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## New Winter recreation weekend break-ins

by Dan Davidson

Recreation is certainly the primary purpose of the Bonanza Centre, but as far as Dawson recreation director Peter Menzies is concerned, those miscreants who are making up their own weekend games by breaking into the building can just go and play somewhere else.

The centre has been the target of three break-ins since the beginning of the New Year, most associated with times when there has been legitimate weekend activity in the curling rink.

Coleman Johnson's fast food bar in the lobby has been hit a couple of times. Johnson doesn't want to go on the record about it, but Menzies says Johnson's outlet lost some money the first time. He doesn't leave any cash or easily disposable goods there any more. On the second occasion, a week or so later, the

thieves tipped over Johnson's Coke vending machine.

"I'm not sure if they got anything and nothing was missing anywhere, but the machine doesn't work any more," Menzies said.

The next night, also the weekend of January 23, the intruders attempted forcing several doors inside the building and finally did get into a storage room. Again, nothing was taken.

"They had access to things, too," said Menzies. "It was really strange. In the stained glass area they could have taken some hockey equipment or a ghetto blaster. They seem to be looking for cigarettes or booze."

Eventually, recreation staff found that the fire exits to the building had been tampered with and that was how entrance was being gained. This leads to the thought that people who were in

the building earlier in the day deliberately left the fire doors slightly ajar and actually removed the deadbolt that secures the ice area from the lobby.

The access problems have been fixed and no one's been in for a few weeks now, but Menzies says the police are still looking into matters.

"A lot of people have said that when there's bonspiels on that things like this are more apt to happen, but it's the first time we've had a problem since I've worked there, which will be 3 years next month."

The R.C.M.P. are indicating to the inter-agency community that there isn't a general problem with small scale crime of this type by teens, Menzies says. What little there is, is done by a very few people.

## Getting the Ball rolling

by Brent Morrison

The Klondyke Centennial Society's Inaugural Ball is quickly approaching. Set to coincide with the arrival of the Yukon Quest competitors, the Klondyke Centennial Society is hosting a "Casino Night" Friday, February 19, then following it up Saturday night with the Ball. "The KCS wants to throw its support behind the Quest, and kick off the Decade," states chairperson Jon Magnusson. Both events take place at Diamond Tooth Gertie's.

Two hundred fifty tickets went on sale January 19 in Dawson at \$60 per couple and \$35 per person. While organizers admit that ticket sales haven't been as large as expected, they also realize that Dawsonites are in the habit of making last minute purchases.

Mayor Peter Jenkins will provide the opening ceremonies to officially begin the Ball Saturday night. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner at 6:30, and dancing and gambling at 9:00.

The eighteen piece *Circumpolar*

*Swing Band* of Whitehorse provides the entertainment. The band was well received at the Dawson Music Festival during the summer of '92.

The organizers are hoping most people will attend the Ball in 1898 attire, but semi-formal dress is also acceptable. "We want something that grabs the imagination and attention of others," is the official word from KCS. They also felt it was time, "to quit talking about winter tourism and do something."

With the KVA, the Dawson Chamber of Commerce, and the Klondyke Centennial Society trying to promote winter tourism in the town, the KVA board was interested in opening Gertie's early. When the KCS approached them with a request to host the Casino Night and the Ball, giving them specific events, the board approved the opening.

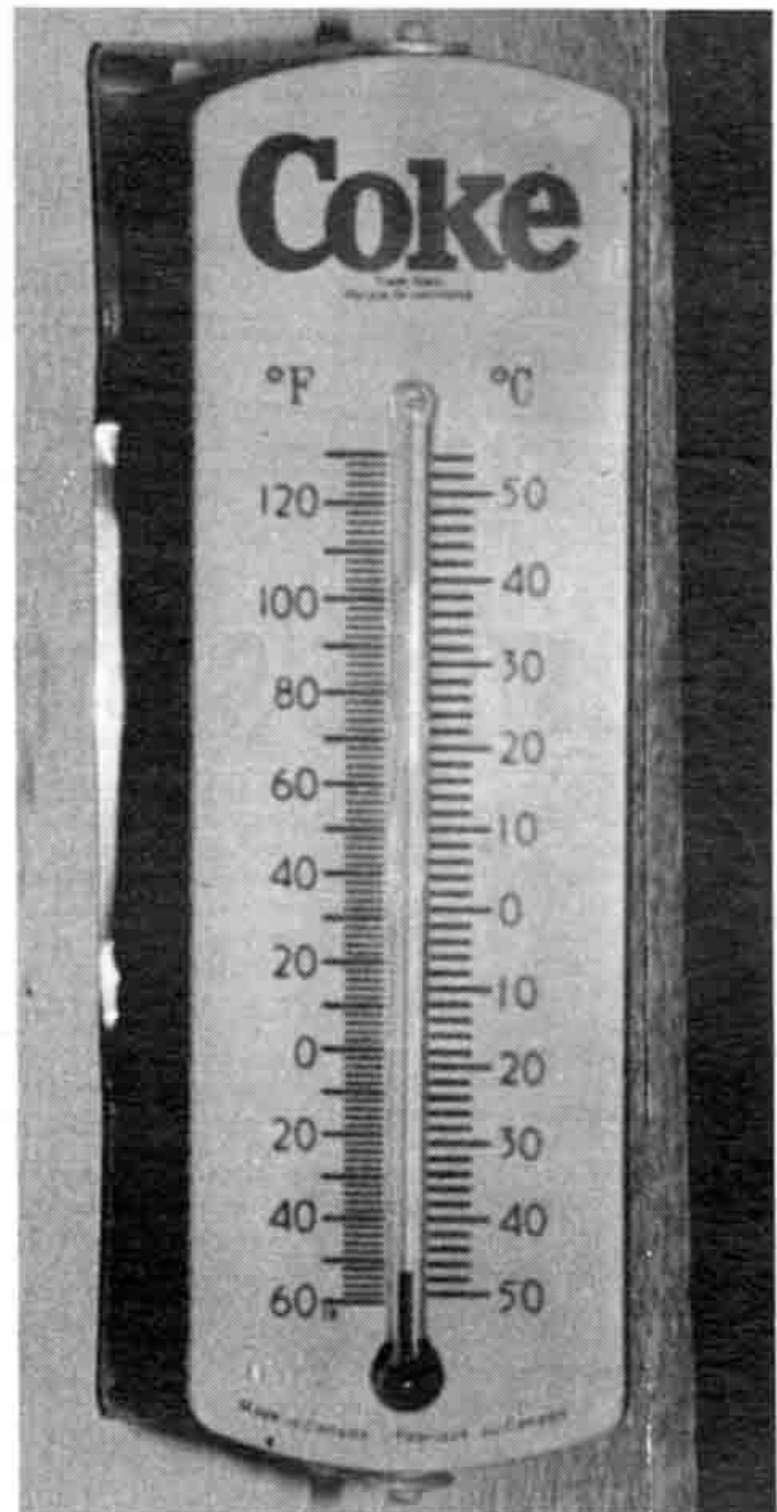
Gertie's usually opens during the last weekend of February when the town hosts an oldtimers hockey tournament and the Top of the World Curling Bonspiel.

In the past, this was also the weekend that the Quest hit town, but in an attempt to attract more competitors the Quest has been starting earlier. Many mushers felt the Quest was too close to Alaska's Iditarod race, and opted out of the Quest for the bigger purse offered in Alaska.

Last season the Quest started two weeks earlier, and with Gertie's poor showing during the 1991 operating season, it couldn't afford to open two weeks ahead of schedule. It takes a week to re-open Gertie's and costs about \$2,000.00 per week just to heat the building. KVA manager Bob McConkey admits Gertie's being closed that weekend, "was a real disappointment to everyone." This year the Quest is starting only one week earlier.

The committee had discussed the idea of a Ball last year, but ran out of time to go through with it. They felt it was an ap-

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The mercury huddles on Feb. 2 at 8:02 a.m. Our bilingual thermometer tells the story. It was cold, folks.

Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates

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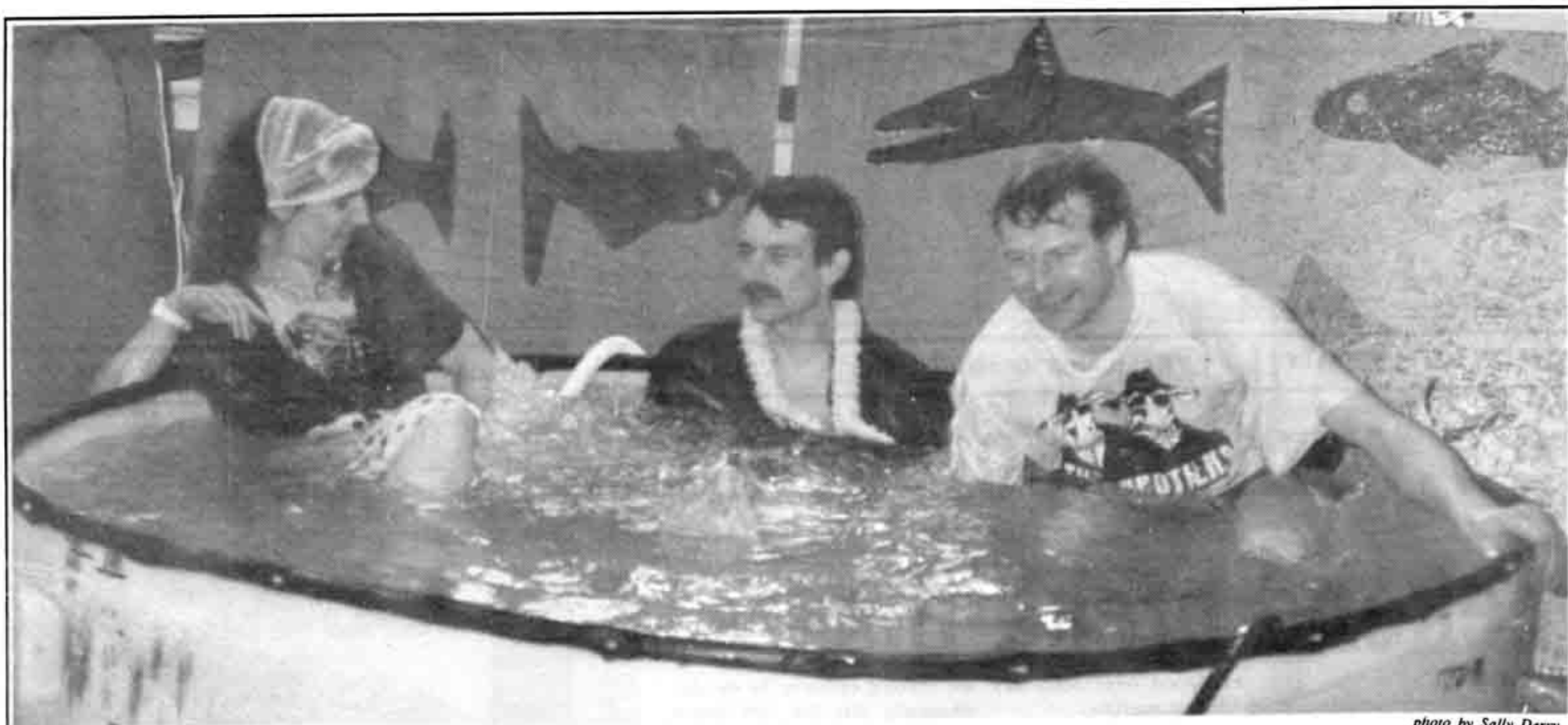


photo by Sally Derry

Dawson firefighters get into the swim of things at their recent party, but one has to wonder how they are going to get all that water back into the pumper when the alarm goes.

## Uffish Thoughts :

# So, what's the rush?

by Dan Davidson

Now that the Year of the Highway has passed by and the final re-enactment has taken place at Soldier's Summit, it's time to turn our thoughts to the next set of anniversaries, the ones that will carry our tourism industry through to the turn of the century and beyond if they are handled right. I'm thinking, of course, of the series of anniversaries which will begin in 1996 and carry on through '97 and '98.

If we can't manage to capitalize on the anniversaries of the Klondike Gold Rush, there's something sadly wrong with us. One of the major mass movements of the 19th century, it contains all the elements of popular culture which should appeal to a wide audience. Not the least of these is the fact that it wasn't organized by anybody, it simply happened.

Besides that, we get not one, but three, shots at the thing. There's Discovery itself, a significant enough event on its own, but not the one that actually shook the world. It was the next year, when the word got out, that the fireworks started. Then there was the year after that, when the fever took hold and smote tens of thousands of gold seekers before it passed on.

A number of organizations are already beginning to give some thought to what must be done to get ready for this series of events. The Klondike Centennials Society is meeting regularly and drawing up lists of possibilities and plans. The Klondike Visitors Association is continuing its

work of attracting tourists to the town and attempting to build up the number of attractions. Klondike National Historic Sites continues the process it began in the late 1960's of preserving and interpreting Klondike history.

All that is fine, but there are a number of things that other people and groups will have to do to help this process of planning along. Here are three of them.

Last summer's spin-offs from the Alaska Highway business indicated clearly that the present ferry system here cannot handle the volumes of traffic that tourism will bring by the end of this decade and still be of any use to those of us who live here.

I'm happy to see that the Yukon Party has a bit in its platform about upgrading and/or increasing the level of ferry service on the Yukon River. The NDP were agreeing with that too during the election, so perhaps that is one issue they can get together on. The better solution would be to have a bridge in place by the time the crunch comes. That would require federal assistance and planning, and probably would never happen unless it became a project like the successful Dredge #4 operation of the last two years.

The second improvement flows naturally from the first. It would be wonderful to have an improved Top of the World loop to catch traffic coming south from Alaska and give people someplace easy to drive to after they finish up in Dawson.

This is a project which would require international cooperation,

but one that would ultimately reap dividends for both nations, especially if it eventually resulted in an extension of the travel season by keeping that route open a greater part of the year. That's certainly a fond wish of a lot of the operators here.

The third thing I want to mention this week is the need to refocus the activities of the Yukon Anniversaries Commission. It did a fine job gearing up for 1992, and there doesn't seem to be any doubt that it made sense to have it working where it was in the years leading up to that event. But, like I said at the beginning, the Alcan's 50th is gone now, and the rest of the decade belongs to historical events which had their genesis in and around the Klondike region. It would, therefore, make a lot of sense to transfer the headquarters of that body to this community for the remainder of its mandate.

This is not to say that only Dawson and the Klondike Creeks will be affected by the anniversaries that will soon be upon us. There will be events in Skagway, Lake Bennett, Whitehorse and various points along the way, but the drawing card was the Klondike, and it only makes sense to do your planning with the real thing at hand when it's available to you.

You may ask, "What's the rush?", to which I reply that it's the Klondike Rush, and it will be upon us much sooner than anyone can imagine. A little over three years is very little time in which to get ready.

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appropriate event to kick off the "Decade of Centennials."

The Ball will be an annual event and have different themes each year. This year's theme is the start of the Decade of Centennials. Other anniversaries coming up in Dawson are the Y.O.O.P. Centennial 1994, the NWMP's arrival in the Yukon 1995, the gold Discovery 1996, the Gold Rush 1998, and the incorporation of Dawson City 2002.

A February event like this also makes good business sense. "We don't need to fill the summer . . . this comes at a time when the days are getting longer and leads us into the spring events."

While providing a wealth of entertainment for the mushers, their support people, and residents alike, Dawson's Klondike Centennial Society hopes the events will also raise money to put towards other Centennial events and projects the committee

has planned.

The KCS has a long list of proposals designed to celebrate the various centennials, and has presented proposals to the City Council, the Y.O.O.P., and the Chamber of Commerce. A package has also been presented to Dawson First Nation, but a formal presentation has not been made because of the busy schedules involved. KCS hopes that the groups, as well as some businesses will adopt some of the ideas.

They are also hoping to be the co-ordinator and spokesman for these projects. "We're trying to get the support of the town," Magnusson states, "we have a lot of ideas and we don't want people coming to us in a few years and saying, 'I didn't know you were planning to do that.'"

Magnusson firmly believes the KCS has the right ingredients to make these events first class.

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# Permit Violations Trouble Council

by Dan Davidson

While you wouldn't expect that regular building projects would cause a lot of concern in a community, that isn't always the case. Dawson City has a bit of difficulty right now.

"We have a problem," Mayor Peter Jenkins told the January 21 meeting of council, "with buildings being started and finished before the permits are obtained."

The most obvious recent case, he went on, dealt with the Down-

town Hotel, where an addition has recently been completed.

Council discussed the possibility of setting up a two-tier system of fees for building permits as a kind of a fine for those who apply late, with a regular fee for those who go through the motions properly and a stiffer one for those who don't. The latter might be two or three times the regular cost.

In Jenkins' view any new regulations should deal more leniently

with residential projects than with commercial jobs, since he sees the latter as being the problem. Council seemed generally in agreement with this notion.

Referring to some complaints about the city's slow moving bureaucracy by contractors last fall, Jenkins said it was harder to take them seriously when so many projects ignore the red tape anyway.

Bob Laking, the manager of the Downtown Hotel, admits

freely that his new freezer area was constructed in advance of the permits being issued, but contends that it should not matter, since the addition more than meets specifications. He explains that the timing and speed of the construction was dictated by the availability of a crew and equipment which could do the job in a ten day period, what he calls "a sudden window of opportunity." He says it was either do the job right then or not do it at all until

later and that waiting for the paperwork would, in this case, have meant not doing it in this construction year.

Seizing the moment and doing a thing when you are able to is, in Laking's opinion, the way in which things are often done in Dawson City. He says he doesn't see the practice as a serious problem.

"I learned it," he says, "from watching the Mayor."

# Flooding at Downtown

by Dan Davidson

In the annals of Dawson's public works department, it seems, to paraphrase David Crosby's "Deja Vu", like there's always something going on down under the ground. In this case the evidence of a subterranean problem is evident in the form of a virtual skating rink surrounding the area in front of the Downtown Hotel at the junction of Second and Queen Streets. Where the ice is not sheer and slick it is chipped and abraded from the efforts made by a nearby backhoe to clear it away. At -47 degrees Celsius doing any more than that is out of the question.

Hotel manager Bob Laking says that the source of the flood appears to be a separation between the water main under the street and his hotel. The thinking at present is that the break is pretty close to the actual

junction, but it will take warmer weather before anyone can dig down to uncover the problem.

In a predictable manner, the problem surfaced, in the form of water rising to the surface of the road, late Friday night and early Saturday morning (Jan. 23). Laking was alerted about 2 AM and arrived to find water bubbling into the street. City crews, he said, were prompt to get on the job and to restore water service.

