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Fisheries officials pay surprise visit to Madeira Park meeting

Fisheries officials made a surprise appearance at the meeting held in Madeira Park on Wednesday, October 19th, to discuss the issues raised by a recent Egmont meeting which was called to investigate the defunct fish farm, Moccasin Valley Marifarms, in Egmont and the supply of salmon in the Gulf generally. During the meeting the Fisheries men, Dr. Keith Sandercock and Mr. Dick Crouter distributed a four-page refutation of the points made by the fish farm proprietor Al Meneely at the Egmont meeting and reported in the local press. The story of the Egmont fish farm had previously been written up in the Readers' Digest and in the August 13th, 1977, issue of the Weekend Magazine.

In summation the statement issued by the Fisheries officials, which was unsigned and not on Fisheries letterhead, said that the problem was that "Meneely jumped into a complex aquaculture business that he knew nothing about." The statement denied that, as was alleged in the Weekend Magazine article, the Fisheries Service of Environment Canada conspired with the Income Tax division of Revenue Canada to force him out of business. "This is just not done!" declared the statement. "Anyone in business knows that Income Tax investigators look at anything that smells of a tax write-off venture...Income Tax, without the help of Fisheries Service classified this as a hobby farm."

The second part of the Fisheries refutation dealt with the question of egg supply to the fish farm. Meneely maintains that inadequate and late supply of eggs made it impossible for him to continue his efforts. The statement maintains that he did not get eggs simply because none were available. Employees of the fish farm in a letter in this paper point out that Meneely had been guaranteed 315,000 chinooks for 1974 and that this represents the laying potential of about 50 mature salmon. The order was not filled. On the question of whether or not the eggs were late run or not the statement of the Fisheries officials insists that the eggs supplied Meneely were "...in every case taken from the peak of the run or earlier." The employees say that they were told by Jerry Paine, at that time Assistant Hatchery Manager at Qualicum, that they had no chance of getting but late-run eggs and had implied that this was a decision from the department.

The Fisheries take exception to the statement made that Meneely's operation had a better production rate and less disease mortality than those hatcheries from Dr. Dick Novel, the head of Washington State Fish Hatcheries with 26 hatcheries in his care and also the advice of Dr. Donaldson of the University of Washington staff who was the man responsible for the successful transfer of coho salmon to the Great Lakes. Other experts consulted include Dr. Van Stone, a biologist in the West Vancouver Fisheries and Dr. Bell from Nanaimo, an expert on fish diseases. In addition, one member of Meneely's staff at the fish farm from its that are government operated. Meneely countered by pointing out when contacted by the Coast News that during his years of operation he had never had anything like the disasters which befell both the Capilano and Qualicum hatcheries in 1975. In Capilano, said Meenely, one and a half million fish had died when, according to the Fisheries Department, chlorine from the city water system had somehow found its way into their hatchery while at Qualicum that same year, maintained Meneely, 450,000 salmon had suffocated when maple leaves were allowed to plug the water intake.

Some of the Fisheries Department statements that Meneely particularly objected to were that he did not in time realize the importance of heated water for his fish farm, and that he had inadequate knowledge for the venture he had undertaken. Meneely pointed out that the first thing he had done was instal a water heating system, and that the delay in getting his salmon to the ocean was occasioned by the receipt of late-run eggs. On the question of expertise, Meneely pointed out that he had the benefit of a consulting report inception, John Van Arsdell is a qualified biologist with marine emphasis and the other was also university trained.

Meneely also stated that he particularly resented the implication left by the unsigned document from the Fisheries that his venture was planned as a tax write-off. He also again questioned how, when fish farm permits were supposed to be given on streams that had no salmon run, Union Carbide had obtained a permit to farm on Robertson Creek which is a major salmon stream and already has a federal facility.

Another sore-point with the ex-fish farmer was that the statement released by the Fisheries officials during the meeting contained information concerning his operation that he had been assured in writing would be treated as confidential. Meneely's licence to farm is still valid - a fact which seemed to surprise Dr. Sandercock - and he consequently questioned the public dis-semination of information he had been assured was confidential.

The October 19th meeting also got down to a more general discussion of the supply of salmon in the Gulf.

Plans for Gibsons Marina shelved

In an abrupt about face, Alderman Jim Metzler recommended to the Gibsons council at their meeting held on Tuesday, October 18th, that the proposed new marina in Gibsons harbour not be proceeded with. Metzler said that the Federal Government had requested more detailed analysis of the traffic patterns which would be using the new facility than the village at the present time had the resources to provide them with. He said moreover that the present economic climate had set him thinking that perhaps this was the wrong time for a major outlay in this direction.

In lieu of the marina Metzler felt that the village could proceed with such lesser expenditures as the installation of a new launching ramp in the Bay area as well as the cleaning up of the foreshore area and the possibility of installing picnic tables in the vicinity. Metzler felt that some of the ground in the area could be seeded and levelled for the recreational use of the village.

"I think we should try to keep our project near the top of the priority list for future consideration, however," said Metzler.

Meeting on condominium turns rambunctious

In one of the most rambunctious public meetings seen in Pender Harbour in many years, 108 area residents met Sunday afternoon to express near-unanimous opposition to the proposed Millwood Condominium at Canoe Pass. The meeting was a hearing called by the Regional District to discuss a zoning by-law amendment concerning portable trailers and also controversial by-law 150 covering a land-use contract to enable the Millwood people to launch their 14-unit condominium on the Canoe Pass site. It was the latter item that apparently had drawn the crowd.

District Planner Robyn Addison outlined the condominium proposal, noting that it fulfilled all the technical requirements of the district. Regarding sewage disposal problems, she said that the matter was being studied by engineers and "the board was more or less obliged to take the word of the experts."

The meeting seemed in no mood to accept any easy assurances, however, and it was not long before Addison, Millwood President John Westwood, and Area A Director Jack Paterson were under heavy fire by angry speakers who accused them of being partial to the development and failing to heed the wishes of the community. The most prolonged applause of the meeting was drawn by Joe Harrison, President of the Ratepayers Association, who read a brief rejecting the project on the basis of environmental protection, preserving the single family dwelling character of the neighbourhood and, most importantly, listening to the will of the people.

Harrison was followed by Pender Ratepayers Vice-President Pat Lane who presented a 400-name petition against the condominium which he said had been gathered in only four hours on Saturday afternoon.

At one point Director Paterson asked if there was anyone at all present who had anything to say in favour of the project. Only two people spoke up.

The meeting broke open in a series of accusations against Paterson after Peninsula Times reporter Kerra Lockhart revealed to the meeting that Paterson had told her he was going to "withhold his vote" when the issue next came up at the Regional Board. As he attempted to justify himself, Paterson was repeatedly booed and jeered.

Wendy Skapski asked Paterson how he could call himself a representative of the area while announcing his intention to deprive people of their only voice on the issue. Paterson abruptly declared the hearing at a close "because we're getting off the topic" then answered Skapski that he considered himself a good representative from the area. "If yhou want to vote me out of office, well that's your business," he said.

Village Clerk Tom Wood looks on as Mayor Harold Nelson signs the controversial airport lease at last week's meeting of the Sechelt Village Council.

Airport lease signed

The controversial airport lease was signed by Mayor Harold Nelson at the Sechelt council meeting last Wednesday, October 19th. The decision to sign sparked off an outcry from Jack Pope, a representative of C.A.-R.E. but he was ruled out of order when he attempted to read a prepared statement.

Mr. Brian Loewen, a member of the Aero Club also had a brief prepared, but like Mr. Pope, he was not in time to have it included in the evenings agenda.

A 31-year resident of Sechelt, Mrs. Steele, complained to council about the proposal for a nursery on Shorecliff Avenue. Her contention was that the area had had very little upkeep in the past. Close proximity of the schools, she felt, made it impossible for emergency vehicles to gain access when school meetings were in progress and in addition garbage was being strewn about the area. She felt that by allowing in a commercial operation, the problems would be compounded.

Later in the meeting the application by Mrs. Gibbons for rezoning was turned down on the recommendation of the planner.

In a letter, the village planner, Mr. Roy, outlined the recommendations of the committee appointed to settle the problems of zoning on Mr. Killam's property.

It was the feeling of the committee that Mr. Killam should not have taken the initiative in developing his property, and council apparently would have to insist on the removal of lumber from Lot A and that the other parcels presently outside the zoning by-laws should be made to conform.

Mr. Koch's request for a temporary occupancy permit for his building adjacent to the Golden City Restaurant was acceptable to council.

An application for use of the old Credit Union building for classes involving 18 adults was met with mixed feelings. Due to parking difficulties and zoning regulations it was felt that another building would be more desirable and council expressed willingness to assist in the arrangements.

Mrs. Kent has been appointed returning officer for the upcoming elections with Mr. Wood acting as polling clerk.

Perry and Wray again protest inclusion

Fur flew at the Gibsons council meeting held on Tuesday, October 18th when veterinarian Dr. Perry and Len Wray were again present to protest their recent inclusion in the Village of Gibsons. Dr. Perry and Mr. Wray were mutually protesting again that their inclusion into the Village of Gibsons had been so accomplished that they were unaware of it until it was an accomplished fact.

Dr. Perry said that village clerk Copland had been technically correct under Section 21 of the Municipal Affairs Act in putting a small legal notice in one of the local papers but he felt that since very few property owners were involved courtesy might have seen that they were personally informed. A previous diagram published by one of the local papers had shown them to be excluded. "A grave injustice has been done us," said the veterinarian, "and something should be done about it."

Village council was unable to give any comfort to the two men. Apparently a sum of $3,500 would have to be paid for them to be excluded and rejoin the regional district.

In another matter Dr. Perry criticized the building of the Gibsons Dog Pound. He said that he had three times offered

Nominations for local office beginning to trickle in

Nominations are beginning to trickle in for the various local boards and councils with elections upcoming early next month.

For the regional board, Jack Paterson, director of Area "A", has filed his nomination papers as has Charles Lee of Selma Park who will contest Area "C". Incumbent director for Area "C", Barry Pearson has taken out his papers and is expected to file them shortly. There may be as many as two other contestants in Area "C". Also on the regional board, there have been no nominations as yet for Area "E" and the representation for the villages of Gibsons and Sechelt are also wide open with both present incumbents, Metzler of Gibsons and Morgan Thompson of Sechelt, indicating that they are unwilling to continue in the double roles.

For the Sechelt council, Mayor Harold Nelson has indicated that he will run again for the mayoral spot. The only two contestants who have so far filed for the two vacant aldermanic seats are incumbent Thompson and former regional board planner Adrian Stott. Alderman Ernie Booth has decided not to run after fourteen years of community service. It is possible that there will be two more contestants for the Sechelt seats in the persons of Hugh Baird and Ed Nicholson, though there is nothing definite on their candidacy at press time.

In Gibsons, too, the picture is still indefinite. Mayor Larry Labonte will definitely run again and Alderman Stuart Metcalfe will defintely not run. It is understood that Alderman Metzler intends to contest one of the two aldermanic vacancies but has not yet filed his papers. No other candidate has so far come forward for the other vacancy.

Finally, the school board also presents a rather confused picture as yet. In the case of the school board there are two seats in rural Area "A" which is defined as being from Earls Cove to Sechelt, in one of which incumbent Peter Precesky is currently in the middle of a two-year term. The other incumbent Kay Dombrowski has indicated her intention to run again. Sechelt incumbent Maureen Clayton is in the middle of a two-year term. Area "B" encompasses the rest of the Sunshine Coast with the exception of Gibsons and has three seats. School board chairman Celia Fisher has indicated that she will not run again in Area "B", while trustee Klaus Spiekermann is still considering the matter. Presently committed to run in Area "B" are trustee Don Douglas, Tim Frizzell and recent arrival Jock Smith. Gibsons' trustee, Jo-ann Rottluff has indicated that she will be running again for the village seat. No one else has as yet come forward to contest the Gibsons position.

Nominations will close for all of the vacancies on the local boards and councils on October 31st.

Children at Sechelt Elementary file past tables loaded with nutritious fare. The occasion was the school's marking of Nutrition Week.

