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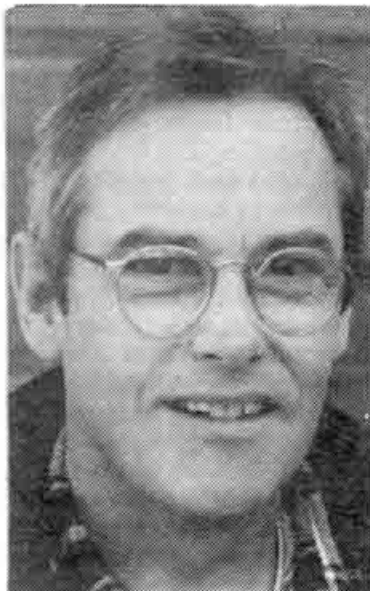


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Helmut Schoener

by Dan Davidson and Sun Staff

There are indications of a partial resolution in the dispute between the federal Medical Services Branch in Whitehorse and Dr. Helmut Schoener. Sources close to the dentist and to city council indicate that a deal is in the works, though nothing has been committed to paper at this time.

The most recent private meeting in the dispute was held on March 3. Dr. Schoener met with Dr. Richard D'Aeth, Acting Director of Medical Services, and

Dental Clinic solutions under discussion

Ron Pearson, another MSB official.

It was determined that the dental clinic, along with its waiting room, could remain in its present location at the rear of the Father Judge Nursing Station and not be moved to new quarters on the other side of the building which have already been prepared for it there.

City of Dawson sources indicate that MSB and the city are close to a final agreement on relocating the public health room which would have been placed in Schoener's clinic premises had he been forced out as intended.

Dr. D'Aeth has accepted Schoener's contention that having him in place in Dawson as a permanent part-time dentist over the last 12 years has actually been more cost effective than serving Dawson in some other way. However, there is as

predecessor, the late Dr. George Walker. Such agreements were common under Walker, but have become a problem for Dawson's doctors and dentist over the last couple of years (see *Sun* coverage in Dec. 1991, vol. 3, no. 8 for details).

Negotiations still have to resolve the question of rent for the clinic space along with other details, and more meetings are scheduled in the future. This is still progress of sorts, since we are now well past MSB's original deadline for relocating Schoener. In addition, there are negotiations taking place now, whereas before there were simply demands and counter-demands.

Privy Council rules on Moosehide

by Dan Davidson

The area of the Yukon River bank between the boundary of the City of Dawson and the Han Indian village of Moosehide has been withdrawn from staking for mining activity under either the Yukon Placer Mining Act or the Yukon Quartz Mining Act under the terms of federal Order-in-Council P.C. 1992-194. The lengthy technical description ac-

companied the Feb. 6, 1992 federal cabinet order designates 446 hectares of land north of Dawson City as protected from any new staking or prospecting.

The order does not affect any existing claims which are recorded and in good standing.

The federal actions have been taken in response to representations from the Dawson First Nation and the City of Dawson

after an attempt was made to stake the area by Richard Semple in the spring of 1991. The Indian band petition, backed by city council, stated that the area should be set aside from mining as a potential heritage site.

The federal order states as its primary reason for withdrawal "that the land in the schedule to the annexed order may be required for a historic site."

Youth Conference takes Dawson by storm!

by Clayton Berriman

The "One Voice Conference for Youth" started on Thursday, February 27, and it ended on March 1, 1992.

Twenty-two Dawson City teens hosted thirty-nine young people from around the territory for a total of 61 youths in attendance!

It took place in Dawson City

and in Moosehide. The workshops took place at the Indian Band Hall, Band Offices, Robert Service School, and in the cabins at Moosehide.

I think that the youth conference was extremely well organized. The workshops and the games were enjoyed by all. The majority of the participants of the games played, chose as their

favourites the game called "Fruit Basket" and "Winking Games".

I really learned a lot of information this past weekend although I was the unexpected photographer "Clayton Berriman". Personally, I enjoyed the food and the dance was the best dance I ever attended in Dawson

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Photo by Michael Gates

DAWSON'S TOP GUN

Darren Kormendy wins his second scoring title. Story and more sports inside.

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LAND CLAIMS BEFORE EXPANSION

by Dan Davidson

Klondike Valley residents aren't the only ones registering concern about the City of Dawson's expansion proposals. The current issue of the Klondike Sun contains a scathing ten point evaluation of the plan by M.L.A. Art Webster in which he concludes that the whole thing is unnecessary. One of the points he makes is that the Dawson First Nation has raised its voice against the plan. This was also mentioned by Premier Tony Penikett when he gave his self-government talk here late last month. Penikett indicated that band opposition might render the whole discussion irrelevant at this time.

The Dawson Indian Band wrote to the Yukon Municipal Board on Feb. 13, 1992. In the letter Chief Steve Taylor stated that his council was concerned that expansion plans might interfere with the final stages of the band's Land Claims negotiations, which are soon to begin here.

Dawson's expansion proposal, which will be the subject of a public hearing here on March 25, would take in the area from the Klondike River bridge south along the Klondike Highway to Flat Creek, just past the Dempster Corner. There is a lot of traditional Han Indian land within this expanded boundary and so the band was bound to have something to say about it.

The objection was qualified in a number of ways. While agreeing with many of the City's reasons for expansion, Taylor stressed the obligation of the federal government to "settle the claims of the Indian tribes to compensation for lands required for purposes of settlement" prior

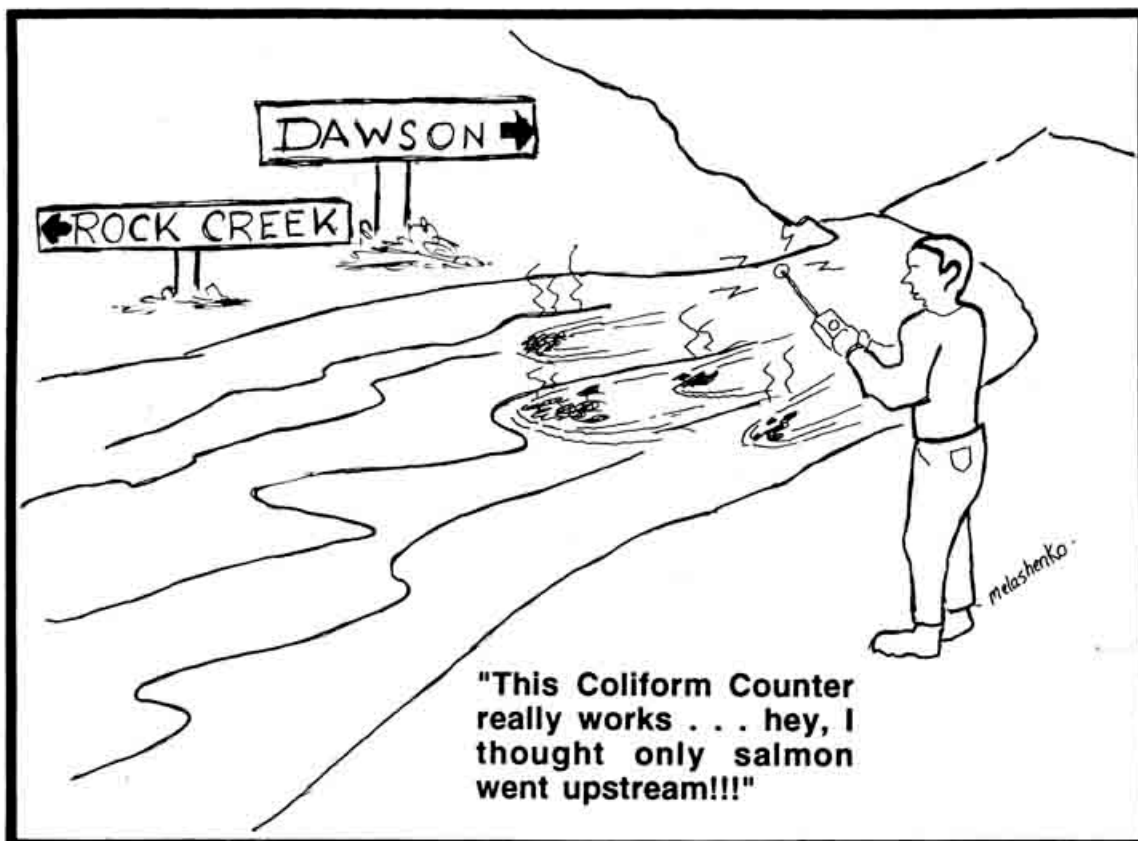
to alienating those interests to third parties".

He went on to say that "Dawson First Nation Land Claims must be settled prior to any boundary expansion. After we conclude our agreements we will be happy to consult with the City on administrative arrangements for the Klondike Valley. We agree that steps need to be taken to control mining and hazardous development within this region. Our firm position, however, is that Dawson First Nation Land Claims must come first..."

The letter leaves at least one city councillor, Tim Gerberding, in an awkward position. As councillor he has been a firm advocate of the expansion, but as land claims negotiator for the Dawson First Nation, he and Taylor drafted the letter that went to the Yukon Municipal Board.

When discussing this issue before council, Gerberding said he felt that an accommodation could be reached between the two councils. He noted that initially the Band had opposed Dawson City's last boundary expansion (in 1987) but that a so-called letter of comfort had followed the firm letter of that day, which was a statement of general philosophy.

Relations between the First Nation and City Councils have been good over the last 5 years or more. They meet regularly to discuss a wide range of topics, have shared stands on mining developments and other issues as well as arranging joint funding on some major sewer and water expansions within the town. It therefore seems likely that a compromise will be reached on the expansion issue as well. City council sources indicate that private talks are under way.



The Yukon Economic Outlook According to Tony

by John Gould

At the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday February 24, Premier Tony Penikett spoke to a group of 15 members. He talked about some of the things that came out of the recent first Ministers conference.

The consensus was that the country has reached a point in the recession (depression) where something has to be done. It was decided, as we know, that the down payment needed to purchase, or build, a house should be reduced to 5 percent from 10 percent, for first time buyers.

There is no doubt that the national recession is hurting the Yukon to some extent. Bankruptcies have increased everywhere, but not in the Yukon. He felt that the Yukon can get through the next few months O.K. We should feel optimistic in the Yukon even if we don't feel that way nationally.

A consensus is also emerging that we can hold Canada together, we may not be able to

solve our problems but we should be able to work them out. He mentioned that the capital expenditures in the Provinces was only 4 to 6 percent of the budget, but in the Yukon it was 25 percent and the Yukon did not have to borrow money.

Unemployment is down to 10% from the 16% it was a few years ago.

The average length of residence in the Yukon has increased from 5 years to 10 years making for a more stable economy.

Also land claim negotiations are at the point where the end is in sight. He also said that mine exploration is down, but more interest is developing in the Yukon, due to the land claim settlement, which will help clarify title to the land. The mining industry is hurting everywhere, but of the two mines that opened in Canada in the past year one was in the Yukon, the other in Nova Scotia.

The YTG work force which has increased, but is still 20% of the

total work force, has grown by 3000 jobs.

Tourism was not good in 1991, but the operators in the industry are optimistic for 1992, due in part to the 50th anniversary of the Alaska Highway.

