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## Fishermen win reprieve in Ottawa



It's not often we get a glimpse inside a federal Cabinet Minister's office. Shown here, from left to right, are Cliff Levelton, senior official in the Department of the

Environment and his minister the Hon. Romeo Leblanc as they met last week with the delegation of West Coast fishermen.

A whirlwind visit to Ottawa last week by four representatives of coastal fishermen, including Bob Corlett of Gibsons, succeeded in achieving a one-year delay in the controversial two licence system for salmon trollers in the Gulf of Georgia. The group left Ottawa last Monday, March 28th and arrived back in B. C. late Wednesday night. They included, in addition to Corlett, salmon trollers Kaz Yamamoto, and Frank Cox along with George Hewison of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union.

The highlight of the visit was a meeting with the Minister of Fisheries, Romeo Leblanc in his office on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 29th, along with the senior official in the Fisheries bureaucracy, Cliff Levelton. At first it appeared that Leblanc would not be able to meet with the west coast group but after a telephone call in which it was indicated that they would rather meet with him before rather than after a planned press conference, a meeting was speedily set up.

### Davis Plan

Hewison said that many of the difficulties facing west coast fishermen today could be traced to what he described as the disastrous Davis plan which was implemented in 1968 and authored by Jack Davis, then a federal cabinet minister and now a member of the Provincial cabinet in Victoria in charge of Transportation. Hewison put forward the position of the west coast fishermen maintaining that the two licence system was a cure which would kill the patient. He maintained that what must be done was the elimination of the worst aspects of the Davis plan and that the best place to start would be in not implementing the two licence system.

Leblanc recognized that a review of the whole Davis plan was needed, perhaps even within the next year and that he wanted to know whether to continue with the Davis plan, to amend it or to scrap it. Hewison replied that the effect of the Davis plan on this coast was devastating and had led to problems of pyramiding tonnage, over-capitalization, and increased competition for non-increasing stocks.

up with a special meeting of the Forestry and Fishing Committee. Throughout these meetings the representatives of the commercial fishermen stressed their willingness to work in close co-operation with sport fishermen. It was felt that sports fishermen would not object to paying some form of fishing licence but would like to be assured that such monies did not disappear into the General Treasury but would be utilized directly in Salmon Enhancement Programs.

### Manoeuvres

N.D.P. member of parliament for New Westminster, Stu Leggett, had agreed to put the question of the implementation of the two licence system to the minister during the question period in the House of Commons and had so indicated, as he is required to do, in writing to the minister before the Commons sitting. Apparently, however, Leblanc preferred the question, to which he was about to give a positive response, to come from a member of his own party and turned it over to Liberal M.P. Jack Pearsall of this riding. Leblanc then said that after discussions with representatives of the fishing industry the two licence system would be postponed for one year and the licensing procedure examined to take into account problems for one into account problems in the west coast fisheries that had been caused by his predecessor.

### Abalone regulations

During his recent visit to Ottawa, Rob Corlett, member of the delegation of salmon trollers also took the opportunity to speak to Fisheries mandarin Cliff Levelton about the new abalone regulations which have just gone into effect this season.

Corlett pointed out that one of the stated purposes of the so-called Davis plan was that fishermen would be able to use the same boat for a number of purposes and yet the new abalone regulation made it impossible for him to use abalone equipment that he had already purchased, that there had been no prior indication of the regulations, and that by their very nature they were blatantly unfair. The regulations forbid anyone to fish abalone unless abalone comprises 50% of their "fishing" income. The difficulty arises in that a part-time fisherman with a shore job may be allowed to fish abalone because it comprises 50% of his "fishing" income but a full-time fisherman fishing other species is forbidden to catch abalone. Levelton assured Corlett that he would study the matter.

### Two Licence

The Minister of Fisheries said he was not adamant about the two licence policy but felt that it might be in the long-range interests of the salmon trollers if it was implemented as a conservation measure. Fisherman Frank Cox answered that mobility was the key to survival in fishing, even with the relatively small trolling boats. The fishermen had to be able to move to where the fish were or they could be ruined in one or two bad seasons.

Corlett said that what the group wanted was at least a one-year delay in the implementation of the two licence proposal and Leblanc answered that his department was not struck on immediate implementation of the proposal if the delay would produce results. He asked Levelton if a total review would be possible in one year and Levelton replied in the affirmative. Leblanc said he would consider the matter and later in the week in reply to a question raised in the House of Commons announced the deferment of the two licence policy.

It was the consensus of the west coast group that, despite the impression left by a phone call two weeks ago by Liberal M.P. Jack Pearsall of Coast Chilcotin riding, there was every intention in Ottawa to go ahead with the two licence proposal, this year prior to their visit.

### Discussion

After the meeting with Leblanc the group adjourned to Levelton's office for further discussion on fishing matters and then followed

### Worthwhile

The west coast delegation left Ottawa feeling that their visit had been most worthwhile. They felt that the two licence scheme would have been quickly rammed through but for their representations to the minister. They also during their time in his office raised the question of the freedom of access to information which concerned their livelihoods and were assured by Leblanc that such would be available. There was mentioned also the possibility of a commission to study the west coast fisheries with a view to correcting the worst problems caused by the Davis plan.

During their time in the Parliament Buildings the efforts of the representatives of the salmon trollers to be heard were greatly facilitated by the kindness of Conservative B. C. M.P. John Fraser of Vancouver South who allowed them the full use of his office as a base from which they could set up their various meetings. The delegation would also like to thank all the local people who took the time to write letters to Ottawa. The volume of mail that preceded the delegation assured them of a serious reception when they arrived in the nation's capital.

### Flying course available

One of the more exciting offerings of the Adult Education Program in this area is the projected Flying Course which will be starting shortly. The instructor of the course will be Mrs. Vera McAllister of Madeira Park.

Mrs. McAllister is a housewife turned pilot. She took her flying instruction after her family had grown up and her experience includes two years of flying as a bush pilot in Northern Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta. More recently she spent two years with Victoria Flying Co., the last year she was the Operational Manager for the company and the previous year she was their Chief Flying Instructor. Mrs. McAllister has also done part-time charter work in British Columbia and before all of this she raced planes.

According to Mrs. McAllister ten people already are getting their pre-instruction medical inspection prior to taking the course. "The medical requirements for a private licence are quite lenient," Mrs. McAllister told the Coast News recently. "The only things that might prevent a person learning to fly for medical reasons would be those problems that might lead to a sudden incapacity such as diabetes, high blood pressure or epilepsy."

According to Mrs. McAllister the flying course takes a minimum

of thirty-five hours and would cost a minimum of \$1,100., part of which can be recovered from income taxes. The average amount of time taken, says Mrs. McAllister, would be in the neighbourhood of forty-two hours. Many trained pilots take the classroom part of the course which deals with regulations, weather, navigation, and airplane engines as a refresher course.

The course is being given under the auspices of the Chilliwack Flying Club in conjunction with Adult Education.

### Sea Cavalcade

At least six pretty girls from this area will be required to express an interest in running for the title of Sea Cavalcade Queen this year. Last year there was no competition and if the Gibsons Sea Cavalcade does not produce a queen this year then they will be disqualified from the P.N.E. pageant.

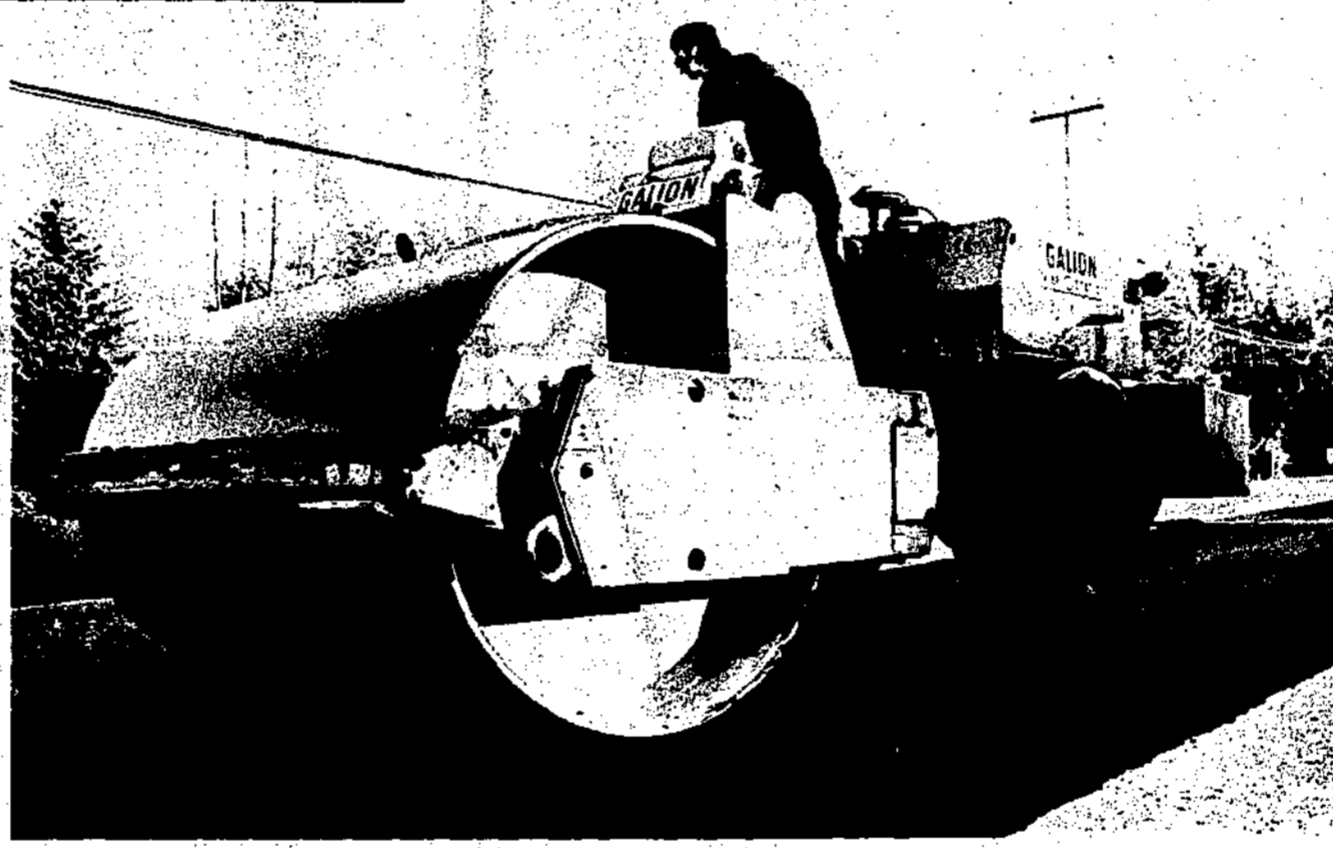
There are lots of pretty girls in the area. So come on you girls, if you would like to try for the title get in touch by writing Verna Rivard of Gibsons or phoning Tracy Hamilton at 885-3602. The deadline for entries is the 15th of April.

### Weather stays dry

The month of March continued the dry weather we have seen for the past seven months. There was no snowfall and the rainfall was 100.6mm., down from 133.1 mm. of March 1976. The sixteen year average for March is 123.2 mm. and this marks the seventh consecutive month that this area has recorded less than average precipitation.

At the same time, comparisons with last year can be somewhat misleading. Although, for example, the six-month precipitation figures from October to March in 1976 were almost double the figures for this year - 1,285.0 mm. or 50.59 inches as compared to 59.1 mm. or 23.27 inches - 1976 was the wettest year by far in the sixteen cycle and 1977 was the driest. Perhaps a more reasonable comparison can be made by comparing the figures given for this year with the sixteen-year average. The sixteen-year average precipitation figures are 990.6 mm. or 38.95 inches. Mathematicians among us will note that 1976 and 1977 combine to give just about the sixteen-year average.

The daytime high temperature for March this year was 14 C, compared to a high temperature of 12 C in 1976. The overnight low this year was -1 degrees C compared to -6 C last year.



