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Lost Patrol preparations head for the Dempster

by Dan Davidson

Winter reconnaissance patrols from Dawson City to the Dempster Highway aren't the usual order of the day any more. Time was, in the 1920s-1940s, when there were smaller settlements such as Grand Forks and Granville to be served, that R.C.M.P. patrols would range widely during the winter, going so far as Fort McPherson, the destination of the famous Lost Patrol of 1920.

To mark the 75th anniversary of that patrol, the 50th anniversary of the last such patrol, and the 100th anniversary of the force in the Yukon, the Mounties are planning a number of events for 1995. One of these is a re-creation of the Lost Patrol route.

A event like this takes some advance planning, and so 6 members of the force were in Dawson over the Heritage Day weekend to

make a two day reconnaissance skidoo patrol of the first 100 miles of the traditional route. Six snow machines and equipment arrived in Dawson about an hour late on Saturday, slowed by an unplowed 10 cm of snow on the Klondike Highway north of Whitehorse over the holiday weekend.

Peter Greenlaw, a former Dawson Mountie, and the man in charge of the expedition, expected to take 2 to 3 days to make the journey, depending on the conditions. In addition to the 6 Mounties, there were 2 local representatives. Peter Nagano for the Dawson First Nation, and Jim Allison of the Canadian Forces Reserves, joined Greenlaw, Pat Maloney, Mike Blumenschein, Martin Allen, Wayne Hoffman

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Living on the Golden Edge

by Dan Davidson

At the beginning of the final performance of the "The Golden Edge", one of the girls in the 13 member cast suddenly began to cry. Perhaps the sight of the crowded ancillary room at the Robert Service School, combined with several intent video cameras and the faces of many of the people who had provided the raw material for the play was just too much.

Perhaps it was the knowledge that a two week long intense experience was coming to an end. Perhaps it was just the thought of going back to regular classes. Whatever the case, the tears began to flow. She struggled to pull herself together, and with a little help from her classmates she was doing fine by the time the first song was over.

There are some things you just have to do, no matter how you feel about them at the time.

"The Golden Edge" was largely a student production, researched and assembled under the watchful eyes of a couple of local teachers and two imported resource people. Spanning grades 7-11, the students were selected for this interdisciplinary activity and set to work just before the school's second term examinations in mid-February.

In that time they fanned out into the community under the direction of teacher-librarian Betty Davidson and principal Carol McCauley and interviewed a dozen or more elders and people who had lived in the community for a long time. These interviews became the monologues which were the core of the final production.

During the last week in February the cast moved to the rarified atmosphere of the Old Territorial Building. There, surrounded by the helpful staff and the atmosphere of the Dawson City Museum, the script began to take shape. The researchers learned to become playwrights, actors and directors under the tutelage of Jim Shaefer, a teacher of acting from the University of Western Ontario in London.

Shaefer became mentor to the entire group, infusing them with an enthusiasm for the project, pushing, prodding, and ultimately empowering them to succeed. The attachment between them became strong enough that their were tears in more than one set of eyes when the end came two weeks later.

By the end of the week there was a script 57 pages long,



Local Musher, John Anderson treated Grade 1 students to a "Mush" to Moosehide and back recently.

Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates

created, refined and cast for production. Enter Whitehorse composer Grant Simpson, perhaps better known for his satirical ditties on C.B.C. radio. Simpson, his synthesizer and computer arrived to add some tunes to the show, based on ideas tossed out by the students and refined into songs by him during a hectic Monday and Tuesday, while other preparations continued back at the school. That left him about a day and a half to whip the cast into shape to both sing and perform.

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The Ladies of the Liberated R.C.M.P. always get their men.

Photo by Dan Davidson

The Golden Edge

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As in real life, the days stretched into the evenings and the pressure mounted. It was Wednesday night before the first full length rehearsal with all props and songs turned the assembled skits and monologues into a 65 minute show.

Thursday was a madhouse, beginning with a final dress rehearsal and then two presentations to their fellow students, probably their toughest audiences.

In its finished form the show made good use of the available resources. Gymnastics crash mats became important props for pratfalls and slapstick. Use of both the floor and the stage area gave the show a multi-layered look, while the relatively cramped quarters of the ancillary room created a sense of intimacy between the cast and the audience, which began at about 130 for each of the daytime shows and had swelled to standing room size by the evening.

Skits included an item on the sinking of the Princess Sophia, the bizarre story of a man who was buried alive, the hilarious tale of the bear on the ridgepole, and the reminiscences of the individual Dawsonites who had consented to be interview

subjects for the youngsters. Many of these people were present for the final show.

With minimal sets and costuming, the students were able to avoid the pitfall of long scene changes which often bedevils amateur productions and keep the action flowing. The variety of items meant there was sure to be something for everyone, from the burlesque of the Liberated RCMP (for ladies who always get their men) to the sight of Percy "Iron Man" DeWolfe skipping across the ice flows to deliver the mail in the late spring.

Standouts among the songs were the "Living on the Golden Edge" itself, and the ballad sung by the dead passengers from the Princess Sophia, but there was some effective lighter fare too.

Director Shaefer hopes that this will not be the end of "The Golden Edge". He would like to see it play again in the museum where much of it was created, and perhaps in smaller section at some of the events which are scattered through the Dawson tourist season in the summer.

A similar effort, created in Watson Lake in 1991, went through several months of

occasional performances until it finally ended up at the Yukon Arts Centre last summer, and two of its key cast members were youth hosts at the Youth Gala in June.

Audience reaction at the final show was most enthusiastic, with lots of back slapping and congratulation in the air. Fran Hakonson, a Dawson senior and one of those who was interviewed

for the project, summed it up: "It's wonderful to see these youngsters do such a good job and handle themselves so well in front of all these people."

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Food aid for Faro

During the month of February Dawsonites passed the hat for those in their fellow community of Faro. According to Peter Menzies, the project was conceived at a coffee table conversation during one of the many special events weekends that crowded the month's sports calendar.

"It was just basically a brainstorm the weekend of the minor hockey tournament," he recalled. "We were talking down at the arena and it came to us very quickly that if a bunch of food was collected we could send it back to Faro with the old timer hockey tournament. We figured the logistics would work out pretty easily."

Response to the idea from Faro was positive. "We put out boxes

in the arena and the two grocery stores and through word of mouth got people talking. We filled up one of the luggage compartments at the end of a bus half way full."

Most of the food was collected at the two stores. The organizers picked up some in door to door collections and St. Paul's Anglican Church made up a package. In addition, Phyllis Vittrekawa donated 45 whitefish. There was also a donation of \$150.00.

"Thank yous," Menzies said, "should go out to St. Paul's, to Joan Kerr at Farmer's Market and Denny Kobayashi at the Dawson City General Store, to Phyllis Vittrekawa, and of course to all the people who donated anonymously."

At the Robert Service School the student's council decided that the kids in Faro could use a free meal, and donated \$250.00, the estimated cost of a hotdog day, to their Del Van Gorder School counterparts. Meanwhile the staff collected \$200.00 in support of the breakfast program that Del Van Gorder teachers had started up to assist the children of the unemployed miners in Faro.

The volunteer fire department is planning its own assistance, to be coordinated with the department in Faro. Details on that are not available at this writing.



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by Brent Morrison

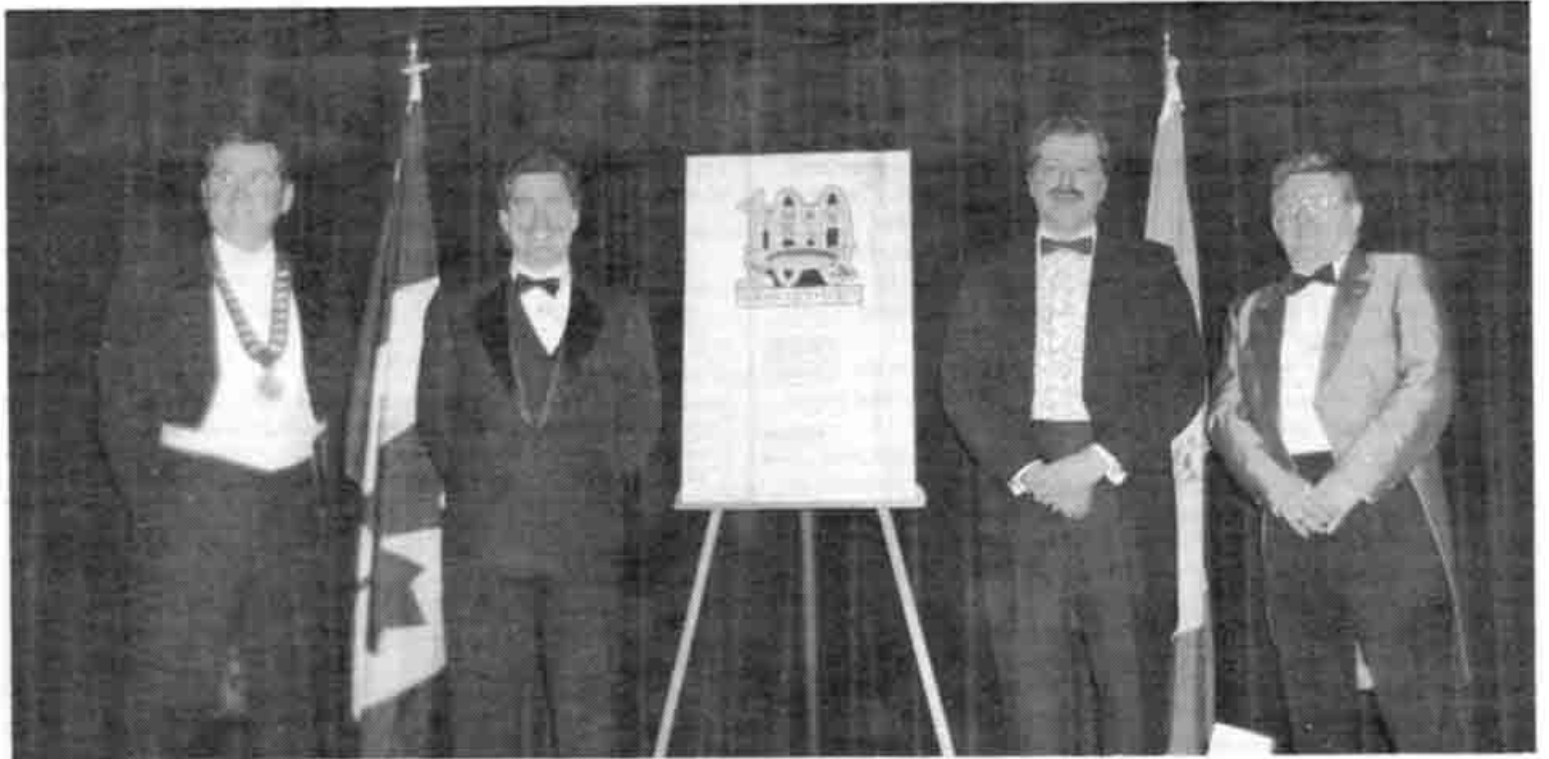
The Klondike Centennial Society's Inaugural Ball went ahead as planned Saturday February 20, despite several rumors that it would have to be cancelled due to poor ticket sales, and a broken water line at Diamond Tooth Gertie's. Approximately 150 people attended the event.

The Robert Service School band got things underway by striking up the National Anthem as those in attendance mulled around, cocktails in hand. The force of the band immediately grabbed everyone's attention KCS chairperson Jon Magnusson remarked.

After the anthem, Tourism Minister Doug Phillips cut the ceremonial red ribbon officially opening the "Decade of Centennials." Mayor Peter Jenkins then toasted the evening and the audience joined in, drinking champagne from glasses with the KCS logo on them.

The school band played two more numbers then a dinner of roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, and salad was served. After dinner Jenkins again took the stage, introducing many of the more notable faces in attendance, as well as the Yukon Quest organizers and handlers for whom the scheduling of the ball was intended for.

Klondike MLA David Millar and Phillips both made speeches concerning the importance of the event, and Jenkins followed up with what Magnusson called "a pep talk."



Peter Jenkins, David Millar, Ron Pond, and Bill Weigand

Photo by Michael Gates

Percy Henry, an Elder of Dawson First Nation, drew the ticket for the door prize, a picture of Dawson City circa 1902. Arlene Johnston was the winner.

At 9:00 the Circumpolar Swing Band took to the stage, the gambling got under way, and the doors were opened to the general public. A fifteen dollar admission was charged and ties were a must for what Magnusson describes as, "a gala event, the first of many."

While the majority of those attending dressed in period clothing, styles ranged from tuxes and top hats, to sweat shirts with ties strung around the neck.

Next year's Centennial Ball will celebrate the formation of Yukon Order Of Pioneers.

All Tied Up at the Ball

by Dan Davidson

Any brand new event suffers its share of growing pains. While the first annual Klondike Centennial Ball on Feb. 20 was a success by most accounts, there have been some complaints from Yukon Quest mushers who were unable to get in when they didn't meet the dress code.

Councillor Shirley Pennell raised this issue at the March 4 meeting of city council, indicating that her Quest billets and several other mushers that she knew of were quite disgruntled when they were turned away at the door.

"David (Doulton) stated that he and Mark (Houston) were turned away from the door because they had no tie," Pennell wrote in a letter to Klondike Centennial Society chair Jon Magnusson. She wondered at council whether this sort of thing might not be sending the wrong messages to Dawson's visitors.

Council did seem to see the issue as being of possible concern, and although Mayor Jenkins managed to use letter as

an excuse for an off-topic remark about the cost of some of his dates in the past, as compared to the cost of a ball gown, he also noted that he could see people who had gone to the trouble of getting decked out for this event objecting to an excessively doggy odor from visiting Questers.

These complaints have not been lost on Magnusson, but he indicates that the lack of communication was not his group's fault.

The intent of the society is to develop their ball as the mid-winter equivalent of the Commissioner's Ball in June, and this, he contends, demands a bit of style and panache.

This year the society passed the word about the two nights - one informal and the other formal - to the Quest committee and left it to that body to get the word out to the mushers. A press release held the same information. Tuxedos were not required, but shirt, tie

and slacks were to be the minimum dress code.

As the mushers began to arrive in town Magnusson says it swiftly became clear that the word had not gone out as intended, so the society laid in a stock of ties at the front door of Gerties and loaned them out to anyone who needed them. This led to the silly spectacle of men wearing ties over collarless T-shirts, but it did make the point.

