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No, Virginia, Ebenezer is dead

ALDERGROVE — No Virginia, there is not a Scrooge, or at least not an easily identified culprit responsible for the fiasco surrounding the prohibition of gift giving in Langley's schools last week.

The director of elementary education for Langley school district, Earl Dancey, was roasted by the media last week after he issued a memo to all elementary principals detailing a 1968 school board policy that prohibited the exchange of cards and gifts between students and teachers, and stipulated a three day period when Christmas trees could be displayed on school premises.

Following protests against the policy, the Langley school board conducted a telephone poll of its members and voted unanimously to rescind the 1968 directive. The action effectively cast the soft spoken Dancey in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge.

Board chairman Kaye Armstrong attempted to compensate for Dancey's dilemma Monday at the board's regular meeting at Aldergrove secondary school.

"I'm Scrooge's little helper," the chairman told a small crowd of parents and teachers who had gathered for the trustees' second visit to Aldergrove this year. Armstrong said Dancey telephoned her immediately after a teacher contacted the school board offices in Murrayville requesting information on the policy.

"Nobody in the school district observed this for many years," and then it reared its head," said Armstrong, who admitted telling the director she couldn't change the policy.

"Mr. Dancey wasn't the complete Scrooge," she concluded.

Dancey, who was on a week long foray to schools in Eastern Canada in conjunction with the district's new French immersion program, expressed dismay at the board's indifferent reaction to charges he was a Scrooge.

"I was merely doing what the board expected me to do, carrying out board policy," said Dancey. "I hate getting long distance telephone calls from my friends saying, "Why have your board and your superintendent deserted you?"

Dancey, sporting a broken foot from an accident during the recent trip, assured the audience he had not been "kicking around Christmas trees."

A former elementary school principal in Langley, Dancey's school Simonds, was characterized by elaborate celebrations during the festive season. He told the board he would rather play the role of a Santa Claus than a Scrooge.

"If I really was a Santa Claus," said Dancey, "I would give (Vancouver Province reporter) Tony Eberts a one way ticket to Siberia where the extreme cold might cool his head of all those flights of fantasy he indulges in. To various radio commentators who made nasty comments, one in particular, I'd let him peddle his cleaning fluids for the rest of his life. All and sundry, who said nasty things about me, may their chains grow long and heavy...but, on second thought, since I'm reformed, I wish all of them a very, merry, Christmas."

Jean Loney (grade 5), Tracey Lambrecht (grade 6) and Natalie Krater (grade 3) were three of the Stars narrating Santa's Workshop at Coghlan Elementary schools Christmas play Thursday night. Liz Sebestyen, photo

OVER RELEASE OF SECRET MINUTES

Council flares into debate

MATSQUI VILLAGE — This is normally a very quiet little hamlet. Situated in a cozy corner of Matsqui Flats, just a hop, skip and a jump from the Abbotsford-Mission bridge, people have a tendency to forget the place even exists.

There are a couple of gas stations here, and a grocery store, a post office, hamburger stands, grade school and community hall. Apart from that, there isn't very much to Matsqui Village at all.

On Monday night, however, in a room inside the community hall members of Matsqui council gathered in a circle to discuss a full agenda of council business. Among the items to be discussed was a resolution by Ald. Doug Taylor, which had been officially presented to council two weeks before.

The resolution called for the immediate release of all council minutes taken during in-camera meetings. The page long motion charged that 34 secret, or in-camera meetings, had been held in 1977, and it suggested that some of the business discussed at the meetings was rightfully public knowledge and should be made available from municipal hall to anyone in the country.

The motion said many items of public concern had been debated at length in closed meetings, some of these items involving the sale or purchase of land and others simply dealing with politically controversial matters such as the proposed purchase of the Friesen well.

It went on to charge that many items of public business were actually "hatched" in closed meetings, and concluded without ever seeing the light of day.

It concluded in resolving that all in-camera minutes should be released forthwith, and that in future such minutes should be made public upon adoption.

On Monday night the resolution became the subject of debate on council's regular agenda.

TEMPERS RISE

"It gets to the point where it gets difficult for us to keep track of what's been released and what hasn't," explained Taylor in speaking to his motion, which had been seconded for debate by Ald. Ray Kirkwood.

Taylor explained that in his view there was nothing left in the minutes that could not be made public. He complained that some of the items still under wraps had been concluded months before and involved the spending of thousands of tax dollars, mostly in land purchases.

"It's public business and there's money being spent," he stated.

Once Taylor had spoken briefly to his motion others at the table were quick to retort. First on the list was Ald. Chris Lamb.

She claimed that there were two inaccuracies in the preamble to the resolution. First she corrected Taylor's figure of 34 closed meetings, saying the number was actually 37, then Lamb revealed that more than two sets of these minutes had been made public. Taylor's resolution pinned the figure at only two.

Lamb went on to say that only 85 items were discussed in-camera all year, which she said was not very many when she considers that the average council agenda lists over 40 items of business for consideration.

Reading from a written statement she complained that releasing all in-camera minutes would result only in making it more difficult to do the job of governing in Matsqui.

Lamb singled out union negotiations as a fine example of the kind of business which could be serously hampered by the release of in-camera minutes.

She rapped Taylor for talking to the press about his resolution, saying the press is not the proper place to discuss such business.

"The place to bring it up is at the council table," she stated.

Lamb also indicated that in her opinion, leaving the release of in-camera minutes up to staff members was a dangerous precedent.

"Let's not take the position of placing our responsibility on staff," she said, adding that the minutes were of no interest to anyone anyway. "I think once these minutes are released...they (the public) will find them quite routine and even boring."

"It doesn't matter what you do at a council meeting, it is public business," replied Taylor, "I don't see why you want to hold anything back."

"I can agree that certain minutes should be released," interjected Ald. Jim McDonald, cautioning that there were other cases where minutes should not see the light of day.

"That's what I'm saying," declared Lamb in frustration.

Taylor plodded on with his motion, however, pointing out that there were so many in-camera meetings over the year, that some items of business were long ago completed behind closed doors and have still not been released.

"I don't think it should be up to us to ask if they could be released," stated Taylor.

MAYOR SEES NOTHING WRONG

"I think you are making mountains out of molehills," quipped Mayor Harry DeJong, charging that Taylor had not asked for any of the minutes to be released before. "You have never made an attempt..."

"Yes I have!" Taylor exclaimed, listing at least two incidents in previous meetings when he had asked for the release of in-camera minutes.

"I really feel pity for you," said DeJong.

"I'm sure you do. Your heart bleeds," snapped Taylor.

The mayor continued, claiming that legal advertisements placed in local papers, advertising the sale of land by legal lot description made land sales public knowledge anyway. He argued that nothing is being done in secret unless it involves some security risk.

"I feel uneasy when we are discussing matters of a public feeling," mused Taylor, repeating that some public business had actually been hatched in closed meetings, and once again pointing out that only two minutes had been made public to date.

"We've released more than this," stated Lamb.

Taylor continued speaking to his motion, however, claiming that not enough public business had been made public. He said some matters still ensconsed in secret minutes were general knowledge on the street but remained locked away in municipal filing cabinets.

"I have had people come up to me on the street and discuss matters that are in camera. The guy on the street might know more about some things than the people at this table," suggested Taylor.

Lamb held fast to her stand, however, claiming that releasing the documents would undermine the rights of private citizens.

"Surely a citizen can come to us and ask us to deal with his business in-camera. Are we going to deny him that right?" asked Lamb.

"I think it would be dangerous," agreed McDonald, saying he would like to have secret documents made public only upon recommendation of staff. He felt that a blanket resolution releasing all in-camera documents to public view would undermine an alderman's responsibility.

Lamb was quick with a further retort, pointing out that aldermen, unlike MLA's and MP's, do not enjoy immunity from slander and libel suits when speaking at the debating table. She indicated that sometimes the debate in closed meetings can involve statements which could result in legal action if they went beyond the debating room.

"I never saw any minutes that could not be made public in eight years as mayor," stated Taylor.

At that point a member of the public gallery requested permission to speak, but was turned down. The man spoke anyway, and what he had to say was not quashed by the gavel.

He said that council's actions and debates can affect a lot of corporations outside of council.

"These types of things should not be released even 4, 5, 6 or 7 months later...there are dollars invested in these companies," stated the man, who was later identified as a representative of a land development company.

He told council that if things are being said which could injure other people in some way, then the minutes should remain secret, but if not he indicated that he could see no reason for having secret meetings in the first place.

Before calling for a vote on the issue, DeJong spoke once more to the motion. He said he could assure everyone that there was nothing untoward being done behind closed doors at Matsqui council.

The vote was held and was defeated. Taylor cast the only visible vote in favor of the motion, although there was at least one abstainer.

After the vote, Ald. Ray Kirkwood, one of those who abstained from voting on the issue, made a brief statement about the nature of the debate.

"I don't think we should have to listen to arguments where personalities get involved," he said, adding that the heated debate he had just witnessed reminded him of a few years ago when council members used "to have to wear boxing gloves" to meetings.

"You mean a few years ago when I was sitting there and Harry was sitting here," chuckled Taylor with a gesture to the mayor's seat.

"That's right," said Kirkwood with a grin.

Apartments approved providing....

ALDERGROVE — An 18-suite apartment block to be built on the south side of Bertrand Creek west of 271 Street was approved by Murrayville district council this week.

Council approved of a land use contract application from Waterfall and Dubord of Wolstencroft, providing the planning department could work out an arrangement whereby municipal heavy equipment could be brought on to the north side of the creek on a maintenance basis.

The creek cuts the property in two.

According to planner Stan VanMeer, the contract would be drawn up in such a way that the developers would be permitted to build on the south side of the creek without donating the usually required creek frontage on that side. Instead, he said, they had expressed their willingness to deed the entire north side of the property to the township. He said this could be turned into a 'mini-park' in that area.

The property has access from Bird Road and 271 Street to the east, and Ald. Bill Blair expressed concern that the municipality would be unable to get equipment across the creek to serve this park and to maintain the creek bed once the apartment building was up. "I am afraid we will be boxing ourselves in," he commented.

It was left up to the planner to come up with a solution.

Next Star Jan.4

The oldest newspaper anywhere near Aldergrove is closing it's doors said publishers Rudy and Inge Langmann this week, but regular readers need not despair, it is simply to give the staff a week off for Christmas holidays.

The Star will not publish on Wednesday, December 26th, and the business office will be closed from Friday, December 23rd, to Thursday, December 29th incl.

We wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Province must step in river muck

BURNABY — The pollution control board was informed Friday that the provincial government is needed to step in and curtail pollution of the Fraser River.

The board met with three lower mainland health units and various other municipal and regional representatives, as well as officials from the federal government's fisheries department.

The board was informed by GVRD operations director, Frank Bunnell, that pollution is resulting from metallic substances passing through sewage treatment plants from local industries. He said this could be stopped if the municipalities concerned were to co-operate.

Bunnell declined, however, to name the offending districts.

It was generally agreed by all those who made presentations to the meeting that provincial legislation is the only way to put a stop to the continued contamination of the main waterway.

If such legislation was written, it would prevent any industry or local government from allowing untreated or unnecessary toxic wastes to be dumped into the Fraser.

It was also agreed that although the Fraser River has long suffered from a severe pollution problem, it has not yet reached crisis proportions.

Trustee wants to cement leaks

ALDERGROVE — A story in the December 16 edition of the Langley Teachers' Association Bulletin containing an account of the Langley school board's December 5 closed meeting provoked an angry response from school trustee David Bell, who suggested Monday the board consider excluding most of its staff from the closed meetings in an effort to plug the leak of information.

The story, dealing with a recent dispute between LTA president Terry Eastman and the board over Eastman's failure to attend the December 5 open meeting, alleged some trustees suggested having the controversial teacher fired.

The report quoted a source as saying the idea did not gain majority support, but added, "our source informs us that this did not result from general opposition to the initiative. Seemingly, some trustees wanted more information before coming to a decision.

Bell's motion would exclude all staff but superintendent Len Sampson and secretary-treasurer Svein Urdahl from attending the meetings without a special resolution of the elected officials. The motion failed to find a seconder.

Following the meeting, director of elementary education, Earl Dancey, one of the staff to be excluded from the closed meetings under the terms of Bell's motion, asked Bell if he blamed them for the leak.

Board chairman Kaye Armstrong told Dancey she didn't want the issue discussed in public, and offered the administrator a spot on the agenda of the board's in-camera or closed session, to air his views.

"He made that statement in public, madam chairman," replied Dancey. "I'd like an answer in public.

In an interview after the meeting Bell said the LTA report leaves the board in an awkward position.

"To defend it, you have to divulge what was in the meeting," said Bell.

Bell responded with an assurance that he blamed neither Dancey nor his colleague, director of secondary education H.E. Cullis, for the leak.

While he refused to comment on the charges, Bell admitted the account was a truthful rendering of the secret meetings' results.

"To read the article, you know there's been a leak."

The dispute with Eastman arose after the LTA president expressed the association's dissatisfaction with the new system of report cards, introduced this fall in all elementary schools, in an open letter to the board published by the local press.

Trustee Brian Westwood charged the Eastman letter was timed to harm the chances of his fundamentalist Basics Bunch slate in the November civic election.

"When does criticism become insubordination?" commented Westwood, who seconded Bell's motion to call Eastman before the board.

Eastman, who maintained the board had no right to summon him in his capacity as association president, failed to attend the December 5 open meeting. The trustees voted to discuss his absence during the closed meeting that followed.

While the Bulletin refused to name the trustees who attempted to have Eastman fired, it hinted that Westwood and Bell were responsible.

Bell refused to comment. Eastman is still awaiting word from the trustees on disciplinary action in connection with the incident.

Matsqui adopts conflict policy

MATSQUI VILLAGE — Matsqui council has officially adopted a policy with regard to conflict of interest among municipal employees.

The policy is part of a backwash of legislation which has grown out of the Hood Report handed down earlier this year.

This report dealt with a number of alleged improperties at Matsqui municipal hall. In the outcome, Col. Alfred Hood, a Victoria appointed enquirer, absolved council and staff members of any blame in the alleged incidents but did suggest some policy changes to prevent such things from happening again.

One policy change indicated in the report was for toothier rules governing conflict of interest among employees.

The new policy adopted Monday night has two points to it. One is that employees must declare to council their interest in any undertaking that would involve council approval. This declaration must be made at the time the application is made to council.

Point two of the policy states that violation of this rule could result in dismissal from employment with the municipality.

And pinn'd it wi' a siller pin (Ballads)

MURRAYVILLE — Complimentary ashtrays bearing the insignia of Langley township are somewhat heavy potlaches to be toting around, Mayor George Driediger indicated this week.

The mayor suggested that Langley instead develop a unique pin of which travelling Langley ambassadors could carry a bagfull for bestowal upon honored dignitaries in far flung places.

In the past Langley has loaded up young athletes travelling abroad with the odious ash trays of which many no doubt have found their way to the attics of mayors in Birmingham, Sydney and other places.

The mementos have weighed heavily in the young people's packsacks while in transit.

Why pins, that's a different story. "To give to young people, and old, too," the mayor concluded.

Hack held at knifepoint

MURRAYVILLE — Bernard Roy Semke, 23, who gave his address as 8884 Bartlet Street in Fort Langley, is remanded in custody without plea this week on a charge of armed robbery.

Semke's arrest resulted from a call to Langley RCMP here, at 2:48 a.m. on December 15, from Country Cabs Ltd.

The cab company reported that one of their drivers had been held up at knifepoint, and that the suspect had left the scene in the cab.

At 4:42 a.m. the vehicle was located in the Brookswood area and Semke was taken into custody.

He remains in police custody pending a plea and trial date.

BUSINESSMEN UNHAPPY

Highway x-ings argued at joint meet

LANGLEY — It is the city here that is the bugbear in the case of displeased storekeepers, not the municipality, a township councilor argued Monday.

Ald. Bill Blair added that complaints received from Pay 'n Pak and other business people on the Fraser Highway were really a matter of concern to the city council and the provincial highways department, not for district council to worry about.

He said the most damage had been done to Pay 'n Pak, a plumbing and electrical retail outlet, when the city allowed other property owners on either side to build much closer to the highway. He said this had obscured the view of Pay 'n Pak, leaving motorists to drive by without noticing the store.

Pay 'n Pak and other city businessmen on the south side of the highway west of the Langley Bypass, have complained because a projected traffic change will stop left hand turns for westbound traffic as it leads traffic into the planned Dominion Construction shopping centre.

They have hired a solicitor to take their case before councils and the courts, if necessary.

Last week Bruce Cohen appeared before district council and Thursday a joint meeting of township and city officials, highways representatives, councilmen from Surrey, and highway property owners was held at the municipal hall.

Cohen had told council that his client would be more than happy to settle the matter amicably, and that an alternative to what the highways department had proposed could be found.

The meeting was also attended by Ian Rigg of Pay 'n Pak, R.A. and Mary Caron of Smitty's Pancake House, and A. McDonald of the Westward Ho Motel.

ALTERNATE BYPASS ROUTE PROPOSED

Cohen said his clients only recently had learned that as a part of the highway reconstruction program a concrete divider would be located in the centre of the road. This, he said, would limit the possibilities of a left turn along that section of the highway, causing adverse effects for his clients.

Perhaps an alternative should be considered, he suggested.

Regional superintendent Al Tranfield from the highways department suggested that the Langley Bypass could be connected to 196 Street (the Langley-Surrey boundary) and a full intersection could be made here with the Fraser Highway and with 196 Street continuing south to 60 Avenue.

Transfield said that possibly a section of the Fraser Highway could be left without a concrete divider, but that eventually left hand turns on the highway would be eliminated.

Mayor George Driediger asked if the city was prepared to build this section of 196 Street, but city mayor Bob Duckworth said this would be done by the highways department and that the actual road allowance is on Surrey's territory.

Driediger then suggested that Langley city and Surrey could provide access to the rear of the properties which will be cut off from the main flow of traffic.

Ald. Stan Fraser added that the current problem was caused by the lack of good planning on the part of the city.

Cohen said he felt confident that the problem could be solved by the two Langleys cooperating with the highways people and asked if they were prepared to do this.

Since 196 Street is located between Langley city and Surrey these two municipalities should work it out, Driediger said.

The businessmen have indicated that they are prepared to take their case before the courts if an alternate solution is not found.

Back in council Monday morning, Fraser said that nobody had a guarantee from the provincial government that they would have left hand turn facilities in front of their highways properties.

Driediger said that with the 196A Street proposal the case "put the whole onus on the city" and whether they wanted to work out a solution for their taxpayers, but he also agreed with Fraser that "not everybody can have frontage."

Council then approved of the Dominion land use contract.

Books at A.H.S 30 years old

ALDERGROVE — Aldergrove elementary and secondary schools were singled out for improvements Monday night when the Langley school board visited the district for their regular meeting.

The board approved a recommendation of their finance committee to grant $3,000 from the district site budget for an adventure playground in response to a presentation by the Aldergrove Parent Teacher Group December 12.

The board will enter into a 10 year agreement with the district of Langley to ensure that the playground, once built, would not be removed, and allow for exchange of land with the district should the school itself be closed, in order that the playground could be maintained.

Geoff Service, president of the Aldergrove PTG, said the playground, a joint project with the Aldergrove Lions Club, will cost $10,000.

The school will also get a new sidewalk on the Fraser Highway. Secretary-treasurer Svein Urdahl said the sidewalk would be built on a local improvement basis at a cost of about $150 to the school board.

At Aldergrove secondary, the board was told the school library has a non-existent fiction section, an outdated non-non-fiction section, and no curtains.

A student in attendance at the meeting told the trustees the library's collection on many social studies topics was paltry in comparison with that of several other school libraries in the district.

"(The books) are completely unsuited to the high school level, and many of them were published in the 50's and 40's," said the student.

H.E. Cullis, director of secondary education, told the meeting upgrading of the library facilities is now taking place, and announced the school will get $2,000 immediately to improve book stocks.

When questioned about the curtains by one of the school's vice-principals, school trustee David Bell gave the tongue-in-cheek reply that the school would have to make a choice.

"Books or curtains, which do you want?" queried Bell.

Equal pay rate to be

MURRAYVILLE — 1978 will be the year of equality for volunteer firemen in Langley district.

Councilors here Monday morning voted that from now on every fireman at any of the zones in Langley be paid at the same rate as his fellows.

"There is a tremendous discrepancy in what firemen are paid, some of those guys making as much as $900," Ald. Stan Fraser managed to remark before the matter quickly was dispensed for further discussion at a closed 'cabinet' meeting.

Little April Friesen was met by Mr. and Mrs. S. Claus when she visited the Royal Bank last week.

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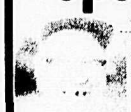
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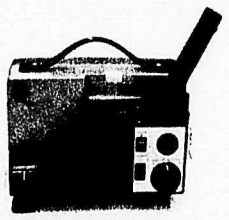
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Work to start on new elementary school

Preliminary work on a new school for South Aldergrove has been given the green light by the provincial government after several months of delays threatened to create massive overcrowding in the area's two elementary schools next fall.

Langley school board chairman Kaye Armstrong told the board's regular meeting at Aldergrove secondary school Monday night that the foundation for the new school can be laid immediately, despite the failure of the ministry of education to approve the project.

She said Jim Bennett, assistant to education minister Pat McGeer, gave verbal approval to the school start in a telephone call just before the Monday meeting began.

"They don't want the Aldergrove children on shift, if its at all possible," said Armstrong.

The board was also given an audience with McGeer January 10 after previous attempts to arrange a meeting were scuttled by the minister.

The discussion will include the upgrading of Langley senior secondary school, costs of government agencies, capital expenses, and additional help for growing areas in building school sites, an object of concern by the board.

Requests by McGeer's office for new elementary school boundary details will keep school district staff busy over the Christmas holidays.

Dr. Ben Thomas, chairman of the district's special boundary committee, admitted Monday that last year's boundaries have not been redrawn due to uncertainty over growth in several key areas.

"It's a very difficult job to draw up boundaries, particularly when you are faced with a growth situation," said Thomas. "People are moving in here...daily."

Thomas said his committee hoped to wait until a few major subdivisions in Aldergrove were populated before it attempted to alter the present boundaries.

Approval for the new school was delayed when the ministry of education issued new criterion for school buildings, forcing the trustees to send plans for the school back to the architect's drawing board.

The revised plans can go to tender as early as January 23.

Carols for OAP's

A huge crowd of Aldergrove's senior citizens gathered Friday afternoon in the Aldergrove Legion Hall for a Christmas luncheon. On hand to help out with the festivities were members of the Aldergrove elementary intermediate choir under the direction of Robert Waugh.

In a festive musical program, built entirely around a Christmas theme, the choir sang a variety of old seasonal favourites for the luncheon crowd.

In the photo above, O.A.P. president Art Cross, uses a hand held tape recorder to record one of the young vocalists on casette, so the music can be enjoyed again and again.

The O.A.P. organization performs many valuable services in the community, including the operation of the Recycling Shop on the Fraser Highway across from the Small Planet Food Store. All proceeds from that store goes back into the community through charitable donations.

Post office closed

ALDERGROVE — The post office will be closed on Christmas Day, December 26, December 27, New Year's Day and January 2.

There will be no mail services on these holidays, however, limited special deliveries will be handled on December 26, December 27 and January 2.

NOT AMUSED

Accountants caught in election battle

MURRAYVILLE — Unsuccessful mayoral candidate in the recent civic elections, George Preston, will be forwarded a letter, courtesy of the incumbent council, and according to Mayor George Driediger is expected to make a public apology.

The letter is a copy of a communication from Campbell, Sharp, Nash and Field, the chartered accountants employed by the township council.

It states, in part, "It has come to our attention that during the recent municipal election campaign some public statements were made to the effect that the 1976 audited financial statements were incorrect in that the unused borrowing power was shown as $5,549,363 and should have been $16,000,000.

"May we point out that municipal hall releases a year end report which includes the auditors report and financial statements, and also such additional statistics and financial information as the municipal hall wishes to publish.

"The error in the unused borrowing power was in the additional information and not in the audited financial statements."

"He should apologize," said Driediger of his election time opponent, "he was on the ballot as a business administrator, and he can't read a bloody financial statement."

Added Driediger, "He (Preston) was the one who brought it up in the first place."

Councilmen voted to forward copy of the accountants letter to Preston.

Caught as the innocent party in an election campaign did not thrill the accountants, as witnessed by the letter's parting remark: "We find the statements made during the election campaign to be an unjustified slur on our professional reputation, and are writing to you to have the record set straight."

Life a lottery for skiers

MURRAYVILLE — Whatever is happening to all those nice dollars that are collected every forthnight by the Western Lottery?

Municipal council here would like to know, and a motion to investigate was passed at Monday morning's council meet.

The reason?

Council is constantly being battered by sports groups who want grants for this and that, and councilmen feel that they shouldn't have to open up for the public purse when the western Canada Lottery proceeds are there to be used for such.

"Where does that bloody money go?" Ald. Elford Nundal demanded to know. "Nobody so far has been able to tell me that."

In this instance it was brought about by a letter from the B.C. Ski Team asking for a $250 grant. The request was turned down.

A request from YMCA for a grant in lieu of taxes in the amount of $2,343.24 was approved.

And finally, a grant application for an unspecified amount from the Langley Rugby Club was referred to council's finance committee for further deliberation.

Greetings

Peaceful as a countryside wrapped in snowy white, the quiet contentment of Christmas spreads across the land. We greet you with the wish that great joy may be yours at this happy, holy time. And with sincere thanks, we extend to you our great appreciation

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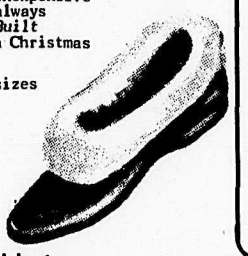

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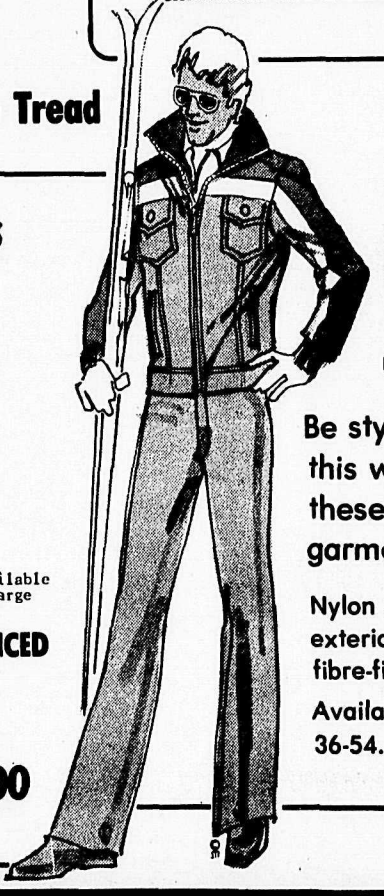

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Torrid tourist trouble

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA — Roland Boire, a big-wig in our Federal Office Of Tourism in Ottawa, says Americans don't like us as much as they used to.

That's one of the reasons, he says, Americans are not coming to Canada in such numbers as a few years back.

He said that in Canada they perceive an "anti-Americanism" that they don't like.

"Our people were once our biggest attraction," said Boire. "But most recent surveys show we are now less attractive."

Americans are not dumb; they know that our government in Ottawa is out to get all it can from the United States, and give in return as little as possible.

I hear anti-Americanism all over the place, and if I hear it, Americans hear it too.

I wouldn't go to any country where I know Canadians are not liked — if such a country exists. Of course, abroad, it is difficult to distinguish between Americans and Canadians. We all look and sound alike — to the fury of many Canadians, who run around wearing their little Maple Leaves so *they won't be mistaken for* Americans.

Such loudness always enrages and embarrasses me.

But — back to Mr. Boire in Ottawa, who is so sad about the turn American visits to Canada *have taken in the last year or so.*

He said perhaps it's not too late — Americans like one facet of life in Canada. Mr. Boire put it this way; "Americans are enthralled with the idea that they can leave their hotels in the evening, and walk around the streets in safety. That is impossible in almost every United States city."

I don't know where Mr. Boire gets this information, or what places in Canada he's talking about. There are areas in Victoria, within four blocks of the Empress Hotel, where I wouldn't walk alone after dark.

Perhaps I'm a sissy and all that, but I've been panhandled on dark streets here, and while nothing happened to me, it might well have happened — and I don't like taking chances.

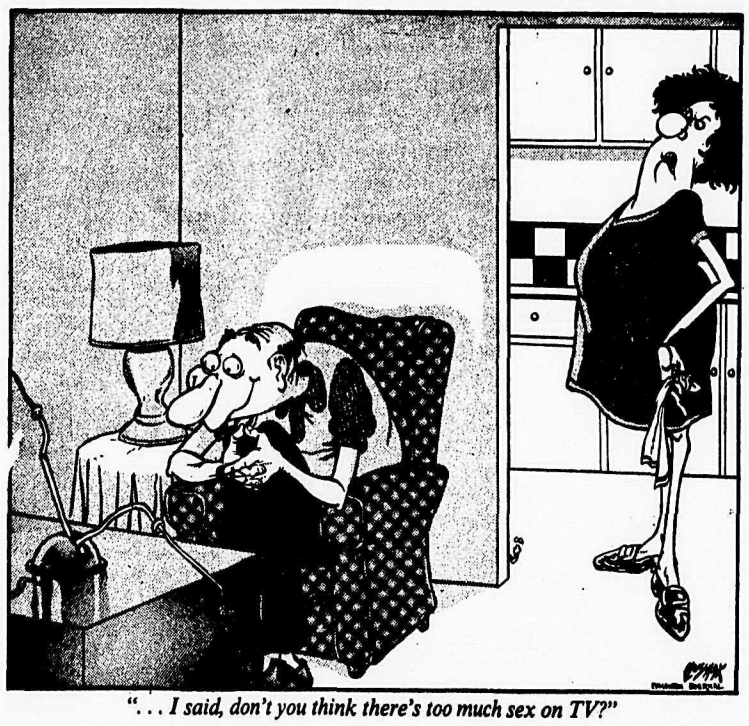
Everyday I read in the papers *that somebody gets bopped on* the head, somewhere around Victoria.

Mr. Boire, I hear, is whistling in the dark, and I hope American tourists don't heed him.

Fire the editorials

"Do you think I should put more fire into my editorials?", asked the editor.

"No", replied his publisher. "Vice versa."



". . . I said, don't you think there's too much sex on TV?"

...AT DEADLINE

Rudy Langmann

We had a late telephone call here in the news room last week just as the paper was being put to bed.

It was our local Member of Parliament, Robert Wenman, phoning long distance from Ottawa.

"Want me to read you some poetry?" asked Bob. What the hell, why not. Sing us a lullaby as well, Wenman.

Okay.

"I s... and I s... and I s... and I s... and I s... ....."

Sure, Bob. We're glad to hear that. It's good for a man, makes him feel better.

"... and I s... and I s... and I s... thirty-eight times."

Really? And you're sure it's all over? Well, goodnight Bob, and sleep well.

"You want to hear another poem?"

Do we have any choice?

"I f... and I f... and I f... and I f... ....."

We know. 38 times.

That's right.

Nice to hear that your bodily functions are back to normal and *that you have a healthy sex life.* Goodnight, Bob. We'll talk to you again later, much later.

Just a minute.

Yes, Bob?

I didn't tell you that the 'artiste' who wrote those poems was paid $28,000 to do so.

No, you didn't, Bob.

Of your money.

Yeah.

We were now wide awake.

Wenman then explained that he'd just come out of the House of Commons where he'd delivered a scathing speech condemning the Canada Council for paying this fellow Canadian, this struggling young poet, this Robert Service of the latrines, $28,000 of taxpayers money to compose the above.

And the local MP had advice for struggling jounalists and other constituents as well: You, too, can get a slice of this pie. All you have to do is befriend some other struggling young 'artist' of the avant garde movement - the more avant, the better - and you too are in the money.

You then take a ream of toilet paper, a stick, and an Eatons catalogue and retire to the little house way out there in the back forty.

