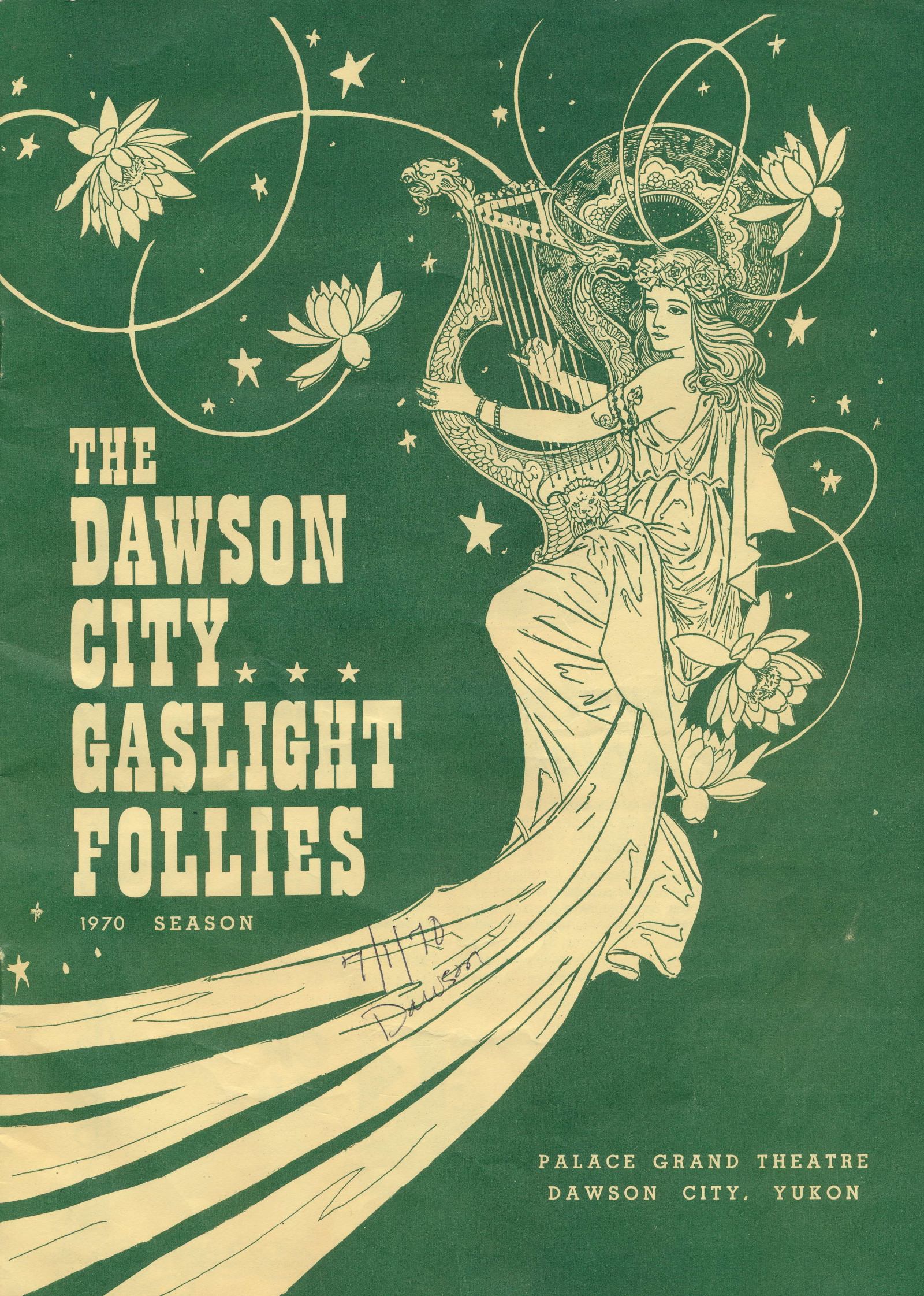


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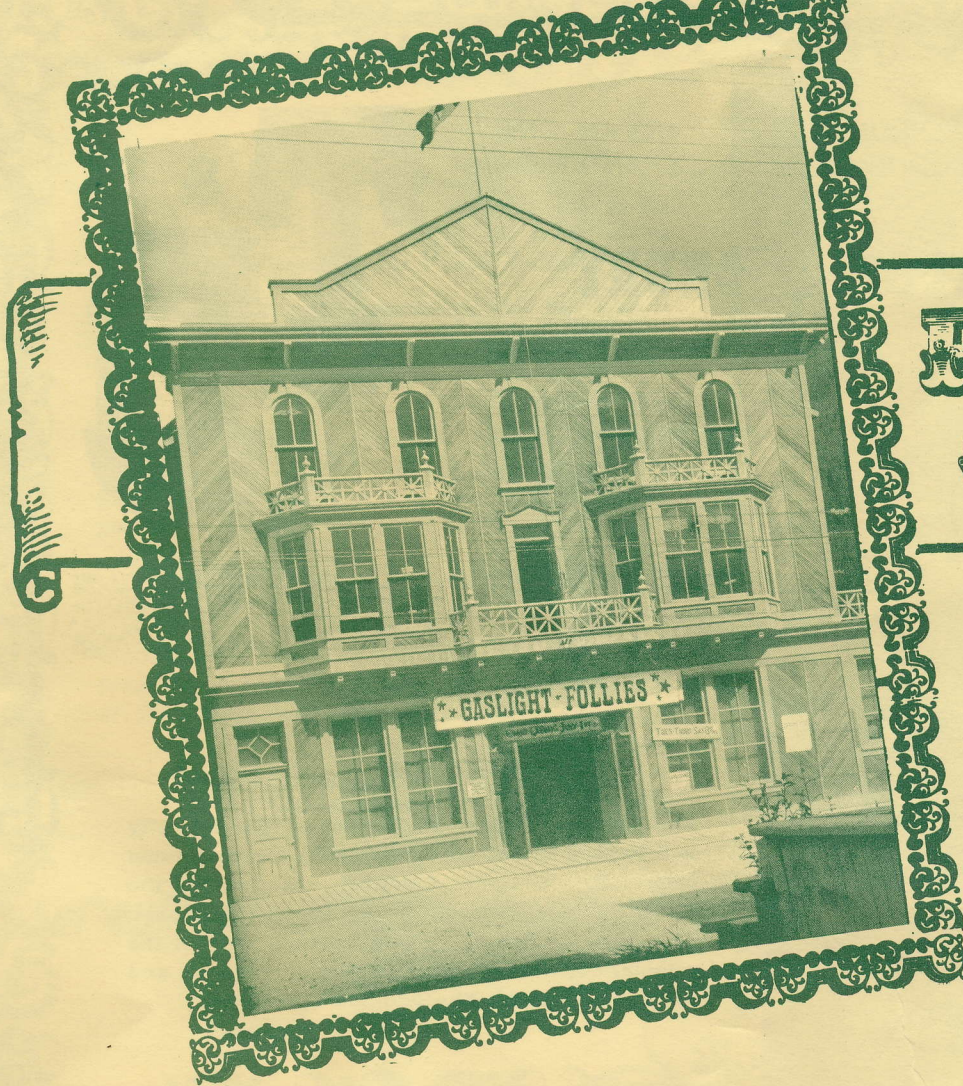




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THE PALACE GRAND STORY

by
ATHOL RETALLACK

The Palace Grand Theatre of Dawson City is officially recognized as an historic site but to Klondike visitors it is a step back into the world of the gay 90's.

Dawson City had a population of 30,000 people when cowboy-showman Arizona Charlie Meadows opened his Palace Grand July 1, 1899. He had had designed and built a miniature European opera house with its horseshoe balcony, the latest in lighting, red velvet curtains, upholstered high back chairs, wall papers of gilt encrusted green and coral, rich ivory satin stripe. Alex Pantages who would one day be internationally known for his theatre chain, Jack London, Rex Beach, Swiftwater Bill Gates were in the wildly cheering audience of the sweet voiced Klondike Kate while the men from the creeks tossed nuggets onto the stage to show their appreciation.

As time passed the Palace Grand became a sad little theatre filled with memories.

