

BIG HIGHWAY TO ROLL

There is going to be a professional theatre company touring the Alaska Highway this summer. The Big Highway Touring Theatre will be performing their musical celebration of the building of the Alaska Highway in honor of our 40th Anniversary celebrations. The show entitled, appropriately enough, BIG HIGHWAY will tour the Peace Region from mid-May to mid-June, then embark on a month long tour from Fort St. John, along the Alaska Highway all the way up to Whitehorse, with a possible extension to Dawson City and Fairbanks, Alaska.

The musical will follow the building of the Alaska Highway from Mile Zero to completion, chronicling the heroic efforts of the thousands of men and women who pushed the war-time road through the wilderness. The show is an all out celebration of their accomplishment, recounting the memories of those who were there, in both story and song, and highlighting the legends and little-known anecdotes from the towns along the route.

The Big Highway Touring Theatre is sponsored by Stage North and the Northern Lights College Society, and has received \$45,000 from the Employment Development Branch of the Ministry of Employment and Immigration, with additional financial assistance from the Peace-River Liard Regional District.

Shiela Sapers of Fort St. John, the managing director for the company is currently booking the BIG HIGHWAY tour, in co-operation with local community service organizations. Unlike most touring productions, local sponsors are not required to pay the Big Highway Touring Theatre a guarantee in advance. The company will return 30% of the box office to the local sponsor, in exchange for booking the hall and providing local assistance with publicity. To make arrangements to have BIG HIGHWAY TOURING THEATRE do their show in your town, call Shiela Sapers in Fort St. John at (604) 785-0534.