Granted, it'll probably be extremely difficult to come up with anything surpassing our poet friend's efforts in originality, translucency and wit, - but we're sure we can come up with something. For $28,000 we are willing to make a serious attempt, how about you, gentle reader?

If you still need further inspiration before emerging before the world as a new William Wordsworth, well then we can suggest a visit to the Vancouver Art Gallery. There they have the graphical illustrations to your as yet unborn poem.

If you do not believe any of the above, you are welcome to check with the official Hansard.

And there, dear reader, you'll find the original non expurgated version.

This, unfortunately, is a family newspaper.

Merry Christmas.

Postscript.

I know now what to do. Late last Thursday afternoon I frequented a dimly lit watering hole in the Royal City of New Westminster. Just inside the door sat Mr. Jock, looking very cagey in his cage.

Mr. Jock, let me hasten to add, is a parrot of the old salty type.

I chatted with him for a while and learned that he has the habit of telling good looking chicks who pass by just where to go.

In his own salty language, well sprinkled with four letter words.

And then this brainstorm came to me: "why, you (addressing myself) could become the agent of that bird."

He could become the new parrot poet laureate of Canada. I could collect my 10 or 15 percent, and there would still be enough left over from perennial Canada Council grants to keep him in bird seeds.

A cold cold winter

OHSWEKEN, Ont. (CPP) — Gah-wonh-nos-da — Forbidden Voice — an 80 year old Mohawk medicine woman who has been predicting the weather for many years, says we are going to have a bad winter.

"It doesn't look good," she said, as she peeled the husk off a cob of corn. "It's been a bad summer and the corn husk tells me it'll also be a bad fall and winter."

Forbidden Voice, Alma Greene, says corn tells the weather story.

"Lots of husk means poor weather...a cold, cold winter."

Corn is not the only sign, says Forbidden Voice who has been predicting the weather since she was a young woman on the Six Nations Indian reserve near Brantford.

"Look at all the hickory nuts. That means the squirrels need a lot of food for a bad winter. The Great Spirit looks after the squirrel. He knows better than we do."

And Forbidden Voice has a reason for the bad winter she says we will have.

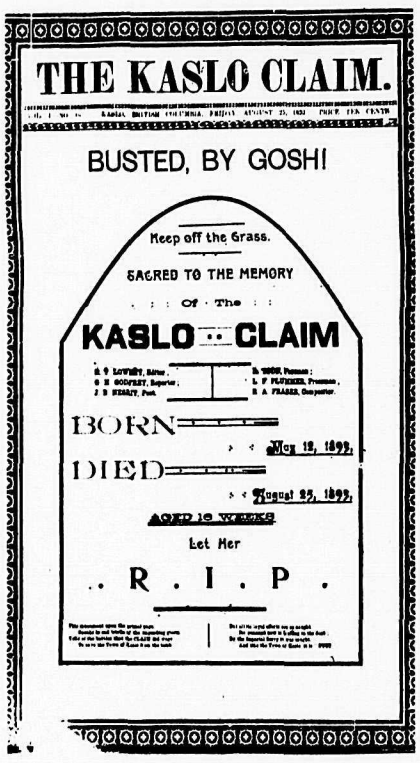
"The Great Spirit is angry with the way the white man is treating the Indian. He is getting even. We don't mind the bad weather."

Tecumseh Lowery and his Claim to fame

By BRUCE RAMSEY

One of the hallmarks of Colonel Robert Tecumseh Lowery was that he was always gentle, particularly to "sinners", "pilgrims" and down and out miners.

But he was also a very difficult man to work with. Dr. Douglas Leechman, a distinguished Canadian archaeologist and one-time head of the Glenbow Foundation, worked as a printer's devil for the colonel during the short time he operated a newspaper in Greenwood.



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"He was a strange man," Dr. Leechman told the writer, "particularly when he was in a hip-hip hooray mood."

On the not infrequent times that Lowery would go out on a binge, his editorial page would contain the following words, "hip-hip-hooray, greenbacks today. No editorial!" and the local hospital a few days later would enter his name in the admittance register with the notation, "the usual reason."

Once he went on a temperance campaign in New Denver, and his readers were startled, particularly, when he put it off for a couple of weeks with a "hip-hip-hooray" editorial. But it finally came.

"Water," he wrote, "is a terrible thing," and he went on to describe the "vacant chairs and the crying loved ones" left behind by those who went down to the sea in ships and never returned; about the horrors of floods, the devastation and loss of lives they caused, about tidal waves, and then he posed the question: Has whiskey ever been such a curse to the human race as water? Who ever heard of people being drowned in whiskey? or having typhoid spread by whiskey? Yea, verily, I say unto you, water is the greatest curse the world has ever known and is good only for cutting rock-gut hootch."

To him saloons were the "wet grocery departments" of New Denver hotels where you could "brace up for a bracing" and drunks were those who worshipped too long at the shrine of Bacchus. Ladies of the night were "soiled doves" and "fallen angels".

Now, we have said that Colonel Lowery was gentle, but there was an occasion when his gentleness vanished and he became bitter. His Kaslo Claim went bust, and he took his ire out on the people. He went after everybody in his final issue. To those who owed him money, he ran their ads upside down, and in so doing, created a journalistic gem, especially his front page, which we reproduce here.

Books are nice

One day shortly after Christmas, a friend of Mark Twain paid a visit to the humorist's house. *When he entered the library, he* noticed a pile of books on the floor.

"Gifts?" he asked.

Twain nodded.

"Why do people always give writers books for gifts?" asked the other. "Don't they think we ever need anything else?"

"Oh, I like books," said Twain. "Take these heavy books, for example. There's nothing like a heavy book for throwing at noisy cats. And thin books are just the thing to put under shaky tables and chairs. And look at this leather-bound volume. It makes an ideal razorstrap. Books are ideal gifts, I can't get enough of them."

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Merry Christmas to you all.

M. LABISH,
4527 Saddlehorn Crescent,
Aldergrove.

It's coming

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Hi.

For some reason we're not getting the paper I wanted so much. We received the Nov. 10 paper and nothing since. Sure would like to keep up with the news. If you haven't sent them yet maybe we could get them all at once.

Thanks and Merry Christmas.

BETTY WAINWRIGHT,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

(Ed. note. Patience, your subscription is on its way. Merry Christmas to you, too)

Thoughtless driver

Editor, The Star, Sir,

This letter is addressed to the driver of the car travelling south on 272 Street on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7:45 a.m.

Although a car has no legal obligation to stop after knocking a dog down, I feel a person does have a moral obligation.

I hope the driver of that car never goes through the heartbreak myself and my children suffered when we looked out and saw our beloved dog laying on the side of the road.

Unable to move her ourselves we had to stay with her there until help was available to get her to a vet.

God willing she will be home to spend Christmas with us again.

Mrs. C. HEPTING
Aldergrove.

Proper food is the answer

Editor, The Star, Sir,

The ever increasing incidents of vandalism and criminal activity by juveniles is a very real problem. Deterents and punishments are no doubt a necessity but will not cure or eliminate the criminal tendency, neither will correctional schools or psychotherapy.

Juveniles who intentionally destroy, steal or rob are embryo criminals. They have the foundation and start of a criminal tendency which if not cured and stopped, will grow like a cancer into adult indiscriminate criminality.

It is a well known fact that in the mysteries of nutrition is hidden the cause of poor health and diseases. It is also suspected that nutrition is implicated in insanity and mental disorders that affect the mind. This is undoubtably correct, but the fundamental principle involved has not been solved.

In the creation of animal and human life, the food to sustain life was also created. This food that is our natural basic nutrition contains all the substances required in a perfectly balanced diet. It represents a living law of creation. This law must be obeyed.

All food from vegetation is a living food. It is complete in everything required for perfect physical and mental health. We may prepare our food in any way we like, but it must remain in its natural basic form.

If any part of the basic food is destroyed or removed as in refining and we knowingly eat such abnormally processed food, we are defying a low of creation, and will have to pay the penalty.

Wild animals are forced by instinct (which is mind) to select and eat the right kind of natural basic food.

Instead of instinct, human beings have an inner mind, the sub-conscious mind, which is a small part of the Universal Mind. *It is our human quality.* This mind is *our intelligence and our guide* in any lawful or creative undertaking. If used for dishonest or criminal purposes, we will gradually lose our human quality.

Contrary to the vegetarian ideology, animal products and sea food are natural basic food. It is the second generation of basic food. It is dominant in its natural form.

The cause of juvenile delinquency is acute deficiency in many essential nutrients which can only be aquired from natural basic food. In many cases a loving mother will want to be very good to her children and let them pick out their own selection of food without guidance. Their choice will most likely be white bread, refined flour products, cakes, cookies, pastry and any junk food they can find. A hot dog and a *bottle of pop is a swell lunch.* All this is worthless food.

In research and tests conducted long ago, it was found that rats fed on a diet of white bread alone, could not live more than three months, whereas, rats fed on a whole grain bread diet were very *healthy at the end of three* months.

Some children at an early age will become pouty, cranky, disobedient and hard to handle. This is a definite sign of a wrong and inadequate diet where both physical and mental health is affected and if not corrected, may grow into the criminal tendency. Children must be trained to eat simple pure natural basic foods, from the time of the cradle, including milk, whole grain bread and whole grain products. They will then grown normally strong with bones and teeth that will last far beyond school age.

For a healthy body and a sound mind, growing children must eat simple, unrefined, natural basic foods.

FRITZ PETERSON,
#88 - 1884 McCallum Road,
Abbotsford.

Boredom... that's the rub

Editor, The Star,

Much is said for and against alcohol, dope, drugs and stimulants of all kinds, and we all seem to be quite confused. We are all looking for a solution but for some reason, or so it seems to me, no one touches on the underlying cause of it all. And that, I think, is boredom, not being needed or wanted by society.

Kids used to sneak behind the woodpile to have an occasional *smoke, but they were needed,* they had their jobs waiting for them. They were eager to get out and prove themselves and take their place in society.

Today we have a society which offers more and more spare time to all of us, young and old, but *when attemps are made* to use this time for better physical and mental health (sports all the year around), better knowledge, greater understanding in all subjects, increase in skills, joy in music, creative arts and reading, there is a public outcry about wasteful frills and an unwillingness to support and pay for it.

Well, then you will have to cope with vandalism, dope, heavy drinking, in short, non involvement in anything constructive. But don't expect if you make this or that illegal or inflict greater punishment, that anything will be accomplished. Of course what we really need is full employment.

I believe, and history should have taught us, that full employment is an absolute must if you want peace and a good stable society.

A dictatorship will give you full employment and war and destruction in the end. If we want peace, a good society with full employment, then we, all the people, have to be involved and all of us have to be willing to work and pay for it. Not a society of isolated *wealth and riches for a few* millionaires, but of all people doing their part and getting their share.

EBE KOEPPEN,
7580 - 202A Street,
Langley.

Excellent reporting

Editor, The Star, Sir,

We would like you to know that all members appreciate the excellent reporting contained in the article "Dog Owners in uproar over legislation (Dec. 14, 1977).

This is the most thoroughly researched and accurate account *that has appeared in any of the* papers.

It is objective, factual, and lets hope it brings results.

Congratulations and all members are wishing you a very happy Holiday Season.

GAY JARVIS
The Fraser Valley Dog Fanciers

History re-directed

Editor, The Star, Sir,

Many extraordinary events have been recorded in human history which have been and are long remembered. One event interrupted history so effectively that the course of human history has been totally re-directed.

The over 20 Christian parishes represented by their pastors in the Langley and area ministerial association humbly wish to share that significant event with the world and our community. We desire to share with everyone the good news that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Saviour and extend the invitation to you to appreciate and appropriate the gift of life from God given us in that history erupting event of God becoming one of us in his son of Jesus Christ.

We invite you and yours to worship the Lord of Christmas in and with our gathered congregations this holy season. May the warmth of His birth be the warmth of your season's celebration and may you celebrate with us in the worship of Christ the Lord.

Immanuel, God is with us,
REV. FRANK W. SCHMITT,
President,
Langley Ministerial Association.

Guides are grateful

Editor, The Star, Sir,

We would like to thank everyone who supported us and gave of their time and were so patient, helping us with our guide work for the first half of the year. We would particularly like to thank *the Aldergrove volunteer fire* department (what would we do without Walt Makela?), Evelyn Marshall of Valley Travel Service Ltd. who valiantly helped us although suffering from a bout with the flu, and Mrs. Langmann who gave her time to show us how a newspaper "works".

We would also like to thank all the mothers who test for badges, help with driving and make fudge on request.

We have had a most successful three months and wish all our helpers a Merry Christmas and all the best for 1978.

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Board fiddles

I had a clipping in the mail the other day from a reader who wanted me to know of the fiddling of mainland school boards. It referred to the purchase by the Coquitlam school board of 600 violins. The instruments were bought six years ago and 150 were used. The board now has 15 in use and wants to sell 585 violins. Any offers? Several of them may be by Stadivarius! On the other hand, they may not.

Gulf Islands Driftwood

Bill Smiley

What's with us?

Boy, I get sick of the news sometimes, don't you? Unemployment and inflation are up. Housing is scarce and mighty expensive. The idiots in Ulster are still blowing each other up. The various pipeline debates go on and on. And everybody is scared stiff that Quebec will separate. Boring, boring, boring.

It becomes difficult to remain a positive, concerned citizen of this country of ours when the daily news is nothing but bad. Madness and senseless violence and fear of involvement seem to be all about us.

It's highly doubtful that any Canadian hockey club can beat the Russians, Toronto Blue Jays are the worst teams in their respective leagues. My friends are getting old and sick. I have to have a tooth extracted tomorrow. And the bricks on my house are crumbling, just like my teeth. Just try to keep a stiff upper lip when you haven't any teeth with which to stiffen it.

Canadian women are living six and a half years more than Canadian men. Juvenile delinquency is increasing at the rate of 6.3 per cent annually. And my bursitis is playing hell with my shoulder.

Taxes in Canada are higher than they are in Britain. Two guys trying to fly the Atlantic in a balloon ditched in the sea near Iceland. And some poor turkey, fishing in the Niagara River, was drowned when his tackle-box fell in and he jumped after. He probably had a mickey of rye in it.

Another big (really big) cabinet minister resigns from the government. George Chuvalo, at 40, wants one last fight. A CBC drama shows Alberta and Ottawa getting a royal screwing from U.S.-based oil companies.

And my wife wants to buy a whole lot of new furniture for the living room, despite the fact that the stuff we have is only 30 years old, and perfectly good, if you like leaning lamps and rump-spring chairs.

We've got enough natural gas to last us for years, but we won't be able to afford it. The weather is absolutely rotten. So is my car, which is about to disintegrate in a cloud of rust-dust, should anyone give it a kick.

In Quebec, the English-speaking are taking a hosing, while in the rest of the country, various guys called Goyer, Chretien, Lalonde and Trudeau are telling us what to think. And I never did get the stain on my picnic table.

Nothing much wrong with the big banks, of course. There never is. Why, one of them has slashed its interest rate on loans for new cars from 13.5 to 12.5 interest. Quello benevolence!

Who needs it when the price of cars has gone up about six per cent? If you see a car going by you some time in the next year, and a body falls through the bottom, that'll be me. Running my old car until it disintegrates.

However, there's an out. I can buy a Turbo Commander executive jet that will Fly Above The Weather, for only $160,000.00. Trade or finance. I think I might have to finance that one.

Ottawa recently floated a bond issue of one billion dollars with remarkable ease. Authorities are "enthralled" with the ease with which the bonds are sold. Why not, they say, cut personal taxes and cover the enlarged deficit with increased borrowing? Why not, indeed? They only have a debt now of six and a half billion dollars. Peanuts.

What in the name of all that is weird has happened to this country in the last three decades? We came out of World War II with a proud war record and fourth in the world in gross national product. We had a surging economy, a vibrant industrial health, and all those natural resources. We were united and free and strong. The future was rosy.

Thirty odd years later, we can't sell our products because our prices are too high. We have one of the worst records in the world for industrial and civil strikes. Our postal system is rotten. Our railways don't carry passengers. Factories are closing down right and left. The Maritimes are a disaster area. And Quebec is practically dictating its own terms, with a shattered Dominion in the offing.

Maybe we came too quickly out of the national short pants and into the overalls. Maybe we got greedy and lazy and soft. Maybe we had third-rate leadership that sold out our water and our energy and our other natural resources for interim political prestige.

Whatever happened, we have something very close to a national disaster on our hands. Our dollar is weak. Our young people have little faith in the future. Our middle-aged are suspicious and cynical. Our system is riddled with the worst aspects of bureaucracy.

Thirty years ago, I'd have said to any of many friends from the Commonwealth; Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia "Come to Canada; that's where the future is; greatest country in the world."

I'd have difficulty in pronouncing those words today. I could say we have the best unemployment premiums in the world, great health plans. But there's not much room here now to build a future. Pity.

The tiniest ham... My little Chickadee

Go almost anywhere in the suburbs or the country now, even to the edge of a city park if there is a bird feeder nearby, and you will see chickadees.

A full-grown chick seldom weighs more than half an ounce, about the weight of an ordinary letter. Inside that tiny body is a heart that beats close to 700 times a minute, so fast that through a stethoscope its sound is practically a buzz.

But these are details; this bird is more than the sum of its anatomical parts. It is a lively spark of personality. It can be a ham actor, a bully, a wheedler, an acrobat. It loves a human audience and comes to the dooryard feeder as much for companionship as for a snack. As an entertainer, it is all pro, the feathered song-and-dance performer who gets, and deserves, top billing on the winter circuit of the dooryard feeders.

-The New York Times

FROM THE BACK PORCH
Bill Clark

Me an Hardhat an Pete Svensen wus down to see how Missus MacTaggart is makin' out since Old Mac died. Hardhat ses Old Mac wus shur a tuff old cuss an Pete ses you wudn't think so if you had seen him one Christmas mebbe thirty years ago.

Times wus real tuff then, ses Pete, an they had jest about enuf fer to buy a sack of flour onct in a wile. Mac cudn't buy the Missus nuthin' fer Christmas an he wus gettin' desprit wen it cum to him real sudden.

Missus Mac wus tangled up in sum wimmen's work an she wus allus goin' to meetings er the wimmen wus comin' to the house an wen Mac took her in the sleigh it wus twenny below an the Missus wus shiverin' in a coat wot wus so threadbare an old it shud have ben flang out.

Trubbel wus, ses Pete, she didn't have nuthin' else, so Old Mac borrowed sum traps an went trappin'.

Mac wud find the littel animals in the traps, jest screamin' an cryin', an he wud end it fer them quick an then he wud lean agin a tree an flang up.

Wen he cum home he wud be purty white an shakin' bad an Missus Mac wud think he wus comin' down with sumthin', but Old Mac tuffed it out becus it wus fer the Missus.

Old Mac worked on the furs in the littel cabin out back, ses Pete, an he made the nicest fur parka you ever seen. Missus Mac didn't know nuthin', except Old Mac wud get down on his knees wen it cum bedtime an he wud ask the Good Lord to make it real easy fer them he had hurt.

Missus Mac cudn't figger it out, Pete ses, becus Old Mac never hurt nuthin' in his life, near as she cud recall.

Well, sir, ses Pete, cum Christmas morning Mac had jest took the fur parka frum under the tree where he had wrapt it real nice wen there's a hammerin' an bangin' on the door an all these wimmen cum in.

Missus Mac is lookin' real proud an she gives Old Mac a big hug an ses she is shur happy, becaus the wimmen all the way frum Grassy Plains to Wistaria Landing has been workin' fer months an they has elektid Old Mac fer President of their new group, wot is callt the S.P.C.A.

Old Mac ses wot the hell is that? an Missus Mac ses it is the Society fer the Prevenshun of Cruelty to Animals an Old Mac put his face in the furs an startid to cry.

Wot happen then? asts Hardhat.

Pete looks at him sorta quiet fer a spell. Finely he ses there is sum stories that never end an mebbe this is one of them.

So Pete ses he is gonna leave it that way.

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A Merry Christmas to everyone, frum the Littel Dog an the Old Cat; frum the wife an frum Missus Mac and Old Mac; frum Pete and Hardhat, an frum yours, Bill Clark.

Goliath Country

Birds circle bewildered
in a scathing grey rain
above this field of the fallen -
these huge slain.
Cawing puzzlement,
they sideslip and swoop.
The downed giants lie silent
in more than sleep.

There has been great havoc here -
an enormous slaughtering.
Some David has run amok
with a relentless sling
leaving a broken green silence -
an apocalypse of wood
and a new void in the universe
where Goliaths once stood.

They will come to remove the bodies
while the echoes linger
in driven chariots, driven
by the hard ancient hunger.
Birds circle bewildered
like men long-travelled
who return to find their homes gone
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Multimillion dollar question

By MUN HOPE

If a stranger comes to the door with a multimillion dollar question, how do you answer him?

That's exactly the experience of a West Texas sheep rancher.

All that the stranger wanted, was permission to come in; and to start drilling for oil. That was alright with the rancher called Yates, because he was already worried about his bills. It was during the depression, and Yates was not able to make enough money on his operation to pay both principal and interest on the mortgage.

In fact, he was in danger of losing everything. Thus he quickly made up his mind and gave the oil company permission to commence operations immediately.

He was glad that he let the stranger in.

The first well came in at 80,000 barrels a day. After thirty years, there was another well on his land with a potential flow of 125,000 barrels of oil per day.

This multimillionaire was living in poverty at one time, simply because he did not know the facts. Otherwise, he would have given someone the permission to come in long ago, and take charge of the necessary operations.

This story is true. However, not everybody can be Yates, the sheep rancher.

But there is an even more astounding situation, if we dare to take just a few moments to ponder over the matter. It can involve everybody.

About two thousand years ago, the Lord Jesus Christ came down to this planet.

There was no Olympic Games in town - no World's Fair even. But there was no room for Him in the Inn. They despised Him and rejected Him. They mocked Him; and nailed Him to the Tree because He revealed Himself to be the true God.

He paid the penalty for our sins in full; and arose from the dead both physically and spiritually, because he said that He is what He said He is - God in the flesh!

This Stranger is now knocking at the door of every spiritually - bankrupt person, who is in danger of losing everything, spiritually, morally and eternally.

Each person who dares to give the Lord Jesus Christ the permission to come into his life; and to take care of his property - his soul, his body, his mind and all that he is and has, will wonder why he leaves this decision until now!

The following passages from the Holy Scriptures will take on a new meaning:

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name." John 1: 11,12.

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Revelation 3:20.

Here is another appropriate Scripture which I presented recently at the civic banquet.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My Word and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5: 24.

Another great promise, presented at the invocation for the city council follows:

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4: 13.

Also at the annual banquet commemorating our first governor, I was reminded of Ephesians 1: 3:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

The snow storm during the recent Friday luncheon to hear the federal Member of Parliament merely accentuates the truth of John 3: 16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

HOW IS YOUR IN-PUT?

No room at the inn

By ROY HALL

Among the themes man has written about, which embody the particulars surrounding the birth of Jesus, has been the lack of room for Joseph and Mary that natal night. "No Room in the Inn", "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne," and "Room for Thee" are but three titles which emphasize this. The scripture supporting this is: "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7).

"No Room in the In!" Yes, I mis-spelled the word "inn" — but I did so intentionally. How often we hear, "If I had been the innkeeper that historic night when Joseph and Mary appeared at my door in Bethlehem, I most certainly would have let them in." And yet, can it be that some who would speak in this way are guilty of blocking the entrance of the King to our hearts?

We have much religion in the world, but could do with a great deal more Christianits. Crime, violence, vandalism, selfishness, ill will — the whole gamut of humanity-destructive things — will go, as the individual (and society) makes room in the heart for Jesus.

The Bible has an honoured place in the legislative and judicial areas of our land. Provision is made for its reading in our educational institutions. It is available in hospitals, hotels and motels. Poor is the home that does not possess a Bible. This unique book shares the staggering news "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

In an appeal for consistency, I would urge all who place any value whatsoever upon this great Book, to apply its sacred truth to our way of life; to an every day experience of fellowship with God through acceptance of, and obedience to, His word. We need to do much more than to give it token recognition.

In the fullness of His revelation as very God and very man, Jesus reminded: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me. And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life." (John 5:39-40).

Let your response to the Gift of God's love be — to use a line from a beautiful Christmas hymn — "There is room in my heart for Thee."

(Mr. Hall is pastor at the Langley Church of the Nazarene.

Make room in the inn

By STANLEY H. CHURCHILL

In St. Luke's story of the Nativity, we read these stunning words: "There was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7).

No room for them - There was room in that Bethlehem inn that night for everything and everyone else - the money changer, the highwayman, the businessman, the prostitute, the Pharisee, the farmer, the alcoholic - but there was no place, no hospitality left for the Christ Child to be born under that roof that bitter winter's night.

Of course, all that happened 2000 years ago. But this story carries a sobering reflection for each of us today. How all too often are our own lives like that inn! The demands of daily activities - if we allow them to - crowd ever more demandingly in upon us, especially at the Christmas season, until there is scarce left time to eat or sleep, let alone for those precious and healing moments of prayer and rededication to Christ. Business, homemaking, meetings upon meetings, parties, appointments, TV, and the like catch one up in a faster and faster whirl of coming and going until we are like to meet ourselves coming home as we go rushing off to yet another activity. And, oddly, it seems that the array of electric and mechanical time and labor saving gadgetry our homes abound in, instead of bringing us a measure of leisure and peace, contribute even more to the pressures of modern "life."

The result, then, unless we wake up to become wiser "inn keepers" of our own souls, is that we are robbed of the peace and deep abiding satisfaction which can come only from inwardly listening to and heeding that "still small voice" of the Christ, and we find ourselves cheated out of taking the time to silently commune with God in prayer each day. There is only one way in which we can reverse the rush and better the record. That is by resolutely taking the time - and resolutely doing it. Every day!

Writing of these basic priorities of life in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, the Discoveror and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, puts it this way: "Spiritual living and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love." (P. 264).

Our better and wiser selection of the "guests" which try to rush into our own "Bethlehem inns" does not mean we will neglect the many right and needful duties and obligations of daily living. On the contrary, those who govern and protect their lives by this "putting of first things first," find that humanly they accomplish more, with less expenditure of time and energy than they ever did before. When Christ Jesus said, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone," (Matt. 23:23), he was giving us a road map to ease our burdens and speed our search for peace.

Heeding and obeying this injunction of our Master, "peace on earth," comes increasingly into daily living, and we find the time and opportunity for more "goodwill to men."

Do have a Happy Christmas!

CONSCIENCE AND COMMENT

The Christmas shepherds

By Rev. K. NEILL FOSTER

Their freckled faces peer from their shawls. Their pint-sized hands clutch makeshift canes. Their fresh trailing bed sheets sweep the aisle. The Christmas play progresses. Lo, the shepherds are here!

Of course, we knew all along they would be. Without the shepherds, the manger scene would lack. Somehow, so would Christmas.

But have you ever wondered why? What possible connection exists between ancient, agrarian shepherds and the hurried, hectic pace of Christmas today? And how can we identify?

Well, for one thing, we might take comfort that the shepherds were busy too. After all, they were working "Christmas Eve".

Then God exploded among them. He sent a message that would change their lives. He entered their routine. He spread His glory around them!

That is what God wants for us — and our routine — this Christmas.

The shepherds of 2,000 years ago ranked low on the social scale. Their reputation was bad; "finer" folk avoided them. They could not testify in a court of law; their testimony was discounted.

Yet God treated these lowly folk as special people. He shared Christmas with them.

To their credit, the shepherds believed what God had said. The Messiah, the Savior, had been born in little Bethlehem. They would find Him in a barn, wrapped in strips of cloth.

To some, it might have seemed preposterous. The shepherds took God at His word.

That is what God wants for us — and all His world — this Christmas.

So, it seems, the ancient Christmas shepherds really do have a message for today. It is awaiting our discovery — just beyond the sheets and shawls!

December 23 brings carols

BRADNER — On Friday, December 23 at 7:30 p.m. the Presbyterian church here will resound with the carols of Christmas.

It is on this night that the choir of the church will be sponsoring a special service. There will be a number of different groups involved in the service.

The choir will provide the main portion of the music with the other groups performing their own selections.

The groups include the Sunday school and the Young People's group.

The service is being held before Christmas Eve in order to allow the families of the church to spend time together on that special night.

The service will involve music which everyone will enjoy and be able to participate in.

The services for Sunday, December 25, and Jan. 1 have been cancelled.

The regular services of worship will commence once again on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located on Bradner Road near Haverman.

More information may be obtained by contacting the minister, Pastor Bob Calder at 826-5328.

Home Run For Rusty involves a lot of kids in the motion picture being shown at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Aldergrove Gospel Chapel.

Home run for Rusty

ALDERGROVE — Home Run for Rusty is a brand new motion picture for the entire family to be shown at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 24 and 25 at the Aldergrove Gospel Chapel at 26580 - 29th Avenue.

This film includes a lot of action, a lot of kids and a lot of though-provoking situations intended to challenge the audience to consider the real meaning of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ at this time of the year.

During the new year, the series of color movies produced by Dr. Frances Schaeffer will continue with The Revolutionary Age at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The Scientific Age will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14 and 15. The Age of Non-Reason will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28 and 29.

