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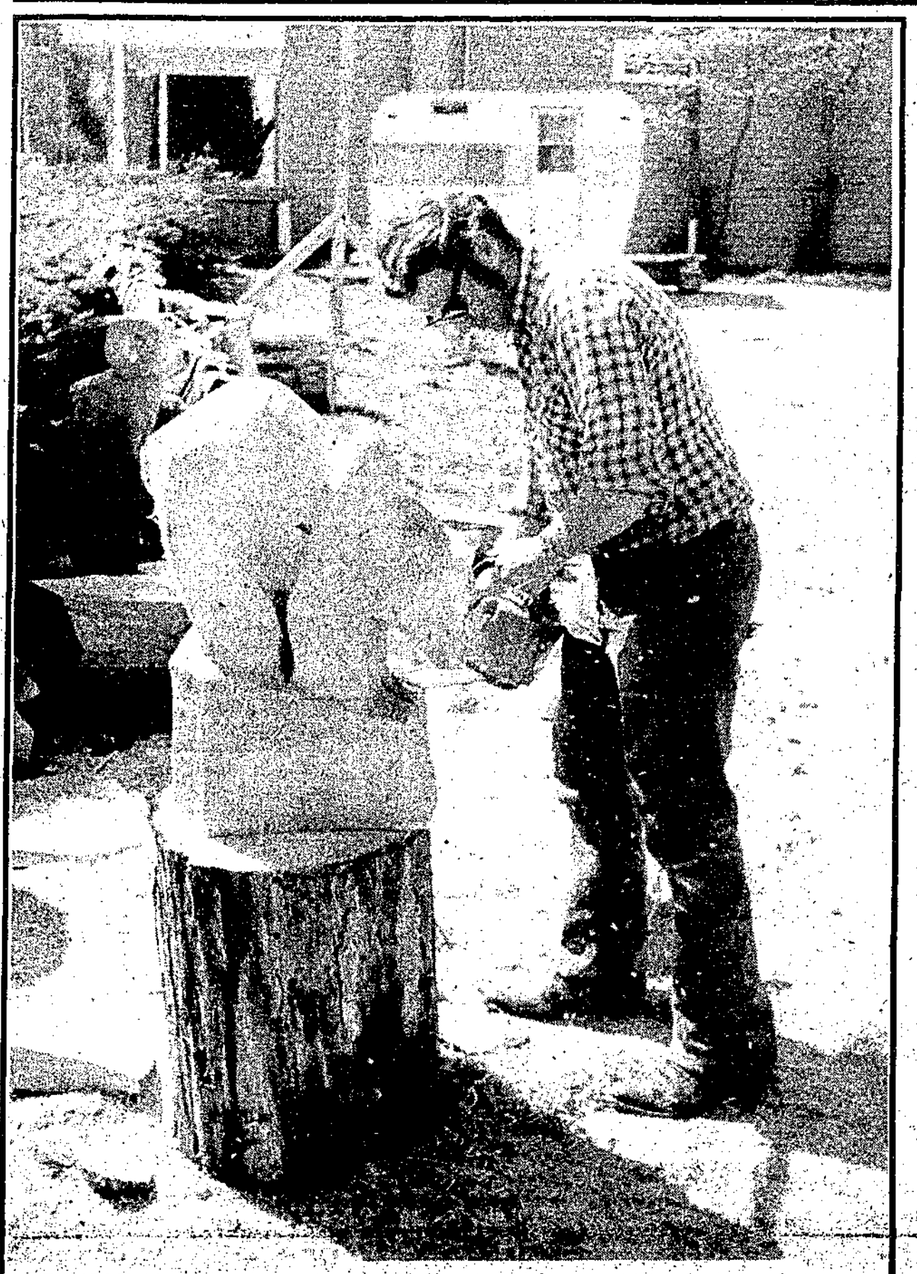
LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

	Low	High	Rain
April 24	4C	12C	0.3mm
April 25	2C	12C	nil
April 26	2C	16C	nil
April 27	6C	19C	nil
April 28	7C	20C	nil
April 29	7C	21C	nil
April 30	10C	20C	nil

Week's Rain 0.3mm April Rain 78.0 mm
Rainfall for 1976 - 558.0mm



SECHELT VILLAGE attempted to run wood carver Alan Colp out of town last week. He went all right, but he took his customers with him.

Woodcarver run out of town

Woodcarver Alan Colp of Leduc Alberta, was not favorably impressed with Sechelt last week after the village atttempted to run him out of town. Colp, a travelling woodcarver who makes his living from public relations work for Homelite chain saws and the sale of the carvings he manufactures, was returning from a demonstration in Powell River when he decided Sechelt would be a good place to stop for a few days. He contacted the village office and clerk Tom Wood informed him it would be necessary to take out a business licence, worth about $200, and told him to come back when he had selected a site. Colp arranged to use the lot next to the Sechelt Chain Saw Centre for the demonstration and went ahead and opened his display without the necessary permit.

Wood was perturbed by his disrespect for the council business licenses and called the RCMP. The trouble was finally straightened out when Colp agreed to go outside village boundaries with his prospective clients before actually completing the sale.

Colp hopes to return to Sechelt in the beginning of August for a second demonstration but is unwilling to go through the present hassles again.

The carvings sell for from $25 to $225 each. Colp also makes totem poles which begin at $175 and go all the way up to $10,000.

Committee on gov't studies merger

A committee of citizens from the village of Gibsons and Regional District areas E and F have completed a study to determine the financial feasibility of a village expansion to include areas E and F. The study was submitted last week at a special meeting of the committee on Government which is considering alternative methods of government for the Sunshine Coast.

The financial study was undertaken to determine just how much it would cost for the taxpayers of the concerned areas to support a district municipality, including what is currently the village of Gibsons and the two regional district areas.

According to Gibsons Alderman Stuart Metcalfe, a member of the Committee on Government, the results of the study indicate that policing would be one of the items that would contribute substantially to an increased mill rate. He said welfare costs, which would be another responsibility of the district municipality, would cost only about $12 per year for individual taxpayers.

The financial study is based on what Metcalfe said was a pessimistic estimate. The estimate takes into consideration a $40,000 deficit created by a potential skating rink and it also includes a major road upgrading program for area.

In the past the provincial government has declared a five year moratorium for such items as policing and welfare. This means that new district municipalities would not be responsible for either all or part of those costs for the first five years of existance. The Committee on Government is now awaiting word from Victoria to see whether or not the moratorium is still in effect. The recent study did not take that provincial assistance into consideration.

Metcalfe said he was somewhat surprised by the results of the recently completed study because it indicates that the benefits would be greater to the two regional district areas than for the village of Gibsons. He felt residents of those areas would also benefit from having a closer relationship with elected representatives comprising what would probably be a seven person district council.

The Committee on Government will further consider the study and in the meantime wait for word from Victoria as to the provincial government's financial involvement in the potential district municipality.

Ald. Metcalfe said that once those results are known the question would be put to the residents of the village and districts E and F in a public referendum.

"It will be up to the people to say yes or no to the proposal," Metcalfe said.

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Board declines budget cutbacks

School taxes up 6 mills

The average homeowner may be paying from $30 to $40 more this year for local education costs after the school board last week maintained its approval of a budget that contains a 6.18 mill increase in school taxes. The budget, totalling a record $4,522,458, was sanctioned at a school board meeting in Gibsons last Monday.

School trustees met Monday at a special afternoon meeting to reconsider the 1976 budget after provincial Education Minister Pat McGeer earlier announced that local school districts would be responsible for a larger portion of the education costs. The basic levy was increased by the provincial finance formula to 32.50 mills after earlier estimates had placed it at 26.5 mills. The board originally adopted the budget February 12 but decided to reconsider when informed local taxpayers would be footing a larger part of the education bill.

The mill rate for school purposes has now been set at 40.91 mills which is 6.18 mills higher than last year's 34.73. The provincial average has been set at 46.53 which is an increase of 6.08 over last year's provincial average. The local budget maintains this district's relative position of being about 5½ mills below the provincial average.

After making the budget decision last week, the board justified the budget by saying that it contains only programs necessary to maintain existing standards or programs to bring low standards up to a satisfactory level. The most expensive program at the moment is the upgrading of Elphinstone Secondary and the board feels that will not be a continuing cost in future budgets. Some of the older buildings will also be renovated this year because, according to the board, the pressure of emergencies over the past few years has interfered with the level of routine maintenance.

The board also announced that it will continue with its plans to hire additional teachers for September. The additional teachers are necessitated by the new Sechelt Junior Secondary school and the Pratt Road elementary, and by new programs such as alternate education. The board felt that these expenses would also taper off in the future.

In a report to the school board, Secretary-Treasurer Roy Mills indicated that the tax increase is mainly attributable to the province's decision to increase the basic levy. He said that both the cost of basic education and the basic levy set by the province are up this year but that the actual cost in excess of the basic program is down this year over last by $6267 or 0.59 mill.

In other words, the mill rate over and above the 32.5 mills set by the province is 6.98 mills compared to last year's 7.75 mills.

Referring to McGeer's press release stating that local school boards are spending too much and will therefore be responsible for a larger part of the basic costs, Mills said, "Now I have the uncomfortable feeling that I owe him (McGeer) an apology." Mills said if McGeer had simply stated that the basic education program costs have gone up 30 percent, so the basic levy will go up accordingly, that such a justification would be understood by reasonable people. Instead, Mills said, McGeer's ill-timed press release triggered a "rebuttal syndrome."

The tax bylaw adopted at last week's meeting calls for a total of $3,727,983 to be raised by taxes during this year. The mill rate will be applicable to 100 percent of taxable lands and 75 percent of improvements.

The breakdown of what the villages and the rural area will be contributing is as follows: Gibsonms $259,386; Sechelt $165,167 and rural area $3,303,430.

The board decision last week to stick to the budget was unanimous. The budget was also endorsed by the Sechelt Teachers Association.

Citizens committee files ferry report

Brian Stelck, Alternate Regional District Director for Area B, reported that a public ferries' committee set up by the regional board has decided on a number of recommendations for improving the Howe Sound Ferry service. The SCRD considered the committee's recommendations and agreed to forward them on to Jack Davis, the Minister in charge of the service, by night letter before he announced his decision expected on Monday. The SCRD sent the recommendations with the stipulation that the ideas did not necessarily represent the board's opinion.

Stelck stated that the committee's recommendations included a resolution that the provincial government should stick by the federal anti-inflation guidelines and that commercial rates should remain the same in order to prevent a rising cost of living. Stelck remarked that since the committee was largely made up of old age pensioners there was more concern with the effects on the local costs of merchants than with the actual dollar increase at the terminal. However, the committee did endorse the idea that the ferries should be considered to be an extension of the highway system and that since we pay for roads, bridges and ferries in other parts of the province therefore we should be provided with ferry service at a reasonable cost.

Among other recommendations approved by the committee were the immediate building of a highway from Squamish to Port Mellon, a new commuter card system issued through the SCRD and both villages, a priority lane for commuter use, better transit to Vancouver from Horseshoe Bay to help encourage pedestrian traffic and a late night sailing from the Horseshoe Bay side of the run.

The committee also felt that the food service should be a self-sufficient operation and that if the government was unable to do this they should lease out the operation to private interests.

The regional board added that they hoped Davis would take the letter into consideration before finalizing his plans.

Sechelt residents informed on sewers

Sechelt council has prepared three letters for distribution to the residents of the Sechelt Sewer Specified area which are intended to explain the council's position on the sewer referendum which has been tentatively set for May 29. If all goes ahead according to plan the letters will be mailed on May 12, 19 and 26.

The first letter attempts to explain the background to the proposed sewer system and explains why a referendum is necessary. In the letter Sewer Committee Chairman Morgan Thompson explains that the senior governments are rapidly moving towards a policy of disallowing septic tanks in urban areas and mandatory installation of sewers. Thompson further points out that council agrees with this plan and recognizes that the price will not go down.

The second letter explains that the specified area is bound by the gulf to the south, by Anchor and Porpoise Bay to the north, the Sechelt Indian Reserve to the east and Ocean Ave. to the west. The letter explains that this area is a shallow saucer that runs off into the ocean along the north and south boundaries and therefore damages the beaches and drainage ditches. Thompson also points out that sewer will not unduly influence growth and that at any rate, growth cannot be halted, only carefully controlled.

The deliberate bias built into the rate structure is also explained in this second letter. The way the system is now proposed 70 percent of the operating costs will be borne by a group of users who will contribute a much smaller percentage to the effluent being discharged into the system. It is hoped that since sewer rates will remain constant for each property that the owners will be encouraged to upgrade properties where there is a lot of wasted space. This will in turn generate more revenue for other village programs such as street lighting and recreation facilities from the increased tax returns. The Trail Bay Shopping Mall will pay the highest rate with a total of $1400 per year. The lowest rate will be $45 for those whose total tax assessment is less than the homeowners grant.

Thompson's letter also states that the proposed outfall is at the end of Wharf St. The building will be designed to be aesthetically pleasing with a low profile which will barely be visible from the road. The outfall itself will be at the end of 1,500 feet of pipe in 90 feet of water.

The last letter which is to be sent out a few days before the referendum shows an average cost to the homeowner of $89 per year for repayment of construction costs and operation and maintenance of the system. Connection costs are shown as $150 plus another $100 if a property is not ready for prompt hookup when the trenches are open plus the additional expense of installing the pipe from the house to the property line. In five examples supplied in the letter the costs range from $229 to $374 per residence. An average hookup cost of $600 can therefore be expected. The council has also promised to aid any citizens interested in a bulk purchase of pipe to do the job themselves.

Residents vote for fire hall

At a public meeting last Wednesday night at Welcome Beach Community Hall, 23 local residents voted better than 90 percent in favor of establishing a Redrooffs Rd. Fire Protection District. The ad hoc fire protection committee asked the Regional Board to create a new specified area encompassing the area from Wood Bay to Bayview Road and extending outwards to a distance allowable under the Volunteer Fire Department Act.

The residents proposed to set up a fire hall on a piece of property owned by the Department of Highways at the northern junction of Redrooffs Road and Highway 101 and possibly two satellite facilities with pump and tank units. The cost of the building was estimated at $30,000 and the purchase of a "mini pumper" and various other necessary equipment was estimated at a further $38,500.

Some residents raised the question of the increase in the mill rate and it was established that an increase of approximately five mills would cover the payments on the $75,000 in start-up costs and provide an annual operating budget of $8,700.

Regional District Chairman John McNevin told the meeting that the board would discuss the situation and proceed with an area referendum as soon as possible.

SPRING LAMB

IF THE ANNUAL spring lamb photograph is a newspaper's way of announcing that warm weather has finally arrived then we're in for a great summer. Three lambs, all born to the same ewe owned by George and Charlene Matthews of Reed Road, Gibsons. Pictured with the spring lambs, five days old at the time of the photograph, are Lindsay, 5, Leslie, 2 and Charlene who wouldn't tell us her age.

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A valuable exercise

Like the Boy Scout motto: Be prepared.

That was why the emergency co-ordinator for this area staged the hospital disaster exercise which hypothetically involved a bus crash resulting in 20 accident victims whose injuries ranged from shock to those that were fatal.

The disaster exercise was organized to see just how prepared St. Mary's Hospital and other emergency services such as police, ambulance and fire departments really were. A disaster situation as was staged last week, thankfully, comes relatively rarely but it's good to know that the facilities are available just in case it does happen and it's also good to know that preliminary assessments of the exercise indicate that it was, according to the co-ordinator, extremely well done.

Last week's exercise perhaps also did something else.

The veracity of the situation made some of those involved realize that life is both precarious and precious. It was reassuring to think that the victims, brought into hospital in bandages and blankets, were not really injured and it was reassuring to know that the disaster was not real. But there was an element of realism that made one a little more conscious of the value of human life.

Disasters are perhaps a little closer than we really care to think. And if we do think about it, maybe we'll drive that car a little slower, maybe we'll put on that lifejacket when we go fishing, or maybe we'll think again before taking that last one for the road.

Bearing the brunt

This week's decision by the District 46 School Trustees to increase the school portion of the local tax bill by 6.18 mills, though probably necessary, will appear to be ill-timed and overly demanding. The provincial government was fir to reduce their share of the education bill and now the school trustees have seen fit to return it to the taxpayer.

The problem is that unfortunately there is no fat left to trim from the bone; after the wages are deducted from the budget there isn't much left to cut or chop. There are many programs in the school system which drastically need improvement and have yet to receive it because of the trustees cost conscious approach. When Victoria dropped their share of the burden there was little the school board could do but pass it on to you and me. The extra $40 or $50 per year may hurt, but if it does put the blame on Pat McGeer, not on your local school board who are forced to take the brunt of the Victoria decision.

The provincial government decided, in their infinite wisdom, tp play politics with the education budget. The local taxpayer must therefore pick up the tab.

Courtesy is contagious

As the nation fusses over what Prime Minister Trudeau meant about government controls of the economy and how they will affect individual freedoms and as the cry for human rights resounds around the world, few people seem to pause these days to consider how their own actions infringe the rights of their fellow man.