The hotel is presently being serviced by a one inch plastic line running from the fire hydrant across the street. This is enough for domestic service, but leaves the sprinkler system cut off. Laking says the fire department and city works crew have devised a backup arrangement to get water to his sprinklers fast if the need should arise.

"There's nothing else they can do," Laking said. "They've been

great, but it's too cold. Machinery doesn't work in these conditions. If it were 10 degrees warmer they'd have it fixed by now."

Meantime life in the hotel, which is fairly busy for this time of year, went on, and city crews got at the digging as soon as the thermometer allowed it.

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## Editorial:

## In Praise of Moose Mountain

by Dan Davidson

While it's a fact that the sun begins to return in mid-January, it's also true that it hasn't seemed to have much of an impact until this last week. Suffering at home with a back sprain last Monday, I was able to notice, for the first time, that it really did make a difference whether the living room blinds were open or not. There was some very definite sunlight coming in my western exposure. None of this "oh look, it's shining on the side of the mountain" stuff; this was actually coming in the house and waking up my living room.

Of course, anyone who thinks that bright sunlight means warmth would have had that notion completely dispelled by the week that followed. Within a day we were shrouded in ice fog and waiting for a break in the weather as -40 became a way of life and faces were muffled against the chill. But even behind the fog, there was a glow that said that this, too, shall pass.

That made this weekend, with temperatures a good 40 degrees warmer, a really welcome event, even more than weekends normally are. I'm told the ski hill was crowded and the sun worshippers were out in full force. I wasn't one of them. I rate hurtling down a hillside on a pair of wooden slats just slightly above bungee jumping and skydiving on my list of things that I personally don't want to get involved in. I had enough trouble standing up on cross country skis when I spent a couple of winters trying to master that skill.

Perspectives change, don't they? As a kid the worst part about going sliding was getting back up the hill, not coming down. The descent was accomplished standing up on an old wooden toboggan without so much as a second thought - or any protective gear. Today I look at the broken and chipped arms and full leg casts limping about the halls at school and wonder how I ever escaped injury.

My personal preferences notwithstanding, it is certain that Moose Mountain is, for many Dawsonites, the premier family adventure of the winter; the most fun you can have on skis without buying a plane ticket. A recreation survey a few years back indicated that the ski hill outranked the rink as a community draw. That's a pretty remarkable accomplishment for a bunch of volunteers who didn't have much more than enthusiasm as operating capital when they started out up there about 7 years ago.

They started out doing their skiing in shifts. One person would take the others up to the top of the hill and then drive down and park by the dump to await their arrival at the bottom. Then it was up the hill again, change drivers, and on with the show. A while later they acquired a rope tow. There are lots of stories about the rope tow and how wonderful it wasn't, but I notice that it was logistically less complicated than the carpool and then a lot more people got interested in skiing as a result of its being there.

As we move on to better and more convenient ways of doing things, we leave the older machines and methods behind and they stay with us as an evolving series of "remember whens?" that we use to remind ourselves how far we've come. Thus is history made, and those of us who are active all have a part in making it. In some ways, it's a lot like downhill skiing I suppose: lots of inertia to overcome, both more and less dangerous than it looks, heavily dependent on the cooperation of others to keep it going, and never quite the same for any two individuals.

## Letters to the Editor

## Dear Editor:

It seems that the latest fad is Klondike Valley Resident bashing. It is becoming increasingly difficult to read through a newspaper without coming across some derogatory remark aimed at the large percentage of the population of the Town of the City of Dawson which has chosen, for one reason or another to live outside of the town boundaries. This Town versus Klondike Valley mentality, fortunately, does not appear to be shared by the majority of the people who have chosen to reside together in the Klondike. Unfortunately, however, the two main proponents of in-town residents versus out of town residents are in high profile positions, namely the Mayor and (a co-editor) of this newspaper.

I think that it can safely be said that most of the residents of the Klondike Valley didn't decide to live beyond the town boundaries in order to escape telephone and electrical service. I know that in the community in which I reside, the majority of residents decided to reach deep into their pockets to pay for the protection of those services, which, believe me didn't come cheap. I suspect that quite a few of the people that have moved to the Yukon from "outside", have done so in order to escape the "hustle and bustle" and its shouldn't be too difficult to see the same type of ideal being responsible for some families deciding to live in a more rural setting.

I love living "in" Dawson City and don't wish to be perceived as being at odds with my friends and neighbours who live within the town limits. We all have so much in common. We work in Dawson, and we spend our money in Dawson. If you look at the thank-yous in our local paper you will discover that many volunteer hours are donated by residents of the Klondike Valley. We have always, in the past, considered ourselves to be Dawsonites. Please allow us to continue to do so. Thank you.

Ronald Ryant  
Dawson City  
(Henderson Corner)

The Condemned Co-editor Responds: I was mystified by the tone of this letter, but the second paragraph made it clear that Ron - who was one of the much-needed voices of reason at last spring's boundary hearings - was referring to my editorial of Jan 14/93. It was a spoof, folks. My tongue was firmly fixed

in my cheek here. Why else would I quote from Bill Cosby's "Noah" skit to describe the sewer situation in Whitehorse? References to emmentities were made, but no slights were offered at all. As for the content of our news stories and anything the Mayor may be saying about the Valley, I don't make the news, Ron, I just report it.

## Dear Editor:

After reading the article (98th Y.O.O.P. Christmas Supper) by "yours truly" (Sue Ward) I felt an obligation to write in. Since Sue neglected to do so I would like to take this opportunity to thank those she overlooked. Barb Hogan and Greg Skuce made an interesting presentation on the historic Yukon Ditch and Harry Waldron provided us with some of his unique entertainment. The Farmers Market donated a turkey and an oven to cook it. Lorraine Butterworth, Sylvie Boudreau and Leslie Greenwood helped Myrna in food preparation, setting up and the cleaning afterwards. Now for the issue of the head table. I looked after the hotel reservations for Laurent Cyr and asked him to speak as Grand Lodge Historian - perhaps Sue was asleep during that portion-so yes, I knew he was there. Had Sue noted the number of seats at the head table, the number of people who were expected to sit at it, how narrow our building is and how crowded it was she could have deduced why the head table was set up for Lodge #1 executive only. If we had been able to provide Laurent, his wife Corinne and Ralph Simpson with a comfortable seat we certainly would have liked them to be at the front.

## Jim Leary

Sue Ward Responds: I'm sorry I let you down as guest reporting of the 98th YOOP Christmas Supper, overlooking the contributions of Barb Hogan and Greg Skuce, "Yukon Ditch," and my old pal Harry Waldron's vibrant recitations.

If you had all those fascinating facts about the event, why didn't you pass them along to myself or Madeleine Gould as we sat closeby with camera and notebook.

Re: the Head table: if there were more guests deserving that respect, why not have taken the long wall table to have seated your special guests. A rectangle has four sides. One builds respect by showing respect.

I wasn't asleep, Jim-I grew tired of fighting to hear speakers over the festive chatter. Why no mike for

soft spoken speakers as part of the banquet equipment? This town is loaded with electronics. This was 1992, and the YOOP Hall has power.

Of course our readers would be interested in learning that the Farmer's Market had donated a turkey and an oven to cook it in. And those who helped in the whole delicious event from serving to clearing away. And we should make it clear that Myrna Butterworth DOES NOT cater to events as a Licensed Caterer but through the goodness of her heart. An attempt to silence a boisterous crowd and a loud "To the Cooks" who were very busy in a very small kitchen, was hardly worthy recognition.

## Dear Editor:

I would like you to know that I do not like the article written by Sue Ward about the Y.O.O.P. dinner. I really think this woman should take a course on journalism. No other writer always talks about himself or herself in an article they are writing. She did this in the pioneer article, and why was only John Gould mentioned as showing slides, what about Barb Hogan and Greg Skuce. I thought their presentation was excellent. Then there was Harry Waldron who did an excellent job of reciting poetry. But she did say Margaret VanDusen worked so hard all week preparing the food. What a crock.

I have been reading your paper ever since it started and I think it great but I would suggest that this woman's articles be edited more carefully. Even when she writes about the vet going to Dawson why does she have to mention Cleo or Banjo. Write the article and forget personalities, or leave the articles. I know she is old and no doubt gets maudlin but who needs it. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
J. Ashcroft  
Whitehorse, Yukon

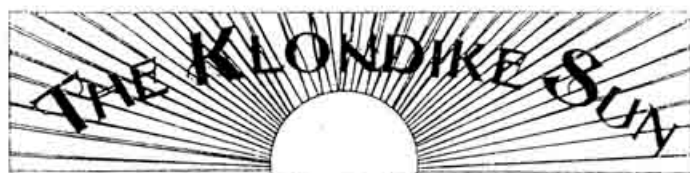
## Sue Ward Replies:

Lighten up J.A. This old gal isn't a reporter but a columnist presenting her own view of the passing scene. All Klondike Sun staff are VOLUNTEERS who try to record Dawson's history. We by-line our columns and take our own flak. Festive season impressions, mislaid notes and no proof reader who had attended the banquet contributed to my errors. I paid for my supper so that I could enjoy it as you did, but I felt the event was worthy of record.

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# R.C.M.P. UPDATE

On February 03, 1993, James Mervin Titus appeared in Territorial Court, Dawson City, Yukon, and pled guilty to the following charges: one count of theft over \$1,000, one count of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of an Indictable Offence and one count of Careless use of a Firearm. As a result of his guilty pleas, Titus received a total of 15 months imprisonment and a three year probation term commencing upon his release from jail. Further, Titus has been prohibited from the possession/use of firearms for a ten-year period.

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## Letters

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*I could have recorded the racist joke and the sexist material but chose not to, thereby giving the impression that we are less biased than reality proved by the loud laughter.*

*Re: Canines: My dogs are pleased to report that Dr. Royal, her husband and her assistant Charlotte who honoured their commitment and drove to town in -40 below C. to hold a clinic.*

*Right on J.A.! We are old. Cleo's 18 and I'll hit the big 80 come July. Better pass up my columns and don't hold your breath as we plan to be dropping words for years.*

*Oh J.Ashcroft-God will get you for that last blast! With luck you too may push 80 yrs some day, have a dog, and pay your own way to the Y.O.O.P. Supper. Remember to take your camera, pencil and paper. I'll be watching you! From....?*



## Local Artist Prepares Exhibit

by Michael Gates

Dawson has more artists than most communities its size. We could blame it on the water, but it's more accurate, I think, that our town is a special place, that attracts some pretty special people. New artist in town Stuart Mueller is one of them.

Stuart arrived in town recently with his wife, Heather Smith, who is the director of the Dawson Museum. He received a bachelor's degree in Fine Art from the University of Victoria in 1986, and a Master's of Fine Art from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax in 1990. He has worked at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art in Richmond, Virginia, taught photography at the College of Art and Design in Halifax, and has exhibited his work at various galleries in Montreal, Hamilton and Halifax. Stuart was also active as a trustee at the Eye-Level Gallery.

Stuart is currently working on a multi-media exhibit entitled "Gone/Now", which is to be shown in the Eye-Level Gallery in Halifax, Nova Scotia during the month of April. The exhibit consists of four parts: five one-meter square photographic prints, five hand-made, wall-mounted lamps with transparent photographic images mounted in them, twelve panels of explanatory text with associated images, and three sets of painted cloth panels to be hung in the gallery.

The images in the lamps come from a collection of photographs taken by his grandmother in the Okanagan just after the turn of the century. These contrast the contemporary images taken by the author around Dawson, and

which are tied together with the older images by visual or emotional links. One example is an old photograph of a horse packing a freshly killed deer back to the homestead, which the animal could find unassisted. This is connected to brief explanatory text containing the image of horse harness, and also to the photograph of some trophy antlers which are displayed in front of a Dawson home. One of these antlers eventually became the mount for the lamp and the photograph mentioned above. Strands and connections.

According to Mueller, one of the underlying concepts of the exhibit is that we are not completely free and independent thinkers, but that there is always a background of personal experiences against which such work is created. When asked if the viewer in the gallery is going to react the same way when they see the exhibit, he commented that contemporary art, to the viewer, is like a puzzle, the meaning of which is pieced together as experienced in the gallery. The viewer's response is as unique and distinctive as the intent of the creator.

I was impressed with the variety of techniques and materials used to assemble this exhibit: moose antler, bird's eye maple, large photographic images, painted cloth, and special kodalith images. The undertaking proves and extends the dexterity and variety of the artist's skills.

The gallery, which is an alternate gallery, is funding the exhibit through support from the Canada Council. The exhibit is currently being prepared for shipping to Halifax.

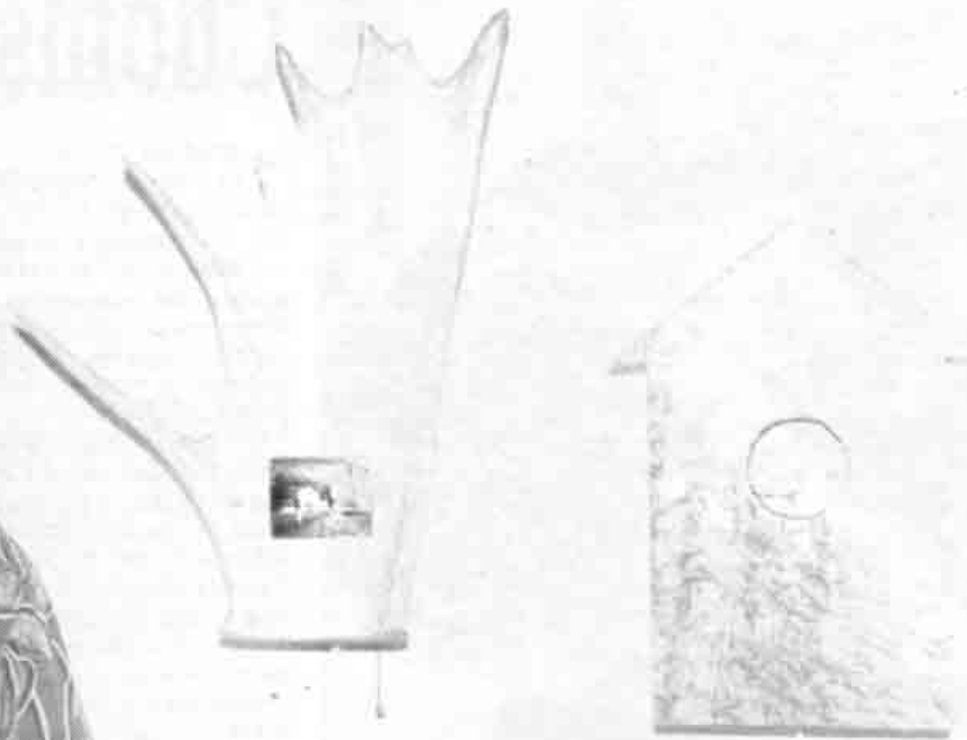


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Noam Chomsky.

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# Chomsky draws full house

by Michael Gates

The Dawson Museum Society drew sixty people to a film showing on Wednesday, January 13 in the audio-visual room at the museum. This remarkable attendance, which occurred during a period of chilly weather, confirms the need for people to have their thinking challenged.

The Film, entitled "Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media", is a Canadian offering, produced by veterans Peter Wintonick and Mark Achbar. Running nearly three hours in length, and distilled from 120 hours of raw footage, this documentary reveals glimpses of one of America's most thought provoking social critics, Noam Chomsky.

It almost dies in the early moments, by presenting segments of film in which Mr. Chomsky discusses the topic of the media in murky academic language. I began to wonder if this film, which was starting to put me to sleep,

was having the same effect on the others who attended the showing. Fortunately, the film picked up its pace when it focused on specific issues related to the media, such as freedom of speech, control of the media by a political and economic elite, and genocide in East Timor. Interspersed in the film is biographical information about Chomsky.

The documentary treatment of this film is packaged in a smorgasbord feast of imagery, from big screen broadcast of his remarks in shopping malls and the Olympic stadium in Montreal to a debate with the Dutch Minister of defense.

In the latter instance, we see a serious debate between two uncompromising adversaries inserted between comical film clips of two withered old men reeling around a boxing ring throwing drunken punches at each other.

The message of the film is not lost in the special effects, however, and with the exception of

one negative reaction in the audience, a teen-age boy complaining that the film was boring, the reaction and discussion of the audience was animated and stimulating. Clearly, this was a film which provoked the viewers to think.

This new film has already received acclaim by winning awards around the world, but has not received adequate recognition in our own country, where the CBC has been willing to showcase only a short portion of the entire film. Judging from the reaction of the Dawson audience, this film is going to win a lot of respect wherever it is shown.

This is the first in a series of films from the National Film Board which will be screened at the Dawson Museum. If it is any indication of what the others will be like, then there is a lot to look forward to. Coming next, on February 24: Women in the Shadows, The Learning Path, and Bowl of Bone.



The film-makers: Peter Wintonick and Mark Achbar.

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## Staying in their niche:

# Northern stores holds public meeting

by Dan Davidson

When you listen to the emissaries from the North West Company, you hear them saying that the deal isn't done yet, that there are lots of details still to be worked out and that there is a lot of discussion still to be had.

On the other hand, you seem to hear them saying that they are coming here, and that it would take a pretty serious corporate shift in policy or a retailing disaster to keep them from opening a new Northern Store here by the spring of 1994.

Three executives of North West met with the community at a meeting sponsored by the chamber of commerce in the Chief Isaac Inc. Conference room on February 6, and spent about an hour establishing that the parent company's roots were northern, and that its intentions were serious.

The new North West Company began as an offshoot of the Hudson's Bay Company, which had absorbed the original NW Co. over a century ago. The choice of name was an historical tip of the hat which was certainly intentional. The original company was an upstart which managed to snap up 75% of the available fur trade. The 1990's version sees itself as occupying an historical place in northern merchandising.

With over 140 stores throughout the Canadian north, and another 20 through its newly acquired holdings in the Alaska Commercial Company (once the Northern Commercial Company, with Gold Rush roots in Dawson), North West sees its marketing niche as serving the needs of small to medium sized village and towns.

The company is so dedicated to this vision of itself that it disposed of the four successful

stores it had in larger centers (including the one in Whitehorse) because they took up an inordinate amount of corporate time and didn't fit their corporate self-image.

This was the message presented to the audience of about 35 by Len Flett, director of corporate planning, Phyllis Dueck, corporate planning analyst, and Terry Bergards, executive assistant to North West's president. The message came wrapped up in a short video and a 45 minute slide presentation, with commentary from Flett.

In response to questions from the floor, Flett, Dueck and Bergards painted a picture of a store that would be between 10,000 and 15,000 square feet, with about 70% of that space devoted to retail sales. Flett sees the sales area as 40% food sales and 60% dry goods.

He does not see it containing a post office, as Northern stores do in many communities. "I understand that you have a very good post office service here," he said, indicating that where Northern Stores do contain the local post office, it is at the request or need of the community.