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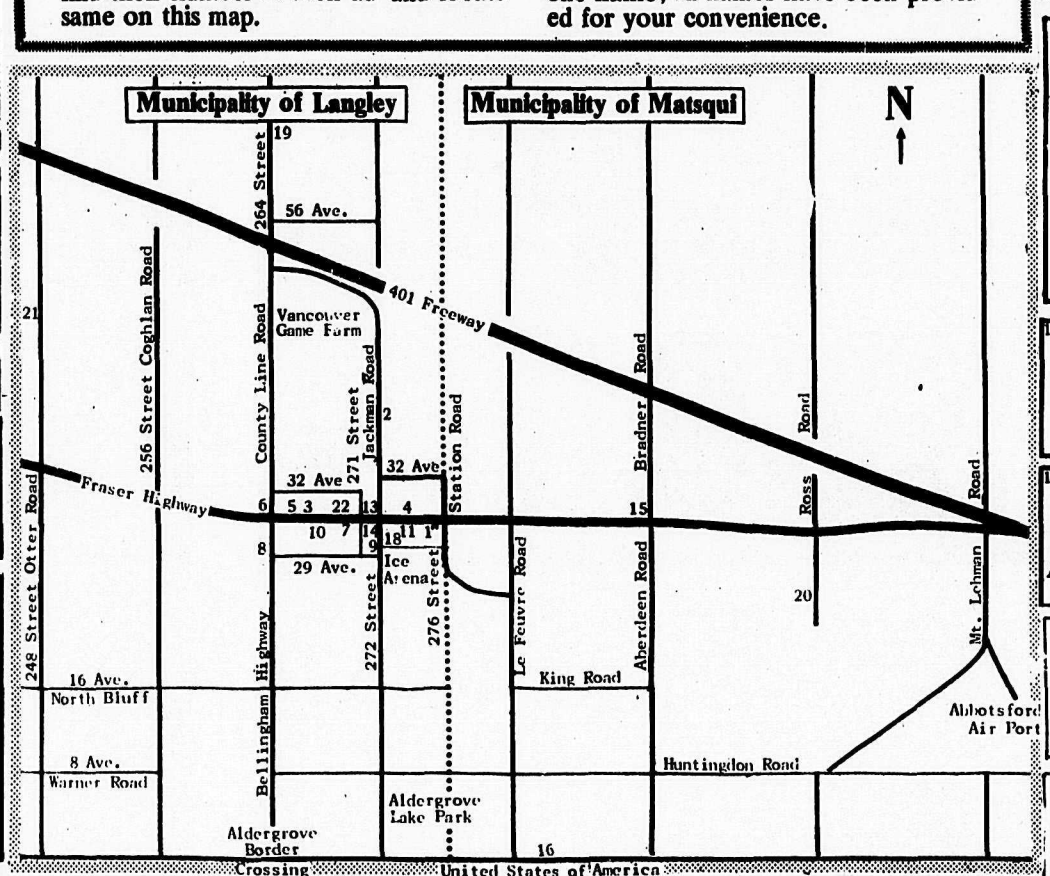

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Clark and Trudeau - on unemployment: You choose

"If it's just a job you want, my heart does not bleed for you in Toronto." (Pierre Trudeau, March 25, 1977)

"There's no case for university graduates. They're the ones who get the jobs." (Pierre Trudeau, March 25, 1977)

"...if they don't like it here, let them find another country where they could use university graduates." (Pierre Trudeau, March 25, 1977)

"...if you want to work, we can give you a pick and shovel." (Pierre Trudeau, March 11, 1972)

"...many Canadians now out of work could find jobs if they were willing to relocate elsewhere in Canada, accept lower wages and 'use a pick and shovel'". (Pierre Trudeau, March 11, 1972)

"There are a lot of people in this country who are bargaining that, oh well, the government can't hang tough for too long because it will only get frightened when it sees unemployment go up to 6 per cent. But if people think we are going to lose our nerve now, they should think again. We're not." (Pierre Trudeau, Dec. 23, 1969)

"...in seasonally adjusted terms we have reached the maximum unemployment we are likely to go through." (Unemployment was 6.4 percent.) (Pierre Trudeau, Feb. 5, 1971)

"I have no answers" (to a question concerning programs to alleviate summer unemployment) (Pierre Trudeau, Feb. 5, 1971)

"We can be obsessed with unemployment". (Pierre Trudeau, Mar. 11, 1972)

"There are pressures on the unemployment situation due to the fact that the economy will be growing more slowly and the labour force will continue to increase at least until the early 1980's." (Pierre Trudeau, October 18, 1976)

"Unemployment is not as bad as some people out there want to pretend it is." (Pierre Trudeau, Oct. 8, 1977)

"When inflation climbs, when employment climbs, so does unrest. The 300,000 Quebeckers who are out of work today might be expected to be a little more enthusiastic about federalism if they had a job." (Joe Clark, Toronto, May 6, 1977)

"The Trudeau government looks on with callous indifference while a generation of unemployed Canadians come of age in Quebec." (Joe Clark, Rouyn, Quebec, May 8, 1977)

"Thousands of young people graduate this spring from CEGEPS and university with no job opportunities, and with Mr. Trudeau's scornful advice ringing in their ears - to look in some other countries for jobs." (Joe Clark, Rouyn, May 8, 1977)

"*The time has come for* governments to realize and recognize that it is the enterprise economy, not the administered economy, which is the true source of new jobs and new opportunities". (Joe Clark)

"... more than 150,000 Canadians, many of them our young people, find that, instead of a job, the best their national government can offer is a UIC cheque or a welfare payment." (Joe Clark, Verdun, Quebec, April 13, 1977) *reference is to increase in unemployment over last year

"Young Canadians - to whom Mr. Trudeau says: "If you want a job, leave the country" - cannot be expected to develop a work ethic until there is work to have ethics about." (Joe Clark, Toronto, March 30, 1977)

"There is no question at all that a weak economy stimulates division, and there is no question, by contrast, that a strong economy can let us build together toward common goals." (Joe Clark, National Unity Debate, p. 7318 Hansard)

"These figures represent a national tragedy which not only threatens the social and economic well-being of millions of Canadians but which can only add further strain to the fabric of our Confederation." (Joe Clar, Ottawa, August 9, 1977)

"This government gives no evidence of even caring about the problem. Their attitude borders on criminal neglect." (Joe Clark, Ottawa, August 9, 1977)

"By seeking to minimize federal responsibility for economic stabilization, Mr. Chretien plays into the hands of the spearatists in Quebec. And for those bearing the brunt of Canada's long struggle against regional disparity, the new Minister emerges as no friend. Like his Liberal predecessors, and His Prime Minister, Mr. Chretien is not part of the solution. He is part of the problem." (Joe Clark, Fredericton, October 1977)

"The immediate priority of a new government in Ottawa will be to get private investment, expansion and job creation growing again, on the basis of confidence in the government's economic policies." (Joe Clark, Fredericton, October 1977)

"So long as transport policy and energy policy, tariff policy and resource taxation policy, hamper regional growth, moving some civil servants from Ottawa will not begin to compensate for the jobs exported from the Maritimes, and the opportunities lost in the Maritimes." (Joe Clark, Fredericton, October 1977)

"Two other statements in the Kingston communique deserve *particular attention. The first* says: "We affirm our view that the only way to generate permanent jobs and growth is to establish a climate in which large and small business can plan and invest with confidence." The second reads: "While direct job creation may be necessary now in regions of acute unemployment, these programs should accord with provincial development priorities and contribute to permanent job creation." Together they reflect yet another basic difference between our approach and that of the Trudeau government." (Joe Clar, Toronto, September 1977)

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A thought provoking and well written book which you might consider picking up as a Christmas gift is "Trudeau's Canada — Truth or Consequences" by Philip Bom. You could order it through the publisher:
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You should now be receiving my latest 'Ottawa Review' which among other things has a questionnaire and an article entitled "The So-Called RCMP Affair". I would very much like to receive your opinions so please fill out and return the short questionnaire.

Dr. J.J. TOEWS

Marriage counsellor speaks to ministerial

ALDERGROVE — Campaign to *restore happiness and purpose in* marriage and family life was advocated by Dr. J.J. Toews, at a meeting of church leaders from eighteen district churches and assemblies, held last Wednesday morning at the Aldergrove Gospel Chapel.

Origin and nature of sex and marriage should be better understood, he said.

"Finding and becoming a life's partner is not accidental," he continued.

"Then there is the matter of authority and influence in family life. Is the family a democracy or a dictatorship? Is it individualism versus group pressure? Is the patriarchal structure really archaic?"

Dr. Toews was introduced by Dave Esau as an outstanding marriage counsellor who has visited over forty different countries, and who has taught for eleven years, including seven years in college.

Stan Nelson of Trinity Western College brought up the matter of pornography.

He felt that the Canada Council should exercise more discretion in sponsoring "cultural projects".

Some of the controversial "poems" were shown to the group by Mun Hope.

Visitation of senior citizens' homes was discussed by Paul Fast and S. Roy Hall.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 11, at the board room, at Trinity Western.

Honeymoon in Manning Park

ALDERGROVE — Ann Marie Catherine Logue was given away in marriage by her father, William Logue, when she exchanged matrimonial vows with David Andrew Pullen at a ceremony held in Kerrisdale, Vancouver, on Nov. 26.

Officiating at the ceremony was the Rev. M. Stewart.

Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Logue, of 6574 Vine Street, Vancouver.

Dave is the son of Arthur and Doris Pullen, of 70 Wolferton Lane, Willerby, Hull, England.

The bride was dressed in a knee length off white dress with lace on the arms and yoke. She carried a bouquet of rust colored and yellow daisies and chrysanthemums, orange roses and white mums.

Maid of honor was Fiona Pullen, the daughter of the bridegroom. She was dressed in a calf length printed gypsy skirt and a brown peasant style top and carried yellow tea roses.

The mother of the bride wore a blue knee length dress with a blue sash.

Best man was Jack Reams of Aldergrove.

There were approximately 50 guests at the reception held at the Logue home, with the bride's brother and sister-in-law attending from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

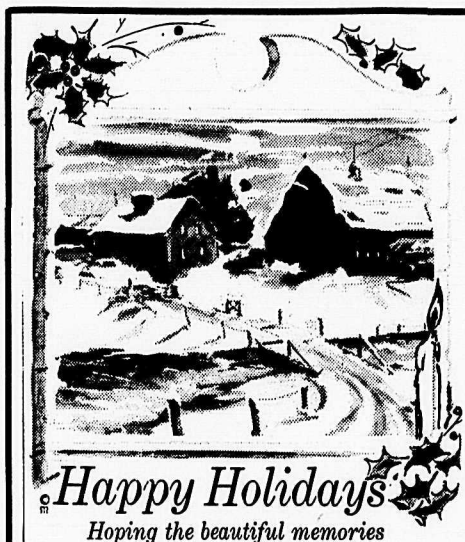
Assisting at the reception were Mae Smith, the bride's aunt, Joan Myers and Evelyn Dinroche, cousins of Ann's. Michael Logue was in charge of the gifts.

For her wedding trip to Manning Park, the radiant bride wore an orange two-piece dress with a cowl neckline, brown boots, a fawn coat and a single orange rose.

The bride attended UBC, and the groom Hymers College in England.

He is employed by R. & H. Farms in Aldergrove, and the couple are now making their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. David Pullen



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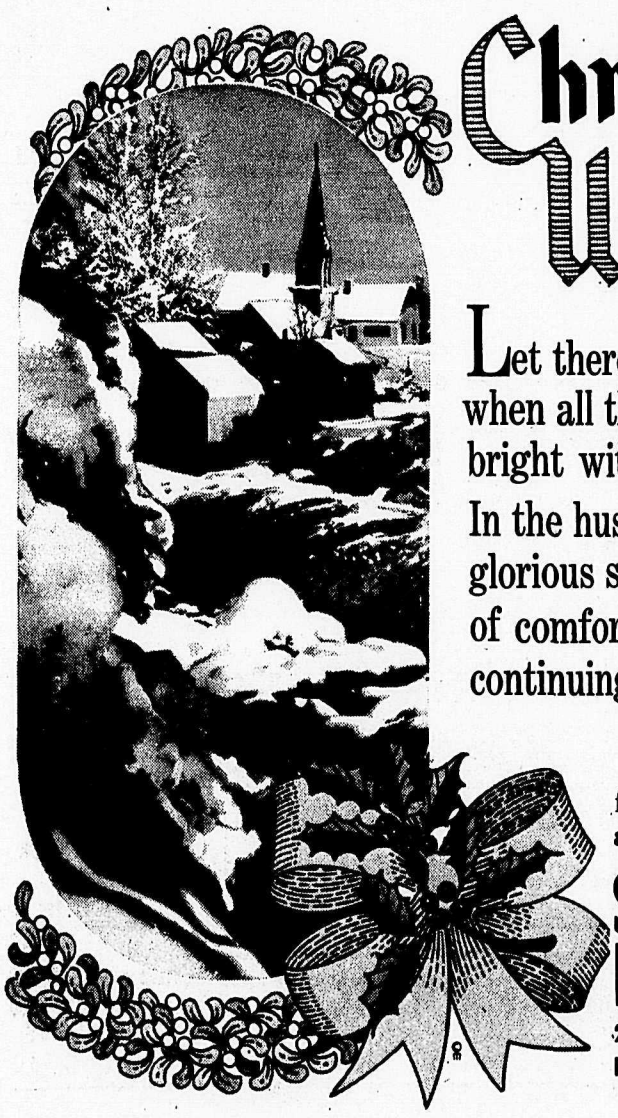

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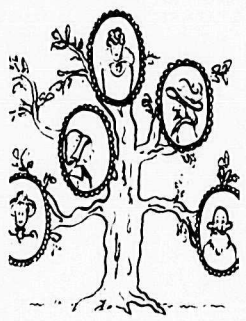
Tracing your family tree

By WILLIAM JAMES

Thousands of Canadians are discovering the excitement of tracing their ancestral roots, and a large number of these researchers are British Columbians.

If you have ever thought of being a detective, ever thrilled to the tales of historic times and deeds or ever wondered about your family origins then you are a natural as a potential genealogist.

That's the opinion of B.C. family tree researcher, Graham Edis, who during recent years has talked with, instructed and assisted hundreds of people who were curious about their family beginnings.



"Reasons for searching out a family tree vary considerably. They range from attempts to link up the family with a lost inheritance, to discover family relationships with important historical figures, or merely to fulfil the urge to discover something of the hundreds of forebears that have resulted in the unique individual of today.

"Whatever the reason, a duke, a witch, a pirate and many, many ordinary folk are all possible participants in the family line."

Edis is a former executive member of both the B.C. Genealogical Society and the Family History Association. He teaches basic genealogy to adult education classes and is the chief librarian for the Vancouver Branch Genealogical Library, part of the Salt Lake City based Genealogical Society, the world's largest family history microfilm library.

Last year his Vancouver library staff helped almost 4,000 researchers get on the right track of their early families.

An Australian by birth, but without the drama of convict ancestry, he traces his origins to early Britain and has noted the earliest Edis name way back in 669 AD when Stephanus Edius came to England to teach the Roman ecclesiastical art of chanting.

His wife, the former Shirley Huscroft, was born in the Kootenays from a line of pioneers. The Huscrofts are often credited with being the first family to settle in the Kootenay Vally near present-day Creston after a 1,000 mile trek overland with covered wagons from the U.S. midwest.

Together they have produced a do-it-yourself workbook, "Trace you Family Tree" to start enthusiasts from all walks of life on the art of ancestry hunting.

"The workbook really wasn't planned. It just grew over two years from solving the problems that the average person had when getting started in genealogy," said Edis.

The couple first adapted standard pedigree charts and record sheets so that they were easier for the novice to use, then created a system of record logs to ensure researchers knew where they were going and how to get there.

"We found that a large number of people just confused themselves by reading the heavy genealogy books before they really were under way. Often they also forgot where they had searched and who they had written to. They got lost in their own confusion of records, so we added a system that would enable them to record their correspondence, their research in any library, record office or cemetery and their work on microfilmed records from all over the world."

Starting as a series of duplicated and stapled sheets the instruction guide has grown into a comprehensive but inexpensive paper back workbook with enough sheets and pedigree charts to keep even the most enthusiastic researcher busy for at least a year. Along with the pages of addresses and "get you started" advice there's even a relationship chart so one can figure where third cousin Richard five times removed fits into the family scheme of things.

Edis says that while family histories have been published continually for several hundred years, it took the popularity of "Roots" in book and television form to make the majority of 20th Century would-be genealogists realise that it was possible for them to trace their own roots and have fun doing it.

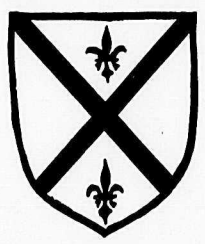
Family tree hunting is now only second to coin collecting in hobby popularity and library resources throughout the world are being strained to the limit to cope with the demand.

Incidentally, if you are visiting libraries anywhere to start your search and want to browse through the genealogical section, the books you need are usually listed under the 929 area. If the library, like university libraries, doesn't use the Dewey decima system then your material is probably listed under the CS section.

The Canadian Archives in Ottawa is one of the resource areas that has been feeling the impact of genealogy's sudden popularity, and its interlibrary loan system covering microfilmed records of Canadian census material etc. has had to step into high gear. No matter where you are, if your local library has a microfilm reader and is part of the interlibrary loan system, then you can order those early Canadian records. Once they arrive at your library you normally have a month to check them out.

ALong with genealogical societies and other information sources the more highly specialized branch microfilm libraries of the Genealogical Society in Utah are listed in "Trace your Family Tree". Scattered over Canada, there are presently two of these specialized libraries in B.C., one in Vancouver and another in Kelowna. Both have access to more than a million microfilms of early records representing the equivalent of four million printed volumes of three hundred pages each.

The microfilm list such things as christenings, marriages and deaths, census records, cemetery inscriptions, passenger lists, wills and probate records along with ancient genealogies which have already been compiled. Parish records, census returns and vital records are filmed all over the world so that many researchers find it easier to study records in Canada than in the country of origin. This is certainly true of Britain where a large number of records have been filmed.

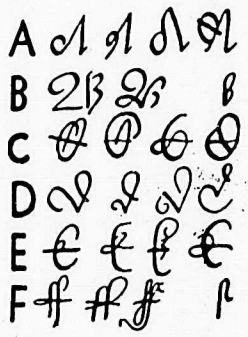


"One of the things I have to emphasise when instructing budding researchers is to check their own family sources before starting involved research. Although obvious, its been missed so often that I compiled a special list of home sources to be checked out," says Edis.

"Trace your Family Tree" includes the list which starts out with the family itself, the family doctor, lawyer and former neighbors, then expands into the variety of household records that can give direct information or clues to the searcher.

For the fledgling genealogist the first step then is not necessarily a library, but rather a visit to a senior member of the family to talk over old times and people. Old Bibles complete with fading but legible details of family members are a real find. Memorial cards, old photographs and even pieces of table silver bearing a family name and the maker's hallmark can be important clues to the origins of family members. Birth, death and marriage certificates are invaluable because they are authenticated documents.

Writing letters to relatives or even those carrying the same uncommon family name can be useful also in tracing the family tree.



Edis once went on a six month marathon letter writing spree and he provides sample letters in "Trace you Family Tree" to show how its done.

"During that period I received information on more than 600 members of my growing family. Included among the haul was a family tree dating back to the early 1700's and listing more than 400 names. Farmers, pioneers and parliamentarians were represented among the number."

Although some older family members are still concerned that their probing might reveal some family misdeeds, most people these days realize that even royalty has illegitimacies and a pirate or two in bygone days adds something to the family history.

Edis tells of a researcher who discovered his forebears among five brothers charged with horse stealing who swung from the same tree.

"Indiscretions are now part of history and there's no way to change them. The excitement is in finding your own people, learning of their times and realizing that this business of discovering ancestors can become very big. Just work out the statistics of a single family. Progressive doubling up from the family of today gives two parents, four grandparents, eight great grandparents, 16 great great grandparents and so on.

"Simple arithmetic reveals a possible million forebearers in a mere 20 generations — plenty of room for a pirate or two, a witch, or even a duke," Edis stated.

So if your new year's resolution is to do something about finding your early family history you couldn't start in a better place than probing through "Trace you Family Tree" by Graham and Shirley Edis, published by McGraw-Hill Ryerson and available in most book stores for $5.95.

Know your roots

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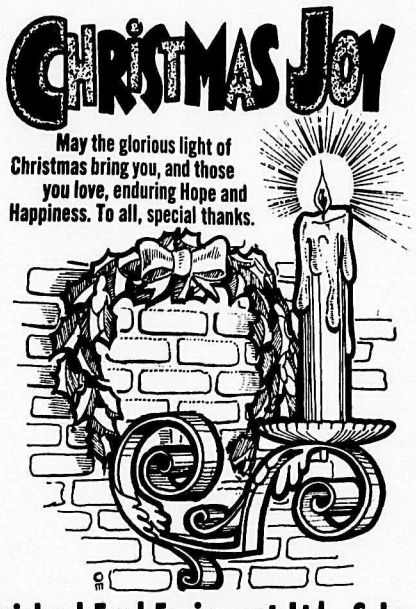

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Svein Urdahl quits Langley to go back "to basics"

ALDERGROVE — Lower Mainland living has proved too much for Langley school district secretary treasurer Svein Urdahl. The 41-year-old executive announced his resignation Monday to take a similar position with the Vancouver Island school district of Qualicum, effective February 17.

A sportsman who spends most of his off-time in Langley's backwoods, Urdahl said his resignation was motivated by his desire to find "a better quality of life."

"On a weekend, if you want to go salmon fishing," commented Urdahl, "you've got to fight crowds."

"My family is my foremost consideration. In my mind, I have come to the conclusion that it is very important for me to "go back to the basics," said Urdahl, alluding to the campaign platform adopted by most board members.

Urdahl said the position of secretary-treasurer he took eight year ago, "provided me with the opportunity to experience some of the most challenging, exciting, and sometimes exasperating, years of my life."

When Urdahl joined the district in 1970, the school population was half its present size. His far sighted projections of future educational needs in the district astonished the school board of the day, who were later forced to introduce "shift" education to many local schools when an influx of population proved Urdahl correct.

A native of New Westminster, Urdahl obtained his elementary education in New York before moving to Norway where he completed high school and business college.

After graduating from the University of British Columbia's faculty on commerce, Urdahl joined Lenkirk Electric where he travelled extensively through North and South America. He married his wife, Jo-Ann while working in Montreal, and the couple returned to British Columbia two years later when Urdahl accepted the position of assistant secretary-treasurer in Prince George, one he held until he came to Langley.

School trustee David Bell, who read Urdahl's resignation to a small audience at Aldergrove secondary school Monday, said "It is with some regret I find I have to read this letter."

Board chairman Kaye Armstrong said "we're all very, very, sad that (Svein) is going, but we're happy for him because he and his family are going to get what they want out of life."

The Urdahls have one son, who attends grade 8 classes at Brookswood junior secondary school.

"Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown", shout grade 5 and 6 pupils at Aberdeen elementary, during the Charlie Brown feature at their Christmas concert on Monday evening. Liz Sebestyn, photo

What happened to the three R's ?

B.C. secondary school students understand their textbooks well enough but they have trouble with such everyday items as newspapers and advertising.

This was one finding from an assessment of reading in grades 8 and 12 contained in a report released recently by education minister Dr. Pat McGeer.

The assessment, conducted last spring for the ministry of education by a team headed by Dr. Peter Evans of the University of Victoria faculty of education, in general revealed that grades 8 and 12 students demonstrated "satisfactory" skill in dealing with vocabulary and in understanding passages from school textbooks.

However, their ability to handle out-of-school reading — scanning newspaper items for details or understanding misleading advertising, for example — is in need of improvement. The authors suggest that this can probably be linked to a lack of emphasis on the teaching of these skills in the secondary school program.

Small improvements in scores between a grade 4 reading test administered in 1976 and this year's grade 8 assessment also suggest possible limitations in the reading program in grades 4-7, the Evans report states.

Although educators and the public alike agree on the importance of developing reading skills among all students, the report says, comprehensive and systematic reading programs are available in only a minority of B.C. secondary schools.

The researchers found that students who read newspapers and books on a regular basis outperformed other students, which points to a need for greater encouragement and emphasis — both in the schools and in the home — upon personal reading by more students.

Historically, the teaching of reading skills at the secondary level seems not to have been considered a high instructional priority, with relatively little emphasis placed on training personnel for the task. On the other hand, the Evans team found, secondary teachers today are very concerned about the development of reading skills, feeling that the teaching of reading can be incorporated into the teaching of each school subject.

However, inadequate materials a lack of proper professional training and the absence of on-the-job upgrading of skills may explain the fact that "for the majority of secondary students there is no provision for specific instruction in reading."

"For these reasons, optimism about the current interest in providing students with adequate reading instruction must be tempered by the realization that large-scale improvement is a slow process and that far from ideal conditions exist in too many schools," the report states.

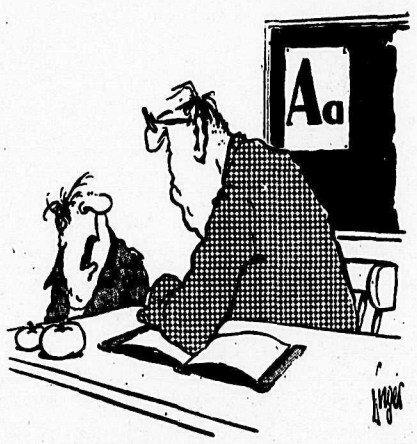
University faculties of education are urged to ensure that all teachers receive proper training in the teaching and application of reading skills as an integral part of their professional development. School boards are encouraged to provide in-service opportunities in secondary reading instruction as a part of the professional development of all teachers; they also are asked to provide adequate space, equipment and materials for reading instruction in their secondary schools.

The authors of the report point to a need for all secondary schools to incorporate a full range of reading programs into their curricula, and the ministry of education is asked to give immediate attention to the provision of good texts for secondary school reading instruction.

Television viewing beyond one hour per day was associated with decreases in test scores. Significantly, 45 per cent of grade 8 students and 20 per cent of grade 12 students report watching television for four or more hours per day.

The 1977 assessments in reading, mathematics and social studies follow a pilot study on the language arts conducted in 1976. Assessments in science and written expression are planned for the spring of 1978. Results of the mathematics assessment were released in the near future. Assessment results are now being studied by local school districts who will be considering constructive steps to be taken to meet student needs.

A total of 38 recommendations in the report are directed at various groups and organizations in the province.



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Singing Christmas carols and Yuletide songs, the grade 6 class of Aberdeen elementary entertained at the school's Christmas concert on Monday evening.
Liz Sebestyen, photo

Land exchange delayed for further negotiation

CLEARBROOK — A land exchange between the municipality of Matsqui and the development firm of E. and M. Developments, was postponed Monday morning to allow time for more negotiation between the two bodies.

The company, which plans to develop a small land parcel near McLure Road and the Abbotsford-Mission Highway, was expected to agree with the recommendations of planning officer Alex Sommerville on donation of parkland. But in the final analysis the developers decided the district's offered purchase price for its land was not high enough.

Under normal development requirements, developers must pay certain fees and provide services to residential developments, such as roads, sidewalks, sewers, lighting and so on.

The objection by E. and M. was on the grounds that many other developers in the area were donating less in terms of land acreage than they were.

A condition of E. and M.'s development had been that they would give the district 11 percent of their total land holding as parkland.

A spokesperson for the company said in a development committee meeting Monday that 11 percent is far too much. She told council that other developers in the area have only been expected to donate about four percent.

The company principal agreed to donating four percent, but insisted that the district up its purchase price from $22,000 to $35,000, to look after the balance of E. and M.'s eleven percent land donation.

Council, meanwhile, held firm with their offer, saying the land in question is only bog and must be appraised as such. In addition, Mayor Harry DeJong pointed out that the land may not be as valuable in a few year's time as it is now, due to increased drainage problems resulting from surrounding development.

In the final outcome, council decided to remove the land exchange from a list of public hearings due to have been dealt with on Monday night.

Instead, the purchase will be studied in greater depth by municipal staff and further negotiations will be held with the developer.

HEALTHY HINTS

Stomach Ulcers

The stomach is the subject of more complaints than any other part of the body. It is understandable that there is a great deal of confusion and speculation about the symptoms and causes of stomach ulcers.

Stress, worry, fatique, poor eating habits and the other known causes are certainly contributing factors in the development of an ulcer. The Canadian Medical Association says, the key, factor, however, is usually an excessive amount of hydrochloric acid in the stomach. This produces the symptom of pain, heartburn, nausea and vomiting. Many people experience these symptoms without having an ulcer. The excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach may only be producing inflammation.

An ulcer is a small hole in the lining of the stomach, or more often in the lining of the duodenum, which is that portion of the small intestine that follows directly after the stomach.

The C.M.A. advises that when the symptoms persist the person should see his doctor for an examination and advice regarding further tests and x-rays. The doctor will give advice regarding proper diet and drugs for treatment. Ulcers should not be neglected, even if the discomfort is small, because of the dangers of hemorrhage and perforation.

Bylaw amendment request ignored

FORT LANGLEY — How many people belong to the Community Improvement Society here, anyhow? Langley district mayor George Driediger asked Monday.

Driediger said he had heard "...that it is pretty well defunct" with just a few members "sitting down for a cup of tea" now and again.

Anyhow, he added, there was not enough clout in a letter signed by three members of the society to warrant a public hearing.

A letter, signed by C.A. and A.T. Clemas and Lydia Dore, asked that a number of amendments be passed to "upgrade the Fort Langley bylaw no. 677 (according) to the Aldergrove bylaw no. 1526, sect. 7, page 15."

The Fort residents want it written into the bylaw that three vehicles, including one truck, one house trailer and one camper, and pleasure boats kept for other than sale, may be stored on any residential property. They also want clauses added to the effect that no animals, other than pets and guard dogs, may be kept on any parcel of land not in excess of 20,000 square feet, and that the burning of household garbage in the village be prohibited.

"They don't even say if they're officers (of the society)," said Ald. Elford Nundal of the signatories.

In particular the garbage burning ban is a contentious issue with council.

Langley woman dead in collision

MILNER — A fatal motor vehicle accident here at ten past midnight on December 18, claimed the life of 43-year-old Audrey Ann Gammer, of 202 Street, Langley.

Gammer was driving a pickup truck and was crossing Glover Road when collision occured with another vehicle.

The impact of the crash was sufficient to throw her from the cab of the truck. Gammer was not wearing a seat belt when the accident took place.

The driver of the other vehicle, Tory Knutson, 17, of 208 Street in Langley sustained minor injuries as did a passenger riding with him. Both were treated and released from Langley Memorial hospital.

Gammer was taken to Royal Columbian hospital in New Westminster, where she was pronounced dead at 2:40 a.m. on December 18.

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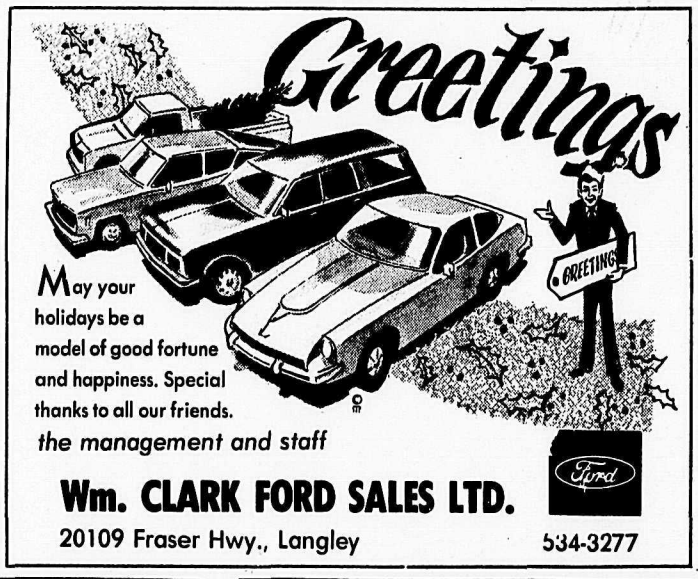

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I ain't looking to compete, baby

By JULIE VALENTI

LANGLEY — December has been a quiet month as far as arts council activities are concerned. No monthly meeting and community entertainments are less due to the festivities of the holidays. In lieu of any reportable activities, Bob Dylan's song "All I Really Want To Do" follows, to remind us of the love of the season and the love that can continue throughout the year, if we let it.

I ain't lookin' to compete with you,
Beat or cheat or mistreat you,
Simplify you, classify you,
Deny, defy or crucify you.
All I really want to do
Is, baby, be friends with you.

No, and I ain't lookin' to fight with you,
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Is, baby, be friends with you.

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I don't want to fake you out,
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I ain't lookin' for you to feel like me,
See like me or be like me.
All I really want to do
Is, baby, be friends with you.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a contented new year.

Douglas looking for a Langley site

LANGLEY — The portable classroom and office space making up the temporary Langley campus of Douglas College was placed on Langley senior secondary school property last week.

At the same time the college's temporary location is being set up, college council is reaching the final stage in the search for a permanent site in the area.

This week ads have been placed in a number of newspapers calling for submissions from anyone owning property in the area which meets the college's site criteria.

In detail, these general site requirements are:

- 20-25 acres
- fully serviced by August, 1978
- easy access to Highway 10 and 1A
- preferably in the area bounded by 196 Street on the west, 224 Street on the east, 44 Avenue on the south, and 80 Avenue on the north
- land within the agricultural land reserve cannot be considered
- acquisition required by March 1, 1978.

Anyone with property meeting these general requirements and who would like further information should call the bursar's office at 521-4851.

Detailed proposals should be submitted in writing no later than Dec. 30, 1977 to the New Westminster campus of Douglas College marked "re Langley Site Selection".

Acting administrator for the Langley campus, Ken Moore, noted that the area detailed in the site requirements was determined by college council's feeling that no students should have to travel more than 15 minutes to the campus.

It was following approval from the provincial government of funds for a Langley campus in June, 1977 that Douglas College actually began the search for a site, explained Moore.

"The college located a suitable temporary building owned by the provincial government in June, but in September we were told it wouldn't be available," he said.

In early November the college stepped up the schedule for the Langley campus, and began the search for a permanent site, he said.

"This call for sumissions is the next step, and we seem to be on schedule," he added.

At the same time, Moore is working to set up courses in the temporary buildings for the spring semester starting in January.

Last week, he was issued a phone number for the campus: 530-1645; and the address is 21400 - 57A Ave. However, the phone will not be installed until sometime in January, and all mail should be addressed to the general college mailing address until Jan. 1.

