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NEWS

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

	High	Low	Precip.
December 27	1C	8c	6.6 mm
December 28	3C	9C	9.9 mm
December 29	3C	11C	10.4 mm
December 30	2C	8C	Nil
December 31	-2C	6C	Nil
January 1	-2C	4C	Nil
January 2	-2C	2C	5.5 mm
December Precipitation 220.0 mm (8.66 in.)			



IT'S A BOY

FIRST BABY of 1976 born on the Sunshine Coast was Adam Glynn Fiedler. Adam was born at 13 minutes after 5 p.m. on New Year's Day. He is the second son of Ted and Wendy Fiedler of Pratt Road in Gibsons. Adam, weighing in at 9 lbs., 1½ oz., was delivered at St. Mary's Hospital by Dr. Hobson.

No money for Soames Park

The Regional Board is still seeking to establish a park on Soames Hill but the crucial question is where will the money come from.

An appeal to the Land Commission for green belt acquisition funds has only resulted in the suggestion that the board look elsewhere for the money because the greenbelt fund has been substantially depleted.

At a recent planning meeting, Director for Area F, John McNevin, suggested there might be a request from Area F to budget \$15,000 on a specified area basis for the acquisition of the land. The park would then be paid for by residents of area F only.

However, the board does not have the authority at this time to include such an item in the

budget. Instead, the board will consider taking the money from the parks and recreation budget after the new Social Credit government's thinking on the soil removal bylaw has been established.

The soil removal bylaw, which is awaiting sanction from the provincial government, will provide funds for the parks and recreation function.

Elves brighten holidays for many

In their annual bid to brighten the festive season for the area's underprivileged, Sunshine Coast Elves club members made up and distributed 99 food hampers, toys and gifts from Port Mellon to Egmont.

The food hampers included items such as turkey, Christmas cake, oranges, nuts, chocolates, cranberries, coffee, bread, tins of soups, meat, fish, fruits, vegetables, spaghetti, milk, juice, pickles, jam, cake mixes and puddings. One person donated 75 fresh cabbages, one was included in almost every hamper.

For mothers' gifts, the Elves made some serving trays and beverage glasses were purchased. Father received socks or mugs. The children received toys, dolls, trucks, games, models, stuffed toys, books, lockets and rings and show tickets.

On Christmas Day the Elves club presented St. Mary's Hospital with a new wheelchair — light blue in color — a first in colored wheelchairs at the hospital. This added a touch of gaiety to the scene. To the patients confined on Christmas Day, vases of rosebuds and carnations were distributed and one small child received stuffed toys. Plants of poinsettias, azalea or chrysanthemum were placed in lounges and nurses' desks.

The Sunshine School children received gifts of toys, nuts, oranges and chocolates.

It is only with an unselfish and concerted effort by the entire community that the Elves club meets the objective. The above was accomplished in one month! Previous to this the Elves assets

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MEMBERS of the Sunshine Coast Elves Club visit patients in St. Mary's Hospital on Christmas Day.

Winter Club opens its doors

by ROB DYKSTRA

A few years ago — oh, it was about three by some people's reckoning — two or three people were sitting around and the talk started to drift onto the subject of curling. We may surmise at this point the tone of the conversation was more whimsical than serious but at any rate one of the fellas expressed his desire to see a curling rink in Gibsons.

Great idea, thought the others. Now we all know that sitting around and talking about something, especially a curling rink, is very different than going out and doing something about it. Especially, doing something about a curling rink.

You mustn't forget that all this at-that-time-idle-talk and wishful thinking was taking place in the midst of a community that a short time earlier had voted against a complex that would house a skating and curling rink under one roof on District Lot 1608 in Roberts Creek. Talk about granite and Hacks and brooms in an area where people think just sitting around and enjoying the view is recreation, why, that's like heresy.

But the talk persisted that day and by God, so did the idea. The Kiwanis club had earlier conducted a survey in the area community and it was decided from that survey that what we needed here was a curling rink. With this in mind the original three fellas spread their idea and enthusiasm around and before too long the thing caught on. More people became interested, a board of directors was formed, and an attitude prevailed: Whatever it takes

we're going to build ourselves a curling rink.

"And let's consider this a start," said one of the cast of thousands involved in the building of the rink, as he sat on an old lawn chair in the yet unfinished upstairs lounge of Gibsons new curling rink. As he looked down onto the white ice surface and watched those gliding around on their skates, he was thinking what a lot of the other people caught up in the spirit of this community project are thinking. The curling rink is almost finished and there's a lot more room on this land for a skating rink, a swimming pool...

No wait, let's not get ahead of ourselves. The completion of this building is just a feat in itself. Seeing ice in that building, a lot of people are probably wiping their brows and breathing sighs of relief. Mind you, all the time that new curling broom is sitting by the front door, all ready to go. Only a few more days, January 12, as a matter of fact and that's when the foursomes hit the ice.

Money? Glad you asked. Yes, the curling rink did cost a considerable amount of money. It wasn't entirely built by the hands of those people who gave up their days off, their weekends, their clandestine afternoons away from work. No, neither was it entirely built by the donations of equipment and materials by local merchants and contractors. Nor was it the service clubs that conscripted their able bodies to rally to the cause at a crucial moment. No, these people didn't build the curling rink entirely. A large part, mind you, but not entirely.

It was pointed out to me as I was nosing around the rink the other day, wondering if I could still remember how to throw an inturn, that the project has been appraised at \$341,000. Now that's a curling rink. Of course, it didn't cost that much to build; as everybody knows insurance appraisers can't add anyway.

As I was told, the project cost roughly \$150,000. That's for four sheets of artificial ice, a clear span roof of laminated beams (which cost \$14,000 in case you're interested) 145 by 56 feet ice surface, four miles of freezing pipe underneath a cement floor, a refrigeration unit with a fifty

horsepower motor — makes ice in the summer, if necessary — the lighting, and of course, all the other necessary construction materials which a building make.

If you're interested in knowing where this \$150,000 came from, I'll tell you. One third of that came from those generous chaps in Victoria who agreed that Gibsons would be a good place for a curling rink. Another \$50,000 came from a bank loan which, the Winter Club hopes, will be repaid through fees and so on. The third \$50,000 came — and as the winter club hopes, is still coming — from the citizens of this community in the form of debentures.

Another important factor in the success of this project is the land. The Winter Club originally wanted to build the rink in Brothers Park but that land is designated as a special recreational area and may not accommodate any buildings. So the club searched elsewhere and the benevolent village fathers finally came up with a five acre parcel and told the Winter Club, if you can raise the money for the building, here's the land. As an aside, the village has since purchased nine acres

adjacent to the original five and that entire area has been designated for recreational use.

There were a few disappointments in the building of the rink. As one of those involved tells it, we sent in grant applications all over the place and they were all turned down. There were LIP applications, Work Works applications, OFY applications and even in the country's more prosperous days, the Winter Club received nothing but rejection slips.

But those bad moments are overshadowed by the help from local people which has been described as "unbelievable."

What's more, the curling rink is up, the ice is in, and a bonspiel has already been scheduled for the weekend of February 7 and 8.