In Dawson, where merchants have informally banded together to keep Canada Post from privatizing to the extent it wants to, that seemed to be welcome news. Certainly it was to municipal councillor Shirley Pennell, who asked the question.

Denny Kobayashi was curious about how Northern would operate in a seasonal community where retail belts have to be pretty tight much of the year. Flett said that Northern would compete, but that it had no interest in "cut-throat business practices" or in putting everyone else out of business.

Flett indicated that the company's first priority is to fill holes in the existing retail market, and then strengthen other areas. This certainly doesn't mean that it will stay out of retail areas other people are using.

While little was said about the results of the 125 household survey that was carried out here last fall, Dueck said it showed that there was room to tap the market that currently shops out of town ("outshopping", she called it), the catalogue sales market and the tourist market.

Assuming that Dawson maintains its average 3% per year growth pattern, which Flett noted was modestly above the national average, it seemed to be a place where Northern could make money. The survey was also said to show that Dawson consumers would be happy to see a store open here.

Northern feels it will be offering expanded retail choices to the community, that it will open up new opportunities for jobs and for job training (through an in-house training program).

In all of his answers, Flett was careful to stick with the notion that "we adapt our stores to fit the community". Store design is not based on a "cookie cutter" concept, which should mean there will be no problem fitting the historical look of downtown Dawson. If the company finally does settle on opening a store here, Flett and Dueck both say they'll be in it for the long haul.

At present Watson Lake is the only other Yukon community that North West views with any interest.

Many questions remain to be answered about the final shape of the development, but some of those belong to Chief Isaac Inc., which will be holding its own

public meeting eventually.

Jeff Cook, Chief Isaac's manager, was surprised at the complacency displayed at the public meeting. There's been a lot of negative street talk about this

proposal, but very little of it showed at the meeting.

Cook figures it will be at least a month before Chief Isaac has anything more to say about the matter.

## Happy Birthday DCTV

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# Report from Ottawa

by Audrey McLaughlin  
Yukon M.P.

It was back to the House of Commons this week and one last chance for the federal government to come up with even more ways to gouge Canadians, put them out of work and sell the country to the highest bidder before a federal election is called.

You've probably heard the same rumours about whether or not the Prime Minister is going to step down before then. Well, I find it ridiculous that the so-called Ottawa insiders had nothing better to do than speculate about the possible unemployment of one man when there are 1.6 million people already out of work in this country.

And frankly, whether it's Brian Mulroney or Kim Campbell or Jean Charest leading the Tories, they'll still follow the same old tired out policies that have come close to bankrupting this country already.

Since the House rose December 12, we have seen 10,000 jobs lost on Canadian railways, 1,200 at Woodward retail stores, 1,450 in Oshawa auto plants, even significant job losses in the high-tech industry - the industry that's supposed to lead us into the 21st century. And that's in less than two months.

And yet Statistics Canada insists we are now out of the recession and on the road to recovery. For whom? And where are the jobs? Here in the Yukon, I get a flood of calls from Yukoners worried about their jobs, about the future of Curragh and the Faro mine, about long unnecessary delays in processing UI claims. People are looking for help and hope - and work.

But instead of launching an attack on unemployment, we are seeing an attack on the unemployed. In fact, the proposed

changes to the Unemployment Insurance program are so unfair to workers that the government doesn't even have the support of all its own members.

Now I know that there's a popular misconception among some employed people that only Outsiders and lazy people collect UI. But don't believe it. Of the Yukoners I help at my Whitehorse office, many with UI difficulties are hardworking seasonal employees, single parents, and other who have been laid-off like Curragh miners.

Lazy? Hardly. And certainly not deserving of bearing the brunt of the federal government's restraint program. Surely it is those who can most afford it that should be paying their fair share.

Unfortunately, we're not likely to see any meaningful and badly-needed tax reform introduced in this parliamentary session. It looks like the government will instead be focusing on pushing through its UI changes, bringing in yet another bad-news budget and trying to sell the North American Free Trade Agreement to Canadians.

Speaking of NAFTA, this parliamentary sub-committee on trade is planning to hold a day of public hearings in Whitehorse on February 22 at the Westmark Inn in the Rendezvous Room.

If you're interested in appearing before the committee, you can write the clerk of the committee. Here's the address: Marie Carriere, 605 Wellington Building, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6 (postage free) or fax: (613) 996-1626.

If the committee cancels its trip to Whitehorse, groups or individuals who still want to appear can ask the committee to pay for travel costs (up to two people per group), and accommodation if necessary.

I want to encourage as many people as possible to write to the committee. This is a chance for Yukoners to raise questions about a deal that will change some fundamental characteristics of our country.

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Whitehorse--Yukon's Minister responsible for Mines says his message that "Yukon is open for business" has been well received by mining companies and he is confident after meeting with mining representatives that mining exploration in the Yukon will increase this year at least 100%.

John Devries said today that conversations he had with mining companies at last week's mining conference in Vancouver clearly told him that the companies are very interested in increasing exploration activities in Yukon, and that he let it be known that we are open for business.

He said, "Yukon was well-represented at the Cordilleran meeting, and the message I got back time and time again from the Yukon representatives was that the companies know our government wants to encourage more mining exploration. From my own meetings that I held with

companies, I expect that this year mining exploration in Yukon will total at least \$20 million."

The Minister said, "These companies want to do business with us because they know the huge potential the Yukon holds, and for us that means new jobs and economic activity which all Yukoners can benefit from. Working closely with the Yukon Chamber of Mines, we intend to be very pro-active in bringing new mining exploration to Yukon."

New geological maps of the Yukon which were prepared under the Canada/Yukon Mineral Development Agreement were also unveiled at the Cordilleran meeting. The eight maps are very important to companies planning exploration work in Yukon. Over 1000 mining company representatives, including geologists and exploration personnel attended the four day annual conference.

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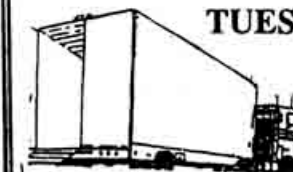
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# R.C.M.P. Plan 1995 Centennial Bash

by Dan Davidson

Goldrush Centennial celebrations may be slated to get under way in 1996, but the R.C.M.P.'s "M" Division will be celebrating its own centennial in 1995, and has worked up a full slate of proposed activities which might see as many as 13 major events happen in the territory between March and October. In a mid-January letter to Dawson's municipal council, Inspector R. M. Juby, "M" Division's Officer in Charge of Administration and Personnel, indicated that the theme of the celebrations would be "Working With the Yukon People".

Juby noted that a permanent contingent of the R.C.M.P. first arrived in the territory on July 24, 1895, a little more than a year after Inspector Constantine was directed to come here and assess the situation.

While the list of projects is still at the proposal stage, Juby says that the force is "very enthusiastic" about them. They include the following:

A recreation of the famous "Lost Patrol" route between Dawson and Fort McPherson will carry both dispatches and mail and has already been approved for March 1995. At the same time, Dawson would play host to a Regimental Dinner, which may be a period costume event somewhat in the spirit of the Commissioner's Ball. "It is anticipated," writes Juby, "that these two events will receive widespread media coverage from the C.B.C., N.F.B., and foreign film crews (Japan and German tourism)."

From June to August the force would like to establish a summer detachment on the Canadian side

of the summit, staffed by R.C.M.P. veterans, auxiliary or summer students. During the same time period, the force's centennial committee would like to establish a "short term summer detachment at historic Fort Selkirk, on the Yukon River, north of Whitehorse...It is one of the original and perhaps most famous of all the N.W.M.P. detachments in the Yukon."

A Northerner's Night might be scheduled for sometime in June. This would be an event to include all former officers who have served or are serving in the North. Both Dawson and Whitehorse are being considered for this event. More specific is the R.C.M.P. National Veteran's Association General Assembly, which is slated for Whitehorse in July.

In mid-July the committee

proposes bringing the world famous R.C.M.P. Musical Ride to the Yukon and Alaska. The ride has never played here and Juby notes that it should be a major tourist attraction if it can be booked. The most likely location for a performance would be Whitehorse, and the timing might be scheduled to coincide with "M" Division's Parade/Inspection Plaque Dedication on July 24.

"M" Division will have a regimental ball on September 9, 1995. Invitations would be extended to Alaska's State Troopers, who always favour this event. Since there will not be balls in '93 or '94, this one might attract as many as 750 guests and dignitaries.

Proposed events finish off with an R.C.M.P. display at the McBride Museum from June-

September, but the force also hopes to see the issuing of R.C.M.P. coins and stamps by the Royal Mint and Canada Post.

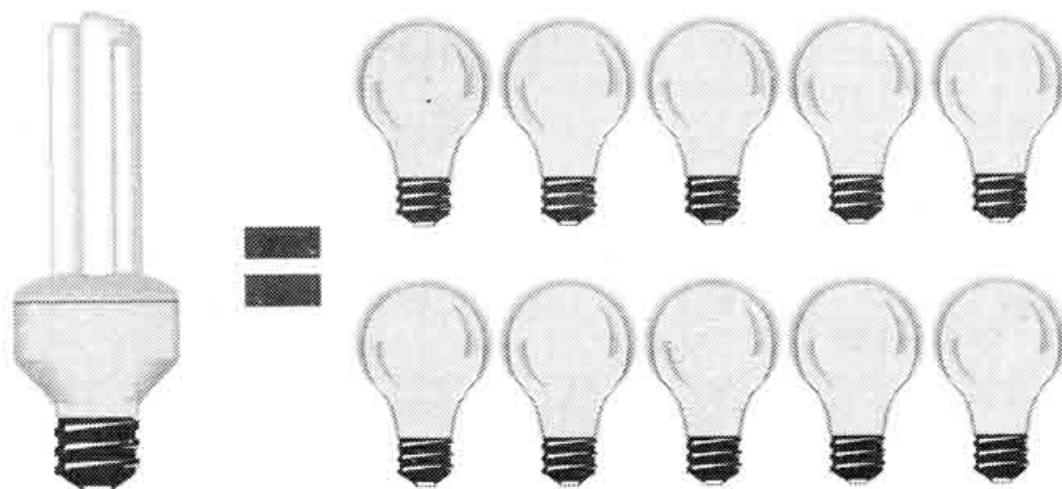
Juby concludes with a note that the list of projects is still evolving and may either shrink or grow before the time arrives. The force is looking to cooperate closely with the various Yukon communities which might be affected by their planning and would like to assemble a travelling display to tour the rural Yukon and parts of Alaska.



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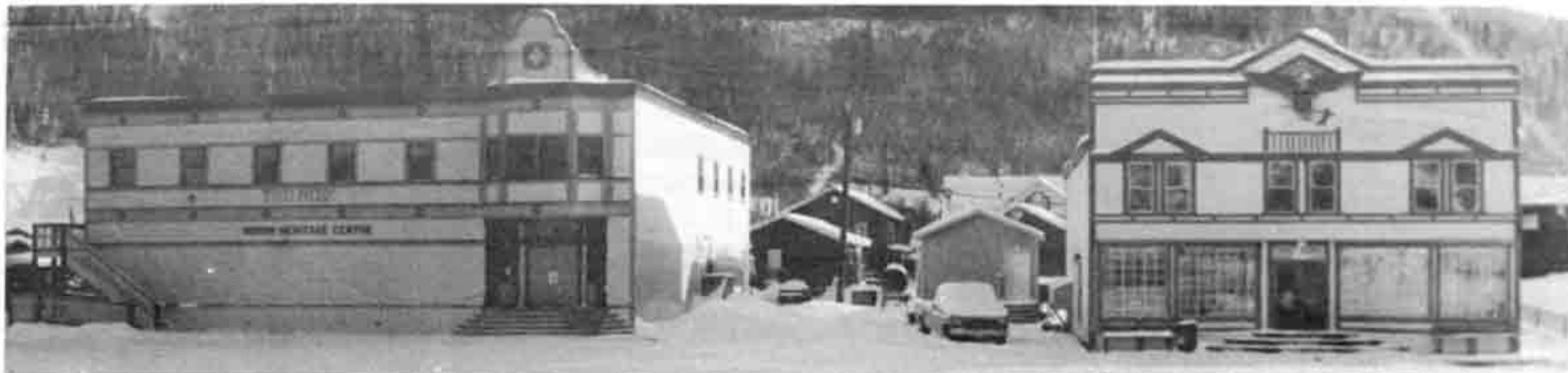


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# First Nation Plans Building Expansion

by Dan Davidson

In these times of slim economic pickings major projects are welcome in any Yukon community, and thus city council finds itself looking favorably on a proposal by the Dawson First Nation to amalgamate its two buildings on Front Street and create a sort of super Han complex. The project, presented to council at a recent meeting by Han Construction's Murray Matchett, would see the Chief Isaac build-

ing and the Trondik Heritage Centre joined by a two storey office complex.

While the two buildings currently in use seem quite spacious from the street, the actual operation of the First Nation's employees are limited to the second floor of Chief Isaac, and the Land Claims offices on the second floor of the heritage centre. The ground floor of Chief Isaac is committed to a laundromat, Klondike Outreach and commer-

cial coffee shop called River West, while the bulk of the second building is taken up with the large auditorium and its kitchen facilities plus one upstairs room for public meetings of a smaller nature.

The addition will bridge the open space between the two buildings and add 4600 square feet of usable office space to the First Nation's holdings, bringing the total area to about 9,000 square feet or 900 square metres. Some

of the space will also be available for leasing to the business community in Dawson, but most of it will be absorbed by the ever growing needs of the Han organization, which currently has 17 employees and is projected to have twice that number as Land Claim implementation begins to take hold.

This project has been envisioned for some time, and was in mind when the the new exterior furnace building for Chief Isaac

was constructed a few years ago. That heating plant was built with enough capacity to handle the proposed building when it is finished.

Matchett says the expansion will cost on the order of \$250,000.00 and should begin to get under way in March, with May as the projected completion date for the upper floor. The main floor will be finished later, when it is determined what tenants might go into the building.

## Percy DeWolfe — Biggest Purse Ever!

by Brad Keenan, President

This year, the Percy DeWolfe Race Committee has been transformed from its former 'ad hoc' nature, to that of a committee which now has structure and therefore a higher degree of organization. This was accomplished by the addition of Bob McConkey (of KVA fame), who led the committee through a series of organizational meetings.

The result of this transformation is quite apparent within the committee and we hope this will, in turn, be reflected by a successful race. Of equal benefit is the fact that the Percy DeWolfe Race Committee is pleased to announce that the purse this year is the largest that the committee has been able to offer to the mushers. The purse is \$5,500 which is up \$1,500 from last year.

This increase in the purse prompted the Percy DeWolfe Race Committee to allocate funds to more finishing mushers, thus, the top eight mushers will be in the money. The aim of this deci-

sion is to encourage mushers not as competitive as the 'big guns' who usually attend, to participate in the race this year. The increase in the purse has also allowed us to maintain our committee's commitment to make the Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Race a progressive race. We therefore are allocating more money to the top three places. A summation of the purse is as follows:

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Bird's Eye view of the start of the Percy DeWolfe dog sled race

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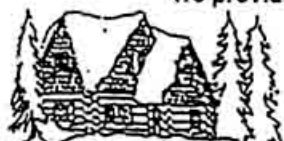
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## Uffish Thoughts:

## The tale of the thin man

by Dan Davidson

What follows is fiction, as far as I can make out. I say this up front because last issue's editorial excursion was a spoof, and nobody caught on. That parody was one of my making. The tale this week is someone else's creation.

While he uses my name freely enough when telling his story to other people, I'd like to make it clear that I have yet to communicate personally with the telephone voice known as "Randy". He's just another of those little oddities that pop up from time to time, a slight matter worn even slightly by repetition, if you'll pardon the pun. What pun? Keep reading; all will be made clear.

Though I treasure my privacy as much as the next person, I'm looking forward to the day when telltale LCD displays on your telephone will give you an automatic check on the number that has just been used to call you. If that were the case now, I would already know who Randy is, because he's called enough people that someone would have made a note of it.

Randy first materialized in the ether about two months ago, when co-editor, Kathy Jones-Gates, called up to ask me what I'd meant by directing this sicko her way. I had no idea what she was talking about until she unfolded the tale to me.

Randy claimed to be calling from Edmonton. He was, he said, a one man travelling freak show, a 5 foot 7 inch anorexic male who weighed in at 45 pounds. Part of his travelling act, he said, was to do shows at schools and visit small communities displaying his oddities. It was how he made a living.

He claimed to have talked to me about getting some coverage of his

performance in our local paper, and thought he was just the thing for some young aspiring journalist to make his/her name with.

We were disgusted at the thought. We may run a tabloid sized paper, but that has nothing to do with our content or our editorial policy. We don't hanker to be sold at any supermarket counters outside of our own home town. I have been on record in this column a number of times as feeling that the sorts of people who produce such garbage should be recycled at the pulp mill along with their toilet paper substitute.

Randy was nothing if not persistent, though. He subsequently contacted several other members of the Sun organization, which seems to prove that he's seen our masthead, at least, and told them versions of the same silly story. Thus we learned that he'd had part of his stomach removed and that he was in his mid-40's. His weight and his age are a matter of confusion at this point, being so close together that people have mixed them up.

As time passed he began calling various students at the Robert Service School and spinning much the same tale. At last count, he's worked his way down to members of my grade 10 English class. They've known all about him ever since the first grade 11 student asked me about him in class, but they find it amusing to string him along and listen. It's his telephone bill, after all.

His point of origin varies. He claims to be calling from Whitehorse, Edmonton and Calgary. He claims to have visited the Northwest Territories, though he's vague on whether he was in Tuk or Inuvik. In either place he must have been

uncomfortable, because he says he is so weak he can't wear ordinary clothes and has to go around in shorts and a shirt all the time, even when he's outdoors. Apparently he has a brute of a manager who likes to make sure he doesn't wander off when he's left alone in hotel rooms, so he hangs him up in closets. On really windy days he has to be on a leash when outside so that he won't blow away.

All of this seems to be related to his audiences in serious tones, usually followed, in the case of the students, with a promise to see them at the school the following week. Naturally, he doesn't show up. Or maybe he just stands around sideways and we don't notice him.

We've wondered just what to do about him. He hasn't bothered anyone else in the media that we know of. We considered a barrier at the edge of town to keep him out if he should decide to visit, but he'd probably just slip between the slats in the fence. It'd be sort of nice to know who he really is, but we suspect he's probably just someone who has overdosed on old William Powell/Myrna Loy mysteries on the Movie Channel.

All this having been said, it's time to give the subject a rest whoever you are. Joke's over. After all this time, it's worn a bit thin. (Later: When Randy began calling my students fairly regularly, we concluded that he was someone from in town, playing a prank, or else his telephone bill would be enormous. But no. When this column got to the Whitehorse Star, staffers there informed me that he's been calling them for some time, using the same dodges and telling the same stories. No one had put it all together until my story.)