"We wanted to make sure we kept the theme of what we were looking for," he said.

For next year, the society intends to keep the same idea and to be a bit stricter about the dress code. After all, Magnusson says, people will know about it after this year's event. He noted that people now seem to have no trouble dressing up for the Commissioner's Ball, and hoped that this would soon be the case for the Centennial.

The Klondike Centennial Society Inaugural Klondike Centennial Ball

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Editorial: The Colours of Dawson

by Dan Davidson

"Oh look at the colours on that building," my passenger said on the way home from church. It was the garage-like structure being built by a local painting contractor on 7th Avenue and I was surprised she hadn't noticed it before. But then, Dawson buildings in the winter tend to look the way cats are said to look at night - grey - and my relative is still getting used to sunlight, having arrived here in October.

The garage is odd, after all, having been sided with the painted remains of every project the painter has worked on during the last few years. It's a rainbow in a box right now, though I understand it will assume a common hue later on.

Maybe it shouldn't. Maybe this kind of "making" do is in the spirit of buildings that have roofs made of hammered coffee tins and wood stoves made of metal barrels. I'm not sure.

I do know that talk of colours has been a hot item in the last year or so. It was not always the case. Buildings were various dirty shades of brown, grey and white when I moved here, and the brightest house in town was the 8th Avenue residence I was told to call the Smurf House before I got to know the people who lived in it. It was unusual then, but isn't any more. I look out of my study window on a similar shade of blue, a two-tone grey and a lavender trimmed in mauve.

No one has to explain these colours anymore, but it was only a short time ago when the public outcry over the new golden dress for the Old Commissioner's Residence caused Klondike National Historic Sites to issue a press release explaining the research that had led to the building's colour being changed from white to the shade of yellow which it had worn in the George and Martha Black era.

There was further wonderment when the first of my neighbours across the back lane painted his house a startling shade of yellow and trimmed it with a bright green. The contractor (same fella from paragraph 1) was heard to say that he did all the painting at night while wearing sunglasses to avoid blindness.

These were but the leading edge of the wedge. The Dawson City Housing Association renovated its exteriors on 4th Avenue not long after that. The row of look-alike bungalows blossomed forth in a riot of colours, causing some to say it was Harrison Row.

For my money though, the real Harrison effect occurred on the false fronts the Westmark Hotel used to disguise the A-frame staff units at the back of its property, also on 4th. At the time some said that the colour scheme was chosen as a revenge on the city for the hefty sewer and water connection charges that were slapped on the hotel's expansion. All I know for sure is that when I parked in the middle of the street to gawk at the results after having been away for awhile, the contractor (another fella) came out to tell me that it wasn't his fault, that he had called the company to see it there was a mistake and, yes, these were the colours they wanted.

Since then, anything goes around here. There are even some interesting combinations on the abode of a former city manager who was once heard to complain about the earlier colours.

As the colour range expands, however, we do hear the odd complaint. The Burkes (newsman and artist) complained about unnatural colours when they were here last fall, and we published a few letters after that agreeing with their position. Whitehorse artist Jim Robb phoned to express his concerns over the changing hues of Dawson. Not all the comments have been bad, though. I'm told that photographer Yusuf Karsh once said that Dawson needed a bit of variety in its colour scheme. I wonder what he would say now?

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Shovelling snow off The Campbell family's roof

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Letters

Dear Editor:

Concerning the letters to the editor about the 98th Y.O.O.P. Christmas supper. So I'm not a Yukoner; but am a fan of Sue Ward. As for the two that wrote in - don't you have anything better to do than pick Sue apart for neglecting to mention a few people?

Perhaps you may take an example from Sue and "Grab a life"! This is a great lady who has really done something with her life.

After picking up the pieces of a shattered 40+ year marriage, she courageously moved on, and made it!

She also encouraged people like myself that life is what we make it. And you, who called her old; how well do you know her?

Her body may be old, but inside is a vibrant, beautiful young lady, who's opinions and personalities we appreciate - so keep 'em coming Sue!

Jill Hodgson

Sparwood B.C.

(Former daughter-in-law of Sue)

Dear Editor,

... As former residents of Dawson City (1981 to 1988) we look forward to receiving the paper every month. When it arrives both Judy and I read it from cover to cover hoping to hear about how or what our friends are up to. It is great to see that the DOWNTOWN HOTEL and the ELDORADO HOTEL are getting along as usual, (some things never change). To all residents of Dawson and especially to all our friends still there we hope that this year will be your best ever.

The First Blades of Spring

by Dan Davidson

The tricklings have started to sound on my roof as the longer sun warms up the snow. You can see vapor rise in the heat of the day, even though it is still 10 below.

The snow on my deck railing twists and turns, deformed by the uneven heat. I check it whenever I'm going and coming. The day's changes always look neat.

The first blades of spring in this town are not grass, but shovels and graders and cats. The shovels are taking the loads off our roofs while machines are out working the flats.

Yes, they've started to scrape the snow off the main streets.

The five figure cost is alarming, but I know that the melt damage would be much worse, and our streets can't take that much more harming.

You see machines scraping and digging all over, Street levels drop more than a foot. There's still some concern from a few local folks over where all that "white stuff" gets put.

So while it's still winter out in my backyard, the streets all turn brown. Lawd 'a mercy! They will have to truck snow to the Palace Grand so the dog sleds can run in the Percy.

P.S. To Norm, Wendel, Bernie, Russell, Colm & Dale looks like you guys have a lot of work ahead with that water and sewer system. I know that you guys will do a great job as usual, and it's nice to see you get some well deserved praise (February 11 issue). Have a great year guys.

Frank and Judy Taylor



Dawson Legion poster awards

By Sue Ward

Once again it was Awards Day for six Students of Robert Service School when First V.P. Kelly deWald, also Chairman of Poppy Fund, presented framed Certificates of Merit, and Cash Prizes, rounding out a year of great effort on behalf of Royal Cdn. Legion, Branch No. 1, Yukon.

Although enough funds had been raised through sales of Poppies to award prizes for Posters, Essays, and Poems, only Poster entries were forthcoming this year. A longer period of time is being allotted for next season's entrants to encourage entries in all areas. The Competition is Nationwide with the first three winning entries being sent to the National Competition for Seniors, in Ottawa.

A Trip for Two for One Week to the Nation's Capital, during Remembrance Week is a most fitting and worthwhile award. Last year, Dawson's Kevin McCauley placed second in the national competition.

Suggested helpful material is distributed to the schools in order to assist students to understand the happenings and outcomes in which they played no part. It is



The Award Winners- back row:Dawson Legion First Vice -President, Kelly deWald. *Senior category:* 1st place-Samantha Jenkins; *intermediate* 1st place-Leanne Bilodeau. 2nd- Kimmi Jenkins. Front Row L to R: *Junior* 1st place: Nathan Dewell; *Honourable Mention*-Alex Bowie; *Junior* 2nd Place- J.J. Flynn.

Photo by Sue Ward

probable that a new direction to Peacekeeping could be forthcoming. What does seem more certain is that next year could be the

final year of Dawson's participation unless more enthusiasm and interest results in many more entries in all classes.

As a K. Sun staffer on hand with camera to record the presentations I found the posters most impressive.

This is your land

by Anne MacDonald, Community Planner, YTG

By the way...have you heard that the Yukon Lands Branch now has a local office in Dawson? Since being decentralized in May 1992 and following my maternity leave, I have been busy setting up my office here in Dawson. Since that time a number of people have dropped by the office to look at maps, pick up land applications and to get information on particular parcels of land. But there still seem to be a few people who are surprised and interested to learn that there is in fact an office here to deal with Yukon land issues!

Now, most services which are available at the Lands Office in Whitehorse are available here. This includes maps and aerial photos of various scales showing lot boundaries, ownership, lot sizes and the location of roads, reserves and any other surveyed information, including the legal description of a property. I also have Tax Assessment information, such as how much a property has been assessed at, and what the annual taxes are for the property. This is useful information to have if you are considering buying a piece of property. I can also provide information on planning and zoning requirements, although for properties located within the City of Dawson you should contact the City offices as they are responsible for planning and zoning within municipal boundaries.

For the most part our office deals with Yukon lands, that is,

those lands which have been transferred from the Federal Government to the government of the Yukon. This includes land in West Dawson, the Klondike Valley, and some lands within the City of Dawson. But because the Federal government is not actively involved in land use planning in the Yukon, we are also very much involved in land uses and dispositions of Federal land.

While my permanent move to Dawson has been recent, I am no stranger to the place, and have likely met many of you over the past six years or so in my job as a Planner working on the Klondike Valley Land Use Plan and more recently the Dawson to Callison Local Area Plan. Now that these plans have been completed, (and yes, copies of these plans are also available at the office) we are involved in implementing and administering the plan. This includes reviewing applications to purchase, lease or re-zone land and working towards making more land available for those uses which were designated in the land use plans. We are also gearing up to begin the next phase of local area planning, likely Callison to Henderson's Corner, and possible the Sunnydale area.

Please feel free to drop by sometime. The office is located right next to the Fish and Game Branch upstairs in the Museum Building. Or give me a call at 993-6624. I just may be able to save you a trip or a phone call to Whitehorse sometime!



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Jim Shaefer and Grant Simpson

Photo by Dan Davidson

Theatre as Process and Product

by Dan Davidson

Jim Shaefer has been doing theater in education projects across Canada for the last 15 years. Some of these have been in schools, but Shaefer has also linked the creative progress with industry.

"For instance, up in northern Ontario and in Stephenville, Nfld., Abitibi-Price brought me into their mill towns to work with students," Shaefer said.

The Dawson experience had its focus on the creation of a finished product, itself the result of an integrated inter-disciplinary process that linked Social Studies, English, music and theatre.

"I've evolved a way of empowering young people to look to their past and write about it."

Shaefer has done this twice before in the Yukon. Two years ago he travelled to Faro, and produced a play that helped to pull things together in the midst of a strike. Things were so unsettled there at the time that a key member of his student cast left the stage at the end of the evening and went almost directly into the car that was waiting to take the family and its belongings out of town. They had simply waited until the play was over to move.

"The students' plays really reflected their feelings," Shaefer said. "They were feeling anxious about what was happening in the town, so their plays were about leaving and moving away. The young people there were really in transition. Most hadn't been in Faro longer than 3 years. They came with their families from all across Canada, from other mining towns."

Last year was Watson Lake's turn. The high school there had an existing drama program to plug the program into and produced a play called "Ghost Fever", a potpourri of Alaska Highway memories and slapstick the drama group nurtured for the rest of the school year, played several times in their home town, cut down a bit for the Youth Night Gala at the Yukon Arts Centre last June and finally produced at the Centre in its entirety

during the summer of 1992.

"Watson Lake was more of an established community, and certainly here is. These young people seem like they've been together for years."

Shaefer has a definite viewpoint about this type of theatre, that it is a community event.

"It's a cycle," he said, explaining. The original interviews, monologues, anecdotes and first scripts get passed from their creator to another student to act out. This stage is then passed on to musical and technical people and finally, the play is given back to the community in a polished form.

The polishing includes the very real skills of selection, cutting, editing and rewriting that go into any piece of finished work. Shaefer organized the raw material into a narrative sequence and determined who was to do what in the play, but much of the rest of the work came from the students themselves.

Fourteen different skits and 21 monologues went into the final play, along with four songs from Grant Simpson, the current president of the Yukon Arts Council.

"I hope 'The Golden Edge' can be done again," Shaefer said, "either in whole or in part. It's their play - the ownership of it is their's - and they can do with it as they will." He does hope that some day it will be performed in the courtroom of the Old Territorial Building, where a lot of the work that went into the play came together.

New Play Tackles Alcohol Abuse

by Cathie Langtry

Alcohol abuse and its effects. How many of us are familiar with a friend, a neighbour or a member of our own family who has chosen alcohol to be the major priority in their lives. We watch, helplessly, as relationships dissolve into anger, parenting skills disintegrate and children are left to bring up themselves, and families are ripped apart by events beyond their control.

We need to make a community stand against this quiet killer, expose it in all its forms. Dawson First Nation has taken the initiative in doing this by acquiring funding to produce a locally written play that attacks the addiction and its effects head on.

'WHISKEY' is a play written by a man who has walked whiskey's path, who lived the pain of watching his life disintegrate while he feels powerless to stop it. Gene duBois has written a play that deals directly with the issue of substance abuse. The dia-

logue is honest and hard-hitting and surprisingly full of humour, just the medicine needed to digest such an overwhelming problem. The play offers us choices: the choice to walk whiskey's path or not, the choice to believe in and use the strength of a spiritually strong community or turn your back on it, the choice to believe in yourself and to feel the power that that choice will give you.

It focuses deliberately on teenagers, as this is 'the age of choice'. We watch them as they choose their own paths and the playwright invites us into a private world, giving us some insight into the reasons for their choices.

We have a great cast and crew, all working with a sense of commitment that is rare and delightful, particularly in those so young. We all made a choice to take part in this play and in doing so we have pledged to remain alcohol and drug free throughout its production. This has created a strong bond between adults and

teenagers alike, all working towards a common goal. The actors believe in what they are doing - they arrive early for every rehearsal, they work hard and enthusiastically; we talk, we laugh and we act, and they never want to go home. Now...if only I could get them all to stop smoking.

The production has taken on a life of its own. First Nation's members and others from the community have offered time and expertise, unasked. Chief Issac Inc. is using this opportunity to put in place a 'baffle system' in the Band Hall to improve acoustics. Everything is in place to make this production an innovative and exciting piece of theatre. Our production dates are April 1, 2 and 3, with details to be announced.

As one of our young actors said, '...this really isn't a play, you know, it's a message.'

We invite you all to share it with us.



Back: Andrew Taylor, Char Farr, Rachel Taylor, Chris Cleland. Front: Don Armitage, Cathie Langtry, Quinn Guimond, Gene Dubois

Photo by Michael Gates

Shaefer had last been to Dawson City 22 years before, when he and some friends sampled summer in the Klondike from a VW minibus.

"I recall it was very dusty," he said. "There wasn't anything like what there is now. There were no gaily painted store fronts and the only thing that was open was the Westminster (hotel). We toured around through the goldfields. I don't know what it's like now, but back then there were abandoned cabins all through the goldfields and they were sort of like little museums. We would peek in and most of the stuff was still there that the last miner had left. It was quite amazing."

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Lost Patrol

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and Lance Goodwin for the expedition.

