefits. Hugh Gouthro and Shirley Pennell were uncomfortable with the extension, feeling that it did not set the proper example in a time when restraint may be needed. All councillors were in favour of extending a second ticket to employees, and it was on that basis that Mayor Peter Jenkins broke the tie during the voting.

Mayor Jenkins leads the salary scale with \$12,000.00 per year, paid out at a rate of \$500.00 per meeting to a maximum of \$1,000.00 a month. It should be noted that Jenkins attends a lot

more than two meetings per month, and can often be reached at the mayor's office during his regular working day. Jenkins made a point of not taking his salary for many years, but admitted in a C.B.C. interview just after the election that he had begun receiving his wages mid-way through his last term as mayor.

Councillors receive considerably smaller stipends: \$150.00 per meeting to a maximum of \$300.00 a month, making a total of \$3,600.00 annually. There is also an expense allowance of \$50.00 a month. One third of the total money paid out to councillors "shall be deemed to be for expenses incident to the discharge of their duties as a member of council."

All members of council receive benefits other than a financial indemnity for their service to the community, and once again, these extras are in line with those received by the city's employees. They include the travel allowance already mentioned and the provision of sewer and water services without charge to "the residence occupied by an elected official" during their term of office. This latter sum currently amounts to \$420.00 annually.

City employees receive one perk that councillors do not, the free use of the pool and arena facilities.

No Smoking, Please

Dawson Council has confirmed its earlier intention to declare council chambers a smoke free zone. Smoking will be prohibited at any meeting of council or any public meeting held in the room. This does not rule out the use of the room as a coffee and smoking area for city employees, since the administration offices are already non-smoking.

Debate focussed next on the arena and what ought to be done there. The ice rink and bleachers are already designated non-smoking dues to the potential fire hazard, but no decision has been taken regarding the lobbies and other areas. Councillor Tim Gerberding pressed hard to have the chambers and Administration building decision be the model for all other areas owned by the city, but other councillors were not so sure about that.

The question of the arena will be referred to the recreation board for its recommendations, while the fire hall (downstairs from city offices) already has designated smoking areas with which most councillors did not wish to interfere.

Dogs Continue to Roam in Town

Mayor Jenkins didn't specify the numbers but indicated that a

great many dogs had been killed by the three individuals who are currently handling the job here over the last several weeks. During all this time, the city has been advertising continually that all dogs running loose will be considered potentially dangerous and may be shot on sight.

Jenkins says that it's not "Dodge City" for Dawson dogs. If the catchers can apprehend them, they will do so and put them in the pound. The dogs being shot are the ones that cannot be caught any other way.

One owner, Ian Skinner, addressed council to complain that he had found several dogs in the pound, including one that appeared to be dead, one day while trying to find his own animal.

Jenkins explained that the city offices may not know that a dog has been taken until later the next afternoon, due to the evening nature of the work and the fact that the catchers have day jobs.

A new Animal Control by-law (91-27) received third and final reading recently. As predicted, the main features of this bill include stiffer fines and more specific restrictions to try to govern the problem of wild dogs in particular, though other subjects are addressed in the by-law.

Dogs must now be licensed after 3 months of age, and a neutered dog may be tagged for

free. Those who own more than two dogs will need a kennel license and will need to gain the approval of their neighbours to get it. Animals in heat are to be confined. While an impounded dog may be released for \$50.00 plus costs of "seizure and impoundment", the fine for a first offence may be as high as \$200.00, while the second and third offences have climbed to maximums of \$400.00 and \$500.00.

Animals which pursue and harass or injure another animal on that animal's own fenced territory, whether the victim is tethered or not, shall be deemed "vicious" and may be destroyed at the discretion of the by-law enforcement officer. The same, of course, goes for animals which attack people.

There are also sections dealing with the amount of noise an animal may make before it becomes a neighbourhood nuisance. Enforcement of those provisions is going to be very interesting at certain seasons of the year.

The entire by-law, a 13 page document on legal size paper, is on view at city offices.



Winter Driving Alert

Caution – People and Equipment Working

Highway crews work year round to maintain our roads. In winter, it means you could encounter graders, sanding trucks, snow plows or steamer trucks. Be on the alert for the flashing orange lights which identify wide and slow-moving road maintenance vehicles.

Extra caution is needed when approaching or passing these vehicles. Blowing snow, sand or steam could cause visibility problems and you may not be able to see the warning lights.

Winter driving requires an adjustment in your driving to compensate for road and weather conditions. Check the weather forecast and listen to the radio for daily road and weather reports. You can also call 667-8215 for road reports 24 hours a day.

Yukon

Community and Transportation Services
Maurice Byblow, Minister

Editorial: Looking Up The Valley

by Dan Davidson

For some people, the notion of the town of the City of Dawson expanding its boundaries up the Klondike Valley to Flat Creek is enough to inspire resettlement in the deep reaches of the Richardson Mountains. There's no doubt that they feel strongly about it. The numbers that turned out to the Klondike Valley Residents meeting on Jan. 9 are ample proof of that.

Many voices complained that they did not want any controls on their lifestyle, that they had moved out of town in the first place to avoid such controls, or zoning, or taxes, or the questionable glamour of municipal politics.

One man complained that no one had ever expressed any interest in the area where he lived until he had proved that a person could live there. That, unfortunately, has been the cry of the free spirit from time immemorial. The frontier never stays that way except in long running television shows like "Gunsmoke" and "Bonanza".

In real life people move to get away from it all, and then they begin to import a select few of the things they moved away from: power, telephones, highway maintenance, volunteer protective services, maybe a store. Next thing you know, there's a little community, and where that happens, all the other things are not far behind.

For the Klondike Valley, it began some time ago and reached a pretty formal stage with the YTG's adoption of the Klondike Valley Land Use Report for several years back. That led to the development and publication of land use regulations just last May. Comparing that document (12 pages) with the city's omnibus zoning bylaw (30 +) will get you some eyestrain and the sense that they look pretty similar. The Klondike Valley document differs in that it addresses itself specifically to the valley, while the city's book has to cover a broader range of legislative jurisdictions. Both, however, spell change and control. Both speak to the need communities have to become more organized with the passage of time.

Somewhere in the future of the Valley, there is going to be an organizational framework. How it comes and when may be up for grabs, but it will come. That's bad news for a lot of free thinkers, and I feel sorry for them, but it's the pattern of the history of this country.

The country cabin beside a creek at the foot of a farm where I spent many summers as a boy now lies on the edge of a subdivision which has expanded the town of 1750 souls where I grew up. Open fields where I coasted in the winters and roamed free the rest of the year are subdivided into crescents, drives and cross-streets. It's been just 20 years.

I would say that nothing is going to happen that fast in Dawson City, but then someone would point to the three sub-divisions up on the Dome and prove me wrong. The various community studies that have been done here in the past five years all chronicle a story of growth at a time when growth was not what one would have expected. The conservative estimate behind the Official Community Plan was that this growth would probably continue.

Some of that growth is in the Valley rather than in the town, and it has rightly been pointed out that the number of 1850 or so generally given as the population here includes the valley. Dawson itself is smaller than that. Without saying anything about rural residents making use of town infrastructure (because I believe that they pay their way in volunteer activity to the same degree that town folk do) it remains that we are all really residents of a pretty small area, that we all do make use of the same facilities and specialists and that we can't afford to build a future where we are at each others' throats. Glancing back at the last six months of editorials, I see that I've commented on some of these points at least twice in that time. There hasn't been anything in the way of letter-to-the-editor response up to now. The one we have this issue seems to have mistaken our function, but at least it's a letter.

I do believe that somewhere down the road Dawson will expand into the Klondike Valley. We already know that hamlet status for the valley would probably only delay that future, not extinguish it. Valley residents are going to have to organize (that word) with the same vigor they used to create their fire department and cut for themselves the best deal they can. Negotiate now and avoid some of the complaining later on. Think if it as a kind of protective self-service.

VOSMAN'S BELIEVE IT OR LEAVE IT!



IT WAS NOT GEORGE CARMACKS WHO FIRST DISCOVERED GOLD IN BONANZA CREEK, IT WAS HIS WIFE WHO DID WHILE CLEANING THE EVENING DISHES!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The meeting of the Klondike Valley residents, held in the Downtown Hotel on Jan. 9, 1992, regarding the Dawson City boundary expansion, culminated only mediocre success. The city administration's refusal to expound its position regarding expansion showed blatant incompetence. The city council needed a reason for a motion to vote upon. The first two readings were done on June 10, 1991. The council had all summer and fall to formulate their stance. Finally the new council gave third reading on Dec. 5, 1991, to a blank motion of extending Dawson boundaries to wherever for whatever reason. Supposedly a rough draft has been prepared for the Jan. Klondike Sun with the city YES-BOY-CREW not knowing its contents or implications.

The meeting for those that were comprehending what was said became somewhat informed, dispelling rumours, about what underlay the city council's actions. People were also reminded about the Klondike Valley Land Use proposals and implementations.

As the city was negligent to produce a brief of intent an adequate debate could not go ahead to quash concerned hysteria and flippant rumours. The end result of the meeting was that as soon as city council produces a negotiable plan, then the Klondike Valley Resident Associations will have their community meetings to discuss the boundary expansion and related issues.

John Cramp,
Klondike Valley Resident

Hi Sun Volunteers

Thought that I would let you know that I have had a number of favourable comments regarding our Christmas wish ad in the Klondike Sun.

While it was my idea to extend Seasons Greetings in the various languages that covered an area in the Yukon from Mayo to Old Crow, it was YOU at the Sun who composed and presented the finished product to our readers in a pleasing and attractive format.

I never cease to be amazed at the degree of professionalism displayed by the volunteers at the Klondike Sun.

Great Stuff! And Thanks...
Lou at Beaver Lumber

Editor:

Thank you so much for your letter and the copy of the Klondike Sun. Your article is super and yes, York is beautiful. He is still here with us, although his heart apparently is not very strong. You would never know

it the way he bounces in here in the mornings like a puppy!

Your efforts collecting stamps are very much appreciated and I hope others will also contribute.

Thanks again and we hope to see you again.

Shelagh MacDonald
Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind

Dear Klondike Sun

I have enclosed a cheque for \$17.12 to please renew our subscription to The Klondike Sun.

It has been with great pleasure that we have enjoyed each issue of this paper very much.

To read about our old friends and with sadness the passing of a wonderful lady Joan Bilton. To read of all the changes going on in Dawson since we spent 5 of the greatest years we have had.

A Merry Christmas to you all.

Jackie & Ira Fraser
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DEADLINE REMINDER

for the Workers' Compensation Board Headquarters Art Competition

Artists interested in submitting initial proposals and portfolios for the Workers' Compensation Board's competition to select artists who will prepare art for the new WCB headquarters in Whitehorse have until March 5, 1992 to do so.

A selection committee will review the proposals so that commissions can be awarded by April 17, 1992. The deadline for all art works to be completed and installed is January 31, 1993.

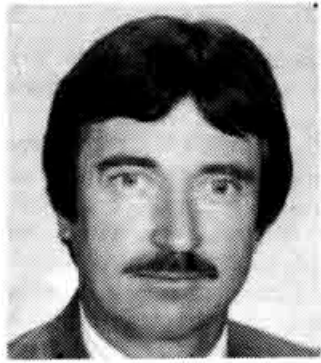
The board has set aside \$14,000 to purchase the art works and the selection competition is open to Yukon artists, expatriate artists who were Yukon artists but no longer have a Yukon address and non-Yukon artists who produce work directly related to the Yukon.

Detailed information on the tender requirements and sites for art work in the new building can be obtained from:

Ruth McCullough
Art Curator
Tourism Yukon
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Jacque Parry
Client Services
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WORDS FROM WEBSTER

Many constituents contacted me in early December, or spoke with me at home over the holidays, about the risk of Dawson City losing its dentist and doctors. Widespread concern with this prospect is not at all surprising at a time when public health, dental and medical programs and services must be enhanced, not reduced, to meet the increasing needs of a growing community.

From these comments, as well as from articles which appeared in the last edition of **The Klondike Sun**, and from conversations with our dentist, doctor and Dr. D'Aeth, Acting Regional Director of National Health and Welfare's Medical Services Branch, it is readily apparent that, "what we have here is a failure to communicate."

Development of the confrontation between government official and dentist can be attributed to a lack of communication in the preparation of a new lease agreement. Allegations by the doctor that changes to his operation are being considered unilaterally by Medical Services Branch are not the product of fruitful dialogue. Even more significant is the general lack of discussion among governments, health care professionals and users. The fact is that local residents are not at all consulted to provide input required for the making of decisions which affect the provision and delivery of all health care programs and services in our community. (This oversight will be corrected when Dawson City establishes a Health and Social Services Board under the new Yukon Health Act.)