Yes, folks, that's Pratt Road and they're finally paving it. Happy days!

### Wildlife Society still hopeful about park

The Gibsons Wildlife Society which it pointed out that their application to establish a Provincial park at the headwaters of Chapman Creek has not been arbitrarily refused as was erroneously reported in the Coast News of March 22nd. At the present time the status of the matter is that the Public Utilities Committee has recommended that the directors study the report of the Greater Vancouver Water

District on Probably Consequences of opening watersheds to Public Access.

Subsequent to the study of the report a meeting will be held with the Planning Director and Mr. Hind-Smith to discuss the proposal to establish a Provincial Park in the area. Mr. Hind-Smith has expressed himself as hopeful that a decision may yet be made in favour of the Wildlife Club's proposal.

### Post Office

All post offices, postal stations and sub post offices will be closed in the B. C. & Yukon District and there will be no letter carrier, rural route, parcel post or street letter box collections on Good Friday, April 8th and Easter Sunday, April 10th.

"Sunday service" will apply to special delivery and street letter box collections on Easter Monday, April 11. Wicket services will be closed at all post offices, postal stations and sub post offices that day. Service will be normal on Saturday, April 10.

### Music Festival starts next week

Two full days of music festival, part of the Sunshine Coast Music, Drama and Dance Festival, will be held Wednesday, April 13th and Thursday, April 14th. The Wednesday sessions will start at 9:30 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. and the Thursday sessions will start at 9:00 a.m.; 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

There are 147 entries in the Music Festival comprised of piano solos piano duets, accordion, guitar, vocal solos and choirs. School choirs will be held on Thursday morning.

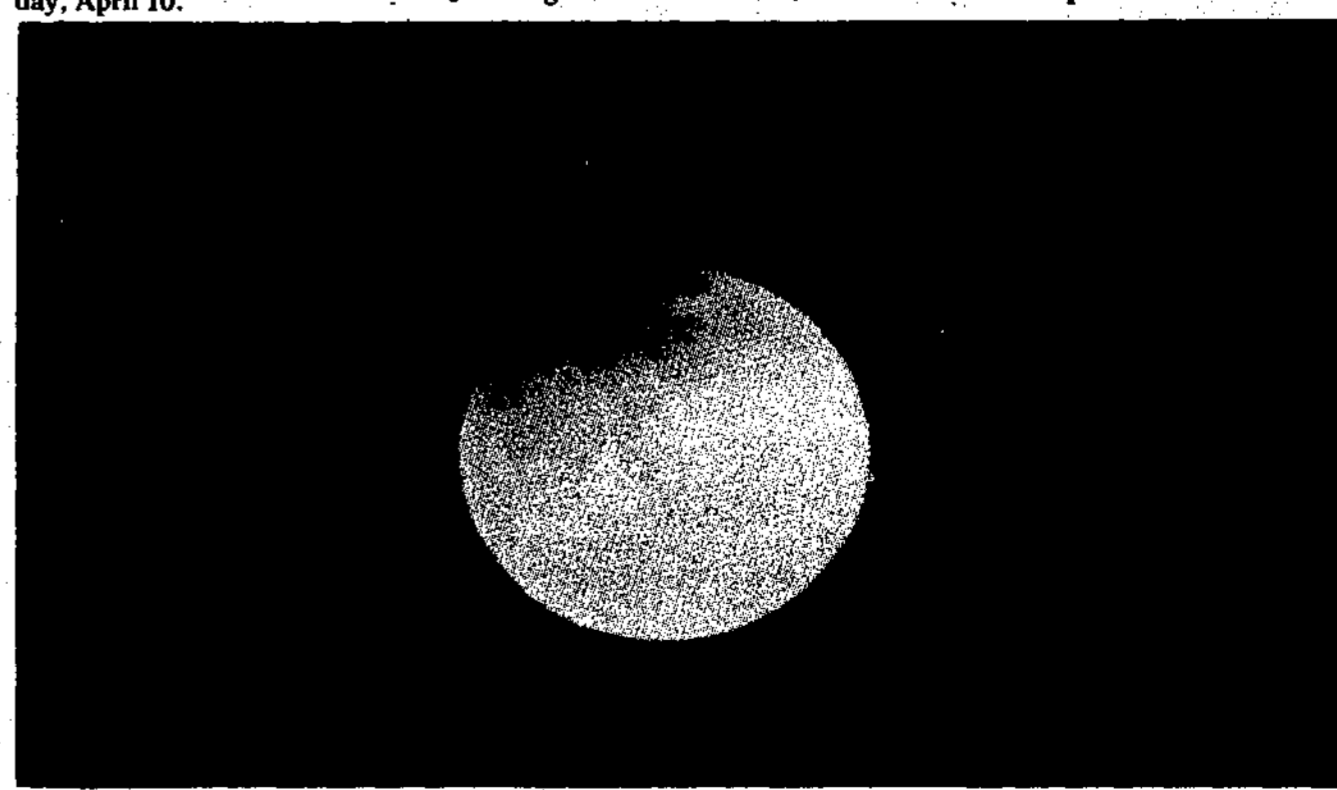
The Music Festival will be held at the Roberts Creek Community Hall. The Festival Committee wishes to thank the Roberts Creek Community Association for the use of this facility.

The adjudicator for the Music Festival will be Mrs. Phyllis Schult from the Faculty of Music at the University of British Columbia. Mrs. Schult has been involved with music all her life. She is a mother and a grandmother and is very interested in young people. An examiner for the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, each spring she goes to Toronto to examine the senior grades, performing that function sometimes in Montreal and Ottawa as well.

Mrs. Schult is well-known as an adjudicator for her warmth, her great breadth of knowledge and understanding, and for her wit. We here on the Sunshine Coast are most fortunate to have Mrs. Schult to adjudicate our fourth Annual Music Festival.



This scenic shot was taken in the vicinity and towards Gibsons. Photo by Ian of Port Mellon across Twin Creeks Corrance.



Partial eclipse of the moon was photographed outside the Coast News Office on April 3rd at 9.04 p.m.

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## Criticism

Conservative federal M. P. Gerald Baldwin has established something he calls The League to Restore Parliamentary Control. He has some interesting things to say in a press release which arrived the other day. He begins with what surely must be a basic: "Information in the hands of the people, freely available, with the exception of a few clearly defined exemptions, is essential to any democracy, and it is imperative to the efficient functioning of Parliament". Mr. Baldwin, however, points out that those who rule have all the advantage, even in democracies. He points out the enormous increase in recent years in the extent by which the rulers have taken the right to govern by means of regulations, Order-in-Council, and Decrees. "...these factors are dangerously enhanced by the Government's and Bureaucracy's obsession with secrecy, which has increased the bewilderment, the confusion, and the outrage of the rest of us...Deception, lies, concealment, cover up of everything from stupid, unnecessary spending right through to errors, and corruption is the order of the day."

These are the words of a man daily in the Parliament Buildings. They are not the words of a despairing man - they are the words of an angry man. They echo concerns that have been heard in these columns before. At every level of government there is the tendency of the elected to forget the common earth from which they sprung. There is the tendency for petty arrogant men to assume they know better than the rest of their fellows and to behave in secrecy and without consultation. At every level of government there springs up a bureaucracy ostensibly to serve the public but, with what Shakespeare referred to as "the insolence of office", who begin with a petty arrogance of their own to torment rather than to serve.

We applaud Mr. Baldwin's stated concerns and wish him vigour in pursuing his League to Restore Parliamentary Control. In the business of government corruption springs from arrogance and secrecy as surely as night follows day. Let our elected legislators be open and honest, let the civil servants civilly serve, let the people be informed. Amen, Mr. Baldwin.

## Transfer

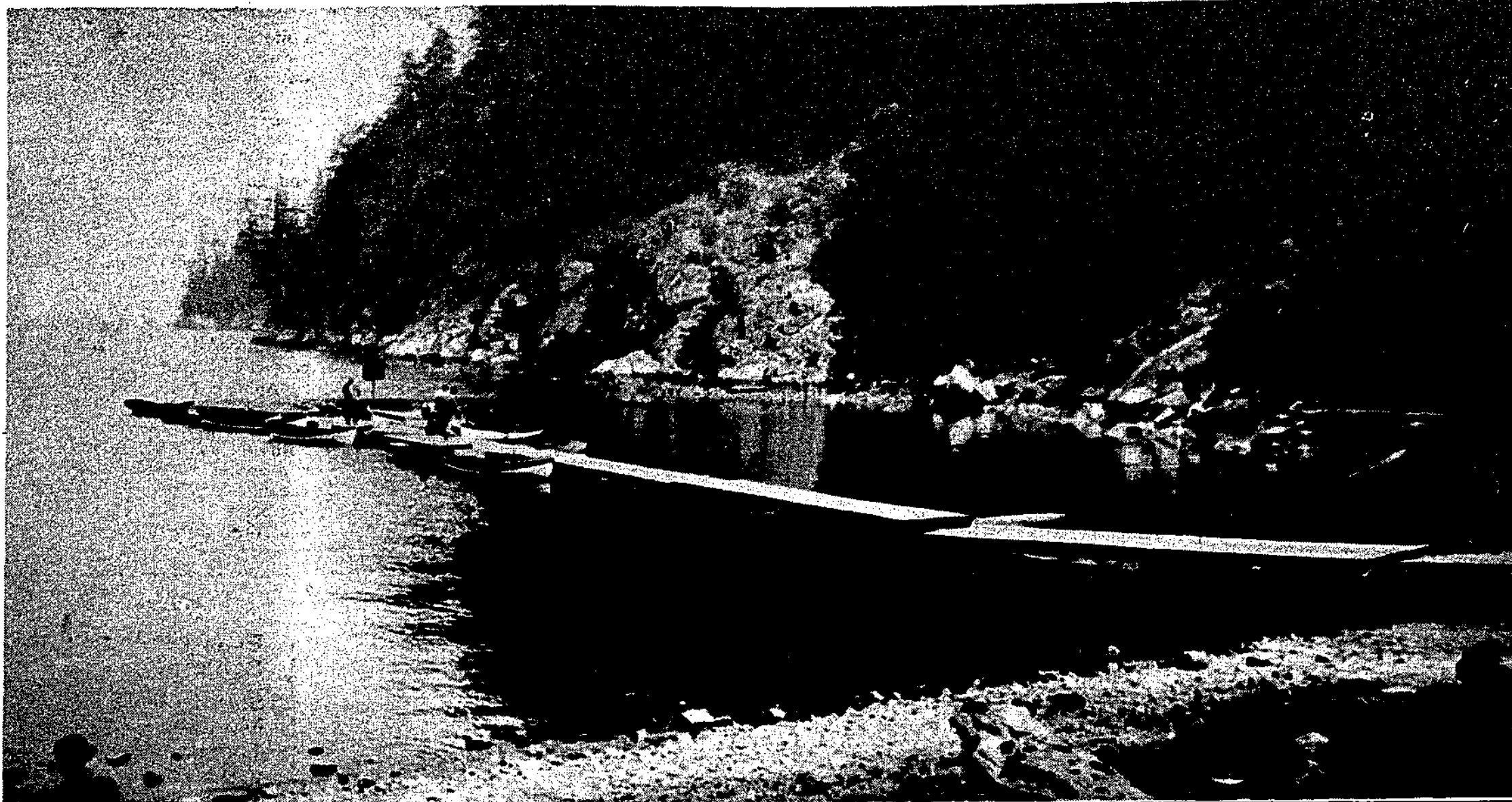
Sometimes it's hard to understand what the various decision-making bodies are guided by. Such a case is surely the case of the principal of Gibsons Elementary School. When Supt. John Denley came to the district this was one of the most troubled schools in the area. Mrs. Colleen Elson was appointed interim principal for a one-year period until such time as the Pratt Road School could be completed.

During Mrs. Elson's year the morale of the school has become higher than at any time in recent memory. Teachers, students, and parents are unanimous in their praise of the changes Mrs. Elson has wrought in that school. And now after a year which has been universally acclaimed as highly successful and very human she is to be moved to the smaller school.