## Weather Report

Weather Report for Dawson City, Yukon for January 1993. This edition compiled for your reading pleasure by Art Vickers, your friendly Flight Service Specialist at the Dawson City Flight Service Station located at the famed Dawson City international airport (10 scenic miles east of historic Dawson City, 'Heart of the Klondike').

(How's that for a long winded intro. I forgot to mention that I work at the 'Transport Canada' Flight Service Station. I have to put that in or get my weather info impounded. Now that that is done let's get on with it.)

Hi, again, weather fans!! January is done!!! Hey, only 43 days, 13 hours, 15 minutes until Joni and I leave for Maui. (but who's counting?!) The winter drags on in Dawson. The days are really long now (hours of daylight, anyway). From the 'wonth' of the month till the thirty 'wonth' of the month, we have gained one hour and fifty eight minutes of daylight! It sure is noticeable to us cabin-fevered Dawsonites who have not gone on a holiday to warmer climes 'yet' this winter. (Please try to control your sadness for us, wipe your eyes, and continue to read the rest of the report - it's not over yet.)

January, 1993, was not like the 'sissy' January we had last year, but was pretty close to a "normal" Dawson January as far as temperatures went. We had a lot more snow than is normal for the month. The temperature sure acted like a yo-yo, with it fluctuating from a balmy -4.2 (24.4) to a rather crisp -48.6(-55.5). There were no lo-o-o-ng cold periods as used to be the case many years ago. The more seasoned members of our fine community keep saying winters in the "old days" were common to have stretches of 4 to 6 weeks at a time of 60 below temperatures. Back in the early 70's, when I was a toddler (ho, ho) in Fort Simpson, NWT, I can say from experience that that was the way it was! But, the extreme winter cold seems to have moderated everywhere. I am glad!!!

The old record books remained unchanged as we didn't set any new records. The all-time record high of 10.0(50.0) of 1981 and the all-time record low of -56.0(-68.8) in 1901 were never in any danger of being replaced this January.

January is historically Dawson's c-c-coldest month. So, smile, you Dawsonites, we hope the worst is over with for this winter. February does, however, hold the dubious distinction of having had Dawson's coldest recorded temperature of -58(-73). We all hope that will be a 'permanent' record!! Tune in again next month and you will find out.

Here are the stats for January, 1993 (Fahrenheit in brackets, as usual).

	1993	1992	30-yr Average
Maximum Temp	-4.2(24.4)	-7.6(18.3)	---
Minimum Temp	-48.6(-55.5)	-38.9(-38.0)	---
Mean Maximum	-23.5(-10.3)	-15.7(3.7)	-24.9(-12.9)
Mean Minimum	-33.5(-28.3)	-23.7(-10.7)	-32.3(-26.1)
Mean Temp.	-28.5(-19.3)	-19.6(-3.3)	-28.6(-19.5)
Total Snowfall	53.6cm(21.1in)	37.4cm(14.7in)	20.6cm(8.1in)
Days with Measurable Snow	21	25	10
Depth of Snow on the Ground	64cm(25in)	60cm(24in)	

Bye for now!

## YMIP Deadline - March 15

March 15 is the deadline for prospectors and exploration companies to apply for the 1993 Yukon Mining Incentives Program (YMIP).

YMIP can help defray the costs of grassroots prospecting and exploration activities on Yukon properties. A new guidebook explaining the program has been developed, and includes application forms. To receive your copy, contact:

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## Changes to the Yukon Workers' Compensation Act

The following changes to the Yukon Workers' Compensation Act are effective January 1, 1993. If you are not sure whether the changes affect your business, call one of the numbers listed below.

### ALL INCORPORATED COMPANIES

Directors of incorporated companies are now deemed to be "workers" under the act and workers' compensation coverage is compulsory.

All incorporated companies must be registered with the Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board and must include the earnings of their directors for assessment. Directors who are not paid wages must include an estimate of the value of their service to the company.

Directors who perform no service other than attendance at directors' meetings may apply to be excluded. You can obtain application forms for exclusion by calling the board's Assessment Department at 667-5095.

### ALL FIRMS HIRING CONTRACT WORKERS

All firms hiring individual workers, proprietors or partners under a contract of service must report (for assessment) each contract worker's earnings under the contract - if the proprietors or partners do not themselves hire workers, or have their own compensation coverage.

Proprietors and partners who fulfill the following criteria may purchase their own coverage:

- work for more than one employer at the same time and is normally available to work regularly for more than one employer;
- through their own effort directly solicit business from the person or principal for whom the work is being performed, and assumes all "goodwill" as an asset; and
- in addition to their own labour, provide major equipment used solely for their business, or supply the materials related to the work being performed.

You can confirm the status of your contractor or subcontractors by calling the board's Assessment Department. Employers "A" through "L", call 667-5660. Employers "M" through "Z" and Numbered Companies, call 667-5659.



# A Yukon Saga 1938-1939 Part 7

by Phil Eccles

My first full winter in Dawson was a busy and interesting period. As related in your October bulletin, I had a winter's work painting the interior of the large, two-storey Administration Building, a government job with an assured paycheck. Winter work was scarce so I was most fortunate in being so gainfully employed during those long dark, cold months. The local merchants granted me the necessary credit to purchase suitable clothing which I believe I paid off within the following few months. Moccasins, mukluks and a fur hat were obtained from the native people for a very nominal sum. The moccasins were made of the soft underbelly of the caribou, were unadorned and to be worn inside the mukluks and also to be worn indoors in lieu of slippers. (Floor areas of some cabins were frequently down in the freezing range). The mukluks were knee high with the foot area composed of sturdy moose hide. The leg covering was of caribou with an ornamental band of about three inches around the top. Colorful beadwork decorated this band which was then topped with a few tassels of fur strategically placed to please the spirits and lend speed and safety to my travels. My parka was also Indian made, the hood designed to fit over my fur hat and fringed around the face area with a liberal addition of wolverine fur which had the unique ability to remain frost-free from one's breath during the coldest weather.

That winter gear kept me snug and comfortable for sallies around town, snowshoeing up into the hills, cross country skiing and firewood cutting excursions into the hills across the river. When attending dances for such occasions as New Years, St. Valentines, St. Patricks, etc., the ladies always dressed in long evening

gowns and the men in suits, white shirt and tie. All this finery would be bundled under our winter garb which would then be removed for the evening and replaced for the cold return to our homes. Quite an exercise, but a necessary one!

In November the happy home I was sharing with my three buddies was sold by our landlady and we had to move out. My buddies obtained lodgings in the hotels but that type of accommodation did not appeal to me. I was aware

of a log cabin in the back yard of one of our citizens which was empty and which, with a little dickering I was able to rent for a very reasonable sum. It was a large one-room cabin with a good cookstove - the only source of heat - a double bed with a reasonably good mattress, good cupboard space, a kitchen table and two chairs plus a comfortable easy chair. It also had electricity and an outhouse just beyond a well-stocked woodpile. Who could ask for anything more? I

moved in and set up housekeeping.

That first winter was a unique experience for me and one that I thoroughly enjoyed. Five days of work and two days of play in that vast outdoor playground, with hiking, skiing and snowshoeing in the valleys, up into the hills and across the frequent open spaces. Sometimes I had the company of friends but mostly I preferred to be on my own for these little jaunts in the wilds. The daylight hours were more like twilight hours with the sun below the horizon and the cold causing an all-enveloping fog or mist which would lower the visibility to just around four or five hundred yards. The silence in those valleys was something you had to experience to believe. The occasional sharp explosive crack of a tree being affected by the freezing, the call or chatter of a pair of jays plus the sound of skis or snowshoes, the rustle of clothing and of breathing usually were all that marred that beautiful silence. The fog or mist was not always there - usually it coincided with temperatures of -25F and lower. Frequently we had long periods of light winds which would clear the fog away and then it was a glorious experience to venture far out into the hills and valleys with unlimited visibility. Those were the times when I preferred to go solo. Being alone in

that vast expanse of white-blanketed beauty and almost unbroken silence did things to me that I will not attempt to describe. Those were private, inside-the-man thoughts that are best left unspoken.

And so the long dark winter sped by with many social events to make the evening interesting. Frequent gatherings with my musical friends, many house parties and dances helped pass the time. My landlord had an excellent library in his house just a few paces from my cabin thus supplying me with all the good reading I could wish for. By joining the church choir (Anglican) I was soon assured of at least one good meal a week in the rectory and sandwiches, cake and coffee at the weekly choir practices. Equipped with a fry pan and an efficient can opener I cooked most of my meals in my cabin and this "Manna from heaven" was a good inducement to attend to my moral and Christian education, and so I literally "sang for my supper". The Rector's wife was a superb cook!



St. Paul's Anglican Church

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# K.V.A. - New directions in '93

by Robert McConkey  
K.V.A. General Manager

The Klondike Visitors Association is going through some exciting and dynamic times. As a result of a very busy year in 1992, combined with the successful introduction of slot machines to Diamond Tooth Gerties, K.V.A. is now in a position to add substantially to the cultural depth, economic growth, employment and attractiveness of Dawson City.

It now appears that the association is in a position to move forward on the restoration project of Pierre Berton's Boyhood Home. Initiatives have been made to arrange financing for the first phase of this project. When this is in place we hope to move as expeditiously as possible to add this important facility to the long list of Dawson attractions. We are quite excited about working with the Yukon Arts Council who will be operating a writer-in-residence programme at the Berton Home. With this programme, we will have the opportunity to have significant authors live here in Dawson giving literary lectures and stimulating the literary arts interests of our residents, both young and old.

For many years Craig Moddle (a.k.a. Arizona Charlie Meadows) has produced, directed and performed in the shows offered by K.V.A. at Diamond Tooth Gerties and the Gaslight Follies at the Palace Grand Theatre. On closing night this past year, Craig announced that he would be moving on in his artistic career. Craig and his company,



Craig Moddle as "Arizona Charlie Meadows"



Long-time Gertie's employees Gary Parker and Fletcher Hunston have been made co-managers of the casino by K.V.A.

Photo by Michael Gates

'Stillwater Willie Productions', have been a valued component of Dawson summers. K.V.A. along with the rest of the community wish Craig continued success and happiness in his career.

As a result of Stillwater Willies decision to withdraw, K.V.A. opened for tender the shows at Gerties and the Follies. We are very pleased to announce that last year's sensational 'Miss Diamond Tooth Gertie' and her incredibly talented piano player, 'Ragtime Jim' have been awarded the contract to produce our Gerties shows. Gertie and Ragtime Jim, alias Seana-Lee Wood and Jim Hodgkinson, are outstanding performers and have been working diligently to script great new shows for the summer of 1993. Also new for '93 are the show times and lengths. This summer Gerties will have two forty-five minute shows instead of three thirty minute shows as we've had in the past. They will happen at 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. with half-hour music only sets filling up the other times.

The K.V.A. has applied for permission to open up Gerties at 7:00 p.m. this summer rather than 8:00 p.m. as we've done in the past.

Over at the Palace Grand Theatre, K.V.A. is pleased to announce that renowned Yukon performer Conrad Boyce has been awarded the contract to produce the Gaslight Follies in 1993. Conrad, who is President of Smithfield Productions, is no stranger to Dawson having performed in the Gaslight Follies in years past as well as done the interpretations at the Robert Service Cabin.

Mr. Boyce has quickly recruited a great cast of well-known performers many of whom are veterans of the Follies and are Dawson residents. Names such as Grant Hartwick, Bill Costin, Dale Cooper, Pat Henman, Lee Worden, Kim Tuson, and Tim Gunter are well-known for their talents on stage at the Gaslight Follies. With Conrad Boyce heading up this superb company, the K.V.A. is confident that we will continue to build our reputation of producing one of the finest stage shows north of 60!

Photo by Michael Gates

Also new at the Gaslight Follies in '93 will be the addition of two more shows each week during the busy high season period. The theatre will continue to be dark on Tuesday nights, however, on two other days there will be two shows. Since demand exceeded supply on many dates this past summer, we are attempting to provide shows for all who wish to see it in '93.

The Klondike Visitors Association also operates Jack London's Cabin and Interpretive Centre and that popular attraction will also see some changes in 1993. The Association has awarded a tendered contract to Maximilians Gold Rush Emporium to supply the complete collection of Jack London volumes for sale at the centre. This collection of books will in themselves be an attraction to the community since many of them are now out of print. The K.V.A. is also pleased that Dick North, a well known Yukon author and historian, will again be interpreting the Jack London story daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week.

On our continuing theme of new directions, K.V.A.'s marketing initiatives will also be seeing some fresh approaches. At the February Board of Director's meeting, the Marketing and Promotion Committee will be presenting for approval an up-dated K.V.A. corporate logo. The K.V.A. has long been associated

with the Can-Can Dancer motif, however, different versions have been used along with different type styles. This has caused a clouded recognition of the K.V.A. corporate signature. The new logo, when adopted, will then be used consistently on letterhead, business cards, envelopes, advertising, etc.

The association has also adopted a new creative strategy and a slogan to anchor our advertising. The graphic impression depicts people in line-art engraving format overlayed on a four-colour photo and type copy. The new slogan will be, "Relive the Rush". As a package, this creative strategy builds on our historic gold rush origins while creating excitement and promising an entertaining historical experience today. The design of our ads will be flexible enough to adapt to the various mediums in which we will carry our message.

Our approach to publications has also been revised. The large format Dawson City Magazine and 4 x 9 fold-out brochure have been dropped. The 1993 booklet has been expanded to include many more pages of editorial style copy along with new photos and a cleaner layout. We have also arranged to have the print run expanded from 85,000 to 125,000 to allow us to reach more travellers, particularly in Alaska, and chase them over to Dawson City. The new booklet will be produced by P.R.

Services of Whitehorse.

Other new marketing initiatives include cultivating the interest of tour operators both domestically and internationally. This is principally being accomplished by our direct participation in two major travel trade marketplaces called Rendezvous Canada and the National Tour Association Tour and Travel Exchange. These two events allow K.V.A. representatives to sit down in pre-scheduled appointments and meet with targeted tour operators on a one-on-one basis to promote Dawson City as a tour destination. These marketplaces are extremely effective over the long run.

This winter, K.V.A. Directors are donating hundreds of hours of their personal time to help promote the Yukon and Dawson specifically as a destination. K.V.A. Chairperson Peggy Amendola is managing the thirty-five show R.V. Roadshow Promotions in southern California and Arizona. Director Dave (Buffalo) Taylor represented K.V.A. at the huge consumer travel show in Anaheim, California, and Director Wendy Burns is representing us at the consumer travel show in Seattle, Washington. Gaming Research is also being undertaken by some directors on their own time and at their own expense. They are visiting Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada. They include Joe Castellarin and John and Gail Hendley.

Finally, under our 'new directions', K.V.A. is pleased to announce that former Games Manager Fletcher Hunston and Assistant Games Manager Gary Parker have been appointed Co-Managers of Diamond Tooth Gerties. This move streamlines the decision-making process and provides Fletcher and Gary with the authority to effectively oversee the smooth operation of Gerties on a day-to-day basis.

The Klondike Visitors Association has a number of other projects which it is working on. Hopefully, we will have more new announcements to make this year.



Dick North, Yukon author and Jack London expert, will return this summer interpreting the Jack London Square.

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There are other long distance sled dog races but it is the Yukon Quest that carefully balances modern day technology with timeless instincts of winter survival. The Iditarod features 20 or more checkpoints with the longest 90 miles. The Quest features six with the longest nearly 300 miles. Iditarod racers are allowed help at checkpoints, use multiple sleds and minimal equipment. Those on the Quest are prohibited help at checkpoints other than Dawson City, use one sled that can only be repaired with equipment carried and carry all equipment needed to survive on some of the most remote terrain in North America.

The 1000 mile Yukon Quest is named after the old-time "Highway of the North", the Yukon River and is produced by the cumulative efforts of hundreds of individuals along the way. Organizational headquarters and the start/finish lines are located in Fairbanks and Whitehorse.

Depending on each other for survival, mushers and their dog teams retrace the footsteps of Gold Rush miners, trappers, explorers and missionaries. Once again the historic trail system resounds with the hiss of sled runners gliding across its frozen

base. Together, mushers and dogs speed across the endless flats and conquers the many summits that separate the valleys along the route.

Visitors based in either Fairbanks or Whitehorse can follow the progress of the race, as well as attend the start and/or finish. The direction of the race alternates each year. The 1993 race will start on February 14 in Whitehorse while the 1994 race will start in Fairbanks.

The 1,000 (1,600 km.) trek will take between ten and fourteen days depending on the weather. During their journey between the two modern cities, the teams will cross diverse and challenging terrain, take a thirty-six hour mandatory layover in historic Dawson City, travel 110 miles on the frozen Yukon River and cross the international border before arriving in Eagle, Alaska, the oldest incorporated city in the state. These are the real heroes of the Yukon Quest: Alaskan Huskies, Siberians, Malamutes, Shepherds and Labradors, mice and mongrels. Trained for years to both race and serve as the basic transportation of the North, mushers must depend on these incredible athletes for their very lives. It is said that while the dogs depend on the mushers as pups, as adults it is the musher who is dependant. The rapport between human and dog is at its highest when both must function as a team for their survival. Race rules were carefully developed to maximize the health and well-being of our canine friends. Teams of veterinarians are available at every checkpoint to monitor their well-being. Emergency medical facilities for them rival the toughest of human competitions.

Healthy dogs straining at the harness communicate their excitement to the spectators. Frosty muzzles and colourful paw booties offer many photographic opportunities for this truly Canadian sport.

Mushing is a sport for everyone. Race participants include women and men, old and

young, natives and people from the United States, England, Austria, Scotland and various other countries have entered the Yukon Quest. Mushers come from many walks of life: trappers, homemakers, professional dog mushers, carpenters, lawyers, teachers, physicians and dentists. All share one passion - dog mushing!