This weekend, the Winter Club is holding what might be termed a curler's open house. If you are interested in curling, or if you think you are, this is your chance to try it out at no charge. January 12 is when organized curling begins and as one of the organizers stated adamantly: the place is here and we want people to use it.



GIBSONS WINTER CLUB opened with public skating last week. Curling will commence January 8.

Regional Board sets new land freeze policy

The Sunshine Coast Regional Board has instituted a policy that may allow land not suitable for agriculture to be taken out of the land freeze.

The board accepted a recommendation made earlier by a planning committee stating that regional board policy would exclude land from the agricultural land freeze if the land concerned is classified as five or over and if it cannot be improved to four with the provision of

water. The Land Commission classes agricultural land on a scale of one to ten, number one being prime food growing land and number ten being land with rock outcrops generally considered unsuitable for agriculture.

As a result of a public meeting held last November, the board also passed a motion stating that all land not suitable for agriculture should be taken out of the

land freeze. However, this motion was virtually ineffective because it did not state in whose opinion the land would be considered suitable or not suitable for agriculture.

In the most recent motion, the board will use the Canada Land Inventory classification to determine whether or not to recommend exclusion to the provincial lands commission.

The board also pointed out that

a successful exclusion may not necessarily allow the owner to subdivide the property. New zoning and sub-division bylaws respect the Agricultural Land Reserve and any application for rezoning will still be at the discretion of the board.

Concerning hardship cases, the board decided not to recommend exclusions on hardship basis because that "would generate a flood of appeals" and would deplete the land reserve in this region.

Changes concerning the Agricultural Land Reserve may also be forthcoming from the recently elected Social Credit government.

Board backs sewer hook-up

The Sunshine Coast Regional Board has voiced support for an extension of Gibsons sewage lines outside village boundaries to serve a proposed industrial park. The regional district support came after the industrial park developer, Charles English Ltd., had earlier been turned down by Gibsons council after making the same request.

D. Sutherland, of Charles English Ltd., told a recent regional district public utilities committee that the developer is negotiating with the village of Gibsons for an extension of the sewer line to serve the proposed industrial park and he appealed for the board's co-operation in Negotiations.

Gibsons water committee Chairman Ald. Kurt Hoehne indicated early the village would not accommodate the industrial park because council wanted to serve residents within village boundaries first.

The Gibsons sewer system, Hoehne said, is now operating at about 70 percent capacity and further development in the village would determine when the second sewer stage would be needed. If

the industrial park was hooked in now, the second stage of the system would be required that much sooner.

It was pointed out at the regional district public utilities meeting that there would be no capital expenditure by either the village or the regional district and it was therefore agreed that the propos-

al only involved a matter of jurisdiction. The regional district has indicated it could easily act as a collection agency for the village by way of a works and services contract.

The Regional Board supported in principle the concept of the village of Gibsons allowing the extension of the sewer lines.

Unemployment up

Statistics Canada reports that this country's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 7.3% in November from 7.2% in October.

Last month the unemployment rate for men 25 years of age and over decreased to 5.0% from 5.2%, while for women 25 and over it went up to 4.5% from 4.2% in October. For persons aged 14 to 24, the unemployment rate jumped to 13.3% from 12.9%.

The seasonally-adjusted participation rate — percentage of the population 14 and over included in the labour force — remained un-

changed in November at 58.8%.

On an actual basis, the number of persons employed dropped to 9.33 million last month from 9.41 million in October but was up from 9.19 million in November 1974.

The actual unemployment total was 640,000 or 6.4% of the 9.97 million included in the labour force last month. By province, unemployment rates were: Newfoundland, 15.3%; New Brunswick, 12.0%; British Columbia, 8.3%; Quebec, 8.1%; Nova Scotia, 7.2%; Ontario, 5.1%; Saskatchewan, 3.8%; Manitoba, 3.6%; and Alberta, 2.8%.

Three bylaws adopted

The year end meeting of the Sunshine Coast Regional Board saw the adoption of three Regional bylaws.

A security issuing bylaw providing funds for the Gibsons Heights waterworks project was adopted. The original cost estimate of the project was estimated at \$250,000 but actual figures amounted to only \$172,000.

An amendment to Bylaw 108, concerning Regional land use, was also accepted. The amendment, proposed by regional planner Adrian Stott, calls for the maximum ceiling on building permit fees to be raised from \$500 to \$5,000.

A third adopted bylaw was number 111 which empowers the board to expand water services to the western end of the region. A cost figure of \$603,000 was mentioned to undertake this water extension program.

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Do people come second?

If the new Socred government's handling of the ICBC rate increase announced last week is any indication of what is to come, then the people of this province are going to get a thorough shuffling over the next four or five years.

The new rates, effective this license year, are more than double the old rates. As quoted in news reports, if you are now paying \$400 per year for your car insurance, it means you will soon be paying over \$800 per year. At a time when both government and personal austerity is the order of the day, the increases will be profoundly felt on everyone's pocket books.

After making the announcement of the increases, Pat McGeer, the man designated to bring ICBC out of the red, told newsmen that if people could not afford to pay for their insurance, they should get rid of their cars. That may be well and fine for those persons who live and work in downtown Vancouver or any other area that offers adequate public transportation, but it is certainly not well and fine for people who have no access to such transportation. Is McGeer's comment going to be indicative of the new government's attitude to people?

During their election campaign, the Socreds promised they would invite the private insurance business back into this province and they also stated that ICBC would not be subsidized out of the provincial coffers. The outcome of the election certainly indicates that these cam-

paign promises were viewed favorably by the majority of the people. But now it seems that the very people who gave the Socreds such a strong mandate are being rewarded by a swift stab in the back.

If the Social Credit government wants to make the provincial insurance company competitive with private insurance companies, and if that same government insists on making ICBC a self paying proposition, fine, that is part and parcel of their political philosophy. But no matter what else that philosophy includes, the new government cannot lightly shuck off their social responsibilities to the people of this province. Doubling the insurance rates in one fell swoop certainly does indicate that the new government has little compassion for people.

Rather than shocking the province with a 100 percent or more increase, the government could have been slightly more subtle and stretched the increases over a two year period. This would have saved considerable financial hardship on those people who really can't afford to operate a motor vehicle but who find it a necessity in their daily lives.

If the philosophy of the previous NDP government stressed people over business, then it seems the Socreds are doing a complete about turn. Business before people. Are we humans not yet wise enough to find some sort of happy medium?

A salute

It's been said before in this space but it deserves to be said again: We salute the organizers and volunteers who worked so hard to make the Gibsons Winter Club curling rink a reality.

Last week the rink was finished enough to allow public skating. Organized curling will commence on the new ice surface January 12. Great joy for many people when the first rock is thrown from the hack and swept into the house.

The new curling rink represents more than just another building occupying another plot of ground. It represents a recreational asset that will serve to bring the people of this community together. It will provide the opportunity for people to learn new skills, to become involved in positive recreational competition, and it will provide an activity that can be enjoyed by both the young and old.

