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Northern deal not done, but looks good

by Dan Davidson

There's a lot of planning and negotiating still to be done before a Northern Store opens in Dawson City. This is the clear message from Dawson First Nation Chief Steve Taylor and from Jeff Cook, the manager of Chief Isaac Inc., the Han Indians' business development arm.

To date Chief Isaac has administered a community wide survey on behalf of the Northwest Company (Northern's parent organiza-

tion) and has purchased lots on Second Avenue, across the street from the Dawson Hardware Store, where a building might be erected. But land, as Taylor notes, is just an investment at this point and, with commercial land prices rising as they have been in Dawson over the last few years, not such a bad one.

Cook and Taylor agree that it is probably time that representatives of Northwest came to Dawson to talk to the public and the

chamber of commerce and make it clear what their intentions are. They agree that such a store, which might be anywhere from 10,000 to 15,000 square feet, should be discussed in a public forum.

"It's not that they don't want to," said Taylor, "They are perfectly willing to do that."

"Yes," said Cook, "it's just not quite time yet."

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Northwest's interest raises some corporate fears

by Dan Davidson
November 6, 1992

While the results of a survey taken earlier in the fall seem to indicate a fairly widespread consumer support for the notion of a Northern Store opening in Dawson City, it would be an acute understatement to say that some merchants in the community have reservations about the plan. In fact, some of them are quite apprehensive about the whole business and met at the Downtown Hotel on November 3 to formulate a list of questions they would like answered by the proponents, the Northwest Company and Chief Isaac Inc.

The meeting was chaired by General Store owner Denny Kobayashi, who began by saying that this was not in any way to be seen as an official chamber of commerce meeting. It was a meeting of the business people who see themselves as being most affected by the sudden injection of a 10,000 square foot retail outlet, handling most of the same things they already sell, into the community.

As Sourdough Sue Ward put it to the group: "What will they be selling that you aren't already supplying locally?"

At this point no one knows the answer to that question, which is

probably one that must be addressed to the Northwest Company. And it might not matter anyway.

"What are we trying to accomplish here?" said Arctic Drug's owner Fred Berger. "It's a fait accompli," he concluded, echoing the feelings of most people in the room. Berger said it would be wrong to be upset with the Northern Stores for wanting to come here, because "that's free enterprise." But Berger went on to identify the side of the development that rubbed most of those at the meeting the wrong way,

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Election promises should ease sewer pains

by Dan Davidson

Any talk of a dirty election in Klondike riding must be a reference to Dawson's sewers. Faced with the reality of rising sewer and water costs in Dawson City and the emergence of this issue as a major theme of the recent civic by-election here, it is no surprise to find that both candidates in the Klondike riding promised to help the municipal government find a cost saving solution to this problem as the campaign wore on.

John Ostashek, Yukon Party leader and now Government

Leader, was in Dawson City on the Thursday before the election to talk to the Dawson First Nation, to spend some time at the city's offices and to make a public commitment at a late afternoon press conference.

With local Yukon Party candidate David Millar at his side, Ostashek announced from the party's campaign headquarters that "a Yukon Party government is prepared to assist the City of Dawson in reducing the excessively high sewer and water rates for residences and businesses in

the Klondike capital."

Both Millar and his opponent, incumbent MLA Art Webster (NDP), had indicated in earlier interviews with the Sun that they were prepared to lobby their parties to sit down and renegotiate the 1987 agreement which transferred ownership and financial responsibility of the system to Dawson but, Millar was quick to point out, only the Yukon Party had seen fit to have its leader

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Photo by Sue Ward

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LADY BEWARE !!

From R.C.M.P. Dawson

On Wednesday November 18 at 8:00pm, in the Ancillary Room at Robert Service School, the R.C.M.P. is presenting a street safety course for women. The name of the course is "Lady Beware".

"Lady Beware" was developed to teach women to use their natural instincts and abilities to avoid getting into potentially dangerous situations and to teach basic techniques for getting out of some dangerous situations. This is not a "heavy duty" course in martial arts. It is a course designed to introduce safety tips and

self defence techniques, that will be beneficial to women of all ages. Dawson City is a relatively small and safe place to live, but it is always good to be prepared.

"Lady Beware" is a course for women only. The minimum age for participants is 13 years old. The course is free of charge. It is requested that all women who are planning to attend the course register by phoning the Dawson City R.C.M.P. Detachment. Our phone number is 993-5555. It is suggested that all participants wear casual cloth-

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make a public statement specifically on this issue.

Ostashek indicated that it would be the party's intention to tackle the problem on two fronts. First, the capital cost of replacing large portions of the 1979-80 installation would have to be addressed in 1993-94 through a special emergency fund provided for under the Municipal Act.

Mayor Peter Jenkins, who attended the press conference as well, indicated that the two levels of government have already spent more than \$5 million on the poorly constructed system, which was put into place by the former Progressive Conservative government in 1979-80 and then transferred to Dawson under the NDP government in 1987. Jenkins said that engineers' estimates in 1991 dollars indicate that an additional \$3.5 million will probably need to be spent to complete bringing the actual pipe and installation up to grade.

Both Jenkins and Ostashek agreed that the phasing out of the sewer and water deficit grant had meant that the overall amount of money coming to Dawson City had declined over the last few years, in spite of the fact that its block capital funding had increased by several percentage points in the same time period. This has left the community hard pressed to handle the costs of a system which has broken down 25 years sooner than it should have.

The second issue involved is that of operations and maintenance costs, which presently run

at close to a million dollars a year and impose upon Dawson households bills double those in Whitehorse, while government owned buildings pay twice that again. It is anticipated that, without relief, the yearly residential water and sewer bill in Dawson will top \$1,000.00 in 1993. Both Millar and Webster saw this as a major local issue, one that Webster said seemed to come to a head during the by-election.

Both men's campaign literature addressed the issue. Millar pledged to "work with local government to find immediate solutions to this problem", a promise echoed in Ostashek's statement Thursday. Webster's flyers talked of "increased capital block funding... for water and sewer repairs."

Ostashek and Millar said that their announcement was a clear indication of the Yukon Party's willingness to sit down with communities and learn from them what needs to be done in them. Ostashek said, and Jenkins agreed, that this sort of give and take negotiation style has been missing from the NDP approach over the last few years of its second term.

Webster, predictably, said he had been addressing this issue all along when he was contacted for a comment.

In both cases, it seems to have taken the election call to get things moving on this expensive issue. It remains to be seen if the winners can deliver on their promises.



Photo by Palma Berger

Jeff reported that Skagway had begun a 13 year plan in 1987, building towards their anniversaries. This plan featured a different theme for each year, for example.. 1988 Women of the Gold Rush; 1989...Ships of the Inside Passage; 1990..Garden City of Alaska; 1991..Fraternal and Civic Organisation; 1992..Skagway's Military History and so on through to the discovery of gold in 1998 to culminate in the year 2000 with the 100th anniversary of the White Pass Route and Incorporation of the City of Skagway.

For their commemorative statue they wanted to include the native participation in the historic Gold Rush, so they devised a statue featuring Skookum Jim guiding Capt. Moore up the Chilkoot Pass. Fund-raising is in place to pay for this. They have also been promised a commemorative stamp for '98.

He emphasised that we must involve every town that had a gold rush or was affected by the offshoots of the Gold Rush. Definitely we must get the Yukon Government to back the Centennials. Skagway has state support. Jeff also emphasised that we must keep communication between Skagway and Dawson open so that neither overlaps the other and stays supportive of each other events. He is interested in any joint participation of events.

His committee is co-ordinating plans between Skagway and Seattle. There is no B.C. connection yet. In an upcoming travel planner there will be mention of Alaska, Yukon and B.C.

He suggested we get hold of National Geographic to let them know what is coming up. We should also publicize any stories about individuals and gold rush stories.

He questioned the role the Chamber of Commerce plays in this. It was explained that although the Chamber of Commerce is completely separate, the Chamber worked with this Society on the panel for Watson Lake.