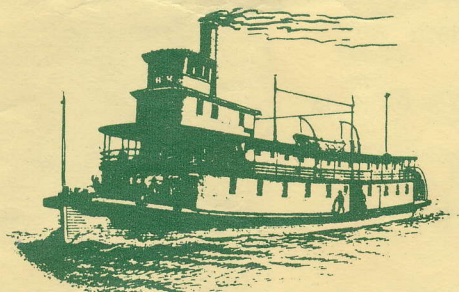
In 1960 it was purchased by the Klondike Visitors' Association to save it from being torn down for scrap lumber. The next year it was turned over to the Federal Government who set about restoring it as an historic site.

Board for board, the wall paper, lighting, chairs, bar, stoves, curtained boxes the Palace Grand now stands exactly as it was in 1899.

July 1st, 1962 was opening night for a Broadway company in the musical comedy "Foxy" especially written for this theatre by Ring Lardner Jr. and Ian McLennen Hunter, starring Bert Lahr, introduced by Bea Lillie.

It took painstaking research and meticulous reconstruction to result in this theatre. It is the aura of those fabulous days of the Klondike Gold Rush which are caught up in the atmosphere of this showplace which makes it unique in all Canada, the Palace Grand.

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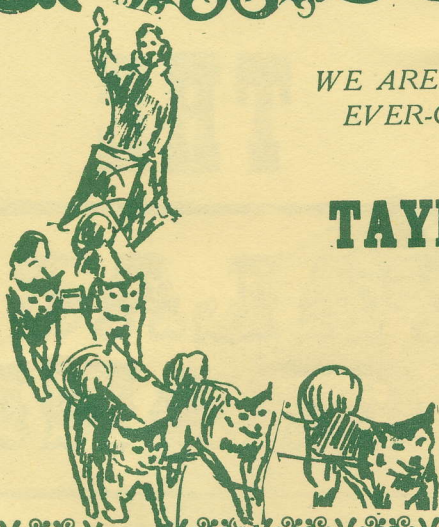
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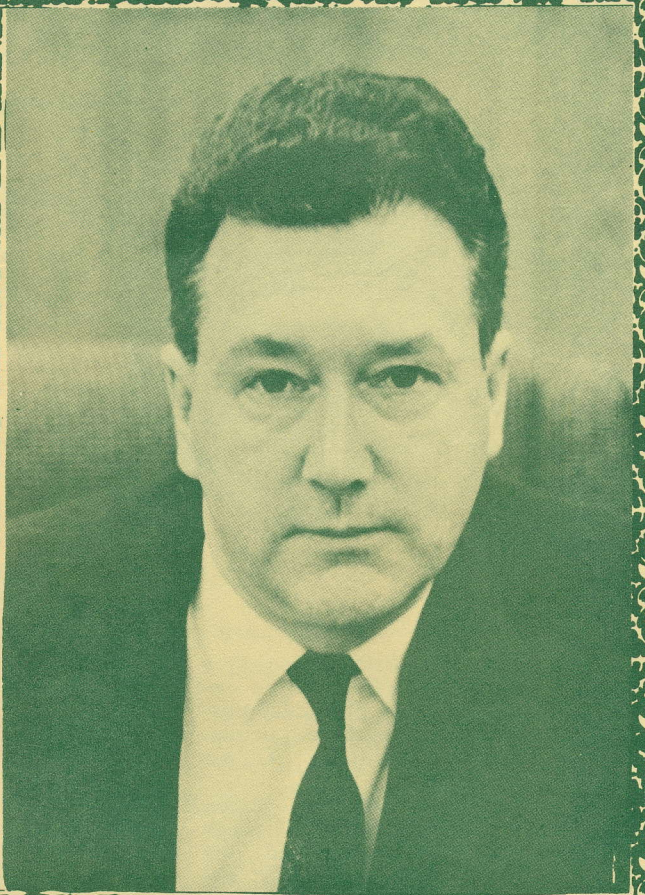
It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to the 1970 edition of "Gaslight Follies" on behalf of the government and people of the Yukon Territory.

These Vaudeville presentations in the historic Palace Grand Theatre have for many years provided entertainment for visitors to this fabled area of the Yukon Territory.

We are pleased to assist the Klondike Visitors' Association of Dawson City in bringing you this professional entertainment and join them in wishing you an entertaining evening.