In our sometimes frantic efforts to keep ahead, to cut corners, to look after ourselves, we too often forget that common courtesy, basic honesty and simple concern for others is a right that is fast disappearing.

Concern for others is the oil that keeps our daily lives running smoother and the strident demands on us are less jarring if we can expect that our neighbor will respect our rights.

But, unfortunately, more and more it is everyone for himself. Politeness is for squares. Littering the streets with garbage is accepted. Cutting the traffic lights, pilfering from work, beating the government, departing the parking lot after denting a fender are examples of indifference to our fellow man.

Little things, you might say, when compared with violations of the rights of minorities, the death bombings in Ireland or the crises that shake the world. But it occurs to us that if each person put the extra few seconds and happily endured tiny inconveniences that go with caring for our neighbor that the larger demands made on our society could more easily be met.

In the long run petty dishonesty, lack of integrity, discourtesy and indifference come home to roost. For the very callousness we display toward the people with whom we have daily contact, is all the more easily passed on to us by unfeeling and insensitive powers that control our lives.

Like all good things courtesy can be contagious and rewarding.

No wonder !

College costs are quite interesting. A levy of 1.56 mills in this school district would raise $142,000. No wonder Capilano College wants the board to join; no wonder the board has not accepted so far. It might be an interesting exercise to have Karin Hoemberg predict the kind of continuing education program, including tuition fees, transportation fees, and subsistence allowance that could be offered to this school district's adult body if she were allowed to run a deficit of $142,000 more than the $9,000 presently incurred by the continuing education program.

—School Board Secretary-Treasurer Roy Mills in a recent report to the board.

remember when

FIVE YEARS AGO

Centennial celebration "twinning" sees Gibsons twinned with Grandview, Manitoba for the year

Open House by Gibsons Volunteer Fire Department marked Fire Services' Day celebrations.

Regional District board seeks control of shorelines similar to that enjoyed by municipalities.

10 YEARS AGO

B.C. Tel plans to spend $180,000 for improvements to service in Pender Harbour, Sechelt and Gibsons districts.

A parade, band concerts and puppeteers will feature the first Spring Festival in Elphinstone School hall.

Sechelt Indian Band will elect new chiefs by majority vote of council instead of the former hereditary method.

15 YEARS AGO

Standard Oil Company tears down the old building next to Hill's Marine Shop in Gibsons to allow for installation of tanks.

Exercise Tocsin 1961 was broadcast nationally as a civil defence emergency exercise.

Canadian Forest Products expansion at the Port Mellon mill is likely to hit the $1,000,000 mark this year.

20 YEARS AGO

VLA officials consider a 16 home development for Gibsons Cannery road area.

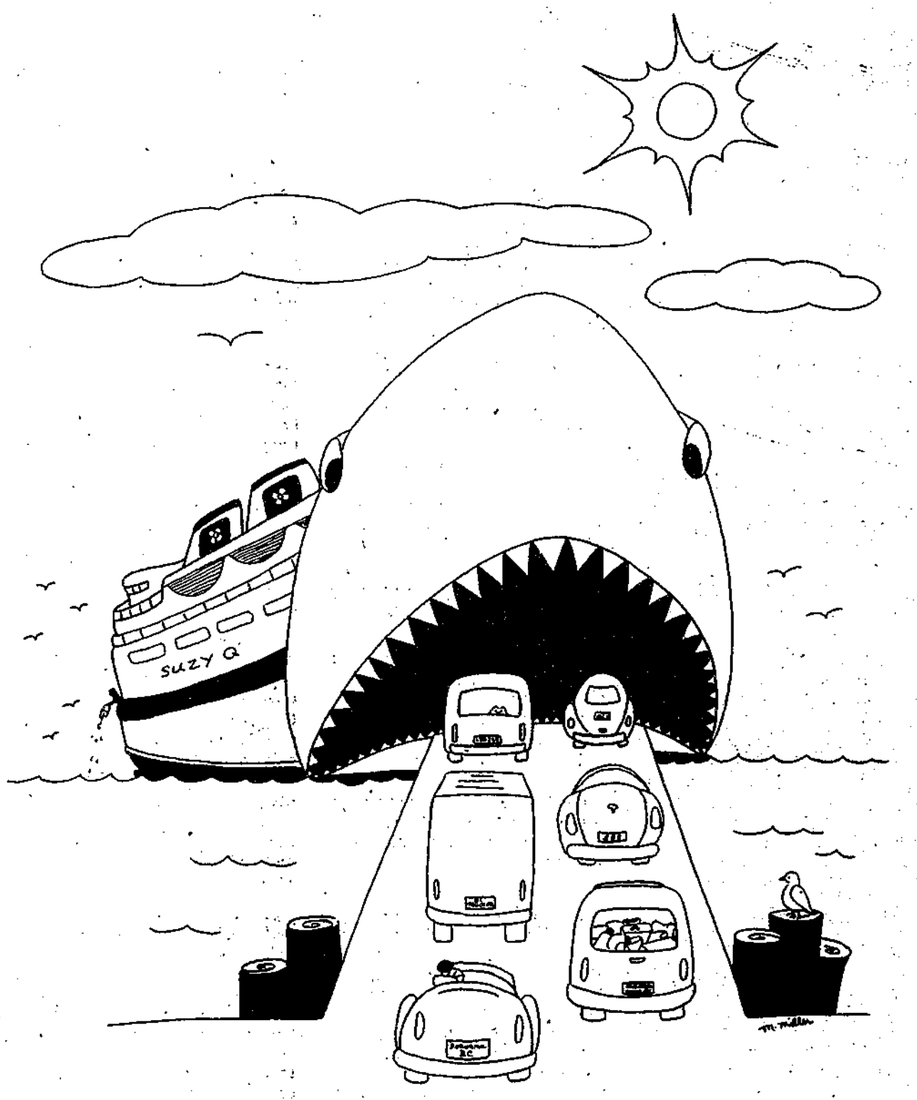
The Smokwa, a former Halifax Harbor ferry, makes its first trip on the run to Gibsons.

25 YEARS AGO

Gibsons Board of Trade is circulating a petition to support construction of a hotel.

The Gosling 5 room, 1948 home on Gower Point road is up for sale, furniture included, at $4,800.

News item: *Ferry Rates up !*



Sunshine Sketches

Could there be a fire at Elphie without anyone knowing about it? Go on.

Trustee **Don Douglas** told the school board last week that he made a visit to Elphinstone Secondary and found that the **fire alarm** was not working. Or, yes, sometimes it did work but when the alarm went off there was no fire.

Gibsons Fire Chief **Dick Ranniger** is probably still having nightmares about the last Elphie fire when some of his hydrants went dry — it wouldn't do to have the man, and the department, chasing false alarms in the middle of the night.

In fact the fire chief was so upset about the malfunctioning alarms that he considered shutting the whole operation down, according to one employee of the school district.

Besides that, it's been reported that students and staff at the school were becoming rather blase about the alarms because they happened all the time and never meant anything And then one day . . .

Anyway the school board is so tired of getting people to look at the alarm system that now a letter is being fired off to the manufacturer asking about that money-back guarantee . . . or at least an alarm system that works.

Vandalism in **Pioneer Park** again, Gibsons Village is presently altering Pioneer Park to make it as humanly uninhabitable as possible, rocks, thorny bushes, the whole thing, in an effort to get rid of those who loiter at night or whenever they loiter.

Last week somebody stole the wooden Pioneer Park sign right off the side of the washroom building. First they wreck the interior, now they're starting on the outside.

A bit of inside information to all those who loiter in the area: reliable rumor has it that the RCMP are staked out nightly in Molly's. Reach watching the activity in Pioneer Park. And if they're not, it's time they were.

Speaking of reliable rumor, word is out in the fair village of Sechelt that Hayden Killam is running for council next year. The owner of Sechelt Building Supplies has had so many dealings with Sechelt council over his building dispute that he now knows what it's all about. And by the looks of it, there will be a lot more dealings — in front of the judge.

On the most interesting topic of Sechelt council, bet you daisies to bootstraps that **Norm Watson** will be running for council again too. Ever since his November defeat he's been waiting in the wings for one of the aldermen to proclaim that he's sick and tired of the whole affair. Norm will wait for the first victim and then find himself elected by acclamation in the subsequent by-election.

That also brings up the Sechelt sewer system. Sechelt residents will be recieving three letters apparently authored by Mr. Watson, the villages sewerage consultant. One of the propaganda letters proclaims the worth of the fact that commercial establishments will bear the brunt of the costs of the system thereby relieving the ordinary man of a heavy tax burden for the sewage costs.

Businesses will be charged more than residences in an effort to make the businessman utilize his property to the maximum. As one former Sechelt alderman put it, somebody like **Bernel Gordon** for instance, will be encouraged to build a larger building on his Cowrie Street lot. That way he can rent out part of it and recap some of his costs going towards the sewer taxes. Where the village interests come in is that the value of the building increases, the taxes therefore increase, and the village winds up with more money in the coffers.

Nothing wrong with that idea, except if the businessman's taxes go up so will his prices. A businessman who doesn't raise the costs of his goods in line with his increased expenses does not stay as a businessman very long, says the better book of business practices. And so ultimately it's again the common man, the Willy Lomans of the world, who end up digging deep into their pockets.

One man though, has proven that you can fight the system in Sechelt. **Alan Colp**, a carver from Alberta made a lot of noise on Cowrie Street last week by carving logs with a chain saw. He refused to pay the $200 village business licence fee, set so high specifically to keep the transient businessman away, and everytime he made a sale, he drove his customer out of the village limits to conduct the transaction.

He was first located on Indian property in front of the Gulf Service Station and the band kicked him off because he was in direct competition with them — carving totem poles. It was then that he took refuge on Cowrie Street, downtown Sechelt. One lady asked if **Timberdays** hadn't started early this year.

Commentary

by DOUG SEWELL

Developers get no respect

It would appear that the business of developing and subdividing is no longer considered to be a respectable occupation. I get the feeling that if Johnny decided he wanted to be a subdivider or developer instead of a doctor, fireman or MLA he would probably get thrashed within an inch of his life, especially if his parents lived in Seaside Village.

It was only a few years ago that this country was development mad; if there was a piece of vacant land without a proposed development there was something wrong with the community. Now, if you mention erecting a hot dog stand you are suddenly "one of them." It is time we realized that there are good developments and bad developments and that even with the good ones there are going to be things we don't like. The only alternative to the good developments is no developments at all, and that means stagnation and unemployment which surely no one in their right mind would advocate.

Ironically, though there is a constant stream of complaints when any new development is proposed, when it actually comes down to developing a sound community plan the meeting hall is virtually empty. The recent Sechelt meeting is an excellent example of this point. Too many people are willing to object to local governmental decisions when personally affected, but when it comes down to actually stating what they want, there is a conspicuous silence.

The new Porpoise Bay marina proposed by Sechelt businessman Len Van Egmond is a perfect case in point. The marina plan as it now stands is basically a sound development, in both commercial and ecological terms. If accepted it will help to provide the village with a more secure tourist base without adversely affecting the environment to any great degree. Even the local residents can offer no more severe possibilities than a reduction in the local bird population and an adverse affect on sport fishing in Propoise Bay and Sechelt Inlet. How 20 or 30 additional boats will deplete fishing, when Pender Harbour is still viable with 10 times that number, has not yet been explained. The local bird population will leave the area as it is developed, no matter whether it is private homes or gravel pits that are built.

What it comes down to is aesthetics. The local residents believe the area looks better undeveloped and they are determined to get their way. It is the right of local government to make this kind of decision, but unfortunately, with the exception of Dennis Shuttleworth, we have witnessed an elementary lesson in fence sitting and the art of saying nothing while managing to seem concerned. Therefore it has devolved into a residential-developer battle that the residents will never win.

Larry Sorken, the district Land Manager for the Department of the Environment, made his position very clear last week, "It is not enough to say that a development poses a threat to the environment, it is necessary to prove that a real threat exists." Overcrowding, aesthetic values and depletion of wildlife resources are not by themselves reasons to reject a development proposal.

As wrong as the 'growth at any cost' philosophy may be, the 'no growth at any cost' philosophy is worse. Developments such as Seaside Village are often the result of this kind of negative thinking. It creates an atmosphere where the respectable developers with lots of money head elsewhere and the second rate companies try to lure us with cheap houses or free parks and services. There are too many developments and subdivisions on the Sunshine Coast which are poorly designed and improperly planned because the permission was bought and not applied for through proper local procedures.

The first priority must be an effective community plan that clearly states what the finished product will be. The way we are proceeding now is much like a carpenter building a house and having no idea what the finished dimensions are supposed to be, so he just keeps on adding rooms until the whole thing comes down.

Once we decide where we are going the second step should be to encourage the type of development we want and to make it clear that developments that do not fit the mold are unwelcome and will not be allowed.

It is up to the people of each area to decide what their future will be, if we want employment and a sound economic base, development must remain a part of our growth system. If not then we are free to sit back and enjoy our isolation.

Let's stop blaming the developers for our own failing to tell them where they stand. In most cases they are only trying to do what they believe is best. If we disagree it is our right to tell them so, but only in a sensible, democratic fashion. We can no longer afford to wait until the proposal is on our own doorstep.

Letters to the Editor

SUZY DEFENDED

Editor: In reply to the letter of D. Brocklebank in your April 27 issue, there was a certain amount of dismay on Thursday April 15, when the "Suzie" did not make that extra run as Mr. Brocklebank stated. However, there are a few arguments to make of his other statements.

Firstly, in previous years, the mass has not moved so heavily on the day before Good Friday as it did this year. It was to such an extent that the "Langdale was sent out at noon on an unscheduled trip. (This alone would justify the "Suzie" making ther extra one at night).

Secondly, the yearly schedule for the Langdale terminal off-season calls for one extra trip to be made by the Langdale Queen at 11:55 ex Langdale and 12:55 ex Horseshoe Bay on Fridays and Sundays EXCEPT when a holiday falls on the Monday when the Sunday schedule will apply and Saturday's schedule will apply for Sunday. This is clearly exhibited in the terminal toll booth on entry to the Langdale terminal. The "Suzie" making the extra one at on the same days at 22:30 ex Langdale and 23:40 ex Horseshoe Bay.

The ferry schedules for the Easter weekend were printed in all the newspapers up to two weeks prior to the holiday.

As Good Friday is generally the only holiday throughout the year which falls on that day, no proviso was made to exempt it from a normal Friday's sailing schedule.

I hope this clarifies your doubts and, to those people who were left outside the gate on Sunday night, please consult the ferry schedules with a little more intent during holiday weekends and that way you will be able to plan accordingly.

—A FERRY EMPLOYEE.

SELFISH SEWELL

Editor: In the April 27 edition of the Coast News is a commentary by Doug Sewell. This effort to extemporize a solution to the proposed ferry increases must be considered a rather selfish attitude. His "obvious alternative" to "immediately" build a road from Squamish to Port Mellon may well solve the problem for those living between Port Mellon and Earl Cove but what about the 20 odd thousand who live between Saltery Bay and Lund. They too, Mr. Sewell, are part of the Mackenzie Riding who must use the ferry service. They too, I might also add, were the majority vote in the last election which saw the NDP MLA elected again.

The insinuation is that you see the present government totally responsible for the current massive increases in consumer commodities whereas, if you look back, you must discover that the cause for a great increase in ferry rates is due in whole to the last government and the Social Credit government before that. Had both these governments seen fit to raise the ferry rates in accordance with the then existing rate of inflation, there wouldn't be all the hollering which is taking place now when a government with a sense to the future is acting accordingly.

To satisfy the entire riding would mean a road from the Powell River area to Vancouver at a cost of close to $200 million. To attempt such a venture would be to virtually move the mountains.

Remember the hue and cry that went up when the new ICBC rates were announced? People have grown to accept this now. These rates meant an increase of some $200 to $300 for some and even more to others. Now we are faced with a possible 10% of that figure to transport a vehicle and another hue and cry breaks loose. These increases must be faced if the province is to regain its healthy financial situation.

If the food service and comfort was increased as you suggest, so too would be the cost for these and if you wish to pay an astronomical sum for a sandwich than so be it. A packed lunch or other meal costs only a fractional sum as that which you would pay on the ferries.

You state that "The government has recently cut back by almost 12% the number of crew on each vessel." Not so, Mr. Sewell, not so. The intention has been made to do this but it has not been carried out yet.

I feel you misinterpreted Mr. Proctor's statement regarding the tourist and the camper. I believe he did imply that the tourist arrives mostly by camper and trailer units and one only has to look at the line-ups in the summer to confirm this implication as fact.

Your last sentence is the most reasonable, sit back and bear the increases as they come because that's what we are going to have to do and there are no two ways about it.

—E. COOMBES,
Powell River.

SHOCKING

Editor: The NDP Government was not only an incompetent one; they were apparently deceitful and dishonest. It is shocking to read of former Minister Gary Lauk's removal of files from Government offices. It is also shocking to read that Dave Barrett played a part in asking that the nest be cleaned of everything so that no tell-tale evidence could be found. Is this the type of man Vancouver East wants as their representative in the Legislature? I think not!

—DOYLE ALMAS
North Vancouver, B.C.

