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LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

	Low	High	Rain
April 3	1C	13C	Nil
April 4	4C	12C	Nil
April 5	1C	14C	11.4mm
April 6	6C	14C	Nil
April 7	3C	13C	3.6mm
April 8	7C	9C	7.4mm
April 9	6C	14C	Nil

Week's Rain 22.4mm April 22.4mm
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ROAD HOG

AND YOU'RE THE ONE that's always beefin' about ferry line-ups. Wait until you get behind something such as this four legged monstrosity recently found hoofing his way up to Pender Harbour. You want to steer clear of such kind.

Cutbacks may force teacher layoffs

As many as 42 teachers may face a lay off in this district and education services may have to be cut back drastically in order for the board to lower its budget and make the school mill rate palatable to local taxpayers.

Commenting on a recent announcement made by Education Minister Pat McGeer to the effect that local school districts would be responsible for increased costs in education, School Trustee Claus Spiekermann told the board at a meeting in Halfmoon Bay last week that "it is very difficult to do anything else but lay off teachers."

Spiekermann said either teachers will have to be laid off or some education programs may be drastically cut. Some of these programs include alternate education for both Elphinstone and Pender Harbour, the program for mentally retarded children in Gibsons, and the upgrading of Elphinstone. It was also felt that the learning assistance program would be in jeopardy but district Secretary-Treasurer Roy Mills said that program is individually funded by the province and will not suffer unless that specific budget is cut back.

The increased burden on local taxpayers comes as a result of the provincial government's announcements that education grants would be cut back and that local school districts would be responsible for education costs which have increased significantly over the last few years.

It has been estimated that the provincial education grant would be about $30 million instead of the $100 million which is the amount needed to keep the basic levy at 26.5 mills.

The 26.5 levy was suggested by the former NDP government. Education Minister McGeer indicated to the B.C. Teachers Federation annual meeting last month that the basic mill rate set by the province could be as high as 32.5 mills. This is an increase of six mills.

For taxpayers in this district that means the basic levy could be increased from the currently estimated 37.3 mills to 43.3 mills. If none of the local programs and services are cut back and no teachers are laid off that six mill increase means the district has to dig up an additional $551,842 from the pockets of local taxpayers.

In his report to the board last week, Secretary-Treasurer Mills told the board that it will either have to prepare itself and the general public for a significant increase on the mill rate if the budget remains unchanged, or for a series of budget cuts that will result in a mill rate that the board feels able to support and to impose on the public.

Mills said that either of these courses of action are likely to be amongst the most significant and far reaching decisions that the board will be forced to make this year. A special meeting to discuss the budget has been called for 3 p.m., April 22.

Reacting to Spiekermann's statement that 42 teachers may have to be laid off, Trustee Peter Prescesky said at last Thursday's meeting that there was not that much cause for alarm.

"I don't know why the BCTF is creating such a spectre of laying off teachers — I don't think it will happen," Prescesky said. He added that he felt austerity was necessary but that it wouldn't take the form of teacher layoffs.

The BCTF is particularly concerned about the possible teacher layoffs not only because a great number of teachers throughout the province will lose their jobs but also because it would drastically increase the pupil-teacher ratio, which, says the BCTF will bring down the quality of education.

The school district budget must be adopted in its final form before May 1.

EHSC backs down on ambulance move

Dr. Peter Ransford head of the Emergency Health Services Commission informed the Coast News in a Friday afternoon telephone interview that the Minister of Health has decided that the Halfmoon Bay ambulance will definitely remain at its present location at least until a new ambulance station is opened at the new Pender Harbour Health Clinic later this summer.

Dr. Ransford stated that letters have been mailed to the Pender Harbour Rate Payers Association and the Sunshine Coast Regional District informing them of the departments decision. The letter to the Pender Harbour association has further advised them that approximately 12-16 volunteers will be needed to man the station and that though the commission is willing to supply the ambulance, equipment and a building adjacent to the health clinic, it will be up to the association to find the necessary volunteers to take a limited training course.

The fate of the ambulances operated by Joan Clarkson of Halfmoon Bay will not be finally decided until after the Madeira Park station is fully operational. It was intimated however that the proposed move to Sechelt will still be made at that time. Dr. Ransford admitted the public pressure put on the commission by the people of Pender Harbour and Egmont, through both letters to the minister and newspaper reports had played a large part in the reversal of the decision. He admitted that the recent cutbacks in both training and service funds may hamper the opening of the Pender Harbour station but he promised that though the course may be shorter than normal, the volunteers would be fully qualified before being allowed to operate the service and that the original funds allocated for the new station would still be available.

Dr. Ransford admitted that there seemed to be a lot of misunderstanding about the commissions decision and that possibly the announcement should not have been made until all the arrangements were finalized.

For the residents of Pender Harbour it is a hard won victory over bureaucratic bumbling and insensitivity. For Joan Clarkson at least it is a reprieve, the question of where the Halfmoon Bay ambulance is to be stationed will be fought again in the next few months.

School Board to alter boundaries

The school board is considering two boundary proposals that would give the new Sechelt Junior Secondary School either 284 or 265 students this September.

A study on the boundaries and potential student population of the new school has been done by principal Roland Hawes and the results of the study were presented at last week's school board meeting held in Halfmoon Bay.

The meeting was held in Halfmoon Bay because it was felt the boundary decision would affect persons living in that area the most. About ten parents were on hand at Halfmoon Bay Elementary School to present their views to the board.

One boundary proposal includes the area from Secret Cove Road, sometimes known as the Jolly Roger Road, on the north, to the cemetery corner (Highway 101 and Lower Road) on the south. These boundaries would give the Sechelt Junior Secondary School 284 students, Pender Harbour Secondary 154, and Elphinstone Secondary 616.

A second proposal would have the northern boundary at Southwood Road, presently the southern bus boundary for Pender Harbour Secondary, and cemetery corner on the south. These boundaries would give Sechelt Junior Secondary 265 students, Pender Harbour 173, and Elphinstone 616.

School superintendent John Denley stressed last Thursday that the boundaries are set primarily to establish staff and equipment requirements for the schools and that they were not necessarily inflexible for the individual.

The boundary proposals will be further studied by the board and public opinion is invited. The school board will hold a special meeting in Pender Harbour April 14 at Pender Harbour Secondary to give residents in that area a chance to voice their opinion on the boundary matter.

Gibsons opposes ferry increases

Another protest has been voiced critizing the possible ferry rate increase this time from Gibsons Council.

Ald. Jim Metzler suggested at last Tuesday night's council meeting that a letter be sent to Transport Minister Jack Davis suggesting if ferry rates be increased that toll charges also be reinstituted on the bridges going in and out of Vancouver.

Metzler said the ferry is the link with Vancouver for Sunshine Coast residents just as any bridge in Vancouver is for people living outside the city. He said increasing the ferry rates would have a detrimental effect on the Sunshine Coast because it would increase the cost of living and would also hurt the tourist trade here.

Metzler said the ferry was merely a movable bridge and that increasing rates was 'highly unfair' to the people living on the Sunshine Coast.

At press time the BC government had not increased rates although an announcement to that effect is expected soon.

News flashes

An order by the B.C. Superintendent of Insurance, Tom Cantell, has brought the development of Sechelt's Seaside Village to a halt. The order for the 241 lot subdivision was issued last week against Glenmont Holdings Ltd., four other companies connected with the development, and two individuals.

The order alleges contravention of the Real Estate Act and directs those involved to stop selling, leasing, or offering for sale or lease lots in Seaside Village.

The order is directed against Stanley James, President of Union Steamships Ltd., S. James and Associates Ltd., Sechelt Lands Ltd., Interfacial Designs Ltd., and Bud Gairns, an official of Interfacial.

The order alleges that purchasers of lots in Seaside Village were required to enter into building contracts with one or more of Glenmont's agents and that no such representation was in the prospectus.

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A four year old Gibsons boy, Greg Cooney, was taken to St. Mary's Hospital with a broken leg last Tuesday after being struck by a vehicle on Highway 101 in front of Sunshine Coast Trailer Court.

Gibsons RCMP said a vehicle driven by Jack Skellett of Gibsons hit the youth after he darted out onto the highway. According to the police report, the boy had been behind the mailboxes along the highway and could not be seen by the driver.

Police said the accident was unavoidable and no blame is being placed on the driver of the car. The accident occurred about 6:25 p.m.

The four year old is reported to be in good condition in St. Mary's Hospital.

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A two vehicle accident at the corner of Highway 101 and Lower Road caused $2,000 damage last Tuesday.

A vehicle driven by Alice Bassey was southbound when it collided with a northbound vehicle driven by Bernhard Krafczyk of Port Mellon. Police said Krafczyk was attempting to make a left turn from the highway onto Lower Road when the accident occurred.

No major injuries resulted from the accident.

NET RESULT

. . .IS WHAT YOU GET when you charge full speed ahead and miss the goaltender. Even then Roberts Creek goalie John Crosby could swat the unidentified Gibsons player out of his crease in last week's final game that the Creek took 5-4 to win the Commercial Laegue championship. You know what they say: If you can't take the puck into the net, try taking the net to the puck . . .

Businessman accuses village of error

Hayden Killam, a Sechelt businessman, accused the village clerk and the village building inspector of incompetance at last Wednesday night's council meeting.

Killam told council he had received a "without prejudice" letter from the village clerk that gave him until April 26 to bring his building, occupied by OK Tires and Sechelt Building Supplies, up to National Building Code standards. He claimed that the building inspector had illegally approved the building in the first place and that therefore the fault lay at least partly with the village.

The argument, which began when Killam first started to rent the upstairs portion of the building to another business, appears to be a long way from being settled yet, though the upstairs portion, according to Killam, is now vacant.

Killam had originally applied for the building permit on the understanding that the upstairs area was to be used only for storage. When another tenant became involved council and the building inspector decided that according to the National Building Code there was not adequate fire protection in the original design to house the upstairs business. After several confrontations it was finally agreed that the problem should be sent to arbitrarion and that both parties would abide by the board's decision. The arbitration board found that two major commercial tenants was not viable and also that the rear wall of the building did not conform to the standards even for use as originally planned.

The problem now appears to lie in the interpretation of the board's decisions. Killam claims that it would have only cost him $20 more to build the structure to code specifications if the building inspector had advised him of the fire wall discrepancy but that now, because of the building inspector's alleged incompetence, it will cost him much more to bring the building up to village standards. Even then he will be unable to change his proposal to include a second storey tenant without making further changes.

Last Wednesday's meeting turned into a shouting match with Ald. Morgan Thompson threatening to walk out unless acting Mayor Ernie Booth kept better order. Ald. Frank Leitner told Killam he was "sick of his constant complaining" and that since he had agreed to arbitration he should stick by the arbitration board's decisions and make the necessary changes. Killam admitted that his own ignorance had played a large part in the developing of the current problems but kept insisting that even if the alterations were carried out the building would still be non-conforming and even suggested at one point that maybe they should just "tear it down."

Council agreed to hold a further meeting with Killam in late April to discuss the matter and to study a written brief prepared by him.

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A precarious balance

We might as well face it.

We have elected a government in Victoria that believes in giving it to us right up front where it hurts. The most recent provincial budget has shown us: if it's more services we want, if it's better quality life through increased and improved social programs, fine, as long as the individual taxpayer is prepared to reach deep down to the bottom of the pocket or purse to come up with the necessary funds.

And so it is with education.

Recent indications from the Department of Education show us that local school districts will be responsible for a larger amount of school expenditures. According to Education Minister Pat McGeer, school boards have been spending lavishly and as the financial weight is now being shifted to the local taxpayer, we might surmise that we are being slapped on the wrist for getting carried away with the pursuit of an ever increasing quality of education.

We might also surmise that we are being slapped on the wrist for electing the former NDP government. Former Premier Barrett and his government were elected with full and active support of the province's teachers and once elected, that government placed great emphasis on improving the quality of education.

In the past five years the thrust of education has been towards more teachers, resulting in a lower pupil-teacher ratio, special education programs such as those for childern with learning disabilities, and better equipment and teaching aides. All that costs money, no doubt. But as most experts involved in education and the social services would agree, it's worth it because a good quality education probably helps to insure a quality individual and as a logical consequence, a quality society.

We should not scrimp on education. But neither should the local taxpayer be faced point blank with a possible six mill increase in school taxes. During times of austerity and wage and price guidelines no school board can in good conscience toss a six mill increase in the lap of the taxpayer. The result is that budgetary expenditures will have to be cut and that could mean anything from a teacher lay-off to curtailment of special programs, and a freeze on building expansion.

If it is the intention of the present government to cut back spending on education, it could at least use some sense and diplomacy by not turning the bill for education into a political firecracker and tossing it into the unsuspecting lap of the local taxpayer simply to balance the government books.

Some thrift

With hues and cries about the village of Gibsons being broke, coming from time to time out of such unlikely places as the back woods of Roberts Creek, it comes as a pleasant surprise for villagers to see the state of the local economy is rather stable.

The financial report for 1975 showed that even with the mill rate held down to 29.4, the village is still managing to accumulate substantial equity without incurring any new major debts.

It's also nice in this day and age of rampant inflation to see that spending for general government purposes was actually about $3,000 lower in 1975 than it was in 1974.

The federal government, perhaps, could learn some lessons there.

Students first

A special school board meeting will be held this week to decide whether or not to cut a significant chunk of money out of this year's budget, and as School Board Secretary-Treasurer told trustees last week; it's likely to be one of the most significant and far reaching decisions to be made by the board this year.

The choice is this: Keep the budget the same and let the local taxpayer suffer the consequences of the provincial government's shift in financing, a decision that would cost this district a half million dollars or six mills, or cut back the budget and by so doing curtail various programs and projects that contribute to a higher quality education for the children in this district.

It's not an easy decision.

However, we do feel that six mills is an unreasonable increase and we trust the board will in all likelihood make an effort for a substantial decrease in the local budget to make the tax increase, if any, a little more palatable.

Once the decision to cut the budget has been made we also trust the board will apply its austerity to the matters that least affect the quality of education in this district, and more to the administration side of the budget.

People power

Last week's decision by the Emergency Health Services Commission to reverse the stand on moving the Halfmoon Bay ambulance to Sechelt shows that people working together can indeed overcome the brick wall of bureaucracy.

When he announced that the ambulance would stay in Halfmoon Bay, Dr. Peter Rancer, chairman of the EHSC, admitted that the decision resulted mainly because of the public pressure.

Dr. Rancer has announced that the ambulance would not move at least until new ambulance facilities have been built in the Pender Harbour area. His decision was nothing more than common sense.

remember when

FIVE YEARS AGO

A $40,000 Gibsons Municipal Hall expansion will include a library, museum and court room.

A Regional District board assessment on Gibsons for $10,000 instead of last year's $3,000 jolts the mayor and aldermen.

Sechelt aldermen decide last year's 18 mill tax rate would be about right for this year.

10 YEARS AGO

One hour parking starting June 1 will be in effect for the waterfront section of Gibsons.

Public Utilities Commission asks Gibsons Council to define its policy on water connections beyond village boundaries.

Bertrand Sinclair, Pender Harbour and Hubert Evans, Roberts Creek were honored by the B. C. branch of the Canadian Authors association.

15 YEARS AGO

Sechelt village council orders signposts so streets can be identified.

Sechelt's (old) Legion hall will be extended the length of the building on one side of the hall.

Gibsons council rejects Ernie Cartwright's application to build a marina in the harbor at the base of Georgia Heights.