To register for any of the following courses, call Douglas college's main admissions office at 588-6404 for an application form.

University transfer credit courses in English, the humanities and psychology will be offered in the evening from 7 to 10 on the Langley campus from Jan. 16, 1978.

English 100, expository writing, will be held Monday evenings. It will include the reading and study of various prose forms, with the main emphasis on the writing of essays.

Humanities 130, frontiers of thought, is an inter-disciplinary course for which students need no previous acquaintance with the subject matter. Some topics will be people and their world; people and their society; and people and their minds. The classes will be Wednesday evenings.

The psychology 100, basic psychological processes classes on Thursday evenings will provide a scientific basis for subsequent study of psychology, with the emphasis on psychology as a natural science.

The secretarial arts/bookkeeping program is full-time and classes will be held during the day. It takes from six to eight months to complete, depending on the individual student's aptitudes, skills and effort.

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This program leads to employment as stenographers, clerk-typists, junior bookkeepers, business machine operators, and general office clerks.

In addition, Douglas College will be offering a tuition-free literacy program for adults. This provides very basic education and training in reading and writing.

Students can attend these classes either in the day or the evening: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.; or Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Four sections of levels one and two of the Douglas College basic training in skills development (BTSD) program will also be offered. This provides upgrading for adults in math, science and english for eligibility for vocational training programs.

Section one is Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon; section two is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and Mondays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.; section three is Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.; and section four is Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

An adult high school completion program also is offered at the new campus. It allows adults to pick up courses for credit towards a secondary school graduation certificate.

One credit-free course begins in the Langley area in February. Period Study: 1945 to Present runs Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 in the Centennial Museum in Fort Langley. It will include lectures by specialists in various disciplines.

Frosty the Snowman put in a special appearance at Bradner elementary, just in time for the school's Christmas concert on Monday evening. Liz Sebestyen, photo

The Merry Christmas elf, Gr. 6 pupil Jennifer Hunter, describes the spirit of Christmas to reporter Sandra Tiderington, Gr. 5, in the County Line School Drama Club's production at the school's Christmas concert on Tuesday. Liz Sebestyen photo

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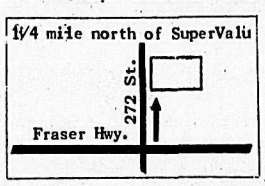

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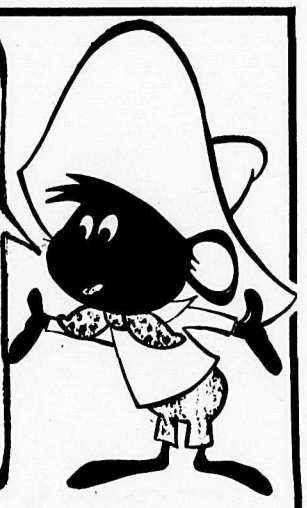

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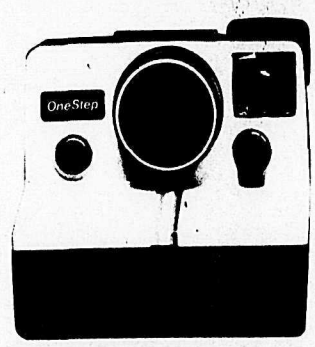

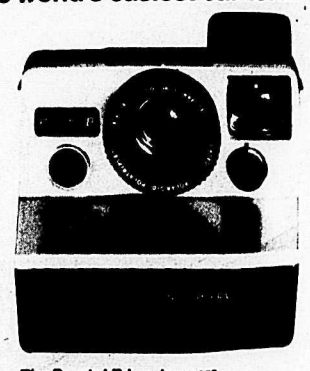

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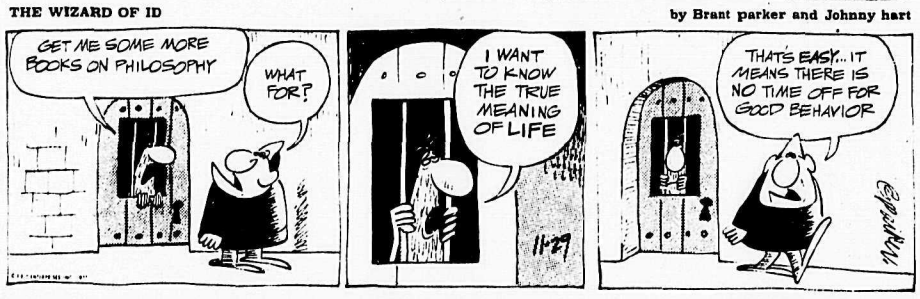

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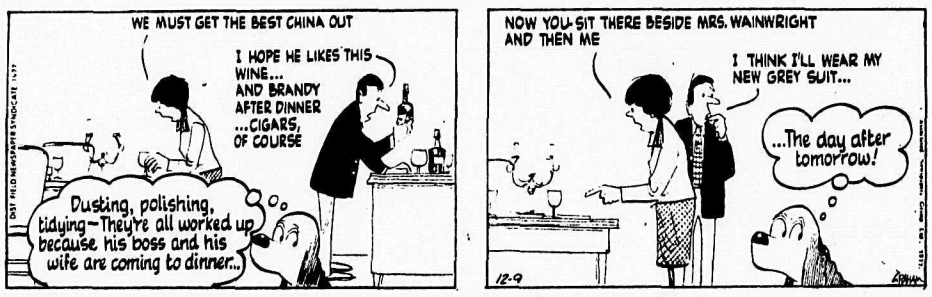

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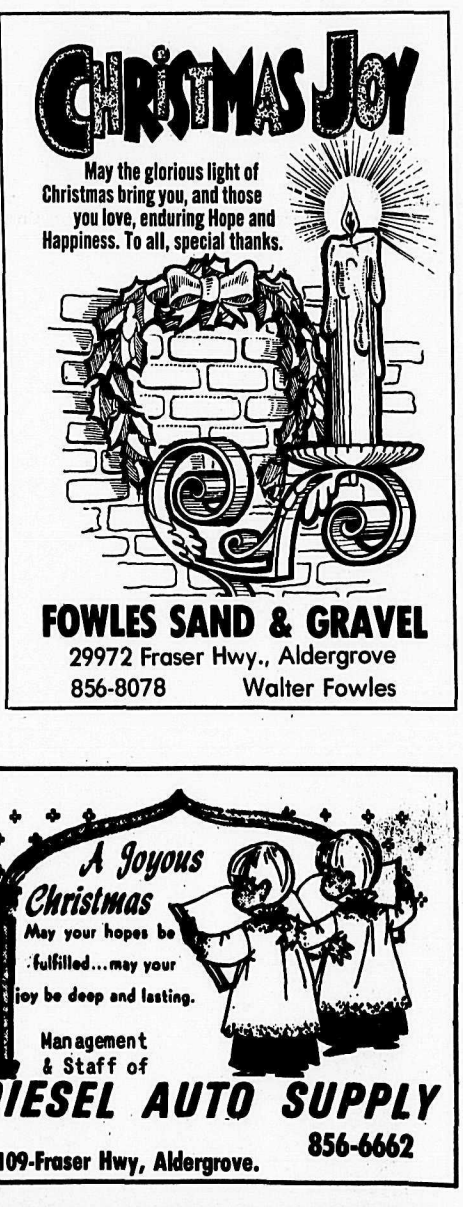

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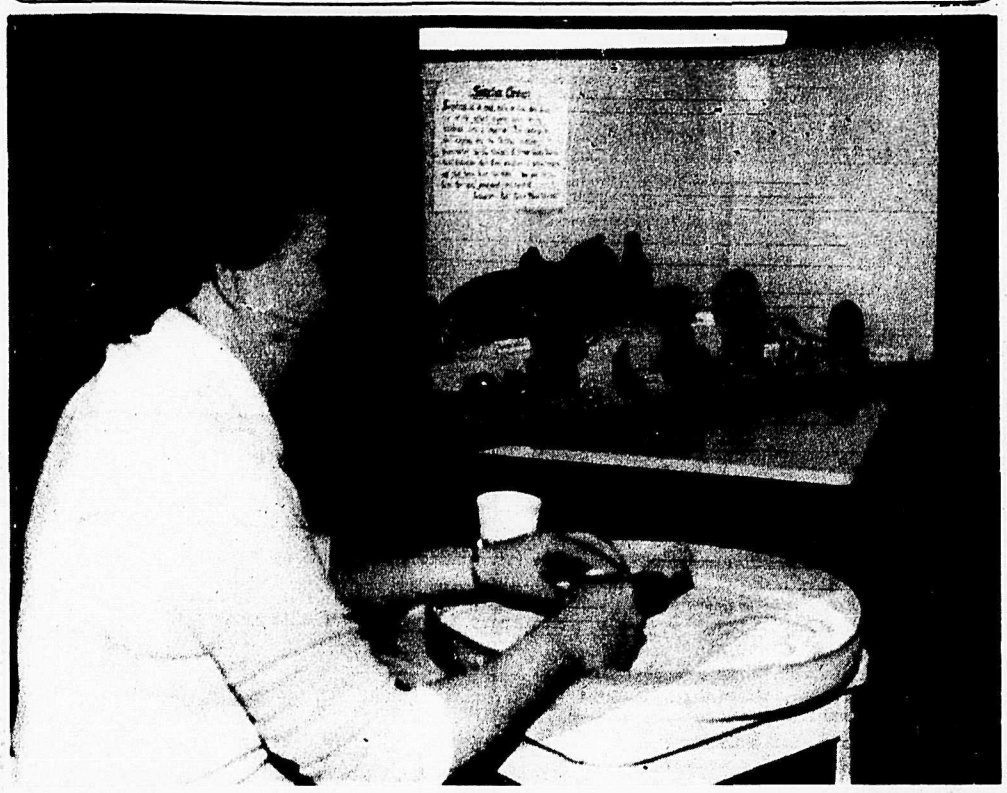

Toots Tucker doing her soapstone carving craft at Aldergrove Centre. Displayed are works of art done by her students.

Singing so good, even Santa came to applaud

By STANLEY CHURCHILL

"Ho! Ho! Ho! I heard you at the North Pole and came right down - it was such beautiful singing," laughed Santa Claus, as he kissed Donna McTaggart at the concert the Maysfield Singers gave as their Christmas gift to the people of Langley last Sunday evening in the gymnasium of H. D. Stafford junior secondary school.

Fifty voices - many of solo quality - responded with brilliance under the sure direction of their loved conductor. The rapport between these artists and Mrs. McTaggart grows with each performance we have attended over the past few years.

Dr. Alex Robinson's and Tomana McTaggart's joyous accompaniments were a superb support for one of the most delightful performances we have yet heard from the talented Maysfield ensemble.

Soprano Joan Danby, soloist, in "Gesu Bambino" and "Rejoice" (from the Messiah) drew to their feet a number of the 400 Langley music lovers in attendance, while sharing in this recognition was Kerry Querns, who obligato in "Rejoice" soared like a bird. "Voices Eight" swung three numbers which warmed the hearts of everyone there. The people in the seats responded joyfully to Tom Turner's leading of community carol singing. This expression of appreciation would be incomplete without mention of Doris White's lovely contralto solo in "Star of Bethlehem;" and Dave McTaggart, as assistant director of the chqrus, added to the excellence of the evening's work.

The concluding presentation was Handel's "And the Glory", from the Messiah. It was a moving experience. We have on a number of occasions heard this sung by larger choral groups in several cities, but seldom, in our opinion, has the artistry and power of the Maysfield rendering been matched.

The pure delight and privilege of having in our midst such organizations as the Maysfield Singers, the Players Group, and the wealth of talent in which the two Langleys abound stirs anew the desire to support The Langley Arts Council in their efforts to bring into reality the community theatre they are working so hard for. The need for such is double barrelled.

Lack of a community theatre leaves these local groups and talent as orphans, with no adequate home in which to develop and grow, and enrich the community. But the other need is also acute - that of having a theatre facility - (even on the very modest and practical scale the arts council is promoting) - which would attract some of the great artists of the Celebrity Series to perform here. Lacking such a community theatre, the only way one can now see the Winnipeg Ballet or Harry Belafonte is to drive to Vancouver. But the hazards of road conditions, weather, traffic, and parking shortages at the Vancouver end all too often disappointingly prevent many of us from attending, especially during winter.

We urge the Langley Arts Council to continue and redouble their unselfish efforts in this direction. And we likewise encourage every music and art lover here to support them wholeheartedly - and financially. Other areas have already done it. Pulling together will speed the day when we, too, will see completed the community theatre the two Langleys so starkly lack today.

SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

1812 - A true vintage year

By JEAN BRYSON

Although the audience, composed of friends and relatives of all the band members, has come to expect great things of the Aldergrove Senior Secondary Stage and Senior Concert bands, it was the Junior Concert Band which stole the show last Thursday evening.

Held in the auditorium of the Aldergrove high school, under the capable direction of Mr. M. Summers, the Winter band concert proved an evening of pleasant entertainment.

The Beginning Band made up of seven beginners was augmented by six Junior band members. They produced music sounding like strolling minstrels of the Middle Ages especially in the traditional English rondelay. This small group of beginners played carefully and well. They show promise.

In all their four offerings, the Junior concert band has come a very long way from the Fall concert. Beginning with the Nutcracker Suite, through the Jonathan Livingston Seagull medley, and on through the 1812 Overture and Christmas Tidings, the junior members excelled themselves. The highlight of the four parts was very definitely the 1812 Overture, arranged by K. Henderson on the Tschaikowsky work. This was an ambitious and difficult project and the band fully justified Mr. Summers' faith in their ability to perform it. This work is something more than "that thing where the cannon goes off"; it is a patriotic and fervent offering by the Russian composer; the band's interpretation did not fail the composer's intention. Congratulations to both Mr. Summers and the Junior Concert Band.

The Stage Band certainly has caught the swing era's joy in playing music for the pleasure of it. Oldtimers who remember Glen Miller had no trouble reliving his "A String of Pearls". Alto sax soloist and trumpet soloist, Gavin Nash and Rob Herrett respectively performed well, special mention going to Gavin Nash. However, the evening's performance by this band was not up to its usual splendid offering. We can assume it was an "off" evening for them.

In "How Do, Mister Magoo", the alto sax played by Jim Alioto (a thoroughgoing musician) and trumpet soloist, Rosalind Kattler (another musician) with bass Brian Glaser, was a real delight to listen to. In fact, it was difficult to choose between all the soloists not to mention the trumpet solo by Mike Stevenson in "Call Me". Aldergrove Senior Secondary is fortunate to have so many good performers in the solo parts.

The evening was rounded out by the Senior Concert band. Again, a soloist, Patty Taylor (who deserved the loud applause) enriched the "Rock Encounter" with its haunting theme.

This band of musicians showed flashes of brilliance Thursday evening. One could have wished for a more even performance but like the Stage band, it was probably an "off" evening for them too.

All-in-all, the hour and a half of listening pleasure given to the audience was well appreciated.

We look forward to their next concert.

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ALDERGROVE — New executive members of the ladies auxiliary to branch no. 265 of the Royal Canadian Legion are, back row (left to right) E. Avery, (treas.), R. Merriam (1st vice-president), H. Drew, D. Clark, J. Buxton, middle row (left to right) Mary Wall, N. Nachbar, A. Sinclare (2nd vice-president), E. Staples, front row (left to right) L. Davidson (sec.), M. Gervan (pres.), L. Carr (sgt.-at-arms), *Winnifred Thompson not present.*

Ann Campbell

Lady president for '78

By ERNIE BRYAN

ALDERGROVE — Branch No. 265, Royal Canadian Legion is in the rare, if not unique position of having elected for president in 1978, a lady. Ann Campbell qualifies as an ordinary member of the Legion by virtue of her war service in the Womens' Auxiliary Air Force, - two years in a theatre of war.

Ann has fifteen years membership in her branch, being a charter member. During this time she has been active and successful in fund-raising and in organizing social events. The leadership she has shown in these activities and the respect which she commands among the branch membership augur another successful year for the activities of the Royal Canadian Legion in Aldergrove.

INFO HEALTH

Christmas bells are not the only ones that ring in the night. Night bells may mean a watch change at sea, a fire ashore, or perhaps even an imminent invasion.

The bell heard by a doctor in the middle of the night is usually not that dramatic. It is just the telephone, but when it rings, it generally means someone needs him.

Doctors sleep as soundly as anyone else, and sometimes confusion reigns when the phone rings at 3:00 a.m. At times, several attempts are made to turn the alarm clock off during the process of awakening.

Once the phone has been located there still may be problems. Invariably the patient has been awake for some time deciding whether or not to call the doctor. If the caller is a nurse at the hospital she or he will be wide awake.

The doctor, groggy, is presented with a barrage of questions or problems. He is asked to make a diagnosis, a trip to the delivery room, a house call, or provide necessary medical orders. He must decide whether or not to get out of his warm bed.

Physicians discuss their nighttime calls amongst themselves. Some admit to giving long detailed advice to patients, and correct advice at that, and yet do not remember who called or even that there was a call when the next day arrives.

One doctor, on being called to the delivery room, said that he would be right there, and would they please have his hammer and nails ready for him when he arrived. (He was building a house at the time!)

A sleepy physician, not wanting to face the cold night air, may convince himself and the patient that things will be all right until morning. When he comes to (usually just after he has hung up the phone), his basic medical training will bubble to the surface. All doctors have had the experience of lying awake, in a state of hopeless insomnia, mulling over his patient's symptoms.

The choice then is either to phone the patient back and go and see him, or lie awake all night.

The most delightful bell that a doctor can hear at 3:00 a.m. is a wrong number!

Merry Christmas to you all from Info/Health and the British Columbia Medical Association.

Pecking order under revision

MATSQUI VILLAGE — The pecking order at Matsqui municipal hall is due to be changed in the near future.

Council gave three readings Monday to a bylaw which would redistribute responsibility among the senior officials at municipal hall.

The bylaw was not released to the media but debate on the floor indicated that some of its terms may have been ultra vires.

"I think its important that the mayor's position be protected," said Ald. Doug Taylor, before the three readings were approved. He said the bylaw as written could ususrp the mayor's powers, which he described as a violation of the municipal act.

Taylor moved to have the matter sent to committee for further discussion but his motion found no seconder. Instead the bylaw was given three readings on the understanding that aldermen would study it with a view to some possible changes before the next regular meeting.

Elks get ready for festive season

ALDERGROVE — Only recently the Elks members were seen at Seven Oaks shopping centre as well as the new shopping centre in Aldergrove giving candy canes to the children when Santa Claus arrived to open the Xmas shopping season at these two centres.

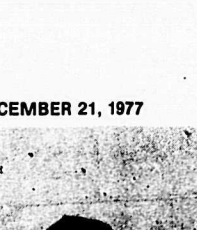
A tradition that has been going on in the Aldergrove Elks lodge for many years and always brings happiness to the hearts of many widows of brother Elks is the traditional Christmas cakes that are delivered personally by lodge members to the ladies.

Small gifts of fruit, nuts and goodies are delivered to the children at the Wildwood school for the retarded as well as the boys at Mr. Furfstons farm on Otter Road. A happy occasion for both the children and the Elks.

The children from these two institutions will be bused to Vancouver to see the Ice Capades in January; they always enjoy that trip. It is always a pleasure to see these people (approximately 55) having a good time and they certainly know how to express themselves.

To finish the festive season the Elks are hosting a New Years eve ball at the Elks hall in Aldergrove. Good band, refreshments, novelties and lunch served. Tickets are available at Ken Morgan's barber shop or phone 856-8052, or inquire with any member of the Elks lodge.

We, the Elks, wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you have a happy and prosperous New Year.



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Helen Williams, left and Karen Knapp, right flank Lois Makela, winner of a dried flower arrangement from William's Nursery. The arrangement was won at a fund raising dance for Charlie Brown Playschool.

Charlie Brown school raises playground funds

ALDERGROVE — Parents with children attending the Charlie Brown Playschool in Aldergrove, held a fund raising dance recently and gathered enough funds to go ahead with construction of an adventure playground.

The kindergarten school is located in the basement of the St. Ann's RC church on 272 Street, and is funded entirely by parents whose children attend there.

As a non-profit organization, the Charlie Brown Playschool raises all its funds through members own pockets or through fund raising projects in the community.

The dance held in the Elk's hall was one such fund raising event.

To help make the dance a success, many local merchants donated door and raffle prizes which were awarded at the dance.

Among the merchants who participated in the give-away were: The Aldergrove Photohouse, which gave away a family portrait as a door prize. This prize was won by Margaret Critchley.

Other door prizes were donated by Custom Home Lighting, which gave away a lamp to Mr. Hooper, and by Williams Nursery who donated a flower arrangement won by Lois Makela.

A fourth door prize, won by Ernie Baitz, consisted of a ceramic ornament from Jean Chambers Ceramics.

In addition to the door prizes, there were numerous raffle prizes donated by Garry's Men's Wear; Jan's Ladies Wear; Radio Shack; Books 'n Stuff; Busy Bee Dry Cleaning; Ruth Millard of Avon Cosmetics; Warkentin's Jewellers; Super Valu; Aldergrove Building Centre; Gardiner's Drugs; Aldergrove 5c to $1; Aldergrove United Drugs; Rowley Jewelry; Aldergrove Shoe Store and Happy's Craft and Yarn.

Civic dinner announced

BROOKSWOOD — There'll be a do at the civic centre here on Monday, January 24 next, with the township council the hosts.

It is the annual 'recognition dinner' for local citizens serving as unpaid members on advisory committees in the district.

Your mayor and aldermen, it is expected, will be there as well, and there'll be speeches and eulogies galore, chicken dinner (presumably), and presentation of awards.

The time is 6:30 p.m. for this once-in-a-year special event to get under way. Party crashers will be turned away.

Vocational facilities

ABBOTSFORD — Fraser Valley College hopes to be able to move into new vocational training facilities here March 1, and to being offering courses next September.

The new facility, comprising 23,700 square feet, is adjacent to the existing college facility of Marshall Road near Riverside Drive.

Both college buildings are leased from the developer, pending provincial government approval of plans to purchase, and build a permanent home for the college.

Courses to be offered in September in the new building will include mechanics (transportation and farm), construction and welding, and dental assisting.

No time off for employees

MURRAYVILLE — The municipality cannot afford to pay employees for taking time off during the working day in order to attend courses, Ald. Jock Lindsay told council this week.

Lindsay, the district's protection committee chairman, said that he had received requests from municipal truckers wanting to take defensive driving courses during work hours.

Other councilmen agreed with Lindsay. If the truckers still want to attend the courses, they will have to do so on their own time.

In other council business, aldermen held over for discussion in 1978 whether or not portable washrooms should be introduced on municipal road construction jobs.

Ald. Jim Lee, an engineer, felt that the municipality should do like private contractors, supply the toilets.

Ald. Stan Fraser, on the other hand, did not agree with this. It would mean, he said, that the municipality would have to acquire two more trucks just in order to transport the washrooms from site to site.

It was also discussed whether or not two toilets would have to be brought to each site in order to serve both male workers and female flag persons. Another alderman, however, was of the opinion that the facilities could be coed.

Smaller lots urged

LANGLEY — Land being let by the district municipality for lease at the airport here is assembled in too big lots, council heard this week.

The leases are all for one-acre lots or over. There are no smaller holdings.

"We should have some smaller lots," Ald. Stan Fraser told council Monday morning.

Fraser said that many potential lessees were turned away from Langley airport by this fact. Many business people wishing to locate at the airport could not use a full acre of land, he said.

The land is leased by the municipality at 5 cents a square foot.

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Left to right: Ethel Moore and Agnes Aberdeen of the Brookswood Hospital Auxilliary; Rick Holinaty, assistant hospital administrator; Laura Martin and Lynn Roberts of the Penny Pinchers Auxilliary. The ladies were on hand in front of the new Cedar Hills extended care wing to turn over cheques totalling $3,400 in value to Holinaty.

Turquoise - December Birthstone

Turquoise is one of the earliest known and used gemstones, yet it is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible, but because of the magnificent turquoise bracelets found in the tomb of Queen Zer, we know that people have loved this gemstone for centuries. Turquoise is a complex phosphate stone of aluminum and copper. In fact, the blue color is due to the copper in its composition. The quality of being somewhat porous has a definite influence on the permanence of the clear sky-blue color which is desired in turquoise, and some liquids, especially if greasy or dirty, are liable to cause a color change in the quality of the color from blue to bluish or even yellow-green.

Although turquoise is found in many places in the world, a stone found near Nishapur, Persia (Iran), is considered to be one of the best in quality. The price varies and is decided by the color of the stone. In Iran, the people believe that if you look upon a piece of turquoise the first thing in the morning, you will not face difficulty for the rest of the day. This beautiful sky-blue stone was also the sacred stone of Tibet, the royal stone of Egypt's Pharoahs, the "sky" stone of American Indians. Turquoise is also found in China, often in large specimens, thus permitting the Chinese to make carvings, and it is possible that turquoise became well known in China about 542 A.D., after the conquest of Persia. In our country, we find turquoise enjoying frequent usage among the present generation as well as having been used by Americans of great antiquity. Especially at this time, there is a rise in popularity among turquoise jewellery of Indian style and design, most particularly in the midwestern area of the U.S. In regards to the turquoise of North American, there are deposits found in Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado, and many of these deposits produce gems of fine quality — although like all gemstones, as time goes by, the product will become more scarce, but the demand has consistently exceeded the supply so far. The results have been an increase in the value of the natural material and numerous attempts to find satisfactory and less costly substitutes for it.

Synthetic turquoise is undoubtedly the best substitute for the natural material, and it's major chemical, physical and optical properties are those of natural turquoise. Glass is the oldest known substitute, ceramics can offer substitutes that may vary from poor to excellent depending on how skillfully it is made, and enamel or plastic can also be used to make some interesting turquoise substitutes. Odontolite, not a mineral, is one of the rarest and most unusual turquoise substitutes known, also called bone "tooth", "fossil", or "occidental" turquoise. Several minerals or natural gem materials are porous enough to be dyed to resemble turquoise to some degree. Dyed howlite is considered to be one of the best. Chert and several other fine grained opaque varieties of quartz can be dyed to resemble turquoise, as can dyed chalcedony, chrysocolla, variscite, malachite and shattuckite. The British gemologist, Robert Webster, summed it up nicely when he stated that there is no end to the list of imitations of turquoise.

Auxilliaries bolster construction coffers

MURRAYVILLE — A total of $3,400 was turned over to assistant hospital administrator, Rick Holinaty Monday by representatives of two ladies hospital auxilliary groups. The money will be used to help in building and outfitting a new extended care wing at Langley Memorial.

The old extended care wing, known as Cedar Hills, provides a retirement home for many pensioners who are too immobile to look after themselves.

In addition to the pensioners, the wing also accepts resident patients who may be of any age, but require the attention of a nurse and have nowhere else to go for such treatment.

Cedar Hills is a clean and pleasant place, but is starting to show signs of age. As a result, the hospital has started construction on a brand new extended care wing which will provide patients and staff with many more modern facilities, and an even more pleasant place to while away the long retirement hours.

Monday's $3,400 donation was actually a combination of two donations from two separate associations.

A cheque for $2,000 was turned over to Holinaty from Penny Pinchers hospital auxilliary thrift store.

This store, located at 5666 Acacia, in Langley, sells items at low prices to help underprivileged families in the area, and uses the profits from retail sales to bolster the coffers at Langley Memorial.

The $2,000 from the Penny Pinchers is to be added to the general construction budget of the new centre.

The remaining $1,400 came from Brookswood Hospital auxilliary. This money was raised through various fund raising projects, as well as donations from members and friends of the auxilliary.

The money will be used to help outfit a four bed ward in the new wing.

Both cheques were turned over at a well publicized presentation in front of the new Cedar Hills centre, which is showing signs of completion by the scheduled date of March 4, 1978.

Use Christmas Seals
It's a matter of life and breath

Everyone loved the musical Kindergarten class at Aldergrove Elementary's Christmas concert on Tuesday evening.
Liz Sebestyen photo

Next comes a ticket

If you're thinking about giving that man on the go luggage, consider a garment bag. Last year, these were great sellers, according to retailers, reflecting the growing popularity of carry-on type of luggage.

WEATHER

DATE 1977	TEMP. High	Low	PRECIP. Rain	Snow
Dec. 12	7.9	1.0	13.7	----
13	10.0	3.1	21.3	----
14	8.0	5.6	11.7	----
15	7.0	3.0	18.0	----
16	7.1	-0.7	1.0	----
17	2.3	-0.7	----	3.5
18	2.6	-2.1	2.5	1.8

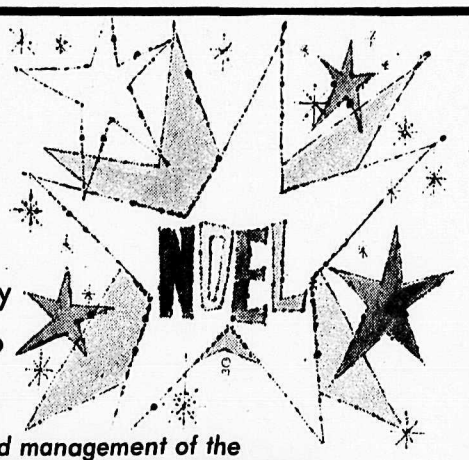
Normals for the period were high **5.7°**, low **-0.6°**, rain **54.1 mm.**

We have had **fourteen** consecutive wet days (Dec. 5 to 18) and our total precipitation so far this month **215.6 mm**, is **88 percent** of the normal 245.1 mm for December.

The seven day period, 9th to 15th, accounts for **143 mm.** The twenty-six day period from November 23rd to December 18th has been particularly wet with a total of **329.7 mm (12.98")**. This is far from a record, however, compared to December 11-27, 1972 (17 days) when we had **387.8 mm** and January 11 to February 3, 1974 (24 consecutive wet days) which had **442.2 mm** (17.41").

Our snowfall this season so far is **43.9cm.** Normal for a winter is **96 cm.**

One of the many joys of this dazzling holiday is the opportunity to say thanks to many friends.



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Help to the foot-sore Christmas shopper

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Make your feet a beauty asset by keeping them healthy and comfortable. Follow these foot-care guidelines, for healthy, beautiful feet:

When shopping, wear comfortable shoes that fit well; don't torture your feet with ill-fitting shoes;

Buy shoes at the end of the day, or after a long walk; this is when feet tend to be swollen and the best time to get a comfortable fit;

Bathe and cleanse feet every day, using warm, soapy water.

A pedicure is a must for the holidays. Remove old nail polish and cleanse feet thoroughly. Apply cuticle softener around toenails and push the cuticles back with an orange stick. Clip toenails, following the natural shape of the nail. If the nail is slightly rounded, trim it that way; otherwise, trim it straight across.

Weave a folded tissue between toes to make nail-polish application easier. Use an undercoat, two coats of polish, and a top coat to protect the polish.

Massage feet with moisturizing lotion for a luxurious, finishing touch.

Complement beautiful, well-groomed feet with evening sandals in satin or silver for the perfect, holiday fashion touch.

A great gift idea

What to give the person who has everything? Books are welcome gifts that one can never have too many of, and this season, book stores have a wide range of topics to choose from.

For the art lover, there are art books galore, designed to provide hours of happy browsing and to adorn coffee tables handsomely.

There are no end of cookbooks to enthrall the gourmet chef, including the newer versions for slow-cookers or microwaves.

Hobbyists will be delighted with the many books about their special interests, ranging from the history of railroads to a survey of seashells.

History buffs can bone up on their favorite period, thanks to the plethora of histories available, from studies of ancient Greece to World War II accounts.

Any student of the Bard would appreciate a handsomely bound set of the works of Shakespeare . . . or how about gifting that poetry lover with a volume of verse?

If someone on your list is a do-it-yourselfer, there are many "how to" books complete with illustrations, to add to his knowledgeability.

Trivia fans will welcome any of the books devoted to this amusing pastime, ranging from encyclopedias of trivial facts to movie quizzes.