WATSON ERRED

Editor: We would like to clarify a statement made in a recent issue of the Peninsula Times. Mr. Norman Watson, chairman of the Sechelt Parks and Recreation commission, was mistaken about the hours our rink was in use during the past season.

Every school day morning the rink is offered, free of charge, to the children of the surrounding schools. The senior citizens made use of one sheet of ice on Friday afternoons. Monday through Thursday all rinks were in use from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. On Friday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. we had all rinks in use, leaving Friday 9 to 11 open. All Saturdays and Sundays were open.

We would like to mention to the public that there are many hours yet to choose from and please contact us at any time.

—GIBSONS WINTER CLUB
Verda D. Schneider,
Secretary.

Letters to the Editor

WISHY-WASHY PRINCIPALS

Editor: In a sincere effort to establish some sort of basic requirements for a new high school principal, several interested and involved members of the Sechelt community gathered together for a one night barnstorming session. Some of the resulting criteria were recently published in the press.

In spite of what obviously was a sincere attempt to have a voice and an influence in the choice of the school's future administrators, the community, predictably and unwittingly, (if we are to accept the newspaper reportage) managed to submerge all substantial opinion in milky, safe and generalized requirements.

What applicant would not fit: "must be approachable," "must genuinely like kids," "must be a successful administrator," "must enjoy living in the community," "should have a sense of humor," "should be able to make quick and fair decisions," "should command respect," etc., etc.

What is ironic, of course, is that these general, along with several other even more glowing and more general prerequisites, are nearly always the requirements necessary for nearly all applicants for nearly all the administrative decisions in nearly all the districts. That is not to say that these requirements are not valid, but it is to say that we, as community members, would have a more effective role if we were to take the time to learn to be more specific in our search for school administrators.

It can usually be assumed that the District Superintendent and the board will be looking at specifics. But this information may or may not be available to the community until the administrator is solidly entrenched in his position. The general requirements present another negative because they depend on the degree of just how approachable, and just how successful the applicant is. This, of course is almost entirely subjective and is left up to the powers that be. Surely that's not quite good enough. Surely we want to know more of a man who after all, has pretty well the last word on the education of our children. Surely we want to know something more than just: Is he approachable? Does he have a sense of humor? Does he genuinely like living in the community where he makes upwards of $25,000 a year?

Shouldn't we want to know some of his basic philosophies on education? Where exactly does he stand on the issue of basic education? Where does he stand on the question of emphasizing fine arts, vocational training, team sports, school trips, parent involvement in the school, emphasis or lack of emphasis on integrated physical education? The list goes on and on.

There are numerous things that will affect our lives on a day to day basis, that we should know BEFORE the final decision is made.

Should these questions be left up to the board? Do they know what to look for without any of us needing to be involved beyond requesting that the new man be "approachable"?

Perhaps so. After all the board is supposed to reflect what the taxpayers want. But then why bother attending barnstorming sessions merely to agree as a group that the new man must have "a sense of humor"?

I invite all the applicants on the short list to write their views on education in the paper. It would mean a great deal to me and it would reflect a lot of the man if he were to briefly outline where he stood, for example, on corporal punishment.

In spite of corporal punishment being banned by the government it is interesting to note on a recent vote in the school, nearly half the staff supported corporal punishment. It would be interesting to see which applicants on the short list would clearly outline their philosophies without being politically wishy-washy.

I trust I am able to air these opinions without jeopardizing my position socially or professionally.

—DON MacLEAN.

HOSPITAL THANKS

Editor: An early assessment of the External Disaster Exercise April 29 indicates that the major parts of the plan are functional and meet the needs of the incoming patients.

In the near future a detailed review will take place and the plan revised as needed.

The co-operation of Mr. McPhee and his organization, the very authentic "victims", and all the supportive services are to be thanked sincerely for their co-operation in allowing St. Mary's to test it's plan.

—MRS. D. KEARNEY
Acting Administrator
St. Mary's Hospital

The staff of life

by DONNA GAULIN

Heart attack! Who's next?

While diet is certainly not the whole answer to avoiding heart attacks, it is a very important consideration. Among the more dangerous elements in our foods are saturated fats and cholesterol. The higher the level of cholesterol and other fats in the blood, the greater the chance of deposits lining the blood vessels, restricting the blood flow, possibly to the point of a clot.

Our intake of fats, mostly saturated, has doubled in the last century. Younger and younger men (and to a certain degree women) are dying of heart attacks each year. With this common knowledge, many people are still consuming foods that are a risk.

It has been my therapeutic experience that the most co-operative patients receiving dietetic instruction are those who have just survived a heart attack. They never would have guessed that they were a candidate for a serious medical problem.

Cholesterol finds its way into our body's system in two ways: It is manufactured in the body by the liver (for the production of bile and vitamin D); we get it directly from foods of animal origin. Egg yolks, cream, butter and organ meats are especially high.

Saturated fats raise the level of cholesterol in the blood and are also found in most animal products and some hydrogenated vegetable products.

We see the term "polyunsaturated" in ads and on labels. Oils such as safflower, olive, corn, sesame seed, soybean and sunflower are high in polyunsaturates which means that they actually lower the level of cholesterol in the blood when in a 2:1 balance

"Hydrogenation" is another term that you ought to understand. While food processors attempt to make margarines, oils, cheeses and peanut butter more palatable and convenient, the process converts many of the polyunsaturated fats back to saturated.

So instead of negating the effects of cholesterol, hydrogenated products enhance them. Look for cold pressed oils to limit the effects of hydrogenation, buy only pure cheeses and non-pasteurized peanut butter.

Vitamin E functions as an antioxidant. That is, it loses its activity for the purpose of sparing other nutrients. It is known to play a role in the preservation of polyunsaturates in the blood. And it guards against rancidity of blood fats.

Lecithin, another friend of the fat family, is supplied by all natural oils and to a small degree by egg yolk and liver. It is an excellent source of two B vitamins and appears to be a homogenizing agent capable of breaking fat (including cholesterol) into particles small enough to pass freely into tissues without clogging the arteries.

So what are you going to do for your heart? I hope that you will limit the amount of eggs, fatty meats, butter, gravy, cream, organ meats and processed foods including hydrogenated margarine and oil.

If you are interested in free health information write to:
B.C. Heart Foundation,
1881 West Broadway,
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1Y5.

Vicinity recommendations

The Sechelt Vicinity Planning Committee has asked the regional district planner Adrian Stott to proceed with a draft detailed plan for the committee's consideration

At last Tuesday night's meeting the committee agreed that sufficient preliminary discussion had occurred and that it was now possible to formulate some general policy decisions.

The committee decided that a policy of moderate growth would be permitted in keeping with the consensus at last month's open meeting. They further decided that space should be made available for three types of industry, those requiring water access, those requiring public exposure, and those not requiring public exposure.

Other recommendations included a high density centre near the commercial core, preservation of waterfront recreation areas, a confinement of the commercial centre to the present general area, expansion of the commercial centre if necessary on to the Sechelt Indian Reserve and the establishment of commercial wharves on Porpoise Bay.

However, the committee further recognized that the ecological sensitivity of Porpoise Bay must be taken into account in making any decisions regarding that area and decided to limit expansion along the east and west sides of the bay.

A light industrial area was also planned for the airport area.

Another public meeting will be held when the committee has finalized their recommendations.

SCRD forms committee

The Sunshine Coast Regional District decided at last Thursday night's meeting that it had now become necessary to create a new committee to deal with developers and subdividers in order to prevent a repetition of the recent troubles with the two Redrooffs Rd. developers who failed to pay the SCRD $350,000 until legal action was imminent.

Chairman John McNevin stated that he hoped the new committee could be organized from the members of the management committee to negotiate water, sewer and other development costs.

Regional District Director for Area A, Jack Paterson, also stated that he was concerned over the way in which the Department of the Environment was approving water lot lease renewals without contacting the SCRD for their opinions on the matter. He informed the board that he had recently become aware of a proposed marina development in Pender Harbour that recently had a new lease approved. He was concerned that if this type of development was allowed, eventually Pender Harbour would be covered in platforms exempt from planning and zoning functions.

Other members of the board added that they hoped the appointment of a new Regional Land Manager would improve the present situation.

Peninsula Recycling to present new budget

Tom Haigh, manager of Peninslua Recycling has informed the Sunshine Coast Regional District's Public Utilities Committee that he has revised his earlier estimate of $2,000 per month, needed to keep the recycling operation functioning, and hopes to be approaching the board with a new proposal in the near future.

Haigh estimated that if other governments and institutions can be compelled to share the cost of the operation it may be possible to ask the SCRD for only $1,000 per month of the operation's budget.

The recycling group is presently putting together a study of the situation and circulating a petition for support.

Student employment goes ahead

The Employment Program's Branch of the Department of labour has advised the Sunshine Coast Regional District that it has received approval for funding under the Summer Employment Program to the amount of $11,533.39. The board will now be able to go ahead with the hiring of six post secondary students for the May to August period and two high school students for the two holiday months. A further grant of $3,000 for administration costs has been supplied by the Department of Leisure Services.

The board plans to use the extra manpower for developing more regional park sites and creating trails and paths for recreational use.

One-way?

Thirty-five residents of Granthams Landing petitioned the Sunshine Coast Regional District to return Central Avenue to a one-way street at last Thursday night's meeting. The board agreed to support the citizens in a letter to the highways department and pointed out that it was a legitimate concern as the new traffic pattern was a definite hazard and parking along the south side of the street had been curtailed since the change.

A second petition from 18 residents of the Langdale Chines subdivision requested that the development be rezoned from R11 to R1. The board was informed that the planning committee had agreed to the change and that even though the developers, the YM and YWCA, were at fault for mistakenly claiming in the prospectus that the area was already R1, the board had a responsibility to protect the residents who had built on that basis. A by-law will be drafted for the board's consideration and the other owners in the development will be polled.

Development down

Regional District Planner Adrian Stott has initiated a new set of statistical tables designed to show the increase or decrease in the number of subdivision and Crown Lease applications received by the SCRD each month. The number of Agricultural Land Reserve appeals that are initiated and approved in each period is also included.

During the month of April the new tables show that six subdivision applications were received by the district covering a total of 16.1 hectares and adding an additional 38 lots to the area. Three other applications have been approved covering only six hectares and adding eight lots. The average total processing time for these applications is calculated at 14 months.

The planner's report also showed that applications for two crown land leases and four crown water leases covering a total of 17.6 hectares had been received. One crown land lease and two crown water leases were approved in the last month covering a total of 2.4 hectares. Only one application had been made for non-farm use of an agricultural reserve.

Stott pointed out that though there were no similar tables for the same period last year that less activity had been noticed this year probably due to a reduction in the availability of money and rising costs.

March permits rise by 30%

The SCRD Building Inspector, H. Morris-Reade has announced an increase of 16 in the total number of building permits issued in March 1976 over the same period last year.

The report showed that 15 new single family dwelling permits had been issued this March compared with 14 the previous year. Two commercial buildings, three mobile homes and six additions and alterations were also being carried out. Twenty-five plumbing permits and three accessory buildings brought the total to 54 permits issued compared with 38 for the same period last year.

The total value of this year's construction was down to $881,700 from last year's $1,097,000. Morris-Reade explained that this was primarily due to a permit issued in March last year to Canadian Forest Products for $553,000

The inspector also noted that construction was generally active, particularly in the Pender Harbour area, and that visits to Keats and Gambier were planned for the near future.

The regional district Work's Superintendent reported that 28 new connections had been made on the Redrooffs Rd. system and that six new users were now receiving regional district water

Legions get burial site

Area E Director Ed Johnson has informed the SCRD's Public Utilities Committee that after discussions with Gibsons Legion it has been decided to set aside a 50' by 90' plot in Seaview Cemetery for the use of war veterans. The committee further agreed to make the same porposal to the other Sunshine Coast Legion Branches.

Other topice discussed at the committee meeting included the purchase of a refuse incinerator and the current vandalism problems at the regional garbage dumps. Director Barry Pearson reported that he is still looking into the advisability of purchasing the incinerator and will inform the committee when he has reached a final decision. The committee also learned that a local contractor has been dumping logs at the Sechelt dump and recommended that a letter be written giving the contractor four weeks to clear away the mess or face paying the regional district's clean-up costs.

The committee also recommended that the board reconsider their stand on remaining on a bi-weekly garbage pickup and at the Thursday night SCRD meeting the board reviewed the situation and agreed to call for tenders on both weekly and bi-weekly service so that a comparison could be made.

The committee then considered a request from the Village of Sechelt asking that the regional district exempt them from a land charge on their Wildlife Sanctuary property. The committee agreed that since it was a public park no charge would be levied until water service was needed. The committee further agreed that the revenue to be derived from the new CMHC grants for water systems would be earmarked for amalgamation of the Redrooffs and regional water systems. However, at Thursday night's board meeting; it was pointed out that since the funds were intended for individual projects it would be better just to state that the funds would go towards water system improvements.

Area A director Jack Paterson officially asked that the Pender Harbour-Egmont area be included in the regional water system and the committee agreed to recommend the necessary changes in the letters patent.

Manpower survey

Manpower services may or may not be improved on the Sunshine Coast, depending on the results of a survey to be sent to all employers in this area within the next two weeks.

Jack Ross, the local representative of the Department of Manpower and Immigration, said the survey will be a one-time effort to determine whether Manpower services on the Sunshine Coast should be expanded or discontinued. He said the lack of local support from employers has made it impossible for Manpower to determine the training and placement potential of the community.

Ross admitted that with the Manpower office open only once a week in Sechelt, it has been difficult for employers to depend on Manpower for their employment needs.

He said it will be determined by the survey whether or not employers want the Manpower services here and indicated that if a positive response is received, the services may be increased.

Ross said he hopes to get at least a 60 percent response with the nine question survey and asks that all businesses respond, even those where the owner is the only employee of the business. He stressed that all information on the questionnaire will be kept confidential.

Association writes premier

The Roberts Creek Community Association has submitted a letter to Premier Bill Bennett asking him to seriously consider giving the regional district the powers to approve or disapprove relocation, major alterations and proposed new locations of highways, a power that is currently enjoyed only by municipalities. The association also stated that they felt they had a democratic right to challenge the decisions of the highways department through the elected board.

In a second letter to Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis the Roberts Creek Community Association asked that business licenses [illegible] so that more control could be gained over the type of businesses allowed. The SCRD added that the present business license system as controlled by the RCMP was inadequate and not uniformly applied. Gibsons Director Jim Metzler suggested that the regional rates could be equal to the current Gibsons and Sechelt rates and would give the board more control over the starting up of "back yard businesses" in areas that were improperly zoned. The board acknowledged the letter and added that the revenue derived from the sale of the licenses would more than cover the cost of a regional [illegible]

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To think that there is sin is sad.
A man would have to be quite mad,
To think there's really such a thing as sin!

The Dead End:
What is wrong with the glistening flowers,
Why don't they cheer?
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Tuesday, May 11, 8 p.m. If you think more tennis courts are needed on the coast, come to the Wilson Creek Community Hall.

Friday, May 14, 8:30 p.m. Benefit Dance, Gibsons Legion Hall. Entertainment by 'Whiskey Jack' Snacks. Tickets $3 single, $5 couple. Proceeds to Wilson Creek Group Home. Tickets available at Legion Clubroom and Ken's Lucky Dollar.

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★ ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allnutt are pleased to announce the engagement of their second eldest daughter Lita Rose, to Barry Williams, son of Mr. amd Mrs. E. Williams of Vancouver.

★ DEATHS

SILVEY: Passed away April 29, 1976, Ernest Silvey, late of Egmont, in his 69th year. Survived by his loving wife, Violet; 2 sons, Leonard and Bruce, Egmont; 1 daughter, Grace, Vancouver; 6 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Agnes, Gabriola, and Dolly, Egmont. Funeral service was held Monday May 3 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Sechelt. Rev. T. Nicholson officiated. Interment Seaview Cemetery. Harvey Funeral Home, directors.

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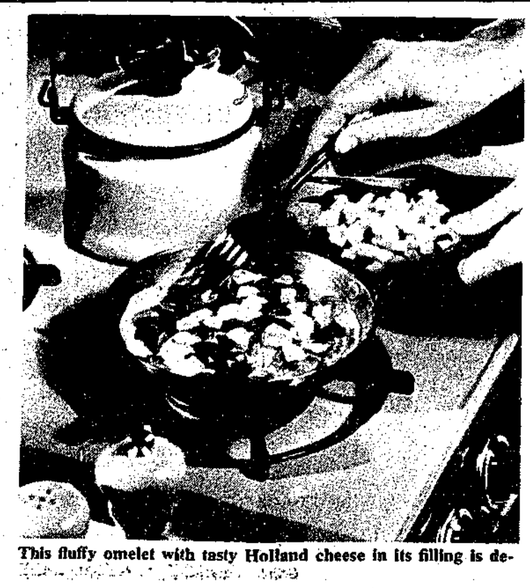

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Are the turtles invading?

by JOHN HIND-SMITH

Having seen, or perhaps the word should be, encountered, the first flood of campers and trailers of the season up here on the Sunshine Coast this Easter, I think it very opportune to reprint the accompanying article at this time.

