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Dawson is promised school expansion

by Dan Davidson

There's been no public announcement as yet, but the Robert Service School Council would like everyone to know that the Minister of Education has agreed to a 3 room expansion of the school building, to be budgeted in 1994 and built in 1995. This isn't really soon enough for Fletcher Hunston, one of the two council members on the expansion sub-committee, but it's much better than the answer he and Bonnie Nordling have been receiving over the last year, so he's fairly happy about it.

In his letter to the council Piers McDonald thanked the members for their patience while waiting for his response: "As explained, a number of studies had to be undertaken before I could take action on any of the aspects we discussed. Primarily we were concerned about additional teaching stations in the school due to an increase in enrollment, in moving the parking facilities for the staff from the playground area of the school, and increasing the size of the playing field available to the pupils."

McDonald went on to say that parking was to be relocated across Fifth Avenue to the lot adjacent to the CFYT-fm/DCTV station. This was to have been accomplished before the first snow but, as Hunston noted, that arrived about a month early this year and Education can't be held accountable for that.

The Dept. of Community and Transportation Services is in the process of acquiring additional land for the school across 4th Avenue behind the Eldorado Hotel. McDonald anticipates a successful outcome to these negotia-

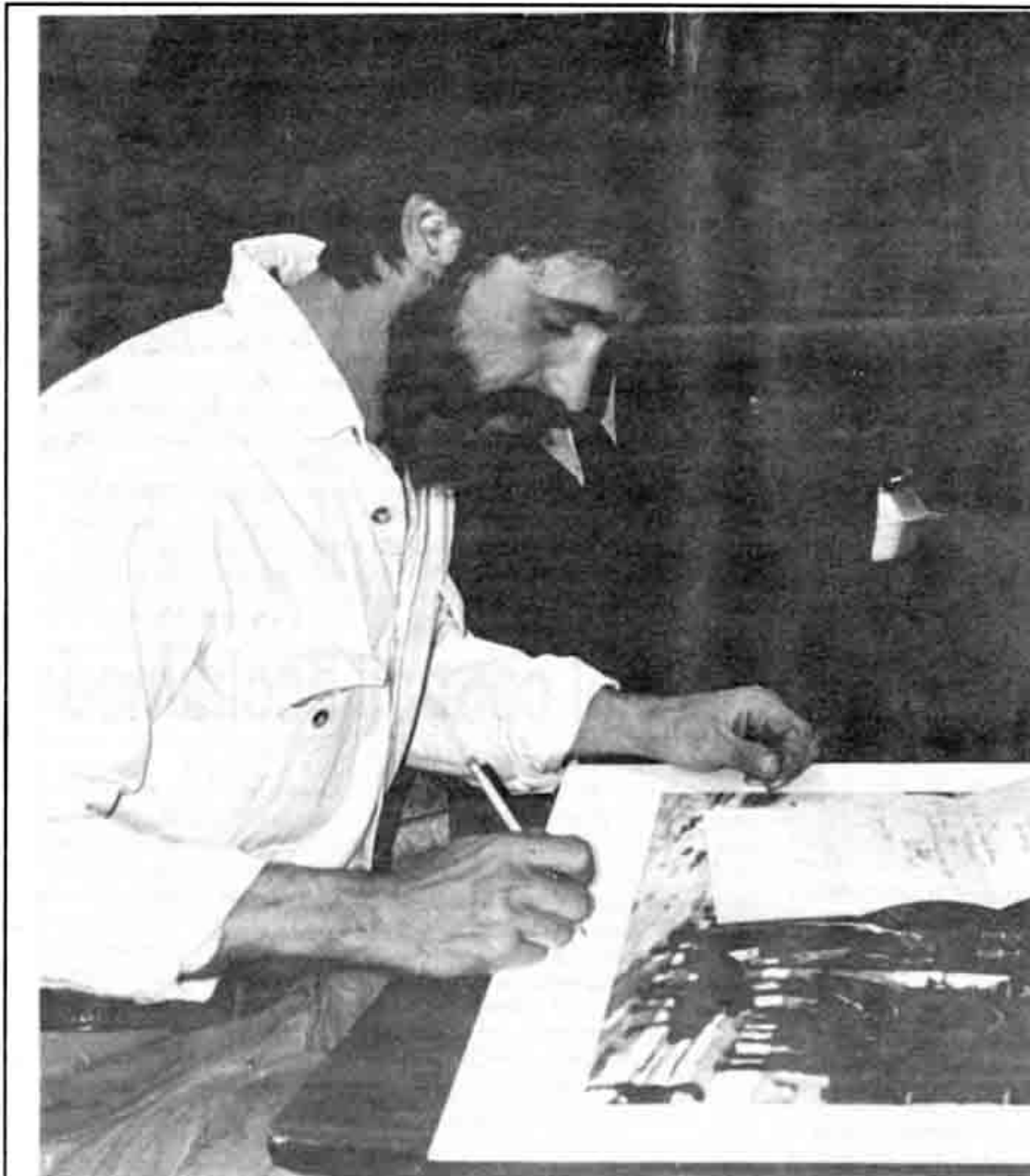
tions.

Hunston anticipates that this might take about a year to put together. The council wants to see that portion of 4th Avenue turned into a cul de sac, with the school occupying the land along Princess Street from 5th Avenue to the Eldorado. That would provide room for expansion of the playing field and the school building itself.

The building expansion posed what McDonald called the biggest problem. The \$10 million school was constructed with fewer classrooms than the local building committee had advised, but it was to have been designed so that additional rooms could be built on above the industrial arts shop on 4th Avenue. In a recent letter to city council the architect of the building confirmed this arrangement, but noted that the actual construction had not conformed in all ways to his design. Hunston says he has been told that a second floor addition, as originally intended, has now been ruled out by government engineers. The changes were so extreme, Hunston says, that it would have cost \$900,000.00 to put the classrooms where they were supposed to have gone.

"As you know," McDonald continued "we are unable to place these additional stations above the Industrial Education laboratory as was the original intention. Alterations were made to the blueprints during the building's construction which negate this possibility."

"Instead a proposal has been made, for our consideration, to extend the foot of the building and place the classrooms at the end of the Industrial Arts



Halin DeRepentigny signs copies of his first commercial print. See our story on page two.

education wing."

This would put the expansion in the area which is the current parking lot, between the two exits on the south end of the building. Hunston and the council see no problem with this as long as the playground area can be expanded in some other direction.

"The capital money for this project is now identified in the five year plan with the work

scheduled for the construction year 1995. I hope that you will understand that some \$10 million was spent on the Dawson school during the years 1987-89 and therefore, in fairness to other communities who have need of upgrading of their educational facilities, we must give a certain priority to those other communities."

"What we wanted was a date," Hunston said. "We got that. It's not perfect, because by that year (the school) is going to be really struggling to have any kind of room in that school. But at least we know it's temporary and we've got a date. We're going to send a letter back to him, thanking him saying that we do understand some of the complexities, but that we would like to start planning now for the next expansion and have that in place when it's needed, not four years afterward."

"This is a vibrant community, and it's going to continue to grow in the next few years," Hunston said, pointing to the doubling of Dawson's population over the last decade and the in-

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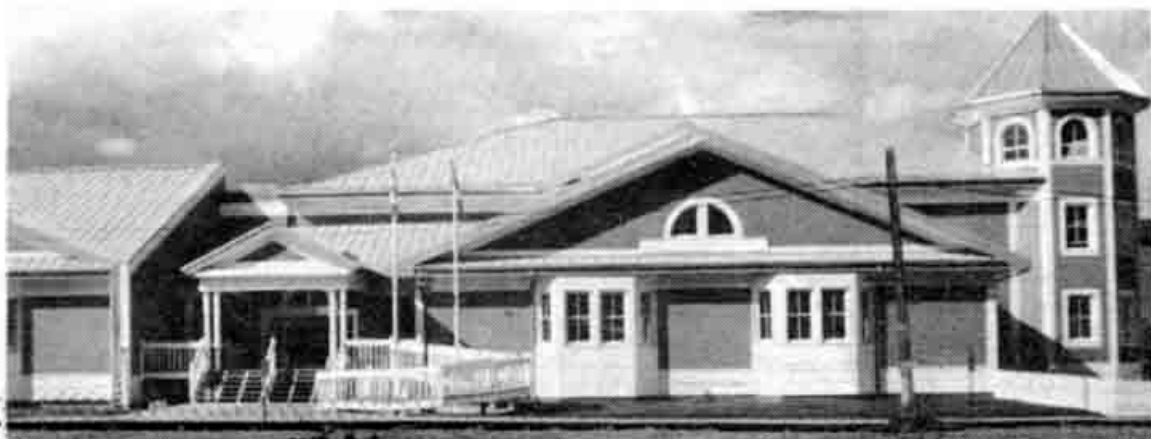
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Cuts planned by Parks Dawson artist releases De Wolfe Race print

by Dan Davidson

A confidential report, named in a story in the Calgary Herald of October 3, confirms what employees at Klondike National Historic Sites have been saying here for some time: the Canadian Parks Service is planning cuts.

The story, by reporter Jeff Adams, begins, "In a move designed to save tax dollars but also capable of cutting jobs from coast to coast, the Canadian Parks Service is thinking of contracting its duties to private companies."