He was asked about the power grid that was in the works from the Mayo Hydro plant to Dawson. The answer was that due to the present price of diesel fuel, it may not be economical to build the line. The one thing that could change that would be the effect of burning diesel on the environment. They are also having another look at North Fork.



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YTG will intervene in Lousetown Water Licenses

By Dan Davidson

Premier Tony Penikett announced here on February 24 that the YTG, though Heritage Branch, will be intervening in the application of two placer miners who wish to do work this summer in Lousetown (or Klondike City), just across the mouth of the Klondike River from Dawson.

Asked by local historian Michael Gates how the government intended to resolve the maze of conflicting interests in the Lousetown area, Penikett revealed the plan to intervene at the eventual Water Board hearings.

Already a bone of contention

between the mining operators (Don Sandberg and 9740 Yukon Ltd.) because of First Nation, City of Dawson and historical interests there, the Lousetown operation became even more complicated this month when it was learned that researchers had discovered some 20 privately titled lots which still have to be considered.

This means that private title, First Nation title, municipal interests, territorial interests and federal interests all have to be reconciled in some manner before the issue of Lousetown will be cleared up. The overlap of responsibilities boggles the mind.



Lousetown operations last fall

Photo by Michael Gates

Water Board Hearings on Lousetown delayed

by Dan Davidson

Two of four scheduled Water Board placer water use hearings took place in Dawson on March 5 and 6. Hearings for claims held by Richard Hall and Lee Hall came before the board. The latter claim, situated beside Dawson's boundary sign at the south end of town, is the one of most immediate concern to council, which claims that Hall's operation is threatening the quality of the city's water supply as well as affecting the integrity of the Dome Road.

Two other claims, those held in Lousetown for 9740 Yukon Ltd. (Berglynn Resources) and Don Sandberg, were postponed.

Tim Gerberding, Land Claims negotiator for the Dawson First Nation, which is intervening in both licenses, says that the 9740 operation is about to be subjected to a level 2 Environmental Assessment Review Process by the federal government.

The 9740 hearing was postponed at the request of Eric Bergvinson, in order that the various intervenors against his license should have the "additional time to collect, summarize, and identify the various sites and concerns in the Klondike City property".

Bergvinson's Feb. 26, 1992 letter indicates that "I feel comfortable that with the situation the way it is presently the result of the public hearing would have ruled in my favor and allowed the mining to proceed...The post-

ponement of the Public Hearing is not to be construed to indicate that there will be a change of heart to proceed or not with the proposed plans, but simply, wait for all the interventions to collect their data and handle the controversy at one time."

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada also requested the delay. A Feb. 20, 1992 letter to the Water Board from David Latoski (Head, Placer Mining Section; Chief Claims Inspector, Mineral Development Division, Northern Affairs Program) indicated that DIAND had still to complete the environmental screening for the 9740 project.

The proposed operation would have been opposed by the Dawson First Nation, the City of Dawson, the Yukon Historical and Museums Society, Energy and Mines Branch (YTG), Renewable Resources Branch (YTG), Heritage Branch (YTG), Environment Canada, the Environmental Protection Service and Klondike National Historic Sites.

"We have been unable," the letter continues, "to contact the applicant to arrange for a public meeting with the above who have expressed a concern with the proposed project. Until such a meeting is held and the specific con-

cerns identified along with the proper mitigative measures where appropriate. The environmental screening cannot be completed therefore a delay in the Water Board's public hearing is necessary." (Note: Grammatical errors are in the original letter.)

The Sandberg hearing was postponed due to the poor health of the operator. The Water Board was apprised of this by Tim Osler, who had prepared the Sandberg application to the board.

Osler was also involved in the preparation of the 9740 and Hall brothers' water use applications.

There is no indication as yet when in the future these hearings will take place.

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Editorial: A Question of Timing

by Dan Davidson

While the developmental pattern for the growth of rural settlements and their eventual absorption by larger urban centers remains clear when you look at the issue in historical terms, there is still a lot to be said for looking at the human perspective.

I have just finished reading through a thick file of letters sent to the Yukon Municipal Board by residents of the Klondike Valley south of town. Nowhere among them did I find any indication that anyone had in any way accepted a single one of the City of Dawson's arguments in favour of expansion.

The letters range from handwritten to word-processed; from a few lines to several pages; from a simple "no" to reasoned arguments; from polite discourse to scurrilous accusations. But in the end it doesn't matter how they are presented, the message they contain is uniform: no.

It is true that most of the letters I have just read were dated prior to council's public forum, I am not, however, comfortable in my own mind that many opinions were changed at that meeting. When Premier Penikett met with the high school students from grades 10-12 recently at the school, the topic very quickly moved from Land Claims to Boundary Expansion. About half of those students live in the rural area, and they were solidly against the move, reflecting, I would dare to guess, the opinions of their parents. About the only thing that had been changed by the meeting was that a sense of resignation appeared to be present.

I found this depressing. It's something of a judgement on our fair community that so many would run so far to get away from it and would react with such fear to the idea that we, like some monster from Hell, were pursuing them to their retreat. What a sad reflection on the reputation that we have acquired over the years!

There is a great deal of misinformation in the letters, and some of this goes to colour the writers' feelings about life within Dawson. Even so it appears that a lack of initial consultation, a deep distrust of city politics, and objections to the sheer size of the proposal are the three things most cited by the letters, and by those to whom I have spoken.

From my point of view, it seemed that council (both the previous council, which began this process, and the present one, which inherited it) was fairly open about its intentions. Its decisions were reported here as they took shape over the months. But that still doesn't seem to have settled the minds of most residents, who feel that they should have been consulted before the expansion bylaw ever got past a third reading.

There was no legal requirement to do that, since the bylaw as it passed was in no way binding on Valley residents, but simply a statement of council's intentions; however, it looks as if it would have been the best public relations move.

Nor did the city have a clearly stated vision for the expansion until far too late. Again, it did not need to have one within the framework of requirements set out for it under the Yukon Municipal Act, but too many people don't understand that. Municipal and territorial laws are a maze to most of us. We get to know the relevant portions of those that affect our lives and we ignore the rest. Common sense would say that you wouldn't just set out to acquire some property unless you knew just what you wanted to do with it. That's the kind of statement that one hears and reads over and over when the issue comes up.

It appears that Valley residents are digging in to fight this one to the bitter end. If it's too bitter an end then any victory will be a pyrrhic one. I think the City might still win part of the debate on points. I still think that expansion is one of those things that will come with time, but whether that time is now is something I wouldn't want to place a bet on.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My compliments to Stan Patay on his excellent letter regarding the Town of the City of Dawson's proposed Boundary Expansion Bylaw. I believe he stated a number of the same opinions that prevail among the people who will be affected if this bylaw is allowed to pass.

On the other hand I'm not about to compliment Dan Davidson for his description of the Klondike Valley residents as *paranoid*. For shame. Dan Davidson. How dare you accuse approximately 250 people of being paranoid? Is it perhaps that you have a different interpretation of the meaning of paranoid than I do? If this is so I will accept the explanation along with the apology that I trust will be forth coming to the Klondike Valley residents.

I for one do not believe it being paranoid to be concerned and yes, even vocal, when it comes to protecting one's rights and life style.

As to the expansion itself. I am against it reaching any further than the old waste metal dump. I'm sure this would supply adequate room for future growth of the town for many years.

Solid waste and sewer disposal facilities are bound to present problems in the not too distant future, no matter where they are located, if they are merely dumped. Proper treatment is the only real solution. I hear the cry already - "It's too costly. We can't afford it". Well, maybe the Town Council should consider lobbying the Territorial Government for essentials rather than multi-million dollar luxury schools and swimming pools. Perhaps then they would not need to dump their garbage into the Klondike Valley. Dumping would defeat their claim of wanting to protect the water-shed in any event as any dump site in the valley would be upstream from the town water supply.

By the way, I suppose it's fine for the Town to pump raw sewage into the Yukon River downstream from the existing water wells. That only affects people downstream from Dawson and the salmon fishing industry - no big deal! Of course for some mysterious reason that even Peter Jenkins cannot explain, there

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is evidence of less pollution of the downstream side of the sewer outlet than the upstream side. I don't suppose it could be related in any way to where the samples are taken in an eddy - in the middle of the river - maybe on the far side? Get a grip, Peter.

But I got off the track here a bit. In reality the Town's reason for expansion of boundary is to form a larger tax base. They do not have the best interests of the affected people at heart.

Peter Jenkins saying that everyone will be better off does not make it so. The same as his claim that public distrust of himself is due to the poor image of Federal and Territorial politicians does not make it, so I'm afraid he has earned that distinction all by himself.

Although there are many other points to be made against the boundary expansion to attempt to list them all here would only be echoing my own or others' words so I will refrain from doing so. I would however, urge all to come out and voice their opinion at the meeting with the Municipal Board on March 25th.

Isn't it sad that people who only wish to be left alone to live as they choose are continually being backed into a corner and forced to fight for

their rights? I suppose some will say that's the way humans should be, a cut above having the biggest fish in the pond trying to gobble up the small ones.

Glenn A. Bowers

Owner of land, properly and legally surveyed, deeded and registered at both Rock Cr. and Henderson Corner.

(Ed. Note: Good to hear from you at last, Mr. Bowers. "Paranoid" was used in last issue's editorial to indicate an extreme distrust of the City and suspicion of its motives. The assumption that all things which emanate from the city are wrong by definition isn't a fair one, just as it would be unfair of me to say they were all right. To pick one adjective out of the nearly 2,500 words that I have written on this issue since it first arose is proof-texting on a fairly picky scale. Review my coverage from the last 3 issues, especially the Jan. editorial where my actual opinions are stated, and see if you still feel so slighted.

This paper is assembled by a mix of town and country residents, and it reflects as many viewpoints as we can gather. Thanks for giving us yours this issue.)

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CITY COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

Follow Financial Guidelines, Inspector Warns Dawson Council

by Dan Davidson

The Inspector of Municipalities, John Cormie, has determined that Mayor Peter Jenkins was incorrect in his decision to approve the "gravelling of North End lots owned by the City of Dawson" in May/June 1990. He also noted that the city council of the day approved the expenditures retroactively several months later and concluded that the investigation was closed at this point.

At the time of the incident the argument on city council became quite a tempest, and resulted in the eventual resignations of at least two city councillors over the next six months. One of the departing councillors, Herb Watt, requested an investigation that fall. It also resulted in the re-writing of city expense policy to limit to \$5,000.00 the amount that could be authorized for expenditure before the contract has to be let out to tender.

"After reviewing all submissions, and following investigation by Department officials," Cormie wrote in his Jan 31, 1992 letter to council, "I have concluded that the Mayor's action was inappropriate and contravened the Town of the City of Dawson's Expenditure Bylaw #81-02."

No members of the present council were involved in city government at the time of the original problem, but Tim Gerberding, who was on the previous council some months after the affair, informed the other councillors that the amount of money involved at that time was around \$16,000.00.