St. Mary's gets clean bill of health

St. Mary's Hospital came through a recent accreditation inspection with flying colours, it was announced at a press conference held last week. The accreditation inspection was carried out by two inspectors from Ontario, Dr. Jim Galloway and Miss Fern Trout, R.N., who is a graduate in hospital administration.

The business of accreditation is something that hospitals submit to voluntarily. In fact, the application booklet of the Canadian Council of Hospital Accreditation stresses in a foreword: "The voluntary nature of accreditation is a value and a strength that should not be overlooked. It is a recognition by hospitals and health practitioners of a professional responsibility to appraise their works, to evaluate their results and to continually improve their capabilities. This very fact of personal and institutional involvement and commitment holds the promise of better care that cannot be legislated. It must emerge, be fostered and grow within each institutional setting. It is a total task involving all components of the health team. It requires local direction and dedication."

Hospital board chairman Gordon Hall officiated at the Friday press conference and revealed that St. Mary's has been granted a three-year accreditation by the inspecting team. Three types of accreditation are possible. There is a one-year accreditation which is provisional in nature and by implication calls for some improvement in the accredited hospital; there is a two-year accreditation which is the standard accreditation and means that the hospital in question

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Water

Some clarification was attempted in the wording of the referendum which will go before the people of the Village of Gibsons concerning the link-up of their water system with the regional system which has been proposed. The prime mover of the clarification was Alderman Metzler who said that if the people of the village voted in favour of the link-up that would make way for the village council to negotiate with the regional board.

In other council business it was reported that the stairs to the wharf in Gibsons Harbour were in a deteriorating condition. It was agreed that inquiries should be made to determine if it was a village responsibility to maintain these stairs or whether they belonged to Smitty's Marina.

Trustees emphasize referendum support

In response to a front page story which appeared in the Coast News last week portraying the school trustees of School District #46 as being critical of the proposed recreational referendum which is upcoming next month, School Board Chairman Celia Fisher phoned the newspaper to emphasize that, while the story did accurately represent some areas of concern that the trustees have, the board is staunch in its support of the recreation referendum as a whole. "We are most appreciative of the efforts of the people on the Recreation Commission," said Fisher, "We realize that they are trying to come to grips with the very difficult problem of recreational facilities for an area as geographically spread out as this one and in so doing are performing a service for the entire region. We felt that we had to express some concern on the issues mentioned in the Coast News article but would make it clear to the people of the Sunshine Coast that we do appreciate the aims and efforts of the Recreation Commission and are largely supportive."

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Condominium

One can but sympathize with Area "A" director Paterson on the heels of what seems to have been a fairly traumatic meeting held in Pender Harbour last Sunday. It would appear that the representative to the regional board was caught publicly in something of a cleft stick. He of a certainty is not the first, nor will he be the last, politician caught trying to please both opposing sides on a political issue. There is no doubt here of the essential decency and good intentions of the man who has devoted many hours to public service in his area.

We must regret, however, his assertion that he had told a reporter from another paper that he would withold his vote on the condominium project because he had been quoted by the Coast News "without his permission". The quote in question did not come from an informal, off-the-record aside but was made by the director at a public meeting held in Pender Harbour the previous Sunday. The statements of a public man made at a public meeting surely cannot be considered confidential, neither does a newspaper need permission to report such statements.

If, as was reported in the Coast News last week, Paterson publicly said at the conclusion of the meeting held on Sunday, October 16th, that he would oppose the condominium project - and he has not denied that he did - then he has no reason in the world to expect not to be quoted accordingly. If he found it embarrassing to be so quoted then it can only be because he had been saying otherwise elsewhere.

Again the conflicting pressures brought to bear on public figures on controversial issues such as this make Paterson's plight both understandable and human. It would appear, though, that the director had either not thought through his position, right or wrong, clearly enough or that he had underestimated the degree of opposition that this particular project was capable of generating. He may have thought that if he smoothed the matter out at the first meeting nothing more would come of it. He appears to have been wrong on several counts.

It is, however, not possible to be all things to all men and it is a salutary lesson for politicians to occasionally have that fact brought forcibly home. No man is expected to be right on every issue and from every point of view. Director Paterson seems to have made the mistake of trying that impossible feat.

One must also question his wisdom in telling a newspaper reporter prior to a public hearing designed to guide his course of action what that course of action was to be, particularly when the course of action he indicated flew in the face of assurances he had already given publicly to some segment of his electorate. If, however, the situation which erupted over the condominium question in Pender Harbour serves to indicate to elected representatives that the populace is capable of concerned alertness then Mr. Paterson's difficulties will have proved of service to the people of the Sunshine Coast.

Fish farm

It seems that the unannounced arrival of Fisheries Department officers at the meeting held in Madeira Park last week may have raised as many questions as they hoped to lay to rest. The tactic of distributing a lengthy document at a public meeting where no time is available for its perusal or refutation is a questionable one and some of the statements made seem to fly directly in the face of the evidence. Two former employees of the Egmont fish farm drove nearly a hundred miles round trip last week to deliver their objections to the statements made by the Fisheries officials. This indicates a considerable degree of commitment to the abandoned fish farm and its owner, Al Meneely. One of those former employees is now making much more money as a commercial fisherman than he did as an aquafarm employee and one cannot doubt the idealism with which he had addressed himself to the farming of salmon nor the high regard in which he holds his former employer.

That Al Meneely did not know what he was doing or that he was doing what he was doing simply as a tax write-off, implied by the Fisheries statement, seems most unlikely in the face of the evidence, both human and documented.

Still nagging and unsatisfactory is the question of the fish farm licence granted Union Carbide. Not only has it been granted in opposition to previously stated policy to a foreign-owned company but it has been granted to start a fish farm on a stream which already has a hefty salmon run, again in defiance of a previously stated Fisheries policy.

The unsigned statement on plain paper distributed at the Madeira Park meeting has been studied and discussed with the men who worked on Al Meneely's fish farm who now have absolutely nothing to either hide or to gain from the dispute and there are just too many discrepancies, too many nagging doubts for one to feel that the matter has been suitably laid to rest.

...from the files of Coast News
We Remember When

5 YEARS AGO

Motorists, particularly those travelling towards the S-turn from the cemetery end are warned that the checkboard sign at the end of the straight away has been moved and extreme caution is necessary to stay on the road. Up to Monday, six cars missing the sign found themselves in or on the edge of the gully. Two went well down and one was badly damaged.

10 YEARS AGO

By-law 186 was given three readings at the Gibsons council meeting. It is an historic by-law because it can change the name of the municipality from Gibson's Landing to Gibsons. To become a law, it must obtain a 60% majority vote at the next municipal election.

Burglars broke into the Gibsons Kruse Drug Store last weekend and made off with narcotic type drugs and some cash. RCMP reports that the burglars knew what they wanted and they suspect that the drugs are now in the possession of the residents of certain parts of 4th Avenue in Vancouver.

15 YEARS AGO

B.C. Hydro has a new symbol. It depicts British Columbia and the vast scope of the utility's operations, extending from the hinterland to the sea. Basically, the new symbol is a twin diamond shape, forming a stylized H for Hydro. Top half of the two vertical diamonds is green, representing the forest covered mountains of B.C. The bottom half is turquoise, depicting reflections of the mountains in the water areas of the province, the source of Hydro power.

20 YEARS AGO

What's new in cars: The bold lines of the Buick's 1958 styling are exemplified in the luxury and beauty of the Buick Special. Dual headlights, and a dazzling new grill adds breath and lowness to the front end design. The Special, which is mounted on a 122 inch wheelbase, boasts new and bigger brakes. The new miracle air ride and either variable pitch or the revolutionary flight pitch Dynaflow are optional equipment.

25 YEARS AGO

Paul Cote, engineer in charge of the building of the Port Mellon road, said that the work is progressing well. He said the contractors had run into some difficulties with boulders "as big as auditoriums" and were now working on 3,500 feet of swamp which made construction difficult.

Playing at the local theatre: With Marlene Dietrich and Arthur Kennedy, Rancho Notorious.

Seaview Cemetery, 1938. Veterans of the 1914-1918 Great War gather to dedicate their Cenotaph just before World War II begins. Archbishop Adam duPencier is assisted in the dedication by Canon E. Thane of St. Bartholomew Church. Legionnaires stand to attention as Bugler Jack Lowden sounds The Last Post for comrades lost in combat. William Edwards, whose grave was first in the section of Seaview reserved for veterans, had spent his retirement years at Gibsons Landing. Helen McCall photo courtesy Elphinstone Pioneer Museum. L. R. Peterson

Musings

John Burnside

I had the same type of relationship with Shakespeare in high school that most people have. I was for the most part mystified and bored and the classes for the most part consisted of usually tiresome hunts for "images" or "figures of speech" through what was virtually incomprehensible language. The whole exercise seemed the most unnecessary bore and for the life of me I couldn't imagine why everybody had been bothering with it for three hundred and fifty years.

The initial eye-opener came for me on the Labour Day weekend of 1956 when I travelled to Stratford under the urging of a friend called Roy Brown whom I had met in Montreal and who shared an interest with me in dramatics. I think I've already written in the Coast News about how I came to be interested in theatre in the first place - a scrawny, bespectacled schoolyard urchin playing soccer on an evening when two tidy friends were attending the drama club. I was cold there in the yard - it was my turn to be goalkeeper - so I went along to see what they were up to and formed an attachment for the actual business of putting on plays, as opposed to the academic study of texts, which has never left us since I first tasted its complex joys.

The academic study of the text of Shakespeare which I encountered in high school seemed to have very little to do with the hobby which I pursued with great zeal in my own time. By the time I left Scotland at the age of fifteen I was a veteran of some ten plays and had already directed a couple. My interest survived the trans-Atlantic crossing and found itself in a surprising set of absurd and often abortive circumstances in Montreal about which I may write if I can ever steel myself to the remembering.

During one of these adventures I befriended Roy Brown, an effeminate and witty lad who was mad keen for theatre with a capital 'T' and who did a first rate imitation of Mae West. He pressured me about the absolute necessity of attending Stratford and with much grumbling I acquiesced. Somewhere I had the gnawing feeling that there must be something to a man's work that had lasted through the changing tastes of three hundred years and several generations.

The story of our going and coming was yet another saga of long distance travel in the most hopelessly inadequate of vehicles, akin to the Morris Minor convertible story that I have told here and which took place some four years later but my subject here is Shakespeare and the absurdity of that journey must wait another telling. It is sufficient to say that after a comically eventful twenty-hour drive from Montreal we arrived just about in time for the matinee production of my first Shakespeare play. Let me tell you that, since I had done all the driving, the thought of three matinee hours of Shakespeare followed by three more in the evening for which we had bought tickets left me some distance short of feeling that I was in Paradise despite the truly splendid edifice which is the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Theatre.

The first play was Twelfth Night, of which I had never heard. Half-way through it, however, I was aching with laughter wishing the action would stop long enough for me to get rid of the laughing pains and I was wondering what in God's name teachers had done to poor Shakespeare and with a fresh elation discovering for myself one of the master creators of the world. The play is about a charming young thing who is shipwrecked virtually alone in a fantasy country called Illyria and to protect her virtue disguises herself as a young boy. Shortly thereafter she has become the page boy of the Duke and is trusted bearer of love notes in a protracted unrequited love affair with the lovely Olivia. The main plot has Viola, the shipwrecked girl, falling madly in love with the Duke while loyally conveying his amorous messages to Olivia who is so taken with the Duke's charming and witty young page boy that she falls madly in love with the bearer of messages, surely one of the most hopeless triangles in literature.

Meanwhile at Olivia's household there is a drunken kinsman of the lady, Sir Toby Belch - a precursor of the incomparable Falstaff - who is longer on thirst than he is on funds and is milking a simpering fool of a wealthy aristocrat named Sir Andrew Aguecheek on the promise that he, Sir Toby, will win him the hand of the lady Olivia. There is a puritanical steward of the household named Malvolio who detests the convivial Belch and aspires to be master of the house himself. Add to the mixture some of Shakespeare's bawdiest serving wenches, stir well and serve.

