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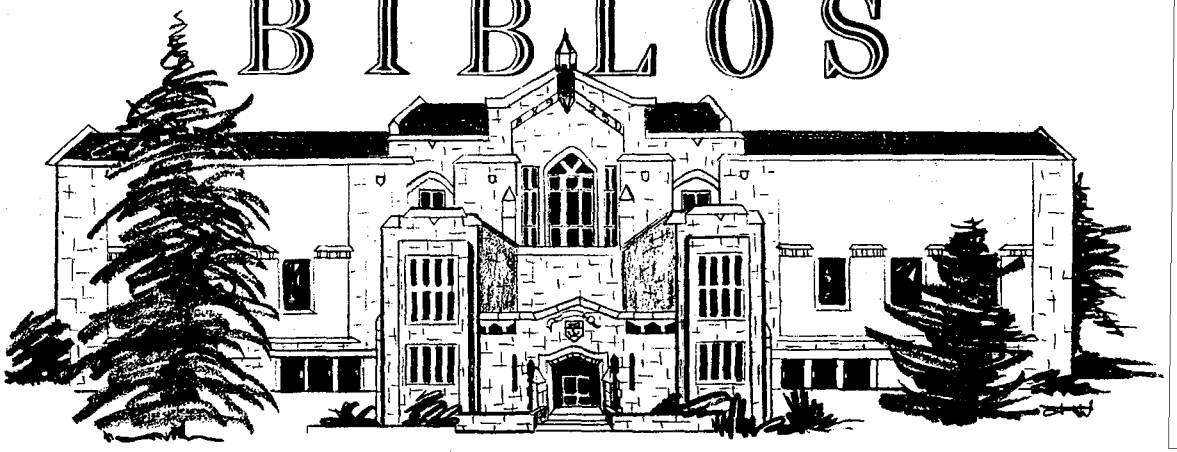

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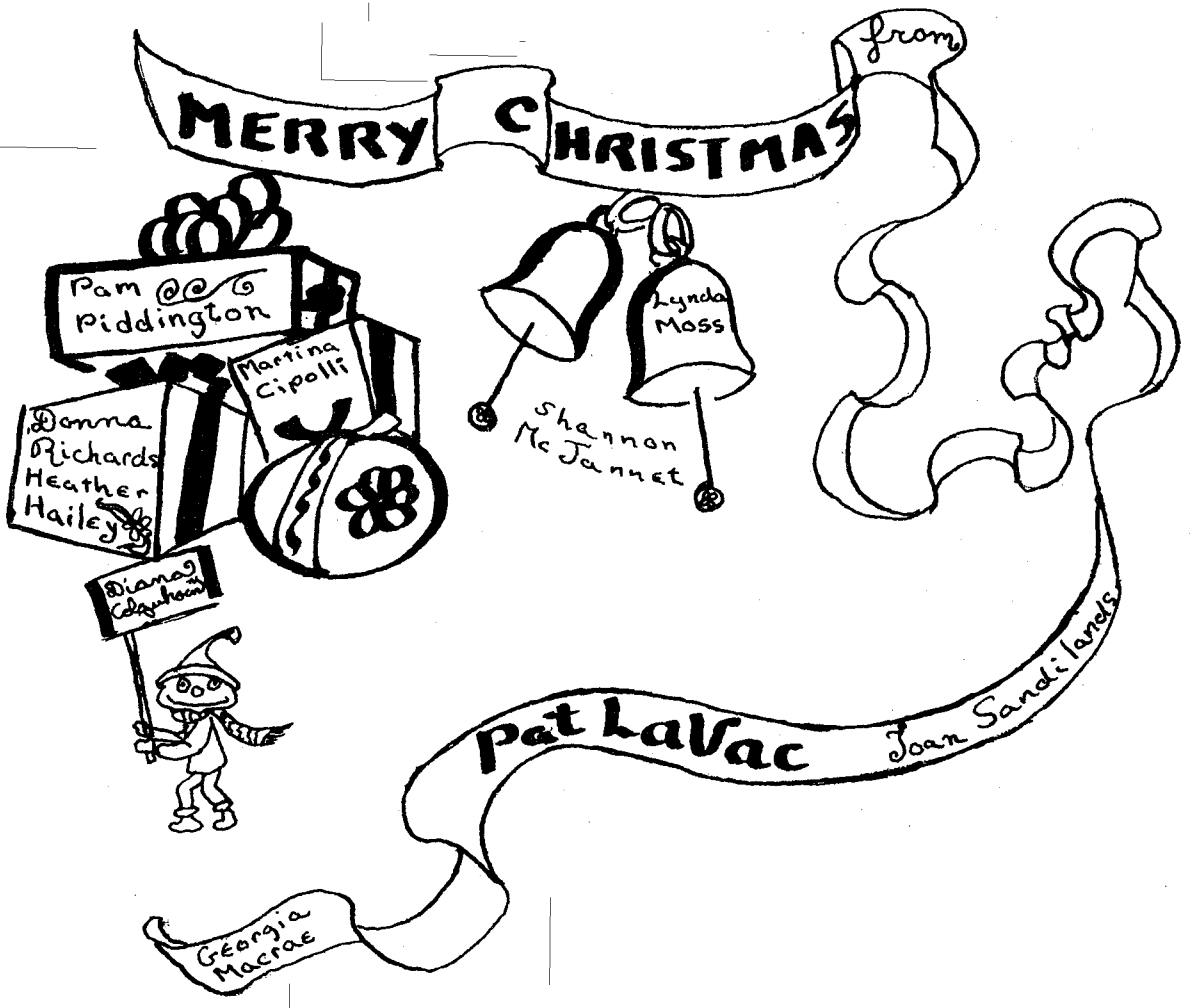