Cormie concluded that Dawson council "must follow the Yukon Municipal Act process for budgeted/non-budgeted expenditures", that it should adhere to its own

"Policy Statement #12, adopted by Resolution 90.11.17, which states that all contracts of \$5,000.00 must be put out for tender", that it "must adhere to its Expenditure Authority Bylaw or any other replacement bylaw", and that it should maintain "separate documentation of each of the major components of budget line items, so that if many projects are grouped together, they may be identified and managed more effectively."

Problems in the 1990 case arose when a number of related smaller contracts which went to the same contractor added up to more than \$5,000.00.

Large Turnout to Quiz Dawson Council on Expansion Plans

by Dan Davidson

Since the City of Dawson first broached its plan to annex a major portion of the Klondike Valley south to Flat Creek, residents of this area have voiced suspicion of and resistance to the idea. That did not change at the Feb. 10 public meeting put on by the city council, but at least Valley residents had the opportunity to get answers to some of the questions that have been bothering them. While some of the answers provided were vague and fragmentary, the general outline of the city's proposal must be clearer now than it was before.

Mayor Peter Jenkins handled most of the questions from the floor, and the outline for the 2 1/2 hour discussion was a list of 26 questions compiled by valley residents over the last few weeks and presented to council by Glen Bowers of Rock Creek. Jenkins' responses to Bowers were often prolonged by additional related questions from others of the nearly 85 members of the audience.

One of the first items dealt

with included voting rights and how soon an election or by-election could be called after the expansion went through. Ross Knox, a municipal advisor with the YTG, indicated that up to two more councillors could join the present four on council in a by-election, which the Minister could decide to hold if the issue were resolved more than six months from the next election.

Jenkins said that all new residents of the City of Dawson would have the right to vote or to run for office. The idea of a ward system which would set aside a certain amount of representation for the new residents was discussed. While there was presently no guarantee that anyone would be elected from the valley there was, conversely, no guarantee that Valley candidates could not sweep the council in 3 year's time. On the other hand, a ward system which guaranteed Valley representation could be put in place.

There was a clear feeling among the audience, expressed by Lee Juniper, who lives in town, that the expansion was a land, power, tax and grant money grab by the city council, and many people seemed to leave the meeting with that feeling intact.

While Jenkins admitted that it could look that way, given the additional \$10 million in value that would be added to Dawson's present tax base of \$59 million, but stated that such opinions were "dead wrong". From the council's point of view, there were two major reasons for expanding. First came the need to secure the watershed in the area and protect the purity of the water supply. Second came the need to control growth and development in the valley in a reasonable manner.

The admitted growth of Dawson and the lack of available living space inside the current boundaries was another factor.

Jenkins maintained that extending municipal controls over the Valley would enable the more effective policing of "placer squats", one of the prime causes,

in his mind, of the water quality problem and unplanned growth. He felt that effective zoning would allow the valley to develop in a rational manner, and that the municipal planning process would lend legal certainty to the lifestyle of those who live there now.

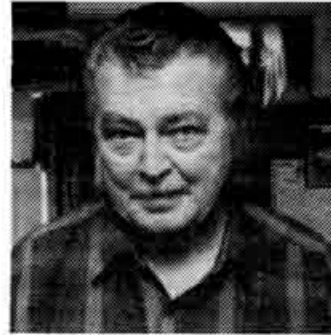


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Fred Berger

Quizzed by trapper Jack Fraser and business man Fred Berger about the relationship between the expansion plan and the Klondike Valley Land Use study of a few years ago, Jenkins confirmed previous speculation that the areas involved are roughly the same. He went further, though, and conceded that much of the work in the Klondike Valley Land Use Regulations, which were published in draft form last May and which now cover the region between Dawson and the Callison Industrial Subdivision, would form the basis of any city planning in the valley.

Jenkins saw the valley being zoned in about four different ways: industrial, agricultural, country residential and open space. These were roughly the divisions used in the KVLUR, he said. People should not fear the imposition of a downtown core Dawson historic building zone, and needed only to look to the Dome subdivision lots to see that this was true.

Jenkins summary of questions about lifestyle brought out some laughter: "We just wanna make sure that you stay in your house on your properly titled piece of land...and you're happy."

On the other hand, Jack Fraser was applauded when he asked how the city could do a better job in water regulation than the federal and territorial agencies al-

ready in place. The answer, reading between the lines a bit, seems to hinge on political will. Council believes it has the vested interest to push where it finds, as in the Lousetown mining operation of last summer, that the two senior levels of government are not doing enough.

Not all the opinions from the floor were negative. Henderson Corner resident Ron Ryant, who operates a store in Dawson, conceded that "I'd rather see my tax dollars go to Dawson", but he added that he didn't want the city making massive changes in his lifestyle without consulting him. He proposed a referendum process for major zoning and Official Community Plan changes in which area residents could have their say.

Many of the answers given by Jenkins were inconclusive in nature. Later on, he and city manager Carol Murray said that there was a limit to how specific the city could be in planning for an area it did not yet control. The details, they said, had to be developed in consultation with the residents.

It was a comfortable meeting on the whole, with most people's emotions held in check. Predictions of stormy shouting matches were fulfilled only once, in an exchange between Fred Berger and Peter Jenkins over Jenkins' interpretation of the Klondike Valley Land Use process and plans. Objecting to what he saw as a self-righteous tone in statements from Jenkins and councillor Tim Gerberding, Berger yelled out, "We don't need the City as the savior for ...the Klondike Valley!"

No doubt there are many Valley residents who still agree with that sentiment. Others would agree with fisherman "Kennedy" Hempl, who said, "I just don't believe there would be no change" (in lifestyle) even after he had been assured that this was the case. It seems likely that there will still be a fair number of protest letters and interventions filed before the Municipal Board when it meets here on March 25.

Arctic Drugs

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First Nation Self Government raises questions

by Dan Davidson

Dawson City finds itself in an unusual position with regard to First Nation Self Government, and some questions directly related to that position came up when Premier Tony Penikett was here on Feb. 24. Following his slide show and lecture presentation on the highlights of the proposed Self Government Package, Penikett attempted to deal with local concerns.

There is not a clear division in Dawson between the Indian and non-Indian population clusters. The band council has spotted its newer housing all over the city during the last decade, partly to avoid segregation. While the self government agreement would permit the Dawson First Nation to establish its own zoning controls and bylaws over those areas in the community which were part of the final settlement, the application of such a policy would be difficult to arrange.

Asked about this by municipal councillor Hugh Gouthro, Penikett emphasized that a band may choose not to exercise its authority in certain areas or may negotiate arrangements with a municipality to cover just such potential problems.

Former NDP leader Fred Berger wanted to know if First Nations weren't going to end up more advanced than the rest of the territory. They would, he said, have their independence from the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, while the rest of the territory's population would still be subject to ultimate federal control.

Penikett pointed to the devolution process as a means of achieving that independence for the rest of the territory's citizens and said that both communities should become "de-colonized" at about the same pace.

Berger asked about federal laws as well, and was informed that federal mining laws will still apply, even on First Nation lands.

Ralph Nordling was concerned about block funding, seeing that a transfer of First Nation citizens to a new status might result in an effective reduction in the per capita funding now enjoyed by Dawson City.

Penikett reassured Nordling that a benchmark level of funding would be established which would maintain the level of services currently existing. In the case of Dawson's intermixed community, it seemed likely that it would not have an effect any way.

"So what happens in hard times?" said septuagenarian Sue Ward, who wanted to know what happens to the money to fund these agreements if a serious depression should hit the country. This was a fair question, Penikett felt, since the self government

agreement will not be constitutionally protected, unlike that for Land Claims.

While he insisted that the billions of dollars in the DIAND budget would be better spent under local control, he felt it likely that a drop in funding in one area would mean a reduction in standards for everyone. The principle of balance was the one to apply in such a case, he said.

Asked if Dawson City was trying to "sneak in expansion" without consulting the Band, Penikett said he had only just learned of a Band council letter expressing reservations about the proposed expansion to Flat Creek, and he wasn't sure what impact that would have yet.

Land Claims and Self Government negotiations are only just about to begin in the Dawson area, and Penikett was asked by Peter Menzies, the city's Recreation Director, if the local council or non-native residents would be allowed any say in how things go.

The Premier indicated that Dawson City may sit as part of the YTG delegation and be involved. While there is no public forum process planned any interested local group could become a conduit to take information to the public.

About 50 people turned out for the Monday meeting, which was unusual in that a fairly high percentage of the audience was Indian. Most public meetings here do not enjoy that level of Indian participation. The meeting itself was friendly in tone and clearly focussed on the issue at hand.

A personal view: Water Board hearings are an eye-opener

by Tim Gerberding

The Yukon Territory Water Board was in Dawson on March 4th and 5th to hold public hearings into two water use license applications; PM91-043, Richard Hall, for virgin ground on the north bank of the Klondike River approx. 9 kilometres out of town, and PM91-044, Lee Hall, for ground on both sides of the Dome Road immediately east of the city boundary between the dump and the highway. Richard Hall appeared on behalf of himself and his brother Lee, who was unable to attend due to health problems.

The City of Dawson and Dawson First Nation intervened in both applications. In addition, Art and Maggie Fry, Mitch and Lori Sprockreeff, and Paul Isaacson intervened in the Lee Hall application.

The hearings consumed two long and gruelling days. Dawson First Nation's interventions were based upon the *Rupert's Land and the NorthWestern Territory Order of 1870*. Steve Walsh, legal counsel for Dawson First Nation, argued that as a result of the 1870 Order, the Canadian Government has a Constitutional obligation to settle aboriginal Land Claims in the Yukon prior to alienating land interests to third parties.

The City's interventions alleged that the Hall operations would contaminate the City's water supply. Bob Lormer, a consultant with Kohn Leonoff (who recently completed a Klondike Valley water quality assessment on behalf of the City) argued that the Hall applications were "generic" and did not address the particularities of their locations. He noted that in most respects both applications were identical. This was true even in the case of descriptions of cross sections of soil composition, in spite of the fact that the Richard Hall application is on untouched Klondike River flood plain (with up to 30 ft.

of black muck) and the Lee Hall application is mainly on a slope and bench above the Klondike.

Art Fry and Mitch Sprockreeff alleged that Lee Hall's operation polluted their water supply. Art, Mitch, and families live adjacent to the Lee Hall operation. Both have used wells for their water supply. Neither had any problem with water quality until Lee Hall began operating. Now the Frys haul water from town, and the Sprockreeffs have to boil theirs.

According to the water use applications, both Hall operations are "contained (or closed) systems". Herein lies much of the controversy surrounding these applications (and last fall's debacle in Lousetown). What is a "contained, or closed system?" According to Art Fry, a contained system uses the same water over and over again, analogous to an old time rocker poised over a wash tub. The water drips out of the rocker into the wash tub, after which it is scooped up out of the tub and poured back over the gold bearing gravels in the rocker. Except for evaporation, nothing is lost.

