

Dawson's Council Appalled by MLA's Statements

by Dan Davidson

Whether or not to capitalize the word "appalled" was the only matter up for debate when Dawson's city council discussed MLA David Millar's (Yukon Party - Klondike) recent pronouncements on the need for a new airport for the Klondike capital.

"We need to send a letter to our MLA here to straighten him out on this issue," said councillor Tim Gerberding. "I don't know where he's getting his information on this issue, but I think he's getting the wrong signals."

Councillor Shirley Pennell agreed, saying that her first concerns about Millar's lack of enthusiasm for the proposed new airport jumped out at her from his maiden speech in the legislature, where he seemed to be saying that the project was not really necessary and that the existing airport could be upgraded to meet the need, an idea which had definitely been ruled out by the federal Ministry of Transport at public consultation meetings here several years ago.

Mayor Jenkins too, said that the legislature speech made him "twitch" and that Millar was clearly not in touch with the majority of Klondike residents on this important issue.

Councillor Henry Procyk agreed. Far from getting lots of people telling him the airport isn't needed, Procyk is hearing from people who are waiting for it to happen and are curious, in a positive way, about when things will get under way.

The matter came up again at a meeting which the MLA attended when a number of government officials came to Dawson along with Education Minister Doug Phillips, where, once again, councillors said that Millar indicated that he didn't see the need for a new airport.

Pennell, speaking to the mayor said, "I would second Tim's statement that you should word a very strong letter stating our disbelief at what he said at that meeting."

Jenkins said that he would write to tell Millar that "council

was extremely appalled at his stated position on the need for an airport."

Councillors acknowledged that Millar may have heard of some opposition to the MOT/YTG proposal which would see a jet certified airport with all instrument flight capability constructed somewhere near the Dempster Corner, but that Millar would have to look at a bigger picture than just the complaints of a few of the vocal residents in the Klondike Valley who had spoken up at the public meetings here a year and a half ago.

"We've got to set the record straight on this," Gerberding said, "because I'm afraid that Mr. Millar's painting the wrong picture down in Whitehorse."

Jenkins reminded the group that both the Ministry of Transport and the federal forestry people who look after the summer fire fighting chores here had looked at expanding and improving the existing airport and concluded that it would be a waste of time and money.

Minister hears Chamber's concerns

by Brent Morrison

Doug Phillips may not have met directly with the Dawson Chamber of Commerce during his visit to Dawson, January 4-6, but that didn't prevent them from raising two of their main concerns with him. At a meeting with the Klondike Centennial Society on Tuesday afternoon, Chamber President Denny Kobayashi asked the new Minister of Tourism to look into getting an Automated Teller Machine for Dawson, and to see if changes could be made in the hours of the border crossing near Dawson.

Dawson City's C.I.B.C. runs a tourist banking operation out of The Bank of British North America building across the street from its main location, but line-ups during the summer are long and hot at both operations. The

Chamber feels the installation of an ATM is a major priority, it would speed up transactions and free up time for the thousands of tourists that come to Dawson to do things other than stand in bank lines.

Phillips agreed to lend his support to the proposal, and to contact the bank's head offices to discuss the matter.

The problem of the border crossing hours was blatantly obvious during the summer of 1992 when line-ups stretched down most of Front Street, and tourists and residents alike waited hours to cross the Yukon River before travelling over sixty miles to cross into Alaska. The border is open from 9:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) and the consensus is that longer hours would prevent such conges-

tion.

While Phillips agreed to look into that as well, he was concerned about the residents of West Dawson and other residents along the Top of The World Highway that would have to deal with even earlier morning traffic.

So, while there were no real guarantees, he was made aware of these problems that are not going to go away by themselves.

While in town Phillips also met with Dawson First Nation, City Council, the KVA, the Women's Shelter, the Museum and Historical Society, and a group of local artists. Phillips has promised to return in April for more meetings.



Photo by Madeleine Gould

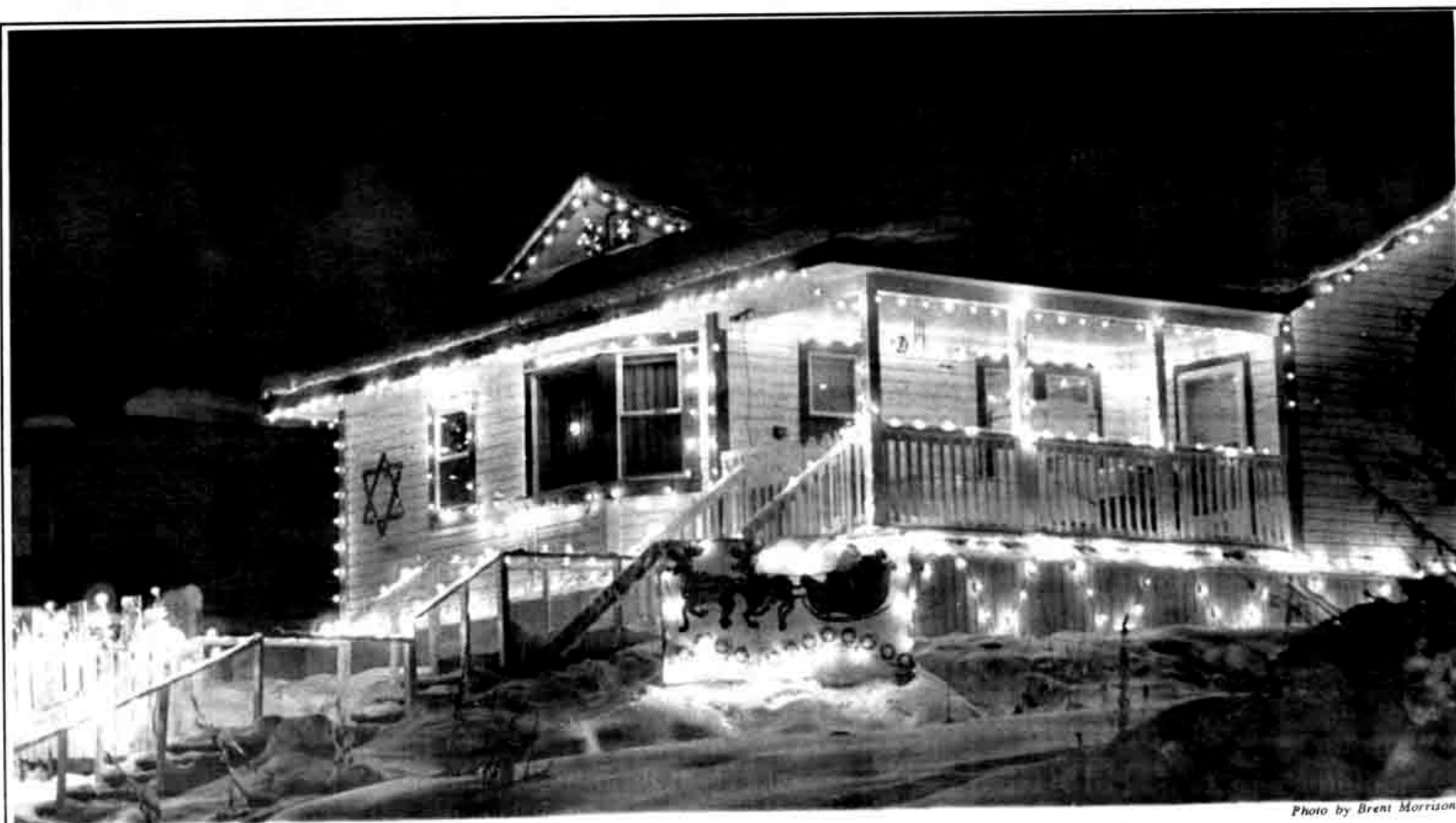
First of '93

Dawson City didn't have to wait long for the first baby of the year to be born in town. The New Year's baby was Andrew Taylor, born January 4, 1993. He weighed in at 7 lbs, 12 ozs. Proud parents Eddie and Georgina Taylor moved back to Dawson from Old Crow in the autumn.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



The house of John Bierlmeier and Bertha McLeod on 6th and York won first place in the Klondike Centennial Society's first contest for Dawson's most impressive Christmas Light Display.

Dawson First Nation First Night a Success Gets Steamed

by Dan Davidson

Some folks get their rugs steam cleaned around the holidays, but seldom the entire building. The Dawson First Nation has followed up its penchant for Yuletide disasters with a ruptured hot water heating system which flooded and steamed the Chief Isaac Building where the Han have their administrative offices. The mishap occurred sometime Friday night or Saturday morning (December 21). Manager Margaret Kormendy said that the damage was extensive, though not too serious, affecting carpets and flooring on the first and second floors and ceiling tiles on the first floor.

Fortunately, the First Nation had already shut down its offices for the holiday season and plans were in motion to re-carpet a good portion of the building. Han Construction's head, Murray Matchett, said that the damage was caused by a ruptured hot water heating pipe in the Han council chambers. As the steaming mess spewed onto the floor, the boilers continued to pull in and heat more water from the city system. Matchett estimates that a flow rate of 10 gallons a minute would not be a wild guess.

The problem was discovered by John Sherman, who operates River West on the ground floor. The cafe area and the laundromat were not damaged. Matchett arrived to find water pouring out under the front door onto the street, ice forming on the outer walls from the escaping mois-

ture, and more than a metre of steam on the second floor.

"I should have worn my bathing suit it was so hot in here," he said, laughing, "like a sauna." By mid afternoon the crew working on hauling the ruined carpet out to a waiting trailer were still lightly dressed, even though it was cold outside, and the scent of wet wood was heavy on the air.

Matchett displayed a set of Polaroid snapshots he had taken shortly after he arrived, for insurance purposes. The steam was clearly visible in the early shots. It was hard to see just what needed fixing when he first arrived.

Downstairs, most of the suspended tiles were out over the offices of Klondike Outreach, the band assisted employment office. A photocopier appeared to have

been soaked beyond immediate repair. One of the desks was covered with wet papers, including a sodden telephone directory.

Matchett speculated it would be several days before anyone would dare to turn on any of the office's computer equipment, just to give it time to dry out internally. If none of that equipment is damaged, then he estimates that it will cost \$4 -5 thousand dollars to put things right.

It's only been a few years since the Heritage Centre next door was gutted by fire about this time of year. That's fire and water, enough to make a person wonder what will happen next.



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by Carol McBride

The first ever First Night celebrations in Dawson were enjoyed by over 200 members of families December 31, 1992. Activities included a free skate at the Arena and a Family Dance and Kid's Video Night at the Tron Dik Hall.

Skating took place from 4-8 p.m. thanks to the Recreation Department of the City of Dawson, Peter Menzies, Jennifer Flynn and Jane MacArthur.

The family dance started at 7:00 p.m. and a concession was available to buy chili and hot-dogs. The Disc Jockeys were Dawson's own Brent Morrison and Joe McGee using equipment from the Downtown Hotel. Children could watch videos upstairs and make their own noisemakers.

At midnight everyone was on the dance floor as hundreds of balloons were released from the ceiling. A piñata was suspended as children with hockey sticks flailed to release the goodies in-

side. Other activities also included a jigging contest, spot dances, a rousing game of musical chairs and door prizes drawn every half hour.

It is hoped that more community organizations will get involved next year and revellers will be able to participate in different activities at various venues. A committee will be formed early and next year — (maybe!) Fireworks!!!

Thank you to everybody who helped — see you next year??

Marion Roberts, Angie Joseph-Rear, Kelly Van Every, Carol McBride, Julia Farr, Peter Menzies, Cathie Langtry, Jennifer Flynn, Jenny Christianson, Karen Farr, Bonnie Nordling, Jannice Johnson, Brent Morrison, Joe McGee, Doug Purington, Jane MacArthur, Downtown Hotel, City of Dawson, Chief Isaac Incorporated, Dawson First Nation, The Recycling Depot, CFYT/DCTV, Bonanza Shell.

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Council counting on election promises

by Dan Davidson

How much engineering is too much engineering, and when does the whole process of planning get too expensive? These questions were at the heart of a discussion on the past and future of Dawson's ill-fated sewer and water system at the Jan 7 meeting of city council.

Council is clearly counting on the promises made by the Yukon Party during last fall's election campaign, and is mapping out a final replacement and upgrading program which should put an end to some of the annual costs involved in running the system, which first began to fail and collapse in sections the very year it went into the ground.

Tim Gerberding questioned the engineering costs of approximately \$396,000.00 for the next several years of the replacement project, which are heavily dependent on Government Leader John Ostashek coming through on his last minute campaign promise to find relief for Dawson's beleaguered rate-payers, whose rates nearly doubled last year and were scheduled to increase still more this year.

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 though a special emergency fund provided for under the Municipal Act. He also stated that he would find a way to help Dawson cover the system's annual operating and maintenance costs which, even after some economies which have improved its efficiency over the last two years, is based on the need to keep water flowing in the pipes at all times and costs nearly \$1

million annually.

At a joint meeting with the local Chamber of Commerce prior to the council meeting, Chris Sorg, a key member of MLA David Millar's constituency team, indicated that these promises would be kept; it was just a matter of figuring out how.

Mayor Jenkins defended the decision to continue using Schiltech, the firm which has been overseeing the replacement so far. The owner, Ed Schillington, was in on the original installation when he worked for Stanley and Associates and knows the

system well. Jenkins reminded council that Schillington had been opposed to the weight of pipe (45) that the YTG, under then Minister of CNTS, Dan Lang, decided to use in order to save money and bring the system in under \$10 million, a substantial figure in 1978-79 dollars.

Schillington had argued for 100 weight pipe and a fall construction season to maximize the amount of permafrost freeze-back. But the lighter pipe and the summer construction schedule, Jenkins said, virtually guaranteed that the system would fail. He

noted that the savings realized at that time have been more than eaten up in repairs and replacements since.

Jenkins said that engineers' estimates in 1991 dollars indicate that an additional \$3.5 - \$4 million will probably need to be spent to complete bringing the actual pipe and installation up to grade.

A final resolution of this problem might also result in some relief from Dawson's annual battle with mud and potholes. Jenkins told council that a proposed chip-sealing of the town's streets was

turned down due to the fear that the darker road surface would cause an increase in subsurface heat and cause water and sewer problems. Though test sections around the community eventually proved that this was a false concern, by that time the city had realized that its future was going to involve ripping up large stretches of roadway every summer until the mistakes of the installation were all finally replaced.