Greenlaw said that his crew had been provided with a mixed assortment of snow machines by a manufacturer whose name will be announced at a later date. "They're going to supply us with a prototype that we're going to test out here, and we'll have a mix of snow machines that we're going to compare."

The patrol planned to overnight at the old powerhouse along the Yukon Ditch that once supplied hydro power to the YCGC operations at Bear Creek and throughout the Klondike Creeks.

"We're going to go from Dawson to the Dempster Highway by going from Dawson down the Yukon River to the (Twelve



Photo by Michael Gates

Mounties on Snowmobiles will check out the historic Lost Patrol route from Dawson to Fort McPherson.

(Mile) River, up that to the Blackstone and on to the highway," Greenlaw said.

The actual patrol in 1995 will be done in period costume using 9 snow machines and 2 dog teams. The departure will be from

the Old Post Office across the street from the Palace Grand, the starting point for the annual Percy DeWolfe Mail Run.

It is planned that the postmaster will present the expedition with a mail sack to carry full of

stamped and cancelled mail. Greenlaw knows of at least two media crews that have expressed an interest in covering the event, which will be tied in with a regimental Ball the evening before. A number of magazines have also

made contact with the organizers.

From this event, like a lot of things that will be happening over the next several years, Dawson can expect some pretty positive national and world exposure.

Message from Dawson First Nation:

The Importance of Symbols

The play 'Whiskey' uses powerful symbols from within the native culture as a source of strength and healing. Dawson First Nation would like to share this knowledge with the community so that we may all have a better understanding.

For all people of the earth, the Creator has planted a "Sacred Tree" under which they may gather, and there find healing, power, wisdom and security. The

roots of this tree spread deep into the body of Mother Earth. Its branches reach upward like hands praying to Father Sky. The fruits of this tree are the good things the Creator has given to the people: teachings that show the path to love, compassion, generosity, patience, wisdom, justice, courage, respect, humility and many other wonderful gifts.

The ancient ones taught us that the life of the Tree is the life of the people. If the people wander far away from the protective shadow of the Tree, if they forget to seek nourishment of its fruit, or if they should turn against the Tree and attempt to destroy it, great sorrow will fall upon the people. Many will become sick at heart. The people will lose their power. They will cease to dream dreams and see visions. They will begin to quarrel among themselves over worthless trifles. They will become unable to tell the truth and to deal with each other honestly. They will forget how to survive in their own land.

Their lives will become filled with anger and gloom. Little by little they will poison themselves and all they touch.

Symbols express and represent meaning. Meaning helps provide purpose and understanding. The Medicine Wheel is an ancient symbol used by almost all native people of North and South America. It helps us understand more clearly what a human being is. There are many different ways that this concept can be expressed: the four grandfathers, the four winds, the four cardinal directions, and many other relationships that may be expressed in sets of four. Just as a mirror can be used to see things that are not normally visible (eg behind us or around a corner), the Medicine Wheel can be used to help us 'see' or understand things we can't see with our physical eyes, because they are ideas not physical objects.

In many ways this Circle, the Medicine Wheel, can best be un-

derstood if you think of it as a mirror in which everything is reflected. "The Universe is the Mirror of the People," the old teachers tell us, "and each person is a Mirror to every other person."

Hyemeyohsts Storm (Northern Cheyenne)

Recycling Depot News



By Conservation Klondike society

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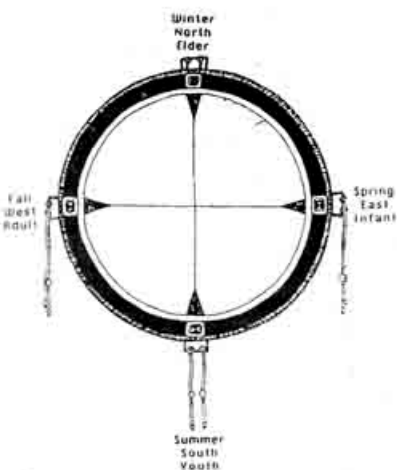
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A Big Thank you is extended to Former Board Members Marcia Jordan and Michele Stimson for their hard work.

Papersave is coming- a grant from the Environmental Partners Fund will allow us to start collecting this spring:

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Strengthening the Circle

by Jim Johnston
School Counsellor

I am planning to write this column in order to share some of my knowledge with others in hope of working together with the community to make a healthier place to live.

The first subject that I would like to start with is:

Building Self-esteem in Children

(No you won't need any power tools or a neuro surgeons degree)

1. Looking at your Child

To accurately see your child will help you Build their "Self Concept", in 4 ways.

1. You will be able to recognize their unique abilities and talents.

a) You will be able to reinforce their abilities and talents.

b) You will be able to nurture your children's abilities and talents

c) You will be able to help your children recognize what is special about them.

2. You will be able to understand their behavior in the context of who they are.

Examples:

a) You won't misinterpret your child's natural shyness as being unfriendly

b) You won't assume that your child's need for privacy is

rejection.

c) In time you will be able to see in context even "Negative behavior as more understandable and predictable.

3. You will be able to focus on changing only the behavior that is truly important to change.

Examples:

a) Behavior that is harmful to them

b) Behavior that isolates them socially

c) Behavior that disrupts the family.

4. Children who feel that they are really seen and understood by parents can afford to be "Authentic" and "Real".

Examples:

a) The child doesn't have to hide parts of themselves because they feel rejected.

b) If you can accept all of your child.

i) The good

ii) The bad

iii) Your child can accept themselves.

This is the cornerstone of a good self concept

Exercise #1. Finding out who your child is?

1. Write a description of your child.

What are they like:

a) Physically

b) Socially

c) Intellectually

d) Emotionally

e) How do they act in school?

f) What they like to do alone?

g) What makes them angry, happy, or challenged?

h) What are they best at or worst at?

i) How does your child get their needs met? (affection, security, or attention)

j) What is that they do that makes it hard or difficult for you?

k) How are they like you and how are they different?

l) Does your child work better with structure or freedom?

m) Does your child prefer order or chaos?

n) Does your child enjoy music, sports, drawing, books or math?

This description that you have written will cause you to discover qualities in your child that you never have noticed before.

Now go through the description and make two lists, one for positive and the other for negative.

Positive: Talents, abilities, interests.

Negative: potential problems, bad habits, quick temper

Example: Jane, a 12-year old

Positive	Negative
Funny	Overactive and on the move constantly
Creative	Easily frustrated
Determined	Poor math skill
Sports person	Fights constantly with brother
Outgoing	Sloppy and forgetful
Artistic	A follower, finds it hard to adjust to changes in plans

Next month we will be "Looking at the Positive". This will give us a starting place for attributes that we will want to reinforce right away.

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Fur Show Finds Finest

by Brent Morrison

Ray Caley was the big winner at the fifth annual Dawson Fur Show held February 19. "I owe it all to 'the Chief,'" a modest Caley said afterwards.

"The Chief" is Dawson's Henry Hanulik, a long time trapper who's garage serves as the unofficial headquarters of the Eighth Avenue Trappers Association.

The association is a group of trappers who use Hanulik's garage for skinning and stretching their pelts. They also consume large quantities of coffee and get tips from Hanulik during the trapping season.

The show saw nineteen competitors submit 85 pelts for judging. Another seventeen pelts were brought in for display.

Jack Fraser, president of Dawson Trappers' Association, was pleasantly surprised by the turnout. "There's been more than I thought there would be. It hasn't been a good trapping year.

The show was held at the Tro Chu T'in Hall, which Dawson First nation donates annually for the event.

Also on display at the show was a table of carvings by Native carver Michael Mason, and a table of moccasins and other Native crafts set up by Angie Joseph-Rear.

Renewable Resources also had a display which showed old and new traps.

The hall buzzed with activity throughout the day, moose stew, bannock, coffee, sandwiches, and other goodies were available free of charge to participants and spectators.

At four o'clock Harvey Jessup and Alex Van Bibber began the process of judging the pelts. Pelts were based on five categories, each worth twenty points. Sixty percent of the judging is based on the preparation of the pelt while forty percent is based on the pelt's overall quality.

In the wolverine division Jack Fraser took first place scoring 93 points for a blonde animal he submitted. Heinz Sauer of Minto took second, with Caley placing third. In the Wolf category, which was judged separate from the wolverines for the first time this year, Joe Mason took first place with what Fraser described as, the nicest pelt in the whole show." Mason score 88 points while Ivan Burian placed second and Cor Guimond third.

In the lynx division, Sauer took first place for the second year in a row, Tom Grantham of Destruction Bay was second, and Henry Hanulik was third.

The Eighth Avenue Trappers swept the Sable division with Caley taking first, Bruce Taylor second, and Fraser in third.

In the combined fox/coyote category, Caley took first place again with 180 out of a possible 200 points. Grantham was second with his two coyotes (only one other was entered in

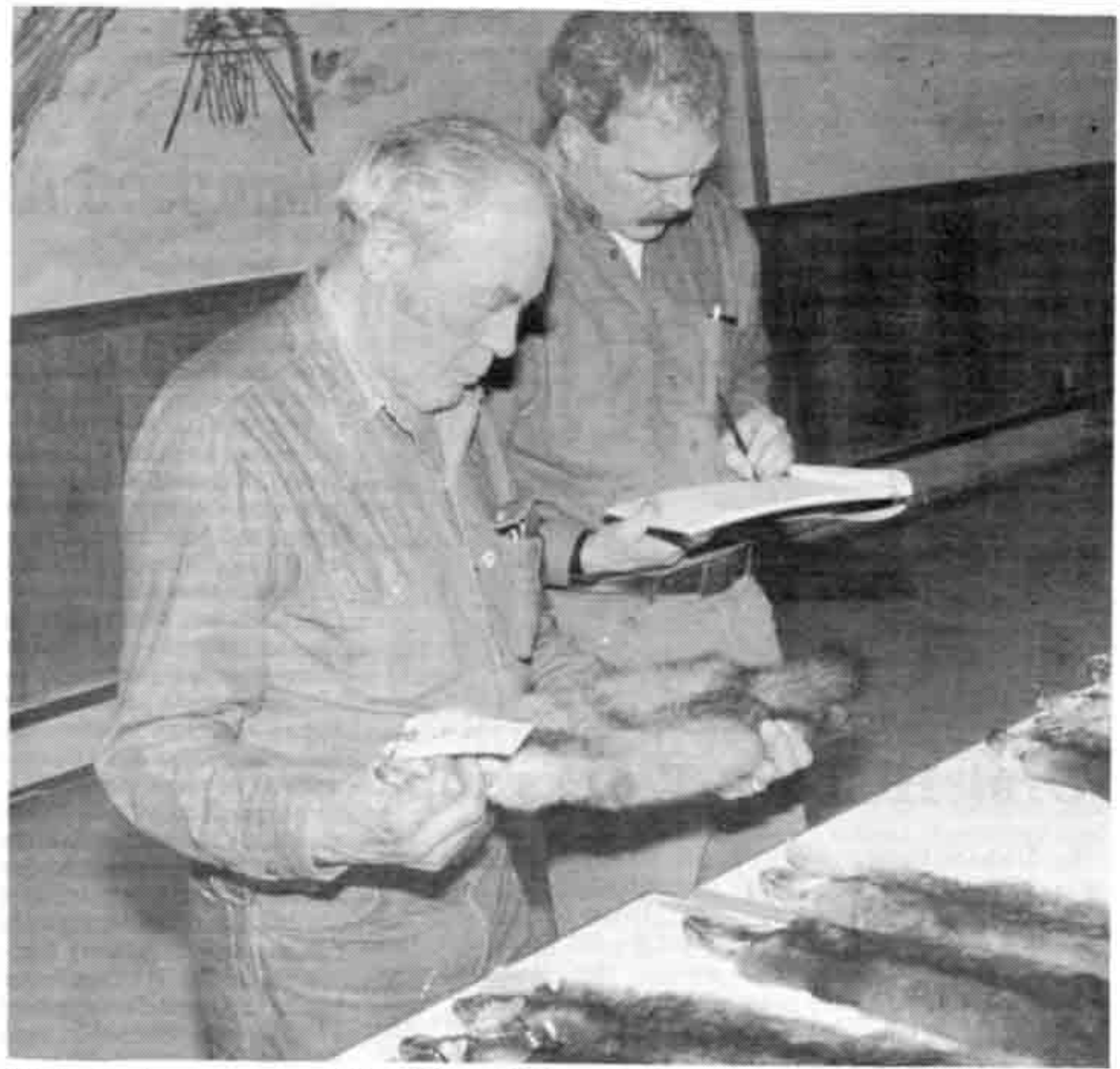
the show), and Joe Mason placed third.

Instead of cash prizes, this years winners were presented with plaques and ribbons Fraser had purchased, and Renewable Resources donated new traps.

In the young trappers category Trevor and Cody Rudniski won for the fourth straight year, while Madeline de Repentigny was second.

Jessup, who has judged the show four out of its five years says he has noticed a, "big improvement" in the quality of the fur entered.

"People are taking a lot of pride in what they're doing. It's getting more difficult to judge every year because everyone is becoming so uniform in their handling of the pelts."



Harvey Jessup and Alex Van Bibber judge the winning entries.

Photo by Michael Gates

Museum Special Events

During the month of March 1993 the Dawson City Museum is pleased to present the following Special Events:

March 17, 1993 - Michael Gates will talk about the Restoration of the Commissioner's Residence. This rescheduled lecture will include examples of reconstructed furniture and wall paper samples. 7:30 pm.

March 24, 1993 - The Film Series continues with:

Forbidden Love: the Unashamed stories of Lesbian Lives (90 min) Dir. by Aerlyn Weissman and Lynne Fernie, this feature film takes an unpre-

cedented look at the lives of some Canadian lesbians during the '50s and '60s. This film combines documentary footage and contemporary interviews, intercut with a fictional love story inspired by the popular lesbian pulp novels of the time. Very Funny.

Women in the Shadows: (55 min) Dir. by Norma Bailey, this film follows Metis writer and filmmaker Christine Welsh on a physical and spiritual journey in search of her native foremothers. Like a number of people of aboriginal descent, Welsh's family chose to deny their native ancestry to assimilate into the

Dawson City Museum



cominant society, haunted by doubts and questions of her identity, Welsh sets out in search of her native heritage. The film articulated Metis women's experience of racism in both a current and historical context, examining

the forces that pushed them into the shadows.