The realization of the curling rink came about not through the liberal use of money — which is the usual means of achieving ends in this society — but

primarily through the use of community spirit and co-operation. The idea of the recreational facility developed several years ago among three or four people sitting around one evening and the present realization of that idea came after donation of suitable land by Gibsons council, a \$50,000 provincial recreation grant, and prodigious amounts of volunteer labor and donations of equipment and materials from local individuals and businesses.

It's been said more than once that Gibsons lacks in any kind of community spirit. If the achievement of the curling rink is any indication of what is to come in this village, then we are heading for some spirited times. Even those volunteers who organized the construction of the rink expressed astonishment at the amount of assistance received from all parts of the community.

Gibsons now has a curling rink and we congratulate and salute all those people who had a hand, large or small, in making that rink a reality.

A concern for quality

This past fall, most British Columbians have gone to the polls, in municipal, regional and a provincial election, to express through the mark of an X their own particular views concerning one or a number of issues.

The issues are myriad — housing, health, transportation, law and order, education, government itself — to name just a few of the more general ones.

The average voter, the good citizen concerned with the quality of his life and the future of his children, must cope with the endless list of issues and as that voter defines, analyzes and decides upon these issues, he does so in the hopes of improving his and the general human condition. In short, he hopes to improve the quality of life.

Most people today are concerned about the quality of their lives and have a real or nagging feeling that it is much less than it was in the slower days of our parents and grandparents. We cannot, of course, turn the clock backward to a simpler age but we can regain control over our lives.

By defining first, for ourselves and

then for our leaders, where it is we want to go and how we want to live then we can deal with the issues. But today, too often, events move so quickly and planning is so reactive, that we deal with the issues before we know how it is that we want to live.

We appeal to all those representatives recently elected to consider the quality of life in making those all important decisions. The politician should always keep an overview on the human situation in order to be aware of which direction we are heading.

We also appeal to our political representatives to not only use intelligence in making decisions but also wisdom. Wisdom assumes a certain amount of intelligence and understanding but its primary concept involves plain old common sense.

About 350 years ago a man by the name of Axel count Oxenstierna said: Do you not know, my son, with how little wisdom the world is governed? Let us hope that in trying to achieve a better quality of life, the above rhetorical question is, or will be, proven irrelevant.



Of shoes and ships and sealing wax

by ROB DYKSTRA

ENSENADA, MEXICO — The times they are a-changing. So says Carlos, the Mexican fish inspector who claims there is a quiet revolution happening in his country. A quiet revolution that could turn into something quite violent.

As we sat at the bar with tequila and lemons watching the señoritas dance in their tight American blue jeans, Carlos had that wild Latin look in his eyes as he told me that the people of Mexico were getting fed up with their government. I asked him why.

"They're trying to keep us ignorant," he said. "They keep us ignorant and poor, and they're burdening us with higher and higher taxes."

I told him that was nothing new, that was happening all over the world. I suggested that the taxes would provide for better roads and general development of the country.

"Do you know where our taxes go?" he said. "Las Vegas."

The officials fill up their pockets here and have a good time in the States."

Carlos is young, well educated, and like so many young Mexicans, he subconsciously idolizes the American way of life while at the same time condemning the country as an institution.

Mexico, according to Carlos, was ripe for a revolution because the present political party has been in power for over 150 years. That party is so entrenched that it has set up a puppet opposition to make it appear as if Mexico is a true democracy. Anyone who seriously wants to get involved in politics knows they don't have a chance if they align themselves with the opposition, Carlos said.

"What about elections?" I asked him. "If enough people feel the way you do then you can get rid of the government." I warned him though, "You won't always end up with a better government," thinking of

the political situation closer to home.

Carlos gestured aside. "You have seen the soldiers out there with their sub-machine guns," he said. I nodded. "There's getting to be more and more of them everyday. They're there to scare us. And it's working."

It hadn't really occurred to me before but I thought about it and yes, there were a lot of armed soldiers around. Carlos went on.

"You Americans and Canadians always come down here to buy clay pots and Mexican shirts and you come down and stay in the big hotels and lay on our beaches and then you go home. You think it's great to come down here because everything is so cheap. But you don't realize that we're a poor country and a suppressed people."

I thought of the miles and miles of American Winnibagos lining Baja's beaches, cliques of Americans. They come down for the weekends, they roar around the village in their unmuffled

dune buggies, they frequent their own bars and play loud American pop music. Then they get drunk and throw beer bottles at the Mexicans. And there was the couple who said they were told not to drink Mexican coffee, not to eat Mexican food, and when I heard this I surmised they were also told to keep well away from any person who looked like a Mexican. I've been to Mexico, they tell their friends back in Michigan.

I started to empathize with the Mexican situation and I turned to tell him so. But he was already gone. The band had finished their break and started playing again and Carlos, with all his Latin charm, was already dancing with the blonde from California.

Tequila, Latin señoritas in blue jeans, I agreed with Carlos. It was hard to think about a revolution right now. Maybe tomorrow. Manana, I think they say down here.

Letters to the Editor

cized and perhaps some good might come of it.

The owner of the towed car was most emphatically provoked by my action. I do not blame him entirely, although he knew perfectly well that he had used my particular space and had not removed his car when another space, allocated to him, was made available. His statement is that he was informed that he had a right to any space behind this building regardless of any bylaw.

The Sechelt RCMP do not enforce the bylaws of the village, they leave it up to the individuals concerned. I do not think that this is right. I believe that laws and bylaws should be enforced by some authority. Is there anything that can be done in instances such as this without putting the onus on individuals?

—LOUISE BISAILLON,
Miss Bee's Card & Gift Shop
Sechelt.

CELEBRATING 100

Editor: May I, through the letters column of your publication, make an appeal to all former students and staff of Victoria High School in Victoria, B.C.

In 1976, Victoria High School, the oldest Canadian public high school west of the Great Lakes, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its establishment. A committee has been formed to plan suitable centennial celebrations, and we are now attempting to locate all who attended V.H.S., either as a student or a member of the staff.

Celebrations will begin early in the New Year and continue through to the end of the school term.

Many events are being planned for the Homecoming Weekend, May 7, 8 and 9. A registration fee of \$3.00 is to be charged for this weekend, entitling those who register to attend events at the school on May 8, and a garden party on May 9. They will also receive full information on other celebrations, although an additional admission fee may have to be charged for some of these.

Anyone eligible to register should write to P.O. Box 1976, Victoria, B.C., for further information, or send their registration fee now, along with their name, maiden name if applicable, address, and dates of attendance at Vic High.

Former students and staff who read this are urged to register now, and help the committee by passing on news of the celebrations to others they know who are eligible to take part.

Thank you for your assistance.
—L. J. WALLACE,
General Chairman,
Victoria High School Centennial Celebrations Committee.

JOIN TOGETHER

Editor: There will soon be an annual meeting of the Elphinstone Co-op which all members should attend. Those gifted in public speaking should stand up and express their views of fellow members as well as their own.

If the people of the Sunshine Coast are at all sincere about fighting inflation they should join the Co-op and more important buy Co-op.

The second very important means of fighting inflation is to become involved in the credit unions. There are two in the Gibsons-Sechelt area. Last year I inquired about joining but put it off when I found there were two separate credit unions in this area. I'm now satisfied that there is no reason to stay out and my New Year's resolution is not only to join one of them but to use their business services.

