













from the Sourdough:

by Carol McCauley

Students and teachers of Grade 6 hosted a Japanese dinner at the Robert Service School on November 6. A lot of work went into the planning of this special event, to which the students' parents and a few other guests were invited. The ancillary room was attractively decorated with oriental style artwork produced by the students.

Three square tables about 30 centimetres high were set up. around which the guests were gathered to eat. Each table had a . centrepiece composed of branches of "cherry blossoms", and soft oriental music played in the background to enhance the atmosphere.

The students and their parents provided a wide variety of delicious Japanese dishes, including tempura, sweet and sour meatballs, sesame vegetables, and teriyaki fish.

Following dinner the students enacted a Japanese play called "The Magic Sieve", which retold the ancient legend of why the sea is salty. The evening's entertainment finished with a song about cherry blossoms performed in

The teachers involved in preparing the evening were Mrs.

Japanese by the students.

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# Class hosts Japanese dinner

Dewell, Mr. McConnell and Mrs. Davidson, who are to be commended, along with their students, for this enjoyable cultural experience.

The evening was the culmination of a Japanese unit of studies in which the students learned some of the customs, literature, art and music of Japan. This type of learning experience is an example of the type of integration of subject areas reflected in

changes to the intermediate curriculum. Rather than isolating the subjects of social studies, language arts, art, and music, one theme is the focus of several subjects and, through it, skills and

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knowledge are developed in a rich and meaningful way.

# Joyce Caley honoured by Teachers' Association

by Carol McCauley and Dan Davidson

Joyce Caley was inducted into the Yukon Teachers' Association as a life time member in a special ceremony held in the Robert Service School in October. Joyce was presented with the award by association president Ken Taylor (himself a former Dawson teacher) on October 13. The award was to mark her many years in the service of education. Joyce retired from teaching in the fall of 1990, and has previously been honoured by the school and its students for her more than 2 dozen years of work here.

Shirley Pennell, vice-principal of the school and Joyce's staff colleague for many years, spoke of her commitment to the school and its students. Joyce had the distinction of having taught in all three version of Dawson's school, having started in the original one before it burned, spent many years in the second building, and finished her career in the third. Miss Pennell presented her with a pin and a gift on behalf of

Also on hand were Dr. Smith, Area III Superintendent of Schools, and Linda Taylor, attending on behalf of the School Council.

Joyce's retirement has been a model for anyone wondering how to keep active after years of working. She has travelled widely, and taken on a number of projects at home which help to serve the community. She shares the pianist's chores at St. Paul's Anglican Church and has recently begun to play for the newly formed Dawson Glee Club. She also volunteers her help at the school.

Her pet project is undoubtedly the Thrift Shop beside the Richard Martin Memorial Chapel, where she has put in many hours organizing the material and creating a more useful place for Dawsonites to recycle their old clothes and other things. Proceeds from sales here go to support the work of the local Anglican parish as well as other charitable projects.

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Day after day, the teacher worked with touch

That was deft and sure. While the parent standing by his side Polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last their task was done, They were proud of what they had wrought, For the things they had molded into the child Could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed they would have failed If each had worked alone,

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Author Unknown



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# School Council sworn

from The Sourdough

of the School Council, the members were sworn in by taking an oath of office and an oath of nondisclosure before a Justice of the Peace. The council members are Bruce Campbell, Fletcher Hunston, Bonnie Nordling, Linda Taylor (appointed by the Dawson First Nation), and Helen Winton. Following the swearing-in ceremony, the council elected to the council.

Fletcher Hunston as its chairper-At the organizational meeting son with Helen Winton being nominated as vice-chair. Ruth Campbell will continue as secretary to the School Council. The council decided that its regular meeting night for this year would be the second Monday of each month. The organizational portion of the meeting ended with Dr. Smith, the area superintendent, delivering his annual report

## Aid for the hungr

McCauley

In late November the Robert Service School received a letter of thanks from CARE Canada for the efforts which its students made in raising \$825.35 to go towards the Somalian relief effort. The funds were raised during activities earlier in the fall under a drive endorsed by the students

The events included a bake sale, hot dog day, student dance and a bottle drive, which were organized in turn by the council, the grade 8 class and the

by Dan Davidson and Carol equivalency education class. The grade 4's made a further contribution by deciding to turn their yearbook fund, raised from the collection of pop cans for recycling, to the fund.

The CARE letter praised the spirit of giving that was evident in the size of the donation, coming as it did from a fairly small school.

Student council members this year are: Harmony Hunter, Kevin McCauley, Tina Grenon, Clint Brickner, Tara McCauley, Patrick Sack, Mitchell Strid, Jared Brickner and Ryan Peterson.

#### receiver talks Stay-in-School

DAUPHIN, MANITOBA (NC)-Football stories and the value of education shared the limelight when receiver Rick House of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers visited the Dauphin Kinsmen Trade Fair this year.

A member of a volunteer speakers' bureau and carrying a stay-in-school message, Mr. House talked about the importance of completing one's education, saying it becomes harder to go back to school after a period of absence.

"It's a lot tougher to go to school when you have a wife and children; you just have so many more commitments

Mr. House had attended Simon

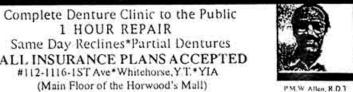
left to play in the Canadian Football League. In 1985, he returned to university part-time to complete his Bachelor of Education degree. He traduated in 1991 and now teachers Grade 11 in Winnipeg.

Brenda Desroches of the Dauphin Canada Employment Centre, says Mr. House is an excellent advocate for the national Stay-in-School initiative.

Rick certainly made our display and the Stay-in-School message known." Retired Blue Bomber Trevor Ken-

nerd organized the Stay-in-School speakers' bureau. Supported by cor-porate sponsors, about 50 speakers travel throughout Manitoba, encouraging youth to stay in school and speaking to adults to challenge them to become involved in education in their com-

The national Stay-in-School initiative is a five-year initiative under the Minister of State for Youth to reduce Canada's 30 per cent high school drop out rate.



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# Remberance service well attended

How difficult it used to be for our Canadian Legion Veterans to forego the Remembrance Service out-of-doors at our Cenotaph. November 11 would see the north wind pick up and the temperature plunge. McDonald Lodge staff aided with a hot lunch when nearly 100 stomped their way inside to begin thawing out. Next, the service was shortened and a pretend cenotaph was set up in the Lodge, leaving less room for those wishing to "be there."

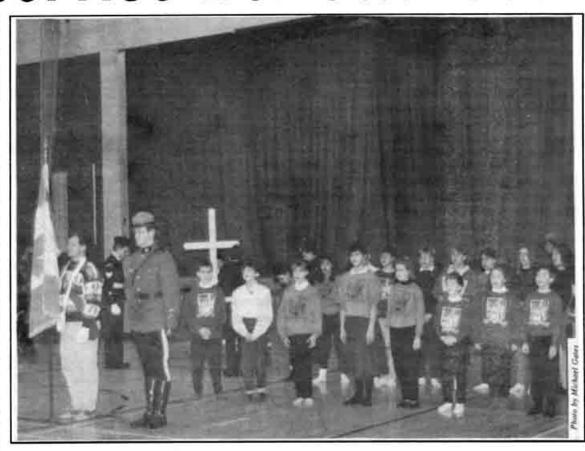
The New Robert Service School brought the answer with its grand gymnasium and this year an attractive memorial was created around which our smartly turned out Cadets stood guard. As members of 896 Pioneer Squadron, RCAC, they gave a presence of "today" amid the reminders of earlier tragic times. There were about 150 people in attendance and many participated in the service.

Kelly DeWald offered the "Act of Remembrance" and Padre Father Leo Boyd proffered prayers. The School Choir under the direction of Betty Davidson presented "Dona Nobis Pacim" as a prayer of peace. Lieut. Chuck Margeson read the Prime Minister's message. During the Laying of the Wreaths before the

indoor memorial, Piper Bill Jackson piped The Lament and Amazing Grace. Pastor Bruce Campbell sensitively trumpeted Retreat and at the end of the Two Minutes silence, ticked off on the large wall clock, he brought us back to reality with Reveille.

This year, a women veteran gave the address and retired Lieut. Sue Ward, wearing the headgear of the Canadian Women's Army Corps, in which she served for four years, and her medals depicting Volunteered Service and Victory were worn for the first time. She focussed on the tragedy of, not only the wasted lives of War, but those who returned of unsound minds and bodies, to spend the remainder of their lives in institutions from which there would be no escape. She reminded Canadians of the two generations of women whose partners in marriage were forever changed in body, mind and spirit from the ravages of bloodbaths of two World Wars. Though deeply concerned with the breakdown of nations today, she suggested that the glamour of War Veteran be exchanged for that of Peace

Following the Benediction and Blessing and the Retiring of the Colours and the singing of the national anthem, Legionnaires



would swiftly take all wreaths for placement at the Cenotaph in the newly designed Victory Gardens.