Following Jeff's presentation continued on page 4

Centennial's Coming

by Palma Berger

There are only three years left to the Centennial of the World's Greatest Gold Rush! This was the theme of the Annual General Meeting of the Klondike Centennial Society.

Akio Saito explained the formation of the Society and what they have accomplished so far as a small group of volunteers to raise their own funds and get publicity and planning in motion. That they have had some success was shown by the 20 people in the audience. As M.L.A. Dave Millar said, "To get this many people out to a meeting in busy Dawson is really something."

On display were the four free standing panels featuring on one side the dates and photos of events in Dawson's history. On the other side are the businesses who had supported this display which was set up in Watson Lake this summer. The smaller version of the proposed statue of a miner for Dawson was also on view. On sale were sweatshirts and T-

shirts featuring the logo for the local society.

Akio pointed out that the community must recognise that the centennials are going to happen, and the many groups and interests in Dawson must work together to ensure that the legacy left by the centennial is not a burden but meets the needs of the community. The challenge of the future is too big for this committee, it will take the collective effort of the whole community to bring it off. Dawson cannot work in isolation, either. Dawson must reach out to other communities as well.

Also present were Joyce Ronaghan of the Silver Trails Society, Mayo's tourism promoting group, and Jeff Brady of Skagway.

Jeff Brady, secretary of the Skagway Centennial Committee, recalled his earlier visit to Dawson when his group from Skagway won the first prize at the Break-up Drama Festival in 1982.

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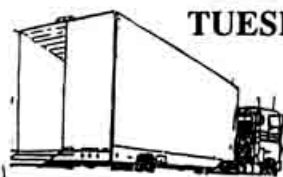
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The Klondike's new MLA David Millar and wife Lorraine are flanked on both sides by jubilant Yukon Party supporters.

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Millar wins the Klondike

by Dan Davidson

There was jubilation in the Yukon Party headquarters in Dawson City as the numbers were penned on the status board. Impishly, organizer Chris Sorg started with the worst numbers, the three areas in town where the vote had either gone to incumbent Art Webster or had been fairly close. But poll number 4, which included the areas outside of the present town boundaries, the rural suburbs and the creeks, told the tale. Out there David Millar outpolled Art Webster by 161 to 83, more than offsetting his modest lead in town.

Questioned later in the evening, a solemn Webster said he knew he had lost when he saw the results of polls 1, 2 and 3, feeling that if his lead wasn't stronger than that in town, then he wouldn't make it up.

David Millar, the miner who only got into the race the day be-

fore the deadline for nominations closed, beat the 7 year veteran and cabinet minister by 54 votes, taking 409 to Webster's 355.

The turnout was strong. Overall, 764 people, 79% of eligible voters, cast their ballots and Millar won by 8%.

"Staying on the streets, that's exactly what did it," said Millar's campaign manager, Hugh Gouthro. For a week after Millar filed his papers, the Yukon Party was quiet, sitting in conference and deciding on a strategy. Gouthro says that they never deviated from the plan once it had been formed, no matter how discouraged they got at times.

"We started from behind... from nothing, and we knew the only way to win it was to keep organized and to keep David on the street." It meant 12-14 hour days that only ended at 9 PM on the day before the election.

Fellow organizer Chris Sorg elaborated on the plan, which was to knock on all the doorways they could reach, go heavy on the media campaign and become more pointed on the issues as the end of the campaign approached. The party had to work hard to build public awareness of Millar's image, and had no wish to confuse the issue by engaging in a face to face debate with Webster.

"I'm very pleased," said Millar, when he could be separated from his well-wishers. "I'll tell you it was hard work, but I had good people with me and I'm just very pleased and excited about going to work and working for the constituents." He's not sure just what he'd like to do in the new government, but he's eager.

Millar sees the support of the mining community as being cru-

cial to his victory, and the timing of the election helped him in that way. Had the election been called sooner, he feels he might have done better. Had it come a bit later, he's not quite so sure. Many of the people who voted for him leave the area for part of the winter. On the other hand, the increasing rural population outside of Dawson indicates that more and more people don't go away.

Webster was sad but philosophical, disappointed but resigned.

"It's just not something with me personally. It's right across the territory. People wanted to see a new government, and they've got one. We'll have to give them a chance."

In that sense he was certainly correct. The NDP government of Tony Penikett went down to a crushing defeat, losing 10% of its popular support and ending up second in seats to the rival Yukon Party.

When the dust had settled the Yukon party held 7 of the 17 seats in the legislature, while the NDP held 6. The Independent Alliance held its 2 seats, while another Independent (Tory) held 1 and the Liberals held 1. The balance of power was in those last 4 seats, and the people holding them weren't likely to help prop up an NDP minority government. Mind you, some of them were unlikely to help the Yukon Party either.

Webster has no plans at the moment other than to take what he termed "a well deserved rest" and to clean out his Whitehorse office.

Millar's campaign people say he will be opening some sort of a constituency office in the community and they expect him to work on local issues for the time being rather than take a high profile government position. In the latter instance, at least, he would be following in his predecessor's footsteps.

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Editorial:

Trials of Public Life

by Dan Davidson

If the recent democratic exercises in the Yukon really mean anything at all, it's that there is a pretty severe crisis of confidence in peoples' minds when it comes to assessing those in public life. That's not news, not even a particularly insightful comment, but it seems to need saying again.

Our Member of Parliament, usually a pretty astute lady, got the same information from a personal survey she did lately and made pretty much the same statement in her current column for the Klondike Sun. As far as the facts are concerned, she's bang on, but she strays way off the mark when it comes to interpreting them. Her assumption, logical enough for an Opposition politician, is that governments have created this situation by creating the gaps that loom between promises and results.

That's not it, not at all. That kind of analysis misses the point, which is that the public doesn't trust ANYONE in public life. All it takes to tarnish your good name these days is to link it in some way with politics. Ontario Premier Bob Rae was complaining about this very thing just recently, and it's pretty clear from the news that even visiting hate mongers like David Irving can get better press than most of our nation's leaders.

There are a lot of dangers in political life, to be sure, and politicians cannot win, no matter what they do. If you keep your own council, you're accused of being secretive. If you speak openly, you're resented for attempting to promote your opinions. Our last MLA here made a point of putting his thoughts on Klondike issues on the record each month in our local newspaper, and was forced to see some of his words come back to haunt him in the recent campaign. I can only hope that our new Member of the Legislature will have the same amount of courage after he has had a few months to settle his thoughts and become comfortable with his new responsibilities.

Keeping the public's trust is a major chore for any government, one that can perhaps be compared to the trials of teachers and ministers. In those jobs, it doesn't matter how often you are right, people tend to remember the times that you aren't, and they remember them for many, many years. So a government which spent years doing public consultations on a number of major bills during its first term can somehow acquire the image of being unresponsive to public input during its second and lose all its political credits.

We used to put certain classes of people on pedestals, and hold them up as examples, reluctant to admit it when they went astray. These days we

still single them out for extra attention, but it's more of the negative kind.

Just last year, a fellow who was involved in real estate dealings was accused of sexually assaulting one of his potential clients during the performance of his real estate agent's duties. It would have been easy to lose track of that in most of the press coverage, though. The man's real estate work was a sideline, and his full time job was in teaching. So the headlines constantly referred to the "teacher" side of his life, which had nothing to do with the charges at all, but sure went a long way towards smearing the teaching profession.

Awareness of power and suspicion of its misuse go hand in hand these days. The word to those who are new to power is this - it will not be long before you are accused of nearly everything you criticized your opponents for. Expect it. Do what you can to counter it, but don't be surprised and try not to take it personally. And remember, the next time you are campaigning, that all the negative seeds you sow will eventually grow up to choke the buds of your own good intentions.

Centennial's Coming

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the nominations for the new directors took place. Original members Akio Saito, Jon Magnusson, John Gould, Sharon Edmunds and Peter Menzies were joined by newcomers Bill Bowie, Glenn Mullen, Boyd Gillis, Giovanni Castellarin, Jeff Cook and Myrna Butterworth.