20 YEARS AGO

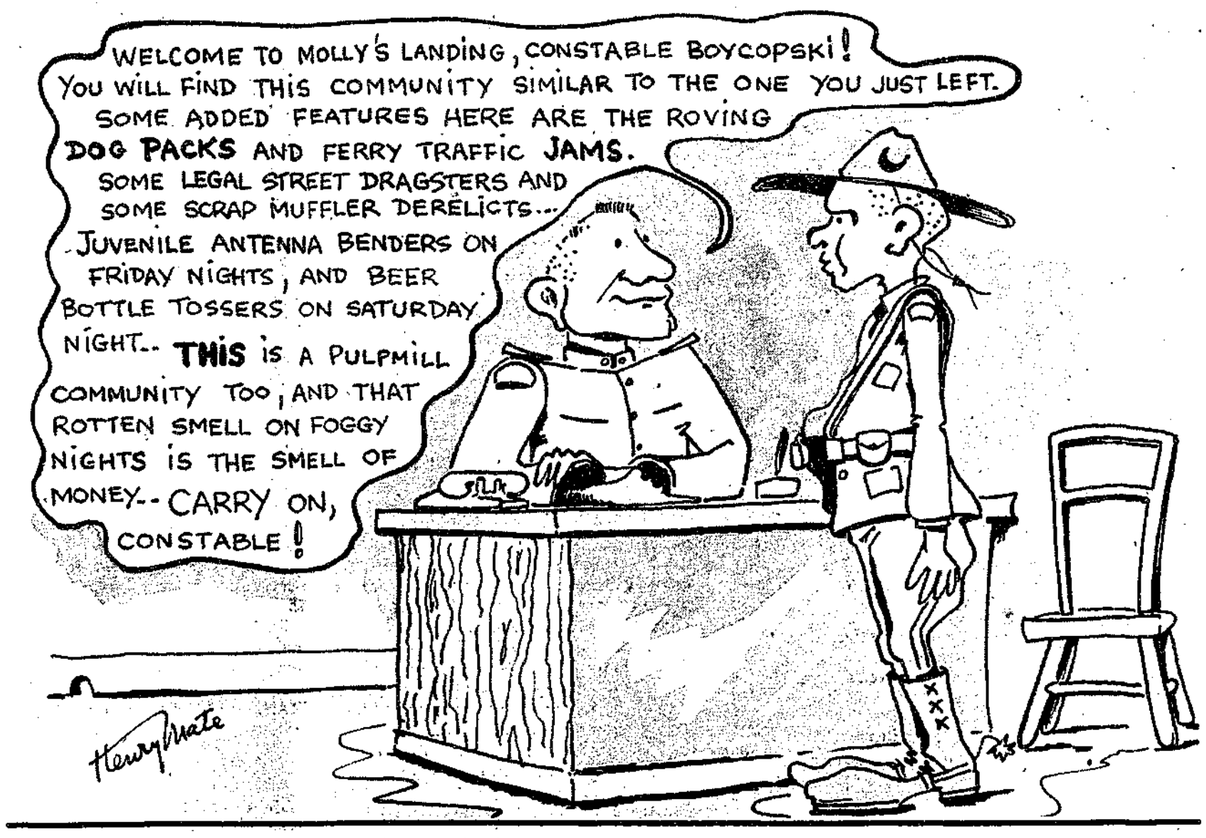
A school district vote covering $537,000 for added classrooms passed 636 to 154, the result surprising board members.

Gibsons Board of Trade is striving to get an annual July 1 celebration organized to replace the defunct May Day celebration.

25 YEARS AGO

Routine legislative approval is expected shortly on the 25 year franchise for Black Ball Ferries system in Howe Sound.

Rural mail delivery has been extended in Gibsons to take in a further half-mile in Shaw road area.



Commentary

by DOUG SEWELL

Bilingualism - Free choice or federal edict?

The Village Council of Parksville anounced this week that 'about half' of the letters they mailed to every village and regional district board in the province in regard to the 'language question' had been returned with favorable replies. The letters, mailed out about a month ago, asked for support for a letter to Premier Bill Bennett advocating the adoption of the English language as the official language of British Columbia.

The tone of the replies would seem to indicate that some local governments are not as gutless as we think. Unfortunately the same can not be said for the Villages of Gibsons and Sechelt and for the SCRD, they all decided to 'table' indefinetly the Parksville request. Their excuse is that it is not truly an area of local jurisdiction, although other councils and boards seem to feel that it is part of their job to communicate the feelings of the people of their area to the senior levels of government. It appears more likely that since on other occasions they have seen fit to criticise the provincial government for their handling of such primarily non-local problems as human resources and highways legislation, that personal sentiment and not jurisdictional respect is the key to understanding their attitudes towards the request.

The Parksville request should not be taken lightly, there is a lot of merit in the village's proposal to make 'English our official language'. Hopefully, it would once and for all show Ottawa that we do not want bilingualism on a local scale and that we are unwilling to accept such policies as the turning over of radio and TV rights to a very small minority.

Why should the French have special rights that other larger ethnic groups are denied?

I could understand the concept of a multi-cultural TV station with time alloted on per capita basis much better than I can grasp the need for a French only network. The idea of a truly bilingual Canada does not apply to the west. The French colony in B.C. lags far behind other major ethnic groups such as the Chinese and Eastern European communities in both population and impact on our lifestyle, yet many products meant only for local consumption must still bear the added expense of two language packaging.

On a natioanl level the bilingual policy makes sense. It is imperative that in order to maintain our unity we must respect the rights of the French population in areas where they represent a reasonable proportion of the local community. It is time we realized that Canada is too large for the broad edicts that the federal government is constantly issuing. What is good for one part of the country may seem totally irrelevent 3000 miles away.

A reasonable alternative to national bilingualism is a system of designated French, English and bilingual areas with the choice being made by the residents of each region. This idea is not as radical as it may seem to many of this country's small 'l' liberals. After all it is merely a matter of recognizing a pattern which has existed since Wolfe and Montcalm met on the Plains of Abraham. In many areas of Quebec the local people refuse to speak any other language than their native French, and rightly so. In B.C. we constantly resent the intrusion of another 'official language' into our political and social systems and again, rightly so.

I am quite prepared to grant Quebec the right to choose its own language, by individual area or by provincial means. All I am suggesting is that B.C. be given the same right to make its own choice. If any province wants to adopt a bilingualistic approach let the people of that province make that decision for themselves. As a nation we can adopt a dual language system for the necessary areas of communication such as national government and trade without running roughshod over the local right of language determination.

It would be nice to see each province given the democratic right to determine for itself whether it will adopt a single language or follow the federal bilingual program.

New hours for Gibsons motor vehicles

With the peak periods for automobile insurance and licence renewals past, the motor vehicle office in Gibsons will operate under new hours.

The office, located on Winn Road next to the Elphinstone Museum, will be open a total of 24 hours per week. Mondays and Wednesdays hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays the office will open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Saturday's hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The office will be closed Saturday, April 17 because of the Easter weekend.

Letters to the Editor

WRONG RALLY

Editor: After reading the Sunshine Sketches column in the March 30 issue of the Coast News about the Women's Rally I decided the writer could not be writing about the same "Women's Rally for Action" I attended in Victoria March 22.

His anonymous informer was not one of the official group of lobbyists I accompanied to Victoria. The lobbyists for Mackenzie included three women from Powell River, one from Bella Coola and Betty Berdahl and Joan Haggerty from Roberts Creek.

These women met with MLA Don Lockstead for at least one hour and received encouraging sympathetic support in our protest for the present government's insensitivity to the women of this province.

A brief entitled "Issues of concern to women of British Columbia" had been previously sent to all MLAs. Our lobbyists spoke on three issues in the brief — family law, child care and education. Don Lockstead was well aware of the inequities in these areas and in other areas as pointed out in the brief. He promised support for our demands and noted that if his party was returned to government, the departments for women that have been closed by the present government would be reinstated. The lobbyists and Don Lockstead planned a future meeting after this session of parliament. A far cry from the reporter's version.

ing after this session of parliathat women could not agree and support one another even during such a crisis and the suggestion that the lobbyists were so foolish as to talk of lesbian rights can be totally discounted.

This reporting is so typical of the media's usual coverage of any event relating to the women's movement that I am hardly disappointed with our own Coast News. But disappointed I am.

This is the decade of equality, so declared by the United Nations. So come on Coast News. Surely local history is no more "practical" than protesting the historical and present discrimination against women in B.C.

—SHARON CRAIG.

DON'T LET IT DIE

Editor: The following is a copy of a letter addressed to Peter Hoemberg, Chairman of the Sunshine Coast Regional District Public Utilities Committee.

May I add my voice to the clamor which I hope will go up pleading the cause of recycling.

The Sunshine Coast was smart enough to get a system going through the good offices of two commendably public-minded citizens — Mr. Tom Haigh and Mr. Glen Watts. Let's not be so stupid as to let it die on the vine!

I read in the Coast News that there is some danger of this happening and yet right along side said article on the front page of April 6 issue is an item entitled: The auditors...were satisfied with the results and considered the SCRD to be in excellent financial shape'. Note the word 'excellent'.

Surely, in these circumstances, there is no excuse for us to bog down on efforts to live more thriftily, more intelligently and with at least some heart for our fellow man on this earth. Years ago, when I heard harrowing tales of the working conditions of the men who were employed in the tin mines in Bolivia and elsewhere in South America, who, as a result, had a life expectancy of only twenty-five years, and I realized how fast the result of their deadly labor was going to be plowed back into the ground again, I was horrified. I remember trying to 'stir powers that be' of the time but was a little ahead of what our economy could then achieve. But now that we have been, at last, able to get something started, please shore the effort up.

I went right out and bought myself an electric can-opener so that I could take the tops and bottoms off all tins, flatten the body and save at least my small bit. What we need is a good educational program about the origins of tin and glass and paper. But how many in spite of the nearness of mills to us have been through the mill at Ocean Falls, Powell River, Port Alberni even our own small one here at Port Mellon. Then we should have a look at the glass-blowing industry and start a campaign for those tin miners. Could we ever hold up our heads again if we countenanced any waste in these materials.

After all conservation of mass and energy are self evident fundamental first laws of nature!

Whatever comes or goes let's keep those two good fellows at their worthy work!

—A. M. MARTIN

MUCH PROGRESS

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the article written by Carolynn Bichler in the April 6, 1976 edition of the Coast News, relating to children with learning disabilities. I believe that much of what was written in the article was informative and hopefully provided information to the general public as to the nature and extent of the problem that each child has, and that the problems the district has to face in attempting to serve their special needs.

I have discussed this matter on many occasions with various members of our School Board. I believe them to be aware of the problem and they are sincere in doing their utmost to provide the means to assist teachers and parents to help children. I feel, also, that much progress has been accomplished over the past few years in the district, particularly in the area of remedial programs. I am certain that the school board members will agree that there is still more that must be accomplished when finances and further expertise make possible.

While I can only speak of my own personal experiences, I have never doubted that the teachers in this district are very concerned and recognize that the children with learning disabilities require special attention and programs. The professional staff are truly dedicated and are doing their very best to guide these children towards individualized programs best geared for each child to achieve his maximum potential.

ESTHER REID
Gibsons

MORE PROTESTS

Editor: I protest the intended move of the Halfmoon Bay ambulance service to Sechelt. Gibsons and Sechelt residents would then have all the ambulance service plus hospital in a 17 mile area leaving the 40 miles to Egmont without any service at all.

If the ambulance station is to be moved it should be relocated at Pender Harbour or Egmont.

—DIANE BOSCH
Egmont

Kinsmen pool survey

The question of the Kinsmen's proposed swimming pool project came up again at last week's Gibsons council meeting and it was suggested that a public survey be held in conjunction with a Gibsons vicinity plan survey.

Council had orginally decided to hold a public referendum on the poll question during next November's municipal elections but a letter from a Gibsons resident, Lera Cleland, suggested that council hold the referendum now or forget the project altogether.

Council is in favor of the pool project but is also concerned about receiving taxation money from regional district areas E and F whose residents would probably be using the pool facility.

The Gibsons Kinsmen Club has offered to pay $600,000 for the capital costs of the pool but after that the village would be responsible to subsidize the net operating costs of the project. Kinsmen officials have estimated the yearly operating costs of the pool to be between $70,000 and $80,000 and they feel that 80 percent of that would be recovered through normal operating revenues.

Council's major question now is whether the residents of areas E and F want to contribute to the operating deficit of the project. It was noted at last week's meeting that the increase to the taxpayers of areas E, F and Gibsons would be a fraction of a mill.

Council will discuss the matter further in an upcoming planning committee meeting.

Gibsons stays in the black

The year end financial report for Gibsons was released as last week's council meeting and according to administrator Jack Copland the village is in excellent financial shape.

The report, prepared by the Vancouver accounting firm of Dunwoody and Company, shows the capital revenue fund to be well up over 1974 even though the mill rate has remained stable at 29.4 mills. The 1975 capital fund stands at $1,312,691 compared to the previous year's $846,647.

The village's only major outstanding capital debt as of December 31 of last year was $79,000 for the sewer system. The sewers are a self liquidating operation and a total of $11,300 was paid off for this debt during 1975.

The general surplus and equity for the village stood at $796,559 at the end of 1975 compared to only $539,998 at the end of 1974.

The water utilities fund experienced a surplus of $3,245 last year. Capital funds for water stood at $485,889 with surplus and equity totalling $368,324. Capital funds for sewers totalled $1,394,684 with the surplus and equity coming to $247,246. The sewer surplus last year was $53,994.

Even though inflation hit hard in 1975, village spending remained surprisingly low compared to the year previous. General government expenses, including such items as salaries and office expenses came to $54,740 compared to well over $57,000 in 1974.

Transportation expenses were $77,891, up about $13,000 over the year previous and enviromental health services, including garbage was $2,006, down slightly over the year previous.

Environmental development services (planning and zoning) and recreational and cultural services stood at just over $12,000 which is up slightly compared to 1974.

Sunrise Service

Elie Nessim will be speaking at the Easter Sunrise Service April 18 at the Sechelt waterfront near the foot of Wharf Street. The sermon will commence at 7 a.m.

Mr. Nessim will also be guest speaker at the two Baptist Churches, at the 9:30 a.m. service n Gibsons and the 11:15 a.m. service in Sechelt.

At 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Gibsons he will be showing slides and talking about his recent trip to the holy land.

Letters to the Editor

WE HIRE, WE FIRE

Editor: I enjoyed Doug Sewell's article on the Sechelt Vicinity Plan (Coast News March 30) and wish to comment on his last sentence.

Doug says: "It can only be hoped that the regional board will listen." Listen to the people, I assume.

May I say that if the board does not listen then let us by all means fire the directors. After all we did hire them and it's at our option that they stay. I'm afraid a lot of people lose sight of that very important fact.

—S. ANDERSON

UNION ERRORS

Editor: Your April 6 issue included a history of the Union Steamship Co. The author seems to have compiled his first instalment in large part by summarizing Gerald Rushton's book 'Whistle up the Inlet'. However, if Mr.Sewell will examine again page 75 of his source he will find that he has introduced several errors not attributable to Mr. Rushton.

(1) The All Red Line Ltd. was not owned by Bert Whitaker. The principles in the Company included Capt. Charles Polkinghorne, Capt. Sam Mortimer, Capt. W.H.M. Townsend and Capt. Willesden. Before the All Red Line was incorporated in 1911 Capt. Mortimer worked for Bert Whitaker.

(2) Bert Whitaker was Managing Director of the Sechelt Steamship Co. Ltd., which operated S.S. Sechelt. This vessel was never in the service of Union Steamships. Many lives were lost when S.S. Sechelt sank in the Strait of Juan de Fuca in March 1911 after Bert Whitaker had sold her to a Victoria firm.

(3) In January 1913 Capt. Sam Dawe took S.S. Tartar via the Skookumchuck to Porpoise Bay, where Mr. Whitaker had decided to lay her up for the balance of the winter. Mr. Rushton has advised me by letter that the Union Steamship Co. chartered Tartar 'for this particular (1913) summer only, as Capt. Yates was ordered to return the vessel back to Porpoise Bay the same October and anchor her there.' She was not "kept in Union service for many years' as Mr. Sewell alleges. The federal government's Shipping Register states that S.S. Tartar was sold on June 30, 1914 to Grant, Smith & Co. and McDonnell Ltd. Title derived from the Vancouver Steamship CO. Ltd., which was another of Bert Whitaker's enterprises.

HELEN DAWE
Sechelt

ONLY 98 PINTS

Editor: Another Blood Donors Clinic has come and gone and unfortunately only 98 pints were donated. We certainly hope to at least double this amount next year since the clinic will be coming up only once a year from now on. So please keep this in mind and when you see the bed race and posters for the clinic next year, please come out and give.

Speaking of our bed race, which the Kinsmen sponsor to promote the clinic, we would like to thank Coast Industries for kindly donating their building and equipment to build our bed. Thanks also go out to Elmer McDonald, Dick Mallot and Peninsula Plumbing for donating the parts needed in building our bed.

To the other clubs that entered a bed in the race, the Gibsons Fire Dept., the Lions Club and the Gibsons Rugby Team. Thanks again fellows.

Also to those of you who did make it out to give blood, thank you.

TOM GREGORCHUK
Publicity Chairman for the Kinsmen Club of Gibsons.

SERIOUS WASTE

Editor: The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the Sunshine Coast Regional Board.

Dear Sirs:

We are not quite certain from newspaper reports whether a final decision has been made vis-a-vis funding the Peninsula Recycling Project. The disposal of waste matter of all types has become one of the most serious problems of the modern world.

We feel strongly that the argument that we cannot afford to support re-cycling is not valid in this last quarter of the century - on the contrary it becomes increasingly obvious we can no longer afford not to recycle.