The result of this failure to communicate on such a large

scale is a great deal of frustration and some resentment experienced by almost everyone involved in the provision, delivery and receipt of health care in our community. A most unhealthy situation indeed!

There are, however, two measures that can be done to rectify matters. The first is the undertaking of what is commonly referred to as a "Needs Assessment Study". Representatives of various levels of government, providers of health care - doctors, dentist, nurses, public health educators, drug and alcohol workers, etc., and users must all be involved in a process which establishes a priority for each of the programs and services that are truly needed and realistically deliverable in Dawson City. Prioritization should consider several factors including the demographics of our community and the human and financial resources available.

The second exercise to be completed in conjunction with the first is an assessment of how such prioritized services can be delivered in the most cost effective and efficient manner. This will provide the direction that the Federal, Territorial and Municipal governments need to eliminate current waste and duplication of services. The savings to be realized will enable more residents to receive more of our stated priority services and programs from existing human and financial resources. Working together to achieve this end will undoubtedly demand a greater degree of cooperation and communication than currently exists among the three major players.

If such a two-step process were complete at this time, I am confident that users and providers

would be unanimous in placing a very high priority on having the services of our local dentist continue. And if that meant continuing to provide an area in the Nursing Station which satisfies the professional and personal requirements of his practice, I am certain that a decision would be made to leave the dentist in his current location and to have public health programs operate from the new space presently identified for the relocated dental clinic.

If an analysis of how the present system could be improved to provide a more efficient and a better quality of service were conducted, I believe that immediate organizational changes would be proposed. For example, with respect to the matter of providing patients with full time care, another high priority for users and providers this could be addressed by assigning an additional nurse to Dawson City. The current situation of a vacant nursing position in the overstuffed Mayo Hospital, and available accommodation in our local Nurses' Residence, presents a perfect opportunity for a transfer to occur.

In conclusion, a Needs Assessment to identify the priority our community places on desirable and deliverable health programs and services should begin without delay. The Assistant Deputy Minister of Health Services for the Government of Yukon, and an official from Health and Welfare Canada will be in Dawson City during the first week of February to meet with as many users and providers of health care as possible to initiate this undertaking.

YOU DESERVE A DEMPSTER BREAK TODAY

DECEMBER, 1991-The Yukon is a beautiful place in the fall, and the Dempster Highway is no exception. This year, Dawson City teacher Bob Sutherland was able to take advantage of that to make his annual Dempster outdoor education field trip even more special than usual.

For the past dozen years, Bob has led a small troupe of ten to 12 Dawson high school students on a week-long journey of discovery along the Dempster corridor.

Ostensibly part of the Phys Ed curriculum, the trip also takes in a bit of biology, geology, history and whatever else Bob can think of to make the experience more meaningful. Using Engineer Creek campground as a base, the

students hike up, down and around the tundra, developing a great camaraderie as the days go by. The program is always popular, and participation is hotly contested.

The trip usually happens in late May, but Robert Service School's new, earlier school year meant that this time, Bob could make the trip in late August. "The vegetation was more interesting," he says, "and it really wasn't any colder".

The trip this year was sponsored by the Dawson First nation and Bob was assisted by the Community Education Liaison Coordinator, Kelly van Every.

For the above program Bob Sutherland received acknowl-

edgement by MacDonald's of Whitehorse in their ad featuring School People Profile, appearing in the Whitehorse Star of Dec. 13th. Also appearing was the photo of the Gr. 11 and 12 Social Studies class from Robert Service School, at the Arctic Circle sign up the Dempster.

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REPORT FROM OTTAWA

by Audrey McLaughlin, Yukon
M.P.

THE YEAR THAT WAS, THE YEAR TO BE.

It was a year that began with a war and ended with ... well a great deal of uncertainty on many fronts - the economy, the Constitution, international relations.

But within that state of flux I believe there are signs of renewed hope not only for our families and for all Canadians, but for the entire world community.

It seems to me that the constitutional conflict that has marred relations between Canadians presents two choices, two paths - one leading to an angry people bitterly divided; the other, to a new equilibrium based on the art of compromise.

We must choose wisely, for the path we take will affect not only our immediate future but the lives of our children's children. And the Canada I hope to see for the generations to come will take the best we now have to offer - things like medicare - and meld them with a new, more equitable, responsive and fair society.

This same dilemma faces peoples of other nations who are also struggling to replace outdated political, economic and social relations and institutions.

Members of the European Economic Community are considering a federalism that would include a social charter of guaranteed rights. And the countries that had comprised the once-great world power called the Soviet Union, are not only groping towards a "commonwealth," but are making overtures to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Who would have thought that the former members of the Warsaw Pact, once cloistered behind the Iron Curtain, would seek a new alliance with their one-time enemies.

But all these changes point to one thing - that our governments

and our institutions and the ways in which we relate to one another cannot remain static. They must change, they must adapt. Because it is in change that we find hope for a better world.

When history tallies the "Heroes" of 1991, I believe Mikhail Gorbachev will surely be among those names. He will be a hero not because he won a war, but because it was through his leadership that these revolutionary changes were made possible. And when he was confronted with the knowledge that his day was gone, that he would not be part of the new order he helped create, he did not resort to violence in a desperate attempt to hold on to power.

And there are other heroes. People like Aung Sang Suu Kyi who was unable to travel to Oslo, Norway to receive this year's Nobel Peace Prize because she remains under house arrest in her native Burma. Or former Saskatchewan M.P. Bob Ogle, who, despite having inoperable brain cancer, continues to promote international cooperation and understanding.

For heroes, in a very real sense, are people who live their beliefs.

Here in the Yukon, we have our own local heroes - elders Elijah Smith and Angela Sidney who passed away this year, or Old Crow MLA Norma Kassi and all those who led the fight to preserve the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil and gas development.

It is these people and others who point the way to a better community and a better world, not just for themselves, but for us all.

And they give me hope that the New Year will indeed be a happy one - one that will see the successful resolution of our constitutional woes, jobs for the unemployed, food for hungry children, ... and a federal election that will give Canada back to Canadians.

Here's to '92!

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Destination: Dawson

by Robert McConkey,
General Manager, KVA



Happy New Year! For some strange reason that date of January 1st seems to breath new life into each of us. Re-focuses our goals and dreams and allows us a fresh starting point from which to manage our lives in the pursuit of happiness. In 1992, may all your dreams come true!

In previous articles we have touched on how the Klondike Visitors Association segments its tourism target markets and we took a look at how we go about selling Dawson City to major cruise/tour operators.

In this article, I would like to describe briefly how we attract the smaller motor coach tour operators as well as give you some idea of activities that K.V.A. is involved in or will be involved in, in the near future.

In 1981, the motor coach industry was deregulated under the President Reagan Administration. Prior to that time, tour operators could package and sell tours but could not own and operate buses. Bus companies could own, operate and sell bus charters, but could not package and sell tours. When the industry deregulated, bus companies started packaging tours and tour operators started buying buses. Virtually overnight the motorcoach tour industry nearly doubled in size, however the size of the motor coach market i.e. those who purchase motor coach tours, stayed the same. The result, of course, was the bankruptcy of many companies and the merging of many more.

Selling in this volatile climate has been exciting to say the least because we could never tell if a company was going to produce the business which they were hoping to. As a result, many companies that serviced the motor coach market such as hotels, restaurants, sightseeing guide services, etc., suffered along with the industry itself.

What does all this mean to Dawson City? Well, put simply, we are a long haul destination and as such, rely on the travel trade such as tour operators to find customers who have the money, the time and the interest to travel to

such a remote location. Therefore, we have to be very "heads up" when it comes to working with the travel trade.

There are a number of ways we do this. The first is to join the "clubs". In this case it means becoming a Destination Marketing Organization (D.M.O.) member with the major tour operator organizations such as the National Tour Association, the American Bus Association, the Ontario Motor Coach Association and the Western Canadian Motor Coach Association. In this way you get on the "contact list" for literally thousands of pre-qualified tour operators.

Next, participate in Federal and Territorial sponsored promotions such as Rendezvous Canada, Rendezvous Yukon and hosting familiarization tours. Another means of communicating with this market is to advertise in the "vertical" publications such as the Courier Magazine, Tours! Magazine, Destinations Magazine, etc.

Direct sales missions are another technique that generate big results. Sitting down with a tour operator in their own offices, and explaining the benefits of bringing tours to your destination is very effective.

Direct mail is another excellent means of generating awareness and interest in a destination such as Dawson. The key here is that the mailing should be focused, have a "package" concept and use a clever gimmick to capture excitement and interest and separate your mailing from the other 100-200 pieces of mail most operators get every day!

There is tremendous competition for this market because every little corner of the continent and indeed the world believe that they live in a beautiful place and every tour operator should run tours there. The big difference between Dawson City and most of those other places is that we actually do live in a beautiful place!

Between January 12 and February 24, Rhonda and I will be working a Road Show targeting the Recreational Vehicle market in California and Arizona. We will be doing 48 shows in 40 days and will be surveying approximately 15,000 people in an attempt to learn more about the buying and travelling patterns of that market. We will fax the next edition of Destination - Dawson! from that promotion with insights as to what we are learning about that market.



Dawson City Fire Department

by Chief Pat Cayen

1992 has arrived and with it everyone makes New Year's resolutions. If you haven't made a resolution for this year why not consider this - "I will educate myself and my family about fire safety in our home." It will take some time and a little bit of work and with any luck you will never need to use it.

Many fires can be prevented but in case a fire does break out make sure your family will be awakened by smoke detectors and that they have practised how to escape. Your children might already know more than you think about getting out alive. Ask them how they would leave your home in an emergency and work from there. It is a good idea to sketch your plan out and keep it handy. Babysitters should be informed of your plan -- get the kids to explain it to new sitters using the sketch. It is best to plan more than one route in case one becomes blocked during a fire but make the meeting spot outside of the home the same place all the time. Have fire drills at home and create different situations each time such as flames in a kitchen or a chimney fire. Practice crawling low under

the smoke level and how to check for hot doors.

Most family fires happen at night and smoke detectors in good working order are your best watchdog. Most detectors come with instructions on where to place them. If you need additional information about placement call me at the Firehall and I'll help you out. Check your detectors once a month. Don't trust the beeping sound that happens when a battery runs low as you could be away when the beeping occurs. Test detectors that are wired into your home also. Just because they are electric does not mean that they will automatically work -- all types of detectors can fail. Take the cover off periodically and lightly dust or vacuum the inside to keep it clean. Wash the cover in soapy water and dry it thoroughly before replacing it.

Teach everyone the emergency phone number for the Fire Department and write it down where it can be easily found along with the Police and Ambulance phone numbers. Teach respect for an emergency number and explain that it is not a toy or a game. Practice speaking clearly on the

phone and have the kids learn their street address and any nearby recognizable landmarks.

If your family heats with wood, teach the children to keep themselves and other objects a safe distance away. Teach your older children the proper use of a wood stove and how to deal with a suspected chimney fire. Make sure your babysitters know how to handle your wood stove. Clean your chimney on a regular basis and check for cracks or breaks in the unit.

Purchase fire extinguishers and keep them handy. Teach the family how to use them. Check for expiry dates and make sure that they are kept current. You can call me at the hall for information on different types of extinguishers.

Make sure your family has adequate homeowner's insurance or renter's insurance. If fire does happen to you how will you survive afterwards?

Not such a hard resolution after all, is it? If there is any further information you need or other topics you would like to hear about, give me a call at the Firehall, 993-5434.

MONEY MATTERS

by Sean Fahy

What better time to review your finances than at the beginning of a brand new year. This column, over the next few months, will cover a few of the basics of investment planning followed by the timely topics of Registered Retirement Savings Plans before moving on to more specific topics.

The single most important aspect to financial planning is the formulation of your specific financial goals.

With the hustle and bustle of daily life, many of us have little time to think about long-term goals such as saving money for your children's university education.

To set financial goals, you have to know yourself and your family. Your first step should be an annual review of your net worth, the difference between your assets and liabilities. Your assets might include cash, Canada Savings Bonds, the cashable portions of life insurance policies, jewellery, cars, boats, RRSP's and, if applicable, the equity in any property or business.

Then, you should add up your short-term liabilities such as charge accounts, credit card balances, loans and taxes due this year, and calculate your long-term liabilities such as mortgages and business loans.

Another important point is to determine whether you have enough cash reserves - equal to about four months of salary - to cover emergencies such as loss of income from illness or unemployment. Do you have

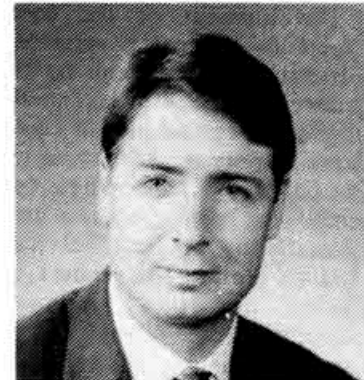
enough cash to cover any short-term needs or activities such as your annual holiday or the purchase of a new appliance? After looking at these expenses, how much cash is left to invest?

