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Schedule

	Mon Oct 6	Tue Oct 7	Wed Oct 8
9:00	Opening Prayer Introductions & Goals Constructing a Listening Exercise - t and t'	Opening Prayer Review of Goals Constructing a Listening Exercise - g and gh	Opening Prayer Review of Goals Constructing a Listening Exercise - k and kh
10:45	Listening Exercise - t and t' (cont) Expressions Sam Johnston's story Screech Owl and Crow	Listening Exercise - g and gh (cont) Sam Johnston's Thunderbird Story	Listening Exercise - k and kh (cont) Personal Names (cont)
noon	lunch	lunch	lunch
1:00	Demo Lesson Writing a Meat Camp story	Personal Names	Sam Johnston's stories: The Blind Man and the Loon The Seagull Keitlâdí
2:45	Writing a Meat Camp story (cont)	Writing a Meat Camp story (cont)	Jeff Leer Award Wrap-up Closing Prayer

Goals of the Session

- 1. Tlingit sounds and symbols
- 2. Writing a story in Tlingit
- 3. Tlingit grammar: word order
- 4. Story telling with Sam Johnston
- 5. Meaning of personal names

Tlingit Alphabet

Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Lateral	Sibilant	Shibilant	Velar	Rounded Velar	Uvular	Rounded Uvular	Glottal	Rounded Glottal
Stops	plain		d	dl	dz	j	g	gw	gh	ghw	•	.w
	aspirated	3	t	tl	ts	ch	k	kw	kh	khw		
	glottalized		ť	tľ'	ts'	ch'	k'	k'w	kh'	kh'w		
Fricatives	plain			ł	s	sh	Х	XW	xh	xhw	h	hw
	glottalized			ł	s'		X,	x'w	xh'	xh'w		
Sonorants	plain	w		· I		У						
	nasal	m	n									
				•			•					

Vowels and Tone

Short Vowels with low tone		Shor	t Vowels	Long	Vowels	Long Vowels		
		with	high tone	with low tone		with high tone		
- i	. U	í	. Ú	ì	ù	.î .	- û	
е		é	Ó ,	è	ò	ê	ô	
а		·	á	à	à	á	à	

Constructing a Listening Exercise - t and t'

 $T = Teslin \ dialect, \ C = Carcross \ dialect$

- Tàslèyí áyá. (T)
 Tasłèyí áyá. (T-C)
 This is a pike.
- T'ási 2. axh xh'ê łinúkts. it tastes good / sweet / delicious grayling I. me mouth T'ási axh xh'ê vak'ê. it is good I. me grayling mouth The grayling tastes good.

T'ási axh tu.a sigu. I like grayling.

- 3. T'exh axh jìwú. fish hook I, me I have I have a fish hook.
- 4. Khukàst'èxh. (T)
 Kukàst'èxh. (C)
 Ast'èxh. (T-C)
 He is fishing (with a hook).
- 5. Delèyí káxh axhast'èxh.

 lake trout for lam hooking
 I am fishing for lake trout (with a hook).

Delèyí káxh shaxhalxhût'.

Iake trout for I am casting (a line)

I am casting (a line) for lake trout.

6. Tîł' áyá.

This is chum salmon / dog salmon.

Note: Carcross doesn't have chum salmon.

7. Ghàt has amdzit'èxh.
sockeye they they caught (with a hook).
They hooked sockeye salmon.

Ghàt has amdzighêw. (T-C)
Ghàt has amdzighêm. (T)
sockeye they they caught (with a net).
They netted sockeye salmon.

8. Tás xhwà.ù. (T-C)
thread I bought (on a spool)
I bought a spool of thread.

Tás kaxhwsi.ù. (T-C)
Tás xhwasi.ù. (C)
thread I bought (a length)
I bought a length of thread.

- 9. **T'àwákh àwa.ún**.