We urge you to take this matter very seriously and re-think if necessary. It wasn't so long ago that garbage pick-up paid for by everyone was considered impractical - if we all pay for recycling more of us will make that small extra effort to use it and savings for us all will result.

FRANK & MARYANNE WEST

GRATEFUL

Editor: At the annual luncheon meeting of the Vancouver Coast Region, Boy Scouts of Canada, on Sunday March 28, 1976, held at the Bayshore Inn, a sincere vote of thanks and appreciation was extended for the support your newspaper has given scouting in the past year.

The attendance was 358 from Greater Vancouver, Powell River, Sunshine Coast and East Howe Sound communities.

We are indeed grateful for your fine support of the many scouting activities and hope this will continue in the year ahead.

S. MANNING
Chairman,
Annual Meeting Committee

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The staff of life

by DONNA GAULIN

My grandmother is in her 80s and feeling pretty well these days. As long as I have known her, she has been on a restricted intestinal diet because of diverticulae (pouches) in her colon. This meal regime was very bland and easily digested.

Ever since being hospitalized three summers ago, she has been eating food relatively high in fibre —whole grains, bran, most vegetables and fruit. And she feels wonderful.

Why?

Fibre, that is skins, seeds and structural parts of plants and flesh, is duly necessary for the proper muscular shape and tone of the intestines. It provides for proper evacuation of the bowels and carries with it unwanted residues, bacteria and parasites.

Take a look at the refined products which are so common in people's shopping baskets. White flour, sugar, processed convenient cereals and cheeses etc.

Just as common are fibre-related diseases like diabetes, obesity, gall bladder disease, varicose veins and hardening of the arteries. Not to mention colon problems.

Dr. Burkitt and his research colleagues in Africa are revealing what should be obvious. The fact is that where the diets in Africa have been traditionally high in indigestible fibre, bowel movements are regular and very loose. The Incidences of the diseases mentioned are quite rare.

The refining of foods — a so called technical advance — causes the loss of much or all of its nutrition and roughage. Certainly, over-processed "quick energy" foods have little relationship to wholesomeness. Otherwise, the nutritional and medical status of our country would be better.

Bran, the outer husk of the wheat kernel is hard cellulose which cannot be broken down by the digestive enzymes. It is, unfortunately, lost in the milling of refined white flour. Natural bran is one of natures laxitives and can be added to baked products and cereals. I occasionally slip a few tablespoons into casseroles.

If you have any of the medical problems mentioned, see your doctor before radically changing your eating habits. Moderation is always important just as is change.

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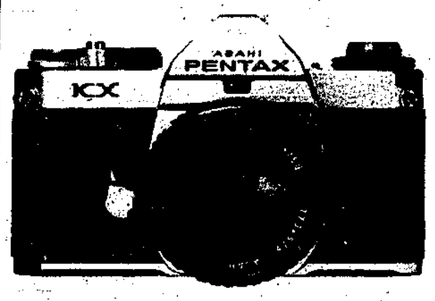

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Crusher hums 'Adeline'

by MIKE JEPSON

Things are really humming up here
And I have much to relate.
Someone has set up a rock crusher mill
Right next to the Cattanach Estate.

Now Ian was very much upset
So he phoned our friend Ed.
He said if you let them keep crushing rock
I'm sure someone will be dead.

Now Ed is a man who does his job;
This is a fact you can't deny.
He rushed right up to that gravel pit
To find the reason why.

He said someone is making an awful noise
And the neighbors it does bug.
I would like to talk to the manager.
I think his name is Doug.

So he started up the crushing plant
And everything went fine.
Ed said it sounded like it was humming a tune
Of Dear Sweet Old Adeline.

Now Ian was not yet satisfied
As he is a man of strong will.
So he wrote a letter to the Regional Board
For permission to build a sawmill.

The Regional Board's reply was very prompt.
And it also was nay.
It said you are not zoned for such a plant
And you must not non-conform in any way.

Now noise is noise, this is the truth
No matter where you be;
Whether you work in Area A
Or live in Area E.

Now I don't wish to criticise
And I don't want to cause no offence
But it makes a person wonder
If our bylaws make good sense.

Well Ian did build his sawmill
It was tuned to key of C,
My old dog is tuned to key of B,
And that rock crusher is tuned to G.

Now when they get going at the same time
It sure does not sound very nice.
I don't care what you say
It does not harmonize.

Oh my poor aching head.
Where that noise comes from I don't know.
I can't hear the neighbor screaming at her kids
Or hear my rooster crow.

Oh well someday it will all end;
The rocks will get crushed and lumber all sawn
And it will be so goll darned quiet
You will not be able to get to sleet til dawn.

I'll be able to hear my rooster crow
And my dog barking at the moon
And Vicki screaming at her kids
I hope it happens soon.

Foods Feature

How is making a good salad like being a brilliant diplomat?

"To make a good salad is to be a brilliant diplomat. The problem is entirely the same in both cases — to know exactly how much oil to put in the vinegar"!

There is always truth in this quote from Oscar Wilde, the famous English playwright except that today, in addition to our own salad dressing recipes, we are fortunate to have countless ready-made ones from which to choose. And then, of course, there is an unlimited number of ingredients at hand to combine and to mix and match.

Basically, there are three types of dressings: mayonnaise, French and salad dressing. They differ in oil content. To be called mayonnaise, the dressing must contain 65% vegetable oil; French and salad dressings must contain 55% oil.

Mayonnaise and salad dressings look very much alike. Mayonnaise is emulsified with egg to form a thick dressing. It also contains vinegar or lemon juice, salt, sugar and seasonings. Commercially-made salad dressing does not have as much oil as mayonnaise and has added thickeners. French dressing is liquid and is a temporary emulsion of oil and vinegar with seasonings. Since the oil separates from the vinegar, French dressing must always be shaken before it is served.

Economical homemade salad dressings can be prepared with a variety of ingredients. Dairy foods, such as sour cream, yogurt and cheese make refreshing and unusual dressings for the summer months. Vinegar, which is an ingredient common to almost any dressing when lemon juice is not used, can be seasoned for added flavor. Select herbs such as dill, oregano, thyme or marjoram, crush them in the palm of your hand and add them to the measured vinegar needed in the recipe. Leave in a tightly capped bottle for several days in a warm place. Strain the vinegar through cheesecloth and incorporate it into the dressing recipe. If possible, prepare salad dressings ahead of time to allow them to develop a full flavor. To avoid having a soggy salad, add them only at the last minute. Make sure the salad greens are clean and dry. Dressings cling better then.

Mayonnaise is the most common ingredient in many dressings It combines well with a variety of condiments and seasonings. Thin it with lemon juice and add ketchup and Worcestershire sauce for a delightful main salad dressing. For a nippy topping, mix blue cheese or Roquefort with it. Try your hand at various combinations for an endless assortment of exciting dressings.

From Food Advisory Services, Agriculture Canada, here are three salad dressing recipes to add to your file.

THOUSAND ISLAND DRESSING

¾ cup salad dressing or mayonnaise
¼ cup chili sauce
2 tbsp. finely chopped onion
2 tbsp. chopped green pepper
2 tbsp. chopped sweet pickle
2 tbsp. finely diced celery
1 finely chopped hard-cooked egg

Combine salad dressing and chili sauce. Stir in remaining ingredients. Chill several hours before serving. Makes about 1¼ cups.

FRENCH DRESSING

⅔ cup salad oil
¾ tsp. salt
2 tsp. sugar
¼ tsp. dry mustard
¼ tsp paprika
¼ cup vinegar

Combine oil and seasonings and beat well. Gradually beat in vinegar. Makes ¾ cup.

To make PIQUANT FRENCH DRESSING, add to above dressing, 4 tablespoons chili sauce, 4 teaspoons minced onion, 1 clove garlic, crushed and 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce. Makes 1½ cups.

This is Your Life

Horoscope for the next week

By TRENT VARRO

ARIES - March 21 to April 20
A tremendous "chance of a lifetime" is awaiting Aries individuals. Don't let this beneficial period slip by without doing something about it. It may take some finding but it's there!

TAURUS - April 21 to May 20
You are under a very favourable aspect now, that should bring rewards for actions done in the past. Don't allow yourself to become run-down. You'll need some extra energy next month.

GEMINI - May 21 to June 20
Be careful not to irritate those around you at this time, as things are a little on the 'touchy' side. If you play your cards right, you'll eventually come up with the jackpot.

CANCER - June 21 to July 21
A feeling of "well-being" is surrounding the sign of Cancer at this time. You may find things a little boring, but you can be sure of co-operation from your associates at work.

LEO - July 22 to August 21
A slight change in your outlook on life in general is coming up. This will tend to give you a much broader vision of things around you. Opportunity is all around you

VIRGO - August 22 to Sept.21
Gains are indicated for Virgo, but you can be sure of one thing - you're going to have to "feel your way" very carefully before you can reap the benefits that are coming.

LIBRA - Sep,. 22 to October 22
Most persons born under this sign will begin to perceive that what appeared to be a "total bust" is working out surprisingly well. Good luck, and keep plodding along!

SCORPIO - Oct. 23 to Nov. 21
You may find yourself backed into a corner during the next week. This is not the best time to try and fight your way out. Bide your time! Fighting, right now, won't get you anywhere.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 Dec 20
Financial matters, business, real estate, and everything connected with business associates is coming to a head. Make sure you keep yours! A slip could be most embarrassing.

CAPRICORN Dec 21 - Jan 19
"Clear the decks for action!" All persons born under this sign are going to see a lot of activity in business and some fast action. Make sure you're ready!

AQUARIUS - Jan. 20 to Feb. 18
There are quite a number of "changes coming up for Aquarius. The nature of these will vary of course with your individual horoscope. Take an objective viewpoint, and everything should work out fine.

PISCES - Feb. 19 to Mar. 20
Take it "slow and easy" at this time. Your sign is beginning to "emerge" from beneath a cloud of uncertainty. You have everything to gain, if you will only go along with things as they are.

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★ COMING EVENTS

Monday, April 19, OAPO Branch 38, General meeting, 2 p.m., Health Centre, Gibsons.

Friday, April 23, St. George's Day Tea, 2 to 4 p.m., bake and plant sale. St. Aidan's Hall, Roberts Creek.

Hello again. Early Bird Bingo 7 p.m. Regular at 8 p.m. Starts Thurs., April 1st. Roberts Creek Legion Hall.

Navy League Cadets meet every Monday 7-9 p.m., Gibsons Elementary School Gym. R.C.N. Sea Cadets Conway will meet every Wednesday 7-9 p.m. at Gibsons Elementary Gym.

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Every Monday night, 8 p.m., Bingo. New Legion Hall, Gibsons.

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★ BIRTHS

HOCH: Tisha Leahann is pleased to announce the arrival of a new little sister Tammy Lee. Born March 24 at St. Mary's Hospital, weighing 8 lbs., 4 oz. Proud parents Ron and Debbie.

★ DEATHS

MOORE: Paul T. (Bud) passed away April 8, 1976 in St. Mary's Hospital after a lengthy illness, aged 60 yrs. Pre-deceased by his son Buddy in 1967. Leaves to mourn his loving wife Jean; 4 daughters, Mrs. J. K. (Roberta) Allan, Rathwell, Man.; Mrs. P. (Paula) Comeau, Quesnel; Mrs. G. (Gloria) Hostland, St. John, New Brunswick; Mrs. F. (Linda) Comeau, Gibsons; 2 sisters, Mrs. J. L. Ebert, Campbell River; Mrs. T. Nadon, New Westminster; 7 nephews. Bud served overseas nephews. Bod served overseas with the B.C. Dragoons during World War 2 and was a member of Legion Branch 109, Gibsons. Funeral service to be held at the Harvey Funeral Home, Gibsons, on Tuesday, April 13 at 2 p.m., Rev. David Brown officiating. Cremation to follow. In lieu of Flowers donations may be made to St. Mary's Hospital.

NICHOLSON: Passed away April 5, 1976, Marie Nicholson, late of Sechelt, B.C. in her 85th year. Survived by her loving husband, Duncan; 3 sons, Alex Nicholson, Winnipeg; Bill Nicholson, Richmond; Jim Nicholson, Sundridge, Ont.; 4 daughters, Mrs. Bea Lewis, Winnipeg; Mrs. Gladdy Prost, Sechelt; Mrs. Chris Turner Winnipeg; Mrs. May Howe, Galt (Cambridge) Ont., Predeceased by a daughter, Evelyn Smith, late of Montreal. Also survived by 26 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Private funeral arrangements in care of Harvey Funeral Home, Gibsons. Cremation. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations to St. Mary's Hospital Extended Care Unit appreciated.

THOMSON, Emma passed away April 9, 1976, 86 years., Royal Columbian Hospital. Former resident of Gower Point, Gibsons, B.C. Pre-deceased by her loving husband James Ferguson Thomson, (former Deputy Minister of Labor of B.C.) Also son, James Thomson, killed in action, World War 2. Also daughter, Nora Thomson. Survived by sons Alex, Vancouver; George, Solvang, California; Albert, Gower Point, Gibsons; one daughter, Mrs. Ann Shore, Surrey, B.C. Also 7 grandsons; 4 granddaughters; 9 great-grandchildren. Numerous nephews and nieces; also brothers, Roy, Ontario; Bob, California. Funeral service at Sam Bowell, 219 - 6th St., New Westminster, B.C., 2:30 p.m., Wed., April 14. Interment Burnaby Masonic Cemetery.

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★ IN MEMORIAM

ROBINSON: Winston Franklin, passed away April 12, 1975.
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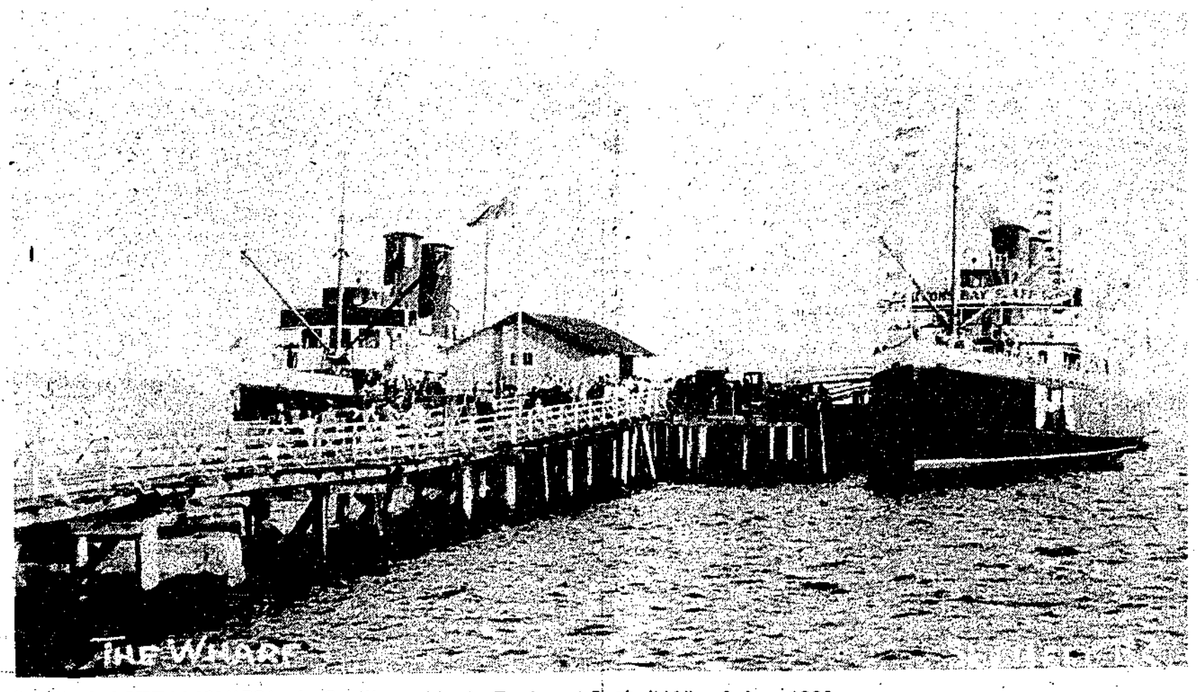

UNION STEAMSHIPS Lady Cecilia and Lady Evelyn at Sechelt Wharf circa 1930.
—Photo courtesy Elphinstone Pioneer Museum

The Union - from boom to bust

This is the second part of a two part series in which Doug Sewell takes a look at the Union Steamship Company and how it influenced the early days of the Sunshine Coast.

