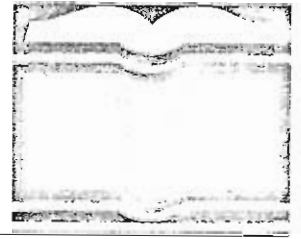


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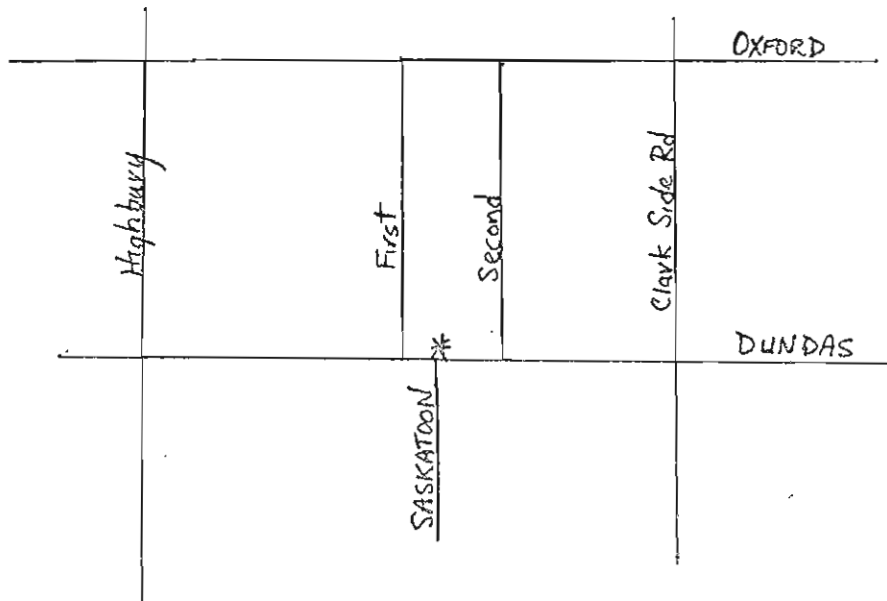
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Meeting Wednesday December 13, 1978 at 7:30 pm.

Lake Erie Regional Library System
380 Saskatoon St.



* near Canadian Tire Store

RAFFLE: for a Christmas Wreath. Don't forget your quarters!

Grapevine: No gossip this month - everyone must be busy Christmas shopping.

FYI: Membership Statistics - April 1975 19 Full, 20 Student, 1 Associate
Dec. 1978 27 Full, 33 Student, 2 Associate
We've grown !!

Beware: We will be looking for volunteers to help with the February Workshops at the Christmas meeting.

Ted Harrison Night

Despite the hard work of your executive in making this evening a success the last meeting had a very small turn out of only 12 people. We understand the students could not come due to an exam the next day. We missed you and hope to see you at the Christmas meeting. I am sure, however, that everyone present felt honoured to have Ted Harrison speak to us on such an intimate basis. Ted's jovial manner certainly kept everyone's utmost attention. He shared his many past experiences with us and made the night a truly memorable occasion.

Nancy McCormick

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Imagination makes light of a blue moose

Southern Canadians sometimes have to contend with ants invading their picnics, but picnickers around Carcross in the Yukon Territory have to worry about sharing their goodies with bears.

And if that isn't enough, the fire department sometimes has to douse fires with snowballs because the fire engine won't start in 40-degree below-zero weather.

All things considered, however, life is a lot of fun in the Yukon, Ted Harrison, an author of Canadian children's books, told pupils at Jean Vanier and St. Jude's separate schools.

People there can pan for gold or take part in an Indian dance known as Teek Ow See Goo complete with a raven mask and colorful cape. And if they had stumbled into the Caribou Hotel a few years ago, they could listen to the trills of Polly the operatic parrot.

Harrison, a teacher at Carcross, just outside Whitehorse, put some of his experiences down in *Children of the Yukon*, a book which he illustrated.

One of the great things about illustrating your own stories is that you can make the people or characters into any shape or form you want, he told the children.

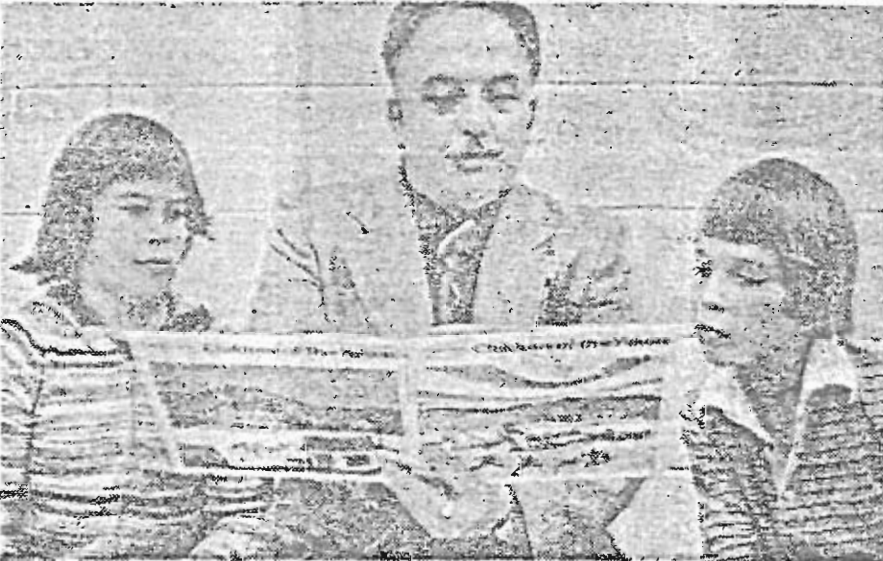
It might be difficult for the average person to pick up a moose, but a blue moose is light as a feather.

Moose meat — even if it's not from a blue moose — tastes great, said Harrison. Wrinkled noses in the audience showed he hadn't totally converted pupils to that particular dish.

When he had finished explaining his illustrations to the pupils, it was their turn to be authors and artists. Several books made by St. Jude pu-

pils as part of the children's book festival week were on display to be judged.

Although none of the pupils' books was set in such an adventuresome place as the Yukon, Harrison said, judging by their titles, the children have well-developed home-grown imaginations.



St. Jude's Separate School pupil Jill Cunningham, 11, and Geoff Sinasac, 9, look over some of the illustrations in *Children of the Yukon*, a book written and illustrated by Ted Harrison, centre.