Commitment and years of training are required of all Yukon Quest racers. Mushers will spend up to 30,000.00 to train for the Quest. One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (U.S.) in prize money distributed to the top 20 mushers helps defray costs for those determined enough to earn it. The Yukon Quest is surely **THE TOUGHEST RACE IN THE WORLD!**



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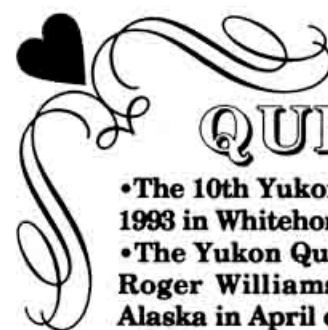
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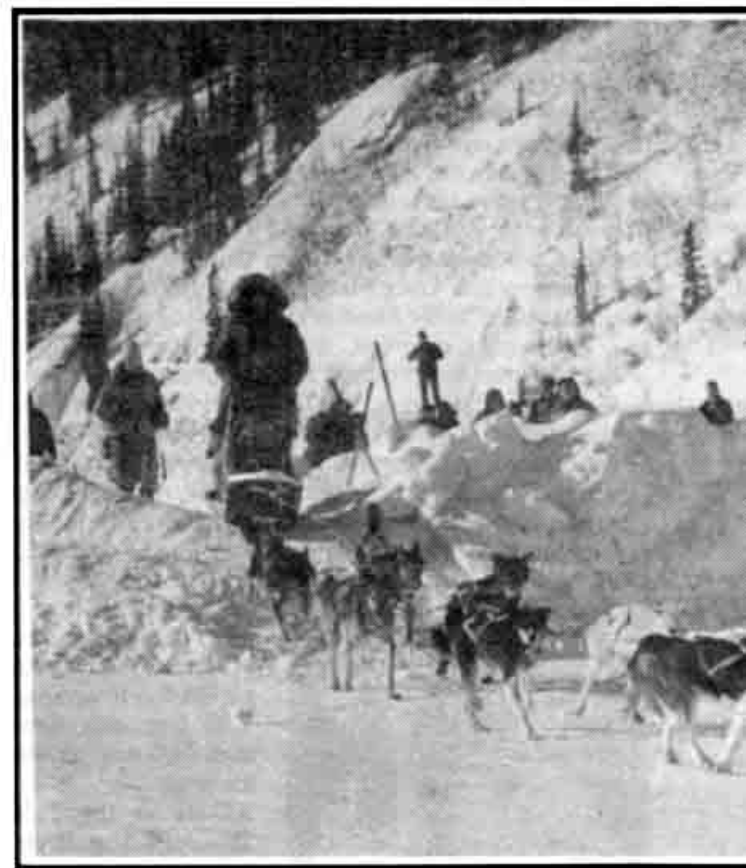
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- The 10th Yukon Quest will 1993 in Whitehorse.
- The Yukon Quest was conceived by Roger Williams in the Bull River, Alaska in April of 1983.
- The first musher to sign up to the Quest was Murray Clayton
- The first musher to ever start the Quest was Humphries.
- In 1988 all five women that finished; 17 of the 42 men that finished.
- Jeff King has finished in 1st place.
- The \$50,000 purse went to the musher who finished in 1st place. The purse went to \$100,000 in 1991.
- The only checkpoint at which a musher can be disqualified of any kind is at Dawson City.
- Each musher may use only one dog.



## The Goals of the Quest

- «To recognize and promote the spirit of the Quest compels one to live in the Arctic environment.
- «To bring public attention to the Arctic Trail in the Yukon country.
- «To commemorate the lives of the "citizens of the far north" who lived on the boundaries.
- «To commemorate the lives of the men on his sled dogs for their contribution to the Arctic environment and the kind's concern for human continued health, welfare.
- «To provide an opportunity for participation in an epic journey out regard to the musher's national origin, age or sex.





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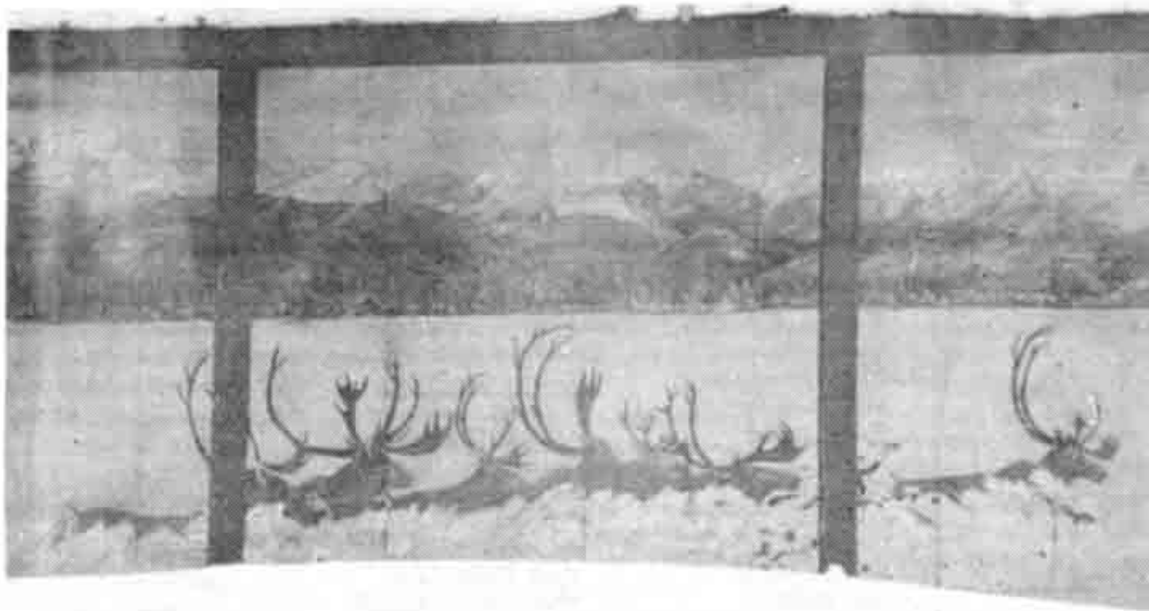


Photo by Sue Ward

# The only caribou in town

by Sue Ward

It would seem that everyone has felt concern for the herds of caribou for as long as folks have called Dawson home. One hears that the early stampeders who spent those first frantic years out on Bonanza, El Dorado, Hunker, and far over the other side into the Indian River tributaries, all counted on meat for dinner, thereby depleting the original Forty Mile herd, which numbered in the fourteen to sixteen thousand range. And then again, when my friend John Gould was a lad he recalls seeing the whole of the Dome being a moving mass of animals as they migrated each year across the mighty Yukon River during the spring break-up, battling the sweeping blocks of ice. What a sight that must have been!

Less pleasant stories recall the building of the Al-Can, when the "brave" warriors would slaughter from the air. We are encouraged to learn that our government folk are doing their best to see that the herd is allowed to increase. What a tourist attraction that would be! But don't hold your breath.

Meantime, the only sure place you can see the gallant animals making the big crossing is on the cabin wall of what was the summer home and hairdressing parlour on Seventh Avenue at King of our feature story-teller Mrs. Ethel E. Colbourne of Kinnear Avenue in Kelowna, B.C.

Writes Ethel, "in 1938 I took a hairdressing course at the Moler Beauty School in downtown Vancouver. For two-thirds of the course I received only room and board. We labelled bottles of face cream and washed perm pads, in a room under the sidewalk on Hastings Street.

"Finally I was permitted to give a lady a hair do and I learned she was from Mayo. She told me there was no depression in the Yukon and wages were so much higher. In the class of 38 I was one of seven who graduated. I returned to my town of Perow where I performed chemical machineless perms, using hot pads for heat (I still have the outfit).

"There I met a Finnish lady who was keeping house for a

bachelor. It had no future so she answered an ad submitted by a man in Dawson City who was seeking a wife. The man was a University Grad Scotchman who had married a Native girl, who had died, leaving him with a baby girl (I think she still lives in Mayo).

"Sirka bought herself a wedding dress in which I saw her before she left on her great adventure. As it turned out, Jim was an excellent cook who ran a cafe, kept busy with employees of the Northern Commercial store, dock workers, as well as several bachelors. The cafe was across from the store which occupied one

along the outside wall and I was impressed as they were all covered with frost! Date of my arrival was March 6 and I learned that it was thirty degrees below zero Fahrenheit. Since I knew how to bake bread that job was assigned to me. Thirty loaves a day plus a big pan of buns. Jim was an excellent cook, but every once in a while he would drink and that was a frightful time for us. Once I remember him throwing a fistful of raisins in the soup, along with a pound of butter each day. I met my future husband Jack Colbourne while working at the cafe. He worked at the Firehall and would come for



Ethel Colbourne

Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates

block, and was just half a block from the dock. There were several boats arriving each week.

"Sirka wrote and asked me to come to work for them, sending me the fare of \$182.00 which would be paid back out of wages of \$65.00 a month.

"It didn't take me long to decide to catch the train to Prince Rupert. At Smithers, Hilding Palm boarded and he too was going to Dawson for work. He was good company. We took the boat to Skagway and then the narrow gauge railroad to Whitehorse, where we had to stay overnight. When they booked me into a room with another woman, Hilding told them 'No way!' He knew she was a 'lady of the evening' who was headed to Dawson.

"I no sooner had taken off my coat in the cafe when I was put to work. Many old clothes hung

dog food everyday.

"Jim and Sirka lived in a house on 5th Avenue which I shared with them. Had some real hairy nights when he was drinking and Sirka, with her Finnish temper, would let him have it. As soon as spring came I rented a cabin at the North End from Charlie Tennant for five dollars a month. The cabin was next to Mrs. Bill Elliott's (I believe she is still living having reached one hundred years of age). I went out with her handsome son for a spell.

"In the fall, I decided I would be warmer with less struggle if I moved into the Yukon Hotel which was right next to the Cafe."

*Continued in the March issue when the story heats up considerably. S. W.*

## Mary Elizabeth (Roberts) Bergman

November 13, 1932 — January 6, 1993

Mary Beth was the third eldest daughter of Magdalene and David Roberts. She was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Dawson City, Yukon, on November 13, 1932.

In her early childhood Mary Beth was raised at Moosehide Village. She attended Carcross Residential School for July, 1946, to July, 1948.

Mary Beth had many good experiences and knowledge in many things such as dog handling, hunting and fishing. She was very good in the kitchen and knew how to make good bannock and bake bread. At odd times she would also do beadwork — she helped sew flowers along with her sisters to prepare a stole for the Church altar, which can be seen at the Church today.

Mary Beth was always generous to other people that knew her well and would always lend a helping hand.

Mary Beth was predeceased by her father and mother, David and Magdalene Roberts, brother Freddy Roberts, sister Sarah DeWolfe, son Peter, uncles Stanley Roberts and Otto Bergman.

Mary Beth will always be remembered by her families: Bill Blanchard, Dorothy Roberts, Jimmy Roberts, Vera Mendelsohn, Tommy Taylor, John Roberts, Harry Roberts, Nancy McMann, Paul Roberts, Dolores Roberts, Mary Mahoney and Walter Bergman; brothers Archie, Edward, and Herbie Roberts; and sisters Doris Adair, Martha Kates, and Marion Roberts. She has eighteen grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Wesley Buyck

Wesley Buyck passed away suddenly on January 21st in Mayo. Wes was 64 years old and was a life long resident of the Mayo-Stewart Crossing area. Wes was foreman for the Department of Highways for many years.

A funeral service for Wes was held in Mayo. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Yukon Heart Foundation.



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These programs are available to all Yukoners who have a problem with affordability and/or adequacy with their present home and who do not already live in government assisted housing.

A prerequisite for The Rural and Native Housing Program is that titled land must be available.

### Lease to Purchase

A qualifying client can lease a housing unit from CMHC for up to 5 years. After the lease period, they may exercise their option to purchase. They would then take over the Mortgage and Title and assume homeownership responsibilities such as mortgage payments, property taxes, house insurance, municipal services, etc.

### Self Build Program

A qualifying client must demonstrate some construction ability and be able to work with limited supervision. The flexibility of this program allows a client to work with a construction manager (contracting by CMHC) on a housing unit that they have assisted in designing. The benefits of this program are that the greater the client's labour factor, the lower the monthly payments.

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# Museum Nuggets



This fascinating letter and envelope came into our hands this fall, when the Postmaster, Lambert Curzon, donated it to the Museum. He had received it from Mr. Logan of Connecticut — another angle to the Highway Celebration! . . .

May 21, 1992

To the Postmaster, Fairbanks:

Fifty years ago the Alaska Highway was under construction. Fifty-three years ago the first mail moved over the Highway. How's that again? The enclosed envelope tells the story.

It is one of some 600, including letters from Fairbanks Mayor Nerland to British Columbia Premier Pattullo and to New York's Mayor LaGuardia.

As cachet and postmarks reveal, Slim Williams and I departed Fairbanks May 14, 1939, by motorcycle over the Richardson Trail, as the road was known, to Big Delta. We then headed east. Two months later we pulled into Chicken. Rather rough going for a motorcycle, with no roads or decent trails.

Postmarks record our subsequent stops in Dawson, Whitehorse, Atlin, Telegraph Creek and, on November 9, Hazelton, B.C., northern end of the existing road system. Thence, a comparative breeze over the last thousand miles to Seattle via Vancouver.

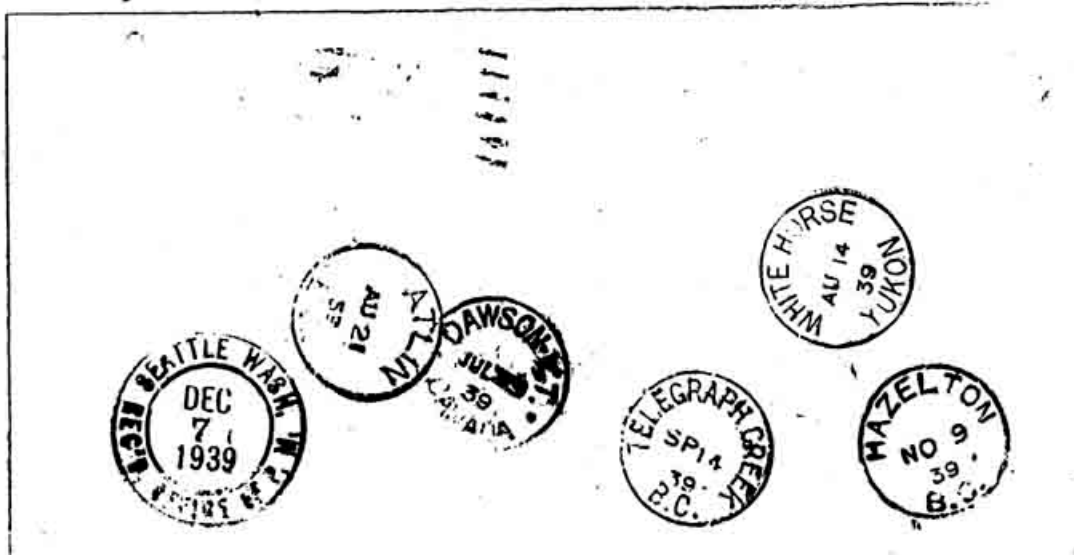
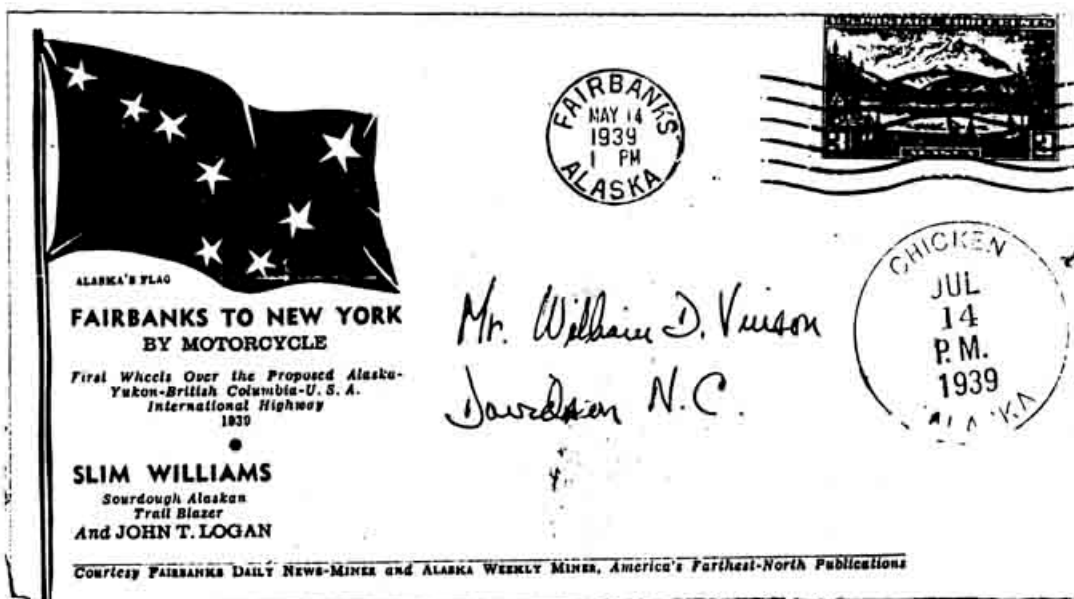
Donald MacDonald, Alaska Road Engineer, had proposed our "Route A". Slim Williams had blazed the trail with his dog team in 1932-33. However, the actual route varies considerably. I was inclined to forgive those who selected it. They did the best they could, presumably without undue political pressure. (I wonder whether Messrs. MacDonald and Williams ever forgave them.)

I hope you, and others copies, will accept these envelopes . . . with thanks to your predecessor postmasters for their cooperation in 1939.

Sincerely,  
John Logan

cc: Big Delta and Chicken, Alaska  
Dawson and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory  
Atlin, Telegraph Creek, Hazelton, Vancouver, B.C.  
Seattle, Washington ... Postmasters

Mr. Logan, in a letter we just received from him, said he and his partner Slim Williams were told here, they'd "never get to Whitehorse in a hundred years". He added that "a time or two we thought he might be right." However, as the stamps show, it took seventeen days . . .







## Library Pages

by John Bilton

There is no truth to the rumor that I have left Dawson and will never write another column for the paper. I am still here and even though I have missed a couple of deadlines and was on holidays for another issue, I am back, ready to pass on news from your library.

The weather may be cold and blustery at times but, I have it on good authority (or at least that's what Art Vickers said), the weather will get better quite soon, and we can look forward to planting our greenhouses, of course he is going on holidays to a warmer climate where his crystal ball won't freeze solid.

The circulation at the library has remained fairly good for the colder months, and it pleases me to see that more people are using the library for any number of meetings, gatherings, or just sitting and reading. We have had new books shipped in from Libraries and Archives Branch in Whitehorse, which have attracted some new members to the library.

The library will be the scene for a viewing of the National Film Board of Canada film "The Company of Strangers", which will be shown at 7:30 pm, Sunday, February 7. This film is being presented by the Yukon Educational Theatre.

The Dawson Community Library Board held elections recently and the new chairperson is Lynn Stewart. We still have two vacancies on the board, and if anyone is interested in serving you can contact Lynn or your Librarian for more information. Our meetings are the last Monday of each month except during the summer when we take a break.