David Millar performed his first public duty in placing a wreath for the Government of the Yukon. Following him was Mayor Peter Jenkins, while 2nd Lieut. Jeannine Brideau represented the Canadian Armed Forces. Royal Canadian Legion Branch No.1 gave the duty to Les Butterworth while Sgt. john Mitchell was on hand for the Cdn. Rangers. Sgt. Gordon Crowe in red serge, honoured the RCMP and LAC M. Webster stood for the 896 Pioneer Squadron Canadian Air Cadets. Syd Berriman represented St.

Mary's Church and Joanie Vickers set a wreath for members of the I.O.D.E. 1st Dawson Girl Guides, Brownies and Pathfinders saw Lyn Webster and Melissa Flynn make placements for their organisations.Fire Chief Pat Cayen added a wreath from the Dawson City Firefighters Assn. and the Dawson First Nation chose Archie Roberts to perform the pleasant task. The Yukon Order of Pioneers had Jim Leary do the honours, and Jim Reilly represented the Masonic Lodge. The Yukon Party, Klondike Constituency was represented by Chris Sorg. Principal Carol McCauley carried the wreath for Robert Service School, and Earl

Halvorson placed the final wreath. Missing was a representative of the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce to place a wreath.

It had to be one of the best organised Remembrance Day ceremonies and great credit is due to those who gave of their time to create such a meaningful



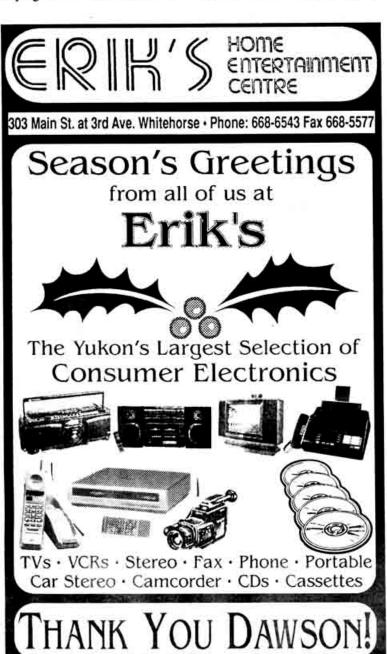


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The merriest of holidays to all my Dawson Customers and

# Royal Canadian Legion, branch # 1

by Kelly DeWald, First Vice President, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #1

Many times we have been asked, "What are the Poppy Funds used for?" and "Do they stay here or go into a national program?".

I'll try to answer these as best as I can. To answer the second question first, all monies raised stay here in a local account and are spent here.

The first question is a little more difficult to answer. The Royal Canadian Legion has a very strict set of By-laws and guidelines that govern the use of Poppy Funds.

Primarily, the funds raised provide financial assistance to needy Canadian ex-service personnel. However, there is also a whole host of other acceptable uses, as well as a wide range of non-acceptable uses.

Before I delve into acceptable uses, a few words on the Poppy Campaign itself. The poppy, of course, is the symbol of Remembrance, therefore the success of the Poppy Campaign is measured by its effectiveness in promoting Remembrance, and needless to say, by the amount of money raised.

Poppy funds are held in a separate bank account, and cannot be used in conjunction with any activity normally funded by a general or other account. The funds cannot be accumulated from year to year. They must be used entirely prior to the commencement of the following year's Poppy Campaign.

A small portion of the funds are used to cover some of the campaign costs, i.e. - the purchase of poppies, wreaths, and promotional aids. The bulk of the funds are the part that falls under the "strict guidelines".

As mentioned, the funds are used for needy ex-service personnel. Some of the other uses for

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the monies are bursaries to children and grandchildren of exservice personnel, and prizes for promotional contests directly connected with the campaign.

With special approval from the Royal Canadian Legion headquarters in Ottawa, funds may be allotted for community medical appliances; drop-in centres for the elderly; meals on wheels; transportation and related services for veterans and the aged; donations toward government declared disaster relief.

In part to these guidelines, and in part due to government, federal and territorial, looking after the medical needs and other services for our seniors, we at Branch #1, Dawson City have decided to opt towards the continuation and promotion of Remembrance. This is why we have chosen to sponsor the Poster and Literary Contests run through Robert Service School.

Prior to originating the contests, we were finding ourselves in quite a quandary, as the funds had to be used; so, the final year before the start of the contests, and with approval, we were able to give a \$500.00 donation toward the Dawson City Fire Department's purchase of the "Jaws of Life".

Since then, we have targeted our young people with the continuation of Remembrance, by increasing their awareness and knowledge through the contests.

For most people over 60, the message of Remembrance is simple and direct. They have experienced war, to one degree or another, and can relate easily to the idea of Remembrance. Younger Canadians cannot. The symbol of Remembrance is, of course, the poppy. Traditionally, it has been the flower of war and death. After all, 114,000 men and women gave their lives in the service of Canada. Is there any reason why the poppy cannot be

regarded as the flower of peace and a reminder that the hope of the future lies in continued peace. This is essentially the prime purpose of the poppy. Simply remembering the war dead is not enough. Remembrance has to be combined with a concern for the present and future peace. Therefore, the poppy represents sacrifice, peace, and hope for the future. It is a symbol of freedom because, ultimately, that is what Remembrance is all about.

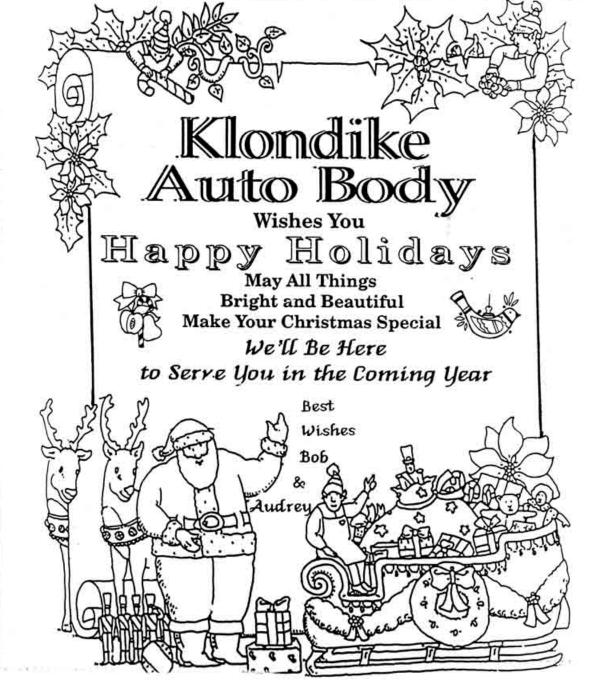
This year the Poppy Campaign raised approximately \$800.00, the bulk of which will go to fund the Poster and Literary Contests. Thank-you very much to all citizens, businesses, and individuals for supporting and participating in our 1992 Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day Services.

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Lt. Chuck Margeson reads the Prime Minister's message at the Remberance Day service. Cpl. John Gillen of the R.C.M.P. stands at attention.



#### Uffish Thoughts:

# Now playing on a stage near you

by Dan Davidson

**Budgetary Blues** 

I see that the month has been enlivened by the news that we are broke. Actually, "news" is the wrong term to apply to this sort of announcement. In that sense I was surprised to find it on the front pages of both of our territorial newspapers. In another sense, though, it makes a wonderful headline opportunity; lots of red ink, quotation marks and exclamation points.

Someone should point out, however, that this sort of press release is stock in trade for any new govemment of any stripe anywhere in the country. No matter where you sit on the political spectrum the first thing you do after taking power away from the other group is to examine the books, find out why you aren't going to be able to keep some of your election promises and issue a statement blaming the whole mess on the previous govemment. The only winning party that doesn't make an announcement like this is one which has won a second term, which is why we haven't heard one quite like it lately.

It it weren't for the fact that announcements like this indicate the frame of mind of the new kids on the block, and give people some clue as to what cuts one can expect and where, they would best be relegated to space further back in the paper, preferably between this section and the sports. Trends might be the right place for this kind of news, since it is as predictable as Michael Jackson's next nose job or the Royal Family's next scandal.

The real news will come along when they decide what to do about some of the problems. My money's on the return of health care premiums, which I always thought should never have been abolished, even if they did need reforming.

#### Prime Time For Whom?

Also in the news is news about the news, which is media navel gazing on a grand scale. I read that CBC's newest grand experiment, the Prime Time News, is taking a beating in the ratings. Small wonder, I say. I was all in favour of the move to 10 P.M. over a decade ago, and was generally a regular watcher of the National and the Journal while they existed. Being a person who usually likes to keep up with things, it came as a surprise to me to discover that, a week and a half into the new program, I hadn't yet seen it.

I suspect I speak for a lot of family people when I say that 9 o'clock does not suit my viewing needs. By 9 my kids are heading off to bed and I am about to settle down to some of the chores that didn't get done during family time, earlier in the evening. During those hours we take care of supper, dishes, school lunches, homework and maybe a bit of video entertainment. Retween 9

and 9:30 we're making sure that teeth get brushed and prayers said.