Strings: (10 min) Dir. by Wendy Tilby. An intimate vignette hinting at love, loss, and a world of possibilities.

Sport & Recreation Grants Application Deadline March 15

Yukon sport governing bodies and special recreation groups are reminded that the deadline for applying for the Yukon government Sport and Recreation Branch core funding is Monday, March 15.

Affiliated community sport and recreation groups are also encouraged to contact their territorial sport governing bodies or Yukon recreation groups to ensure that their core funding requirements are considered and included.

Grant applications are adjudicated by the Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee and funding is provided by the Yukon government with the support of the Yukon Lottery Commission.

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Oral History Workshop

by Michael Gates

If you think that conducting oral history is an easy task, just ask Helene Dobrowolsky; she's been doing it for years. She was in Dawson City March 2, 3 and 4 to conduct a 3 day workshop on oral history sponsored by the Dawson City Museum, the Yukon Council of Archives and the Yukon Lotteries Commission. Helene would probably tell you about one project she undertook at Fort Selkirk on the Yukon River, and how her truck ran out of gas and she had to walk eighteen miles in the rain to meet some of the other participants in the project. Helene will probably also tell you that you are mistaken if you think that oral history is sitting down with a tape recorder and talking with someone. That's just the tip of the iceberg, for every hour of recording, you can expect

to spend another nine or ten hours transcribing and editing before you're finished.

But this fact did not deter seventeen students, including museum volunteers and staff, Yukon College students and interested people from as far away as Whitehorse, from attending. During the three days, they learned interview techniques, how to transcribe and care for the tapes and operate the equipment. The graduates of this workshop will apply their newly acquired skills to the study of archival photos and films, native and community history, genealogy and the preservation of old technologies.

The workshop, which Dobrowolsky credits as the brainchild of Greg Skuce, is another installment in a series of programs from the museum, aimed at recording and preserving the history of our community.

Yukon Arts Council:

Simpson Addresses Issues in the Arts

by Palma Berger

The Yukon Arts Council is funded for its operations by a grant from Yukon Recreation and Arts Committee.

YAC does not have money itself to give out grants to different groups, but their purpose is to help groups in the Territory organize and help direct them to where they might get assistance.

In fact, says the President, Grant Simpson, their mandate is towards advocacy and liaison. Grant spoke to a gathering of interested people in Dawson's library the other evening. He feels the Yukon Arts Council needs to be more grass roots in their connection with the Yukon groups. He wants to get to know the local boards and how they are active. YAC will help organize any local groups if they ask. In fact, the Tourism Industry Association Yukon (TIAY) is bringing in a Board Development Facilitator in April this year. Running your Board efficiently takes out so many headaches, so you may want to take part. The facilitator will try to fine tune what everyone wants, but will talk about specifics also.

Grant wants to keep in touch with all groups in the communities. He knows this will not be easy as it was difficult to do even in Whitehorse at first. He emphasized that YAC wants to help all arts groups and artists, and you do not have to be a member to ask for assistance. YAC is necessary as every arts group needs a voice.

Questioned as to funding cutbacks from the present govern-

ment, Grant said that the politicians have said that the money allocated for the arts will not go down but neither will it increase. Some opinions from the group ranged from disappointment, incredulity to even anger at what some perceived as lack of interest in the arts from the new government. Grant outlined a benefits package that YAC had put together with an insurance company for self-employed artists. The plan will include coverage for life insurance, long term disability, extended health (drugs, etc.) and dental coverage. The only stipulation for joining this plan is that you belong to the Yukon Arts Council (\$10.00 per year).

Heather Smith, Director of the Dawson Museum, asked why there was no funding available for the Heritage Branch. The Heritage Branch fits in with the Arts more than say, Sports. People agreed and quoted museums in other parts of Canada and the world that have very strong connections to the Arts. Heather questioned how the Heritage Branch can get any core funding from Lotteries?

She quoted the annual Art Show that the museum puts on. All the work is done by her Board or volunteers. There is also an area where a travelling display could be used, but they need financial assistance to do more.

Grant understood the plight of the Museum, as the McBride Museum in Whitehorse is operating on so slim a budget that they could not even look at a benefit package for their employees.

Everyone agreed the Arts Centre is indeed a fabulous building. But it is very inaccessible to the rural communities, from buying tickets to the expense of getting there. The shows come to Whitehorse and go no further. This is caused by the Yukon Arts Council giving the responsibility for bookings to the Whitehorse Concert Society who book for the Arts Centre in Whitehorse only. They have eliminated the touring of the Yukon that happened previously. Dawson will no longer see the likes of the McGill Chamber Orchestra here.

All visual shows also stop in

Whitehorse. Our Museum has room for an art show but none of the visual arts seem to travel. With her background in the visual arts, Heather Smith is willing to coordinate a travelling art show to Dawson.

The last live entertainment brought to Dawson was when the Dawson Recreation Department worked with the Arts Centre and brought, for example, the Navajo Dancers and Buddy Whatismame to Dawson. While we may not have a large hall, we do feel we should also benefit from these people coming to Whitehorse.

All shows were really well-attended and are missed by the people here.

The Music Festival Group would like to organise a music event at the Arts Centre to raise money, but the organisation to do this is a bit cumbersome at present.

It was appreciated that the Arts Centre has such a good calendar of events advertised in the papers, but it would really be appreciated if they could also advertise when anyone with expertise in an arts field is coming to Whitehorse so locals here could make plans accordingly.

The funding for the Arts comes from Yukon Lotteries. It is felt that at present the funding is unfairly distributed. Sports gets 68% and the Arts gets 32%. The Sports groups are more than content with what they have, while the Arts groups are begging for help. Perhaps this will change in the future? It has been shown that the Arts are directly related to the health of a community as well as its economy.

In all, it was a good meeting for airing the groups' feelings or frustrations and they felt that they did have an attentive ear in Grant Simpson. Now they just have to get really organized to beleaguer him with their wants. It left people feeling good that he was concerned with the rural communities.

By the way, the phone number for the Arts Council is 668-6268 and Grant Simpson's personal fax is 668-4234 for further enquiries.



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Saloon is open again

by Brent Morrison

The Red Feather Saloon is back in business, sort of. Despite the hype from YTG that Dawson's liquor store would be housed in the rebuilt saloon, the entrance to the store is actually in Brown's Harness Shop, with the store and warehouse taking up most of the area behind the other two façades in the complex. The saloon itself will house an exhibit and a window display, arranged by Parks Canada.

The official opening occurred Tuesday February 16, at 11:00 a.m. A crowd of people gathered outside the building awaiting a glimpse of the new store. At the opening time, Minister Bill Brewster cut the ceremonial red ribbon so quickly that all people saw as they entered was the dangling remains of it.

The new store is a massive, modern outlet, compared to the old facility at Third and Queen,

and with well over thirty people attending the opening it had to be. Store manager Len Maruk estimates that the new store has three times the office and retail space, and twice the warehouse capacity as the old building.

Gary Smoler was the first person to make a purchase in the new store. His bottle of Café Colombo showed a receipt time of 11:00 a.m. Smoler attended the opening with the intention of buying the first bottle and when he came in, "everyone was just looking around, so I grabbed a bottle and headed for the till."

The new store now carries about half of the available beer and liquor brands available in the Yukon, the largest selection outside of Whitehorse. "We used to stock 40-45% of the brands available (which still made it the largest selection outside of Whitehorse), Maruk states, "now it's closer to 55%."



David Millar, Bill Brewster, Len Maruk, Vicki Hancock, Darrell Williams Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates



Streamlined store interior

Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates

The store is laid out much differently than at the old location. Maruk describes it as being, "a little bit more of an updated style. We're using colour blocking now, where before it was mostly set up like the stock book order."

The major difference in selection at the new location is in wine, there is now close to 60% of available stock on hand, up almost 20%. There is also a large cooler selling cold canned beer, coolers, and cider. This feature has already upset one local hotel owner. "It's not a convenience," blared Westminster Hotel owner Duncan Spriggs, "it's competition." Spriggs is concerned that cold beer being sold at regular prices will cut into his off-sales market. Off-sales are sold at

higher prices, but have always been refrigerated.

Brewster was to make a speech at the opening but began by saying he wasn't going to make one. He presented Maruk with a painting of the original Red Feather Saloon, and a plaque commemorating the re-opening.

Brewster credited Dawson's former MLA Art Webster, who was also in attendance, with spending two years getting the project under way, but because of Webster's loss in the Territorial election, it was Brewster who had, "the honour of opening it."

Brewster, the Minister responsible for the Yukon Liquor Corporation, closed by saying, "I hope you all buy lots of liquor, because we need the money."

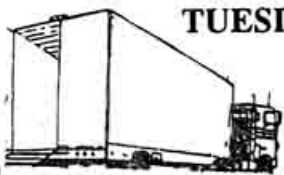
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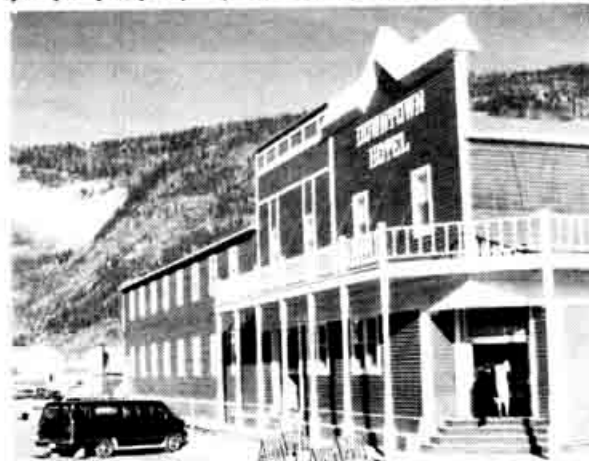
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Long Distance Poker

by Kathy Jones-Gates

An invitation to a Poker Game usually means an evening out at Diamond Tooth Gerties, or at a friend's home seated around a table with a pack of cards.

In Alaska however, the game has taken on a new dimension. Owners of snowmobiles combine their enjoyment of travelling in the "Great White North" with the card game.

The "Poker Run" arrived in Dawson the weekend of February 26-28, in the form of 37 snowmobile enthusiasts from Tok, Alaska.

Jeff Summar, President of the Alaska Trailblazers from Tok explained that his group generally spend their weekends travelling all over Alaska, participating in the game and enjoying the outdoors, via their snowmobiles.

The rules of the "Poker Run" are fairly simple: 5 checkpoints are set up, and when participants arrive at each location, they pick up a Poker card in a sealed envelope. "At the completion of the run," said Summar, "when you check in, you receive your last card, and then open the envelopes to see what sort of a Poker hand you've got."

In the 187 mile trip from Tok to Dawson, with the 37 entrants, \$1,500 was available. The best

five hands divided up the prize money with the best hand taking the top prize of \$500.

Speed has nothing to do with the event, according to Summar. His group left Tok at 9 a.m. Friday, February 26, and the first group arrived in Dawson around 8 p.m. the same day. The faster machines go out in front with trail breakers in the lead and snowmobiles hauling sleds with extra provisions bring up the rear. All participants must carry survival gear, food to eat on the way and extra gas.

Their trip over the Top of the World Highway, which is not maintained in the winter, apart from about 10 miles just north

of Dawson, was fairly uneventful according to Summar. Just past the Customs House, the road was drifted over where there was a very steep hill. Everyone made it through just fine. They did have one snowmobile go over the side of the hill, and down in the canyon at Clinton Creek, they

narrowly avoided a snow slide. One snowmobile arrived in town with a broken windshield. Summar, however, summed up the trip as "real smooth."

In Dawson, after checking in with the Canada Customs Agent, the visitors watched the games at the Oldtimers Hockey Tour-

namment, the International Bonspiel and the fact that Gerties was open. Summar indicated that The Alaska Trailblazers are looking at bringing over at least 200 Snowmobilers next year. He plans to discuss the idea with the Chamber of Commerce and the Klondike Visitors Association.



Photo by Michael Gates

Report from Ottawa

by Audrey McLaughlin

It was quite a scene.

About 40 reporters, sound booms, TV cameras, and blinding lights filled the corridors. As each Tory MP came into the building, the entire media scrum would scurry to surround him or her, thrust their microphones and ask the Question-of-the-Day: "Is he going to resign?"

He, of course, is Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. And he did resign. But the news event of the week quickly became "old" news as the attention shifted to who would replace him.

It was one of the strangest days - heightened by pent-up anticipation - I've experienced in the House of Commons.

Early that morning, I'd just walked the mile from my house to Parliament Hill in -30 degree weather and was immediately greeted at the door by a maze of reporters. By the end of the day I guess I must have been interviewed 30 times and asked again and again: "Who's going to replace him? What will it mean to you?"

Well, it won't mean much to me one way or the other. But

having been in a leadership contest myself, I do know what Mulroney's decision will mean to those who seek to lead the Conservatives.

First of all, it's a lot of work. Secondly, they'll have to raise a lot of money - between \$2 and \$3 million. Thirdly, they'll have to set up a cross-country network of workers who will "deliver" the support of enough convention delegates to win the leadership.

During the NDP leadership, we had a spending ceiling of only \$150,000. Fortunately, thanks to the countless volunteer hours put in by the people who supported my candidacy, I didn't have to raise or spend the entire amount. And still that was a lot of hard work.

So I imagine between now and June when the Tory convention is held we won't see much of the candidates around Parliament Hill debating important legislation like the North American Free Trade Agreement, the budget and changes to Unemployment Insurance legislation.

And from now on until June,

the leadership race will be news.

Sure, it's exciting. Especially as we head into a federal election. But what's unfortunate about all this drama is that it tends to obscure the substance of the real issues that continue to face our country.

Issues like jobs, NAFTA, the economy, the budget and the deficit. Issues like funding for healthcare, education and other social service.

Because when it comes right down to it, every Canadian won't be affected by the choice of a new Tory leader. But every Canadian will be affected by continued Tory policies.

One year ago, Yukoners were horrified at the violent death of Krystal Senyk, a young woman who was shot after trying to help her friend leave an unhappy relationship. Her suspected killer, Ron Bax, is still at large.

We all know of a similar incident not too many years ago here in Dawson. And we know of other communities, other women and children, who have suffered from threats, beatings, fear and other violent acts.

March 8 is International Women's Day. I know many people - men and women - will be thinking of Krystal and others on that day. And I hope those thoughts will turn into positive, year-long action against violence. Action that says, "No, we will not tolerate this in our homes, our families, our streets, our communities."