It goes on to say that privatization may be effective in cutting costs for maintenance of campgrounds and highways in parks as well as facilities like swimming pools in Banff National Park.

The story quotes Sandra Davis, director general of the parks service in Western Canada as saying that, "All elements of program operation are being reviewed to see if we can do them more efficiently or effectively."

Jean Charest, the minister in charge of the Parks Service, denied that there were any cuts in store for the service when he visited Dawson in August and was accosted about this matter by KNHS employees who protested the cost of his northern junket, but his assistant deputy minister, Lise Lefebvre-Anglin, is reported by KNHS employees to have discussed just this matter when she was here the next week.

Byron Shandler, an active member of the PSAC, claims that KNHS may be instructed to look at contracting out a lot more than just maintenance services, that the changes may extend to interpretation and many other things. He claims the full details of the cutbacks, when they become known, may have a major impact on the seasonal and full time parks related employment in Dawson City and in the rest of Yukon.

Adam's story indicates that it will be next year before federal officials reach firm conclusions about what they plan to do.

Expansion

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There is a decrease in the school population from the mid 1970s in 1985 to 76 in September of this year. The council wants the 1995 addition to be planned and constructed in such a way that it can be inexpensively doubled by adding a second story when the need arises.

by Dan Davidson

The Percy De Wolfe Annual Mail Race is a perfect subject for the skills of Dawson artist Halin DeRepentigny and, thanks to the good folks at the Yukon Gallery, lots more people than usual will be able to enjoy Halin's work. "Race Day - Percy DeWolfe - Dawson City" is the name of Halin's first limited edition print, officially released on September 19 in Dawson. Lowry and Barbara Toombs and Michael Hyslop of the gallery made the trip on a snowy September weekend to make sure that the first release took place in the artist's home town.

"I think," said Lowry Toombs, "it's very important that when we do have a Dawson artist we take advantage of an opportunity to have it released here because so often I think that the people think that everything is centered in Whitehorse. Well, this is a Dawson artist, and I think it's only appropriate that we do it here."

No prints had actually been sold in Whitehorse prior to the opening, though they had been in stock for about a month and the gallery had had Halin come to the

city to sign them.

Halin recalls this painting as being one of the first that sold at his recent Yukon Gallery showing. The Toombs then talked him into giving the poster a try. They think he's doing well. At his show he sold 17 originals, and about 23 more have gone since then.

"We're hoping that in the future, in the next couple of years, we're going to have the opportunity to print more of Halin's work," Toombs said, "because it seems to be in demand."

Some people at the evening show in Whitehorse bought more than one item, and Barbara Toombs thinks that Halin's work may be a hit with collectors.

The poster, they hope, will make the artist's work a little more accessible to the average buyer. Halin works in heavy oils on fairly large canvases, and paints in an impressionistic style that needs a bit of distance to be seen at its best advantage. The poster, printed at about one third (12" x 17") the size of the original (24" x 36") painting, is on a scale more suitable to the average home, and, notes Toombs, it's

much easier and cheaper to frame.

Even at that, the \$80.00 print was sold framed in Dawson City for over \$200.00, and that was with a 15% discount during the opening at the Downtown Hotel's conference room. Business was brisk throughout the afternoon.

Halin DeRepentigny smiles wryly when anyone asks him how long it takes to do a painting.

"Twenty years," is his pat answer, because that's how long he has been working at the craft. But he admits that he tends to work quickly, and that if he finds himself beginning to fuss over the details in a piece that usually tells him that there's something wrong with it. Most of that kind of work is scrapped.

"The faster a painting is done, the better you've been feeling about it and the more confident you are," says the bearded artist. "It's in your head already and part of it is in your heart. The faster I find that a painting is done in my style the better it is."

"The PDW was done real quick. I'm used to dogs. I seen that happening a million times, and I'm used to that too. I handle dogs, and it's something I like to do. It's all my friends that are in the picture as well."

That includes the artist himself, who is dead center in the picture, holding the dogs for a musher. Halin is a musher, trapper, fisherman and bush dweller

by choice, and will soon be taking up residence in a cabin at Sixty Mile with his partner and manager Suzanne Guimond, his own daughter and her son. That's almost ironic, because his work has been taking a shift from nature paintings to town paintings in the last while, and Dawson is a subject that he finds a lot of people are interested in.

Of course, Halin's work is all over town, on the signs at many of the stores, on outdoor wall murals, on an enormous indoor mural of Moosehide at the Tron-dek Heritage Centre, on the backdrop for the Dawson City Music Festival and even on some contentious bed and breakfast signs that the Planning Board says are too large. He's even done a couple of political cartoons for the local newspaper.

Large works are what he likes best. His style is one that needs a wide brush stroke and lots of room to make his effects.

"I enjoy painting big. The bigger the canvas the more fun...but you gotta be twenty feet away to get the effect. That's the purpose of a print. It does it for you at just two feet away."

The painting itself is going to help to support its subject. Barbara Toombs says that the Gallery hopes to arrange with the DeWolfe Race Committee a way to sell prints to help raise part of the money for the race's purse.

School council acclaimed

by Dan Davidson

Nominations for school councils closed on October 8, and in Dawson City, this means one less ballot to fill out on the day of the territorial election. Six candidates stood for the six positions on the council, and so they were filled by acclamation.

The new council will consist of returning members Fletcher Hunston (manager of Gerties for the Klondike Visitors Association), Bruce Campbell (pastor of the Dawson Christian Fellowship Church), Helen Winton (an instructor at the local campus of Yukon College), Bonnie Nordling (an additions worker with Human Resources), along with new members Lori Sprockreeff (a postal worker), and Karen Sparrow (secretary to the local R.C.M.P. detachment).

In Dawson, school councils are active bodies. The first act of the

last school council was to change the school year in Dawson so that it runs from Aug. 18 to the end of May. The Robert Service School is now in its second year of that change. The council has also been involved in promoting a new school plan, yearly course offerings and an attendance policy.

The present council has also managed to lobby successfully for an expansion of a school building that is only five years old, getting a promise of 3 more classrooms from the Department of Education. Fletcher Hunston, an active member of the expansion sub-committee, has already served notice that the council will be looking to plan another expansion by the time those classrooms are in place in 1995, so the new council is likely to have a busy term.

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Everitt returned by a slim margin

by Dan Davidson

"This is a heartstopper," said election watcher Gail Hendley, as the last few ballots were called out in Dawson's October 8 civic by-election. The lead see-sawed back and forth between Glenn Everitt and Helmut Schoener six times in the last five minutes of the counting, and when the box was empty only two votes separated the two men. There were three advance poll votes. Everitt got one and Schoener the other two, leaving Everitt the winner by just one vote, 92 votes to 91. The third candidate, Lambert Curzon, was well behind, with 55 votes. Schoener could not be contacted to see if he wanted a recount, but returning officer Bonnie Barber held one anyway, with the same results.

This showing reversed the standings held by Everitt and Schoener in the November 1991 election. All three men are former municipal councillors, all ran last year and they polled within 10 votes of each other in that race. The need for a by-election was created by the resignation of councillor Hugh Gouthro, who found that the pressures and issues of council work were conflicting with his job as the parts manager for Northern Kat.

Helmut Schoener is Dawson's resident dentist, and has had a high profile over the last year due to his confrontations with federal health authorities. At one point it looked like Schoener would be evicted from his offices at the rear of the Father Judge Nursing Station, but a compromise was worked out after many weeks of negotiations. Schoener is known as an advocate of public decision making, and is often heard to suggest plebiscites for all sorts of issues. He has tended to be a critic of civic improvement programs that he feels sometimes go too far towards making Dawson into a "Disneyland". He has lived in Dawson for about 13 years,



and has served on the Planning Board as well as being a councillor in 1986-87. He came fifth in the 1991 race, with 133 votes.

Glenn Everitt earned his municipal spurs by being elected to council in one of the many by-elections that took place during the last term. He has lived in Dawson for 5 years and has a track record of community involvement that includes both sports and social service groups. He has worked at a number of jobs, including term contracts with both the Dawson First Nation and the City of Dawson, in several different capacities. Everitt has stated in the past that his primary interests on council include the development of consistent policies and the involvement of the public in the decision making process. He is proud of being "a good listener". He polled sixth in 1991, with 127 votes.

Lambert Curzon has the distinction of being the only member of the last municipal council to make it all the way through his term of office. He has lived in Dawson for 18 years and has been the postmaster since 1980. He is a fairly private person, and it caused something of a stir at the

public forum when he promised to have a listed telephone number if he was elected. He repeated that pledge this time. Prior to being elected to council, he spent 6 years on the Planning Board. He was Deputy Mayor during his third year on council. Despite his experience, Curzon was perceived as being too close in thought and action to the sometimes contentious policies of Mayor Peter Jenkins, and that perception may have cost him votes. He polled eighth in 1991, with 122 votes.

The campaign this time was low key, conducted mainly in terms of personal contacts. Curzon and Everitt circulated flyers in the days before the vote, but these did not tackle the issues. The content of the campaign was revealed at a 2 hour public phone-in forum on volunteer station DCTV on October 5. Judging by the 30 questions from the community, the issues were: the sorry state and high cost of Dawson's sewer and water system, the condition of the city's streets, the need for good relations between the city and the YTG, the perceived lack of accountability in city spending and project tendering, problem dogs, and a need for ways to attract new businesses and more tourists to the town.