 Canada goose s/he shot

 She shot a Canada goose.
- 10. Tàt áyá. (T)

 night it is

 Tàt yín. (C)

 night during

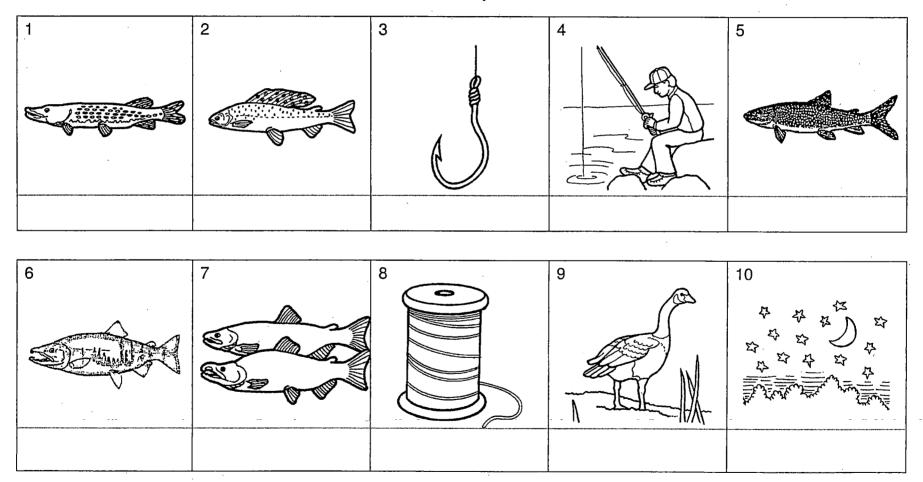
 It is night.

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Write t and t' as you hear them.



Constructing a Listening Exercise - g and gh

1. Ghàkh xhàtîn.

lynx l see
l see a lynx.

2. Gán yût kàwachák. firewood over there it is piled The firewood is piled over there.

3. Wé ghùch ghâxh.

this wolf it is howling / crying

The wolf is howling.

Ketl' kàwaxhék'w.
dog it is growling
The dog is growling.

4. Wé gháxh kalas'úk! this rabbit you fry it Fry the rabbit!

5. Wé gamdân yà nashíx.

this horse it is running

The horse is running.

6. Wé gúx.à kana.ûs'! this cup you wash it Wash the cup!

7. Wé ghúkhł' hintakàdáxh at xhá.

this swan from the bottom something it is eating of the water

The swan is eating something from the bottom of the water.

derivation: hîn = water, tâdaxh = bottom-from hintakàdáxh = from the bottom of the water hintàkxhâtl'i = underwater plants 8. Wé gûs' yà daxh kanals'ís.

this cloud(s) along plural they are being moved they are blown (by wind)

The clouds are being blown along by the wind (individually).

Wé gûs' yà kanals'is.

this cloud(s) along it is moved, it is blown (by wind)

The clouds are blown along by the wind (together as one group).

note: yà kanals'is = it is blown along yà daxh kanals'is = they are blown along yâdáxh = from here

9. Wé ghèwú dàk kayíkh! this net out you stretch it

Stretch the net out! Set the net!

note: shkanìsyît! = you (one) stretch (yourself)! Have a stretch! shkanayìsyît! = you (guys) stretch (yourselves)!

note: â dàk khùxh = he is going out by boat â dàkh khùxh = he is going back by boat

10. Wé ghàtâ yan satí!

this trap down you put it,
to rest you lay it

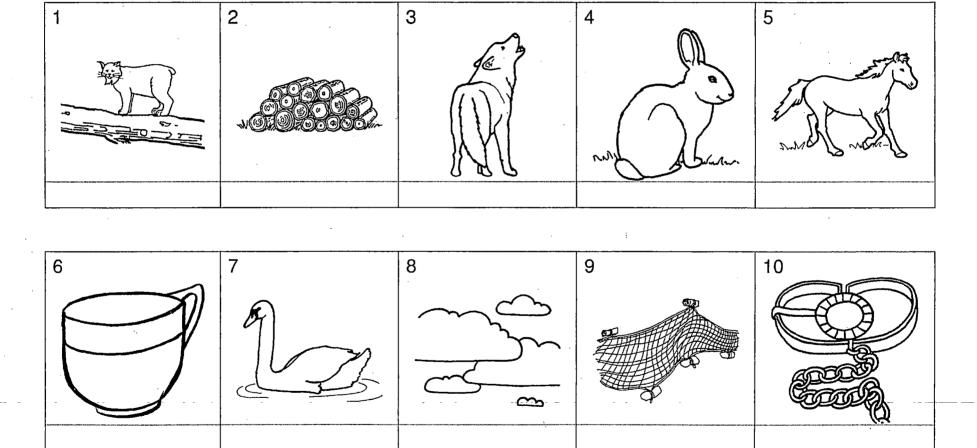
Set the trap!