If there isn't very much, then you should look for ways to ensure that saving becomes a higher priority. An excellent introductory book to investing, David Chilton's "The Wealthy Barber," suggests saving a

minimum of 10% of income by paying yourself first. I'll discuss ways to achieve this in a later column.

Then you examine your long-term goals such as buying a home, a cottage, or taking an exotic holiday. Do you want to move to a larger home eventually or another neighborhood or city? Do you want to send your children to a local community college or university, or to one outside your community? What kind of lifestyle do you expect to lead when you retire? When do you want to retire?

Remember, setting your financial goals is only the first step. Once you have a clear idea of where you want to be, you must formulate a plan which will get you there. Your plan will incorporate many aspects including the following; how



will you save?, where will you invest?, what investment assets will you invest in? and, when will you invest?

However, once you have established a plan, give it enough time to work. You won't become a millionaire overnight, but you will accomplish a great deal by consistently reducing expenses and debt, planning your taxes carefully and, most of all, saving and investing.

I'll cover these topics, among others, over the next few months. If you are interested, ScotiaMcLeod has an excellent brochure entitled "Confidential Personal Investment Review" which deals with the topics above and many more. For your free copy, please call me collect at the following number.

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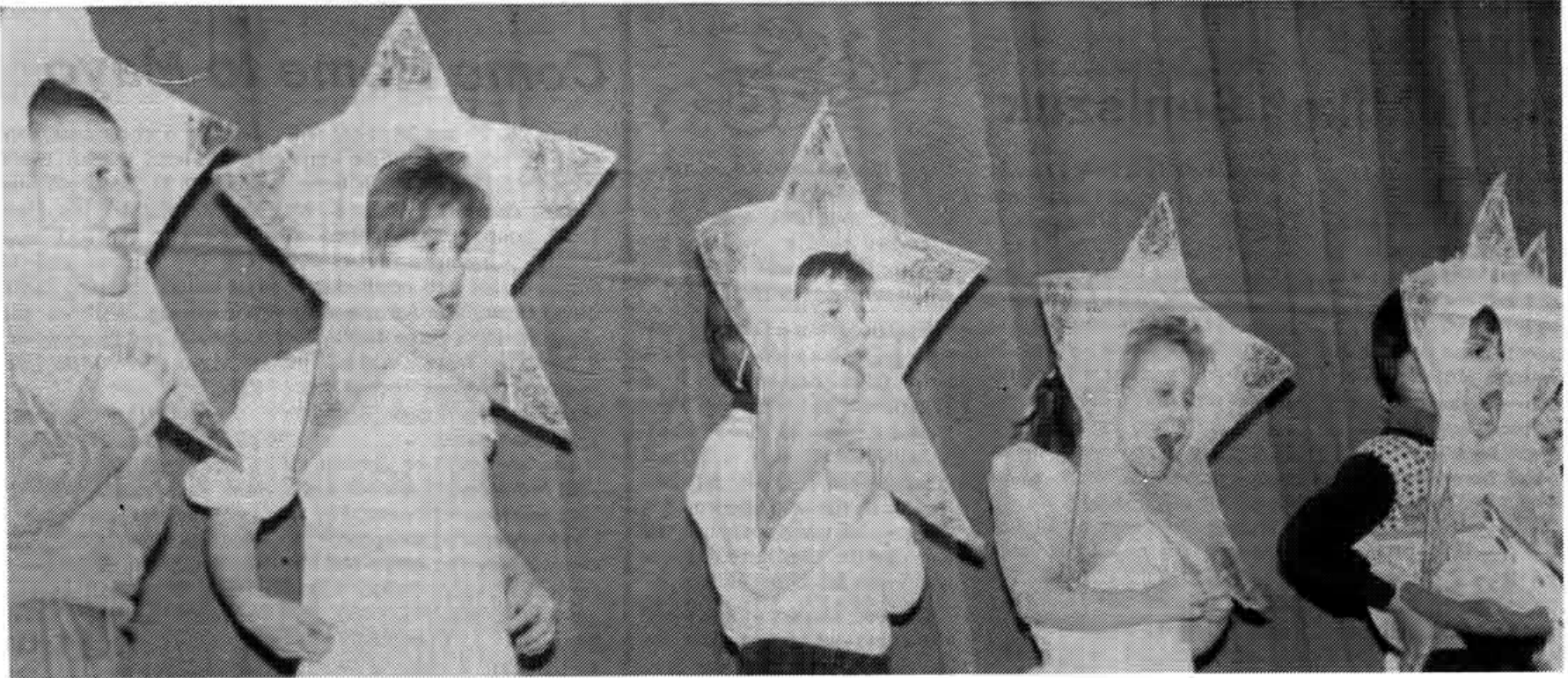
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True Gold Rush tale inspires pageant

by Dan Davidson

A tale recorded by Sam Holloway in the very first issue of the *Yukon Reader* was the inspiration for this year's Christmas pageant at Robert Service School. A *Christmas to Remember - the Story of Edna Eldorado* was the basic story around which principal and director Carol McCauley created *A Klondike Christmas*, the school's Christmas Card to the community.

Playing on December 19 to an absolutely packed house, the production concerned the experiences of a pair of miners in Gold Rush days. The younger man has a wife back at the claim, while his older partner is the more experienced of the two. Young Ed's (Patrick Sack) wife lost her chance at being a mother forever while hiking into the territory with her husband, and so he is determined to do his best for her at Christmas time. A visit to the city and the timely intervention of Old Bill (Jason Mann) make this possible for him.

Meanwhile, out on another of the creeks, another young couple

is having their own problems with childbirth. The father dies trying to get help in Dawson. Bill (who is the helpful sort that goes out of his way to see if anyone needs him) and Ed arrive at the cabin in time to deliver the baby and receive Mrs. MacDonald's (Jacey Bowie) dying wish that someone has to look after her baby.

With the help of Sgt. Fuller (Ryan Peterson) and a local doctor (Tyler Nichol), Bill arranges things so that Ed and his wife Belinda (Lianne Bilodeau) become the newborn boy's new parents.

The motif of a newborn baby being a blessing at Christmas time anchors this story in the season and leaves room for lots of additions. The main cast for the play came from the high school, but all the lower grades from Kindergarten to Grade 6 had a hand in the show, providing music and production numbers to flesh out the story.

Aside from the bare bones, there was a dance scene in a Dawson bar in which Grade 6 was entertained by a robust Lil

(played by Christina Shulda) who made an effective "Gertie-figure". Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 were snowflakes, ravens, sled dogs, moose and trappers by turns, while the Grade 5 class worked up an effective simulation of the Northern Lights.

Grade 4 also joined Chief Isaac (Tara McCauley) at Moosehide for a re-telling of the Han legend *The Raven Restores the Sun to the Sky*.

The Robert Service Choir was kept busy throughout the show, doing traditional Christmas music and some new material written especially for this show.

The school gymnasium was packed for the performance, leading to just about the only major complaint that was heard that evening, namely that some parents and guests were unable to see what was going on in all of the stage areas.

The school devoted a good portion of the last two and a half weeks of the pre-Christmas term into work leading to the staging of this show. Aside from acting and choir there was work to be done in set design, props, backstage logistics, lighting, sound, special effects, advertising and program design. So much work was done that a "fine arts" mark for participation will be recorded on the second term report cards.



Amanda Purington, Tina Grenon, Samantha Jenkins greeting people at the school Christmas Concert.

Christmas Eve Pageant at St. Paul's

by Palma Berger

This well-loved gathering of worshippers from all churches at Christmas Eve took place again this past December in St. Paul's.

Again a good crowd gathered and latecomers had standing room only provided for them. Percy Henry welcomed the people at the door and presented them with their candles and song booklet.

As to be expected, the master heater roared away near the entrance. But the worshippers negotiated this familiar obstacle as they moved to their seats. When the service began, the master heater was turned off and any fumes also.

The service began with the lighting of the white Christ candle in the middle of the Advent Wreath. The light from this is passed to all the other candles and in the glow of their flickering lights, the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" was sung by all. Then with candles extinguished the evening worship continued.

Instrumental music was provided at different times by Bruce Campbell and Bill Jackson and a solo by Marion Stobbe. "O Holy Night", usually sung as a solo, was sung as a duet this year by Jan Couture and Betty Davidson. Bible readings were

given by various people during the evening.

The Robert Service School Choir, a familiar and welcome presence at many events in Dawson presented "The Animal Lullaby". The adult choir were as competent as ever, but this year they introduced new harmonies and renditions revealing how much they must have been practicing. These choirs were under the direction of Betty Davidson.

The children in the nativity scene were most poised. This was either due to the hard work of their directors, Anne Gouthro, Chris Hunter, Bonnie Nordling,

and Lorie Sprockreeff, or the children are becoming quite pros. But they still glowed with the innocence, joy and anticipation that rejuvenates the beholder and is so looked forward to.

Joyce Caley was the pianist for the evening for all the carols. One carol was particularly rendered with great gusto with swelling voices and hand clapping. This was "Go Tell It on the Mountain". In fact the audience did not know when to stop.

Throughout the evening it was noticed that the smell of the master heater did not linger, nor did the church cool down extremely. The reason was revealed when Rev. Andrew

Wilson thanked MacKenzie Petroleum for their donation, and thanked Parks Canada for their donation. Parks had loaned a portable heater to warm the church. It was a much appreciated gift of warmth whose fumes did not pervade the air.

With so many of the townspeople gathered in harmony and goodwill both at the church and informal gathering over snacks afterwards, one could believe again the last verse of the last hymn of the evening...

He rules the earth with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.

Obituary

Michal "Mike" Seniszkuk

Dawson City lost long-time resident Mike Seniszkuk on December 28, 1991. Mike was a colourful character familiar to all, often seen riding his ATV in the summer and his snowmobile in the winter. He was friendly to all he respected and open to the few he trusted. His friends are saddened by his death and will miss the interesting stories of this hard working man.

Mike was born in Brestli-lowsk, Poland in 1917. The turmoil and hardship in the ensuing decades were compounded by the death of his father at an early age. Mike told this story, "... We were very poor. My brother and I had to take turns going to school as we only had one pair of shoes. The one who went, wore the shoes."

In 1939 he defended his homeland against the Nazis and Soviets and subsequently endured a Siberian concentration camp after the Russian occupation. Later in the war, this time fighting for the British he was wounded in the battle at Monte Casino, Italy.

After the war he came to

Canada, February 1948 where he worked in mines in Quebec and Sudbury, Ontario. Mike came to the Yukon in the 1950's. He kept a trapline near Gravel and Barlow Lakes for more than twenty years. For a time he tried his luck in the gold fields where he owned and worked a few gold claims on Bonanza, Eldorado, and Top of the World. He also worked at many larger mining operations including Clinton Creek for the life of the mine.

During the years of Clinton Creek he purchased his small cabin from Mary Hanulik. The flood of seventy nine caught him sound asleep in his small cabin, but he managed to scramble through a window to the roof where Joe Hanulik rescued him by boat.

During the last twenty years his unfailing curiosity and love of the sun took him to the Far East and throughout Latin America. His early travels took him to Central America where Mike, who was so well versed in world politics and languages preferred to ignore the uprisings around him. On one occasion, he

found himself arrested as a spy while flying in some remote area. He told of how he had to talk darn hard to convince his captors that he was simply too old to be spying or smuggling!

Gardening was a favourite pastime of Mike's. With a little help from neighbours John Wierda and the Hanuliks, Mike tended a beautiful garden which won several K.V.A. Yard Awards. One of Mike's last projects, with the help of friend Jon Magnusson, was to establish and care for the two raised flower beds in the South End Park.

To those who knew him, Mike was a kind and caring person. He had a keen curiosity and was knowledgeable about world events. Mike spent many hours every day reading and discussing a broad range of subjects with his closest friends. Mike Seniszkuk will be sincerely missed as a true Yukoner.

Mike was buried in the City Cemetery on January 8, 1992, with a graveside ceremony, Reverend Andrew Wilson officiating.



Humane Leghold Trap Under Development

DESTRUCTION BAY - Field tests of a humane trapping device are underway in the Yukon with help from the Canada/Yukon Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Two Yukon residents, Tom Grantham and Urs Breitenmoser, have been granted \$15,000 from the EDA's Renewable Resources Cooperation Agreement to adapt the device for use on commercial traplines. The snare was developed by Breitenmoser in his native Switzerland, to safely capture lynx for scientific research.

The device uses two new features in deploying the snare and cushioning the snaring effect thus reducing injury and pelt damage.

"Our goal is to develop a humane trap that works efficiently and is easy to handle in Yukon conditions," said

Grantham. "We then want to look at commercial production and marketing of the trap, which could make this Yukon product the leader in new trap technology for Canada, and the world."