One of the large banks increases their take-home pay by 400 percent so there's money in it. Canadians are often considered anti-something or other but through co-ops and credit unions we can all do something positive for ourselves.

—CO-OP MEMBER and
future Credit Union member.

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Times change or do they?

One hundred years ago Turkey and the Balkans would have earned the annual news event of the year contest. But there was no such contest when Turkey and Austria-Hungary were the antagonists squaring off for control. Today's squaring off process covers practically the entire world with Washington and Moscow our headquarters for future events.

New Year's Day 1876 ushered in festivities throughout the United States for the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. During the year a general amnesty was granted to all unpardoned Confederates.

Internationally Portugal liberated slaves on its islands. The Spanish Carlist civil war ended with the surrender of Don Carlos.

The Turkish province of Herzegovina revolts in the Balkans. French and German consuls at Salonika are murdered by a Moslem mob.

Immediate reforms in the Balkans are called for by Austro-Hungarian Premier Andrássy.

Sultan Abdul Aziz was deposed son Murad V succeeding him. Not long after Aziz was murdered by order of his ministers. Later the minister of war and a colleague were murdered. Meanwhile a rebellion breaks out in Bulgaria.

Christians are massacred in Bulgaria followed by a revolt spreading to Serbia and Montenegro with the Turks attacking the Servians and putting that army to rout. The Turks turned away armistice talks.

Suddenly a coup in Constantinople resulted in Sultan Murad being replaced by brother Abdul Hamid II. Balkan fighting continued ending with a Turkish Balkan victory.

Mexico's Diaz wrests the presidency from Tejada. The battle raged late in the year resulting in Diaz regaining the presidency.

In the United States Sitting Bull refused to sign a treaty to leave the Black Hills for another reservation. The Custer force, one of three sent out to quell the Sioux, was destroyed completely in an ambush; The Sioux were defeated later.

Meanwhile in Africa the Boers continue irregular warfare defeating the army of Transvaal. The Cape government was appealed to in the interests of peace and security.

All things considered Canada was then a nice quiet country. Britain's Lord Dufferin was governor-General and Liberal Alexander Mackenzie was prime minister. He was a busy man getting the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway under way. News travelled much more slowly then. Events in Europe were of secondary import to a young nation which was starting to feel its muscles.

Comparing 1876 with 1976 as from as Canada is concerned, the Mackenzie Liberals thought they were having a tough time. The 1976 Trudeau Liberals are having a tough time. How will chroniclers of 2076 view Canada's 1976?



GOALKEEPER Edna Naylor blocks a shot for the Industrial team in a game played at the Sunshine Coast Arena Saturday night. The Industrials squeezed past the Over-the-Hill team by a score of 5-4.

Children's books, preschool and others, also jigsaw puzzles for youngsters of all ages. Miss Bee's, Sechelt.

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Agreement on salmon project

The commercial fishing industry and sports fishermen join in applauding the recent announcement of the signing of a joint federal-provincial memorandum of understanding on salmon enhancement. Federal Minister of State (Fisheries), Romeo LeBlanc and former Provincial Minister of Recreation and Conservation, Jack Radford recently signed the pact which commits both governments to the program.

It was not indicated what would be supplied in the way of funds to complete the project.

As was noted in a recent story by John Hind-Smith in this paper, the Gibsons Wildlife Club and other groups on the Sunshine Coast are involved in a salmon enhancement project for this area but government funds are still lacking.

Hangover curling

Gibsons Winter Club is organizing what has been dubiously termed as "hang-over curling" for men next Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. An organizational meeting regarding this activity will be held upstairs in the Winter Club Thursday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Men wanting to participate are asked to attend this meeting or if you can't be there phone Ron Lacey at 886-7686.

No golf tax

The Regional board has supported the Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club's application to designate the golf course as recreational land. The support came in the board's acceptance of last week of a recommendation made earlier by a detailed planning committee meeting December 18.

With the golf course designated as recreational land, the golf will have taxes returned each year after signing a covenant guaranteeing public access and use of the facilities.

Public hearing for Regional gun bylaw

The regional district proposed firearms bylaw will be the subject of a public hearing sometime in the new year.

A recommendation put forward to the board at last Thursday's meeting suggested that a public meeting be held after further public complaints regarding the proposed bylaw that would eliminate the use of firearms in populated areas of the Sunshine Coast.

The most recent complaint came from residents in the Egmont area. Earlier objections had been received from both the Gibsons Wildlife Club and the Sechelt Rod and Gun Club.

In an earlier letter to the board officials of the two clubs said the proposed gun bylaw contains the

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Horoscope for the next week

By TRENT VARRO

ARIES - March 21 to April 20
A rebellious feeling against those in authority should be curbed at ALL costs this next week! By rebelling against things as they are at the present could only bring you trouble.

TAURUS - April 21 to May 21
While the general chart for Taurus is good there is another aspect to consider. This frequently marks a 'move' of some description, possibly from one house or locality to another.

GEMINI - May 22 to June 21
This is a good time to "clean house" and get rid of some of the "junk" that invariably piles up around your place of residence. You'll probably end up with just as much, but it's good for you mentally.

CANCER - June 22 to July 22
Some remarkable gains can be made in your chosen line of work right now. The stars are shining brightly in your favour. Some great burden has probably been lifted from your shoulders.

LEO - July 23 to August 23
If you are willing to "ride along with the tide" and accept things as they are, you have much to gain. MUCH better times are ahead for Libra, but you can't push them too hard right now.

VIRGO - August 24 to Sept. 22
There's a "gold mine in the sky" right now for all Virgo individuals. There's also a slight chance that you will take this all for granted and not profit from it. THINK!

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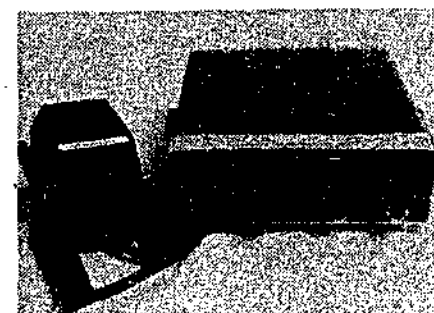
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Victoria	Wednesday, January 14 Thursday, January 15 Friday, January 16
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Vancouver	Friday, January 30
New Westminster	Wednesday, February 11 Thursday, February 12
Vancouver	Friday, February 13
Victoria	Wednesday, February 25 Thursday, February 26 Friday, February 27
Vancouver	Wednesday, March 10 Thursday, March 11 Friday, March 12
Vancouver	Wednesday, March 24 Thursday, March 25 Friday, March 26

Individuals or organizations intending to present briefs at Public Hearings and who have not already advised of their intent to do so, should contact the Commission Office and indicate the most suitable date for the presentation of their brief.

Arrangements will be made to forward copies of the Terms of Reference and procedures to be followed at the Hearings.

Further Public Hearings will be scheduled in April and May as necessary. The location and dates of these Hearings will be advised early in 1976.