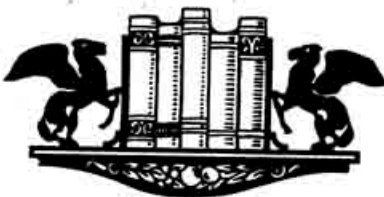
After talking to some of our patrons, I thought it would be a good idea to let you know about some of the services we can provide. There is an extensive Inter-library Loan arrangement which allows us to draw books from almost anywhere in Canada. True, it may take a while to get some of the books, but we have recently had books come all the way from St. John, New Brunswick and we have received many books from the National Library in Ottawa. Another very good service is obtaining videos from the Audio-Visual Unit in Whitehorse. There is a wide list-

ing of videos available to library patrons, and there is the usual three week loan period for them. We also have a large inventory of talking books (books on cassette or audio-books) and our reference library is second only to the Whitehorse Public Library.

Very soon it will be time to start seeds in the house for this summer's crop of tomatoes, peppers, etc., so why don't you come in and take a look at the gardening books we have to offer? If you're into growing flowers instead of vegetables, we can help you out there as well with an extensive listing of books on annuals, perennials, and some exotic varieties as well.

I would like to remind parents that Story Hour is on Thursday afternoons from 2-3 pm and this segment will run until Spring Break in March. After a short break we will start again until the summer months.

We try to encourage people to drop in for a quick chat or just a look around the library to see what we have to offer. During these cold days it is a good stopping point to read a paper or some of the many magazines that we have available to the public. We are open from Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from noon until 7 pm, Thursday from 1 pm to 8 pm, and Saturday from 11 am to 5 pm. The library is closed on Sunday and Monday. I think I have rambled on enough for this month, so until next column, Good Reading and Good Health!



From the Dawson Daily News Aug. 31, 1899

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# Business Matters

by Allanah Fuhre

I have had a lot of positive feedback to my last column on computer printers so I am going to take more time to address various computer issues. Because I am a fan of IBM/clone rather than MAC type computers, this series of articles will deal with mainly IBM/clone type information. Much of this information will, however, apply to Apple computers. This month I am going to deal with some basic terminology followed by some 'down south pricing' figures for potential buyers to compare to.

### Memory

Many computer novices confuse memory with storage. They are not the same thing. A computer has 2 main types of memory, ROM and RAM. Rom stands for read only memory and on today's computers is not anything the usual purchaser has to know anything about. The ROM memory allows your computer to run self-diagnostics, load DOS (Disk Operating System), and perform other tasks that you will probably never have to worry about.

RAM stands for random access memory, and is a very important consideration when you are purchasing a computer. There are 3 main types of ram memory: basic, extended, and expanded. This memory is used to load information from your computer storage (disk) for use while running the various computer programs. Pretty well all of today's computers have 640K (1K = 1,000 bytes) of basic RAM memory. Don't buy a computer with less than this amount.

Because of the development of programs that needed more memory to run, expanded memory was created. Expanded memory was purchased as an additional card that plugged inside your computer and provided more usable memory for programs. It is very rare that a new computer would have an expanded memory

card and you should not look for this feature.

Extended memory comes in the form of chips that you can plug into the mother board of your computer (inside the unit). 2Mb (1 Mb = 1,000,000 bytes) is an absolute bare minimum of extended memory to purchase. If you are planning to run Microsoft Windows and/or graphic or database type programs, you should purchase at least 4 Mb of extended memory. Most computers come with "expandable" RAM memory. This simply means that some of the extended memory sockets in your computer are empty and you can purchase additional chips to fill them. Because some DOS programs still use expanded memory



(e.g. Lotus 1-2-3), extended memory in your computer can be configured to emulate expanded memory. Therefore a computer with extended memory will be able to run programs requiring expanded memory.

### Storage

Storage on your computer takes place on disks. There are two main type of disks, hard disks and floppy disks. When you purchase a computer, it normally comes with a hard disk. Most new computers come with at least 60Mb of hard disk storage. You should buy as large a hard disk as you can afford because you will run out of hard disk storage sooner than you think you will. Floppy disks also store information. There are two main sizes of floppy disks, 3-1/2" and 5-1/4".

Hard disks are non-removable or in other words they stay in your computer. Floppy disks can be removed easily from the floppy disk drive and stored. The hard disk is always much much faster to use than a floppy disk and more sophisticated programs will not run without being installed on a hard disk. The two

main uses of floppy disks are program installation and backup.

When you purchase a machine, you can manage quite nicely with just one floppy drive in the size of your choice. However, it is always nice to have one 5-1/4" floppy drive and one 3-1/2" floppy drive. This enables you to transfer floppy disks easily from one computer to another. For example, if you want to bring home some work from the office and the office machine only has a 3-1/2" drive, you would be unable to if your computer only had a 5-1/4" drive.

### Chips

Computers run on microprocessor chips. The chip is about 1-1/2" square and is really the guts of the computer. The old XT type of computers ran on 8088 chips. The first AT type computers ran on 80286 chips. Now you are usually choosing between 80386 (386) and the newer, more powerful 80486 (486) computers. Which one you buy depends on your needs and your pocketbook.

When you compare computers, you will find that they are usually described as SX or DX types. Novice buyers are not usually aware of the distinction between them and often pay more than they should. In very simple terms, an SX is a baby DX computer. It is not as powerful and usually has less upgradeable characteristics. A typical 386SX computer with 2Mb of RAM memory and at least an 80Mb hard drive currently sells in Vancouver for under \$1,000 (this includes monitor). A 386DX computer with 4Mb of RAM memory and a similar sized hard drive costs about \$1,500 including monitor.

Speed is another consideration. 386SX computers have a clock speed of 25 - 33 MHz (1MHz = 1,000,000 Hertz). 386DX computers have clock speeds ranging from 20MHz all the way up to 40MHz. The above prices were for 33MHz systems. The 486 computers range all of the way up to 66MHz.

### Summary

I'll cover more computer information in next month's issue. Until then remember that two wrongs do not make a right. It usually takes three or four!

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★ The following awards were presented	★
★ at the Community Christmas Dinner in	★
★ December by the Dawson First Nation.	★
★ Elder of the Year	★ Percy Henry
★ Honourable Elder	★
★ of the Year	★ Martha Taylor
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# Towards a new Arts Policy Conservation News

by Palma Berger

A disappointingly small group gathered at the Museum to meet with Ed Krahn of the Heritage Branch, and Rick Lemaire, newly hired Director of the Arts Branch of the Dept. of Tourism.

Rick explained that the very existence of the Arts Branch was due partly to the call from the arts community for the development of a policy for the Arts. Much work towards developing this policy had been done by his colleagues, Laurel Parry and Ruth McCullough, at the Arts Branch, and a YRAC Arts subcommittee, chaired by Conrad Boyce.

By developing a policy they hope to provide some guiding principles offering a blueprint on how best to support Arts in all communities of the Yukon.

This was good news to one of the organisers of the Dawson Music Festival. The frustrations of being ignored by Whitehorse that rural communities feel was brought home again when she was attending a meeting with Ron Pond talking about anniversaries. Ron mentioned that Gary Cristall, Director of Vancouver's Music Festival would be in Whitehorse in a few days to give a talk. This was someone on whose expertise and experience they would love to have drawn. But no one in Whitehorse had let them know, and it was scheduled for a week day, besides. Impossible for them to attend.

It was noted that only one province, Quebec, has an Arts Policy overseen directly by a Government Dept. whereas other provinces have Arts Councils.

Discussion ensued as to whether an Arts Branch (Govt.) is less independent than an Arts Council. But it was pointed out that both are government funded.

The new Minister for Arts (and Education) is Doug Phillips. Rick reported that most people in the arts communities are happy with this appointment.

A small committee has been formed to get a discussion paper for the Arts Policy together. We will be kept informed.

Questions of what does Art cover were answered with generally the Performing, Literary and Visual Arts. Questions of whether items such as, funding sound recordings, or making videos, would be included, have to be decided. But it was thought best to be inclusive than exclusive.

The Arts Branch are working with the Heritage Branch to bring off more "happenings". It was noted and appreciated that the Dawson Museum holds an annual art show displaying the work of local artists.

With resource based industries drying up, the encouragement of the arts is one way to supplement any economic loss. An example in Dawson is the Music Festival, in combination with the Dome Race, attracting large crowds to this town.

Rick Lemaire has extensive experience in Arts Organisations in Vancouver and dealing with finances so his announcement that the grant application form is both streamlined and simplified was most welcome. He admitted that he is more used to being in an advocacy position and had to readjust his thinking to one of promoting and planning the items for discussion in the new Policy Paper.

On hand was a "Ties That Bind" map of the Yukon. This was to protest the Federal Government's cutting of funding to the arts. Yukoners are asked to sign the huge map of their territory and it will be sent off to Ottawa to join other provincial and territorial maps being put on display there.

## Did you know

(NC)—Many doctors believe that depression is the illness that underlies the majority of suicides in Canada. Suicide is one of the leading causes of death among people between the ages of 15 to 24, though depression doesn't limit itself to these age groups, striking at any time of life. NC

Since this is our first message to the Sun in 1993, the Renewable Resources staff of Dawson City would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year! Already, the days are getting longer, and hopefully we won't have to put up with the cold weather for too much longer.

We would like to remind everyone that it is once again that time of year when Moose become a hazard on our highways. As we get further into the winter, the snow gets deeper, forcing large animals such as Moose out of the higher elevations and down into the valleys where food is often easier to obtain. Cleared roadways provide new aspen, willow and birch growth which are attractive to wintering Moose. As well, the ploughed roads themselves provide relief from the deep snow for animals moving around within their winter ranges. Many animals, including Moose, are most active during the hours of darkness, increasing the chance of accidents. For people travelling our highways now and the spring thaw, please be extra cautious. We would also like to remind people that should they be involved in an accident involving wildlife, they should, in addition to reporting it to the R.C.M.P., contact a Conservation Officer as soon as possible. Drive carefully!

Speaking of wildlife on highways, the Porcupine Caribou herd, which normally winters in northern Yukon in the vicinity of the Dempster highway, never did arrive at the highway this year. A few Caribou arrived at the highway north of the Arctic Circle in October, but they have mostly vanished, and the main herd never did arrive. At last report, a large portion of the herd was wintering in the area of the Yukon-Alaska border. The 1992-93 Caribou hunting season in northern parts of the Yukon closed on January 31, 1993.

We are now taking names from any people interested in taking part in a Hunter Education and

Ethics Development (HEED) workshop. If there is enough interest, we would like to provide at least one workshop sometime in the spring, once the weather is nicer. People should note that new Federal Firearms legislation will soon require that people applying to the R.C.M.P. for Firearm's Acquisition Certificates must have firearms safety training. If you would like more information on our HEED program, please refer to our advertisement accompanying this article, or phone our office at 993-5492.

One more note: the Dawson

City Fur show is scheduled to take place at the Dawson First Nation's Band Hall on February 19th. We understand there will be a variety of attractions at this year's show and would like to encourage people to drop by and see what it's all about. Watch for posters around town.

That all for now. Take care and stay warm.!

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## Museum News

by Heather Smith

The Dawson City Museum is pleased to present the following special programs during the month of February:

**February 17, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.** Michael Gates, Curator at Klondike National Historic Sites will give a presentation on *The Restoration of the Commissioner's Residence*. In addition to slides, there will be examples of restored furniture and wall paper samples. All welcome! Free!

**February 24, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.** the NFB Film Series will continue. Tonight there will be two films, *Bowl of Bone: Tale of the Syuwe*, and *Sabina*.

"Bowl of Bone" is an image that refers to the skull as the container of our memory and dreams. Filmed over the course of 15 years, we see the intimate unfolding of the relationship between the film Director, Jan-Marie Martell and the Salish native healer Annie York.

*Bowl of Bone: Tale of the Syuwe* is a film in which reality, the past and dreams twine in

an intriguing narrative that moves around the themes of fear and friendship, cross cultural understanding and a rediscovery of the spiritual in all things.

*Sabina* refers to the symbolic collective of women of water; women who float in the unconscious. An exquisite piece of visual poetry inspired by the writings of Anais Nin.

These films run for a combined time of 120 minutes. All welcome. Free. (Donations welcomed.)

We welcome anyone who wishes to visit the Museum to see the exhibits or do research. Please call ahead for an appointment.

For further information please contact: Heather Smith, Director, Dawson City Museum, Box 303, Dawson City Y0B 1G0, phone: 993-5291, or Fax: 993-5389.

\*During the month of March (2-4) we will be offering a limited enrolment workshop on the taking of Oral History, and on March 24 our film series continues.

## YMIP Deadline - March 15

March 15 is the deadline for prospectors and exploration companies to apply for the 1993 Yukon Mining Incentives Program (YMIP).

YMIP can help defray the costs of grassroots prospecting and exploration activities on Yukon properties. A new guidebook explaining the program has been developed, and includes application forms. To receive your copy, contact:

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# News from the Rock

by Marjie Mann

Here we are on the "down side of Winter. The scent of Spring is a ways off yet - but the days are getting longer, and that's a heck of a good sign. A lot of people have returned from their winter holiday in southern climes and it seems that the weeks ahead show promise for activities that will offer all of us a chance to do something. Very soon we'll be in wonder of how fast winter went - and how we never did find all those "round tooits" that we were so determined to find back in the Fall - you know - "I'll finish the house when I get a round tooit".....

The Christmas Holiday Frenzy is over again for another year. It was great to see Mandy Thompson up for the holidays from Vancouver. I even saw her wearing something besides her jammies once!! And it was delightful to reunite with John Lenert's lovely mom, Yvonne, and her husband Peter who came up to spend Christmas with John, Julie-Ann and Sylvia. Yvonne admitted that she could never figure out what the big deal was with the light - until she spent the deepest, darkest (and among the coldest this year!) days of the year here. Now she understands why we are so joyful when those rays come back into the valley. But even with darkness aplenty, she and Peter had a wonderful visit.

Thanks again to Emil and Colette Levesque for the traditional outdoor Christmas tree that provides a cheery reminder of the season to all of us who travel to and from Dawson every day.

And a special pat on the back for Marg Van Dusen and Mich Gagon who hosted a wonderful New Years Eve party in their shop (a shop all the guys drooled over). Marg should get a medal - up at 3:30a.m. to go to work, a full day on the job, all the party preparations, and then guests arriving as early as 6:00 p.m. - and still going strong at 2:00

a.m. New Years Day!! My hat is off to both of you!! But next time - please remind me that champagne and "moose milk" don't mix well!! (Thank goodness the party was close to home!)

And on to 1993 - I'd like to welcome our new Rock Creek neighbors - Adam and Melissa McConnell - and their dog Alice. We've tried not to bother them too much as they get settled in (and paint cupboards) - but we will all catch up with them, I am sure!! Rock Creek paints a picture of sleepiness - but sometimes that is pure facade.....I think a house

warming party is just about due...

For those of you who are wondering - the newly built fire hall in Rock Creek has still not been officially "handed over" to YTG - the scuttle now is that the grand opening will occur in late March. In the meantime, practices are being conducted out of the hall every second Wednesday - I know they could really use more dedicated fire fighters - just show up to 7:30 at the new hall (practices nites this month are Feb. 3 and 17) or give Fire Chief Howard a call at 993-5064.



Palma Berger

It's a weird winter. The fact that the temperature has hit -48o for several days for a few weeks is something we have not seen for quite a few winters. Again it is a weird thing to stand outside on a wintry night and listen to a breeze rustling the leaves in the trees. In January? Yes, indeed. The leaves that never fell last Fall are still hanging in there.

Christmas is long gone, but the 'literature' of Christmas lingers on. Son, Tony, returned from Victoria for Christmas bearing gifts. I received a small, delightful gift. Was that all? Oh, no. The card explained all; it contained the following poem...

*I've tried to be a loving son,  
As well as I am able.  
I really do love you  
And that is no fable  
Unfortunately your loving son  
Is extremely forgettable  
So, sad to say, that  
The rest of your gift  
Is on my kitchen table.*

I can hardly wait till April, when son returns, to receive my Christmas gift.

There may be an idea abounding that there is no excitement at Bear Creek. Let me enlighten you. Get a horse. Let your

neighbour get a horse. Things happen then.

Greg and Sally went to Whitehorse. They left M. to house and horse-sit. A few days later the front door bell rings at 7:15 a.m. It's M asking if we've seen Greg's horse? The horse got out and her tracks led to our driveway. Fifteen minutes later, Greg called from Whitehorse asking us to tie his horse up if she turns up. Then it clicked. Horses love to be with other horses.

Fred, therefore, took extra oats when he went to feed our pony. Sure enough, there was Calamity standing gossiping with the pony. She refused to be lead away, so was given oats and hay to keep her happy. Reported to Greg in Whitehorse that they were happily socializing. Greg said he would get B to pick her up. Later I phoned the secretary where M works to say that B would pick up the horse, please tell M. Half an hour later the secretary phoned back to say that L. is going to pick her up, instead.

So much interaction before we were even half an hour into the work day. Well it may not be earth shattering, but it sure livened us up in the dreary -40o weather.

## Klondike Valley Fire Fighters Association

contributed  
by Pat Peirson

Ah February - the January blahs are hopefully done and over with, and now we can turn our thoughts to the oncoming spring, and even more important, Valentine's Day. How about something different as a gift for that special loved one? Like maybe a smoke detector, (or another smoke detector), a fire extinguisher, or a planned escape route for your family in case of fire? Hey, these gifts may not be romantic, but a gift that could save lives is important, and in my opinion, says a lot.

Another quiet month for our fire fighters, and that's the way we like it. Our fire chief, Howard Mann, was in Whitehorse for a week attending the Fire Chief Conference. While Howard was away, Paul Peirson was acting Fire Chief. Howard came back with a lot of information and supplies for the new fire hall, but unfortunately, not with a new pumper truck as we had hoped.

Guess that will be something for the future. Speaking of the future, we still do not have a date yet for the open house at the new fire hall, so once again, just watch for advertisements around town.

A few thank you's are in order. First to Ray Dagostin for building the stand for the t.v. and v.c.r. Excellent work, Ray! Thank you to Tom Sparrow for removing the build-up of snow from around the fire hall. An especially big thank you to the men who have been coming out regularly for fire practice. The fire fighters are the strength of any fire department, and by coming out to regular practice, the training pays off to fight a real fire efficiently. It's also an encouragement to our fire chief and to the community in general.

That's all for now - just a short report. Remember, fire practices are Wednesday nights - next practice February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rock Creek Fire Hall. See ya there?