A consultant to help organise our anniversaries has been hired by the Yukon Anniversaries Commission. Disappointment

Dear Editor:

Now that we have paid for our subscription for another year, we can anticipate all the news and pictures of our hometown, we read every word.

I was pleased to read Pretoria Butterworth's letter, she expressed my sentiments exactly. We saw Pretoria at the International Sourdough Reunion in Everett WA., just recently.

Keep up the good work, sincerely:

Ginny Fournier

Dear Editor: Many thanks! We enjoy reading your paper very much. Hope to be in Dawson in June '93 (again).

Sincerely:

Gord Bella Farlow
Sarnia, Ontario.

Dear Editor:

I enjoy the Klondike Sun paper so much, that I usually sit right down and read it from front to back, and forget about the work that is going behind, but usually it waits on me.

I have been to Dawson City four times and just love the history and charm, and of course the people, especially one fine lady who is a truly knowledgeable source of tales and stories, and all first hand as she has lived most of them herself. The lady is Sue Ward who gave me my first year subscription to the Sun and got me hooked.

The Yukon Saga is also an excellent I really enjoyed the ghost playing the organ.

Keep Sue's articles coming and continued success with your local paper. Mine is recycled to four people after me.

Daisy Robinson

Dear Editor: Noreen Sailer and the Directors of the KPMA have asked me to write to tell you how very much we all appreciated your support and interest in our barbecue and dance.

Noreen says thank you for putting in our thank you ad. It was done up so nicely, especially considering it was not in perfect set up when you received it.

She also appreciated the write up on our Mr. & Mrs. Miner for 1992 - Murray and Donna Crockett.

Once again, thanks for your support!

Sincerely:

Alan Fry

Executive Assistant

Klondike Placer Miners Association

P.S. Note next year's date now July 30

was expressed that he was from Vancouver and not from Dawson or at least Yukon. Assurance was given that lobbying is going on to ensure that the consultant's office be in Dawson City. Ken McKinnon, chairman of the Anniversaries Commission, has stressed the fact that Dawson will be the centre of the celebrations.

At the end of the meeting Jon Magnusson presented three pages of ideas they had formulated to highlight these celebrations. These generated more ideas from the audience. As he pointed out, we are looking at the next ten years to get on the international tourist trade market. We do not want the momentum to quit. Tourists we generate over the next ten years we want to keep, and we want them feeling posi-

itive and enthused about Dawson. Some ideas from Skagway for highlighting the anniversaries were as follows:

Commemorative Dyea to Dawson race (much work needed for this); re-enactment of Pack train over the White Pass; restoration of steam engine #53, first engine on the WP&YR by the year 2000.

See elsewhere in this paper for the ideas from Dawson. If you have any good ideas, do present them to the Dawson Committee or even to this paper.

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Tick-tock, Mind the Clock

by Dan Davidson

Spring ahead, fall back!
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Two weeks before November?

A useless exercise it seems to set our clock hands turning. What do we gain? In Spring - more light?
There's not enough Sun burning?

In Autumn, though, I have to say that things don't seem quite right. Why should we rush to set our clocks and hasten on the night?

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Action in Yukon Supreme Court between Dawson First Nation and Arkona Resources

Submitted by Dawson First Nation

On September 17 Dawson First Nation commenced an action against Arkona Resources in the Yukon Territory Supreme Court. The object of this action is to prevent further mining activity in the ancient village site of the Han Indians, now known as 'Lousetown', and to secure the ancient site, free of mineral claims, for Dawson First Nation. Dawson First Nation says that the grant to Arkona Resources of placer claims in 'Lousetown', including the right to mine those claims, is inconsistent with Canada's Constitutional obligation to settle Dawson First Nation's claim to 'Lousetown', and therefore is of no force or effect.

Dawson First Nation is not anti-mining. Dawson First Nation is not out to get all miners in the Yukon, or to quash all Yukon mining claims. If that were our intention, we would have filed this action much sooner, and framed it much more broadly. Our intention is to protect our ancient village site.

Dawson First Nation is gravely concerned with the alienation and destruction of our aboriginal homeland. In mid-August of last year, our old village site was ravaged by a placer miner representing Arkona Resources. This site has immense cultural and traditional value to the citizens of Dawson First Nation. Since time immemorial Han Indians have utilized the site. It was from 'Lousetown' that the Han Nation was "relocated" during the Goldrush. 'Lousetown' has never been sold or surrendered. No treaty has been negotiated ceding 'Lousetown'. Thus, notwithstanding the placer claims presently in place, Dawson First Nation is convinced that our aboriginal claim precedes and takes precedence over all others. It is Dawson First Nation's firm contention that Arkona Resources had no legal authority to do what they did.

The destruction in 'Lousetown' was an insult not only to the citizens of Dawson First Nation, but to all Yukon and Canadian citizens. As expressed by David Burely, Parks Canada Archaeologist, "Lousetown's place in the heritage of not only Yukon residents but all Canadians is immeasurable."

In spite of this, the desecration in 1991 was allowed to continue until the snow and cold weather descended in October. In spite of strenuous objections from Dawson First Nation and the community of Dawson as a whole, in spite of the fact that Arkona's representative possessed no water use license, and in spite of the fact that Arkona's representative was cited three times within three weeks for illegal surface discharge of water, the government stood by and watched it happen.

During the past year Dawson First Nation has taken all reasonable steps to address this matter. We have written numerous letters to Tom Siddon, Jean Charest, Audrey McLaughlin, Tony Penikett, Art Webster, etc. Audrey McLaughlin has presented a Petition to Parliament on our behalf, asking the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to protect our rights and prevent any further mining in 'Lousetown'. We have intervened in two different Water Use License Applications submitted by Arkona with regards to this site. We have participated in the Level II EARP screening of this proposed project as a member of RERC. We have made representations on this mat-

ter in public meetings and other forums. We have raised this issue on several occasions in Land Claims Negotiations. In summary, we have explored every conceivable channel save Legal Action or an Oka style confrontation in our efforts to prevent any further ravage in our ancient homesite.

We have been joined in our efforts by many prominent Yukon organizations and institutions. The City of Dawson has joined us in urging that no further mining be permitted in our ancient home. YTG Heritage has made representations on the cultural and historic value of this site. Parks Canada, the Yukon Historical and Museums Association, the Dawson Museum, and the Yukon Conservation Society have made similar representations. No one supports mining in this important cultural and historic site. Unfortunately, none of these efforts have been sufficient.

Dawson First Nation is determined to prevent any further mining in our old village site. We have been unable to accomplish this objective through any of the means described above. We have no option except to assert our aboriginal rights through Legal Action.



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1992 has been a year of commemorative events as the people

and communities along the Alaska highway have honoured the road builders of 1942. In just over eight months, United States and Canadian military and civilian personnel built a 1,500 mile road through some of the roughest terrain and weather conditions imaginable. On November 20, the Yukon Anniversary Commission and the Canadian Armed Forces will re-enact the original opening ceremony, as the final event of the year long activities.

