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#### **SCHEDULE**

	Tuesday Feb 19	Wednesday Feb 20	Thursday Feb 21
9:00	Opening Prayer - Ida Calmegane	Opening Prayer - Sam Johnson	Opening Prayer - Connie Jules
	Welcome and Introductions	Discussion	Discussion of the Benefits of Teaching / Learning
	Goals of Session	Listening Exercises check	Native Languages
	Tlingit Alphabet		Discussion of Goals
10:45	Making Listening Exercises:	Making Listening Exercises:	Review of sessions
	k and kh	x and xh	Making Listening
			Exercises:
			k' and kh'
noon	lunch	lunch	lunch
1:00	Line Game: k and kh	YNLC Website	YNTEP visit
	Making Listening	Word Scramble Game	Making Listening
	Exercises:	Making Materials	Exercises: x' and xh'
	g and gh		A and An
2:45	Heritage Research	Making Materials (cont)	Making Materials (cont)
	Trainees Carcross/ Tagish FN	Daily Summary - Connie Jules, Midori Kirby	Daily Summary - Tina Jules, Ida Calmegane
	Making Listening Exercises (cont): g and gh		Wrap-up
	Daily Summary - Bessie Cooley, Sarah Charlie		

#### **GOALS OF THE SESSION**

- 1. Tlingit sounds and symbols
  - a. representation of alphabet
  - b. practice, practice, practice
  - c. k and kh; g and gh; x and xh
- 2. Review of teaching and learning resources
  - a. website: language lessons, story books
  - b. review of Literacy Session booklets
  - c. listening exercises and drills
- 3. Classroom Literacy
  - a. creation of teaching materials
  - b. Tlingit spelling game
  - c. Line Game
  - d. creation of listening exercises
- 4. Translations and Review of Materials

#### **TLINGIT VOWEL CHART**

T - Teslin, C - Carcross, A - Atlin

The basic Tlingit vowels are **a**, **e**, **i** and **u**. An **o** occurs sometimes in borrowed words and interjections. The vowels can be long or short and can have either high or low tone.

short low	short high	long low	long high
(no mark)	,		^ .
ch' <b>a</b> just	<b>á</b> that, there	<b>à , à</b> yes	<b>â</b> sitting, lake
d <b>e</b> already	t <b>é</b> rock	d <b>è</b> trail, road	d <b>ê</b> enough
<b>i</b> your	ł <b>í</b> don't	dì tea	î yuck!
ts <b>u</b> again	ts <b>ú</b> also, too	gish <b>ù</b> (T, A), gesh <b>ù</b> (C) <i>pig</i>	nàsh <b>û</b> extends
	h <b>ó</b> h <b>ó</b> thank you		ah <b>ô</b> I don't want to (coast: I understand)

### **TLINGIT CONSONANT CHART**

	Labial Alveolar lips tongue tip behind teeth		Velar  middle of tongue against roof of mouth  Velar  Uvular  back of tongue touches uvula at back of throat		gue touches	Glottal vocal chords					
					(si	Stops top off the brea	.th)			_	
	_						rounded		rounded		rounded (rare) (Note 2)
Plain		<b>d</b> â weasel	<b>dl</b> èt snow	<b>dz</b> èt ladder, bridge, stairs	<b>j</b> â <b>j</b> i snowshoes	<b>g</b> án firewood	gwêł bag	<b>gh</b> â (raven call)	ła <b>ghw</b> án tie it into a bow	nay.á (you folks) go!	ana. <b>w</b> èch (usually) wears it
Aspirated followed by a puff of air		<b>t</b> á sleep	tlâ mother	tsâts bear root, hedysarum	<b>ch</b> àn mother-in- law	kâni brother/ sister-in-law	kwêy mark, landmark	khâ man	khwân people from		
Glottalized released with a popping sound		<b>t'</b> á king salmon	<b>tl'</b> átk earth, ground	ts'ats'î bird	ch'âk' eagle	k'ínk' fermented fish heads	k'wát' egg (not fish egg)	kh'atèł pitcher	kh'wátl pot		
				(brea	ath flows throug	Fricatives gh narrow open	ing creating fri	ction)			
Plain			łûł fireweed	sà name	shà mountain	xíxch' frog	<b>xw</b> ê whew!	<b>xh</b> át me, I	xhwàgùt I went	<b>h</b> ás they, them	yà-nahwên is swim- ming along
Glottalized with vocal chords closed			ťàk dress	s'ìkh smoke, cigarette		x'âx' apple	<b>x'w</b> án longjohns	xh'é mouth	xh'wâł' down feathers		
	Sonorants (softer, you can sing them continuously)										
Nasal vibration in nasal cavity	mâ-sá? how? (Note 2)	<b>n</b> á' here; take it			. •						
Nonnasal	<b>w</b> àkh eye		dalèyí trout		<b>y</b> á this						