The notion that I would sit down and watch the news at this point in the day struck me as silly when I first read about it, and didn't improve any in practice. As I said, seven broadcasts went by before I determined that I was going to have to do something about the problem. I know there's CTV to be considered, but I like to be sitting with a good book and my evening cup of tea by 11, unwinding from the day in realities deeper than those of the hurry-scurry real world. Ten to eleven had been a great time to sit and take in the world with one eye while marking a few bits of student work with the other. I was losing out on all fronts.

Fortunately there are VCRs to be considered. Yep, I started taping the PTN show and rebroadcasting it for my own benefit at 10 o'clock. Isn't modern technology wonderful?

#### Boxed in At the Office

Speaking of modern technology, something has to be done about the mechanism by which rural lovers of culture can get tickets to events at the Yukon Arts Centre. Our appreciation of "Annie" was made possible only through the efforts of a cast member friend who kindly purchased some tickets on our behalf and rescued us from the frustration of dealing with the downtown ticket sales center.

spring by telephone and mail, using credit cards as payment, to see summer productions of "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Miserables". Even though we picked matinee times and cheaper seats, the sums involved were considerably more than the \$38.00 that it cost for the four of us to get to the final show of "Annie" on Saturday night. The process of getting those tickets was simple compared to our home grown maze.

We could not get reserved tickets for "Annie". We could not use credit cards to confirm the sale, nor could we persuade the person to whom we spoke to send out the tickets C.O.D. Apparently the only way we could get tickets was to drop in to the office in person or get a friend to do it for us. While people don't mind performing such services for their friends, it shouldn't be necessary to have to count on such services to get seats at a center which is, by its name, intended to serve all Yukoners, not just those who reside in the capital.



## The Creek and the Caribou

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R. was right. The creek was only waist deep and quite crossable. The girls stayed safe and dry.

I lie here in the puddled candlelight and see, over and over, the same images - the open creek, the cow caribou staring steadily across the pass. If the rain keeps up, we will have to use dog packs to travel to the highway. We need a hard frost, But tomorrow we will rest. We still have plenty of food.

Later, when I think of last night, I will remember the cold and the aching tiredness but it will grow confused with these other images; the creek and the caribou, the cold and the enormous sky. Without the hard times these images would not remain



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Grant Hartwick hammers his point home at a Dawson City auction. A rehearsal for his villainous role in "Annie"?

# "Annie" closes to a packed house

by Dan Davidson

You have to say nice things about a production where you can watch the stage taking shape in front of you and still get wrapped up in the mystery once the actors begin to work on it. Such was the case with "Annie" on its final night.

It was easy to see that the stage crew of "Annie" loved its work. Sets rolled in from the wings, descended from the heavens, were projected on screens and were hidden by curtains while something else went on at the front of the stage.

By the evening of the final show (November 27) it was a smooth operation, almost as formalized as a dance number in its execution, with the only noticeable flaw being a flanking picture (on the right) of some building columns that seemed to be upside down during the tribute number "NYC". The slide show was a very effective way of staging this number, and the arrival on stage of Con Lattin's 1930 Model A Roadster at the end of the piece blew the audience away.

The only seriously jarring notes in the entire evening were hit by the orchestra during the opening bars of the overture, and by the time they got to the swing number the players had worked out those bugs and cooked quite nicely for the rest of the evening.

No, it wasn't "professional" in the sense of a large national production, but it was good, it was fun, and it had the sort of home grown energy that filled the house to capacity and brought the audience to its feet during the finale on that closing night.

The story, a rags to riches tale in which virtue triumphs over evil and sunny optimism (best expressed in the well known "Tomorrow") banishes even the Depression, is a rendering of the cartoon strip "Little Orphan Annie", a continuing melodrama that enjoyed many successful years in the newspapers, but died off when most of the other adventure continuity strips were replaced by gag cartoons in the 1960s and 70s. Mireille Eagan played a spritely Annie, full of vitality and determined not to be crushed by the orphanage system into which she was dumped as a baby.

The ruler of Annie's bitter world is Miss Hannigan, played with appropriate agony and angst by Mary Sloan. She is the terror of the orphanage, alternately feared and mocked by her charges. "Little Girls" is her nasty theme

After one abortive escape attempt, during which she throws in with some Hooverville hobos, Annie is rescued from Hudson Street Girl's Orphanage by Grace Farrell. The role, as brought to life by Susan Beare (better known here as Susan Otto, the flying piano teacher), is a mixture of aristocratic breeding and good will, with the latter quality winning out in the mix. She is the agent of Oliver Warbucks, a one time Hell's Kitchen lad who made good in the boom time before the Depression. Mark Smith's Warbucks is a driven man learning to be human again. Previously content to go through the motions of philanthropy ("Something was Missing"), he is transformed by his relationship with Annie, a truly good spirit.

His plans to adopt the little girl are almost wrecked by the plotting of Miss Hannigan, her brother, Rooster, and his moll, Lilly St. Regis. Grant Hartwick's Rooster uses all the physical, facial and vocal dexterity which he has displayed at the Palace Grand over the last few years. Darlene Christiansen's more slow witted character (she's proud of being named for the hotel and doesn't get it when Miss Hannigan asks, "What floor?") is

his perfect foil.

These are the main cast members. There are lots of others too numerous to mention. Coordinating all of them, from the youngest to the oldest, had to have been a feat. There are 2 dozen youngsters in the cast (among them Anna Schmidt, daughter of Berndt and Renate) and the rest of the credits cover two pages in the program. Many of the members (including director Conrad Boyce) played cameos in several scenes, adapting themselves to a variety of costumes and roles.

The audience at the Arts Centre was that curious mix of formal and Yukon-casual, everything from dresses and suits to parkas which didn't get checked at the entrance. That's okay. The notion that one has to dress up for this sort of thing is not wrong, but to insist on it is inherently snobbish, and would surely isolate the theatre from the real world as effectively as opera was once cut off from most of the general public.

Those famous seats are indeed quite comfortable and, while the layout of the theatre owes something to the design of several university lecture halls I've dozed in, it does have the virtue of insuring that everyone can see the stage quite clearly, which is not always the case in large southern auditoriums.

I haven't been seriously tempted to attend a production in the city since "The Canterbury Tales" some years ago. The distance, expense and degree of advance planning are daunting, and I need some other legitimate reason for making the trip. In this case, all these things came together, and I'm very glad they did.





# Marie Gogo News Release

Singer Marie Gogo has recently leading lady in the highly successful Frantic Follies Vaudeville Revue in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Among her other singing engagements of the summer season was a solo spot in the Night Before Show for the Peter Gzowski Invitational Golf Tournament for Literacy.

Last December Miss Gogo put out her first album called "You Were Made For Love" and it has been well received.

Two of the songs from the album written by brother Paul Gogo, "No Secret" and "Dream" have been receiving airplay in various parts of Canada. They are included on two promotional compilation compact discs put out by Rose Dale Records which have been distributed to 500 radio stations.

Miss Gogo has returned to her home town of Nanaimo, B.C., and is working with her "keyboard wizard" brother Paul to band together to perform original music.

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Marie Gogo is originally from finished her fifth season as the Nanaimo, B.C. and has spent most of her time for the past nine years in the Yukon Territory. After four seasons of performing in Dawson City in the Gaslight Follies and five seasons as the leading lady of the Frantic Follies Vaudeville Revue in Whitehorse, Miss Gogo has released her debut album "You Were Made For Love."

> Before moving north Miss Gogo sang solo and with a combo called the Continentals on Vancouver Island for a few years and had the opportunity to sing some old standards with Leighton Noble's Big Band in Victoria.

> In between singing engagements and teaching dance classes, Miss Gogo performed in a number of musicals including Li'l Abner in which she played Daisy Mae.

Miss Gogo has never considered herself a songwriter, but she is now having some success at it. She composed a rock and roll piece for her album called "Two Little Dutch Girls" and co-wrote with her husband Gene, a tune called "We Won't Be Home For Christmas." This Yukon Christmas song enjoyed quite a bit of airplay on Vancouver Island and the Yukon in December 1991. These two pieces are included on

The address of Gogo Girl Productions is: 427 Milton St., Nanaimo B.C. V9R 2K9.

# Christmas in a deep-freeze

Yukon Saga Part 5 by Phil Eccles

With Christmas fast approaching, I shall take you back to the year 1937 and my first Christmas in Dawson City. I was happily slapping paint inside the Govemment Administration Building as my winter's work and comfortably ensconced in my little oneroom cabin. Vivien, my wife to be, was an unknown to me and would not appear on the scene until the following September.