The field tests and design adaptation will cost the duo about \$52,600. The testing is being conducted on Grantham's trapline in the Destruction Bay area.

The testing will focus on capture of lynx. However, wolf, coyotes and foxes are in the area and may also be caught.

The traps will be equipped with time clocks, and will be monitored by the partners using a video camera to record the reaction of the animal given the time spent in the trap. Similar trapping and monitoring will be done using a soft catch or padded leg hold trap for comparison.

All captured animals will be examined for injuries in a

pathology laboratory in Edmonton. Information from the field test will then be used to determine if the prototype snare can be used or modified for commercial trapline use in Canada's north.

Seventy percent of EDA funds are contributed by the federal government and the Yukon government contributes 30 percent. This project also received funding from the Department of Renewable Resources' Fur Bearer Enhancement Program.



Come Home to Mayo

June 26, 27 and 28, 1992 will mark the beginning of the Mayo district's homecoming. A homecoming committee of the Silver Trail Tourism Association is already planning activities and reunions that will occur during the weekend. The Association is also planning a photo display for a booth in Watson Lake. The homecoming committee is sanctioned by the Yukon Anniversary Commission.

The town will be dressed up with historic signs and bunting. This will be complemented by an historic walking tour brochure compiled by the Mayo Historical Society, whose book, *gold and galena* was published recently. The Keno City Community Club will design a walking tour of Keno City and the Keno Hill summit. They also have plans to show old films in the Corp and Ryan cabins and hope to have a gift shop set up as well.

Following registration on Friday, June 26, there will be a dance hosted by Clarke Blysak. On Saturday, there will be a pancake breakfast, a walking tour, a school reunion, slo-pitch games, old movies and storytelling on the waterfront. The day will be completed with a dinner and an old-time dance, featuring *The Northernares*. On Sunday, there will be another pancake breakfast, church services and a wagon tour. It is anticipated that other activities will also occur as the committee finalizes its plans.

Silver Trail Tourism Association Executive expects that the town will be crowded for the weekend and urge people to make their reservations early or to plan to bring recreational vehi-

cles. By next summer, there will be one hotel (Keno), two motels (Bed-Rock and North Star), the Silver Trail Inn (at Half-Way Lake), two bed and breakfasts (Country Charm and Mayo), full service camping facilities at Whispering Willows (Stewart Crossing) and camping facilities at Mayo, Five Mile Lake and Keno.

For further information, please contact: Joyce Ronaghan, Chairperson, Silver Trail Tourism Association: 996-2258; or Lyn Bleiler, Chairperson, Homecoming Committee, YJ3-9009 on the Elsa Channel.

The Silver Trail Association is currently holding a photo contest to obtain photos of the area for the Watson Lake booth and for other displays during the summer. There are three categories: Nature, Action and Novelty, with \$100 prizes for the best photo in each category. Photos or slides should be sent to Silver Trail Tourism Association, Box 268, Mayo, Yukon Y0B 1M0 before September 30.

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Obituary LEN MILLAR

Jan 9th, 1928 to Dec 16th, 1991

A Klondike placer miner who exemplified the spirit and motivation of his Gold Rush predecessors, Len Millar passed away on December 16th, 1991 at Richmond General Hospital in B.C.

The middle child of 5 children born to Lorne Millar and Teresa French, Len was born in Almonte, Ontario on January 9th, 1928. He was first employed by the C.P. Railway and as a Telegram Delivery Boy, working his way up to the position of Telegraph Operator.

Len and wife Rona (nee Howard) were married on September 4th, 1954. Following a honeymoon travelling across the northern United States, the newlyweds took the C.P. boat, the Princess Louise to Skagway from Vancouver, followed by the White Pass train to Whitehorse, arriving in the Yukon on September 19th the same year. Len went to work in the White Pass freight office and then completed training in Exploration work. He spent an entire summer searching for copper in the Watson Lake area while employed by Kennicott Copper. He was one of the first people to use a helicopter for exploration work.

Upon completion of his Wireless operator's certificate in Montreal and a Weather course in Edmonton, he was employed by the Army Signal Corps first in Teslin and later in Dawson, arriving here in March of 1959 with Rona and eldest son David. The twins Dirk and Deborah were born in Dawson a few months later, with Mary Dee completing the Millar family in 1964.

During the early 1960's, with Dawson becoming marketed as a Tourist destination, Len saw the opportunity to branch out into business, purchasing the Orpheum Theatre and then the Explorer River boat. In partnership with Roy McPhail, branch manager of the Bank of Montreal, a bus was acquired to provide tours of the local area in 1962 and '63.

The winter of 1962-63 saw Len enjoying the challenge of the high arctic, on the Inter-continental Iceshelf project for Decca Navigation. In the fall of 1963, Len was hired by the Yukon Government Department of Social Services to manage the Old Men's Home housed in the Commissioner's Residence on front street. He augmented this work with that of Office Manager at the local hospital, where wife Rona was matron.

6 weeks of -60° and a fire in the basement of their home in December of 1966 convinced the Millars to pack their bags and move further south. They settled in Summerland in the Okanagan Valley of B.C. where they leased a former hospital building and established a Nursing Home. The Millars ran the home for 7 years,

caring for 28 residents. In Summerland, Len trained as a pilot, joining a 4-plane team known as the "Flying Pigeons", and accumulated more experience working as an Orchardist, a Log Broker, and as a Mine Manager and Expeditor for Gold Conda at the Olalla, B.C. Mine. He also successfully completed the Canadian Securities exam. This



enabled him to find work with Midland Dougherty.

According to his wife Rona, the proverbial "Spell of the Yukon" had taken hold of Len, and by 1974, the decision was made to return north. The family settled in Whitehorse, where Len became the notorious "Squatter Spotter", or Land Use Inspector, for the City of Whitehorse. From there, he was hired by the Yukon Housing Corporation, and his work area covered most of the northern Klondike Highway.

The "Spell" may have brought the Millars north once more, but the strongest lure was that of becoming a Klondike Placer Miner. Inspired by the independent lifestyle, Len had been putting together mining properties to be operated by the family on Gold Bottom and Hunker Creeks. A weekend miner in the early 1960's, Len finally took the plunge, and became a fulltime miner in 1978, when, in partnership with Bert Oud, the mining property yielded its first gold. He was considered by many to be a good ambassador for the placer mining industry, willing to show visitors and media his operation, and becoming director for the Klondike Placer Miners Association. His mining property was featured on the CTV program "W5" this fall, after a film crew spent 2 days with the Millar clan.

The gold mining experience was taken a step further each July 1st when the Millar family participated in the annual Yukon Goldpanning Championships at Minto Park. A crowning moment came in 1985, when Len recovered all 5 flakes to claim the title of Yukon Champ, and thereby earning a trip with Rona to the World Championships as both a Yukon and Canadian participant. That year, the event took place in Ovada, Italy.

Len was always active in community affairs. During the 1960's in Dawson, he sat on the Chamber of Commerce board, became a Boy Scout leader, and was Rector's Warden at St. Paul's Anglican Church. He was also an avid Badminton player. He was member of the 1962 Dawson Gold Rush Festival committee which was instrumental in

revitalising tourism in Dawson. In Summerland, he enjoyed two terms as Commodore of the local Yacht Club, joined the Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the school board. He is credited with spearheading the drive to make a local beach into a public beach. As a member of the School Board, he helped establish one of the first combined school and community libraries in B.C. When Len became a placer miner, he still found time to act as Treasurer on the revitalised Discovery Days Committee, as well as his position on the K.P.M.A. board. Above all though, he will be remembered by many for the active support and encouragement he gave to those he came in contact with, especially his own children; he became a well-known figure at the start and finish line at many of Dawson's annual sport competitions cheering family members on.

A life-long active member of the Masonic Lodge wherever he lived, he also joined The Yukon Order of Pioneers in the mid-1970's, enjoying the position of Parade Marshall.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Rona; and sons David (Lorraine) and Dirk (Rita) of Dawson; and daughters Deborah and Mary Dee (Herbert) of Whitehorse; his Mother, Mrs. Teresa Millar of Almonte, Ontario; and brothers Delmar (Kay) of Almonte, Ontario and Desmond (Kathy) of Guelph, Ontario; and his sisters Hazel Agostini (Lucio) of Toronto, and Marion Kennedy (Ed) of Ottawa.

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"A TRUE NORTHERN STORY"?

Why is your arm in a cast, Coleman?

submitted by Greg Bruner and Cynthia Hunt

Once upon a wintertime, a Coleman and a Benson dog play hockey on Bear Creek slough. Coleman says "Be careful on ice, Benson". Dog says, "Chill out, man".

Sure enough, Coleman shoots wide and Benson dog chases puck over flow and over water. Down goes dog. Fast as old-timer can, Coleman takes hockey stick to go rescue Benson before dog have biscuit. Just then, big damn beaver comes and grabs hold of stick blade, Coleman, dog and all. It looks like beaver having "Coleman Barker" for dinner. But Coleman stares into the jaws of death, makes "Savardian spinner-

ama"; throws dog ashore and with very big twisting wind-up, takes hardest shot he ever took - canonades beaver across pond, over tailings, half-way to Dawson.

So that's why to this day:
- Dog good at fetching sticks;
- Beaver has scintillating slapshot
- Coleman has big cast on arm.

submitted by
Tara McCauley

Abducted by Mutant Nazis, then finally escaped, then attempting to save a fair maiden, he fell off his clumsy horse, Cornstarch, into a river in the middle of the Amazon Jungle and got bitten on his arm by a crocodile. Then found by an Aztec king, who mummified his arm for life.



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CREATURE COMFORTS

by Shelley Hakonson



Well, I don't know about you, but I've finally had my fill of rich food, creamy drinks, calorie laden desserts and I enjoyed every minute of it. Now it's time to pay the piper. I've finally found a few lighter-style recipes.

ORIENTAL CHICKEN SALAD - a great light meal

2 whole chicken breasts, cooked and cut-up
1/3 cp. white wine
1/4 cp. soy sauce
1/2 tsp. ginger
4 to 5 cps mixed salad greens
6 green onions, chopped
1 cp. broccoli florets, cooked crisp
1/2 cp. almonds - slivered
1/4 cp. sesame seeds - toasted

DRESSING

1/2 cp. salad oil
1/4 cp. white wine vinegar
1 tbsp. soy sauce
2 tsp. dry mustard
2 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. ginger
dash of Durkee Hot Sauce

Prepare a marinade by mixing wine, soy sauce and ginger. Marinate chicken for at least 2 hours, drain well.

Put salad greens, onions, broccoli, almonds and chicken in a large bowl. Combine all salad ingredients in a jar and shake well. Toss salad with dressing and sprinkle sesame seeds on top. Serve with crusty rolls.

PENNE WITH SCALLOPS, TOMATOES AND BASIL

2 - 28 oz. cans Italian tomatoes
1 lb. scallops
2/3 cp. extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp. finely chopped garlic
1/4 tspn. hot pepper flakes
1 tspn. salt
1 tspn. grated lemon rind
1 lb. dried penne, rotelle, capelleti or rigatori (any pasta that is bite-sized and good with a chunky sauce.)

1/2 cp. fresh basil leaves or 1tsp. Italian seasoning
2 tbsp. chopped parsley
4 tbsp. freshly grated parmesan cheese

Put a large pot of water on to boil.

Drain the tomatoes and remove most of the seeds: cut off the hard stem ends and chop the flesh coarsely.

Slice the scallops into thin rounds, about 1/4" thick, place in a small bowl with the grated lemon rind and set aside.

Sauté the garlic in the oil over medium heat until very pale gold - do not let it brown. Add the tomatoes, salt and pepper flakes.

Simmer over low heat 5 minutes.

When the water boils, add a little salt and olive oil and put in the pasta, bring back to the boil and cook for 7 to 9 minutes. until barely done, drain and add immediately to the pasta sauce, stir to coat with the sauce, add the chopped basil (or dried), parsley, scallops and stir gently.

Cover the pot with aluminum foil and then with the lid so that no steam can escape, remove the pot from the heat and let it stand 3 to 4 mins. with no peeking.

Remove the lid, stir in the parmesan and serve immediately on hot plates with crusty bread and a simple salad vinaigrette.

GREEK PORK KABOB

The tzatziki that is served with this is best if made with full-fat yoghurt. This is wonderful for an evening with friends as it is simple to prepare and looks and tastes terrific - add a Greek salad, pita bread and a bottle or two of good wine. Serves 4 to 6.

1 boneless pork butt - 2lbs.
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. dried oregano
2 tsp. finely chopped garlic

Preheat the oven to 350°.

Cut the pork butt into long strips - about 2" x 2" x 8".

Mix the salt, pepper, lemon juice, oregano and garlic in a large bowl. Add the pork strips and toss it around to coat with the marinade.