<sup>•</sup>Note 1: rounded w and hw do not occur in the Teslin dialect

<sup>\*</sup>Note 2: m does not occur in the Carcross dialect

Word List: k and kh (front k and back k)

Burney St. Burney Burney

words beginning k		words beginning kh	
kâ	car	khâ	man
kît	killer whale	khîdu	beaver dam
kètl	dog	khênà	awl
kûkh	pit	khûk	box
kâst	barrel	khâs'	matches, splinter
kìjín	five	khákw	basket
a kùwú	its tail	khu.ù	people
kút	nest	khûsh	infected cut
kûx	rice	khusi.ât'	it is cold out
kâni	brother / sister- in-law	khugâs'	cloud

Kùkhhittàn (Interior) a Tlingit clan Khùkhittàn (Coastal)

### k and kh



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### Examples of **k**

1. kètl dog

2. kút nest

3. a kùwú its tail

### Examples of kh

1. khâ *man* 

2. khâs' stick, matches

3. a khùwú its den

### k and kh



Write k and kh as you hear them.

- 1. Wé kètl át hán.

  The dog is standing there. (That dog there is standing.)
- Wé khâk'w kamdinêt.
   The young man is shivering.
- 3. Khâs' dàkakhûk át sa.ín.

  The match box is lying there.
- 4. Kút kát kała át wé k'wát. nest in are lying that eggs
  The eggs are lying in the nest.
- 5. Du kâni în yù xh'eyatánk.
  (Du kâni în yù xh'ayaténk. Carcross)
  her brother-in-law with she's talking
  She's talking to her brother-in-law.
  He's talking to his sister-in-law.
- 6. Wé khênà yàk'áts'.

  that awl is sharp

  The awl is sharp.
- 7. Át tán wé khákw xákwdi.

  there is lying that basket empty

  The empty basket is lying there.

### k and kh

Write k and kh as you hear them.

- 8. Nás'k khâ át has khîn.

  three men there they are sitting

  Three men are sitting there.
- 9. Khumłigás'. (Sam) *It got cloudy.*

Khułigûs'. (Bessie) *It is cloudy.* 

10. Kìjín khutghanahâ duwatîn. five star are visible.

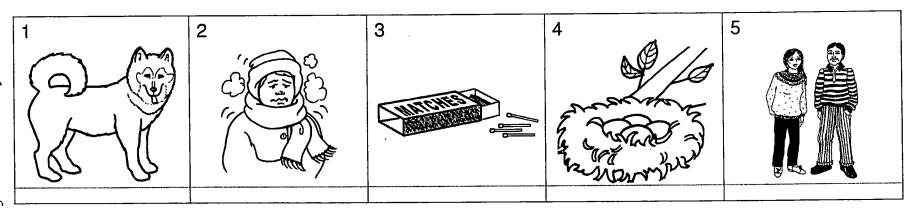
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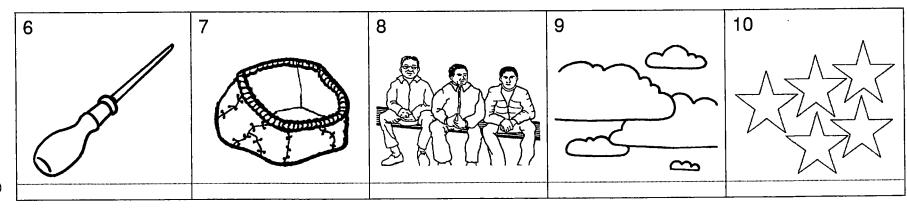
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### k and kh



Write k and kh as you hear them.