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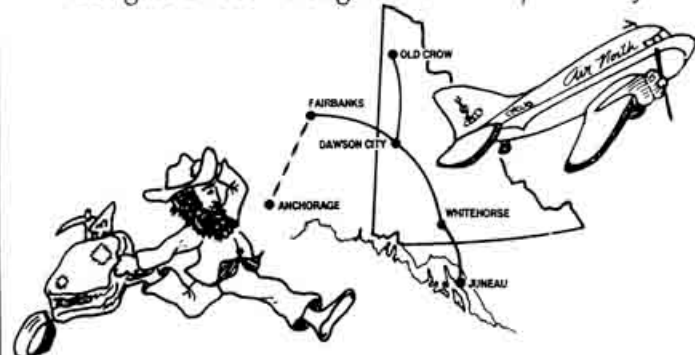
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# ELLA'S TRAVEL TIPS

By Ella Patay



Mexico has lopped three zeros off the peso and introduced a new peso worth three to the U.S. dollar instead of 3000. During a transition period until the end of the year, the two currencies will circulate. New coins will be the same color as the old ones but will read "nuevos pesos". By January 1, 1994 all the old currency is to be removed from circulation.

Credit cards have become so much a part of our lives -- how we take those rectangles of colored plastic for granted! In Japan, to obtain a much prized and sought-after Diners Club/Enroute Card, home ownership is mandatory, and rest assured that salary requirements are six figures long and in U.S. dollars.

The U.S. dollar buys half as many German marks today as it did 20 years ago, twice as many Italian lire, and about the same number of French francs. So why go abroad?

The weather is better (in the winter, anyways).

The food is better - in particular, the fish is fishier, and fruit fruitier.

The light is brighter.

The liquor is cheaper.

The sea is warmer.

The shops are more exciting. The street life is livelier. The language is more expressive. The monuments are more monumental.

And the smells of travel -- the exhaust from a jet engine, the vinyl smell of a brand new rental car, the coconut smell of suntan lotion on a beach. And so many ordinary things are different -- breakfast, street signs, post boxes, the ringing of telephones, matches, newspapers, break -- that nothing is ordinary at all.

Doesn't it just make you want to go right now???

## \*\*\*Hot tip\*\*\*

Whitehorse-Reno return \$533.00/air only; restrictions apply. Call Gold City Travel 993-6424.



# Shelter Update



by Elaine Cairns

Brrr!! It's still cold but at least the sun is up over the hill! We have started our Craft Nights, thanks to Grace Jackson. Any women who want to get out on Wednesday nights from 7 - 9 p.m., come on over and bring your projects. We will provide the tea and cookies, as well as the company!

Lotteries has provided us with the funding for a new sewing machine which we purchased from A Stitch in Time in Whitehorse. This beautiful new machine is available for use every Craft Night. We would also like to thank Pat Cairns, fabric artist from Vancouver, for donating eleven copies of her quilting book Putting It All Together to us. We sold these to Bear Essentials where they are available for purchase to all those quilters out there.

Time Out, our Tuesday afternoon (2-4:30) children's program continues despite the cold weather. We will be getting a toboggan so we can play in the snow when it warms up a bit. In the meantime, Sharron has been cooking up a storm, so the kids go home full of cookies and fun. New faces are always welcome.

We are expecting a new as-

sortment of N.F.B. videos any day now. Once they arrive we will recommence our weekly video showing on D.C.T.V. Thanks to all those at D.C.T.V. who have helped us with this ongoing project!

In the next few months we hope to offer a few workshops so keep your eyes peeled for our posters. In April we will be hosting Margaret Little from the Simon Fraser University Traveling Speaker's Bureau. She will give a lecture on the anti-poverty movement. While she is here, she would like to have an informal afternoon with a few single mothers, especially those on So-

cial Assistance. This is the area she does her research on. If anyone is interested in meeting with her, please contact us at the Shelter, 993-5086.

February 24 is Movie Night at the Museum! The Shelter will be providing tea, coffee, and cookies for those attending the films the Museum will be presenting. Hope to see you there!

Aside from all this activity, we keep busy providing support, information, and refuge to women and children in crisis. Call us anytime for a visit, or if you need a place of refuge. All contacts are confidential.

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This is Tà'ò's grandmother.

Wětsq      hqzq      nāwdòzha.  
his grandma      well      dressed  
His grandmother is all dressed up.

Wětsq      'yu      nēdlā' ējī.  
his grandma      beads lots      she has  
His grandmother has lots of beads.

Wětsq      ā'nētl'ū'.  
his grandma      is sewing  
His grandmother is sewing.

Wětsq      kāntrāh      yānjit      ohtsey.  
his grandma      moccasin for him      is making  
His grandmother is making moccasins for him.

This is a first in a series of Han language lessons compiled at four literacy workshops during the past few years. Thank you to the Dawson First Nation, John Ritter at the Yukon Native Language Centre located at Yukon College, Angie Joseph-Rear, language instructor at Robert Service School, Gerald Isaac, Aboriginal Language Services, YTG for their involvement in restoring the Han Language. Participants in the June Literacy Session held here in Dawson City were Rowena Flynn (Whitehorse), Percy Henry, Gerald Isaac (Whitehorse), Edith Josie (Old Crow), Sandra and Isaac Juneby (Eagle, Alaska), Martha Kates (Edmonton) Angela Lopaschuk, Geoff O'Grady, (Dept. of Linguistics, U of Vic), Lydia Oleson, Edward Roberts, Chief Steve Taylor, Clara Van Bibber (Whitehorse), Angie Joseph-Rear and Jane Montgomery, Betty Metcalfe and John Ritter (Yukon Native Language Centre).

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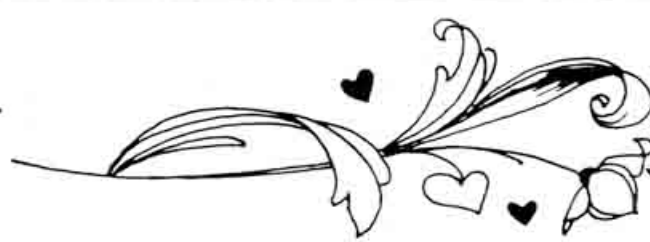
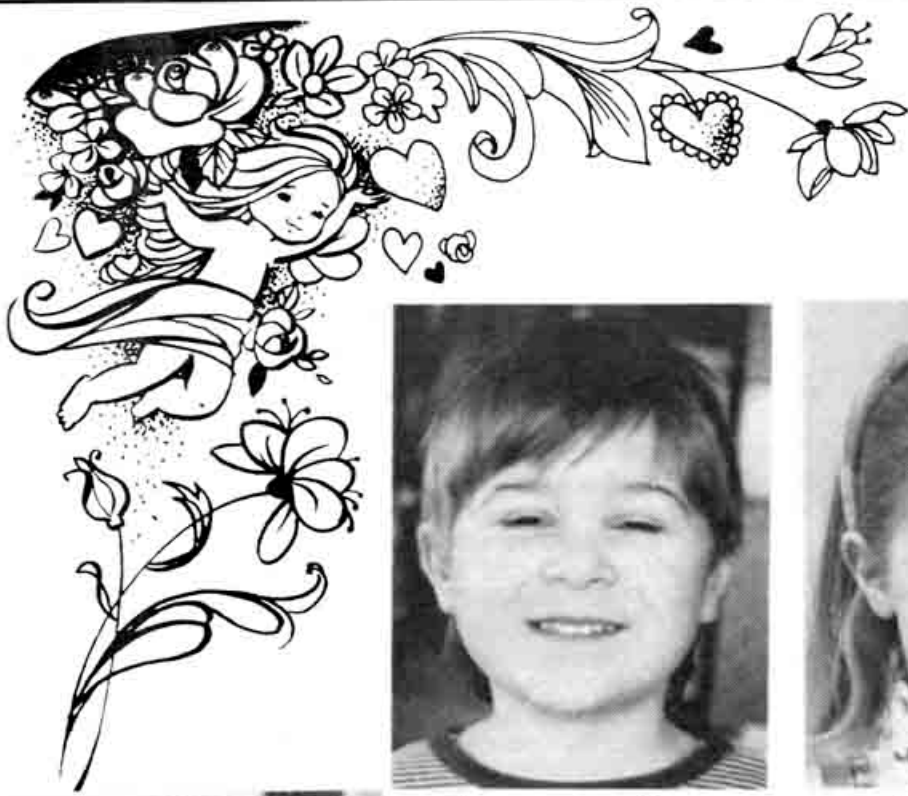
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# City of Dawson Recreation Department

## Minor Softball Registration Already??

Registration has begun for the 1993 Minor Softball Program. Forms were sent home from the school.

Why so early? Why wait for Spring!! Seriously, folks, minor softball is so popular that we need a good jump on the program registration and volunteer recruitment. Over 130 kids are expected to register.

**HELP!** More team coaches and helpers will be required. Please sign up. Coach's and Assistant Coach's training will be offered again this year. We're also thinking of a baseball training camp to be implemented prior to the league play. An older division has been established and team selection will be done after registration (so that all teams will be of equal strength).

**BATTER UP .....**

## Wanted

The Dawson City Recreation Board is taking applications to fill one vacancy on the Board. Those interested should send an application letter to the City Office.

## Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

Adult (19 and over) volleyball is Friday Nights at the school gym. Start time is 9:00 pm on February 19 and 26 and 8:00 pm on February 12 and March 5.

## Basketball

Basketball is Monday nights at the School gym. Start time is 7:15 pm.

For information on either Basketball or Adult Volleyball contact Denny Kobayashi.

## Public Skating To Skate or Not to Skate.....

Public Skating on the weekends will be offered at special times in February and March. Watch DCTV for dates and times.

## Congratulations Joanne Hunston



Joanne Hunston received the Yukon Community Coaching Award for 1992-93. Joanne received the award while attending the territory wide Coaching Conference held in Whitehorse last month.

Joanne received the award based on her volunteer efforts in curling, baseball,

snowshoe, running, skiing and biathlon. She has also been very active with the local Arctic Winter Games Committee and the Dawson City Recreation Board. Joanne was nominated for the award by Wendy Burns, chairperson of the Dawson 1992 Arctic Winter Games Committee.

## Coaching Development in Dawson

Coaches and sport leaders play a vital role in providing recreation opportunities for Dawson's children. Special events, weekly activities and opportunities to travel are all part of the fun.

What is the coaching situation in Dawson? Are there enough coaches and leaders? Are enough parents doing their part? Does every sport have enough leadership? How many of Dawson's 388 children participate in sport?

These and many other questions will be addressed by the Recreation Board and Department over the next few months. The intent is to see if there is a need or desire for a locally based, coaching development initiative. Some of the ideas are training for coaches, Dawson Coaching Symposium and local recognition awards. Watch the Klondike Sun for further details.

## Special Events Schedule

February 12-14

Minor Hockey Tournament

Contact Rod Dewald

February 13

Family Dance -- Band Hall

Contact Marion Roberts

February 14

"Put Your Heart Into It" Bonspiel

All entries will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Fund

Contact Debbie Menzies

February 19 - 16

Yukon Quest

Contact Wendy Fellars

February 20

Centennial Society Inaugural Ball

Contact Jon Magnusson

February 25 - 27

International Bonspiel

Contact Akio Saito

February 26 - 28

Oldtimer Hockey Tournament

Contact Rod Dewald

March 4

School Play Written, Acted and Produced by Robert Service School Students under the direction of a visiting Director-in-Residence. Contact Carol McCauley

March 26 - 28

Spring Carnival

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Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates



# Creature Comforts



by Shelley Hakonson

Beautiful soup, so rich and green,  
waiting in a hot tureen!

So the Mock Turtle said: and I agree that there is nothing that says  
"comfort" more than a pot of soup simmering on the stove, unless,  
of course, there's home-baked bread to go with it.

## Potato Soup with Smothered Onions - excellent

- |                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2 lb boiling potatoes             | 3 tbsp. freshly grated parmigiano- |
| 3 tbsp butter                     | reggiano cheese or parmesan        |
| 3 tbsp oil                        | cheese                             |
| 1 1/2 lb onions, sliced very thin | 1 tbsp chopped parsley             |
| salt                              |                                    |
| 1 1/2 cp beef stock, homemade     |                                    |

Peel the potatoes, cut them into 1/2" cubes, and set aside in a pot of cold water.

Put the butter, oil, sliced onions and a healthy pinch of salt in a soup pot and turn the heat on to medium. Do not cover the pot, cook the onions slowly, stirring occasionally until they are wilted and pale brown.

Add the diced potatoes, turn the heat to high and saute the potatoes briskly, turning them to coat.

Add the broth, cover the pot and adjust the heat so that the broth comes to a slow steady boil.

When the potatoes are very tender, mash most of them by mashing them against the side of the pot.

Stir thoroughly and cook for another 8-10 minutes; if the soup becomes too thick, add more broth.

Serve in heated bowls with a sprinkling of cheese and parsley over the top.

**Amish Chicken Corn Soup** - old fashioned taste, you can substitute noodles or small dumplings for the rivvells, but they are so easy - do try them.

- 3-4 lb stewing chicken  
salt to taste  
2 qts corn - fresh, frozen or canned  
rivvells or noodles - recipe below  
3-4 hard boiled eggs (optional)-if you don't use rivvells  
pepper

In large kettle, cover chicken pieces with water, cook until tender, salt to taste. Fish pieces out and cut the meat off the bones, dice into bite-sized pieces.

Return chicken to broth, add corn and bring to a boil, stir in rivvells or hard-boiled eggs and noodles.

Cook until rivvells are cooked through, add pepper, and serve.

## Rivvells

- 3/4 cp flour  
1 egg

Put flour in a bowl, break in the egg and mix with a fork until dry and crumbly.

**Goulash Soup** - a meal in itself - serve with crusty rolls and good beer.

- |                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 tbsp oil for sauteing        | 6 oz. lean beef or pork, cubed   |
| 2 med. onions, diced           | 1 garlic clove, minced           |
| 2 tbsp tomato paste            | 1/2 tsp caraway seeds            |
| 1/4 cp flour                   | 1/2 tsp dried marjoram           |
| 1 tbsp sweet Hungarian Paprika | salt & pepper                    |
| 1 tbsp red wine vinegar        | 3 med potatoes, peeled & cubed   |
| 6 cps beef stock - homemade    | 3 sm. tomatoes, chopped & peeled |

Heat the oil in a skillet and saute the onions until they are golden brown, add the tomato paste and remove from the heat.

Stir in the flour and paprika, add the vinegar and beef stock, stir well and return to the heat.

Bring to the boil and add the meat, garlic, caraway, marjoram and salt & pepper to taste. Allow to boil, uncovered, until the meat is tender. Add the potatoes and continue boiling until they are tender but firm, then add the peeled, chopped tomatoes.

Serve piping hot.

**Turkey Lentil Soup** - Have you got a cold? This should speed up your recovery.

- |                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 1/2 lb turkey drumsticks, skinned | 1 small carrot, thinly sliced   |
| freshly ground black pepper         | 1 small zucchini, thinly sliced |
| 2 tsp oil                           | 1 celery stalk, thinly sliced   |
| 1 small onion, thinly sliced        | 1 ripe tomato, peeled, seeded   |
| 1 cp lentils, rinsed & picked over  | and coarsely chopped            |
| 1 small bay leaf                    |                                 |
| 1/4 tsp dried sage                  |                                 |
| healthy pinch of salt               |                                 |

Sprinkle the drumsticks with some pepper, heat the oil in a heavy skillet over medium heat. Cook the drumsticks until they are evenly browned - 5 min. Remove them to a plate.

Add the onion and cook until it is translucent, 2-3 minutes.

Pour 5 cups of water into a large pot, add the drumsticks and onions, lentils and bay leaf, and bring the water to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer and cook the lentils, covered, for 20 minutes. Skim off any impurities that have risen to the surface, continue cooking until the juices run clear from a drumstick pierced with the tip of a sharp knife - 20 minutes more.

Remove the turkey pieces and set them aside. When they are cool enough to handle, slice the meat from the bones and cut it into small pieces, remove the bay leaf, add the meat back into the soup pot. Add the carrot, zucchini, celery and tomato, and simmer till the vegies are tender - about 6-10 minutes. Add sage to taste, and salt & pepper if needed.

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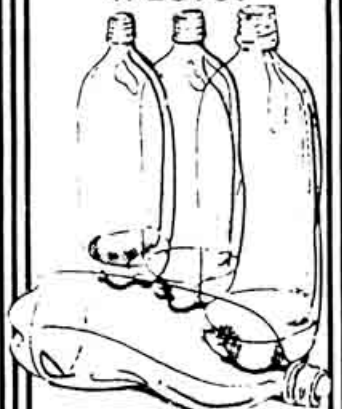
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## "Groundhog's" Complaint by Dan Davidson