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Write g and gh as you hear them.



Constructing a Listening Exercise - k and kh

(unfinished)

1. S'igèdí yánde yà anaskhít. (T)

The beaver is building a dam to the other side.

Yan awsikhít. (T) Yan amsikhít. (C) He has built the dam. (finished)

2. Wé kétl átá.

The dog is lying down.

Wudlinétl kètl shàn wêt tá. (C)
Wudlinedli kètl shàn wêt tá. (C)
fat dog old there it is sleeping

The fat old dog is sleeping there.

Note: wêt tá it is sleeping there wêt sh istân it is lying there alive

wêt satân it is lying there dead, lifeless

yatàyi kètl fatty dog

Ùdzikàyi kètl shàn wêt sh istân.

lazy dog old there it is lying

3. Wé khâ ghałtûde jimdlitsúw. (T, coastal)
Wé khâ khał tûde jiwdlitsúw. (C)
this man pocket-into he put his own hands

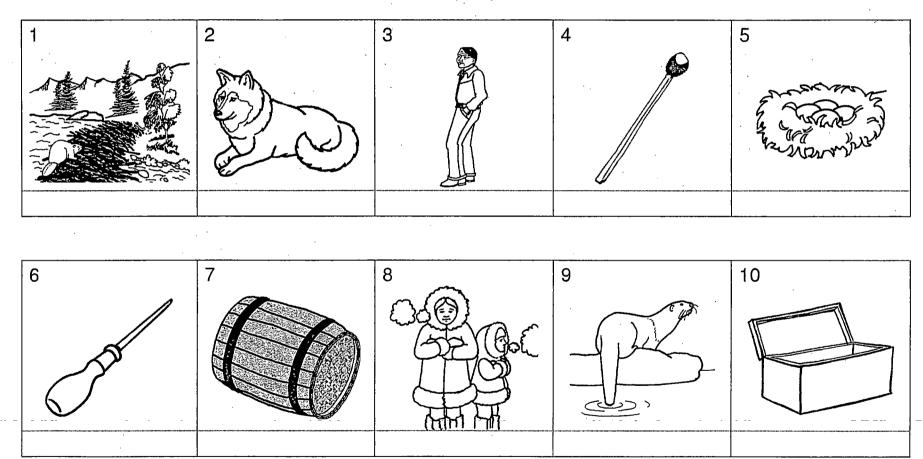
The man stuck his hands in his pocket.

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Write k and kh as you hear them.



Meat Camp

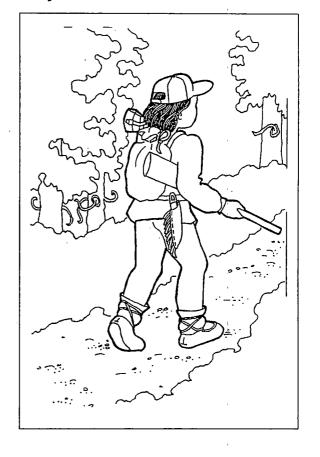
Dàt yahàyí sáyá? What is this a picture of?

Title

Dlìy àn.ìtí

meat camp, place of camping

Meat Camp



1. Dzísk'w yà akanaskên.
moose along s/he is tracking
He is tracking a moose.

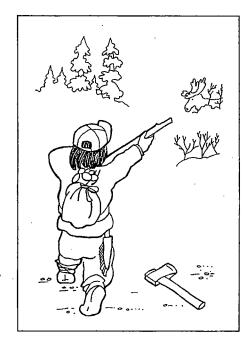
Dzisk'u xh'ùs.ìtí yà akanaskên. moose footprints along s/he is tracking He is tracking a moose.

Yadák'w asx'ìtdé yà nagút. young man hunting along s/he is walking The young man is hunting.

Asx'itdé yà nagút.

hunting along s/he is walking

He is going hunting.



2. Wé khâ dzísk'w àwa.ún. this bull /man moose s/he shot He shot the bull moose.

Wé khâ áwé dzísk'w akhghwa.ûn.

this bull it is moose s/he will shoot

He will shoot this bull moose.

Wé khâ dzísk'w akhghwa.ûn, wé khâ. this bull moose he will shoot that man The man will shoot the bull moose.