### Word List: g and gh

words beginning g		words	words beginning gh	
gâxw	duck	ghàkh	lynx	
gùch	hill	ghùch	wolf	
gán	firewood	ghàt	sockeye	
gàw	drum	ghâxh	is crying	
gûn	gold	gháxh	rabbit	
gùn	spring	ghítghà	spruce needle	
gân	outside	ghâtl	pilot bread	

### g and gh



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### Examples of g

1. gán firewood

2. gùch hill

3. gâxw duck

### Examples of gh

1. gháxh rabbit

2. ghùch wolf

3. ghâtl pilot bread

### g and gh



Write g and gh as you hear them.

- 1. Wé gâxw át wùhù.

  that duck there it is swimming

  The duck is swimming.
- 2. Wé ghùch ghâxh.

  that wolf it is howling (crying)

  The wolf is howling.
- 3. Wé gùch shakìde gìshìx. that hill to the top you run Run to the top of the hill.
- 4. Wé ghítghà hàwdáxh yè kanasûs. that needle (dry) branch they are falling

  The dry needles are falling off the branch.
- 5. Gûk! Xh'êt yitán wé gàw.
  go ahead that drum
  Go ahead! Strike up the drum.
- 6. Tlèxh ghâxh wé yadák'w.

  he is crying that boy

  The young boy can't stop crying.

### g and gh

Write g and gh as you hear them.

- 7. Wé ghàkh xhâw łukát hán.

  that lynx log on top it is standing

  The lynx is standing on the log.
- 8. Wé gháxh át ishkhákh. that rabbit there it is sitting

  The rabbit is sitting there.
- 9. Wé gán kawachak. that firewood it is piled up.

  The firewood is piled up.
- 10. Ghàt axh ît uwahâ.

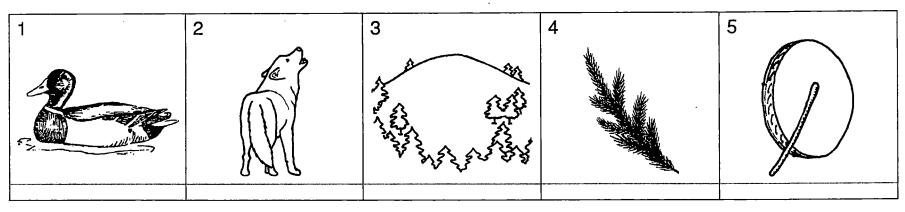
  sockeye me to the desire comes (?)

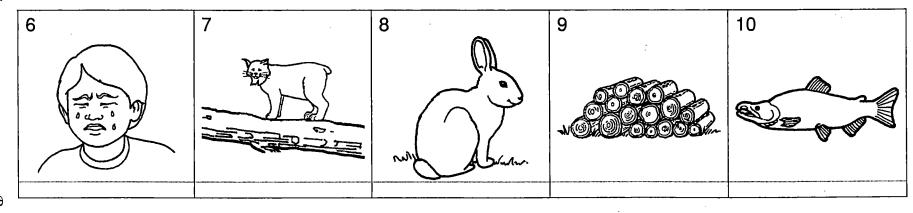
  I'm hungry for sockeye salmon.

### g and gh



Write g and gh as you hear them.





#### Word List: x and xh

(F) (1)

words be	ginning x	words beg	jinning xh
xàs	buffalo	xhàt	spruce roots
xêdu	comb	a xhàdí	its roots
xûn	north wind	xhât	salmon, fish
xûts	grizzly bear, brown bear	axh xhâdi	my fish
xàkw	sandbar	xhát	I, me
xânà	evening	xhâw	log
xíxch'	frog	xhúxh	husband
		xhìk	shoulder
		xhàwàghí	window
		xhày	beaver lodge
		xhìy	backpack

### x and xh



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### Examples of **x**

1. xûn north wind

2. xûts *grizzly bear, brown bear* 

3. xíxch' frog

### Examples of **xh**

1. xhàt spruce roots, tree roots

2. xhát *I, me* 

3. xhúxh husband

### x and xh

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Write x and xh as you hear them.

1. Xêdu du jìwú.

comb his/her it is (ji - possessive)

He/she has a comb.