Curzon was the only one of the three to actually be present during the ballot counting. While disappointed, he was reconciled to the reality, simply saying, "Well, I guess I know who to extend my congratulations to." Neither of the other candidates could be reached for a comment.

Election officials Bonnie Barber and Teresa Worries said that a voter turnout of 241 was very good for a by-election. The voters' list in use this time is still unrevised, and was suspect a year ago, but it lists 647 electors in the municipality.

"We don't usually get even 100 for a by-election," Worries said.

Street Safety

With school back in session motorists are reminded to be watchful for children on the street enroute to and from school. For many this is a new and exciting experience and they are not as mindful of vehicle traffic as they should be. We, the motoring public, have to be their extra eyes and ears.

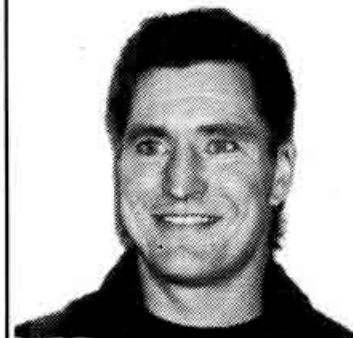
Motorists are reminded that school zones are in effect five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. With an early snowfall, the streets are slippery and extra care must be taken to ensure you are able to stop if a child runs out onto the street. Motorists are requested to pay particular attention to the area of Fifth Avenue between the school and the Post Office. During noon hour this is a heavily congested area with students coming and going from the school and vehicles leaving the parking area in front of the Post Office.

Recently a young boy on a bicycle was involved in a collision

with a car that left him with a broken leg. Serious as this injury was it could have been much worse had he struck his head on the vehicle or the road as he was not wearing a safety helmet. Parents should ensure that their children wear helmets when riding their bicycles. Order forms for good and reasonably priced helmet (approximately \$20.00) are available at the R.C.M.P. office. With Christmas just around the corner this may be a good idea for an economical and sensible gift for your son or daughter.

Halloween is approaching and motorists are asked to use extra caution as many children will be in the streets going from door to door all dressed up in their costumes. Parents can obtain reflector armbands at our detachment office for their children to wear so that they will be more visible to motorists.

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An interview with
DAVID MILLAR

Yukon Party Candidate
for Klondike

Q. I understand that you're a second generation placer miner. What is your opinion of the proposed new water regulations for the industry?

A. My strong feeling is that these guidelines and the attitudes of the present territorial government will mean the end of placer mining as we know it in the Klondike. I listened to Art Webster's comments on CBC the other day, which essentially confirmed that he stands behind the new guidelines and accepts the eventual extinction of the industry.

Q. Do you see any connection between the continued survival of placer mining in the Klondike and the tourism industry?

A. Absolutely. What our opposition is failing to realize is that when you break the historic link between the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898 and the placer mining of today, you've lost the key element that makes our local history so unique. By doing so you're threatening, in the long run, not only the miner but every business and job in this community.

Q. Over the last year the cost of sewer and water bills have nearly doubled, and are likely to go higher. Where do you and your party stand on this issue?

A. I've been discussing this concern with John Ostachek, the leader of the Yukon Party, since the outset of the campaign. Without giving too much away, it's safe to say that if the Yukon Party forms the next government my idea is to have YTG reinstate the \$300,000 sewer and water deficit grant on an interim basis for two years. This would allow the City to roll back the rates to 1991 levels while a more thorough analysis of the system took place.

Q. You've had a long involvement with sports and recreation in the community, do you have any goals to pursue in these areas if elected on October 19th?

A. This community has great need for a year-round publicly accessible recreation complex. With our growing population the pressure on our existing facilities is enormous. I intend to work very hard to deliver this much needed facility to the community.

Q. David, can you tell me a little bit about the new Yukon Party, who they are, and what they stand for?

A. This question has come up quite often around town. Many people seem to think that we're just the old PC party with a new name. The fact of the matter is that while the Yukon Party supports a free enterprise philosophy which opposes big brother style government, we represent a new generation of people locally who are fed up with both the back room dealings of the past and the passive style of representation that we now have. We also have social conscience and a strong concern for the environment.

If you take a good look at the people around me in this campaign, I think you'll see people who have a strong track record of getting involved with vital community issues affecting all of us, and the ability to get results. My style of representing area residents will definitely be more aggressive on their behalf, and I'll spend much more of my time doing it.



In addition to water and sewer line repairs being done throughout Dawson City, there are also new additions being brought on line.

Photo by Dan Davidson

Editorial: A Drastic Solution

Here's the problem. We held this issue up to allow us to cover the territorial election. We've got staff sitting on every side of this one, including some who almost ran for office. So what can this poor, non-partisan word wright say that won't manage to offend someone.

(I could write about the referendum, I suppose, but then again, perhaps I should be kind and NOT.)

So you see the problem.

Here's the solution. Since it's election time, you can substitute other words for "snow" if you like.

Pass the Shovel

(sung to a lively Maritime-type tune)
by Dan Davidson

In Dawson town it's 10 below
(that's Celsius, you see).
The leaves have blown onto the lawns,
all whipped off by the breeze.
The school is in, the kids upon
the playground bruise their knees.
But all this snow, it's got to go,
So pass the shovel, please.

Refrain:

Pass the shovel, pass the shovel,
Pass the shovel, if you please.
We've got to move this snow
before it climbs up to our knees.
It's cold out here, it's icy,
and the wind'll make you sneeze;
but we've got to do some diggin' here,
so pass the shovel, please. (Refrain)

A flurry in September
is a normal sort of thing.
It's s'posed to last just long enough
to herald winter's sting.
Then comes along a spell of warmth,
out where the berries cling.
But this year something's gone right wrong;
so pass that diggin' thing. (Refrain)

So now it's late September
and the only thing to say
is that we'll see this white stuff here
till long about next May.
It's volcanoes in the Philippines,
or El Nino's gone astray.
But for us up in the Klondike,
well, this winter's here to stay.
(Refrain: Soooo.....repeat twice)

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Recently, I received from my Son, a resident of Dawson City, a copy of the August 6 edition of the Klondike Sun, as he knew I would be interested in the more than generous response to the appeal for help for little Sabrina Frangetti. This was a wonderful community effort for which the people in Dawson can justifiably be proud.

After reading the rest of the newspaper, I felt as though I had just returned from a visit to Dawson. There were so many interesting features and more important, so much of the news was happy and uplifting.

I realize some of this was due to the Music Festival and the close proximity of Discovery Days weekend and all the anticipated excitement. Nevertheless, it was all such a welcome change from the doom and gloom, crime and violence, that is served up daily in the papers I usually read. You didn't even mention the Constitution once!

In the past I have mostly felt sad that my Son chose to locate so far away from his family home. More and more I am realizing that it may have been the best move he ever made.

Your newspaper is now on its way to relatives in London, England.

May you all live long and prosper.

Yours sincerely,
Irene Skinner
Victoria, Ont.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed, my cheque for \$17.12 to renew our subscription to the Sun.

Also enclosed is a letter from J.B. DeWolfe, who, it would appear, is also a subscriber of yours.

As a result of the article he refers to, I have been able to put together a complete picture of Percy DeWolfe and his friend Anderson.

We enjoy reading your paper, and look forward to our next visit in Dawson City, probably in June '93. Best wishes,

Harold L. Woodman

Copy of letter to Mr. H.L. Woodman -
Dear Sir:

I very much enjoyed reading your article in Klondike Sun regarding Percy C. DeWolfe.

For over twenty-five years, I have been working on the DeWolfe family genealogy. Percy shows on my charts as a son of George Clarke DeWolfe and his second wife, Margaret A. Fuller. This family traces its history back through Simeon DeWolfe who was one of three DeWolfe cousins who came to Nova

Scotia with the "New England Planters" in 1761.

I have visited with Ed Drownell in Kentville during one of my several trips to Nova Scotia. Also, my wife and I have visited with Owen and Jean DeWolfe of Wolfville and Owen's brother John and Jane of Canning.

For a manuscript, I have used standard 11 x 15 computer print-out paper, and to date, I have over 1200 pages of names, dates and references. I am a member of the Planters Society and the Bishop family association. Mrs. Pat Townsend, curator, at the Vaughan Library at Acadia University has been most helpful over the years in assisting me with my research.

A Mr. Percy C. DeWolfe, Jr. lives at R.R.1, Site 195, C8, Qualicum Beach, B.C. V0R 2T0.

You are most welcome to any of the DeWolfe family data that I have accumulated over the years. I would be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely,
James B. DeWolfe

Dear Editor,

I was most interested in the article in your September issue re comments by Stan and Peggy Burke on their recent visit to Dawson, especially those of Peggy Burke. I agree with her wholeheartedly.

Born in Dawson and my home for 65 years, the buildings were painted grey, white, or soft shades of browns and tans, with residences white with green trim, green, pastel yellows and a few a dull shade of red.

In the historic zone both new and restored buildings must conform for exterior construction. What happened to the color criteria?

Two years ago on my annual visit I was shocked and disturbed to see the color changes, especially in the historic zone. I expressed my concern to friends in Dawson and on my return to Vancouver told many ex-Dawsonites, who failed to understand what was happening to our town.