A few weeks before Christmas, I became aware of certain activities around the town. Questions about Christmas plans were being asked and invitations, written and oral were being passed around until I realized that a tradition was well established in Dawson. Every home would be open to anyone who had no family or friends to visit. No one was to be alone at this time unless they were hermit-types who preferred their solitude and had no desire to socialize: My invitation came from the church rectory -- singing in the choir sure paid off! To further prove what a nice guy I was, I spent the day before Christmas in the rectory peeling spuds and carrots, chopping cabbages and skinning an inch of mould off the huge smoked ham that would be our 'turkey' for the dinner. I also set up the large dinner table plus three or four card tables for the guests comprised of about fifteen men who were being sheltered in the scout hall. These were seasonal workers who had ended the work season with insufficient funds to pay their way 'Outside' and were being cared for by the church and some of the charityminded merchants. They were great company with a considerable diversity of talent and wit resulting in a dinner and evening of hilarity and provocative con-versation that I will never forget.

That winter there was an unprecedented number of men in town caught without funds who were living in some of the hotels 'on credit' and eating in the cafes on the same terms. In true traditional form the three cafe owners and their wives announced that they would be serving free dinners from noon to six o'clock.

Their small staffs were told to take the day off as usual and the owners themselves did the honours. I believe they were just about eaten out of house and cafe. Fortunately, for all the celebrations and celebrants of that Christmas, the weather remained mild - seldom dipping much below -30 degrees Fahrenheit.

Christmas of 1938 brings Vivien into the scene. She and I have been dating for dances and parties, snowshoeing and hiking and now I have her dated for



Christmas and for the New Year Dance. We have a mild winter which made it great for the outdoor activities. Once again the traditional 'Open House' for Christmas is in force and we were invited to have dinner with a couple who are pioneers in the north and who have become very good friends.

As the temperature had suddenly plunged to a savage -65 F our host insisted that we three should meet at Vivien's hotel and he would accompany us to his home. He was concerned and determined that we would be properly clothed and that we would walk slowly so as to not to freeze our lungs. It was mandatory for all of Dawson's social events that the man would dress in shirt, tie, suit and dress shoes and the lady would be in long evening dress and appropriate footwear. All this finery would be worn over heavy long-johns with mukluks on our feet and sweaters under parkas or fur coats. All this then would be topped with a scarf wrapped around the face under the parka hood. Shoes would be carried in the gentleman's pocket along with the lady's handbag and a mickey of overproof rum.

On arriving at our destination the ladies would go to one room to divest themselves of the now redundant clothing and the men to another for the same reason. This whole exercise would of course be repeated for the return home after the 'do'.

Fifty-four years later I still feel privileged to have known that country, those times and those people and I know that Vivien agrees with me in those senti-

This appears to be an appropriate time for Vivien and I to wish all of our friends a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Editors Note: We skipped 2 "Yukon Sagas" to bring you Phil Eccles' Christmas memories at this appropriate time.

Phil Eccles and his wife Vivien lived in Dawson during the late 1930's to early 1940's. Retired, they now live in North Vancouver, BC.







# Bookends

by Dan Davidson

Oliver's Wars by Budge Wilson, Irwin Junior Fiction, 103 pages, \$9.95

Oliver Kovak's life is full of battles. The year is 1991 and Oliver's father is a military nurse heading off to serve in the Gulf War which was triggered by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

The Kovaks - Oliver, brother Jerry and his Mother - are dislocated by more than the departure of Oliver's father. Mrs Kovak has the chance of a job in Halifax, and decides to move there and live with her parents while her husband is away. Who knows how long that will be, after all? The war looks serious and the predictions are that it will drag on for some time.

From Moose Jaw to Halifax is a big jump. From the open prairies to the sea shore is another. Mother Mother is absorbed in her new job as a "red hot computer lady", and consumed with worry about her husband when she's not working. She's glad that Oliver is so stable, that nothing ever seems to worry him, that he's such a rock. Jerry, on the other hand, is annoyed by Oliver's calm and thinks him a bit of a cold fish, especially with his funny way of grinning and laughing at the oddest times.

Grandfather isn't taking retirement well. He was a good boss, but he was a BOSS, and now that he has no company to run, he seems determined to run everyones' lives for them at home. It doesn't help things that he's tuned into the video war every chance he gets and runs the television at a fairly high volume whenever he's watching it. The last thing his daughter and her kids need is more news about the war, but Grandpa is too self-centered to realize it. Grandmother sighs and copes, making peace where she can, but never really bucking his temper or defending those on whom he unleashes it.

And Oliver? Well, he's not doing so hot, really. Sure, he

doesn't show his emotions, but he has them all the same, and he wishes sometimes that he were more like Jerry, and that Mom didn't think he was such a tower of strength. But he has this way of responding to her questions in terms of what he knows she wants to hear, so she is a long time learning about how hard the transition is for him.

Oliver is an excellent swimmer, but in sports that require throwing and catching skills he's no good at all. Jerry excels in these, so his new PE coach thinks that Oliver is slacking and rides him hard. When he seeks to redeem himself through hard scholastic work, his assignment is stolen and copied by the class bully, and when he does turn in his original, he is accused of cheating.

That same boy, Gus, has a dad in the US army in the Persian Gulf, and he picks on Oliver for having a sissy nurse instead of a soldier for a father.

Altogether it's a rough couple of months for Oliver, and he really doesn't seem to have anyone to talk to until one day he and his grandmother share a few secrets.

That's about half way through the book, and after that things start to pick up bit by bit. One by one, the problems are lightened. it would be too much to ask, and unrealistic to expect, that they should all go away, but Oliver begins to cope with them better, and his successes seem to infect all the other members of his family even though they don't really know about them.

I was looking for this book to appear. Budge and I have exchanged letters several times since she was here two years ago, and we shared our reactions to the Gulf War at the time. She told me she was thinking about the dislocation of families separated as fathers or mothers went off to service and thought she might make a book of it. She did, and it worked out very well.

That Time of Year by Dan Davidson Christmas is the time of year

for gifts and songs and boundless cheer, so, friends, it's good to have you near, to wish you Merry Christmas.

The air is chill, the sky is dark, to trim a house at night's no lark, but we'll press on, for listen, hark the sounds of Merry Christmas.

The stores are trimmed to mark the time, to catch the shoppers dime by dime, and filled with clerks who dread the chime of muzak's Merry Christmas.

The Open Houses crowd the days and fill the air with bakers' haze. This cheer replaces summer's rays and bids us Merry Christmas.

For some this season's out of rhyme, no season's cheer, no happy time. We pray they find the peace of mind to learn the joy of Christmas.

We celebrate a Kingly Birth which, bringing hope to all the earth, would not disdain this season's mirth, so sing out: 'Merry Christmas!'





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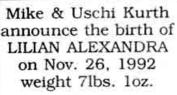


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born to
Sharon Benjamin &
Robert Keaton
on Nov. 14, 1992
weight 7lbs. 1oz.











Don Armitage and Karen McCann are pleased to announce the birth of their son ZACHARY AIDAN MCCAAN-ARMITAGE, who was born in Dawson City on Nov.4, 1992 and weighed 7lbs. 10oz.. A baby brother for Farley.

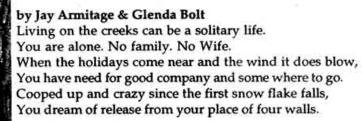


Corey Taylor is pleased to announce the birth of his baby brother CUNTON TIMOTHY TAYLOR, born Nov.17, 1992 in Dawson and weighed 7lbs. 7oz.. Proud parents Bruce and Kelly would like to thank Dr.Parsons and all the nurses for their care and assistance.





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Onwards you mush into the darkness of night,
Straining to see the small cabins pale light.
There's no need to knock, the door opens up wide.
You smile at the greeting, and step on inside.
"Welcome neighbour," they shout, "you are in time to eat."
"There's moose stew and bannock and pie, for a treat!"

You eat and you eat, until your gullet is packed.
the Mrs. makes sure there is nothing you lacked.
Stories are told, as the dishes you clean,
Of the good times, the bad times and things that were seen.
There in the corner a fiddle and bow.
Waits for its ' master to get up and go.

He plays a fast jig that is made for a dance,
And you remember the springtime and days of romance.
After eaing and laughing and having good fun,
You forget it's been months when last seen the sun.
As you make your way home your heart feels so free.
And you know there's no place on Earth that you'd rather be!





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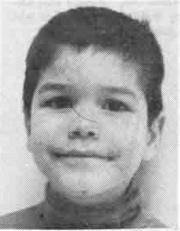
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#### **ELLA'S** TRAVEL TIPS



By Ella Patay

It's kind of interesting to look back over the last 20 years in travel. In some cases, progress is a matter of opinion. For instance, Pan Am began taking reservations for flights to the moon in 1969! And if you think Antarctica is a new cruise destination, think again because the Lindblad Explorer sailed on the first Antarctic cruise in 1969.

In 1971, The Times of London said "There isn't a chance approaching that of an icicle in Hell the Concorde will ever be allowed to touch down at American airports." That same year Southwest Airlines introduced Hot Pants for flight attendants, and dismissed those female employees who refused to wear them.

Does anyone remember what Orlando was like before Walt Disney World opened 20 years ago?

In, 1972, Carnival Cruise lines had one ship.