Mystery fans love nothing better than a new plot to curl up with, so give them the latest thrillers or sets of classic whodunits.

Pet lovers would appreciate books on pet care or books of photographs of their favorite breed.

Give the gardener a book on his or her specialty, be it terrarium or vegetable gardening.

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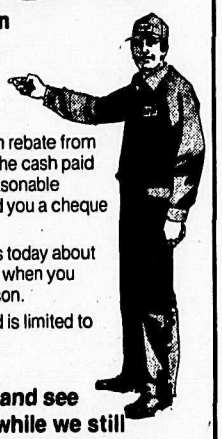

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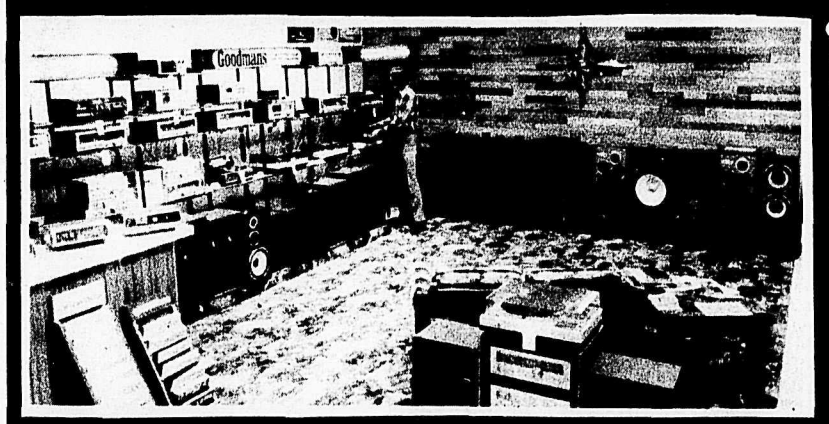

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The Fantastic Universal Transgression

By GARY CHAMBERS

Total darkness prevailed in every direction as the Santa Rocha glided through empty space at about 30 times the speed of light. The huge starship had been soaring through the endless vacuum for almost seven years to the day. For almost all of that time the ship had been totally lost.

Santa Rocha left earth in the year 2052, at twelve midnight on December 31, New Year's Eve. It was one of the most celebrated space shots in history. Easily the largest such vessel ever built on earth, it carried a full complement of 468 crew members. Its equipment and furnishings were the most modern available. Every inch of the ship was built by hand for this one mission, after which it was due for retirement as a national monument on Parliament Hill. A large American uranium corporation had already offered to pay half the cost of turning it into an adventure playground.

As the engines of the Santa Rocha warmed up on the spaceport runway, telegrams from well wishers around the world poured into mission control, at the CBC studios in Montreal. People formed massive crowds at every vantage point for miles. Many even resorted to throwing balcony parties, at which all one's friends gathered to drink Maple wine and view the launching through a rented spectrascope. It was easily the biggest crowd since 1993, when the entire black ghetto of New York showed up for the arrival of the first Concord flight into New York. That was the night that earplugs first became fashionable with the jet set.

They all watched in fascination, and squeals of delight were heard from space groupies everywhere as the Santa Rocha slid down the runway and blasted off at supersonic speed toward the stars. Off it went, like a flaming arrow from the bow of a young brave, it was going to head straight for the heart of the matter. This ship was heading into space in search of other life forms.

As the huge craft approached the earth's outer atmosphere, and the midnight hour approached, people all over the world joined the live tv and radio coverage and burst into choruses of Auld Langsyne, right along with Lloyd Robertson and Carole Taylor, who incidentaly are made of wax and do not age. Yet, as the synchronized moment of midnight approached, and the Santa Rocha drew closer to the end of earth's atmosphere, little did anyone guess that great peril for crew and ship lurked mysteriously above the whispy clouds.

As the starship broke through the atmosphere into space, and the electric moog snythesiser in Times Square chimed out twelve flat monotones, all contact with the Santa Rocha was lost. The starship vanished from radar screens; radio sets at the CBC studios in Montreal lost all voice contact with the ship's radio room; CB radio freaks everywhere swore black and blue at one another in attempts to contact the lost space vessel; cheap pubs and cheaper ladies of the evening on East Hastings experienced a sudden surge in business while the stock exchange plunged instantly as everyone snatched up phones and sold their uranium shares.

Aboard the ship conditions were no better, if not a lot worse. The steering mechanism had gone haywire and no longer offered any control over the craft. Astrological compasses started spinning like the drive wheel of a swiss watch. Radio sets went so dead, you couldn't even hear the CB'ers and even U.S. public tv wouldn't come through on the admiral's tv set. Radar sets started showing reruns of I Love Lucy and the MacBlo logo on the moon lit up like a Christmas tree in an Eaton's store. Everyone on the ship merely stood in awe as the ship instantly approached the speed of light and sped off into a jungle of cheap expresso cafes otherwise known as the Milky Way.

Ever since that day the Santa Rocha had been totally lost. The only thing anyone knew for sure was the speed of the ship, which was confirmed by every astrological computer in the craft's bank of computers. The speed was in excess of the speed of light and on a slow but steady rise. Yet, as the vessel plunged across the universe with super expedience, the stars and planets along the way appeared to be only small.

The unguided craft weaved in and out among the heavenly bodies like a Moped in a traffic jam, and as it went the crew members gazed through the windows at funny imps, gnomes and trolls who sat on the spheres like elves on mushrooms. The creatures with the largest planets beckoned to the crew members to stop at their greasy spoons and five dollar rooms, all of which were very cleverly erected in style of boarding houses in mining towns. It was like a mixture of Walt Disney's Fantasia, and William peter Blatty's Exorcist.

For the first few months of the voyage crew members tried earnestly to find some way to slow the ship down, and somehow, turn it back to earth. This proved all in vain, however, and by the sixth month nobody aboard seemed to care one way or another whether earth even existed, let alone whether they ever got back there.

Decadence reigned supreme all over the Sana Rocha.

Admiral Leo (Gollywog) Krump locked himself in his stateroom with two cases of Tequilla and a vivacious blonde computer programmer. The ship security officer began breaking into his own office and ransacking credit files, only to blame the break-ins on other crew members. The vessel's Christmas choir began singing Gregorian Chants with dirty lyrics and even sane people took to writing on washroom walls.

By the end of the first year in space, inhabitants of the Santa Rocha had become bored with the imps, gnomes and trolls, and by the time New Year's Eve was upon them again moral had dropped to a very low ebb.

It was to get lower yet, however, because no matter how close the vessel got to the next new earth year, it was still bound only to be lost even further in space. That fact came home clear as a bell when the witching hour finally came upon them. Doors flew off hinges, taps off sinks; valuable computer tapes instantly tangled in a heap on the floor; eyes snapped shut in grief as did toilet seats. The entire inside of the Santa Rocha looked like the ransacked offices of a Chilean land developer. Worst of all though, was the fact that even more much needed equipment on board was destroyed right where it stood.

It wasn't until about sixty seconds after midnight that Admiral Krump finally realized he was still alive. He staggered in shock to the nearest window and gazed outside, only to find that everything was all different colors. There were rainbows crossing rainbows everywhere. There were no stars, but there were thousands of tiny suns, each one shedding bright yellow light through whispy clouds to the green earth below.

As he stood gazing at what was actually a space paradise before his eyes, Admiral Krump realized that the Santa Rocha was flying through an atmosphere like a tiny bird, the only difference being that the Santa Rocha was travelling at almost 30 times the speed of light. He stood for a long while in amazed silence, trying to decide if the world outside was real or not. There were winding waterways, little castles nestled on big hills, and large mountains of gold gleaming in the sunlight at each end of every rainbow.

At length others joined Krump at the ship's windows and soon all were rejoicing at the sight of fresh air and life, even if it was Lilliputian and full of odd fantasies. Parties became fashionable aboard ship. For a full year the crew feasted on health foods plucked from trees and bushes as the ship flew like a sparrow through this magical world. Sometimes they even grabbed the odd small insect in mid air and dined on fresh meat. Things became so nice, in fact, that everyone forgot the ship was completely out of control and simply through one large party. The only work done was in the hunting and preparation of food or beverage. Life abord the Santa Rocha became a charmed existence, as inhibitions harbored since childhood flew straight out of the portholes.

The year long party ended, however, on New Year's Eve at precisely twelve midnight. It was as though the hands of the clock were magic wands casting a spell over the lost spacecraft. There was a slight jolt of the craft as it shot up into the air and soared through the clouds into a blue and yellow fog. Then it settled down and glided through the wet luminous mist.

Shoes lost heels; walkie-talkies walked right out of people's pockets and strutted off babbling about the ill manners of CB nuts; chairs bit people's posteriors everytime they sat down; carts and dolleys chased people all over the ship and cornered them in staterooms and broom closets and one even caught the admiral's computer programmer and almost carried her away.

Again people rushed to the windows, this time without the usual period of bewilderment, only to look upon a foggy atmosphere of noxious gasses and miniature solar systems. There were solar systems everywhere about the Santa Rocha as it pierced through the fog at sixty times the speed of light. They were bouncing off the outside of the ship like rocks off a mud flap on a British Columbia provincial highway.

Now was the time when the bewilderment set in. It took a few minutes for people to realize it, but each one of those little solar systems might actually have been made up of planets with living things on them. This made the admiral queazy and caused the computer programmer to stain her checks with tears. Nothing could be done about it, however, because the ship, as everyone realized once again, was totally out of control.

It went on for twelve months and exactly then it entered another year and another universe, and then another and another still, until finally, it was the end of the seventh year in space and people sat in dismal grief all over the ship. Six universal transgressions had already been made and the Santa Rocha was due for yet another, but that wasn't what was worrying Admiral Gollywog Krump and his stalwart crew. What worried everyone the most was the thought that this new year the ship might not experience another jolt into a new atmosphere.

For almost an entire year the starship had been tearing through the worst piece of space anyone could ever encounter. It consisted of an entire universe unto itself, just like all the previous atmospheres, except this time there were no planets, no suns, no moons, no air and no stars, just total black vacuum on and on in every direction ad infinitum.

The crew had almost gone mad during this period. There had been no reason for anyone to do anything. Food supplies were dwindling and six universal transgressions had wreaked havoc on the ship's interior. Then, as the ship glided in a crippled hunk of metal through the darkness at 210 times the speed of light, and the midnight hour approached, everyone sat in a severe state of depression. There was not even so much as a star in sight, just total darkness and there was no hope of breaking into another universe, because there simply wasn't one in sight to break into.

Everyone lounged around on stairways and in staterooms, complaining to each other about the helplessness of the situation. As they drew closer to twelve o'clock the people failed to show any of the excitement that had become normal at this time of year. Instead they just sat there and looked through sunken eyes at each other's tired and pallid faces.

There was garbage strewn everywhere because nobody paid any attention to manners and good grace, so they just dropped their banana peels where they ate the fruit. Equipment, which had flown apart on the last universal transgression littered the rooms and hallways of the Santa Rocha. Furniture was damaged from acts of vandalism throughout the year and left lying on side or end or in corners. Only the ship's steering mechanisms and power sources remained intact, and even they threatened not to last long with a continual threat of fire on board.

The countdown to midnight went on inspite of the crew's bad spirits, however, and as a clock in Times Square struck twelve the Santa Rocha flew out of a pitch black vacuum into one of indigo and blue. There was no jolt as before nor was there any destruction or any new sights to be seen out of windows. In fact, for a few minutes, those aboard who bothered to look at their wrist watches didn't think there had been any change of atmosphere. Then suddenly the voluptuous blonde computer programmer glanced up from her seat in the admiral's stateroom at his porthole.

There in the middle of the window was a slight beam of light struggling to get through. She raced to the porthole and pounded on it as if to try and get out, and each time her fist struck the thick plexi-glass another piece of black film dropped of the outside of the window, revealing a brand new universe. The admiral leapt to his feet and pulled the woman back from the porthole, and as he did so he saw the source of her excitement, there was a moon, very much like Earth's own.

He pressed his face to the glass to get a better view. Black film was still dropping off the exterior of the craft, and beyond the moon hung in space like a Christmas tree decoration. He looked once, and then again, and at last he was sure. It was indeed, Earth's moon.

Admiral Gollywog Krump dashed from his stateroom with the computer programmer close at his heels, and he ran toward the bridge of the ship shouting over and over again that the moon was just ahead. Others followed him through the long winding hallways until he finally burst through the door onto the bridge.

There was one drunk sitting on the bridge fast asleep, with an empty bottle of hootch in his hand. The admiral shook him to wak him up, and as he did so others watched in awe while the black film slid away from the bridge windows revealing the universe as they had all known it seven year's before, to the exact minute. The scene was just as it was then, moments after launching on New Year's Eve in the year 2052. When the man on the bridge woke up the admiral ordered him to take control of the craft, which he did immediately, and the ship responded like a well oiled Mazda.

Admiral Krump reached for a microphone on the control panel and prepared to answer the voice that babbled over the speaker.

"Do you read me Santa Rocha, this is Lloyd Robertson, do you read me?" the voice on the radio speaker asked with urgency.

"Roger," replied the admiral with a grin, "this is Admiral Krump aboard the starship Santa Rocha, we are home."

"What do you mean home?" asked Robertson, "you just took off! You can't come home, we've got a whole production crew tied up on this..."

The admiral sat back and argued with the voice from the CBC for a good length of time, until at last he became too tired of the debate to argue any longer. "This is Krump, I have only two things to say. One is that we have just witnessed the biggest universal transgression in history, the other is that we have regained control of our ship and are headed back to the spaceport. Krump, signing off," he concluded and flipped the radio switch to the off position.

Then he turned and looked at his haggard crew, who now stood in a state of total silence with mouths wide agape. They were all seven years older in the space of perhaps a millisecond, surely that would be proof to those below that everything had really happened the way he intended to tell them.

He smiled back at them as they gazed at him for some encouragement or direction, and he said, "Don't worry folks, we're going back to finish celebrating New Year's Eve properly, on good old Mother Earth."

Division Four, County Line Elementary, presented "A Christmas Tableau" as part of the school's Christmas concert on Tuesday evening.

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Singing and dancing Snowflakes delighted the overflow crowd which showed up at Bradner elementary for the school's Christmas concert on Monday evening. Liz Sebestyen, photo

Straighten me out and dust me off

By ERNEST CLUETT

ALDERGROVE — The Xmas dinner held at the Legion hall on December 16 was an outstanding success. The attendance of 180 members and friends made an impressive showing. The tables were beautifully decorated by Doris Gibbons. All masterpieces were her own creations. A great vote of thanks to Doris for her magnificent accomplishment. Also many thanks indeed to the Legion auxillary under Margaret Gervan. Also to our retiring president Art Cross who worked himself to a frazzle organizing this affair.

The entertainment was enjoyed by all. Mr. Waugh and his carollers from Parkside elementary gave several spirited numbers followed by Aldergrove elementary under Mr. Law, ably assisted by Mrs. Joran-Knox, Mrs. Tungate and Mr. Drew on guitar. The entertainment was rounded out by Mabel Smith and her pupils with ragtime music and other selections.

The door prize - a large poinsetta - was won by Merle Courtemanche. The draws resulted in - the steak dinner for two was won by Gwen Keay and the dinner for two was won by W. Hiebert.

Your delegates to the Aldergrove Rec dinner were Ernie and Muriel Cluett. The weather was terrible and many people were absent. A full account was published in the Star in the Dec. 14 issue.

On Tuesday, the 13 at 9:30 a.m., fifteen members of your branch met with Mrs. Toliver of New Horizons and received an encouraging receptions of your requests. It will take approximately three months to process these suggestions.

As I am now entering upon a new position with our organization and am positively green in experience, following a great organizing salesman like Art Cross, I shall require straightening out when I bog down and dusting off when I fall flat on my face.

Seasons greetings to all and a happy and healthy 1978.

Aldergrove "Keg" Classic results

ALDERGROVE — IN the first round of the first annual Aldergrove "Keg" Classic, Hope defeated Chase 58-36. Leading the way for Hope was J. Nellis with 17 points. L. Zervini contributed 12 points and controlled the offensive and defensive boards. Scoring for Chase was J. Beck with 12 points. In the second game of the night, Westside of Kamloops defeated Aldergrove 42-32. Leading the way for Westside was Monica Lee with 13 points. Aldergrove scoring was done by Barb Bennett and Janet Cronkhite with 15 and 10 points respectively. Amy Chard and Willa Berry played strong games defensively.

2nd NIGHT
DECEMBER 17

The three o'clock game featured Chase vs Aldergrove with Chase winning easily by a score of 68-25. Jane Beck and Margaret Dneault paced Chase with 18 and 16 points while Janet Cronkhite hit for nine for Aldergrove.

The championship game featured Westside of Kamloops and Hope. Hope won the game by a score of 46-25. Leading Hope was Joy Hoyashi with 18 points while Monica Lee and Linda Thomas accounted for much of the Westside scoring.

1st TEAM

#3 Westside - Monica Lee, #8 Hope - Minna Sausa, #14 Chase - June Beck, #2 Chase - Margaret Dneault, #12 Hope - Joy Hoyashi.

2nd TEAM

#7 Hope - Jackie Nellis, #10 Hope - Linda Zervini, #20 Westside - Linda Thomas, #14 Westside - Anne Lee, #25 Aldergrove - Amy Chard.

MVP - Joy Hoyashi #12 Hope Mustangs.

The tournament was deemed a success by the coaches and players and it is hoped the tournament will expand to a six team format next year.

The Aldergrove Totem Girls basketball team; Amy Chard, Willa Berry, Janet Cronkhite, Caroline Hackett, Sue Kerslake, June MacKay, Dianne Turpin, Candus McLellan, and Barb Bennett, would like to thank the Keg Restaurants of Langley and Abbotsford for their support in making the tournament a success.

Double T 4-H

Bottle drive planned

By WENDY FRIESEN

ALDERGROVE — A bottle drive has been planned by the members of the Double T 4-H horse club, as a means of raising funds for the coming year. It will take place on January 7. The members will be out in full force from 10 a.m. until around 4 p.m. and will try to cover as large an area as they possibly can. We would also like to extend our wishes for a safe and happy Christmas to all Star readers.

OTTER 4-H BEEF

Looking forward to an a successful year

By DAVID REEVES

OTTER — The Otter 4-H Beef Club has already started what looks like will be an even more successful year than last. We have the same leaders, Clifford Kennedy, and the same assistant leaders, Mrs. DeGianni and Mr. Wollenbrink. At our last meeting we held the election for all the positions on the executive council. The new president is Gail Smith, the new secretary is Barb Smith, the new vice president, Reno DeGianni and the new treasurer Susan Reeves. There are 25 members this year.

The club has set its financial goal at about $2,000, but that is probably more than we'll need.

At the last meeting the senior members did their speeches but most of them were pretty poorly done so the leaders decided we would all do them again.

Over-all, when we get down to business, it looks as if we will have a remarkably successful year.

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DO YOURSELF A FAVOR - TURN IN A SHOPLIFTER

By Cst. RICK SCOTT

LANGLEY — With Christmas just around the corner, and stores fully and openly stocked to supply the consumer, the temptation to take goods without paying could come at any moment.

Shoplifting is a criminal offence. Over 100 incidents of shoplifting were reported to Langley RCMP detachment in 1976. In 1974 it was estimated that $350-million dollars was lost due to shoplifting in Canada — that's almost a million a day. Loss in the greater Vancouver area alone for 1974 was estimated at $15-million.

With businesses passing on their losses to the consumer by raising prices, the honest customer suffers.

If you're shopping and see someone shoplifting, immediately let a clerk know, so they can take action to prevent a recurrence by that person.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

Another point to bear in mind: holiday season checkpoints will be operated throughout the city and municipality of Langley at random locations. This year we'll be aided by the BATmobile, the mobile breathalyzer van which is a part of the provincial attorney-general's "Counterattack" drinking-driving program.

Remember that impaired driving is a criminal offence and could have very serious civil and personal consequences, particularly if apprehension is as a result of an accident.

Let's not turn a happy season into sadness.

OTTER 4-H HOLSTEIN CALF

Year finished with flair

By LYNDA TURCHYN

OTTER — The Otter 4-H Holstein calf club finished up the year with flair, thanks to the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Giacomazzi. On December 11, club members and parents gathered at the Giacomazzi home for lunch and the year-end meeting.

Members received their prizemonies from the various fairs which they had attended. A senior skill certificate for showmanship was presented to Lynda Turchyn, while Karen McDonald and Terri Giacomazzi received junior badges for showmanship and herdsmanship. Feed record books were also returned to the members.

Club members then presented Mr. John Farquhar and Mr. and Mrs. Giacomazzi with books for their leadership in 1977.

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank its' sponsors, the Otter District Farmers' Institute, and everyone who gave their support throughout the past year.

The club will be re-organizing on January 25 at 8 p.m., at the Giacomazzi home in Aldergrove. Anyone between the ages of 9 and 19 (as of Jan. 1) who is interested in joining should contact either club secretary Jill Giacomazzi at 856-8788 or club president Lynda Turchyn at 856-6349.

These little Mrs. Santas were part of Aldergrove Elementary School's Christmas concert on Tuesday, when the Grade One class presented "How Mrs. Santa Saved Christmas".

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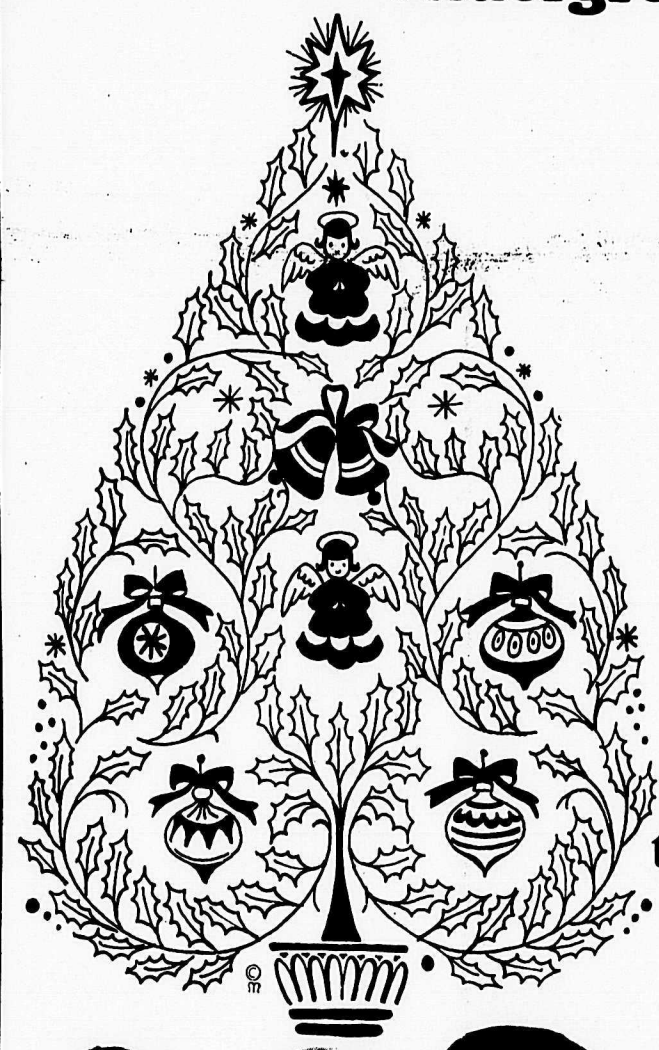

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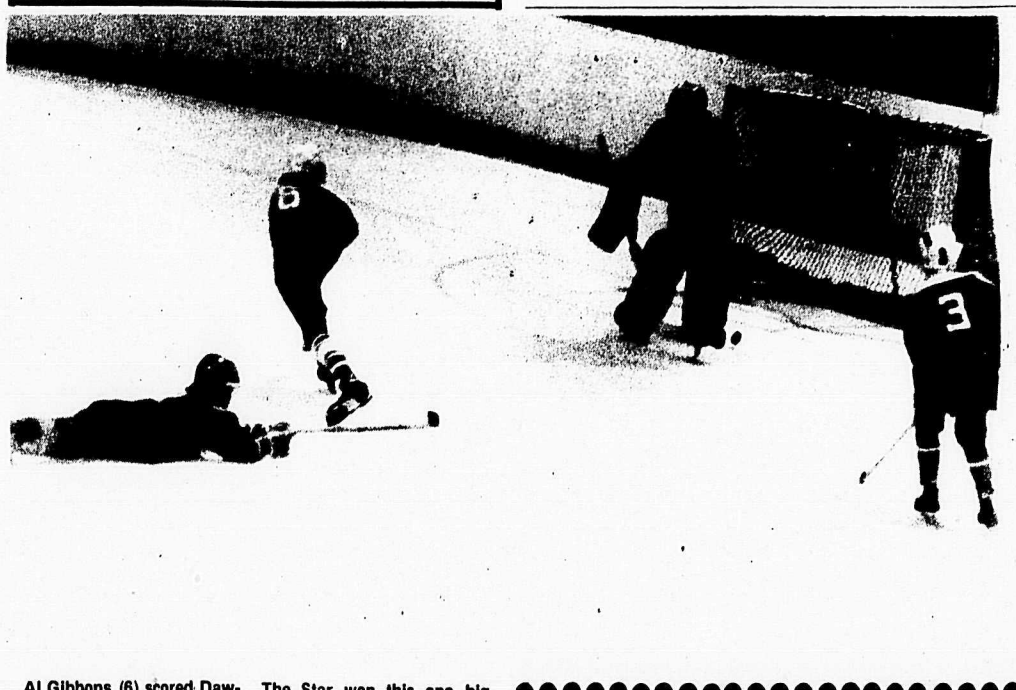

Al Gibbons (6) scored Dawson Brills third goal unassisted against Aldergrove Star. The Star won this one big, 10-6.

Bret Mash, photo

Aldergrove Star win high scoring game

Aldergrove Star played Dawson Brill on Saturday in a high scoring game, with The Star coming away the victors.

Aldergrove Star opened the scoring on two quick goals from M. Susani and J. Abra, with Abra and Anderson assisting. R. Dolby put Dawson Brill on the score board at 10:38 for a 2-1 score, and minutes later The Star got their third from Susani, unassisted. M. Wandler scored from Dolby for Dawson Brill for a 3-2 score at the end of the first.

A. Guran put Aldergrove ahead further with two nice goals, and Dawson Brill added one more from P. Ross, unassisted making it 5-3 after two periods.

The third period was a goal scoring one with The Star getting five and Dawson Brill with three, for a final score of 10-6 in Aldergrove Star's favor.

Scorers for Dawson Brill were M. Wandler with one and A. Gibbons with two, assists went to Gibbons and Dolby. Scorers for Aldergrove Star were A. Guran with three, S. Rowlands with one and M. Susani with one, with assists going to Susani, Peterson, New, and Jackson.

Playing well for Dawson Brill were A. Gibbons, R. Dolby and M. Wandler and for the Star, A. Guran with five goals, M. Susani with three and one assist.

Sabil Atom Rep tie White Rock

Sabil Realty Atom Rep played White Rock here on Sunday night with the game ending in a tie.

Aldergrove opened the scoring at 2:36 of the first from S. Besse, assisted by B. Muehlbauer and it stood up through almost two periods, until Kootnkoff scored from Barbarie for White Rock for a tie.

Aldergrove outshot White Rock 19-12. Both teams played well with both goalies Johnson and Leitch coming up with some good saves. Both teams sat out 8 minutes in penalties. Final score 1-1 tie.

Two winners in Raffle

LANGLEY — Lyle Wallace and Sherry Zimmerman were the lucky winners of a gymnastics club raffle at the Langley YM-YWCA over the weekend.

The draw was made at a regular gym club practise on Saturday.

Wallace took home a spectacular lighted Christmas tree, hand made by local cermanist Floss Thomson.

Zimmerman, meanwhile, was the winner of a family size gingerbread house, made and decorated by Joan Unger.

The prizes were handed over to the two winners after the Saturday draw.

Proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets are scheduled for use by the gym club only, and not the Y as a whole.

The gym club will present a Christmas show of gymnastics on December 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Murrayville school. This show is dubbed as a "Winter Gymnastics Festival" and everyone in the community is invited to attend this fine athletci display.

Scared swimmers, don't despair

LANGLEY — Adults who have not yet learned how to swim need not go on trying to hide their fear of water from themselves and others, because at last someone has developed a special swim class for the "scared stiff" swimmer.

In a small, warm and very shallow pool at the Langley YM-YWCA, qualified swimming instructors are working with small intimate groups in what is aptly dubbed the "Scared Stiff Class".

This is a class for adults who have never learned to swim because of a deep repulsion to submerging their heads below water, or lifting their feet above the pool bottom.

Due to the size of the pool, health regulations will allow only six people at any given time in the three foot deep pool. Working with care and patience, the instructors gradually introduce the half dozen adult swimming students to the idea of getting wet.

Past experience has shown that in twelve lessons of 45 minute duration each, adults who have never swum before begin swimming on their backs as well as the traditional breast stroke, over the entire length of the small pool.

The "Scared Stiff Class" is available during evenings or mornings depending on your own schedule.

On Tuesday mornings the Y will offer the class from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., with instructor Edie Thompson. Evening classes will be held on Thursdays starting at 8:00 p.m. with instructor Suzy Loewen.

If you are a capable swimmer and not afraid of the water, there are other classes available as well. These include everything from beginner lessons to classes for advanced water buffs who wish to upgrade their swimming skills.

Advanced courses are held in a larger pool at the House of Concord in Langley.

For further information on these, and any other courses offered by the Langley Y, please call 530-7174.

Ringette news

By TAMI QUIRING

ALDERGROVE — On December 17, Aldergrove Market travelled to the Brookswood arena to again play Langley Kiwanis. Langley was donned in their black and gold tracksuits.

The game started with Aldergrove taking the faceoff and Aldergrove getting the first goal. Debbie Parkin, assisted by Betty Isinger scored this one. Langley put their first goal on the board at 19:15, when Debbie Paget shot in the ring. They scored the next goal as well, with Michelle Cindrich shotting in the ring. From this point on, 'til the end of the game, the goals went back and forth, from Aldergrove to Langley, back to Aldergrove and so on.

First Aldergrove scored at 13:12 with Shelagh Masztalar, assisted by Debbie Parkin and Tracy Brier. This was Shelagh's first goal of the season. Next Langley scored, with Joanna V., assisted by Paget. Aldergrove's Laura Young scored next, assisted by Pat McDonald. Peri Smith (Langley) scored unassisted at 7:30. Aldergrove now scored two in a row, both by Isinger. Langley scored at 0:48 by Sandy Jones and Lindy Barichello. Isinger scored again at 0:14. The score at the end of the first period was Aldergrove Market 6, Langley 5.

Langley again scored first in second period at 20:30, this goal by Paget. Aldergrove now slipped in two shots, one by Isinger, with her fourth, and the other by Young. Langley then scored their final goal at 14:56 by Jones and Aldergrove scored their final goal at 10:08 by Parkin. Isinger was the only player to receive a hat trick. The final score was Aldergrove 9 and Langley 7.

One other game played Friday night, December 16 was between Langley and O.F.I. The game was played in Langley with the final score being five all.