What do you mean,  
"shadow"?  
Listen, Bub,  
this groundhog's got  
way too much  
savvy to  
stick his nose out  
in weather like this  
You wanna  
hang around up there,  
waitin',  
at 48 below and in all  
that wind,  
you be my guest  
Me, I still got a layer  
of fat and some serious  
winter napping  
to do.  
Besides, I'm just a  
ground squirrel anyhow,  
and second-best  
omens ain't worth  
spit this far north of  
Outside  
So give me a break  
and go home;  
you're makin' me feel  
as guilty as a  
weatherman on  
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ROLL NUMBER	TITLE HOLDER	LOCATION	LOT	BLOCK	ESTATE	TITLE #	PROPERTY TAXES OWING TO DATE	ADMINIS-TRATION CHARGES	TOTAL AMOUNT OWING
D7800001019040	Ness, George	Dawson	18	1	Klondike	92Y331	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800003004070	Flynn, Morris	Dawson	S1/4 4	3	Klondike	92Y42	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800003004150	Ochs, Charles	Dawson	N1/2 3	3	Klondike	92Y43	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800003018010	Gatt, Joseph	Dawson	18	3	Klondike	91Y1304	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800005007090	Gatt, Joseph	Dawson	N1/2 7	5	Klondike	91Y1304	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800005008080	Platner, John H.	Dawson	8	5	Klondike	91Y1317	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800006006080	Hastings, Lyman F.	Dawson	6	6	Klondike	91Y1309	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800006012000	Carpenter, George A.	Dawson	12	6	Klondike	91Y1310	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800007002000	Johnson, Nels William	Dawson	2	7	Klondike	91Y1311	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800007018020	Malstead, Mathias	Dawson	18	7	Klondike	91Y1319	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800007034020	Johnson, Charles F.	Dawson	34	7	Klondike	91Y1312	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800007036000	Patton, Robert	Dawson	36	7	Klondike	91Y1313	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800008000000	Klondike Mines Railway Co.	Dawson	1,13-15,22-25	8	Klondike	91Y1314	339.47	33.95	373.42
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D7800010005010	James, George	Dawson	5	10	Klondike	91Y1315	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800010007170	Osborne, F.H.	Dawson	W1/2 7	10	Klondike	91Y1308	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800010007170	Bushe, Laure	Dawson	E1/2 7	10	Klondike	91Y1307	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800011004000	Olsen, Kent Andrew	Dawson	4	11	Klondike	91Y1316	339.47	33.95	373.42
D7800011010020	Breeze, William	Dawson	10	11	Klondike	91Y1318	339.47	33.95	373.42
D8100080803030	Flynn, Don & Roscoe, Lois	Dawson	3	HH	Harper Estate	92Y851	537.87	53.79	591.66
D8100080805500	Dugas, Calixte	Dawson	pt 5	HH	Harper Estate	364	702.42	70.24	772.66
D8100080903020	Embee Inc.	Dawson	3 & 4	HI	Harper Estate	88Y1049	346.07	34.61	380.68
D8100080905000	Embee Inc.	Dawson	5	HI	Harper Estate	92Y190	63.59	25.00	88.59
D8100080909550	Brickner, David	Dawson	pt 9 & 10	HI	Harper Estate	86Y1017	37,190.14	0.00	37,190.14
D8100081001010	Troberg, Ralph	Dawson	W1/2 1 & W1/2 2	HJ	Harper Estate	84Y794	744.03	74.40	818.43
D8100081001500	Troberg, Ralph	Dawson	E1/2 1 & E1/2 2	HJ	Harper Estate	85Y101	660.93	66.09	727.02
D8100081003090	Troberg, Ralph	Dawson	3 & SW 1/4 4	HJ	Harper Estate	86Y1244	2,932.41	293.24	3,225.65
D8200000118000	Palma, M.	Dawson	18	A	Ladue Estate	87Y1613	339.47	33.95	373.42
D8200120118060	Paradis, S.	Dawson	18	LA	Ladue Estate	84Y1274	289.24	28.92	318.16
D8200000208010	Orpheum Holdings	Dawson	Pt. 8 & Pt. 9	A	Ladue Estate	80Y452	1,558.85	155.89	1,714.74
D8200000208500	Orpheum Holdings	Dawson	N33.3'9	A	Ladue Estate	80Y452	582.48	58.25	640.73
D8200000212050	Dawson Hardware	Dawson	12	B	Ladue Estate	1030	111.30	25.00	36.30
D8200000217000	Gulstad, B.	Dawson	N 1/2 17	B	Ladue Estate	84Y1066	93.22	25.00	118.22
D8200000608060	Williams, James	Dawson	9	F	Ladue Estate	89Y1515	1,115.23	11.52	1,226.75
D8200000703010	Thornell, Micheal	Dawson	3	G	Ladue Estate	79Y469	4,268.29	426.83	4,695.12
D8200001111050	Worshipful Master	Dawson	11	K	Ladue Estate	239Y	1,136.12	113.61	1,249.73
D8200120201040	Shore, Ken	Dawson	1	L8	Ladue Estate	91Y429	11,722.58	0.00	11,722.58
D8200001609040	Chief Isaac Inc.	Dawson	9	P	Ladue Estate	91Y352	1,039.65	103.97	1,143.62
D8200120807000	Koteff, Robert	Dawson	7 & 8	LR	Ladue Estate	89Y1263	925.19	92.52	1,017.71
D8200002120510	Daily, Arthur	Dawson	W 1/2 20	U	Ladue Estate	137AA	939.75	93.98	1,033.73
D8200002516040	Farr, Sylvia	Dawson	16	Y	Ladue Estate	92Y1591	601.52	60.15	661.67
D8400000307090	Pratt, Cecil	Dawson	7	3	Day Addition	44500	339.47	33.95	373.42
D8600000707520	Cairns, Colm	Dawson	7 & 8	G	Gov't Add. 12	90Y1207	339.47	33.95	373.42
D8600000703070	Springs, Duncan	Dawson	Pt. 3 & Pt. 4	G	Gov't Add. 12	86Y1038	737.34	73.73	811.07
TOTAL							75,327.09	2,699.63	78,026.72

Dated this 22nd of January, 1993

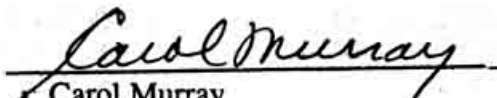
  
Carol Murray  
Collector of Taxes





Photo by Sue Ward

## From The Slopes

by Dina Cayen

Well, so far the weather has allowed the ski hill to be open on an average of one day a weekend. The temperature is still a little

cool for some of the more fair-weather skiers, but we have seen about 40 people each time we are open. If you are not sure if it is warm enough to be open, you can call the Eldorado Hotel and now you can also call the Downtown Hotel (thanks, Bob). Both hotels are given notice if the hill will be open.

There is a deep base of packed snow (over 2 1/2 feet) which should be able to take us to the end of March, maybe even into April.

The Nancy Greene League has been having training whenever the hill is open and if anyone needs information on this program, they may call Jackie

Cosman at 993-6745. Barb Hogan and her instructors have been teaching a few new skiers and helping others with their skiing techniques. Anyone interested in lessons can inquire at the chalet.

We would like to remind parents that there is a policy that children under 6 are with an adult. This applies to the chalet as well as on the ski area. If you have equipment to sell or you wish to buy, put up a notice at the chalet where other skiers will see it.

There is not much to tell at this point until we are open every weekend (which will hopefully be soon), so until then ... **THINK SNOW!**

## Dawson City Curling Club 1993 Commercial Bonspiel

by Akio Saito

15 teams participated in a successful Commercial Bonspiel in spite of -40C temperatures. Though outside temperatures were "cool", the ice was keen, keener than it has been all season making for some good curling. During the weekend, curlers were treated to great pancake breakfasts and a super spaghetti supper thanks to the efforts of Denise Fras and Karen Olito.

Thanks to Lyle Anderson, curlers could not use the excuse of not being able to see the broom. Lyle kindly volunteered to fix the lights over the curling surface ensuring that curlers had 'light'.

The Bonspiel organizers wish to thank all participants and hope that the enthusiasm generated during the Commercial Bonspiel continues through the upcoming

94th International Bonspiel, February 25-27, 1993.

Commercial Bonspiel winners:

- A Event: Fletcher Hunston  
Lawrie Stewart  
Monica Kulych  
Karen Sparrow
- B Event: Walter Procyk
- C Event: Peter Menzies

## BE A BETTER COACH

### TEACHING SKILLS

Athletes receive enjoyment and satisfaction from sport because it provides an opportunity for individual improvement and the mastery of new skills. Coaches must be able to select appropriate skills, teach and provide feedback on performance.

Four steps to follow when teaching skills:

#### 1. Introduce the Skill

- Get the athletes attention and arrange them so all can see and hear.
- Name the skill and give a reason for learning it.

#### 2. Demonstrate and Explain Skill

- The coach or an athlete should correctly demonstrate the skill 2-5 times.
- Explain the key points to be learned. Stress only one point at a time.
- Relate the skill to something the athletes have learned previously.

#### 3. Practise the Skill

- Ensure the athletes are practising the skills correctly. Stop incorrect activity immediately and correct.
- You may want to have the athletes perform the skill slowly at first, progressing to normal speed as they learn.

- If an athlete cannot perform the whole skill, break it down into smaller parts.

#### 4. Provide Feedback to Correct Errors

- Evaluate the performance. Compare what was performed in relation to what should have been done.
- Correct one error at a time. First correct the error that will have the greatest impact on improving the skill.
- Use a positive approach. Reinforce the things the athlete does well.
- Use simple, precise phrases in giving instructions.

The ability to teach sport skills effectively is a skill in itself. Perfect practice makes perfect. Work at it.

# Skate-a-thon

The Dawson Minor Hockey Association Skate-a-thon held on February 6, 1993 was another success. There were approximately 60 skaters out on the ice. Special prizes were awarded for various achievements:

- 1st Adult Skater to skate 200 laps - Liz Woods
- 1st Youth Skater to skate 200 laps - Chris Roberts
- Youngest Skater to skate 200 laps - Ryan Gillen
- Oldest Skater - Peter Menzies
- Youngest skater - Landon Kulych
- Most family Members Skating - the Dewell Family
- Most Determined Skater - Emily Lindley

Thanks to all the volunteers, skaters, lap counters, etc. and a special thank you to the following businesses for donations:

- The City of Dawson
- The Eldorado Hotel
- The Downtown Hotel
- The Gold Poke
- Trapper's Men Wear
- Expressions
- Beaver Lumber
- The Rock Creek Store
- The Raven's Nook
- Wild'n'Wooly
- Coleman's Cola Enterprises/Coca Cola
- Be A.L.I.V.E. Videos

Funds raised will be used for the Novice Team travel to Teslin, the Adams Tournament held in Dawson and other minor hockey activities.

# Horseshoe Funfest

contributed by Vi Campbell.

The 10th annual Las Vegas Open Horseshoes Funfest and Tournament took place from January 10-14 at the Haucienda Hotel in Las Vegas.

A contingent of avid Horseshoe pitchers went down and they made a very respectable showing. Attending the tournament were Vi Campbell, Wanda Artho, Archie Lefleur and Larry Haner.

There were 16 divisions, from A to P inclusive. There were 1 and 2 in each division with 12 players in each. The highest average being the A division, then all the way down to the lowest in P division. This was a mixed tournament with each person throwing 30 shoes in each of 11 games to determine who was in the finals.

**YUKON RESULTS:**

Vi Campbell D1 division entered with an average of 46.5%. She

got 130 ringers, 61/2 wins and 41/2 losses. Her average was 39.4%. She placed 11th in her division and received her entry fee back.

**WANDA ARTHO:** I1 division, entered with an average of 37.2%. She threw 100 ringers for 4 wins and 7 losses. her average was 30.3% and she placed 18th in her division.

**ARCHIE LAFLEUR:** entered in the K 1 division with no average. He threw 88 ringers for 6 wins and 5 losses for an average of 26.6% and placed 13th in his division.

**LARRY HANER:** was in the M division and entered with no average. He got 83 ringers for 6 wins and 5 losses for an average of 25.1% for 12th in his division. He got his entry fee back.

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# Bulletin Board

## Real Estate

**For Rent:** 5 star condominium accommodation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Available Feb. and March, 1993. For details contact Donna at (604) 428-2247. /1

**Gold:** 12 Claims, Dawson mining area, easy access off Bonanza Creek Road 11 miles from Dawson City. For information write P.O. Box 5360, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 4Z2. Phone (403) 668-2388. /5

**Personal:** Widower, young 50, non-smoker, Yul Brenner type, College teacher, Engineer, Private Pilot would like to finance a young woman any nationality through college and help her excel, in exchange for companionship. Photo, desires, and phone if possible. Contact Richard, 200 West 34th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99503. /5

**Apartment for Rent:** One-bedroom apartment, available approx. March 1. Central location, close to downtown. Appliances, laundry facilities supplied. Call Garry or Sylvie for information 993-5392./12

**Wanted to Rent:** Family of three looking for suitable, permanent accommodation in town to rent or lease to own. References available. For more information, see Chuck at the General Store or phone 993-6840 in the evenings.

## THANK YOU!!

Sonny Parker would like to thank everyone involved for the "surprise" "Animals of the World" quilt he got for his 2nd birthday — Gail Kreitzer, Bonnie and Ralph Nordling, Jennifer Flynn, Myrna Butterworth, Pat Duffee, Sylvia Strutton, Joanne Hunston, Cynthia Hunt, Sally Robinson, Shelly Hakonson, Karen Dubois, Willy McIntyre, Susan Miller.

Sincerely,  
Gary, Rosemary, Sonny.

## Autos

**For Sale:** 1988 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, Special Edition. Loaded - Automatic, 5 litre engine, A/C, T-Roof, Power everything! Only 30,000 highway miles. Make an offer! 993-6944. /6

**To give away:** 5 kittens — 993-5064 after six. /2

**House for Sale:** Rock Creek riverfront log home on 1 1/2 acres. Wood stove, electricity \$50,000. Leave message for Pam: 993-6635 between 10 am - 1 pm and after 5 pm./12

**For Sale:** Used items — Evenflo '7-Year' Car Seat \$60.00; Storkcraft change table (white) \$35.00; umbrella stroller \$10.00. Sylvie at 993-5392./12

**For Sale:** Three-bedroom house on 8th Avenue, near Princess St. Five nearly new appliances. Excellent location and view. For information, call Garry or Sylvie at 993-5392/12

## GOLD SHOW CO-ORDINATOR

Tender Deadline

February 19

For information  
contact Chamber of  
Commerce or  
Outreach

## THANK YOU!

The Dawson City Chapter — IODE would like to thank all the ladies who so generously gave of their time and effort to knit all the lovely items for our Seniors Christmas Cheer this past Christmas. It was all very much appreciated. Thank you again.

## JANUARY 1993 CITY LOTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

1	HE	Harper	CC	\$30,300.
10	F	Ladue	MM	20,300.
11	F	Ladue	MM	20,300.
12	F	Ladue	MM	20,300.
6	O	Ladue	RS	18,500.
7	O	Ladue	RS	18,500.
8	O	Ladue	RS	18,500.
5	P	Ladue	RS	18,500.
2	Z	Ladue	RS	19,500.
9	L	Ladue	CC	30,300.
23	91-92	Dome	CR	15,000.
24	91-92	Dome	CR	15,000.
6	G	Ladue	RS	18,500.

Contact the City Office at 993-5434

## YUKON QUEST

BILLETS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR  
YUKON QUEST MUSHERS. IF YOU CAN  
PROVIDE SPACE IN YOUR HOME  
PLEASE CALL SANDY AT 1-667-1015 OR  
WENDY AT 1-667-1065 TOLL FREE.

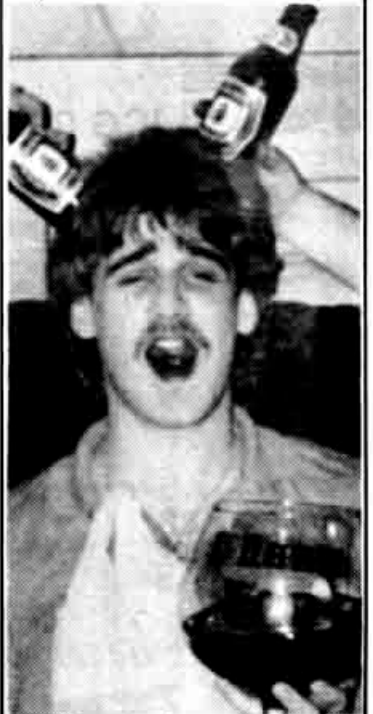
## Percy DeWolfe Race Committee

The Percy DeWolfe Memorial Sled Dog Race committee is seeking donations of Baked Goods and Concession items. If you would like to participate in our concession stand at the Yukon Quest checkpoint by working a four hour shift we would greatly appreciate your help.

Anticipated dates are Feb.18 - 23.

Call Elaine at 993-6320 or Roberta at 993-6944

## Hokey Gob Tiff!



26 is quite a trick  
Happy Birthday!  
From Brent & Sue

## Space Needed!!

The Dawson City Music Festival Association is looking for clean, reasonably warm storage space for the festival sound system, on a temporary or long-term basis. Please call 993-5584.

## GRANDMA!!

Celeste Michon (of Lifestyles) is a Grandma, welcoming grandson Dillon Elliott on December 29, 1992, who weighed in at 6 lbs, 2 ozs.

## Happy Birthday!



To "Kimmie" love Brent, Sue & kids

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Discover  
the Five Steps  
To A Healthier  
Future...  
It Doesn't  
Take Much

Come and have your blood  
pressure checked on:  
Feb. 10 from 1:30 - 4:30 PM  
at the Waterfront Bldg.  
Feb. 17 from 1:30 - 4:30 PM  
at the Chief Isaac Bldg.

## "A Dawson Brownie's Promise" or "Local Peach Ready for Preserves"



"I promise, to do my  
best, to do my duty,  
To fondue, to  
jazzercise, to  
masquerade,  
And Friday nights.  
To help other people  
everyday,  
Especially those who  
don't use oil of olay."

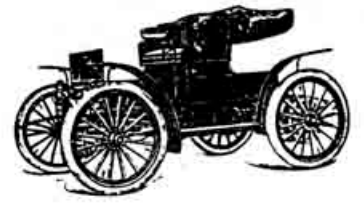
HAPPY BIRTHDAY — live long-armed and  
prosper! Love, hugs and LOTS of luck, on this  
the threshold of a new decade - "Keep them  
guessing, with peanut oil, olé...NOT!

From Duchess Big Head and Lady Tripalot



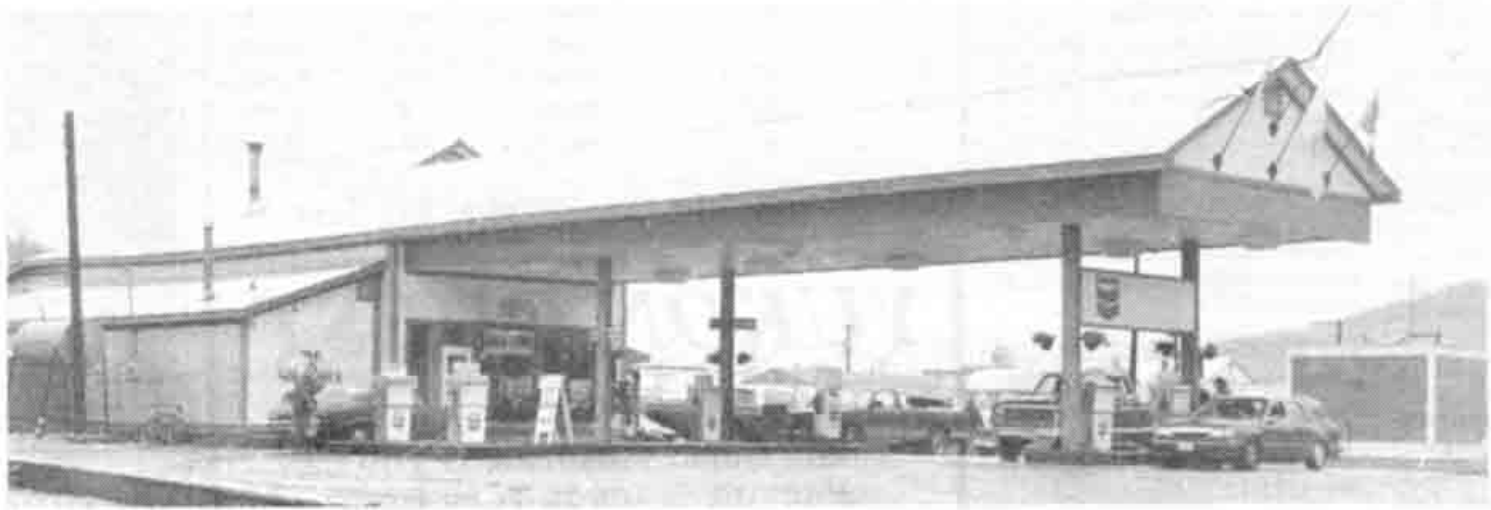


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