The war period had proved to be a boom time for many of the coast settlements and with the expansion of both the Powell River and Port Mellon mills after the armistice, it was decided to add two new day trippers to the Selma Park-Gulf Coast run. The "Chilkoot" was placed on the weekend run to Cowichan and Savary Island and the 135 foot "Capilano 11" was built for the new resort being developed at Selma Park. Each weekend the Capilano II brought hordes of visitors to the Roberts Creek and Wilson Creek "camping centres" then continued on to the Union Estates resort. On Sundays the trip included stops at Halfmoon Bay, Pender Harbour and Buccaneer Bay.

In December of 1920, Captain Jack Cates sold the Union Co. his Terminal Line, including the Bowen Island property and the ships Ballena and Bowena. The company now had a virtual monopoly on the Howe Sound trade and the new resort on Bowen was immediately developed into Vancouver's "seaside playground."

When the Bowen resort was brought up to date, the ships Capilano and Cheam were reconditioned and added to the new route. The Bowen Island resort became incredibly popular during the early 1920s and it was soon necessary to add two more vessels on a run from Whytecliffe in West Vancouver to the Snug Cove wharf.

The Lady Alexandra, a 225 foot day tripper was finished in 1925 and was licensed to carry 1400 passengers on the Bowen run. The nighttime "dance cruises" aboard the "Lady Alex" became a popular event during the roaring twenties. By 1930 the Union Co. had carried over half a million visitors to the resort island. Two large day trippers, the "Lady Cecilia" and the "Lady Cynthia" were built for the Howe Sound and Powell River runs in 1925.

The Union Steamship Co. was at the height of its popularity and the successes with the Bowen and Selma Park developments had wet their taste for more resorts. In 1920 the Sechelt Hotel and 240 acres were added to the company holdings and by 1925 Sechelt had become the company's most popular resort. In its heyday between 1925 - 29, six vessels were serving the Selma Park and Sechelt developments. The "Chilco" was kept on a regular Pender Harbour run and for awhile the "Comox 11" was put on a special excursion run from Porpoise Bay to Pender Harbour through the Skookumchuck Rapids.

The "Gulf Coast" was a popular area when all of a sudden the bottom dropped out of the tourist economy as the depression set in. The Bowen Island resort held its own through the worst of the depression but it was to be many years before the Sunshine Coast tourist industry revived. By the time the economy had returned to normal the Union Steamship Co. was meeting with serious competition on the run and with an outdated fleet, slowly her hold on the lower coast began to slip.

The Bowen resort, however, remained the company's strongest asset, in 1937 they carried over 171,000 day trippers to the island. By 1939 the Bowen Inn had been modernized and it was still a popular family outing.

The Union Company slowly began to move away from passenger service in 1939 when they purchased Frank Waterhouse & Co. of Canada Ltd. and put six more cargo ships on to the coastal run. The company was slow to recover from the depression and by the time that pleasure travel was banned in 1940 they were just beginning to modernize their fleet. In 1941 the C.P.R. silently bought control of the company but did not interfere with the day to day operation. One after another the company's ships were taken for war service and by 1944 they could no longer maintain service to the Selma Park property and therefore decided to sell the development later that year.

In May of 1946 the new Gulf Lines began service to Sechelt and Powell River and took much of the Union's business away with their faster more modern ships. A series of accidents culminating with the grounding of the "Lady Cecilia" on Buccaneer Bay in 1947 further hurt the company's service. By the end of 1949 the day excursion trade had fallen so badly that the Union decided to halt the Sechelt run after the 1950 season. The competition had been too much and by 1951 the Gulf Lines had gone broke. The Union Steamship Company service to the Sunshine Coast was finally destroyed for good when the American owned Blackball Ferry Service began operation from Horseshoe Bay in August of 1951. After 1950 the company concentrated on their coastal freight service and by 1955 they no longer operated a passenger only vessel. In 1953 Sechelt was finally phased out of the Union Estates holdings.

The company was in a terrible financial position, their refusal to move into the car ferry service and bad management had taken their toll. In 1958 all passenger service, even aboard coastal freighters and northern vessels was halted and on January 14, 1959 the entire Union Company fleet was sold to Northern Navigation.

For 70 years the Union Steamship Company of British Columbia served the isolated communities of the B. C. coast. With out them it is doubtful whether much of the coast could have been opened up and if many of the new settlements could have survived.

The people of the British Columbia owe a lot to the men who ran those sturdy ships through some of the worst waters in the world, in weather conditions that would stop most modern ships from sailing.

The bright little green and white ships with the red funnels no longer whistle their way into the small B. C. coastal communities but they are a long way from being forgotten by those who used to run down to the wharf to meet the ships in anticipation of a letter or a parcel from Vancouver.

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Indonesia - Three thousand miles of cultural contrast

If you're looking for someplace just a little bit different for this year's vacation, the Indonesian archipelago is well worth considering. The thousands of small islands that snake their way from the Pacific to the Indian ocean and from Australia to Asia have a special tropical charm and Asian romance all their own.

These are the fabled spice islands of centuries past, a crazy-quilt of contrasts in culture, religon, geography and development. With 125 million people, two thirds of which are packed on to the two islands of Java and Bali (just seven percent of the nations land area). Indonesia is, in population terms, the fifth largest country in the world, yet it is also one of the least explored and most undeveloped areas of the earth's surface.

Jakarta, the capital of the independent republic is a flat, sprawling city of red-tiled roofs and minaretted-mosques. The Indonesian government seems to have a passion for building monuments, the most remarkable of which is the National Monument that towers over Jakarta topped by a golden torch flame worth over a quarter of a millon dollars. The city's streets are a cacophony of noise, street pedlars, honking cars and buses and the bicycle cart, Beckaks. Sites to see include the bird markets, the lush orchid gardens, Jalan Surabaya market and the gambling casinos to the north of the city.

In central Java is the awesome Borobudor, a fascinating collection of ancient Buddhist architecture and ten miles east of the town of Jogja lies the ninth century Hindu Prambanan temple. The town of Jogja is the cultural centre of the Island of Java and includes the residence of the national dance company, the batik factories and the Indonesian silversmiths.

After the noisy confusion of Java the quiet solitude and dignity of Bali is very welcome. The beaches at the towns of Sanur and Kuta are the island's main attractions and set against the backdrop of the ancient Balinese religon (which is still actively practised) and the beautiful volcanic mountains, it has an allure which is not easily forgotten. Among the not-to-be-missed excursions are the Sangeh, holy monkey forests, the ancient temples and monasteries and the craft centres at Mas, Ubud, Celuk, Klungkung and Lenganan.

The Bali people solemly believe that too much thinking makes you grow old and that life should not be rushed. If you are in a hurry, give it a miss, the slow pace will drive you mad.

Java and Bali are only two of the thirteen thousand islands of the Indonesian archipelago, the more adventurous traveller could spend a lifetime exploring the small coral atolls and the quiet volcanic islands along the 3000 mile chain. But for a vacation that is something different, few places rival the ancient splendor and fragrant tropical charms of this famous 'paradise on earth'.

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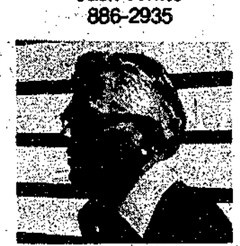

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Charlie Chaplin comes to town in 'The Pawnshop'

by ALLAN CRANE

In spite of overcrowding (there were not enough chairs provided) and some problems which the groups encountered with their equipment, the benefit dance held for the Film Society on April 3 was well received, and it made a profit of over $300 to accrue to the Society's bank account. The dance would not have been possible without the help of many people who generously gave of their time and energy to organize and promote it. I would like particularly to thank Mick Henry who not only designed the tickets but also made and distributed those fine posters, and to the proprietors of the Dogwood Cafe, Joy Graham, and the volunteers at Whitaker House who sold the tickets. Special thanks also go to Norm Sallis and to Bob and Joy Graham who co-ordinated the arrangements for the hall and refreshments, and to Hugh Archer, David Hauka, Danny MacKay, Linda Mosely, Bob Morgan, Clarke Steabner, Jeremy and Judy Young, Keith Wallace, Susan Wolpert and Lola Woodley, all of whom helped with various other tasks essential to the function's smooth running.

Ballots were provided for reactions to the last two films screened by the Film Society, **'L'invitation** and **Love** which allowed the audiences to rate the films, excellent, very good, good, fair or poor. The rating is further expanded by expressing the overall audience response as a 'reaction index' (0 - 100) by adding together the percent 'excellent' times 1.0, the percent 'very good' times .75, the percent 'good' times .5 and the percent 'fair' times .25 with zero for 'poor'.

L'invitation was voted excellent by 27%, very good by 54% and good by 19% for a for a reaction index of 77. **Love** received 30% excellent, 40% very good, 10% good and 20% fair. **L'invitation** was described by one member as 'A delightful film; amusing and entertaining but with substance - not just fluff', and by another as 'The best film we've shown all year.' Some commented on **Love** to the effect that the pacing of the film was too slow, but another member termed it 'A beautiful production...If it came next week, I'd see it again.'

The program for this Wednesday is an all comedy one featuring Ingmar Bergman's comedy **A lesson in love** and **The pawnshop** with Charlie Chaplin. A comedy by Ingmar Bergman will come as no surprise to members who saw **Smiles of a summer night** last season which well demonstrated Bergman's lighter vein. Here is a review of this week's film taken from Robin Wood's 'Ingmar Bergman'.

A lesson in love is one of Bertgman's most underestimated and neglected films. The popular image of Bergman as a frigid intellectual can scarecely survive a viewing of this film. Indeed, the generosity shown to the characters quite contradicts the opening's visual suggestion that they are to be regarded as musical-box mechanical dolls, and the superior-ironic tone of the introductory commentary which tells us that we are to see a very elementary lesson that we can watch with an indulgent smile. This is of course the point: Bergman's irony here is directed not at the characters of the film but at any superiority to them that we may affect.

The improvisatory freedom of construction allows Bergman a satisfying inclusiveness in his treatment of human relationships. Husband and wife, husband and mistress, wife and lover, fathers and daughter, man and parents; relationships between three generations; different stages in the development of attitudes to marriage, from the daughter's adolescent demand for idealism and purity, through the varying contracts, compromises, and breakdowns of the Ernemanns, to the stable but very limited relationship of the grandparents; different stages in the development of social attitudes, from the grandparents' unquestioning acceptance of the permanence of the marriage union to the breakdown of such conventions in the Ernamann's generation and their consequently more casual attitude to marriage and family; in **A Lesson in Love**, Bergman covers all this with a marvellously sure touch. The structure may look loose but the proportions are perfect.

In **The Personal Vision of Ingmar Bergman**, Jorn Donner says of the film: The blend of the banal and the important is splendidly demonstrated in **A Lesson in Love**. It is very funny, elegantly presented; but in spite of the flashback technique the actual movement is mainly in the words. **A Lesson in Love** oscillates between farce and seriousness, poetry and realism.

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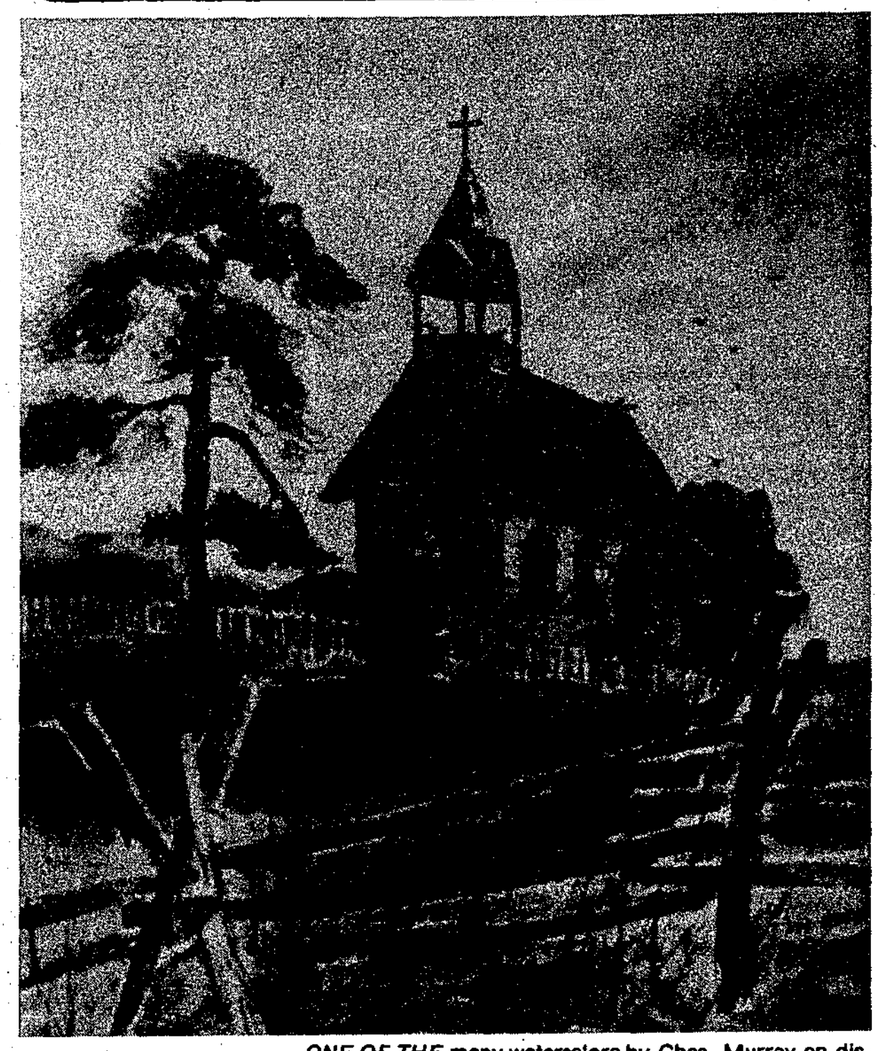

ONE OF THE many watercolors by Chas. Murray on display recently at Whitaker House recently. The Whitaker House showing consisted of paintings by both Chas. Murray and his wife Alice who also displayed watercolors.

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Home Decoration:
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Sports:
- Curling Techniques & Strategy by Ernie Richardson & Mark Mulvoy

Painting:
- Miro by Roland Penrose

40th. Anniversary Honors

Mr. and Mrs. L. Coates (Len and Gladie) were honored March 21 at the Roberts Creek Community hall on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

The family of six children, Lois McLean, Anne Phare, Linda McGuire, Dinah Reed, and sons Robert and Ray, and their partners, children, and friends, decorated the hall and supplied a well-laden smorgasbord for the 120 guests.

The head table was centered by a beautifully decorated two-tiered wedding cake done by Helen Weinhandl.

Bill Malyea did a very efficient job as MC and provided music by records and sound equipment to which both old and young danced with much enjoyment.

Out of town guests were Gladie's uncle, Paul Harrison from Sonningdale, Sask., cousins Don and Dorothy McDannald, and Harry and Dorothy Gradstrom from Everett, Wash. Further out of town guests were Len's brothers Allan Coates and wife Isobel from Calgary, Ed Coates and wife Rose from Richmond, his sisters, Mabel Heimbecker from Richmond, and Inez and Bob Smith from Surrey. Len and Pat Pilling from Maple Ridge and Fred and Pearl Feeney from Chilliwack, fomerly from Gibsons also attended.

A money tree was provided for the guests to hang their gifts on.

Len and Gladie also noted that 30 years ago on the same date, they arrived in Vancouver from Ontario and shortly thereafter moved to Gibsons to establish a home on Reed Road. They have 15 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

They have seen many changes in those 30 years and have enjoyed good health, good times, and good friends. They have had an active life in the affairs of the community.

Canoeing for beginner to expert

by ALEXIS DAVISON

Canoeing and Kayaking by Wolf Ruck. McGraw-Hill Ryerson Ltd., 95p. illus. hardcover. $6.95

British Columbia Canoe Routes compiled by Canoe Sport British Columbia. Nunaga Publishing Co. Ltd. 111p. illus. $4.50

Wells Gray Park: a visitor's guide to the Park and its environs by Roland Neave. The Miocene Press. 192p. illus. maps $3.75

How to Stay Alive in the Woods by Bradford Angier. Collier Macmillan Publishers. 285p. illus. $1.25

Canoeing is a recreational activity which can be enjoyed by one or more persons. It can be a solitary or a group experience. Depending on your interests, experience and equipment you can explore isolated waterways or dangerous rivers. As with other outdoor activities, it is very important to be prepared to be familiar with your equipment and your environment, and above all, exercise care and caution.

If you're a beginner or an amateur canoeist who wants to improve, you should examine **Canoeing and Kayaking** — a "how to" book with excellent text and illustrations. The author analyzes the kinds of crafts available, — material, design and size, as well as various paddles. He provides detailed instructions on the basics of canoeing and kayaking (such as straight-line travel and turns) as well as chapters on white water, flat water racing and touring. This would be an excellent addition to your library.