My favorite building is the Post Office on Third Avenue. It has not changed and is exactly as it was when, as a little girl, I went to get the mail or buy stamps.

I fully realize that tourism has become a big industry and that no one place remains the same forever, but the fact that Dawson is an historic site, I sincerely hope it will remain as authentic as possible in all ways, especially colorwise.

Sincerely,
Pretoria Butterworth

Dear Editor:

As many of us have perhaps noticed, the Klondike Visitors Association has, over the years, developed from the brainchild of a few individuals into a million dollar business. The mandate of the K.V.A. is the promotion of Dawson City, and the enhancement of life for the local population. The recent acquisition of 54 slot machines has the potential to enormously increase the K.V.A.'s profit margin, and indeed their first season has seen this increase already.

The Dawson Shelter Society is interested in proposing to the K.V.A. that some of their profits go back into the community towards the various resource agencies, the artistic community, and other needy groups. For example, the K.V.A. could set aside, say \$100,000, and give groups in the community the opportunity to apply for grants. Sums of anywhere between \$500 and \$10,000 could be allotted according to need, the project in mind, or some other criteria.

As you are the kind of organization which might benefit from such a funding source we would like to know if you would support our proposal to the K.V.A., and join us in writing and signing a letter to that effect. We feel the more community involvement we have in this proposal, the better our chances for success. If you have any other ideas we would welcome the feedback.

We must act quickly because the Board meets to set the budget for the next year in the autumn, so please get back to us as quickly as possible. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Elaine Cairns for
The Staff & Board of the
Dawson Shelter Society

Dear Editor:

We just returned home from a great visit to Dawson and other places we have lived and worked in, also a few we had never visited before. We got the 13 stamps in our Yukon Passports, so now have a great memento for our enjoyment.

It was nice to see so many familiar faces, only sorry we couldn't see everyone; anyway, thanks to all in Dawson who made our visit one to remember and hope to repeat.

Best regards,
Bob and Elaine Donaldson.

Bob and the Bear

(Editors note: This poem is sent to us by a subscriber from Kansas, USA who has visited Dawson.)
He came from the bad lands of Kansas you know,
Where he rode bulls and broncs in a wild west show.
When Bob showed up in Alaska, The Last Great Frontier,
He said "I've come to ride 'GRIZZ', but have no fear."
So we roped a big brownie for old Bob to ride,
He strapped on his spurs and sez, "Boys - step aside!"
Well the trees, the ground, and everything shook,
We all thought for sure ole Bob's goose was cooked.
Now boys, a ride like that, I have never seen,
And that big ole Grizz was sure full of mean.

That ole bear snapped his jaws, you could hear his teeth pop,
He'd double back and spin like a top.
He roared and reared and clawed at the air,
And I told ole Bob, "Friend you'd better beware."
Then in a flash they rode out of sight,
I figured I'd have to bury ole Bob later that night.
But early next morning just about sunrise,
Here comes ole Bob, that bear by his side.
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You could tell by Bob's grin he was sure as hell pleased.
So, if this pair you should chance to meet,

Give a wide berth, get off the street.
For old Bob you see is meaner than hell,
And that bear that he rides loves to drink ale.
Well old Bob and that bear now are gone,
But if you strain your mind and your eyes play along,
You can still see old Bob riding that bear late at night,
By the colourful glare of the great northern lights.
But the strangest thing I ever did see,
Was ole Bob and that bear that he named after me.

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What would Alexander Graham Bell say if he could see the can of worms his telephone has opened. David Grieve of Whitehorse tries to sort out a mess of phone wires that were damaged during recent street construction. Photo by Sue Ward

Referendum "YES" committee membership announced

Whitehorse - The names of the people who will form the "YES" Committee for the national referendum on the constitution were announced today by Yukon Premier Tony Penikett and Yukon MP Audrey McLaughlin.

The committee will coordinate the campaign to encourage Yukoners to vote in favour of the constitutional package agreed to by the First Ministers and aboriginal leaders in Charlottetown on August 28. Penikett represented the Yukon during the eight months of constitutional negotiations.

The committee's co-chairs are Dorothy Wabisca, of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, and Whitehorse Mayor Bill Weigand. Its members include Albert James, Florine LeBlanc-Hutchinson, Michael Miller and Kathy Watson. Other names will be announced as they are confirmed.

The YES Committee represents a broad cross-section of Yukon society. Political parties and other organizations were asked to nominate people to the committee, which is being coor-

minated by the Yukon government and Audrey McLaughlin's office.

"This committee will be responsible for educating people about the contents of the Charlottetown agreements," Penikett said.

"It's an important job and I'm very pleased at the calibre of the people who have agreed to participate," said McLaughlin. "It says Yukoners feel very confident about the future."

The committee will be assisted by John Ferbey, a former senior Yukon public servant. Ferbey will act as the executive director of the committee secretariat.

Contact: John Crump, Cabinet Communications Advisor (403) 667-5647.

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Furs in Canadian History



by Audrey McLaughlin, M.P. Yukon

This past month I have been travelling throughout the Yukon and across Canada talking with people about the constitutional agreement reached in Charlottetown this past August.

This agreement is the result of almost one decade of discussion, consultation and negotiations. By now, millions of Canadians have participated in some part of this process. Thousands of documents have been prepared, commissions and committees have travelled throughout Canada, and Parliament and Legislatures have examined virtually every aspect of Canada's constitution. Now, it is time for the people of Canada to decide. The referendum is being held on October 26th.

You will be asked, "Do you agree that the constitution of Canada should be renewed on the basis of the agreement reached on August 28th, 1992?"

I support the agreement and will vote Yes on October 26th. We must then turn our attention to other important issues such as jobs and the economy. But it is

clear we can only do so when we have settled this constitutional debate.

This agreement proposes several significant changes to our government's structure. It recognizes the changes that have occurred over the years and addresses concerns raised repeatedly by different regions. Like every other form of negotiated settlement, no one side on any issue got everything they wanted. The question is simply whether this agreement is fair and balanced.

In my view, it is that. And that's how we need to look at this document, as a negotiated whole.

Yukoners will benefit from this agreement because now territorial leaders will be at the table at future constitutional meetings. We no longer have to go hat in hand to Ottawa to determine our future.

The fact that the provinces no longer have a veto over the creation of new provinces is another real gain for the north. And because a section in the former constitution has been rescinded, no

longer will we have to fear provinces extending their boundaries into our territory without our permission.

As someone who opposed the Meech Lake Accord because the north was excluded, I feel very proud of the achievements of Premier Tony Penikett, on behalf of Yukoners, and all territorial leaders who fought hard and won important gains for all northerners.

The agreement contains some very real improvements like the social and economic union. For the first time ever, such rights as universal health care, adequate social services, housing, education and a clean environment will be recognized in our constitution.

A Yes vote won't mean we'll never talk about the constitution again. But voting Yes will restore a climate of economic stability.

In a democracy, each of us shares the great responsibility of making an informed choice. I urge you to consider this agreement carefully and vote reflectively. I sincerely believe we can move forward with this agree-

ment. On October 26 I hope you will say Yes to Canada and Yes to a future together.

Last issue I reported that I had not heard from the Fisheries Minister concerning funding for Canadian participation at the Salmon Monitoring Program at Eagle, Alaska. Well, I heard back but it seems the Minister's definition of "participation" meant training and having access to data. That is all very well but it's not good enough. I have once more taken this issue up with Mr. Crosbie seeking assurances that for the next year, (since this year's chance is over) there will be a Canadian fisheries technician on site in Eagle, from June to October 1993, to cover both the chinook and chum runs, so that Canada will be fully aware of this new technology. Some experts in the fishing industry believe that sonar monitoring will be the way of the future. We do not want to be left behind.

More on this fish story next time.



Carl Taylor and his wife Michele Bouchard load up their boat on the icy bank of the Yukon river to travel up river for a season of trapping while other family members look on.

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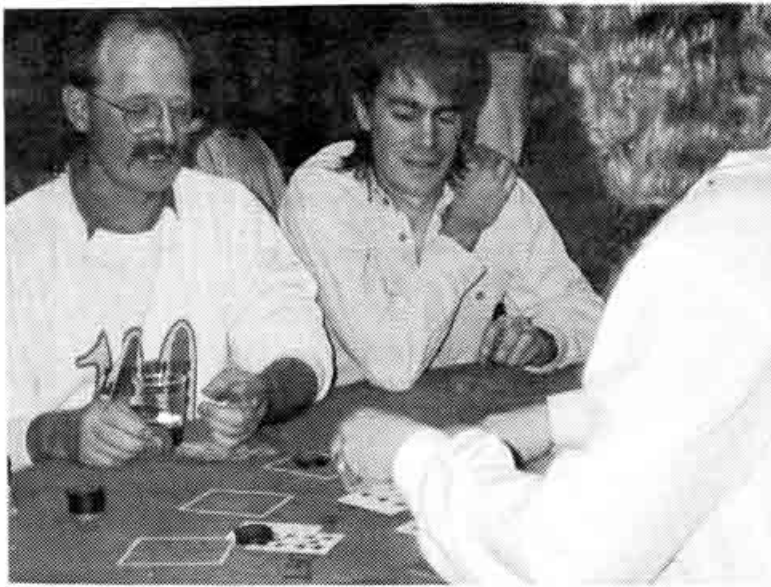
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Goodnight Sweetheart, Goodnight

by Sue Ward

Saturday September 19 was the night that the town turned out to tuck Gertie affectionately to rest for what looks like, with all the snow and ice, an extra long winter. Dear old DTG, as she is known in this age of brevity in speech, enjoyed her twenty-first birthday, which in 1971, fluttered as a fantasy in the hearts and minds of a few brave souls determined to restore life, love, laughter, and mirth to the City of Gold.

