

75th ANNIVERSARY - Gold - Dawson

(in Dawson, Aug. 17, 1973)

Master of Ceremonies: George Ford

Ford introduced Mrs. Jack McDonald From Whitehorse, the Queen Regent for the Yukon in 1973.

Introduced Mrs. Lena Phipps of Fairbanks, the Queen Regent for the Pioneers of Alaska in Fairbanks. She spoke a few words and carried the best wishes of Fairbanks' Mayor Harold Gillam to Dawson on its 75th anniversary of gold discovery (gold discovery date is Aug. 17, 1896). Mrs. Phipps presents key to the city of Fairbanks to Dawson Mayor Albert Fuhrer.

Bruce Chapman, representing the City of Seattle, speaks and mentions others present from the State of Washington and City of Seattle. Dawson and Seattle are sister ~~cities~~ cities. Chapman introduces Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Monroe representing the Governor of Washington; Bod Davidson, representing Congressman Joel Pritchard of Washington state; and the Chilkoot hikers and canoe team who won the canoe trip from Lake Bennett to Dawson (a team from Fairbanks also competed in the race); Dave Roebuck, Martin Tunnley, Jan Kapinski, Mike Fenemore, Ned Dimmock, Terry Johnson and George Plggit (spellings uncertain).

Chapman presented a book on the State of Washington to Commissioner Smith. Book was compiled by Archie Satterfield.

Commissioner SMith talks. Mentions 104-year-old Black Mike (Wennage seems to be his last name....am sorry that I do not have correct spelling....will try to get and add later). Black Mike famous character in Dawson, coming to Dawson after the big stampede but believed to actually be 104. Commissioner Smith salutes the Yukon Order of Pioneers.

Mike Studder, Yukon Council member from Dawson says few words.

Lawrence Sear, Grand President of Yukon Order of Pioneers, talks few minutes. Says Yukon Order of Pioneers (Y.O.P.) was formed in 1894 and will be 80 years old in 1974. Roy Minters is given honorary membership in Y.O.P.

Eric Neilson says few words.

Program was short and not too well organized as far as printed program or prepared speeches. But it was very typical for a northern community like Dawson...informal, short speeches, colorful, well attended.

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Present this day (and/or for the weekend) was a large delegation of Fairbanks residents, some of whom were in a Senior Citizens group that flew over just for the day. Mike Dalton counted 57 or 58 Fairbanks people that weekend. Most just came. There was no organized trip to Dawson except for the two twin engine aircraft that brought 19 senior citizens.

Those known to be in Dawson for the 75th from Fairbanks were:

Mrs. Marge Haggland
 Mrs. Adriana Coyle
 Mrs. Cora Cook
 Mrs. Marcel Colp
 Mrs. Mike Dalton
 Mrs. Lila May King
 Mrs. Lena Phipps
 Mrs. Jeffie Jacobs
 Ross Kimball
 Mrs. Marge Eagan
 Eagan boy (12)
 Mrs. Pat Sather
 Martin Sather
 Sather boy (12)
 Mrs. Mary Cook
 Don Hering
 Mrs. Millicent Hering
 Walter Rasmuson
 Bill O'Leary
 Fred Springmier
 Mrs. Joyce Springmier
 Jerry Norum
 Mrs. Nancy Norum
 Judge William Taylor
 Mrs. Gloria Taylor
 Jim McCord
 Willima Taylor Jr.
 Ed Denbo
 Two more canoe members
 whose names escaped me
 Gene Rogge
 Mrs. Pat Rogge
 Mr and Mrs. D.A. Wens III

Don Chambers
 Mrs. Don Chambers
 John Butrovich
 Mrs. Grace Butrovich
 Christine Waddell
 Mrs. Nannie Carlson
 Mrs. Tillie Link
 Mrs. Clara Anderson
 Charles Bagley
 Constance Hammond (Mrs.)
 Mrs. Zorro Drake
 Mrs. Mary Baggett
 B.E. Baggett
 Mrs. Elizabeth Hayford
 Mrs. Caroline Bagley
 Charles Bagley
 Mrs. Doris Southall
 Mrs. Flora Sibold
 Mrs. Florence Wassmann
 Joe Kager
 Arnold Breise
 Joe Czethowski
 Mrs. Gertrude Crossmann
 Sandy Cartwright
 Les Bradley, pilot
 Gunther Anderson, pilot

There may have been more from Interior Alaska present, but if there were, they were unknown to M. Dalton. The town was busting at the seams. Drunks all over the place. Lots and lots of drunk indians....passed out in the streets. Biggest blast I'd seen in many moons.

Mike Dalton