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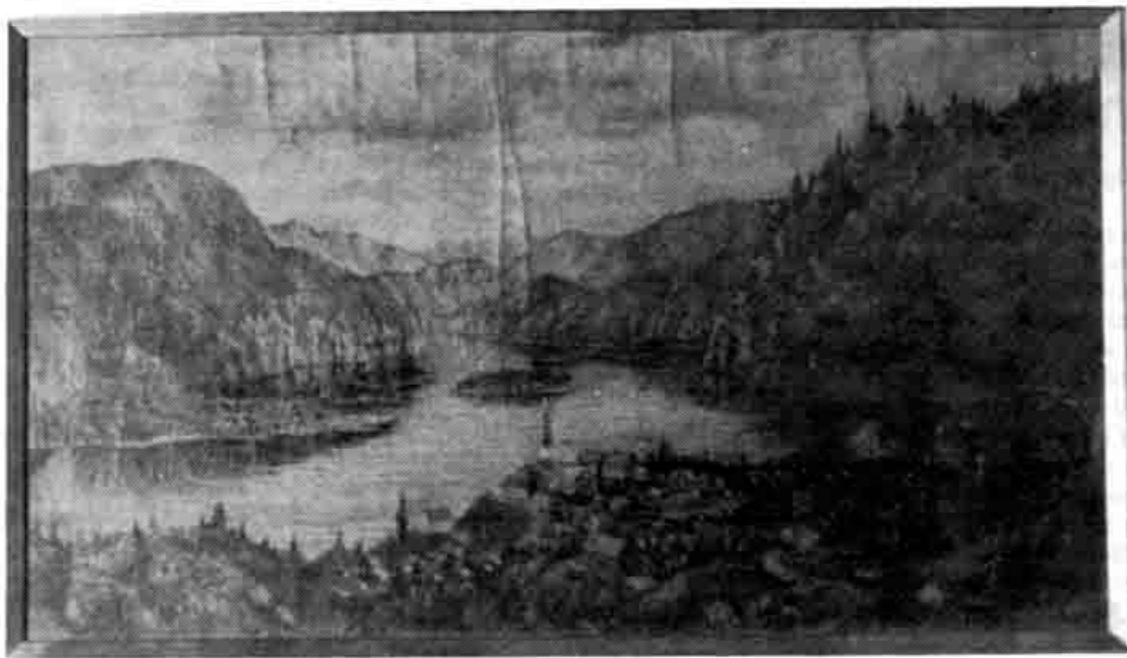
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4. 1968 RED DATSUN
U.I.N. PL510-025669
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ACCORDING TO BYLAW 88-20 FAILURE OF THE OWNER TO CLAIM AND PAY THE OUTSTANDING FINES AND CHARGES BY 5:00 P.M. DECEMBER 11, 1992, THE CITY MANAGER WILL ORDER THE DISPOSAL OF THE ABOVE LISTED VEHICLES.

Lady Beware

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ing. Sweat pants and running shoes are recommended.

Constable Chuck Bertrand of Whitehorse is the instructor for the "Lady Beware" course. Dawson City Detachment members will assist him. Constable Bertrand will be travelling to Dawson City on November 18. He will be presenting this course to female students during school hours, then to all women who are interested starting at 8:00pm.

On November 19, "Safety Bear" will visit the Primary Grades and local Daycare children in the morning. In the afternoon, Constable Bertrand will be making special P.A.C.E. (Police Assisting Community Education) presentations to the intermediate and senior students.

Remember! It's "Lady Beware" Wednesday, November 18, at 8:00pm in the Ancillary Room at Robert Service School. To register, phone 993-5555! Ladies: We hope to see you there.

Dawson City Museum



Museum Nuggets

by Leslie Piercy, Registrar DCM.

The Collection Committee of the Dawson City Museum has decided to submit a column highlighting recent acquisitions.

Many donations are made to the Museum during the summer months, thanks to locals cleaning out garages and relatives of gold seekers arriving to visit places they'd heard about as children.

It's exciting to receive these artifacts, which generally come with a bit of history attached to give them an added dimension. Family stories make the past come alive with information ranging from the reasons behind a person's journey here, to where, when, and how an item was acquired.

The oil painting shown here, T.D.#298, was delivered by the daughter of a man who came here in '98 from New Brunswick, Mr. J.F.E. Carman. Mrs. Wiles tells us that her father, like so many, didn't find "his Eldorado", but did work here until 1906 as mail sled driver (dog-team) to Whitehorse, and as a Dawson City fireman.

The painting depicts a river scene, possibly showing the North end of town. It was painted by a man named Jas. Grant in 1900. We are interested in finding out more about both men. If anyone knows any more of this story, we'd be delighted to hear it.

Next month, we'll print a letter written in 1903, by Celia Stroup, age 14, to her grandmother.

CBC "Morningside" has Dawson input

by Sue Ward

When the voice of Catherine Piggott, producer for our national CBC morning program having been given my name, among others, came loud and clear over my phone, asking if I could help out on a coverage of our Territorial election, as it related to Dawson City, I agreed, thinking there would be at least a couple of days to gather truthful information. No way. The taping would be done live at the ungodly hour of 7:30 a.m. the following morning,—not my best hour of hustle as I approach my eightieth.

I did my best to garner truths from miners, merchants, and our new M.L.A. David Millar.

The second item of discussion was our unprecedented early winter. Now that I could relate to, what with freeze dried leaves, ducks falling from the sky with iced wings, Mrs. Mallard, and the fifty assorted feathered friends sharing pounds of assorted bird seed out front.

I was up and had the coffee brewing when the ring-a-dingies

roused the dogs, and I gave it my best shot. Toronto was so pleased I have been asked to make a date with CBC Whitehorse for a lengthy chat with Peter Gzowski as it is hoped I will fulfil this position for several broadcasts during the current season.

I can't tell you how much it meant when both of my friends answering to "Barb" made time to call me to reassure me I had not let the town down. Yesterday my new neighbour called across the road to tell me her mother's letter from Nova Scotia asked if she knew Sue Ward. And when I picked up my Monday mail a letter from a gal in Campbellton, New Brunswick asked, among other things, if I could send her some pictures of the Klondike as she has dreamed of making it up here, but meantime has begun painting and felt our land could inspire her.

I thought you, dear readers, would not only know of these PR happenings, but remember to rise to the bait whenever you have a chance to keep the sourdough working.



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Dawson votes NO while First Nation leaders counsel YES

by Dan Davidson

In the dying days of the Referendum campaign about the only thing that seemed to be crystal clear was the position taken by the leadership of the Yukon's First Nations, which was a resounding YES to the Charlottetown Accord. Meeting in Dawson City from October 20-22, the leaders of the Council for Yukon Indians and most of the chiefs in the territory affirmed this position over again.

In the words of Percy Henry, an elder and one-time chief of the Dawson First Nation, "This is the first time since I was chief that I see one step ahead, so let's go for it."

Speaking just before Henry was CYI vice-chair Albert James, who was equally and passionately emphatic.

"It (the Accord) will give me what I've been working for with Land Claims - the end of Indian Affairs," he told those gathered at the Tro'ndek Heritage Centre. "It's not perfect, but it's a basis to build on. I'm going to vote yes because it's the best that I have ever seen."

James was just one of the territorial leaders who spoke after the potlatch called to celebrate the first regular CYI leadership meeting to be held in Dawson City.

One of the main topics at this meeting was the Charlottetown Accord. According to Dawson chief Steven Taylor, Yukon First Nation representatives to the recent Indian gathering in Vancouver were disappointed that all of Canada's First Nations couldn't see their way clear to supporting the YES vote.

"So we decided," said Taylor, "to make a concerted effort to go out and try to explain to people that the Charlottetown accord is good for us here in the Yukon."

The very best thing about it, Taylor said, is that it would give an underpinning of constitutional certainty to the Self-government Agreement which has been negotiated over the last several years as a counterpart to the Yukon Land Claims. Presently that agreement is protected only by legislation, which can always be changed. A constitutional guarantee would make it more secure.

Taylor said that the assembled

chiefs and CYI leaders once again affirmed their intention to vote YES on Monday and to encourage all of their people to do the same.

Despite all of that, Dawson

followed the territorial and national trend in rejecting the Charlottetown Accord by a healthy margin. In Dawson the NO vote was 56% (429) to 42.7% (322). It was a very healthy turnout and a

very definite result, almost identical to the territorial percentages, which stood at 56.1% and 43.4% respectively.

Inside / Outside

Back from Annual Holidays which took them to B. C. Coast, Vancouver for a weekend course, Edmonton for a peek at The Mall, and to Calgary, are **Mike & Kathy Gates, Megan, and Sheila Jones**. Mike's Dad lives in Calgary area and is not too well. His friends in Dawson wish him the best.

Back from an extended trip through B.C. and Alberta are **Joanie and Art Vickers**. Joining them was Joanie's son **Darren** who enjoyed the summer as part of Gold City Tours Team.

Paula Pawlovich and the girls have taken a break from all the action of surveys and election involvements.

Welcome to **Jane MacArthur, Joe Fraughton**, and the boys, who have come to

spend the winter in the McCauley House at 7th & Princess. Joe and Jane built the Rock Creek Store.