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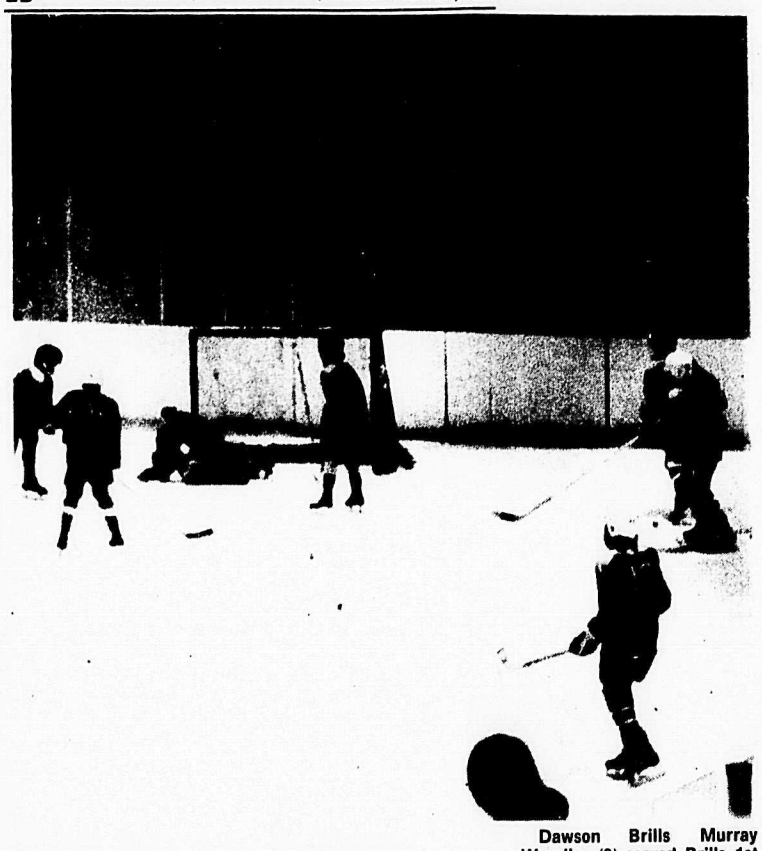

Dawson Brills Murray Wandler (8) scored Brills 1st goal two minutes into the game against the Star, Saturday. It was assisted by Ryan Dolby (16).

Bret Mash, photo

Driediger meats lose to Dawson Brill

Driedigers played Dawson Brill Lumbermen on Saturday night in a close exciting game with the lumbermen winning.

Driedigers went ahead in the first with two goals, a minute apart, both from M. Schroeder with T. Gurgley and D. Bustin assisting to hold a 2-0 lead after the first period.

Both teams played well with the second period being end to end action with the lumbermen getting what showed to be the only goal at 13:27 when R. Smith set up J. Dalily for a 2-1 score at the end of the second.

Dawson Brill lumbermen dominated third period play by outshooting and outscoring Driedigers, managing two more goals for a 3-2 lead. Scorers were K. Lolli and R. Broine from Dalily and R. Lolli. Driedigers hustled to the end but couldn't get the tieing goal, with the lumbermen winning the game 3-2.

Guran Jets win

Guran Jets played Newton on Sunday in Aldergrove in a fast, exciting game with Aldergrove winning.

Guran Jets took the lead at 6:16 of the first on a nice goal by W. Pilchak from Saunders and added another when N. Friesen hammered it past Newton's goalie for a 2-0 lead ending the first, from there it was no contest.

Newton did mount an attack in the second, getting their only goal of the game at 9:56 from Bonnett assisted by Gliest, but Aldergrove continued their strong play adding two more goals for a lead of 4-1. Scoring were Saunders and Masztalar from Hodgson.

The third period was a hard hitting one with 20 minutes of penalties being served, 10 to each team, with the Jets rounding up the scoring with two more for a 6-1 win.

Scoring were S. Davis, unassisted, and N. Friesen from McHugh and Verrault. Playing well in net J. Muench and playing well out were Friesen and Saunders.

Kinsmen beat Quiring

The Kinsmen and Quiring Motors played on Sunday in a game where the Kinsmen dominated play from beginning to end.

D. Kitsul opened the scoring from W. Imbeau for Kinsmen, but Reynolds tied the score for Quirings for a one way tie at the end of the first.

Kinsmen dominated the second period play, going further ahead with three goals, two from W. Imbeau and the other by G. Pederson with Imbeau getting an assist, and then rounded up the scoring in the third with another three, with Quiring adding two.

Scoring for Quiring's was J. Creasy getting both goals, and for Kinsmen were W. Imbeau, R. Baduik and W. Potter with Imbeau getting an assist. Final score was 7-3 for the Kinsmen.

Playing well for Quirings were Reynolds and Creasy and for Kinsmen W. Imbeau with three goals and three assists. Kinsmen outshot Quirings 25-20.

Aldergrove United wins hard fought battle

ALDERGROVE — On Sunday United travelled to Chilliwack to play Ballam Royals in the third round of cup competition.

This game proved to be one of the hardest and most exciting of the season.

Royals went ahead 1-0 early in the game and seemed to be well in control. United then tied the score when Alberto Romegoli crossed the ball to Bill Docherty, who slipped it into the net.

Though both sides tried hard, and each had several chances to score, the first half ended deadlocked at 1-1.

Early in the second half United took a 2-1 lead. Bill Docherty picked up a long pass from Steve Malish, beat the last defender and drove in the ball. This lead, however, was short lived. Less than a minute later, with Royals pressing hard, United made an unfortunate defensive error, and allowed Royals to tie the game.

From then on United seemed to have more of the play but were unable to score.

Then with only 20 seconds left, they got a well deserved break. United was awarded a direct penalty just outside the box. Romegioli chipped the ball into the area, where Steve Malish made a spectacular header to put United in front.

Final score of the match was 3-2 for United.

Borsato's members sends thanks

LANGLEY — Borsato's soccer club wish to extend their thanks and seasons greetings to Western Cable 10 television for bringing production of television games to Fraser Valley soccer for the first time ever.

To Bob Cottingham, mobile producer, Diane Acorn producer, and camera, and Catherine Dawson at the studios of Western 10, their coverage through adverse conditions in some games is appreciated.

Guran Jets lose to Surrey

Guran Jets played Surrey at the North Surrey Recreation Centre on Thursday night in a penalty filled game, and lost 1-0.

The game was marred by a steady flow of players heading for the box in a game where both teams were guilty of chippy hockey, however, Surrey came away the victors.

The only goal of the game came at 5:28 of the first period from A. Baetz, assisted by G. Frienser and D. Snider for a 1-0 lead which held up through the remaining two periods.

Surrey outshot Aldergrove 29-19. This was a rough game with 110 minutes in penalties. 67 going to Surrey and 43 minutes to Aldergrove.

Both goalies played well, but Surrey took the lead early and kept it for the win.

Sabil Realty Atom Rep lose

Sabil Realty lost their first game of the season to North Delta in North Delta on Saturday. Although both teams played well, North Delta eventually one it 3-0.

They opened the scoring in the first from Jessiman assisted by Ashley, then their second at 12:32 of the second period from Cumiskey and their third with 34 seconds remaining in the third period from Nielson for a 3-0 win. Aldergrove outshot them 23-22, but North Delta proved to be the better.

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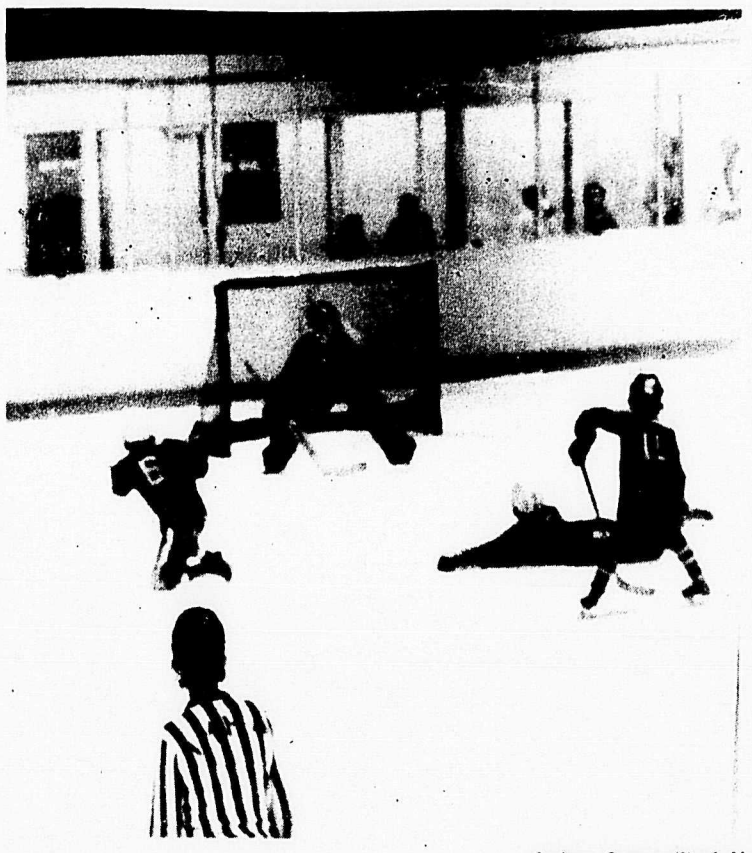

Andrew Goeans (6) of Aldergrove Star scored five of the Stars 10 goals in their game against Dawson Brill, this one was assisted by Robert New (5).
Bret Mash, photo

Dams beat Cloverdale

Dams Pee Wee Rep played in Cloverdale on Thursday and beat them in Exhibition play.

Aldergrove opened the scoring at 8:47 on a goal by T. Theadore from Dancy and Watson and they never looked back, seconds later Cloverdale tied it from Arthurs for a tie at the end of the first.

Aldergrove ahead three more goals in the second with Cloverdale getting two. Scoring for Dams were Minot, Rova and Young, with Lavallee, Rynn, Minot and Watson assisting. For Cloverdale scorers were Brozken and Ryan from Arthurs, Mclellen and Brozken ending the second 4-3 for Dams.

Dams outplayed Cloverdale in the third adding five more goals and Cloverdale one. Scoring for Cloverdale was Mumford from Wong and Mclellen. Scorers for Aldergrove were Minot from Young and Theodore, Minot from Young, Lavallee from Dancy and Baker, Dancy from Rova and Minot from Theodore and Dancy for a 9-4 win. Playing well for Dams were G. Minot, Dancy and Young.

Kitsul and Firefighters tie

Kitsul and Firefighters played on Sunday in a game where both teams kept the parents on the edge of their seats with end to end action.

Kitsul took the lead early on a goal by D. Webb, unassisted, at 12:05 of the first and minutes later Firefighters tied it on a goal by D. Butcher from Janzen.

Then it was back to the Firefighters end with Kitsul getting their second at 5:25 from D. Brunor, unassisted, but at 1:35 Firefighters got the only goal of the second at 7:51 from D. Hyde, unassisted, and the second period ended 3-2 for Firefighters.

Kitsul went ahead in the third with two quick goals by D. Webb and D. Brunor with Moore getting an assist for a 4-3 lead. The pressure was on with Firefighters trying for a tie and Kitsul a win. At 4:49 T. Schmidt from Janzen tied the score for Firefighters for a final score of 4-4. Shots on goal by both teams was 11.

Dams Pee Wee Rep win exhibition game

Dams Pee Wee Rep's played in Newton on Tuesday in an exhibition game and came away with a 5-3 win.

This was an end to end action packed game with both teams playing well and producing many scoring opportunities.

Aldergrove went ahead at 6:54 of the first when L. Jones and K. Watson set up K. Briggs for their first and a 1-0 lead. Newton came back with two quick goals to take the lead. Scoring were Toth and Lightbown from Eastman and Potter, but Aldergrove tied it in the last minute of play on a nice goal by L. Jones from Watson and Baker for a 2-2 tie at the end of the first. Aldergrove outshot Newton 7-1 in the first.

Newton took the lead at 10:40 of the second from Lightbown, but Dams got two more before the period ended for a 4-3 lead, and went from there to win. Scoring were D. Dancy and K. Briggs from Briggs and Minot.

In third period play Aldergrove got their fifth goal from T. Theodore, unassisted for a 5-3 win. Aldergrove outshot Newton 13-10.

Borsato demolish Delta United

By BOB LEDBROOK

LANGLEY — Borsatos first demolished Delta United at Fort Langley Sunday in Bradner Cup, then destroyed them with a series of good goals.

First goal came from Alfie Deglan, then 10 minutes later Wayne Ferguson scored a clever goal, leaving Delta defense helpless. Langley were really looking good and Delta had no answer to this. Just before the interval Ferguson got his second goal.

The second half brought even stronger play from Langley. Bill McRae outstripped the Delta defense and popped in a left footer, making it 4-0.

Next, to the joy of Bobby Johnstone, this player scored a cracker of a goal against his old club. Bob was really using lots of space and with Alan Burton playing the sweeper's role the midfield looked very good. Paul Mellard looked strong at centre back, and Ed Chieduck very much so at back, always overlapping. A penalty was unfortunately missed with keeper Duncan punching clear. Finally Johnstone rubbed salt into the wound of Delta by scoring his second, making it 6-0.

Delta were no real threat: Jackson was handed a red card for dissent and left the field. Langley dominated all of the action with 36 shots on goal as against Delta's 10.

Langley have now scored 16 goals in two cup games with one against, and remain the favorites for the provincial finals. They are also the unbeaten ace in league play.

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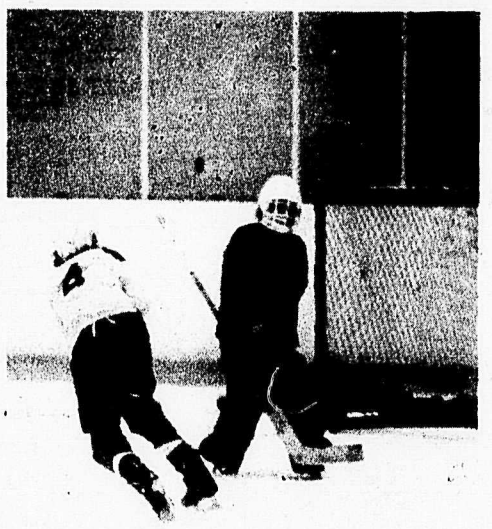
Ernies Trucking vs Newton

Ernies Trucking scored a convincing victory Tuesday night here behind good goaltending from G. Howard who shut the visiting team out 7-0. This was a well earned victory with all lines working hard and producing scoring opportunities.

Ernies went ahead at 1:15 of the first when Minot and DeGianni set up Harley and they never looked back. Newton did mount an attack in the first but were held scoreless by flawless goaltending from Hward. Waterfield increased the lead with 1:01 remaining in the period from Guran and Murphy and again at 43 seconds from Wollenberg unassisted for a 3-0 lead. From then on it was no contest.

Ernie's added two more in the second from Fraser and Guran assisted by Minot, Harley and Waterfield, and rounded out the scoring in the third with DeGianni from Guran and Jones from Hall and DiGianni. Final score was 7-0 for the local boys. Aldergrove outshot Newton 41-7 in a game which showed to be one-sided.



Elk's goalkeeper managed to stop Bentley Ratzcliff's (4) shot for Surrey Credit Union, but in the end the Credit Union came up tops.
Bret Mash, photo

Surrey Credit Union beat Elks Lodge

The Elks and Surrey Credit Union played on Saturday with Surrey Credit Union winning 4-1.

The Credit Union opened the scoring at 7:06 of the first on a goal by G. Seiford from D. Collins, but Elks tied it with their only goal of the game from D. Jacobsen assisted by B. Burgess for a 1-1 tie at the end of the first.

Surrey Credit Union pulled further ahead in the second period getting three more goals for a 4-1 lead. Scorers were R. Brezden, D. Collins and K. Hilliard with Hilliard, Seiford, MacDonald and Strelau assisting.

The third period was a closer checking one with neither team scoring. Playing well in net for Surrey Credit Union was J. McMillan and playing well out was D. Collins and G. Seiford. Final score was 4-1. The Elks outshot the Credit Union 15-13.

ALDER LANES

Senior Fraser Valley roll-offs

The Senior Fraser Valley Roll-offs were held on Sunday, December 11 and Sunday, December 18th. A total of 20 games were rolled. The winners will represent Aldergrove in the Fraser Valley Tournament in March in Maple Ridge. The teams will be:

WOMEN	TOTAL 20 GAMES	AVE.
Karen Wandler	5553	277
Betty Skwarok	5308	265
Norma Gadicke	4998	249
Arlene Kitsul	4824	242
Connie Dolby	4717	235
Gail Dougherty	4715	235
Marg Bland	4675	232
Doreen Dolby	4652	232
MEN		
Rick Wristen	5228	261
Jim Petrie	5165	258
Bruce Gormely	4831	241
Larry Lewthwaite	4559	227
Lorne Dolby	4516	225
Bob Coldwell	4490	224
Ralph Chick	4349	217
Norm Hrynkiw	4224	212

High single games bowled were: Betty Skwarok 408, Rich Wristen 368, Gail Bourgeois 355, Mike Skwarok 353, Erika Bakke 350, Gail Dougherty and Connie Dolby 341. Manager will be Norma Fentie and the coach will be Bill Ferguson.

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Liz Dreger	217	611
Kiristen Madsen	234	595
Christine Lockhart	231	595
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Margaret Roth	194	567
Ruth Engebretson	195	560
Queenie Brandt	184	525
Dorothy Jackson	228	521
Caroline Frieson	206	512
Emily Elmore	203	511
Mary Sanderson	222	492
Emily Brown	199	469
Gertie Agar	177	476
Helen Segeden	166	464
Vera Stanfel	165	459
Eva Hansen	158	438
Ella Skaalen	171	437
Muriel Olund	151	424
Gerry Zytveld	143	412
Mens		
Bill Ferguson	278	705
Harry Gibbon	259	646
Dave Morrison	242	621
George Stanfel	269	618
Ted Hansen	208	567
Weldon Geldart	224	558
John Newton	224	548
Earl Skaalen	232	539
Lyle Cairns	205	536
Bill Roth	187	495
Mac Skelback	197	484
Albert Brandt	188	481
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GARDENING IN THE VALLEY

Don Anson

One noticeable item in the gardening world for 1977 was the large increase in the number of new garden shops and nurserigs in this area. Not only were there many new outlets but there was a greater variety of plants displayed. Not many years ago it was difficult to find a good selection of perennial plants. They were nearly all of the bedding variety.

Gardeners in British Columbia are now thinking more about the advantages of perennials - plants that come up year after year. However, the word perennial is rather misleading. It does not necessarily mean the plant lives for a very long time. A perennial plant is one that lives for more than two years, in contrast to the annual that lives for one year and dies and the biennial with its two years of life. There are perennials with all kinds of life expectancies.

So if you are planning a garden for color, and possibly the least amount of labor involved, give some thought to life expectancy of the plant.

Some plants such as rhubarb and peonies live for a very long time and need not be disturbed or divided. Others, particularly some of the more popular ones, have a short life. Delphiniums and lupins are two such examples. They are both short-lived perennials if left to themselves. Admittedly one can take cuttings or divisions of these, and many other plants, to retain their natural vigor. But don't expect to plant them and leave them to themselves if you want to have strong healthy plants.

Most of the perennials perform better when divided frequently. Bearded irises soon get untidy and need to be rejuvenated by dividing, preferably in July or August. So do aquilegies (columbines) and oriental poppies, both of which are short lived. All polyanthus and primulas should be divided frequently. So do many of our shrubs and even some trees. All the brooms tend to have a fairly short life and it is advisable to propagate them either from seed or by cuttings.

So planning a new garden is not so simple. You can easily get a jungle after a year or two because every plant you grow is desperately trying to increase itself all the time. This is the reason so many garden books say that such and such a plant tends to be invasive.

Say, for instance, that you have decided to plant such things as verbascum, monarda, michaelmas daisy, primrose or phlox. You plant them out and decide the bed looks very bare. So you stick another perennial plant in the vacant spot and probably have a very colorful first year. Next year though, you discover that these plants are making huge bushes and are growing almost on top of each other. Leave them for another year or two and the flowers don't look nearly so good and the bed is beginning to look like a miniature jungle.

Nearly every gardener I know suffers from this problem and I am no exception. So what can be done about it? Firstly all gardeners must, to a certain extent, be ruthless when it comes to plant disposal. Keep only the best. Secondly, give your perennials plenty of room and divide them frequently. If you haven't got room to plant them elsewhere, give them away or take them to a flea market. Thirdly, if the bed looks very bare the first year, either sow annuals in the bare looking spots or buy bedding plants that will only last for one year.

When your garden book says "plant them three feet apart" it is so easy to make it only two feet or more. Don't do it, you will regret it later.

Most gardeners start their gardening with annuals, progress on to herbaceous perennials and finish up with shrubs or specialist plants. This cannot be the right policy for the new owner of a garden. Permanencies should have priority over most plants. I think the right order of preference should be trees and shrubs, roses (if desired), herbaceous perennials (including bulbs) and then annuals.

Maybe I should have put the vegetable garden number one because, if vegetables are to be grown, they must have the sunniest, best drained, least shaded and best soil of any other portion of the garden.

If I had to make a New Year's wish, it would be to banish the word "yard" from the Canadian dictionary whenever it referred to a garden. Now that we have gone metric, possibly it will be banished anyhow.

The author will endeavor to answer any questions on the subject of outdoor gardening. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope to "Gardens, c/o The Star, Box 220, Aldergrove. All letters will be answered personally but some may be answered in this column.

Three of Santa's dolls from his workshop at Coghlan school Thursday evening.

Liz Sebestyen, photo

DESIGN TODAY

Elizabeth Hawkins

Contemplating Queen Anne are you? Tired of Chippendale and bored with Hepplewhite? Good for you! Anybody who knows the difference and owns even a reasonable facsimilie thereof, deserves an "A" in furniture history. For the rest of us whose furniture is about to become history - given one more round of blue jeans and catsup stains, choosing a style can be a very intimidating problem, particularly if you don't know Queen Anne from a toad.

For those who don't, here are the facts - short, sweet and simple.

Furniture can be divided into two main categories, traditional and contemporary...but don't let the later fool you. Some of the most sleek and sophisticated styles were produced over a hundred years ago, and many date back to the pre-war twenties and thirties. Furniture started by being built-well...that is if you happened to live in a cave, with a conveniently located boulder or two. By the time man got around to inventing a grass mat and animal skins for a bedroom, the trend was set. He thought it was such a nifty idea that individual pieces of furniture have been designed and built ever since. Well almost. Since those medieval mansions had nary a closet or even a cupboard, clothing and valuable possessions were all stashed in great chests, wardrobes, cabinets and, with a touch of intrigue, desks with such secret drawers that would have defied even Houdini from getting into (or out of) them.

Which was all very well if you had little else to do but putter around the parlour all day, but by the time servants and space both became extinct, furniture design moved forward (or backwards if you wish) once again to the built-in, now highly functional, simple, clean lines of today.

Variations of "built-in" furniture of course range from extendable tables, free standing wall shelving, nesting tables, to modular sofa units, with the two primary considerations being comfort and function.

Oh yes...about the Queen Anne style. Slender, curving...chairs had four legs - like toads. She of course, poor soul, had only two!

Special childrens matinee

LANGLEY — There will be a special Christmas hamper matinee at the Langley Twin Theatre, 20202 Fraser Highway on Wednesday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m. The comedy team of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis will provide plenty of laughs in their movie "The Pardners". A tin of food for the Langley Christmas Hamper Bureau will be the price of admission to this annual treat.

FROM THE KITCHENS OF MCCAIN

Holiday treats 11

What may come as a surprise are the baking possibilities provided by the common squash. Recipes using squash as a base will fit right into your celebration of Christmas and win acclaim from your family as well.

SPICY HOLIDAY LOAF

1½ cup sifted flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. ground cloves
½ tsp. cinnamon
2 eggs
¾ cup white sugar
¼ cup corn syrup
½ cup vegetable oil
1 cup frozen squash (thawed)
½ cup frozen carrots (thawed, chopped fine)
½ cup chopped walnuts

Sift together the first six ingredients. Beat eggs until slightly foamy and add sugar, corn syrup, vegetable oil and squash; beat well until thoroughly combined. Add liquid mixture to dry ingredients and stir until well blended. Fold in chopped carrots and walnuts and pour batter into greased 9x5x3 inch loaf pan lined with waxed paper.

Bake in 325 degree F. oven for 80 minutes or until cake tester can be withdrawn from the loaf clean. Cool for 10 minutes. Remove from pan, peel off waxed paper and cool.

A very special treat for the whole family is the following delicious Christmas Squash Roll.

CHRISTMAS SQUASH ROLL

3 eggs
1 cup granulated sugar
⅔ cup frozen squash (thawed)
1 tsp. lemon juice
¾ cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ginger
½ tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. salt
½ cup shredded coconut
½ pint whipping cream (whipped)

Beat eggs on high electric mixer setting or until very foamy, gradually adding sugar. Add squash and lemon juice. Fold in dry ingredients, which have been stirred together, and spread mixture evenly in a greased and floured 15x10x1 inch pan. Sprinkle top with shredded coconut.

Bake at 375 degrees F. for 15 minutes. Turn out on towel. Starting at narrow end, roll towel and cake together. Allow to cool and unroll. Spread with whipped cream, roll, and chill. Keep unused portion refrigerated.

Serves 10.

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SAMUAL RIES

RIES — Passed away December 14, 1977 at the Meno Hospital, Samual Ries. Late of 2211 Clearbrook Road, Clearbrook, B.C., in his 97th year. Born in Fremond, South Dakota. Funeral service was held Saturday, December 17 at 11 a.m. from Bakerview M.B. Church. Rev. P. Unger officiated. Interment at Hazlewood Cemetery. Survived by his wife Anna, four daughters, Mrs. L. (Edith) Pike of New Jersey; Mrs. A. (Alvina) Adriah of Vancouver; Mrs. R. (Linda) Hall of Portland; Mrs. J. (Anne) Adrian of Vancouver. 15 grandchildren, one great grandchild, three brothers, George of Alberta, August of South Dakota, and Ben of South Dakota. Two sisters Fransis Hopp and Katie Boese both of South Dakota.

BERNARD F. BRAUN

BRAUN — Passed away December 16, 1977 at the Meno Hospital, Bernard F. Braun in his 75th year. Born in Russia, he was a retired miller. Funeral service was held Monday, December 19 at 3 p.m. from Clearbrook M.B. Church. Pastor J. Baerg officiated, assisted by Rev. H. Lenzmann and Rev. Peter Unger. Interment at Hazelwood Mennonite. Survived by his wife Mary, three sons, Ben and wife Patricia of Medicine Hat, Alberta; John and his wife Trudy of Pincher Creek, Alberta; and Edward of Twin Furs. Four grandchildren, one sister Maria Thiessen of Coaldale.

JOSEPH L. BISHOP

BISHOP — Passed away December 14, 1977 at MSA General hospital, Joseph Llewellyn Bishop. Funeral service was held on Monday, December 19 at 1:00 p.m. from the Chapel of Woodlawn Funeral Home, Abbotsford. Pastor W. Goetz officiated. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Matsqui. Born in Taber, Alberta, December 8, 1921. A farmer, an agriculturist, late of 33400 Bourquin Place, Abbotsford, B.C. Survived by his wife Donna, two sons, Randy and Ted both of Langley. One daughter Mrs. Michael (Rhonda) Nicholls of Vancouver. One granddaughter and one sister Mrs. Irene Paddon of Lethbridge. Two brothers, Ted Bishop of High River, Alberta and Herb Bishop of Raymond, Alberta.

JOHN KNUTSON

KNUTSON — Passed away in Langley Memorial hospital on December 14, 1977. John Knutson, aged 78 years, late of 23388 Mary Avenue, Fort Langley, B.C. Survived by his loving wife Doris, one daughter, Miss Sonja Knutson of New Westminster, B.C. Brothers and sisters in Norway. Funeral service was held from The Chapel of Henderson's Langley Funeral Home on Saturday, December 17th at 11 a.m. Rev. E. Wilkin officiated. Cremation followed at Victory Memorial Park Crematorium.

JACOB BAKER

BAKER — Passed away December 11, 1977 at the MSA Extended Care Unit in Abbotsford, Jacob Baker, aged 72 years. Late of 2644 Cyril Street, Abbotsford. Born in Pineridge, Manitoba, moved to Aldergrove-Abbotsford area in 1940. Mr. Baker retired in 1969 from the Clayburn Brick Plant. He is survived by his wife Hattie, one daughter Mrs. Rex (Emma) King of Abbotsford. Three grandchildren, Bruce, Norman and Darlene all of Abbotsford. Two sisters Mrs. B. (Emma) Hever of Washington, Mrs. Henry (Rosie) Baker of Aldergrove. Five brothers, John and Reinhold both of Clearbrook, Philip and Otto both of Aldergrove and Walter of Abbotsford. Funeral Service was held Thursday, December 15 at 1 p.m. from the Chapel of Henderson's Funeral Home in Abbotsford. Rev. F. Doering officiated. Interment was at Aberdeen Cemetery.