As I broke the rhythm of my "slot arm" to sweep the scene with my eyes, grown misty watching whirlings and blinkings, (it's not how much you win, but how long your loot lasts) faces more lined, hair thinner or whiter, eyes bespecked, bodies thickened, or shrunken, caught my focus... **The Believers, The Old Reliabilities, The Happy Gamblers, The Locals, wrapping up another summer On staff, and all the new kids on the block.** It warmed the heart of this old scribe to be perched on a stool beside "The Keeper of the Arctic Circle" Harry Waldron, and make eye contact with Brenda Caley sipping nearby. Much water had swirled beneath the ferry pad since we breathed life into Gertie with our youthful exuberant capers. Tons of fun, tons of memories. One young fellow, (I'm terrible with names) made my night. Having attempted to sing along "Bless 'em All", his blue eyes smiled as he said "You opened Gertie's didn't you?" We all did, each in his or her own way. We backed a winner. Lucky us.

If you win at the tables, wheels, or slots, that is an extra

bonus. The real winning has been in gaining the love and respect of your fellow travellers, and your sense of self-worth, when given a chance to be a part of what for years was the "only legalized gambling hall in Canada". A short time ago, of a sudden, on a Sunday afternoon, a T.V. crew set up shop at my front porch to discuss Dawson and Gambling. I'm told we claimed about four minutes of national T.V. exposure worth a couple of hundred thousand dollars in PR terms. The angle presented searched for evidence that gambling was a problem pastime, taking milk and warm clothes from the young, etc. Who are the winners or losers financially at DTG? Human nature being as flawed as we are, is bound to produce a few who are too easily tempted. Everyone knows DTG is the source of funds used to make summers fulfilled to keep the travellers an extra day or more, and the 'house' must show a profit after providing wages for the greatest workforce, upgrading of attractions throughout the town, and being debt-free as quickly as possible for the "slots" as we

couldn't make room for more bodies in that old wooden building. Everyone knows this, except perhaps some visitors who haven't time or desire to understand how we can offer such a terrific stopover. I'm sure in my ad libbing I emphasized DTG is a short northern summer attraction. There are eight long months to rest your arms, with lottery tickets one's only temptation.

Yes, I saw a couple of locals caught up enough to hog two machines, depriving others of a chance to hear the clunking of the refunds. Usually a machine became available when the operator had made his intended donation for the evening. "You gotta know when to hold 'em, know when to fold" --a lesson of life.

If there was drunkenness it escaped me. But there is a real change in DTG. Each spring we awaited the arrival of "The Gertie of the Year" with as much excitement as the breakup. So much depended on her. Was she a looker? Could she belt out the right songs? Was she mature enough to handle the flak on a Saturday night when the boys hit town? Could she relate to the older visitors? Was she healthy? Did she have pizzazz? Could the pianist make it happen for The Gertie Girls? Could they make a winning team?

It was closing night, but this scribe, who knows first-hand what a tough 'house' DTG is at the best of times, has concerns for holding the magic that was created by determined trial and error. If the stage show becomes just another diversion we have surpassed our zenith. KVA - Say it isn't so! Don't let the noise of greed destroy the Sweetest Girl in Town. It's her house... *Remember?* As Old Blue-eyes would put it: "When I was twenty-one... it was a very good year." And thirty-one?

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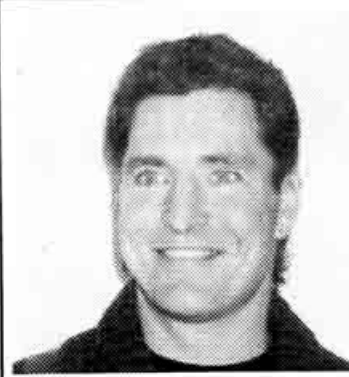


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Speaks out on
Leadership & Community Issues

I'm David Miller, the Yukon Party's candidate for Klondike. I'd like to ask for a few moments of your time to address some of the issues all of us are facing during the upcoming territorial election, and to say that there IS an alternative to the passive style of representation we've had in the Klondike for the last 7 years.

Over the past decade, the population of our area has nearly doubled, and continues to grow. Naturally, this has created some problems, as well as some opportunities. During this period, we've been represented by someone who seems to be trying to educate us, who scolds us on occasion, but who rarely LEADS the fight for us on any community issue of major significance.

For example, where was our MLA when the community nearly lost its dentist a year ago? Yes, he spoke to the individuals involved, and then publicly announced "What we have here is a failure to communicate." Thanks a lot.

Otherwise, it was up to the city and local residents to lead the fight by petitioning the government. By the way, over 500 people signed that petition.

Where was he when our sewer and water rates rose dramatically over the last year? Telling us in Words from Webster that eliminating that \$300,000 sewer and water deficit grant was the only way to give the city an incentive to reduce costs, and that the new rates really aren't that high compared to other communities. Thanks again.

Today Dawson area residents are in desperate need of a new recreation

complex. We're gradually losing access to one of our most vital and needed recreational facilities, the Robert Service School. Growth of our school population has made this complex obsolete in terms of fulfilling its dual purpose as a school and community complex, which was designed to be used by all members of our community.

The lack of child care and recreational programs for school-age children of two income families and single working mothers is another burning issue only starting to be addressed. A joint solution involving parents, the city and the territorial government must be explored.

I'd also like to address an issue that's near and dear to my heart. Placer mining in the Klondike is more than a local industry, it's a way of life that reaches back over a century and is now threatened with extinction. Art Webster and his New Democrats are vigorously supporting new regulations that they know will mean the end of placer mining. What they fail to realize, is that by breaking the historic link to the Gold Rush, they threaten the tourism industry as well. We must find a way to balance the real environmental concerns of all Yukoners with the need to insure the survival of this key industry. In closing, I'd like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to come into your home and share my concerns for the future of our community.

I'd like to ask for your support on October 19th. Together we can make a difference.

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First Nation joins private developers in hostel deal

by Dan Davidson

It has sat like a skeleton on the corner of Princess Street and 2nd Avenue for nearly two years, but McLondon Holding's hostel project is at last taking on form. The hostel, intended to appeal to single travellers on a smaller budget, will feature basic sleeping accommodation and shared wash-room facilities.

McLONDON Holdings started out about 2 1/2 years ago as Helmut Schoener, Dawson's dentist and Reinald Nohal, a restaurant owner from Berlin who spends a great deal of time here. They tried to put most of their money into capital costs and do a lot of the construction themselves, but ran into trouble with the immigration people when they learned that Nohal didn't have the proper work permits.

"Anything where you create something of value is considered employment," Schoener explained. "That was the reason why we had to stop construction." The partners maintained that they had to do the work themselves in order to be able to afford the project. As a result it sat dormant until recently while Nohal tried to obtain an entrepreneur's visa which would enable him to work on the project.

At various times they were discouraged and had the project up for sale, but finally decided to try to find another partner.

"In the last year," said Schoener, "we were looking for a partner because it was uncertain if Reinald would get his papers and we could continue with our original plan. One of the interested groups was Chief Isaac. We're just finalizing an agreement with them, and they're going to be our third partner."

Chief Isaac Inc. is the investment and business arm of the Han First Nation. With that deal in progress, it was time to think about getting back to work on the