I am sure you will find the show and its setting will not only be enjoyable, but will help to recreate the atmosphere of Dawson City when it was a booming Gold Rush Town at the turn of the century, providing you with a glimpse of the exciting past of this famous community.

James Smith
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The famous shows at the restored Gold Rush Town of Barkerville, in British Columbia and the Palace Grand, in Dawson City, have become highlights in the memory of thousands of tourists and visitors to these towns, and have won him the title of "Canada's High Priest of Nostalgia".

The show tonight is typical of those presented in the Palace Grand during the fabulous, fantastic Klondike Gold Rush. The sourdoughs then demanded the type of entertainment that was at once natural, unrestrained, emotional, and uproarious — even bawdy.

Join with the spirit of those pioneers as their era is captured by the honky-tonk piano, the comedians, sing-songs, sketches, and ever popular Can Can Girls that the inimitable Fran Dowie and company bring you.

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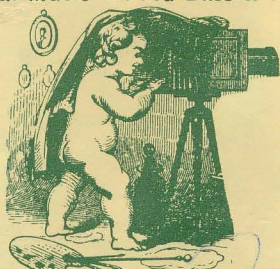
FRAN DOWIE

— PROGRAMME —

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| 1. OVERTURE | Professor Fred Bass |
| 2. WE LIGHT THE GAS | The Gaslight Follies Gang |
| 3. THE GLAMOUROUS GASLIGHT GIRLS | |
| 4. YOUR PALACE GRAND INTERLOCUTOR | Mr. Graeme Campbell |
| 5. THE HECKLER | The Clown Prince of Comedy
Goofy Denton |
| 6. THE TOAST OF THE GOLDFIELDS | Our Gold Nugget Queen . . .
Miss Gillian Campbell |
| 7. THE BABBIT and the BROMIDE | Miss April Speare and Graeme |
| 8. By Special Request
THE SWEETHEARTS OF MELODY | Madame Olga Petrovich and
Mr. Richard Rooks |
| 9. THE BOY WITH THE BANJO RETURNS | Mr. Tom Hawken |
| 10. DAMSEL IN DISTRESS | Must be Spring. . . April is here ! ! |
| 11. By popular demand
THE SHOOTING of DAN MCGREW | Robert Service renowned poem
brought to life by the entire company |
| INTERMISSION | |
| 12. SOURDOUGH RENDEZVOUS, 1898 | The Bonanza Gold brings out the
lusty melodies at a Miners'
Campfire. |
| 13. CLEANING UP ! | April and Goofy collaborate |
| 14. THE MARCH KING of 1898 | A salute to John Phillip Sousa by
Misses Bridget and Liz |
| 15. POETS' CORNER | Keats, Longfellow and Shelley,
move-over for Goofy ! ! ! |
| 16. THE GOLDEN GIRL, AGAIN | Sing-a-long with Gillian |
| 17. PERSONAL APPEARANCE | The beautiful Swan Lake
Ballerina with her entire company |
| 18. ICE-WORMS ANYONE? | More Robert Service by
Mr. Graeme Campbell |
| 19. THE KING OF THE KEYBOARD | The Maestro Himself . . .
Professor Fred Bass |
| 20. "ARIZONA CHARLIE MEADOWS" | A musical fantasy based on the
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| 21. GOODNIGHT ! | Entire Company. |

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You are cordially invited to take photographs during the performance. However, the cast will pose by the grand long bar in the foyer of the Theatre immediately after the performance for your photographs and autographs.

TOM HAWKEN

Direct from four years with the now famous Barkerville Show, Tommy is no stranger to Dawson City. He played the 1968 Gaslight Follies and joins the cast again in answer to thousands of requests. His songs and banjo picking revolve around authentic ballads of 1898, and his manner of presentation and boyish charm are a constant hit with the audience.