Search and Rescue augmented

by Myk Kurth

The Search and Rescue Organization, Klondike (S.A.R.O.K.) is pleased to announce its incorporation in Dawson City. The purpose of the society is to assist the R.C.M.P. in searching for lost persons and evacuating ill or injured persons from areas inaccessible to conventional means and services. The society will be responsible for providing the structure, equipment, and training essential to develop and support local volunteers who can ensure the most timely response in local incidents (instead of relying on Whitehorse). Through Yukon EMO, SAROK will be provided with SAR equipment and ongoing training programs (which have already begun).

The Yukon is a huge and rugged wilderness area subject to severe weather conditions. It is inevitable that some travellers

will become stranded or lost.

In pre-contact times, the traditional lifestyle and interdependence of the native people and their familiarity with the land ensured self-sufficiency. The hardships of the Gold Rush emulated the native peoples in this regard.

Since that time, wilderness skills and knowledge have eroded to the point that only a very few people are highly competent wilderness travellers. With the increase in population, recreational and resource-extraction activities, larger numbers of people are spending more time in remote and wilderness areas. This combination of events virtually guarantees increased SAR activity in the future.

In the recent past R.C.M.P. and community leaders have been the principals in SAR. Many SAR events have been handled

informally by families, friends or local agencies. Interdependence has always been an important factor in the north, so volunteer searchers have always been available. This is the key to effective and successful SAR activity, especially in the communities, like Dawson City. The enthusiasm and competence of the volunteers here is the greatest asset of the entire EMO program and they will continue to be the mainstay of YUKON SAR.

SAROK intends to support and further develop the informal organization that has served the Dawson area until now. To this end an organizational meeting is being held on Tuesday, January 26, at 7 p.m. in the Forestry Office in the Federal Building.

If you wish to volunteer for and receive training in the latest SAR techniques, we need you!! There are various aspects of run-

ning a search mission, not all of which are physically demanding. We need people with mental muscle too. They form the search management team, responsible for taking available clues and, using consensus, deduction and intuition, pinpointing a lost person's location (basically an indoor, table top, gameboard type task).

Common bar-room boast: "I've never been lost, but I'll admit I've been confused for a few days."

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Police Notes:

Safe travelling on winter roads

Submitted by
Dawson R.C.M.P.

With the dropping temperatures, travel on the Territorial highways requires more preparation on the traveller's behalf. To refresh some peoples minds and for those new to the territory, here are some helpful suggestions to ensure winter travel is as safe as possible.

With the winter months now upon us, the traffic on the Territorial highways has greatly diminished. With this in mind, attempts should be made to travel during the daylight hours whenever possible. That way, should any difficulties arise, at least they do so during higher traffic periods. If any mechanical problems arise requiring the vehicle to be parked on the highway, be sure to pull it as far to the right as possible and activate the four-way flashers or

set out flares to alert oncoming traffic. Stay with the vehicle as it will provide shelter should the temperatures become severe. Always contact the department of highways or the local radio station to check the road conditions before embarking on the trip. When temperatures are severe or when travel by night is unavoidable a number of phone-in check points should be established between the point of departure and arrival. All you have to do is set points along the highway from which a call can be made to a responsible friend or even a hotel clerk at the hotel you are going to be staying at. Advise them that you have made it that far and give an approximate time you will check in from the next check point. This is a simple procedure, but should one run into trouble it provides a starting point for those searching.

Before heading off on a trip it is important that the vehicle is in good running order. This is more important in the winter than the summer because a breakdown on the roadside can result in, at best, a long cold night in the vehicle, or at worst, death. It is essential that the vehicle is winterized and has good winter tires and/or chains. With the long periods of darkness and the patches of ice fog experienced during the winter months in the north, ensure that all lights, both front and rear, are working properly. It is a good idea to cover the grill of the vehicle with a grill cover or tarp. This allows the engine to operate at a warmer, more efficient temperature. It also reduces the cold air blowing against the firewall increasing the ability of the heater to heat the interior of the vehicle.

As mentioned, winter time

driving requires more preparation on behalf of the traveller. Extra items should be carried in the vehicle during the winter months. These include: matches, candles; the heat from a single burning candle inside the vehicle can produce enough heat to potentially save one's life. A set of warm clothes for each traveller in the vehicle including: a jacket, boots, gloves and a winter hat, a sleep-

ing bag and a snack and/or a hot drink in a thermos bottle.

A little preparation on the part of the traveller to ensure travel plans have been made, the vehicle is in good winter running order and equipped with a few winter time essentials can help ensure the safety of winter time travellers.

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Editorial: Happy Thoughts in the New Year

by Dan Davidson

The good news for the rural communities in the New Year is that Whitehorse is going to get smaller. This won't be as a result of the previous government's devolution and decentralization process. No, Whitehorse has decided all by itself that it's going to get smaller.

This doesn't make sense to you? Well, explain to me how else the capital city could have adopted a sewer and water plan that won't even service the size population living there now. The usual thing, after all, is to create a plan which allows for a certain percentage of growth, and even in such hard times as these days are likely to lay upon us, there's a lot to be said for that kind of conventional wisdom.

The beauty of the plan is that it doesn't require any special preparation or expenditure of funds. All the city fathers and mothers have to do is let things go on the way they are and wait for the sewers to back up. That'll get 'em out of there in a hurry.

They'll probably all decamp to the rural hinterland on the edge of the city, where the rapid increases in property assessments will soon be prompting thoughts of secession from the urban sprawl anyway.

Klondike Valley dwellers can understand that sort of thinking. They've been trying to move away from Dawson City for years. The net result, however, seems to be a bit contradictory. You move to the land to get rid of the city, and then you begin to agitate for highway services, electrical and telephone service and the benefits that come with a certain level of political organization. How long before you re-create all the problems you wanted to escape? Still, everyone's entitled to try to find their own pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Pity the folks who manage to track down the rainbow to its end and then find that the pot is mysteriously empty. That seems to be the situation in which the Yukon Party finds itself now. One can only hope that, in the rush to scale down government, reduce costs and come to terms with the economy, the new folks in charge don't lose sight of the notion that government is one of the engines of the economy.

Most of the rural communities need the cash flow that government employment brings with it, and many of the needs of rural life cannot be satisfied by remote control from the seat of government in the city. Decentralization as a policy did go some distance to reversing the natural tendency of all bureaucracies (of either the political left or right) to centralization decision making and control in one place.

Obviously the Yukon Party is looking at this whole matter fairly seriously. They've decided they won't need that extra office space in the Taga Ku project. They've anticipated the hard times in Faro by putting the social and staff housing project there on hold even before the mine went into layoff mode. They've assumed that the need for extended care won't be as heavy as was originally thought in better times.

The new government has to bear in mind that just because the capital city is going to get smaller it doesn't mean that most of the rest of us are going anywhere. At this writing, government programs still exist to serve the rural areas as well as the city, and it would be nice to see some mention of them in the local community papers (most of which charge everybody exactly the same ad rates, whether they're government or private business) in the rest of 1993.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

What an interesting paper is the Klondike Sun! Thank you for a year's enjoyment and a few surprises.

Some years ago in Kenora, Ont. I had friends Margaret and Hans Whitfoth. I babysat their daughter, Monina while Margaret was teaching school. Surely Monina Whitfoth mentioned frequently in the Sun must be the same person!

I share the Sun with my friend, Winifred Hunter. She was delighted to see Marion Hadley's name in the paper. Winifred was acquainted with Jim Hadley in Vernon before he left Vernon for Whitehorse and Dawson. I mentioned this to my son, Don, in Calgary who recalled his school friend, Rainsford Hadley.

Finally, we read with interest the moving story of Tod Lee and his family. My husband, Cormie, gave Tod his first airplane ride in Williams Lake, B.C. about 46 years ago. Tod subsequently wrote a story about it.

So, needless to say, I am enclosing a check for another year's subscription! Who knows what familiar names will turn up next! Perhaps all roads do lead to Dawson. And a Happy Christmas to you all!

Sincerely,
Flora MacArthur
Vernon B.C.

Dear Editor,

I have been looking forward to a column written by David Millar, MLA for the Klondike in the past few issues. I have not heard anything from our new representative since he has been elected into office. I was hoping that David would keep us informed of the current government affairs through the local newspaper. It would have a very positive impact on the community he serves. Several months have gone by since the election, therefore David must be settled into his new job and ready to submit a regular column. I'd sure like to hear from him in your next issue.

Sincerely,
William Meyer
Dawson City, Yukon



Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the T.K.S. staff and volunteers, specially Sue Ward, for printing my Xmas-eve-story.

It sure surprised my kids in Dawson City, they were thrilled to read about the Xmas time so long long ago.

I am sure many a Northerner could identify with it too. I also like to mention the weather report, it's great the way Art Vickers spices up an otherwise boring subject, keep up the good work T.K.S.

Sincerely,
Gerda Kurth
Hinton, Alberta.

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed \$17.12 to renew our subscription for another year. You are doing a great job and we do look forward to your paper every month. It's always great to hear about people we know etc. Would you please pass along the following greetings:

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST EVER IN THE NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN THE YUKON.

Joe and Marion Langevin
Parksville, BC.

Dear Editor.

Thanks again for another great year of reading about all the wonderful things that go on in Dawson city and surrounding areas.

As former residents of Whitehorse and Dawson City, it was a great time in our lives to live in the Yukon.

To all our friends in Dawson City and Whitehorse:

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE BEST TO EVERYONE IN '93.

Your Pals

Jackie and Ira Fraser
Mossleigh, Alberta

P.S. Ira was with Norline Coaches and enjoyed his trips from Whitehorse to Dawson City 3 times a week.

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A Winter's Tale for 2-Wheel Drive

by Dan Davidson

My truck's in violation; it's a shame to all the nation. I left it by the roadway and the city ploughed me in. I'd really love to move it, but I don't see how to prove it, And the sticker says they'll fine me if they find it there again.

The roadway seems to shrivel up each time the snowplow passes; in the summer there is room for cars to travel four abreast. But each transit of the plough seems to make it narrower now, and roadside parking soon incites municipal protest.

The problem didn't start with me; I didn't make the street, you see.

A truck without a driveway tends to get into this state. Perhaps I ought to make one, but the idea's a late one. Will the Planning Board approve a thing that isn't '98?

In the meantime I will struggle, park as far off as I can, Ease up right next to our fence and keep my tires off the road. I will dig and shovel clear to keep my spot snow free this year, but I know that when they pass they'll leave another metre load.

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Uffish Thoughts:

Spirits warm in spite of winter's cold

by Dan Davidson

It's standing room only in Saint Paul's Anglican Church again this year. The annual Christmas Eve Pageant never fails to draw a crowd and skirt the very edge of the Fire Marshall's regulations. The more the merrier. The bodies help hold in the heat.

The last two Christmases have been relatively mild, but this year seems determined to put our resources to the test. This is the third year that Klondike National Historic Sites has loaned the unheated church its portable furnace, a trailer-based unit that is used to heat buildings that have no source of heat of their own while they are being worked on. The two canvas tubes are fed in through a boarded window beside the choir benches and push the welcome warmth through the building. It's a near thing though. A pump on the furnace blew shortly after it was set up the day before, and the unit hasn't had all that long to get the chill out of the frozen building. In the first four hours the combined efforts of the furnace, two Master heaters and larger kerosene unit hardly did more than cut the frost on the pews.

Twenty four hours make the difference, and it is a comfortable 80 degrees Fahrenheit (the thermometer here predates national metrification) when folks settle in just before 7 P.M. Even so, the floor is cold and certain sections of the building have thinner walls than others. The wall just behind me is proof. I am just over a metre away from the portable furnace vents and my feet are freezing inside my outdoor boots. There is ice on the wall 2 metres behind me. In spite of the best efforts of KNHS and MacKenzie Petroleum, who provided the fuel, the temperature in the building will drop 30 degrees during the midnight Holy Communion service later on, plummeting from 90 F. to 60 F. once the kerosene heaters are extinguished.

Thankfully, we have done away

with the notion of having the be-robed choir wait in the porch while the Advent candles are lit. This year we take up half the center aisle while we wait for our share of the flame and the opening chord of the processional hymn. Things are delayed when the last 6 or 8 candles won't stay lit. The overhead fans are pumping the rising warm air down from the arched ceiling but, warm or cold, the breeze makes candle lighting a chore. Sheltering the candles with our programs, we are in danger of lighting up the service in a different way.

We run out of choir seats tonight. Funny how people that never make it to any of the practices turn up for the actual event. ("Gee, I don't seem to know the anthem...") One of the clergy is sitting on the railing in front of the altar, right beside the furnace vents. He is slowly broiling, his face approaching the colour of the red choir gowns we have just inherited from the Anglican Church that was in Cassiar.

Three of the town's four clergy are involved in the service, and all four congregations are represented. The service is a re-telling of the Christmas story, in song, readings and children's pageant, material that safely cuts across all Christian denominations. Maclean's cover stories notwithstanding, most of us have no trouble figuring out who Jesus was and what Christmas is about.

Members of the Dawson First Nation provide the congregation with a Han Wëch 'in version of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", known as "Ch'ëling 8", and translated for the service by Percy Henry. The words, a little different from the traditional English version, spell out the reason we are gathered here.

"Listen people. Angels are singing. The Lord is born, newly born on Earth. God on high, Glory to him. Peace on Earth. Joy to the people. Peace on Earth. Joy to the people."

It is a good time to be here.

Dawsonites generous

adapted from Canadian Press releases in the Whitehorse Star

Residents of the Yukon donated \$2.3 million to charitable groups in 1991 according to a report released on January 5 by Statistics Canada. The average dollar value is \$658.00 per donor, up from \$639.00 in 1990.

Dawson City residents had the highest median donation in the Yukon, at \$150.00. Across the nation, the median donation was \$130.00. Nationally, donations were up from 1990 to 1991, jumping from \$2.9 to \$3.1 billion, this money having been donated by about 5.4 million people.

Residents of the NWT gave an average of \$716.00, while Newfoundlanders had the highest donation at \$230.00. None of these figures compare even slightly to Steinbach, Manitoba, where the median donation was \$980.00.



Photo by Jim Leary

Friends and family filled the Y.O.O.P. Hall with good cheer at the annual dinner.

98th Y.O.O.P. Christmas Supper

by Sue Ward

*Out of the night as black as pitch
And into the din and glare
came miners, wives, family
friends,*

To partake of Myrna's fare.

98 Suppers in 98 years.

Let's hear it for Y.O.O.P.

a rousing three cheers!