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ANNOUNCEMENT Biblos now has its own dictionary and from time to time will be printing the gems therein. They will bear the signature Biblos Dict.
e.g. RE-ORIENTATION (thought for December 30th) Getting used to working again.

## CRANE: SOMETHING SPECIAL IN LIBRARIES

If U.B.C. is beginning to be nationally known as a centre for blind students, one of the chief reasons is certainly the Charles Crane Memorial Library. Housed in the north wing of Brock Hall, it is the most comprehensive library for blind students in Canada. The aim of the Crane collection is twofold: first, to provide equal library resources and study facilities for the blind on campus; and second, to attract more blind students from other countries to U.B.C.

Although the library was not officially opened until the spring of 1968, its history really began three years earlier. Charles Allen Crane, the first totally deaf and blind Canadian to enter university, had spent a lifetime building up the largest private Braille collection in the world. After his death in 1965 it was donated to U.B.C., which Crane had attended in 1931-32.

For the next two years the books remained in temporary storage, unsorted and unclassified. In 1967, however, a team of two students and a faculty member began the monumental task of arranging and cataloguing the collection. Because the Crane Library is not directly connected with the U.B.C. library system, much of the cataloguing had to be done by volunteers from the Delta Gamma women's fraternity. Delta Gamma also joined with the P.A. Woodward Foundation in donating funds to help furnish the three-room library.

Today the collection numbers roughly 3,700 volumes. The subjects covered range from philosophy, literature, and history to botany and medicine, but the library is especially strong in the Greek and Latin classics. Because it operates outside the U.B.C. library system, none of these books will be listed in the Main Library's card catalogue. Instead the collection has its own catalogue and a unique one it is. Each entry appears on two large cards - the first having the information in large type, and the second repeating the same entry in Braille. Subject and title files have already been completed, and work is still in progress on an author index.

Materials in Braille and on tape which are not held in the Crane Library can often be borrowed from other collections in Canada and the U.S. Major sources for interlibrary loans are the C.N.I.B. National Library in Toronto, the Recordings for the Blind Library in New York, and the Seattle Public Library's Division for the Blind.

The U.B.C. Library's own books and periodicals may, of course, be borrowed by blind students too. To help them use this material, the Crane Library has set up a system of volunteer readers who can be called on whenever necessary.

At present the library serves 18 blind or near-blind students - the largest single group now attending university in Canada. By next fall their number will have risen by at least 15. In addition, the Crane collection is a major source of material for blind students in Vancouver high schools and other B.C. universities. Although it has been open for less than a year, its reputation outside the province is growing fast, and loan requests now come in from all across Canada.

Next month the library will gain another room: Brock Hall's old College Shop, which is to be used for book storage, study space, and a staff working area. This coming year should also see the addition of many more Braille reference works, and (hopefully) the start of a new tape library. The Crane Library has come a long way in a short time, and its growth shows no signs of slowing down.

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Collectors Item ..... Well we knew he was famous but really!!.....

World Poetry Society
etc.

Basil Stuart
Stuber Library
University of British Columbia
Vancouver 8, Canada

ST. WIBBY REPORTS.....

WOODWARD - People are preparing to work with earplugs as the crescendo of noise increases owing to the start having been made on the new extension. From an old hand who lived through the Spring and Summer of 1964 in the Main Library. Happy New Year, it really will be worth it.

DISPLAY at Woodward.
Plains Indians Medicine.

ALL FUTURE HAPPINESS to Gerri O'Neill that was, of Circulation, now Mrs. Minaker,
and to
Rosina Wan that was, of Special Collections, now Mrs. Koo.