Credit for this little masterpiece must be given to some unknown but obviously concerned person in the Cariboo country and it is a sorry fact of life that the same kind of thing goes on around here, despite the fact that there are at least three and maybe as many as five dumping stations on the coast, put there for the convenience of the camper and trailer man.

***It makes one wonder how many people actually use these conveniences.* Might it be suggested that a book be placed at each of these stations where a user could record the fact that he had used it and thus give us an idea how much usage they actually do get. Maybe the local newspapers could be talked into advertising the whereabouts of these dumping stations, as a public service, for the duration of the tourist season, for the benefit of those desirous of using same.**

The crystal clear waters of the *lake shimmer in the evening sun.* A slight breeze has set the leaves in the trees to clicking against one another. It is a peaceful conclusion to a warm Cariboo summer day.

Down the road rolls a vehicle with California licence plates. Like a turtle, it crawls along the dirt track. Also like a turtle, it has a house on its back. The vehicle is one of literally thousands to invade the Cariboo this year and is called, by most, a camper-truck.

The driver, his family and even the vehicle itself, look tired as the camper truck chugs to a standstill at the edge of the lake.

Out of the turtle home scramble three youngsters. Their mother, a fine, tanned woman of graceful manner, her sun-bleached hair strapped to her forehead with a bright bandana, stands and looks over the lake. She puts her hands on her hips and even with her tight slacks manages to bend backwards to stretch her back. The children jump around, glad to be in the fresh air.

The driver, a thick set man with horned rim glasses, slides from behind the wheel and joins his wife by the lake.

But soon the peaceful interlude is over and the family rushes around setting up its new house lot. The man in the thick glasses pulls a large flexible hose from the mobile house and sticks the nozzle into the lake.

And the crystal clear waters below the camper truck start to cloud with a sickly dark color. The camper truck has its own tiolet and waste material has been *stored in a tank with a limited* capacity. When that tank is full it must be emptied if the toilet is going to be any value to the holidaying occupants.

The lake is large and the sickly color will spread and dilute and eventually disappear. Certain chemicals in the waste material, if in sufficient quantity, could give growth to algae scum on the surface. The crystal clear water could be hidden from view.

But not this time. The lake is virtually free from pollution. One camper truck disgorging its waste materials will not pollute a lake.

Tomorrow the beautiful mother and her mate and her siblings will be gone. To another lake?

But tomorrow there may be two turtles crawling down the road to park by the cool waters. And on Saturday, maybe four.

It would seem like science fiction to picture a line-up of 10-20 camper rigs lined up along a lakeshore, each anxious to stick a flexible pipe into a beautiful Cariboo lake. But it is happening every day in the Cariboo 'tourist season.'

The pilgrimage has already started at Horsefly Lake, about 45 miles northeast of Williams Lake. Camper and trailer enthusiasts have now discovered an abandoned International Fisheries Commission salmon spawning station and are using it. The campers roll in and the hoses roll out.

The illustration poses a sticky question: Is tourism worth the resulting pollution? Can we live without the tourist, his sewage and his non-return bottles? Can the Cariboo survive economically without the great summer invasion?

The suggestion that tourist promotion be dropped would obviously result in a flood of condemnations from businesses that cater to the tourist. Or would it?

Here's what one tourist operator has to say: "We have oversold the tourist. He is not the god we make him out to be. These camper and trailer holidayers have been known to carry all their food supplies and even pack huge extra gas tanks (filled below the border). Bango!! There goes our road tax. This type of vacationer does nothing for the economy as he spends next to nothing in B.C. Yet we woo him, almost beg him to come and dump sewage in our lakes. I think it's time we sat down and thought this whole thing out..."

The resort operator is obviously affected by the vast increase in camper and trailer vacationing. He is becoming faced with cabins that stand empty while trailer and camper rigs nestle in the shade at the other end of his lake.

At last week's Cariboo Regional District board meeting in Horsefly, public health officer Frank Hartiger, who works under the crusading director of the Cariboo Health Unit, Dr. W. G. Meckison, all but condemned the out-of-province tourist for his thoughtlessness while exploring the central B.C. area.

"We know who is doing this," Hartiger said, "it's those camper trucks from down below."

Hartiger said the contrast between Dugan Lake — closed recently because of lakeshore pollution by garbage and human excrement — and Tyee Lake in the same general area was evident. He said Dugan Lake had been used by tourists while Tyee Lake was used almost exclusively by the local residents.

Now that the value of tourism has been seriously questioned, how will the Cariboo Tourist Association react?

The body is obviously doing an excellent job in getting people into the area, but has the Association in effect sold out the Cariboo?

It is obvious that heads will be put together over this next winter. Some form of control or education or restriction is indicated if the Cariboo countryside is to remain in a usable condition.

The town of Quesnel is presently investigating the possibility of constructing a sewer drop near the municipal disposal plant so camper rigs and trailers can unload their cargoes of potential pollution. Will this be enough?

The questions are endless and the answers scarce. But at last people in responsible positions are putting the blame where the blame belongs.

This is a fine start. It can only be hoped action will follow that will prevent that long lineup of camper trucks, sewer nozzles extended, from leaving a festering scar on the Cariboo countryside.

Sechelt vs. Killam cont'd.....

Sechelt Council clerk Tom Wood has referred the dispute with OK Tire store owner Haydon Killam to the village solicitors. Wood said that Killam had been given until April 26 to bring his building up to standards set by the arbitration board and that so far work had not begun.

Killam however, felt that the council had given him an extension of that deadline at the April 7 regular meeting by agreeing to hold a meeting with him to discuss the problem. Killam now feels that the situation can only be settled in court and feels sure that he can win his case.

The alterations include extending a rear fire wall to the second floor and other structural changes depending on for what use the upstairs area is to be rented. Killam claims that the village building inspector was "incompetent" in his original inspections of the building construction and that no matter what alterations take place the building will still not conform to the building code.

Wood felt that Killam had been given every opportunity to correct the buildings faults and that the only recourse for the village was legal action.

Killam stated that he is still planning to present council with a point by point statement of his side of the case at their next meeting, but feels that council will force the case into the courts rather than listen.

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There will be four trophies this year which winners will be allowed to keep. The annual Roy Maylea Memorial Trophy will also be presented. The Wildlife Club will also be giving prizes to participating kids who are not required to catch a fish to be eligible for a prize.

The derby will take place on Ruby and Sakinaw lakes and weigh-in will be at Ruby Lake near the cafe. Registration is not necessary, says the Wildlife Club, just bring your winning fish to the weigh scales.

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Horoscope for the next week

By TRENT VARRO

ARIES - March 21 to April 20
No need to worry too much about the confusing time you are now going through. Just lie low and let it pass, as it will. Next month will see much more pleasant events in store.

TAURUS - April 21 to May 20
This is a good time to go after what you want. It may mark important decisions and moves. BUT your "intuitions" are likely to be unsound and should be distrusted. A good time to sell, but a bad time to buy.

GEMINI - May 21 to June 20
Everything in Gemini is beginning to look pretty rosy, but watch your step! There is liable to be a slight set-back later, that could catch you off guard. If you're careful, this won't happen.

CANCER - June 21 to July 21
No doubt about it, all the signs are right for you in business and in pleasure. You should reap great benefits in all financial matters from now until the end of June.

LEO - Julyu 22 to August 21
The best thing for you astrologically is to watch carefully the events and happenings in the lives of persons born in Cancer and Sagittarius. You can learn much by observation, as this period will be coming up for you later.

VIRGO - August 22 to Sept. 21
This period will probably mark either the "high point" or "low point" in your business career, with things favouring the "high Point" if you don't overstep.

LIBRA - Sept 22 to October 22
Partnerships are highlighted for the coming week in the sign of Libra. Much can be learned and gained by listening to, and co-operating with your social and business associates.

SCORPIO - Oct 23 to Nov. 21
The only poor aspect in Scorpio right now, is a tendency to jump to conclusions too fast. Otherwise, everything is good. Be wise, and above all be cautious of what you say and do.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 Dec 20
A complete "revision of ideas" is undoubtedly changing your entire concept of life. This can mark the start of a new life that should bring you much happiness. You will be making new friends.

CAPRICORN -Dec 21 - Jan 19
Some startling but welcome news coming your way. An exciting and enjoyable time to look forward to. Business activity will also be a high-light for some time to come. Everything's got the green light.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
There is a lot of love and understanding in your life right at this time. You are a very fortunate person. Think on it and how, you too, can spread a circle of warmth.

PISCES - Feb. 19 to Mar. 20
The "heavy burden" that has been disturbing persons born in this sign is lifting. There may be a slight recurrence of this later on in the year, but it won't be nearly as bad. The clouds are lifting!

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Leisure Page

Cablevision Co. seeks increase

Coast Cable Vision has applied to the Canadian Radio-Television Commission for authority to increase the Company's connection and service charges.

The application which was submitted to the Canadian Radio-Television Commission on March 23, 1976 requests authority to increase connection charges from $15 to $25 for the first or main outlet. Extension installation charges would remain at $15 per outlet. Monthly service charges, presently $5.50 per month for the first outlet and $1.25 per month for each extension, would be increased to $7 and $1.50 per month, respectively, if the application is approved.

A Coast Cable Vision official stated that "should the CRTC approve the increases, such increases would not be retroactive and in fact, even if the application were approved by August 1976, the Company would not likely implement the increased rates until October 1, 1976".

If the Commission approves the application the new rates would then be similar to those rates presently in effect in the community of Squamish.

The company's spokesman added that if the increased rates were approved, it would be the first time in six years of operation that Sechelt and Gibsons cablevision charges were adjusted.

It was further stated that a good portion of the increased cash flow would be used to improve overall system reliability and performance and that it would be impossible for the company to maintain present service standards in the future without these increases.

P.H. Friendship tea

A reminder to members and friends of Pender Harbour Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital that the auxiliary is holding its annual Friendship Tea, Wednesday, May 12 at 1:30. Besides the refreshments, there will be a sale of plants, home cooking, and articles made by auxiliary members.

The auxiliary will also make the draw for a beautiful afghan, two cushions and a hanging macrame planter in the raffle. Tickets may be obtained from auxiliary members at 50¢ each or three for $1.

Talking books available

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the Provincial Library Development Commission announce that in future all Talking Books will be available through Senior Services of the Sunshine Coast Community Resource Society.

The CNIB and the LDC are happy to co-operate in this program so that Talking Books may be made available through B.C. public libraries not only to blind people but to all handicapped persons who for one reason or another are unable to cope with the printed word.

As equipment for the present system as used by the CNIB is becoming more difficult to obtain, the new system will have all books recorded on commercial cassettes. Complete change over to this system is planned for B.C. by spring of 1977.

The Library Development Commission has left a deposit of 131 titles at the Senior Services office in Gibsons, to be used from Pender Harbour to Port Mellon. They may be loaned to handicapped persons who can not use conventional print.

To assist with the change over and to allow prospective clients an opportunity to try out this new system, Senior Services is most grateful to Mrs. Ruth Beacon, Mrs. Sally Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson for their donations of tape recorders. These recorders are available for loan on a monthly basis.

For further information please contact Mrs. Louise Hume, coordinator of Senior Services at 886-7415 or drop into the office in the basement of Coast Garibaldi Health Unit, corner of Winn Road and South Fletcher, Gibsons.

'Dream' staged in open

by JOHN BURNSIDE

Why a Midsummer Night's Dream and why at the Recreation Centre? Simply because Midsummer Night's Dream is a light-hearted and funny play and because the Recreational Centre is such a lovely place. It should be possible to stage the play well in the natural and picturesque amphitheatre of the lecture site. The play would be done lit only by daylight as Shakespeare was originally presented. There are enough talented people on the Sunshine Coast to do it and if enough of them want to try there should be no problem.

Already discussions have taken place with the Madrigal Singers who so ably pioneered the cultural use of the Recreational Centre and it is possibly that some significant contribution in the way of Elizabethan music by that group may be possible on this occasion.

The production would be timed to coincide with midsummer's night and could be presented as often as people wanted to see it or to do it. Rehearsals will be held in the open air as far as possible and will be scheduled for maximum convenience for all involved.

Casting meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11 and all casting will be done at this time. The casting will be completely open and no one not present at these meetings will be cast.

Those who were fortunate enough to enjoy the Madrigal Singers and to see the production of Rumplestiltskin, directed by Jeremy Young, a few years ago will fully appreciate how the open air, especially in a setting as lovely as the Recreational Centre, can be the milieu for productions of great charm and delight. All interested, whether or not they are experienced, are cordially invited to attend the casting meetings. They will be held at 8 p.m. in Portable 4 of Elphinstone Secondary on the dates mentioned. The rehearsals will be scheduled for Roberts Creek for the convenience of both Gibsons and Sechelt residents.

MISS SUZETTE will be one of the performers at the De Wayne Bros. Circus May 10 at the Wilson Creek Baseball Field. The circus is sponsored by the Wilson Creek Community Association.

CBC Radio

CBC shows concern for cynics

Are you a cynic? Is it a cop-out? An excuse not to get involved? Could it be a self-serving destructive process? Is it the social disease of the 70s? This age, more than previous ones seems to be characterized by its cynics. On Concern, Wednesday, journalists, humorists and philosophers discuss cynicism. Hope you won't be disappointed!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

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

Concern 9:03 p.m. Cynicism, a discussion from Halifax, produced by John Coutanche.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Themes and Variations 8:03 p.m. Part 1, Steven Staryk, violin, Jean-Paul Seville, piano. Sonata in C. Minor, Beethoven; Encounter, Harry Freedman. Part 2: Da Camera Singers, songs by Lotti, Vittoria, Brahms, Britten, Archer and Rorem.

Jazz Radio-Canada 10:30 p.m. Nimmons 'n' Nine Plus Six and P. J. Perry Quintet.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Canadian Concert Hall 2:30 p.m. CBC Winnipeg Orchestra, Second Essay for Orchestra, Barber; Symphony No. 2, Ives — All-American program saluting the U.S. Bi-Centennial.

Between Ourselves 8:03 p.m. Small Town Rodeo by Claire Eamer.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Dr. Bundolo's Pandemonium Medicine Show 11:30 p.m. Satire.

Opera by Request 2:03 p.m. Your favorite artists, overtures, arias on record, host Bill Hawes.

Music de Chez Nous 7:00 p.m. Recital by Laurien Laufman, cello, Andre Sebastien, Savoie, piano. Sonata in D Major, J. S. Bach; Sonata in F Major, Brahms; Sonata No. 3, Hindemith; A la Fontaine, Davidoff; Le Chant du Cygne Noir, Villa-Lobos.

CBC Stage 8:30 p.m. Brother Augustus by Grace Richardson, an ironic love story about a young man who finds true love just as he is to enter the priesthood, starring Rex Hagon and Terry Tweed.

Anthology 10:03 p.m. Poems by Elizabeth Brewster. Frank Watt interviews Winnipeg poet, Dorothy Livesay. Morley Callaghan.

Music Alive 11:03 p.m. Part 1, Luig Leguia, cello, Lee Colby Wilson, piano in recital. Part 2, Marta Hidy, violin, Arthur Ozolins, piano, sonata Weinzwieg.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

The Bush and The Salon 1:03 p.m. Massacre at Frog Lake by Bill Fraser — a dramatized story from Saskatchewan in 1885.

Stanley Cup Hockey 4:03 p.m.

The Royal Canadian Air Farce 7:03 p.m. Comedy, this week from Calgary.

The Entertainers 7:30 p.m. Cruel Tears, a country and western musical from a book by Ken Mitchell with music by Humphrey and the Dumptrucks.

CBC Playhouse 10:30 p.m. Dead Last at Woodbine by Robert Sandler — a Nick Weatherspoon mystery.

MONDAY, MAY 10

Music of Our People 8:03 p.m. Sea Shanties sung by Oscar Raul.

The Great Canadian Gold Rush 10:30 p.m. Interview with this year Juno award winners Myles and Lenny. Live concert featuring Tod Rundgren.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

CBC Tuesday Night 8:03 p.m. Sacrifice, a play by young Vancouver playwright Brenda White starring Walter Marsh and Robert Clothier. Part 2. The Baroque Strings of Vancouver. Concerto for Violin and oboe, J. S. Bach; Concerto Grosso, Corelli; Concerto Grosso, Handel. Part 3 The Cat Jumps, a story by Elizabeth Bowen read by Aileen Seaton.

Touch the Earth 10:30 p.m. Interview and song of Valdy.

A Rocky Horror Picture Show

Susan Sarandon was born in New York City. Her father, a former nightclub singer, moved his wife and nine children to the suburbs of New Jersey, where Susan went through high school studying to become a dancer. She attended Catholic University in Washington, D.C. where she studied religion, mathematics, philosophy and drama along with the unlikely subject of military strategy.

It was when she met Chris Sarandon, a young actor who became her husband, performing with the Garrick Players in Georgetown, that she began to consider an acting career. Her first break came when she was "discovered" to play Peter Boyle's daughter in "Joe."

She subsequently appeared in "Le Fleur Bleu" (a Canadian film), "Lady Luck" and "Lovin' Molly." Susan attracted the attention of Billy Wilder when she tumbled from atop a biplane, barnstorming with Robert Redford in "The Great Waldo Pepper" and he cast her opposite Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau in "The Front Page."