Because without that action, all our words and good intentions don't mean very much when a woman lives in fear.

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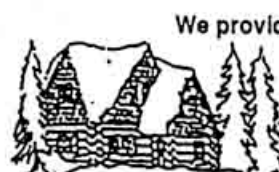
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Viewing the Present from the Past:

The Future of Dawson

submitted by John Gould

The Klondike Nugget in the fall of 1901 sponsored an essay contest in the Dawson Public School, grades 7 and up. In January of 1902 they published the winner and two of the runner ups. One prize was offered: \$25. The subject: "The Future of Dawson."

This one by Constance MacDonald was the winner.

There were high hopes for Dawson in those early days.

The Klondike Centennial Society is now sponsoring an essay contest, Grade 7 up, to be started after the spring break and end in mid May

"The Future of Dawson" will again be the subject.

by Constance MacDonald
(a Dawson School girl)

To speak of the future it is necessary to have a retrospect of the past. Dawson has had a remarkable one.

From a town of tents and cabins in '97 and '98 it has developed now in 1902 into a well planned city of business buildings and modern residences. The government then crude and unorganized; now with modern methods, systemized and partially representative.

Business has progressed in every line, investments of a stable character are being made. In early days the frozen ground of the mines was thawed out by fires, and the pay dirt and gravel was hoisted to the surface by hand. Now the ground is thawed out by steam, and mining machinery of all kinds is used with the result the work is more rapidly and economically done and more ground is covered in less time.

A rail road has been built between Whitehorse and Skagway - the most difficult entrance to the country. A fleet of well equipped boats ply between Whitehorse and Dawson and in winter time a comfortable line of stages.

But should a railroad be built

between Whitehorse and Dawson it would make winter transportation a simple matter and make our markets steadier.

To show their faith in the country the government has lately built beautiful and substantial buildings, which we hope will not be "monuments to mans folly" but tokens of his good faith. The Presbyterians have built a large and commodious church.

Many enterprising merchants have erected both brick and frame stores and warehouses, where one leads others will follow.

There are already three news papers, good enterprising newsy, legible print and well supplied correspondents.

Dance halls and places of like character are gradually being put down.

Coal has been discovered and is being worked in small quantities. This will lessen the consumption of wood, which is not the best quality and expensive.

The placer gold fields each year expand, new creeks are being prospected, new discoveries made. Old creeks and old discoveries are yielding good profits. But little ground has yet been worked out, and there is an area almost boundless to cover.

One need not be an optimist to say that Dawson will be the premier placer camp of the world for half a century.

Diligent efforts are being made to discover quartz in paying quantities and even the pessimist will say; Find that quartz and Dawson will be doubly the golden city of the north. The country looks well for quartz, and some day soon it will come. Then Dawson will be a city of tens of thousands.

The population in place of a transient one has become more permanent, though few of those who dwell here expect to make it more than a temporary home.

An electric plant to take the place of candles is one of the

chief improvements.

A water system, considering the climate is a good one for most people, only in summer is it in use.

An iron foundry, sawmills and other industries are in operation.

The matter of incorporation is at this period of great importance to Dawson. The question is shall Dawson be governed by an "elective council" or an appointed commission.

A great advance step is telegraphic communication with the outside, as also are telephones, fire protection and administration of justice.

This has all been brought by the golden wealth of the country and on its continuance does the "Future of Dawson" depend.

Agriculture, it is true, may be carried on to a limited extent, some fishing and some hunting. But let the gold decline or cease and Dawson will rapidly fall away.

It continued placer discoveries are made and quartz found then the successful future is assured.

But, what is that successful future?

Let me give it in an imaginary letter written ten years later.

Dawson reigns supreme, chief city of the richest gold camp ever struck. It is the centre of industry, and commerce for the whole Yukon.

The flat on which the miners of pioneer days dwelt is now the business portion of the city. It is covered with large buildings of all kinds, good roads and good streets.

The hill at the end of the old A.C. trail is now the residential part of the city, as many thought it would be who visited the then rude miners town of 1001. The residences are lovely, modern and with all the conveniences. A cable line connects the hill with the town.

We have also an electric road running between Dawson and Grand Forks and the dogs no longer "mush on."

People now live here who have come to stay. Only local needs are manufactured. A rail road from Whitehorse has been built, making an all year steady route.

The Alaska boundary has been settled and the key to the

Klondike is ours. Placer Mining is still unexhausted and quartz unlimited. To put it briefly Dawson, the polar star of the British Empire is a beautiful and permanent city.

The judges for the essay contest were; Dr. Grant; F.T. Congdon; and W.H. Newlands.



Spring Carnival 1993

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 25

6:00 PM **GIANT BINGO** - Royal Canadian Legion and Trinkee Zoo Daycare - Tro'ndik Hall will also be broadcast live over DCTV / CFYT

Friday, March 26

SPRING CARNIVAL BONSPIEL - Dawson City Curling Club - Look for posters around town for more details on this event.

6:30 PM **6th ANNUAL LIP SYNC CONTEST** - Gerties - Dawson City Drama Club - Lots of Fun and Prizes

WESTMINSTER HOTEL - Watch for many events throughout the weekend including the 1 Rabbit Pull and the Wheelbarrow Race as well as live entertainment with the G-Notes.

Saturday, March 27

11:00 AM **SNOWSHOE BASEBALL** - Minto Park - Ali Anderson

11:00 AM **MINTO PARK CONCESSION BOOTH** - R. S. S. Band

1:00 PM **LOG SAWING** - Minto Park

1:00 PM **ROLLING PIN THROW** - Minto Park

1:00 PM **CHAINSAW THROW** - Minto Park - Dave Peat

1:00 PM **EGG TOSS** - Minto Park

3:00 PM **TOBOGGAN RACES** - San Cho Park

4:00 PM **SKEET AND 22 SHOOT** - Dike across from Commissioner's Residence - Rod & Gun Club - Ron Ryant - Look for posters around town for more info.

6:00 PM **CANOE RACE** - Starts at Downtown Hotel - Cathy Laking. Please don't be late!

7:00 PM **AIR BAND COMPETITION** - Gerties - Teen dance to follow.

8:00 PM **"SPRING THAW"** - Downtown Hotel - Cathy Laking - Various competitions and activities, lots of prizes, watch for posters around town.

8:00 PM **ARM WRESTLING** - Eldorado Hotel

Sunday, March 28

10:00 AM **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Curling Club

11:00 AM **SNOWSHOE BASEBALL** - Minto Park - Ali Anderson

11:00 AM **MINTO PARK CONCESSION BOOTH** - R.S.S. Band

11:30 AM **1 DOG PULL** - 13 and over - Minto Park - Lois Roscoe

12:00 PM **SMOOSH RACES** - Minto Park

12:00 PM **TUG OF WAR** - Minto Park

12:30 PM **KIDS DOG SLED RACE** - Minto Park - Lois Roscoe / Don Flynn

12:30 PM **AXE THROWING** - Minto Park - Lois Roscoe / Don Flynn

1:00 PM **ASSORTED GAMES AND RACES** until 4:00 PM - Ski Hill - Lorrie Sprokkreef - Watch for posters!

2:00 PM **SUNNYDALE CLASSIC** - Ice Bridge - Brad Keenan

Please watch for posters describing these and other events happening during **Spring Carnival 1993**. For further information or to volunteer your time at any of these events please call the K.V.A. office at 993-5575.

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Creature Comforts



by Shelley Hakonson

"Quick Cooking" doesn't have to mean Kraft Dinner or fast fry pork chops - it can also include nutritious, health-aware and delicious meals that can be prepared in under an hour.

Tomato, Sweet Onion and Celery Salad - a great combo. Serves 3-4. You could add large homemade croutons.

2 ripe tomatoes, cut in 1/4" slices
1 sweet onion, peeled and cut into 1/8" slices
3 ribs celery, cut crosswise into thin slices, leaves left whole (if they are fresh and green)

Dressing -

1/4 cup olive oil
3 Tbsp balsamic vinegar (this stuff is terrific!)
2 Tbsp finely chopped fresh basil - (dried doesn't work)
2 Tbsp heavy cream
salt & freshly ground pepper

Arrange the veggies on individual salad plates and set aside, whisk olive oil with the vinegar, add basil and heavy cream, season to taste and pour over veggies.
Serve immediately.

Chicken Cacciatore - Start the day before

Marinade

One 6 oz can tomato paste
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1/3 cup red wine
1/2 tsp cayenne
1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp freshly ground pepper
1 tsp cajun spice for chicken (optional)

One 3 lb chicken cut into 8 pieces
salt & freshly ground black pepper

The day before, combine the marinade ingredients, mixing well. Place the chicken pieces in a large, shallow baking dish. Pour in the marinade over the chicken and let sit overnight in the refrigerator.
The next day, preheat the broiler or grill and broil or grill the chicken for 8 - 10 minutes. Turn over and baste with the marinade. Cook 8 - 12 minutes longer or until no longer pink in the middle.



Dawson Music Festival Presents

a concert by "America's foremost guitar ensemble", the Newman & Oltman Guitar Duo. Hailed by the New York Times as "Fresh, Hot and Headed for Fame". Friday, March 19, 1993 at 7:30 pm in the Dawson City Museum A.V. Room. Tickets at the door \$5.00 adults, \$1.00 children (under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). Refreshments at intermission. See you there!

Pasta & Parmesan - very easy, add your own ideas

8 - 10 ounces pasta of your choice
4 Tbsp butter, unsalted butter or light butter (or use olive oil)
2 cloves garlic peeled and thinly sliced
1 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley or 1 tsp dried
Salt & freshly ground pepper
1/2 - 3/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese

Cook pasta, drain well and keep warm.

In a skillet, melt the butter, and saute the garlic over med heat for 5 minutes. Add the parsley and toss with the pasta, salt & pepper and cheese. Serve immediately.

Add a loaf of crusty sourdough or french bread.

Raspberry Cobbler - serves 4, especially delicious

Biscuit Topping - oven 425 degrees

1 cup unbleached flour
1/2 Tbsp sugar
1/8 tsp salt
1/2 c unsalted butter, chilled & cut into small pieces
1 1/2 Tbsp ice water
2 Tbsp heavy cream
2 - 10 oz packages unsweetened frozen whole raspberries
1/4 cup sugar
Whipped cream

Combine the flour, sugar and salt in a medium bowl. Cut in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse meal. A few drops at a time, add just enough ice water to hold the dough together.

Place the pastry on a lightly floured board & roll into a rectangle with a thickness of 1/8 inch. Chill 20 minutes.

Place the raspberries in the bottom of a shallow baking dish measuring about 5 x 10 inches.

Sprinkle evenly with 3 - 4 Tbsp sugar.

Place the biscuit topping over the raspberries and crimp the edges. Cut a decorative pattern in the top, brush with the cream and sprinkle with additional sugar. Bake until the pastry is golden brown and the fruit juices are bubbling in the centre, about 25 minutes.

Serve warm with whipped cream.

I like to add cubes of ripe pear and a touch of lemon zest to the raspberries.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, everyone!

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New Complex Provides Many Jobs

by Kathy Jones-Gates

The construction of the new Government Liquor Store provided work for a great many people in Dawson. The general contractor was the late Bert Bratch. He sub-contracted the work to Darrell Williams PTL Systems (which later became Williams Holdings Yukon). Williams is originally from Alberta, but came to Dawson last May to begin the Liquor store construction. He was justifiably proud of the completed complex and attended the Opening Ceremonies on February 16.

Williams indicated that at its busiest, the project employed 13 people, mostly Dawsonites. He has enjoyed bring in Dawson so much that his family has moved here permanently and now live in the new Dome subdivision. The only problem with the entire project, according to Williams, was with delivery dates. Apart from that, he said that the work went very smoothly and he was able to officially turn the building over to the Yukon government on December 24, a week or so ahead of schedule.

Len Maruk, on the other hand, is very pleased to be occupying such spacious accommodation. The Dawson Liquor Store Manager said that he can now offer a larger, and brighter Territorial Agent's office to serve the general public.

He also noted that licensed outlets can now be better served with the addition of an hydraulic scissor-lift for loading and unloading liquor supplies.

On hand for the move to the new location, Maruk had help from permanent store clerk, Gail Calder, Cindy Leas the assistant Liquor Store Manager, Wendy Bilton, the seasonal on-call auxiliary and Betty Purington, who was hired to help with the move.

Obituary

Jasmine Belinda Beets

Born December 15, 1992

Died March 1, 1993

Daughter of Toni

and Minnie Beets

Thank you to the
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Shelter Update

By Elaine Cairns

Thanks to all who attended our Open House on March 3. We had our newly arrived books and videos on display, as well as tea, coffee, and delectable desserts! We now have a wonderful selection of books, with subjects ranging from natural methods of healing, family violence, women's history, to recovery books for alcohol and incest abuse. We also have a wide selection of National Film board videos. All our books and videos are available to the public for borrowing at no charge. Call us for more information.

As usual we have had a busy month. Sharron was at the Enabling workshop at the Band. Marjie and Linda are going to Whitehorse in the middle of the month. They will be attending the Integration '93 Conference and exchanging information with other Yukoners about building an integrated approach to family violence.

On March 24, there will be more movies at the museum. We will again provide coffee, tea, and sweets. Hope to see you there! On March 25, Marjie will be hosting a Women's Clothing Swap at her house on 8th and Harper. This is a time to clean



out your closets of all the clothes you are no longer wearing. Bring a bag full of clothes and exchange them with other women. Come over around 7:30 pm.

We run our weekly child care program every Tuesday from 2-4:30 pm. We draw, paint, and sometimes bring out the skipping rope in the basement! New faces are always welcome. Phone ahead to let us know you are coming at 993-5086.

Craft night continues quietly every Wednesday at 7 pm. Bring your projects and drop by for a visit.

Margaret Little has confirmed she is coming up on April 23. She will be giving a lecture on the Anti-Poverty Movement in Canada as part of the SFU Travelling Speakers Bureau. The location and time will be announced at a later date.

The Shelter remains busy helping women in need. We provide our services on a 24 hour a day basis. Call us if you need a place to stay, or someone to talk to at any time of day or night.



Bright days ahead

Weather report for Dawson City, Yukon for February, 1993. Presented for your Perusal by Art Vickers, Your Friendly Flight Service Specialist, from Transport Canada Flight Service Station still located at the Dawson City International Airport.

Well, hello, hello, hello, weather fans and welcome. Once again to a bit of babbling about the weather we encountered in good old Dawson during the month of February.