The City alleged that the Hall operations are anything but contained, and that this is especially true in the case of the Lee Hall ap-



Tim Gerberding

plication, which uses dredge ponds for settling. Art Fry and Mitch Sprockreeff agreed, noting that most dredge ponds never freeze, and current can often be seen flowing through them. Tailings surrounding dredge ponds are extremely porous, and will not properly filter silt and sediments to prevent those materials from entering the water table and hence the City's water system. Mayor Jenkins stated that the wells from which the City obtains its water have been considerably plugged since Lee Hall began sluicing just outside of town, and as a result the City is having to spend \$300,000 to drill new wells.

Dave Latoski, Chief Mining Inspector (DIAND) in the Yukon, gave some startling testimony which largely substantiated the City's allegations. Mr. Latoski stated that his department has no expertise to determine the possibility of black muck. Continued on page 29

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1992 Quest Report

by Kathy Jones-Gates

Twenty-seven mushers began the 9th annual Yukon Quest in Fairbanks, Alaska, on February 9th, and when the last musher crossed the finish line in Whitehorse, Yukon, on February 21, Paxton, Alaska, musher, **John Schandelmeyer** was the big winner.

Competing in warm and cold weather, with 9 teams dropping out, the five-time Yukon Quest musher was the first into most checkpoints along the trail and ended up in Whitehorse with his full complement of 12 dogs.

He arrived in Dawson at 6:12 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, heralded by the fire siren, and despite the cool weather and darkness, a good crowd was on hand to welcome the Alaska musher. He arrived at the Dawson checkpoint (the Visitor Reception Centre) 51 minutes ahead of Sonny Lindner, another Alaskan musher, who won the very first Quest race in 1984. Yukon musher Frank Turner of Pelly Crossing mushed into town in 6th place, somewhat awed by his teams speed and capabilities this year, but always making himself available to the many media people covering the race, even down to sorting out his sled gear in the foyer of the Downtown hotel prior to his scheduled departure.

Dawson is the mandatory 36 hour layover for all mushers. At this checkpoint only, their support people, the handlers, can help take care of dogs and allow the musher to take all the rest needed to catch up on the many



John Schandelmeyer slides into first place along Front Street.

Photo by Roberta Humberstone

hours of missed sleep. Handlers, media and family were treated to a concession at the centre which was set up by the Percy DeWolfe committee volunteers. C.B.C. Radio Whitehorse was in town to cover the Dawson portion of the event, as well as providing a Dawson afternoon program broadcast to the entire territory, with Ron McFadyen and Peter Carr performing an excellent job, both on Quest coverage as well as other Dawson events.

Banners welcoming the Quest mushers waved across the streets near the Eldorado and Downtown hotels, and many homes billeted mushers and

their handlers. The cool temperatures which welcomed the front runners into Dawson gave way to blowing snow and warmer weather as the race continued out of Dawson. The Yukon River campground in West Dawson was the bedding down spot for the dog teams.

Loaded with 135 kg. of food and gear from Dawson, the teams mush up Bonanza Creek and start their climb over King Solomon's Dome at 1,140 metres high. They then head down through the Indian River valley and over the 10,050 ft. Eureka Dome before hitting the Black Hills area, then it's Scroggy Creek, Stepping

Stone and Carmacks, and a final run towards Lake LaBerge and the finish line.

Schandelmeyer crossed the finish line in Whitehorse on Friday February 21 at 11:40 a.m., 11 days, 21 hours and 40 minutes after leaving Fairbanks. He collected \$25,000.00 U.S. for the win. Alaskan musher Sonny Lindner placed second, with last year's winner, Charley Boulding from Alaska in 3rd place. Top Yukon placing went to Frank Turner, who collected \$4,000.00 U.S. for his 6th place finish. Fourteenth and 15th placing went to Ned and Jeannine Cathers from Lake LaBerge.

Dawson residents Joe and Wendy Fellers, great supporters of dog mushing, have put up a prize of 4 ounces of gold to the first team into Dawson,

provided the musher completes the race. This was one of the many awards Schandelmeyer picked up at the mushers' banquet which followed the race.

A race of this magnitude and endurance only takes place because of the many awards Schandelmeyer picked up at the mushers' banquet which followed the race.

A race of this magnitude and endurance only takes place because of the many volunteers that undertake much of the preparation needed to successfully stage a race. In Dawson, volunteers marked the trail, organized billets, manned the checkpoints 24 hours a day, and kept everyone up to date on times and placings of the mushers.



John Schandelmeyer being interviewed

Photo by Michael Gates

Dawson City Boundary Expansion Yukon Municipal Board Hearing

The public is invited to present their views regarding the proposed Dawson City boundary expansion to the Yukon Municipal Board.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tro'ndik Hall.

Written comments will also be accepted up to and including March 20, 1992. Send your submission to:

Yukon Municipal Board
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon
Y1A 2C6

The bylaw proposing the boundary expansion is available for viewing at the Dawson Municipal Offices during regular working hours.

Yukon Municipal Board

Whodunnit At the Dinner Table?



Marjorie Logue, Peter Maxwell, Cam Sigurdson, Paul Saunders, Char Farr

What were 45 Dawsonites doing appearing in 1940's garb in the Downtown Hotel dining room on Saturday, February 8? It was a mystery.....

That's right - a murder mystery dinner presented by the Dawson City Drama Club and the Downtown Hotel.

The Time: June 13, 1940

The Place: The lounge-dining car named Delice (and the street car named Desire)

The Scene: The German troops are about to enter Paris and this government train is under military guard - possibly the last chance to escape from the threatened Nazi brutality.

The Conductor - Jean - Pierre.

While indulging in excellent French cuisine, the guests hastily scrawled notes about the alleged

murder of Fona Fae Tahle whose body had mysteriously vanished from cabin #9. Each member of the cast presented clues to confuse and complicate the issue. Amid a scattering of powdery footprints, suspiciously heavy trunks, disfigured female corpses and multiple motives, the story slowly unfolded.

After an opportunity to directly question the characters (re: their suspicious behavior), the solutions were documented and turned over to Inspector Tea and Crumpets.

The diner's best guesses at the solution to the murder were collected along with the creme de menthe parfait glasses.

As the true nature of the mystery became apparent, the victors were the unbeatable

detective team of:

Penny Soderlund

Allanna Wiebe

Marjie Hills

Jim Toner

Sonja Paulitschke

For their tenacious detecting, they received a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Downtown Hotel. Also rewarded as "best dressed" in the fashion of the 40's were:

Wanda Schmidt

Marianne Isaac

Each received a set of drinking glasses. The evening was a magical, mystery tour that hopefully will be repeated soon. undoubtably, my dear Watson!

The Actors

Covert Agent - Paul Saunders

Princess Idle Chatter - Gwen MacIntyre

Malcontent - Peter Maxwell

Contrary - Marjorie Logue

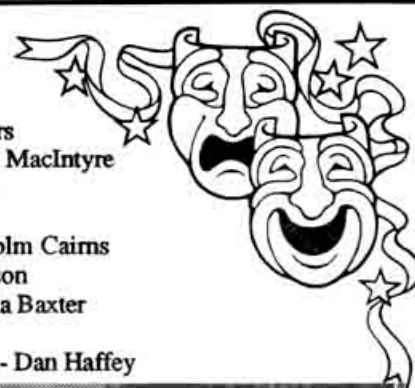
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For more information about land claims and self-government call the Yukon Land Claims Secretariat at 667-5878 or 1-800-661-0408.

"I think we can all learn from one another in the whole process."

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THE SOURDOUGH a report from Robert Service School

by Carol McCauley,
Principal, Robert Service
School

Junior Polar Games:

For the first time, the Junior Polar Games have been held outside of Whitehorse. Traditionally hosted by Whitehorse Elementary School, the games for grades 5 and 6 were held this year at our school, largely due to the efforts of our Grade 5 teacher, Mrs. Webster. She submitted a proposal to hold the games when it turned out that they were not likely to take place this year. All northern area schools, along with Whitehorse Elementary, the traditional host of the games, were invited to take part. This resulted in approximately 150 students from Pelly Crossing, Mayo, Faro, Carmacks and Whitehorse arriving here on March 5 to enjoy a day and a half of floor hockey, broomball, and indoor soccer, with the emphasis on participation and fun. All meals were provided and a dance was held on Friday night. Many thanks to parents who helped out.

Senior Polar Games:

These took place in Mayo on the same weekend. Mr. McCauley left on Wednesday night with a small team of students from Grades 7-12 to join 6 other schools from Area III.

Art Show Planned:

Ms. Pennell is organizing a very special type of art show to be held at the school on Saturday,

March 28. Entitled, "Art: Past and Present", her exhibit will give the art lovers of Dawson a unique opportunity to examine the samples of student work she has collected over the 14 years she has been an art teacher at this school. A wide range of media and age groups will be represented in the showing, the first of its kind in Dawson City. With any luck, you might be able to see some of your own creations from a few years back.

Over a dozen prominent local artists will display their work as well. Bring a friend along and attend an enjoyable hour or two at our "gallery" in the Ancillary Room from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. There is no charge and refreshments will be available.

Band Concert:

Music lovers will be able to hear the Robert Service School Band in concert on Friday, March 27 at 7 P.M. in the school gym. This performance will include the selections which will be performed at the Rotary Music Festival in Whitehorse in early April. Band director Mr. McConnell is enthusiastic about this next recital, which will reflect the progress made by our beginning band this year. Admission to the event will be \$2.00, which will go towards the cost of sending the band to the festival. Refreshments will also be sold.

Choir Concert:

Mrs. Davidson's Robert Service Choir will be holding a similar concert on April 3 to show off the music it will be taking to the festival. Come out and hear what your children have been able to accomplish this year.

Hockey Game:

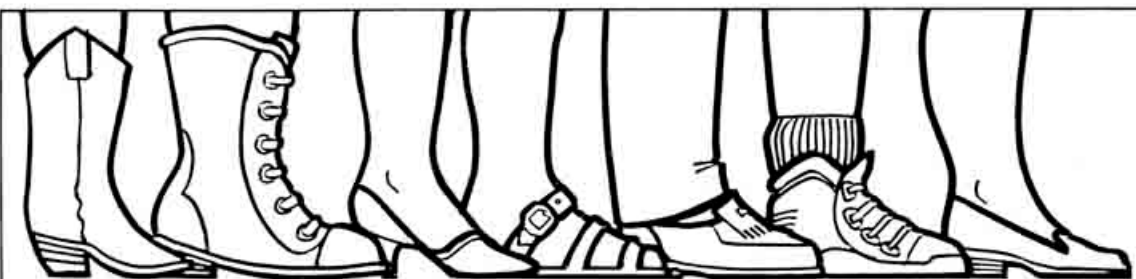
As a special event to signal the beginning of March Break, students and staff will participate in a hockey game on the afternoon of Friday, March 13, commencing at 2 P.M. The whole school will be at the arena to cheer on the teams. You are welcome to join us in the fun.

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Report cards for second term were issued on March 3 and interviews were held on March 4. Many parents attended and this was good to see. Summer holidays are no less than 3 months away (the last day is May 29), so please do see your child's teachers if you have any questions about their progress. Help make the final term a successful one.

School Calendar:

It has been confirmed that we will follow the same basic calendar next year as we have this year. The detailed calendar was sent home in a recent notice.



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Comment on the proposed amendments to the
Employment Standards Act by March 31.