THE GALLERY
No further shows until late January 1969.

CONGRATULATIONS to the originators of the Library Bookmarks to be found in the "Front Office" very commendable but pray who was the model - any one we know.

PLANATERIUM. Go see the Star of Christmas Show for a holiday treat. It is described as:- "A detective story of how the scientists established the date of Christ's birth and then looked into the sky to see what would explain the star of Bethlehem".
The show runs to January 5th.
Phone 736-4525 for reservations.

NO BIRTHS this month though one is imminent.

SOCIAL NOTE
Bon Voyage to our world travellors especially to Suzanne Dodson already on the high seas bound for Fiji.
To Eleanor Mercer who will be Christmasing in the West Indies and Jean Dutton who will be winging to Hawaii.
Secretary anyone?.

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS ASSOC.
Wine and Cheese Party
January 3rd. Friday 8-12 p.m.
Cecil Green Park. Tickets are now on sale to all employees and their friends.
$1.50 per person including everything (wine, food, dancing, door prizes etc.)
Contact. Tannis Havelock RBC

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| Dorothy Sheppard | Woodward |
| Joan Wenman | Fine Arts |
| Anne Gardner | Serials |
| John Johnson | Circulation |
| Joyce Harries | Circulation |
| Julia Lane | Cataloguing |
| Maria Horvath | Humanities |
| Bev. Richards | Periodicals |
| Janet Lenko | Sedgewick |

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ST. WIBBY.....

YES there will be alcohol in the punch at my Christmas Party but
PLEASE all those under 21 do refrain from partaking of the "potent stuff". Our leader, Basil, is personally responsible to see that no one under age drinks the alcohol and I would hate to see him eating his Christmas dinner compliments of the local jail house.
I DO NOT intend to label every one, suffice is to say I know who you are!!... Sorry it is the law, but the eats will be great and the N.A. Punch superb - we hope.

SO MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND WE WILL MEET AGAIN IN THE NEW YEAR.

pardon me now while I join Wenceslas for our annual stagger through the snows.....

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A seasonal note from Keiko in Circulation.....

Christianity was first introduced into Japan in the middle of the 16th Century by the Portugese and Spanish. During the Edo period (1615-1868) Christianity was prohibited because of political reasons. Therefore we don't have a long history of Christianity in Japan and the majority of Japanese are Buddhist. However, we know what Christmas is and I believed in Santa Claus until I was five. There are those in their youth who accept the western custom of Christmas such as exchanging cards and gifts. For the sake of small children trees are often decorated. Christmas is not a holiday in Japan, and if you want turkey dinner you have to go out to a restaurant. We exchange gifts and have a big party at New Years, and always have.

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# St. Wibby invites you to share a Wassail Bowl

## Friday December 20

## 3-5 p.m.

## Staff Lounge

## LETTERS TO SANTA

BIBLOS has intercepted some Library mail headed for the North Pole and thought its readers might be interested to see what requests are being made by Divisions and Branches...

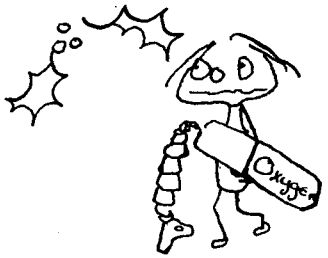
Dear Santa. We the undersigned request...

### CATALOGUING

Sixty-three catalogue cabinets
A new building for Technical Services
A fresh-air machine (if we don't get 2)
New improved gremlins to replace the bad ones we have.
FRIDAYS OFF EACH WEEK.

### MATH LIBRARY

Curtains for the office to match the carpets (carpets yet!!)
A non-tripping coat rack for the students.
Some master-file card storage trays.
P.S. Thank you Santa from last year's list we finally have a real live electric clock!!




### GOVERNMENT PUBS.

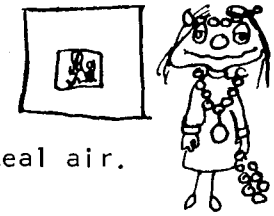
Light
More Staff
Oxygen
A restroom on Floor 6. or
Some roller skates.

### INFORMATION & ORIENTATION

A tape recorder that plays "Have you looked in the card catalogue"..."No, this isn't the Main Loan Desk"..."Don't forget to check the location file"....
Two pairs of roller skates
The Authority File
Computer print-outs with non-smudge ink
Air-conditioning for Main Concourse

Dear Santa.....

HUMANITIES



Lots of Indian necklaces from Hazelton.
Locks and door knobs on doors.
A permanent exhibit of Serena's graphics
Real windows that Really open and let in Real air.
Note. PLEASE Santa NO MORE PAMPHLETS.