In that cast of twenty years ago were some names to conjure with. The magnificent Irish actress Siobahn McKenna played Viola. Christopher Plummer played the effete Sir Andrew Aguecheek to such boisterous effect that he broke a leg falling down the cellar stairs and yet met his obligations in that part and as Hamlet, which he was playing in repertory, first in a wheelchair and then on a cane. He was recuperated by Labour Day and when the time came to fall down the cellar stairs again the entire audience held its breath and of course he milked it before crawling into view again, dishevelled and to great applause. The boisterous Douglas Campbell played Sir Toby Belch, Lloyd Bochner was the Duke. I forget who played the lovely Olivia but I do remember that the part of Feste the clown was played by none other than our most familiar Bruno Gerussi.

After the performance I was hooked. I attended Stratford every year until I left Eastern Canada and saw many marvellous shows but Twelfth Night had been my first and one of the best and occupied a special place in my affections.

That is why, in the hurly-burly of the Sunday business of putting

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Mill-cry

From the book Albino Pheasants
By Patrick Lane

Mill-cry, metal on metal,
and the winding clank of the chains.
The lumber market's shot to hell
and every mill's shut down
from Prince George to the border.

Clean-up men and millwrights
crawl under quiet blades,
fix a twisted shaft and lift
out shattered bits of wood,
sawdust scattered in every corner.

They've been burning junk all week:
enough to keep a few men busy,
enough to stop the rust
that grows like moss on the machines.
Al opens the small door on the burner,

pulls his barrow into dust.
The pots have got to be cleaned
and he bends into his shovel
as quietly as he can. He doesn't want
to wake the men sleeping on the ash

the only warm place left to rest
in a valley crowded by cold
the bush shut down
the mill just barely busy
on the only shift working in town.

Slings & Arrows

George Matthews

The students of Elphinstone, on a recent October Monday, spent $520.00 in the Gibsons shopping plaza. Traditionally, according to informed estimates, Elphie students have, over the years, spent an average of one dollar per day per student in the shops of the plaza. That means that those students spend something like $2,900.00 per week in those shops, or, over a school year of 191 days they spend approximately $110,780. That kind of money can pay an awful lot of rent. Whether they spend their money wisely is a moot point; capitalism does not admit of such subjective judgements. The point is that the wise merchants and burghers of our fair hamlet could not have been totally unaware of the enormous economic potential involved in locating adjacent to a high school. Four or five of the shops in the mall cater almost exclusively to the teenage market and why not? Kids are great consumers.

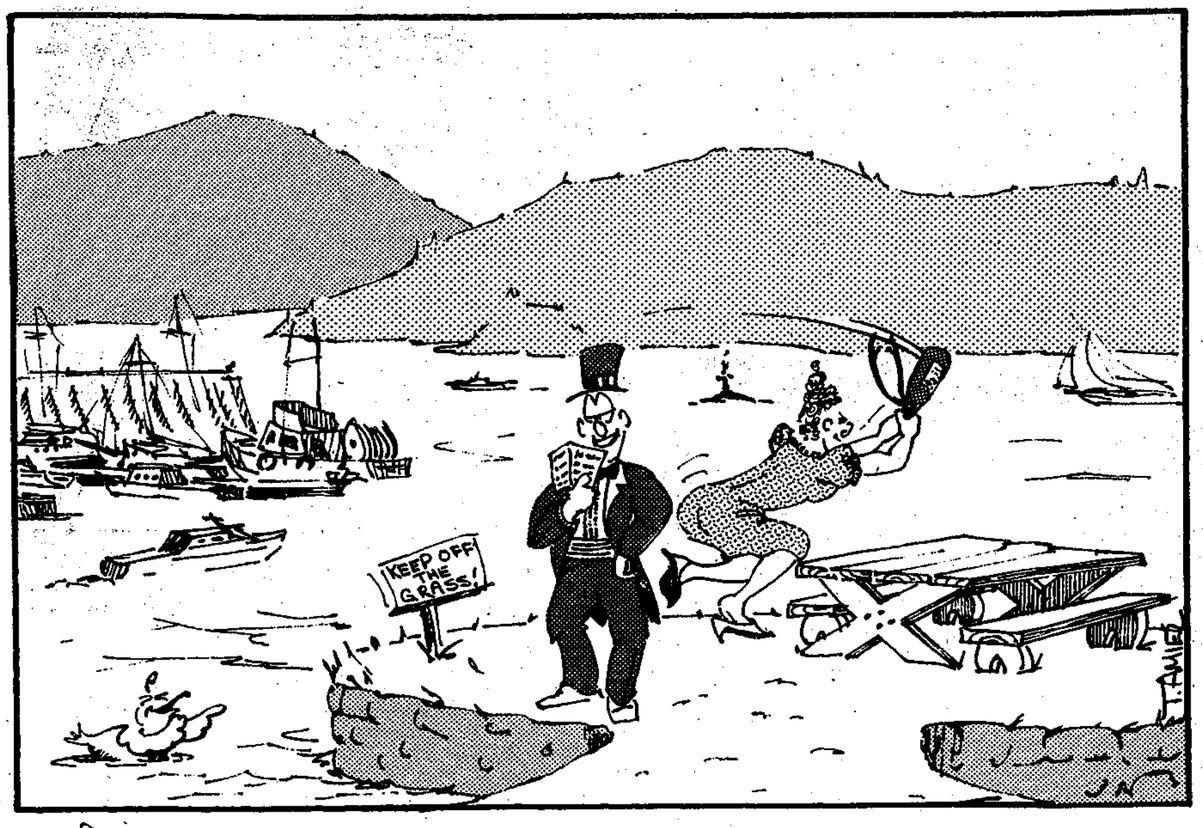
Most of the money these kids are spending is being spent at lunch hour; Monday through Friday, a time in which the fewest citizens are doing their shopping. All in all it should work out pretty well. Occasionally, however, the excessive number of students in the mall can get on people's nerves. A couple of weeks ago during a couple of particularly miserable days this was what apparently happened. A large number of kids standing around the mall, too many of them hanging out in the washroom, I suspect a few rude remarks and gestures and the next thing you know the whole teenage population of Elphinstone was being branded as a collection of underage gangsters. At that point the problem, as it should have been, was brought to the attention of the principal of Elphinstone.

It should be pointed out that the sleaziest characters hanging around our shopping mall are not Elphinstone students at all but kids who, for one reason or another, have quit school and just like to hang around close to the school because that's where the "action" is. Hardly a day goes by that Mr. Montgomery isn't running a recent drop-out out of the school corridors where, ironically, they seem to like to spend their time. As you might expect the majority of these drop-outs are some of your less motivated or inspiring individuals and when they congregate together you often find a fairly unpleasant collection of young people.

You don't have to have a degree in sociology to figure out why students like to visit the mall at lunch time. As humanistic a place as Elphinstone is - and it is, as much as any institution can be humanistic - a kid has a pretty tough time being an individual among six hundred other kids. Quite often a kid is reduced to "that kid in my English class", or "that girl in the blue sweater who wears braces", or "those guys on the rugby team" or some other convenient pigeon hole. Out of the school grounds a teenager regains some status as a member of the human race. Imagine, after three foodless hours of Spencerian stanzas, Pythagoran theorums, dividing chemicals and so on, what a relief it must be to return to something resembling the outside world. I remember when I was in school, the gang I hung around with used to walk for a mile at lunch hour to have a five minute cup of coffee before turning around and walking back so we wouldn't be late for class. All this because we wanted to get as far away from school as we could in those few moments we had to ourselves. On top of all this, you've got to admit that the mall is a pretty attractive place, as of course it was designed to be. When it comes to funds to make a place attractive, public buildings have a long way to go to catch up to their capitalistic brothers. It's hard to compare long, narrow, brick lined hallways with low ceilings with bright, attractive and spacious accommodations, especially when they are lined with the most attractive and enticing displays of consumer goods.

On the other hand I can understand how a group of young people can be intimidating to a citizen doing his or her shopping. A faceless, nameless crowd of rude, smoking teenagers is a pretty disagreeable thing, particularly to someone who doesn't have much to do with kids. Most kids' behaviour is a characture of adult models of course, and what you're really seeing in the faceless multitude is a youthful attempt at adulthood. Many people react to teenage exuberance by muttering oaths of vengence against parenthood in general or forming secret grudges against anyone under twenty. People with a little more experience with young people like parents and teachers are more inclined to voice a kindly reproof against offensive displays of youthful arrogance. Most teenagers are more respectful than you might suspect of adult admonitions as long as they are given in a gentle and constructive tone. After all, face to face and eyeball to eyeball, a high school student is really just another adult with a little less experience.

It's important to keep in mind that these young folks are going to be running the country one of these days, holding down jobs, paying taxes and buying goods for their own families in that very same shopping mall. Those occasional whiners who lay the entire imminent collapse of western civilization at the feet of our children are suffering from a paranoiac delusion and they might be advised that if the cost of keeping the mall and its facilities clean is rising because of the teenage clientele, then they might just have to cut into some part of the profit from that $110,000.00 to pay for it.



...AND, IN LIEU OF THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR MARINA, WE DEDICATE THIS PICNIC TABLE...

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Fish farm employees speak

Editor:

Last Wednesday night, a meeting of groups and individuals concerned about aquaculture and salmon enhancement was held at the Legion Hall in Madeira Park. Two representatives of the Fisheries Department, Keith Sandercock and Richard Crouter, mid-way through the meeting, handed out a sheet, unsigned and not on Fisheries letterhead, supposedly refuting John Massey's story about Moccasin Valley Marifarms, which appeared in Weekend Magazine. It should be noted that this is only the second public response by the Fisheries service to any of the stories about Allan Meneely's salmon farm. This sheet contains so many inaccuracies that as former employees of Moccasin Valley Marifarms we feel compelled to write and set the record straight.

Mr. Crouter and Mr. Sandercock claimed that they never contacted anyone at Income Tax about Al Meneely. To us as employees, it seemed very coincidental that two months after telling us, in October 1974 we would have no eggs that year to carry on our business, Income Tax does a tax audit and classifies Moccasin Valley as a hobby farm because we have insufficient fish to show a profit. The sheet also claims that they had the hobby farm classification lifted but it was not them or anyone else in the Vancouver office, but a Mr. Levelton in Ottawa, and that was after a great deal of energy had been expended by Mr. Meneely.

It is a fact that Fisheries guaranteed in writing 315,000 Chinook eggs for 1974. At 5000 to 8000 eggs per female, it would only take 50 mature femals to fill that order! Yet the order was not filled. Any commercial fisherman knows that this is an insignificant proportion of even the smallest spring salmon runs.

The Fisheries statement claims that we were not given late run eggs. However, Jerry Paine, at the time Qualicum's Assistant Hatchery Manager, told us we had no chance of getting anything else but late-run eggs and implied that this was a decision from higher-up. The consequence of this, is that the salmon are not ready for the ocean the first year; they have to be held over and fed until the second year, and this makes the business an uneconomic proposition.

Their next glaring error is stating that we did not have adequate hot water to ensure accelerated growth. In fact, we had a hot water supply in the hatchery from the very beginning, and by 1974 had one of the more advanced de-aerating continuous flow hot water delivery systems for salmonoid rearing in North America. If Sandercock had spent more than half an hour at the fish farm on his only visit, he would have known this.

Sandercock claims our disease record was no better than government hatcheries. Never was a pathological fresh-water disease diagnosed at Moccasin Valley after many tests for those diseases by Nanaimo Biological Station research staff. This is more than he can say for any of his hatcheries.

Sandercock and Crouter in their anonymous statement compare our production of 20,000 pounds of pen reared fish to larger figures produced by Capilano and Big Qualicum hatcheries. What they don't say is that these larger figures are produced by release-return or sea-ranching progams, something which we were never permitted to do. Had we been permitted to carry on sea-ranching, not only would our production have been higher, but commercial and sports fishermen would have benefitted by catching their share of a run created on an otherwise barren stream.

A fairer comparison of production would have been between Moccasin Valley and the only Fisheries aquaculture program at that time at the Nanaimo Biological Research Station. Our little operation exceeded their multi-million dollar project in production and viewed on a dollar for dollar basis, or as the economists say, on a cost-benefit ratio, we did far better. Incidentally, the production figures that were released the other night by Sandercock and Crouter were guaranteed in writing, by Fisheries to be confidential. Does this say something about their trustworthiness?