Labour Services is inviting public input on changes to the Act. Copies of the draft amendments have been sent out to all those individuals and organizations that commented on the options paper. Labour Services also encourages anyone affected by the Act to comment on the proposed amendments.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available from:

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- The Inquiry Centre at the Administration Building in Whitehorse
- Selected locations in the communities

You can submit your written comments, phone us or meet with us by March 31.

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WONDERFUL PRESENTATIONS: Author Lyn Hancock delights students



Author Lyn Hancock

Photo by Sue Ward

by Sue Ward

Twenty odd years ago a young Australian woman responded to the Call of the North. She had already hitch-hiked from Capetown to Cairo, decided to experience Canada and was married to a young man who was majoring in zoology at U.B.C., Vancouver, where she returned to her teaching profession. That's when Lyn Hancock learned that hands on zoology meant caring for orphaned wild animals, seals, birds, cougars, etc. Like other babies, they called for constant feeding so Lyn took the cougar kittens to the classroom where they motivated the students to an unforgettable whole language learning experience. What lucky kids. Sure beats the parsing and compositions of my time.

Eventually something had to give and Lyn seized the opportunity to fulfil her dream of the Canadian North. It was the year of celebration when members of the Canadian Army swept down the Yukon River to Dawson. Lyn joined them with her cameras, while her parents, newly arrived from Western Australia's gold fields, found themselves driving the Datsun and camping gear to the Klondike, thereby fulfilling her father's dream of a lifetime. What fun we all had, then it was

"farewell" all round, not knowing if we could meet again.

Since then, Lyn Hancock has touched every settlement in the N.W.T., has written twelve books, must make time to fulfil a contract to tell the story of the Territories, between lecture assignments at schools and colleges, and gatherings of citizens showing concern for conservation issues. After spending a precious day with groups of students in Robert Service School, she flew the next day to Whitehorse where she was guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting of the Yukon Conservation Society.

While renewing our friendship on a "Granny's Guided Tour" as my daughter aptly named my contribution to Dawson's PR, allowing Lyn to record the winter scene, she was quick to speak of Dawson's warm-hearted friendliness. For instance, when preparing to leave Whitehorse there was inadequate space for her boxes of books. A new Dawsonite, Marika Couch, suggested "Let my baggage come up on the next plane, and take Lyn's." When on arrival a hairdo was a must, Maria arranged a suitable time and Lyn states "It's the best hairdo I've ever had!"

And Maria did a touchup allowing our special guest to arrive for dinner in Whitehorse looking fresh as spring crocus.

And the good news is that Lyn Hancock's book, *Seal in My Sleeping Bag*, now a Canadian Classic, will be republished this summer. Original pictures were lost, publishers went out of business, and changes were necessary, so it is a victory for one Canadian author.

Betty Davidson, school librarian, was responsible for arranging Lyn's visit and welcoming her as a houseguest. Principal Carol McCauley reports the students were captivated by the presentations which "were wonderful," and there was mutual excitement as Robert Service students shared the visit of the young lynx which wandered into the classroom last summer.

Lyn returns to her present home in Fort Simpson, N.W.T., via Ptarmigan Airways now serving Yellowknife, Ft. Simpson, Whitehorse, no longer compelling Northerners to fly south to go west or east. Our Dawson Library has six of Lyn Hancock's books but should you wish to write Box 244, Fort Simpson, N.W.T., X0F 0N0 will ensure an answer.

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Uffish Thoughts Up, Up and Away!

by Dan Davidson

"Medical evacuation", "medi-vac", "med-evac": an interesting term, however you may find it spelled. And you may find it in many ways, for it's one of those fascinating compounds that hasn't quite found its final form. Too new for any dictionary I have seen, rejected by several editors of this paper when I've used it in news stories over the years, it is nonetheless in common oral use, one of those words which cannot quite be done without in spite of its youth and odd breeding.

The first time I had any personal reason to think about the term was a decade ago when I found myself sitting in the cargo hold of a small plane, staring at the recumbent form of my extremely pregnant wife. The plane had answered our doctor's call promptly and the pilot and nurse were most helpful, but someone had neglected to tell them that the father was coming on this trip (or else all those pre-natal sessions were a waste of time) and so they hadn't left in an extra passenger seat for me.

I coped. It was sort of interesting, bouncing along in the tail of the plane, wondering what the lumps I was sitting on were. The baggage straps were almost worse than useless as seat belts, and did nothing at all to hold me in place when the plane hit air pockets, as it always seemed to do on that particular flight from Faro to Whitehorse.

The preparations for my wife were all but complete. They had everything in that little medical kit. She could have started final labour in the air and the baby would have been adequately delivered before we touched down.

The only thing they weren't ready for, of course, was the one

that actually happened. She got airsick. The sanitary pads made lousy wipe up towels for that mess, I can tell you. But the nurse coped, too.

A marvelous idea, these quick and ready airlifts. And they are so essential in a land where not every community can possibly be staffed and outfitted with every possible gadget and specialist needed to ensure the continued good health of its citizens.

The only problem with the scheme seems to be one a bit like my wife's little accident. No one figured that the federal government would fail to maintain the minimum service necessary to keep it all going. Oh, they're willing to spend untold millions on a third terminal for Toronto, a city whose skies hardly seem to need more large metal cylinders coasting around in them. They built a white elephant in Montreal and then gerrymander flight paths and rules in order to make it work in spite of itself.

But here in the north, where such services are pretty much essential to our way of life, where getting access to amenities taken for granted in the south is a lot more complicated than letting our fingers do the walking through the yellow pages, the feds do not seem at all hesitant about downgrading our airport services to balance the budget dollars squandered on Baie Comeau.

It's heartening to read, in a recent letter from the Minister of Transport, Jean Corbeil, to our M.P., Audrey McLaughlin, that the department has not yet decided to close down the tower at Whitehorse Airport. My joy at this news is somewhat mitigated by the knowledge that they said the same thing about the Flight Service Station in Watson Lake for some time before they closed it. My satisfaction is further tempered by the knowledge that these little exercises in federal restraint tend to flow to the north

as surely as the Yukon River flows past Dawson City, and that what happens 600 km away today will happen here just as soon as they can find a way to make it happen.

The proof of this thesis lies in the continued efforts by Canada Post to privatize its Dawson operation out of existence. Every new business or manager in town gets the same pitch eventually and luckily, so far, they have all reached the same conclusion. Today the mail...tomorrow the airport, if they can manage to get at it.

It's time to stop this nonsense, or at least dig in our heels hard enough to make them notice that we are here. It's time for the public to write some letters and it's time for the territorial government to get involved in the protest in a visible fashion.

Whence all this concern, you ask? Well, it's timely. The letters which began my train of thought came into my hands just this month, and the link was completed when my wife and daughter got on another little plane at Dawson Airport on the afternoon of Feb 23, assisted by a nurse from our station here and a fine ambulance crew. They'd left a seat for the concerned parent this time, but I guess she got airsick again any way. Never mind. The plane was available, the airport was available and the necessary information to land a plane here on a somewhat blustery day was still available. I, for one, would like to see it remain that way.

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whereas

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whereas

The General Assembly of the United Nations has designated March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

and whereas

The elimination of racism and racial discrimination can be accomplished through understanding and respect for the dignity of all people, and is the social and moral responsibility of each person;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT
His Worship Mayor Peter Jenkins and Members of Council hereby proclaim March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Dawson

Downtown Hotel announces NTN prize winners

March 2, 1992

Players of the NTN interactive entertainment game in the Sourdough Saloon have been on a winning streak lately. Each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. a trivia game called Showdown is played. The best three scores out of four for each player are accumulated and the highest at the Downtown wins a prize. In January Brian Close (Bambi) won a \$50.00 gift certificate, and in February Alan McRae (Arm) won a limited edition Yukon Quest print.

Powerplay is a game played in real time during NHL hockey games. Players earn points by predicting shots on net, goals and scorers. Todd Dewald (Vanfan) was the best player in North America for the month of February. He won a pair of Bauer Supreme 3000 V2 skates with a retail value of \$480.00!

Congratulations to all these

winners!

"March could be even better for the players in the lounge" says Bob Laking, manager of the Downtown Hotel. "Besides the prizes we give away for Showdown, the NTN network is giving away \$1000.00 per week on that game." Laking also points out that every time a patron plays any NTN game during the months of March and April they will be entered in a draw for a 1992 automobile. "The more times they play the more chances they have to win" he says. With all the prizes in Showdown, the always strong showing in Powerplay, and special events like the Academy Awards Show on March 30 it looks like a great opportunity for partons of the Sourdough Saloon to take home some goodies.

For more information contact Bob Laking at 993-5346.



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Saved by the Seat Belt Club member Dianne Sutherland tells why she believes in seat belts:

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THE CLEARING HOUSE

by Fran Hakonson & Evelyn DuBois

MORE ON BANKRUPTCIES:

The figures are out on Yukon Bankruptcies for 1991.

There were 8 personal and business bankruptcies compared to 15 in 1990.

The total for Canada was 75,773 for 1991 compared to 54,424 in 1990.

MORE ON BUTTONS:

We recently had a question on why men and women's shirt buttons are on different sides and thought we had given the definitive answer.

But a recent radio call-in show offered a lot of other ideas.

The majority of answers were a variation of ours. We said since maids dressed women, it was handy to have the buttons placed to make it easier for the maids. Most of the callers thought it was to make it easier for men to undress women (and since fewer women would be trying to undress men, and they were more dextrous anyway, it wasn't necessary to change men's buttons.)

But there were other reasons given:

When women rode side-saddle the wind blew into the opening of their jackets or blouses so they reversed the opening.

Men sat on the left side of churches, women on the right, and women could nurse their babies with more privacy.

Drycleaners wanted shirts differentiated as they charged more for cleaning women's blouses than men's shirts.

Men had to be able to button shirts with one hand and have the other free for their sword, if needed.

And one person's offering, "Women are always right and men are always left over."

Ice Guessing Contest: Break-up Time is Here?

by Kathy Jones-Gates

Dust off the Ouija board, consult the horoscope, or take a guess at the correct time. Its barely 6 weeks away from the annual Yukon river ice break-up, but the local chapter of the I.O.D.E. have the annual Ice Pool tickets on sale around the Territory, and for one dollar, you can make a guess on the break-up time.

Dawsonites have been placing bets on the break-up since 1896, but second guessing Mother Nature is almost impossible. Last years lucky winners were Allanah and Albert Fuhre who placed 6 guesses and their winning guess was within 1 minute of the actual time of 3:51 a.m. - April 30.

The I.O.D.E. have a tripod placed on the river ice behind the old Canadian Bank of Commerce by April 1. A wire attached to the tripod is then hooked up to a clock which is inside the bank. When the ice shifts far enough to stop the clock, that time is judged the official time for the Yukon river break-up at Dawson.

Since 1939, the I.O.D.E. have organized the ice pool guessing contest. 75% of the ticket sales goes to the winning guess or guesses, with the balance retained by the organization to cover expenses and support the many programs supported by them through the year. As interest in the annual event rises, increased ticket sales make for an attractive prize. Last year, the Fuhres took home \$3,313.47. The rules stipulate that midnight of April 25 be the closing date for sales, and the prize money goes to the closest guess before or after the official time. In the event of a tie, the prize money is split. You also need to retain your ticket stub.