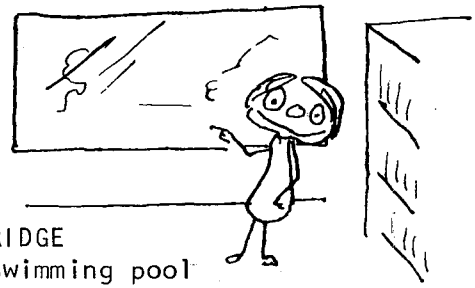
BIBLIOGRAPHIC SEARCHING

Mistletoe (lots)
wall to wall carpet (see Math ed.)
a well stocked bar
"piped in" music
a better searchlight for searchers.

WOODWARD LIBRARY

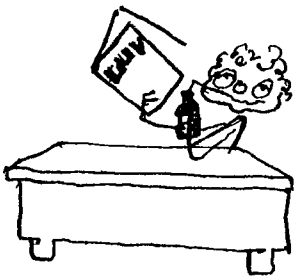
A cinnamon-bun care package (1 per week)
ear plugs for all
6 cent stamps
Pneumatic tube delivery from main library
A really big Christmas bonus (Cash? ed.)

RESERVE BOOK COLLECTION



Windows PLEASE...
Fresh air (or air conditioning)
Non-leak light fixtures
More pleasant students.

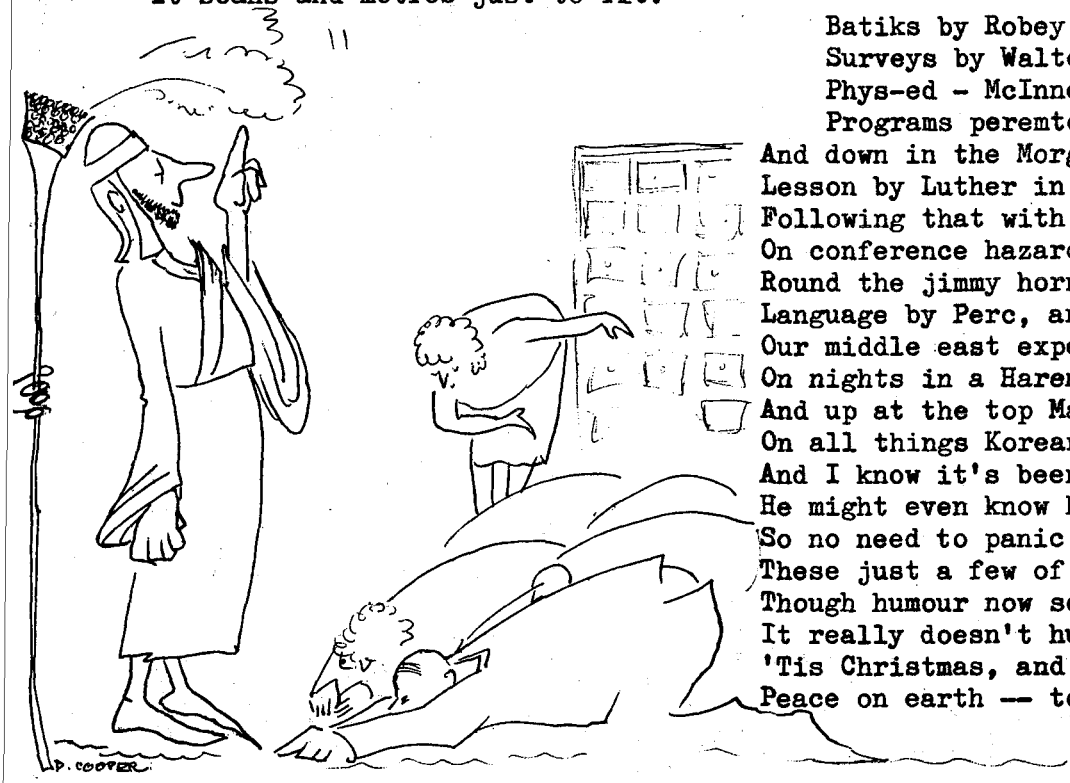
SOCIAL WORK



BEER FOR THE FRIDGE
Water for the swimming pool
Unmarried mothers for the students to practice with. (what? ed.)
Sympathetic understanding of Social Workers and their aims.
Sympathetic understanding of Library Assistants and their aims - by students

Do you really want an air conditioner? Our Biblos dictionary defines it-AIR CONDITIONER...a device used to combat the heating system on cold days, and cover-up confidential telephone calls.