In keeping with tradition, on the first Saturday in December, members of Lodge No. 1 of the Yukon Order of Pioneers with guests totalling one hundred strong, gathered on a moonlight night registering Thirty Below, in the Y.O.O.P. Hall, to partake of the Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings so capably prepared by Myrna Butterworth and her trusty helpers. This gathering seems to set the Christmas celebrations in motion as everyone dons party garb, beards are trimmed, hairdos offer great variety, and there is little formality allowing everyone to sit with friends seen everyday, or gather in clutches with family members from afar.

The loneliest spot was the head table where President Jim Leary and his lovely wife Janet, awaited the arrival of Father Leo Boyd, while Jack Fraser and young folk held down the far end. Perhaps no one told Jim that Grand Historian Laurent Cyr and wife Corinne had made the trip down from Whitehorse, or perhaps the Cyrs found old friends halfway down the room thus enhancing their repast. But that's the way it is, no wasting of precious minutes on formalities. So Madeleine and John Gould and yours truly filled

the remaining three head table seats where we could make notes and take a few candid camera shots. Even the Padre caught the attention of the guests by telling a good story before asking the Lord's Blessing. The mayor, Peter Jenkins, was on hand, while David Millar and his sparkling wife Lorraine were attending their first Dawson official event as the newly-elected Member of the Yukon Legislature, representing the historic Klondike Constituency.

After dinner, the bar was reopened while John Gould set up his slideshow which brought back a variety of memories as he covered the days of long ago when the local men worked on the Cat Trains as crews searched for black gold, oil, far up the Dempster trail. There were pics of Discovery Day Parades when the Y.O.O.P. Platoon stretched for almost a block, and children on decorated bicycles now helped their youngsters continue the tradition. Some shots of the early Gaslight Follies Shows stirred

memories of favourites. It was learned within a few days that "Goofy" Denton, the lovable clown who shared the stage with Garfield White, would be celebrating his 100th birthday next March 15, with a trip to England planned with his sister. A shot of a parade moving down Fifth Avenue brought a great burst of laughter as the street was free of buildings. How far we have come in twenty-five years!

It seemed most fitting that Marg Van Dusen should win the door prize of dinner for two in one of our hotel dining rooms as she had donated hours and hours of her time in the preparation of the splendid dinner.

It was a fine evening and having learned that once the event was held at Sixty Below, it seemed quite balmy to escape into a car-cloud of Shell or Chevron stuffed with the sumptuous repast and high spirits.



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Photo by Sue Ward

Churchill "grabs" Pauline

by Sue Ward

One has to have been "grabbed" to truly appreciate this story, as I was back in '68, the year I found Dawson City. It was the most terrific place on the planet. That's the way Pauline Scott feels about Churchill, Manitoba, at the mouth of the mighty Churchill River where it becomes part of the immense Hudson's Bay. Even though on the day of her arrival, January 24, it was forty below plus an enormous windchill factor.

We can all remember what a spark Pauline was with Parks Canada and her Guides. Once her fuse was lit she dared where others would have settled for less. Dawson offered her new beginnings and Parks gave her stability. Yet the time came to move on with young Emerson first to Fort Garry and Selkirk. No use stopping halfway, so when the job in Churchill was posted Pauline flew up for a weekend interview, got the appointment, and away mother and son scurried to a whole new adventure. Churchill had grabbed Pauline and Emer. She bubbles with enthusiasm as she explains her official hat is Chief of Visitors' Activities for Manitoba North National Historic Sites. The staff of four doubles during the summer as last year 20,000 visitors arrived between May and November.

First is the fantastic migration of millions of birds, headed for their Arctic nesting grounds. Then follows the calving of the Beluga Whales, five miles up the Churchill River; and in mid-July the Polar Bears arrive. There are Study Centers for the Weather,

the Whales, and the Polar Bears.

As there is no topsoil to speak of, there are no lawns to keep trimmed, but seventeen varieties of Willow Ground Cover, 200 species of wild flowers, fifteen types of berries, including Cloud Berries compensates very well in enhancing the barren landscape.

Most Canadians recall this vast wilderness northern half of Manitoba as the center of the Hudson's Bay Fur Trading Company, where travel was by the great lakes and rivers with York Factory as the gathering place. Little has changed other than the Fort has been restored and smaller planes can land on a nearby airstrip.

When I enquired how I would drop in on Pauline I learned that there is a train leaving Winnipeg three times a week, the trip taking 36 hours, the last third is during the night so one arrives refreshed at eight a.m. As there is little visitor accommodation folks whirl around for the whole day, arriving back by nine o'clock, ready to flake out in a comfy berth as the train begins its long journey south. The track is built on muskeg and permafrost and is a bit of a roller-coaster swing and sway action, just great as a lullaby.

I was so pumped up about all of these Wilderness Wonders when I was lucky enough to meet Pauline, having some of her enthusiasm brush off on me, I'm not sure if I should let you know that she has a spare bed! But I'm happy to know that Dawson folk meant enough for her to fly in for a pre-Christmas visit with old friends.

Moosehide 2B Reserve

Dawson First Nation News Release

Dawson First Nation has a new Reserve. An historic wrong has been righted. Dawson First Nation is one step closer to securing compensation for the alienation of its aboriginal homeland.

On December 2nd, the Honourable Tom Siddon, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, signed a Settlement Agreement declaring that "Moosehide Indian Reserve No. 2B is a 'reserve' within the meaning of the Indian Act set apart for the use and benefit of the Dawson Band". The new Reserve comprises 857 acres of prime river front property, stretching for 2 1/2 miles along the north bank of the Yukon River from a point approximately one-half mile below Clear Creek to the ruins of Ft. Reliance. This makes it the largest Reserve in the Yukon. The southern boundary of the new Reserve is about one mile below the existing 'Moosehide Reserve', and about three miles below Dawson City.

In March of 1900 the Government of Canada created the 'Moosehide Reserve'. This was the first Reserve in the Yukon. At the time of the Goldrush the Han Indians had been dispossessed of their original homesite on the south bank of the Klondike River by hungry gold-seekers. With the assistance of Bishop Bompas of the Anglican Church, the Han were relocated to Moosehide Reserve, comprising 160 acres approximately 1 1/2 miles below Dawson on the Yukon River.

Ten years later in April, 1910, the Government created another Reserve for the Dawson Band. 'Moosehide 2A Reserve' was set apart as a woodlot to provide the Band a supply of firewood. The new Reserve, however, was totally unsuitable for its intended purpose. It was located high in the hills at the head of Fourth Creek, eight miles distant from 'Moosehide Reserve'.

In 1929 Dawson First Nation petitioned the Government to exchange 'Moosehide 2A Reserve' for a parcel that was more conveniently located. Government agreed, and a process was initiated whereby Dawson First Nation formally surrendered 'Moosehide 2A Reserve' on the explicit understanding that the Band would receive a new woodlot as a Reserve in the same area now established as 'Moosehide 2B Reserve'.

On May 20, 1930, the Governor General in Council passed Order in Council P.C. 1054 approving the surrender and exchange. For unknown reasons the transaction was not registered in the Reserve General Register until 1962. Even then there was no acknowledgement that the tract of land was a 'Reserve'.

This little slice of history faded into oblivion long ago. With the

advent of Comprehensive Yukon Land Claims negotiations, however, Dawson First Nation Land Claims researchers began to uncover bits and pieces of the evidence. Gradually, with the assistance of Chief and Council, Elders, and the Yukon Archives, the facts were reassembled. Dawson First Nation Chief and Council were outraged by the historic injustice, and determined to set matters right.

In June of 1991, Dawson First Nation filed a Specific Claim with the Government of Canada, asserting that the Government breached its obligation to Dawson First Nation when it failed to establish the agreed upon Moose-

hide 2B reserve. Government accepted the Claim for negotiation and subsequently agreed that Dawson First Nation's assertions were well-founded. In addition to establishing the Reserve, the Government has agreed to pay all costs incurred in negotiating the Specific Claim.

The Moosehide 2B Settlement Agreement is without prejudice to on-going Comprehensive Claims negotiations relating to the unsundered aboriginal rights of Dawson First Nation.

The Moosehide 2B Specific Claim is one of the first to be settled in the Yukon. There are several more pending.

Milk cartons say Stay-in-School

REGINA (NC)—Saskatchewan youth received a career reminder with their cereal this September. The public service reminder by the Dairy Producers Co-Op brought the national Stay-in-School initiative onto breakfast tables across Saskatchewan.

The largest milk distributor in the province dedicated one panel on its two-litre, two per cent milk carton to the stay-in-school message. Carrying the photograph used widely in the federal government's Stay-in-School ads, the headline on the panel said: "More Education = More Job Choices".

Dairy Producers Public Affairs Co-ordinator Wendy Kelly said: "We believe the stay-in-school message is extremely important to convey to the young people of Saskatchewan and we

are pleased to have participated with the use of our community milk carton ad panel program. Earlier this summer, the Co-Op supported the Minister of State For Youth's Hire-a-Student program with a logo on their one litre cartons. Stay-in-School is a national initiative by the Minister of State for Youth, Pierre H. Cadieux, to reduce Canada's 30 per cent dropout rate.



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Liquor Corporation sponsoring new recycling initiative

The Yukon Liquor Corporation is now accepting the return of plastic yokes or "hi-cones", as one way of cutting down on the litter and potential danger to small animals. A hi-cone is the plastic ring which holds the six pack of pop or beer together.

There will not be a new fee to cover the handling costs for this new recycling initiative. It will be offered as a collection service so the public can return its hi-cones to liquor stores around the territory.

There is no financial incentive for people to return their hi-cones so public participation is strictly voluntary. A similar voluntary program netted over 10,000 pounds of hi-cones in British Columbia last year.

After the liquor corporation collects the hi-cones at each store, they'll be sent to Whitehorse for storage and then sent to a recycling plant in Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago plant is the only one in North America equipped to recycle the plastic compounds used in hi-cones.

Hi-cones have been cited as a hazard for small marine and other animals which get their heads caught in the rings and they are a new part of the litter problem in public areas such as parks and campgrounds.



St. Paul's Anglican Church Choir of 1938. If you recognize any of the faces, do let us know. Photo courtesy of Phil Eccles.

A Yukon Saga 1938-1939 Part 6

by Phil Eccles

September of 1938 found me happily ensconced in my one-room cabin in Dawson with my summer work on the Klondike Flats concluded and the prospects of finding a winter job very bleak. The last steamboat to leave for Whitehorse before the freeze-up of the river would soon be on its way and according to my bank account, I had just enough funds to pay my way to Vancouver and then starve. The prospects of a foggy, rainy winter in Vancouver held little appeal to me as opposed to a clean, white, brisk Yukon winter. I made my decision: I would remain and take my chances on surviving another northern winter. That proved to be a timely decision as that same day I received an offer I could not refuse.

I was singing in the church

choir during the periods when I lived in town, thus assuring myself of one good home-cooked meal a week in the Rectory plus sandwiches, cake and coffee at the choir practices. Another plus being that the organist was an attractive, fun-loving young lady born in Dawson of Norwegian parents who came to Dawson the hard way in the early days. During the past summer, we had been going to dances, movies and parties together. Nothing too serious excepting the other male competition — about thirty guys to one gal. She was leaving on the last boat to further her education 'Outside' and I had been asked to take over the organ in her place which I could now accept having decided to remain in Dawson. This position was purely voluntary with no monetary stipend but it did give me a social and respectable association with other citizens and let us not forget those weekly free meals and nummies dispensed at the Rectory. Even the Bishop invited me to his home and his wife was noted for her sumptuous meals.

Another bonus! On these divine dining occasions I would adjust my halo from its usual rakish angle to one of a more circumspect and acceptable plane.

Now for that offer that I could not refuse. Part of the church operation was a Hostel, a large two storey log building near the church which housed a number of Native children. These children would be bedded down, clothed and fed and sent off to school. After dinner, there would be a few chores to do followed by games until bed time. A man was required for the night shift to stoke the furnace which was a huge metal drum positioned horizontally on a concrete slab. This woodburning unit required constant attention and monitoring in order to supply sufficient heat and a goodly control for safety. The Bishop was an astute, discerning person and recognizing my potential for integrity, reliability and perspicacity (I was also reverent and humble), offered this position to me. Again there was no financial remuneration but I would be supplied with my meals for the

duration of the winter. Now I knew that I could survive the winter and had a 'raison d'être' and a responsibility like (don't fall asleep and burn the joint down!). If I wished time off I could interchange with someone else and thus not interfere too much with my social life.

I found the youngsters interesting and quick to accept ideas for evening entertainment. For the boys I suggested a wood-working shop which they jumped right into. I taught them how to make simple toys, small cabinets, shelves and doll houses for the girls. I bought a supply of brushes and paints and they were soon adept at applying brilliant colours and designs to their handiwork.

Working that winter with those kids was an experience that I will never regret or forget. My charges were not the only ones to benefit from these sessions and other activities that we innovated -- I was also a student and learned some valuable lessons.



Photo by Brent Morrison

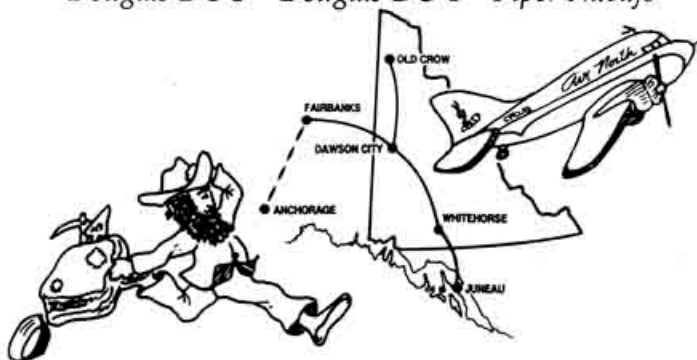
Klondike Centennials Society Treasurer Peter Menzies presented John Biermeier and Bertha McLeod with a cheque for \$100.00 in recognition of having the most impressive Christmas Light Display for 1992. Over 300 lights make up their display and John says that he simply adds one more strand of lights every year. He plans to light up the back wall in 1993. The Society will select an award winner each year throughout the Centennial Years.

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Photo by Brent Morrison

Actors in silhouette perform the radio play "Sorry Wrong Number" at the Westminster Hotel. Fedoras and cheap cigars provided atmosphere.

"Wrong Number" rings in at Westminster

by Brent Morrison

Performing a radio play live may seem a challenge, but the Dawson Drama Club succeeded in doing just that. On Friday December 11, the group performed the play "Sorry Wrong Number" at the Westminster's cocktail lounge. Set in the 1940's, the audience was encouraged to dress up in timely garb.