We could go further, but in the interests of brevity will leave it there. Al Meneely had proved he was a successful businessman. He had advice from eminent salmonid biologists, like Dr. Donaldson of the University of Washington and Dick Noble, then head of Washington State's hatchery program. He had a graduate fish biologist on staff. He had the ideal site and the right equipment. All he didn't have was the eggs.

We are convinced that had Meneely shown a suitable obsequiousness and been willing to hire the services of the moonlighting group of civil servants he would still be in the business of farming salmon.

Greg Deacon
Jon VanArsdell

MUSINGS:

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the paper together, when I got a phone call asking me if I didn't think it was time we tried some Shakespeare around here and why didn't we do Twelfth Night, I threw caution to one side, went immediately into training and said "Right, let's have a crack at it." By the time this column appears the initial and organizational meeting will have been held but the casting is all wide open and if you too would like to take "a crack at it" attend one of the meetings which will be held initially at Elphinstone on Mondays and Wednesdays and we'll see what we can do.

Nasty

Editor:

Re your nasty (and untrue) article about the monarchy, here (enclosed) is what thousands of Canadians feel about it.

I challenge you to print it in your paper.

M. Barton

Editor's Note: The "enclosed" referred to is an editorial from the October 22nd edition of the Vancouver Province. Neither space available nor the gushing shallow editorial itself warrant its reprinting.

Students

Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter published last week, headlined "Students". This letter has made our students appear to be a bunch of slobs. I can honestly admit, we are not.

Many students after having read your article Tuesday night, came to school Wednesday prepared to do something about the accusation of littering. We have already arranged a cleaning party and plan to have the littered places spic and span by Friday, October 20.

Garbage cans have been requested since the beginning of October from both the village council and the school board but have not yet been received.

Littering is a community problem as well as a student problem, how would a fine help? How many fines have there been in the past year for adults that litter? Do the adults set a good example?

Perhaps D. W. Steele would like to visit our school to see some positive things which our students are involved in. If so, she is warmly welcomed.

Ruth McCaughtrie
Chairman of Chatelech Cleaning Party

Litter

Editor:

May I again take space in your paper regarding the litter in St. Hilda's Churchyard lane? This time I would like to thank the students of Chatelch School for the excellent clean up job they did.

I regret it was necessary to have to write to the press and to go before the Sechelt village council to rectify a condition that should not have happened. It is my sincere hope that it won't happen again.

D. W. Steele
Sechelt, B.C.

About CARE Pilot view

Editor:

For too long now, we've been inundated with front page press releases featuring a special interest group with the misnomer C.A.R.E. We see little or nothing in the press of new sidewalks, streetlighting, paving, etc. Is council getting anything else done in the meetings, or is it simply not newsworthy?

It seems you are a sounding board for confused, uninformed, erratic, non-representatives trying to help M.O.T. regulate the most regulated endeavour on the globe - flying. So, as a member of the newly formed B.A.R.F. - Barnstormers Against Regulated Flying - a non-society directly opposed to I don't C.A.R.E., I demand equal press. (A photo might be nice so people will know who to hate.)

Here are some recommendations and demands requiring urgent attention by council:

1. B.A.R.F. demands all members of council who are responsible for streets and roads and who also belong to the British Columbia or Dominion Auto Associations resign NOW due to conflict of interest.

2. B.A.R.F. recommends that all properties developed on the peninsula during the 17 years Tyee Airways and the Aero Club have been serving the community, be dismantled so we pilots can have our mid-air collisions safely over unpopulated forest.

3. Strong pressure must be brought to bear on the provincial government to eliminate the unfair competition our local air carriers have by making sure the ferry strike remains unresolved. An even better solution would be to disband the ferry service altogether and turn Highway 101 into a bicycle path. (Adrian Stott would surely back me on that one.)

4. Council should use its influence with the omnipotent M.O.T. and urge more airports be built on the peninsula and all the way up coast, so land planes could have equal rights with float plans and be within gliding distance of a strip at all times.

5. Council should set up a Chronic Cranks Committee so that they would not have to waste time that should be devoted to village business listening to unofficial crackpots such as C.A.R.E. and B.A.R.F. The C.C.C. would direct said groups to proper government agencies or psychiatric care.

6. In the interest of reviving the pioneering spirit of flying, the villages of Gibsons and Sechelt should appropriate funds for building a barn at the airport for members of B.A.R.F. to practice flying into. It would probably surpass the Beachcomber's economic impact on the peninsula as a tourist attraction. No lease would be required between B.A.R.F. and the villages, because after two or three practice runs the barn should be reduced to kindling.

7. No meetings are to be held with either M.O.T., Tyee Airways, village councils, the Aero Club, or I don't C.A.R.E. without equal representation from B.A.R.F. It is time for logic and fair play.

Well, of course, the above tirade is ludicrous and nobody should pay serious mind to it. Hopefully people would pay C.A.R.E. the same respect. Yet, it seems C.A.R.E., because of the appetite of the press for sensationalism, has succeeded in stirring up people, some of whom never paid airplanes any heed before, to the point of checking registrations with binoculars. Why are there no mass suicides among the people around Porpoise Bay who bear the brunt of aircraft noise around here? Exactly how many members do you have, C.A.R.E., and just how many people do you so vociferously suggest to represent? Could it be, Mr. Lee, you used all the free press you got as an exposure-getting process to further your political ambitions?

I would venture that if a group were to organize in an attempt to penalize or restrict your use of your Cadillac in any way, (and there are many people who don't particularly like cars) Mr. Lee, the noise of your indignant bellowing would probably reach Human Rights Commission in Ottawa, and for sure to those powerful lobbiers, the auto associations. Yet this is exactly what your group is trying to do to all forms of aviation locally. Neither we pilots nor the omniscient bureaucracy need your help, C.A.R.E., to make flying so expensive that we end up being grounded. You'll be in glee to note a government proposal to hike aviation gas surtaxes 450% to compensate for landing fees which are hard to administer. Like the guy in Saskatchewan who was computer billed for landing fees in Victoria, Kamloops, Edmonton, and Calgary when his plane was hangared for the winter.

I think, members of C.A.R.E., if you had to have a medical every year including audiogram, chest x-ray, and E.C.G. (cost $45.00); had to take 35 - 150 hours instruction ($2.00 - $4,000.); had to pass a three hour exam with 75% or more, to get your drivers licence ($25.00); had to inspect your vehicle every 50 to 100 hours for an annual certificate of road worthiness signed by licensed engineers ($300. - $500.); had to carry beacons ($200.), radios ($1,000), crash indicators ($250.) etc. etc., car related fatal accidents would probably near the 3% of all transportation accidents now attributed to aviation, airlines and general aviation inclusive. Safety statistics are on aviation's side by far.

Your title still bothers me, Citizens Against the Rape of the Environment. The word environmentalist and white man are not synonymous. If you want to know about environment talk to an old Indian.

I noted at last council meeting that you have some environmental problems of your own, Mr. Pope, in the form of over loud buzzers and PA addresses,

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ELPHINSTONE SECONDARY SCHOOL

TO ALL PARENTS:

RE: Parent/Teacher Meetings

The staff of Elphinstone Secondary School would like to extend to you an invitation to a parent/teacher meeting at Elphinstone. This year we are holding our meetings later than usual, allowing your student and his teachers to have had some opportunity to get to know each other, so that any questions and enquiries as to his/her progress can be answered by the teacher.

We have set aside three consecutive Wednesday's for these meetings:

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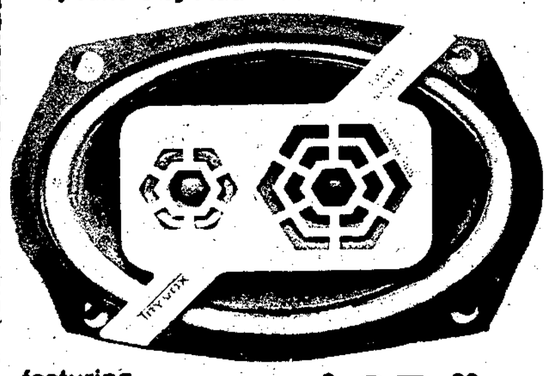

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ENTERTAINMENT

Pages from a Life-Log
Peter Trower

GOODBYE TO THE GROANER

1977 is certainly a year for the passing of pop-music legends. First Elvis Presley and now Bing Crosby, the old Groaner himself gone down for the count, fittingly-enough, on a golf-course, engrossed in the sport that was almost as synonymous with his name as crooning. Presley's death was perhaps the more tragic for he was cut down in his prime but the passing of Crosby is much more awesome. Like Satchmo Armstrong and Duke Ellington, he seemed to have been around forever, a veritable show-business institution, whose illustrious career spanned decades of popular music from the scat-singing Rhythm-Boys days with Paul Whiteman in the Twenties to his just-completed and highly-successful English tour. Twice in recent years, Crosby had survived physical crises, first, a major lung operation and just this spring, a serious fall from a stage. The man seemed virtually indestructible but in the end, a heart-attack rang down the curtain.

I must have first become aware of Bing Crosby through films in the early Forties. I suppose I had heard his records and radio shows earlier than that but total recognition of him as a personality, came with such films as Road to Zanzibar, Sing You Sinners and Birth of The Blues. The urbane, nonchalant persona that Crosby projected in these films was instantly likeable as he ambled through the light story-lines, pausing every so often to croon something timelessly romantic like Moonlight Becomes You to his leading lady and the world in general. Bing was blessed with a profusion of attractive leading-ladies ranging from glacial blonde beauties like Grace Kelly to sultry dark charmers such as Dorothy Lamour. Lamour was the constant Loreli who entranced both Crosby and his fast-talking sidekick, Bob Hope in the assorted exotic locales of their numerous Road pictures. Hope tried hard but Lamour, by each film's end, invariably exited on the arm of the suave Crosby. The immensely-popular Road films were quite unique in cinematic history and much of their success was due to the witty interplay between Hope and Crosby. The two men worked together marvelously and were close friends in real life. Ironically, Crosby, Hope and Lamour had planned a final picture together to be called The Road to The Fountain of Youth. Both Lamour and Hope paid moving tribute to their fallen fellow-trouper in recent interviews.

Bing Crosby made many films from the early Thirties on. For the most part, these were light-hearted excursions, long on the songs and comedy. In 1943, he essayed the off-beat role of a priest in the poignant film Going My Way, aided and abetted by the great Irish character-actor, Barry Fitzgerald. This film was essentially the same amalgam of songs and wry humour but profounder elements were touched upon also and the sheer charm of Crosby's performance won him an Academy Award. In his later film career, Crosby discarded his easygoing crooner image on several occasions and essayed straight dramatic roles in films like Little Boy Lost and Man On Fire. In these pictures, he displayed a serious side and a much wider acting-range. His most impressive effort along these lines was a Clifford Odet's The Country Girl where he portrayed an alcoholic has-been with singular conviction. Perhaps the most completely uncharacteristic part Crosby ever tackled was in a TV movie called Dr. Cook's Garden where he played a smalltown physician with a disturbing penchant for wholesale euthanasia.

But despite his many film successes, Crosby will always be remembered primarily as a singer. He sold a staggering amount of records during his four-decade career and for most of his peak years, was voted the post popular singer in the world. White Christmas remains the best-selling single record of all time and this song alone would assure him of immortality. But he had many great hits in addition to this perennial classic: The Blue of the Night; Small Fry; Accentuate The Positive; Blue Hawaii; True Love - the list is virtually endless. Crosby recorded with everyone from the Andrews Sisters to Louis Armstrong and his own oldest son, Gary. His distinctive style was credited to a benign nodule on his vocal chords and it was a style that no one could mistake. Crosby continued to sing and make records until the last and the voice, although it darkened and deepened, retained its essential timbre to an uncanny degree. Shortly after his death, Bob Smith of C.B.C.'s Hot Air devoted part of his program to a Crosby memorial, contrasting two songs from his earliest period with a recent recording. Despite the passage of time, the old magic was still there.