In, 1975, Resort construction began on Cancun's deserted

1977, Pan Am and KLM 747's collide on a runway in the Canary Islands, killing 574 people in the worst aviation disaster in history.

Remember when female flight attendants were called stewardesses? (and before that hostesses).

Someone asked me the other day how long Frequent Flyer programs had been around--Answer: since 1981.

Continental Airlines filed for Bankruptcy in 1983. Almost ten years later, they are still flying.

Some of the bloopers in the last decade include cruise lines scheduling Halley's Comet into their schedule (big dud). And in the good old days, ships made crossings rather than cruises, and passengers strolled Promenade Decks, not Atriums.

1971, in London, an air-conditioned Rolls Royce Silver Shadow fully outfitted rented from Avis cost \$1,408.00/day unlimited mileage. You call that progress?

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# Business Matter

by Allanah Fuhre

This month I would like to talk become very aware of the many misconceptions surrounding this Territory or of any province, or of area.

Qualifications

A Notary Public is not a lawyer or a cheap substitute for a lawyer. Many of the individuals who come to me for notarization of documents assume I am a pseudo lawyer. Although I happen to have taken some law courses, this is not a requirement of becoming a notary. In order to become a notary, an individual must be approved by the Territorial Government and write an exam on the various rules and regulations contained in the Notaries Ordinance of the Yukon. That's it!

Many lawyers are also notaries and I believe that this causes much Also, in of the confusion. Quebec, solicitors are called notaries. However, if you are asking your Notary Public for legal advice, you may be asking for trouble. I can not stress this last point firmly enough. I have had dozens of people who have asked me how to fill out various legal forms from land transactions to sureties. Many people want to know the best way to handle their wills or to obtain a passport. I try to help, and believe most other notaries do the same; but we are not lawyers. (Free advice is the kind that costs you nothing unless you use it. )

Responsibilities

A Notary Public is mainly an administrator of oaths. However, the Notaries Ordinance gives a Notary Public the right and power

give notarial certificates of his acts;

attest or protest all commercial instruments brought before him for attestation or public

about Notaries Public and their affirmations or statutory An example of this type of notary qualifications and responsibilities. declarations that may or are public can be found in the Mining I am a Notary Public and have required to be administered, sworn, Recorder's office. affirmed, or made by the law of the

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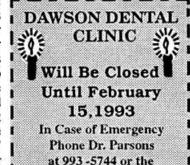
the Territorial Government for next year. performing their duties. In fact they have to pay prescribed fees to the government and pay for the cost of the notarial seal. The Notaries Ordinance gives public notaries the right to charge for each service performed under the Act. Notaries are trying to make a living just like anyone else and the fees they charge for notarization are part of their income.

There are also notaries who are employees of the Territorial Government or the Federal Government. These appointments only confer upon the person power in connection with his or her employment. These Notaries Public only have the power to I .... administer oaths, to take affidavits, declarations and acknowledgements, to attest instruments by his seal and to give notarial certificates of his acts." These notaries may not charge for their services but neither may they

perform notary duties not administer oaths, affidavits, connected with their employment.

I hope the foregoing has cleared Canada, or of any other country up a lot of the confusion about the office of Notary Public. perform such duties as may Remember, Christmas is the time things by first cutting down a live Christmas tree. Have a safe and Notaries Public are not paid by happy holiday season. See you





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# Coming of Age

by Joanne Smith Long Distance Caregiving

Today family members often live at some distance from each other. When a relative requires support and increasing assistance, caring from a distance presents additional problems and special problems.

The first question that many adult children ask when they become worried about a parent's well-being, is: "Should we move mom/dad here?" Older people usually want to stay in their own homes and be independent for as long as they can. However, one can look at the advantages and disadvantages of such a move:

POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES:

\* You will know what is happening and will be there if

your parent needs help.

\* You know the environment will be safe and secure.

\* A move may save moneythe price of travelling back and forth and maintaining two households can be costly. POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGES;

\* By moving, the person may be leaving longtime friends and a familiar community.

 Your parent may be reluctant to become dependent upon you for practical help.

\* By adding a parent to your household, you and your family will face major changes in your own lives.

The following are questions to consider when you make the decision about a move:

\* Does my parent want to move?

\* What sort of relationship have you had with your parent in the past? If it has been difficult, it will not improve under stressful conditions.

\* Do you and your family want your parent to live with you?

\* Will lifestyle differences between you and your family and your parent cause discomfort or conflict?

Will your house provide



enough space and privacy for everyone?

\* If your parent is confused and/or frail, is your house a safe and convenient environment?
\* Does the community have the medical and social supports to deal with a special needs person?

You should consider each of these questions before you decide to move your parent. Try a visit to find out if the move will work. You might also want to explore other living arrangements that would bring your parent close to you but not require you to share households.

(Next months article: How can you stay in touch long distance?)

McDonald Lodge is having a Christmas Open House on December 16, from 3:00 to 6:6 pm. Guarantied lots of goodies. Join in with the Dawson Glee Club singers at 5:30 pm Open to all the community.

Shelter update



by Marjie Hills

The Shelter recently sponsored a Counsellor Development workshop, this was a three day training opportunity for people within the community to attend. The workshop was held in the conference room at Chief Isaac and was facilitated by Terry McLauchlin from Calgary, Alta. There were 13 people registered for the first part of the training, the second and third part of the Councillor Development Series will be held over into 1993.

The Shelter continues to offer educational videos from the National Film Board, these are aired on DCTV every Monday night at 9 pm. On December 7th we will be showing "Abortion Stories from North & South" a cross-cultural survey of the realities of abortion as they exist in Ireland, Japan, Peru, Thailand, Columbia, and Canada providing an historical overview of how church, state, and the medical

establishment have determined policies concerning abortion. If people are interested in borrowing any of these videos please contact the Shelter at 993-5086.

The Shelter staff have been busy distributing buttons; these are worn to commemorate the Montreal Massacre, the slaying of 14 women in 1989. The purchase of this button for one dollar will send fifty cents to the YWCA to further their efforts, and give fifty cents to the Shelter to help purchase a tobaggan for the children who attend the Time Out program.

We will be hosting the 3rd Annual Gingerbread House party on December 12th, 1-4pm at the YOOPS hall. We ask that each child bring one bag of candy, the Shelter will supply the rest. We also welcome any volunteers that could be available for the day, call me at the Shelter if you're





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#### Obituary:

CHARLES DAVID RIVERS: December 21, 1920 - November 14, 1992

The Funeral service for the late Charles David Rivers was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church the morning of November 20, with Canon Ken Snider officiating.

Charlie was born in Dawson City on December 21, 1920. He lost his sight at the age of six and spent much of his life in the Vancouver area. He returned to the Yukon in the early 1980's and lived at Mcdonald Lodge for the past five years.

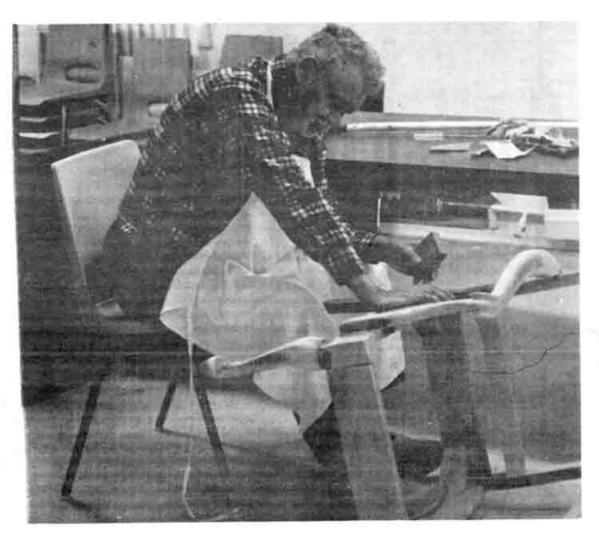
Charlie made good use of his other senses. He loved music and liked to play the recorder and owned a violin. his vivid memories of his early childhood were expressed through his work with clay. He shaped dog teams, wolves, horses and carts, and the S. S. Keno sternwheeler. Reading was also one of Charlie's passions and his braille reading skills allowed him to explore the world through books.

Charlie was very proud of the stories about his father, Charles Sr. Mr. Rivers had spent many vears guiding the RCMP dog team patrols and was part of the search group who located the Lost Patrol.(Charlie was very proud to have his picture taken with the RCMP in their Red

Charlie's parents were Charles Rivers and Mary Roberts of Dawson City.

Charlie is survived by his sister Sarah Jensen of Denver, Colorado and his brother Stanley of Dawson City. He is predeceased by his sister Lillian of Dawson and his brother Frank of Vancouver.

Ushers for the service were Frank A'Hearn and Percy Henry; the pianist was Sue Ward;pallbearers were Paul Isaacson, Doug Stubbs, Don Tutin, Keith Titus, Glen Everett and Allan Anderson. Charlie was laid to rest in the Public Cemetery overlooking the Klondike Valley.