Only in Dawson could you experience the kind of temperature fluctuations we had during this month. As you'll see when you closely study the statistics, we had a maximum temperature of 5.2 (41.4) and a minimum temperature of -50.2 (-58.4). That's pretty good, right? Right! But, what the stats don't tell you is that these temperatures occurred only two days apart!!!

Lots of places on this earth get terrific temperature fluctuations (like my old home of Lethbridge, Alberta with its Chinooks.) But I'm fairly confident no other place gets quite a c-c-c-c-cold before it warms it up that dramatically. (If anyone out there in newspaper land can prove me wrong--- write in and let me

know. I'll be crushed of course, but I will put your info in my 'next' article.)

Thank goodness we didn't threaten the old record low of -58.3 (-73.0) for February, nor did we beat last year's all time high temperature of 9.5 (49.1). With the exception of the first week or ten days of February, temperatures were above average. This translated into a lot of happier-than-average people wandering around town.

February used to be famous for a lot of terminal 'ugliness' showing up among Dawsonites, as the winter blues and the dreaded 'Cabin Fever' sets in after the long very cold winter continued for another month. Last February and this February will, I hope, start a trend toward warmer Februaries from now on. I like them!!

The hours of daylight have been steadily increasing so that they are now at the point that a person working from 8 a.m. till 5:30 p.m. doesn't have to be in the dark either going to or coming from work (only when they are at work! [hee! hee!])

We had less snow than last year but quite a bit more than the long term average. There is more

accumulated snow on the ground this year than last at the end of the month. The general weather trend seems to be toward more snow but milder winters than in the 'Old Days'.

Before I close for this month, I have a few things to mention. First - I meant to mention this in my last column but somehow got carried away talking about the weather. Thank-you, thank-you thank-you to those fine people responsible for bringing radio station CKRW to town through our own CFYT. I am a true fan of the so-called 'Oldies' and thoroughly enjoy this addition to our entertainment!

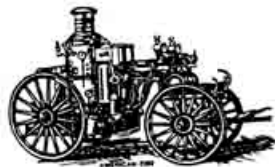
Second - thank-you to all you kind people both in town and out in mail land to have passed on your kind thoughts about this column. I certainly appreciate your support!

Third - I won't be in town to do a summary for March as holidays take precedence over the report. (Surprise!) So, I'll be talking to you again at the end of April. (Try to control yourselves till then.)

Here are stimulating statistics for February, 1993, as always Fahrenheit in brackets.

	1993	1992	30 Year Average
Max. Temp.	5.2 (41.4)	9.5 (49.1)	
Min. Temp.	-50.2 (-58.4)	-42.0 (-43.6)	
Mean Max.	-14.4 (6.1)	-16.5 (92.3)	-18.5 (-1.3)
Mean Min.	-27.7 (17.9)	-27.6 (-17.7)	-27.5 (-15.5)
Mean Temp.	-21.1 (9-6.0)	-22.1 (-7.8)	-23.0 (-9.4)
Total Rainfall	ZERO	1 mm (0.4 in)	ZERO
Total Snowfall	23 cm (9.1 in)	29 cm (11.4 in)	16.8 cm (6.6 in)
Days with measurable precipitation	17	26	10
Depth of Snow on the ground	74 cm (29.1 in)	58 cm (22.8 in)	

On the Fire Scene



by Fire Chief Pat Cayen

Every week on the radio and television there are reports of life threatening fires in homes, businesses, marinas, empty buildings, schools or forests. We all shake our heads and give thanks that it didn't happen to us. The reality of what we just saw does not sink in until we are faced with the same situation. It is important to remember that there is no place that is free from the chance of fire but there are simple ways that you and your family can increase your chances of being safe.

- Smoke detectors warn you of a fire in time for you to escape. Install them on each level of your home and outside of each sleeping area. Test them every week and replace batteries as necessary.

- With your family, plan one or two (if possible) ways out of every room. Choose a meeting place outside where everyone will gather. Once you are out, stay out! Call the fire department from the neighbour's house once everyone is accounted for. Have the whole family practice the plan. Leave as plan where the baby-sitter can learn it and practise with the kids. Grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends that have children at their homes regularly should have plans that include them.

- Keep portable and space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed. Keep children and pets well away from them.

- Never leave cooking unattended, keep cooking areas clear. Keep pot handles turned in to avoid spills and to stop little hands from pulling them over. If a pan catches fire carefully put a lid over it and turn the burner off. Never put foil or other metals in a microwave oven.

- Lighters and matches are for adults. Keep them out of reach and teach the kids that they are not for playing with.

- Dispose of cigarettes carefully. Be sure that there are no smoldering ends before emptying ashtrays.

- Replace electrical cords that are frayed or cracked. Don't overload extension cords or wall plugs. If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it and have it repaired.

- Crawl low on your hands and knees where the air will be the cleanest if you encounter smoke. Go to the closest safe exit.

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Business Matters

by Allanah Fuhre

Since it is now tax time, I thought I would spend this column giving you some miscellaneous tax facts. Next month I will return to the computer theme.

If you are living common-law, you must now give Revenue Canada the name and social insurance number of your spouse. Also, if you are applying for the GST credit, you must provide the net income of your common-law spouse as well.

If you are unmarried and supporting a dependent, you will probably be able to claim the equivalent to married amount.

There will be no Child Tax Credit (\$601 per child plus supplement of \$213 per child under 7) after this year. The new Child Tax Benefit started in January of 1993.

In order to receive the Child Tax Benefit from July 1993 to June 1994, both you and your spouse must file a 1992 return.

Either you or your spouse have to file a 1992 tax return in order to receive the Goods & Services Tax Credit. This credit is paid in July 1993, October 1993, January 1994, and April 1994.

The CPP and QPP disability benefits that you receive form part of your earned income for registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) contribution limit purposes.

For those of you who own

property, the capital gains deduction has been eliminated for most real estate property purchased after February 1992.

If you owned property prior to March 1992, the capital gains deduction limit, you may carry it forward. This means that you can contribute/deduct more next year.

You can usually claim education and tuition amounts for children even after they are 18 years old. The proposed legislation sets a maximum amount of \$4,000.

You may go back 7 years to claim credits or refunds that you missed!

Safety box charges are legitimate carrying charges deductions.

Workers' Compensation payments, social assistance payments and net federal supplements must now be entered on your tax return. However, don't worry, these amounts will not cost you more tax since you claim on offsetting deduction.

If you claim child care expenses you no longer need a separate package. The expense form is now included with your main tax package.

The list of items you may claim as medical expenses has increased to cover the cost of visual or vibratory signalling devices to help people with a hearing impairment; and payments for rehabilitation therapy to help people adjust to a speech

or hearing loss including training in lip-reading and sign language.

The federal individual surtax has been reduced to 4.5% or your federal tax.

For those of you lucky enough to receive a tax refund, Revenue Canada will pay you compound daily interest on your 1992 refund starting on the latest of June 15, 1993; the 46th day after you file your return; or the date you overpaid your taxes.

You can now use TIPS (tax information phone service) to find out the status of your return. Telerefund lets you know the latest status of your 1992 tax refund. This service is available from May until September. To get information, you must have your social insurance number, your month year of birth and the amount of refund you claimed on line 4, 4 of your 1992 tax return. The service is available from 7 am until 11 pm on weekdays, from 7 am to 4 pm on Saturdays, and from 8 am to 1 pm on Sundays. The toll free number is 1-800-663-0739.

The above is for your general information only. For the actual legal interpretation, contact Revenue Canada.

When I die, I wish my mortal remains to be cremated and the ashes sent to Revenue Canada with a note saying, "Now you have it all!"



Inside/Outside

It is a small world after all. After holidaying in Arizona and Los Vegas, Don and Muriel Frizell and John Van Every and Linda Christiansen flew to Hawaii. Here they were able to go out in a boat to do some marlin fishing. On chatting with the deck hand they found he was David Mulloy, grandson of Hazel and Jack Mulloy. David was delighted to find some Dawson folk and had many queries re Dawson old-timers.

He spent 30 winters in Alaska

and the North but now he lives in Idaho near the Canadian border.

David Mulloy remembers Dawson so vividly because he visited here so many times, as well he has many, many photos of the early town that his grandmother Mulloy had in her possession.

(Incidentally, John caught a marlin, but it was not of impressive enough size to bring home and mount on the wall.)

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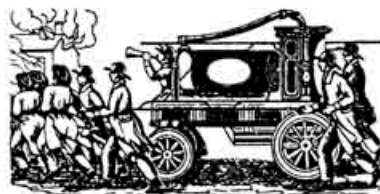
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Klondike Valley Fire Fighters' Association

by Pat Peirson

It is officially official! No, not spring, I mean the date for our open house has been set for Sunday April 18, 1993, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mark it on your calendar, refrigerator, or snow shovel, whatever you use the most. Then come out to the new fire hall at Rock Creek, and help us celebrate the dedication of the fire hall to serving the people of the Klondike Valley. Kids are people too, so bring them along, and if it's any incentive, we will serve refreshments.

Once again, another quiet month for our fire fighters, and nobody is complaining. Fire practices are still every second Wednesday - next practice is March 17 (the wearin' o' the green day), at 7:00 p.m. I don't know if any of our fire fighters are Irish, but they would be a sickly green to see anybody lose their home, or their life, as a result of fire. The warmer temperatures we've been enjoying mean slower burning stoves - nice effect on the wood pile, but keep an eye on that stove and chimney. Not only that, but warmer temperatures results in wetter snow, and more mittens, touques, scarves etc., may be hung too close to the stove.

The International Fire Service Training Association tells us that burning wool (along with nylon, polyurethane foam, rubber and paper), emits a gas called hydrogen cyanide which interferes with respiration at the cellular and tis-

sue level. The gas is colourless, and gives off an almond odor causing gasping respiration, muscle spasms, and increased heart rate. An atmosphere of .0135 percent is fatal within thirty minutes. Cyanide asphyxia is one of the most rapid killers at a fire - death is quick and painless. So which would you rather have - your mittens or your life?

Also, spring break means more people at home - maybe electrical things being used, more kids at play. This would be a good chance to practice your fire escape route. You do have one, don't you? Hmmm? You can't be too careful when it comes to protecting your family from fire. Do it!

On a lighter note (the lighter being out of the reach of children, of course) the Klondike Valley Fire Department serves Bear Creek, Rock Creek and Henderson Corner. If any of you people out there who are not already involved with the fire department, and would like to be, let us know. We need to hear your concerns, opinions, and ideas. Howard Mann is our fire chief; Wanda Berndt-Schmidt our president. We are your fire department - help us to serve you by voicing your opinions - and by practising fire safety. Got a question - ask - that's what we're here for.

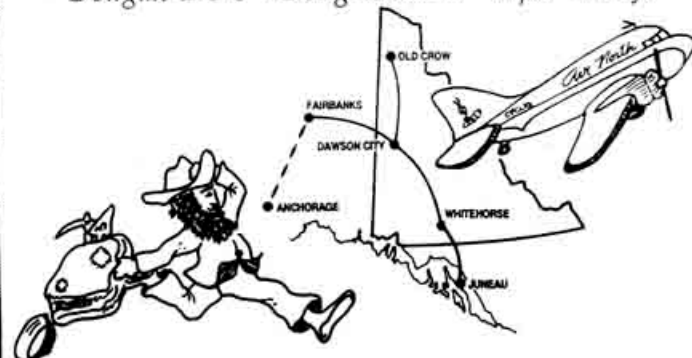
That's all for now - remember April 18.

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Library Pages

by John Bilton

I know that it is Spring because the smiling faces coming into the library are a true sign that the weather is much nicer. Also we are being asked for gardening books and information about local gardening methods. It was surprising and gratifying to see the number of summer people from last year that stayed the entire winter. Most of them enjoyed the social climate of Dawson over the winter, but most thought it was just a trifle cold for their liking.

We received over 50 new video titles from Libraries and Archives Branch. This is a new program that was to have started last year and took a lot of time to get properly organized. Our library is to receive a new block of videos every three months just like the blocks of books we have been receiving. These videos are being rotated through the other rural libraries and we will receive different titles each time. As new videos are purchased they will be added to the rotating collection to keep it updated.

The videos cover a great many subjects and there are also many titles for viewing by children. The videos may only be taken out for a period of seven days in order that we may have as many patrons as possible view them during the period they are available. Please don't forget that you may still order videos through the library from the Audio-Visual unit.

The library continues to keep busy and with the coming of warmer weather it will mean more of our summer patrons returning for another season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank

Dan Davidson and many others too numerous to mention for donations of books to the library. These books have been forwarded to Whitehorse for processing and cataloging. Also it is time to pass along a thank you to Vicki McCallum, Dorothy Crayford and Charles Austin for the many hours of volunteer time that they have put in at the library.

Since the last column we have received a new block shipment of books for junior fiction, French and children's easy read books. We also received a new shipment of talking books with many new titles not seen here in quite a while. It has been noticed that overdue books are starting to pile up once again, so please go through your books and see if you have any that should be here in the library.

The film "Company of Strangers" was poorly attended, even though it has been acclaimed as an outstanding Canadian film. We hope to have more films for viewing in the future. Until next time, Good Reading and Good Health.



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The Return of: Arts Attack!

by Palma Berger

The column lives again. We hope to keep you abreast of all that people in the arts are doing.

First, congratulations to Dawson artists Halin de Repentigny and Stuart Mueller whose work were among 15 pieces chosen out of a submission of 71 pieces by Territorial artists for a juried selection for the Canada Council Art Bank. This is the first time arts bank representatives have come to the Yukon. All acquired art work is rented out to public buildings for display. Halin's was an oil painting and Stuart's was a photo work.

The 15 anniversary of Frostbite Festival in Whitehorse saw a reunion between Scott Sheerin, who is now living in Victoria, and John Steins, who played at the first Frostbite Festival, — a reunion that went over very well. Assisting with the props at the Frostbite Festival were old hands from Dawson's Music Festival props department, Don Armitage, Cathy Hines, Craig Moddle and Peter Menzies.

The Dawson Music Festival Committee is gearing up already. They are sending Jay Armitage to Pacific Contact in Vancouver to scout out new acts. This is where entertainers come from all over Canada to perform to reveal their talents to the talent scouts. This is the first time that the Music Festival Committee has done this.