She has been seen in a number of television dramas, most remarkably as Ailie Calhoun in the highly acclaimed special presentation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Last of the Belles." She has also appeared in a revival of the George S. Kaufman/Moss Hart play "June Moon" on NET, in "The Rimers of Eldritch" and on a number of series and movies-of-the-week. Early in her career she sustained continuing roles on two daytime serials, "Search for Tomorrow" and "A World Apart."

In "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" Susan has her first chance to sing on screen.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show plays at the Twilight Theatre in Gibsons May 9, 10 and 11.

TIM CURRY as Dr. Frank Furter rejoices over his monstrous creation as Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick watch in amazement in the rock musical comedy The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

CASTING MEETING

for MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
May 10 and 11 at 8 p.m.
Portable 4 of Elphinstone Secondary

This light-hearted and funny Shakespearian play will be directed by John Burnside and presented outdoors at the Roberts Creek Recreational Centre to coincide with Midsummer's Night.

All interested — experienced or inexperienced — are invited to attend the casting meetings. Rehearsals will be scheduled for Roberts Creek for the convenience of both Gibsons and Sechelt residents.

Band goes to festival

Weldon Epp, music instructor at Gibsons Elementary School, has announced that the school band has been invited to participate in the International Band Festival in Abbotsford, May 7 and 8.

This marks the first time a school band from this school district has received an invitation to play in the annual festival.

A special practise program will be open to the public on May 6 in the Gibsons Elementary School gymnasium. The concert will start at 7 p.m. amd continue for approximately one hour. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Organic gardening tips

by ALEXIS DAVISON

Organic gardening is rapidly becoming very popular, as evidenced by the number of books available on the subject. The following books are just a few of dozens on the market.

Gardening Without Poisons by Beatrice T. Hunter, Houghton Mifflin Co. c1971, 239p. Hardcover, $8.50.

The author is a well-known American lecturer on the subject of pesticides and is the author of **The Natural Foods Cookbook** and **Consumer Beware! Your Food and What's Being Done to It.** In this book, Mrs. Hunter illustrates how to achieve a balance between regular use of pesticides and total abstinence. She does so by combining recent scientific data with time-tested gardening principles. She discusses the role of insects and birds, using natural fertilizers, controlling undesirable pests, and breeding plants which are stronger and more resistant to disease.

Western Organic Gardening, by Organic Gardening and Farming Magazine, Floyd Allen, ed. Rodale Press, c1972, 140 p. paperback, $3.50.

This book is simply a compilation of articles by writers on the staff of the magazine. These writers examine topics such as how to start your garden, how to improve your soil, and some unusual ideas for making your garden grow. However, the bulk of the text has little value to British Columbia residents as it focuses on desert gardening, California gardening and high altitude gardening.

Good Food Naturally: How to Grow It, Cook It, Keep It. by John B. Harrison, J. J. Douglas Ltd. c1972, 106p. paperback, $4.50.

John Harrison is a resident of Mylora, B.C. and has been actively engaged in organic gardening for 26 years. In addition, he operates a summer demonstration organic gardening school at which he illustrates his belief that a farmer should practice preventative rather than curative measures. As the author states, ". . . [this book] offers proof that organic farming is the only real solution to the mounting agricultural pollution which threatens almost all the earth." This is an excellent book, totally relevant to British Columbia farming practices.

The Basic Book of Organically Grown Foods, by "Organic Gardening and Farming Magazine" M. C. Goldman and Wm. H. Hylton eds. Rodale Press, c1972, 324p. paperback, $1.50.

This book is an authoritative and informative book on everything from how to grow organic food in your backyard and preserving it, to how to buy good food and where, to how to cook this food in the best possible way.

Of these four books, only **Western Organic Gardening** is disappointing and is not a worthwhile acquisition. The other three are all valuable, depending on individual needs and requirements.

All are available from Books and Stationery, Sechelt.

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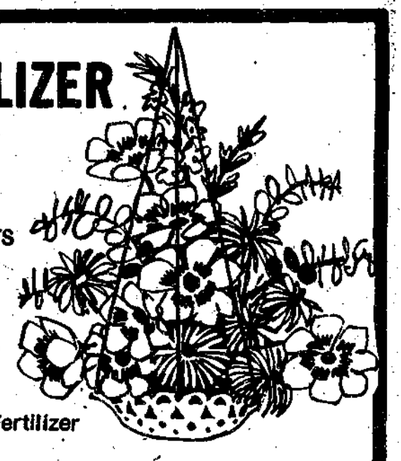
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Hospital Auxiliary hosts area meet

by PEGGY CONNOR

St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliaries were hosts for the Lower Mainland Area meeting of the B.C. Association of Hospital Auxiliaries, Wednesday, April 28 at the Sechelt Legion Hall.

It took 5 big busses to transport most of the 375 women coming as far away as White Rock with 83 from the Peace Arch Hospital the largest contingent in the group.

Mrs. Margaret Lang Hastings, Area Representative and Chairman for the meeting, thanked Mrs. Evelyn Olson Co-Ordinating Council President for the work the council had done in effeciently setting up the hall and the lunch for the day.

Greetings were expressed by Mayor Harold Nelson on behalf of the Village of Sechelt. Acting Administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, Mrs. Dana Kearney R.N. welcomed the Association for the Hospital Board and staff.

The National President of the Canadian Hospital Association of Hospital Auxiliaries Mrs. Lynn Rosenfield sent greetings with National Vice President Mrs. Louise Hughes. Mrs. Hughes spoke on the National Education fund to be used to keep out of reach hospitals up to date by sending seminars to the north.

Mrs. Muriel Knight, BCHA President, conducted the nominations for the new Area Representative, Peace Arch Hospitals candidate Mrs. Valerie Wilson was elected.

The feature speaker for the day was John Lewis of Sechelt, Chairman and supervisor of transportation, speaking on the Mini-bus, its start and its progress. Sixteen months of operation and 12,000 passengers were carried and the need now is for another bus to service more of the people, Mr. Lewis said.

A lively interest was shown in Mr. Lewis's talk with pertinent questions coming from the floor. The Mini-bus itself was on view outside with John Lewis, driver john Bunyan and Hugh Duff on hand to answer all queries.

Lunch was provided by the Sechelt Legion Ladies who undertook to feed the 375 present and did an excellent job.

Mrs. Mary Redman entertained at lunch with piano music. Many sat outside on the grass to eat and enjoy the sunshine.

Message from the Provincial Executive came from First Vice-president, Margaret E. MacPherson of Windemere. "Changing role of the Volunteer" was the title of her talk, touching on the different volunteers that make up a community and the good they all do.

Registration report by Mrs. Doreen Dockar, immediate Past President of the Co-Ordinating Council showed good representation from the Lower Mainland with the 20 auxiliaries present.

Optional tour of the hospital or the Thrift shop with a goodly portion taking in either one or the other or both. At St. Mary's Hospital Muriel Eggins, Volunteer Director had volunteers in red smocks ready to guide visitors through the hospital, wearing attractive dogwood name plate, the work of Mrs. Pauline Lambe of Roberts Creek.

Thrift shop ladies kept their shop open exclusively for the visiting ladies to observe their operation.

Posters from the six auxiliaries to St. Mary's Hospital adorned the walls, showing just how each one raises money and how they spend their time in the hospital. Art work done by other than auxiliary members was the work of Kurt Reichel and L. Meadows.

The kits provided for each lady contained a stryofoam dogwood corsage which was the work of Sechelt member Mrs. Margaret Humm.

The Hospital Board of St. Mary's, Sechelt donated three floral containers and at the close of the meeting these were drawn for door prizes.

Elphevents

by D. J. HAUKA

Last week I mentioned the courtyard, but mostly, it was for students.

Now I have been asked to appeal (no, that's not a party in a belfry) to the public on behalf of the courtyard committee. Well lets be honest, I haven't really been asked; I've been told.

At any rate if you, the public, are reading this, and have any cutting, perennials, (flowers what grow for a long time by demselves) or annuals (one shot deallies) would you donate them to us, contact me or Bill Procter. We will refer you to Barb Wilson who will suggest Mr. Pope, who will send you to Mrs. McKowan, who won't be able to see you because she is busy working in the courtyard.

Speaking of which, you all saw the picture of the nice flowers which are part of the courtyard. Why it even looks good enough to be buried in (which might happen to me if I'm not careful).

It took $70 to get it looking that way. It will cost $350 more to finish it.

Digging into our pockets we find only small pieces of non-negotiable lint. This is the reason for donations.

To make our courtyard a better place, it is not only up to us, but also up to you (good way of getting out of the responsibility, isn't it?).

Having bushed, I mean brushed, that subject aside, we take our thoughts elsewhere. If anybody is interested, there was a grade 9-10 soccer game between Elphinstone and Pender Harbour last week. Elphie won over Pender, 1 - 0.

On a somewhat heavier topic the Elphie senior boys rugby team had a game with the Gibsons mens' rugby team. I don't think they kept score, but the men won. It was only a practice for the upcoming tournament in Vicoria anyway.

The electricians were playing with the fire bells this week and the school sounded much like the inside of a telephone. Classes didn't know when to begin, or for that matter, when to end. It seems that our smoke detector system is over sensitive and can be triggered by mere dust.

I should take out an expense account, places I go for stories! This week it was to Capilano College. There was a career fair there, which is where you go to find out that you aren't suited for the job you had in mind.

With 40 odd students going, it was a bit confusing. We fair near over-whelmed the ferry and the bus was full. But when we arrived busloads of school kids from all over had preceded us.

It was nearly impossible to determine who was from Cap College and who wasn't. Tim McCaughtry and I ambled into the buildings only to find the job Tim wanted was being phased out. So to drown our sorrows we went to the main campus cafeteria, not a bad little place, a bit messy perhaps, but the food was O.K.

After drifting around, we noticed a tennis game, (arcade style) similar to the type on a certain ferry to Nanaimo. After shoving quarters and things into the machine, we found it was time to go.

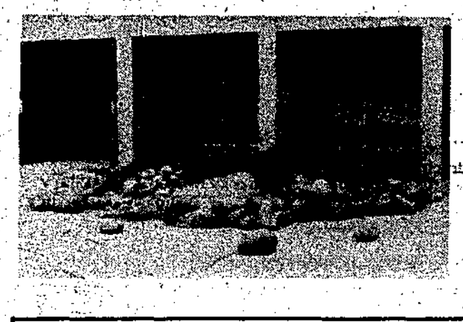
To while the time away waiting for the ferry we threw rocks into the water, we also sat on rocks and even fell off rocks.

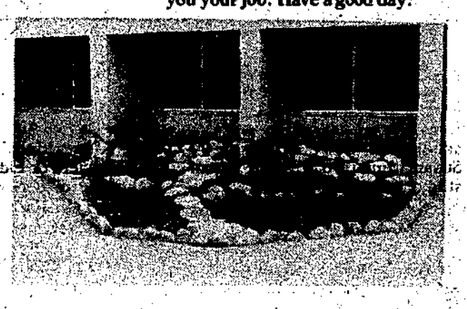
On the ferry homeward almost everyone took advantage of the good weather and filled the sundeck.

On Friday we found the perfect solution for getting students out walking in the courtyard. Give them time off school. Mr. Pope took his repeat block class and gave them squeegies. "Wash windows" he said. He then took a bunch more and gave them a wheel barrow and told them "get rock". Me? I phoned my publisher and said take pictures..please?

That's one thing you always do with a publisher and editor: say please.

Remember, it costs you nothing to be polite, rudeness may cost you your job. Have a good day.





IT COST $70 to get the courtyard looking this way. It will cost $350 more to finish it. Perennials anyone?

Sunshine Coast Regional District

NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Sunshine Coast Regional District Board will be held as follows:

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For further information call the Women's Centre at 885-3711.

OTTAWA and Small Business

Paperwork holiday?

By KENNETH McDONALD

In their battle with inflation, Canadians will have to decide between a competitive market economy and permanent wage and price controls. The U.S. is opting for the free enterprise alternative, as Canadian visitors are quick to notice.

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Regular gasoline in the U.S. varies between a low of 60 cents and a high of 75 cents per Imperial gallon. Milk and eggs are as much as 40 per cent cheaper there than in Canada. House prices are two-thirds to one half of the Canadian equivalent.

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The head of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board is urging deregulation of airline fares as the solution to rising travel costs. Imagine the Chairman of the Canadian Transport Commission (Edgar Benson – remember him?) urging the break-up of Air Canada's monopoly!

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Moreover, there are checks and balances on government spending in the U.S. which are sadly lacking in Canada. A U.S. congressional committee can require any government official or private citizen to appear before it as often and for as long as it wishes.

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In April, 1976, in Ottawa, the Opposition defence critic was permitted only two 15-minute periods to question Defence Minister James Richardson before the External Affairs and National Defence Committee about the Government's $1 billion airplane purchase from Lockheed.

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Ottawa says the purchase will create 2,500 jobs in Canada. That's $400,000 per job. Yet mismanagement of the Lockheed deal has Ottawa scrambling to borrow $300 million from Canadian banks to help that scandal-plagued company. This at a time when the Canadian small business community, which can create jobs for between $3,000 and $10,000 each, is desperate for investment capital at a reasonable rate.

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In the U.S., a presidential commission has been established to ease the oppressive burden of paperwork on the economy in general and on small business in particular. Deregulation and eliminating forms go hand in hand.

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A Quebec member of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business put it well: "I am expected, inspected, disrespected, suspected, dejected, examined, re-examined, commanded and compelled."

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What Canada needs is not another public holiday but a paper holiday. To celebrate it, Statistics Canada would issue its longest, and final, bulletin: "The following forms have been withdrawn and are no longer required."

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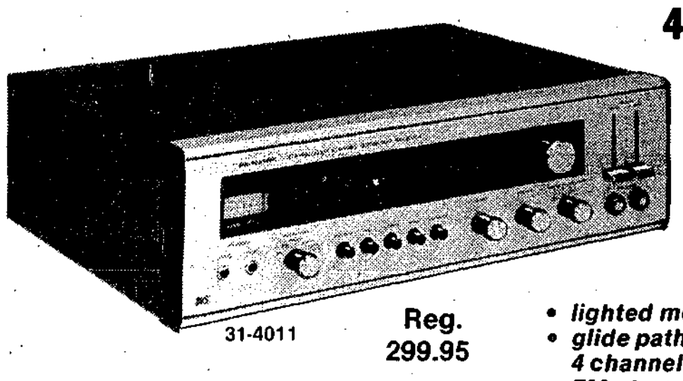

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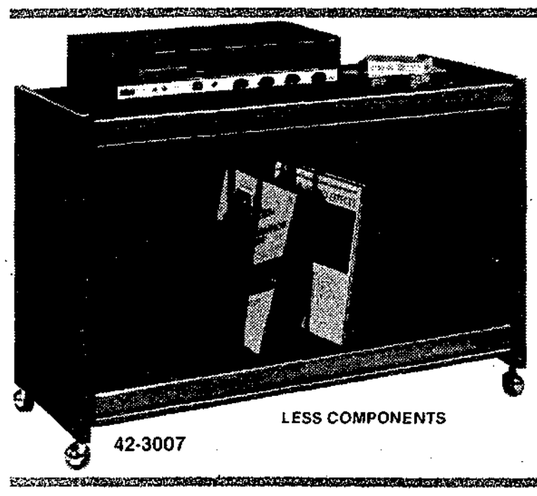

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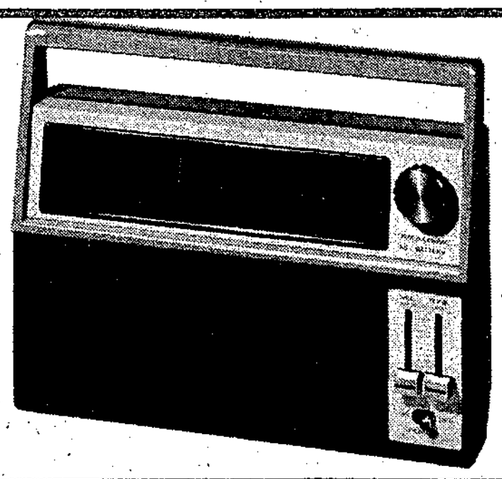