Ann and Harold Shannon are holidaying and hopefully Ann's broken wrist will not spoil the fun. Watch those icy streets folks.

Guggieville has been tucked in for the deep freeze as **Brenda and Gordie Caley** return to Salmon Arm, B.C. It is good to see both **Danny and Darlene** staying in their home town, with Darlene working with Sunshine Bookkeeping Services, while Danny keeps busy here and there after a summer at the Visitor's Reception Centre.

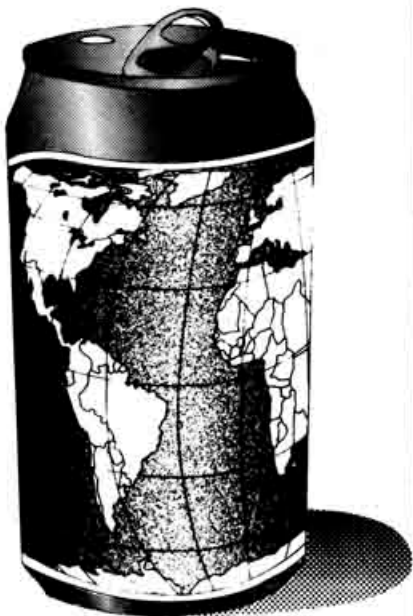
Jim Reilly is due home from an extended trip as representative of Dawson's Masonic Lodge, to Virginia, U.S.A.

Wilda Webster has been visiting with friends and family in B.C.

Julie Frisch and daughter **Sylvia** are enjoying the amenities as they house sit **Monina Wittfoth's** home. Monina has just returned home having visited Honolulu and Tokyo. She is truly impressed with the courtesy, discipline and helpfulness. "They are over-employed, where four will sit in the space of one up here. They work very long hours, but do not appear stressed. When I went up the wrong side of a stairway from the underground, they just parted and made space for me. That wouldn't happen everywhere. They do not make body contact when they move in such throngs. It was truly a pleasure to share their clean busy city."

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When we talk about the new recycling program for "aluminum beverage containers" we mean aluminum cans containing soft drinks, fruit drinks and beer.

Part of your 10 cent deposit will be used to help community groups establish and operate recycling centres and you'll get 5 cents back as an incentive for turning in your drink cans.

You get that 5 cents back when you take your cans to your local recycling centre.

The Yukon Liquor Corporation is changing its program to be consistent with the new recycling program so the refund price on a beer can will go from 10 cents to 5 cents per can.

In the short term, the new recycling program will help end pop and fruit drink can littering on the landscape.

In the long term, you'll help build community-based recycling programs and you'll be encouraging a cleaner Yukon environment.

LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF COMMUNITY RECYCLING DEPOTS

COMMUNITY	ADDRESS AND LOCATION	HOURS OF OPERATION
Beaver Creek	Mile 1203 Alaska Highway	Every second Friday, 1 pm to 4 pm
Burwash Landing	Kluane Resource Management Info. Centre	Tuesday to Thursday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm
Carcross	Bennett Street	Saturday, 12 pm to 3 pm
Carmacks	Old Village Office	TBA (Opens January, 1993)
Dawson City	Paradise Alley, between King St. and Queen St.	Saturday, 1 pm to 5 pm
Destruction Bay	Kluane Lake School	Monday and Thursday, 1 pm to 3 pm
Faro	TBA	TBA
Haines Junction	YTG Highways Yard	Saturday, 11 am to 2 pm
Mayo	Blue Box Free Store & Recycling Depot	Saturday, 2 pm to 4 pm
Pelly Crossing	Old Fire Hall, Unit 20	Monday to Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday am
Ross River	Old Community Hall	Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm
Tagish	Community Centre	Saturday, 1 pm to 3 pm
Teslin	Airport Grounds	Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm
Watson Lake	East of O'Neill Repairs	Saturday, 1 pm to 5 pm
Whitehorse	138 Industrial Road	Tuesday to Friday, 12 pm to 6 pm and Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm

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News Release:

Gasoline vapors can explode

The very properties which make gasoline an excellent fuel make it a deadly explosive if it's misused. The explosion of one gallon of gasoline has been compared to 14 sticks of dynamite.

Gasoline vapourizes quickly and the vapours easily ignite on contact with a spark or open flame. Every year many injuries occur as a result of the misuse of gasoline.

Gasoline is the most commonly used - and misused - flammable liquid. It is involved in fires far more frequently than lighter fluid paint, varnish and thinners.

Precautions

*Never use gasoline to start or speed up fires.

*Store gasoline only in approved safety containers - never in glass or plastic jars or jugs.

*Never store gasoline in the house. Keep it in a cool, well ventilated area away from sources of ignition such as electrical installations, power tools and appliance, pilot lights cigarette smoking, welding and cutting operations, sunlight and other sources of heat.

*To refill a fuel tank on a gasoline powered engine (snow blower, snowmobile, lawn mower, etc.) wait until the engine is cool. Use a funnel to prevent spills. Never smoke while fuelling or using a gasoline engine. After fuelling, move the machine away from any vapours that may surround the machine before starting the motor.

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An odour has been added to propane for your protection. If you notice this smell:

*Do not ignite any source of flame such as matches or lighters. Turn off any burners already operating.

*If you are indoors, do not operate electrical switches or telephones.

*Evacuate everyone from the area and do not re-enter it until it is safe to do so.

*Close cylinder or tank valves if accessible.

*Call a qualified propane service or your local fire department.

Precautions

Before turning on the cylinder valve, ensure the appliance valves are closed. Open the appliance cover or lid before igniting the flame and always ignite the match or lighter before turning on the appliance. Close the cylinder valve after each use.

*Check for leaks with soapy water, never with matches or any open flame.

*Always close valves when propane is not in use.

*Store cylinders upright in a locked, well ventilated area (outdoors) away from excessive heat. Transport upright with ventilation and ensure they are firmly secured.

*Ensure the valves are protected from damage.

Weather Report

Weather Report for Dawson City, Yukon for October 1992. This edition prepared and presented by Art Vickers, your friendly Flight Service Specialist from the Transport Canada Flight Service Station located at the Dawson City airport.

Welcome back everyone for another 'winter' weather report. Yep, another month of winter has been put in the record books. I hope this trend doesn't continue, but there doesn't seem to be any reason to believe it won't.

Generally, October was a pretty crummy month. Compared to what is normal for October (whatever that is) we had less rain (due to less above-freezing temperatures), less sunshine (due to more cloudy days), more snow and more wind which all added to everyone's enjoyment of the month.

October continued the record-breaking ways of September. Dawsonites endured Five (yes, FIVE) more record setting c-c-cold days. The oldest record to succumb to our 1992 temperatures was October 17th when the 1907 record of -23.0 (-9.4) was frozen out by a temperature of -

28.1 (-18.6). The second oldest record to be destroyed was the October 18th, 1920 minimum of -25.0 (-13.0) which shivered away to be replaced by this year's bone-chilling minimum of -32.0 (0-25.6). The other records were not from as far back in history but were still NEW records.

Right! No maximum records were broken this month - again.

If this trend continues, there sure will be lots of 'Bushy' Dawsonites growling and snarling around town by Spring!!! So, to counteract what seems to be an already long winter, I suggest numerous visits to John and his helpers at the library where you can get all kinds of books or tapes to take your mind off the weather. Another suggestion is to get involved with any of the local clubs or organizations which are in town. Or, get a hobby to help while away the winter hours. We will all get through it (even me) and hopefully emerge from the snowbanks this Spring still in control of our faculties.

I'll leave you with the statistics for October, 1992. (Fahrenheit in brackets, as usual.)