Xêdu axh jìwú. comb my it is

- 2. Xhâw wêt yatán.

  log there is lying there (long piece of wood)

  The log is lying there.
- 3. Xûn hàt jimdigút.

  northwind in this direction is coming to fight

  The northwind came storming in.
- 4. Xhàwàghí tûnáxh tuwatîn.

  window through we see it

  We see it through the window.
- 5. Xânàdé yà khunahên.

  evening-toward progressive time is coming

  Evening is coming.

### x and xh

Write x and xh as you hear them.

- 6. Kètl xhîyi kumduwachák. (shakamduwachák) dog its pack it is packed it is packed full, loaded up

  The dogpack is packed.
- 7. Axh xhikshá yanîkw.

  my shoulder it hurts/aches

  My shoulder hurts.
- 8. Xàs dùgú tîł du jìwu. buffalo its hide shoe his/her it is

  He/she has leather shoes.
- 9. S'igèdí at xhá.

  beaver something it is eating

  The beaver is eating.
- 10. Xàkw kát tîn.

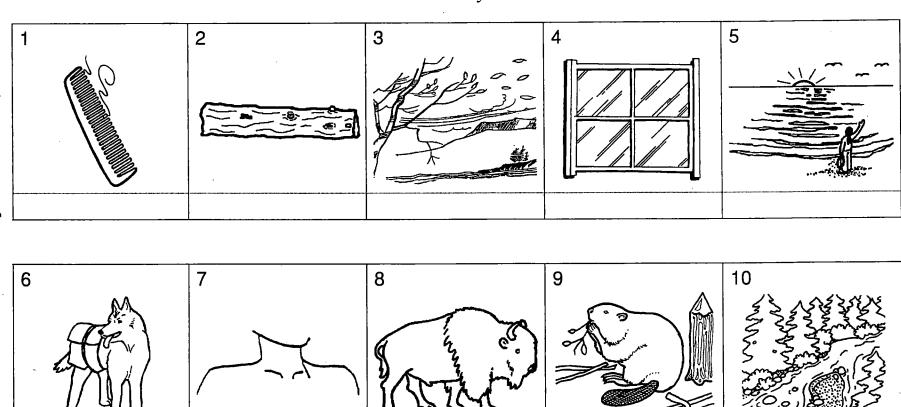
  sandbar on it is lying

  It is lying on the sandbar.

### x and xh



Write x and xh as you hear them.



#### Word List: k' and kh'

word	ls beginning k'	words beginning kh'		
k'âs'	missing tooth	kh'atèł	pitcher	
k'íxh'à	gaff hook	kh'îch'	red wound	
k'ùdás'	shirt	kh'èkh'w	tern	
k'ûx	marten	kh'anâxhán	fence	
k'ìłjâ	south wind	kh'èkaxwên	flower	
k'wát'	egg	kh'âtl'	thin and flat	
k'áts	sharp point			
k'át	better, more			

### k' and kh'



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### Examples of k'

1. k'ûx *marten* 

2. k'ùdás' shirt

3. k'íxh'à gaff hook

### Examples of kh'

1. kh'atèł *pitcher* 

2. kh'èkaxwên *flower* 

3. kh'âtl' thin and flat

### k' and kh'



Write k' and kh' as you hear them.

K'ìłjâ wuduwanúk.
 south wind it is blowing
 The south wind is blowing.

K'ìłjâ akamsinúk. The south wind is blowing gently.
K'ìłjâ ayamdití. [ayawdití (Atlin)] The south wind came up.

- 2. Kh'îch' du jinkáwu.

  healing wound his/her hand/arm on it is

  He/she has a healing wound on his/her arm.
- 3. Kh'èkh'w yà ndakhín.

  arctic tern along is flying

  The arctic tern is flying along.

Kh'èkh'w kè ndakhín. The arctic tern is flying up.

- 4. K'ûx át wujixìx.

  marten around it is running
- or Át wujixìx wé k'ûx.

  around it is running that marten

  The marten is running around.
- 5. Kh'anâxhán yá duxatîn.