A list of Break-up times is included in this issue, so clip and save it. For more information, you can contact the ice pool organizer, Lenore Jenkins, c/o I.O.D.E. Box 345, Dawson City, Yukon Y0B 1G0. For a brief history of the event, read The Klondike Sun issue for May 10, 1990, page

Yukon River Ice Break-up Dates at Dawson City

1896	May 19	2:35 p.m.	1944	May 5	1:27 p.m.
1897	May 17	4:30 p.m.	1945	May 16	9:31 p.m.
1898	May 8	8:15 p.m.	1946	May 9	3:38 p.m.
1899	May 17	4:10 p.m.	1947	May 9	unrecorded
1900	May 8	6:00 a.m.	1948	May 12	4:15 p.m.
1901	May 14	4:13 p.m.	1949	May 13	1:31 p.m.
1902	May 11	8:45 p.m.	1950	May 10	12:13 p.m.
1903	May 13	11:38 a.m.	1951	May 8	11:06 p.m.
1904	May 7	9:44 a.m.	1952	May 12	2:14 p.m.
1905	May 10	5:21 a.m.	1953	May 5	8:24 a.m.
1906	May 11	7:45 a.m.	1954	May 12	10:42 a.m.
1907	May 5	6:52 p.m.	1955	May 13	unrecorded
1908	May 7	5:27 p.m.	1956	May 7	4:03 p.m.
1909	May 11	9:46 p.m.	1957	May 9	2:42 p.m.
1910	May 11	4:06 p.m.	1958	May 4	2:11 p.m.
1911	May 7	12:27 p.m.	1959	May 15	1:01 p.m.
1912	May 9	10:03 p.m.	1960	May 4	6:50 p.m.
1913	May 14	5:11 p.m.	1961	May 9	4:29 a.m.
1914	May 19	9:11 a.m.	1962	May 16	1:39 a.m.
1915	May 3	5:55 p.m.	1963	May 5	6:22 p.m.
1916	May 3	10:03 a.m.	1964	May 28	12:13 a.m.
1917	May 15	2:00 a.m.	1965	May 18	4:54 a.m.
1918	May 11	9:45 a.m.	1966	May 11	5:55 a.m.
1919	May 11	midnight	1967	May 12	6:47 a.m.
1920	May 18	7:45 p.m.	1968	May 9	10:31 a.m.
1921	May 12	12:45 p.m.	1969	May 5	9:32 a.m.
1922	May 14	11:29 a.m.	1970	May 11	5:37 p.m.
1923	May 10	9:20 a.m.	1971	May 12	5:32 p.m.
1924	May 8	12:47 p.m.	1972	May 11	7:09 p.m.
1925	May 9	8:15 a.m.	1973	May 8	12:23 a.m.
1926	May 3	10:48 a.m.	1974	May 10	10:55 p.m.
1927	May 13	11:23 p.m.	1975	May 9	7:09 a.m.
1928	May 9	8:12 p.m.	1976	May 5	3:20 a.m.
1929	May 7	2:33 p.m.	1977	May 7	12:47 a.m.
1930	May 10	6:43 p.m.	1978	May 6	8:24 p.m.
1931	May 11	8:23 p.m.	1979	May 2	5:09 a.m.
1932	May 2	7:32 p.m.	1980	May 6	10:57 a.m.
1933	May 9	10:57 p.m.	1981	May 8	6:17 p.m.
1934	May 2	9:57 a.m.	1982	May 13	noon
1935	May 16	11:39 p.m.	1983	May 1	3:28 p.m.
1936	May 5	6:02 a.m.	1984	May 8	1:46 p.m.
1937	May 10	11:18 a.m.	1985	May 16	11:05 a.m.
1938	May 12	6:38 a.m.	1986	May 12	6:22 p.m.
1939	May 12	11:55 a.m.	1987	May 9	9:31 p.m.
1940	April 28	1:54 p.m.	1988	May 1	3:04 p.m.
1941	April 30	unrecorded	1989	April 29	11:22 p.m.
1942	May 6	10:30 a.m.	1990	April 30	3:51 a.m.
1943	May 2	7:00 p.m.	1991	April 30	10:16 a.m.

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\$1000 Showdown-
Every Tues. in March, the top location wins 20 \$50 American Express gift certificates. This is definitely the month for cooperation! Of course there is still our monthly best 3 of 4 prize.
Showdown
Terrific Ten-
Every Tuesday in March, 10 names will be shown

before the lightning round. If yours is one of the names and you get all 5 lightning round questions correct, you win a \$50 gift certificate.

Powerplay-
The always strong Downtown team will continue to compete. Why not give it a try and join the best team in North America?

Academy Awards-
On March 30 a special game based on the Academy Awards show will be held. "May I have the envelope please", takes on new meaning when you get to predict the winners and earn points. Lots of prizes. Note the date.

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ARM-Allen McRae
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February Powerplay-
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Todd Dewald
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WINNERS

SHOWDOWN
COUNTDOWN
UNDERCOVER
POWERPLAY
NIGHTSIDE
SPORTS TRIVIA
ACADEMY AWARD

Weather information

Weather Information for Dawson City for January 1992 provided by Art Vickers, your friendly Flight Service Specialist at the Transport Canada Flight Service Station located at the Dawson City Airport.

Well! How was that for a month! We had almost everything imaginable as far as weather went and still we made it through to March. Amazing! The temperature fluctuated wildly from a chilly -42.0 (-43.6) tropical PLUS 9.5 (49.1). The weather was anything but stable. We had clear, cloudy or foggy days with precipitation in the form of basic snow to ice crystals to freezing drizzle to freezing rain and all the way up to (yes, you guessed it!) RAIN!!! The only thing missing was a thunderstorm or two thrown in. There was much more wind than normal as well, to add to the variety. All in all, it was quite a February.

The 27th and 28th broke new

warm temperature records with 7.2(45.0) and 9.5(49.1) respectively. No cold temperatures records were threatened. (Thank goodness! Most old cold records were in the -50s (60's)).

Well, here are the stats for February. The bracketed temperatures are Fahrenheit.

We only had two days below -40(-40) this month and that was just fine with me. The sun is starting to have some effect on the temperature and our daylight hours continue to get longer.

Thanks to our last rainfall, the roads are again very icy, so PLEASE drive carefully and try to stay out of the ditches (Right, Gordon!!!!)

See you next month.

	1992	1991	30 year Average
Maximum Temp.	9.5(49.1)	0.4(32.7)	—
Minimum Temp.	-42.0(-43.6)	-43.1(-45.6)	—
Mean Max.	-16.5(2.3)	-14.7(5.5)	-18.5(-1.3)
Mean Min.	-27.6(-17.7)	-24.9(-12.8)	-27.5(-17.5)
Mean Temp.	-22.1(-7.8)	-19.8(-3.6)	-23.0(-9.4)
Rainfall	cm.(in.)	cm.(in.)	cm.(in.)
Snowfall	1.1(0.4)	trace	nil
	29.0(11.4)	35.0(13.8)	16.8(6.6)
Number of days with Precipitation	26	24	9



John Gould and Albert Fuhre show off Centennial Logo

Photo by Michael Gates

Centennial Logo Contest

by John Gould

The Klondike Centennial Society, recently held a contest for a Logo that could be used for the many upcoming centennials.

There were 8 designs submitted, and a panel of 3 judges viewed the entries after the closing of the contest on January 30. It was an unanimous decision and Albert Fuhre's was declared the winner.

On February 16, the opening day for the Alaska Highway celebrations, DCTV was having a telethon to raise money for new equipment. The Klondike

Centennial Society took the opportunity to unveil the new logo. Albert Fuhre was there and interviewed by Peter Menzies. 1942-43 photos were available, showing the Dawson waterfront activities, during the construction of the Alaska Highway.

The Society had a limited number of "T" shirts and polo shirts made up with the new logo on them. Seven of the "T" shirts were auctioned off over the air during the telethon. There are a few of the polo shirts left if anyone wants one. There were only 12.

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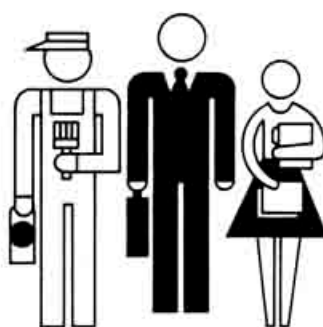
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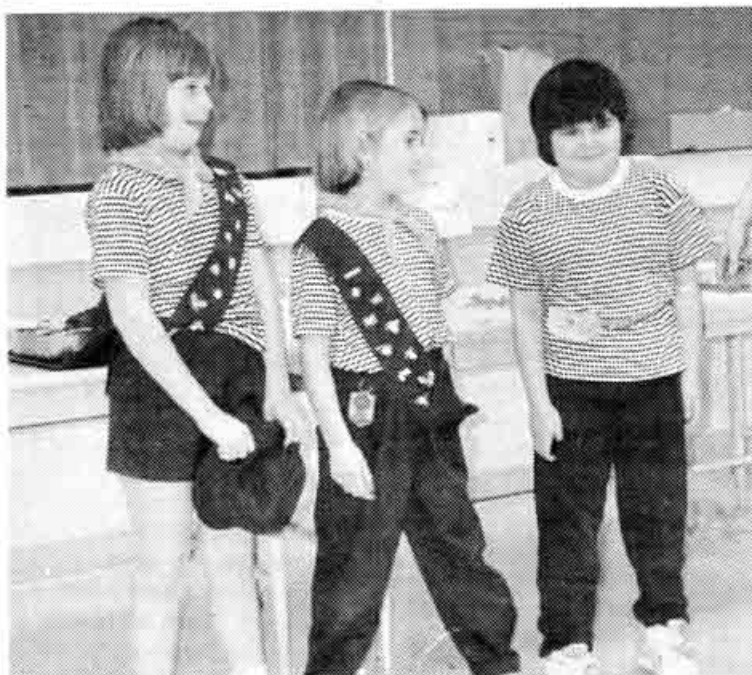


Photo by Madeleine Gould

Brownie News

by Madeleine Gould

On Saturday Feb. 22, the Guides and Brownies put on a dinner for family and friends in the ancillary room at the school. The delicious supper of chili and stew was cooked by Ernie at the Downtown. The fixings for the salads were donated by the Farmers Market and the General Store. The Brownies took care of the dessert. The Pathfinders co-ordinated the dinner with the expertise of Brandy Maude. Guide leader Allanna Wiebe welcomed everyone and gave a short talk on how scouting and guiding came about, after which she introduced Carol McBride and Peter Maxwell who are the Cub leaders. They each gave a short talk about the Cubs and Scouts.

Holly Reeves, Brownie leader,

also spoke about the need for more leaders. Tara McCauley spoke on behalf of the Pathfinders. Leslie Greenwood is the leader of this group.

After dinner we were treated to a fashion show. First were the guides who were introduced by Marjorie Mann. They modeled all the different types of uniforms.