STATISTICS FOR DAWSON CITY, YUKON FOR OCT, 1992

	1992	1991	30 yr avg.
Maximum Temp.	8.0 (46.4)	8.8 (47.8)	—
Minimum Temp.	-32.0 (25.6)	-26.7 (-16.)	—
Mean Maximum	-3.6 (25.5)	12.6 (27.3)	0.2 (32.4)
Mean Minimum	-12.9 (8.8)	-12.1 (10.2)	-6.8 (19.8)
Mean Temp.	-8.3 (17.1)	-7.4 (18.7)	-3.2 (26.2)
Days with Frost	31	31	30
Days with Rain	3	3	3
Days with Snow	21	17	8
Total Rainfall	5.4mm (0.21in)	8.8mm (0.34in)	6.6mm (0.26in)
Total Snowfall	24.8cm (9.76in)	18.0cm (7.09in)	20.3cm (8.0in)
Total Precip.	20.7mm (0.81in)	22.8mm (0.90in)	26.7mm (1.05in)

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Tourist traffic 1952

Tourist Traffic '52

Report on tourist traffic Dawson
The following item was taken
from the Dawson Weekly News
of November 13, 1952.

Of interest to the people of Dawson are the figures on tourist traffic here this past summer. These figures compiled by Ed Whitehouse of the Dawson ferry and released to the press by permission of commissioner Fred Fraser.

There were 579 cars and 1524 persons ferried across the Yukon River classed as tourist during the months of June, July, August, and September. These figures concern the traffic to and from Dawson. To show the value of roads to Dawson the origin of the tourist vehicles that arrived here and recorded are from 26 states, including Alaska and 6 provinces of Canada.

Those from the states were Alaska, Florida, Ohio, New Mexico, Michigan, California, Washington, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, New Jersey, Illinois Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, Idaho, Kansas, Utah, Wyoming, Missouri, and Maine. The greatest number of United States cars were from California. Canada was represented by cars from Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Quebec, and the Yukon. Yukon traffic for the same period as mentioned above was 664 cars and trucks with 2016 persons. Foot passengers are included in the figures and include many Dawsonites that picnic on the opposite side of the river.

It is estimated that the ferry travelled 900 miles during the season.

The ferry was operated by Captain Ed Whitehouse, assisted by Dick Fields, Bob Munroe and Ralph Mellor. Schedule was from 8 AM until noon and 1 PM to 6 PM. Passengers arriving late were brought over by the crew on their own time to accommodate them.

Toll charges are a dollar for a car or pick up plus its passengers each way, two dollars for trucks



Photo by Sue Ward

A short but merry flight

by Sue Ward

Dawsonites are unique, on that most agree, but there are others even more so. They choose to shun the bright lights and water services, to enjoy complete freedom On The Sunnyside of the Street - aahh - make that river. But twice a year they are there, and we are here - when the ice

breaks up in the spring, and when it gathers again in the fall to choke the mighty Yukon River. Sometimes it takes many weeks before the ferry becomes part of the highway, or the ice bridge makes the crossing safe for the long winter months. Many exciting and hair-raising stories are told of those who dared to thwart

Mother Nature. But all that is in the past, if you have the fare.

Sharon Peerenboom and Serina Firth are ready for a long open spell as they help Glen Guenter (base manager for Trans North Air) stuff the chopper with "vittles" and beverages, but not before a smart old raven snatched nine-bucks-worth of smokies out

of the back of the pick-up!

And of course there was special shopping for friends and everybody's mail. As I watched "the yellow bird" glide above the frigid river I wondered what Old Timers would have to say about the easy life of the Sourdoughs of the Nineteen Nineties.



and tractors and passengers each way. Foot passengers are carried free. The first passengers over the ferry this year were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bratsberg from Vancouver on May 29 and the last trip carried Hank Dubois and Norm Stephens of McCormicks Transportation Co. on October 26 with a load of wood from Harry Sogoffs wood camp.

The months of July and August showed the greatest amount of tourist traffic.

This Advisory is for Pet Owners Everywhere in the Yukon

The normal winter food supply for wolves, coyotes and lynx have all but disappeared because the hare population cycle has crashed to its usual 10-year low.

This may force them to look for new food sources close to populated areas - such as table scraps, pet foods or even your pets.

If you live next to the woods, take a few simple steps to discourage wild animals from coming into contact with you and your pets:

- Do not leave your pet's food on the porch.
- Do not leave your table scraps in an open container in your back yard.
- Make sure your garbage can lids are secure and your garbage is removed on a regular basis.
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submitted by The Royal Canadian Legion

Canada today is so near and yet so far from its goals of being a united, sovereign country. It now has its constitution but any newscast produces further evidence that the forces of disunity have never been greater. The Canadian spirit of unity which older Canadians remember from the war years is very much missing. And that is why Canada is so near and yet so far.

The sense of the Canadian spirit flickers briefly when a Canadian athlete wins an Olympic medal or the national hockey team triumphs in international competition. Canadians share a pride in their achievements. The poppy which you wear on Remembrance Day is another way of sharing in the achievements of young Canadians. But it is more than that. It is a symbol of the Canadian spirit which today finds little expression because the country is divided.

It is divided over many issues. Perhaps you can think of at least three. Your friends can think of other issues. Put these things together and then ask yourself if this is the country Canadians really want? Is this the country over 114,000 young Canadians died for? Is there to be no spirit of

unity in the new Canada? Will the spirit of Canada vanish in squabbles over off-shore rights, well-head prices, provincial rights or federal domination?

The spirit of Canada was not born at Charlottetown. It was born in the frozen dawn of Easter, 1917, at a place called Vimy in France. The ridge at Vimy was occupied by enemy troops. Other troops had tried to take it but failed. The Canadians were asked to take the ridge. It was the first time that units from all parts of Canada served together in a corps. And the young Canadian soldiers were determined to show the world that Canadians were united and could do difficult things.

The Canadians took Vimy Ridge and when the guns fell silent, the soldiers from Quebec and those from British Columbia and Nova Scotia shared a new spirit of being Canadian. They also shared a sense of unity because they had done a very difficult thing together. Those who were wounded were put into tunnels where they would be safe until they were moved out to hospital. While they waited to be shipped out, some carved their names on the limestone walls. Many carved maple leaves with a new sense of pride.

When the guns stopped after another battle in another war, the



Another sure sign of winter, Dawson's ferry being pulled from the icy waters of the Yukon River.

Photo by Brent Morrison

Canadians were not victorious. But they were united at Dieppe, in France, just as they had been at Vimy. When the Canadians were forced to withdraw, they had to leave many dead and wounded behind. These soldiers from all parts of Canada had to finally surrender because they could not get back to England.

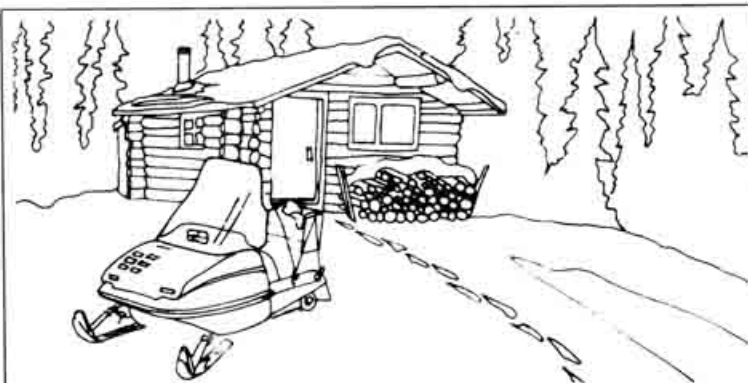
As German captors moved in, the Canadians stood tall, helping their wounded as they marched defiantly through the streets of Dieppe to prisoner of war camps. They marched proudly, as Canadians, helping one another.

Time has brought change. Some students remember much more recent wars. Now they are Canadians building a new life. The 114,000 Canadian war dead would have been happy to welcome these students to the land for which they themselves died. But they would probably ask us to try to rekindle the sense of unity which they knew.

Can we get it together? We can start by wearing a poppy and giving it some hard thought. When you touch the poppy you reach back and touch the spirit.



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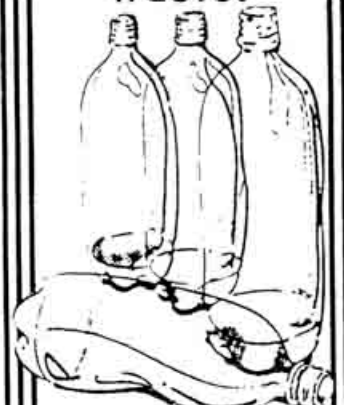
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Trish Malfair is award winner

From coverage in the Whitehorse Star.