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* DEATHS

EDWARDSON: Passed away December 26, 1975, Gordon William Edwardson, late of Madeira Park, in his 49th year. Survived by his loving wife Doris; daughter Mrs. Brian (Carolyn) Jeffries; son, Jackie Cummings; 3 grandchildren; 4 brothers, Norman, Albert, Clifford and Alvin; 4 sisters, Gertie Gough, Vera Olsen, Dolly Dickerson and Myrtle Braun. Funeral service was held Tuesday December 30 at the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Interment Forest View Cemetery. Harvey Funeral Home, directors.

HALEY: Nora, passed away December 26, 1975, aged 75 years, pre-deceased by her husband William Haley, late of Gibsons, B.C. Survived by 2 nephews, Arthur Bartle and family, Allan Bartle and family, and sister-in-law, Mrs. H. V. Bartle. Also many friends in Gibsons. Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 31 at the Harvey Funeral Home, Gibsons. Rev. D. Morgan officiated. Interment Seaview Cemetery.

JOE: Passed away December 29, 1975, Lena Joe, late of Sechelt, in her 64th year. Survived by her loving husband Clarence Joe Sr., 7 sons, William, Gilbert, Clarence Jr., Terry, Hubert, Carl and Howard; 3 daughters, Bernadette Sound, Iris Mayers and Shelly Nadine Joe; 57 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Joseph and Arthur Jeffries; 3 sisters, Lottie Hansen, Sarah Baptiste and Ethel Julian. Funeral mass was celebrated Saturday, January 3 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Sechelt. Archbishop Carney and Rev. T. Nicholson celebrants. Interment Sechelt Indian Cemetery. Harvey Funeral Home, directors.

NEILL: Mary, on Jan. 1, 1976, in her 96th year. A long time resident of B.C. Pre-deceased by her husband George and son Victor. Survived by 2 sons, George of Campbell River and Terence, Toronto; 3 daughters, Mrs. M. L. Raines (Charlotte) Roberts Creek; Mrs. P. L. Dill (Mary), Vancouver and Mrs. Charles Brown (Nora), Victoria. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Family services, Cremation. Rev. Ted Kropp officiating. Arrangements through the Memorial Society of B.C.

WINN: Passed away December 23, 1975, Annie Louisa Winn late of Gibsons. Survived by 2 sons, Alfred, Gibsons; Herbert, Kamloops; 3 sisters; 2 brothers; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 27 at the Harvey Funeral Home, Gibsons. Rev. D. Brown officiated. Interment Mt. Elphinstone Cemetery.

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BCPA not interested

The British Columbia Petroleum Association has indicated that it is not interested in seeing a bulk oil plant on the Sechelt Indian Reserve. This information was received in a letter from the BCPA and presented at a recent Regional District planning committee meeting.

The Sechelt Indian Band last year undertook an extensive study and as a result of that study the band indicated it was favorable to the idea of locating a bulk oil terminal on Reserve No. 2.

The Regional Board has for some time been looking for land on which such a bulk oil terminal could be located thereby amalgamating the various terminals now operating in such areas as Hopkins Landing, Gibsons and Davis Bay.

At the recent planning meeting Regional District planner Adrian Stott reported that the B.C. Petroleum Association was not currently interested in the Indian Band's proposal and that the association indicated the Regional

Board should find satisfactory property and make the necessary zoning changes to accommodate the bulk oil terminals.

The Regional Board is now making it clear to the BCPA that it backs the Indian Band's proposal to locate the bulk oil terminal on Indian Land. The board will also reiterate that a new bulk oil location will not only house additional facilities but also the existing ones which the board says are in most cases substandard and non-conforming to the zoning.

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Elves

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amounted to \$234 and one doll. The Gibsons Lions club started things rolling by donating 23 tins of food. This was derived from a little stint they have going for them — each member must bring one tin of food to each meeting in lieu of a fine. The Elves win either way.

One Elf said a little prayer asking that the small supply be multiplied like the Biblical loaves and fishes. It surely was, as over 3,000 food items and toys were distributed in the hampers. There is still a large box of food items left over. The Elves will be on the lookout for another deserving family to give this to.

Donations of cash, food, gifts and toys were received from the following citizens, businesses and service clubs on the Sunshine Coast:

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This is the opening of the plot for the film Russian Roulette, filmed in Vancouver last summer under the name Kosygin is Coming. The film comes to the Twilight Theatre in Gibsons January 11, 12 and 13.

As the plot continues, Shaver fails in efforts to apprehend Henke, but growing panicky, he lets his superior Commander Petapiece (Denholm Elliott) think he

has Henke in secret custody. Vostik knows this is not true because he actually has captured Henke. He plans to use him as a human bomb in a KGB plot to assassinate Kosygin and destroy any chance of East-West detente.

Shaver learns of the plot when he discovers that Henke is really a CIA agent. Forced to co-operate with Vostik when the Russian reveals he has kidnapped Shaver's girlfriend Boga (Cristina Raines), Shaver continues to deceive Petapiece. He and Boga manage to make their escape from Vostik after they learn the assassination plan — Henke, drugged and loaded with explosives, is to be dropped on the Kosygin motorcade from a low-flying helicopter falsely marked "Vancouver Police" as the Premier's party reaches the Vancouver Hotel.

Shaver speeds to the hotel after alerting police by phone of the danger. He is spotted by Vostik who pursues him to the roof of the hotel where a savage gun battle takes place. It ends with Vostik

plunging 350 feet to his death. As the Kosygin motorcade approaches the hotel, the fake police helicopter comes into view. Shaver, still on the roof, fires a disabling shot and the helicopter flutters to the street. Unharm- ed, the lethal Henke emerges and robot-like advances on Kosygin's limousine. Taking careful aim from the rooftop, Shaver gets off a single shot and Henke falls dead.

The Master Gunfighter plays at the Twilight Theatre January 8, 9 and 10. The film is rated Mature.

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CBC brass visits here

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Leisure page

Film Society screenings back to Wednesday

Starting this week the Kwah-tahmoss Film Society's weekly screenings will revert back to Wednesday nights. Admission to the films that will be screened in the Twilight Theatre until May is restricted to members only.

Membership is still available in the society which presently has about 246 members. Fees are \$3 normally and \$1 for senior citizens. Members must be over 18 years of age. After joining the society a member may then attend any of the society's screenings for \$2 per film with the exception of the film Les Ordres which, because it is a first run film, is costing twice the normal rental.

The admission price for Les Ordres, a highly acclaimed French-Canadian film about the 1970 October crisis, is anticipated to be a maximum of \$3. The final price will depend on the society's financial position toward the end of the season.

With a full schedule of 18 films yet to play, membership in the film society is well worthwhile for anyone interested in films who has not yet joined. Apart from Les Ordres, which was released in 1975, a variety of international films including recent productions is scheduled. There are two films each from Czechoslovakia and Sweden as well as films from France, USA, Great Britain, Mexico, Hungary, and Switzerland.

Switzerland is represented by The Invitation which was released here last year after having won the special grand jury prize at Cannes in 1973. The film was also nominated for an Academy Award as best foreign picture in 1974. Keith Wallace and I both thought this deceptively simple comedy the highlight of a combined total of about 30 films which we saw at the Canadian Federation of Film Societies' film screening and A.G.M. in Toronto in May of 1975.