The Newman and Oltman guitar duo that the Music Festival have brought to Dawson (see ad elsewhere in the paper) come from New York. Michael Newman and Laura Oltman have been together since 1977 and are Ensemble-in-Residence at the Mannes College of Music in New York. They actively participate in Chamber music and have performed with many greats in the music world. Descriptions of their talent range from "matchless technique", "performing with absolute precision" showing "a remarkable rapport (with each other)". They have given concerts from Alaska to Norway, and Hawaii to the Bahamas and have performed at Music Festivals all over. Don't miss them.

A reminder to all the visual artists and craft people that the entry deadline for submissions to the Points of View '93 Art Exhibition closes on April 15. All works must be completed in 1992 or 1993, and only one piece may be entered. Call the Yukon Art Society, 667-4080, Captain Martin House, (305 Wood St.,

Whitehorse) for your entry package.

For people of native ancestry, there is a juried art show coming up in Whitehorse. The deadline for entry is May 13. For entry applications you can talk to Lynn Pollock at SYANA (Society for Yukon Artists of Native Ancestry), or contact our own Jackie Olson for details.

Jackie Olson is off to Whitehorse on the first weekend in April for a Canada Council Jury meeting. She reports that Richard Holden (the Director of the Northern Region of Exploration of the Arts Programme) will be in Whitehorse then. Anybody wishing to contact him with any queries may phone Laurel Parry of the Arts Branch on the toll free number.

The meeting in Whitehorse is to review any proposals for projects received for approval or otherwise. Any questions are welcome and you may also contact Jackie personally.

Speaking of artists, welcome to relative 'newcomer' Lisa Woods who, I hear, does great work. I have heard that the lively signs she has drawn for the Westminster bar are nothing to what she can really do.

The acting world is alive and well. See elsewhere for a review of the play "Whisky" by playwright Gene Dubois, and the school's play "The Golden Edge" written, directed and performed by the students under the guidance of Jim Shaefer, University drama instructor and professional theatre director for the University of Western Ontario, and with music created by Grant Simpson, a Whitehorse musician.

Jim Shaefer loves theatre so much he took time to take part in one of the Improvisational Workshops under the direction of Chuck McLeod. In these workshops you act out a situation that is more or less created as you go along. I met Jim as he came out of the Workshop and he was saying "That was Great! Just great." and beaming all over. There have been a core group made up of Craig Battersby, Dan Gagne, Val Mercer, Elaine Montelongo, Peter Maxwell and Adam McConnell who have been attending regularly. But anyone is welcome. As Chuck says, it is not only for theatre training, it is also good to help one get out of the winter dumps or boosting one's own self esteem as one discovers one's own creativity.

Chuck McLeod had revived the Drama club when he was here in

1986, but left to study theatre at the Carousal Theatre on Granville Island in Vancouver, and Improvisational Workshop was one of the courses he took. Jim Shaefer was most impressed with the talent of the group.

The present Dawson Drama Club is busily at work producing four plays for a dinner theatre fare to be staged on April 30 and May 1.

Each one act play has a different director and is very different from the other three. The one melodrama, "Wooded and Viewed" was written by George Seydeau in 1888-90. "Postcards" is a contemporary comedy, but watch for the surprising twist at the end. "A.K.A. Marlene" is set in the dressing room of a night-club and involves three of the club's lady entertainers. "Perfect Match" is also a contemporary play about computer dating. Watch for these at the end of April.

Lastly, congratulations to Joanne Fraughton, who won third prize in a writing contest sponsored by the magazine Canadian Living. Joanne won an IBM computer with printer and all. Great work, Joanne. Does this mean that Wayne will now have to haul a generator out to the trapline, too?

If I have missed anybody or any event, please let me know. There is just so much talent to keep up with in Dawson.

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The Only Caribou in Town - Part 2

by Sue Ward and Ethel Colbourne.

When we left Ethel Colbourne's Story last issue she had just acquired snug quarters for the winter in the *Yukonia Hotel*. (Yes Ethel, an error in proof reading had you resting in the *Yukon Hotel*. Quite another matter, your letter implies.) The *Yukonia* was run by a Mrs. Vifquain and Mr. Joe Segbers. They may, in fact, have owned it. Everyone, continues Ethel, called Mrs. Vifquain "Boss" and she was very well liked. Her first husband, and Joe's wife, went down with the *Sophia* when it sank in the Lynn Canal. Mr. Vifquain was manager of the dock in Dawson.

(The M & N Cafe, on Front St. between King and Queen, where Ethel baked thirty loaves and a large pan of buns each day, was right next door though not quite adjoining, and those frosted clothes at the foot of the cafe wall were being used as chinking to hold out the cold! It is the early winter of 1937. No building codes and inspectors in those days. Just a Fire Inspector who checked stoves and chimneys.)

Ethel continues: *Who would have suspected that there would be a firebug in town* and that his first choice would be the old theatre adjoining the *Yukonia Hotel*? The theatre, the original Orpheum, The *Yukonia*, the M & N Cafe, on one side, and on the other, the barber shop, a dress shop, and two confectionery stores were completely destroyed. People in the *Yukonia* lost everything. Someone grabbed some dresses out of my closet, that's all, not even a new green evening gown I had not yet had a chance to wear. Everyone wore

long dresses to the dances. When I bought the dress, my boss, Jim, told me that green was very unlucky.

The day after the *Yukonia* fire the News Office was struck and many papers were lost which were over forty years old. Oil-soaked rags were discovered. Two more attempts were made using the same method. Rags were found behind the old Post Office building, and behind the morgue. At midnight there were two more false alarms, then at 5 a.m. Jennerette's Jewellery Store got it even with men on patrol. The inside was burned out and gutted, an unpleasant surprise for the owner on his return in the spring. (This information I got from a letter I had written my mother. She never destroyed any of the letters I wrote, and I did so at least every week. I have a corrugated box full of them.)

Sirka lived with Jim (the operators of the M & N Cafe) long enough to get a mink coat, and her fare out to the States, where she married, but it didn't last.



Ethel Colbourne



The Yukonia Hotel after the fire. Photo taken by Phil Eccles in 1938

With the M & N Cafe burned out, I moved over to the Triangle Cafe from March 6, 1938 to August 26, 1940, when I bought Ruby Elliott's Beauty Shop. In all of that time I had three days off, working ten hours a day. At last I would use the skills I had learned at the Moler School of Hairdressing on Hastings Street in Vancouver.

In April 1941 I married Jack and was soon keeping the books for his business, The Dawson Transportation Company. I had taken a secretarial-bookkeeping course when I had been in Prince George earlier. A Mr. Ritchie set the books up for me. We had two taxi cabs, a van which served as a hearse or ambulance, and several other vehicles. Jack had a Mail Run out to Quartz Creek every Wednesday, delivering the mail

and groceries to the miners living on the creeks. Ernie Schink joined Jack as a partner and they bought Hickey's Garage, across from the *Midnight Sun*. They sold it to Will and Irene Crayford when we went OUTSIDE in 1956. I took no money, but got a brand new 1955 Ford Sedan when I quit.

I kept my little cabin on King and 7th and each summer we would return to Dawson. I would hairdress. No running water, and hot water for shampoos would be heated on the stove. There was power for the hair drier. Jack acted as guide on the tour busses.

And now the story of **The Caribou Mural**. The cabin wall was covered with opened gas cans, the large ones which brought all of the fuels to Dawson on barges, until the two

bridges were built over the Stewart and Pelly Rivers as part of the deal of moving the Capitol to Whitehorse, allowing tankers to drive in. So I painted them over with house paints. Then I copied a picture of the caribou from a postcard, making up the scenery. I used artists' oil colours for the actual picture.

Once, as I was painting, the dredgemaster's wife from Bonanza Creek was watching and drove into the ditch and had to be pulled out. The verandah roof has given the wall protection and the house is one of Dawson's oldest, having been built in 1906.

(Concludes Ethel: Write what you think is suitable from this, Sue. Am going to play cribbage downtown (Kelowna, B.C.) so will close with best wishes. Pardon mistakes, in a hurry!)

CFYT/DCTV Enjoys Anniversary Open House



We had a birthday party on February 28, 1993. DCTV celebrated three years while CFYT hit double digits racking up ten years of local fm radio services.

Over 60 people dropped by to

take part in the door prizes, hotdogs, coffee and cake. Pitter Patter went on air for 3 hours along with a feature interview from the Percy DeWolfe and the showing of the '91 Spring Carnival Lip Sync Competition.

Live radio continued into the evening.

Thanks to all those who dropped by and the volunteers that made it happen. We're looking forward to another rewarding year.



Photo by Michael Gates

The Guys of CFYT / DCTV: Gene Gritner, Photo by Michael Gates Peter (Pitter) Menzies, Jon Calon, Jay Armitage, Joe Magee, Pat (Patter) Cayen

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1:30 - 4:00 pm	Session #4 Traditional Games "Keeping the Circle Strong" Session #5 Outdoor Recreation "A Whole New World" Session #6 Day Cares "Getting Started"
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Wrap-up for the Day
7:00 pm	Banquet Keynote Address Drama Presentation by Dawson Youth

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The guest instructor is Elaine Jaltema from Burnaby, BC. Elaine has over 20 years experience as a community activist and trainer in the areas of child development, positive parenting, family programming and community networking.

There are five different sessions:

1. Promoting Play
2. Setting Up Pre-school and After School Programmes
3. Storytelling
4. Creative Play
5. Self-Esteem in Children

The sessions take place over Wednesday, March 31 to Friday, April 2, 1993. Workshops are \$15/session or \$50/five. To register, contact the Recreation Office. First come first serve.

Interesting Trivia

To help manage stress and tension, look to physical activity as a way to help you relax.

A Canada Fitness Survey shows that only 24% of girls 15 - 19 years could achieve a recommended level of aerobic fitness. Boys are not much higher.

Physical activity and condition actually slows down the aging process!

The major reason youth are involved in sport is FUN. Young hockey players have the most "FUN" when the sport is played well, there is a challenge and the experience was positive (win or lose).

Just under 20% of Canadians are considered "active" -- those who have 3 exercise activities/week.

You don't have to work out hard to get more fit. Modest exercise (a walk, raking the lawn, washing the car) goes along way in increasing a person's health if the activities are done regularly.

(Source: The Research File by the Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute.)

HOCKEY FINALS

The senior and old-timer hockey league is into the finals. Games are nightly (except Saturday and Wednesday) at 8:00 pm. Be sure to come out and cheer for your team.

Congratulations to all the hockey organizers for making the 1992-93 season the busiest and most productive ever!

SLIDING ALERT!!

Motorists are reminded to be on the lookout for children sliding. A favourite pass time of some Dawson Youth is to slide from hillsides or driveways onto the street. But, the children don't always take a look for traffic.

Please use the sliding area in San Cho Park. Please supervise your children and helmets are recommended

NOTICES Wanted

Board Members

Dawson City Recreation Board is looking for two volunteers to fill vacancies on the Board.

Duties include attending two regular meeting per month. The Board advises City Council on a range of recreation issues and grants. It also takes on special projects and has funds to support local projects. Those interested should send a letter of interest to the City Manager c/o Box 308.

School Break

"What are the kids going to do during school break?" Tobogganing, t.v., library, skating, skiing and the list goes on.

The Bonanza Centre will be open during its regular hours. Don't forget the outdoor skating rink at Minto Park (some of the best hockey this winter has been played there -- even without skates).

Special hours have been set at the Moose Mountain. The Library is open Tuesday to Saturday and the San Cho Park sliding area is available 24 hours/day.



CONSERVE WATER

During the cold spell, water consumption increased significantly due to bleeders being turned up. However, since the weather broke, the consumption has remained high.

Property owners are reminded to ensure that their bleeders flow at the rate of one litre per minute. Please help conserve water and the energy required to heat and pump it. Everyone's co-operation is required and appreciated.





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Fairbanks wins tournament

by Brent Morrison

By the end of play on Saturday February 27, Dawson's two old-timer teams were sitting atop their respective divisions at the tenth annual Dawson International Oldtimers Tournament. The Dawson Generals captured first place by defeating Watson Lake 3-1, both teams were undefeated going into the game. Generals goaltender Poncho Rudniski had shut out Faro and allowed only one goal against Fairbanks' Ice Hawks team. His bid for a second shutout was ruined by Watson Lake with thirteen seconds left in the game.

The road to first place was more difficult for the Downtown Flames. They lost the opening game of the tournament Friday night 5-4 to Inuvik, in the dying seconds of the game. On Saturday they defeated the Fairbanks Oldtimer All-Stars, then had to play Whitehorse later in the day to get into the play-offs.

Because of the format of the tournament the Downtown found themselves in a strange position. A tie or a loss and they were out of the tournament, a win, and they would take first place. Although the Downtown would have an identical 2-1 record as the All-Stars, they had defeated the Fairbanks squad giving them claim to first place.

The Whitehorse - Downtown game was a high spirited affair played in front of a full house. With everything on the line for both teams, emotions were running high, and the no-contact rule if not broken, was bent to the limits at times. Eventually the referees had to call a couple of roughing penalties to settle things down. The Downtown eventually won the game, raising the possibility of an all Dawson final.

Sunday morning saw the Generals and the All-Stars facing off in the first play-off game. Despite their previous victories, the Generals could not contain the Fairbanks team and lost 6-1. The next game saw Watson Lake and the Downtown vying for position in the final game.

The Watson Lake team built up a 2-0 lead, but with ten minutes left in the game they were assessed back to back penalties for contact. The Downtown took advantage, first scoring with a two man advantage, then again while Watson was still a man short.

With just over five minutes left in the game, the Downtown was penalized but managed to fight off the Watson Lake power-play and force the game into overtime.

With one second left in the first overtime period the Downtown scored, but the goal was disallowed, referee Barry Collie ruled that he had blown the play dead before the puck entered the

net. Watson Lake was assessed an unsportsmanlike penalty at the same time, and was forced to play short-handed for the first three minutes of the second overtime.

Watson Lake eventually won the game with 4:12 remaining to advance to the final. The victory was bitter-sweet however as they were back on the ice less than fifty minutes later to face the Fairbanks team.

Watson Lake quickly opened the scoring, but Fairbanks tied the game within seconds and went on to win 7-2. By the end of the game Watson Lake was just looking for the game to end. They had only two complete lines and the travel, the games, and the weekend's fun was obviously taking their toll.

The Watson team asked the officials to waive the three minute stop time segment of the game and when the final buzzer sounded, the Watson Lake team looked almost as happy as the victorious Fairbanks team. Several of the Watson Lake players did little more than lay on the ice for several minutes.