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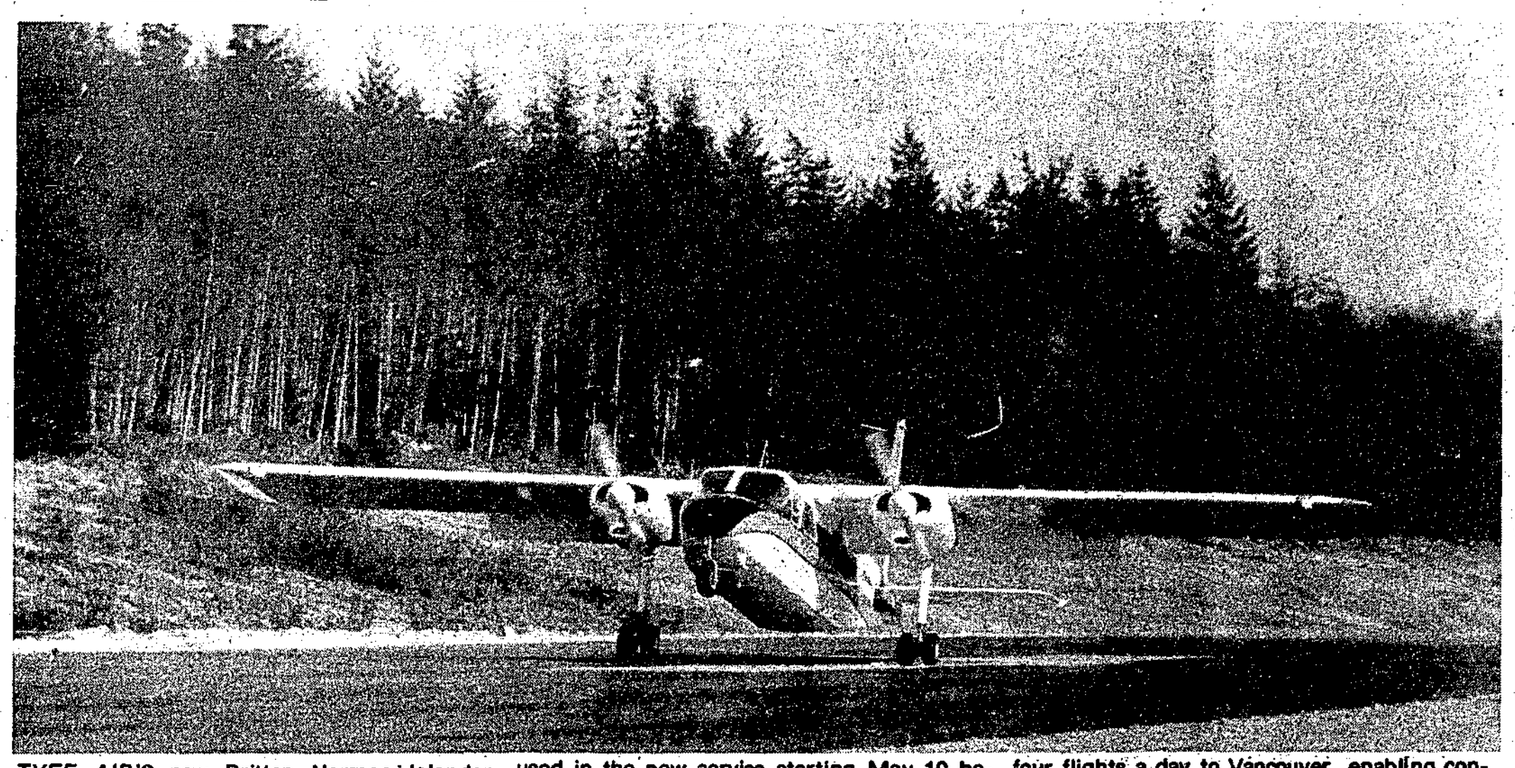

TYEE AIR'S new Britten Norman Islander lands at Gibsons-Sechelt Municipal Airport after being flown here from Abbotsford Friday. The plane, which carries nine passengers, is the largest plane in Tyee's fleet and will be used in the new service starting May 10 between Powell River, Sechelt and Vancouver Airport. The Islander is designed for short takeoffs and landings and can take off fully loaded in 900 feet. Tyee is planning up to four flights a day to Vancouver, enabling connection to most international and national flights from there. There will be an open house at the airport Saturday, May 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. to allow people to view the new aircraft.

St. Mary's won't go on strike

Dana Kearney, acting administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, stated last week that she considers it very unlikely that the Sechelt hospital will be affected by the strike threat currently plaguing the province's major hospitals. Mrs. Kearney added that she felt the staff were very loyal to the hospital and would be willing to wait and accept whatever offer was worked out in Vancouver.

Strike action was threatened last week by the Hospital Employees' Union after a failure by hospitals to meet contract demands. The Hospital Employees' Union (HEU) consists mainly of the hospital support workers such as cleaners, orderlies, janitors, and helpers.

Mrs. Kearney also stated that she had received work from Vancouver that it may be necessary for St. Mary's to accept patients from the lower mainland if the situation further deteriorates. Transfers to Vancouver have been stopped until after the labour difficulties are settled.

The acting administrator claimed that there will definitely be no hardship for the people of the Sunshine Coast as a result of the union actions.

Caretaker hired

Alex Swanson has been appointed as the new resident caretaker of the Gibsons-Sechelt Municipal airport. The announcement was made last week at a Gibsons council meeting.

A total of three applications were received for the position as a caretaker who will live in a trailer at the airport site.

In the meantime Tyee Airways has indicated it is interested in renting a house near the airport site as an office for their new land plane service.

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Irons Only Tournament

In ladies golf last week, the winners of the Irons Only Tournament were Lil Bullied in the first division, Jessie Pritchard in the second division, and Betty Laidlaw in the third division.

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Redrooffs money secured

The Sunshine Coast Regional District's solicitors, Farris, Vaughan, Wills and Murphy of Vancouver, have concluded an agreement with Redrooffs Estates Ltd. to pay the $160,000 that has been owing to the Regional Board for the last few months. A second developer, Evergreen Holdings Ltd. paid off their delinquent account of $190,000 two weeks ago.

The agreement between the SCRD and the developer calls for a regional district mortgage on the property of $40,000 to cover costs to date and the balance of the money owing, $120,000, to be paid upon tentative approval of the subdivision by the Department of Highways. If the SCRD has not received full payment by June 1 they will have the option to exercise the rights of their mortgage and foreclose on the property to recover their expenses to date. Until that time the district will be receiving 10¼ percent on the mortgage loan.

It is hoped that the board will receive full payment as soon as possible so that this awkward situation can be cleared off the regional books. Chairman McNevin has further recommended that a special committee be set up to deal with developers to prevent a recurrance of the situation.

Friends want resignation

The Friends of the CBC have called for the resignation of the radio network's Toronto management.

In a recent letter to the Toronto Globe and Mail, Maryanne West, a member of the organization of local CBC radio listeners who act both as the network's most faithful listeners and it's severest critics, suggested the management's resignation because of the "cultural Apartheid policy" that deprives rural listeners of some of the network's better programs.

The CBC suggested the apartheid policy, FM radio for "serious" programming and AM radio for "light" programming, several years ago but the Canadian Radio and Television Commission turned down the idea.

The CBC has since rekindled efforts to move towards the specialized networks and indications are that such a move is already occurring because of the elimination of certain AM radio programs

The Friends of the CBC claim that CBC management is contravening the CRTC's policy decision against the specialized networks. The group says that millions of Canadians cannot receive the signals of the CBC's eight station FM network and those Canadians are therefore deprived of some of the country's best radio programs.

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CHIEF KHOT-LA-CHA, right, of the Capilano Indian Band of North Vancouver with Roy Bell of the Pender Harbour Hotel, samples the local catch. The Chief will be one of the judges in the Hotel's First Annual Salmon Derby, May 22 through 24.

Special services at Pentecostal

Rev. and Mrs. Clinton Ward will conduct special services at the Gibsons Pentecostal Church next week.

Rev. and Mrs. Clinton Ward who have preached to one million people across North America will be in Gibsons from May 11 to 16 at the Pentecostal Church, Hwy. 101 at Martin Road.

The main emphasis of their program will be directed towards children of all ages. Each night, Tuesday through Friday at 7 p.m. there will be a 'funtastic' Kids Krusade with magic talks, gospel cartooning, people puppets, prizes and surprises. The concluding services will be held Sunday at 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend any of the services, especially the windup family services on Sunday.

News from the alley

by BUD MULCASTER

Last Saturday we held the house round for the Province Teambowl Tournament and the Hi-Los, Penny McClymont, Bobi Mulligan, Marilyn Strom, Sue Earwaker and Vickie Buchanan will represent Gibsons Lanes at Hastings Bowl, May 2 and will bowl for a trip to Reno.

Our League Champion tournament was combined with the Bowlers Association's League Champion Tournament last Wednesday night and the Seductive Five team of Nora Solinsky, Carole Skytte, Tina Youdell, Bonnie McConnell and Jennifer Fallis won the House Trophy. The I Don't Knows, Don MacKay, Margaret Buchanan, Belva Hauka, Ken Stewart and Dave Leslie won the Bowlers Association tournament and will proceed to the zone finals in Vancouver. There is $3500 in prize money at the end of this tournament so we wish them good luck.

Last Sunday we held our 300 Club tournament for all bowlers who rolled 300 plus games during league play, and Don MacKay took top money rolling 880. Carole Skytte was second with 878, Orbita delos Santos was third with 876 and Larry Braun was fourth rolling 873. Larry also rolled the highest single 300 game in league or tournament play with a tremendous 368 single. A good close tournament.

There were approximately 125 300 plus games rolled this year during league play with 50 different bowlers rolling more than 300, many rolling their first 300 game.

Our Spring League got started last week and Art Holden rolled the only 300 game of the week with a 319 single.

Rosemary speaks to teachers

Rosemary Brown, the MLA for Vancouver-Burrard, will be one of the keynote speakers at a teacher's professional development day organized by the Status of Women Committee of the Sechelt Teacher's Association.

Ms. Brown will start her speech at 9 a.m. May 10 at Elphinstone Secondary School. The afternoon speaker will be Reggi Newberg, Assistant Director of Human Resources. His speech will start at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to the keynote speeches. Daycare facilities will be available at the school at no charge.

The professional development day is one of six in-service days set aside during the year to involve teachers in day long workshops on special topics. Students will not attend classes during that day.

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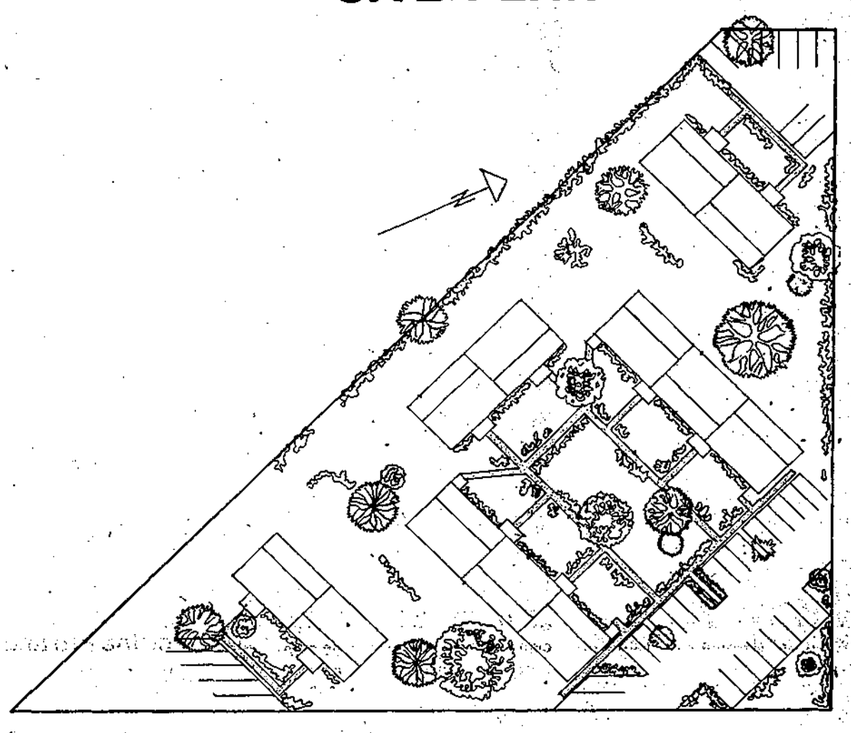

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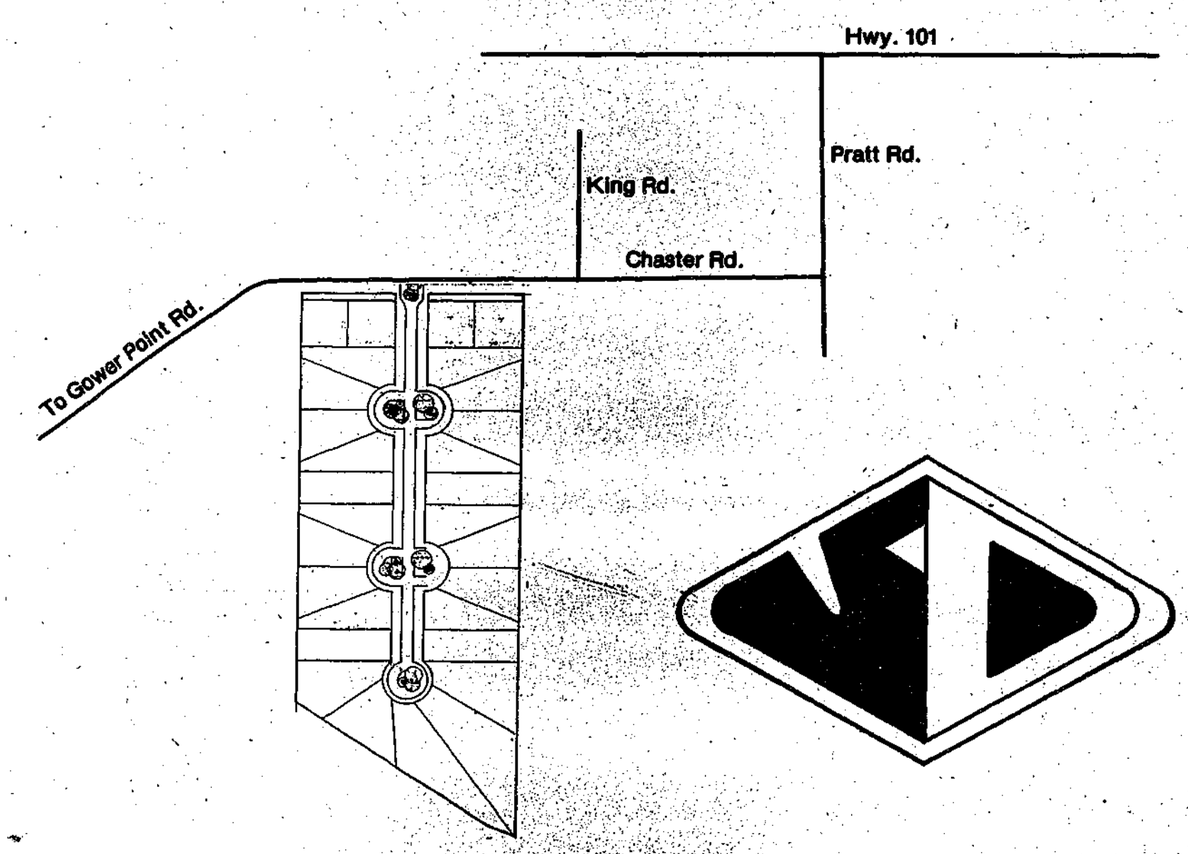

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When the Russians lived next door

by DOUG SEWELL

In a country whose development and culture so strongly reflect our British and French heritage it is often so easy to forget that the men who opened up much of the new world were often citizens of neither of these great nations. In British Columbia four powers were directly responsible for the settlement, development and exploration of this new territory and though Britain remains the greatest motivating force in the province's early history, the contributions of the Russian, Spanish and American explorers and traders are equally important.

Had any one of these nations stood up to British diplomacy the area we now call British Columbia would have fallen into their sphere of influence.

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The easiest way to start an argument among local historians is to ask the old familiar question "Who discovered B.C.?" It is an easy question to ask, but unfortunately unless you accept the indigenous Indian population as a valid answer, it depends on who you want to believe.

Many anthropologists and archaeologists believe that the first people to visit this coast were the Chinese, Japanese and Polynesian seafarers, possibly hundreds of years before Columbus accidentally stumbled into America while trying to prove the world was indeed round. The first European to see this coast was likely the famous pirate Sir Francis Drake who sailed the Golden Hind into this area in 1579 while trying to find a shorter route back to England. It is doubtful however whether Drake or the Greek captain Juan de Fuca, who claimed to have found the north-west passage at latitude 49 (the present Canada-U.S. border) in 1592 while in the employ of the Spanish, ever made it as far north as they claim.

The next wave of European exploration of the North Pacific Coast came not from the south where the British and Americans were contesting the possession of the Spanish territories, but from the north, Imperial Russia.

The first confirmed siting of the Pacific Coast, north of the Columbia River was made by a Danish officer in the service of the Russians on July 16, 1741. Vitrus Bering, after sailing through the Aleutians sited the St. Elias range in central Alaska and made a landfall somewhere along that rugged coast. Bering's ship the St. Peter was wrecked on the return voyage and though Bering died many of his crew survived to tell the story. A second ship of the expedition led by Aleksei Chirikov had better luck; they spent their entire voyage exploring the Aleutians and returned to Petropavlovsk in Siberia to report a great abundance of sea otters off the Alaska coast. The great fur rush was on and the Russian fur traders lost little time in taking advantage of the situation.

In 1745 two Russian traders, Chevaevskoi and Trapeznikov outfitted the first fur trading expedition and as the next few years passed the Russian traders slowly rolled further and further to the south, probably becoming the first Europeans to explore the northern B.C. coast.