True Flower Power is there to be learned.
Up the stairs and around to the right
You'll see a most unbelievable sight
People on hand in a positive orgy
It's Puppetry with Shannon and Georgie.
First floor front a course you'll find
On taking a trip - not freak out mind
Land with Nancy - fly with Lynne
Parachute or aeroplynne
Sorry but you must admit
It scans and metres just to fit.

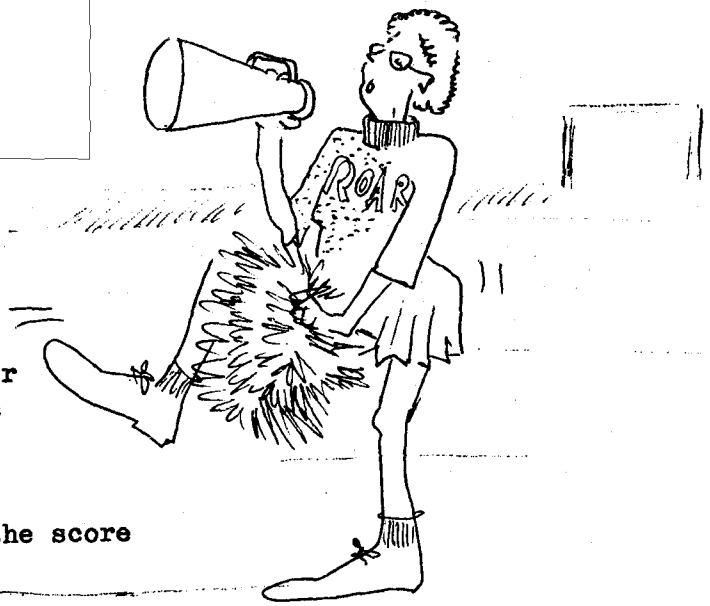



Batiks by Robey - swimming by Hans
Surveys by Walter should gather some fans
Phys-ed - McInnes Figures by Robin
Programs peremtory - Geraldine Dobbin.
And down in the Morgue they're all rendezvouing
Lesson by Luther in the art of the brewing
Following that with item by Graham
On conference hazards, expenses and mayhem.
Round the jimmy horner down the apple and pears *
Language by Perc, and on foreign affairs
Our middle east expert Bill to expand
On nights in a Harem - of course second hand.
And up at the top Mac's holding a court
On all things Korean and freedom of thought
And I know it's been whispered in several quarters
He might even know how to walk upon waters.
So no need to panic if portals are closed.
These just a few of diversions proposed
Though humour now seems out of style
It really doesn't hurt to smile
'Tis Christmas, and my wish for you
Peace on earth -- to students too!

Pat(the rat) LaVac.

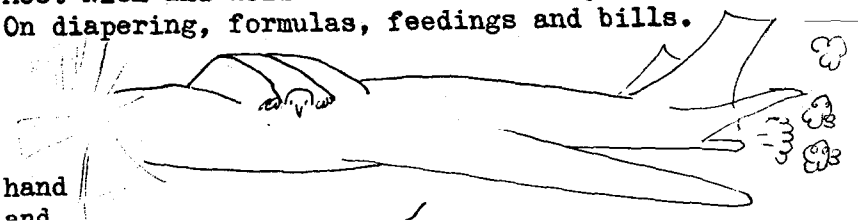
* Cockney for corner and stairs.

In this hour of agitation
Of "sit in" pot and speculation
Looms the thought that someday soon
Might come a time, bout any noon.
When circumstances close the door
For hours or days or maybe more
And then the thought to me occurred
To waste such time would be absurd
'Cause look around and you will find
Such talent of the rarest kind
Herewith a list of multi choices
Our very own extension coises.
If nature's field you would explore
Just follow the stair to the very top floor
Where stands our leader with glasses drawn
Watching the birds on the Library Lawn
Feathered that is - then on you go
To Bell and Mercer back below
Who will give you a line on the date and the score
Of any change in the Lions roar
Or was that back in Fifty four?



Then how about a session in pot?
We've got that too, so haste to the spot
Where Bert is waiting his secrets to share
And potting an orchid with exquisite care.
Way out fashions with kookie beat
Which somehow contrive to be wild yet neat
Where colour is rampant and hemlines short
Call at Fine Arts, Ev'lyn's there to report.
And if you are seeking financial exchange
We have just the course that falls in that range
Meet Nick and Rein from whom knowledge spills
On diapering, formulas, feedings and bills.

And if this theme should disillusion
Try the one in contra-fusion.
Report to Mike for points decision
On how to revise the last revision.
There's Suzanne waiting with brush in hand



FOR YOUR INFORMATION Pam explains it all.

Saint Nicholas December 6.

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.....