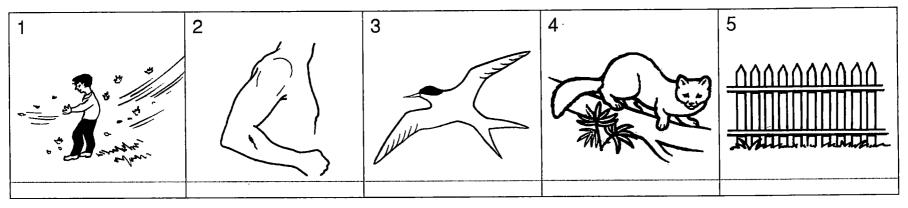
  fence face it is visible

  The side of the fence is visible.

### k' and kh'

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Write k' and kh' as you hear them.



#### Word List: x' and xh'

words beginning x'		words beginning xh'		
x'ân	anger	xh'àn	fire	
x'ádà	file	xh'adà	around his/her mouth	
x'ùn sá?	how many?	xh'ùn	diaper moss	
x'ât'	island	xh'é	mouth	
x'âs	waterfall	xh'àk	canyon, ravine	
x'úx'	paper, book	xh'úns'	crumbs	
x'úkjà	steam	xh'unel'	rosehips	
		xh'wâł	down feather	

### x' and xh'



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### Examples of x'

1. x'úx' paper, book

2. x'ádà file

3. x'ât' island

### Examples of xh'

1. xh'é mouth

2. xh'ùn *diaper moss* 

3. xh'àk canyon, ravine

### x' and xh'



Write x' and xh' as you hear them.

- 1. X'ádà tlèn áwé. file big it is

  This is a big file.
- 2. Du xh'é akamlisêkh'w. [akawlisêkh'w (Atlin)]

  her mouth she put lipstick

  She put lipstick on her mouth.
- 3. Ghukhł'i Hîni x'âsi áyá. swan river its waterfall it is
  This is Swift River Falls.
- 4. Xh'àn gûkde naxhtù.àt. fire by, toward let's go Let's go over by the fire.
- 5. X'ât'k' akát satîn wé â.

  ilittle island on it is lying that lake

  There's a little island on the lake.
- 6. X'ânt uwanúk wé khâk'w.

  anger to he's moved that young man

  The young man is mad.

### x' and xh'



Write x' and xh' as you hear them.

- 7. Wé x'úx' àxh gatí.

  that book from there you pick

  Pick up the book!
- 8. Shâ xh'âknáxh àwa.àt.

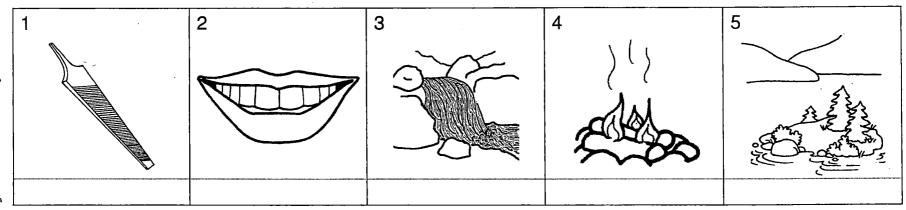
  mountain between,by way of they walked

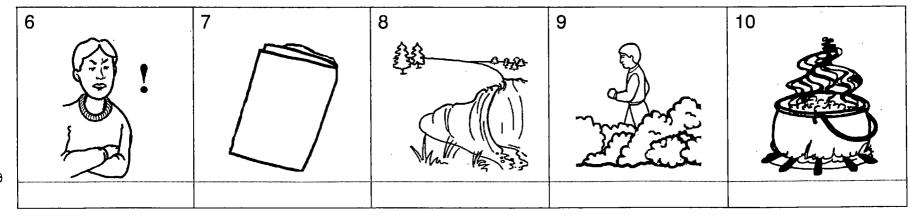
  They walked between the mountain.
- 9. Xh'unêł' wás'i xhùt wùgùt. (Sam)
  Xh'wanêł' wás'i xhùt wùgùt. (Bessie)
  rosehips bush among he/she is walking
  He/she is walking through the rose bushes.
- x'úkji. 10. Dlìwkwát x'wán wé a "please" that its steam careful exhortation x'úkjà. (Mary) Dlìwkwát łatín wé careful watch it that steam Be careful of its steam.

### x' and xh'



Write x' and xh' as you hear them.