The main criticism levelled against Crosby's singing was that he invariably took a middle-of-the-road approach, eschewing experimentation and working with well-disciplined studio musicians who played it straight from the charts. This is certainly true but then he never made any pretense of being a jazz singer. Crooning was what the public expected of him and Bing Crosby was a crooner par excellence. Curriously enough however, he was something of a maverick in his early years, both in his singing and his behaviour. He hung about speakeasies, participated in all-night jam-sessions and once served a month for drunken driving. The records that survive from this time exemplify a different Crosby, much more free-wheeling and palpably influenced by black music. He often recorded with Duke Ellington and other black bands. His shift to a more-conservative style is often credited to the death of his friend and accompanist Eddie Lang in 1933. There is a similar parallel in the career of Frankie Laine who abandoned a largely jazz-oriented style with the death of his pianist-partner Carl Fischer in the early Fifties.

Another factor that undoubtedly helped bring an end to Crosby's youthful hell-raising jazz-period was his marriage to first wife, Dixie Lee. The union produced four sons and the Crosby family became one of the more stable family units in Hollywood. The marriage was devoid of the scandals and intrigues that marred and destroyed so many relationships in the movie capital. After his wife's death from cancer, Crosby married again, this time an actress called Kathryn Grant, thirty years his junior. Despite the vast age difference, the second marriage was as successful as the first and produced several more children.

Apart from golf and fatherhood, Crosby was an ardent fisherman in his moments away from show business. Brought up in Washington State, he loved the Pacific Northwest and spent much time in British Columbia. He was a familiar figure around Campbell River and other west-coast fishing areas. The tale of his early being refused service at the Vancouver Hotel because of his sloppy dress and unshaven appearance is a long-standing local legend. Unlike some of his reactionary friends such as John Wayne and Bob Hope, Crosby remained a man of liberal views and was always sympathetic towards the underdog.

Harry Lillis Crosby was in the final analysis, a tribute to his profession. He was well aware of the pitfalls of fame and eschewing power-hunger and false airs, remained a creditable human being to the end. His records and films will live on but his physical passing leaves a void that can never be filled. Another giant has gone to his rest.

at the Twilight Theatre

The latest offering by Woody Allen is on view this week at the Twilight Theatre. The film, **Annie Hall**, will be shown locally from Wednesday through Saturday, October 26th - 29th. There seems to be little question that this latest Allen offering will join the list of his other successes. The new film which Allen directed himself and which he wrote in conjunction with Marshall Brickman is more subdued and revealing than anything he has attempted to date.

The episode tale is fragmented into various scenes of past and present, some being very funny and others, while not especially hilarious, emerge as satirical and potent comments on relationships in today's society. The production is also a love poem to Woody Allen's favourite co-star and former leading lady in real life, Diane Keaton. The script allows her to be endearing, irritating, awkward, sophisticated, charming funny, and beautiful at different times and she handles two old favourites "It Had To Be You" and "Seems Like Old Times" well. Use of the latter as the theme song and the bitter-sweet ending make this the most sentimental of Allen's films.

Annie Hall should please those who are not Allen enthusiasts in addition to his fans because of its romantic theme. A number of names have cameo roles including composer-singer Paul Simon and Colleen Dewhurst.

The second of the week's films presents Clint Eastwood in another of his grim-jawed portrayals of Western tough guys and Eastwood fans will need no further elucidation. **The Outlaw Josey Wales** carries the predictable warning from the censor of occasional violence and will be shown locally Sunday through Tuesday, October 30th to November 1st.

One-man show captivating

What a fine performer Brian Barnes is! And what a pity that so few of our Sunshine Coast residents took advantage of his recent visit.

Those people who did catch Barnes' performances in Sechelt and Gibsons saw a thoroughly professional entertainer of some considerable virtuosity and were delighted with his work. Wednesday night, October 19th, at Chatelech School in Sechelt, Barnes delighted the forty or so people who turned out with Dylan Thomas' moving and funny tale, of a Welsh village **Under Milk Wood** and an equal number enjoyed his hilarious presentation of the **Pickwicklans at Manor Farm** on Thursday, October 20th in Gibsons. In addition Barnes presented a considerable exerpt from one of his other shows, **The Provocative Oscar Wilde**, in afternoon shows for the students of both Chatelech and Elphinstone.

Barnes' theatrical background consists of repertory work in England, Switzerland, Germany, and France. In Switzerland he worked at the Geotheanum, he worked at the Brecht Theatre in Germany, and in France he worked under Michel St. Denis. He began his work as a solo performer in Germany in 1958, "basically to keep myself alive," while working at the Brecht Theatre. His first offering was "The Boy with the Cart" by Christopher Fry. His success in the medium of one man performances led him touring the continent in 1959-60 with a T.S. Eliot presentation including a condensed version of **Murder in the Cathedral** and **Old Possum's Cats**. The next addition to his repertoire was a cut version of **Under Milk Wood** which he incorporated in 1960, then relearned the whole show in 1964. In 1966 he began his full-time career as a touring one-man theatre and earned the soubriquet of "jet-setting minstrel".

Barnes' visit to the Sunshine Coast comes at the end of his seventh world tour. His touring repertoire of one-man shows now consists of, in addition to the three shows seen locally, **The Incredible Samuel Pepys, Christmas Carol,** a show he calls Chestnuts for you which includes **The Mad Hatter's Tea Party** from Alice in Wonderland, the **Pyramus and Thisbe** section of a Midsummer Night's Dream, and Robert Browning's **Pied Piper of Hamelin.** The seventh show that he gives is a pair of scripted one-man plays by James Saunders entitled **The Pedagogue** and **Triangle.**

This present tour began in Yugoslavia, thence to Turkey, Cyprus, Bagdhad, Kuwait, Sheraz in Iran, Kabul, Katmandu, a month in India and then over to Malaysia, Bruneii, Port Mosby, Madang, the Fiji Islands, Mexico, Freeport in the Bahamas then up to Newfoundland and across to B.C. Ahead of him after the Sunshine Coast lies performances in Castlegar and Kimberley before he returns to England at the end of his six and a half month tour.

When asked if a protracted rest lay ahead of him at the end of the tour, Barnes replied that he would have approximately a fortnight before setting off on a tour of French Universiites with **A Christmas Carol**. He estimates that he totals about two months of every year in his little house fifty miles south of London.

Those fortunate few who caught his performance will be sure to be back for the next visit of this "jet-setting minstrel" to the Sunshine Coast.

Manfrog Theatre pleasing

by Bruce M. Wilson

Last Wednesday evening, October 19th, Manfrog Alive Theatre presented an original two act play at the Twilight Theatre. The audience which filled half of the available seats seemed generally pleased by the performance judging by their enthusiastic guffaws and applause.

The story which was loosely based on the group's eight years experience doing the summer circus on Denman Island (their home) was written by Jon Moreland who seems to be a major force in the company. Jon also wrote and performed the theme song as well as playing the bad-guy lead role of "Majesto" the strong man.

The story reads like a morality play centering around the efforts of the egotistical Majesto to take over the Dr. Feelright travelling show. He is opposed in his efforts by the handsome young magician Stupendo and Rosa the fortune teller who manages the show through medium-mystic contact with the "producer" who we suspect is her deceased husband, the former owner. Although Majesto manages by blackmail and coercion to temporarily silence the alcoholic Dr. Feelright along with the lovely adolescent Glitter; they, in a meeting called to determine the future of the show confess the wrongness of their ways and all walk out leaving Majesto alone to do his show his way. In the attempt to lift the greatest weight ever (symbolically to stand as one man unwanted, unloved and shoulder the load) Majesto dies. So it ends.

Although the play, I thought, began and ended weakly (the fault of the writer) it contained some very fine moments especially the interplay of the two fools or clowns who served as the conscience of the group and questioned everything, even questioning whether they were awake and whether any of us were there. A fine touch of magic and immensely thought-provoking. Also of note was the performance of John Boat (Geek #1) who played the blustering, stammering, would-be-heavy country boy to a "T". The costumes, sets and lights were understandably limited due to the requirements peculiar to a road company and within those confines were handled aptly.

I left the theatre with a feeling of having been well entertained, a feeling which was reinforced by the spirited conversations that erupted in the car on the way homeward. Manfrog Theatre put on a show AND made us think. What else can I say but give us more, more!

Ellingham's Astrology

by Rae Ellingham
Week commencing October 26th.
General Notes: There's plenty of activity in the heavens this week. The Full Moon squaring Mars will produce mid-week stubborness but favorable aspects between Mercury, Uranus, and Jupiter indicate an excellent period for starting new projects - especially those having an unusual or original approach.

Unfortunately, lovers' spats and break-ups will be common at the weekend as Venus and Pluto align vindictively.

Babies born this week will show a very independent and original lifestyle. Superior intelligence and inventiveness should guarantee success in all their various endeavours. Good luck kids.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)
Emphasis on money. Shared financial dealings produce long-awaited results. A strong urge to reinvest and take further chances is tempting. The wise will wait. A partner-ship problem needs attention as the week closes.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
Fascinating conversations renew confidence and restore optimism. Loved ones are impressed with your change of style. Domestic conditions are due for shake-ups during the next few months. Be prepared.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
The focus is on employment and health. Rare and unusual opportunities on the work scene should be grabbed. Keep your appointments. All forms of communication increase during the next few months. Breaking up is hard to do on Saturday.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Spare-time activities bring pleasure and reward as a fresh social phase begins. The artists amongst you reach a new level of originality. Financial transactions need careful planning until the end of the year.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You should now prepare for "stop and go" conditions as Mars begins to move erratically through your sign for many months. Poor timing could be frustrating and patience will be the key word. This week, much domestic activity could interfere with your ambitious personal projects.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
A very busy week of unexpected messages and short journeys lies ahead. However, you are now approaching a period when you will benefit from making plans in seclusion or behind the scenes. Guard money and possessions this weekend.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 23)
Venus, now in your sign for another two weeks, encourages you to spruce up your image and appearance. Sudden events should steer you once again in the right direction whilst messages from far away will have financial undertones. You'll want to dig deeper for true meanings.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
You now have a way with words which mesmerizes others. You reflect confidence and originality but be prepared to safeguard honor and position during the upcoming months. Compromise with loved ones on Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Social and spare-time activities will be exhausting as new ideas and objectives are developed through friends and acquaintances. Joint finances and insurance matters have to be reassessed before next year.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Your method of persuasion is very impressive as, once again, you speak out and defend your present position. Excellent conditions occur on the work scene but domestic conditions are jittery.

PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
You are now entitled to change your mind and viewpoints despite opposition. Recent new ideas and beliefs are at last attracting the people you've had your eye on. Congratulate yourself. Health and employment conditions demand extra precautions until the end of the year.

Bridge

by Jim Weir

The Blackwood convention (a bid of 4 N.T. asking your partner to indicate the number of aces that he possesses) is one of the most misused slam-bidding devices in bridge today.

When the defense holds one ace, it is often necessary to know which ace it is before a small slam can be bid with any degree of certainty. The problem with the Blackwood convention is that it does not provide this information.

An alternative slam-bidding apprach is the use of cue bids identifying which suits have first round control.

Neither side is vulnerable. Dealer South.

NORTH
S J 10 4 2
H A Q 3
D 6 5 4 3
C Q 3

WEST
S 9 8
H J 10 9 7
D K J 8 7
C 7 6 5

EAST
S 3
H K 8 6 5
D A Q 10 9
C 10 9 8 4

SOUTH
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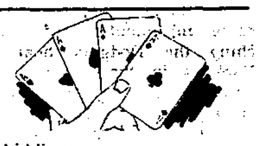

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 S	Pass	3 S	Pass
4 C	Pass	4 H	Pass
6 S	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: J of hearts.

South's 2S opening bid is forcing to at least a game contract. North responds with 3S showing a hand containing at least eight points and establishing spades as the trump suit.

At this point South realizes that if his partner possesses one ace it will be necessary to know which ace it is before bidding a slam. If it is the ace of hearts there will be an excellent chance that 6S can be made. But if it is the ace of diamonds, there is the risk of two quick heart losers. South, therefore, dismisses any notion of using the Blackwood convention and cue bids 4C.

The 4C bid shows first round control of the club suit and expresses an interest in investigating slam possibilities. North co-operates by cue bidding 4H showing first round control in that suit. South now counts only one diamond loser and bids 6S.

South wins the opening lead with the ace of hearts, pulls trump in two rounds, cashes four rounds of clubs discarding the two remaining hearts in dummy and then trumps the last heart from his hand. His only loser is his singleton diamond.