Saint Nicholas's origins are obscure, so obscure in fact that no one knew he existed until several centuries after his death in circa Dark Ages. Apparently he suffered a great deal and was perhaps even tortured to death in the mad pre-Christmas rush of those far-off medieval Bay days. Most of his body was snatched from its grave in Constantinople and carried off in glee by the ambitious and crafty citizens of Bari in Italy (a depressed area) in search of a local industry. With clever public relations and a building fund they soon got a cathedral, fair, pilgrimage, holy days, etc., in fact, the whole giant economy sized package.

In those days, to be a really hip bishop or burgher, all you had to do was wear your St. Nicholas button and your beads. And then, if you wanted a trip North, you could always go on a little pilgrimage (not forgetting to fill in the expense account) to visit his finger which rested in blissful reliquary splendour in the chapel at Saint-Nicholas in N.E. France.

Such a saint of various parts was naturally assumed to have various talents. He is patron saint of Russia (remember Nikki Khruschev?) and of those under Russian influence (Ho-Ho Chi Minh). He protects children (from the war toys parents give them in his name), scholars (in extremis with Christmas exams), merchants (protects toy manufacturers from undue government control), sailors (from loneliness and sobriety on their Christmas shore leave). And for some reason he is invoked by travellers against highway robbers (motels, gas stations, Joe's cafe, ferry tolls, etc.)

Since his debut in Asia Minor he has regularly and exotically reappeared: five times, infallibly, as a pope and once, schizophrenically, as an anti-pope; twice, madly, as tsar of Russia; once, despotically, as king of Montenegro; presently, as the jovial twinkle-eyed ruler of Acquisitia (located on the seventh level of this our happy home); and, permanently, as a small desolate Arctic island off the Russian mainland. And after all that he still has the nerve to plague us every December. Some people will do anything to attract attention.

(Facts misquoted from a casual interview with an aging and forgetful Encyclopaedia Britannica.)

PROJECT FOR 1969

We are printing the following two letters with no comment (we're speechless) however, we would welcome your comments and possibly some of you would like to write directly to Mr. Boyes with a few suggestions of your own.

Letter to

Supt. of Traffic
Traffic Div. Police
475 Main Street
Vancouver

17th Oct. 1968

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, would respectfully draw your attention to the congestion of West 8th Avenue between Sasamat and Blanca. This thoroughfare is very much used by people going to U.B.C., and in addition, cars are being parked on both sides of a through street all day.

It is our opinion that these conditions will lead to a very serious accident in the near future unless a solution can be found. (Possibly a 'No Parking' on 8th Avenue between certain hours with the installation of a traffic light at 8th and Blanca).

Yours very truly,
M. Buckingham
F. Wong
J. Johnson
J. Steed
D. McKenzie
P. LaVac.

REPLY received from City Engineering Department
City Hall 453 W. 12th Ave.
Vancouver 10

Dear Miss Buckingham:

PARKING - 8th Avenue WEST, BLANCA TO SASAMAT

This is in reply to your letter dated October 17, 1968 forwarded to us by the police for our consideration.

Although 8th Avenue is constantly used as a thoroughfare by many university students, we should like to point out that it is a residential street. Many people conclude that since a number of the cross streets on 8th Avenue have stop signs - 8th Avenue is a through street.

It should be noted that the stop signs governing the cross streets at 8th Avenue were not installed to make it a through street. They were installed to prevent angle accidents since 8th Avenue carries a larger volume of traffic than some of the other residential streets.

With respect to your suggestion concerning the installation of a traffic control signal at 8th and Blanca, we wish to inform you that such signals are generally installed at the intersection of two major streets with conflicting flows of heavy traffic. As the name implies, they are control devices and should not be considered to bring about a safe condition since it can be shown that some types of accidents actually increase with signal installation.

Also since we would prefer that 8th Avenue be maintained at its present status as a residential street and since our future plans along with those of the Province's call for a connection between 4th Avenue and Chancellor Boulevard (preliminary construction is presently underway), it is undesirable to encourage more traffic on 8th Avenue.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours truly

R.C. Boyes
Director, Traffic Division

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A CLARIFICATION

To fill in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground.

BIBLOS Dict.