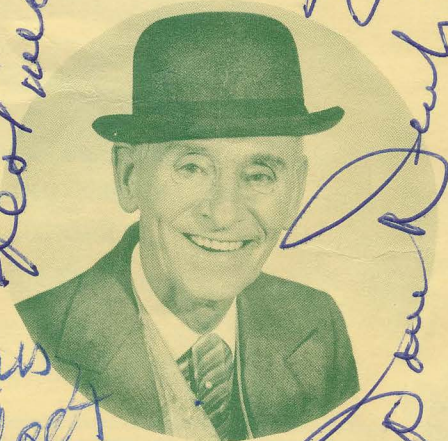
GILLIAN CAMPBELL

Gillian Campbell is typical of the type of music hall artist that flourished in Dawson City during the Gold Rush of 1898. Her charm and rollicking sense of fun, combined with her fabulous facial expressions have won her a permanent place in the hearts of 'all who enjoy the Gaslight Follies.



DAVE DENTON

Back again by popular demand, "Goofy" the Clown Prince of Comedy, rejoins the Gaslight Follies for this year's fun-filled edition. His vast experience in old-time Vaudeville justifies his billing as one of the oldest and funniest comedians in Canadian show business.



THE TINK ROBINSON

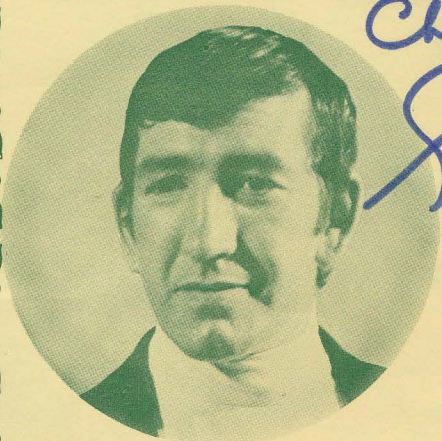
DANCERS
Bridget O'Sullivan and Liz Ingram leave White Rock, B.C. for Dawson City, with a list of credits, too numerous to mention. These talented, single young ladies are professional down to their attractive toes and take their dancing very seriously indeed. The result you will see tonight when, with the brilliant choreography of Tink Robinson, these sprightly coquettes draw the whistles and shouts of captivated admirers. The Line forms on the right, Boys ! !



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GRAEME CAMPBELL

This likeable Australian is one of Canada's foremost character actors. His well-rounded acting career includes television, radio, films and musicals. His versatility is shown in the Gaslight Follies and also in his portrayal of the "Bard of the Yukon" at the Robert Service Cabin daily.



GARFIELD WHITE

For the fifth consecutive season, Garfield White returns as the perennial purveyor of the proud prima-donna, Madame Olga Petrovich. Garfield's off-stage duties as Public Relations Officer are invaluable, and his hard work justifiably entitles him to be called "Dawson City's Biggest Booster".



Garfield White

FRED BASS

Started his show business career in the "pit" in the old vaudeville days and graduated to playing for silent movies. He was one of the pioneers in Canadian broadcasting where he stayed until he retired a few years ago. He has collaborated musically in nearly all of Fran Dowie's vintage productions, including The Gold Rush Revue, Gaslight Follies and the Barkerville shows.



Fred Bass

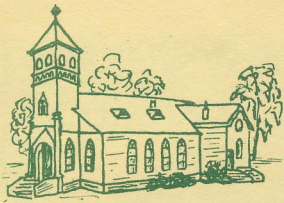
APRIL SPEARE

The vibrant charm and bubbling personality of April Speare gives the Gaslight Follies a brightness that is likeable to the Northern Lights. This 2nd season with the Follies, gives us a chance to see another side of this young performer's many exciting talents. As actress, dancer and singer, April shows us even more of her potential as a Comedienne of great promise.