Once you've mastered the canoeing technique, you're ready to take a canoe trip. The most recent edition of **British Columbia Canoe Routes** is an excellent resource book for this purpose. Each river is graded according to the international river classification system (explained in the beginning of the book). In addition, the trips are preceded by explicit and absolutely mandatory safety procedures. There are 92 trips contained in this book, covering all areas of British Columbia, including Vancouver Island and the Interior. Each trip has details as to length of the trip, duration and difficulty as well as camping site availability.

If you're interested in combining your canoeing with some hiking and exploration from a fixed campsite, then almost any of our Provincial Parks is an excellent choice. Roland Neave has written a very good **Visitor's guide to Wells Gray Park**, which is about 85 miles north of Kamloops. Wells Gray Park has been known in the past for Helmcken Falls. In this book, the author attempts to acquaint the visitor with other exciting sights, such as the volcanos, lakes and lesser falls. This book provides detailed information about all the areas of interest in the Park, location, hiking times, camping spots etc. There is an appendix of 12 topographical maps of the Park and specific areas of interest.

If you prefer to get entirely away from civilization and rough it in the wilderness, then you should read **How to Stay Alive in the Woods.** This book was originally published in 1956 under the title **Living Off the Country,** and it is still in demand to day; its value is clear. The author maintains that at some time, for whatever reason, you may be dependant on your environment for survival; everyone should be prepared for this eventuality. **How to Stay Alive in the Woods** tells you how to provide for your basic needs such as food, shelter, warmth and safety. In addition, he has included a chapter on orientation — how to determine where you are and how to "stay found" — or how to avoid being lost.

(All books are available at Books and Stationery, Sechelt).

Films

Alice Cooper shares nightmare world

Welcome To My Nightmare is Alice's most carefully planned project first conceived over two years ago when he became fascinated with the demonic visions that appeared in his dreams. Realizing that his own nocturnal images were only a handful of the billions being dreamed around the world, Alice decided to present a set for everyone to share.

After choosing some of his most horrifying visitations, Alice began pre-production work for the sound track in association with guitarist Dick Wagner and composer Alan Gordon at Alice's Los Angeles home.

Welcome To My Nightmare presents yet another musical facet of Alice Cooper; a more diverse, melodious and haunting side to the master of macabre and mayhem.

It's been called the Jaws of rock. It's the latest extravaganza from the shock-rock master Alice Cooper and it's a film that's dazzled critics from coast to coast.

The Los Angeles Times called Welcome To My Nightmare lavish family entertainment. It's more likely, however, to attract tha hard-core lovers of hard rock and those that are bored with character and plot and, instead, would rather opt for a bit of kink.

The film, which opens at the Twilight Theatre in Gibsons, Sunday April 18 and runs for three days, features such Cooper classics as Eighteen, School's Out and his latest top hit Welcome to my World. Dozens of other outstanding numbers are, according to the film's promoters, presented in a lavish riot of color, sound, music and fantasy settings.

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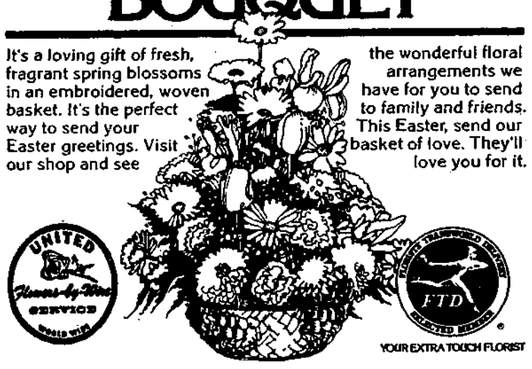

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MOIRA CLEMENT, ladies golf captain picks up some hints from the Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club's new por, Rick McCartie. Rick is a member of the Maple Ridge Golf and Country Club and will be on hand all summer to share his know-how with local golfers.
—*Mike Clement Photo*

Resources survey

The Community Resource Society is currently undertaking a survey of all the existing services in education, health, religion welfare, government, culture, recreation, hobby and service clubs available in the area from Port Mellon to Egmont. The main purpose of this survey is to collect data for a directory of services which will be printed and made available to the public.

So far, 160 services and organizations have been contacted but inevitably some will have been ommitted. If any organization or service has not yet been contacted, and would like to be included in a directory of services, please contact the Community Resources Society office at 885-3821 as soon as possible.

Tyee gets new license

Sechelt Council's Airport Committee Chairman Frank Leitner announced at last Wednesday's village council meeting that Tyee Airways has been granted permission to operate a regular land plane service to Sechelt and Powell River.

The new license issued by the Department of Transport means that Tyee will no longer be limited to seaplane service. Council fully supported this new route and said the company was hoping to institute the service as soon as the airport was ready for use.

Maxwell elected deputy governor

The Kinsmen Club of Gibsons have announced that Haig Maxwell was elected the new Deputy Governor for the Lower Mainland Zone at the spring zone meeting April 3 and 4 in Port Coquitlam.

The local Kin Club spent several weeks visiting the other eight clubs in the zone, campaigning at meetings. The club also conducted a large final campaign at the spring zone meeting.

This seems to be a year of firsts for the Kinsmen Club. Besides having the first deputy governor, the club also won the Brian Prentice Zone Participation trophy for the first time. This award goes to the club that has done the most to raise its standards by participating in as many Kinsmen functions as possible.

Such functions include zone curling held recently in Gibsons, Schmockey, Mother's March, the Kin Win Lottery and the blood donor clinic. Another Kin activity is the operation of the Kin hut at the Langdale ferry terminal which is set up every summer to raise money for the community swimming pool.

The blood donor clinic is not a money raising venture but is considered a community project since any person in the community may need blood one day to save his or her life.

The Local Kin Club also received recognition for having the highest attendance at the spring zone. This was another first for the club. The Kinsmen club thanks the residents of this area and the local Kinette Club. Without the support of the Kinettes, a local Kinsmen spokesman said, none of these firsts would have been possible.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Quirks and Quarks 8:03 p.m. Science Magazine, host Dr. David Suzuki.

Concern 9:00 p.m. Chile — Life under **Fascism**, the extent of the repression, role of the Church before and after, the role of the international corporations.

Country Road 10:30 p.m. Bill Carlyle from Nashville.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Themes and Variations 8:03 p.m. St. Matthew Passion — soloists John Martens, Albert Greer, tenors; Gaston Germain, Claude Corbeil, Richard Hague, John Cliffe, bass; Joan Patenaude, soprano; Maureen Forrester, contralto.

Jazz Radio - Canada 10:30 p.m. Bob Hales band. Jerry Toth.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Music for Good Friday 2:03 p.m. The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross, Haydn performed by I solisti di Zagreb.

Canadian Concert Hall 2:30 p.m. Brandon University Ladies' Chorus, Arthur Bower, organ, Judy Pringle, soprano, Lois Watson, contralto. Chorales of Bach and Brahms.

Good Friday Choral Program 8:03 p.m. Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir, John Martens, tenor; Sylvia Richardson, soprano; Frances Seaton, alto; Nelson Lohnes, baritone; Zadok the Priest, Handel. Mass in G, Schubert.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Dr. Bundolo's Pandemonium Medicine Show 11:30 a.m. comedy.

Our Native Land 12:10 p.m. Traditional celebrations of New Life, birth of a child, new plants, new seasons.

Metropolitan Opera 1:00 p.m. Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg, Wagner. Cast, Arlene Saunders; Marcia Baldwin; Jean Cox; Thomas Stewart; John Macurdy; Gunther Leib. Last broadcast of the season — Opera by Request returns next Saturday.

Music de Chez Nous 7:00 p.m. Orchestre de Radio-Canada, Lise Boucher, piano. Serenade, Brahms; Piano Concerto No 4 in G, Beethoven.

CBC Stage 8:30 p.m. The Real Inspector Hound by Tom Stoppard, adapted and directed by Desmond Scott. Clever comedy about two drama critics starring Gillie Fenwick, Alan King, Eric House, Tony van Bridge.

Anthology 10:30 p.m. Book review, Kildare Dobbs, Poetry by Joan Finnegan. Somerset Maugham assessed by C.P. Snow.

Music Alive 11:03 p.m. Marek Jablonski, piano. 24 Preludes, Opus 28 and Ballade in F minor, Chopin.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Voice of the Pioneer 8:40 a.m. Part 3 of the Jackrabbit Johanssen story.

Bush and Salon 1:03 p.m. Black Moses by Jessie L. Beattie, tells the story of Josiah Henson, an ex-slave who escaped with his family to Canada and founded a negro colony at Dawn Ontario.

Stanley Cup Play-off Hockey 4:03 p.m.

Royal Canadian Air Farce 7:03 p.m. guests Judy La Marsh and Alan McFee.

The Entertainers 7:30 p.m. Following Bonnie Dobson to England; Music and talk recorded by Jacques Rivard. Scheherazade, Milan Kymlicka.

CBC Playhouse 10:30 p.m. Procurator of Judea by Lamont Pilling.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Music of Our People 8:03 p.m. Ivan Romanoff, chorus and orchestra.

The Great Canadian Gold Rush 10:30 p.m. studio session with Quebec rock band, Plume La Traverse. Live concert featuring Zebra.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

CBC Tuesday Night 8:03 p.m. McGill Chamber Orchestra, Yaela Hertz, violin; Jack Cohen, whistler. Concerto Grosso, Durante; Violin Concerto in A minor, J.S. Bach. Sonata for Strings, Rossini; Italian Serenade, Wolf; Bouree 1 and 2, Bach. Part 2. A Vagabond, short story by Guy de Paupassant

Touch the Earth 10:30 p.m. Singer-songwriter Don Freed and indepth look at St. Jamaic's prince of reggae, Bob Marley.

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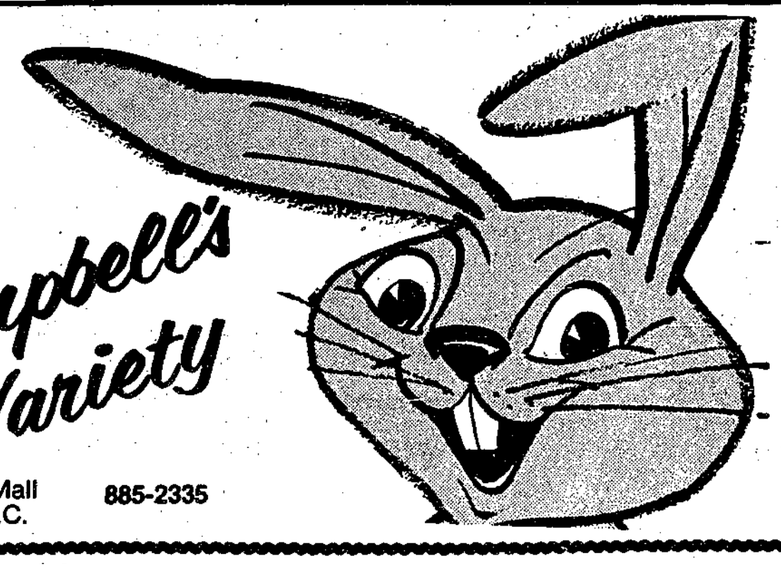

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PICTURED ABOVE is Gibsons Pee Wee soccer club with Captain Jimmy Reed holding trophy. The club is coached by Steve Holland.

Paintings, sketches and woodcuts at Whitaker

The week following Easter Sunday, April 19 to 24, Whitaker House will feature a display of works by Vivian Chamberlin of Hopkins Landing. Her works will include acrylic paintings, sketches and woodcut prints.

Several of the paintings are results of trips to Banff, Jasper, Squamish, and Mexico. Of special interest is an oval painting of Gibsons wharf.

Two woodcuts will be shown with a limited edition on rice paper for sale.

The public will have a chance to meet the artist and have coffee Saturday, April 24 at Whitaker House.

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"Not to worry" is a friendly little slang phrase which often offers comfort. And it's one frequently needed.

But how can we achieve a state of mind where we can honestly dispense with worry and still do our active part in the world? In her book, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy says "Desire is prayer: and no loss can occur from trusting God with our desires, that they may be moulded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds". Certainly, simply to ignore that which seems wrong about us neither heals the situation nor helps to put our mind at rest. We must pray to be shown the positive steps necessary for us to take, and then help where we can.

When we have honestly done what we can to alleviate the human condition, it is time to leave the situation in God's care. We can obey with trust the Bible directive "In returning and rest shall ye be saved: in quietness and confidence shall be your strength" Isaiah 30:15.

OTTAWA and Small Business

Fallacy of minimum wage

By KENNETH McDONALD

All Canadians share concern for the plight of the working poor. They prefer work to welfare. Yet recipients of welfare are awarded benefits -- public housing, free health and dental care, subsidized transportation -- which provide a higher living standard than can be got from working. But attempts to help the working poor by raising the minimum wage only cause more distortions.

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Wage differentials are created by unions in the public and the private sectors. In order to narrow the gap between the organized and unorganized sectors of the labour force, governments raise the minimum wage. It hasn't worked. Each group continues to maintain its own differential and the whole wage structure rises. Result: more inflation.

Ottawa sets the pace with a $3 per hour minimum. Provincial rates are as high as $2.80. Yet in the U.S. the minimum is $2.20. In December, 1975, a U.S. economist testified before a Senate committee that raising the minimum to $3 would increase unemployment by one per cent and the Consumer Price Index by two per cent.

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Service businesses in rural communities feel the immediate effect of higher minimum wages. But as higher wage costs spread into manufacturing the results are even more serious. Canadians cannot compete with Korean manufacturers, paying hourly rates as low as 28 cents; but to be non-competitive with the U.S., our major trading partner, is suicidal. Surveys of members of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business involved in importing and manufacturing show that U.S. labour costs are generally $1 an hour lower than in Canada and that U.S. labour productivity is significantly higher.

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Federal and provincial governments are planning a form of income supplement for the working poor as an alternative to higher minimum wages. The danger is that the resulting tax bill for such a program would eventually be seen by taxpayers as an employers subsidy. Political pressures would then force governments to raise minimum wages again.

Union leaders call for a minimum wage that would cover the needs of a family of four. But that would be over-generous for a single worker and still inadequate for a larger family. In any event, pay is related to the job performed, not to the number of dependents.

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The solution is to tie the minimum wage to the basic needs of a single person and to increase assistance to dependent children. Single workers at the minimum wage do not live in poverty.

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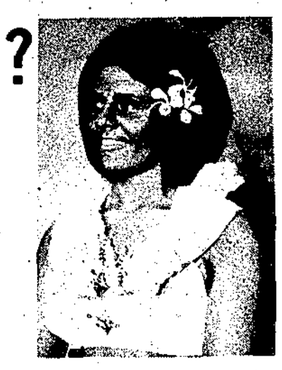

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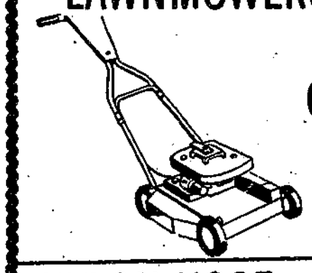

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Sunshine Coast NEWS

DOREEN MATTHEWS displays perfect form as she tees off for the first hole at the Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club. Ladies spring golf started last week
—Mike Clement Photo

ROBERTS CREEK captain Sean Van Streppen receives Rick Radymski Memorial Trophy from Gary Radymski after winning champoinship in Men's Commercial League hockey last week. The Creek edged Gibsons 5-4 to win the best of five in three games straight. Winning goal was scored in the third period by Eugene Evanetz. Other Roberts Creek goals were scored by Mike Sutherland, Roy McBrien, Bob Ernst, and Sean Van Streppen. Gibsons markers were by Doug Kennedy with a hat trick and Mike Scharf.
—Ian Corrance Photo

School board considers three draft policies

The school board has tabled several draft policies to be considered for final adoption at the next regular meeting.

The first policy concerns employee access to personal files. The draft states that board employees shall have the right to examine their own personal files in the personnel department of the school board office, subject to one day's notice and under supervision as prescribed by regulation of the secretary-treasurer.

In the case of teachers, the regulations shall be determined not by the secretary-treasurer but by the school principal. It is not known yet what the regulations involve.

A second draft policy also up for consideration and final adoption at the next meeting concerns the assignment and transfers of teachers in the district.

According to the proposed policy, the district superintendent of schools, after consultation with principals of the schools concerned will be responsible for assignment of teachers and their transfers in the district.

In making assignments and transfers, the following guidelines are to be considered:

—The requirements and educational needs of the school district.

—The requirements of the school as expressed by the principal.

—The contribution which the teacher could make.

—The qualifications of the teacher.

—The opportunity for professional growth.

—The wishes of the teacher regarding assignment or transfer.