Wednesday night's presentation is Stanley Kubrick's brilliant comedy Dr. Strangelove or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb starring Peter Sellers (in three roles), George C. Scott, Sterling Hayden, and Keenan Wynn. The plot is derived from Peter George's novel Red Alert (originally published as Two Hours to Doom by Peter Bryant), which had roughly the same plot basis as Fail-Safe.

The screenplay is by Kubrick, Terry Southern and Peter George and has three principal settings: the office of General Jack D. Ripper, Commander of Burpleson Air Base; the Pentagon War Room with a conference headed by President Merkin Muffley and Chief of Staff "Buck" Turgidson, attended by the Russian Ambassador and a top U.S. scientific advisor, Dr. Strangelove, a cripple in a wheelchair whose name originally was Dr. Merkwurdig- icheliebe and who has an accent to prove it; and the interior of a plane under the command of Major "King" Kong, a Texan Big Boy who gets his plane through.

General Ripper, a kind of triple distilled Bircher, is convinced that the Communists are poisoning the country's water supply, proved by fluoridation, as part of taking over the country. He initiates a nuclear attack on Russia. Captain Mandrake, a British exchange officer on his staff, is quick to observe that Ripper has gone mad, and he tries to persuade Ripper to give him the recall code for the planes. Mean- while, under direct Presidential order, U.S. troops are storming the airbase to capture Ripper. He commits suicide before they break in, but Mandrake manages to puzzle out the recall code from some pet phrases of the General and telephones it to the Pentagon in time to have the planes recalled except for Major "King" Kong's which gets through to drop its bomb thus detonating the Soviet Doomsday Machine, a thermo- nuclear device which, once triggered, cannot be reversed and which will blanket the earth with radioactive material for ninety-three years.

This might sound like strange material for a comedy, but the humor stems from the pretensions to moral judgment on the part of men who have sacrificed the environment into the hands of totally amoral technological science; and the bumble-headed military proposals, frantic calls to Russia, and frighteningly plausible biff- ometry on the brink of doom are hilarious.

It is difficult to select further highlights from the rest of the films scheduled all of which are outstanding in various ways. Of the films I have personally not seen, I am particularly looking forward to seeing Bogdanovich's

auspicious debut film Targets, which plays on Wednesday, January 21 and Eric Rohmer's Ma Nuit Chez Maude with Jean-Luis Trintignant and Francoise Fabian which plays next Wednesday. I think that the series of Luis Bunuel's films scheduled for March which will start with El (This Strange Passion), one of his Mexican productions, and concluding with his two last films, the wonderful Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie (screened by the film society in 1974) and Phantom of Liberty may well be the highlight of the season. Below is a chronological list of the films to come in the society's schedule:

January 14: Ma Nuit Chez Maude.
January 21: Targets.
January 28: The Magician.
February 4: Shop on the Main Street.
February 11: Adrift.
February 25: The Fifth Horseman is Fear (To be confirmed).
March 3: El (This Strange Pas- sion).
March 10: Milky Way or Tristana.
March 17: Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie.
March 24: Phantom of Liberty.
March 31: L'Invitation.
April 7: Love.
April 14: A Lesson in Love.
April 21: Les Ordres.
April 28: Les Deux Anglaises.
May 5: Yo-Yo (To be confirmed).

Pensions up

An almost 104,000 beneficiaries in B.C. under the Canada Pension Plan will receive increases of 11.2 percent in January 1976. This increase reflects the full rise in the cost of living over the past year.

The ten-year transition period for the introduction of retirement pensions ends December 31.

The maximum full retirement pension commencing January 1976 will be \$154.86. The maximum monthly disability pension payable in 1976 will be \$157.59 while monthly benefits for disabled contributors' children and orphans of deceased contributors will be \$41.44 per month. Maximum monthly surviving spouses' pensions will be \$99.51 per month for persons under age 65 and \$92.92 per month for spouses 65 or older.

CBC Radio

'Guibard Affair' Tuesday

On a Sunday afternoon in November 1869 a funeral procession drew up at the gate of Montreal's Cote de Neiges Cemetery. It bore the body of Joseph Guibord, a prominent local printer. The cemetery superintendent refused to allow the burial in consecrated ground offering instead a plot beside the graves of executed murderers. The body was removed to a vault in the Protestant cemetery and so began the "Guibard Affair" which was to change the course of Canadian history by diminishing the political power of the Catholic Church in Quebec.

Joseph Guibord was finally laid to rest on November 16, 1875, his funeral cortege guarded by 100 policemen and 1,100 soldiers. The legal and other battles which took place during the intervening six years form the basis of the drama documentary "Cause Celebre" to be presented CBC Tuesday Night at 8:03 p.m. January 13.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7:
Vancouver Recital 1:30 p.m. Vancouver Chamber Choir — Madrigals by Marenzia and a Bach motet.
Quirks and Quarks 8:03 p.m., Science Magazine, host Dr. David Suzuki.

Concern 9:00 p.m. The Centre of Immensities — an interview with Sir Bernard Lovell on the inter-relationships between science, religion and outer space theories.
Country Road 10:30 p.m. Gerry Cole and the Roadmasters.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8:
Organists in Recital 1:30 p.m. Gaston Arel at the organ of the Church of Immaculate Conception Montreal. Works by Bach, Buxtehude, Boehm and Distler.
Themes and Variations 8:03 p.m. Pianist Robert Silverman in concert, Sonata in A Minor, Schubert; Images, Debussy; Piano variations, Copland; Sonata in B Minor, Liszt; Moment Musical, Rachmaninoff.

Jazz Radio-Canada 10:30 p.m. Ed Bickert Trio and Dave Young Quartet.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9:
Canadian Concert Hall 2:30 p.m. Part 1 Robert Silverman, piano, plays Chopin. Part 2, Israel Piano Trio, Piano Trio in A Minor, Ravel.

Between Ourselves 8:03 p.m. The Ocean and the Scotian, the trains which travel between Halifax and Toronto — Maritimers have left to seek their fortune in Upper Canada, but they also come back on the train — stories, dreams, songs and perspectives of people on the trains.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10:
Our Native Land 12:10 p.m., Economic Development, a look at

various projects of Canadian Indians.
Metropolitan Opera 2:00 p.m., Elektra by Richard Strauss starring Ursula Schröder - Feinen, Robert Knie, Astrid Varnay, Robert Nagy and William Dooley.
Symphony Hall 7:00 p.m., Toronto Symphony, Suite in F, Roussel; Chasse et Orange, Berlioz; Three Dances from Rodeo and Symphony No. 3, Copland.
CBC Stage 8:30 p.m. Back to Beulah — repeat of the ACTRA award winning play by W. O. Mitchell.

Anthology 10:03 p.m. from Hart House International Festival of Poetry — Robert Creeley, New poetry by Miriam Waddington. Story by Michael Riordan.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT 11:03 p.m.
London Symphony Orchestra, Alexis Weissenberg, piano, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 in G major; Symphonie Fantastique, Berlioz.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11:
The Bush and the Salon 1:03 p.m. Violence in the Valley by Leslie MacFarlane describes the reign of terror in the Ottawa Valley in 1874.