1. Announcements & Coming Events

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1. Announcements & Coming Events

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(Section 8)

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Conscientious reliable lady seeking work as receptionist or clerk in Aldergrove. Phone 856-7585. 51-3

31. Jobs Available

Women to work part time in all aspects of housekeeping. Abbotsford, Aldergrove area. Please submit hours available and experience. Send replies to Box 114, Aldergrove Star. 51-4776-1

Mushroom pickers wanted, phone 856-7485 or 856-8877. 50-2

Experienced framers wanted for hourly work, call **112-462-7063.** 48-4519-4

32. Rentals

For rent, available Jan. 1, 1 bedroom apartment, downtown Aldergrove. Near shopping, bus and laundromat. Quiet persons only. Please phone 856-8303. After 6 p.m. 856-8217. 49-TF

For rent, 800 sq. ft. commercial space at 2905 - 272nd Street, Aldergrove. **859-3757.** 51-4779-TF

2 bedroom duplex, no dogs, $130 per month. 4577 - 272nd Street. 856-2050. Mrs. Mary Krause. 51-1

2 bedroom house available Jan. 15. No pets. 856-6225. 51-1

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Large one bedroom suite. W/W carpet, fridge, stove, heat and electricity included. Pets allowed. $225. 856-2126. 50-4

Aldergrove, deluxe 3 bdrm. four plex for rent. Fridge, stove, dishwasher, drapes, fireplace, wall to wall, 1½ baths, private fenced yard with patio. Available immediately. $375. month. **576-6105.** 49-4543-4

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Office space for rent, corner 272 and 30th. $3.75 sq. ft. plus percentage of taxes. Phone **856-4174.** 51-4784-4

2 bedroom, detached duplex $250. Available Dec. 15. 856-4588. 49-12

One bedroom apartment, downstairs, fireplace, combination bath/shower, stove, fridge, carpets. Prefer single working woman or two working women, or young couple with good references. Close to shopping. $250 utilities included. Avail. Jan. 1. **856-5396.** 50-4756-2

3 bedroom house for rent on 2½ acres. Available immediately. 853-8783. 50-3

Deluxe one bedroom suite for rent in Aldergrove. 856-5327. 45-30

For rent 3 bedroom house in Aldergrove. Close to shopping and school. $400. Avail. Dec. 15. 856-2894. 49-3

33. Wanted to Rent

Responsible couple with 2 children requires house to rent. Reasonable. 856-4816. 49-12

34. Miscellaneous for Sale

15 cu. ft. upright white freezer, excellent condition $175. 856-8013 eves. 48-4

Outdoor Christmas lights. Outdoor extension cords. Portable typewriter. Mens suit cases. 530-9331 or 530-7447. 50-2

Skiis, ski boots, warm up pants, skates $5 and up. No Friday or Saturday calls. **856-8833.** 50-4763-2

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Lambs wool, one black, one grey, four white. 856-8741. 51-2

Fencer $15. Motorcycle battery $2.00. Rochester 2 barrel carb., like new $20. Motorcycle luggage rack $2. 856-4254. 51-3

Nordic ski boots, size 11, good condition. 856-2974. 51-3

5 speed bike for sale. Ex. cond., phone 856-2340 after 3 p.m. 51-1

56 metal stacking chairs for sale. $5 each. 856-8016. 51-2

English saddle, used only once $130. 856-2376. 51-2

Two 12 gallon auxillary gas tanks with sending units. $40 set. 856-5383. 51-3

Boys and girls size 6X snowmobile suits, like new, $12.50 each. Snowmobile boots, size 13 $5. 2 bicycles $20 each. **856-8347.** 50-4761-3

AGS AM/FM 8 track stereo player and recorder with Electrohome turntable. $150 or offers. 856-2282. 49-3

Proctor Silex coffee Magic coffee maker. Very good cond. $25. Phone 856-4880. 50-4

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Singer button hole maker, also china cabinet. 856-6185. 48-4

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34. Misc. For Sale

For sale variety of houseplants. 856-8550. 43-12

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35. Livestock

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36. Poultry

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37.Pets

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41. Property for Sale

Private sale Sudden Valley. Beautiful lot. Section I, close to all recreation facilities, on cul-de-sac. $12,900. 856-4221. 45-8

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42. Homes for Sale

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New 3 bedroom basement home, very well built, double carport, close to new shopping centre and school. No agents please. **856-6943.** 51-3

43. Mobile Homes

Urgent! Must sell double wide mobile home. Reduced to $12,500. Must be moved. 826-9370 between 9:00 - 12:30 and 6 on, in the evening. 46-32

1967 Sunbeam motor home, 4 cyl., excellent cond., $2,800 OBO. 27134 - 32 Ave., Aldergrove. 51-2

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43. Mobile Homes

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46. Holiday Trailers

1977 Nomad trailer, 20½ ft. used one week. Fully self-contained. $6,500. 856-7227. 51-4

Tent trailers for sale. 856-8637. 46-6

47. Miscellaneous Wanted

Wanted trees to cut for firewood. 856-4816. 44-10

Canning jars 856-2814. 44-10

Wanted 5 gallon fish tank or smaller. 856-8628. 51-1

Wanted — electric train set or miscellaneous parts and track. 530-0597. 51-1

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52. Cars

67 Datsun 4 door, auto, clean, runs good. 856-2808. $800. 50-2

1970 Torino H.T. PS, PB, PW, new tire, new brake, good condition $975. Phone 856-4640. 50-3

1968 VW convertable, gas heater $1500. 859-9342. 50-2

Ford 170 c.i. motor, complete, with 3 spd. trans., from 1965 Econoline $125 OBO. 856-5645. 48-8

68 Dodge S.W., PS, PB, $600, also Dune Buggy, fibreglass body $1,500. 856-5502. 50-2

53. Trucks

65 Datsun truck, good running order, new brakes, tires, $650. 5th wheel trailer for tractor. 859-8481. 51-3

68 GMC P.U. (V8 stnd.) rebuilt engine. Clutch and trans. replaced. body good condition. $1095. OBO. 856-6689. 51-2

68 ½ ton Merc. Auto, 360, V8, dual tanks, good cond. New snow tires. 856-8741. 51-3

1972 Econoline van, V8, new tires, and shocks, excellent condition. Phone 856-8168 after 5 p.m. 47-6

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For sale 1965 Ford ½ ton P.U. Phone 856-7312. 49-3

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53. Trucks

Truck canopy to fit Mazda truck. 2 months old. New price $450. Sell for $300. 856-7814. 51-2

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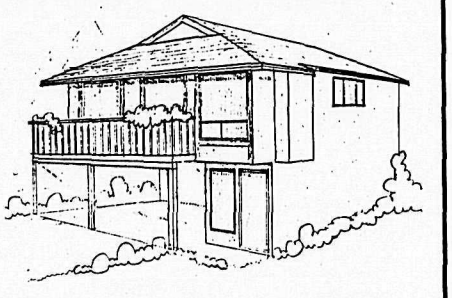

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Bowling scores

Friday Mixed, December 2:
Alley Cats and Dead Heads tied with 36 points each, followed by Fireballs with 34 and Friday Nighters with 31.
THT — Alley Cats 3,643, Mash III 3,541, Royal Zeros 3,410.
THS — Mash I 1,342, Alley Cats 1,307, Dead Heads 1,245.
MHT — Rich Wristen 913, Dave Hemphill 836, Alan Moore 752.
MHS — Rich Wristen 375, Dave Hemphill 343, Larry Meredith 338.
MHA — Rich Wristen 242, Dave Hemphill 213, Ed Turtle 210.
LHT — Marg Waechter 792, Kelly Davidson 743, Ann Nikkel 732.
LHS — Marg Waechter 317, Sharon Lafleur 308, Ann Nikkel 306, Marg Werden 306.
LHA — Sharon Lafleur 204, Joan Moore 204, Marg Waechter 198.

Sunday Fun, December 4:
Langbrooks led with 47 points, followed by Gaffers with 42, and All in the Family with 39.
THT — Flukes 3,603, All in the Family 3,552, Red Knecked Mothers 3,523.
THS — Tie Cats 1,345, 1,302, Wild Ones 1,278, Flukes 1,258.
MHT — Bob Coldwell 838, Larry Lewthwaite 834, 798, 789.
MHS — Herb Thomasson 346, Larry Lewthwaite 345, Gordon Fontaine 340, 330.
MHA — Larry Lewthwaite 244, Herb Thomasson 224, Bob Coldwell 224.
LHT — Ann Darbyshire 313, Janet Tarbaj 302, 275.
LHS — Janet tarbaj 731, 713, Ann Darbyshire 689.
LHA — Janet Tarbaj 204, Ann Darbyshire 191, Gail Lewthwaite 183.

Monday Ladies, December 5:
Odd Balls led with 10 points, followed by Funseekers with 9, and Short Comers with 8.
THT — Odd Balls 3,451, Funseekers 3,446, Odd Balls 3,439.
THS — Unpredictables 1,260, Short Comers 1,253, Legion Jets 1,252.
LHT — Dolly Rafferty 776, 739, Liz Avery 718.
LHS — Liz Avery 332, 321, 317.
LHA — Dolly Rafferty 219, Liz Avery 199, Helen Vander Burch 198.

Monday Night Mixed, December 5:
Also Rans led with 34 points, followed by Stingrays with 33, and Gutter Kings with 30.
THT — Stingrays 3,793, Also Rans 3,558, Gutter Kings 3,553.
THS — Also Rans 1,299, Gutter Kings 1,293, Stingrays 1,284.
MHT — Al Holland 801, Kevin Wandler 754, Roy Gurney 691.
MHS — Kevin Wandler 321, Bill Campbell 314, Roy Gurney 291, Al Holland 291.
MHA — Bill Campbell 219, Al Holland 217, Kevin Wandler 213.
LHT — Karen Westendorp 781, Rose Gelinas 713, Arlene Kitsul 707.
LHS — Arlene Kitsul 351, Karen Westendorp 339, Jane Fouts 316.
LHA — Karen Westendorp 235, Arelen Kitsul 219, Rose Gelinas 195.

Monday Mixed 9-11, December 5:
Hot Squad led with 88 points, followed by Toms Team with 84, and No Names with 71.
THT — Toms Team 4,345, Hot Squad 4,289.
THS — Mean Machine 1,192, Fantasticle 4 1,173.
MHT — Peter Pals 1,080, Tom Powers 1,053.
MHS — Tom Powers 349, Dick Dolly 311.
MHA — Lorne Dolly 224, Tom Powers 213, Dick Dolly 207.
LHT — Lynne Lacey 1,091, Gail Dougherty 1,043, Sharon Brady 1,042.
LHS — Gail Dougherty 358, Norma Fentie 343, Connie Dolby 325.
LHA — Norma Fentie 227, Gail Dougherty 225, Gail Bourgeois 221.

Tuesday A.M., December 6:
Scrubbies, Gold Diggers and Splits were all tied with 32 points, followed by Sunny Girls with 30, and Bay City Bowlers with 28.
THT — Gold Diggers 3,614, Splits 3,605, Sunny Girls 3,599.
THS — Splits 1,297, Sluggers 1,288, Scrubbies 1,286.
LHT — Pat Mayer 783, Inge Arbour 775, Judy Mutter 767.
LHS — Anne Mitchel 318, Diane Wald 301, Pat Mayer 299.
LHA — Inge Arbour 213, Judy Mutter 198, Flora Berkowski 193.

Tuesday Mixed 7-9, December 6:
Bonetti Meats led with 53 points, followed by Fearless Five with 42, and Farmers with 41.
THT — Farmers 3,618, Twosomes 3,597, Fearless Five 3,582.
THS — Farmers 1,371, Strangers 1,302, Fearless Five 1,279.
MHT — Italo B. 821, Jerry S. 786, Jim R. 750.
MHS — Italo B. 337, Jim R. 325, Jerry S. 318.
MHA — Italo B. 233, Jerry S. 215, Jim R. 213.
LHT — Betty S. 956, Sharon K. 783, Rose G. 715.
LHS — Betty S. 371, Sharon K. 291, Rose 280.
LHA — Betty S. 263, Doreen D. 209, Rose G. 201.

Tuesday Mixed 9-11, December 6:
Born Losers led with 83 points, followed by Just For Fun with 78, and Headpins with 70.
THT — Born Losers 3,691, 3,572, Otters 3,561.
THS — Born Losers 1,330, Blow Hards 1,315, Dales Terrors 1,280.
MHT — Jim Petrie 811, Willy Batyi 800, Jim Petrie 780.
MHS — Willy Batyi 331, Jim Roulston 325, Bruce Keller 321.
MHA — Jim Petrie 231, Willy Batyi 228, Bruce Keller 226.
LHT — Connie Dolby 889, Norma Gadicke 815, Rennie Munnik 775.
LHS — Norma Gadicke 354, Connie Dolby 341, 335.
LHA — Connie Dolby 232, Norma Gadicke 223, Gail Dougherty 215.

Wednesday Morning Ladies, December 7:
Rattlers led with 39 points, followed by Rookies with 34, and Mixed Nuts and Pandas each with 27.
THT — Rattlers 3,422, Mixed Nuts 3,364, Ding Bats 3,355.
THS — Rookies 1,222, Mixed Nuts 1,219, Rattlers 1,200.
LHT — Janet Dare 649, Elaine Ellis 627, Lynne Gibbons 626.
LHS — Bunny 274, Lynne Gibbons 270, Elaine Ellis 258.
LHA — Lynne G. 184, Janet D. 184, Elaine E. 176.

Ladies Wednesday Eve., December 7:
1st Place — Team Mates with 104 points.
High Average — Karen Wandler 236.
Weekly High Games — Audrey Hanoski 274, Muriel David 252, Dorothy Lang-Hodge 226, 268, 268=762, Karen Wandler 224-287-319=830, Evie Chick 292, Joyce Hartgrink 280, Melsa Patterson 290.
Weekly High Team — Team Mates 3,526.

Thursday Ladies, December 8:
Streakers led with 42 points, followed by Alley Cats with 37, and Almost and Wm. Nursery tied with 36 each.
THT — Almost 3,715, Streakers 3,602, Wm. Nursery 3,547.
THS — Streakers 1,310, Wm. Nursery 1,288, 1-Hr. Mart. 1,286.
LHT — Lois Wergeland 795, Wendy Moore 756, Eileen Childs 754.
LHS — Wendy Moore 329, Mary Bell 311, Lynne Lacey 311.
LHA — Lois Wergeland 217, Connie Dolby 211, Lynne Lacey 210.

Thursday Night Mixed, December 8:
Pedulums led with 54 points, followed by Arabs and Beginners tied with 40 each, and Mr. Eds with 34.
THT — Pendulums 3,622, Marquis 3,599, Arabs 3,571.
THS — Pendulums 1,377, Mr. Eds 1,346, Chimos 1,337.
MHT — Norm Hrynkiw 748, Bruce Keller 748, Jack Howard 742.
MHS — George Carich 335, Abe Dyke 308, John Gee 306.
MHA — Bruce Keller 206, Norm Hrynkiw 203, Jack Howard 203.
LHT — Marilyn Sutherland 799, 758, Inge Arbour 736.
LHS — Karen Hrynkiw 391, Sadie Siebel 366, Marilyn Sutherland 314.
LHA — Marilyn Sutherland 219, Inge Arbour 214, Marilyn Waterfield 207.

Thursday Mens, December 8:
Whos That led with 46 points, followed by Blag with 44, and Wipe Outs with 37.
THS — Blag 4,572, Super Chargers 4,558.
THS — Gutter Snipes 1,284, Super Chargers 1,261.
MHT — Bill Ferguson 1,311, Larry Lewthwaite 1,152.
MHS — Bill Ferguson 400, Dennis Ringrose 378.
MHA — Larry Lewthwaite 248, Bob Coldwell 243, Bill Ferguson 242.

Toys from Santa's Workshop at Coghlan elementary school Christmas play last Thursday.
Liz Sebestyen, photo

Youth bowling scores

Tuesday, Parkside:
Winning Team — 5 Stars with 83 points.
BHS — Art Van Diepen 329, Ryan Dolby 320, 274.
BHD — Ryan Dolby 610, 519, 510, Mike Zackon 515, 502.
BHA — Ryan Dolby 234, Mike Zackon 224, Bill Brown 164.
GHS — Sandra Burgess 273, 226, Karen Clarke 267.
GHD — Karen Clarke 464, 370, Sandra Burgess 383, 392.
GHA — Sandra Burgess 164, Karen Clarke 147, Sharon Dolby 140.

Wednesday, Aldergrove Elementary:
Winning Team — Bay City Bowlers.
BHS — Terry Edge 236.
BHD — Amyn Sunderji 442.
BHA — Amyn Sunderji 171.
GHS — Kim Johnson 221.
GHD — Laura Daley 385.
GHA — Tami Service 160.

Thursday, High School:
Winning Team — Grunge.
BHS — David Nash 298.
BHT — David Nash 815.
BHA — David Nash 224.
GHS — Kim Major 320.
GHT — Kim Major 721.
GHA — Kim Major 195.

Saturday, Jrs. and Srs., December 3:
Winning Team — Flubs with 56 points.
BHS — Ryan Dolby 329.
BHA — Ryan Dolby 224.
BHT — Ryan Dolby 894.
GHS — Theresa Norton 385.
GHA — Karen Hrynkiw 183.
GHT — Theresa Norton 775.

Saturday, Bantams, December 3:
Winning Team — Raggedy Anns with 31 points.
BHS — Scott Uprichard 226.
BHD — Scott Uprichard 326.
BHA — Scott Uprichard 131.
GHS — Lisa Norton 211.
GHD — Lisa Norton 332.
GHA — Karen Dolby 128.

The twelve days of Christmas

The Twelfth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Twelve lords a-leaping,
Eleven ladies dancing,
Ten pipers piping,
Nine drummers drumming,
Eights maids a-miling,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five gold rings,
Four colly birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves, and
A partridge in a pear tree.

The Twelve Days of Christmas - a carol evocative of rich Christmas fare, of plum puddings, hot chestnuts and the scent of pine needles - was a British Victorian fireside forfeits game played before families took down their Christmas decorations.

Victorians used the carol as a parlour game before eating mince pies and Twelfth Night Cake and finishing the feast of Christmas on the twelfth and final night, the Epiphany.

The Twelve Days of Christmas is now accepted as part of the canon of Christmas carols. But it originated long, long ago as a gentle parody by 13th century French minstrels poking fun at some solemn chant of their day.

The song dates back, as far as the British are concerned, to a thirteenth century manuscript kept in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge and called "Twelfth Day".

No-one can say when the carol rose from relative obscurity, but in 1780, a miniature children's book called "Mirth Without Mischief" published it as a folk-song.

As a Victorian parlour game, the Twelve Days carol involved a test of memory and concentration. Players had to give a forfeit if they failed to get the verses right or in the correct order. As the carol progressed, feats of memory and concentration became more severe and players found it harder to escape forfeits.

The carol is common to Britain, France, French Canada and America and different versions contain a variety of gifts.

American versions offers bulls a-roaring, hounds a-hunting, bears a-leaping, hares a-running, wolves a-howling and deers a-running.

Other versions include Limerick oysters, goldspinks (goldfinches), grey elephants, an Arabian baboon, a papingo-eye (peacock) and a goose that was grey. Colly birds, meaning blackbirds, become calling birds or colored birds.

In the British version, the lady of the carol would eventually receive twelve leaping lords, twenty-two dancing ladies, thirty pipers, thirty-six drummers, forty milk maids, forty-two swimming swans, forty-two laying geese, forty gold rings, thirty-six blackbirds, thirty French hens, twenty-two turtle doves and twelve partridges in pear trees. In all, three hundred and sixty-four gifts - one for each day of the year except one ... that one was saved for the gift of true love.

Departures from the original wording are inevitable, but the spirit of the song lives on. It's a Christmas spirit, of giving, and by giving celebration the western world's great feast.

The Corporation of the Township of Langley

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held in the Municipal Hall, 4914 - 221st Street, Langley, B.C. on Tuesday, January 3, 1978, at 1:30 P.M. to discuss an application for a LAND USE CONTRACT NUMBERED 67 in the name of:
ALDERGROVE CONSTRUCTION LTD.
20432 Douglas Crescent,
Langley, B.C.
To create:
A subdivision of thirty-nine (39) single family residential lots.
Situate on:
Lot 266 of the North East Quarter of Section 19, Township 13, Plan 53416, New Westminster District, Lot 23 of the North East Quarter of Section 19 and of the South East Quarter of Section 30, Township 13, Plan 1102 EXCEPT FIRSTLY: Parcel "B" (Explanatory Plan 12625), and SECONDLY: Parcel "A" (Explanatory Plan 15392), New Westminster District,
Lot 26 of the South East Quarter of Section 30, Township 13, Plan 27456, New Westminster District,
Lot 4, Block 23 of the South East Quarter of Section 30, Township 13, Plan 21185, New Westminster District, in the Municipality of Langley.
Copies of the By-Law may be seen at the Municipal Hall, 4914 - 221st Street, Langley, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
Persons who deem their interest in property to be affected by this application are invited to attend and be heard.

D. J. DOUBLEDAY,
Municipal Clerk
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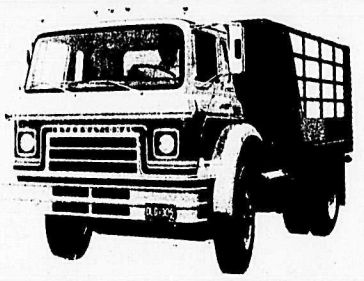

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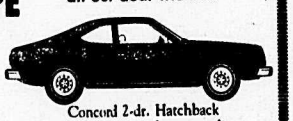
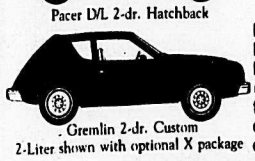


Concord 2-dr. Hatchback shown with optional sport package



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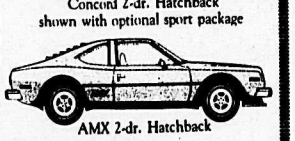

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

If you are eligible for the 1977 Provincial Home Owner Grant and have not yet claimed, please do so immediately. The expiry date for 1977 Home Owner Grants is December 31, 1977.
The Grant may be claimed whether or not the 1977 taxes have been paid.
For any information call:
Tax Department, 534-3211.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

The Corporation of the Township of Langley is requesting sealed tenders on the supply of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel. If you wish to bid, kindly obtain the 'Tender Form" from the Municipal Hall, 4914 - 221st Street, Langley, B.C.
Quotation are to be received before 2:30 p.m. on December 14, 1977.

Purchasing Department

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held in the Municipal Hall, 4914 - 221st Street, Langley, B.C., on Tuesday, January 3, 1978 at 1:45 P.M.
to discuss an application for a LAND USE CONTRACT NUMBERED 72 in the name of:
GOODBRAND INDUSTRIES LTD.
28th Floor, 595 Burrard St.
Vancouver, B.C.
to:
Amend and extend Land Use Contract No. 40.
The Developer has become desirous of extending the said Service Industrial site to encompass those lands and premises shown on Subdivision Plan of:

Lot 38, Plan 52624 and portions of Lot 18, Plan 25034;

Lot 34, Plan 51665 ALL of the North East Quarter of Section 24, Township 10, N.W.D.

North East corner of 30A Avenue and 262nd Street.

Copies of the By-Law may be seen at the Municipal Hall, 4914 - 221st Street, Langley, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Persons who deem their interest in property to be affected by this application are invited to attend and be heard.

D. J. DOUBLEDAY,
Municipal Clerk
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Wednesday, Dec. 21

	CHANNEL 2	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	CHANNEL 6	CHANNEL 7	CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 9	CHANNEL 11	CHANNEL 12	CHANNEL 13
12:00	Bob McLean	All My Children	Hollywood Sqs.	News	News	News	Electric Co.	News	Phil Donahue	All My Children
12:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Days of Our	Ida Clarkson	As World Turns	Movie:	Ginger. Man	Love Am. Style	As World Turns	Cont'd.
1:00	Bob Switzer	Ryan's Hope	Lives	Sanford & Son	Cont'd.	Adventures of	Cover to cover	Movie:	Cont'd.	Makem & Ryan
1:30	Coronation St.	One Life to Live	The Doctors	Marcus Welby	Guiding Light	Nick Carter	Music	Wacky World	Hollywood Con.	Best of Groucho
2:00	Ryan's Hope	Cont'd.	Another World	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Another World	Stories of Am.	of Mother	Newlywed Game	City Lights
2:30	Edge of Night	General Hospital	Cont'd.	Edge of Night	All In Family	Cont'd.	Making Music	Goose	Match Game	Friends of Man
3:00	Take Thirty	Edge of Night	Movie:	Take Thirty	Dinah	Alan Hamel	Age of	Flintstones	Tattletales	Wildlife
3:30	Celebrity Cooks	Boomerang	Critic's Choice	Celebrity Cooks	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Uncertainty	Banana Splits	Jeannie	Little Rascals
4:00	Homemade T.V.	Afterschool	Cont'd.	Child's Program	Emergency One	Star Trek	Cont'd.	Mickey Mouse	Funorama	Hogan's Heroes
4:30	Electric Co.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Flipper	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Villa Alegre	Gilligans Island	Gilligan's Island	Get Smart
5:00	Sky Begins	Macaroni	Newlywed	Adam-12	News	Hockey:	Mr. Rogers	Leave to Beaver	My 3 Sons	The Rookies
5:30	All In Family	News	News	News	Cont'd.	Montreal	Electric Co.	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Cont'd.
6:00	Hourglass	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	vs Toronto	Zoom	Partridge	Andy Griffith	Odd Couple
6:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Mary T. Moore	Cont'd.	Over Easy	Brady Bunch	Match Game	Happening
7:00	Mary T. Moore	Animals	Seattle	Baretta	Tell the Truth	Cont'd.	News	Hogan's Heroes	Joker's Wild	Vancouver
7:30	Sportscene	Hollywood	Truth of Con.	Cont'd.	Family Feud	Cont'd.	Glittering	Adam-12	On Your Nellie	Cont'd.
8:00	Nature Things	T.B.A.	Grizzly Adams	Nature Things	Good Times	8 Is Enough	Prizes	Joker's Wild	Name that Tune	Cont'd.
8:30	Musicamera	T.B.A.	Cont'd.	Musicamera	Szysznyk	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Family Affair	Merv Griffin	Cont'd.
9:00	Cont'd.	Charlie's	Blacksheep	Cont'd.	Movie:	Movie:	Performances	A Barbi Doll	Cont'd.	Carry on
9:30	Cont'd.	Angels	Squadron	Cont'd.	Mad Bull	Conrack	Cont'd.	for Christmas	Cont'd.	Christmas
10:00	Labrador	T.B.A.	Big Hawaii	Labrador	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	News	Medical Center	Redd Foxx
10:30	Watson Report	T.B.A.	Cont'd.	Watson Report	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Book Beat	Safari to Adven.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.
11:00	National News	News	News	News	News	News	Dick Cavett	Odd Couple	Fernwood	Sports Page
11:30	Night Final	Starsky, Hutch	Tonight Show	Cont'd.	Late Movie	Cont'd.	Winners, Losers	Ironside	Late Movie	G. Hamilton IV

Thursday, Dec. 22

	CHANNEL 2	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	CHANNEL 6	CHANNEL 7	CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 9	CHANNEL 11	CHANNEL 12	CHANNEL 13
12:00	Bob McLean	All My Children	Hollywood Sqs.	News	News	News	Electric Co.	News	Phil Donahue	All My Children
12:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Days of	Ida Clarkson	As World Turns	Movie:	Sesame St.	Love Am. Style	As World Turns	Cont'd.
1:00	Bob Switzer	Ryan's Hope	Our Lives	Sanford & Son	Cont'd.	Treasure Island	Cont'd.	Movie:	Cont'd.	Makem & Ryan
1:30	Coronation St.	One Life	The Doctors	Marcus Welby	Guiding Light	Cont'd.	Movie:	Curly Top	Hollywood Con.	Best of Groucho
2:00	Ryan's Hope	to Live	Another World	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Funny	Fabulous	Cont'd.	Newlywed Game	City Lights
2:30	Edge of Night	Gen. Hospital	Cont'd.	Edge of Night	All in Family	Cont'd.	Dorseys	Cont'd.	Tattletale	Friends of Man
3:00	Take 30	Edge of Night	Movie:	Take 30	Dinah	Alan Hamel	Music	Flintstones	Match Game	Wildlife
3:30	Celebrity Cooks	Treehouse	Wonderful	Celebrity Cooks	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Villa Allegre	Banana Splits	Jeannie	Little Rascals
4:00	Vision On	Merv Griffin	Country	Child's Program	Emergency One	Lucy Show	Sesame Street	Mickey Mouse	Funorama	Hogan's Heroes
4:30	What's New	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Flipper	Cont'd.	Star Trek	Cont'd.	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Get Smart
5:00	Marketplace	Cont'd.	Newlywed Game	Adam-12	News	Cont'd.	Mr. Rogers	Leave to Beaver	My 3 Sons	Rookies
5:30	All In Family	News	News	News	Cont'd.	Gong Show	Electric Co.	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Cont'd.
6:00	Hourglass	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	News	Zoom	Partridge	Andy Griffith	Odd Couple
6:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Mary T. Moore	Cont'd.	Over Easy	Brady Bunch	Family Feud	Welcome Kotter
7:00	Mary T. Moore	People Place	Seattle	Oral Roberts	Tell the Truth	Pig & Whistle	News	Hall of	Joker's Wild	Vancouver
7:30	Ann Mortifee	Cont'd.	Match Game	Cont'd.	Price is Right	Wonder	No, Honestly	Fame Bowl	On the Buses	Cont'd.
8:00	Carol Burnett	Welcome Kotter	Chips	Carol Burnett	Seattle Sonics	Woman	Best of	Cont'd.	Name that Tune	Movie: Carry on
8:30	Cont'd.	Happening?	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	vs Boston	Before Xmas	Families	Cont'd.	Merv Griffin	Christmas
9:00	Canadian	Barney Miller	James at 15	8 Is Enough	Cont'd.	Carter Country	Movie:	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	James at 15
9:30	Express	Carter Country	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	CTV Reports	A Matter of	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.
10:00	Got Each Other	Redd Fox	Class of '65	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Hawaii 5-0	Who	News	Medical Center	Barnaby Jones
10:30	Dofasco	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Mary T. Moore	Cont'd.	Animation Fest.	Ski-In	Cont'd.	Cont'd.
11:00	National News	News	News	News	News	News	Dick Cavett	Odd Couple	Fernwood	Sports News
11:30	90 Minutes	Police Story	Tonight Show	Cont'd.	Late Movie	News	Womantime	Ironside	Late Movie	Vic Franklyn

Friday, Dec. 23

	CHANNEL 2	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	CHANNEL 6	CHANNEL 7	CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 9	CHANNEL 11	CHANNEL 12	CHANNEL 13
12:00	Bob McLean	All My	Hollywood Sqs.	News	News	Definition	Electric Co.	News	Phil Donahue	All My Children
12:30	Cont'd.	Children	Days of	Ida Clarkson	As World Turns	Movie:	Sesame St.	Love Am. Style	As World Turns	Cont'd.
1:00	Bob Switzer	Ryan's Hope	Our Lives	Sanford & Son	Cont'd.	Little House	Cont'd.	Movie:	Cont'd.	Makem & Ryan
1:30	Coronation St.	One Life	The Doctors	Marcus Welby	Guiding Light	on Prairie	Mormon Chorus	Snow Queen	Hollywood Con.	Best of Groucho
2:00	Ryan's Hope	to Live	Another World	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	TBA	Xmas with	Cont'd.	Newlywed	City Lights
2:30	Edge of Night	Gen. Hospital	Cont'd.	Edge of Night	All in Family	TBA	Mr. Rogers	Cont'd.	Tattletales	Friends of Man
3:00	Take 30	Edge of Night	Movie:	Take 30	Dinah	Alan Hamel	Yule N.W.	Flintstones	Match Game	Wildlife
3:30	Celebrity Cooks	Treehouse	Gregorio &	Celebrity Cooks	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Speakout	Banana Splits	Jeannie	Little Rascals
4:00	Young Chefs	Merv Griffin	His Angel	Child's Program	Emergency One	Lucy Show	Sesame Street	Mickey Mouse	Funorama	Hogan's Heroes
4:30	After School	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Flipper	Cont'd.	Star Trek	Cont'd.	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Get Smart
5:00	Nativity Parade	Cont'd.	Newlywed Gm.	Adam-12	News	Cont'd.	Mr. Rogers	Tangarine	My 3 Sons	Rookies
5:30	All In Family	News	News	News	Cont'd.	Gong Show	Electric Co.	Bowl	I Love Lucy	Cont'd.
6:00	Hourglass	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	News	News	Zoom	Cont'd.	Andy Griffith	Odd Couple
6:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Mary T. Moore	Cont'd.	Over Easy	Cont'd.	Hollywood Sqs.	City Revue
7:00	Mary T. Moore	Anything Goes	Seattle	Charlie's	Tell the Truth	Op. Petticoat	News	Cont'd.	Joker's Wild	Vancouver
7:30	Reach for Top	Muppet Show	Hollywood Sqs.	Angels	A Xmas Child	Allan Sisters	Gardening	Cont'd.	On Your Nellie	Cont'd.
8:00	Tony Randall	Donny & Marie	Drummer Boy	Tony Randall	Movie:	Donny & Marie	Wn. Review	Joker's Wild	Name that Tune	Cont'd.
8:30	3's Company	Cont'd.	4th King	3's Company	The Bible	Cont'd.	Wall St.	Family Affair	Merv Griffin	Chico & Man
9:00	Tommy Hunter	John Denver	Rockford Files	Tommy Hunter	Cont'd.	Rockford Files	Theatre	Marcus Welby	Cont'd.	Movie:
9:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Apprenticeship
10:00	Big Hawaii	Christmas	Quincy	Starsky &	Cont'd.	Quincy	Performance	News	Medical Center	of Duddy
10:30	Cont'd.	Special	Cont'd.	Hutch	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Safari to Adven.	Cont'd.	Kravitz
11:00	National News	News	News	News	Cont'd.	News	Dick Cavett	Odd Couple	Fernwood	Sports News
11:30	Night Final	Baretta	Tonight Show	News	News	Cont'd.	Battle Line	Ironside	Late Movie	Late Movie