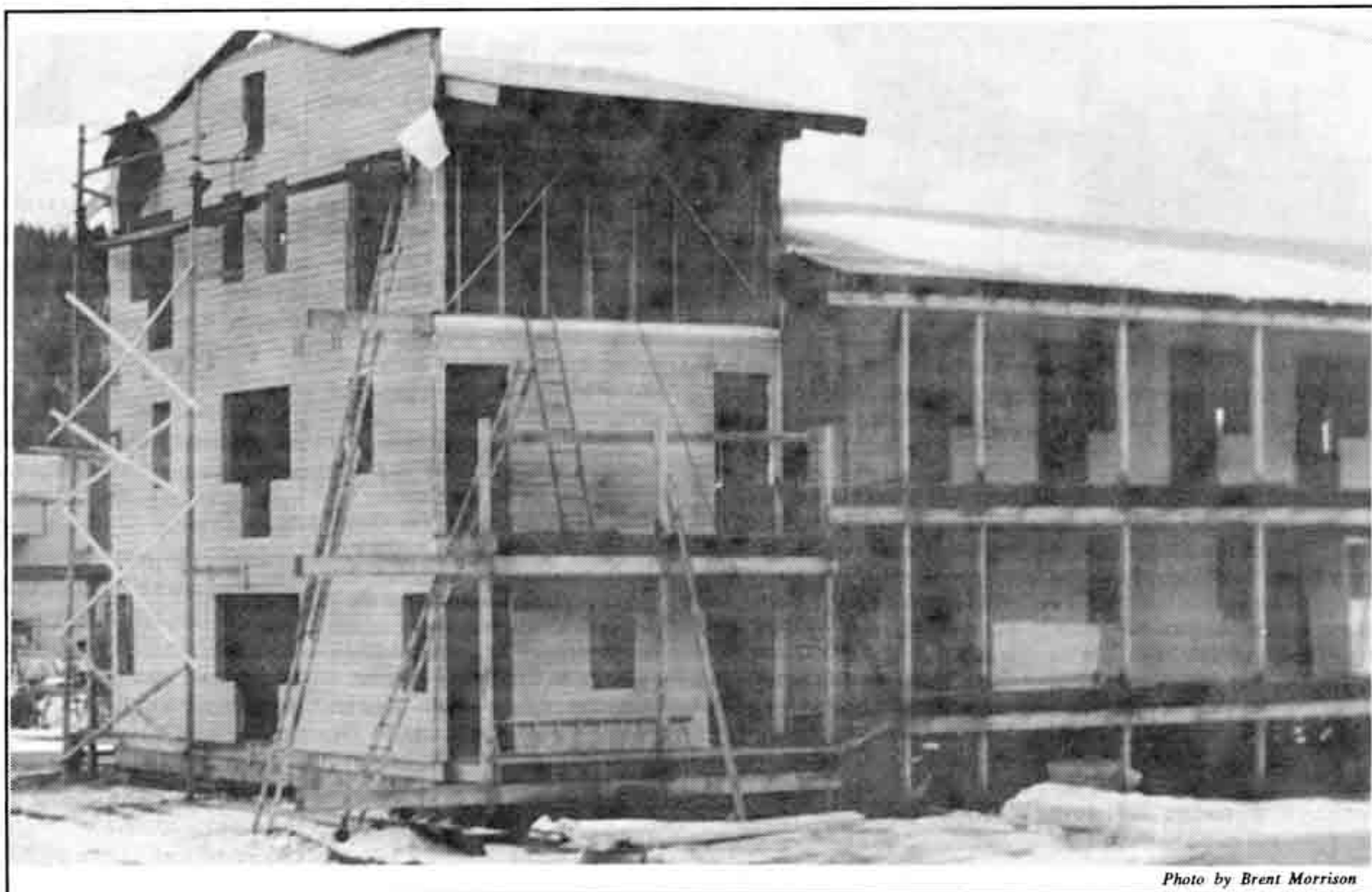


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building.

Even this step was not without its difficulties. The project had been stopped for so long that the building permits had expired. On top of that, city offices had issued an order to close in the building against trespassers for safety reasons. To do that, McLONDON Holdings needed a new building permit and the new ones contained a clause which would have made the partners liable for paying sewer system loading charges that came into force after the project was originally approved. Schoener appeared before Dawson council to argue - successfully - that the water and sewer system connections had already been extended to the property before the bylaw had come into force. After

some research into the matter, council agreed with him.

That hurdle out of the way, Han Housing, the construction division of Chief Isaac, got under way with the exterior work. By next summer the hostel should open for business. The 2 story building will contain 27 single room units, each with two single beds, as well as 4 double or triple units. The larger units will have their own shower and toilet facilities, but the other 27 units will share 9 bathrooms among them.

Schoener sees this project as filling a gap between the campgrounds and the larger hotels in town: "I think it will attract a lot of single travellers who are not with bus tours and are looking for reasonable accommodation but

don't expect anything fancy as long as its simple, nice and clean. "Rooms should rent for under \$50.00 a night, but the exact figures haven't been worked out yet.

"We would like to cater to groups like the elder hostel program, groups that are on a shoestring budget."

These tend to want to come here in May and later in September, just before and just after the regular season in Dawson.

Whether the hostel might have an impact on Dawson's annual summer housing crunch is something about which Schoener won't speculate. "It's too early to say."



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Recycling is right up their alley

by Dan Davidson

The Dawson recycling centre sits in the middle of a back lane. Here, an active group of volunteers is engaged in the reclamation of raw materials, in an alley once devoted to more erotic pursuits.

"We call it the Paradise Alley Recycling Centre," says coordinator Carol McBride with a giggle. That's not an official name, partly because the Dawson group that started this is still under the organizational umbrella of the Yukon Conservation Society. A general membership meeting planned for Oct. 19 will be a move towards changing this status and making the group an independent non-profit society.

It's chilly in the Laser Holdings warehouse where the centre is headquartered and where it receives material between 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays. Lots of people seem to be finding it though. The room is piled with bottles, plastics and loaded flats ready for shipping to Whitehorse. There's more stuff in this side of the building than there is in the other side, where Coleman Johnson runs his pop, juice and chips distribution business. The recycling operation has been booming since May 1 when it opened its doors.

Says McBride, "It's been really good. A lot of people are sort of surprised by the amount of commodities we take." These include aluminum pop and beer cans, beer bottles, wine & liquor bottles, including the plastic ones, translucent milk jugs, 1 & 2 litre plastic pop bottles, tin cans, and all colours of household glass. All that's asked is that you clean it first.

Beverly Mitchell points out that the community has been really helpful in getting this going. Their landlord gives them a deal on the rent, and Frontier Freight Lines hauls their collected material to the center in Whitehorse free of charge.

"The freight was one of the things that would have been a major problem," Mitchell says, "but they're really excellent."

The group has gathered quite a name for itself already. The dozen or so volunteers were presented with an Environmental Citizenship Award by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, Jean Charest, when he was here in August, and they also received \$16,500.00 in funding from the Arctic Environmental Strategies



Photo by Dan Davidson

Bev Mitchell and Carol McBride help Dawson clean up its act.

fund.

Part of that money went to hire McBride, whose job includes promotion of the centre, development of new ideas to reuse, reduce and recycle waste, and the location of still more funding for later on.

Part of that income will come as a result of the YTG's new container legislation, which goes into effect October 1. Under that law, the price of a can of pop will rise by 10 cents. Five cents of that will go back to consumers when cans are returned. The rest will be split as a handling fee by the groups involved in the recycling business.

After January the centre would like to begin handling waste paper from computers, offices and photocopiers, although there is still no market for newsprint. McBride and Mitchell both hope to develop the other two "R's" in the program to a greater extent.

"The aspect that I would like to see promoted more is the Reuse", McBride says. "Recycling is ac-

tually the last thing (on the order of priorities), but that's how you start and get people interested. It's more reusing things and reduction of the use of certain products."

Reusing could be the next area to take off. Already they have a fellow who collects 1 litre pop bottles for making home brew. Some people want big tin cans for potting plants into and the group thinks it could start taking used egg cartons and distributing them to local egg producers. Basically, if anyone has an idea for reusing fairly large quantities of certain types of refuse, the centre is interested in helping to coordinate the effort. They are thinking of posting a bulletin board outside the depot for people to use as a sort of trading post for used stuff.

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What happened to Indian Summer?

by Sue Ward

It's bad enough to be sweeping off the snow from paths and vehicles since the middle of September, the month we have called Indian Summer all of our lives. But to be bombarded with record breaking high temperatures just about everywhere in Canada is truly demoralizing. This old gal talked herself into hauling out all the projects laid by for the real winter. But that left me holed up in the cottage with months more of the same, until? The way to cope was to switch to warm clothing, cosy up the Toyota, grab the dogs, and head for the hills and creeks with camera loaded to catch a whole new magical landscape.

First a scoot up the old Dome Road where the communication lads had broken trail in the eight inch snowfall. Such purity and strange silence as the green leaves clung to their branches, hopefully none the worse for the experience as the saps hadn't time to turn off. The golden tresses of their luckier neighbours, with the blush of the highbush cranberry bushes, had to be enjoyed on sight as black-and-white film for Sun coverage could not do justice.

Easing down in low gear, we watched a huge, angry snowstorm sweep from view the endless mountains up South. The best was yet to come. Back onto the Klondike highway, while glancing to the beaver tailing pond. There in its purest glory rested a magnificent swan. But oh, so bittersweet. It was alone. As several of us locals stood enraptured watching the beautiful bird move gracefully across the mirrored surface, it felt distrust of our kind, and lifting its tired body with such ease like an old DC 3, it gained altitude enough to rise above the scrub growth left by the beaver family, already building their lodge for frigid times to come. It was time to try to identify the smaller birds resting in the open water, each hoping to find food and strength to take it on its journey.

As I laboured to give thoughts shape, I was startled by the ringing phone. Audrey from The Gas Shack brightly said, "Do you know you have a duck in front of your house?" End of conversation. She was right -- there was a beautiful female mallard, sliding about on the icy street snapping at seeds scattered for all birds looking for sustenance. She waddled and flapped to a yard nearby watching my every movement. As I poured wildbird seed in a straight line, I recalled laughing how the ducks we were caring for years ago at the Cariboo lake reminded us of vacuum cleaners, their beaks clicking as the pellets were sucked into their throats.