Admission for the performance was five dollars which included dinner, and a cigar from a box marked "30 for 50¢". The music of Benny Goodman, Frank Carle, Carson Robinson and others crackled through the lounge on their original 78 records.

By 7:30 there were already more than forty people inside, about half of them dressed in forties outfits. A steady stream of drinks was served even though the patrons were unable to convince management to sell them at 1940 prices. The Drama Club's Peter Maxwell (dressed as the stereotypical Irish cop, Sgt. Duffy) took to the small stage to announce that the show was the Drama Club's Christmas card to Dawson, and that dinner was being served.

After dinner of Perogies, Sausage, and Sauerkraut, the show began at 8:45 in a screech of feedback as the "Invisible Man" introduced the play. Set in 1948 "Sorry Wrong Number" was described as a story of a society that relies too heavily on mechanical crutches.

To give the performance the feel of radio play a partition was erected in a corner of the lounge and the show was performed behind it with bright lights turning it into a silhouette performance.

The play centres around Mrs. Stevenson (played by Char Farr) an invalid, who while attempting to call her husband's office at

"Murray Hill 40098" overhears two men plotting a murder that is to be disguised as a robbery. A frightened Mrs. Stevenson tries to report the crime to the police, but discovers just placing the call can be a challenge in the new "high tech" world.

When she finally gets through to Sgt. Duffy, her report of hearing the planning of a crime over the phonelines is met with a steady barrage of questions she is unable to answer. "Everybody is so stupid!" becomes Mrs. Stevenson's common complaint to anyone she can get on the phone, but she is the one who overlooks the fact that the crime she describes looks more and more like it is planned against her.

The play moves along at a hilarious pace as Stevenson's naivety and panic meets only logic and order. Eventually the police connect with the phone company but agree there is little they can do. Mrs. Stevenson's concern of being alone now that her 200 pound maid is gone, and her husband is at work (and his phone line is busy) may not have evoked much compassion with her unseen communicators, but the audience was enjoying it. At 9:00 the play broke for an intermission.

The 78's were spun again, and it became apparent that there were now over sixty people in attendance, a few even brave enough to light up the cigars. Twenty minutes later the Invisible Man returned to the stage, although this time he had to contend with hecklers who had found their voices (in the bottom of glasses?). Eventually his message got out and he introduced the show's sponsors, although he kept forgetting to mention the Westminster Hotel

for hosting it. With the departure of the Invisible Man, members of the Drama Club provided live commercials of their sponsors on the stage for all to see, and these received as many laughs as the show itself. At 9:35 Mrs. Stevenson was back at it, finally realizing that she may indeed be the intended victim.

During one of the brief instances when she is not on the phone it is Mrs. Stevenson who receives a call. Western Union phones to read her a telegram sent by her husband. In it she discovers that he is leaving for Boston at 11 p.m. and he had been trying to call her, but the line had been constantly busy. Now in full panic, she calls the hospital to get a nurse sent to her house. While trying to explain the hows and whys of needing a nurse on such short notice a reporter wearing a strange basket on his head and a photographer (using a Polaroid?) from the Dawson Daily News arrived at the lounge in full costume, adding to the bad craziness already going on.

Back at the play it is 11:14 pm when Mrs. Stevenson hears the tell-tale click of the other phone in the house being picked up. In a rage of panic she hangs up on the hospital and calls the operator for help. Whispering in fear, the operator is unable to make out her call. The murderer has arrived.

In silhouetted special effects Mrs. Stevenson's demise is witnessed, the splatter effects delighting the crowd. during the chaos the operator has managed to get the police connected with Mrs. Stevenson's residence. As the police try to get on line the murderer picks up the phone and states simply, "Sorry, wrong number".

Klondike Valley Fire Fighters Association

K.V.F.F.A. wishes every body a Happy New Year. 1992-93 out of the old - and into the new - fire hall, that is. Yes, we moved into the new hall on December 8, 1992. Our new "house" is located at Rock Creek on the Klondike Highway, and we will be having a grand opening/open house hopefully this month, so keep an eye open for advertisements around town.

Sorry we're late about this, but we wish to thank all the people that supported us at the Christmas Bazaar. Because of your support, the K.V.F.F.A. was able to purchase a smoke generator and fans, and subsequently, more training and practice for our fire fighters. An especially big thank you to Melody Caywood, Jennifer Docken, and Marg Kormendy for making and donating the prizes for our raffle.

Our congratulations to the winners:

1st prize: Y. Burkhard (Whitehorse) - crocheted Afghan made and donated by Melody Caywood.

2nd prize: Brian Close - cookie jar made and donated by Jennifer

Docken.

3rd prize: Brian Close - beaded earrings made and donated by Marg Kormendy.

More thank you's as well to Parks Canada for their donation of desk and chairs for our fire chief's office, and to Gerry Finlay for clearing the parking area of the new fire hall with his trusty snow-blower. Greatly, greatly appreciated.

We're happy to report a safe holiday season in the K.V.F.F.A. area. We all know a fire can start any time of the year, so take a few extra minutes to check around your house for possible fire hazards. Those extra minutes could save-guard your home and even more precious, your family. 1993 has started with good wishes and resolutions, so let's resolve not to give fire a place to start, and keep our diligent fire fighters "just practicing." By the way, our fire practices are every second Wednesday night, 7:00 p.m., commencing January 6, 1993.

That's all for now - hope to see you at our open house.

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Obituary: Helen Hope Boutillier July 14, 1898 - January 3, 1993

Helen Hope Boutillier was born on July 14, 1898 in Berlin, New Hampshire to Maud (Graves) Boutillier from New Brunswick and Charles Boutillier from Nova Scotia. In 1904, her father came to the Yukon and staked gold claims in the Kluane area. Helen, her sister Hazel, and brothers Donald and Harold accompanied their mother north to the Yukon in 1907. The family lived in Whitehorse until 1914, during which time the family increased to include sister Margie and brother Jack.

In July of 1914, the Boutillier family set out in two small boats for Dawson City. Part way down the Yukon River, the family was warned that the boats were too small, so they decided to exchange the boats for a larger scow and were then able to complete the trip to Dawson. The family lived in Dawson as well as on the creeks where they mined for gold.

Helen worked for the telephone

office which was run by YCGC until 1935. In the early 1940's, Helen and her (late) sister Hazel moved into a small log cabin at Sleepy Hollow where they lived until poor health made it necessary for Hazel to move to McDonald Lodge. Helen moved in with her sister Margie Fry and Margie's husband Art.

During the last few years one can picture Helen perched on the sofa near the picture window where she could see the beautiful flowers Margie nurtured and the many birds that visited the window sill. Helen was an avid reader and never without the company of books.

Her friend Tom the cat, would place himself on her lap, competing for attention with the books. Helen and Tom were great friends.

As Helen's health failed her, she received tender loving care from her sister Margie. Margie's dedication to Helen's care allowed Helen to enjoy her last few years

in the comfort of her own surroundings. Helen spoke of her appreciation of Margie's care, for it gave her the dignity she so much treasured.

In 1990, the local Canada Day committee honoured Helen, (affectionately known as "Henny" by her large family), with a plaque to acknowledge her being the oldest resident of Dawson.

Helen was preceded in death by her mother, father, three younger brothers, Donald, Harold and Jack, as well as her sister Hazel. She leaves her loving sister Margie and many friends.

A memorial service was held at a packed McDonald Lodge on January 8, with the Rev. Andrew Wilson, St. Paul's Anglican Church, officiating. Music was provided by Sue Ward at the Piano.



Helen "Henny" Boutillier

picture by Kathy Jones-Gates



Bookends



A Travellers Tale for the Road

by Dan Davidson

In the Frame a reading of Dick Francis' novel, performed by Jim Dale, Harper Audio, 3 hours

Charles Todd is an artist whose specialty is pastoral scenes with horses in them. He will do people on occasion, and sometimes just straight landscape. He works on commission, which one friend of his likens to prostitution, but Charles doesn't see it that way. He knows he is good at what he chooses to do, and he also knows he is never going to set the art world on fire with his talent. To be able to make a decent living out of an activity he enjoys is enough for him to ask of life.

We meet him in the doorway of his cousin's home, where both robbery and murder have just been committed. Donald is beside himself with grief, Inspector Frost seems to think the bereft husband is the most likely suspect. Charles sees him through the first week of his sorrow and then returns to his own life, only to be sidetracked into the case again when he is commissioned to paint a ruined house and finds that it had been robbed in just the same fashion as Donald's. A couple of odd coincidences seem to point to the need to look into a chain of art shops in Australia, if only in order to free Donald from the baleful eye of the police so that he can begin to pull himself together again.

Charles teams with an art school chum and his wife and they are soon deep into the midst of uncovering a very deadly game

in the land down under. The trail leads all over western Australia and to New Zealand before the story is told, and has lots of twists, turns and suspense.

Dick Francis' novels translate to audio beautifully. The first person narrator easily becomes a voice telling you his secrets, and the stories whip along at a break-neck pace, capturing your interest and making you wonder how they will turn out. The other nice thing about Francis' books is that they are adult fare which is suitable for children as well. A couple of times lately I have been caught ten minutes into a tape by scenes and language which I felt unsuitable for my own kids at this time in their lives. With Francis I don't have to worry about that.

Jim Dale's reading of the tale is quite effective, though I can't quite shake the aural memory of his performance as the flimflam man in the Disney film "Pete's Dragon". Never mind. The tape works quite well and helped me pass half of a recent drive home from Whitehorse to Dawson.

Margin of Error by Claire Hoy, Seal Books, 260 pages, \$5.95

This is not Claire Hoy's latest book, which happens to be about Clyde Wells, but this paperback edition of his 1989 release is worth another look in a year which will certainly usher in another federal election. Hoy is a former Mulroney insider who has turned to producing books on political topics. Those familiar with

current affairs will recognize the title as the statistical "fine print" which is always used to qualify the results of a poll. When the actual difference in positions in a poll is less than 5% and they tell you that it's accurate to within plus or minus 5%, you have to ask yourself whether the results mean anything at all.

Then you have to watch out for numbers. A recent Maclean's poll on youth attitudes parlayed a survey of 65 students in Toronto into a statement about national trends. That's silly, but how many people read the actual numbers under the photo caption as opposed to those who looked at the fancy chart with its percentages.

We get a lot of this in the Yukon, being small in population. Haven't you ever wondered about those surveys that tell you how many people out of 100,000 are doing something? What does that mean when you have to more than triple the population of the territory before we can be listed on the chart with the other regions?

Hoy's book is not an exhaustive look at this subject. It is a decent primer though, enlivened with profiles of the users and makers of polls and tales of how they have been used and misused in the past. The particular inspiration for this book was the 1988 election campaign. It's worth looking back at that one now, with another one looming not too far ahead.

Museum Nuggets

by Leslie Piercy

The Museum recently received a very interesting collection of papers. Gerry Finlay brought them in. They originally came from a log building that was torn down at the south end of town, and included receipts, invoices and pay slips from various companies and people in town. Businesses such as the North American Transportation and Trading Co., Dawson City, N.W.T., the British America Corporation, Dawson City, N.W.T. and the Klondike Mill Co., are represented. All of them were dated 1899. Included was a list of materials and cost of building a cottage on Willow Island. We have reprinted a condensed version of it here. Does anyone know where Willow Island is?

Willow Island Cottage, Sept. 1, 1899

Material for constructing Stairs, the Pantry, the Porch, 22 windows, 3 outside doors, 12 inside doors, 3 arch doors, the outside steps, the basement of the porch and:

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19 pcs 6 x6-6 posts
4 pcs 4x10 -16 mudsills
13 pcs. 4x4-6 posts
4 pcs. 4x4-16 Centre sills
4 pcs. 2x4-14 braces
19 pcs 2x8-24 Joice



10 pcs 2 x8-14 joice
14 pcs 2x4-16 Girts'
820 ft 1x10-12 Basements
40 pcs 1x8-14 Bottom Flg
30 pcs 1x8-10 Bottom Flg
130 pcs 2 x4-16 Studding
19 pcs 2x4-20 Rafters
12 pcs 2x4-16 Rafters
6 pcs 2x4-16 Cripplers
2 pcs 4x4-16 Jack rafters
12 pcs. 2x4- 18 Studding Bay Window
25 pcs 2 x4-12 Plates
19 pcs 1x6-12 Collar Braces
7 pcs 1x6-20 collar braces
30 pcs 1x4-12 Roof strips
4 pcs 1 x12-16 Gutter
13 pcs. 2x6-24 upper joists
6 pcs 2 x6-14 upper joists
720 board basement
75 pcs 1x4-12 trussed
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2555 Rustic outside
50 pcs 2x3-8 Studding up stairs
25 pcs 2x4-10 Studding downstairs

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TOTAL \$3,324:05

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Please excuse any typing errors. The notes were hand written and not always legible- especially to a non-carpenter.

Remember if you have any archival material relating to Dawson's history, we would be interested in seeing it, either to copy for our research files, or to take care of for you.

Visitors are welcome. Come up the back stairs of the Museum building. We are open from 9-12, and 1-5, weekdays.

Coming Events at the Museum

Press Release

During the month of January the museum is hosting a number of interesting cultural events. All Events are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, January 13, 1993, 7:30 p.m. — The Museum is hosting the first of a series of six monthly National Film Board Films. This one is entitled *Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media*. This very new, award-winning documentary features the cogent and timely media analysis of the famous linguist and social critic Noam Chomsky whom the N.Y. Times has called, "arguably the most important intellectual alive".

The film was made by two Montreal film-makers who followed Chomsky around the world for four years, filming in 26 cities in seven countries. Distilled from 125 hours of film, this documentary takes a difficult subject and makes it funny and interesting.

This film series is curated by Christine Clarke, who has chosen a film a month for the first six months of 1993. These films represent the newest and the best, and sometimes the most controversial, from the National Film Board.

February 24th — Women In the Shadows, The Learning Path, and Bowl of Bone.

Friday, January 15, 1993, 7:30 p.m. — The Museum is hosting another in our series of lectures, this one by Dr. John Lobdell, recently retired from the University of Alaska, who will speak about the Utqiavik site which contained well-preserved frozen remains of prehistoric Inupiaq people and their house.

The presentation will include an award-winning video on the excavation and a discussion of the issues surrounding a site such as this. This lecture is sponsored by the Yukon Science Institute, the Eldorado Hotel and the Dawson City Museum.

Thursday, January 21, 1993, 8:00 p.m. — The Museum will host a public meeting with Rick Lamere, Director of YTG Arts Branch, who wants information and input from people interested in the arts in Dawson. This would include visual arts, crafts, music, theatre, etc.