—The length of service in school District No. 46.

The third draft policy being considered is for the hiring of clerical personnel.

Leachman appointed protection officer

Ron Leachman has been appointed fire protection officer for the Howe Sound Fire Protection District. He will issue burning permits during the summer for open rubbish fires excluding camp fires, barbeque fires, and enclosed fires in drum incinerators.

Permits must be obtained from April 15 on until further notice. Permit applications will be available from Gibsons and Sechelt municipal offices, the regional district or the Forest Service office in Sechelt for those living outside the fire protection districts.

Gibsons not against pubs

Gibsons council has made it clear that policy set last year states the village is not against neighborhood pubs in principle.

Commenting on two recent letters to the council favoring the proposed neighborhood pub by MTR holdings, council noted that it is not up to the village to issue appropriate liquor licenses. Indications were that the next step is now up to MTR Holdings to make the application to the liquor board.

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Ladies start golf season

by MARION ALSAGER

The ladies spring golfing started off last week with a fun nine hole tournament which was enjoyed by all who participated. Marg Bevan, Rita Hincks and Lil Fraser were the threesome who fared best in their choice of clubs in this one club only game and won the low score prizes. Jean McIlwaine, Ruby Nott and Dorothy Fraser managed to stay out of trouble and won the Hidden Hole prizes on No. three hole.

A very delicious luncheon was later served and enjoyed by all the ladies. The tables were tastefully decorated with spring floral arrangements of daffodils and tulip. The annual spring meeting was opened by a welcome from Capt. Moira Clement, who introduced the executive and new members present. Moira then called on the club's new pro, Rick McCartie, who gave a very informative talk on golfing and Pro shop activities.

Committee reports were given by Match Chairman Adeline Clarke; Handicap, Audrey McKenzie; Rules, Vera Munro; Publicity, Marion Alsager; Bridge Convenor Isobel Draper. A written address from the club president Jim Munro, complimenting the ladies on their progress, was read by Secretary Glenna Salahub. Co-Captain Kay Budd thanked all the volunteers involved in the re-decorating of the ladies powder room and praised the results. Captain Moira Clement summarized the year to date emphasizing the advantages gained by attending Club Directors' meetings and the C.L.G.A. meetings in Vancouver.

Past Capt. Lenora Inglis presented the pins to the winners of last year's season for their golfing accomplishments. Winners of Dominion C.L.G.A. pins were Norma Gaines and Adeline Clarke. Recipients of Break 100 pins were Iva Peterson and Eileen Evans. Norma Gaines received her Break 90 pin. Virginia Douglas was unable to be present to receive her Break 80 pin.

The meeting concluded with a hearty thanks to all concerned in planning the day, including the weatherman, and a drawing for a door prize was won by Jo Macklam.

P.H. fishing derby

The Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation of British Columbia reminds Sunshine Coast residents of the first annual Pender Harbour Salmon Derby sponsored by the Pender Harbour Hotel with all proceeds going to the Kin Rehabilitation Foundation for the disabled of British Columbia.

The salmon derby, which offers first prize of $1,000, and a hidden weight prize of a Springbok aluminum car top boat and a 9.8 hp. outboard motor, takes place May 22 through May 24.

The derby has been scheduled in conjunction with Sechelt's Timber Days.

Also included in the $5 entry fee are chances for 20 consolation prizes, a ticket in the $100,000 Kin Win lottery and a gala salmon bake to take place at the Pender Harbour Hotel at 12 noon, May 26

Low cost development for Gibsons

A new 24 unit low price condominium development has been proposed for the Highway 101-Wyngeatr Road area in Gibsons and public reaction to the project will determine whether or not it will go ahead.

Eugene Evanetz of Sunshine Design and Development has already received council's approval in principle for the development to be located on what in now commonly known as the Wyngaert property. The property is already zoned to accommodate condominiums and will not need rezoning.

Evanetz told council Tuesday night that each unit in the development, consisting of four and six unit clusters, will sell for a maximum of $35,000 and that with government mortgage assistance monthly payments could be as low as $206 based on a 35 year repayment schedule. Down payment for a unit could be as low as $750 with the $1,000 B.C. Government Housing grant, for first home owners.

Evanetz said this medium density project would provide housing for many people in the area who can't afford to pay $45,000 to $50,000 for a single family unit.

He said the project will depend entirely on pre-sales. If 75 percent of the units can be sold prior to construction, the project will go ahead. Evanetz stressed that initail commitments from prospective tenants will not involve a cash deposit, but only a letter of intent.

Grounds for the medium density project will be maintained on a co-operative basis and each unit will come complete with washer, drier and carpet. The size of each unit is 1232 square feet.

Council's planning committee will study the plans and in the meantime Evanetz has been given the go-ahead by council to begin pre-sales.

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Mel is the King!

by BUD MULCASTER

Our Master Junior and Master Senior teams bowled at North Shore Bowl last Sunday in the Zone Final with both teams coming in second. It was a good tournament and we all bowled well and enjoyed it very much.

We held our King of the Lanes tournament also last Sunday and Mel delos Santos won top money and was crowned our King for the year. Mel rolled a 319 single in his second game and rolled a total of 179 pins over his average.

As the leagues wind down the big games are still being rolled. Nora Solinsky rolled a 310 single and a 781 triple and Carole Skytte rolled a 322 single and a 727 triple in the Wed. Coffee league. Freeman Reynolds kept his string going with a 315 single and an 809 triple in the Ball and Chain league. In the Thurs. Mixed league Orbita delos Santos rolled games of 258, 249, 287 for a 794 triple and Vic Marteddu had a high single of 297 and a 751 triple in the Gibsons A league. Big games rolled in all leagues.

Highest games:

Tues. Coffee: Hazel Boothman 234-599; Phyllis Gurney 253-599; Sue Whiting 281-618.

Swingers: Alice Smith 220-608; Atr Smith 212-571.

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Wed. Coffee: Marilyn Strom 233-686; Carole Skytte 322-727; Nora Solinsky 310-781.

Ball & Chain 7:00: Marg Williams 240-641; Don MacKay 281-623.

Ball & Chain 9:00: Bonnie McConnell 245-627; Bob McConnell 271-670; Freeman Reynolds 315-809.

Thurs. Mixed: Sharon Kraus 288-624; Orbita delos Santos 287-794; John Solnik 278-654; Ron Cruice 281-663.

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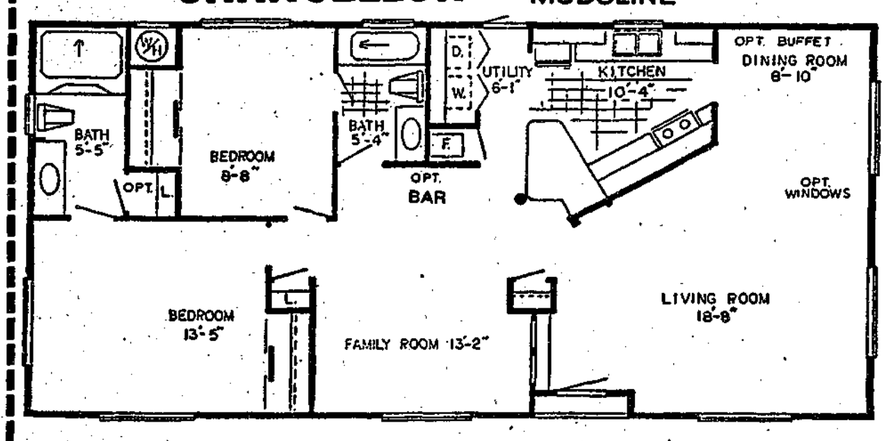

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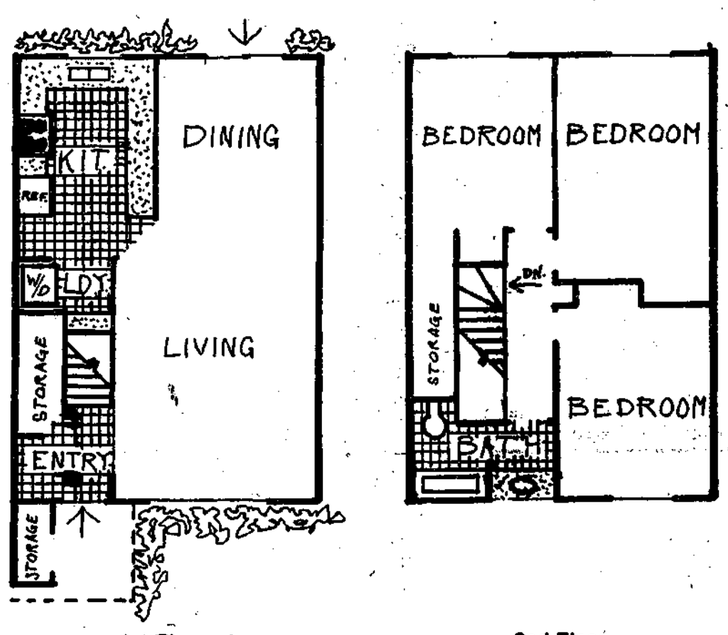

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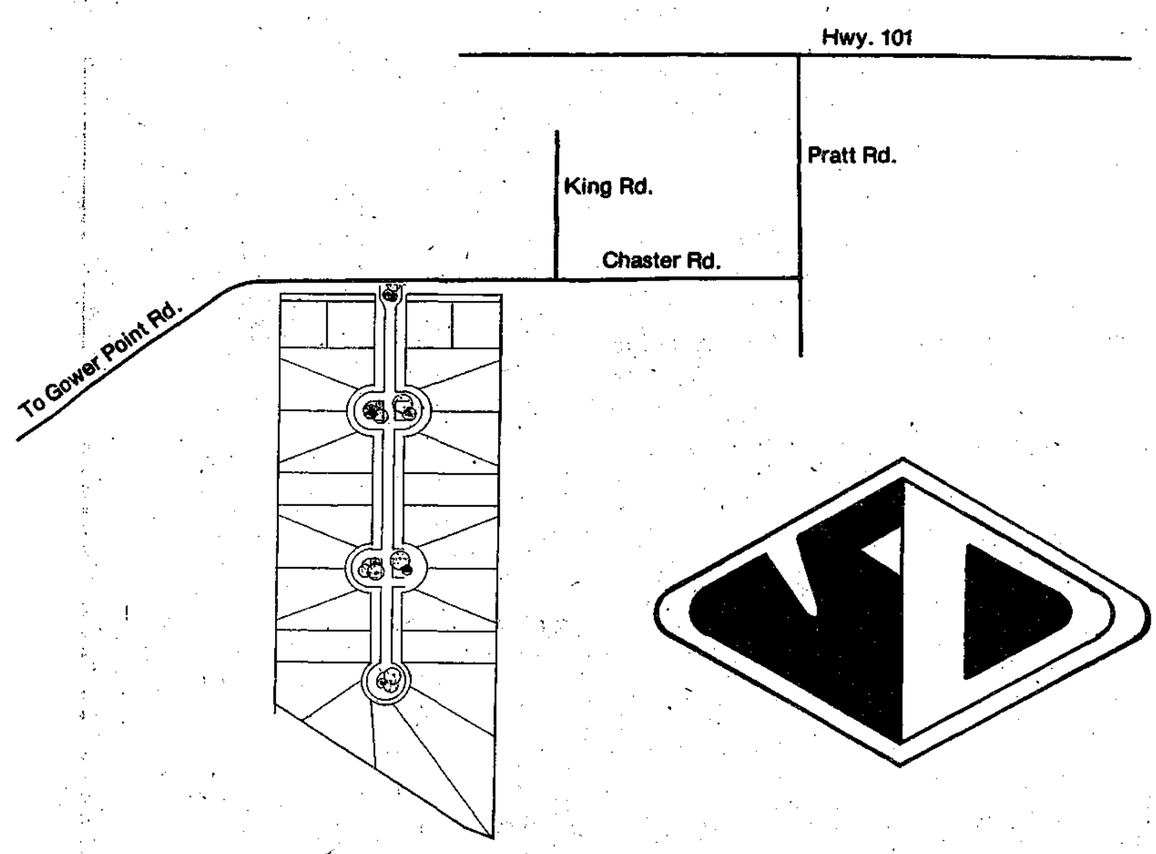

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WELL KNOWN actor Neamiah Persoff, a veteran of many films including Al Capone, The Harder They Fall, and more recently the CBC production of Kaleshnikoff, was in Gibsons last week as guest star for a Beachcomber episode. He plays the role of a cantankerous old man who insists he's going to sail the Pacific Ocean alone in his small sloop. The episode is called The Old Man and the Greek.

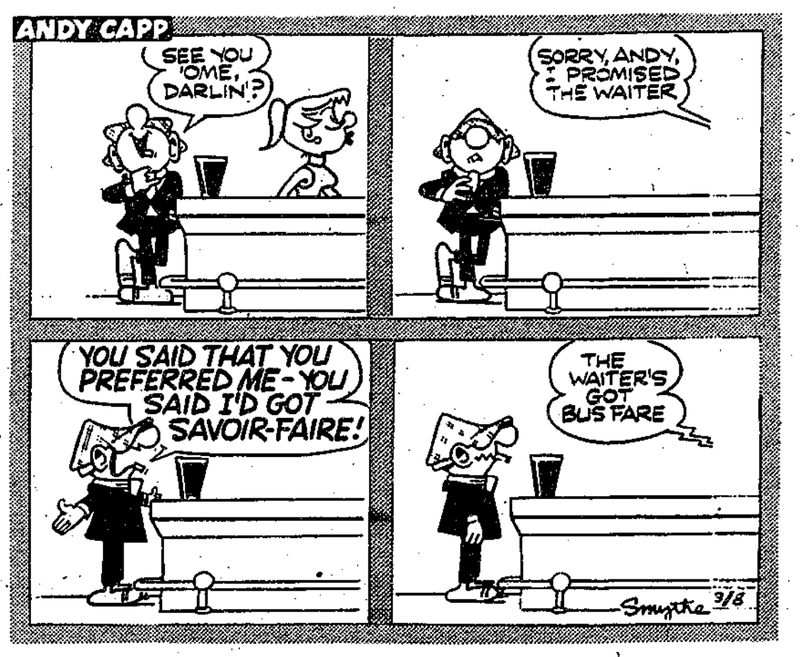
School Board gives go ahead to courtyard

The school board last week gave the go ahead to allocate money to Elphinstone's courtyard The funds will come out of the $100,000 already included in this year's budget for general improvements throughout the school.

A priority committee has been formed to determine where the money will go and how much will be spent on a particluar project. The committee is made up of a student representative, Bill Bradshaw; school board Trustee Don Douglas, Maintenance Superintendent Bob Rutter, and Elphinstone Principal Don Montgomery. All funds for the upgrading of the school will be channelled through this committee.

Students at Elphie have already indicated that the courtyard is a priority item. One project, the painting of the cafeteria, was completed by a group of students during the spring break.

Indications were at last week's school board meeting that some of the funds allocated in the budget for the upgrading of Elphinstone may have to be cut back due to a recent announcement by Education Minister Pat McGeer to the effect that local school districts would bear a larger burden in education financing. The school mill rate here could jump six mills from 37 to 43 mills if local spending is not curtailed.



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NOTES FROM PENDER HARBOUR SECONDARY

by SUSAN McCRINDLE

The sun is shining, birds are chirping and here we sit wishing Spring Break wasn't over, finding excuses to go outside and hoping summer comes soon.

Noisy halls indicate the bustle which occurs here. May Day which was formerly cancelled has been revived by Mrs. Hoff and some concerned citizens. Among helpers are Community Recreation 12 who are organizing a super sports day for everyone - from the very young to whatever age wishes to compete. So some exciting new races have been devised. Maybe a whole new spirit of May Day will occur. Our Outdoors Club is going to do their part too, by planning a Carnival to run all May Day. Word has leaked out that the Outdoors Club is sneaking off again this year for a week long canoe trip. It hasn't been finalized but their hopes are up.

The Students Council is putting on a dance a week from Friday, music is supplied by 'Banshee' and every student here is allowed five guests. Contact your Pender Harbour correspondent, and I'm sure she will willingly scribble your name on the invitation list. Prices are low as $3. a person and $5. a couple so come along and enjoy yourselves.

Ah music, lovely strains of assorted choirs and bands are floating down the hall today. Why? There's a music festival occuring in our gym, that's why. The musicians are being judged and last night at Roberts Creek, Lhevinne Talento and EarlAntilla both competed. Lhevinne won first in her piano class and received many favorable compliments.The Pender Harbour choir also claimed awards, first and best in the choral group class.

Track and field is beginning and the Haida vs. Nootka challenge is on. Volleyball results have Haida leading but a series of fast moving basketball games has me in doubt until the next set of points are displayed.