Lay the pork strips on a baking sheet or roasting pan, and roast in the preheated oven for 2 hours.

Remove from the oven and cut into 1" pieces, serve on a warmed up serving platter.

TZATSIKI

2 cups full-fat yoghurt
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. finely chopped fresh mint or 1 tsp. dried
2 tbsp. chopped parsley
1/2 tsp. finely chopped garlic

Spoon the yoghurt into a sieve lined with cheesecloth or paper-towel, or into a cone-shaped coffee filter with a paper liner, allow to drain for 2 hours.

Transfer the drained yoghurt to a bowl, add the salt, mint, parsley and garlic; mix well and allow to sit at room temperature for the flavours to blend.

This can be refrigerated overnight.

LOW-CAL CRÈME FRAÎCHE

Well, relatively speaking!

I have written a recipe for regular crème fraîche in another column. This is almost as rich and smooth-tasting over fresh fruit or fruit desserts. It keeps well when kept chilled, covered, for up to 2 weeks. The flavour improves after 24 hours of refrigeration - 25 calories per tbsp.

1/2 cp. heavy cream
1/2 cp. low-fat plain yoghurt
1/2 cp. low-fat sour cream

In a medium sized bowl whip the heavy cream, add the yoghurt and sour cream and combine well.

Put in a covered container and chill.



On the Trail With Jane

by Jane Vincent

I am going to be 'on the road' for the rest of the winter. The races in Vernon did not go as well for me as I had hoped. The season got off to a shaky start because I had a cold and sore throat and didn't even race the second of the two races at Silverstar. We were scheduled to race the following weekend in Barrie, Ont., but because of a lack of snow there the races were moved to Thunder Bay where there was another problem -- the cold! The individual races the first day went as planned and I had a good race finishing 2nd Canadian and 43rd in the field of 68. The relay the following day, which was our best opportunity to qualify for the Olympics, was cancelled because of the cold temperature (-22° -- balmy by Dawson standards!). The cut-off

temperature for World Cup racing is -20°. That was a particular disappointment to our women's team because we were quite optimistic about meeting the Olympic standard in that race.

During the two-week Christmas break I trained at the Canmore Nordic Center, the wonderful facility that was built for the 1988 Olympics. There were two regional races held there over the holidays and I won them both.

The women's team is now heading back onto the World Cup circuit for races in Leningrad Jan. 4 and 5 and in Italy Jan. 11 and 12 (the following weekend). The Canadian Olympic Association (COA) will announce the team for the 1992 games in Albertville on January 15.



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EN FRANÇAIS DANS MA CABANE

by Denise Fras

En Décembre dernier tout les gens de la communauté de Dawson a eu l'occasion de participer a une soirée culturelle française de Noël au Tron-Dik Hall.

Plusieurs on amené divers mets français tels que les bonnes tourtières d'Andrée avec le ketchup, la belle grosse d'inde de Denise, les délicieuses tartes au sucre de Marjorie et bien d'autres plats autant savoureux.

Après le repas on s'est tous réuni pour des chants accompagnés d'une guitare et des cuillères de bois dont tous les ont "taponnées".

Un gros merci a tous ceux et elles qui ont participé au succès de cette soirée. C'était la première de la sorte et sera certainement présentée a nouveau l'an prochain pour Noël '92.

Bonne et Heureuse Année a tous!

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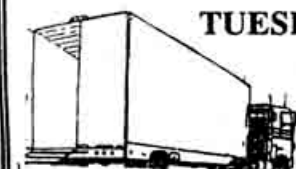
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News from the Muse by Daintry Chapple

Our Christmas Open House was lots of fun this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who cheerfully contributed their time to make it a success. So here goes -

Thanks to Carol McBride for suggesting entertainment this year and to Sharon Peerenboom for the great job of organizing the event. Thanks to Willow and Amanda for decorating and to Audrey Rogers for helping Sharon; Peter Maxwell and Billy Borisenko for the tree; and Len Maruk for the pop. Thanks to the entertainers; Dan Haffey, Sylvia Boudreau and Marjorie Logue, Mike Gates, Peter Maxwell, Gene Dubois and Jimmy Roberts, Dan Davidson and the marvellous Carollers from the Robert Service School Choir, the Girl Guides and the Pathfinders.

The food was scrumptious. Thank you Shirley Pennell, Jennifer Flynn, Marjie Hills, Holly Reeves, Kathy Webster, Myrna Butterworth, Chris Sorg, Louise Ranger, Jan Malfair, Bob McCauley, Penny Soderlund, Roch Le Blanc and Bob Farr.

Last, but not least, thank you to the General Store for the

donations and the Westminster Hotel for the use of their stools, Bob, you did a great job on the dishes!!!

During the past month we have received a number of inquiries about the Dawson City Museum from people around the world. Most of these inquiries are from individuals who plan to visit Dawson this coming summer. It seems like summer just ended, I'm sure I can still hear the echo of last year's visitors downstairs in the galleries, but I guess it's time to start planning for '92.

Just to update what's happening around here, we have lost Greg Skuce -- our lone male - to McBride Museum for three months. Good luck Greg, we'll miss you! We will be starting a cataloguing project next week that will bring in some more workers, at least until March. Then it will be time to start dusting the galleries and hiring the guides.

We are planning another in our evening lecture series for early March. Watch for posters to get the details of who, what, where and when (the why needs no explanation). We hope to see you there.

Christmas Mail by Sue Ward

I do hope the Staff of our local Post Office realizes how important each of them is in bringing the magic of Christmas to us all. It is true that in these days of instant communications via satellites and faxes and phones, letter writing is becoming a lost art, even with computers which do our spelling and spacing for us. And one is slightly stunned when purchasing stamps, plus the GST, yet knowing that now another two cents, plus GST will be our lot. How sad if we find ourselves unable to afford the colourful cards which decorate our homes once the messages are read. Christmas Mail is truly my greatest joy -- sending or receiving. And each year there will be one special envelope bonding the years and miles. I must share mine with you, dear readers.

Not everyone in Dawson or far away will have known the joy of "Goofy" Dave Denton. He played the Gaslight Follies in 1968 the year I found Dawson as a member of the Cast. Dave followed his father's profession, that of being a Clown. He joined us in his seventies as a "straightman" partner with Garfield White. They stole the show every night, even though Dave never uttered a word. His solo act was a gem.

His voice was sooooo big for such a small fellow in his oversized clown duds, while his "old soft shoe" was unforgettable. How amazing to learn that in his 99th year, Dave "can still sing the old songs, and of course, still perform the old soft shoe." Dave sends his best to each of his old friends in Dawson and I suggest we all send him greetings for continuing good health in 1992. You'll be 'right on' if your envelope reads:

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Stamp Commemorates Alaska Highway

The Alaska Highway is going to get a good licking in 1992.

Both the U.S. Postal service and Canada Post corporation will issue a commemorative Alaska Highway stamp next year in honour of the 50th anniversary of the building of the highway.

Canada Post's decision to issue the stamp came after four years of lobbying by dozens of Alaska Highway residents.

Prominent among them are Whitehorse businessman Rolf Hougen and philatelist Phil Cove.

"It's a great northern story about getting northerners involved to get something accomplished," said Ken McKinnon, Yukon Commissioner and Chair of the International Joint Committee of Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92.

Hougen, well-known Yukon businessman and a national director of the Canada post Stamp Advisory Committee since February, 1911, said the decision to issue the commemorative stamp was based on the importance of the Alaska Highway to the defence of western North America during the Second World War.

"It's not just another highway going from point A to point B," Hougen said. "The Alaska Highway has a very significant meaning."

He said the highway stamp was already on the list of those being considered when he became a member of the Advisory Committee, but that the committee needed more details about the history of the highway in order to make its decision.

Canada Post receives hundreds of requests for commemorative stamps each year. Once a stamp request has met the basic criteria of the committee, community support plays a part in its final decision, Hougen said.

Whitehorse philatelist Phil Cove has also been lobbying Canada Post since 1988 when he was a resident of Fort St. John, B.C. and president of the Fort St. John Stamp Club.

"I am delighted with the news," Cove said. "Many thanks must go to the dozens and dozens of Alaska Highway residents who wrote to Canada Post requesting the stamp."

Although Canada Post has not yet released its design or the date of issue, an announcement is expected soon.

The American stamp design was unveiled last week in Fairbanks. It was designed by artist Byron Birdsell, the first Alaskan to design an American postage stamp. The 29 cent stamp is for the first ounce of first class domestic mail.

Constitutional Committee to Visit Whitehorse

WHITEHORSE - The Special Joint Committee on a Renewed Canada is scheduled to be in Whitehorse later this month.

The committee was set up by the federal government and is travelling the country to listen to the views of Canadians on what changes need to be made to the constitution. It will be in Whitehorse January 28. The hearings will be at the Westmark Whitehorse hotel.

An all party task force consisting of members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly has been struck to make a presentation to

the committee, said Yukon Premier Tony Penikett. This committee will begin meeting soon to work on a common position.

"However, all Yukon citizens will have an opportunity to speak to the federal joint committee," he said. "Unfortunately, there hasn't been any advertising."

"Anyone who wants to get on the witness list should do so immediately."

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CLEARING HOUSE

by Fran Hakonson & Evelyn DuBois

I bought a poinsetta plant for Christmas and would like to know how to handle it so it will bloom again next Christmas.

During the Xmas Season:

Give the plant lots of light, for example in front of a window daytimes, but move it away from drafts each night.

Water with lukewarm water and be sure there is a saucer so it drains well.

In Feb or March, when leaves start to fall:

Move the plant to a cool light basement or similar location, and let it dry out almost completely between waterings.

In April:

Prune plant so stems are no longer than 3 inches. The pruned parts can be repotted to start more plants.

Transplant pruned poinsetta into a freshly filled pot of soil, give it a little water and move it to a sunny location with an even temperature.

When it produces new shoots, thin them to 3 or 4, and bury the pot in the garden in mid-June. Water and feed it outdoors until fall.

In the Fall:

Bring the plant indoors. In order to bloom at Christmas it needs 12 - 14 hours of total darkness at night for the period around Oct. 10th, but light during the day. This is the crucial time, when any interruption in the nightly period of darkness will keep the plant from flowering at Christmas.

Another gardening book says it is very difficult to make a poinsetta bloom after the first year, and when I see the labor involved I think I'll just buy a plant each Christmas!

And some hints for next Xmas, or your next turkey or chicken dinner.

TO STOP FRUITCAKE FROM BURNING-

Save out a little plain batter before you add the fruit. Before you start baking, pour the reserved batter over the cake and the fruit underneath won't get overcooked.

Putting a pan of water on the top rack will also stop a cake from burning.

FOR A SELF-BASTING TURKEY-

Drape with one layer of cheesecloth and lay bacon slices over that. The fat adds flavor to the dressing and any cooked bits on the cloth can be added to the dressing.

OR cook dressing separately and stand a cup of water in the cavity, and the turkey will baste itself.

NEAT TRICK FOR DRESSING-

Put stuffing into a square of cheesecloth folded over 3 or 4 times. Tie the ends and pop into the turkey. When done, lift out the whole bag and empty the dressing in a serving dish and you are ready to carve the turkey.

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Arts News

WHITEHORSE - An extra \$128,000 will be used to support increased visual, performing and literary arts programs and services throughout the Yukon through the new Arts Branch.

The funding increase was announced Dec. 18/91 by Tourism Minister Art Webster when he introduced the department's budget in the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

"The entire amount will be used to fund programs in the arts community. It will not go to administration of the new branch," Webster said. "This funding is in addition to the budget transfers from other departments which had arts-related programs."

Webster said the new Arts Branch office and its director are scheduled to be in place in the new year. The second phase of the arts initiative is the development of a Yukon arts policy.

Public consultation on the arts policy is expected to take about six months. That process will include discussions about possible new program initiatives. The funding announced today has been identified to support possible program changes.

Establishment of the new Arts Branch was announced in late October by Premier Tony Penikett as a government commitment in the Yukon Economic Strategy. The branch will be responsible for ensuring the development of visual, performing and literary arts in the Yukon.



Coming of Age

By Joanne Smith

In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular.

Our new year at the Lodge looks exciting. We'll begin in January with the annual **TROPICAL PARTY on Thursday, January 23** beginning at 5:00. We hope to see many of the senior population out in their tropical clothes to enjoy the feast and entertainment. It promises to be good medicine to cure those winter blues.

Next on the project list is the renovation of a bathing area to include an hydraulic lift whirlpool tub. No, this is not for staff meetings. This will be a great addition to the lodge not only for residents but for seniors in the community who are unable to manage stepping into their own tubs. This tub will be helpful to those seniors suffering from arthritis. At this time McDonald Lodge does not have a wheelchair accessible washroom or bathing area. This addition is greatly needed and it is hoped to be completed by March.