The sadness of these adventures is the knowledge that when wild things enter our space they are in trouble. When my friends John

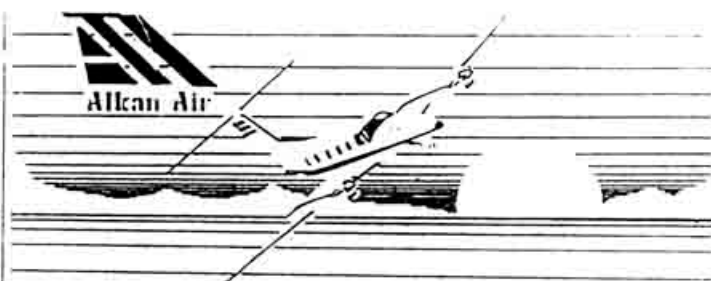


and Madeleine Gould were coming in on the Hunker Road, they came upon a flock of cranes resting on the road! And a week ago at noon a good-sized flock of cranes flew over town. My friend John Kolida was driving in with a young man from Germany who keeps a journal of his travels in

our territory. He wrote, "The people of Dawson stopped their cars, jumped onto the road, and raising their arms to the sky called, 'The cranes! See the cranes!' And everyone stopped and gazed at the birds. That is my memory of the people of Dawson."



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Eric Zalitis displays one of the many prints auctioned off at the Ducks Unlimited Banquet. Photo by Madeleine Gould

Ducks Unlimited

by Eric Zalitis



On October 3rd the Dawson City Committee of Ducks Unlimited Canada held their Third Annual Thanksgiving Banquet at Diamond Tooth Gerties. Approximately 130 people attended the banquet, which included dinner, an auction and several raffles.

The auctioneer for the evening was Paul Mahoney who auctioned off 24 items. An additional fifty items were distributed through a variety of raffles. The items included several wildlife prints and merchandise items

supplied by Ducks Unlimited. There were also several donations from the local business community. Throughout the evening over \$10,000 was raised. This money goes to support the many Ducks Unlimited projects which create wetland and upland habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife species. The Dawson City Committee of Ducks Unlimited would like to thank all those who attended and supported this event making it an enjoyable and successful evening.

Obituary: Marie Lamontagne

by Palma Berger

Old time Dawsonites will be saddened at the news of the passing of Marie Lamontagne. She suffered a light stroke and was sent to hospital in Whitehorse, where she eventually passed away on August 21, 1992.

She is mourned by her husband, Joe Lamontagne who resides in Dawson.

Marie was born in Bavaria on September 23, 1904, so she was almost 88 years old when she passed away.

Marie had graduated in nursing in the old country and during the war years nursed in various countries. She spoke and wrote several languages.

When she came to Canada, she nursed in Edmonton and Winnipeg. She moved to Dawson where she nursed at the old St. Mary's Hospital (now Parks Canada offices). Here she helped bring into the world such Dawson notables as Marvin Dubois in 1953. (Evelyn Dubois remembers her as very efficient and encouraging.)

In 1956 she married Joe Lamontagne and joined him in mining on Miller Creek where he was partners with Ole Medby. From there they mined on Gold Run (present site of Teck Corp.) together in the early '70's. Then onto Eldorado for about ten years.

When they retired from mining they retired to their home in Dawson City.

We extend our sympathy to Joe, in the passing of his wife of many years.



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Obituary:

McCausland, Patrick Percival Pierce

On August 4, 1992, Patrick McCausland, husband of Joyce McCausland of Hinton, Alberta died suddenly at the age of 60 years. Patrick was born Feb. 28, 1932 in Dawson City, Yukon. Besides his loving wife, Patrick is survived by his daughter Patricia and son Kevin. Also surviving are his brother James and wife Theresa, aunts and uncles: Bertha Sonne, Willie DeWolfe and Percy DeWolfe. Patrick was predeceased by his parents, father James Henry McCausland in 1969 and his mother Jessie Nora DeWolfe in 1987, as well as his

aunt Ellen DeWolfe and uncle Walter DeWolfe.

A prayer service for Patrick took place on Friday, Aug. 7 in Hinton and a Mass of the Resurrection followed on Saturday, Aug. 8, with Father R. Keeler, celebrant. Cremation to follow.

In lieu of floral tributes, the family suggests donations to the Hinton Hospital Extended Care Unit, 1280 Switzer Drive, Hinton, Alberta, T7V 1V2. Hinton Funeral Services (1-723-3575) entrusted with all arrangements. (The Foothills Memorial Chapel).

Thank you Dawson!

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Klondike Visitors Association would like to extend their sincere appreciation for your support of attractions: Diamond Tooth Gerties, Gaslight Follies and Jack London Centre as well as our summer events: Commissioners Ball, Yukon Goldpanning Championships, Talent Night, Yard Awards, International Mixed Slow Pitch Tournament, Outhouse Race and the International Dart Tournament.

Attendance was up significantly which means that you can watch for a major development announcement in the near future.

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Creature Comforts

by Shelley Hakonson

Liqueurs have come a long way from the Middle Ages when monks were experimenting with bitter herbs and plants to be used as remedies for all sorts of ills. I use many different liqueurs a lot in my desserts, especially cakes; chocolate cake teams with Frangelico, a pound cake tastes that much better with a dash of Grand Marnier, and a spice cake is enlivened with a splash of Kahlua. Here, then is an assortment of desserts that you can make with or without the liqueurs.

Cranberry Cordial - the most brilliant colour; sip it over crushed ice or pour it over ice cream.

8 cups raw cranberries, coarsely chopped
6 cups sugar
1 liter light or amber rum

- Place the chopped cranberries in a gallon jar with a tight-fitting lid, add the sugar and rum. Close the jar tightly and shake gently to blend.
- Store in a cool, dry place for 6 weeks, stirring or shaking the contents every few days.
- Strain the cordial through cheesecloth into decorative bottles and seal with corks.

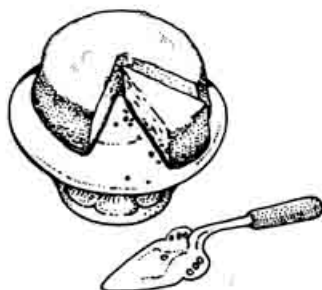
Grand Marnier Pound Cake - try this with scoops of orange sherbet and vanilla ice cream or liqueur-flavoured whipped cream.

Cake -
1 cup butter, softened
1 2/3 cup sugar
2 cups unbleached flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 cup Grand Marnier
1 tbsp grated orange peel
5 eggs

Glaze -
1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
1/4 cup Grand Marnier
1/4 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 350F. Generously butter a 10" (9 cup) fluted tube pan, sprinkle it with flour and tap out the excess. Set aside.
- Beat the butter till creamy in a large bowl with the electric mixer, gradually beat in sugar and continue beating until the mixture is light and fluffy.
- Turn the mixer to low and sift in the flour, baking powder and salt, beat just until the flour is absorbed.
- Beat in the Grand Marnier and orange peel, beat in the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- Spread the batter in the prepared pan, smoothing the top. Bake until the cake shrinks from the side of the pan and a skewer inserted in the middle comes out clean, 1 hour and 5 minutes or so. Let stand on a rack for 10 min. then carefully unmold the cake on to a second rack placed over a piece of foil.

Glaze: combine the orange juice, Grand Marnier and sugar in a small saucepan, bring to a boil over moderate heat, lower the heat and simmer until the mixture forms a light syrup, about 5 min.



- Brush the syrup all over the warm cake, letting it soak in, reusing what drips onto the foil.

Baileys Irish Cream Brownie Pie - good and fudgy

pastry for a single crust pie - 9"
1/2 cup butter
2 squares unsweetened chocolate
2 eggs
2 tbsp Baileys
1 cup sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1/3 cup flour
1/4 tsp salt
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans



Line a 9" pie plate with the pastry, forming a high edge, crimping the edges. Chill the dough while preparing the filling.

- Preheat the oven to 350F.
- In a small heavy saucepan over moderate low heat, melt the butter and the chocolate. Let cool slightly.
- In a small bowl with the electric mixer on high, beat the eggs until they're foamy. Gradually beat in the sugar in a thin stream until the eggs are thick and lemon coloured.
- Reduce the mixer to low and beat in the melted chocolate, then the liqueur and vanilla. Fold in the flour blended with the salt. Scatter the chopped nuts in the bottom of the pie crust and pour the filling over the nuts.
- Bake the pie until the crust is golden and the filling is no longer jiggly, about 35 minutes.
- Cool completely on a rack, and serve with whipped cream flavoured with Baileys.

Coffee Praline Ice Cream

1/2 cup unblanched almonds
1/2 cup sugar
1 quart best quality coffee ice cream
2 tbsp Amaretto or coffee liqueur plus additional for serving
toasted almond slices

- Oil a cookie sheet well and set aside.
- Combine the almonds and sugar in a small heavy saucepan, place over low heat and cook, stirring often with a metal spoon until the sugar melts and turns a deep golden colour; watch carefully at this point to avoid burning the syrup.
- Immediately remove the pan from heat and quickly pour the almond and sugar mixture on to the oiled cookie sheet, spreading as thin as possible with a metal spatula. Let stand till praline cools and hardens, then crack the praline into pieces.
- Place a few pieces at a time into a food processor or blender and pulverize to a powder, empty onto a piece of wax paper and continue with the rest of the pieces. Store it in an airtight container.
- Soften the coffee ice cream and scoop it into a large glass or ceramic bowl, quickly fold in the praline powder and the Amaretto or coffee liqueur. Cover and freeze. At serving time, drizzle additional liqueur over each portion and sprinkle with toasted almonds.



by Palma Berger

Where was Fall? The summer came in June, then overcast skies, then, with the leaves still on the trees came the SNOW! Still green trees covered in snow! No steady changing of colour all around us this year. No, just snow, then brown leaves. Of course this was followed by the oddity of brown leaves dropping onto snow-covered ground. So many leaves still cling to the trees when they should have dropped. Perhaps we are going to have this phenomenon all winter.