Vancouver Chamber Orchestra 4:03 p.m. Shostakovich, Haydn. NHL Hockey 5:03 p.m. Maple Leafs vs. Canadiens.

The Entertainers 8:03 p.m. Linda Hassler interviews Ashford and Simpson, influential music writing team of the sixties in U.S.

CBC Playhouse 10:30 p.m. Etienne Brule by Len Peterson.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12:
Music of our People 8:03 p.m. Music from And- isia with Juan Garcia and guitarist Jose Perez.
Great Canadian Gold Rush 10:30 p.m. Studio session with Tony Roman; interview with Frank Zappa.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13:
CBC Tuesday Night 8:03 p.m. Casue Celebre by Robert Stewart and R. A. Duncan — the scandalous affair of Joseph Guibord.

Part 2, Jeanne Baxtresser, flute, David carrall, bassoon, Mireille Lagace, harpsichord. Works by Handel, Telemann, J.S. Bach.
Touch the Earth 10:30 p.m. Interview with 15 year old Colin Linden. Part 2 on American folk groups, Hazel Dickens and Alice Gerrard.

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This maritime park is for everyone

by JEAN and ED MacKenzie

"The funny thing" hollers skipper Bob Armstrong, over the noise of the boat engine, "is that so few people know about it."

Bob is the owner-operator of three small blue and white ferries that ply the waters of Nanaimo Harbour on Vancouver Island. And the "it" that not many people know about is surely the most easily accessible of British Columbia's marine parks — Newcastle Island.

Most marine parks are the exclusive preserve of boat owners and their fortunate friends, but Newcastle Island, a 10-minute, 50 cent per-passenger ferry ride from downtown Nanaimo, is for everybody.

During the busy summer months the ferry leaves Newcastle every hour on the hour, making two stops on the Nanaimo side: one at the Commercial Dock near the Bastion and the other at the back of the arena off Comox Road where there is a small picnic area and plenty of parking space. In spring and fall when the traffic is lighter, the ferry makes its round trip once every two hours. The park's 760 acres of grass,

beach and woods are reserved for pedestrians only. Though there are mooring buoys and dock facilities for boaters, cars must be left on the Nanaimo shore. Those who wish to use one of the park's 18 campsites should be prepared to back-pack the few hundred yards from the ferry dock to camping area and to replenish their supplies by a ferry trip across to town.

Newcastle has long been a favorite spot for family or group outings. There are two playing fields, a cooking shelter, plenty of picnic tables, washroom facilities, children's swimming pool and a change-house.

The natural beauty of the island is its greatest charm. Broad, well-marked trails lead the explorer deep into the forest of evergreen, arbutus and maple trees, while the beach trail skirts the eastern shore.

Newcastle is rich in history and traces of its past can still be seen today. In the northern cliffs are sandstone caves which were used as an Indian burial ground when this part of the coast was the wild domain of the "S'neny-mos." It was an Indian too —

later known as the "Coal Tye" — who first showed the white men where to find the "rock that burns."

Canny governor James Douglas, immediately aware of the importance of such a discovery, wrote hastily from Fort Victoria in 1852, directing his subordinate Joseph McKay "to proceed with all possible diligence... and formally take possession of the Coal Beds... for and on behalf of the Hudson's Bay Company."

In the following year the durable little Nanaimo Bastion was built beside the coal beds and construction started on the first wooden shanties that were to become the second city of Vancouver Island.

Coal was found on the harbor islands as well, and Newcastle Island was named after the rich coal deposits of England's Newcastle-on-Tyne.

As well as supplying coal for HBC ships, Royal Navy vessels and the crowded steamers of the gold rush days, Newcastle provided sandstone for some of the first public buildings on the Pacific Coast. The sandstone was of such

high quality that it could "be heated white hot and plunged into cold water without shattering." Columns 30 feet long were cut from the island quarries and shipped south to be used in building the Mint at San Francisco. There they survived even the disastrous earthquake of 1906. Newcastle supplied grindstones for use in early pulp mills and huge discs of rock are today displayed on the grass near the park

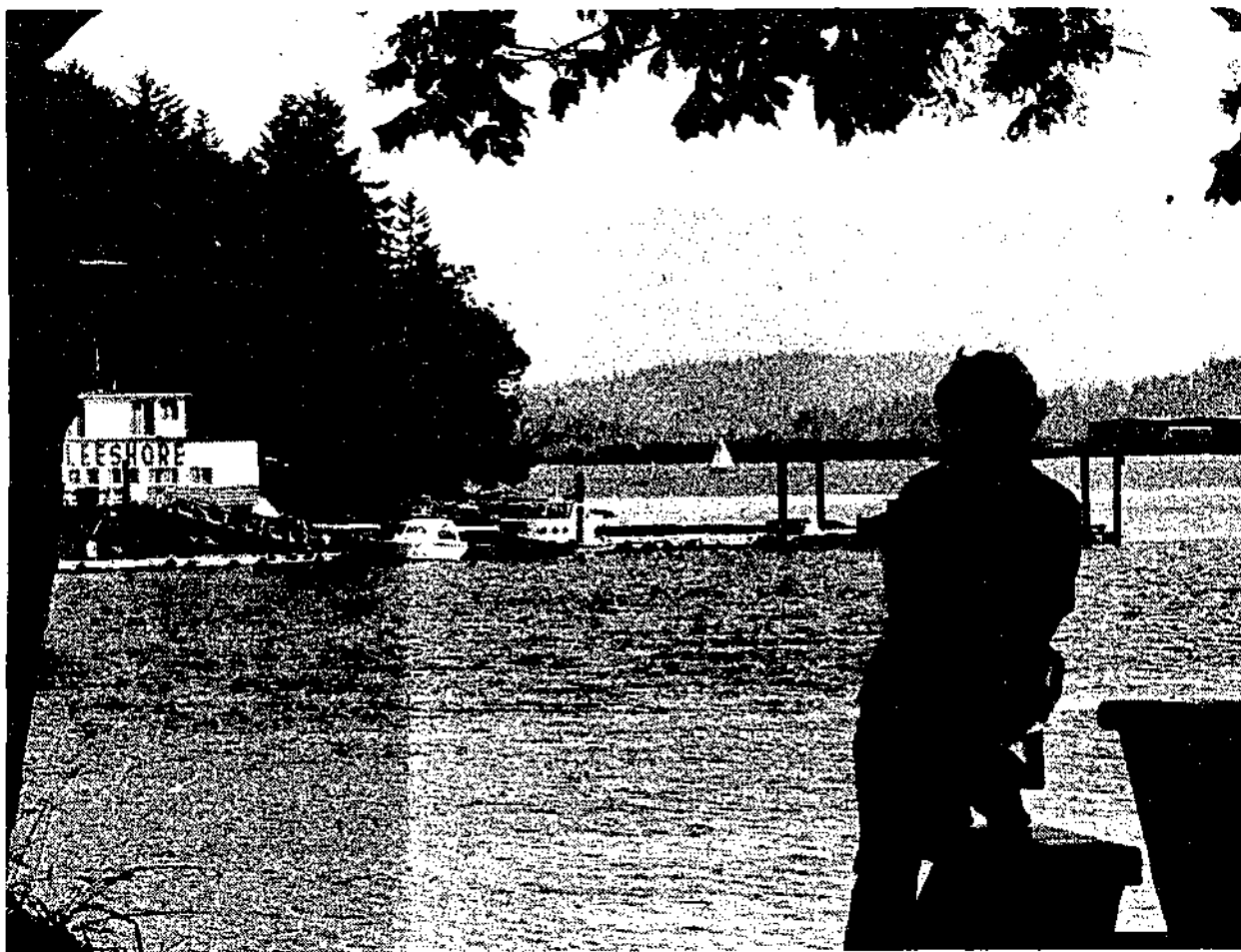
entrance. Abandoned now and overgrown, the quarries are a jumble of neat round holes, shaped chunks and fragments of columns. They look as if some giant housewife had suddenly tired of cutting out her enormous sugar cookies and tossed the pieces of dough aside to petrify. Rainwater has filled the depressions and the precise circular pools are covered with a green film of minute water plants.