Warm sunshine and a busy weekend (our hike-a-thon on Sunday) beckons so I will leave you with this thought. 'Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder how the water is'.

Valencia Developments reapplies for permits

Walter Froese,of Valencia Development has again made application to Gibsons Council for an apartement-commercial complex that was earlier rejected because of unfavorable public reaction.

The developer has asked that lot 86, in the area of Highway 101 and Crucil Road be rezoned from residential to commercial. A six month waiting period was necessary after the initial rejection before the application could be

According to the initial proposal the development would contain ten apartments, a licensed restaurant, a furniture or carpet showroom, and professional offices.

The matter will be further discussed at a planning meeting.

When the initial proposal was first presented, Crucil Road area residents made it clear to council that they did not want the area zoned commercial.

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Sechelt arena plans four sheet curling rink

Sechelt Recreation Commission Chairman Norm Watson reported at last Wednesday's village council meeting that the arena association is considering plans to add a new four sheet curling rink to the arena complex. He explained that the association executive feel that the new curling rink would consideably lower overhead costs by eliminating the time involved in changing the rink over from skating to curling each week. It was further noted that with the new curling ice in operation both facilities would be available to the public seven days a week and no closures would be necessary.

Alderman Frank Leitner suggested that it would seem to be more important at this time to deal with situations such as the shortage of parking spaces, rather than proceeding with new plans such as this that would further accentuate the problem. Council agreed to discuss the situation with the arena executive when they were ready to make a formal proposal.

Watson also reported that the OAP were interested in proceeding with this years flower planting program and would like to know whether council was intending to support the program again this season. He also reported that the new turf for Hackett Park would be planted in August and that since the work was mainly done by machine and would not begin until the summer was almost through it was not feasible as a project for the student summer employment program.

Watson informed council that the commission had recommended that playing time on the village tennis courts be limited to half an hour and asked that the council consider writing to the provincial Fish and Wildlife branch requesting that they declare the lagoon area a waterfowl sanctuary so that the RCMP could control hunting in the area.

New projects being considered by the commission included the development of more tennis courts, building steps along the beach and washing and dredging 150 feet of waterfront along Porpoise Bay so that it could be developed into a new waterfront park. Plans were also announced for the developing of more children's playgrounds around the village.

Council agreed to support the pensioners flower planting program and to write to the Fish and Wildlife branch regarding the establishment of the waterfowl sanctuary. Another proposal was made to help fund the Sechelt Art's Council's Whitaker House operation and the village agreed to consider the idea if the Arts Council would supply them with a current financial statement.

CRS asks for consideration for elderly

The Senior Services of the Sunshine Coast Community Resource Society has asked Sechelt and Gibsons councils and the regional district that care and consideration be given to elderly and handicapped in planning our community.

Louise Hume, co-ordinator for senior services, has asked that provisions for ramps, allownaces for wheelchairs, and accessible washrooms be provided in plans, especially for commercial areas.

The suggestions resulted from a recent meeting of representatives of Sunshine Coast senior citizens groups, public health, the resource society and senior ser-

Local couple make commitment

A very special commitment has been made by members of this community. Mr. & Mrs. E. McDonald of Gibsons have joined Foster Parents Plan of Canada. They have 'adopted' little Virginia Tintaya aged four of Bolivia and I Nengah Rani aged eight of Bali. Mr. & Mrs. McDonald's monthly contribution of $34.00 brings material and financial assistance to both child and family and is aimed at strengtheneing the family unit by helping each member.

Seventeen dollars a month provides the family with a cash grant, distribution of goods such as vitamins, blankets, towels, soap and other useful items, medical and dental care, the sustained guidance programs. A strong emphasis is placed on education. All Foster Children (and their brothers and sisters if possible) must attend school. Vocational training courses are available to Foster Children, their brothers and sisters in some cases, their parents. The aim is to give the family the tools to help them become independent. and self supporting. Special programs adapted to the needs of each country also meet these aims.

Virginia Tintaya

I Nengah Rani

Foster Parents and Foster Children correspond monthly (letters are translated by PLAN) and often develop warm and affectionate relationships which mean as much to the child as the material and financial aid.

Foster Parents Plan is currently working in eleven countries in South America, Asia and Africa. Over 60,000 children are currently being aided by individuals, groups and families in Canada, the U.S.A., Australia and the Netherlands. For more information on this non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political independent organization, write to Foster Parents Plan of Canada, 153 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P8

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Report from the legislature

by DON LOCKSTEAD, MLA

Last week I have introduced in the House a resolution urging the federal government to halt development on the Fraser Estuary-Delta until a comprehensive policy on protection and management of this area is prepared.

For example, the proposed airport expansion on Sea Island will have grave consequences which will affect not only people living in the Lower Mainland but also those living all along the coast.

If the proposed runway is built on Sturgeon Bank, marshland which is an important habitat for fish and wildfowl will be lost. The Pacific coast fishing industry could be hurt by the destruction of the Fraser marshland and mudflats. The Fraser Estuary is an important rearing and feeding ground for salmon, herring and bottom fish such as flounders. The salmon grown in its waters represent a $73 million annual commercial catch as well as a large sport catch and a substantial Indian food fishery catch. Twenty percent of the B.C. crab fishery in dependent on the Fraser Estuary.

The Fraser Estuary-Delta also supports the largest concentration of wintering waterfowl and shorebirds in Canada and a large number of migratory birds. Destruction of the Sea Island mudflats and marshland will increase pressures on other fish and wildlife habitats in the Estuary. Many of these other habitats have already been damaged by the dyking and dredging which has provided land for industry, farming and port facilities.

A decision to expand airport facilities on Sea Island will mean the loss of this area for recreational and agricultural purposes. Access to beaches in the area will be cut off. Increased air pollution and air traffic noise will make Sea Island parks and beaches unappealing to the public. Airport expansion will increase traffic congestion and commercial development on the island but will make Richmond a less desirable place for people to live.

Estuaries are unique and vital to the preservation of fishery stocks and other forms of wildlife. Deltas provide rich land for agriculture and scenic areas for recreation. Ad hoc development of these areas threatens the preservation of our fisheries, wildlife, agricultural and recreational resources. Lack of planning by governments prevents the public from choosing appropriate land-uses for its deltas.

Expansion of the Vancouver airport on Sea Island without consideration of the fishing industry and of agricultural, ecological and recreational interests could set a dangerous precedent for development of port facilities or hydro dams affecting other estuaries along the coast.

Students sponsor clean-up week

The grade seven class of the Gibsons Elementary school has asked the village of Gibsons for co-operation in a spring clean up week. The clean up week is another one of the money making ventures that will allow the students to pay for a trip to Alberta and parts of this province in late May.

The grade seven class, under the direction of school principal David Rempel, has asked council if students could be hired for various village projects in conjunction with the village's own spring clean up program.

Besides working through the village, students will also be making themselves available to perform a number of tasks for Gibsons residents including painting, cleaning and gardening.

On Saturday of the clean up week, the date of which will be designated later, students will participate in a trash-a-thon in which each student will solicit sponsors. Sponsors will make a financial contribution based on the amount of garbage the student picks up in the village.

A gavel sale and public auction is planned for the Saturday evening of that week.

At last week's council meeting, Ald. Jim Metzler suggested that the village buy a number of brooms for the students, that they can then use to clean up what he termed our "filthy" streets. For this work, the students would then receive a cash donation.

A date for the clean up week will be announced shortly.

Soap operas show humaness

by CAROLYNN BICHLER

Are you in the doldrums? Is your life exciting enough? Do you want to experience more? Here is the perfect answer to your deepest hidden desires, watch television soap operas.

From 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. there is a steady stream of serials, as they are called in the TV guide. You can become totally engrossed in Mary's malignancy, Mickey's break down, or Mona's meddling. Never a dull moment in the lives of these people. You can share in their tears and pain. Joy and happiness are usually short lived, but you won't be bored.

Every base, corrupt, or sexual detail is paraded across the screen with vivid realism, and we women sit glued to our sets loving every minute of it.

I have known a lot of people, but none who suffer through as much pain and trauma as my soap heroes. Actually they are far from heroes; what makes them so appealing is their humaness. They carry on in ways that we would never dare, and they suffer for their transgressions while we watch and suffer along with them.

When we see these troubled lives on our TV screens our lives seem brighter and more positive. We have all their experience vicariously, so when we turn off the set we can be greateful that it's them and not us. Yet we have run the gamut of emotions, fear, hate, love, trenderness, sadness, joy, despair and depression, all in an afternoon.

I first became addicted to the soaps about ten years ago when I was ill and had to have complete bed rest. I tired easily so watching a picture was better than reading. Today I still catch my favorite programs when I can. The great thing about serials is that you can miss days or weeks and pick the story up the next time you tune in.

All of the fourteen soap operas on TV today are financially successful. People from all walks of life watch them. Carol Burnett is enthralled with 'the Young and the Restless' and Sammy Davis Jr. won't miss 'Love of Life' At Princeton University about a quarter of the student body watches "the Young and the Restless" each afternoon. You see we soap freaks are in good company.

Soaps originally were meant to be subliminal advertisers. Oxydol's Own Ma Perkins, begun in about 1933 on radio, was the first successful program. Proctor & Gamble's commercials were buried in the plot, hence the name soap operas. Advertisers are no longer subtle about their product promotion, and they do make a bundle from their afternoon dramas.

If you're interested in sex, excitement and tears that can be turned off and on, the soap operas await the flick of your wrist. There is never a dull moment, and life on TV allows us to experience, without paying the price that our troubled television heroes have to pay.

Equipment rates rise by 20 percent

Ervin Benner, owner and operator of the Village of Sechelt's contract backhoe, grader and truck services defended increases in his hourly rates of up to 20 percent at last Wednesday's village council meeting.

The new 1976 contract was drawn up after the village advertised in January for applications and bids. Benner was the only local contractor to answer the ad and was therefore awarded a new contract for the third consecutive year. Benner explained that the rate increases were justified because over the last two years he had deliberately given the village a break by agreeing to rates that were considerably below that paid by the Department of Highways. The new rates bring the village to the same levels paid by the provincial department. Benner explained that due to increased costs he was no longer able to give the village special treatment.

Alderman Morgan Thompson was concerned that the new contract violated federal anti-inflation guidelines and had been drafted for a two year period instead of the standard one year term. It was further questioned as to who had authorized the advertisment in the local papers and a search of the minutes of previous meetings found no approval had been given.

The contract will likely be finalized next week.

Walking the Skookumchuck

Have you ever watched the diversity of marine life with somebody along to tell you about the little wonders taking place in nature?

Saturday April 17 is the day for mom and dad and the children to pack a pick-nic bag, put on sensible clothes and join Elaina Futterman in a walk on the beach in the Skookumchuck area.

This tour is offered by the Centre for Continuing Education School Board Office, as an answer to the many complaints that there are too few things families can do together. Walking in liesure while observing and talking about what goes on when the tide goes in and out is a fun thing to do together.

There is no such thing as bad weather, only wrong clothes, so it is wise to bring rubber boots along and a raincoat. Bring binoculars and camera if you like.

The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on the parking lot on Egmont Road where the trail to Skookumchuck starts. Car-pools can be arranged. The fee is $2. per adult and all children are welcome when in company with adults. Please preregister with the School Board Office, 886-2225, Karin Hoemberg.

Sechelt supports society

Sechelt Village Council has agreed to support in principle a letter from the Sunshine Coast Resources Society to the provincial government that advocates the perpetuating of the financial support received by the society last year.

Acting Mayor Ernie Booth agreed that the societies functions were valuable to the community and informed the council that he had attended the first meetings of a new group called SPARK which may be willing to take over some of the societies functions if the provincial government financing is cancelled.

Elphevents

by D. J. HAUKA

Supposedly the press has the power to make or break someone. You can make somebody look bad merely by giving them bad publicity. Look what happened to Nixon.

Our student newspaper ever watchful for controversy, started critizing the radio club and not without some justification. We had becaome a little lazy in our duties preferring to switch on CFUN instead of records.

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Give us some hard rock, everyone cried. Enough of this teeny bopper crud. So from Wednesday when the paper came out until Friday we played nothing but the hardest rock we could get. Nazareth, Deep Purple, Alice Cooper and so on. This was done with the express purpose of making everyone sick of rock so we could turn on CFUN. It worked.

By Friday hundreds of students with shattered eardrums were pouring into the radio room begging for anything but rock. What about the DeFranco Family or Donny Osmond, they asked. We grinned sadistically but the battle was won.

The Student Council has been asked to participate in the Sechelt Timber Days. We all sat down to have a good think about it. After Lawrence Jones finished both his lunches we still hadn't decided anything. Then out of the blue ski to speak, the idea occured. Why not buy a used car and raffle it off?

All right used car dealers this is your chance. The student council is looking for a good used car, not too expensive. Contact the school office.

As you may have guessed from all those students running around a couple of weeks ago it was spring break. When we all got back to Elphi we stepped into the lunchroom and marvelled, there in front of us, behind us and all around us was no longer the dingy gray walls that had pervaded the school, but a nice light sky blue. Not only that, but on the far wall beautifully designed and colored arrows cut across the blue. It is a sight to behold. So I sought out two of the master minds of said painting, Cathy Gibb and Jamie McPhedran.

'Don't you just love it?' they asked.

"Well, that is to say, yes and no. What does it mean," I queried.

"What do you mean, what does it mean?'

"Mean. You know message."

'Oh' said Cathy, 'well...' and that led into an arguement on the meaning of the painting, the values of contemporary art, and the competence of certain school journalists. I walked out of the argument numbed.

To recover from this devastating attack Bill Proctor and I went to the cafe across the street. We were well on our way to setting a record for the most number of refills while writing articles for newspapers when a small argument on corporal punishment ensued. We wisely left before we could get involved.

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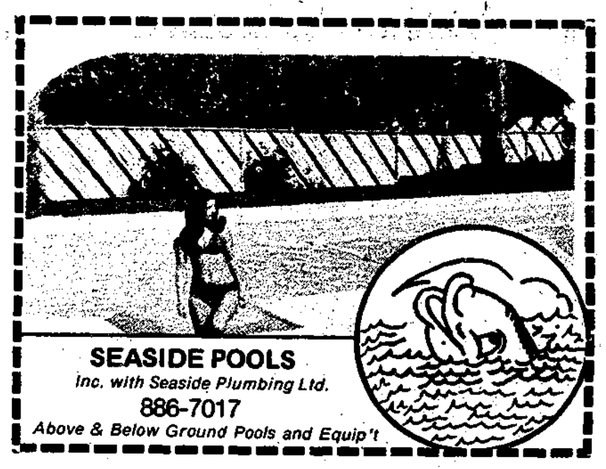

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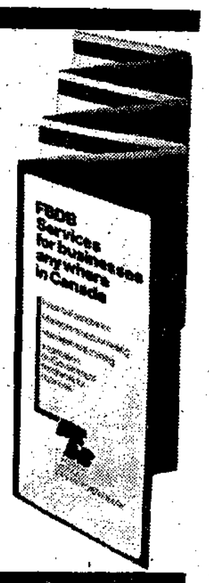

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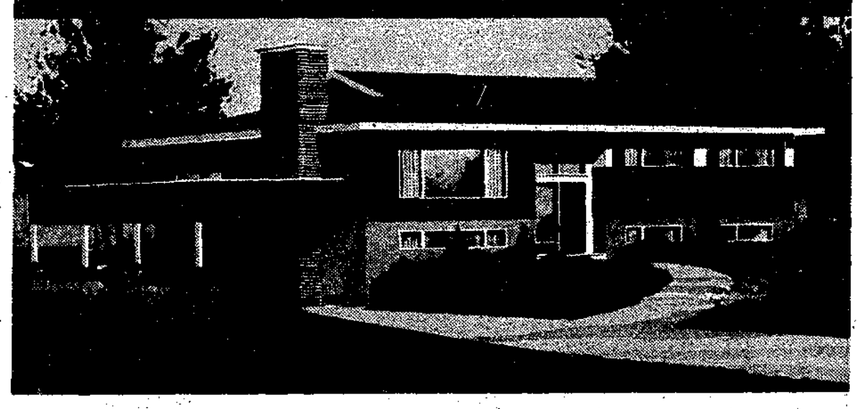