Du ûnayi yát amdzitán. his own gun he aimed

He aimed his gun.

derivation: ûnà = gun, du ûnayi = his (own) gun

derivation: yát = his face, amdzitán = he puts it

yát amdzitán = he aimed it du yát = to his own face

du yát amdzitán = he puts it on his face

Du shanaxhâyi du jixhánt satán.

his own axe his, beside him, it is lying (lifeless)

him where he can reach it

His axe is lying beside him.



3. Awajàghí itdaxh, has alx'ish. s/he killed it after they are skinning it.

After he killed it, they are skinning it.

Wé dzísk'w awujàghí ítdáxh, has alx'ish. this moose s/he killed it after they (2) are skinning it.

Aghádzi yan akamsi.áxhw yù â yaxh his hind leg(s) down they tied them this way turning over ghwàgwâtl.

it might roll, lest it roll (potential)

They tied his hind leg down in case it might roll over.

Aghádzi yan has akamsi.áxhw tlèł yù his hind legs down they tied it not this way

â yaxh ghagwâdlit.

turning over so it will not roll over (negative hortative - T suffix)
They tied his hind legs down so it won't roll over.



4. A ghádzi yà anasyân.

its hindquarter along s/he is packing

He is packing along the hindquarter.

Wé kètl tsú yàndayân. this dog too it is packing
The dog is packing too.



5. Wé shàwát dlìy aksahân.

this woman meat s/he is cutting strips

The woman is cutting the meat into strips.

The woman is stripping the meat.

Ch'ał káx' yê jiné.

willows on s/he is working

She is working on top of willow (branches).

She is working on willows.

Du dìyí yà nas.át'.

her tea along it is getting cold (progressive)

Her tea is getting cold.



6. Dlìy yaxh ashayasatì.

meat up s/he is hanging

She is hanging up the meat.

Du dachxhánk' du ît wudishî. her grand-daughter she is helping her.

Her grand-daughter is helping her.

S'ikh yê adàné. smoke s/he is making She is making smoke.

Yé áwé datîyin.

like this, this way it used to be

This is the way it used to be. / This is the traditonal way.



A dùgú 7.

its skin

A dùgú

its skin

axhaxâs'

s/he is cutting off hair

a xhakwtuxâs'

s/he is cutting the hair

off the scalp

du dachxhánk'. wé

her grand-daughter this

du dachxhánk'. wé

this her grand-daughter

Her grand-daughter is cutting the hair off the skin.

Wé dzísk'u dùgú axhax'âs' du dachxhánk'. its skin this moose she is cutting off hair her grand-daughter Her grand-daughter is cutting the hair off the moose hide.

łítayi yàk'áts'. Du knife it is sharp her

Her knife is sharp.

Shanaxhwâyi axe

yàlik'áts'. it is sharp

The axe is sharp.

X'êghà łidzî а dà it is hard really it about

yê jidunèyí. to work on it

It is really hard to work on it.

yê jiné X'êghà yat'îx'i

áwé.

to work it is really hard -

It is really hard work.



8. Gháxh amdlidás'. rabbit s/he snared She snared a rabbit.

K'awêt! Gwêł tût tsú à satân.

oh look! bag in also one it is lying (dead)

Look! There is also one lying (dead) in the bag.

K'idên at gaxhtùxhâ yá xânà.

good something we will eat this evening

We will eat well this evening.



9. K'idên duwanùk.

good it tastes

It tastes good.

Ê-ê, yak'ê.

Mmm it's good.

Mmm, it's good.

Wékètltsúdu ît à uwahâ.thisdogalsoit wants some, it is hungry for someThe dog wants some too.

Asx'it àn.ití yak'ê â ye khudatiyí.

hunting camp, good there for people to stay
place people to camp

This is a good place for a hunting camp. Hunting camp is a good place to be.

Expressions and Miscellaneous Vocabulary

1. Hàdô! My goodness!

2. Axh adî! My precious!

3. ljuwání! Shame on you! You little scamp!

4. I gu.à yaxh x'wán! Do your best! (expresses ongoing support and encouragement)

5. A yáxh áwé! That's right!

6. Á xhâwé! That's it! You know!