The reasons advanced are to do with seniority in the district and one supposes the question of paper qualifications may

be a factor. Her replacement is a proven administrator of ability, Mr. Weldon Reid of Sechelt Elementary. And yet one must question the necessity of such a move. Why, for heaven's sake, when one is fortunate enough to find a person of Mrs. Elson's obvious abilities who can turn a troubled school into a happy one in just one year, why, oh why can't she be left alone to continue to do the splendid job that she has been doing?

One wonders if Mrs. Elson were a young male administrator at the end of such a successful year if the transfer would be made. Why, Mr. Denley, are you tampering with this proven success story? We know that a one-year tenure were the conditions under which Mrs. Elson became the Gibsons Elementary Principal, but you know the mood and atmosphere of that school before she became principal and surely you must be aware of the improvement. Couldn't you just have left her to carry on?



Horseshoe Bay. Sections of float lie against a gently sloping beach and out into waters held by the photographer in timeless tranquility. Harold and Theresa Haines, of Port Alberni, who donated this photo to the Elphinstone Pioneer Museum, say that it was taken many years ago. A cynic, then, who might suggest that it portrays vessels and crews of B. C. Ferries, whose terminal currently occupies this spot, waiting for passengers bound for Langdale and other sundry points a few years into the future would of course be guilty of having the wildest and most pessimistic dreams. Such a silly fantasy!

L. R. Peterson



## Musings

John Burnside

Poaching is a word which in North America has nothing but negative connotations. It conjures up fishing by illegal methods or hunting out of season or over the limit or other forms of anti-conservation nastiness. It had a different flavour when it was used when I was a boy in Scotland.

To begin with one must understand the inherent feudalism of the U.K. It's difficult in a frontier country like Canada, still expanding and being developed with every man staking his claim to a piece of land however modest, to conceive that life in a long-settled place is a different business. The land is all owned and has been for centuries by those people who are fortunate enough to have had successful robber barons for ancestors during the Middle Ages. The British aristocracy are having a little trouble these days supporting the lavish life style to which they have been accustomed for generations, but when I was growing up in a village in southern Scotland there was still in the centre of the village behind high stone walls and beech woods an immense sandstone castle of a place that we called The Big House. It was covered with ivy and surrounded by gardens, lawns and orchards and virtually every village had one. Often they were not lived in. The owners preferring and being able to afford the glitter of life in London to the more humble virtues where they derived much of their revenue. All the farms were held by tenant farmers and the rents paid to the Big House. Sometimes there would be no one in residence, at all except for a couple of weeks of grouse shooting on the moors in August.

The salient factor here is that they owned the land and everything on it. If you had the impression that the ban on procuring food from the land went out with Robin Hood and the Sheriff of Nottingham you are mistaken. My earliest years were spent in a war-time and immediately post-war Britain and it was a very protein-scarce place indeed. I must be one of the few people on the coast that has a sentimental regard for B. C. Ferry eggs - not the taste nor the texture, God knows; but for the look of them because they remind me of the powdered war-time eggs. The meat ration for a week could be held in the palm of one hand. We ate lots of cheese and potatoes.

Meanwhile the hills were alive with rabbits and the waters with trout but these were the preserve

of the absentee landlords and forbidden fruit to the peasants. My very first fishing experience ended in a trauma when, at the age of about five, I was taken by an uncle to fish for trout at a small loch which was called the Glenbuck Dam. We caught a few, he perhaps four or five and I had the exquisite thrill of feeling something live on my line and bringing it to shore perhaps once or twice before the gamekeeper came and we had to abandon rods and fish and take to our heels. The trout belonged to someone who lived in London.

Poaching, then, was an honourable activity. It meant getting the occasional rabbit or snow hare into the pot and the occasional fresh trout into the pan despite gamekeepers and the law. The methods of doing so were limited only by human ingenuity, which in times of trial can be very considerable indeed.

For the rabbits and the hares, dogs were used. They were trained to hunt the prey down and to bring them back to their master. It was a matter of some pride to have a dog which was perfectly obedient and proficient. It was also advisable to have a dog which was deceptively quick, one that didn't look as if it could catch a bus but which could occasionally bring back the fleet and evasive snow hare and catch a fleeing rabbit nine times out of ten. It was rare sport for generally you could see the whole chase on the bare Scottish hills, the rabbit or hare had a fighting chance of survival, and if caught was a welcome addition to the family fare. When caught it was customary to tie the rabbit by its feet using the dog's leash which was carried only for that purpose, then it was hung over the master's shoulder so that it lay under his armpit, the loose tweed jacket favoured by most was then put on and in the event that the law or the gamekeeper was met on the way home it was just a man and his dog returning from a walk.

One of my uncles was returning from a walk just at twilight and had sent his dog up the hill after a rabbit and then walked on. He reached the crest of a slight incline in the road and looked back and saw his dog loping up the road with the rabbit slung over its shoulder. When he turned to continue the walk the village policeman had come round a corner on his bicycle with the lamp on and discovery seemed inevitable with the consequent fine. There was absolutely nothing to be done. Just as the policeman was coming abreast of

him he glanced despairingly back at the dog just in time to see it slinking with the rabbit into the ditch at the side of the road where it remained undetected until the policeman had passed. The only explanation that he could offer was that the dog had seen him conceal the rabbit so many times that when it saw the glint of the lamp of the approaching bicycle it immediately sought to hide the rabbit.

Deception was of the utmost importance in the catching of trout, too. Obviously if you are not allowed to fish anywhere you can't take to walking through the country-side with a fishing rod so the men became amazingly adept at catching trout under rocks in the streams with their hands. It's called "gudding" in Scotland and, I believe, "ticking" in rural England. One of the family stories has it that my grandfather had long been the gudding champion in the now-vanished village of Glenbuck and accepted a wager in the pub one night that there was a village man who was his master. The challenger put up for the wager was my father, then in his teens, and when the match was held there was a new champion.

The methods used were not exhausted by hunting rabbits with dogs and fishing with the bare hands. There were some who preferred the stealthy work with wire in the night, snaring the rabbits, but whatever the method used always there was the law to be circumvented. Nobody wanted the rabbits except the poor but only the rich had the right to kill them. It reached the height of absurdity in the mid-fifties when the rabbits were so over-running the country that a dreadful disease called myxomatosis was introduced which decimated them. They died slowly, blind and hairless and with great swollen heads, staggering in agony. The rabbits most affected were the vast majority who lived underground, which is why, through you can still see rabbits in Britain, they mostly live above ground now and the banks of rabbit warrens leading to underground rabbit cities which were common when I was growing up are gone now.

In a society which forbade the needy to eat available and unwanted meat, preferring to keep the numbers down with mass infection of a horrible disease, then poaching becomes an affirmation of human rights rather than the exploitation of helpless animals. I always wanted to be a poacher when I grew up.



## Slings & Arrows

George Matthews

The British Columbia Teachers' Federation has something like 30,000 members. As I sit writing this, 660 of those members sit in convention deliberating over matters of mutual concern. Four of those 660 are representing the 150 teachers employed in the Sechelt School District.

The Teachers' Convention, like all conventions, is a publicity grabbing affair. Most of the business discussed could be dealt with at other levels of this excruciatingly democratic organization, but these three days provide an opportunity for teachers to discuss, in view of the media, issues which teachers would like to make matters of public record. The whole affair costs the Teachers' Federation about \$100,000; Sechelt teachers provide another \$750 to send their delegates.

What are the teachers' "concerns"? According to the objectives of their professional organization they are supposed to be worried about the welfare of their members and the "fostering and promoting" of the quality of education in the province, the district, the school and the classroom.

What does the average teacher talk about in the convention? The average teacher is a female in her 30's making a gross salary of about 18,000 dollars per year. (53% of teachers are women, but the average income of women in the profession is lower than men although equal pay for equal work is long established in education.) She talks about having to repay her employers because of anti inflation rulings. She resents the exclusive use of the pronoun "he" used in her professional publications. She talks about how equal opportunity is denied children because of sex, race and socio-economic background. She tells the convention how she thinks she is a better judge of the needs of the kids in her class than the Ministry of Education although she will concede the wisdom of public control of education. She explains to her colleagues how important it is for her principal to spend at least 20% of his or her time teaching so he is aware of the kinds of problems teachers have to deal with. She expresses her concern about the Federation getting tangled up in the labour movement, not because she doesn't want to give up her brown bag for a lunch bucket, but because she thinks she should appear to be above the partisan-

ship that an affiliation with labour might imply.

She recognizes, when challenged, that schools are an instrument of social control and that they have traditionally perpetuated the socio-economic status quo. She firmly rejects however the marxist overtones of such a recognition and generally abhors the radical rhetoric which surrounds such debate. She prefers to look upon such discussion as the sociological facts of life rather than interpret them as a call to the barricades for radical teacher led revolution.

She doesn't like giving tests to her kids before everybody has had a chance to decide what it is they are supposed to know. She doesn't like to hear that teachers are being hired because they are good at teaching kids how to pass tests.

She also worries about Chilean refugees, racism, natural justice for all and a lot of other things which, on the surface, appear to be beyond her reference. She is probably more patient, more tolerant, more fair minded, more concerned about her fellow man than the average citizen. That of course is as it should be since she is charged with the responsibility of caring for our children.

She is, after all as said and done, a pretty exceptional person. She is not a little old lady with blue hair and a mickey mouse watch who enjoys pulling ears or rapping knuckles nor is she a chalk covered, absent minded pedant wandering through hallways talking to herself, although sometimes she is these things. She's really not much different than most people. As one of her colleagues has just finished saying, "Teachers are an accurate reflection of our society and that is as it should be."

She has been sitting in this room for two and a half days and nights so far, moving, seconding, debating, reconsidering and voting. She does it because she thinks its important. She thinks she can make a difference. She thinks someone will listen, take her seriously and help her get on with what she's good at.

When the convention ends she will go back to her classroom and maybe never be heard of again. She had one vote in 660 to make her concerns known. She did all this for herself, the children in her class, her colleagues, parents and everyone else who thinks that the education of children makes the world a better place.

Thanks, Teach!

### UNENTITLED

Still dawn will come when I die  
and day continue to repeat itself  
as if nothing had happened.  
It is as if I must hold my peace,  
what peace I have.  
The bulb of my night's life,  
reflected in the pane, denies morning. This  
slow burst of blue  
black pine and coral cloud  
shrouds me without lament.  
The mountain is not even concerned  
to shrug my argument.

Sunday, March 6/77

by John Provan Mussatt

## ...from the files of Coast News

### We Remember When

#### 5 YEARS AGO

Mayors of Gibsons and Sechelt were defeated in their efforts to block the passage of Area E (Gibsons rural) advisory planning committee report on the latest Gibsons bypass route.

Paul St. Pierre was re-elected Liberal candidate for the next election of the Coast Chilcotin.

Miss Bee's opens up her gift shop in Sechelt.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Detailed plans of the proposed Gibsons Swimming Pool made the front page of the Coast News. The proposed size of the Centennial pool was 30 x 60 and had 2 diving boards, concrete patio, 12 x 16 foot sundeck, heated changing rooms, showers and toilet facilities.

Tyee Airways gets IWA backing and approval to extend services to Class 3, allowing flights from Sechelt and Gibsons direct to Vancouver. The IWA supported Tyee in their brief stating the time it took to get to Vancouver from the remote areas of the coast was too much to enable a full weekend holiday.

#### 15 YEARS AGO

Efforts in Sechelt to establish a Doukhobour prison camp were abandoned when it was announced in Ottawa that a camp would be set up in Agassiz.

Some current grocery prices: toilet paper, 4 rolls 49¢, canned cream corn, 4 for 49¢, Rover Dog Food, 12 cans for \$1.00, Nabob coffee, 69¢ lb.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Kinsmen have organized a club at Sechelt and the first meeting was held in the Totem Room. 26 present, 8 from Gibsons.