In April McDonald Lodge will be the recipient of a new mini-bus vehicle. Our station wagon is quite inadequate for

what is needed and this bus will accommodate more people, walking equipment, and, modifications can be made for wheelchairs. We look forward to those picnics and sightseeing

On a sadder note, we say goodbye to friend, Mike Seniszk, who died recently. Condolences to his caring friends and neighbours.

The lodge will be supervised by Amelia Grandy during the month of February while I disappear to enjoy some holiday time. In the mean time...

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO

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Legionaires Share the Spirit

28th. It seemed the 6:30 invite proved a mite early as it was surmised many were hung up on a hockey game. By the time the attractive trays of hors d'oeuvres and choice of beverages were beginning to look decorative the crowd swelled leaving not a vacant chair, and forcing some to juggle plates and glasses while in the upright.

This old vet arrived on time and left a little early so I'm not sure if a Toast to '92 and Auld Lang Syne wound up the happy affair, but it was a dandy gathering with folks of all walks of life and pursuits sharing much good cheer. Methinks it bodes well for Dawson so long as such fellowship exists.

A gathering of forty members, friends, and associates of Dawson Branch No. 1 of Canadian Legion shared food, friendship, and memories at The Downtown on Saturday evening, December



Winter Driving Alert

Caution - People and Equipment Working

Highway crews work year round to maintain our roads. In winter, it means you could encounter graders, sanding trucks, snow plows or steamer trucks. Be on the alert for the flashing orange lights which identify wide and slow-moving road maintenance vehicles.

Extra caution is needed when approaching or passing these vehicles. Blowing snow, sand or steam could cause visibility problems and you may not be able to see the warning lights.

Winter driving requires an adjustment in your driving to compensate for road and weather conditions. Check the weather forecast and listen to the radio for daily road and weather reports. You can also call 667-8215 for road reports 24 hours a day.

Yukon

Community and Transportation Services
Maurice Byblow, Minister

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DAWSON CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES ARE HERE!!

Arctic Winter Games are starting to happen! Dawson hosted the co-ed volleyball (adult) trials last weekend. Congratulations to the local organizing committee for implementing such a successful weekend! Dennis Mireau, Dwayne Mireau, Norma Kobayshi and Denny Kobayshi will all be participating on Team Yukon.

Dawson athletes also went to trials held in Whitehorse for bantam hockey, basketball, shooting and women's hockey. Melissa McConnell was successful in being selected to Team Yukon.

This great start will be followed up by a very big trails weekend in Dawson. We will host trials in junior volleyball, snowshoe and snowshoe biathlon. Over 60 visitors from other Yukon Communities will join the local athletes and volunteers in a weekend of competition and fun. Watch the next issue of the paper for full results.

1991 RECREATION SURVEY RESULTS

Recently, the Recreation Department conducted a survey in order to gain a clearer picture of the recreation and leisure needs of the community.

The survey was run October 13 -- November 29. Approximately 1400 Questionnaires were distributed through the Klondike sun newspaper and the Post Office.

In addition, a cross section of residents, representing a wide range of interests, met with the Department and Recreation Board to express their wants and interests.

Through this process, the Department planned to gather information on demographics, programmes and facilities. The demographic section would provide the department with a clear picture of the size and ages of families, disposable income and so on. The programme section concentrated on such areas as programme participation, ages, and time committed to participation. The facility section would give the department some idea of the current opinion of facilities, their importance and use.

A comment section allowed participants the opportunity to express any concerns that were not covered in the survey.

One of the largest problems with any information gathering tool is getting people to respond to yet another survey. This survey was no exception. Only 48 responses were turned into the city which translates into a 3% response rate.

Poor response rates can be accounted for a variety of reasons. People may feel that existing services are adequate and see no need for change. Some people were unaware that a survey was taking place. Some see no value in completing a survey as they don't believe change will occur. For whatever the reasons, such a low response rate will question the validity of any conclusions drawn from the questionnaire.

Nevertheless, some inference can be made. The demographics indicate a relatively affluent, young community with small, young families who, for the most part, reside in Dawson.

Response to questions in the programme section indicated that the vast majority of respondents are participating in City sponsored recreational activities

AWGAMES PINS

This year, Dawson will have its own trader pin for the games. The pin design contest was won by Sally Derry and the pins have arrived - early.

Pins will be retailed at stores throughout town. At paper deadline, the Gas Shack, Coleman at the Bonanza Centre, Max's and General Store have agreed to retail the pin.

Only 500 pins will be sold. Price is \$2.00 each, and the proceeds will help develop sports in Dawson City.

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CALL 993-5434



THIS WEEKEND
Volleyball at school
Snow shoe at Dike
Biathlon at Gun Club

PROGRAMMES

The programme brochure has been out for a month. Registration in children's activities has been high. Adult programmes are slower and there is room for more registrations. Please register as soon as possible for all programmes. Brochures are available around town, Bonanza Centre or at the City Office.

THANKS FROM DALE

A quick thank-you note for the great card and Christmas gift from my jazzercise class. It was very much appreciated!!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Are you ready for another busy winter of special events? As usual, there is no shortage of events and things to do for the rest of the winter! Remember these dates and get involved!

January 17-19
Arctic Winter Games Trials
January 31 - February 2
Commercial Bonspiel
February 14
Oldtimer Hockey Dance
February 15
60's Theme Family Dance
Minor Hockey Skate-a-thon
Yukon Quest in Dawson
February 28 - March 1
Youth Conference
Oldtimer Hockey Tourny
International Curling Spiel
Ski Races
March 15 - 22
Arctic Winter Games
(Whitehorse)
March 27-29
Spring Carnival
Dates To Be Announced
Senior Hockey Tournament
RCMP vs Dawson Oldtimers

FITNESS CLASSES

Fitness classes are now back to the regular schedule as follows:

Aerobics
Monday 6:00 - 7:00
Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00
Friday 6:00 - 7:00
Jazzercise
Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00
Thursday 6:00 - 7:00
Saturday - 11:00 am
Sunday 3:30

STEP Fitness classes will be introduced in January. This is where a step is used as part of the class. Exercises are designed around stepping up, down and around the Step. STEP classes have proved very popular because of the greater workout and easy movements.

and programmes. On the average, 2.5 hours/week are spent participating with the bulk of participants coming from the 11 and under age group. The large negative influence on programme participation is the amount to time available. Many respondents were too busy (especially in the summer) to both participate or increase their number of leisure hours. Sports and Outdoor Recreational activities were by far the two most popular activities. 77% rate the importance of City programmes as important or very important.

Of the facilities listed, the majority rated all facilities as either satisfactory or very satisfactory. The pool rated the most important facility, followed by the Minto Park, Minto Park grounds, North End Park, Bonanza Centre and Minto Park Concession.

Sports ranked number one as the most preferred activity followed in order by Outdoor Recreation, Social/Family, Arts/Culture and Crafts.

What does all this information mean to the Department, taxpayers and our Municipal Council? To be as brief as possible, the results of the questionnaire would indicate that the majority of participants are young (pre-school to pre-teen), participate in sporting activities, come from young, relatively affluent families and who feel recreational opportunities are important.

What that indicates to the Recreation Department is the need to further develop our children and youth programmes, begin to develop facilities and to train individuals to meet this demand and to expand both our human and revenue resource bases to finance and supervise these developments. But, are these indications valid? Is the information we have indicative of the wants and needs of the majority of Dawson residents?

In conclusion, the survey results will be used to help plan the Department's work. It is important information as the challenge to manage the Department in the 1990's is very high. Tax dollars to support new facilities and programmes are very difficult to raise. Only the very best projects with broad community support and participation stand a chance of succeeding. If you have ideas or would like to become active in the Department's direction, please contact us.



MYK AND USCHI KURTH

Mt. Everest Climber Returns

Welcome back to Dawson City Myk and Uschi Kurth! The pair returned from their journeying in Switzerland, Nepal, and for Myk, Tibet and the 1991 Canadian Mt. Everest Expedition "Climb For Hope". They were just in time for a joyful Dawson Christmas with friends and family (Ursula, Gerard, Leanne and, of course, Ginger and a slightly worse-for-wear Tink). Myk will be making a slide presentation of his Everest experience, time and place TBA, for anyone interested in seeing

and hearing about this fascinating part of our world.

If you happen to be hiking or driving in the Klondike area and notice people hanging off rock faces or cliffs, tangled in rope and gear, don't worry - it's probably just Myk or brother Steve possibly with Uschi, sister Ursula, a few friends; maybe the fire department personnel in training, or a new rescue team in training; just people learning a new skill and having a great time!



Dawson Curling Club

The Curling Club is alive and well! Registration for all Curling Leagues will take place at the Club on Sunday, January 19 (on the same evening as the proposed Ladies Curling League), at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$50/person, plus a \$10 membership fee. Never curled before? We can put you on a team to learn!

For a variety of reasons, the Curling Club has found itself in a position of considerable confusion. As a result, a meeting was held on Sunday, January 12 to sort matters out. Discussions arising from that meeting have seen the formation of a committee of concerned curlers who will oversee the Club's opera-

tions for the remainder of the curling year.

This committee would like to remind all curlers or potential curlers that the Club is not "out of the weeds". Plenty of support is needed from all curlers if we are to see the Club through these

tough times.

Our Annual Commercial Bonspiel is January 31 to February 2! Enjoy a potluck supper, compete for local businesses and employers, curl for prizes - and you may be lucky with *door prizes*. If anyone would like to help out, please contact the Club. It will be appreciated!

Curlers interested in registering a team for regular weekly draws can register any time this week with Lawrie Stewart (5434 or 6225) or at the registration and meeting on Sunday, January 19. Register as a team or as an individual.

NEW CURLERS are always welcome!



Rett Syndrome Awareness Raised

Ursula Kurth would like to thank the people of Dawson and environs for their generous donations to The Canadian Rett Syndrome Association, through the 1991 Climb For Hope Expedition. The 1991 Climb For Hope was the first climb in the history of Mt. Everest Expeditions, with a socially redeemable value: the support of research and treatment of Rett Syndrome girls.

Rett Syndrome is a neurological disorder which occurs only in girls. It is currently believed to be the single most common cause of severe mental retardation in girls, up to 25%. This disorder is particularly heartbreaking because the girls appear normal for the first 6 to 18 months and then rapidly deteriorate.

Six years ago only six families and a few doctors knew about Rett Syndrome. Through the Climb For Hope and associated

publicity and fundraising events millions of Canadians now know about Rett Syndrome. It is anticipated that as the awareness of Rett Syndrome increases in Canada in general, and in the medical community in particular, so to will the identification of girls afflicted with this disorder.

Hundreds of volunteers, Lions Clubs and numerous companies were involved towards the culmination of the ascent of Mt. Everest in September, 1991. It is hard to describe how difficult it was for the Climb For Hope team to climb Mt. Everest. They had the best transportation getting there: Cathay Pacific Airways; the best food supplied by Associated Grocers, out of Calgary, and the best clothing provided by Compass North. Unfortunately, they had the worst weather. The monsoon washed out the roads and dumped lots of

snow on the top of the mountains. Then hurricane force winds, up to 60 miles per hour, made each step perilous. To ensure a safe effort, after several grave mishaps, the team had to abandon the ascent. A valiant effort as the Rett Syndrome flag is at 26,000 feet for the world to see! Also at 26,000 feet is a capsule containing the names of everyone who made a donation to Climb For Hope/Rett Syndrome, including the names of many Dawsonites! A part of us truly is at the top of the world!

The Climb For Hope expedition to Mt. Everest raised about \$677,000 in sponsorships, grants, donations, pledges, special events and merchandise sales. A local fundraising blitz of five days raised \$471.00. As well, Climb For Hope T-shirts and sweat-shirts were sold locally for the last year. Thanks to all of you who purchased a shirt!

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Senior Hockey Update

by Brent Morrison

On Thursday January 9th the King Solomon Wolverines regained sole possession of 1st place in the Dawson Amateur Hockey Association Senior Hockey League's '91-'92 season with a convincing 9 - 4 victory over the Downtown Hotel. The Wolverines skated the first two periods with no extra men, then got one extra player in time for the third period.

On Tuesday the MacKenzie Kings had defeated the King Solomon team 6 - 4, moving

them into a 1st place with the Wolverines, each team having lost only two games this season. As of this deadline the Kings were in second place, but had played one less game because their game against the Dawson City Generals on the tenth was postponed because the Generals travelled to Faro for an Old-timer's tournament.

The seniors play Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 - 9:30 (approximately) and there is no charge to come down and watch the action.



Dawson Amateur Hockey Association Stats.