7. Hagalôy! Holy smokes! My gosh! (expresses surprise)

8. Axh ît idashí. Help me.

9. I xh'êt shí! Touch your shoulder.
Yì xhìkt yìshí!

10. Yàdachûn straight, plain, simple

11. Ashkanaxhtùłyát. Let's play.

12. Khunaxhtùsùk'. Let's put on a play. (act a drama scene with props)

13. Dàt yáxh sá kayatì yât'à?

What colour is this?

14. Xh'anawûs'. Ask him / her.

15. Kashaxít. Write it.

16. Xhat niytì. (?) Do as I do.

17. Natw.

Read it.

18. Du ít idashí.

Help him / her.

19. Tlêt a yáxh xhat tùshtí.

I don't feel good. I don't feel right.

20. Xhat uwadúť.

I have the hiccups.

21. Ìwadút' gî ? NOT I uwadút'.

Do you have hiccups?

22. Hînt xhat wudzigit.

I fell in the water.

Vocabulary about Christmas

1. Kâts cards (a made-up word)

2. Khusaxhán tin has du ìn yê jinane.

Give them love.

3. Ch'as sagú i tû yê nghatì.

Let there be joy inside you.

4. Łił â ayiłxàjíkh! Don't you give up!

5. Ák' axhàhìn. I believe.

6. Ák' anahìn! Believe! (command)

7. Àk'é yê jiné áyá. This is good work.

8. Átk' ahìn faith

9. Át awdashí hope

10. Át saxhán love (in general)

11. Khusaxhán love for people

12. Axh xh'êt yis.á! Kiss me!

13. Axh ìn yù xh'ała.á. Talk to me.

14. X'âghà kuxha.àkhw! I'm really trying hard!

Vocabulary from Thunderbird Story

Xètl

duwa.áxhch.

thunderbird

it is heard

There is thunder.

Xètl

yał'ukk.

thunderbird

it is blinking its eyes

There is lightning.

Vocabulary from the Seagull Story

- 1. Â shûde indighât.

 He crawled down to the lake shore.
- 2. A díxh shkamdlixh'îx'w.

 He thought he squeezed himself onto his back.
- 3. Du in kát shamdixhích. *It dived with him.*
- 4. Du dàt khumdlinùk. He felt around his body.
- 5. Du kâ mdikhín kêdladi.

 The seagull hovered over him.

Five Little Ducks Song

Connie Jules, Jeff Leer, Barbara Hobbis (there are many versions in English)

Kìjín gâxwx'u sâni xhwasakûwan Yatàyi àx'w, wulixùni àx'w, yê kwdligeyi àx'w tsú Tlêx' yatìyi à khu.a kùgênà yê aya.û Du xhùnx'í yà ashuna.át Quack quack quack yû dawa.áxhch Hîn yàxhdé has nà.àt

Five little ducks that I once knew
Fat ones, skinny ones, fair ones too
But the one little duck with the feather on his back
He led the others with a quack, quack, quack
Quack, quack, quack, quack, quack
He led the others with a quack, quack, quack

- 1. Kìjín gâxwx'u sâni xhwasakûwan.

 five ducks little l used to know

 I used to know five little ducks.
- 2. Yatàyi àx'w, wulixùni àx'w, fatty ones skinny ones yê kwdligeyi àx'w tsú.
 tall ones as well Fat ones, skinny ones, tall ones too.

- 3. Tlêx' yatiyi à khu.a kùgênà yê aya.û. one being one however sash he is wearing But one (particular one) was wearing a sash.
- 4. Du xhùnx'í yà ashuna.át. his buddies along he is leading them He is leading his buddies.
- 5. Quack quack quack yû dawa.áxhch.

 Quack quack quack thus it is heard

 Quack quack quack is heard.
- 6. Hîn yàxhdé has nà.àt.

 river bank-to they in a line go

 They go to the river bank (in a line).