# Porcupine Caribou Almanac #60

by Doug Urquhart Sec/Treasurer, Porcupine Caribou Management Board

If you go into the woods today, you're in for a big surprise. The big surprise is that there are 10 nuclear generators at an unmanned seismic facility southeast of Arctic Village, Alaska -in the winter range of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

Until last month the site was a top secret listening post built by the U.S. Air Force in 1972 to monitor the Soviet Union's underground nuclear tests. The place was so secret that virtually nobody in Alaska even knew about it. According to Brian Fox, Fire Management Officer at the Alaska Fire Service, "The first time we heard about (it) was when we heard about this fire."

The "fire" was a forest fire in the Burnt Mountain region north of Ft. Yukon, and on July 21 two smoke jumpers were sent in to save the wooden structures of the facility. Fox stated that Air Force officials were reassuring about the risk of radioactive contamination but, nevertheless, in a worst-case scenario, they felt it possibly could hap-

At its present size the 5 million

100 acres (40 hectares) and consists of ten nuclear generators working in pairs to electrically power a series of seismic sensors and other Air Force equipment that detects, records and reports earth shaking events, like earthquakes or sneaky below-ground nuclear explosions. Each nuclear generator is powered by .5 to 1.8 kg of Strontium 90. The radioactive decay of Strontium 90 produces heat which is converted into electricity. In the words of Lt. Colonel Dunlap, a health physicist with the U.S. Air Force in Alaska, the generators require no maintenance, no people and will run for about 100 years without a hitch - a nifty little device for the more remote areas of the world."

But Sarah James, chairperson of the Gwichin Steering Committee and resident of Arctic Village, doesn't agree. "This is simply incredible to learn there are such nuclear devices on our lands, (they) were always a topic of some curiosity... but all we were ever told was that it was a matter of national se-

Several tribal leaders from surrounding Gwichin communities inthis week and were accompanied by Bob Childers, spokesman. For the Alaska Porcupine Caribou Commission, who described the area to me as follows:

The facility consists of five wooden buildings each of which contains two Strontium 90 generators in solid metal form - each about the size of a coke bottle. The nuclear fuel is shielded so that the only emissions that escape are Xrays. Each building is surrounded by a six foot high chain-link barbed wire topped fence at a distance where the X-ray radiation is zero. Each building also has a fence inside it as a further deterrent to in-

The buildings are interconnected by miles of cable, some of which was burned by the fire, temporarily knocking out four of the generators. Bears occasionally chew through these cables (for a 24 volt zap reward). According to Bob they prefer to chew the cables where they were previously spliced together (from earlier chomps) and the Air Force has plans to bury them (the cables that is).

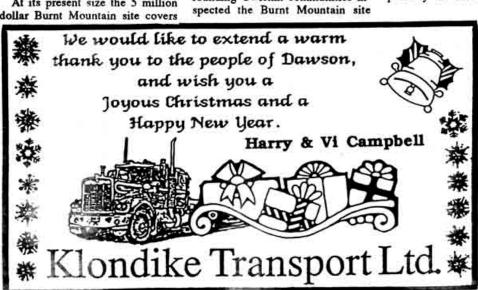
The Burnt Mountain site is apparently the most sensitive listening post in the world due to its location on a pinnacle of rock surrounded by bogs and loose soils which filter out local disturbances leaving only deep rock vibrations for detection. The Air Force naturally doesn't want to abandon this site (although there is some opinion that they could get along without it). And given that the Strontium 90 is in solid metal "slugs", the risk of a nuclear accident from forest fire is practically nil. Still, is there any need for nuclear power at such sites? The Canadian Govemment refused to use these generators at their DEW Line sites when they were offered by the U.S. in the early 1970's.

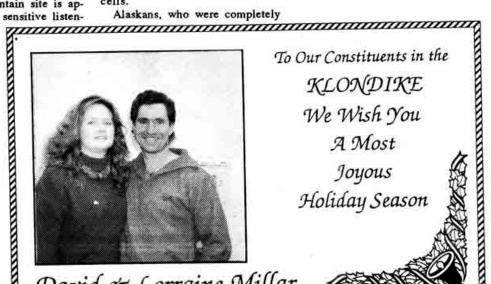
The Alaska Porcupine Caribou Commission believes that the 350 watts (four light bulbs) of power required to run the station could be provided by alternative energy sources and has requested that the Air Force install a wind measuring device this fall to determine the feasibility of wind generation for the future. The commission is also looking into other sources such as solar power and hydrogen fuel cells.

Alaskans, who were completely

unaware of these nuclear generators in their state, were already becoming twitchy about radiation hazards due to the discovery last July of an abandoned waste pit filled with 155,000 pounds of radioactively contaminated soil near Point Hope, and also due to recently released information from their own Senator Murkowski's Senate Intelligence Committee concerning nuclear accidents and atomic waste disposal by the Soviet Union.

At every border crossing into the Yukon is a sign declaring the territory a "Nuclear-Free Zone". A similar sign might have been erected at Alaskan borders before the events of this summer. Which makes one wonder, Is the Yukon and the Canadian range of the Porcupine Caribou Herd truly nuclear free? Should a nuclear free Arctic be the goal of all northerners especially since we are prone to pollution (nuclear and otherwise) from elsewhere?" The Burnt Mountain incident may be a flash point for such a movement in Alaska, and it may be a good time to verify the status of the Canadian Arctic as well.





David & Lorraine Millar 

# God bless them, every one!

by Sue Ward

Christmas means different things to different folk. Most important is the gathering of families. Planes, busses, ferries and thousands of cars, are filled with bundle-laden travellers, songs tell "I'll Be Home for Christmas", der Bingle croons "White Christmas", "T'was the Night Before"-when not even a mouse was about. Father Christmas dropping toys down sootless chimneys, or stuffing wooden shoes on doorsteps, every which way it spells families and firesides. Tinsel and coloured lights, vapours of puddings and turkeys. The Postal Services bridges the miles with greetings from kith and kin. Jolly, holly, Christmas.

TV News reports disasters and killings world-wide until Christmas, changing reality for the magic of the Three Wise Men and the Christchild, or glimpses of celebrations of other faiths making much of when Darkness gives way to Light as days add precious minutes. How wonderful.

And what of Dawson? Well, there are many Christmas Tales but not all bring happy memories. My special friend, Sandy shares her remarkable challenge. Our trails entwine because we are both strummers and dog lovers. "Banjo" was originally Sandy's ball of frantic fur. She was moving on to where Banjo couldn't fit in. Melinda wanted her pup and I needed a grown replacement for dear "Slippers". But Sandy came back and Banjo makes her feel ten feet tall whene'er we meet as she throws herself, squealing with delight, into her arms. We three share an indescribable ecstasy. This special bonding caused Sandy to remark in a quiet voice as she handed me a paperback, "I'm a Butterbox Baby."

Perhaps you caught the TV News item of the special anniversary service held at Chester, Nova Scotia honouring the memories of the hundreds of newborns con-

terboxes amid the long grasses and bushes, by the operators of the Ideal Maternity Home and Sanitarium, Lila and William Young, and their cohorts. Delicate babies of unwed mothers were allowed to starve to death, while stronger infants were kept until sales involving thousands of dollars could be arranged. Many of the children would never learn their lineage, even know of their adoption.

These were the years of World War II when morals and values were 'put on hold', when families, city and country alike, were scattered across Canada seeking work or War. There was no Tomorrow. Halifax was the port to Overseas from which sailed thousands of young Canadians in over-crowded ships to life's greatest adventure. Forty-three thousand would never return. Scientists had two important missions--the atom bomb and "The Pill". Our Western society had not yet thrown off the Victorian cloak of "disgrace" towards the unwed mother and the "bastard" child.

My friend found herself growing up on a poor farm, one of seven children. At 14 she and her 13-year-old sister, searching for chocolate often hidden by the absent mother, stumbled onto the piece of paper which would change her outlook on life forever -- her adoption by the farm folk she had thought of as Mum and Dad, signed and agreed to by her birth mother. Numbed with shock, Sandy faced her 'parents' to learn that her sister also came from the same 'home', and when the mother would show anger during teen tensions, she would yell, "I should take you back to where you came from. You only cost a dollar!"

When Sandy was in her 30's she knew she must learn of her parentage, good or bad, and placing a personal ad in a Halifax newspaper, she received a call from her mother's cousin. To-



meet the once young woman who had been caught up in the War Years as an entertainer, making happy music with folks like Gordy Tapp, Hank Snow, travelling the troop trains and canteens, adding an icing of mirth to frothy Departure Leaves, refusing to let surface the tragedy of it all. How well this story-teller understands, having been part of the same heroic charade.

It was not a happy meeting. The "inconvenience of war" had been just that -- an inconvenience. And one must not dare the spotlight if one appears at less than her best. Cancer was taking the final toll of a hard-lived life.

The mystery of the 'One Dollar' may never be solved. Yet why did Sandy's well-fixed maternal grandmother make a short Sunday visit to the farm, always leaving the cousin who later answered the ad, to wait in the automobile.