Holly Reeves then introduced the Brownies as they showed off their uniforms. Some of the girls were a bit shy and one even pulled her hat over her face (I really think she was clowning a bit). Holly explained the difference in uniforms.

The evening ended with singing, first by the Pathfinders led by Tara McCauley then the Brownies were led by Holly.

Music festival update

by Pat Henman

Calling out around the world
Are you ready for a brand new beat,
Summers here and the time is right

for dancing in the street.

Dancing in the Street

William Stevenson

Marvin Gaye

Ivy Hunter

Well, Spring is almost here and the time will be right for dancing in the tent. We have lots of good things on the rise for the entertainment lovers of Dawson.

April 17 and 18 at the YOOP Hall, we are co-sponsoring with the Dawson Recreation board, the comedy, **Laundry and Bourbon**, performed by three local talents, Margie Mann, Dale Cooper and Pat Henman, directed

by Grant Hartwick. The evening will have a theme attached to it - country style with Texas drawls, country music and nachos! Hope to see you all there! Admission will be \$10.00 at the door, with limited seating.

Next, we have more Yukon talent with Marie Gogo performing songs from her debut album, **You Were Made For Love**. Marie will perform with a band made up of local musicians and take place at Gerties Gambling Casino. Keep your eyes open for more information on this concert in the next few weeks. Performance date is April 25.

We want to really hit off Dawsons' summer season with a bang so we the DCMF have joined ranks with the International Gold Show. We

are setting up the tent for a dance/concert on Saturday, May 23. We are looking forward to this and hope you all come out and have a good time. Watch for posters revealing the name of our invited guests.

Stay tuned for more information on a special event happening in June and then we have our big event in July. July 17, 18 and 19 is the annual Dawson City Music Festival. The wheels are in motion and soon there will be commitments made and names to print. One hint: our MC just might be one half of the Midday news show but you'll have to wait until next issue or until contracts are signed! (Our MC spot is funded by the Yukon Anniversary committee).



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News from the Muse

by Pam Braun

February was short but busy at the Dawson City Museum with new faces, new memberships, a busy staff and even an out of town speaker.

We welcomed in February the City of Dawson as a new corporate member. Thanks for your show of support! Further appreciation is extended for the new (old) acquisitions recently accepted by the collection committee. These donations include the following: Dawson City Opera House trade token, from Jan Kaplicky, Dawson; a hand sketched postcard of Fort Selkirk, from Gregg Millar, Wimar, Ca.; a photo album and 1909 novel, from Madge Gillespie; Dawson, a Pleistocene mammal bone, from Barb Hanulik, Dawson; a set of bellows, from Gordie Caley, Dawson; and crochet pattern books, from Mike Senizuck and Marjie Hills, Dawson. Many thanks! This is how your museum grows.

Barb Hogan, added a slide show to the opening of the Yukon Ditch Photo Exhibit, on February 17, for Heritage day. She thanks everyone for attending and reminds us it can be viewed in the court room. Tours are available to view the museum and/or exhibition, just make an appointment. Lecture night, March 4, Michael Gates introduced the talk on Jack Dalton and the Dalton Trail, with a brief history of Dalton's involvement in the southwest Yukon and Alaska. Linda Johnson, Director of Libraries and Archives, then captivated the interested group with the first known photographs of

the area from two trips in 1890 and 1891, when Dalton, with News reporter E.J. Glave, entered and explored throughout the mountainous terrain. She reconstructed their trips from these photographs, diaries, maps, correspondence, newspaper writings, as well as, from oral histories of Native elders.

Work on the Registration Test Project is winding up and cataloguers, Andree Gaulin and Penny Soderlund, have finished all the artifacts in the North Gallery. Andree learned much and found the collection fairly amazing and extensive. Well worth seeing! Penny, the former administrative assistant, found the change to cataloguing restful from the hustle and bustle of office routine. The worksheets are now ready for data entry onto the Canadian Heritage Information Network National Database (CHIN). Heritage Branch Registration Coordinator, Drew Ball, had been busy installing software packages to complete the link to Ottawa.

Three more finding aids are now available in the resource room. Find out all there is to know (at this Museum anyway) about the Martha Louise Black Collection and the I.O.D.E. Collection. As well mining enthusiasts might enjoy the Caley Collection, which includes extensive business papers of R.P. Elliot, miner and entrepreneur. He rented pulsumeters and steam thawing equipment to miners along the creeks at the turn of the century.

The new brochure is in production and expected to be out soon.

All Time Family Fun

by Roberta Humberstone

On Saturday, February 15, in celebration of Valentine Day, the Tro'ndik Huch'in Committee organized a family dance that saw more than 150 people in

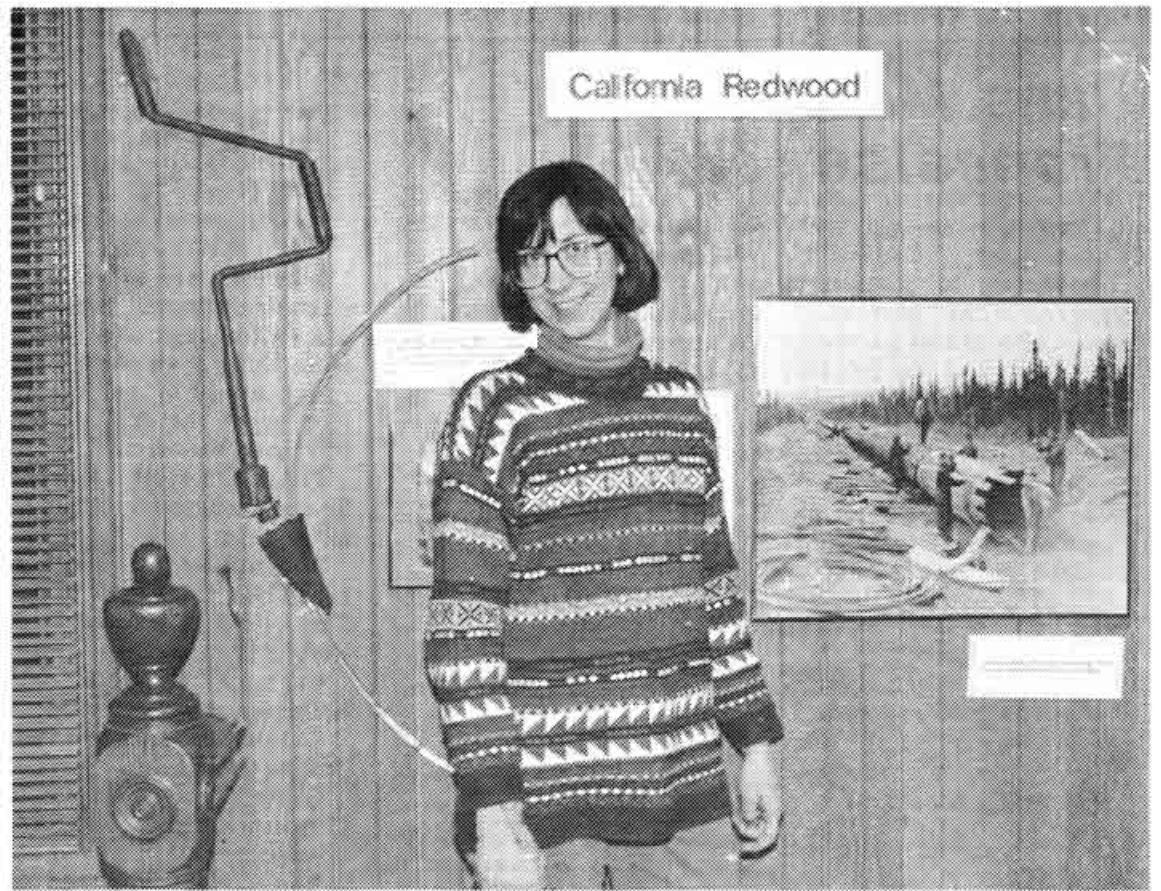
attendance.

The dance, which was held at the Tro'ndik Indian Heritage Centre, really came alive with the dance floor full of toddlers, youngsters, teens and adults alike.



Jill and Joy flossing around.

Photo by Roberta Humberstone



Barb Hogan

Photo by Michael Gates

Barb Hogan had to wait for appropriate weather to finish her Dawson at 40 Below slide show in time for the tourists. Okay weather, she has enough pictures, you can warm up now !?

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The price of a swimming pool depends mainly on how deep you want to get in over your head

There were doorprizes, spot dances and prizes for the best dancers, too. The excellent choice of music was programmed by Ryan Petersen, Jason Henry, Jimmie Close and last but not least, our own Grant Hartwick.

Hot dogs, popcorn and pop were available at the concession. But the highlight of the evening (and also new to Dawson) was cotton candy. Yes!! It was made fresh right on the spot by Trinke Zho Daycare volunteers with their new cotton candy machine.

So folks, next time you hear about an "All Time Family Fun" dance, be sure to take the whole family. The price is right and your kids will love you for it. And they may even let you sleep in the next morning.

ELECTRICAL ACT

Changes that you should know...

The Yukon Electrical Act has been amended to keep up with advances in the industry and to improve public safety.

Changes to the permit system will now ensure that homeowners have sufficient knowledge to do their own electrical work. Plans will be requested and permits will be issued on the basis of a short written test.

An Electrical Safety Standards Board will be established to hear appeals on electrical code interpretation, permit denials and license suspension.

Fees for permits have been increased to better reflect the cost of inspections.

For detailed information visit the Public Safety Branch located on the lower level of the Yukon government administration building in Whitehorse. Call 667-5741 or 1-800-661-0408 toll free.

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Dans Ma Caban En Française

par Sylvie Boudreau

Demandez le service en français, c'est pour nous! L'association franco-yukonnaise vient tout juste de présenter "Un Annuaire des Services en Français '92" desservant les régions de Mayo, Haines Junction, Teslin, Whitehorse et Dawson. Afin de rendre l'annuaire le plus pratique possible, les services ont été classifiés en différentes sections tels:

- l'éducation
- gens d'affaires francophones
- gens d'affaires anglophones avec service en français (Wth.)
- gouvernement territorial
- gouvernement fédéral

C'est facile et tellement pratique pour rejoindre les francophones du Yukon. Pour vous procurer l'annuaire, contactez l'association au 302 rue Strickland, Whitehorse, Y1A 2K1, ou composer le 668-2663. Pour participer à l'annuaire 1992, communiquez avec Le Secteur des

For those of you who would like to improve your French conversational skills, contact the Yukon College at 993-5231.

About Your Plants

by
Sue Ward

Are you checking your plant books to learn about renewal to those swatches of green which have endured the long dark night? Why do three of my African Violet plants appear to be so happy to be alive but the fourth is determined to give up the ghost? I remember to tell them that I love them equally. And so I pondered as I sifted through papers, remembering vaguely the story about plants showing emotions. And would you believe it, I found the following which I hadn't seen in years, and had someone asked me for it I'd have had no idea where to look. Sort of spooky, but read on.

Excerpt from "We are all Healers" by Sally Hammond c 1973, Page 60 On the Psychic Trail.

Discoveries of Steve Backster, re: The abilities of plants to perceive. He showed the plant's ability to distinguish among several people the one capable of doing it harm rather than good.