Dawson General Pat Hogan presented the teams with trophies and prizes and thanked them for playing, pointing out that the two teams in the finals were the

teams that had travelled the farthest to be in it.

Bob Craig, Fairbanks coach and third line oldtimer, was delighted with the win, "It's the first time in about four years." He said, referring to the first place finish. "We bring one team for fun, one team to compete, that way everyone gets to come." He stated.

Although the Fairbanks team appeared to be playing pretty rough against the Watson team in the early minutes of the game Craig denied it, "We're not used to this Canadian hockey," He joked, "we play no-contact, but your version is a little rougher than ours. It's a lot of fun."

Although exhausted and defeated the Watson Lake team was still in good spirits, "I've played hockey in Watson thirty years and this is the first time we've ever been to Dawson, and I tell ya, they won't have a tournament without us anymore." One player remarked, "We got a lot of work to do if you're going to beat that Alaskan team. I know that."

Ernie Jamieson of Watson Lake may have summarized the tournament best, "It was very organized, cheerful. Good to be here, hate to leave, but gotta go back to work."

From the slopes

It's official! Doug Phillips, Minister of Tourism, was skiing Feb. 20 at Moose Mountain and stated that 'this is a great little hill'. The number of new faces (local and out-of-town) that we are seeing this year seems to point out that many skiers and snowboarders agree with Mr. Phillips. Maybe we can hope to see a chairlift to the dome someday?

Spring skiing is now here so all you fairweather skiers can make your way up to the ski hill and enjoy the sunshine. The snow conditions have been great with just enough new snow each weekend to protect what is already on the hill. The Nancy Greene League skiers have been making good use of the daylight and are improving their skiing abilities tremendously.

The next Arctic Winter Games will host the introduction of downhill alpine skiing and we look forward to having Dawsonites at the trials. Carolyn Myers from Watson Lake ski hill on behalf of the Alpine Ski Association of the Yukon (ASAY) is here the first week of March to teach a level one ski instructors' course. This will provide Dawson with more certified ski instructors to teach the ever growing numbers of new skiers to ski and to

assist the (old?) skiers wanting to improve their style. Anyone wishing to sign up for ski lessons should call Barb Hogan or ask at the chalet.

We also have Jenny Skelton here from Watson Lake putting on a rescue toboggan workshop for the ski patrol members. Skiers interested in joining the ski patrol should contact Glenda Miller.

The ski club will be staffing the concession at the kids lipsync contest again for Spring Carnival and on Sunday from 1-4 there will be a variety of games and races for kids and adults of all ages. One of the events to pre-plan for will be a 'dummy race'. Participants will be judged in different categories including design, distance and durability. Watch for posters at the chalet, Post Office and around town for a complete set of rules.

The ski hill will be open for some of spring break. The Downtown Hotel, the Eldorado Hotel, DCTV and the Post Office bulletin Board will all have the dates and times.

Thanks to Wild and Wooley for their contribution to the hill.

Until next time - think snow!



Bob Laking hand Brad Keenan the Downtown Hotel's contribution to the De Wolfe Mail Run. Photo by Brent Morrison

De Wolfe race gets boost

by Brent Morrison

The Yukon's longest running mid-distance dog sled race received a well deserved boost on February 18. Dawson's Downtown Hotel agreed to become a major corporate sponsor of the Percy De Wolfe Memorial Mail Race for an initial two year period. The hotel is adding \$1,000.00 to this year's race, pushing the purse up to \$6,500.00 Canadian dollars with the winner receiving \$2,500.00. The next seven finishers will also receive cash prizes.

"We see it as a really good winter-time activity," states Bob Laking the hotel's general manager, "one of the goals in this community is to build up the winter events, so we wanted to be part of it."

The Committee's President, Brad Keenan, is optimistic that with the addition of the Downtown the race will attract more competitors, "We feel that with this sponsorship, and our boost to the purse that we can better promote ourselves... I feel we can draw up to twenty [racers] which would make it the biggest field this race has ever seen."

Now in its seventeenth year, the race is a 210 mile loop, from Dawson City to Eagle, Alaska and back again. Percy De Wolfe, "The Iron Man of the North" delivered mail along this route for forty continuous years.

Earlier this year the race committee received what Keenan describes as a, "crash business course" from KVA general manager Bob McConkey. This allowed the group to transform from an "ad hoc" organization, into a well organized committee that is looking ahead to the future, "We're quite committed now to making this progressive." Keenan states.

Reorganization also gave the Downtown the confidence to support the race on a larger scale, "We've been a minor supporter of this race for a number of years; meeting space, moral support, stuff like that." Laking

mentions. "This committee has been very active and it's got a good bunch of volunteers. The race has been progressing, and it just needs a little bit of a push."

Laking also adds that, "They have recently reorganized themselves and gotten their goals in line."

Keenan also sees this sponsorship as the start of new interest in the race, "Sponsorship tends to promote more sponsorship." He states.

The race follows the Yukon Quest trail to the Forty Mile River. From there the Quest trail breaks off the river, while the De Wolfe continues along it to Eagle. The Canadian Rangers will be putting in the trail from Forty Mile to Eagle this year.

The Rangers will also be providing the race with a much sought after communication network. "One of the setbacks for this race is that they blast off out of here and you don't really hear anything until you get a phone call from Eagle." Keenan explains. "Forty Mile is close enough to halfway that's it's nice to know what's happening at that point."

The logistics of the race have had some people trying to get the race extended a hundred miles or so to Circle, Alaska allowing Alaskan mushers easier access. Keenan admits that attracting more Alaskans is a major goal of the committee, but he is also committed to, "trying to keep in the historic nature of this race."

This year's race is scheduled to leave Dawson March 18.

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Back Row: Roger Allen, Brian Campbell. Front row: Louis Bryant, Sylvia Farr.

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by Madeleine Gould

Wow! Isn't this the greatest bonspiel? This is what was heard from those who went to watch and participate in the curling club's 94th International bonspiel.

It began on Wednesday Feb. 24 and ended on Sat. Feb 27. There were 28 rinks participating. They came from Fairbanks, Alaska; Inuvik, N.W.T.; Watson Lake; Atlin, B.C.; Pelly Crossing and Whitehorse. There was curling all day and most of the night. Some great curling games were played behind the glass, by spectators.

On Friday and Saturday morning a delicious pancake breakfast was served by Denise Fras and her helpers, then on Friday evening there was a pot luck supper, and as usual the members of the club did an excellent job. Lawrie and Lynne Stewart were in charge. There was a great variety of food and lots of it so no one went hungry.

The final games were played on Saturday afternoon and there were many exciting and tense moments as the players made their final shots. The day ended at Gerties where two hundred and fifty hungry people were served a meal fit for a king, prepared by Suzanne and the The Krispie Cookies. There is no doubt that these women know how to do things right.

After the meal Denny Kobayashi welcomed all the visitors after which he turned the mike over to Akio Saito who introduced the teams and handed out the prizes.

The evening ended with dancing and gambling. There is no doubt, it was the best bonspiel in some years. It is to be hoped that they will continue to be so.

Following are the winners of the events.

Winners of the "A" was the team from Inuvik:

Skip Roger Allen

Third Brian Campbell

Second Louis Bryant

Lead Sylvia Farr

Winners of the "B" was a team from Fairbanks:

Skip Dave Miller

Third Karen Karlen

Second Bob Karlen

Lead Roberta Miller

Winners of the "C" was a team from Dawson:

Skip Peter Menzies

Third Sherri Cooper

Second Bonnie Barber

Lead Debbie Menzies

Winners of the "D" was a team from Dawson:

Skip Jim Profeit

Third Terri MacKenzie

Second Earl MacKenzie

Lead Kelly Dewald



Left to right: Peter Menzies, Debbie Menzies, Bonnie Barber, Sherri Cooper.

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Left to right: Bob Karlen, Roberta Miller, Karen Karlen, Dave Miller.

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Dawson hosts Atom championship

by Brent Morrison

Dawson City hosted the 1993 Yukon Atom Hockey Championship the weekend of February 12-14. Ten teams competed in the tournament, with eight of the teams coming from Whitehorse, one from Faro, and the Dawson Arctic Inland Resources team. The teams consisted of 10 and 11 year olds, although each team was allowed two 12 year old players as well.

The tournament began Friday at 5:00 p.m. with McDonalds facing off against Yukon Tire. Dawson's Art Fry, a long-time supporter of Yukon athletics, dropped the opening puck. Yukon Tire went on to win the game 4-1. Three more games followed that evening, including the Dawson team going down 4-0 against the Mighty Ducks.

Teams were divided into two "pools" of five, and played three games against teams in their own division, but due to the time, and

the number of teams involved it was not a "true" round robin format. The top two teams of each division then went on to compete in the play-offs for the overall championship.

Saturday at 8:00 a.m. the tournament was under way again, and with eleven games scheduled, the final game was not over until 7:00 p.m. When the day was over Yukon Tire and Beaver Lumber, with five points and four points respectively, were the tops in the "B" side. Pacific Northwest finished second in the "A" side with four points, while the Mighty Ducks finished number one, undefeated, with six points.

While the Dawson team came away with only one point, a tie with the Elks, they filled the arena and played hard each game. "The lack of regular competition showed early in the tournament for the Dawson team," Rod Dewell, a minor hockey manager

stated, "after three games the team showed a marked improvement." The team's regular competition is the Dawson women's hockey team who have lost four straight games to the atom players.

Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. the play-offs began with the Mighty Ducks defeating Beaver Lumber 3-2. Yukon Tire then went on to defeat Pacific Northwest 2-1.

In the Bronze Medal match Beaver Lumber and Pacific Northwest skated to an exciting 0-0 draw until 1:42 of overtime when Joshua Kutryk scored an unassisted goal to give Beaver the victory.

At 10:15 a.m. Yukon Tire and the Mighty Ducks faced off for the championship. Like most of the games in the tournament it was a close affair, but Yukon Tire prevailed 3-1. Reuben McGentry, Danny Semple, and Michael Doering scored for the

winners, while Joey Becket netted the Duck's only goal with an assist from Jeff Foster.

Following the game the medal and trophy presentations were made.

Dewell was quite pleased with the tournament and the behavior of the kids. He also praised the numerous volunteers who came together to host it. From the number of compliments from the Whitehorse coaches and parents, they were pleased as well. An optimistic Dewell added, "Hopefully we will do it again."

The Dawson team consists of: Spruce Gerberding, Andrea Spencer, Kieran Hogan, Andrew Sprokreef, Sean Spencer, John Rusnak, Alex Kormendy, Jay Flynn, Trevor Rudniski, Tyler Hunter, Nathan Dewell, Tyson Knutson, Chris Roberts, and Jason Johnson.

The team's coaches are Dale Kulych and Tony Thomas.

Bulletin Board

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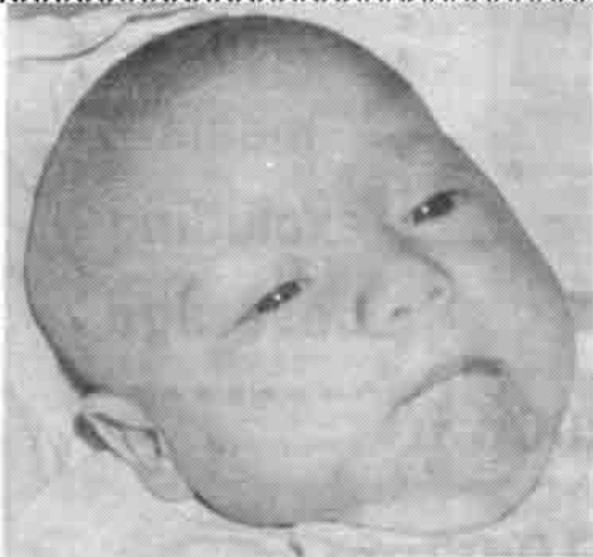
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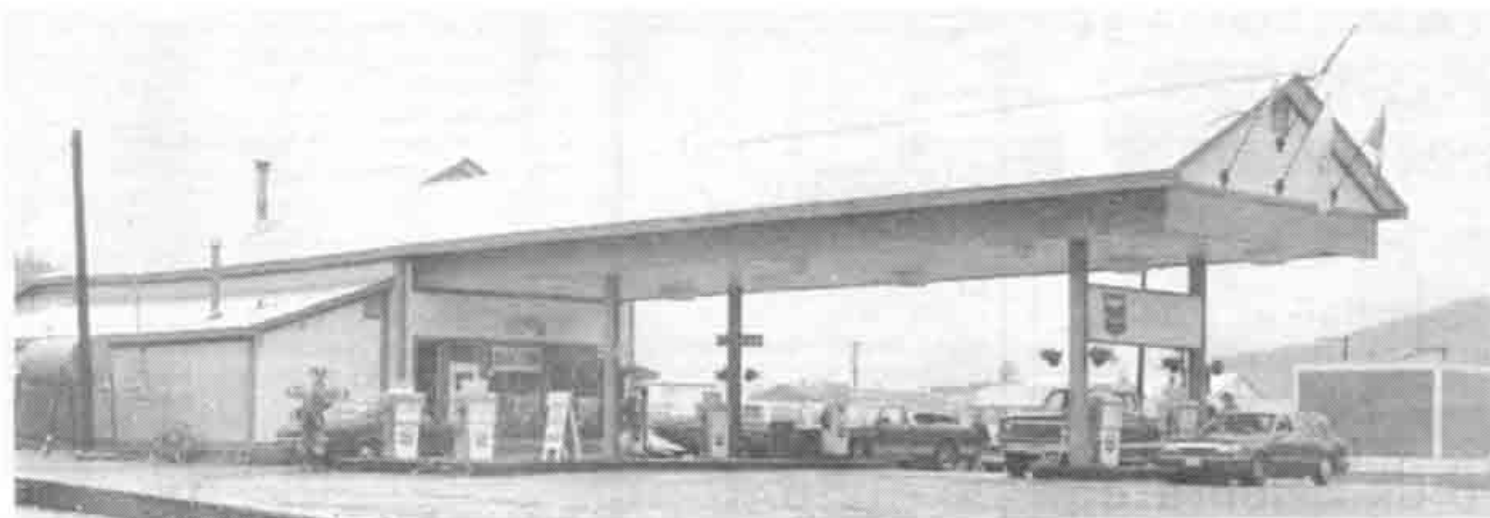


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