A Dawson City woman was the only woman from across Canada to win a Federal Business Development (FBDB) Young Entrepreneur Award last week.

Trish Malfair was selected last Monday in Halifax as the Yukon's outstanding entrepreneur this year for her innovative spirit, business success and community involvement.

"I feel very excited and happy to be there," she says. "It was interesting to meet other young entrepreneurs."

The awards are given to young business owners who are 29 years of age or younger.

Malfair, one of four 29-year-old winners, has had extensive experience in the retail and service sectors. At 20, she was an office manager for a Dawson City hotel and overseeing other departments in what was then the Sheffield chain (now the Westmark), a 14-hotel chain in the Yukon and Alaska.

"I knew how to make money for other people, saw the potential in the tourism industry in Dawson City and realized that the best way to get anywhere would be to get there by myself," she says.

"I decided to look for a business

opportunity in the Klondike."

In 1984, she acquired the Gold Rush Campground which provided some challenges for her. She had to develop her administrative and public relation skills as well as having to deal with the day-to-day operations such as fixing washers and dryers.

Her business has grown profitable with the tourism industry. Peak season occupancy rate has jumped from 40% in 1984 to almost 90% at the end of July 1992.

Malfair Expanded her interests by managing the Yukon River Campground, operated by the Yukon government.

Five years ago, the government called for tenders to take over the campground and Malfair emerged as the successful bidder.

Since then, she has operated the campground on contract and has turned it into a profitable business extension.

At peak season, Gold Rush and Yukon River Campgrounds employ seven full-time and part-time people.

Malfair has been director of the Klondike Valley Association for the past seven years, having served on the executive committee for five years.

She has also been a member of the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce since it was re-established about six years ago.

Nominations for the FBDB

Young Entrepreneur Award were submitted to the Federal Business Development and the winners were chosen by a provincial-territorial committee comprised

of local business people and local business groups.

Coming of age Seniors as leaders

by Joanne Smith

At present, about 14% of eligible voters are over 65. This figure will increase to almost 17% by 2010 and to 25% by 2030.

The majority of older adults are conscientious and informed voters with a lively interest in the political and social issues of the day. A higher proportion of seniors than of young adults vote in elections. Surveys show that seniors prefer to view news and public affairs more than any other television programming. As individual citizens, seniors are informed and ready to express their social and political views. Younger adults tend to be concerned with issues such as disarmament, abortion, women's rights and the environment. Seniors seem to be interested in most political issues and show more concern with inflation, taxes, unemployment, national defense and old-age benefits.

Advocacy is one way of participating politically at the grass-root level. Decision-makers in government and in agencies outside of government need direction from the public to develop or change policies. This input helps keep decision-makers on their toes and in touch with those affected by their actions. Seniors across the country have found that they need to advocate for their needs in such areas as income, housing, transportation and health care.

In this community seniors often come to me to discuss their challenges. Issues most discussed include housing, health care and income. I have some good contacts, however, unless there is involvement by seniors them-

selves to problem solve, attempts by agencies to advocate for seniors often fail.

Recently I attended a National Conference on Gerontology in Edmonton. I had the opportunity to meet many of the movers and shakers in Seniors issues and was delighted to find out that many of them were seniors themselves. They had many good tips on how to advocate for seniors needs and some of them are published in the National Advisory Council on Aging newsletter called "Expression".

At this time I am part of a Yukon committee to deal with seniors housing. I know that there are concerned Dawson seniors and I would like to hear from you. Perhaps we could hold a meeting to discuss the progress (or lack of) that has been made in Dawson for seniors housing. We could brain-storm about where to go from here.



It would be ideal to have a community senior be on the Yukon committee and if any of you are interested please call or drop in to the lodge and I'll fill you in on the details.

Seniors Community Information

Foot Clinic: November 30, 1 to 4

Christmas Open House: December 16, 3 pm to 6 pm --

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New Year: watch for a second arthritis workshop in January.

Happy November Birthday Greetings to: Marnie Somerton, Joe Lamontagne, Archie Roberts, Beryl Zaykowski, Fran Hakonson, Elly Berglund, Chlora Mason, Jean Woodley.

Condolences: The Lodge staff and residents extend our condolences to the friends and family of Fred Stretch. Our thoughts are with you for this difficult time.

Business Matters

by Allanah Fuhre

This is the first of a series of monthly columns dealing with items related to taxes, accounting, computers, legal matters, etc. If you have a question please call me at 993-6447 or write to Box 225. I'll try to answer your questions in subsequent columns.

Home Operated Businesses

A home operated business, when operated with the intent to make a profit, is allowed by Revenue Canada to deduct expenses from business income. This reduces the taxable income. There are many expenses that may be deductible. Some of the most common ones are as follows:

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mortgage interest	repair costs
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consulting expenses	payroll costs
convention expenses	rental costs
electrical expenses	subscriptions
entertainment expenses	taxes
equipment rentals	fees
heating costs	water expenses
telephone and travel expenses	

Many of the above items have

special restrictions which may limit the amount claimed, or require the keeping of additional related records.

If you operate a business from your home you can obtain further details by contacting Revenue Canada. You may also obtain additional information by talking to your local professional tax preparer. Remember, however, that Revenue Canada advice, while often less friendly, is free, while you may have to pay for local professional advice.

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Tickled to be in the Klondike (Or Pow gets a bang out of Dawson)

by Dan Davidson

"When you live in a place you don't really have any idea how exciting it can be for other people," Tom Pow told a batch of skeptical grade 9 and 10 students during his recent visit to Dawson City. Seeing their faces, he continued, "It's like me living in Scotland. Everyone thinks it's all kilts and pipes and haggis. And it's not. It's just a place to live."

All this is by way of saying that Tom Pow was very excited about coming to the Yukon and, in particular, to Dawson City. He had arrived later in the day than he had hoped, due to fog conditions at the Whitehorse airport, and had, he later confessed, been in fear and trembling at one point that his trip to Dawson wouldn't come off at all. It was a trip he seemed to approach with the same sense of anticipation he had had when he travelled in South America a few years ago.

Tom Pow hails from Dumfries, a community in southern Scotland with a population about that of the Yukon. He's a teacher, poet, and a playwright, and has written one travel book (about South America, naturally). He is presently Scotland's gift to Canada, part of a literary exchange which takes place between Canada and Scotland on a regular basis.

Though he is in residence at the University of Alberta, the terms of the exchange obligate him to roam all over Canada. His visit to Dawson was made with the support of the Yukon Arts Council, the City of Dawson Recreation Dept., the Klondike Visitors Association, *The Klondike Sun*, and the Dawson campus of Yukon College.

That evening he spoke to a small gathering in the conference room at the Dawson Community Library. His interest in writing began in school, he told the group, at a very young age.

"Writing mattered to me in a way that most other subjects didn't matter. I'm sure I was the despair of my maths teacher, but writing mattered."

He expected to be a novelist.

"I had all sorts of notebooks, you know, with four chapters of a novel in them. This was by the time I was 11."

At 17, however, he discovered poetry and started to write it regularly.

"It just started coming out of me, and it was with a sense of disappointment that I realized I was not going to be this novelist. I realized I could do this better."

As a result of his experience, Pow has come to believe that there is a way in which the expression of one's talent as a writer chooses the person rather than the other way around. It's not a question of deciding what you want to do so much as it is a question of finding out what you can do.