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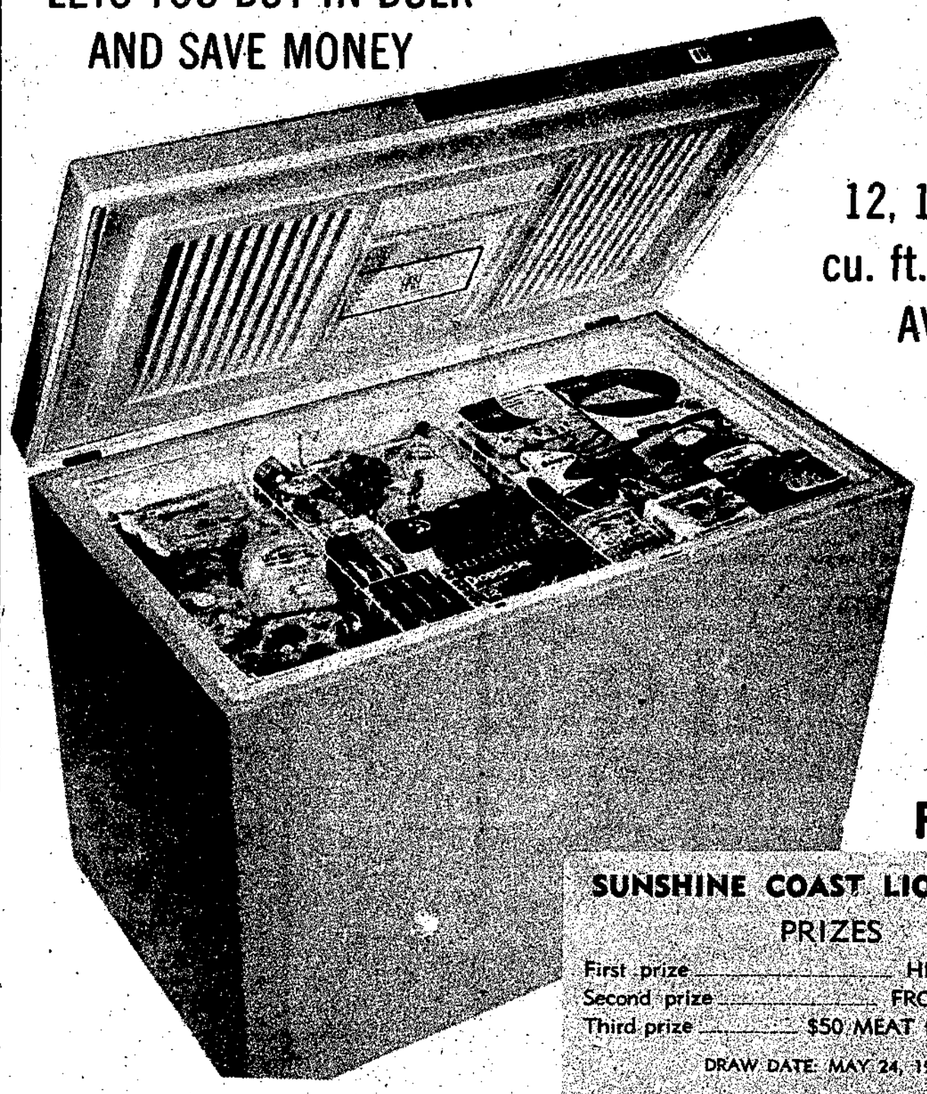

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The Dunsmuir family - The great tycoons

It was in the fall of 1851 that a tough young Scottish coal miner, his wife, two daughters and an infant son, landed at the HBC trading post of Fort Rupert aboard the vessel Mary Dare. Robert Dunsmuir had been drawn to this small northern Vancouver Island settlement at the instigation of his uncle, Boyd Gilmour who was working as an independent coal prospector under license to the Hudson's Bay Co. They spent the next two years slowly searching the rugged northern island before finally giving up and moving to the new H.B.C. settlement at Nanaimo. Gilmour soon decided to return to Scotland, but Robert Dunsmuir kept on working and finally the family began to prosper as a few small seams were brought into production.

In 1869 Robert Dunsmuir discovered the rich Wellington Mine and the poor Aryshire coal miner suddenly became one of the richest men in the Colony of British Columbia.

There are few success stories that match that of the Dunsmuir family. Robert Dunsmuir laid the foundation for an empire that his sons James and Alexander were later to build.

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James Dunsmuir first entered his father's business shortly after the discovery of the Wellington Mine in 1869 but later he decided to further his education at the Wesleyan Institute in Dundas, Ontario and the Hamilton Academy in Virginia, where he met and in 1876 married Laura Surles a native of North Carolina. When they returned to B.C. shortly after their marriage they found that the family business had grown tremendously since the opening of the new mine and that his father had built the young couple a costly new house called "Ardoon" at Departure Bay.

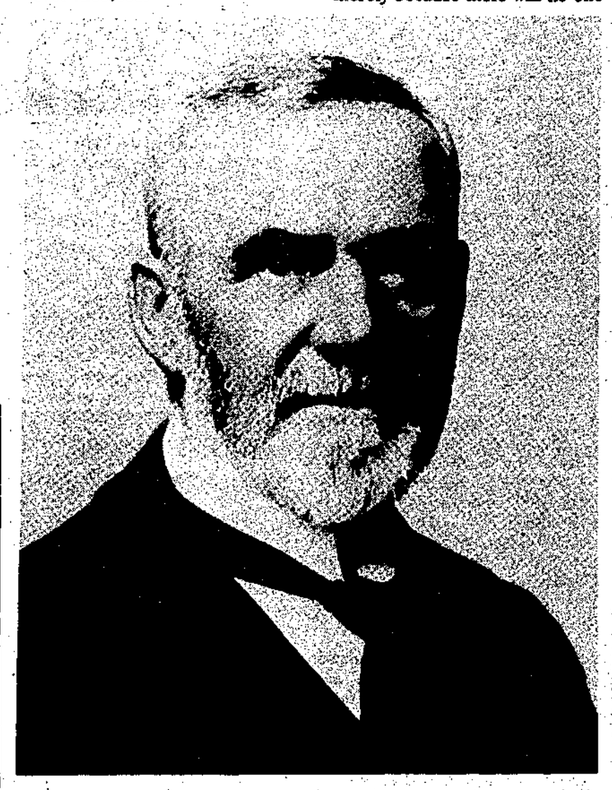
Robert Dunsmuir had long been interested in politics and in 1882 he finally decided to stand for legislature and when he won, much of the responsibility for the family business was transferred to James. The careful management and the modern methods that he introduced into the running of the mines soon raised the daily output from 30 to 1500 tons. His brother Alexander Dunsmuir was given responsibility for the San Fransisco offices of the company and when Robert Dunsmuir later entered the cabinet of Premier Alexander E.B. Davie the sons took over still more of their father's duties.

Through the long years of struggle and poverty Robert and Joan Dunsmuir had dreamed of the day when they could afford to build a castle with all the trimmings. Craigdarrock mansion was not finished until after Robert's death in 1877 but his wife lived out the rest of her life in the "dream castle" they had worked so hard to build.

In 1896 the Dunsmuir empire was formally incorporated and James and Alexander purchased the interests of their mother and sisters for three million dollars. The Dunsmuir sons were now very wealthy men and they soon became the leaders of Victoria and San Francisco society. James built the elegant "Burlieth" in Victoria, and Alexander created the remarkable "Southern Farms" in Oakland at a cost of over $200,000.

The poor miner's family from Scotland had indeed found their fortune in the colonies.

It was only natural that James Dunsmuir should drift into the political arena. In 1898 he was finally convinced to stand for legislature and was duly elected by the Comox district. He supported the government of J. H. Turner and when it was dismissed by Lieutenant-Governor McInnes he refused to back the new Premier, Charles Semlin. During this first session he was quite content to remain a back-bencher and showed little ambition to pursue a political career. When he became Premier in 1900 it was merely because there was no one else available to take on the job. Opposition Leader Joe Martin realized he lacked the support to stay in power and former Premier Semlin had lost his seat in the election of that spring. The job fell to the inexperienced Dunsmuir strictly by default.



The Honorable James Dunsmuir

1900 was an ominous year for the Dunsmuirs, the death of Alexander at the age of 46 created family quarrels because his will left everything to his brother James. The rest of the family took this slight seriously and it was 1906 before the courts finally awarded the money to James. The feud between him and his mother never really ended.

James Dunsmuir took office as B.C.'s 13th Premier on June 10, 1900 and immediately named his old friend J. H. Turner as Minister of Finance and a young Richard McBride was given the Mines portfolio though he later resigned over the appointment of J. C. Brown as Provincial Secretary. The Dunsmuir government once again brought out the "Better Terms of Confederation" issue, claiming that B. C. was paying out more than it's share of federal costs and they also initiated the Redistribution Bill of 1902 which finally gave the mainland a fair share of the legislative seats. Dunsmuir was doing a job which he didn't enjoy and it showed. He was not a politician and by 1902 he had finally decided to resign in favour of E. G. Prior. Dunsmuir had been an unfortunate choice for Premier, he was a quiet, taciturn businessman who was not overly concerned with speeches and public functions.

It was probably the potential threat to his business by the rapidly encroaching trade union movement that finally made up Dunsmuir's mind to return to private life. The Western Federation of Miners from the united States was infiltrating Nanaimo and when shortly after leaving office he found it necessary to lock out his employees he claimed that he would never recognize the union and that he would rather "keep the mines closed for years."

In 1906 he was offered the position of Lieutenant-Governor and eventually accepted the appointment largely to gratify his wife's social ambitions. He found it a difficult and tedious job and though he showed little reaction, he was the target of much criticism for his refusal to recognize the unions and his support of importation of Chinese labor. His coal empire was plagued with problems and once again he decided to resign. In 1909 he returned to private life and never again held public office.

James Dunsmuir was by now an extremely wealthy man. He had a sizeable country estate, a beautiful 50 room mansion home near Victoria called Hatley Park, a 218 foot yacht the "Dolaura" worth over $200,000. and a family of eight daughters and two sons. The second son, James Jr. had joined the army on the eve of World War One and unfortunately sailed aboard the ill fated "Lusitania". James Dunsmuir Jr. had been his father's pride and joy and his death seems to have greatly affected the last few years of James Dunsmuir's life. He became a lonely and quiet man who was miserly with his money and was given to long solitary trips aboard the family yacht. When James Dunsmuir died at Cowichan in 1920 he was by far the richest, though perhaps not the happiest man in B. C.

James Dunsmuir was the last of the "rich and powerful" Dunsmuir family to rule Nanaimo. After his death the heirs dissipated much of the sizeable fortune he left behind. He was the personification of the Victorian tycoon with all the grace and elegance of a worls that disappeared shortly af-
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While provisions have been made for daily emergencies and appointments, members of the community visiting the clinic or the hospital that day will have to be patient as they may be expected to wait for the arrival of the doctor at the clinic or, for services at the hospital. This disruption will be kept to a minimum and already hospitalized patients will be disturbed as little as possible.

The exercise will be evaluated by the Emergency Program Umpire Team, Hospital and Medical staffs, and a report sent to B.C. Hospital Programs with a copy of the Disaster Plan for their approval.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 27th U.S. President
5 Golf immortal Walter —
10 Tamarisk salt tree
11 Dorothy — "friend"
12 Martha —
13 John Gunther word
14 Delon's "friend"
15 Did a Sinatra
16 Pallid
17 Wahine's garland
18 Gas measure (abbr.)
19 — for (sought)
21 Examine steadily
22 Allegiance
23 " — and Bill"
24 Arlene —
26 Resolve
29 Uncle, in Edinburgh
30 Combat
31 Child of Loki
32 Conceal
34 — Tanguay
35 Girl's name
36 Australian marsupial
37 Ran amuck
38 Baptism, e.g.
39 Candle
40 Incensed

DOWN
1 Atoll in U.S. Marine history
2 Cossack leader
3 Escaping (3 wds.)
4 — shirt
5 City on the Red River
6 Likewise
7 Broadcasting (4 wds.)
8 Win one's heart
9 Goad
11 Bogged down
15 Hills of Shropshire, Eng.
20 "Diamond —"
21 Bottomless —
23 Bare
24 Forsake
25 Mrs. Bloomer
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33 Ceremony
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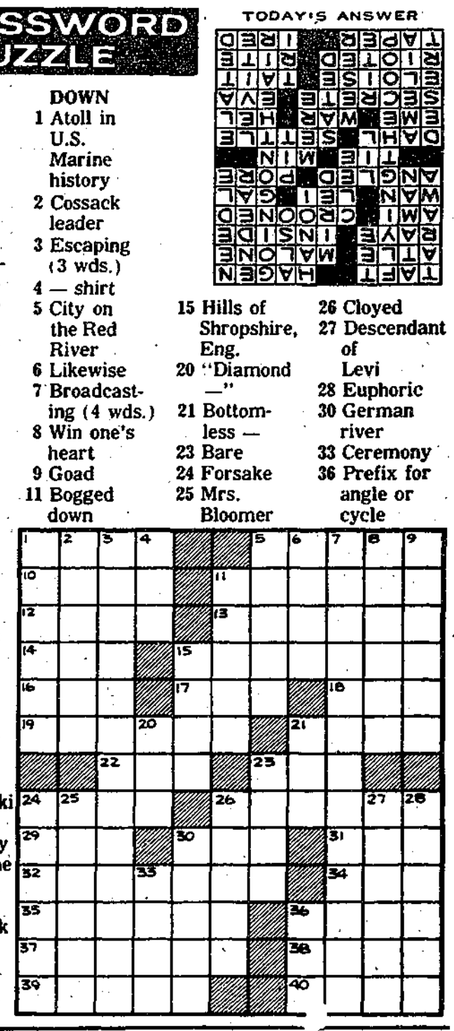

Delegation visits Victoria

Sechelt Council announced at last Wednesday's meeting that Alderman Dennis Shuttleworth was in Victoria as part of a delegation to the Minister of Health protesting the present shortage of Health Inspectors in the Coast Garibaldi Health Unit.

The local Health Inspector, John Mullineux has been unable to cope with the regular duties in the last few weeks and it has recently been necessary to bring in additional help from Powell River and Squamish. The trustees saw fit to send a delegation last week as the situation had become completely intolerable.

Council will further discuss the problem after Alderman Shuttleworth returns from the meeting.

Shuttleworth stated on Sunday afternoon that he was pleased with the results of his Victoria trip and hopeful that an auxiliary inspector would be appointed as a temporary measure.

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Gibsons Council briefs

Ald. Jim Metzler recommended that $6,000 be paid to Coast Paving for work completed at the Gibsons-Sechelt airport. The money is a progress payment for paving done last year, paving of the ramp is being completed this spring. The village will be reimbursed by the federal government which is financially responsible for the paving project.

New floats will be installed at Armour's Beach. The floats are being built under an LIP program and Ald. Jim Metzler suggested the program also include a general clean-up of Armour's Beach.

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West Gibsons Heights Ratepayers have requested that the village portion of Gower Point Road around the Gospel Rock area be widened. Ald. Bill Lang noted that the improvement is a cost sharing project between the village and the provincial highways department. He said council has already approached the department to set up a meeting to discuss the project.

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Gibsons mayor and aldermen received a ten percent raise. Bylaw No. 289, Council Indemnity Bylaw, was given first reading last week.

This brings the Mayor's annual salary up to $2630 and Adermen's up to $1490.

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The village recieved a total of $2587.46 from the provincial Community Recreation Fund for the new tennis courts at Elphinstone Secondary. The tennis courts are finished and the money will be forwarded to the school which was responsible for the building of the courts.

A Gibsons businessman has protested the increase in his business license. E.R. Mulcaster of Gibsons Lanes said his business license was $50. last year and $120. this year. He feels the 140 percent increase is unrealistic.

Council will discuss this matter further in a finance committee meeting.

Ald. Bill Laing reported to council that paving of Highway 101 within the village will commence April 20. The village works crew is presently installing new sewer lines along the highway. The village is concentrating manpower on the sewage project so that it will be completed before paving begins.

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Council has accepted a bid from a Vancouver Steel Company for fencing and gates for the new municipal works yard, the dog pound and the water reservoir. The bid is valued at $11,715 which council considered extremely low. Other bids for the project ranged up to $15,000.

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Council will support the Sunshine Coast Resource Society in a bid to the provincial government to maintain funding for various projects. The government earlier announced that some of the funding to community resource boards and societies would be terminated.

The Highways Department has refused to cover an over expenditure on maintainance and capital construction on North Road and Gower Point Road. The projects, jointly funded by the province and the village, went over budget but the highways department states in a letter to the village that funds for this type of work had already been committed and the extra cost could not be absorbed.

The extra costs will be paid by the village.

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The Provincial Government Forest Service has informed Gibsons council that 1700 trees are ready for pick-up. The trees were purchased earlier by the provincial government for Habitat but because of lack of federal government participation the trees will go to various municipalities rather than Habitat. The regional district will be getting 2300 trees and Sechelt will get 1000.

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