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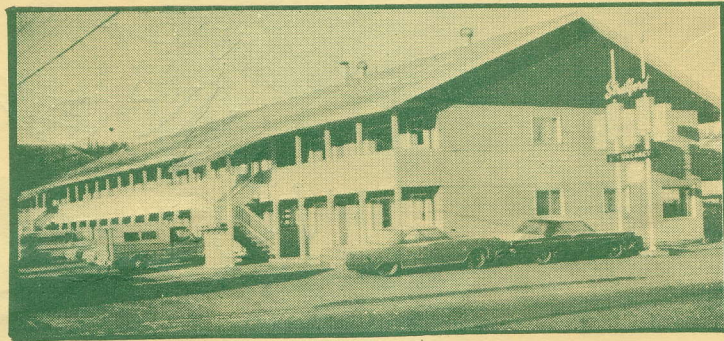
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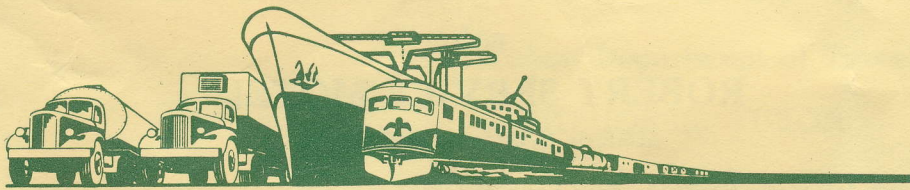
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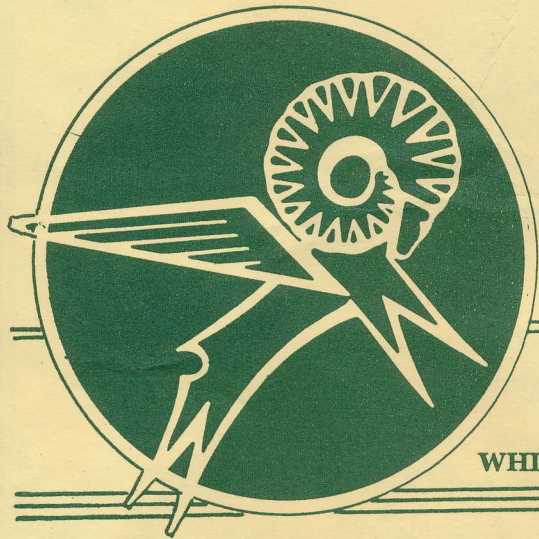
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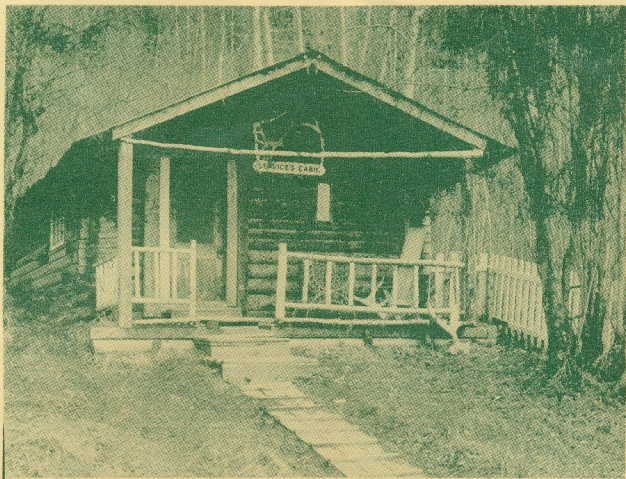
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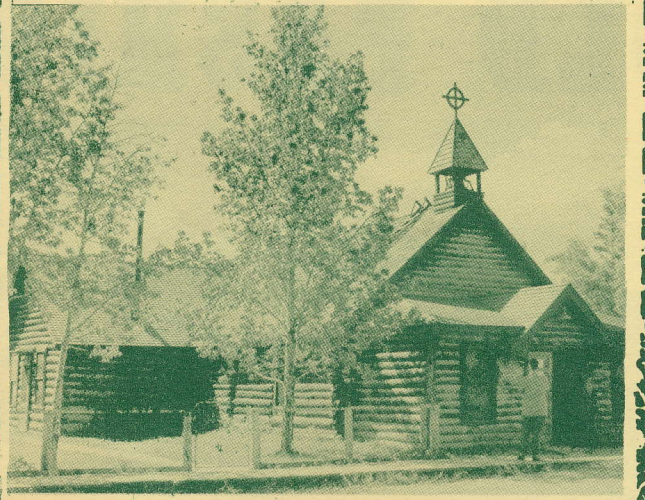
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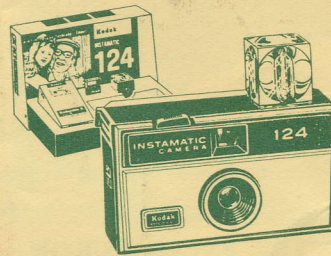


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