### Miscellaneous Comparisons and Analysis

### **Examples of Labialisation in Carcross Tlingit**

ana.èch (Teslin)

it is happening

ana.wech (Carcross)

wùhà yà nahên (Teslin) (beaver) is swimming wùhù yà nahwên (Carcross)

#### **Examples of Nasalisation in Interior Tlingit**

shìy (Coastal)

stick

sh)y (Interior)

gàw (Coastal)

drum, clock

gàw (Interior)

#### **Unused Sentences**

Lîdiyò xh'êt wusi.áxh.

Yak'âs'.

Xhat yak'âs'.

Wé khûsh wudlikhít'.

He/she is listening to the radio.

He/she has a missing tooth.

I have a missing tooth.

The wound/sore is infected.

#### **Example Verb Paradigm**

xhàtîn

I see it

iyatîn

you see it

tuwatîn

we see it

#### **Verb Comparisons**

ishkhákh

it is sitting (bird, small animal)

has khîn

they are sitting (large animals, people)

át tán

it is lying there (empty container)

àt sa.ín

it is lying there (container with something

inside)

yatán

it is lying there (long piece of wood)

#### **Word Analyses**

khugûs'

cloud (also khugâs')

khugâs

fog

Khumłigás'.

It got cloudy.

Khu

m

łigás'.

khu-

m-

weather

mark of past

#### words for star

khutxh.anahâ

(Atlin, Teslin)

khutxh.ayanahâ

(Coastal)

khudaxh.anahâ

(Carcross)

khúdáx

is also used

#### **Word Analyses (cont)**

akamłisêkh'w

she put lipstick

a ka

m

łi

sêkh'w

it surface

past

classifier

color/dye

tense

x'ât'k'a

little island

x'ât'

k'

a

island

little

it

Shâ xh'âknáxh àwa.àt. They walked between the mountain.

xh'âk

náxh

between

by way of

xh'àk

ravine, canyon

shâ

mountain

shàx'w

mountains

xh'unêł' wás'i

rose bush

x'us'.ùsyà

brush, back brush

Xh'unêł' wás'i xhùt wùgùt.

He/she is walking through the rose bushes.

X'us'.ùsyà xhùt wùgùt.

He/she is walking through the backbrush.

hûch'i àyí

the last one

hûch'i âyí

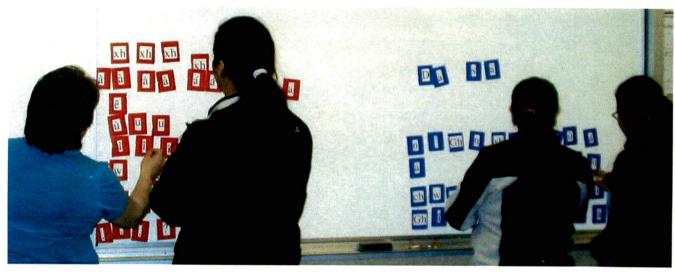
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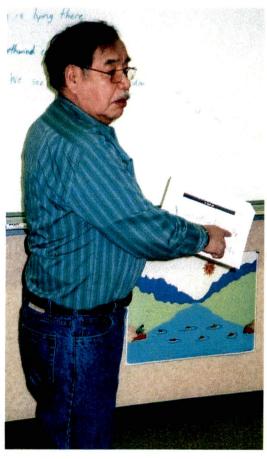
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Midori Kirby leading the Line Game, Sarah Charlie in

background

bottom left:

participants playing Word Scramble

36. *top*:

Jeff Leer, Connie Jules

bottom left:

Connie Jules, Tina Jules

bottom right:

Josephine Holloway, Sam Johnston

37. *top*:

Mary Anderson, Midori Kirby

bottom left:

Sam Johnston

bottom right:

Barbara Hobbis, Margaret Bob

38. *top*:

Linda Harvey, Jeff Leer, Emma Sam

bottom left:

Jeff Leer, Ida Calmegane

bottom right:

Jeff Leer, Margaret Bob

39. *top left:* 

Jeff Leer, Mary Anderson

right:

Jeff Leer, Barbara Hobbis

bottom left:

Jeff Leer, Bessie Cooley

40. back row:

Midori Kirby, Margaret Bob, Linda Harvey, Connie Jules,

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