Gibsons firemen push for a wider fire area at the Gibsons council meeting. The firemen felt that they could no longer stand by and not answer fire calls outside the fire district as they must do now due to the municipality act which does not allow taxpayers' money to be used outside the village.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

A new 5 room school opened in Madeira Park with much fanfare and celebration. On hand was Rev. Alan Greene of Columbia Coast Mission to open the school and lead the invocation.

Selma Park Community Association moves to build a large community hall but this was vetoed in favour of a hall in Sechelt which would be co-operatively built by communities from Wilson Creek to Halfmoon Bay.

#### 30 YEARS AGO

Meat rationing for consumers ended this week. Meatless days in restaurants and hotels, Tuesdays and Fridays, remains in effect. Meat rationing was first introduced in Canada late in 1943 and suspended in March 1944. It was re-introduced March 1945 with the specific purpose of reducing domestic consumption and thus making available larger quantities of meat for shipment overseas.

# LETTERS to the EDITOR



## Patrol

Editor:

After reading with my usual enjoyment and interest Mr. Burnside's column about the lost Dawson Patrol, I spring to the defence of Inspector Fitzgerald, about whom Mr. Burnside is a bit scathing.

In 1910 when the tragic incident occurred, I was living with my cousin Ex-Cpl. A. E. C. Green near St. Paul-des-metis in Alberta. He had been in charge of a detachment of the R.N.W.M.P. at or near Dawson City in the late 90's, and had served under Inspector Fitzgerald and with Sam Carter, a guide.

He had a high opinion of Fitzgerald, but said that Carter was the cocksure type who knew everything and would never admit he didn't know the way. He placed the blame on Carter.

Also I do enjoy Mr. Matthews's columns especially the one about "rigger", me being an ex-rigger player and fan - the best of all games - including hockey.

John S. Browning

## Blunders

Editor:

Our Provincial government seems to be going from blunder to blunder in administering the ferry system. Unfortunately it is the people in the coastal regions that must suffer for these blunders. Not content with raising the fares almost three times to what they were, thus causing a drop in the number of people using the ferries, they attempted to balance the books by cutting down crews. All this in the face of irate protests from people who depend on using these ferries for necessary trips to the lower mainland. Remember the protests?! Marches in Langdale and Powell River, petitions to the government - all to no avail! (or very little anyway).

Their latest move is a dilly! They're asking the Federal government to declare the routes inland waters so that they can further reduce the ratio of crewmen to passengers. This is a stupid, unsafe act, especially in the face of the government's attempt to encourage more foot passengers. Wouldn't this require more crewmen rather than less?

They further cut some of the staff by introducing food dispensers on some of the runs. How does a dispensing machine show a passenger how to put on a lifejacket or lower a lifeboat?

If the Federal government goes along with the request for a re-classification then they will be showing to all and sundry where their priorities are as far as West Coast Canadians are concerned. Mind you, based on the way the up-coast transportation has been handled, we already know, don't we?

Let's flood Jack Pearsall's brand new Powell River office with letters protesting this blatant disregard for safety on our ferries.

Frank B. Garden  
Powell River.

## Dogs

Editor:

Who owns these HUNGRY DOGS? One is maybe 80 pounds and light tan in colour, short haired, the second is all black and half the size, and a third, reputed to be a large black lab I have not seen, though I hear he is also frequently on our 9 acres at Geddes Road on the Lower Roberts Creek Road.

If they feel like a big snack at 3 or 4 in the morning, they come around trying to break into a shed where I used to keep a bucket of moist chicken food ready for the morning; a third of a bucket is the size of meal they prefer. Rooting in the garbage is another favorite pastime, and rubbing their backs against our shingles is not the way I like to be woken up at that unearthly hour!

They also visit during the day, but never stay long enough to shake a paw once they see me.

Well owners, who ever you are, feed your hungry dogs and keep them home: heaven knows what their next meal here might be.

Jean Sheridan

5 Old Peach Rd.  
Pine Court, Apt. #4, Yip Mansion  
Hong Kong

Editor:

My husband and I enjoy your paper immensely. Thank you for the map which we found enclosed with the last edition we received, namely 1st March.

We have a number of fine, Canadian friends, mostly on the West Coast. We also have some little property in the Sunshine Coast, hence our desire to keep up to date on what's going on in that region.

We are of Greek origin, as our name implies but we have lived in the Orient for over 30 years. We are delighted therefore to be quasi represented as far away as the Sunshine Coast with a Greek Restaurant, Theatre, "The Parthenon", and a Chinese Restaurant, "Yoshi's".

We have taken the liberty of sending you today, by separate cover, and by surface mail, a book, Hong Kong 1977. No doubt you will keep it as a souvenir from one of your faraway subscribers and readers of your paper. You may even find some interesting and worthwhile subject to write about in your paper - who knows! And we hope maybe someone on your paper will one day in the near future, decide to pay our city a visit.

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Sarafoglou

## Gymnastics

The Chatelech Gymnastic Program will start up again in April 12th after a break to allow for the resurfacing of the gym floor. The program will run until the first week of June.

The new times for gymnastics will be as follows: from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for girls and boys 10 years and under; 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for advanced gymnastics - participants will be advised if they qualify for this group; 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., girls and boys 11 years and over.

Parents are invited to participate as assistant coaches in lieu of the regular \$10 fee.

Further information on the program can be had from Karin Hoemberg of Adult Education at 885-3512, or from the instructors of the program Ed Nicholson at 885-2617 and Wendy Skapski at 883-2373.

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## More dogs

Editor:

I refer to the recent comment in the paper re: dogs being controlled in Gibsons and Sechelt but not in the surrounding areas. It was mentioned that there was not sufficient interest in these outlying areas.

In regard to this I would suggest that someone involved in the control go around the Gower Point areas and the Pratt Road area and see if they can drive at the posted speeds without running over dogs.

We in the Gower Point area are continually pestered with dogs running loose, continually barking at each other, messing up the neighbors gardens, etc. and generally making a nuisance of themselves.

Last night I went out after dark and was met by two of the neighbors dogs growling and standing their ground in my own property. When it comes to this through the lack of responsibility of the owners, then I think it about time some action was taken and would hope as a start that the surrounding areas be included in the control.

I would also suggest that the reason for the lack of apparent interest is that the irresponsible ones whose dogs are causing trouble obviously are not interested in forcing control of their own irresponsibilities and more responsible people are either too busy or a little reluctant to complain against their neighbours.

I would therefore suggest that anyone interested in controlling this nuisance which is rapidly getting out of hand, take a few minutes to write a note to either Gibsons or Sechelt to make them aware of the situation.

R. W. Vernon  
RR #1, Gower Pt. Rd.  
Gibsons

## Still more

Editor:

There appears to be a general idea that there is not much one can do about vicious dogs. Well one can do something about them and should.

I was bitten by a dog whilst on legitimate business on March 16th and I was mad. I was even angrier on discovering that this particular dog had bitten others and in fact had a reputation as

a biter. Yet not one of the victims had done a thing about it, in spite of the numerous children in the vicinity where the dog lives.

I rang up the owners of the dog and then rang up the R.C.M.P. and gave them full particulars. Later I went to see them personally to find out exactly what one should do when bitten by a dog.

If one is bitten whilst on private property there is not a single thing the police can do about it. If sheep or chickens for instance are involved then the police can act according to the "Domestic Animals Act", and it is this act with which the police have to work. It is still a good idea to notify the police because then the dog and it's owners have, so to speak, a police record. Further the police can give advice as to what the legal options are.

Marjorie Wilson

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J. F. Meidinger, P. Eng.,  
Regional Paving Engineer,  
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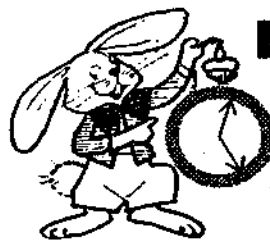
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## Lockstead reports

DON LOCKSTEAD M.L.A.

Beginning in May, B. C. Hydro will once more be imposing an unfair increase on the residential consumer. These increases, ranging from 15-20%, mark the fourth such hike in less than two years.

The B. C. Hydro rate structure is loaded against the small consumer, who pays terribly high prices for electricity and gas, while the industrial consumer buys these products at far cheaper bulk rates.

The N.D.P. government started to correct this situation when it increased the industrial and bulk rate by 70%. Many of the contracts affected by this increase, however, required a two year notice of increased rates. As a result, these rates are only now coming into effect.

Clearly, we must deal with the major consumers who are relatively few but who take up 40 percent of the current electrical production. While the industrial and bulk consumers use about half of the total energy, they produce only about 28 percent of the revenue. It is quite ironic that these very healthy industries, who are quite able to pay their bills, should pay less than half what the average homeowner pays.

The Social Credit government is showing little concern about this grave injustice. Energy Minister Jack Davis has said that the government would not intervene against the rate increase.

It is also apparent that there is a split within the cabinet over control of Hydro. Premier Bennett has said that he would support the establishment of a public utilities commission to oversee rate increases. Davis, on the other hand, has said that he feels it would be "ridiculous" to set up "another public body to review what a public body is doing".

While the cabinet ministers squabble, the B. C. consumer gets squeezed. This issue requires leadership. I, for one, do not see it arising from within the present government.



DON LOCKSTEAD

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April 13 - Pender Harbour Realty Ltd., 1-5 p.m.  
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The course takes place each Friday in Chatelech Jr. Secondary School, music room at 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$12.00 for 8 sessions, \$7.00 for 4 sessions and \$2.00 for 1 session.

April 8: Good Friday, no show.  
 April 15: Singin' In The Rain. 1952 musical. Starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Sid Charisse, Gene Kelly's masterpiece.

April 22: Regle de Jeu (Rules of the Game). 1939 French. Jean Renoir. Pre-war European decadence culminates in a metaphor. The film was first banned, but has since been called "One of the ten best films ever made".

April 29: The Wizard of Oz. 1939 U.S.A. Director Victor Fleming. Starring Judy Garland, Ray Bolger and Bert Lahr. Meanwhile, in Hollywood...

May 6: Jour Se Leve. (Daybreak). 1939 French. Directed by Marcel Carne and Jacques Prevest. Released on June 17, 1937; England and France go to war on September 3; banned in France, this film had a profound effect on audiences in England and America.

May 13: His Girl Friday. 1940. Directed by Howard Hawks. Script by Charles Lederer from the play "The Front Page" by Ben Hecht. Starring Rosalind Russell, Cary Grant, Ralph Bel-

amy.  
 May 20: Metropolis. 1926. Fritz Lang, Silent. Electricity inspired this classic articulation of the machine myth.

Consciousness was raised at the monthly meeting of the Pender Harbour Senior Citizens Association held last Monday evening in the Legion Hall. The source of enlightenment was a colour-slide documentary presented and narrated by John Daly.

Mr. Daly, a commercial fisherman, camera enthusiast and long-time resident of Pender Harbour, took as his theme the propagation and conservation of salmon and illustrated his subject with scores of excellent pictures he had taken in the artificial spawning areas of Inch Creek, Weaver's Creek, Gold Stream and at the celebrated sockeye salmon run in the Adams River. There were also photographs showing the progress made in the drive, by local residents to clean up Anderson Creek in Pender Harbour for better spawning of humpbacks. Wilf Harper's, valuable work on this project, was recognized and praised.

Mr. Daly followed up with some spectacular scenes photographed in the McGregor River area, a fruitful salmon spawning ground with an abundant potential, but now endangered by a proposed B. C. Hydro dam.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Daly was roundly applauded.

Refreshments were served and the March birthday cake, baked by Irene Temple, shared and enjoyed.

## NDP candidates meet

Five potential candidates for the federal Coast-Chilkotin riding were on hand March 27th at the weekly meeting of the Gibsons NDP Club. They had been invited by the club to give brief talks about their candidacy, and to participate in the question and answer period that followed.

The first to speak, Erik Brynjolfsson approached the topic from the point of view of the economy, stressing the fact that the NDP must develop an alternate economic system to replace the present one. He pointed out that industrial expansion, and the proliferation of nuclear devices had both gone beyond our control, and that the party must plan to slow these down. He felt the

NDP should concentrate on their role as an independent third party, reminding voters that in a minority government a third party is a reasonable alternative.