The birds appeared. All the little bodies fluffed up to twice their size trying to keep warm, while busy feeding on the hay seeds in the pony's shelter. The ducks still do not know it is winter and are to be seen waddling on the ever-increasing ice on the ponds.

We tilled the garden in the snow, then we had to dig through 12 cm of snow of get to the ground to get the potatoes and carrots. What a year!

Talked to Minnie Beets and for the summers, she and the family are moving up to Hunker to where husband Tony works. They will come back now and again for a stroll through Bear Creek. She promised.

In the meantime welcome to Joe and Karen MacArthur who have bought the Beets' Bear Creek residence.

Hope they can do something about the weather!

But I know that the hockey players who use a frozen dredge pond as their skating rink are quite happy. There are always some people who spoil a good moan.

What, a brief ray of sunshine?! Must away and take the dogs for a brief slide along the icy road.

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News from the Rock CBC coverage to increase on FM

by Marjie Mann

How did this happen - we moved directly from Summer into Winter - "go directly to Winter, do not pass Fall...." Very strange to see leaves still on the trees - many of them still green. Okay, they have sort of turned from green to gray.. Still an odd sort of sight. Never did get that yard work done...

There are lots of things going on these days in Rock Creek. Now that people have time to talk to each other again, we can plan special events.

The Klondike Valley Fire Fighters Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7:30 on November 3rd in - get this - the NEW Fire Hall!! This winter promises to bring our fire fighters a great deal of satisfaction, working within the new hall. But...(isn't there always a but?) we need fire fighters. Some of our stand-bys are gone for the winter and we are seriously in need of new, dedicated volunteers. The Association is also looking for members who can devote time to things like fund-raising. And with a new hall, we will need new emphasis on the administration of the hall. And, of course, we need to elect our Directors for the 92/93 year. The constitution calls for representation within the Directors for all 3 of the communities

being served by the Association - if anyone from Bear Creek or Henderson Corners is reading this - we need YOU TOO!!! Please get involved - please attend the AGM on November 3rd.

Tuesday Craft Night has resumed - to the delight of many of us. If you would like to join us, check with Jenny at the Store for the location. The Craft Night ladies are organizing a Hallowe'en Skating Party for the children (including those of us "young at heart") for Hallowe'en night. Hallowe'en falls on a Saturday this year - a grand opportunity for the kids to "trick or treat" around the neighbourhood and then all meet at the Rock Creek Pond around 7:00. We will make sure

the ice is ready (I have a connection to get it flooded, if need be, compliments of the local Fire Fighters) and we will ensure there is lots of wood for a big bonfire. Bring your skates, wieners, lawn chairs, etc. - and we will have a BALL!! Naturally, everyone is welcome! For more information, please call me at 993-5064 or Gail Kreitzer at 993-5046.

So what if it's dark. So what if it's cold. We have the light of our friends to keep us warm!

Hope to see you at Hallowe'en - and, until next month, take care!

by Dan Davidson

In a letter to Carol Murray, Dawson's City Manager, CBC's Director of Corporate Affairs, Lanny Morry, has assured her that the proposed switch from AM to FM transmission will benefit both the corporation and Klondike residents.

"The current transmitter is 40 Watts; the proposed transmitter is 250 Watts," Morry wrote. "CBC engineers predict that it will provide excellent coverage to downtown Dawson, Callison Industrial Park, Bear Creek, Arlington and about three miles up Bonanza Creek Road. Areas beyond will get good to very good coverage."

"Many people now receiving a weak CBC signal will be able to pull in a stronger signal; no one currently receiving the CBC signal in Dawson City will lose it. Because the FM signal's bandwidth is wider than that of AM, the sound will be of studio quality."

Another part of the project will be the consolidation of the FM transmitter at the same site as the

TV satellite reception equipment. This will help the corporation to reduce its local costs. The changes will be completed by next summer.

Morry also advised Murray of the YTG's plan to augment CBC's coverage by installing another FM transmitter "atop King Solomon's Dome. This transmitter will retransmit our new FM

signal to an even larger number of listeners in the Dawson hinterland and improve coverage (sic) on the Klondike Highway. present YTG plans call for this transmitter to be installed in 1993."

There will have to be public hearings held by the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission before either of these projects can be completed.

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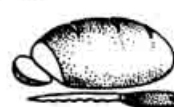
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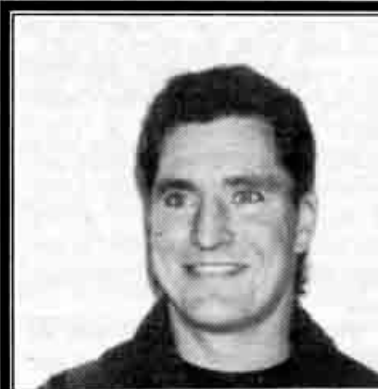
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Speaks out on
Klondike Valley
Issues

BOUNDARY EXPANSION

One of the most vital concerns to valley residents is the location of the new Dawson City municipal boundary in the valley. The views of the valley residents were made crystal clear when the YTG municipal board held local hearings.

The board's solution to compromise by recommending an expansion to Quigley Gulch was delivered nearly five months ago! Many believe the issue was resolved. However, to date the present government has failed to formally adopt this recommendation. I am committed to seeing this recommendation quickly adopted.

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

It's time to consider a second school bus for the Klondike Valley. The present bus has a legal capacity of 72 children. At present, there could be up to 76 children, on a given day, and the numbers are growing. It is difficult enough for the children to travel that distance to school every day. I think the children's comfort (along with the bus drivers) and safety should be looked after NOW - not when the situation becomes intolerable.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

The residents of Henderson's Corners need some form of basic road maintenance in their community. There are over 30 families in this area, and more in the process of building homes. The taxpaying residents, on their own, have looked after road upgrading, and are not looking for government assistance in this regard. All they require is occasional snow clearing on the main roads through their communities. This is of great importance to valley residents and I intend to address it if elected.

**REMEMBER... there IS an alternative.
I need your support on October 19th!**

1996 and all that

by Palma Berger
Are we ready?

1996 is the Centennial of the Discovery of gold on Bonanza.

1997 is a hundred years since the start of the gold rush.

1998 it really started! 1998 Yukon became a separate Territory, and Dawson City is 100 years old in 2002.

So much to celebrate. To plan for!

A group of people fearing we would not be prepared, formed the Klondike Centennials Society to ensure that there is some control, co-ordination AND Dawson input in any upcoming events, and these events are truly worthy of Dawson.

This group, Akio Saito, John Gould, Jon Magnusson, Carol Murray, and Peter Menzies, have been meeting regularly to put down ideas and plan.

Earlier this year they put together a display of Dawson in the Watson Lake pavilion for the celebration of the construction of the Alaska Highway. One panel displayed brochures of supporting Dawson businesses and another showed Dawson's participation in the construction of the Highway, with the amount of equipment that came from Dawson.

As this Society has no funds they had to raise the necessary money to do this. They have T-shirts and sweatshirts with their logo for sale.

While this group is trying to manage development, they are also open to and trying for any new ideas to promote this celebration.

They have been working with the City and have drawn up a waterfront development plan. This includes beautifying the dike, creating a park with trees, etc. adjacent to the old Bank, creating a park at the South end of town similar to the Canada 125 one at the North End of Town. There

fateful meeting between George Carmacks and Robert Henderson at the junction of the Klondike and Yukon Rivers where Henderson directed Carmacks to Rabbit Creek where it all began.

The culmination of the 1996 celebrations will be the World Gold Panning Championships held on Discovery Day in Dawson City.

So far, the 1992 Alaska Highway celebrations have overshadowed any proposals for the 1996 celebrations.

The 50th Anniversaries Commission is having a strategic study done of how the next ten years of celebrations could be managed. After this study is completed, a new commission will be formed to undertake the co-ordination of the upcoming decade of anniversaries.

The upcoming centennials are the stepping stones for the Yukon to get into the international tourism market.

It is big this ten years of celebrations. A lot of original ideas and hard work are needed to put this event on the map. My disgusted son said that in his Canadian History course at University, they gave a mere 20 minutes to the Klondike Gold Rush. This sort of thing shows the amount of work needed to enlighten others what is happening here.

To find out more why not attend the Public Meeting of the Klondike Centennial Society in the City Chambers on October 28. On display will be the panels they put together for Watson Lake this year. The only community they have worked with so far is Skagway and Jeff Brady, Chairman of the Skagway Centennial Committee will be present. Of course this will be an opportunity to acquire a T-shirt or sweatshirt.



It Must be Autumn by Dan Davidson

*It must be autumn,
the trees are bare,
and people are pulling
out long underwear.
The birds have flown south,
all except for the raven,
that bane of all dogs,
which can find no safe haven.*

*The cars are all steaming
and windows are frosty,
while running an engine
to clear them is costly.
All round the town smoke
is from chimneys a-risin',
and the sun each day dips
ever nearer the horizon.*

*But the surest of signs,
seen by one and all,
is encountered at street
crossings near power poles.
Much huffing and puffing
and digging abounds
as the Fall Sewer Project
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