Santa Claus Song

Yánde sdùx tûnáxh heldé St. Nick
Hít kàdé watsíx kayêk duwa.áxhxh
Sandi Claus ghèghí yè uwagút
Gàn kanaxh yínde shwudlixh'îx'w.
At yátx'i jixhùxh atyamli.át.
Ho ho ho naxhtù.àt
Ho ho ho naxhtù.àdí
Hít shakîde duwa.áxch click, click, click
Gàn kanaxh dàk wudzigít Sandi Tlâs

Up on the housetop reindeer paws
out jumps good old Santa Claus
Down through the chimney with lots of toys
All for the little ones, Christmas joys
Ho, ho ho! Who wouldn't go?
Ho, ho ho! Who wouldn't go?
Up on the housetop, click, click, click
Down through the chimney with good Saint Nick

- 1. Hít kàdé watsíx kayêk duwa áxhxh house upper storey ?
- 2. Sandi Claus ghèghí yè uwagút Santa Claus ? ?
- 3. Gàn kanaxh yínde shwudlixh'îx'w.
 ? ?
 He squeezed himself down through the smoke hole.

- 4. At yátx'i jixhùxh atyamłi.át.
 ??
 He is distributing things among the children.
- 5. Ho ho ho naxhtù.àt

 Ho ho ho let's go

 Ho ho ho! Let's go!
- 6. Ho ho ho naxhtù.àdí

 Ho ho ho let's go

 Ho ho ho! Let's go!
- 7. Hít shakîde click, click, click click, click, click, click
- 8. Hít shakîde duwa.áxch click, click, click house top? ? click, click, click ?
- 9. Gàn kanaxh dàk wudzigít Sandi Tlâs ? ? Santa Claus fell down through the smoke hole

By Another Author ??

1. Hó hó hó sa xhwàgút (x2)

ho ho ho I went

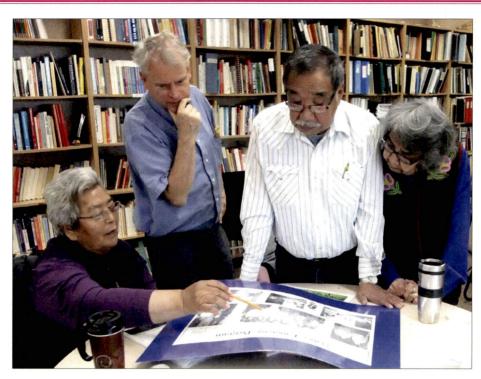
Yánde sdùx tûnáxh heldé St. Nick to the gound through stove into the house St. Nick



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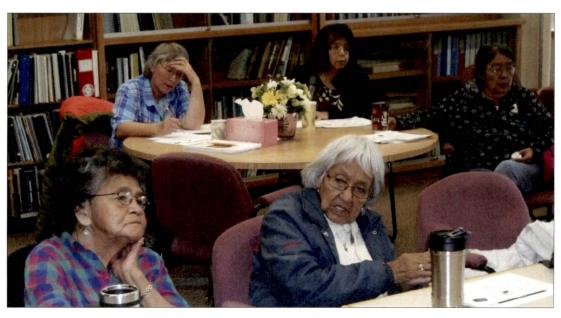




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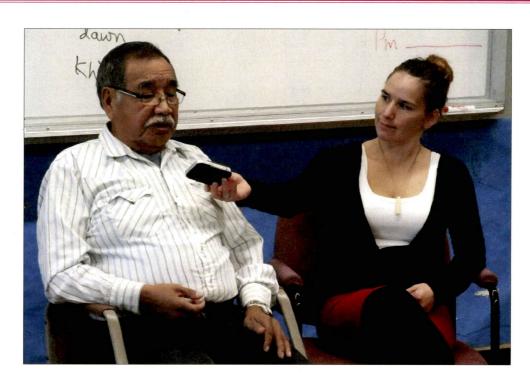
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 (He squeezed hundf dum through the smeuhole)

 4) At yatx'i jixhùxh at yamti at

 (he is distributing things among the dildum).

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1984 Yukon Indian News clipping

centre: Lorraine Dewhurst, Connie Jules

bottom: Lorraine Dewhurst

34. *top:* Pauline Sidney, Heather Sam

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Dr. André Bourcier

bottom: (in front) Bessie Cooley, Winnie Atlin

(behind) Collyne Bunn, Ruth Beattie, Bessie Jim

35. *top left:* Heather Sam, Dr. Jeff Leer, Emma Sam

top right: Heather Sam, Dr. Jeff Leer, Emma Sam showing their Frog clan crest

centre left: Norman James

centre right: Santa Claus song

bottom left: Mary Allison, Dr. André Bourcier

bottom right: Dr. Jeff Leer, Doug Hitch

36. *top:* Mary Allison recording Sam Johnston