By the time Spain realized that the Russians were invading what they considered to be their territory, though they had never taken the time to explore it, it was too late to stop the Russian incursion. The Spaniards sent Hezeta and Quadra north in 1774 and 1775 in an attempt to try and bolster their claims but by this time the Russians had had nearly 30 years to consolidate their position in Alaska, an advantage they were to hold until the American Alaska Purchase of 1867.

While Spain and Britain argued over the southern B.C. coast in the late 1700s, the Russians were getting ready for another big push to the south. In 1799 the Czar chartered the Russian American Co. and gave them the sole rights to trade and commerce north of the 55 latitude, near the present B.C.—Alaska border. Alexander Baranov, a private trader was appointed the first Colonial Governor of Russian America and late in 1799 he headed an expedition south to establish the new capital of the colony at Sitka. The original fort St. Michael was burned by the Tlingit Indians in 1802, but was reestablished by Baranov on an even larger scale in 1804. The Spaniards had by this time been pushed further and further south and the contest for possession of the coast fell to the two great fur trading companies, the Russian American Company and the Hudson's Bay Company. For a few years the two commercial giants liver peacefully together but by 1825 even the huge North Pacific coast was proving too small for co-existence.

The Convention of 1825 was designed to halt these confrontations and though it recognized the Russian claims to the Alaska Panhandle it was generally considered to be a victory for British diplomacy. The Russians had earlier claimed the right to all territory along the coast to the 51st latitude (the northern end of Vancouver Island) but when they agreed to withdraw this unreasonable claim the British were only too happy to give them the coastal strip down to 54/40. The Russians also gave Britain the right to navigate Alaskan waters and to enter the river mouths in order to reach landlocked British territory. It was this part of the convention which eventually caused the renewal of hostilities between the companies. The Russian advance to the south which looked so threatening to the HBC in 1810 when the Russians had been opening trading posts in California and Hawaii had been halted at the price of the panhandle and the HBC empire had been secured from the Portland Canal to Northern California. It is no wonder that they considered half the B.C. coast to be a small price for this security.

The next few years after the signing of the convention were years of rapid growth for both the trading companies. It wasn't until Peter Skene Ogden, the famous HBC explorer and trader headed north in 1833 that the relations between the two companies again began to deteriorate. When Ogden sailed into the mouth of the Stikine River aboard the "Dryad" and invoked the 1852 convention that allowed him access to the northern reaches of the river, the Russians refused. They were well aware that Ogden's orders were to establish a fort on the upper Stikine that would virtually eliminate the trade to their Fort St. Dionysus that blocked the entrance to the river. Ogden appealed to the governor without success and was finally forced to return to Fort Vancouver with his mission still unaccomplished.

The Russians bitterly regretted the 1825 convention and when the British tried to press for damages resulting from the aborted voyage they were unsympathetic. The British diplomats continued to force the "Dryad Incident" as it became known and finally the Czar and the Russian American Company relented and agreed to discuss a new treaty. The result was the Pact of 1839 which finally sealed the Russian hopes for a larger North American empire. The new pact gave the HBC a ten year lease on the Alaska Panhandle territory and all the Russian forts within that region, the sole trading and supply rights to the Russian American colony and the right to build new forts as far north as Mount Fairweather. The Russians had backed down in the face of British demands and slowly their hold on Alaska was slipping. The empire that had at one point threatened to absorb the entire coast from the Bering Strait to Northern California had become entirely dependent on its rival the HBC and had been forced back to its frontiers of 50 years earlier.

Trouble was once again narrowly averted during the Crimean War of 1854 by a agreement between the Russian American Co. and the Hudson's Bay Co. to respect each other's possessions during the hostilities. The Russians were slowly beginning to lose interest in this inhospitable colony that was now becoming too void of furs to be profitable. It was the high cost of keeping the colony supplied and the low return from the fur trade that opened the way for the American Alaska Purchase of 1867.

The Russians lost their chance for a North American empire in the diplomatic battles of 1825 and 1839 because they were unwilling to stand up to British diplomacy. Had they decided to fight the British claims it is more likely that Britain would have backed down and conceded a territory that they considered of little value, especially when you consider the commitments they had in other areas.

The Russians may have been the first to settle the north Pacific coast but weak diplomacy and a lack of Imperial support for the Russian American Company negated their early gains.

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School Board accepts apology

Sechelt District School Board has accepted a long-awaited apology from John McNevin. McNevin, who is presently chairman of the Sunshine Coast Regional Board, allegedly made remarks quoted in the Vancouver Sun last year to the effect that certain school trustees stood to gain financially over the choice of the Sechelt Junior Secondary site.

McNevin stated in a recent letter to the school board that "I do not believe I made the statements attributed to me but if this is the way the reporter construed my remarks then I apologize for any embarassment which may have been caused to the Sechelt Board of School Trustees."

The school board earlier asked for a retraction by the Vancouver Sun for the article that appeared March 7, 1975, but the Sun denied the retraction claiming the reporter's notes indicated McNevin had been quoted accurately

The board was prepared to take legal action against McNevin if he did not offer the apology.

Wet April?

Rainfall for the month of April shows that we have had 78.0 mm of the wet stuff which is equal to the 15 year average. The total rainfall so far this year is 558.0 mm. Last year's rainfall to the end of the same month was a little less at 432.1 mm.

High temperatures of 20C and 21C on April 28, 29 and 30 set a record for April. The daytime high was 21C on April 29 and the overnight low was −1C on April 1.

Auto shop for PHSS?

Pender Harbour Secondary school may get an automotive bay this fall. A motion resulting from a brief discussion at last week's board meeting stated that the district's management committee will explore all possible sources of funds in the Department of Education in an effort to establish the automotive bay for Pender Harbour.

At present the only automotive bay in this school district is at Elphinstone Secondary.

School Superintendent John Denley said last week that both the industrial arts program and the fine arts programs will be improved at Pender Harbour.

In another school board matter affecting the Pender Harbour area, John Denley said at last week's meeting that a short list of five candidates has now been established for the position of principal at Pender Harbour Secondary. He said there were a total of 36 applications for the position, all male. None of the five candidates short-listed are presently employed in the district.

The short list originally contained the names of six candidates but one has since accepted another position.

Kinsmen book Elphinstone for dance

In keeping with its community use philosophy, the school board has granted permission to the Kinsmen Club of Gibsons to use the gymnasium and the cafeteria facilities for the club's New Year's Eve dance.

The board granted permission to the Kinsmen as long as the club cleaned up afterwards.

In other school board news, the board granted permission to the Pender Harbour Outdoor Club to embark on a canoe trip along Myrtle Lake in Wells Gray Park. Superintendent John Denley expressed some concern because the trip was not related to the curriculum but said that because the request was made by a club and not a class he would recommend approval.

Funds for the one week trip will be raised by students and any extra money will be donated to the Pender Harbour school for equipment.

Last year the Outdoors Club, under the direction of Pender Harbour teacher Ron Breadner, hiked the West Coast Trail on Vancouver Island.

Bowen Is. takes slash at James

Lack of funds is again placing Vancouver developer Stan James in hot water.

School Trustee Claus Spiekermann told the board last week that men employed by Stan James, the controversial developer who recently ran into financial problems with Seaside Village in Sechelt, had left behind a large quantity of slash near the Bowen Island school thereby creating a fire hazard.

Ironically, it was reported that the crew cut down a number of trees to create a fire break. Apparently the clearing ended because of lack of funds and there was a large quantity of slash left close to the school.

The school board passed a motion allowing the management committee to investigate the fire hazard at Bowen Island school.

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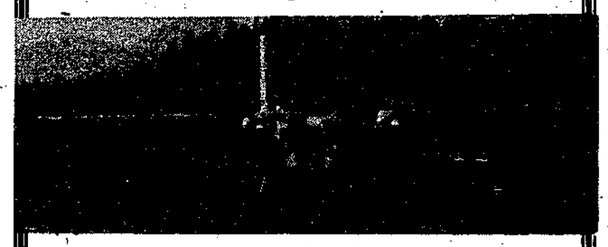
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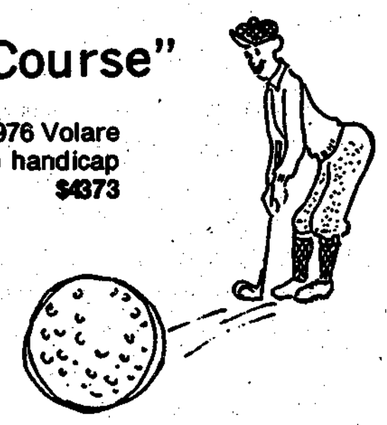
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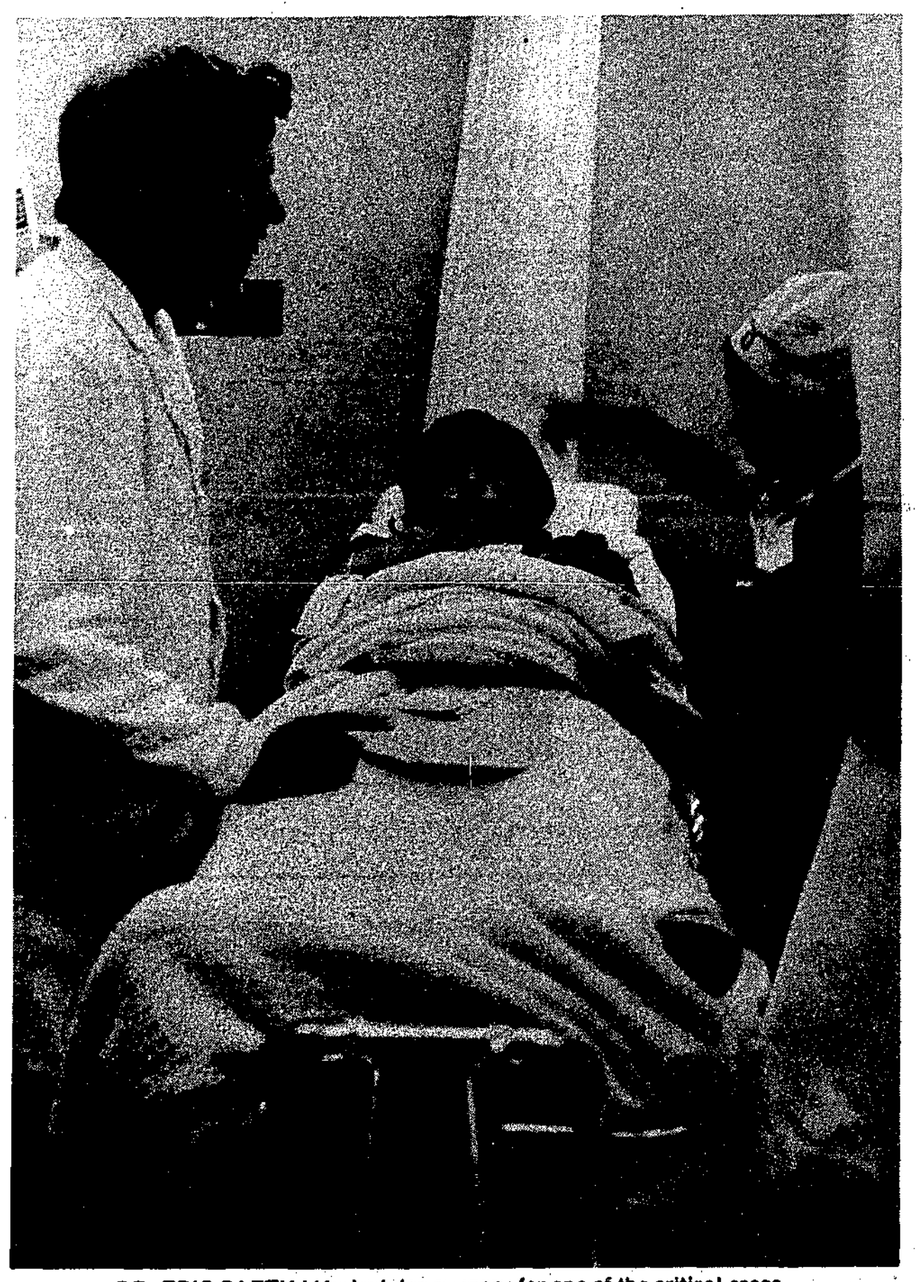

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ROB DYKSTRA

The question is not so much could it happen here, but rather What if it happened here? "It" in this case is the thing that we all hope we never have to cope with but yet comes unexpectedly regardless of human sentiments and plans to avoid it. The disaster.

Last Thursday morning around 10 a.m. Art McPhee, the Sunshine Coast's Provincial Emergency co-ordinator, picked up a telephone at the Roberts Creek Community Hall and dialed the number for the Sechelt RCMP. When Cst. Wayne Dingle, one of the officers on duty at the time, picked up the phone in Sechelt he was informed that 20 people had been involved in a serious bus crash near the Roberts Creek Community Hall. Many were hurt. Some were hysterical with shock. Some were dying. The scene described was a disaster.

Before the reader goes into shock, it must be stated that the information fed to the Sechelt detachment of the RCMP was hypothetical. There was no accident and there were no injuries. But for the purposes of the disaster exercise, the accident and the injuries would be assumed and everything from that point on was to be real.

The simulated disaster exercise was carried out last week with the prime purpose of finding out whether or not the emergency hospital facilities at St. Mary's could handle such a situation, and furthermore, to prove whether or not the co-ordination of emergency facilities and manpower could cope with an emergency situation.

Does the Sunshine Coast have enough organized manpower to transport a high number of disaster victims to the hospital and does the hospital have enough staff and facilities to handle the same situation?

When Art McPhee made his telephone call at exactly 10:02 Thursday morning it set into action a communication mechanism that spread quickly around the Sunshine Coast and even beyond to Abbotsford and Comox. The moment the Sechelt RCMP officer was informed of the disaster he asked the emergency co-ordinator to hold the line while he made radio calls to RCMP patrol vehicles and alerted the ambulances.

Co-ordinator McPhee indicated approval of this as he proceeded to give more details to the RCMP

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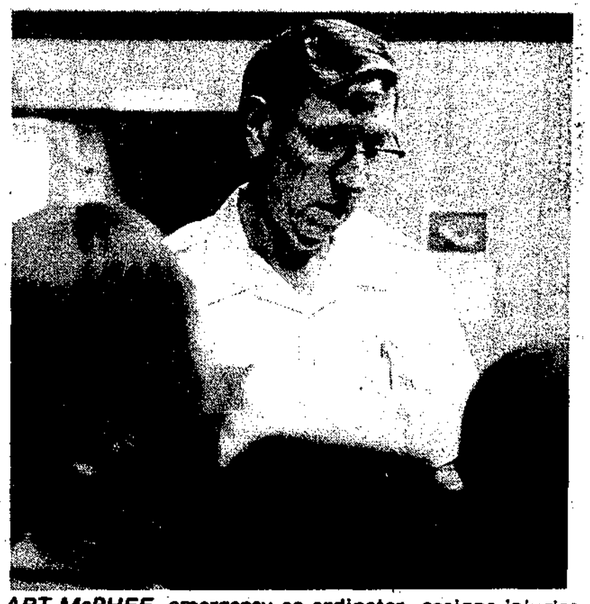
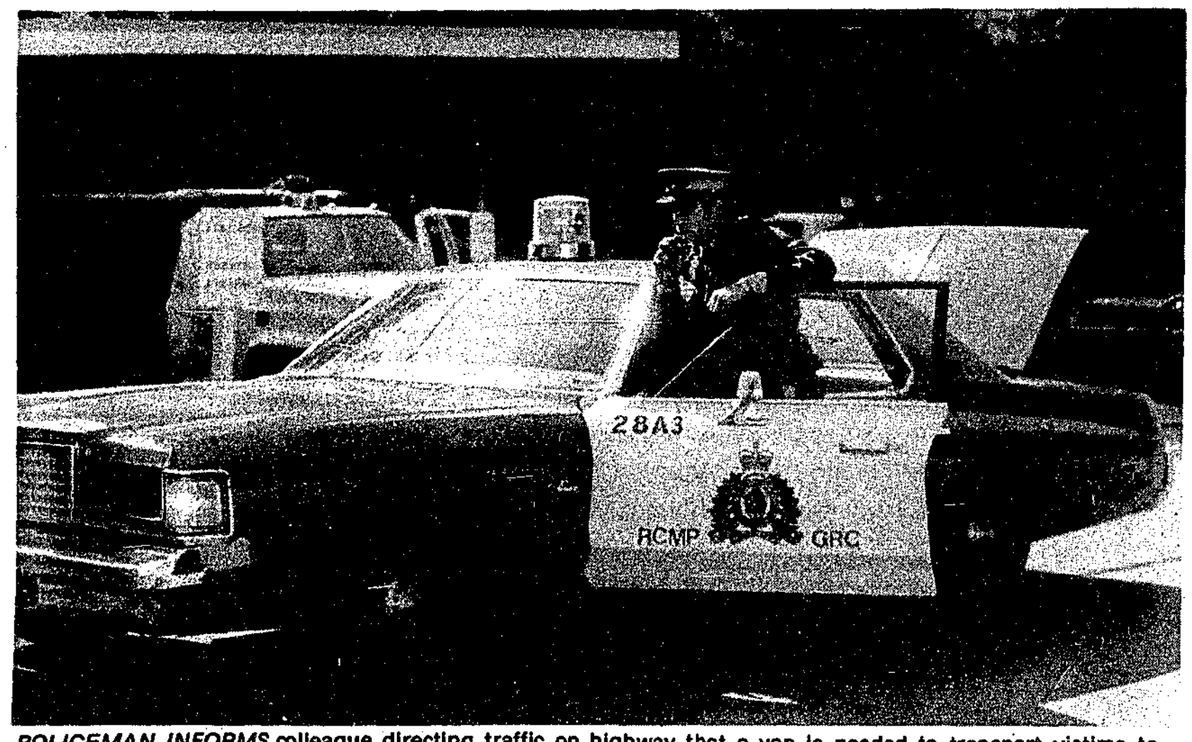


ART McPHEE, emergency co-ordinator, assigns injuries to accident victims.