Frank Gardner, a mill worker from Powell River spoke next, emphasizing that the NDP had traditionally been a working man's party. He felt that working through the unions was the way to power. "Sixty years ago most CCF leaders and Union leaders were walking down the same path. Today this is not the case," he said. By listening to the workers of the province, and through better management, he envisioned a more equitable society, one without second-class citizens, or have-not provinces.

"I've served my apprenticeship" said Harry Olausen, former Member of Parliament for this riding. Adding that he'd derived great satisfaction from doing his job, he sought the candidacy on an alliterative platform of: "Pollution, Production, and Population". Canada needs a positive program for the problem of pollution. As for 'production', he cited foreign ownership of industry and dwindling resources as areas which must be looked into. About the 'population' he said that the issues of immigration Indian rights and women's rights were all important. He felt the party should strive to give all Canadians an equal opportunity for social justice.

Referring to the present provincial government as a group of "...car salesmen and carrot juice freaks," Ray Skelly of Courtenay spoke next. Mentioning Canadian sovereignty, he told how outside interests presently control our destiny. "We sold our country short for a short-term gain" he said, and intimated that future generations would have to pay the ultimate bill. He felt the party should work for world peace, limiting unreasonable growth, and Canadian economic independence.

Ferry worker Richard von Fuchs spoke last, saying that there were two kinds of people - the exploiters and the exploited. In describing the present economic system he felt that local control of resources should take place, enabling individual communities to decide their own economic fate. He said the NDP must present a clear platform in the next election. "Are we Liberals in a hurry?" he asked. The party must present a well-defined policy, he said. "We favour the exploited versus the exploiters."

It was learned in the question and answer period that followed that the new boundaries of the Coast-Chilkotin riding would become official June eleventh, were an election not called before that time.

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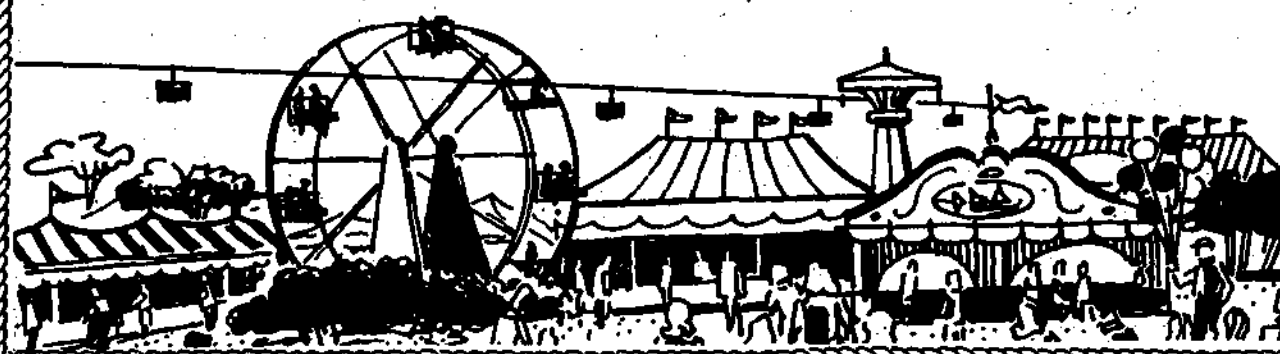
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## THE OMENS AT MAIDENHEAD

While my adult life has been relatively free from incidents that could in any way be called supernatural, my early childhood was quite another matter. England has never taken a back-seat when it comes to haunted houses and assorted psychic-phenomena. It's towns and villages abound with buildings of uncanny repute where manifestations of one sort or another are rumoured to occur. A good percentage of these cases can be safely ascribed to over-active imaginations, inebriation and outright lying. But there are an equal number of well-documented incidents that defy any sort of rational or scientific explanation. I have always maintained an open mind in such matters for the first house of my memory was a very strange house indeed.

In the one or two photographs that still exist of the place, it looks innocent enough - a twin-gabled, two-story, Tudor-style building with large, latticed windows, set in a pleasant lawn-garden against a backdrop of poplar trees. My parents had discovered the house on an obscure street in Maidenhead, (a suburb of London) and fallen in love with its quaint charm. It was situated in a low-lying area, often subjected to flooding when the river rose and as a result, many of the other houses in the neighbourhood were vacant. My earliest recollections of the place are less-than-vague for I was very young but as time progresses through the two years we lived there, the images grow clearer.

It soon became apparent to my mother that there was something odd - perhaps even sinister - in the background of the house. It had sat vacant for some years prior to our arrival. Before that there had been a fire and the building was partially restored. She was able to learn few details about the fire - the tradesmen she asked were evasive about it but she surmised that there had been some loss of life.

## Pages from a Life-Log Peter Trower

I was about four when I began to see the apparitions. They all seemed to center around the upstairs room where I slept. There were three of them: a clown, an elderly woman in grey and a large black dog. Of the three, I only remember the clown with any vestige of clarity. I think he appeared more often than the



others and seemed, despite his gay, yellow costume and painted, scarlet smile, much the most malevolent. He generally materialized in the bathroom doorway directly across the hall from my bedroom. Sometimes he was swinging from the top of the door-sill and even this playful activity held menace. I suppose what frightened me, even at that tender age, was the fact that I saw him at all.

The other phantoms, hallucinations or whatever they may have been, revealed themselves to me less-frequently and never provoked quite the same sense of foreboding. The grey lady, I saw on several occasions, emerge from my room and start down the staircase. She moved very deliberately and her plain, lined face wore a look of intense sadness. The black dog, I sometimes saw lying on my bed when I entered the bedroom. Such a mundane sight would scarcely be cause for comment had we

owned such a dog but my mother kept no animals beyond a single dyspeptic and not overly-friendly cat.

There was nothing misty or translucent about any of these visitors - if such they were. They seemed quite solid and three-dimensional and the lady twice appeared to me in broad daylight. But by the time I called my mother to come and look, they were always gone. Since I was literally too young to lie, she had no reason to disbelieve me and thinks to this day, that they had some connection with the fire.

My spirit-sightings were not the only curious events that took place in and around that quiet house. My mother, while fanning the ill-drawing fireplace one day, inadvertently set her dress alight. Only the actions of the quick-witted maid who rolled her in a rug, extinguished the flames, saved her from serious burns and perhaps the house from a second gutting. On another occasion, I went missing and was found up-sidedown in a full rain-barrel with only my feet protruding. Had I not been rescued by the gardener, I would have most-certainly drowned. I have no direct memory of this event nor any idea of how I came to be in such a predicament. In any case,

it left me with a severe case of aquaphobia that kept me from swimming for years.

My father at this time, was testing planes for the Fairey Aviation Company. His work frequently took him to Belgium and he was away much of the time. Early in 1935, he came home for a rest. He had not been feeling well for some weeks and had experienced a couple of brief blackouts while driving his car. An important air show was coming up for the benefit of the King of Belgium, in which my father was expected to participate. Twice he begged-off for health reasons but the third time, he reluctantly agreed to go. The night before his departure, he shook my mother awake. He was in a state of visible alarm. "I heard the most terrible screaming," he said. "It was like the howling of a banshee!"

Of course, my father never returned alive from this ill-fated air show. He apparently suffered a blackout while pulling out of a power-dive and crashed to his death before the gathering of soon-to-be-exiled royalty. My mother cried for hours when the grim phone-call came. I didn't realize exactly what had happened but I knew it was something earth-shaking and irreversible. When her grief eventually subsided, my mother would recall other portents that had occurred in the final week of Stephen's life - a robin entering the house and perching on the bust of a Belgian miner that my father had prized - a bat in the drawing-room - a pear-tree blooming twice. But for the moment, she could think of nothing except the dreadful loss that had widowed her at thirty-two. That evening, her parents drove down from Oxfordshire and took us away to live with them there. The ghosts and omens of that peculiar house in Maidenhead were left behind us forever and they soon drifted into memory as our lives entered a quite-different phase.

his sentence's wobble and creak along, shredding themselves of meaning along the way, arriving at nowhere, and having slept throughout the journey. The language actually gets in the way of the story. Any feelings we have for the characters, other than a vague loathing, is discouraged by the trip we must take to get to them.

I wish I could say something positive about this book, but all I can come up with is this: reading it, you'll be glad you're not one of the characters in it. Things could be worse. This book will help you imagine how.

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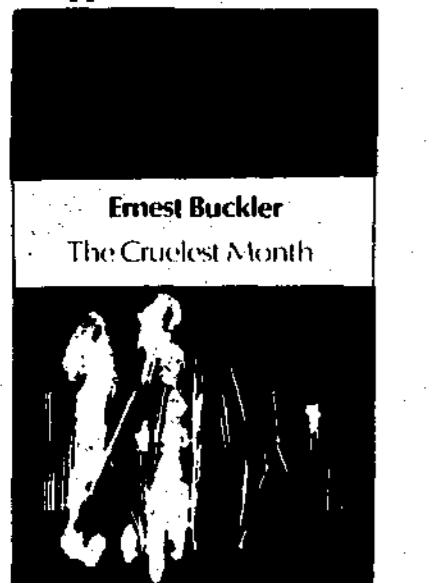
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This is one of those gritty Canadian novels where the sophisticated southern types come up to a secluded house in the bush somewhere. There, surrounded by the nasty primitive forces of trees and other unusual things, the souls of the sophisticated types are stripped bare, usually in the first few chapters. By the end of the book no one likes anybody else, there has been a murder, or a disaster, and everyone goes away again.

If too many books of this type continue to be written, Canadian literature may well have to reserve a particular genre for them. They might be called "Novels of the Tourist Season", and publishers could issue discarded gum wrappers to be used as book marks with them. Used as a stock device, beginning writers in the workshops of the universities could be handed out mimeographed plot outlines:

1. Select some mouthy Americans from an east coast metropolis.
2. Construct a quaint cabin in the woods.
3. Place the tourists in it, along with some earthy locals for leavening.
4. Write three hundred pages. Try not to be dull.

The Cruellest Month, which manages to outdo even Atwood's *Surfacing* in its blandness and insipidity, has been published again this year in the New Canadian Library edition. I found the

book very tiring. Sitting in a room with its characters seemed to be a continuous unpleasant surprise, one which grew and grew until finally, gratefully, the book ended.

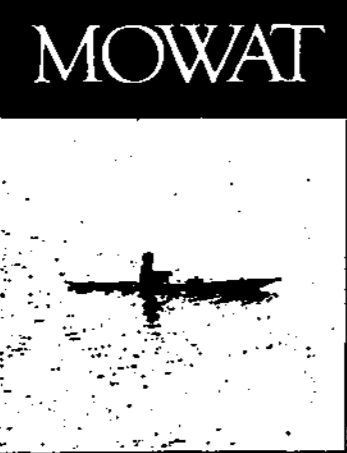
Having already hinted at the plot, I hesitate to introduce you to the characters. Considering them at any length is much the same as staring into a greasy sink full of dirty dishes. They have to be washed, but which do you pull out first? Let's start with that plate with the bits of egg on it, the not-so-young-any-more couple from Connecticut. Rex, the twitching, limping, bundle of failed masculinity is accompanied by his emotional stockbroker wife, Sheila, and his high-powered hunting rifle. Sheila, sensing Rex's decline, takes up with Bruce, the self-pitying hometown boy. Bruce digs in the garden and anguishes over the loss of his Beatrix Potter family (Molly and Peter), who fell out the door of their pickup truck and were killed.

That messy glass with the lipstick stains around the edge is Kate, the thirty-nine year old professor's daughter. The glass with all the wobbly fingerprints on it is Morse, the novelist. These two are destined to fall in love by a trout stream later on, but we'll return to them after we get to the silverware at the bottom of the sink. The bent but reliable spoon is Letty, the housekeeper. The dull knife is Paul, the hero of the piece.

All right. I have to be brief.