Saturday, Dec. 24

	CHANNEL 2	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	CHANNEL 6	CHANNEL 7	CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 9	CHANNEL 11	CHANNEL 12	CHANNEL 13
12:00	Movie:	Am. Bandstand	Football:	Sports Review	Secrets of Iris	National	French Chef	Movie:	Secret of Iris	100 Huntley St.
12:30	Bright Eyes	Movie:	Teams T.B.A.	Tableau	Fat Albert	Football League	Gardening	The	Fat Albert	Sports
1:00	Cont'd.	Bringing	Football:	Discover	Mister Magoo	Starts 10 a.m.	Consumer Kit	Daydreamer	Magoo	Cont'd.
1:30	Pacific	Up Baby	Teams T.B.A.	Pacific	Film Festival	Teams T.B.A.	Yoga	Cont'd.	Outlook	Cont'd.
2:00	Conference	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Conference	Dialogue	2 Games	Idea Thing	Movie:	Polar Star	Cont'd.
2:30	Games	Movie:	Cont'd.	Game	Green Acres	Cont'd.	Daniel Foster	Dark Venture	Space Academy	Cont'd.
3:00	Cont'd.	7 Little Foys	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Seahawks	Cont'd.	Womantime	Cont'd.	Skatebirds	Vancouver
3:30	Curling	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Curling	Sports	Cont'd.	Book Beat	Gift of Winter	Cont'd.	Cont'd.
4:00	Cont'd.	F Troop	Point of View	Cont'd.	Spectacular	World of Sports	Firing Line	Bottom of Sea	Gift of Winter	T.B.A.
4:30	Space 1999	Game of Week	Great Game	Salvation Army	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	The 12 Gifts	Cartoons
5:00	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	This Is NFL	Movie:	Tony Randall	Cont'd.	Symphony	Twilight Zone	Silent Night	Cont'd.
5:30	On Our Own	Cont'd.	News	Pufnstuff	News	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cartoons	12th Day
6:00	News	T.B.A.	Xmas Tree	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	News	French Chef	Star Trek	Hans Christian	The Christmas
6:30	Muppets	News	Animal World	Cont'd.	Oral Roberts	Family Robins'n	Once Upon	Cont'd.	Anderson	Martian
7:00	Christmas	Lawrence	Wild Kingdom	Lawrence	Cont'd.	Movie:	Xmas at Pops	Hee Haw	Movie:	Vancouver
7:30	Celebration	Welk	Gong Show	Welk	In Search Of	Misty	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	A Christmas	Cont'd.
8:00	Shari Lewis	Tabitha	Bionic Woman	Shari Lewis	Bob Newhart	Cont'd.	No, Honestly	Billy Graham	Carol	A Xmas Carol
8:30	Cont'd.	Oper. Petticoat	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Mary T. Moore	Cont'd.	Music	Cont'd.	Joy of Xmas	Dofasco Choir
9:00	Dostowevski	Starsky	Movie:	Dostoevsky	Jeffersons	Bionic Woman	Xmas in	Gifts of Xmas	Billy Graham	Jeffersons
9:30	Cont'd.	& Hutch	In Search of	Cont'd.	Tattletales	Cont'd.	Wales	Silent Night	Cont'd.	Dick Emery
10:00	Sounds of	Love Boat	Noah's Ark	Sounds of	Kolak	Hollywood	Xmas Around	Country N.W.	Jackie Gleason	Love Boat
10:30	Christmas	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Christmas	Cont'd.	Rolf Harris	World	Movie:	Cont'd.	Cont'd.
11:00	National News	News	Xmas at	News	Xmas Music	News	Silent Night	Good Sam	Honeymooners	Sports Page
11:30	Night Final	Cont'd.	St. Marks	Late Movie	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Sign Off	Cont'd.	Xmas Eve Spec.	Late Movie

Sunday, Dec. 25

	CHANNEL 2	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	CHANNEL 6	CHANNEL 7	CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 9	CHANNEL 11	CHANNEL 12	CHANNEL 13
12:00	Man from	Christmas	Bowling	Country Garden	Football:	Junior Hockey	Xmas Around	Movie:	Gospel Hour	Great Debate
12:30	Button Willow	Services	Movie:	A Better Way	Pennsylvania	Cont'd.	the World	Santa Conquers	Cont'd.	Vancouver
1:00	Cont'd.	USGA Hilights	Say One	Ski Alberta	State vs	Cont'd.	Wn. Review	Martians	Cosmo. Kitchen	Cont'd.
1:30	Music to See	Women Only	for Me	Music to See	Arizona State	Cont'd.	Wall St.	Movie: Abbott &	P.T.L. Club	Huntley
2:00	Queens Mess.	Impact	Cont'd.	Queen's Mess.	Cont'd.	It is Written	Best of	Costello &	Cont'd.	Christmas
2:30	Heidi	Action	Oliver Twist	Heidi	Cont'd.	Movie:	Families	Keystone Cops	Cont'd.	Carols
3:00	Cont'd.	Medicine Men	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Movie:	Charlotte's	Performances	Movie:	Cont'd.	Vancouver
3:30	Cont'd.	Untamed World	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Chitty, Chitty,	Web	Cont'd.	Good Sam	Italian Cooking	Cont'd.
4:00	Carols	San Pedro	Coral Jungle	Carols	Bang Bang	Horst Koehler	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Billy Graham	Cont'd.
4:30	Cont'd.	Beach Bums	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Question Period	Celebration	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Friends of Man
5:00	Cont'd.	Alias Smith	Meet Press	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Untamed Fron.	News	Here Comes	Movie:	Cartoons
5:30	Princess Tom.	& Jones	News	Princess Tom.	Cont'd.	Capitol Com.	Soccer	Brides	Tarzan's Peril	Cont'd.
6:00	World of	News	Survival	News	News	News	Cont'd.	Star Trek	Cont'd.	Sports
6:30	Disney	Film Festival	How Come	Cont'd.	Mary T. Moore	Cont'd.	Symphony	Cont'd.	Honeymooners	Cont'd.
7:00	Beachcombers	Hardy Boys,	World of	Beachcombers	60 Minutes	Nancy Drew	Cont'd.	Outer Limits	60 Minutes	Cont'd.
7:30	Rhoda	Nancy Drew	Disney	Rhoda	Cont'd.	Mystery	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.
8:00	King Kens.	$6,000,000 Man	Xmas Special	King Ken.	Rhoda	$6,000,000 Man	Cont'd.	Speakout	Movie:	Cont'd.
8:30	All In Family	Cont'd.	Noah's Animals	All In Family	On Our Own	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Access	Ziegfield	Cont'd.
9:00	Gift to Last	Movie:	Movie:	Gift to Last	All in Family	Kojak	Theatre	Probe	Follies	Sweeney
9:30	Cont'd.	Funny Girl	Against a	Cont'd.	Alice	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Contact	Cont'd.	Cont'd.
10:00	Carols	Cont'd.	Crooked Sky	Carols	Carol Burnett	Philharmonic	Visions	Kroeze Bros.	Movie:	I Claudius
10:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Xmas Concert	Cont'd.	700 Club	Worlds & Music	Cont'd.
11:00	National News	Cont'd.	News	News	News	News	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Sports Page
11:30	Night Final	Cont'd.	Late Movie	Late Movie	Late Movie	Cont'd.	Sign Off	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	G. Hamilton IV

Monday, Dec. 26

	CHANNEL 2	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	CHANNEL 6	CHANNEL 7	CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 9	CHANNEL 11	CHANNEL 12	CHANNEL 13
12:00	Football Final	All My Children	Hollywood Sqs.	Ida Clarkson	News	Adam-12	Electric Co.	News	Donahue	All My Children
12:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Days of Our	Ida Clarkson	As the World	Movie:	Sesame St.	Love Am. Style	As World Turns	Cont'd.
1:00	Sesame St.	Ryan's Hope	Lives	Sanford & Son	Turns	Dr. Dolittle	Cont'd.	Movie:	Cont'd.	Makem & Ryan
1:30	Cont'd.	One Life to Live	The Doctors	Marcus Welby	Guiding Light	Pt. 1	Performance	Alice in	Hollywood Con.	Best of Groucho
2:00	Bob Switzer	Cont'd.	Another World	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Another World	Cont'd.	Wonderland	Newlywed Game	City Lights
2:30	Coronation St.	General Hospital	Cont'd.	Movie:	All in Family	Cont'd.	Mimi	Cont'd.	Tattletales	4 for Adventure
3:00	Bob McLean	Edge of Night	Movie:	Charlotte's	Dinah	Alan Hamel	Wash. Review	Flintstones	Match Game	Wildlife
3:30	Cont'd.	Boomerang	Money from	Web	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Villa Alegre	Banana Splits	Jeannie	Little Rascals
4:00	Stationary Ark	Merv Griffin	Home	Lucy Show	Emergency	Lucy Show	Sesame Street	Mickey Mouse	Funorama	Hogan's Heroes
4:30	Bodeo Bear	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Flipper	Cont'd.	Star Trek	Cont'd.	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Get Smart
5:00	Country Canada	Cont'd.	Newlywed	Adam-12	News	Cont'd.	Mr. Rogers	Beaver	My 3 Sons	The Rookies
5:30	All In Family	News	News	News	Cont'd.	Gong Show	Electric Co.	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Cont'd.
6:00	Hourglass	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	News	Zoom	Partridge	Andy Griffith	Trans-World
6:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Mary T. Moore	Cont'd.	Over Easy	Brady Bunch	Hollywood Sqs.	Mission
7:00	Mary T. Moore	Space 1999	Seattle	Little House	Tell the Truth	Bobby Vinton	News	Hogan's Heroes	Jokers Wild	Telethon
7:30	T.B.A.	Cont'd.	Hollywood Sqs.	on the Prairie	Disaster	Head. Hunters	Battle Line	Adam-12	On Your Nellie	Cont'd.
8:00	Betty White	Lucan	Little House	Betty White	Logan's Run	The Waltons	Movie:	Joker's Wild	Name that Tune	Cont'd.
8:30	Challenge	Cont'd.	on Prairie	Challenge	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Julius Caesar	Family Affair	Merv Griffin	Cont'd.
9:00	Lucy	The MaCahans	Movie:	Lucy M.	Maude	Grand Country	Cont'd.	Marcus Welby	Cont'd.	Cont'd.
9:30	Montgomery	Cont'd.	Xmas Miracle	Montgomery	Betty White	Soap	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.
10:00	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	in Caulfield	Cont'd.	Switch	Prov. Lottery	Onedin Line	T.B.A.	Medical Center	Cont'd.
10:30	Man Alive	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Man Alive	Cont'd.	Bonus Draw	Cont'd.	Am. Life Style	Cont'd.	Cont'd.
11:00	National News	News	News	News	News	News	Dick Cavett	Odd Couple	Fernwood	Sports Page
11:30	Night Final	St. of San Fran.	Tonight Show	Cont'd.	Late Movie	Cont'd.	No, Honestly	Ironside	Late Movie	Makem, Clancy

Tuesday, Dec. 27

	CHANNEL 2	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	CHANNEL 6	CHANNEL 7	CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 9	CHANNEL 11	CHANNEL 12	CHANNEL 13
12:00	Bob McClean	All My Children	Hollywood Sqs.	News	News	News	Electric Co.	News	Phil Donahue	All My Children
12:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Days of Our	Ida Clarkson	As the World	Movie:	Sesame St.	Love Am. Style	As World Turns	Cont'd.
1:00	Bob Switzer	Ryan's Hope	Lives	Sanford & Son	Turns	Dr. Dolittle	Cont'd.	Movie:	Cont'd.	Makem & Ryan
1:30	Coronation St.	One Life to Live	The Doctors	Marcus Welby	Guiding Light	Pt. 2	T.B.A.	Namu, Killer	Hollywood Con.	Best of Groucho
2:00	Ryan's Hope	Cont'd.	Another World	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Another World	T.B.A.	Whale	Newlywed Game	City Lights
2:30	Edge of Night	General Hospital	Cont'd.	Edge of Night	All In Family	Cont'd.	T.B.A.	Cont'd.	Tattletales	4 for Adventure
3:00	Take 30	Edge of Night	Movie:	Take Thirty	Dinah	Alan Hamel	News	Flintstones	Match Game	Wildlife
3:30	Celebrity Cooks	Treehouse	Take Her	Celebrity Cooks	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Villa Alegre	Banana Splits	Jeannie	Little Rascals
4:00	Pencil Box	Merv Griffin	She's Mine	Child's Program	Emergency One	Lucy Show	Sesame Street	Mickey Mouse	Funorama	Hogan's Heroes
4:30	Coming Rosie	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Flipper	Cont'd.	Star Trek	Cont'd.	Gilligans Island	Gilligan's Island	Get Smart
5:00	Science Mag.	Cont'd.	Newlywed Game	Adam-12	News	Cont'd.	Mr. Rogers	Leave to Beaver	My 3 Sons	The Rookies
5:30	All In Family	News	News	News	Cont'd.	Gong Show	Electric Co.	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Cont'd.
6:00	Hourglass	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	News	Zoom	Partridge	Andy Griffith	Odd Couple
6:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Seattle Sonics	Cont'd.	Over Easy	Brady Bunch	Gong Show	$128000 Question
7:00	Mary T. Moore	Exploration NW	Seattle	Fitzpatricks	vs Phoenix	Search, Rescue	News	Hogan's Heroes	Joker's Wild	Vancouver
7:30	T.B.A.	Sha Na Na	Name Tune	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Man from	Health Care	Adam-12	On the Buses	Cont'd.
8:00	Happy Days	8 Is Enough	Pine Canyon	Happy Days	Cont'd.	Atlantis	Cont'd.	Joker's Wild	Name that Tune	Cont'd.
8:30	Rene Simard	Cont'd.	Is Burning	Rene Simard	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Family Affair	Merv Griffin	Laverne, Shirley
9:00	M.A.S.H.	Charlie's	Cont'd.	M.A.S.H.	M.A.S.H.	Mulligan's	Cont'd.	Marcus Welby	Cont'd.	Good Times
9:30	Canada '77	Angels	Movie:	Reflections '77	Day at a Time	Stew	Monty Python	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Day at a Time
10:00	Review	Cont'd.	Terraces	Cont'd.	Lou Grant	Lou Grant	The Prisoner	News	Medical	Family
10:30	Barney Miller	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Barney Miller	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Nashville Music	Center	Cont'd.
11:00	National News	News	News	News	News	News	Dick Cavett	Odd Couple	Fernwood	Sports Page
11:30	Night Final	Late Movie	Tonight Show	Cont'd.	Late Movie	Cont'd.	Consortium	Ironside	Late Movie	Vic Franklyn

Wednesday, Dec. 28

	CHANNEL 2	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	CHANNEL 6	CHANNEL 7	CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 9	CHANNEL 11	CHANNEL 12	CHANNEL 13
12:00	Bob McLean	All My Children	Hollywood Sqs.	News	News	News	Electric Co.	News	Phil Donahue	All My Children
12:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Days of	Ida Clarkson	As World Turns	Yoga	Sesame St.	Love Am. Style	As World Turns	Cont'd.
1:00	Bob Switzer	Ryan's Hope	Our Lives	Sanford & Son	Cont'd.	World Junior	Cont'd.	Movie:	Cont'd.	Makem & Ryan
1:30	Coronation St.	One Life to Live	The Doctors	Marcus Welby	Guiding Light	Hockey	Piccadilly	Man Who	Hollywood Con.	Best of Groucho
2:00	Ryan's Hope	Cont'd.	Another World	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Circus	Could Cheat	Newlywed Game	City Lights
2:30	Edge of Night	General Hospital	Cont'd.	Edge of Night	All in Family	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Death	Tattletales	4 for Adventure
3:00	Take 30	Edge of Night	Movie:	Take Thirty	Dinah	Cont'd.	Renaissance	Flintstones	Match Game	Wildlife
3:30	Celebrity Cooks	Boomerang	G.I. Blues	Celebrity Cooks	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Villa Alegre	Banana Splits	T.B.A.	Little Rascals
4:00	Homemade T.V.	Merv Griffin	Cont'd.	Child's Program	Emergency One	Another World	Sesame Street	Mickey Mouse	Funorama	Hogan's Heroes
4:30	Electric Co.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Flipper	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Get Smart
5:00	T.B.A.	Cont'd.	Newlywed Gm.	Adam-12	News	Star Trek	Mr. Rogers	Leave to Beaver	My 3 Sons	The Rookies
5:30	All In Family	News	News	News	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Electric Co.	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Cont'd.
6:00	Hourglass	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	News	Zoom	Partridge	Andy Griffith	Odd Couple
6:30	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Mary T. Moore	Cont'd.	Over Easy	Brady Bunch	Match Game	What's Happen.
7:00	Mary T. Moore	Animal World	Seattle	Baretta	Tell the Truth	I'm Hungry!	News	Hogan's Heroes	Joker's Wild	Vancouver
7:30	Sportscene	Hollywood	Truth or Con.	Cont'd.	Family Feud	Cont'd.	Glittering	Adam-12	On Your Nellie	Cont'd.
8:00	Nature Things	Eight Is Enough	Grizzly Adams	Nature Things	Rose Bowl	Cont'd.	Prizes	Joker's Wild	Name that Tune	Cont'd.
8:30	Musicamera	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Musicamera	Sweepstakes	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Family Affair	Merv Griffin	The Jeffersons
9:00	Cont'd.	Charlie's	Black Sheep	Cont'd.	Movie:	Cont'd.	Country Corners	Marcus Welby	Cont'd.	San Pedro
9:30	Cont'd.	Angels	Squadron	Cont'd.	Tarantulas -	Cont'd.	Performance	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Beach Bums
10:00	TBA	Cont'd.	NBC Reports	Reflections '77	Deadly Cargo	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	News	Medical Center	Police
10:30	Watson Report	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Cont'd.	Safari to Adven.	Cont'd.	Woman
11:00	News	News	News	News	News	News	Dick Cavett	Odd Couple	Fernwood	Sports News
11:30	Cont'd.	Starsky, Hutch	Tonight Show	Cont'd.	Late Movie	Cont'd.	Winners, Losers	Ironside	Late Movie	G. Hamilton IV

Sandy McPherson's Christmas Gift

By IAN CAMERON

If you ever get to Edinburgh and your way takes you through the old quarter between Holyrood and the Castle, you will no doubt stop in front of a small cottage situated right next to the old St. Giles church. The window panes are broken and the door and half-timbers haven't seen paint for years. As you peer through the small low windows you will wonder about the dust which covers the spartan furniture as a soft and thick grey carpet. And you will see, on a solid oak table in the centre of the room an old yellowed book. It is Izaak Walton's "The Compleat Angler". Next to it is a pipe, a tobacco pouch and an old box of matches. All covered by the heavy grey carpet.

All of a sudden you will get the eerie feeling that there is something wrong with that house. You will continue your leisurely stroll down High Street, deep in thought. When you have reached John Knox's house you will pause, turn about and walk back to St. Giles. Once more you will stand there looking into the old rickety house — and you will realize that the person or persons who have owned this house, have left it years ago and for some strange reason never returned.

You will probably wait outside the house until a dour Scotsman with a charming manner comes by. There's one, an old white-bearded chap wearing a tartan kilt and bare knees walking up this way from Buchanan Street. As he is about to pass you step in front of him and utter a few flattering remarks about his bagpipe (if he owns such an instrument; otherwise say something nice about his kilt or his knees). He is clearly flattered, and you ask who owns the little cottage over there next to St. Giles?

The little hus over there next to the kirk? the old man asks, pointing at the cottage with an arthritic finger.

Yes.

Ah, me lad, that belungs to Sandy an' Jock.

Sandy and Jock?

Aye. Sandy McPherson an' Jock McTavish. 'Ave ye ne'er heard of them? Ye 'ave ne'er been to Edinburgh afore? Aye. Sandy an' Jock went fishin' at a small lock at Pentland Hills on Christmas Day in 1920, but ... aye, 'tis a strange tale, the old man says and shakes his grizzled head.

Oh? you say. This little word is the signal for the old man to start reminiscing about Sandy McPherson's Christmas gift.

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Sandy McPherson and Jock McTavish had never been wont to give one another presents, and perhaps they would have been alive and well to this day if not Jock McTavish on that Christmas Day in 1920 had been so utterly frivolous as to give his room mate a small present - completely contrary to all rules of habit and proper conduct. They had eaten their puritan Christmas dinner of dried haddock, washed the dishes and lit the pipes when Jock said all of a sudden:

I have a small present for you this Christmas, Sandy.

Sandy dropped his pipe on the floor, frowned and looked at Jock.

What? he said.

I said, I have a small present for you, Jock repeated, and after some searching found a small package from the chest of drawers. Sandy unpacked it with trembling fingers. It was a book - not an expensive book, but nevertheless a book. It was Izaak Walton's "The Compleat Angler." To tell the truth, Jock had obtained it by means not altogether honest (but that is another story all to itself) - and consequently he thought it more safe, after having seriously considered the matter for weeks, to give it away. Sandy was obviously delighted by the gift, and as soon as Jock became aware of this fact he instantly regretted that he'd given the book to Sandy. He knew Sandy would sell it at the first given opportunity, and buy whisky for the money at Tam's. That was certain, as certain as the fact that Sandy would never consider inviting Jock along.

Later on that same day, as Jock had gone to church, Sandy sat alone in the little old house. He was bored and annoyed that he couldn't go along with Jock to St. Giles. They only had one suit of Sunday clothes and had to take turns at attending church.

Had Sandy not been so utterly and completely bored, he'd never had considered reading the book. It was only in order to pass the time that he thumbed through it. But it caught his interest. He'd only reached the point where the fisherman is overtaken by the hunter at Tottenham Hill when he realized that it was a good book. When Jock returned from vespers, Sandy was already absorbed in the mysteries of the sports fisherman. He then already knew about fishing with dipper, dragnet, spoon and fly.

Jock asked what he was reading but Sandy only grunted in reply, so Jock went across to McDougall in Carlton Street to see if he could bum a glass of grog. After all it was Christmas, wasn't it?

Where are you going? Jock asked the next morning as he opened his eyes. Sandy had already put on his skirt and was about to leave.

I'm going to Canongate.

Jock sat up in bed. He was genuinely interested. Sandy never used to stir in his own bed before the old clock on St. Giles struck twelve times. Neither did Jock for that matter. It had happened several times that they'd stayed in bed because they couldn't hear the clock at St. Giles. When the wind was in the east they had trouble hearing the chimes and then they usually stayed in bed until they became hunry or the wind turned to the west.

Thanks to an old uncle, old Daniel McFadden from Aberdeen, they had nothing to get out of bed for. Following an appendicitis operation with complications Sandy and Jock inherited all his savings. The money they had shared and put away, but the house they could not share in two equal parts without entering into their live-together arrangement. Jock had wanted to sell, but Sandy wanted to keep it. They entertained themselves during the long dark winter nights in arguing the matter.

To Canongate? What have you to do in Canongate?

Dealing.

Jock sank back onto the pillow. That was a naughty word. Dealing. That meant money spent.

When you come back, don't bother to wake me until I wake up by myself, he mumbled and fell back upon the pillow.

It was late in the afternoon when he once more opened his eyes. He yawned and stretched himself, then he spotted Sandy at the old oak table with a strange assortment of rods, lines and hooks.

What's that for? inquired Jock.

Sandy gathered it all together and carried it over to the bed. His eyes shone.

This is a fishing rod. That there is a spoon. And a fly, a gaff, a float and a sinker. And that's a net. Nice, huh? Now I'll tell you how to bait a hook. You take a dew worm and ...

You take a hook to bait a dew worm? Jock sounded interested.

No, you take ...

They talked sports fishing all the rest of the day and the better part of the night as well. They did not go back to bed until the clock at St. Giles struck twice.

I know a little late at Portland Hills, said Jock as he slipped back into the pillows.

Shortly after he sat up again with a start and uttering a native profanity. He stuck one foot over to Sandy's bed. A hook was imbedded in the big toe.

Sandy looked. He pulled it out.

That was a hook with cat gut, he said and turned out the light.

As the clock chimed six times at St. Giles the next morning Sandy McPherson and Jock McTavish were already on their way, walking down High Street with a collection of rods, lines, floats, hooks and sinkers. Sandy had just begun explaining to Jock how to catch pike on a hook, when Jock stopped short.

It's not that it's any of my business, he said, but you've forgotten to put on your kilt.

Sandy looked down. Yes, Jock was right.

I thought it was a bit cold around ... around the knees, he said, and ran back home to fetch his tartan.

Let's stay here, said Sandy, when they reached the lake at Pentland Hills.

They prepared their gear, baited the hooks and sat down on an old pier which was never used since nobody ever visited the neighbourhood. Sandy noticed that Jock goofed as he put the bait on his own hook. He'd put a worn on alright, but it wasn't attached very well. It would probably come loose. Jock's chances of a bite were small indeed.

Sandy said nothing. But as they'd sat there for a few minutes, a smile came to his lips and his eyes shone. He looked out of the corner of his eye at Jock, then made quite a successful effort at hiding his own glee.

Jock, he said. How about the one of us who catches the first fish being the winner?

And the winner takes the house, he added carefully.

The house?

Yes, if I catch the first fish the house is mine.

And then you can throw me out into the street?

Then I can throw you out into the street. But if you catch the first fish, the house is yours.

And then I can throw you out into the street?

Aye, so ye can.

Jock was already phantasying about the delight, the pleasure of throwing Sandy out of the house.

A deal, he said.

They sat there for a long time. Quietly. Without even as much as a nibble. It was cold and neither of the contestants spoke a word. When they had sat there for a couple of days, Sandy all of a sudden remembered that it would be nice to smoke a pipe of tobacco Unfortunately he had forgotten both at home.

They don't bite much around here, Jock said.

It'll come. I would think that we have to settle down here first, said Sandy.

Jock fell silent. All the rest of that day he didn't say a word, just sat there intensely staring at the float.

New Year's eve Sandy all of a sudden started reeling in his line.

I've got a bite, he said.

There was absolutely nothing on the hook.

A week passed. Two. The gales whistled over Pentland Hills. The sky was grey, heavily overhung, and snow started falling. Sandy McPherson and Jock McTavish stayed put. They didn't catch a single fish.

It's cold, said Sandy as the storm was especially severe one of the last days in January.

And you would have gone up here without wearing your skirt. Good thing I noticed it.

Yes, Sandy admitted thoughtfully.

Three days later Jock asked if they should go home.

Go home? asked Sandy. I thought we were fishing.

They didn't talk about that anymore.

When the Second World War broke out in 1939, Sandy McPherson and Jock McTavish were still sitting on the old pier with their fishing rods. As yet neither of them had hooked a fish. Sandy

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Sandy McPherson's Christmas Gift Continued

had caught an old rubber boot and a tin can, but that was about all. Jock snagged a bit of seaweed.

The war ended in 1945, but that didn't help matters. The fish still did not want to bite.

Christmas Day in 1962 Jock suggested that they try their luck at a different spot.

As far as I'm concerned, you can try your luck on top of Pentland Hill. I stay here.

Jock decided to stay as well. Even if the fish didn't seem to bite around here, still the chances in the lake would be greater than on top of Pentland Hill, he reasoned.

The years passed by, and both Sandy and Jock had grown great white beards. Their backs were no longer as straight as they had used to be, their sights had dimmed, and their voices had attained a strange quivering tonality. They both had trouble hanging on to their rods as they both shook profusely on their hands.

New Years Day in 1975 Jock threw his fishing rod on the ground. He made several unsuccessful attempts before he finally stood up. He tried to straighten his back and stretch his legs. It hurt. He jogged a bit back and forth on the old pier. It sort of brought some of the old circulation back.

Ah, that was good, he said.

You don't want to fish any longer? asked Sandy.

No, I'm going home now. I don't think the fish are going to bite here. I'll go down to Tam MacLaughlin's and have myself a glass of beer. I'm thirsty.

That's what I call a quitter, Sandy said in disgust. Now we will have to go on like we did, fighting about who is going to have that damned house.

He threw his rod on the ground and laboriously got onto his feet.

Silently they walked toward shore. Jock stopped.

We have grown old, he observed.

It was stupid of us to stay here so long, said Jock. We have let life pass us by.

We have given that fishing business the best years of our lives. You look like you're somewhere in your 'eighties.

I think we have stayed here longer than I figured.

Time passes quickly when you're fishing, but it is too bad just the same.

I would say it is almost tragic.

Life no longer holds any attraction to me.

Nor me. We're no good for anything anymore.

Shall we?

Yes, let's drown ourselves.

Aye.

Sandy McPherson and Jock McTavish joined hands and slowly turned around and walked to the end of the pier.

They stood there, hand in hand, for a minute, before they jumped. They didn't say a word. They only looked at one another, and then they jumped.

When Sandy came up for the first time, Jock had already gone under for the second time, and when Sandy came back up for the second time Jock went down for the third time and stayed. As Sandy came back up for the last time he spotted his fishing rod. Bite. A huge salmon - at least 30 pounds - was fighting to get rid of the hook.

Jock .. glub .. Jock. Bite. House is mine. You hear me, Jock? The house is ...

Sandy went down for the third time.

ROAM AT HOME

Crafty Christmas Shopping

By SHIRLEY J. GUTH

The pressure is on. At a North Pole toyshop, teddies and trucks promise to be big again this season as elves scurry to wrap up a new line of Christmas morning kid-pleasers. Far into the blizzardy nights they toil, snowflakes ticking on the windowpanes, clock tocking on the wall.

And all over British Columbia, hundreds of artisans rush to beat the same clock. Since midsummer they have been as busy as brownies, weaving cloth, hammering silver and molding clay. First stop for the sugar plums they are crafting will be several Circle Craft Christmas markets scheduled throughout the province during the month of December.

Merry season-openers for the whole family, the markets feature gayly decorated booths and a medieval air of festivity. The aroma of home-made food mingles with the tang of evergreen boughs, and roving entertainers enchant young shoppers at pint-sized booths stocked with gifts under five dollars. And older shoppers note the high-quality workmanship of hand-woven ponchos, intricately stitched quilts and gem-stone jewelry.

But best of all, every pocketbook goes home a winner. Dollar for inflation-battered dollar, handcrafts are still one of the best buys around, attest craftspeople. "Even department store coffee mugs run around $3.50 these days," says one. "For the same price at a craft fair, you can get a one-of-a-kind mug thrown by a potter, and even talk to the artist who made it."

And "from artist direct to you" is the motto of the fairs' sponsors, B.C.'s Circle Craft Co-operative. To keep prices down and quality high, the 700 member craftspeople market directly to the public, and Circle Craft shops such as the one at 601 Cordova Street, Vancouver, have become regular shops for shoppers looking for the unique and unusual.

Connoisseurs of hand-woven fabrics, for example, haunt these outlets for the distinctive soft-colored, crunch-textured wools produced exclusively by B.C. weavers. Spinning techniques adapted from the Cowichan Indians and local natural dyes are B.C. trademarks across Canada, and a wooly B.C. lap rug in muted browns and greens may rival any from Scandinavia. Hand-woven garments sold at the shops reflect a relaxed west coast life style, with caftans and ponchos the favorites.

Weaver at Vancouver crafts festival. Murray Skuce, photo

But Christmas markets are the Co-op's star annual attractions, and "any craftsperson worth his salt, whether potter, carver or weaver, has been preparing since last January," according to Circle Craft representative Susan Stephen. Two of the season's biggest fairs are the Vancouver markets, December 1 to 21 at the East Cultural Center, and December 2 to 18 at the West End Community Center. On sale will be every type of quality craft from all over the province, says Stephen, with something for every budget.

So for Aunt Mary there are personalized needlepoint spectacle cozies, for little Suzie, carved wooden ducks that quack - both modestly priced, or for special Christmas splurges, brilliant stained-glass windows and gold brooches from a European master jeweller.

And as for furniture — yes, Virginia, quality still lives on among B.C.'s dedicated furniture crafters. The proof is in the tables and chairs featured at fairs such as Victoria's Christmas market, December 7 to 10 and 14 to 17 at Circle Craft's renovated heritage building at 434 Kingston Street. Sturdy and chunkier than eastern-made furniture to complement the casual decor of B.C. post and beam homes, native wood pieces are unpainted to show off natural grains.

"Furniture-making is a natural for the B.C. woodlands," says one local craftsman who predicts B.C. furniture will eventually make as many ripples as the waterbed, another west-coast brainchild. "With an ocean and a continent between us and the old country," he says, "we're free to innovate."

And innovation thrives on customer reaction, so rapping and browsing flourish in the low-pressure market atmosphere. "We enjoy — and need — feedback," says Stephen: "actually, this sharing serves as quality control."

Consumer awareness, for instance, has led to the use of non-toxic dyes in hand-crafted children's clothing and toys, and the elimination of dangerous lead glazes in pottery. Christmas gift-givers can relax because hand-thrown casseroles are dishwasher proof and at home in the oven or on the table, and because toy-crafters are especially mindful of small parts that could come loose and injure a child.

So, look out elves, your competition this year is keen. As the hours left to Christmas wind down, B.C. artists are winding up production on their own sackfuls of presents. Santa Claus is coming to town, but first he's stopping at a Circle Craft market.

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Victoria silversmith Bryan Andersen at work in his craft shop. Murray Skuce, photo

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