Sandy's birth father no longer is sure who she is when she visits him in the extended care lodge.

Her son and daughter, like mine, are not nearby.

T've got my cabin. A half-time job. I don't owe anybody a dime. And from where I sit I believe the only person you can count on is Yourself."

"Actually, Sandy, you can count on me and Banjo, for starters. You are one special 'Butterbox Baby'. As Merry a Christmas as you can make it,

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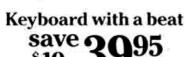


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# City of Dawson Recreation Department

Good Luck Dale Cooper

The staff and volunteers at the City would like to extend good wishes to Dale Cooper as she pursues new adventures and challenges in Whitehorse. Dale and the kids will be joining Grant in the Yukon Capital in the New Year.

Dale's list of accomplishments has made a significant impact to the community recreation and volunteer world in Dawson. Within the Department, Dale has lead the Aerobics and children dance programmes and implement some important events such as the annual Dance She has also volunteered for the daycamp and pool programmes.

Dale is a charter member of the "Dependable Volunteer Club". When it comes to music, coffeehouse, school plays, drama, kid's parties, artwork, entertainment, cooking, sewing, etc., etc. etc., Dale could always be relied upon for results.

All the best for your new life in the Whitehorse, Your contribution to the community is greatly appreciated and you will be missed.



Ballroom Dance

Wow, what a weekend! On Saturday and Sunday, November 28-29, thirteen couples foxtrotted, waltzed and butterflied their way round the Band Hall. Under the watchful eyes of Russ an Diane Tait of Whitehorse, excited wives and reluctant husbands twirled, spun, bickered and learned a whole series of dances and dance steps. A great time was held by all and plans are already underway for a return engagement early this Spring.

Community Complex Survey

The Recreation Board has started a longterm planning process to determine the need and feasibility of a new community complex.

The Board's concept of a new community complex is something for Northern Communities. The new complex would have functions for a large number of health, recreation and education services. It would be built large enough to meet the needs of Dawson's growing population well into the 21st century. It would also require that all levels of governments and community groups work together to plan, construct and operate the new set of

The Skating Rink is OPEN!! The rink is open Monday through Friday and Sunday evenings. Other weekend hours will be posted at the arena as changes occur.

It was a great Grand Opening skate with 125 kids and adults taking advantage of free skating, hot chocolate and Thanks to hotdogs. Coleman Johnson and his crew for helping

The Senior and Old'timer hockey league is nicely You can underway. catch a hockey game just about every night at 8:00 pm. This in-Women's cludes Hockey every Wednesday Night. About 20 women are lacing up facilities. Quite a dream to say the least!

The planning work has come about for two main reasons. the community has reached a point where a number of facilities require major renovations or replacement (eg. Bonanza Centre and Pool). Other facilities have become too small (eg. School) or unavailable year round. Second, the community has reached a point where it must make some decisions as to what it really wants for facilities and programmes in the areas of recreation, health and education. What can we afford? is important?

The first planning Bonanza Centre News

> the skates and more are welcome. Margie Logoue is the Women's Hockey contact per-

> Two new rules have been instigated to add safety and enjoyment for children's skating. Children under six must wear a helmet when on the ice. Also, children under six must be accompanied either by a parent or their designate (eg. babysitter) to the Parent co-oparena. eration is appreciated.

The introduction of figure skating has been a huge success. Larisa Stinson has been putting 15 young people through their paces. The programmes starts again in February and more

step the Board will take is asking the community what it thinks about existing facilities. Volunteers will be going door-todoor asking the question "Do you agree or disagree that Dawson City needs a new community complex?" There will also be a call in show on DCTV. If enough interest can be shown that a new facility is desired, then more planning will continue in the new year. If the public is generally satisfied with existing facilities, planning will then focus on the activity area.

For information, contact any Recreation Board Member or the Recreation Office.

participants are welcome. You don't need to be a great skater and Larisa will show you all you need to know.

Several "older" types have expressed an interest in an Adult Learn to Skate Pro-Please congramme. tact the Department and a session will be Skating is arranged. muscle great for conditioning, give the heart and lungs a workout and improves balance and co-ordination. Noon Hour is skating offered three times a week.

Lawrie has started work on the Winter If you Brochures. have ideas or suggestion, please give him a call.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Mayor, Council and Staff

# Recycling depot news

by Conservation Klondike Society

Christmas Open House Everyone Welcome! Saturday, December 19 1 to 5 pm. Goodies and Door Prizes at the

Holiday Hours: Closed Boxing Day, Saturday, December 26 Open Saturday, January 2 1 to 5

Logo Contest \$150.00 Prize Deadline Midnight January 8 see this issue for rules

Volunteers Needed for depot shifts, emptying collection bins, public education etc. call the green-line for more information

Donations Required the depot is looking for donated office equipment such as an office desk, chair, lamp and filing cabinet. Call the green-line if you can help.

Think Green! Think twice about Christmas gift wrap, decorations and gift selections Use scrap paper, make decorations and buy reusable rather than disposable gifts.



Barry Fargey mushes a load of cans to the Recycling Depot via the Front Street dike.

# News

Dawson City - November 24, 1992. The Conservation Klondike Society announces it has received \$4795.48 from the Shell Environmental Fund. "We are purchasing a collection trailer, a dock plate and a point-of-sale system with the funding. These purchases will enhance and simplify the existing operation of a recycling transfer depot in Dawson, and enable the society to bring fine office and computer paper on-line in the Spring of 1993" says Bev Mitchell, President of Conservation Klondike Society.

Now in its second year, the \$1 Million annual Shell Environmental Fund has gained wide acceptance among community groups and individuals from

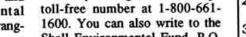
across Canada. To date, more than 1900 applications have been received in the Fund's administrative office in Calgary, Alberta.

Since June of 1990, \$1,989,567 has been approved for 911 projects from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island. These projects include the purchase of materials for recycling, habitat cleanup and restoration, waste reduction, and other action-oriented environmental projects. Individuals, schools, service clubs, and community environmental groups have received grants ranging from \$50 to \$5,000 per

Projects are approved by panels consisting of two environmentalists, a senior government official and a Shell employee. These

groups meet from four to six times a year to review applications under the general guidelines of worthwhile environmental projects. Projects that have a high volunteer or community involvement, and demonstrate an innovative approach to solving environmental problems are highly rated in the selection process.

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- Contest deadline is Friday, January 8th 1993 at midnight.
- Entries can be dropped off at the Recycling Depot or postmarked January 8th 1993 and mailed to: Conservation Klondike Society

Box 365

Dawson City, Y.T. Y0B 1G0

(entries from students can be submitted to Ms Woods class, Science Room by January 8th, 3:20 p.m.

The Logo should attempt to depict the purpose of the Conservation Klondike Society:

to protect and restore the environment by:

- a. Promoting the conservation of energy and natural resources.
- Educating the public about the environmental and social costs of excessive resource consumption and demonstrating ways to conserve.

Developing and operating a recycling transfer depot.

d. Promoting the cultural, educational, recreational and wilderness values of the region.

Logos should be submitted on an 8-1/2 inch piece of paper. Applicants should consider that the logo may be printed in black-and-white only, but the use of up to eight colours is permitted.

Logos become the property of the Conservation Klondike Society for use as they see fit.

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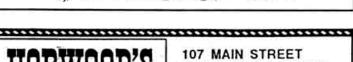
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All eyes are on the ball at a recent volleyball tournament held in Dawson City.

## R.S.S. Junior teams clean up at annual volleyball tournament

by Dan Davidson

The third week in November is volleyball week in Dawson City and, after the cancellation of the Faro tournament earlier in the month, this year's 14th Dawson Invitational Volleyball Tournament was the first major intercommunity competition of the year. It's the time when we discover which of the two traditional rivals, Robert Service School or F.H. Collins High School, can mount the strongest teams. It also provides a good preview of the action at the Yukon Volleyball Championships, which will be held in Whitehorse in a couple of weeks.

The Collins Warriors senior team took the gold from the R.S.S. Knights in two straight games in the finals, but the second game was hard-fought and close, with several time-outs being called to plan strategy along the way. During those last tense minutes the Warriors put up a block at the net that the Knights just couldn't seem to break, and so the game went to the Whitehorse players by a score of 15-11.

Similarly it was the Warriorettes who took down the Dawson Damsels in the senior women's division.

From that point, though the weekend was Dawson's. The junior men's and women's teams came on strong to take the gold in their respective divisions. The Squires defeated the junior team from Inuvik, while the Maidens out-volleyed the squad from Porter Creek Junior High.

Altogether 16 teams came down to Dawson for the event, bringing together a total of 165 players plus their coaches and support. Six teams came from Whitehorse (from Porter Creek Junior High and F.H. Collins) while Faro sent 4 teams, Carmacks sent 1 and Inuvik flew in with four. The team from Haines Junction had to cancel at the last

minute. Their place in the schedule was filled by a pick-up team of former Dawson players, who cleaned the court with everyone they played.