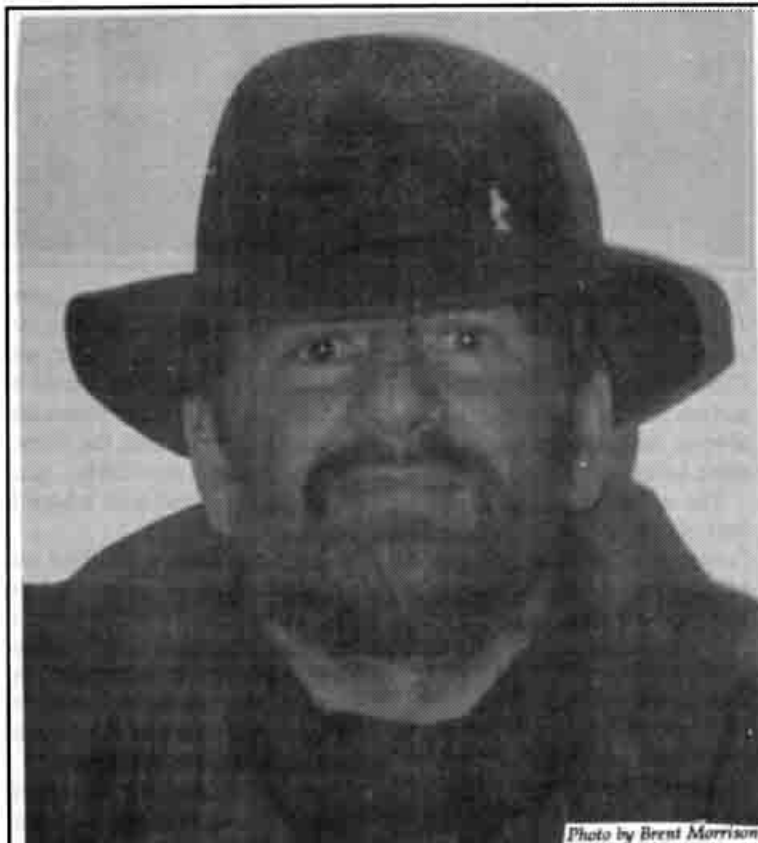
"You are what you are. Some people have asked me why I don't just set my poetry aside and write a novel, write a bestseller, and then I'd have enough money to write my poetry. It really doesn't work like that. I couldn't write a bestseller, not that I have any contempt for those who do."

From 17-37 Pow wrote poetry, getting published only in small magazines and newspapers and in a self-printed folding brochure called *An Edinburgh Portrait*. Then came *Rough Seas*, a col-

lection which took in bits from all those years of writing. While it was nice to have someone else publish his work, he says that self-publishing isn't a bad way to get started.

the larger field. The people in your circle watch your work and hardly ever fail to comment on it.

Getting into print is also an important step in helping a writer establish some professional dis-



Scottish author/poet Tom Pow in a bundled up pose before taking in some of Dawson's night life.

"Wordsworth couldn't get his *Lyrical Ballads* published. He paid for the publication himself and hawked them round himself. So I think if you do have a series of things that you'd like to get published, it's a way of branching out."

Small presses and fan presses also provide a much more attentive and supportive audience than

tance between himself and his work. Pow finds that once its "out there", away from him, he can look at it more objectively and accept comments about it more readily.

Getting into print also benefits the technical side of writing. Pow related the tale of how he learned to eliminate commas from his work while preparing the final

manuscript for *In the Land of Serpents*, his travel book about Peru. It was then, getting away from the formal grammar and his own sense of how to use the mark, that he learned what modern publishing practices were and how things had changed.

The travel book came about as a result of his receiving a writer's bursary which let him get away to write, free of the everyday pressures of work. When his publishers learned of his travel plans, they told him to write them a book. Pow read a chapter from his adventure, a tale of being robbed in a Peruvian airport, along with a number of his poems.

His poetry is all over the map: free verse, rhymed, sonnets, whatever form seems to fit the subject. If he can't recall just how to create a particular form, he will pick something to be a model and work from that. Often the first stage of a poem is to make prose notes about what he wants to say and then find the proper poetic form for it. People should not get too obsessed with particular forms, or worry too much about the rules, in Pow's opinion. There will come a time for such concerns, but first comes the need to write.

Structure does matter in the long run, and he's found that the sense of structure he has worked out for poetry has been able to carry him through experiences in other forms. He's done a few radio plays as well as his travel book and attempted to keep a literary magazine going at one time. After his first poetry collection appeared he found he was determined not to wait another 20 years, and put himself under more pressure to produce and experiment with different forms.

The evening over, Pow completed another Klondike dream by heading off for drinks at a local bar, every inch the tourist and loving every minute of it.

Inferiority complexes could be a blessing if the right people had them.

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Thank You

On behalf of the brothers and sisters of Fred Stretch who was lost and presumed drowned in the Yukon River on October 3rd, 1992, along with his companion, Luc Piquette I wish to express our sincere thanks to the caring people of Dawson City and area who came forward to assist with the unsuccessful search for our brother. His remaining siblings are: Mrs. Aileen McDowell, Prince Albert, Sask., Bud and Adra Stretch, Prince George, B.C., Edna and Len Robinson, Lacombe, Alberta, Gladys and Gerry Calbeck, North Vancouver, B.C., Robert and Jane Stretch, Saskatoon, Sask., Stanley and Marion Stretch, Kamloops, B.C., Jack and Dorothy Stretch, Prince Albert, Sask., Maxine and George Ferguson, Rossland, B.C., Joe and Dale Stretch, Surrey, B.C.

Our deepest thanks to all of you and special thanks to the RCMP for their assistance.

Fred, always just "Ted" to his family, loved the outdoors, he always rejected any suggestion that he retire to a warmer climate "and leave the Yukon?" he always replied. His friends were in the Yukon and he especially loved that old Yukon River that eventually claimed his life.

With much gratitude, God Bless You All. Many thanks again.

Thank You

Of behalf of Frederick Alexander Stretch, we would like to say; Dad loved the Yukon and its people. Thank you to the R.C.M.P. and all of dad's friends for their help trying to find Dad. Thank you to Constable Bruce Kirkpatrick for his phone calls and support.

Dad was sometimes abrupt about leaving. He was out the door and gone when we thought he was just going to the bathroom. It was characteristic that Dad died the way he lived. If there is a heaven we hope he was there 20 minutes before the devil knew he was dead.

We appreciate the time and special effort the people of Dawson put forth with Dad's search. With love Daughter - Hilary and Husband Jack Bowers of Marana, Arizona, U.S.A., Daughter - Lessle, Granddaughter Vanessa Kaili and Grandson Chase Alexander Anderson of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.



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Obituary

Frederick Alexander Stretch

We, his family, would like to thank the residents of Dawson City. Those who helped with the search, others who helped with his memorial and all others who provided support and sympathy.

He is survived by two daughters, Leslie and Hilary, a son Eric, a granddaughter Vanessa and a grandson Chase, five brothers Bud, Robert, Stanley Jack and Joe and four sisters Aileen, Edna, Gladys and Maxine.

Ted, as he was known to his family, loved the Yukon and its people.

If there is a Heaven, we hope he was there 20 minutes before the devil knew.

Many thanks again.



Memorial service for Luc Piquette

by Carol McBride

Fishermen and friends gathered Sunday, October 8, to pay tribute to Luc Piquette, lost in the Yukon River October 2. Pastor Lyle Anderson performed a short service at the Gospel Chapel, followed by an informal reception.

Anderson provided an opportunity during the service for friends to share their feelings and memories of the man. Roch LeBlanc told how Luc came to the Yukon ten years ago as an experienced hunter, fisherman and trapper from Sturgeon Falls, Ontario. Tom Amson, in town from Whitehorse for the service, spoke about the inspiration he received from Luc, and related some personal anecdotes.

Perhaps the most touching part of the service was when Alvin

Peterson read the contents of a letter penned by himself and his wife Maureen, and forwarded to both the Government of Yukon and the Government of Canada. The letter nominates Luc for a medal of bravery, as he lost his life in an attempt to rescue Peterson and Stretch.

My memories of both Luc and Fred are as selfless, caring individuals always willing to help. Luc enjoyed combing driftwood piles for our firewood, working around the claim, or hanging fish; he never shied away from hard work, or a physical challenge. Fred was always there for advice, outboard parts and even rides for the Cub's pop cans. We will miss their faces down at the dock, and think fondly of them daily.

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