Before World War II, when the coal was gone and the sandstone market failed, Newcastle became a holiday spot for thousands who came by steamer from Vancouver and Victoria. The Moonlight Cruise to Newcastle was a popular excursion, with dancing in

the Pavilion and tea in the long-vanished Tea Garden. After the war the city of Nanaimo preserved the island as a park and later turned it over to the provincial government to be developed as it is today.


However you take it, simply enjoying the island's beauties or roaming it with an eye to its colorful history, a day — or a week — on Newcastle is a high point on any Vancouver Island holiday.

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The view from Newcastle Island

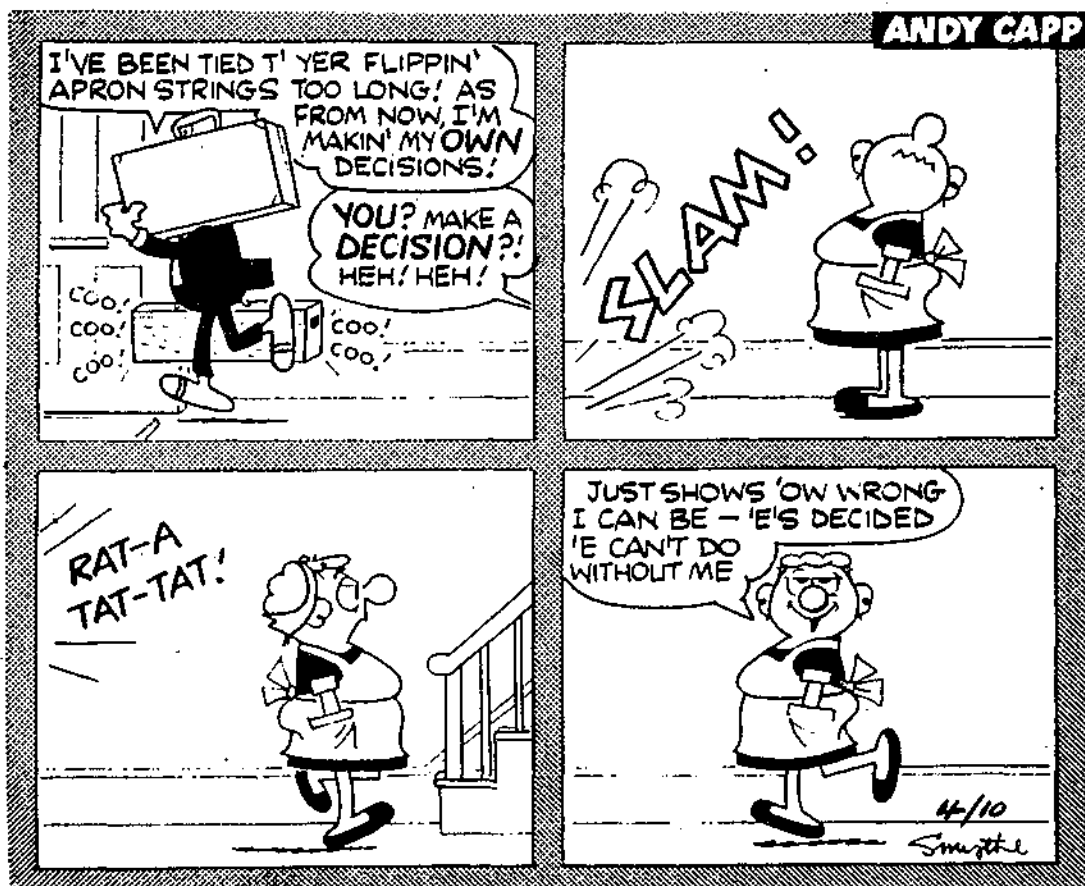
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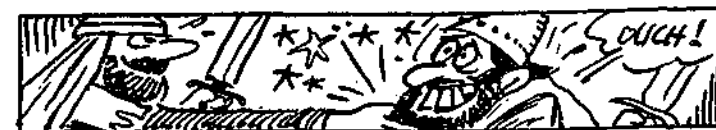


Brownie enrollment day

Gibsons First Pack Brownies, which meet each Wednesday at St. Bartholomew's Anglican church, held their enrolment day last December 3.

New brownies enrolled were Laurie Ailles, Lizette Berdahl, Sheryl Douglas, Sonja Reiche,

Caron Watts, Sonya Valancius. On December 17 the girls held a Christmas party, during which they put the finishing touches on a candy house which was later donated to the Children's Ward at St. Mary's Hospital, for Christmas.



It is said that Alexander the Great invented shaving so that the enemy could not grab his soldiers by their beards.

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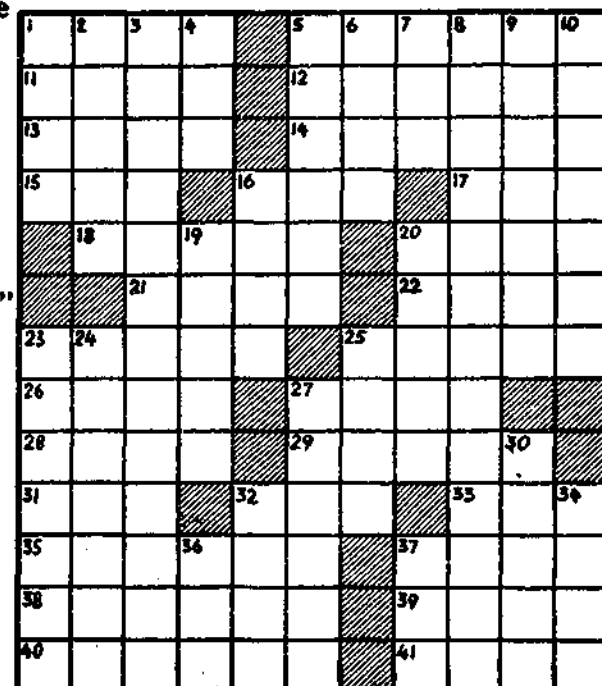
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