The schools' choir entertains during the Museum's open house in December.

Photo by Michael Gates

Commissioner's awards to recognize Bravery, Public Service

Whitehorse - A posthumous award for bravery to Luc Gerard Piquette, formerly of Dawson City, and awards for public service to Lucy Steele of Whitehorse, Jane Vincent of Dawson City, and Al Tomlin of Haines Junction, made up the annual Commissioner's awards for 1992.

The public service awards were presented in the new year by Commissioner Ken McKinnon.

Piquette drowned in a boating accident downstream from Dawson City in early October. Fred Stretch of Dawson City also drowned in the accident. A third passenger in the boat, Alvin Peterson of Dawson City, credits Piquette with willingly risking his life in an attempt to save his companions, despite full knowl-

edge of the odds against him. When the boat swamped, he immediately ran to the bow and tried to level it. The boat sank and the heavy motors held it vertically in the water. Only about a foot of the bow was above water and they clung to that. After discussing their options, Piquette decided to swim the 300 yards to shore to get a canoe from Peterson's fish camp downstream. He was not seen again.

Both Lucy Steele and Jane Vincent serve as ambassadors for the Yukon when they race in national or international cross country ski competitions. In 1991 they qualified for the Canadian Olympic Team at the World Cup. Qualifying for, and competing in the Olympic Games, was a first for any Yukon athlete.

In Dawson City, Vincent has provided inspiration to young skiers by her example. When first arriving, she had to contend with

the problems of cold and short, dark days, no ski organization, building, set tracks or lighted trails. Steele has devoted many hours to share her knowledge and experience with younger Yukon skiers.

The Commissioner's award for

bravery honours citizens for acts of courage, determination, or special achievement. The award for public services honours Yukoners who have made a significant or lasting contribution to the economic, social, political or cultural life in the Yukon.

Youth's greatest disabler

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And with good reason. Schizophrenia usually strikes during adolescence or early adulthood, between the ages of 19 and 29. Children who have grown up, looking for all the world as normal as anyone else, suddenly start to become strangers.

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But in time these "harmless" symptoms are joined by more unsettling ones. Victims begin to withdraw from their friends, isolating themselves in ways that seem out of character. Work or school begins to suffer. So does personal appearance.

Within the first six months of these symptoms appearing and persisting, something very unsettling happens. The first of a series of psychotic episodes takes place. In other words the schizophrenia sufferer talks in ways that are hard to understand or starts having unusual perceptions.

In remission, persons with schizophrenia may seem relatively normal. At the very least they can function in society.

But in relapse the symptoms are impossible to ignore.

Among the most common are delusions, hallucinations and disordered thinking.

Schizophrenia is not uncommon. It does, however, vary greatly from person to person in the intensity, type and frequency of its symptoms.

Disturbing, debilitating and baffling, schizophrenia is an illness that if it remains a puzzle today, is a puzzle that is slowly being solved. With the help of skilled psychotherapy, proper medication and supportive loved ones, many persons with the illness can live at home, work at jobs, enjoy family and friends.

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Once it has taken hold, the symptoms of schizophrenia wax and wane in cycles of remission and relapse.

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For more information please call National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy committee secretaries at (613) 992-7189.



Canada 125 Medals

YTG Press Release

A special feature at the annual Commissioner's New Year's Day Levee this year was the presentation of Canada 125 medals to 65 Yukoners for outstanding contributions to their community or to Canada.

Medals were presented by Yukon MP Audrey McLaughlin, Government Leader John

The medals were struck to commemorate the 125th anniversary of confederation. Similar commemorative medals were issued to mark Canada's Centennial in 1967, and Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

Receiving the award from Dawson were: Darcy Anne Braga and Angie Joseph-Rear.

Darcy always goes out of her

Former long-time Dawsonites also receiving the award were Marjorie Michiko Profeit and Eleanor Millard (now living in Whitehorse).

Marjorie has been a generous neighbour to many in the Yukon and is being recognized for her lifelong contribution to the community.

Eleanor has volunteered extensively with adult literacy, English as a Second Language and Special Olympics. She is a founding member of the Yukon Development Education Centre.



Dawson winners Angie Joseph-Rear and Darcy Braga.

file photos

Ostashek, and Commissioner Ken McKinnon.

Yukon residents and organizations were invited to nominate people to receive the medals. A committee made up of representatives from various Yukon groups, associations and communities made the final selections.

way to help in the community in any way she can. She is involved with home care for both young and elderly.

Angie has served as councillor and chief of the Dawson First Nation and for the past few years she has been extremely committed to reviving the Han language.

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Inaugural KLONDYKE Centennial Ball

Diamond Tooth Gerties
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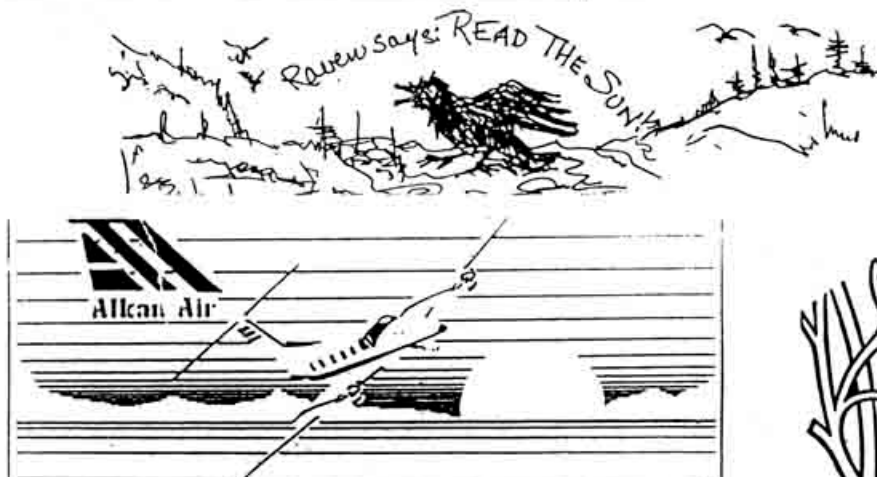
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A Christmas gift to the Community

by Dan Davidson

Various head counts indicated that something like 400 people turned out to this year's school Christmas Concert. Add to that nearly 260 students and one can imagine a very packed gymnasium the night of December 21.

After three years of theatrical productions that managed to stretch to involve the entire school in a musical-dramatic whole, the students and staff at Robert Service School went for a different approach this year. With Mr. McConnell's band classes in their second year and Mrs. Davidson's choir work now officially part of the primary curriculum, it was decided to build the annual Christmas concert around these activities. That resolve didn't shorten the concert a bit, however, because there was still a lot to see and hear.

The bands opened the evening with "O Canada". The grade 1 and 2 Primary choir presented a selection of lighthearted Christmas fare, including "All I want for Christmas" and "Nuttin' for Christmas". After a special Christmas recitation, which was written and performed by the Kindergarten classes, the Junior choir, from grades 2-4, kept up that pace with numbers like "Cool Santa" and "Run, Run Reindeer".

The grade five class dramatized "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" just before the Senior Band (grades 7-10) and Senior Choir (grades 5-9) contributed a quartet of traditional carols, ranging from the stately "O Come All Ye

Faithful" to the rousing "Go Tell It On the Mountain".

The Junior Band (grade 6) was up next with simple versions of four tunes, including "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" and "Up on the Housetop", followed by the Senior choir with the thoughtful "Message of the Holly" and the rollicking "Skateboardin' Santa".

The second dramatic offering of the evening was O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi", presented by the hastily created RSS Drama Club and directed by principal Carol McCauley. The Senior Band closed the evening with "Winter Wonderland".



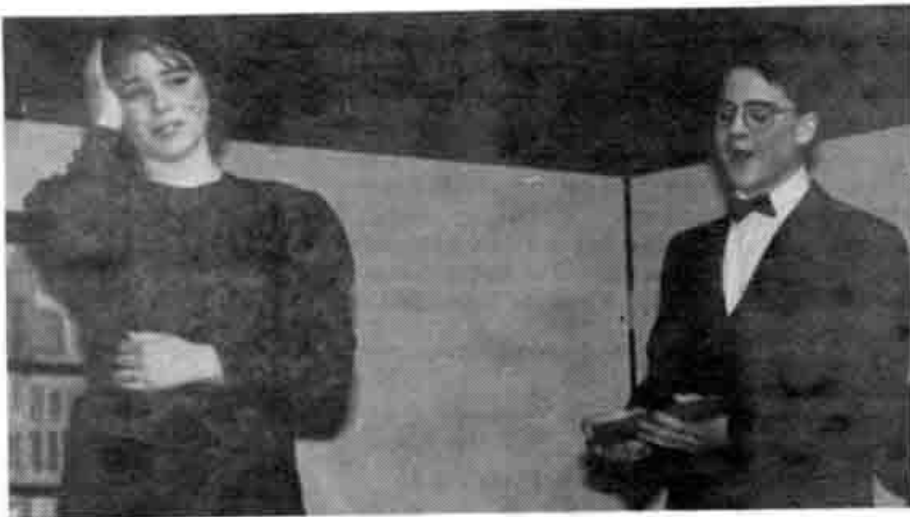
**the Senior choir and the Senior Band
bring the gift of music**



the grade 1&2 Primary Choir



Kindergarten bids Santa "Hurry"

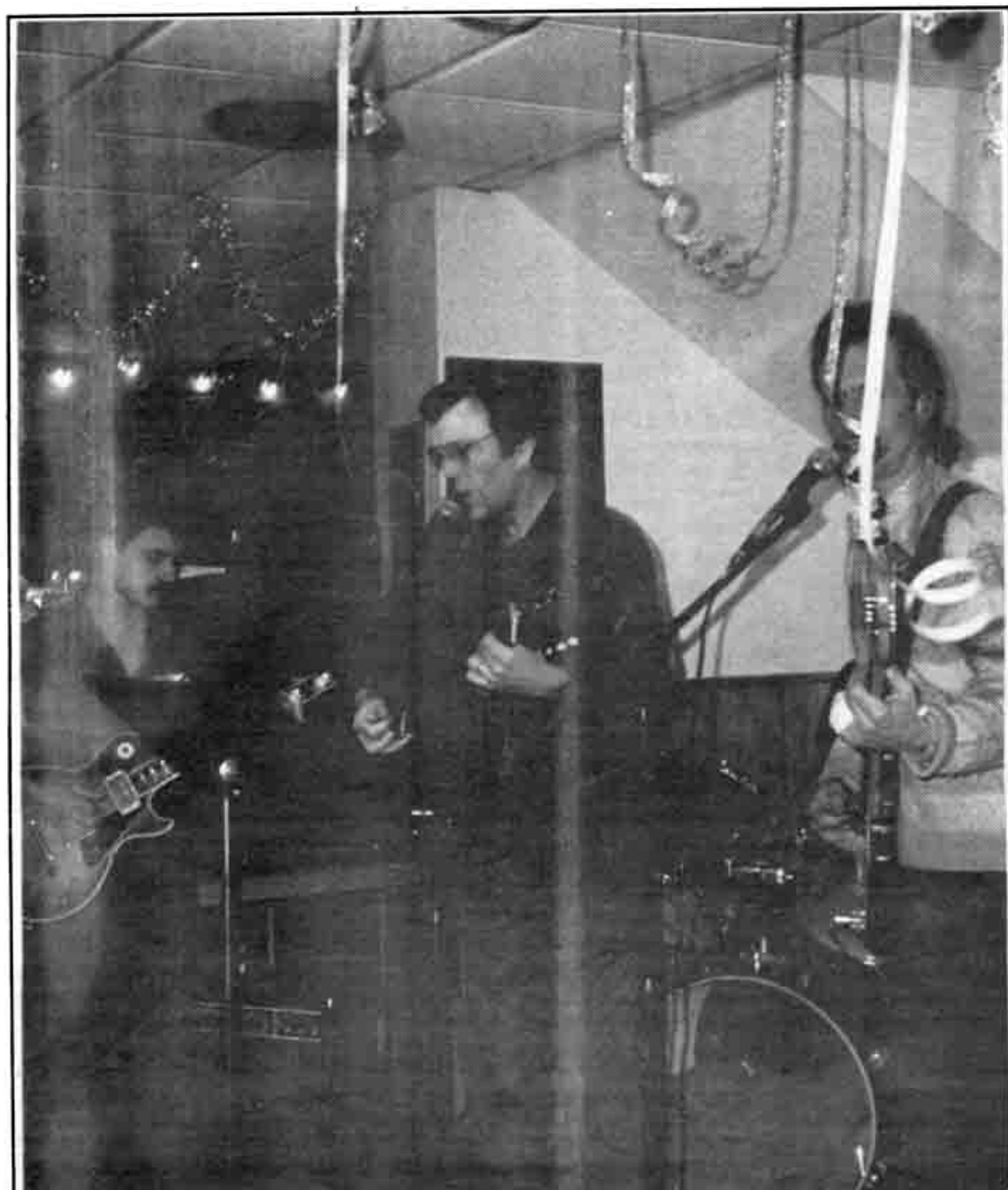


O'Henry's young lovers sell their prized possessions to get the perfect gift for each other. Here Tara McCauley and Patrick Sack begin to realize what they've done.

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photos by
Mike Gates



The Cool, Cool Junior choir



Mike Perry, Ron Ryant and Larry Smoler in action at the Eldorado Hotel's Sluice Box Lounge on New Year's Eve.

photo by Madeleine Gould

Inaugural Klondyke Centennial Ball

DAWSON CITY: Get out your '98 Klondyke Costumes and Formal Wear, dust off your dancing shoes and mark the date, Saturday, February 20, 1993.

The Klondyke Centennials Society are sponsoring the Inaugural Klondyke Centennial Ball at Diamond Tooth Gerties. A spokesperson for the group indicated that the Ball will help launch the "Decade of Centennials", raise some money for the local committee and provide entertainment when the 1993 Yukon Quest mushers and support people come through Dawson during the 10th running of the 1,000 mile race.

The committee hope to have thematic Balls. This year the theme will promote the kick-off to a Decade of Centennials. In 1994, they hope to use the 100th anniversary of the Yukon Order of Pioneers as the theme.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and dancing and gambling at 9 pm.

Two hundred fifty tickets will go on sale January 19 in Dawson. Invitations will go out to various dignitaries, but no free tickets will be issued. Tickets are \$60 per couple or \$35 per person.

The Yukon Quest weekend in Dawson, will be further enhanced by the Klondyke Centennial So-

ciety hosting a Casino Night on Friday, February 19. The evening will feature the Slot Machines, in addition to Black Jack and Roulette tables. A \$5 entry fee will be levied at the door.