THE FIRST RCMP constable on the scene checks and comforts accident victims.



POLICEMAN INFORMS colleague directing traffic on highway that a van is needed to transport victims to hospital.

AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS and member of the Roberts Creek Fire Department prepare to move victim into ambulance.

'PIONEERS OF PROGRESS' by DOUG SEWELL

Colonel Richard Clement Moody - The road builder

It had been a year of great change for the small colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, but as 1858 drew slowly to a close it became apparent that Governor Douglas had averted the impending crisis and that the new mining territories were firmly in the hands of his British government. The governor's constant requests to London for additional manpower were finally paying off; in October Admiral Baynes arrived with the powerful warship "Ganges" and a month later Judge Matthew Baillie Begbie took over the law enforcement duties for the hundreds of new mining camps and villages.

With the law enforcement problem safely under control the governor now had time to turn his attention to developing the new colony of British Columbia and providing a viable means of communication with the gold towns of the interior. Lord Lytton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, approved Douglas' request for British troops in the summer of 1858 and further decided that it would be best to send a force of 150 Royal Engineers. Lytton explained that the force was not merely being supplied to provide military power but was also intended to build roads, bridges and buildings in the wilderness. Another reason for choosing the engineers was that "the superior discipline and intelligence of this force afford ground for expecting that they will be far less likely than ordinary soldiers of the line to yield to the temptation offered by the goldfields."

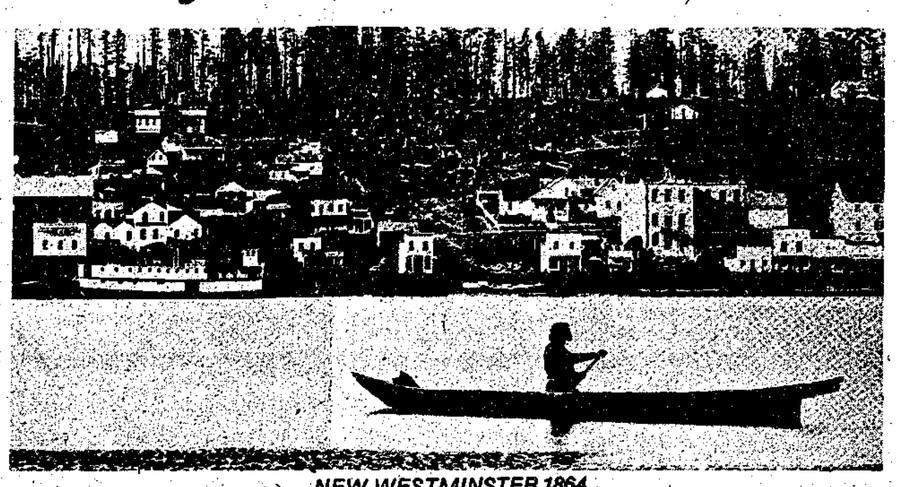
Colonel Richard Clement Moody was selected by Lord Lytton to lead the Royal Engineers and to become the Chief Commisioner of Lands and Works in the new mainland colony.

Richard Clement Moody was born in 1813 in Barbados and joined the British army at a very early age. Little is known of his early life or of his rise through the commissioned ranks. However, before being given charge of the British Columbia detachment of the Royal Engineers he was responsible for supervising a number of important engineering projects in the United Kingdom and for a time had seen duty as the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

Moody was an experienced and capable officer with a good record for accomplishing difficult tasks and for maintaining discipline with his troops when Lord Lytton approved him for the job of carving a new civilization out of the forests of British Columbia.

The engineers arrived in three groups. The first group of about 20 men landed at Victoria in late October 1858 under the command of Captain R. M. Parsons and a second ship with about 12 skilled construction workers arrived a few days later under the command of Captain J. M. Grant. Colonel Moody and his family, as did the first two ships, came by way of the Panama crossing and arrived on Christmas day 1858. The main body of the engineers sailed the long route by way of Cape Horn aboard the sailing ship "Thames City" and though they left at the same time as Colonel Moody did not arrive in the colony until the following April.

On November 19, 1858 James Douglas was sworn in as the first governor of the mainland colony and Moody was given the oath of deputy governor at the ceremony in the Hudson's Bay Company hall at Fort Langley. Moody and Douglas soon began planning their first moves and early in 1859 the Colonel was dispatched to locate a site for the capital of the mainland colony.



NEW WESTMINSTER 1864

SKETCH OF Port Douglas 1864

Though Douglas and Moody were often quarrelling over the manner in which the new colony should be developed, the governor gave Moody a remarkable amount of freedom to proceed on his own authority. Moody recognized that Douglas was the final authority on all projects but Douglas was expected to recognize that Moody had the greater knowledge within his own field. It is likely that Douglas realized the importance of having a force of workmen on call that were disciplined and trained for the type of tasks he had in mind and therefore decided to put up with the pompous Colonel Moody.

By 1859 the engineeers had established a military camp at Sapperton and under Moody's orders they were sent on expeditions up the Fraser Valley. They surveyed the mining towns of Hope, Yale and Douglas and laid out lots for the settlers which were expected to soon reach the area.

Moody was impressed with the lower part of the Fraser Valley. He recognized the rich quality of soil available and was entranced with the beautiful backdrop of "superb mountains — Swiss in outline, dark in woods, grandly towering into the clouds." It wasn't long before he reported back to Governor Douglas that he had selected a site for the new capital on the north side of the river where it divided into arms before flowing into the sea. He felt it was the right place commercially, politically and militarily even though Douglas was set on the new capital being located at Langley where he had recently auctioned off lots for a new town.

Moody continued his inspection of the new colony and visited the boom towns in the interior in the early part of 1859 before returning to Victoria. Douglas finally gave way to Moody's argument that Langley was too open to attack from the American border and "Queensborough" as the new settlement was to be called, was proclaimed the new capital. The British government approved the choice in July of 1859 and passed on a request from Queen Victoria who felt the town should be renamed New Westminster.

Work was immediately begun on the new capital and by the following year the site had been cleared and the engineers had erected a church, courthouse and jail. Moody had originally envisioned an ornate city of plazas, courtyards and stone buildings but as the work progressed he was forced to admit the impossibility of his dreams. Edgar Dewdney, later to gain fame as a road builder and lieutenant governor auctioned off the lots in 1859 and 1860. Later Moody and his men erected schools, a hospital, the colonial mint, and cleared a cricket ground for the new town.

As important as this work was the engineers' main contribution to the early development of British Columbia was the road system which they surveyed and helped to build. They planned a route east from Hope later to be known as the Dewdney Trail;, and connected New Westminster with Burrard Inlet by means of two trails to English Bay and Port Moody which they named after their local commandant. Later they surveyed much of the famous Cariboo Road and when work was finally begun on the project in the early 1860s they constructed the most difficult parts of the trail to help minimize the cost to Douglas' government. It was an almost impossible job to push the Cariboo Road through the impassable terrain of the Fraser Canyon but by 1854 the road was completed through to Williams Creek and the following year it reached its terminus at Barkerville.

When the engineers were finished their section of the road Governor Douglas informed Moody that the British government had decided to recall the force. The cost of supplying the men and their families was too great for the still virtually unpopulated colony and the British government was no longer willing to carry the financial burden. Many of the soldiers whose terms had expired elected to settle in the colony and in the following years supplied it with an element of stability. Colonel Moody, however, decided to return to England with his men and on November 11, 1863 he boarded a ship at New Westminster for the return voyage.

In only five short years Moody had supervised the most important engineering feats in the history of the province. Though he retained property in the Fraser Valley he was never able to return to see the effects of his work. In 1887 Colonel Richard Clement Moody died in England without ever again setting sights on the British Columbia he had done so much to build.

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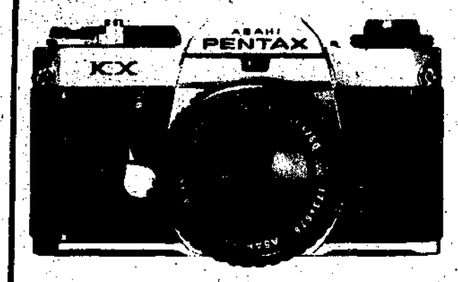

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Emergency Services stage local disaster scene

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officer while knowing that patrol cars and ambulances were already on their way to the disaster scene.

From statistics gathered by two umpires, Dennis Shuttleworth from Sechelt and Stuart Metcalfe from Gibsons, we find that the first police car arrived on the scene at 10:06 which is only four minutes after the initial distress call was sent out. In the name of truth, however, we must assume that the two RCMP officers who occupied the vehicle had pretty good foreknowledge of the time and place of the disaster because one of the officers came equipped with a portable videotape machine to record the incident. We were later informed that Sechelt RCMP in fact had three such cameras on the go, one at the accident scene, one at the hospital, and one at the police station, to record the entire incident.

The tapes are now being edited and will be combined into a half hour tape which can then be scrutinized to see what mistakes were made. The tape will also be shown at a mock inquest to be held later this week or early next week.

The first police car from Gibsons arrived at 10:06, the second arrived from Gibsons at 10:07½, another arrived from Sechelt at 10:09 and the last car arrived from Pender Harbour at 10:34. Upon their arrival, police immediately started to comfort victims, direct traffic, and set up a roadblock on Highway 101 in an effort to flag down the drivers of vans which would be used to transport the accident victims to the hospital.

This effort was carried out with so much realism, in fact, that one van belonging to Leon's Carpets was stopped and the driver was promptly informed his van would be needed. The van was driven to the accident scene at Roberts Creek hall and unloaded of its equipment even under the protestations of the driver who claimed he had a ferry to catch. Commenting on this later, Sechelt RCMP Sergeant Peter Church said that in such an emergency situation, the RCMP had the right to commandeer a public vehicle.

At 10:09 the siren of the Roberts Creek Volunteer Fire Department was sounded and firemen started arriving at the scene at 10:12. One minute later the first ambulance arrived from Gibsons. Medical staff began to determine the extent of the injuries and while victims were comforted and loaded into the ambulance, details of the injuries were phoned to St. Mary's Hospital so that staff there could prepare for specific cases. The second and third ambulances arrived on the scene at 10:33½ and 10:34. These vehicles came from the ambulance station at Halfmoon Bay.

In the meantime, a number of bystanders at the Roberts Creek hall were asked to assist in a number of duties and by the expression of some faces it was obvious that they were not immediately aware that the disaster was fiction. The victims, 20 volunteers from the Sunshine Coast Sea Cadets, were strewn around the parking area, some with bandages over various parts of their anatomy, others with blankets and donated jackets for warmth.

The injured carried small tags indicating the extent of their injuries. These injuries had been earlier concocted by Dr. Eric Paetkau and they ranged from hysterics, and broken ankles to crushed sub-sternal chest, glass splinters in eye, mangled legs with gross hemorrhage and other wounds that the non-medical imagination may find hard to digest.

According to the umpires' records the victims were taken away at 10:36, 10:43 and 10:48. One victim had been purposely hidden in the bush area near the hall and this person was found by RCMP at 10:45 during a thorough check of the entire area. Also for the record, a physician, Dennis Rogers, arrived on the scene at 10:38 and left at 10:58 after the last and least injured victims had been taken to the hospital by RCMP vehicles.

The umpires' notes also indicated that one person had died at the accident scene. One of the ambulances came back at 11:01 to remove the 'body.'

The next phase of the operation moved to St. Mary's Hospital, which was considered the most important aspect of the disaster exercise. As ambulances backed into the hospital's emergency entrance, the victims were unloaded and color coded by a number of the hospital staff under the direction of the Triage officer. As explained by Dr. Paetkau later, the Triage officer is always the first doctor on the scene until he is replaced by the more senior doctors. As the emergency cases continued to come in, the hospital's most senior doctor becomes the Triage officer whose role it is to quickly determmine the seriousness of the victim's injuries and send him or her to the appropriate area of the hospital.

As the ambulances were unloaded, a bystander might remark that the scene was chaotic but in reality, the chaos was quite organized. In the first place, St. Mary's cannot accommodate 20 extra patients at one time, and about ten patients who were already in the hospital and who are described as "borderline" meaning they could be discharged if necessary, were moved into the physiotherapy room. Head physiotherapist Ian Hunter would make sure that these patients were as comfortable as possible. It was this room that also would house the friends and relatives of the victims. A report on the condition of the victims would be brought down by a runner once every hour.

It was also in the physiotherapy room that Gordon Hall, president of St. Mary's Hospital Society, informed members of the press they would have to go to the nurses residence and wait for further bulletins. The press refused, of course, claiming that they were covering the exercise and not the real emergency. President Hall said he was merely doing his job.

Back in the emergency ward, doctors were preparing foor critical cases for the operating room and the PA system sprang to life with a "Code 99." Doctors and nurses ran to a ward opposite the emergency entrance and when it was further announced that the disaster exercise was temporarily halted, it became apparent that the Code 99 was fact and not fiction. A patient was suffering from cardiac arrest.

As more victims were brought in to the hospital, the first question that arose was could the hospital equipment and staff on duty handle the more critical cases at once. In the case of the exercise, six critical cases were brought in at the same time and doctors assumed that two of the victims would have died on the way to hospital or shortly after arriving. The other four cases would receive instant attention and out of those four, three could go into surgery at once. According to Dr. Paetkau, the three that would be immediately scheduled for surgery would be those that were still considered salvageable.

At the end of the emergency exercise, about noon, co-ordinator Art McPhee made a preliminary assessment by stating that it was extremely well done. He said a lot of people learned some valuable lessons in this, the first hospital disaster exercise on the Sunshine Coast.

St. Mary's is an accredited hospital, which indicates the hospital is of the highest national standards. It must participate in such an emergency exercise once a year. For that reason, another such exercise will be carried out next year.

As for this year's exercise, emergency officials will scrutinize the tapes and statistics to determine what improvements could be made for that hopefully rare occasion when the disaster is not merely an exercise.

AMBULANCE ATTENDANT Ron Leachman looks after one of the more seriously injured victims in last week's hospital disaster exercise.

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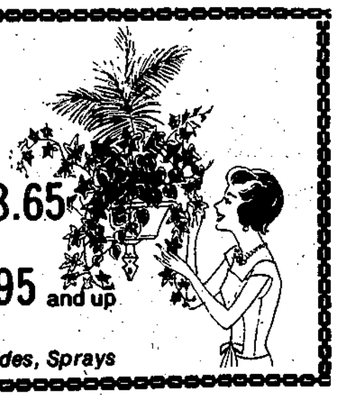

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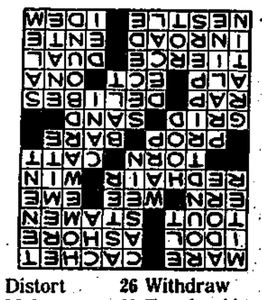

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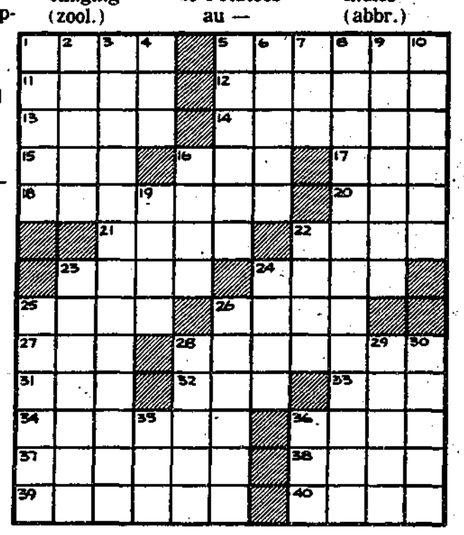
1 Bishop's cap
2 Venerate
3 Diamond feats (2 wds.)
4 Young pig
5 Cheese substance
6 Fall flower
7 Tea variety
8 Incoming, as a ship (2 wds.)
9 Hermit
10 Adapted for clinging (zool.)
16 Distort
19 Mobster
22 "How — Forget You?" (2 wds.)
23 Southern candy
24 Estonian or Latvian
25 Potatoes au —
26 Withdraw
28 Tranferable picture
29 Growing out
30 Oregon's capital
35 Nonsense!
36 Dutch East Indies (abbr.)



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