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
WOLVERINES	9	7	2	0	50	33	14
KINGS	8	6	2	0	48	36	12
GENERALS	8	4	4	0	41	30	8
DOWNTOWN	9	0	9	0	26	64	0

(as of January 12, 1992)

NEWS FROM THE ROCK

Correspondent - Marjie Mann



Well, another Christmas season come and gone. And a truly wonderful season it was this year! It started out with the traditional beacon of Christmas cheer in front of Emil and Colette Levesque's house (that outdoor Christmas tree, gay and bright, cheering us on as we travel to and from town every day!) and went through incredible weather, warm and inviting hospitality at every household, a great New Years Eve party in the Kearn's garage, and ended up with tables groaning under the weight of food at John Kolida's annual Ukrainian Christmas Party. My thighs will never be the same....

Many of us are just too far from our families to be able to spend the "traditional Christmas" with them - but the entire Klondike area offers a wonderful alternative of friends - people who are nurtured by the knowledge that we are all here together - the darkness, the cold - no matter where we are from, no matter how big or small our house is, no matter whether we work or not, no matter what we will all experience the dark, the cold, the isolation. And I think it is this common bond that fosters our love and generosity for each other. Perhaps, if and when we leave the Klondike, we can each take a little bit of that goodness with us and share it

with those who really need it "outside."

With the Christmas season came an abundance of visitors. It was great seeing Maddie Davis, Barbie Margeson, Laura Kerr and Mandie Thompson. Barbie is taking little sister Melinda down to Calgary for a few weeks - should be an exciting vacation for Melinda!

Weaving in and about the holiday season were a couple of topics of conversation. One, of course, is the City of Dawson's intention to expand their boundaries to Flat Creek. There doesn't appear to be an abundance of Rock Creekers who are happy about this move. In fact, most residents are very passionate about their right to live as they have chosen to live - and being put on the defensive is not a comfortable feeling for anyone. But, on the defensive we are, and I would suspect we will do whatever we need to do to maintain our current lifestyle. It may even mean becoming "organized" - oh, yeh, the big "O" word. A lot of us live where we are to avoid that very thing! Oh well, nothing stays the same forever. We organized well enough to establish a fire department. So it is something we can do if the stakes are high enough. And being able to make choices as to where and how to

live are pretty high stakes...

The second, albeit not as important, topic of conversation is the 1992 Commissioner's Ball. Seems kind of silly getting worked up 5 months before the fact - but it appears KVA has made some less-than-ethical decisions that have some of the usual Ball-goers rather P'd off. Mind you, it just appears that way - it might be a good idea if KVA publishes something that explains how people, whose names were supposedly on the reserved list for the ball prior to last year's ball, suddenly don't have their name on any lists! Or others, high up on the waiting list, suddenly find themselves "bumped" down a bunch. What started this entire topic, were letters that KVA sent to those people whose names appeared on the reserved list asking that payment for the Ball be made prior to the end of December. At any rate, what goes around, comes around. And if, in fact, there were questionable decisions made, a price will be paid. Somehow. It always is...

So, it looks like the new year is starting out in a positive yet challenging way. This may set the pace for the whole year! Whatever the case, I hope it will be rewarding and joyous for all. Happy New Year!

**Library Pages**

by John Bilton

Now that the holiday season is over I now realise that we were closed for a great deal of the month of December. Not that I am ever one to complain about holidays, I love them! It did make a shambles of our statistics for the month but I did get time to do a lot of the never ending paperwork that goes with this job.

We have received boxes of new books from Libraries and Archives plus donations from Dan Davidson, Brent Morrison, John Bilton (who?) and many others. Now is a good time to come to the Library and browse through our collection. Our thanks to the many people who have donated books and magazines during 1991 and you can be assured that they will get well read.

Your Library is available for meetings of any kind. All you have to do is book your date and time with the librarian so that he can keep his calendar straight. Once again I would like to mention that we have a couple of vacancies on the Library Board. If you would like to help in that capacity, drop in at the Library

and leave your name with the Librarian or contact Valerie Brickner, the chair-person.

The Librarian has planted three Amaryllis in pots in the Library and we should be seeing our first flowers in mid January. This will give some color to the Library at a drab time of the year and they will probably flower into February at the rate they are growing. Several of our other plants need repotting or separating and we hope this can be done before we get busy in the Spring.

Story Hour will commence on January 9th for children 3 to 5 years of age. If your child is not registered with the Library and you would like them to attend, drop into the Library and pick up a registration form. This segment will run until March 12th and begin again on March 26th. The interruption is for Spring Break and to give the Librarian a chance to recharge his thoughts in preparation for the next few weeks of Story Hour. I must admit it is a real challenge trying to stay a little ahead of those wee folk. So far I think it is a draw.

I just realised that the sun

will be coming into the Library windows by the time this is published and I will be able to start on my suntan. It is a wonderful happening when the first rays of sun-light peek through the windows and bathe the books and plants with a golden glow. Everything seems to come alive again and you can almost hear the plants give a sigh of relief, knowing they have made it through another Winter and John has not killed them off. One only has to take a look at the grapefruit tree in the Library to see that it is a good growing environment. This tree was moved to the Library from Parks Canada at their request, in order that it may have more room to spread the branches. After a severe pruning job I must admit it looks very good and is ready for more trimming.

It appears that I am running out of words and space so I must close this again for another month. Please come in to the Library to browse through our books and magazines or just to say hello. You are always welcome. Until then, good reading and good health.

KNHS News

By Cam Sigurdson

Interpreter, Klondike National Historic Sites

Happy New Year from all the staff at Klondike National Historic Sites. We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

The new year at KNHS is starting out as busy as ever. We have a few additions to our staff from now until the end of March. Kathy Kosuta has been hired to help re-vamp and update the filing system and to assist with setting up the new library. Leslie Piercy has also returned to Curatorial to set up the season's exhibits. Thanks to the Green Plan initiative, Suzanne Saito is also back in Curatorial to catalogue artifacts from Dredge #4. Cam Sigurdson is back in Visitor Activities to implement the Green Plan at the site.

Canada has started something that most other nations have not even attempted: a Green Plan for a healthy environment. The Plan was introduced 13 months ago. It is a key step on the path toward sustainable development -- that is, maintaining both our standard of living and the environment.

The Federal Government has committed three billion dollars to the Green plan, to be spent over six years.

The Green plan is not simply a

federal initiative: provinces, industry, community groups and individuals are all involved in the more than 60 programs and activities launched to date. Canada's Green Plan partnerships touch on every aspect of the environment, right across Canada.

Canada's Green Plan points to a different way of doing things. Its broad vision helps governments, institutions, business and individuals make the changes that will give our neighbourhoods, our country and our planet a healthy and prosperous future.

The Green Plan starts with each Canadian. From paper recycling to the ozone layer, from the backyard composter to the latest tornado detecting radar, everyone has a stake in the environment. Details of all Green Plan initiatives underway are outlined in a 24 page report, CANADA'S GREEN PLAN: THE FIRST YEAR, available from Environment Canada or your MP. For more information on how you can become a partner in Canada's Green Plan, give us a call at 993-5462.

More about the Green Plan in the future.

There are a few changes in the air for the 1992 season. Watch for details in future articles. Until next month...

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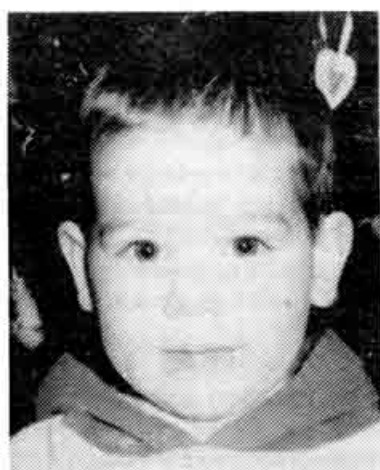
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



KYLE DICKSON





The Christmas lights have gone now, but a light falling of snow and a hoar frost have made it a lovely time of the year in this rural subdivision.

We have had no really cold weather to speak of, so Jannice Johnson you did not really have to go off to Hawaii a couple of months ago to prepare yourself for the winter months. Winter is giving us a bit of a break this year. We really missed your strings of coloured lights either side of your driveway this year.

Come to think of it, where was Bob Sutherland's lovely lit tree this year? You probably had good reason for not decorating it this year Bob, so I won't even mention to anyone that it was not done this year. You can trust me. All right! All right! There were others who did not even get any lights up.

Nikki Welch is back. Nikki spent Christmas with her folks at Macklin, Saskatchewan. A joyous Christmas as her father's illness was not as threatening as first suspected. Nikki loves to share her pleasures. She will tell you time and again that the temperature there ranged from 0° to -5° C.

Others left here for Christmas too. Kathy and Leslie Robbins and family have left Bear Creek to have Christmas with Marion Dejean and Pete Dunbar at their place at Clear Creek. Travelling made possible with our really warm temperatures.

Earlier in the fall, Myrna and Les Butterworth had a 1970 resident of Bear Creek visiting with them for awhile. Roly Viellet now lives at Nanaimo, but when he worked for the Gold Company he lived up at Granville. Then, as the Company closed down its operations he was one of those who moved to Bear Creek to help fi-

nalize the operations for the remaining few years. This was the first time since 1970 that he had been back.

We who live in the rural areas away from the hustle and bustle of City life have time to ponder. That is how come yours truly, viewing C.B.C television for the first time in two years, has figured why there is an increase in commercials with this station. The government, having found that financial cutbacks have not completely killed this station that broadcasts right across Canada, have hit upon the devilish idea of driving the viewers nuts, stark raving angry, frustrated, driven to throwing things at their T.V. They have done this by putting on the three minutes of commercials every seven minutes. And not even different ones, just the same ones repeated every seven minutes. The advertisements for the same shows over and over and over makes the viewer plan to be sure to miss that show!

In case there is anyone who has not heard that the rural residents are a tad upset over the City's proposed boundary expansion, they are. Really they are. They are angrier than anyone who has to watch C.B.C's commercials. They are upset. I won't even comment much, except to say we wonder if we will see the day when we will be saying, "Hi Otto, here's my new garbage stand.", or "Hello Harry. That your equipment? Did you get the contract to clear our streets?" and "Hello Russell, it is sure nice that the City workers do not charge anything extra for delivering water out here to the suburbs."

I won't even joke anymore in case you never see this column again, due to the repercussions.

YOOP Meeting



At the January meeting of the Dawson Lodge No. 1 of the Yukon Order of Pioneers, the following members were elected to hold office for the coming year:

President - Jim Leary
Vice President - Erick Blattler
Secretary - John Gould
Chaplin - Fr. Leo Boyd, OMI
Warden - Frank Ahearn
Guard - Grant Owen

Jim Leary is the 95th president since the Dawson Lodge was formed in July of 1897. The first president was Tom O'Brien. Tom O'Brien was also a charter member of the lodge when it was formed at Forty Mile in 1984. He had arrived in the Yukon in 1887.

At this January meeting the following became members; Brian Close, Grant Owen, and Philip Coombs.

Logo Contest

The KLONDYKE CENTENNIAL SOCIETY is looking for a LOGO suitable for use during the forthcoming 100th anniversaries.

In particular,-

1996 Gold Discovery
1997-98 Gold Rush
1998 Yukon as a Territory
2002 City of Dawson

According to the dictionary a logo is a word sign, i.e. c=cent.

The winning design should identify with the Klondike

-Must be uncluttered with clean lines

-Must not be too busy

-Must not conflict with other logos that may be in use

The winning logo may be used in all correspondence, advertising and merchandising, etc.

All entries must be in a sealed envelope marked LOGO DESIGN on the outside and left at the City Office by NOON January 30, 1992. All entries will be opened in public at 4:30 PM on January 30 in the Council Chambers.

Logo submissions should be a minimum size of 8"x10", on a good quality paper stock. The designer could also suggest colour combinations.

Designers name to appear on the back of the design only, no initials or identifying marks are to appear on the front.

The Centennial Committee has a limited amount of money at this time but are offering \$100 to the designer of the winning logo and \$100 a year for the next 12 years.

All entries become the property of the Klondike Centennial Society.

INSIDE/ OUTSIDE

Welcome back to Danielle Thornington and daughter Natalie. They spent a month in Jamaica, and visited Jackie Delleman and Steve in B.C. Danielle wanted to stay on in Jamaica but Natalie missed school and friends and just wanted to return to Dawson.

Welcome to the new Superintendent at Yukon Electric, Russell Rusnak, wife Chris and son Jonathan, and daughter Jamie. The Rusnak's hail from Rainbow Lake, Alberta.

Our sympathy to Glenn Bowers and family. Glenn was called to Bonnevill, Alberta on the passing of his father. While there his mother suffered a bad fall. This is too much misfortune so close together.

We extend sympathy to Sue and Andre Carrel and family on the passing of Sue's mother, Kay. Kay grew up as Kay Turner of the pioneering family in the Nahanni Butte area. Dick Field's family were also in the area at the same time. When Kay's brother wrote "Wings of the North" about the Nahanni, he mentioned Dick's family. When Sue's family moved out they went to Ft. Nelson.