The Klondyke Centennial Society wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the Klondyke Visitors Association in opening Diamond Tooth Gerties one week earlier than normally scheduled, to enable the Society to stage the weekend activities.

For further information contact:

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Weather Report

by Art Vickers

Weather Report for Dawson City, Yukon for December 1992. This episode prepared by Art Vickers, your friendly Flight Service Specialist, from the Transport Canada Flight Service Station, located at Dawson City International Airport.

Well, 1992 is now history. We ended on a rather cool note. Temperatures hovered in the minus 35 to minus 46 (31 to 51 below) for the last half of the month. There were fewer hardy people willing to leave their warm houses to partake of the various festivities during the holidays but those who did, sure enjoyed ourselves. The usual (for Dawson) large number of open houses once again offered a fantastic variety of delicious food. For those of us who did make the rounds of the open houses, we have two things left to show for our efforts -

1. Great memories of the culinary delights offered and
2. An expanded waistline which will require a lot of exercise to whittle back to pre-Christmas dimensions.

Thanks to all the hard working people who prepared the various feasts during the holidays from all of us who thoroughly enjoyed them.

There appeared to be more people who got into the Christmas spirit this year and decorated their houses or businesses. All the exterior lights and decorations definitely added to the special memories which are generated during the Christmas season.

Something happened to us that is a first for us. We have a Christmas tree that has decided to grow. It is not dried-out and shed-

ding its needles but has an inch or two of new growth on all its branches. I am wondering if there is any way to save this seasonally mixed-up tree and return it to the ground in the spring. Any ideas?

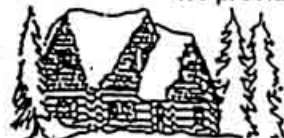
Well, here are the statistics for December. (Fahrenheit in brackets, as usual.)

No records were broken in December - we didn't break the all-time Maximum of 12.8(55.0) nor the all time Minimum of -54.4 (-66.0) either. See you next month.

	1992	1991	30 Year Average
Maximum Temp.	-5.0 (23.0)	-6.4 (20.5)	
Minimum Temp.	-46.3 (-51.3)	-42.4 (-44.3)	
Mean Maximum	-24.1 (-11.4)	-20.6 (-5.1)	-21.8 (-7.3)
Mean Minimum	-32.9 (-27.2)	-31.5 (-24.7)	-28.9 (-20.0)
Mean Temperature	-28.5 (-19.3)	-26.1 (-15.0)	-25.3 (-13.6)
Total Snowfall	36.6cm (14.4")	28.7cm (11.3")	27.9cm (11.0")
Days with Snowfall	22	27	13
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Report from Ottawa

by Audrey McLaughlin, Yukon M.P.

It's the New Year. A time for reflecting upon the year that was and looking forward to the year that will be.

As your member of Parliament, it has certainly been a very busy year for me. I've worked with many local people and met with government ministers on a number of issues important to the North including placer mining regulations, Curragh Resources, land claims funding, aviation safety and airport closures, northern travel tax deductions and protecting the Porcupine Caribou and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Other issues included funding for the Association Franco-Yukonnaise, Canadian participation in Yukon River salmon monitoring programs, urging federal government action in helping clean up nuclear wastes in the Arctic Ocean, protesting radioactive plutonium shipments through Canadian waters, and helping make sure Yukon rights weren't ignored in the latest constitutional round.

And then there are the literally hundreds of people who drop by

or call my constituency office and receive assistance on tax problems, immigration cases, passports, student loans, unemployment insurance claims, visas, information on federal government regulations and policies, helping to cut through the "red tape" of bureaucracy, and any other problem they may be experiencing.

Sometimes I'm called upon to help special visitors such as Billy Carmack - the descendant of George Carmack of Gold Rush fame - who was turned away at the Canadian border while on his way up to the Yukon to participate in Discovery Days. I was very happy to write a letter on his behalf and was glad when he was allowed to come to the Yukon after all.

One of the most enjoyable parts of this job is visiting with school children all around the Yukon. I always try to go to a school in a different community each time I'm home because I find children often have a very interesting perspective on politics and the future of the country.

I believe the education of our children is so very important and I am always impressed by how much they know about the world around them at such an early age.

For example, some Yukon students were visiting Parliament Hill and had a chance to watch Question Period. "Now I know why they call it Question Period," one student said. "Because there are no answers!"

I very much look forward to visiting the Klondike area in the coming months. Not only does it give me a chance to hear what's on people's minds, but it also reminds me of what's really important.

Some politicians assume that Ottawa is where all the important things happen. But as one of my colleagues is fond of saying, Ottawa is like the "hole" in the doughnut - everywhere else is the doughnut! So I guess for me, coming home and speaking with Yukoners is what keeps me going.

I want to wish each and everyone a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year!

RCMP News:

Snowmobile Safety Tips

Given the recent turn in our local weather, the time has come again for local snowmobile owners/operators to be reminded of the duties and requirements which they face when contemplating using snowmobiles on any highway. Unlike many other communities, snowmobiles may be operated on the streets of Dawson City. What some snowmobilers sometimes forget however, is that they are subject to the rules of the road just as all other motor vehicle operators, and with this, the requirements and penalties set forth in the Yukon Territory Motor Vehicles Act, and the Criminal Code of Canada.

As is the case with any motor vehicle, the dangers involving the combination of snowmobiles with alcohol and/or drugs are quite real — and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be including snowmobiles in their efforts to curb impaired driving. Other areas of concern for the police include: that all snowmobiles are both registered and insured if being driven on any street or highway, that no person under the age of sixteen is per-

mitted to operate a snowmobile on any highway, that all traffic control devices and signs are obeyed, and that all snowmobiles conform with the equipment requirements set forth in the Motor Vehicles Act. Contravention of any of the laws in this area could result in substantial fines, or even imprisonment for more serious criminal offences.

In terms of equipment required on snow-machines, it is the duty of all snowmobile operators to ensure that their vehicle is both safe and "street legal". These equipment requirements include the snowmobile having an adequate head-lamp, tail-lamp, stop-lamps, a horn or other warning device, and that all operators and passengers wear safety helmets, amongst others.

As one can readily see, there are a number of obligations placed upon snowmobilers using our highways, but hopefully, if all are met, our roadways will be safer for pedestrians, snowmobiles, and other motor vehicles alike.

Yes, it is legal for two people to ride on a snowmobile at one time.

Yukon Territory Water Board Office des eaux du territoire du Yukon

Notice of Application and Public Hearing Avis de Demande et D'Audience publique

The Yukon Territory Water Board has received the application(s) listed below for water use licence. Pursuant to Section 17(2) of the Northern Inland Waters Act, a Public Hearing will be held on the date indicated. Should no representation be registered, the Board may cancel the hearing.

Licence Type Number	Applicant Nom du requérant	Water Source Source d'alimentation	Rate of Use Taux d'utilisation	Hearing Date Date de l'audience
MN92-001	City of Dawson	Klondike River	1,234,000 igpd	March 2/93

Interested persons may review the application(s) and obtain copies of the Board's Rules of Procedures for Public Hearings at the Water Board office located at Suite 200, 4114 - 4th Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 4N7, Telephone: (403) 667-3980, Fax (403) 668-3628.

Representation: Any person who wishes to make representation in connection with this matter shall file with the Board by 12:00 P.M. ten days before the date fixed for public hearing a signed notice of intent to intervene. Deadline for Notice is:

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Observation: Toute personne qui désire présenter des observations à l'audience doit déposer à l'Office un avis signé d'intention d'intervenir, et ce, avant 12 h, au moins dix jours avant la date de l'audience publique. L'avis doit être reçu avant le:

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Justin McCully

Rosanna Neuman and Fred Taylor are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter, **NANCY JANE MARY SELINA ALICE TAYLOR.**

Baby was born at **Whitehorse General Hospital** on December 7, 1992 weighing 4 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 17 1/2 inches.

♥ A Sister for Randy
♥ A long awaited granddaughter for Nancy Taylor



Laura and Rene' Nadeau are pleased to announce the birth of their son **Stephen Joseph Nadeau**, born in Kelowna B.C. on December 3, 1992 and weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz.



ELLA'S TRAVEL TIPS

By Ella Patay

If you read my column last month, and wondered why the last paragraph did not make sense, there was a typo. Here is what it should have said:

1971--In London, an air conditioned Rolls Royce rented for 58.60/day.

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One can only wonder if the days of travellers' cheques and money exchange are numbered. The spread of Automated Teller Machine Networks means you can now use your bank card to get pounds from a machine in an English village, U.S. dollars from a machine virtually any place in the U.S. and local currency in 35 other countries.

It means travellers do not have to carry lots of cash with them or wait in line-ups and pay commission to change money or cash cheques. There are a number of countries where the use of a bank card is still not possible, but the spread of ATM's has been rapid and it shouldn't be long before you can use your bank card almost anywhere.

Meeting new people while on vacation, locals and other travellers alike, can often make your vacation a success. Here are some hints on the best ways to do it, and actually these suggestions are useful even if you like your privacy:

- 1) Learn the language. Even a few phrases can open doors.
- 2) Escape the routine and explore,

learn what matters to the residents.

- 3) Take taxis, buses and trains.
- 4) Strike up conversation with hotel employees.
- 5) Stay in Bed-and-Breakfasts, and Youth Hostels.
- 6) Ask directions and carry a map. People spot the map and offer assistance.
- 7) Take an all day bus tour.
- 8) Visit exchange students who have lived with you.
- 9) Meet others with a smile! (Doesn't this always work?)

Have a wonderful 1993!

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Jan and Meredith Couture returned from a 2 1/2 week vacation in December, in time to participate in the Christmas festivities. They spent a hectic time visiting Jan's Mom in Connecticut and other relatives in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania and visiting every shopping mall between New Haven and the Delaware Gap.

Mike, Kathy and Megan Gates and Sheila Jones enjoyed entertaining Kathy's special friend Marie Seto from Vancouver over the Christmas week. Marie got to experience a genuine -40 below, as well as waiting for the weather to warm up enough so that she could return to the relative warmth of snowy Vancouver.

It was great to see how many people got into the Christmas spirit and decorated their homes and businesses for the Christmas season. We believe that **BEAR ESSENTIALS** and **BEAVER LUMBER** were the first to turn on the Christmas lights. But special mention must go to the **Canadian Parks Service**.

We showed you the Commissioners' Residence bedecked with coloured lights in the December issue. However, they even decorated the Palace Grand and a very special display graced

Winauts Store windows. The Nativity Scene in the north window was created by the **General Works department** of the Canadian Parks Service. Great!

Did you see the Santa and Snowmen in the **Gold City Tours Bus**? Great display, Buff and Ella!

HERE COMES THE SUN! If you were standing on the balcony of the Waterfront Building January 7, you could have basked in the first rays of the sun for 1993! By January 10, SUN staffers were even able to enjoy the sun's rays inside the newspaper office for a few minutes.

Nancy Sefton was in town for several days to complete the sale of her home on Eighth Ave. near Queen to **Tim Gunther** who works for the Dawson City General Store. Nancy has continued with YTG having taken carpenter training, making her a hard-working person in the Sign Shop in Whitehorse. Cheryl West is caring for Royce and Kittycat while Nancy takes a break in the sun.

Congratulations go out to the owners of the **Westminster Hotel**, who for the second year running, cooked and hosted a free Christmas dinner for their

patrons.

To Mexico for holidays were **Pat Russell** and **Robbie Van Rump**. Those that did not get to Mexico were **Suzanne, Namiko** and **Akio Saito**. Vancouver airport was snowed under, which delayed them enough to miss their flight to Mexico. They went to Florida instead.

Returning from Christmas outside were **Tony Berger** from Victoria and **Jeff Barber** from Okanagan College, Kelowna. In departing, Tony was fortunate to catch the Saturday plane out. Jeff was booked for Sunday, but because of the heavy snowfall in Whitehorse, he was unable to leave until Tuesday.

Also in Mexico were **Gail Kreitzer** and **Ross Knox**. They shared a Christmas dinner with **Pat** and **Victor Mitander**.

Visiting with **Minnie** and **Tony Beets** is Tony's mom **Mazda Beets** from Holland. Mazda will be visiting for an indefinite period. Nice to see her back.

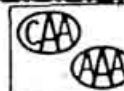
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RAISING FOURTH WORLD AWARENESS

by Brent Morrison

On December 4 and 5, 1992, members of the Yukon Development Education Centre (YDEC) came to Dawson to present a video and slide presentation at the museum, school, and First Nation offices. With them was Renzo Ordoñez a Guatemalan refugee who escaped to Canada in April of 1992. Accompanied by Eleanor Millard and Caroline Simmons they brought to Dawson the harsh realities of life in Guatemala.

Located south of Mexico and sharing borders with El Salvador, Honduras, and Belize, the country is ruled by an oppressive military under the guise of a civilian puppet president. Along with YDEC, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace and the Vancouver based Project Accompaniment (and several other groups) have been lobbying Ottawa to put pressure on the Guatemalan government to bring about changes. The Dawson trip was part of YDEC's mandate, which according to Millard (a former 18 year resident of Dawson City) is "to educate people about Third World conditions." Millard also added that "this effort is being made because of people in Whitehorse who want to expand the education programs from Whitehorse to the communities".

Guatemala has a population of approximately 9 million, 60% of which are Mestizos (or Ladinos), a combination of Spanish and Mayan peoples, and nearly half of the entire population is under 18 years old. Ordoñez himself is a Ladino and a Law student (a strange combination in a country where education is compulsory only until grade six, and very few families can afford to send their children to school) he was working to form Capisinos (peasant unions) to fight for better wages and living conditions. "Because he was doing that he was threatened, he had death threats and

stuff and he left," Millard says. Getting an exit visa to leave Guatemala is extremely difficult, even for ordinary citizens not involved in politics. "But for Renzo," Millard states, "he had to go to the Canadian embassy dressed as a woman to leave the country. Canada accepted him as a refugee and made sure he was safely on the plane." Ordoñez speaks very little English so Millard did most of the translations, but from the reaction on his face he obviously knew what "Jimi Hendrix" meant.

The trio was impressed with the response of the people in Dawson. Their presentation to the grade 4, 6, and 8 classes resulted in "quite a lively discussion." While at Robert Service School Renzo emphasized the fact that most of the children in Guatemala can't go to school. Because wages are so low practically everyone has to work. As Simmons explained, "He was just impressing upon the children here that they take every opportunity that's given to them so that the future will be better for them, because there are children in Guatemala who'd like to go to school and can't." Illiteracy runs around 80% in the Guatemalan countryside.