Kate is desperate. Her father had a stroke and came into the kitchen one day saying the word 'orange' over and over again. Kate wants to be normal and get married before it's Too Late. Morse has been married three times, but Kate rings his matrimonial telephone (long distance, collect), and they ride off together through a forest fire. Sheila and Bruce discover each other and start getting it on out back in the field. Ah, the love of a good woman... Morse, after one afternoon with Kate, overcomes his writer's block and starts another novel. Bruce, after dallying with Sheila, decides he will be a doctor after all. Paul, the taciturn hub of the whole scene, finally forgets his heart condition and goes to bed with the housekeeper. Rex manages to shoot himself (not fatally, unfortunately) and also start the forest fire. In the end everyone is paired off, the old homestead is saved from the ravaging flames, and the characters, and the reader, stumble gratefully away.

Mr. Buckler, one suspects, intended this to be an in-depth study of human character, framed by the stark confines of rural Nova Scotia. At times, he almost achieves a certain depth, but it is inevitably lost in the maze of his painfully self-conscious prose. The author seems to be continually searching for just one more otiose verb with which he might brighten these pages and, unfortunately, he always seems to find them. Coupled with this,



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## CBC Radio

by Maryanne West

Playhouse, Thursdays 8:04 p.m., begins a new series of dramas by George Ryga commissioned by the CBC. Advocates of Danger, presents Jon Granik as the itinerant Danny Kubrick who travels across Canada from Yellowknife to Halifax on a journey rich in human encounter. Danny has worked at all kinds of jobs from D J in the north to civil servant, but he's no slouch, dresses well and drives a snappy red sports-car. He has a magnetism and empathy which draw people to him and each of the seven weekly episodes concerns someone he meets on his journey.

This week's play, Salt Spring Well stars Robert Clothier in the supporting role. Those who remember an earlier series on the history of the Kootenays will look forward to the same lively characterization in George Ryga's newest radio plays.

Special Occasion, Sunday, 5:05 p.m. presents a portrait of American composer-writer-teacher Aaron Copeland, probably the most outspoken, articulate, respected and unselfconsciously American musician of his time. The program will include his Appalachian Spring, Symphony for Organ and Orchestra with E. Power Biggs and Copland's settings of American folk songs sung by William Warfield.

Between Ourselves, Saturday, 9:05 p.m. presents a profile of NFB filmmaker Donald Brittain whose documentary on the life of Martin Lowry was nominated for an Academy Award.

Wednesday April 6  
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. CBC Talent Festival continued: Douglas Finch, piano from Winnipeg, Lillian Kilianski, mezzo-soprano, Kitchener; Dean Franke, violin, Willowdale; Stephen Pierre, clarinet, Toronto.  
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Theatre and actors.

Thursday, April 7  
Playhouse: 8:04 p.m. Advocates of Danger, Part 1, Salt Spring Well, by George Ryga, starring Jon Granik and Robert Clothier.  
Jazz Radio-Canada: 8:30 p.m. Nimmons 'N' Nine Plus Six, Henry Young Quintet.  
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Talent festival, Carolyn Gadiel, violin from Toronto, Janet Horvath, cello, Willowdale.  
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Books and authors.

Good Friday April 8  
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. The Earthly Cup, Letters from Prison written by German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer during his imprisonment under Nazi regime.  
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Music and musicians.

Saturday April 9  
Update: 8:30 a.m. Round-up or B.C. Happenings.  
Quirks and Quarks: 12:10 p.m. Science magazine with David Suzuki.  
Metropolitan Opera: 2:00 p.m. Verdi's Trovatore.

Our Native Land: 6:15 p.m. Recollections of Indian residential school life.  
CBC Stage: 7:05 p.m. John and Missus adapted from stage play by Gordon Pinsent.  
Between Ourselves: 9:05 p.m. Profile of Donald Brittain of the National Film Board.

Anthology: 10:05 p.m. New short story by Alice Munro, Providence. Poems by Raymond Souster.  
Music from the Shows: 11:05 p.m. High Adventure.

Sunday April 10  
Gilmour's Albums: 12:05 p.m. Features songs by Peter Dawson.  
Whose Canada?: 4:05 p.m. Today the B.C. viewpoint in a series intended to spark enlightened discussion about national unity by presenting regional viewpoints.  
Special Occasion: 5:05 p.m. Fanfare for the Common Man, a portrait of Aaron Copland prepared by Andrew Marshall.

Muscle de Chez Nous: 7:05 p.m. All Bach program by Mireille and Bernard Lagace, harpsichordists.  
My Music: 8:35 p.m. Return of the well-known BBC quiz.  
Concern: 9:05 p.m. A Joyful Noise - special program for Easter Sunday.

Monday April 11  
The Great Canadian Gold Rush: 8:30 p.m. Conclusion of interview with Randy Bachman. Ian Thomas Band in concert.  
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Festival Singers of Canada, Liszt, Vaughan Williams, Verdi, Byrd.  
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Films.

Tuesday April 12  
Touch the Earth: 8:30 p.m. Folk revival of the 60's interviews with Mary Travers, Tom Paxton, John Hammond Sr.  
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. National Arts Centre Orchestra, all Beethoven program.  
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. The Art World.



Two of filmdom's best known stars are featured in movies coming to the Twilight Theatre this week. They are Peter Sellers and Jack Nicholson.

Sellers will be seen as the bumbling, ineffectual Inspector Clouseau in the fourth of the Pink Panther series of films which have featured this comic character. This one is called *The Pink Panther Strikes Again* and will appear at the Twilight from Wednesday, April 6th to Saturday, April 9th. Producer-director of the series, Blake Edwards has assembled many of the same creative artists that he employed in previous Pink Panther adventures. A newcomer to the series, however, is

the young British actress Lesley-Ann Down who has been playing the role of Georgina in the popular T.V. series "Upstairs Downstairs".

Nicholson appears from Sunday, April 10th, to Tuesday, April 12th, in the long-awaited film version of Ken Kesey's first novel *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. The film is billed as a tragic-comedy about a free-spirited rogue who takes over the ward of a mental hospital by a combination of gall and ingenuity. Published in 1962, Kesey's book anticipated not only the rebellion of that decade but also the repression that followed it in the 70's.

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## Fish Talk

by Gerry Ward

If you are interested in breeding fish I will show you one of the easier egg layers to breed. These fish are called Labyrinth fish or Gourami's and Fighting Fish. These fishes basically range in India, Malasia, Burma and surrounding countries. Their lengths are anywhere from one and a quarter inches up to five inches. Their colours are as varied as the rainbow.

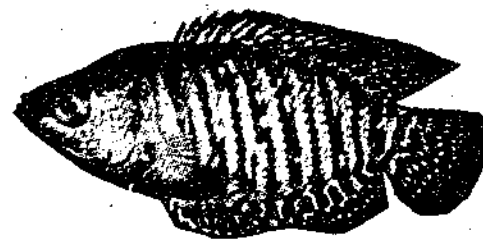
I will start with the easiest to breed which I find to be the blue gourami. This fish has a sky blue background with a black mottling from the anus to the tail. The fins have bluish green spots which become pronounced when in breeding colours. This fish is bred in commercial fish hatcheries for the main purpose of supplying

live baby fish for fish food for other fish.

The best technique I have found for breeding these five inch gourami's is to fill a ten gallon aquarium with six inches of water, have the heat at 80 degrees F, and have lots of surface plants, water sprite or riccia will do. Let the aquarium set for a day and put in the female. Be sure the female is ripe with eggs as the male will harass the female to death if she is not ready. Place the male in the tank with the female, he will soon start building a bubble nest which will probably be loose and patchy. He will begin chasing the female and will tear her fins and scales until she will go under the bubble nest. When this is accomplished, the female will push lightly against the male's side, he will then clasp or bend his body around hers, they then roll upside down, each expelling their sexual products. They will continue this until all the eggs have been expelled. The gourami eggs in almost all cases float so if you wish to catch the female and remove her you will not damage the nest too badly. Leave the male in the tank for about a week. He will guard the nest and will also catch any babies falling from the nest and will spit them back to the surface. After a week he should be moved. The mortality rate for the babies will be high if they are not moved into at least a thirty gallon tank and fed on the finest of fish foods.

All gourami's can be bred in this fashion. These include the pearl, giant, honeycomb, dwarf, and pygmy gourami's, to name a few, and also the paradise fish. The siamese fighting fish is bred in much the same fashion but because the eggs are heavier than water, care must be used when removing the female, and she must be removed or the male will kill her, and the male must be left in the aquarium to maintain the nest and keep the eggs in it.

All the smaller gourami's and the fighting fish are hard to breed successfully because the babies are so small. This creates problems in that you must have sufficient quantities of microscopic creatures, called infusoria, on hand to feed the babies throughout the day. Green water is good because it usually contains enough rotifers and infusoria that the baby fish will get along quite well with a good feeding of this several times daily. For the beginner I would suggest the bigger gourami's and the paradise fish as these fish breed readily in captivity. I have had both the blue gourami's and the paradise fishes bred in my community aquarium and have raised a few young on one gallon jars placed in the aquarium and my three gallon and five gallon aquariums. This retards their growth rate so I would suggest bigger accommodations. Also after the fish have mated add some fungus stop to the water to prevent egg fungus which is quite prevalent in this area.



## Harmony Hall

by Jim Holt

Well that is enough about me, spring is sprung, and the grass is wet, but I ain't had my check-up yet. My reason for saying this is that I have been under the weather for the past few days, and really don't know what has been going on, but at least I can fill you in on some of the happenings. Last Friday night was "Fun Night" but only 14 showed up, but we all had a good time that is except my cribbage partner and me, whose name I will not divulge in case he becomes embarrassed. We got beat 5 games out of 6 which is a pretty poor record in my estimation. Our opposition was George and Ada Elander so if you want real opposition in a game of cribbage these are the people to meet. Fun Night is open to all senior citizens in the village and we would like to see more coming out. Admission is free, all we ask is that you bring along a few sandwiches or a small cake or cookies. Tea and coffee are served free and I think that once you have been to a Fun Night you will come back as there is practically everything going on in the way of light recreation and dancing. It starts at 8:00 p.m. and is over about 11:00, it is not a long evening and I am sure you will thoroughly enjoy yourselves.

Well that is enough about me, now how about you? All you lucky folks going down to Reno on April 2nd, I hope you all have a wonderful time and work the arms off those (one armed bandits) slot machines they have down there. If you come back with lots of loot well and good, but the main thing is come back. Have a good time and we will see what we can accomplish during the summer for day trips, and a trip down to Frank Bakers place in West Vancouver. I think that is a trip worth making and doesn't cost too much so we will get working on that as soon as the whole gang gets back home again.

Our next general meeting on Monday, April 4th is liable to be very small what with all the members being on vacation, but we will carry on just the same and maybe you will have some new ideas when you get back that we can work on.

Don't forget Jim and Elisabeth Derby's Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 8th. It is to be held in the Senior Citizen's Hall in Sechelt between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. So lets get a group together and go up and visit with Jim and Elisabeth. They are a wonderful couple and really deserve to be recognized as they are real workers for Branch #69, S.C.A. They are two people who don't believe in growing old and have really been wonderful to us any time we have had the good fortune to be invited up to Sechelt.

I was quite surprised at the turnout for our bingo last night, with the Big Bingo in Sechelt going at the same time it was really fantastic the way the people attended and I sincerely thank them for coming. I hope the Lions Bingo at Sechelt was a great success as they are a real good bunch of community minded people who do a fantastic job for everybody and their efforts are certainly well worth rewarding. I know if it had not been for the Gibsons Lions we would not be in the position we are today, so my heartfelt thanks to all these fine people for the work they are doing. Thanks also to Ken Stewart for his wonderful help to us at our bingo nights. Ken is a wonderful person and is always willing to give a helping hand.

Well, this is April Fool's Day and I am going to fool you all, by getting this column in on time. Don't forget to keep these dates in mind especially our Spring Tea and Bazaar Friday March 15th at 2 p.m., admission 75¢. Carpet bowling as usual next Wednesday April 6th at 1:00 p.m. and bingo next Thursday, April 7th at 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you at all of these functions, that is all of you that are not travelling all over the country. Now I must draw to a close for this time as I think I have given you all the news to date.