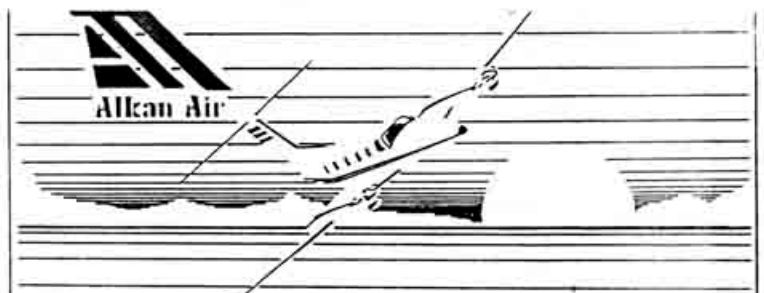
Gordon Matthews is back from a trip to Europe. On his return he visited his family in Nova Scotia. He took a trip to Truro, N.S. where he called on Shirley Dixon and Chum McNutt. He reports that Shirley is doing a lot better and Chum looks good. They were pleased to catch up on news of Dawson.

Welcome back to Liz Williams from the Downtown Hotel. Liz has just returned from three weeks with her uncle in Barcelona, Spain. Here she got involved in the helping him with the production of a pantomime in English. She was thrilled to visit the site of the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona. She experienced all sunshiny days except for three days. She has a video coming later, to prove it.

Ex-Dawson student Dennis Montgomery has done a bit of theatre work as well as his engineering studies at University of Victoria. Last November he had a bit part in "Fiddler on the Roof", staged by the Victoria Operatic Society. The show was a huge success - no doubt because of the bit player from Dawson.

Goodbye to Neale Wortley after many years in Dawson. Neale has accepted a transfer to Beaver Creek with the Department of Forestry. He will certainly be missed at the Curling Club, and everyone will miss seeing those neon pants flashing in and out of the Post Office building!

Welcome home to Charlotte (Ane) Braga, who is working on a library internship under the tutelage of Betty Davidson at the Dawson Community Library. Ane is studying library work at SAIT, and doing her practicum at home was the perfect choice. After all, with all her years as summer student worker behind her, our library is truly an open book (sorry) to this former student.



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Meningococcal Disease Medialias

by Dr. Sally MacDonald

1. Decisions and management of diseases are the responsibility of provincial and territorial governments, the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control (LCDC) provides support through advice, specialized laboratory services, outbreak investigations as requested by the province and sharing of information on a national basis.

2. Based on information provided by the provinces and territories, LCDC is monitoring the emergence of a particular sub-type of group C meningococcus which is responsible for recent outbreaks of the disease in some areas of Canada. The incidence of this disease is regularly being monitored on a national basis.

3. Information gathered on this type of meningococcal disease by LCDC will assist provincial and territorial governments and local health units in controlling the disease.

4. In November 1991 the Advisory Committee on Epidemiology and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, with the support of LCDC, updated guidelines for the management of meningococcal disease causes and outbreaks by public health workers.

5. Meningococcal disease is not a new disease. There are between 300 and 400 cases reported yearly in Canada. Historically, and still, the highest incidence of cases remains with pre-school age children.

6. Parents are advised to monitor their children for a sudden onset of fever, headache, neck stiffness, a reddish-purple bruise-type rash and confusion, and to consult with their physician.

7. For those visiting various parts of Canada, there is no need for anyone to take special precautionary measures.

Hanging around airports and how to ease the pain (continued):

Have something to do. If you're a crossword addict you'll never get a better opportunity. Knit. Play travel scrabble.

Eat if you must. That passes the time, too, but allow for the food being pretty disgusting. Why so? Of all assembly points on earth, airports, behind their frenetic facade, are the most leisurely. Their customers have time hanging heavily on their hands and would therefore appreciate good quality food.

To take you one step further, out of the airport and into the airplane, shall we talk a little about jet-lag? The standard, if boring, antidote is to wear loose clothes, remove shoes, cat-nap during the flight, eat sparingly, and don't touch alcohol at all but drink lots of water or fruit juice. The trouble is that the sensations

ELLA'S TRAVEL TIPS

By Ella Patay



induced by hurtling along in a capsule six miles up in the air -- euphoria, fear, boredom, excitement, gloom -- are not really an incentive for going temporarily on the wagon. Pragmatically, the best advice in this area is to take it easy -- bad jet lag is part hangover. The routine that I have found works the best involves eating and drinking moderately during the flight; take plenty of water; walk up and down the plane a lot (helps circulation); and sleep through the movie if you can. Once at the hotel, shower and change, have a swim in the pool if there is one, a short stroll if there isn't, and thereafter fall in as much as possible with the local rhythm, drinking at your usual pace but confining food to a light meal. No work beyond a few telephone calls. Try to stay up as

late as you possible can; for example take in a night club, and by then you should be so fatigued you will be able to sleep a full eight hours without a break.

Next month -- Packing.

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Conservation News

Welcome to the New Year! The Dawson City Trappers Association held a Fur Judging contest at the Band Hall on January 3, 1992. There was a very good turnout by trappers, volunteers and public. Congratulations to all the trappers who entered their fur and won prizes. Winners were as follows:

Sable: (18 entrees; 54 pelts)

1st: James Bouton
2nd: Bruce Taylor
3rd: Vera Mendelsohn

Lynx: (9 entrees; 18 pelts)

1st: Heinz Saver
2nd: James Bouton
3rd: Cor Guimond

Fox/Coyote:

(8 entrees; 16 pelts)

1st: Peggy Kormendy
2nd: Bruce Taylor
3rd: Heinz Saver

Wolf/Wolverine: (2 wolf;

6 wolverine - 8 pelts)

1st: Max Lanzinger
2nd: Poncho Rudniski (wolf)
2nd: James Bouton (wolverine)
3rd: Heinz Saver

Squirrels/Weasels:

(Youth Category)

1st: Trevor & Cody Rudniski

The Dawson Trappers Association would like to thank all the trappers who submitted pelts for our annual fur show. Overall the quality of pelts was good despite strict judging criteria. Thanks also goes to the ladies for preparing and keeping the food and coffee handy and to the judges for coming from Whitehorse to do the judging. See you next year!

The Yukon Trappers Association is sponsoring a Trappers Education workshop from January 4 - 8 at the Band Hall. Instructors are Alex Van Bibber and Fred Herzog. Trapper training courses are offered each

year to demonstrate the up-to-date humane harvesting techniques, proper pelt care, skinning, wildlife biology and management, trapping legislation and trap exchange. For more information on upcoming trapper education workshops and places please contact the Yukon Trappers Association or the Fish & Wildlife office.

Yukon Trapping Regulations - 1991/92:

Important changes:

First-time trappers are now required to complete a recognized trapper training course before being licensed.

Pelt Sealing:

All Lynx, Wolf and Wolverine pelts must be submitted to a Conservation Officer or sealing agent before any sale or commercial processing takes place. All pelts of these species must be sealed within 15 days of the season closure.

Fur Harvesting Enhancement Program:

Trap Exchange:

This government sponsored program is designed to give trappers an opportunity to exchange their regular leg hold traps for new humane quick kill traps. To be eligible, an applicant must be an active trapper with a minimum fur production of \$2,500.00 for the past five years. Preference will be given to those who have taken a recognized trapper training workshop. Each trapper is limited to \$1,000.00 worth of new traps. Traps available are #3 Softcatch, 330 Conibears, C-120 Magnum, Sauvageau and Free-mont leg snares.

For further information please contact our office at 993-5492.

Sorry, No English

by Sue Ward

On behalf of several friends and myself, I asked CBC-TV if English sub-titles could be screened to inform us of program contents.

This is the reply to my enquiry:

Dear Ms. Ward:

Patrick Watson has shared your November 8 letter with me. His office has asked that I respond to your suggestion about English translations of our Native language television programs.

First, some background about our four weekly northern television shows which are broadcast Monday to Thursday at 7:30 p.m., PT.

Focus North is presented in English with stories originating from across the North.

Denendeh is produced in the various Dene languages of the Northwest Territories and usually relates to issues and activities in the Dene communities. Because of the different Dene languages used, we have introduced English sub-titles on this program to increase understanding among all Dene viewers as well as our non-Dene audience.

Aqsarniit is produced in Inuktitut, which is the first language of most people in Inuit communities. The program deals primarily with stories pertaining to the eastern Arctic.

Maamuitaau is intended primarily for the Cree communities of northern Quebec and is presented in the Cree language, which is commonly used in the James Bay area.

In addition to being a means of conveying information and providing a forum for expression for the target audience, our aboriginal language programs serve to recognize and support the aboriginal cultures and languages of the Northern Service region. This is considered appropriate in our region (Yukon to Northern Quebec) in which aboriginal people are the majority.

Although we have considered

using English sub-titles on both *Aqsarniit* and *Maamuitaau* as you suggest, we have been advised that their use detracts from the effectiveness of using Inuktitut and Cree. It is suggested the attention of viewers is unavoidably drawn to the sub-titles at the expense of hearing the original language of production. This, in turn, detracts from the role of the programs in recognizing and strengthening the aboriginal languages.

We are going to complete a season of using English sub-titles on *Denendeh*. We will then undertake an evaluation of this "experiment" before considering whether the practice should be extended to other aboriginal language programs.

In the meantime, I hope that our English language programs presented in the Yukon on both CBC Television and Radio will effectively meet your legitimate expectation "to know what's up".

Thanks for your letter and suggestion. We appreciate hearing from the public we serve.

Sincerely yours,
Brian Cousins,
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KLONDIKE NUGGETS



Tamika Mary & Aurora Noeline Knutson

Maryanne and Marty Knutson are proud to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Tamika Mary, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz, and Aurora Noeline, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz., on December 6, 1991 - a sister each for Tyson and Karl. We would like to thank Dr. Waterman, Lisa, Carolyn and all the maternity staff at Whitehorse General.



Keely Patricia Morrison

Dustin Morrison is pleased to announce the birth of his baby sister Keely Patricia who arrived at Father Judge Memorial Hospital in Dawson at 1:11 am

on the 31st of December. Proud parents Brent and Susan would like to thank Doctors Parsons and Howells, and all the nurses that helped make it possible. Happy New Year.

State of Disunion: by Dan Davidson

The dollar's up, employment's down.
 Clark's constitution's making
 rounds.

While workers raise a lamentation,
 Joe Who sets out to save the nation.

They're talking trade with Mexico
 while GM packs its plants to go.
 Quebec says, "Love us truly, dear,
 but don't display your English here."

Reform has joined the federal race,
 leaving the Tories in last place,
 except in Yukon, where they've
 fissioned,
 reproducing by division. (1)

While Independents keep things hot
 by claiming party perks, but not
 declaring what they really mean
 the government benchers' smiles
 gleam. (2)

The Yukon Party's dropped its
 "tory",
 ending a desperate wilderness story;
 and since two leaders up and
 packed,
 they've hired a guide to bring them
 back. (3)

With all the fun in opposition
 perhaps the NDP's position
 will be to hope the noise they make
 will take our minds off Watson
 Lake. (4)

In Dawson folks would like to grill
 the feds about a dental drill.
 The public wants to be there when
 the Fourth Horseman rides in
 again. (5)

Two Germanies there are no more
 but Tito's land's in civil war.
 While others form a Euro-state,
 the Balkans' future's in debate.

Our atlases are now so dated
 that Europe's mailed out perforated.
 The Warsaw Pact just had to go.
 Now will its members join NATO?

USSR, dissolved in havok
 has been reborn as union Slavic;
 and Lenin's spinning in his grave
 while Mikhail gives a good-bye
 wave.

Klondike Valley folks may frown
 at longing looks from Dawson town;
 but the future may a hamlet see;
 just think: "to be or not to be..." (6)

The ozone's thin, forget that race
 to build a tan on body and face.
 Recycle and reuse your junk
 to keep down ozone eating gunk.

Before I make your day much worse,
 I'll find an ending to this verse.
 The world's a mess, what can I say?
 Happy New Year anyway!

Footnotes

(1) The Yukon Territorial
 Progressive Conservative Party
 lost two members in the spring when
 they split to become the Independent
 Alliance.

(2) The Alliance has claimed full
 party status in the legislature, even
 though they have no constitution and
 no established policies or official
 organization.

(3) The remaining Tories severed all
 connection with the feds, dropped
 the Conservative name and emerged
 re-christened the Yukon Party. Their
 new leader is a former outfitter and
 wilderness guide.

(4) The NDP spent millions trying
 to revive a sawmill in Watson Lake.
 The money came from the Yukon
 Energy Corp. by way of the Yukon
 Development Corp.

(5) The federal gentleman who is in
 charge of giving our dentist the
 gears is aptly named Dr. D'Aeth. And
 we all know who the fabled 4th
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(6) With apologies to William S.
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Len Maruk of **LASER HOLDINGS** for adding to The Christmas Cheer!
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