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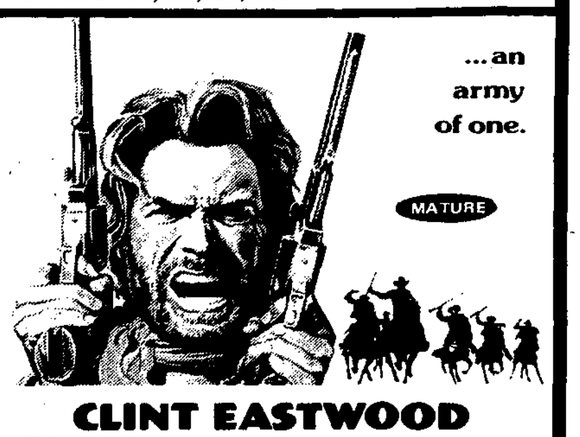

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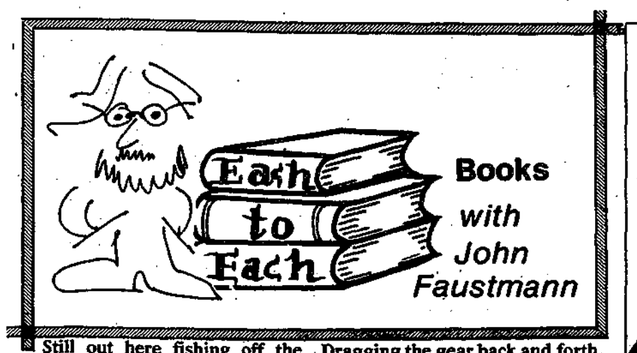

Still out here fishing off the West Coast of Vancouver Island, on board the M.V.**Donna T.** Time here seems to come in waves, like the ocean, and it's been sort of difficult to keep track of the days. You know it's Sunday when you come into the harbour and the pub is closed. Other than that, it's anybody's guess.

We've made one trip so far, fishing mostly about 20 miles out and anchoring up out on the La Perouse Bank. We delivered nine fish to the buyers the other day - 27 lbs. of small spring salmon, 27 lbs. of mediums, and one unfortunate ling cod, who weighed in at 7 lbs. Prices are up now at the end of the season, but there aren't a lot of fish around. Ten "keepers" for a full day's fishing isn't a bad average. If we could get those ten every day, we'd be pretty pleased, but the weather hasn't been very accommodating.

First thing we do when we wake up in the morning is turn on the VHF radio and listen to the weather. We've heard it so often that most of the fishermen know the "notices to shipping" by heart. The reports lately haven't been very good. One day it blows southeast - twenty to thirty knots. Then the next day it doesn't blow, but the ocean still has such a lump on it that there's no sense even trying to go out. The day after that the wind shifts around and blows westerly, so there's no fishing that day either.

A bad weather report means we have a "harbour day", which consists of keeping the boat tied to the wharf in Ucluelet. There isn't a whole lot to do in the Ucluelet metropolitan area. The bookstores (or rather the shelves of books in the small grocery stores) rival even those of Tofino for general insipidity. There's always the pub, and there's been some enjoyment afforded watching the Dodgers beat the Yankees in the world series, and there's a pool hall, scene of some recent heavy snooker rivalry, but other than that, several harbour days in Ucluelet are enough to make anyone start wondering about their mental health. Too long tied up to the wharf and you could swear that dead salmon back in the checkers was winking at you. That wouldn't be so bad, but then the seagulls start giving you fishing tips, you know you're in trouble.

It's a tough show out here at the end of the season anyway. All the fishermen out here are the confirmed diehards - out to catch just a few more fish before it's too late. They troll around in between storms, and listen to the ominous weather forecasts. Dragging the gear back and forth, pulling up the lines to clear off the shakers (the immature salmon too small to keep), and catching, if they're lucky, a few good fish, is pretty frustrating business. Sooner or later the San Juan Suction gets them, and to hell with it, they say, and head off towards the Juan de Fuca Strait, another season done with for the year.

If the harbour days are boring, and the fishing is nothing more than scratchy, it's still something else being 20 miles out in the Pacific Ocean. There are only a few fishing boats out here now. Occasionally a huge freighter will chug by. It's exciting to see them in the daytime, but at night, anchored up on the bank, it's eerie to think of them coming by too closely. Been a lot of stories of boats cut in half by these big monsters. The radar on board the freighter isn't working, or it's foggy, and the first thing some poor fisherman knows, all he can hear is the ka-chung, ka-chung of a very large propellor, and by then it's too late. Crunch.

In fact, fishing out on the largest ocean in the world, on board a 40 foot boat, can be a pretty scary operation. The other day they towed a derelict fishing vessel into Tofino. She was upside down in the water, still barely floating when they found her four miles out to sea. The tide sets to the west this time of year, so without an engine, the next stop is Japan. They never found the crew of the derelict vessel, although a search was conducted through the Rescue Centre in Victoria. When they flopped the boat right side up in the harbour, the lifeboat on board was still lashed to the boom. They say you can survive in the water out here for 2½ hours. The crew have been missing for five days now.

I guess you don't try to think about that sort of thing if you're a West Coast troller. Instead, you wait for the weather and go out and drop the gear in the water. That's what we've done today, and as I sit in the wheelhouse of the **Donna T**, writing this while we're running south towards Cape Beale, it's hard to think that the ocean could turn dangerous. The sun is out, there's hardly any swell at all, and the mountains on Vancouver Island, off our port side, seem to rise out of the sea like a green and undiscovered paradise. The waves roll in from out at sea, raising and lowering our boat, falling by as if they were keeping time. It doesn't matter what day it is when the ocean winds the clock. When her alarm goes off, though, you better wake up.

Sarah Baptiste is pictured at the traditional and seasonal task of preparing salmon for smoking at the Sechelt Indian Reserve last week.

Salmon smoking

by Manuane Laplante

It's salmon smoking season at the Sechelt Indian Reserve. The fish are caught by the band for the people, each family orders as many fish as they think will be needed for the winter.

It takes up to four days to smoke the fish. A fire has to be kept on in the smokehouse at all times during this period. Alder is used for this purpose. Great care is taken that the fire doesn't get too hot since the flesh of the fish may fall apart.

Once the fish is cleaned and opened flat, the thickest part of the flesh is cut and smoked separately from the rest of the fish. These parts are hung directly from the rafters and are called "neckties" due to their shape. The fish itself is held open by cedar sticks pushed through the flesh and then hung in the smokehouse.

In the olden days it took more than a week to smoke the fish but with the coming of freezers, there is no need to smoke and dry the fish as thoroughly as before to keep it from spoiling. When the fish is smoked, it is cut into smaller pieces and stored away.

Local boy joins RCMP

by L. R. Peterson

Herbert Berdahl of Gibsons has graduated from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Depot Division, Regina.

Herbie, as he has been known here since his childhood, is of third generation Sunshine Coast descent on both sides.

His father, Herbert, is son of the late Peter and Hilda Berdahl. Peter arrived here from his native Norway in 1908 to work at logging. He married Hilda Irgens, whose family came here, also from Norway, soon after his arrival. Their home stood, north of Highway 101 near its junction with the Lower Road.

His mother, Betty, is daughter of the late Charles and Mary Oldershaw, who settled and raised their family in wilderness at Roberts Creek. Their final and main home was built at the head of the road that bears their name.

Herbie's lifetime ambition was to become a member of the RCMP. Throughout his early boyhood, he worried that he would not be able to qualify for the requirements of this force.

He graduated from Elphinstone Secondary School, where his unique sense of humor made him popular with both students and staff. He did qualify as a candidate for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. And he did graduate from training camp. He is posted to a detachment at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, where he will be known as Constable Herbert Berdahl - or perhaps as Herbie.

Airport meeting

In order to find some answers in the recent airport controversy, a meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, October 18th at 3:00 p.m. in the Sechelt village office.

Present will be Mr. George Dungee from the M.O.T., possibly with two colleagues, the instuctor from the Wilson Creek Airport, members of both councils, Al Campbell from Tyee Airways, representatives of C.A.R.E. and members of the Aero Club.

CBC Radio

by Maryanne West

The Hornby Collection, Saturday, 11:05 p.m. presents a documentary romance on man's aspirations and reflections on flying, prepared by Ann Pollock, Kera Rosenbluth and Volkmar Richter for the enjoyment of both flyers and the grounded!

Ideas, Saturday, 9:05 p.m. takes a tour through the mysteries of the dental industry. Asking such questions as why is the average dentist dead by age 52? Why does the average North American lose all his teeth by age 65? Why are both decay and gum diseases the most chronic human illnesses? Why should every dental patient know about x-rays, flouride and dental insurance?

Special Occasion, Sunday, 4:05 p.m. presents a play on a topical subject, "Our Daily Bread" by Warren Wilson is about the effects on a small town when some of the people eat spoiled grain. Concern, Sunday 9:05 p.m. looks in on the churches in downtown Montreal as they respond to the problems of the seventies.

Wednesday October 16 AM-690
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Austrian Radio Orchestra and Chorus Mass in C minor, Mozart.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Interview with British playwright, Alan Ayckbourn.
Thursday October 27
Playhouse: 8:04 p.m. Bandit and the Mayor by Arthur Samuels
Jazz Radio-Canada: 8:30 p.m. Nimmons 'n' Nine Plus Six. Ed Bickert Trio.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. Smetena, Dvorak.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Earle Birney.
Friday October 28
Country Road: 8:30 p.m. Ray Francis.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Victoria Symphony Orchestra, William Tritt, piano, Rossini, Naylor, Beethoven.
Saturday October 29
Update: 8:30 a.m. Roundup of B.C. happenings.
The House: 9:10 a.m. The week in Parliament.
Quirks and Quarks: 12:10 p.m. Science magazine, Dr. David Suzuki.
Opera by Request: 2:04 p.m. Tannhauser by Wagner requested by Mrs. Machula, Frederiction.
Festival Celebrations: 4:05 p.m. L'Infidelta Delusa, a comic opera by Haydn, from the Vancouver Heritage Festival 1977.
Between Ourselves: 7:05 p.m. Cape Breton, the Cosmopolitan Experience.
Ideas: 9:05 p.m. The tooth trip.
Anthology: 10:05 p.m. The Man from Glengarry, Ralph Conner, 1860-1937 the best-selling writer in Canadian history.

The Horny Collection: 11:05 p.m. Flight by Ann Pollock and Vera Rosenbluth.
Sunday October 30
CBC Stage: 1:05 p.m. The Yellow Briar by Patrick Slater adapted from the 1933 novel by Hugh Webster; a lyrical tale of the pioneer Irish in Ontario.
Special Occasion: 4:05 p.m. Our Daily Bread, a drama by Warren Wilson.
Symphony Hall: 7:05 p.m. Montreal Symphony, Andre Watts, piano, Brahms, Stravinsky
Concern: 9:05 p.m. The Church Downtown.
Monday October 31
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. 1977 Salzburg Festival, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau sings Schubert lieder.

Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Who is the real Jack Lemmon?
Tuesday November 1
Touch the Earth: 8:30 p.m. Glendale Fiddle Festival from Cape Breton. Sudbury's Northern Lights folk festival.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. National Arts Centre Orchestra, Jeanne Baxtresser, flute. C.P.E. Bach, Dvorak, Schoenberg.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Painter, Pietro Annigone and sculptor Zorczak Ziolkowski.
CBC-FM Programming (105.7)
Ideas: 8:04 p.m. Wednesday - Television, a Surrogate World. Thursday - Five Faces of Communism - The consumer Face. Friday - Ideas Lecture series. Monday - Referendum Canada, Tuesday - dramatized biography of German philosopher. Nietzsche.
CBC Monday Night: 9:04 p.m. L'Infidelta Delusa, comic opera by Haydn.
The Best Seat in the House: Tuesday 9:04 p.m. Introit, Offerty and Alleluia a liturgy for the Feast of Christ the King.

Mrs. Christine Johnston nominated for medal

Mrs. Christine Johnston of Mermaid Street in Sechelt is the nominee of the Sechelt council as a recipient of Silver Jubilee Commemorative Medal to be distributed to distinguished Canadians to mark the twenty-fifth year of the reign of the current monarch. The medals are understood to be given for service to the community.