Over at the carpet bowling today the members were telling me how much they missed the column. In fact, our treasurer Irene Bushfield said she thought she was reading the wrong paper. It really shows that people are interested in what is going on and I really appreciate their comments.

Had a card from Dick and Eva Oliver and Ed and Molly Connor who are vacationing in Hawaii. They are having a wonderful time over there and I fully believe them because when we were there 3 years ago we had a fabulous time. Hawaii is all they say it is and more. It is absolutely beautiful; the people are really easy to get along with and will help you any way they can.

I guess I am like the rest of you, I have finally got started on my gardening and what a chore it is as I have neglected our place for the past three years and it is quite a job catching up on it, but at least I have made a start. I hope I will be able, the good Lord willing, to keep on and get it back into shape again.

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This month will be busy with leagues winding down, playoffs for league champions, our Queen of the Lanes Tournament, roll-offs for Teambowl, our 300 Club Tournament and our League Champion Tournament. Everything, hopefully, will culminate in time for the bowling banquet May 13th.

Our Spring League starts at the end of April and we are taking names now.

Highest Scores: **Classics:** Bonnie McConnell 247-900, Gwen Edmonds 316-1022, Freeman Reynolds 273-978, Art Holden 314-995. **Tuesday Coffee:** Celia



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Fisher 237-659, Helen Weinhandl 267-659. **Swingers:** Phil Fletcher 224-464, Art Smith 286-772, Alice Smith 200-548, Belle Wilson 218-548. **Gibsons 'A':** Letty Talento 245-622, Ev McKay 233-624, Mike Cavalier 251-688, Art Holden 335-762. **Wednesday Coffee:** June Frandsen 375-778, Bonnie McConnell 335-850. **Ball & Chain:** Judy Schmidt 238-615, Bonnie McConnell 239-641, Tina Hunter 254-642, Merv Casey 251-676, Freeman Reynolds 294-761. **Phantastique:** Darlene Maxfield 235-680, Orbita delos Santos 283-729, Mel delos Santos 273-662, Vic Marteddu 230-668. **Legion:** Vic Marteddu 254-696, Freeman Reynolds 255-724, Mel delos Santos 266-735. **Y.B.C. Seniors:** Judith Spence 240-604, Michele Solinsky 317-704, Geoff Spence 280-622.

of that frame Wakefield narrowed the margin to one goal, but more than that it indicated the beginning of the end for Roberts Creek. As is so often the case in this game of slashing blades, that goal in the dying seconds of the first period inspired the young Wakefield skaters so that they held Roberts Creek scoreless while netting three tallies themselves to leave the ice after two periods of play leading 4-2. Final score: Wakefield 6, Roberts Creek 3. The culmination of hard work has given Wakefield the Commercial Hockey League crown. Wear it well!

## Hockey

By Ed Landa

Early in the 1976-77 Commercial Hockey season confidence was not in abundance within the ranks of the Wakefield Inn Hockey Club. It was mentioned to Jim Gray, this past season's C.H.L. scoring king, that his team appeared destined to run rampant over the opposition, but Gray remembered the first two C.H.L. seasons both of which went to Roberts Creek, although Wakefield had formidable talent. Something must be said of the coaching the team received this year from Bill Raymond. He instilled the desire, discipline and organization needed to mold this very youthful club into a confident systematic team. Crisp passing along with solid checking was emphasized. Teamwork and spirit followed naturally. The net result was Wakefield winning both the regular season championships and playoff championship.

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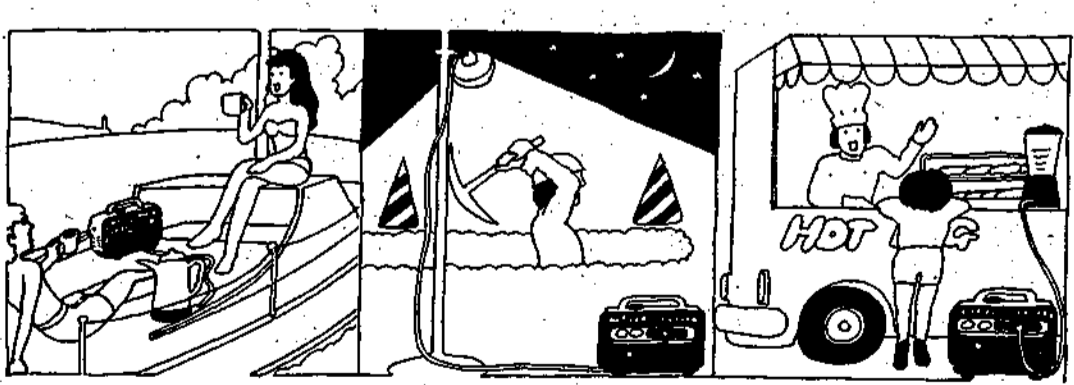
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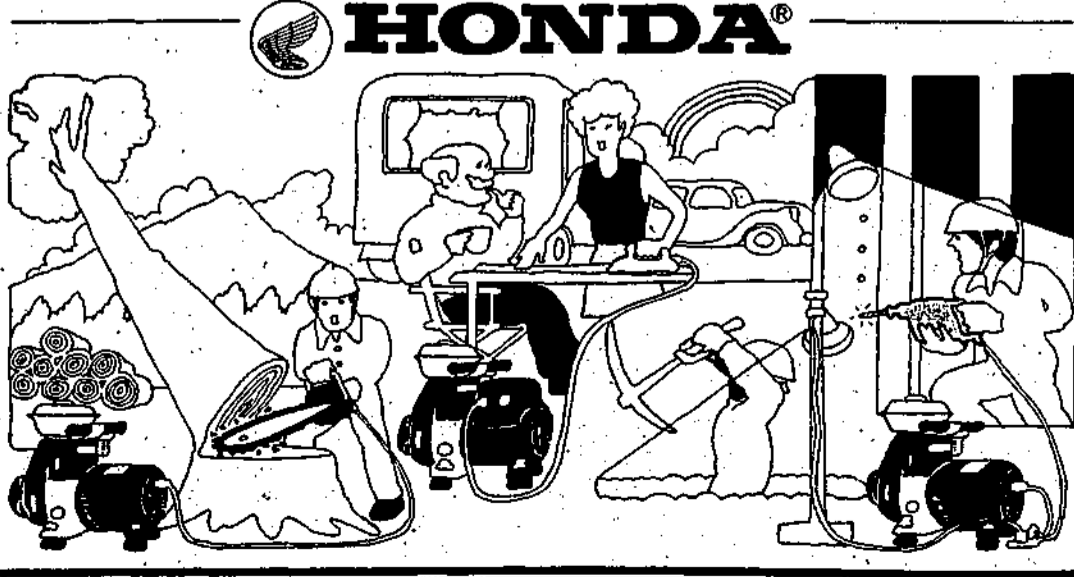
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Gibsons Elementary School, April 13, Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. Fee \$15 for 8 sessions, minimum 15 dogs.

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An 18 hour course divided between wheel and hand work. Elphinstone, Art Room, April 18, Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Fee \$18, excluding materials.

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Men's pants, 6 hours, followed by Swim-wear, 6 hours. April 12, Tuesday 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Elphinstone, Textile Room, Fee \$7 for 6 hours.

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Hand and wheel work for intermediate and advanced students. Elphinstone, Art Room, April 23, Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Instructor: John Reeve. Fee \$10, excl. materials.

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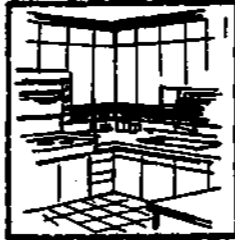
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**Dogwood Takeout**

BY TERRY KARKABE

Countdown! T minus 30 minutes and counting. Burdette has once again caught me twirl hither and yon, and so I sit here dedicatedly in limbo and attempt to once again avert journalistic disaster and present this drivel in time to see it published.

Madness you say? But of course it is dear people, best of all is the tri-weekly will he or won't he be in the editorial chambers of the Coast News. This time he will.

So...about a week ago on a dark and stormy, windblown night we were, Karen and I, making the epic voyage from Vancouver to the heart of Beautiful Downtown Gibsons. In the final stages of this particular odyssey, we found ourselves huddled in the waiting room at Langdale terminal with several other weary travellers anxiously attending the arrival of our taxi. As I said, it was a dark, stormy night, getting on towards the witching hour, and we were gleefully entertaining each other with ghostly stories when, without any warning whatsoever the door flew open with a thunderous crash and in stalked an incredible sight. Huge it was and fearfully coloured; a shock of blondish hair streaming down its face and falling in tangles on the shoulders of, you guessed it folks, a B. C. Ferries jacket. Without a word this apparition trudged past into the ladies rest room screaming "male cleaner!" at the top of its lungs, rummaged around four four or five minutes and departed with a green plastic bag over its shoulder. In astonishment one of our fellow travellers turned to me and said, "You know, when they finally get around to creating workers in a laboratory, I bet the first thing they clone is deck hands for B. C. Ferries."

One can't help but wonder.



Leo, Marie, and Ursula Huber proudly show the certificate from American Diners Society-1976-awarded for good food

**Peninsula Recycling**

by Tom Haigh

As reported in an earlier column, Peninsula Recycling has opened a second hand shop in Sechelt at our central depot on Porpoise Bay road. We are doing this to supplement our revenue so that the recycling service won't need to be so heavily subsidized. So far all we have to offer is a lot of funky odds and ends, a few chairs, a few mattresses and beds. These things have kindly been donated to the cause by persistent recyclers and are greatly appreciated. So, if you're moving or just want to get rid of some furniture and can't sell it, give us a call at 885-3811.

We also have lots of gallon jugs (at 25¢ each) for all you wine-makers. Need egg cartons? We'll give you a lot for a dollar. We'll even give you a lot for 25¢. If you need jars for canning, drop by and we can work out a deal. We save the more interesting books and magazines that come our way too. Of particular in-

terest right now are the Life Magazine issues around Kennedy's assassination - including the assassination issue. These are getting rare and will go to the highest bidder.

Contributing saleable items to the recycling depot is one of the ways people in the community can indicate their support for a permanent recycling centre on the coast. We cannot go on forever being subsidized by the federal government, although we will be good for another ten months if we get the Canada Works grant we have applied for. But during that time we will have to increase revenue to the point where minimum local and provincial funding plus our own revenue will be enough. All the signs are encouraging, although our future totally depends on that federal grant. If we don't get it, Peninsula Recycling will cease to exist. I know this is a familiar, tiresome story, but it is the reality we have to live with. We should know within the next few weeks, so wish us luck if you will.



R. Estabrook of Box 885, Sechelt, won this draw for \$100. The draw was held on behalf of the Sunshine Coast Navy League. Pictured are Dot Pajak and Lt. Don Randall.

**Notice of Public Hearing**

Ottawa, March 24, 1977.

ISSUE NO 2

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

MAY 3, 1977, 9:00 a.m.

The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission will hold a public hearing beginning on May 3, 1977 at the Four Seasons Hotel, 791 Georgia Street West, Vancouver, British Columbia to consider the following:

COAST CABLE VISION LTD., 5015 CHEHALIS DRIVE, DELTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Gibsons, British Columbia (761148600)

Application to amend its cable television broadcasting licence for Gibsons, British Columbia as follows:

FM Service

-to add the reception and distribution of CFMS-FM Victoria, British Columbia.

Location where the application may be examined:

D. G. Douglas Variety & Paints, Sunnycrest Shopping Plaza, Gibsons, British Columbia.

COAST CABLE VISION LTD., 5015 CHEHALIS DRIVE, DELTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Gibsons, British Columbia (761347400)

Sechelt, British Columbia (761346600)

Application to amend its cable television broadcasting licences for Gibsons and Sechelt, British Columbia as follows:

Fees-

	Present maximum fees	Proposed maximum fees
Installation fee/	\$15.00	\$25.00
Monthly fee/	\$5.50	\$7.00

The above are maximum individual fees. The applicant proposes special fees for additional outlets and other services which are set out in the application.