Millard was also impressed with the meeting they had with Dawson First Nation, "one of the focuses we have from YDEC is to try and connect with Indian people, to start making some moves to understanding what they call the Fourth World; which is all the Indigenous people in the world." The United Nations has declared 1993 the Year of the Indigenous Peoples. "We want to start gearing up for doing something in that focus, and that's where Renzo is going to be very useful, that's where his interest is."

Guatemala's most infamous reputation is its abuse of Human Rights especially among its youth. As Millard explains,

"there are so many tourists the government doesn't like to see these street people, street kids, so they kill them. The police kill these children. [The] tourist industry is very strong, what people go there for is to see the Indians, the Indians are pushed as tourist attractions, and yet at the same time the government is committing genocide, killing

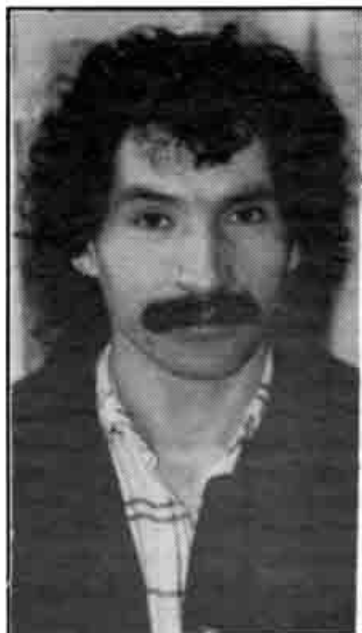


Photo by Brent Morrison

Renzo Ordoñez came to Dawson recently with YDEC to speak about Guatemala.

them off. And they don't accept that there is a majority of Indian people in Guatemala... the government won't accept that officially. They won't say, 'Yes there is a majority of Indian people'."

A November 1991 issue of OMNI magazine (Vol. 14 #2) focused on the abuse of these street children, and both the report and the pictures it contained were horrific. That report called the United States "Guatemala's military and economic godfather." Millard, Simmons, and Ordoñez said much the same thing, and blamed a few other nations as well. "Around the turn of the century the United Fruit Company pretty much took over control of all the plantations," Millard ex-

plains, "they wanted cheap labour, and because they had a lot of American backing they pretty much ran the government." The Koreans and the Taiwanese own a large number of clothing factories and Simmons translated that, "There's abuse on the job with the Koreans at the factories, if the women don't work well they'll hit them."

Compounding the problem of the peasants is the fact that 3% of the population own 98% of the arable land. "It's basically a Feudal system. It's as if you go back into the middle ages when you go there," Millard states. "The native people have no claim to their land at all, the land is in the hands of a very few: the Government, the United Fruit Company, land owners, and the military. They own all the land and these people are working for nothing, so that these people [the land owners] can make a lot of money by selling it [products such as coffee and bananas] to the United States and Canada."

The native people are also unable to use the Law to help their cause, the courts are run by the ruling class; and the few occasions when they manage to get anything into the courts the judges are "persuaded" not to take the case. Millard related the story of Myrna Elizabeth Mack Chang, a Chinese-American Anthropologist who was murdered in Guatemala. "Her American sister is trying to go through the court system in Guatemala to get these military guys [responsible for the murder], she is risking her life every time she goes there to do anything, and they've had something like fourteen different judges on that case because nobody wants to sit on it...there is a system of Law, and they're reasonable laws, but nobody pays attention to them."

Despite the present situation, there are some positive signs in the future. In addition to the U.N. declaring 1993 the Year of the Indigenous Peoples which should raise some attention world-wide, the U.N. is also beginning to put pressure on Guatemala's government to allow approximately 200,000 refugees that fled to

Mexico back into the country. "The United Nations doesn't want to keep on paying for them," Millard states, "and they've been there ten years. So the refugees are saying 'We won't go back without these conditions, we want our land back and we want to be protected'."

There are also Internationalists in Guatemala who accompany the refugees. Millard has done similar things herself in El Salvador. "The international support really makes a difference, the knowledge and support of what's happening scares the Guatemala government. Anybody who is around an Internationalist is more or less protected...if they're having a meeting or a demonstration or something like that."

There is also The Guerrilla Army of the Poor, founded in 1975, it is affiliated with other guerrilla movements in Central America, but the YDEC representatives didn't think they would be able to overthrow the government. They are "trying to disrupt the economy so that there is some attention drawn to the conditions."

Millard maintains that educating people about the problems there is the best help for the Guatemalans, but that it isn't always easy. "There's a lot of racism in this kind of work... I think South Africa was more of a sexy issue because it was white Commonwealth people doing it. We don't really care about Latin America, it's just a bunch of Indians fighting off Spanish guys anyway who speak a funny language'. We don't care as much about Guatemala as we do about South Africa."

"It's very interesting that we know so little about Central America, and I think that's something that really disturbs me, that all our History learned in school is European...they don't want us to know about what's happened in Latin America which is just our back door."

Anyone interested in helping the people of the Fourth World, or interested in more information should contact the Yukon Development Education Centre at (403) 668-7224.



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Creature Comforts



by Shelley Hakonson

Well ... after the turkey and gravy, the many, many rich and wonderful hors d'oeuvres, the eggnog and rum, the cookies and mince pies — all the heavy, calorie-laden completely irresistible Christmas foods, how about lots of veggies, very little meat and great flavour ... Chinese!

Drunken Spareribs — a dish from Fujian

1 lb. pork spareribs	2 green onions, chopped
1 tbsp. cornstarch	1 garlic clove, finely chopped
2 tbsp. rice wine or sherry	1 sm. green pepper, in strips
1 tbsp. curry powder	1 sm. red pepper, in strips
1 tsp. sugar	1 tbsp. sesame seed oil (mix 1/2 & 1/2 with peanut oil)
1 tbsp. soy sauce	
1 tbsp. tomato paste	

Chop the ribs in small pieces, mix in cornstarch, wine or sherry, and curry powder. Deep fry in hot oil for 3 minutes, scoop out and drain. Put a little oil in wok and stir fry the green onions and garlic, followed by the red and green pepper strips. Add sugar, soy sauce, tomato paste and sesame oil or sesame oil blend. Stir to make a smooth sauce, add the ribs and blend well. Serve with steamed rice.

Mixed Wok Veggies — A simple addition to any Chinese meal

2 green peppers	2 tomatoes
1 sm. head lettuce or bok choy	1 garlic clove
1 Cucumber	2-3 tbsp. peanut oil with a dash
1 zucchini	sesame oil
1/2 tsp. salt	

Seed and dice green peppers. Separate lettuce leaves. Peel and dice cucumber, zucchini and tomatoes. Mince garlic.

Heat oil, add salt and then garlic. Stir-fry a few times, add green pepper and stir-fry one minute.

Add cucumber and zucchini and stir-fry for one minute. Add tomatoes and lettuce and gently stir-fry another 1/2 minute to one minute.

Cover and cook two minutes more over medium heat. Serve at once. *These veggies need no stock, they will cook in their own liquids.

A Really Good Sweet and Sour Sauce

3/4 cp. water	1 tbsp. cornstarch
1/2 cp. sugar	1 tbsp. soy sauce
1/2 cp. vinegar	1/4 cp. water

Bring water to the boil, add sugar, stirring and cook another minute to dissolve. Add vinegar and cook one minute more.

Meanwhile blend cornstarch, soy sauce and remaining cold water to a paste. Then stir in the hot mixture to thicken. You can enhance the colour of the sweet and sour sauce by the addition of two tbsp. tomato sauce or 1/2 tsp. red food colouring.

Variations: Use brown sugar or honey; cider vinegar; heavy soy sauce.

Stir-Fried Chicken and Oyster Sauce (4 servings)

1 chicken breast	1 tbsp. cornstarch
2 green onions	4 tbsp. water
1 garlic clove	1 tsp. sugar
2 slices fresh ginger root	1 tsp. soy sauce
2 tbsp. oyster sauce	2-3 tbsp. oil
1 tbsp. sherry	1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cp. chicken stock	



Skin and bone chicken, then dice or slice. Cut green onions in 1-inch sections. Mince garlic finely.

Mince ginger root, then combine with oyster sauce, soy sauce and sherry.

Blend cornstarch, water, sugar and remaining soy sauce to a paste. Heat oil until quite hot, add salt, then garlic and brown lightly. Add chicken and stir-fry until it loses its pinkness.

Stir in oyster sauce mixture to coat chicken and blend, 1-2 minutes.

Stir in stock and heat quickly. Then cook, covered, 2-3 minutes over medium heat. Stir in green onions, then stir in cornstarch paste to thicken. Serve at once.

Pork Fried Rice — Really easy and really good

1 cp. roast pork - diced	4 cps. cold cooked rice
1/4 cp. green onions - diced	2-3 tbsp. oil
2 eggs - beaten well	1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 tbsp. soy sauce	1/2 cp. frozen peas



Break up and separate the cold cooked rice. Heat the oil, add pork and green onions and stir-fry briefly.

Add rice, salt and soy sauce. Stir-fry to heat well, add beaten eggs and fold in until they begin to set. Add the peas and stir them into the hot rice. Serve at once.

(I've found the NOH seasonings for Chinese food to be excellent. They were recommended to me by a Chinese chef - David Lum.)



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A Christmas Carol in the Han language was sung with gusto at the Dawson First Nations Annual Community Christmas Dinner.

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Shelter update

by Marjie Hills

Happy New Year Dawson! The Shelter has a lot of thanks to extend to all those generous community members who helped make our Christmas season special. Our annual Gingerbread House Party went by without a hitch thanks to the help of numerous volunteers, especially Grace Jackson, Joanie Gilbertson, Darcey, Jonathan, Jay Armitage, and Marina Squires.

Thank you to the YOOPs who let us use their hall! We would also like to thank the staff at the Mining Recorder's Office for their donation, as well as Bill Bowie for his, and the students of Robert Service School for bringing in all that food.

The Robert Service School Choir, the Glee Club, and the Dawson Church Choirs went carolling and collected donations

amounting to \$243.17. Special thanks go to Betty Davidson and Denise Fras.

Both the Farmer's Market and the General Store graciously allowed us to put out boxes to collect food donations for the Shelter. Thanks to all of these donations we were able to provide food hampers and small gifts for a number of families in Dawson.

We would also like to thank Russ at Frontier Freight for donating a big beautiful turkey for our Christmas meal! Thanks must also go to the I.O.D.E. for donating a lovely afghan blanket and numerous Christmas goodies.

Lotteries Yukon has generously provided us with funding to purchase a sewing machine. We will be buying that once we have settled into the New Year.

Keep an eye out for our Mon-



Gingerbread architects of the Klondike. Our future shelter is in these hands. Hope they wash 'em first.

photo by Mike Gates

day night videos on DCTV. We will continue to air National Film Board videos in January. Thanks to James for putting them on for us!

At the Shelter we wish you all the best for the New Year! Thanks again to all our supporters; we appreciate you very much. Our goal for 1993 is to continue the struggle to meet our mandate of providing shelter and safety to women and children in need, and to carry on promoting healthy non-violent lifestyles.

Thanks also to our staff members, old and new, who work very hard year round to provide support to those in need. Keep up the good work!



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Coming of Age

by Joanne Smith

Last month I outlined some items to consider should you be planning a move for your parent(s) into your home. This time I will cover how you can stay in touch with your relatives long distance.

An established routine can be very reassuring for anyone. Call on the phone or write letters to exchange news and find out how things are going. One can even send cassettes and videotapes to help distant family members feel close. Keep in mind that such equipment may be useful for those who do not suffer confusion in their later years.

If your relative is receiving care for a physical or mental condition, you could stay in touch with any caregivers who are on the scene. This may include a neighbour, a friend or relative. It could also be a social worker or staff person from a community agency that is providing services. Be sure to let them know that you are interested and want to be kept updated of any changes.

As the person who lives far away from other members of the family, and many of us who live in the Yukon are in this position, you'll need to keep in mind the different viewpoints of close and distant relatives. On the one

hand, you may be the first to notice a problem. Confusion or memory loss may have developed so gradually that others may not have noticed. On the other hand, because you are not there everyday, you may not realize how difficult the situation is for the regular caregiver.

If your other parent or your brothers or sisters are providing care, talk with them and offer your support. Try to understand each other's feelings and points of view and talk over what can be done. Find ways to support each other and share responsibilities.

Next month I will outline how to arrange for help from a distance.

Happy January Birthday Greetings to: Tony Fritz, Frank A'Hearn, Ed Ballendine, Bill Blanchard.

Condolences...

The residents and staff send condolences to Margie Fry for the recent loss of her sister Helen Boutillier. The Frys took Helen into their home and cared for her for the last few years of her life. Our thoughts are with you.

To the Roberts family, we extend our deepest sympathy to you for the death of Mary Bergman.

Business Matters

by Allanah Fuhre

This month I am going to talk about computer printers. A lot of people are in the process of buying computers and printers. I hope this information will help in making the right choices.

Daisy Wheel Printers

A daisy wheel was one of the first type of computer printers available and works much like a typewriter. It has a type wheel that looks like a daisy with a character at the tip of each petal. The wheel rotates to place the character typed at the top; and then the "petal tip" is hit with a little hammer against a ribbon and the paper. The quality of type is comparable to an electric typewriter. A different wheel is needed for each font used and they tend to wear out fairly easily. Also, they are unable to print graphics. Because of the rotation of the wheel, these printers are very slow. Not many people use daisy wheel printers any more.

Dot Matrix Printers

Dot Matrix printers are the most popular "home" printers on the market today. They are also still used extensively in businesses. These have print heads containing thin stiff recessed wires. When you type a "T" for example, a combination of the wires needed to form the shape of a "T" project from the print head. The print head then strikes the ribbon and the paper. The cheaper printers typically have 9 pins and the more expensive generally have 24 pins. The 9 pin printers have thicker wires and must print the same line several times to form special characters, bold characters, and most graphics. The 24 pin printers require less repetition and because of the finer wire size, produce better looking copy. Since laser and ink jet printers are "non-impact" printers only dot matrix is used for multi-part form typing.

Colour dot matrix printers work on the same principal but

usually have a ribbon horizontally striped with black, cyan, magenta, and yellow. Hundreds of colours can be created by various combinations/repetitions of the four ribbon bands. Colour dot matrix printers are more expensive and so are their ribbons. For example, I pay just over \$5.00 for a black ribbon and \$25.00 for a colour ribbon for my dot matrix printer.