Mrs. Johnston was the first chairman of the Sechelt council, topping the polls for the first council in 1956 and served as chairman for ten years. Mrs. Johnston and her late husband Captain Johnston came to the Sunshine Coast in 1944 and lived for some years in Wilson Creek before moving to Sechelt in 1951. They both served their communities in Wilson Creek and Sechelt for many years. Captain Johnston, who had been an Intelligence Officer during the Second World War and adjutant of his regiment, served as magistrate in Sechelt for fifteen years before being transferred to take charge of the first night court in Vancouver in about 1964.

By coincidence Captain Johnston was awarded the Queen's Medal for Community Service on the occasion of her coronation in 1952.

Mrs. Johnston was born in Alexandria in Glengarry to a United Empire Loyalist family of mixed Irish and Scotch decent. She grew up in Ottawa and as she says, "...was close to politics all my life." She remembers vividly walks she took in the park with Sir Wilfred Laurier who was a near neighbour. When the Coast News reporter asked her if he had been a friend of the family she replied, "No, he was my friend." Apparently the little girl and the elderly statesman met for walks in the neighbourhood park and she remembers that he always had peppermints in his pocket for her. Another vivid memory from that period is Sir Wilfred's funeral with a great amassing of horse-drawn wagons collected to pay tribute to one of Canada's great Prime Ministers.

It was fifty years ago that Mrs. Johnston moved to British Columbia and she remembers Vancouver as being just a small town at that time. A widow for ten years now, Mrs. Johnston recalls the members of that first Sechelt council as being Capt. Sam Dawe, Alec Lamb, Frank Parker, and Bernel Gordon. "The men on council were very easy to work with and we all got along well and worked as a team, remembers Mrs. Johnston. She reminisces about the first council chambers: "It was a little white building that used to be the telephone office. We always called it the White House," and she chuckles.

Mrs. Johnston has been in ill health lately and the Coast News reporter found her in the midst of packing to move from her cosy little home on Mermaid Street to the nearby Senior Citizens home where she will occupy apartment #17. She has friends there, she says, and accepts the necessity of the move with equanimity.

Art Gallery

The new Sunshine Coast Arts Gallery ground breaking ceremony is on Saturday, October 29th at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A graffiti board will be provided so that all citizens may immortalize their names, small drawings or thoughts on this historic occasion. The graffiti board will be preserved. Think how it will sound to your future grandchildren a few years from now when our gallery has become known and respected throughout B.C., and you can say "I helped break the ground for that charming Arts Centre."

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Question: Is rare roast beef more nutritious than meat cooked longer?

Answer: Medium-done meat cooked at moderate temperature is about the same in nutritive value as rare meat. Overcooked meat has greater loss of vitamins. The degree of doneness does not affect the protein or iron content.

Question: What is carob powder and can it be used as a replacement for chocolate?

Answer: The pods of the carob tree found in Mediterannean countries are ground to produce carob powder which has a flavour similar to that of chocolate. Carob powder is high in carbohydrate, very low in fat, and a relatively good source of protein.

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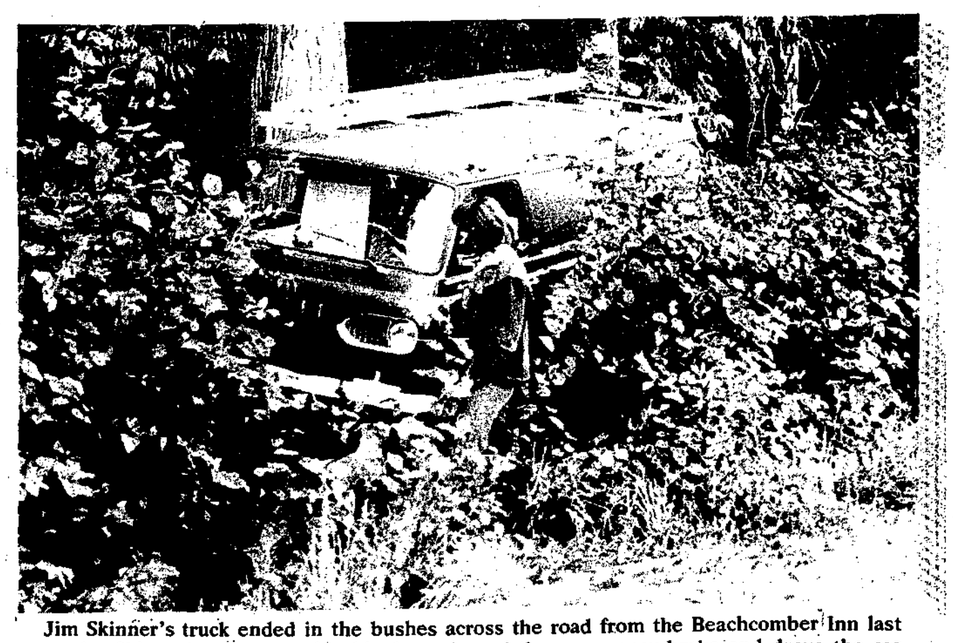

Jim Skinner's truck ended in the bushes across the road from the Beachcomber Inn last week. Skinner's story was that his dog released the emergency brake and drove the car into the bushes. It's a good story, Jim.

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Freethinkers Pulpit

by Andy Randall

What is learning? To be learned, or to have learning, used to be a mark of distinction, a sort of academical order of the garter. The bearer of that title was supposed to have studied stacks of books, most of which we all believed to be too high, too deep, and too ancient for ordinary mortals to savvy, and beyond our reach.

Still, out from the masses of the proletariat, the untermensch, some of us did a wee bit of digging into the wide field of knowledge, and came up with our hard-earned treasures of learning. And, you know what? We begame the ragged members of the Erudite Club. But KEEN, man!

I can just hear someone mutter, "Aha, another one hepped up with a bit of learning!"

Born and raised in a background of coal-mining and farming, with outside privies; water carried from a tap down the street in pails; candle-light and oil-lamp light both inside and outside all houses; we lived primitively in that era of 1904-18. Minus radio; TV, telephone, cars or buses; mostly without even the original Edison-gramophone, or comic books; we just had to fill in those long hours of the long years with "something". My something at nights was reading.

From A.B.C. coloured books, to the Bible, to Shakespeare and Jack London. Old volumes with Gothic characters such as you may see in Germany today, poetry, mother's own magazines, newspapers, everything. And I read too many times by the dim and fluttery glow of a candle. It became a passion.

At 13 years of age I worked for a mining company and stayed there until I left for Canada, and I made full use of the local Miner's Institute where I practised my billiard game, at the great cost of a penny for a half hour game, and raided the lending library for two pence a year. Oh, I wasn't a bookworm for I enjoyed playing soccer, and other athletic activities, including roller-skating and dancing. You had to be an athlete to endure those old time dance sessions!

Books. That lending library, main source of leisure reading and weighty matters, mostly filled the need of books for 30,000 population. So I do not have to test your imagination regarding the wide variety of books. From histories, biographies, adventures, I progessed to studying like a professor with notebook and pen or pencil at hand, plus a dictionary. Ever tried to read books on philosophy? Or psychology? Or Greek history? Maybe you are smarter than I was then. But I sure had to keep a dictionary handy, and that was painfully slow work. Thus I learned.

Mental indigestion? I had it. The cure? A lifetime of roughing it in Canada and foreign parts. Having to be more self-reliant than I would ever have thought possible from a dim-witted emigrant.

How did I, and hosts of others, face the conditions of the 1930's, that seemed to have no light at the end of the tunnel for us? We took on challenges (jobs and such) we had no taste for, and later we knew the experiences had been good for us. Because we learned that we now had confidence in meeting future challenges. And, would you know it, that is what learning, and life is all about.

Edgar A. Guest wrote something to inspire us all.

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That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
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On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing -
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

That, I repeat, is learning.

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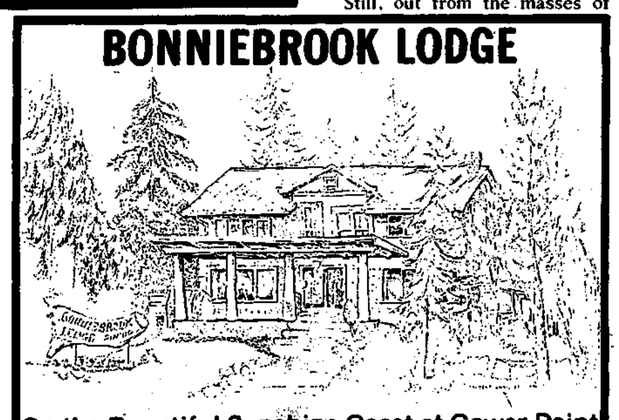

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Well, folks, the picture turned out-see Corrance's column below. These dog salmon are spawning in Angus Creek.

Wildlife corner

by Ian Corrance

The big natural event for this time of year has to be the salmon spawning. Herb Craig, the fisheries officer for the lower end of the Sunshine Coast turned me on to the creek just past the Porpoise Bay Campsite. He had counted about 500 fish going up and recommended that if I wanted some pictures I should head down there.

When he had been up a few days earlier doing a count, he was criticized by two lollypop-sucking youngsters. "Hey mister!" one of them shouted, "Do you realize you're killing fish by walking on their eggs!"

Herb assured them that he was walking on the larger rocks and missing the eggs but it was uplifting for him to see that the kids were concerned about the safety of the eggs instead of chasing the fish through the shallow water.

A couple of weeks ago I said that I would be taking some pictures of them, well I gave it a try but haven't printed them yet, so if this piece is accompanied by a picture my experiment turned out, if there's no picutre then I guess it must have been a faulty roll of film. I tried to shoot in amongst the trees, so when I put on a polarizing filter my light meter was reading around 1/8th of a second. I had my flash with me so I set the flash electric eye at f22 and opened the lens up quite a bit more because of the polarizing filter, not being too sure of myself I adjusted the electric eye a couple of times. I wonder if it worked?

Last Thursday I went up to Garden Bay to visit John Daly, he's a commercial troller with an active interest in fish conservation. He and a bunch of Pender residents worked recently on spawning beds in one of the creeks. I'll list their names before I carry on, so that they get the credit due them, they were John himself, Franky Lee, Charles Lee, Ray Philips, Ken Griffiths, David Reed, Maurice Green and Peter Benjafield along with Ray Kraft from the fisheries.

Where they were working was the small creek that runs between Mixal (Bear) Lake and Sakinaw. Years ago this stream had a good run of coho, the biggest in 1959. It has a potential for about 500 spawners. Over the years the gravel had been washed out. Franky Lee managed to get a $1000 grant under the salmon enhancement programme. He spent it on gravel and last year wheelbarrowed part of it into the creek bed. Last week's work party shovelled the rest in. This should all wash into place in time for this year's run.

John asked me to put in a word of appreciation for the six students who worked within the student work programme, clearing trails at both Mixal and Sakinaw this summer.

Several skeins of geese have been seen flying over in the past few days. So far I've had no reports of hummingbirds hitching rides on them. Maybe they're too high to spot.

Coming back from Vancouver on the ferry last week I noticed about fifteen Western Grebes just outside the Horseshoe Bay terminal. If I remember rightly this is about the time of year for a large flock of several hundred to gather about half a mile off shore at Hopkins. It could be worthwhile to have a look there every so often and you might spot them.

If you see anything interesting or have any good wildlife stories give me a call at 886-7817 or drop me a line at the Coast News.

Pender work crew pour gravel into creek bed on the creek between Mixal Lake and Sakinaw Lake. Work is being undertaken to improve the creek bed for the coho salmon run.

Harmony Hall Happenings

by Jim Holt

Well here we go again folks with the last issue before our Fall Tea and Bazaar which will be held in the Hall on Saturday October 29th at 2:00 p.m. Admission will be 75 cents. If you wish to contribute anything towards this event it will be greatly appreciated, and if you want to know anything more about it you can phone our convenor, Helen Raby at 886-2502 who would be pleased to give you any information you desire.

We had a good turnout at last Thursday night's Bingo, a goodly bunch of our friends from Sechelt Branch #69 S.C.A. came down and went back home very happy as four of them turned out to be winners. Thanks goes to Dave Hayward for arranging the trip down and we would be very pleased to see them come back anytime.