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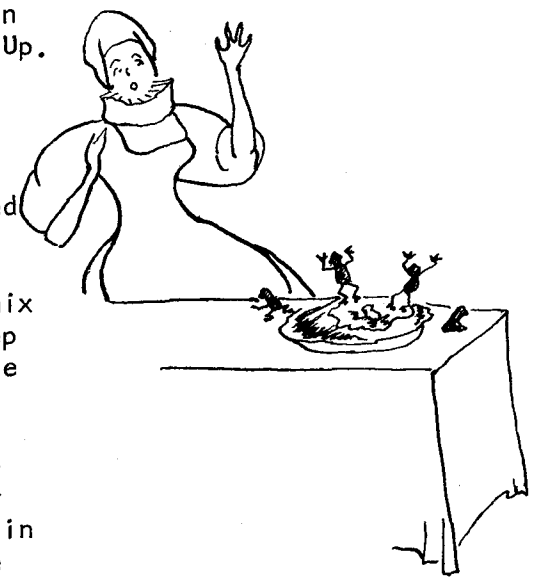
## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The earliest books printed made provision for both body and soul. The first Bible appeared in 1455, the first cook-book 'De Honesta Voluptate' was compiled by a Vatican Librarian 20 years later. The earliest known manuscript to compile recipes was written by a Roman, Apicius, in the 1st. Century A.D., influencing European cookery until late in the 15th Century.

In 1390, King Richard II's royal cooks combined to write 'The Forme of Cury', (cury being the old English word for cooking), and instructed the King's "salat" was to be 'waish clene, pike, pluk small with thyne hande and myng hem wel with raw oile. Lay on vynegar and salt, and serve it forthe'. One recipe commences 'take hares and hew hem to gobbets', another commands 'take conies (rabbits) and smyte hem to pieces, seeth hem in grese.....'. From such beginnings as 'take chickens and ram hem together, serve hem broken' emerged the equivalent of our chicken hash. While Richard's cooks smote and hewed their way through royal kitchens, a less violent manuscript 'Le Viandier' was being written in France, pigeons were to be henceforth served 'roasted, with heads intact'. During the Middle Ages the Christmas piece-de-resistance was a wild boar's head, boiled. An apple was placed between the teeth, sprigs of rosemary or bay leaves protruded from the ears, tusks were gilded with gold, and was served from a green-garlanded platter with musicians and singers announcing arrival. In England, Christmas became an established season of feasting during the reign of Henry VIII, his gargantuan appetite extending unabated over the 12-day celebrations, one chronicler, Philip Lindsay, tersely noting that 'the King ate enormously, stuffing meat into his

little mouth with his knife, meat and vegetables popping from cheek to cheek, blew his nose in the napkin and spat into the washing bowl'. Henry's daughter Mary, imported temporarily a tastefor Spanish cooking upon marrying King Philip of Spain, his cooks, during their brief culinary custody, left one lasting heritage - Spanish cake, later becoming known as sponge cake. Dining became more refined on Elizabeth's ascension, she was a moderate eater with a notoriously sweet tooth and bad teeth, it was during her reign fruit was first used alone in a pie, though her favorite 'dessert' was a 'plomb pudding'.

Germany's first printed cook-book appeared in 1485, the 100 year old 'Le Viandier' was printed in 1490, in 1500 England printed a Boke of Cokery for a Pryncis Hauseholde, and a Spanish chef completed one in 1526. All books were intended for royal or noble establishments, food was similarly cubed, minced, hashed or carved at table to be eaten with fingers or spoons, forks did not appear until approximately 1560 in Italy, from where it gained slow acceptance, for a considerable time it was thought an affectation. A recipe from the English book instructs how to 'Make Pyes that the Byrds May be alive in them, and flie out when it is Cut Up. From another pie 'Ye frogs would leape up, and cause ye Ladyies to Squeak and Hop About'. (Please apply to our Ed. for recipe). Elizabethan Haufwiues were expected to labour over 'peacocks and swans to be served in their plumage', coveys of birds, shoals of eels, mix plague cures, dry skins, spin, keep accounts, boil sheeps heads, pickle pigs feet. A later books of 1597 recognized hus-wifes were mortals and offered a recipe for 'a brothe for a weake Bodie' and another for 'a tart to Provoke Courage either in Man or Woman', which contains 'the braines of three or fower cocke sparrowes' (again our Hon. Ed. can supply curious gourmands).



Whisky was first made in Scotland during the 1400's, but was not widely distributed until a tax, to discourage drunkeness, was imposed on ale. In the Western Isles when a cargo of claret arrived all work ceased in celebration until the supply was exhausted, this led to further taxation and 'ane act agans drynking of Wynes in the Illis'. Whisky was discovered to have the same prohibited effect and quickly became a daily dram. Dr. Johnson, on his gustatory journey of discovery through Scotland, breakfasted for the first time on oatmeal porridge with whisky, called Athlone Brose. Boswell noted how delighted the sage became. Previously, in London, compiling his dictionary, Dr. Johnson had defined oats as 'a grain which in England is generally given to horses but in Scotland supports the people'. Within one hundred years three new beverages from three different continents arrived in Europe to revolutionize breakfast, lunch and dinner. 'Tay' appeared in Holland in the middle of the 17th Century from Russia; coffee, originally from Abyssinia arrived in Arabia and thence into Turkey, making its London debut about 1650. Conquistadors found the Mayans highly prizing a bean called cacao from which they made a beverage called xoxo-atl, the Clergy denounced drinking of this as being 'provocative of immorality', consequently chocolate did not gain acceptance for more than a hundred years after its introduction in Spain.