Specifications for dot matrix printers are often expressed in cps for draft and nlq.

Cps simply means characters per second printed and nlq stands for near letter quality. Near letter quality is the finest quality output available and consequently the slowest text mode of printing. If you are unsure about the printer you are buying ask the salesperson to print out a graphics file as well as an nlq text file while you watch. An 80 column printer will only take paper up to 8.5 inches wide while a 132 column printer will take up to 14 inches wide.

Ink Jet Printers

Ink jet printers are becoming more popular. They have print heads much like the dot matrix printer except the wire is a hollow nozzle. A pulse of ink is squirted out of the nozzle to hit the paper. Most good quality ink jet printers have 64 nozzles. Colour ink jet printers produce generally brighter and cleaner colour than colour dot matrix printers but are notoriously slow to print, especially graphics.

The bubble jet is an ink jet printer where the tube is heated forcing a bubble of ink to squirt onto the page.

Laser Printers

Laser printers produce the finest quality printing and are the most expensive printers. They work much like a photocopier except they obtain their information directly from your computer rather than from reflected light. They have a magnetic drum and

the signals the computer send cause the drum to be magnetized wherever ink is to be placed. The drum then rotates through powdered ink and the ink sticks to the magnetized parts of the drum. The drum continues to rotate against a piece of paper. The pattern of powdered ink is transferred to the paper. The paper then passes through a heat sealer and the ink is melted and fused to the paper.

The toner (ink) cartridges last from 5,000 to 15,000 copies and cost from \$30 to \$80 each. The drums are rated for about 100,000 to 150,000 copies and cost at least \$100 to \$180. Consequently, the cost per copy is fairly high. My laser printer is rated at 2.6¢ per copy and that is fairly inexpensive as laser printers go. Some of the cost per copy (not to mention the environment) can be saved by recycling the cartridges and the drums.

The standard laser printers print at 300 dpi (dots per inch) and the new enhanced lasers are able to print at 600 dpi or higher. Hewlett-Packard has set the standard in laser printers and most other brands have an emulation of a Hewlett-Packard built in.

Summary

The type of printer you should buy depends on the size of your pocket book, and on what you plan to print. If you are just looking for an inexpensive non-colour printer for letters and the odd sign or greeting card, then you probably only need a 9 pin dot matrix (under \$300). If you want a printer for heavy business use and want top quality then a postscript laser may be appropriate (\$2,000 and up). Or, you may fall somewhere in between.

The strongest piece of advice I can give you is to talk to people who have printers so that you can make your mind up about the type of printer that is best for you before you get to the store. Good luck.

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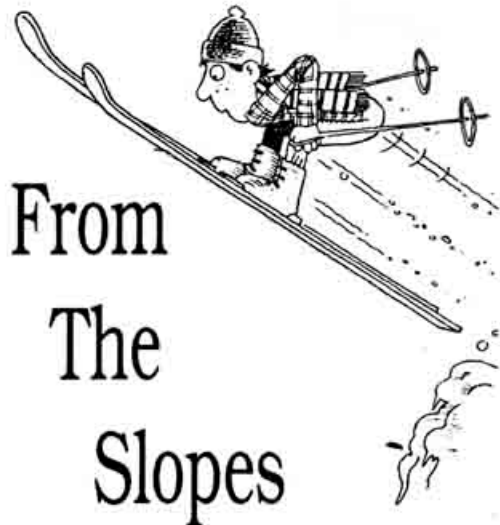
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From The Slopes

Just a quick update from the ski hill - We are ready to go just as soon as it warms up! Unfortunately the weather did not co-operate very well with us over the holidays so we were only open a couple of days for the diehards and even then we closed early.

For those of you that are interested in skiing, the El Dorado Hotel has graciously agreed to act as the local snow-phone (thanks to Peter, Charlotte, and crew). If you want to know if the hill is opened or closed and what the hours of operation are just give them a call at 993-5451 and they will provide you with updated information.

January 31 is the last day to purchase season passes for this year. If you would like to purchase one you may call Dina at 993-6009 to set it up. For those of you who have already purchased passes and haven't been up to the hill yet, please pick up your day pass at the chalet counter. All passes will be sold from the chalet this year to save congestion at the lift.

As always if there is anyone out there interested in giving some time to the ski hill feel free to contact any member and they will direct you to Trevor, Glenda or Dina or just pop up to the chalet whenever we are open. Not much else to report until we get skiing so until then...Think Snow!



The Christmas Tree Associations annual Party was held on December 12th. Kids enjoyed the Premiere of the Dawson Figure Skating Club. Skating, trying their muscles at Curling and homemade Pizza Photo by Michael Gates

Minor Hockey Report

submitted

With an early start to the season Minor Hockey in Dawson is well under way. Between 50 and 60 kids are presently playing in the two age groups.

1993 promises to be a busy year for our players and coaches. On the weekend of Feb. 12, 13 and 14 Dawson City is hosting the Yukon Championships in the Atom age group (10 and 11 years old). As many as 12 to 14 teams could be in town battling for the top spot. Come on down to the Rec. Centre and cheer on the local team in what will be a very entertaining event.

Schedules will be posted at the arena. The following weekend a Novice team will travel once again to Teslin for their championships. Other tournaments in Pee-Wee and Bantam age groups will be held in Whitehorse with Dawson players hopefully joining teams from Faro and Haines Junction.

February 6 will be the day for

our big fund raising event, the annual skate-a-thon. We encourage your support in a fun time for all involved.

The Atom hockey team fresh off of a convincing 15-1 win over the ladies team would like to issue a challenge in the skate-a-thon as well.

Minor hockey would not function if it weren't for the coaches who put their time and effort into helping the kids learn the basic skills of the game. A special thanks to:

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Ryan Peterson
Tony Thomas

Practice and game times are Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. For further info. contact Rod Dewell 993-6736 or John Flynn 993-5370.



By Anne Saunders

This Dog Sled Race commemorates Percy DeWolfe, a mail carrier who ran along the Yukon River between Dawson City and Eagle, Alaska for 40 continuous years using a variety of transportation methods which included dog sleds in the winter. Over the years, Percy developed quite a name for himself because he always got the mail through despite the weather conditions and therefore earned the nick name "The Iron Man of the North". The race follows the route taken by Percy by starting in Dawson, running on the Yukon River to Eagle, Alaska where there is a 4 hour layover and then back along the river to Dawson again.

The Percy DeWolfe Memorial Dog Sled Race will come up to the 17th annual Race this March and have just begun regular meetings.

Recently, the Percy DeWolfe Committee was put through a much needed and appreciated organizational strategy seminar which was delivered by Bob

McConkey.

K.V.A.'s Bob McConkey, who has extensive background in marketing and event planning, gave the seminar over two evenings in the Downtown Conference room in early December.

Basically the seminar created a "road map" for members to follow by listing and examining committee strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (causing failure) or S.W.O.T. for short. This strategy could be used for any organization to improve its effectiveness and increase professionalism.

This meeting was fairly lively and enthusiastic with very good participation. Having the organization analyzed so directly and concisely seemed to make quite an impact on the group.

New members are always welcome and if you would like to help in planning the Percy DeWolfe Dog Sled Race, the next meeting is on January 15 at 5:00 pm in the Downtown Conference room.

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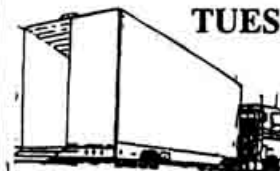
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A huge **THANK YOU** to those fellows at the Ice Rink; Coleman, Peter and Sidney, for making Troy Blanchard's 9th Birthday Party one to remember. Mother Elaine Grandy recommends a rink Party to those who would like to celebrate the occasions which allows everyone to let off plenty of steam with one hour on the ice. "Sure beats having it at home".

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hadn't the decency to
tell me.**

Audrey Harris

KLONDYKE CENTENNIAL SOCIETY

Casino Night

Diamond Tooth Gerties

Friday, February 19, 1993
at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets \$5.00 at the Door

Blackjack

SLOTS

ROULETTE

Yukon Veterinary Services

Dr. Royle of Yukon Veterinary Service will be coming to Dawson Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (Jan. 25, 26 & 27). Clinic will be held at Club Y in the Rec Centre.

Surgeries done each morning.
Office appointments done in the
afternoons. For an appointment for
either, please phone our clinic in
Whitehorse at 663-6137 ASAP so
that we can organize our time.

SEE YOU AT THE VETS!

Dawson City Curling Club
February 25 - 27, 1993

INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL

Contact Akio Saito 993 - 5035 / 5398
Paul Derru 993 - 5036

They're off and rocking!

The annual school choir rockerathon to help cover the cost of travelling to the Rotary Music Festival will be held on Feb. 13. Please support your choir by sponsoring generously.

Dr. D.W. Lelek
Chiropractor

Will be in Dawson City

January 16, 1993

For appointment call LIFESTYLES
993 - 5798

Thank You to all those who supported our carolling efforts and the Dawson Women's Shelter. See you next year!

Robert Service School Choir, Dawson
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THANK-YOU



to once again throw the Annual Christmas Tree Store, to the Ravens Nook, the Gold Poke, to SIDNEY BERRIMAN for the T.L.C. on Ice, all the Moms and Dads (especially Al made all the difference) filling our sack, to Kelly Douglas (from STARS, to KATHY JONES-GATES for the getting the Curling going) who son Christmas Tree Association! Fa.la.la.la.la.la.la... to Denny and his highly spirited Elves at the General Whitehorse no less) for our citrus treats, AND... freshly grated Mozzarella cheese, and to helped pull it off!!! That little bit of Ex



Dawson and those who especially helped us,

Association Children's Christmas Party!!! To the City of Klondike Nugget and Ivory and Maximilians; for filling our sack, to LAURESSA STINSON and her budding ally Denny, Paul, Monica, and Dale for With much Appreciation, The Daw

City of Dawson Recreation Department

NOTHING TO DO THIS MONTH

EXCEPT SKI, SKATE, STAINED GLASS, KARATE, CURLING, SKATE-A-THON, AEROBICS, GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, RUN, SING, GUIDES, CUBS, PHOTOGRAPHY, MEETINGS, DJ, VOLLEYBALL, LEGION NIGHTS, BADMINTON, DIET, SOCCER, REFEREE, FUNDRAISE, T.V., READ, COMPUTER CLUB, DANCE, WALK, SHOVEL AND VOLUNTEER!!!!!! GET ACTIVE AND BE HAPPY!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Get Ready -- There's Lots to Do!

Commercial Bonspiel

January 22-24 Contact Akio Saito

Recreation Hockey Tournament

Tentative Dates January 29 - 31

Minor Hockey Skate-a-thon

Saturday, February 6

Contact John Flynn

Yukon Quest

February 19 - 26

Contact Wendy Fellars

Klondyke Centennial Inaugural Ball

February 20, 1993

Contact Jon Magnuson

International Bonspiel

February 25 - 27/93

Contact Akio Saito

Oldtimer Hockey Tournament

February 26 - 28

Contact Rod Dewart

Watch DCTV Ch. 11 and Newspaper for details.

OUT DOOR SKATING

RINK AT MINTO PARK

Weekend public skating at the Bonanza Centre will be limited to special events this winter. So, an out door rink has been installed at Minto Park. Thanks to the volunteers who keep the snow cleared and to the Fire Fighters for flooding the ice.

BONANZA CENTRE

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

SCHEDULE

Girl Guides Mondays 6:30 -- 8:00 pm

Contact Margie Mann

Glee Club Mondays 8:30 pm

Contact Glenna Miller

Stained Glass Tuesdays and Sundays

Contact Joanne Smith

Kid's Tumbling Mondays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Contact Monica Kulych

STEP Aerobics Tuesdays 6:00 pm

Contact Monna Sprokkreeff

Brownies Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Vet's Clinic January 25 - 27/93

(See ad in this issue of the paper.)

Rentals Available

ICE SCHEDULE

Public Skating

Weekdays 3:00 -- 5:00 pm

Noon Hour Fitness Skates

Noon - 1:00 pm

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays

Figure Skating

Starts February 8, 1993

Kid's Curling

Tuesdays 3:30 -- 4:30 pm

Women's Hockey

Wednesdays 7:00 -- 8:30 pm

Senior/Oldtimer Hockey

Five Nights/Week

8:00 -- 9:30 pm Free

Hockey Night in Dawson

Saturday, January 16 5:00 -- 8:00 pm

Come down to the Arena, have supper, watch

Hockey Night in Canada on the

Big T.V. and go skating. Something for the whole family!!

Coleman's Concession

Open Daily

11:30 -- 1:30 and 3:30 -- 9:30 pm

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YUKON COACHING CONFERENCE

January 22-23/93
Whitehorse

Yukon's first coaching conference will take place at the Westmark Whitehorse later this month. The conference is open to beginner and experience coaches as well as those interested in coaching any sport. A highlight of this event will be the first presentation of the newly established "Community Sport Achievement Award".

Mileage assistance is available from Sport Governing Bodies. For more information, contact Recreation Board Member, Paula Pawlovich.

PROGRAMMES

The Winter Programme Brochure has been available for a month now and registration day was held January 6, 1993. There is space available in the following programmes:

Basic Dog Obedience

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Jan. 19 - Feb. 23

Winter Camp Day Trip

Feb. 21 10:00 am

Winter Overnight Camp

March 3/93

Stained Glass Workshop

March 6 & 7, 1993

Adult Skate Lessons

Sundays Feb. 7 - 28

3:30 -- 4:30

Register with Lawrie at

the City Office or call

993-5434.

Skate-a-Thon Update

The Fire Chief and Recreation Director will team up on Feb. 6 to help raise money for minor hockey. Watch DCTV Ch. 11 at 8:00 pm Feb. 4 for details.

AFTER SCHOOL

GYM SCHEDULE

Aerobics

Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 pm

Contact Monna Sprokkreeff

Gymnastics

Tuesdays 6:00 -- 7:00

Thursdays -- 7:00 -- 8:00

Contact Monica Kulych

Soccer

9-10 yrs. Wednesdays 7:15 pm

11-12 yrs. Thursdays 7:15 pm

Adults Mondays and Thursdays

Contact Myke Kurth

Cadets

Ancillary Gym Tuesdays 7:00 pm

Badminton

Wednesdays 8:30 pm

Volleyball

Fridays 8:00 pm

Contact Dwayne Mireau

For evening use contact Lawrie Stuart.

For weekend use contact school staff.

Schedule subject to change.

Friday Teen Nights
10:00 -- Midnight
Every Friday

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