They're excellent," said grade 12 organizer Carrie Docken. "They always win. It's too bad they're not representing us."

Docken and her classmates have spent the last month organizing this tournament as part of their P.E. 11/12 class, and it's such a tradition that even Docken, who doesn't take P.E. or play volleyball, got involved.

The final test for classmarks is the actual running of the games. By the end of the first day the class was a little frazzled.

"Nothing's going according to schedule except the game schedule," Docken sighed during her interview.

The event was further complicated this year by the fact that the students who took an officiating course in the fall were being tested.

"After we all finish," Docken said, "if we all get certified, we'll have the most certified local level referees in the Yukon. We're becoming increasingly known in the Yukon for our volleyball."

Dawson senior boys' coach Denny Kobayashi was philosophical after his boys met the F.H. seniors on Friday: "We found out that we have more to learn than we thought we had to learn. In terms of the tournament, I would say that we're pretty pleased. Things are going well and the level of competition is pretty balanced."

From Whitehorse the winning Warriors' coach, Peter Grundmanis, was also full of enthusiasm: "Tournament's great. We look forward to it every year. It's a good exposure for the kids and it's nice for some of the younger teams to see how better teams play so that they know what to aspire to. We certainly look forward to coming down every year and they do a wonderful job host-

The tournament weekend concluded with a dance on Saturday night.



by Lauresa Stinson

Welcome to "Health Lines". This will be a general guide on achieving and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

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ENERGETIC NEW YEAR!



How would you like to SKI FREE !! Yes, you heard me right . On December 12 ( weather permitting- watch DCTV for updates) the Dawson Ski Association is having an Open House and everyone is invited to ski for free from 11am - 3:30pm. The chalet will be open for business with hotdogs, hot chocolate and the works so bring a lunch or get one at the hill. For those of you that may not know yet, the chalet has been moved to the bottom of the hill so that skiers and non-skiers can enjoy a little bit of warmth and a bite to eat. There are nice big windows facing the hill so that all you parents can watch your kids ski while you have a cup of coffee. The bottom parking lot has been expanded so there is no parking at the top any longer. ski lessons will be happening on Saturdays and Sundays. Meet at the hill at 1:00 pm to book a lesson with Barb Hogan and the Ski School Instructors. Lessons will be \$10.00 per person for one hour of instruction. Speaking of times the hill will be open from 11am -3:30 pm until further notice. The

hours will be extended once the

sun comes back. Anyone wishing to donate their time to the hill can sign up at the chalet or contact one of the board members. There is a new board after the AGM in October and they are : Trevor Fischer - President, Wayne Fischer - Vice-President, Glenda Miller - Past President, Dina Cayen - Secretary, Bev Fischer - Treasurer, Jackie Cosman - Director, Barb Hogan -Director. We would like to thank Arctic Inland, Gammie Trucking Northern Kat, Yukon Explosives, Marty Knutson, Darryl Williams and his Klondike Transport, Northern Metallic and the many volunteers that have helped the Dawson Ski Association to improve and expand the hill and facilities this year. The support has been greatly appreciated. Thanks also goes to everyone that donated cakes for the Cakewalk at the Bazaar. It was a success once more and there are many families enjoying their prizes. Look for our open dates on the rolling ads throughout Christmas break. Have a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

THINK SNOW !!!

## Nancy Greene Ski League

With the ski season fast approaching I want to remind the Nancy Greeners to wax those skies and get ready to go. We will be starting January 9th, weather permitting but it sure would be nice to see you all on the hill before then. Parents, as well as children should be aware helmets must be worn at all times when skiing with NGSL. Hockey helmuts are O.K. Remember cheques are due Dec. 15th.

SKI YOU LATER!

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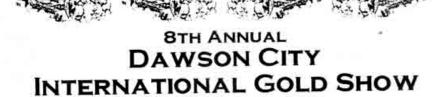






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Нарру Birthday to Joan and .∥o-Anna from [[S.

Apologies! apologies! apologies!

to ex-Dawsonites Della and Jim Barret and family of Kitscoty, near Marwayne, Alberta. Sorry I went to Marwayne and stayed at Lloydminster and didn't even stop to say "Hello" However did you find out?...Palma.

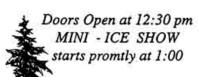
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A special thanks to Sunrise Service at Carmacks. Last, but not least, a very big thank you to the great people at Yukon Honda for fixing things. Once again you came through with great service. You're wonderful! Thanks to all!

Jannice Johnson





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\* Sunday december 20, 1992

# DAWSON APPRECIATION DAY OPEN 12:00 NOON - 5:00 PM

Our Way of Saying "Thank You" for Your Support this Past Year

Special Sales

January 4

Hourly Specials

Unbelievable Prices



<u>COMPLIMENTARY</u> COFFEE AND "NOG" <u>COMPLIMENTARY</u> ORANGES FOR THE KIDS

Look for our **Special Flyer** Friday\_December 18th

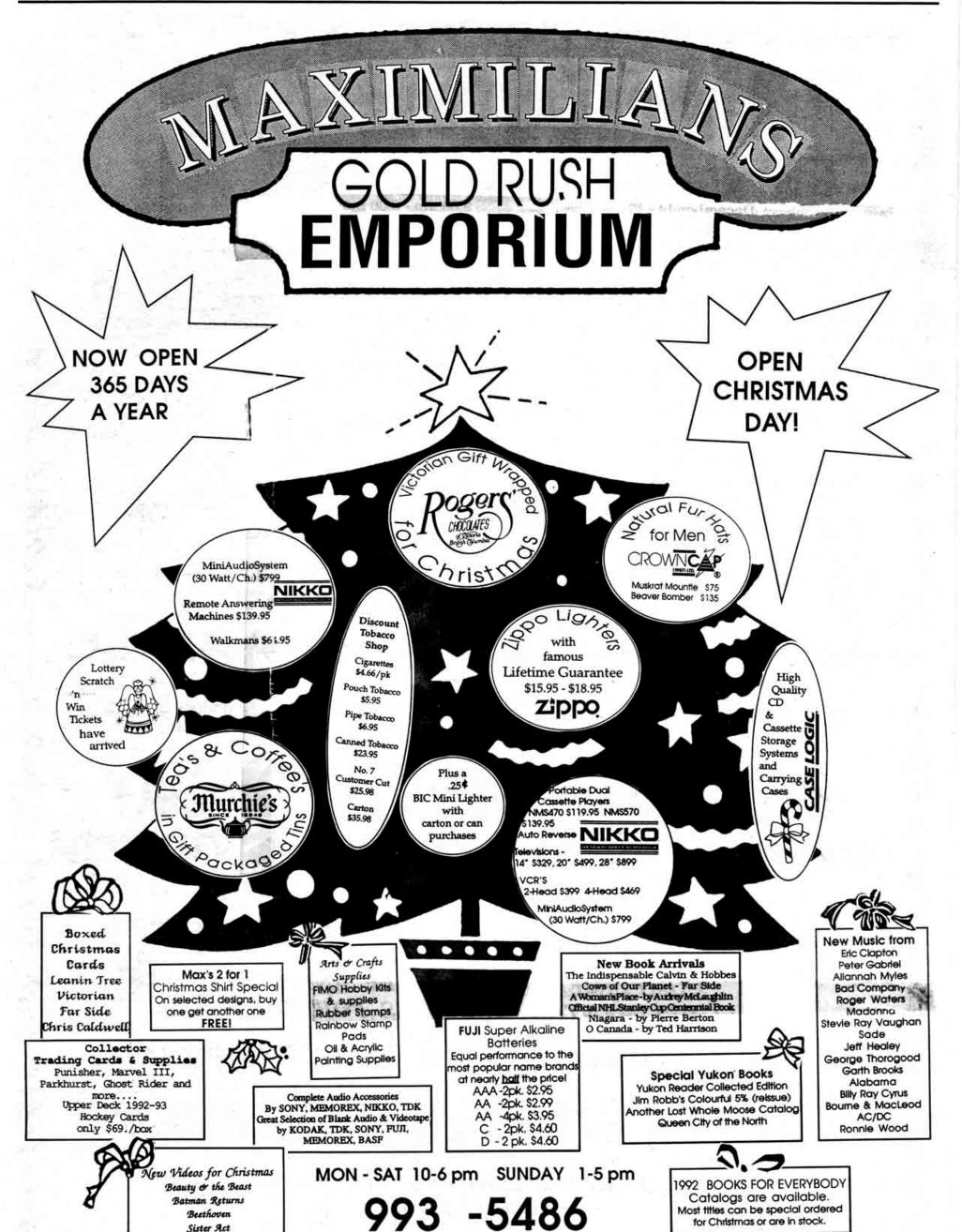
Have a Safe & Joyous Season



Staff and Management of Dawson City General Store



Sister Act Assort. New Playboy Titles



Thanks for your patronage!

for Christmas or are in stock.