Locations where the applications may be examined:

Coast Cable Vision Ltd. Wharf Road, Sechelt, British Columbia.

D. G. Douglas Variety & Paints, Sunnycrest Shopping Plaza, Gibsons, British Columbia.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rules of Procedure:

Anyone wishing to make his views known to the Commission may refer to the Commission's Rules of Procedure wherein complaints and representations, interventions, service and filing, comments by community groups or individuals are defined. These Rules which also define how and where to submit such documentation are available for the sum of 35 cents from: Publishing Centre, Printing and Publishing, Department of Supply and Services, 270 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF INTERVENTIONS: April 18, 1977.

TO BE SENT TO: Applicant and CRTC 100 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, Ontario with proof of service.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS: At local address given in this notice and at the Commission, 100 Metcalfe Street, Room 1801, Ottawa, Ontario and its Vancouver Office, Room 1860, Daon Building, 1050 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

INFORMATION: Write to CRTC or phone 613-996-2294 or 995-8957. Vancouver Office 604-686-2111.

Lise Oulmet  
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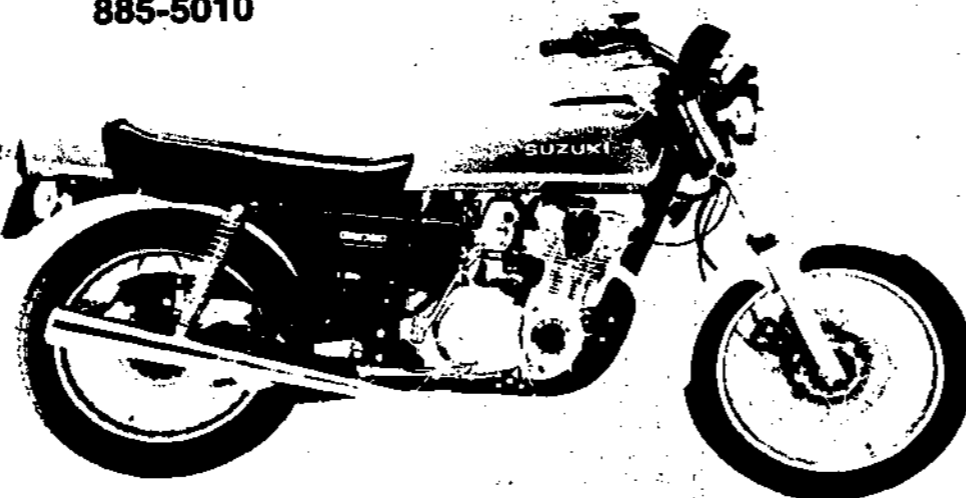
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**Fitness**

by Susan Millburn

On the weekend of March 19th and 20th over 100 peninsula residents were tested for cardiovascular fitness (heart, lungs and blood vessels) by the Fitness Service.

The method was the Canada Home Fitness Step Test. This simple way of testing one's heart can be done anywhere and (as seen on the testing weekend) a large number of people in a relatively short amount of time can be tested.

The Fitness Service has decided to continue offering testing to peninsula residents. Pender Harbour will be holding another all day testing station in the near future. Call Robi Peters at 883-9923 if you are interested in helping, or in being tested.

A regular testing station will be set up in Sechelt at the mental health centre office. Alice McSweeney has been kind enough to offer the board room during the lunch hour for the testing and counselling.

Starting in April every Tuesday and Thursday one can be tested between the hour of 12 noon and 1 o'clock. This can be done on your lunch hour and it will only take 15 minutes.

It should be stressed here that the step test is very elementary (yet accurate) and not a complicated set of laboratory tests. The procedure is simply walking up and down two steps for 3 minutes. The pulse is taken to determine the amount of work being done by the heart while you go up and down the stairs. This is done to

a musical beat. After three minutes' the pulse is taken to determine the amount of work put on the heart. The Canadian heart is suffering greatly from our rich foods and sedentary life style. However many people are unaware of their present physical condition. A great many heart attacks can be prevented. Give yourself 15 minutes to find out where you stand on the fitness scale. Come into the office and be tested. You've got nothing to lose.

We would like to use this column as a way of thanking Hayden Killam of Sechelt Building Supplies for donating the materials to build the testing steps. Also to all the volunteers who gave of their time, many thanks.

**Happy Horizons** By Tom Walton

Our Square Dancers had their last fling for the season on March 28th as the Elphinstone New Horizons prepare to wind up their activities for the first part of 1977. As a token of our appreciation for his time and efforts in providing enjoyment to so many of our members, our caller, Mr. Jack Whittaker was presented with a gift from the association. We all enjoy the lively music whether we dance or not, and will be looking for some of the same when we resume activities next fall.

While those in "sick bay" are slowly returning, it was a shock to learn that Jack James had landed in hospital. Surely this has broken a perfect attendance record, and we are missing him very much on the bowling alley. We send our "Get Well Soon" wishes to you Jack, and hope you're home by this time.

The booklet "The Frank Slide Story" was borrowed from our library some time ago and has not yet been returned. Will all members check their bookshelves and return outstanding books so that others may enjoy them too.

The recent "Arts and Crafts" display revealed an amazing diversity of talent among our members whose skill could be shared by others in the community with similar interests. Let us think about this during the summer months and see what response we get in the fall. There's painting, quilting, ceramics and music. We already have a broken down pianist, add four cracked voices, a little practise, then inflict the result on the long-suffering members at the next community sing-song. Volunteer now for the Happy Horizons Choir!

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### Family Month

The Rev. T. Nicholson called a meeting on Monday the 27th of March in the Gibsons Council chambers to discuss the upcoming family month in May. Although Family Month has been recognized by the communities of the coast, the committee intend to develop it into an ongoing project and a logo will be designed to signify their participation in local events in the future.

Several projects are already underway. Stella Mutch is organizing an outdoor celebration in the recreation centre on the 15th of May and with the sponsorship of the Gibsons Legion a Talent Night will be held on the 8th of May. Religious groups will be holding services during the month oriented towards the family unit. Members have been delegated to contact the various service clubs in the area. It will be up to the individual organizations what form their participation should take.

May 8th will also see a pancake breakfast at the Gibsons United Church in honour of Family Month. Fred Napora, spokesman for the Senior Citizens informed the committee that he would be in contact with various restaurants on the coast to put across the idea of special family rates during the month for family groups, perhaps in off-peak periods.

May is a month with a considerable amount of community events and it is hoped that the co-ordinators of Family Month can include themselves in as many as possible.

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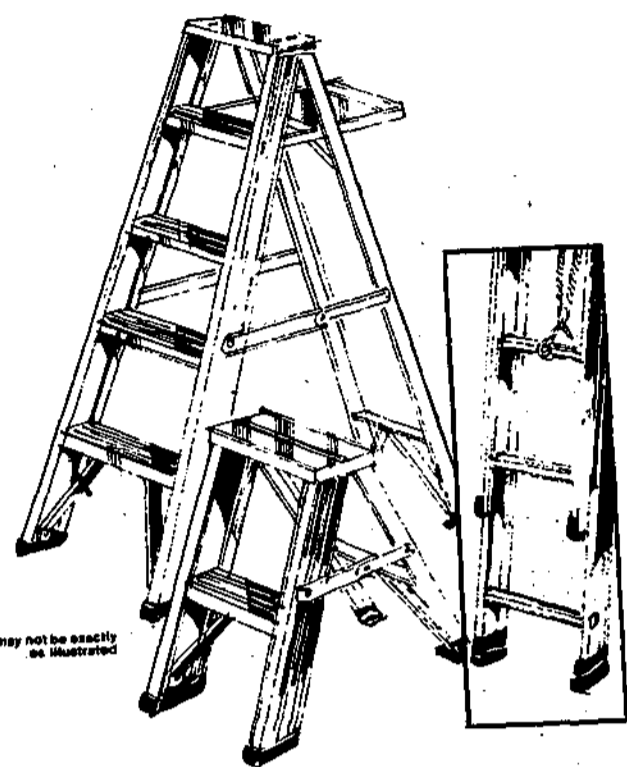
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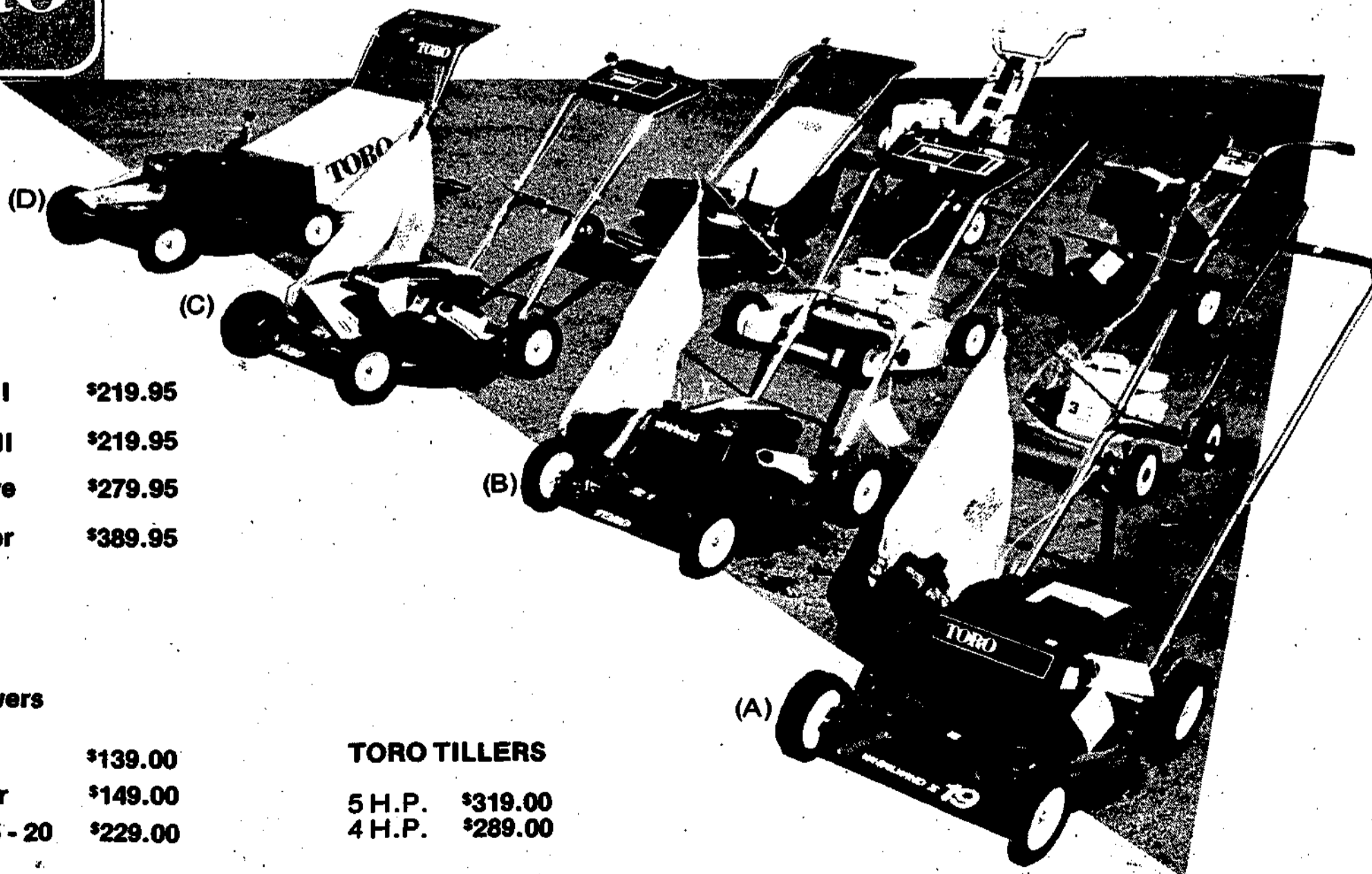


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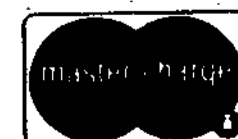
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