Italians were considered the most advanced cooks during the Renaissance, Germans were the heartiest eaters and leading producers of book-books, but by the 17th Century French cooks became unsurpassed in their cuisine, the foundation of this change was printed in 1651 by de la Varenne, who had been taught his craft by Florentine chefs of the two Medici Queens of France. Cardinal Richelieu extended his influence by introducing table knives with rounded ends, previous knives

with pointed ends were invariably used as toothpicks, a sight he found revolting. Whilst royalty and nobility dined on innumerable elaborate courses, the over-taxed French peasants subsisted on what they could, in evading salt tax they boiled food in sea water, but were imprisoned for their economy if detected.

Prior to 1700 women were considered incapable of writing and were excluded from cooking for important households. Samuel Johnson's declared opinion that 'woman can spin very well, but cannot write a book of cookery', was disproven in his lifetime when authoresses dominated the 18th Century by penning 'instruction to experienced Dames in the art of adorning their tables with a Splendid Frugality'. One writer, Hannah Glasse, asked her readers indulgence 'if I have not wrote in high polite style'; her instruction for fish preparation was explicit - 'rip open belly. Gut it. Strip it and hack it'. Another begins 'first boyle ye cock and flea him'. She was responsible for Dr. Johnson's original observation. One male author suffered the ignominy of seeing his cook-book re-appearing with a notice that 'it had been Revised and Much improved by a Gentlewoman'.

A German book printed the first potato recipe in 1581. The German word for potato derived from the Spanish conquistadors assumption that the Inca's vegetable was a 'tartuffo' - a truffle, hence kartoffel. Starving French peasants, only as a last resort, eat them, after the Revolution the scarcity of food forced pommes-de-terre to become a staple item. A gradening guide of 1597 published in London reported that tomatoes 'doe be eaten in Spaine and those hot Regions, are of a ranke and stynking savour, yeeld very little nourishment and the same corrupt'. Tomatoes were introduced into Paris during the Revolution by men from Provencal cooking had affinity to neighbouring Italy, who had, with reservation, acquired the Aztec 'tomatl' seeds from Spain. Parisians, upon seeing the

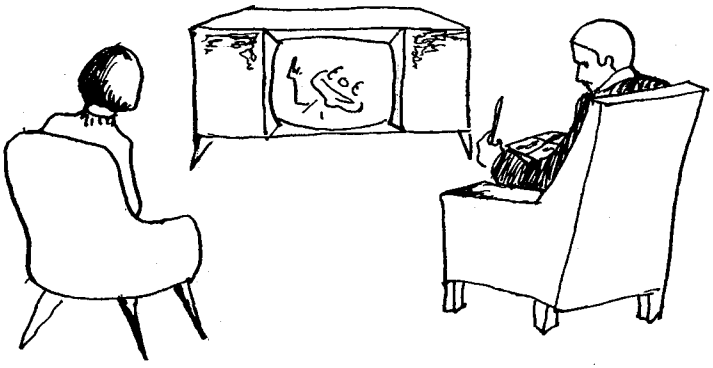
troops consuming with no adverse affect what had previously been considered lethal, adopted tomatoes together with the marching song 'Le Marseillaise'. Marseillaise, in ancient times a Roman province, retained a vestige of former days when strips of sweetened and spiced dough was shaped to resemble a ring-shaped coin in honour of Mercury's emblem. These cakes were fried and sold on street-corners. Seafarers brought the custom to Holland and England, where they were known as dough-knots. And so holes forever remain in doughnuts.

One hundred years after its original publication in 1861, Mrs. Beeton's book is still giving instruction, the first one to give exact measurements, cooking times and number of servings yielded.

One live transplant from the obayan world which became accepted without fear of moval consequence was the turkey, after 1520, most Christmas festivities contained a roast turkey. Early pioneer Christmases featured local delicacies.

The artist Paul Kane recorded an Edmonton Christmas dinner of 1847 as consisting of 'a large dish of buffalo hump, a smoking dish of boiled buffalo calf, also a dish of boiled moose nose, buffalo tongue, beavers tails, also piles of potatoes, turnips and bread.'

T.V. Dinner, anyone?



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