Baxter had six men enter a room in which there were two philodendron plants on a table. One of the six men picked up one of the plants, pulled it up by the roots, and stepped on it. Baxter then connected the polygraph to the remaining plant and had the six men come back into the room-- one at a time. When the "killer" entered the room, the plant that had witnessed the up-

Communications, C.P. 5205, Whitehorse, Y1A 4A1.

Si vous vous trouvez à Whitehorse durant le mois de Mars, profitez de prendre un repas maison en compagnie des francophones chaque vendredi à 17h, l'AFY 668-2663.

Une vingtaine d'étudiants de Dawson ont été visiter la belle ville de Québec. C'était certainement une expérience autant enrichissante pour la langue que pour la culture. Les familles des étudiant (es) qui ont participé à cette échange recevront à leur tour, les étudiant (es) du Québec au mois de Mai. Ce sera donc à nous, membres de la communauté, de leur souhaiter la bienvenue et leur montrer notre hospitalité du nord.

Salut et au mois prochain!!

INSIDE / OUTSIDE

Giovanni and Betty Castellarin as well as Joe and Marlene Braga have just returned from down south. They spent one week in Las Vegas and then spent the rest of their holidays in Vancouver.

John and Gail Hendley have also returned from their trip to Las Vegas.

Bob and Joanne Smith are back from the Virgin Islands. They also took in Lake Tahoe, Nevada for some skiing.

Barbara Hanulik is in Alabama visiting her mother.

Welcome back to Corrinne at the Hair Cabaret.

Gerry Kline and crew of Tek Corporation are back and already opening camp.

Rene, Romy Jensen and son Nicolaas were out to Mexico. Romy was off to Switzerland to visit her family and to Holland to visit Renes' family.

Mikin Bilina has just returned from Czechoslovakia. The beer was great! Too bad he lost his luggage, which arrived home one week later! Amazing!

Earl and Lynn MacKenzie have returned from a holiday in Vancouver.

Murray Matchett and Paula Pawlovich and their children Jennifer and Stephanie have just returned from a five week holiday in Hawaii, looking very tanned.

Lou Doucet is back from Mexico and Costa Rica. His oldest son met him in Mazatlan for two weeks.

Back from a great trip to Fiji and Australia are Jim and Dorothy Irwin. It was so hot that they saw a lot of other people, or was it that a lot of other people saw a lot of them? Her friends Lorraine, Betty and Pia didn't make it clear.

The Klondike Sun is really becoming and international paper. A letter from Clara Lewthwaite (nee Drugan), husband David and their children in New Zealand ended with "Really enjoyed the Klondike Sun. Keep up the good work!"

Good to see Dick Gillespie back from a stint in the

Vancouver and Whitehorse hospitals.

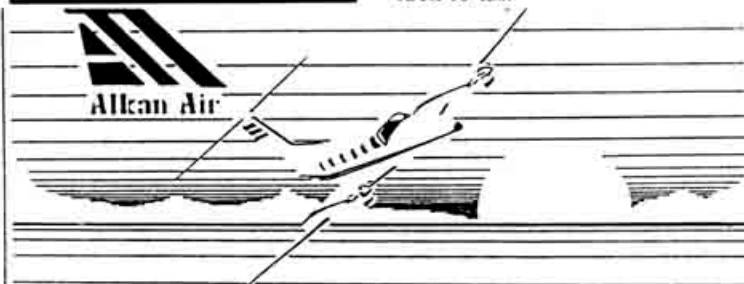
The Reeves family enjoyed a wonderful family Christmas in Newfoundland followed by Brian's trip with son Robert to England to visit with his parents Stan and Eileen Reeves of Devon, U.K.

The cars and drivers of the Alcan 5000 Winter Rally whipped in and out of Dawson in late February on their way back south to the finish line in Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. The souped up vehicles drive from Washington State up to Fairbanks, then drove to Inuvik via the Dempster, back down via Dawson, Whitehorse, down the Alaska Highway to the finish line. They visit Dawson every couple of winters.....rather than us!

Did you watch CBC TV's Volunteer Day program the other night? A sharp-eyed Myrna Butterworth recognized a long time Dawsonite, Evelyn Craig of Vancouver, who was interviewed for her many years of volunteering as a Red Cross worker.

Welcome to Dawson, Sean and Cindy McGinty, who have moved here from Lethbridge, Alberta. Cindy is the new face at Gold City Tours.

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Money Matters

By Sean Fahy

RSP CONTRIBUTION LIMITS...

I'm confused about new legislation on RSP contributions. How much can I contribute in 1991?

For the 1991 taxation year, if you are not a member of Registered Pension Plan or a Deferred Profit-Sharing Plan, you will be eligible to contribute the lesser of \$11,500, or 18 percent of 1990's earned income. Note that the maximum contribution limit has increased from \$7,500 to \$11,500 and is scheduled to increase in \$1,000 annual increments until it reaches \$15,500 in 1995. Also, note that the maximum percentage limit has decreased from 20 percent to 18 percent and that contribution limits are now based on previous year's earnings rather than on the current year's earnings, as previously.

If you are a member of a Registered Pension Plan or a Deferred Profit-Sharing Plan, your maximum contribution limit is \$11,500 or 18 percent of the previous year's (1990) earned income, whichever is less, minus your pension adjustment. This pension adjustment may be found



on the T-4 Supplementary form you received last winter, which makes it easy to calculate your maximum contribution for 1991 right now. Revenue Canada will confirm the precise amount of your RRSP contribution room in November of each year.

I didn't earn any income in 1990. Does this mean I can't deduct an RSP contribution this year?

Unfortunately, yes. Similarly, if you are just beginning your first job in 1991, you will not be able to make an RSP contribution until 1992. On the other hand, if you earned a good income in 1990 but did not fare as well in 1991, the new legislation will work in your favour and you will be able to contribute more than you would have, had the legislation not changed. The self-employed, contract workers, commissioned salespeople or entrepreneurs, and others with fluctuating incomes from year to year should consider accelerating or deferring expenditures and/or

income to level off annual income variations. Consult your tax advisor for suggestions on how to accomplish this. If you can't make a contribution this year, but have funds available, consider overcontributing to your RSP by \$8,000. You won't receive a tax deduction but the funds will be earning a tax-free return within your RSP sooner rather than later and you won't be tempted to use the funds for other purposes.

When is the earliest I can make my 1992 contribution and what is the maximum amount that I can contribute?

You may contribute on January 2, 1992. The amount is the lesser of 18 percent of 1991 earned income, or \$12,500. If you are a member of a Pension Plan or Deferred Profit-Sharing Plan, you will have to subtract your pension adjustment.

For your Retirement Planning Workbook, please contact me, Sean C. Fahy, at 604-661-7420, Vancouver, B.C.



Head nurse heads out

This article was submitted by Medical Services Branch, in Whitehorse.

After two and a half years as Nurse-in-Charge of the Dawson City Nursing Station, Charlotte Thompson will be relocated to Vancouver B.C.

Charlotte has been working in the Yukon since 1978, first in Whitehorse and then in various other communities including Nurse-in-Charge of the Watson Lake Hospital.

In 1986 she returned to

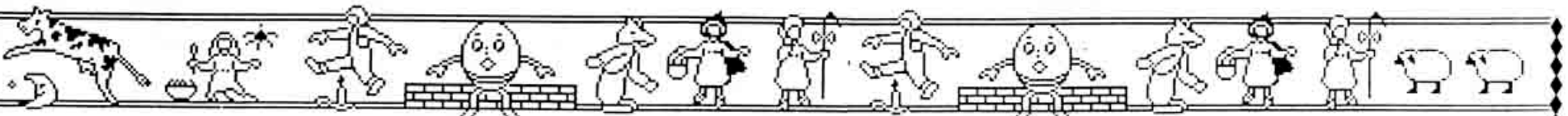
University of Victoria to complete her degree in Nursing. Upon finishing her studies, Charlotte married and took a job in community health with the Cowichan Band in Duncan, B.C.

Charlotte had always dreamed of working in Dawson, so when the competition opened for Nurse-in-Charge, she applied and was the successful candidate.

Now she has won an Assistant Zone Nursing Officer position with Medical Services in Vancouver.

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MUSSIE CHO

The Staff, children, parents and committee of the Trinke Zho Daycare Centre (along with the Dawson Indian Band) would like to express their heart felt thanks for the tremendous support we have received from the community of Dawson since we opened our doors in January '89. So many people have helped us in so many ways - Mussi Cho. You can't operate a child care facility without this sort of help. Mussi Cho - thanks so much!

The One Voice Conference For Youth

by Pam Lawrie

Each person has a voice inside them that is unique and special, deserving respect, and has the right to be heard. Over sixty youth of the Yukon came together for three days (Feb. 27-Mar. 1) to strengthen their voices and learn from others.

Workshops were on **Alternatives to Drugs and Alcohol** (Allan Jacobs), **Land Claims** (Angie Joseph and Tim Gerberding), **Dating Violence** (Marika Latham and Carol Renyck), **Tribal Justice** (Mary Kane), **Anger Management** (Jim Johnston), and **A.I.D.S. Awareness** (Bonnie Boyd).

As coordinator, I want to thank everyone that made the conference possible: youth organizers, security, chaperones, cooks, drivers, contacts from the other communities, the Dawson Indian Band, Robert Service School, the Raven's Nook, Maximilians, the Farmers Market, the Dawson City Air Cadets, the City of Dawson Recreation Department, the residents of Moosehide, the Family Violence Initiative, Health and Social Services, and all the others.

This was the second Yukon-wide Youth Conference to be held within the school year, giving a total of one hundred and thirty teenage voices a chance to be heard. It is my experience from working with teens that once they get behind something positive, there's no stopping them. Look forward to more youth conferences in the near future!

This two page spread will include comments and photos from the youth and others who took part in the conference.



The sweatlodge was a popular spot.



You want me to draw what?

photos by Clayton Berriman

How did you feel about the host?

Very hospitable and friendly.

O.K. and funny.

Very good!

The hosts were friendly, outgoing and very accommodating.

How well do you think the conference was organized?

Excellent job! I commend all people involved.

Very good!

I think it ran quite smoothly.

What did you enjoy about this weekend?

I enjoyed walking down to Moosehide and going in the sweatlodge. It was incredible!

It was a good chance for the young people to meet and exchange ideas.

Seeing the young people sharing, learning, and quite freely expressing their own opinions.



Time to unwind at the big Friday Dance.

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City.

The workshop topics that the youth chose were very informative. I interviewed some of the participants and these were their comments: *On which workshop was the most important?* "I think the **Anger Management** was because everyone has to learn how to express their feelings in a way that won't hurt people." "A.I.D.S. Awareness because people and especially teens just gotta know about it." "All the workshops were important. For myself **Traditional Healing** and A.I.D.S. Awareness rate very high. Also **Alternatives to Drugs and Alcohol** and **Tribal Justice**."

A special thanks to the people of Moosehide who let the youth use their cabins! Thanks to Pam Lawrie, Grant Hartwick, and all the organizers!

This is Clayton Berriman saying goodbye and good luck until the next youth conference!