As you know Irene Bushfield is away with Louise Barnes galivanting in Calgary, we wish them a safe and pleasant holiday. In Irene's absence Mel Eckstein took over her duties at the Bingo. Thanks very much, Mel, for jumping in and helping out. You did a marvelous job.

Sorry to hear that Leo Daoust is still sick with the flu. With Leo away it leaves us a little short handed at the Bingo but we are making out O.K. and hope that Leo will be back with us again real soon.

As you know the nomination and Election of Executive officers will be held at the general meeting to be held on Monday, November 7th. Those nominated for executive must be present at the meeting as they cannot be elected otherwise. Let us have a big turnout at this meeting as it is your interest as members to vote for whom you wish. As I have stated previously I am not seeking re-election, this being my last term as your president. I intend to have a bit of a rest as the last three years have been a trifle hectic and I want to relax for a while. I fully intend to keep participating in the activities of the branch, but not to the extent that I have been.

We are going to have an executive meeting on Monday, October 31st (members please take note) so that it will not interfere with the 5 pin bowling at Gibsons Lanes as I know that some of our executive members bowl on Tuesdays.

I have a plan in mind for a bus trip for the Christmas lights and Gastown sometime in December. You will be notified of this at the next general meeting. I believe I have given you all the news to date so keep three dates in mind. Carpet bowling, Wed. Oct. 26th at 1:00 p.m.; Thursday night Bingo, Thursday Oct. 27th at 8:00 p.m. and the Fall Tea and Bazaar Saturday Oct. 29th at 2:00 p.m., admission 75 cents.

This being all the news I have for you at this time, trusting these few lines find you enjoying good health and hoping to see you all at the Tea and Fall Bazaar on Saturday. Until then, Adios Amigos.

Pender Seniors

Branch 80 News

Many old, forgotten bits of English history were recalled to mind at the October meeting of Pender Harbour Senior Citizens' Association when Joan and Don Riome told the story of their recent trip to the United Kingdom and illustrated it with their colour slides.

It had been a journey in search of roots for Joan and Don: he to seek out his birthplace in Gravesend (also the site of an ancient pub called the Leather Bottle); and she to revisit the Yorkshire town of Glaisdale where her grandfather had been a rector of the same church for 28 years. Yes, there was the picture of Joan's grandsire on the wall of the church, and they made a picture of the picture.

Others in the audience who had also, on holiday, followed the well-worn, wonderful paths of England, took pleasure in recognizing many familiar scenes such as the ornate chimneys of Hampton Court (domicile of the unfortunate Queen, Catherine Howard, before the time of her assignation with the headsman); and the spires of Canterbury (where a group of enterprising elderly people made a priceless discovery of ancient Roman buildings buried underneath a parking lot):

At the close of the programme, Mr. and Mrs. Riome were warmly applauded for the generous offering of their time and experiences.

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SPORTS

One of the goals scored by the Renegades in their 5-0 defeat of the Vancouver Celtics whistles past the Celtic goalkeeper. See report this page.

Soccer

by Barnibus & Co.

What a band! The Horizon Band helped to make the Wanderers Soccer Club dance a great success. Everybody had a great time and special thanks go out to the Horizon Band and all the club's ladies auxiliary. A $50 door prize went out to Jock Bennett and company and Neil Davidson won the $25 ticket raffle.

Many of the Elphinstone Wanderers did not get to bed until the wee hours after the dance but all were up for Sunday's game against Vancouver Metros. It was an excellent game for 75 minutes as the home team led 2-zip. For the last 15 minutes, the Wanderers looked like they were celebrating the party again as they watched the Metros pop in two late goals. It was a sad conclusion to a good weekend as the Wanderers took a tie in what was an easy 2 pointer.

Although the Wanderers dominated the game it took only two goals on five shots for the Metros to tie the game.

Coach Terry Duffy said, "Mental errors in the last twenty minutes caused the tie." He named Nick Berganach as the game's star. Goal scorers were Nick Bergnach and Graham Chapman who scored a picture goal on a header pass from captain Gary Davies. Duncan Campbell thought the Wanderers played one of the best games of the year despite the 2-2 tie.

Meanwhile, in "Mud Bowl 77" at Gibsons high school on Sunday the Elphinstone Raiders, the Wanderers second team, played to a 7-2 loss against the Sechelt Selects. For the first game this season the Raiders looked like an organized unit but still lacked the finesse to carry the game. The forward trio of Ted Leaver, Russ McLeod and Jurgen Hubel played a very good game for the Raiders but failed to click on some fine opportunities in front of the goal. Keep watching this team for good soccer as the season progresses.

Penalty Shots: Jim Peers has to be one of the club's best supporters. He's always drinking their beer and he's out to all the games and team functions. This Saturday at 2:00 p.m., the Wanderers journey to Slocan Park in Vancouver to play the Vancouver Celtics.

Rugby

Both Gibsons Rugby Club teams won against their Vancouver Rugby Union opponents this weekend. Gibsons IV's took a close, chippy match from Fijians IV's by a score of 4-0 and Gibsons III's totally dominated Vancouver Trojans 18-0. Both games were played before about 100 supporters, on Saturday at the Elphinstone field.

The first game, played at 12:00, was marred by some blatantly dirty play by a sloppy, but aggresive Fijian side. The Fijian style of play was a number of high tackles, punches and maliciously thrown elbows in an attempt to physically dominate the locals. Gibsons remained generally cool to the incidents and managed to dominate the set scrums to get most of the ball. At the fifteenth minute, the strong Gibsons scrum pushed the opponents into their end zone from a set and George Matthews dropped on a loose ball for the game's only scoring.

With ten minutes left in the game, team captain Gary Gray pulled his team off the field in protest over the continued dirty play, and the referee called the game. After the game, the Vancouver Rugby Union referee said he called the game because of play which did not represent the best kind of rugby football.

In the second game, Gibsons III's came out running in the first half and ran up the points early. A much more entertaining game than the earlier match, saw some excellent rucking and running. Ian Yates, Jay Pomfrett and Frank Havies were responsible for the Gibsons points.

Both Gibsons teams play in Vancouver this weekend, with the III's taking on their arch-rivals Scribes and the IV's facing the Rowing Club at Brockton Oval.

Volleyball

The Junior Volleyball Tournament held at Elphinstone this past week came to one of the most exciting finishes ever seen in local tournament play. The finalists werre Campbell River and Hillside and Campbell River won a long drawn out final match by three games to one. Hillside, however, had beaten the Campbell River team earlier in the day and there was not enough time for the rubber match to be played.

In an effort to break the deadlock the coaches agreed to count the total points that the teams had scored against each other in their two matches. Here again the result was stalemate, however, since it was discovered that the total points were exactly even. Finally it was decided that the teams should be declared tied and the trophy shared.

Elphinstone Grade Eight team covered themselves in some considerable glory during the tournament. Not only did they knock off the West Vancouver team which was last year's champions in the quarter finals, but they went on to beat the Elpinstone Grade Nine and Ten team to finish up in third place behind the two leaders. Other teams were from Squamish and Pemberton.

On the rocks

by Pat Edwards

Everything is running so smoothly that there is very little to report this week.

Several skips are lining up teams for bonspiels in Squamish next month, and it is hoped we will make a good showing.

Bernie Parker will be covering the senior curling each week, and his first interesting report follows.

Last year we mentioned that we hoped to fill our arena with senior curlers and by golly, we have done just that!

Each Friday afternoon at 1:30 we have eight rinks curling at Gibsons and the same at 1:30 on Tuesdays at Sechelt and we are all having lots of fun.

Anyone interested in curling in a men's senior league please call Bernie Parker at Gibsons, 886-9664 or Bob Foxall at Sechelt, 885-2650.

We will also welcome anyone for fill-ins and spares. Good curling!

Gales continue to win

The Peninsula Gales continued their winning ways this past weekend in Tacoma, Washington. The local team travelled down to Tacoma to play the Seattle Vikings, a team they will host at the Sechelt arena in back to back games next weekend.

Saturday night at Sprinker Arena in Tacoma the Gales got off to a fast start and defeated the Vikings by a score of 7-0. Fourteen seconds into the first period Butch Rogers knocked the puck into the net in the midst of a goal-mouth scramble. Doug Kennedy got the second goal on a picture set-up from Jim Gray at 6.09 of the opening period. Top-scorer Dave Lamb got his eighth of the young season when he connected on a pass from Kelly Bodnarek at 9.15. This too was a beautiful goal with Lamb head-faking the Viking goalie to the ice before lifting the puck over him into the top of the net. The first period closed with the Gales leading 3-0.

They struck quickly again in the second period with Mike Sutherland scoring twice within the first four minutes of the period. The first came at 1.40 of the period when Sutherland took a pass back from Jim Gray and slapped the puck into the net from his point position. At 3.25 Sutherland did it again, this time jamming his own rebound into the net under the fallen Viking goalie, after a thrilling solo effort. Randy Legge made it 6-0 at 7.15 of the period when he whipped a wrist shot into the net from the point. The final goal was scored at 11.10 of the second period when Rick Ion put the puck in the net after some tenacious forechecking by his entire line.

The Gales let up a bit in the third period, perhaps understandably, but it led to some sloppy hockey which had the three coaches, Bill Rayment, Jerry Dixon and Larry Reardon, breathing fire.

Viking coach, Scott Bledsoe, was playing with a short roster as quite a few of his players were recovering from the flu and he wanted to rest them for the visit to the Sunshine Coast next week. The Viking coach remained confident that with a full squad the Vikings can win both games at the Sechelt Arena next weekend and so take the three-game series.

Despite the score, reports from the game indicate that the Vikings have very strong goaltending and may give the locals a rough time in the arena next Saturday and Sunday.

These are the Gales

by Ed Lands

RICK HACKINEN

Rick Hackinen is as close to a homegrown hockey player as one is likely to find on the Sunshine Coast. The twenty-three year old left-shooting right winger hails from the Vancouver suburb of Burnaby where Rick attended Burnaby South Secondary School. Ten years or so ago, as a Pee Wee, Hackinen led his team to an overall 2nd place finish in the Northwest Division. He continued in organzied hockey until the age of sixteen, having played in the Kilarney House League as well as attending the U.B.C. Hockey School. During the following five year period Rick skated with friends in leisurely games, but the call of active competition lured him back to playing in a men's senior commercial league at Columbian Four Rinks in Burnaby.

It was during the initial year of operation of the Sunshine Coast arena that Hackinen moved to the area to work at the pulp mill of Port Mellon fame. He played for the Gibsons Legion team for two years whose demise forced him to the Roberts Creek Club last year. During the past two years of play he had been attending U.B.C. and commuting to his games and practices on the coast.

"People seem to care for the effort I put out," says Rick, who now resides on his sailboat at the Gibsons wharf. "There is a sense of involvement which is unique to a rural setting and not present in larger communities. Two years ago, while playing for Gibsons, I received a bad cut above my eye. I had to have ice packs on it whenever I was off the ice. Ordinarily I would not have gone back out to play."

Rick went on to talk about hockey in general: "As a kid I was more attracted to Canadian amateur teams like Fran Huck played on. I'm happy to see this organization (the Gales) stressing hockey for serious fun. It's amateur, but everyone puts out 100%." Rick continues, "It gives both young and old the opportunity to play with a positive inspiration in mind, and a local one at that. I can recall the pyramid system of hockey I was ruled by as a kid. The ones who survived it to the pinnacle played pro and everyone else had to give it all up."

At 5' 10" tall and 165 pounds, the fair-haired Rick isn't the biggest man on the ice, although he managed two goals and an assist last weekend.

"He looks like Barbara Anne (Scott), at full tilt," quipped defensive coach Larry Reardon. Reardon didn't stop there, "He's a fast skater with a wide open stance. He can turn on a dime."

When asked if he styled his play after anyone in particular, Hackinen shook his head and said, "I guess passing and playmaking are my strong points."

In addition to his activities on the ice Rick enjoys fishing and sailing. I understand he's a great guy for playing piano at parties. He also plays the trumpet.

"I get the feeling that everybody knows everybody up here." Surely everybody will become more familiar with No. 11, Rick Hackinen.

Senior Girls win tourney

Elpinstone Senior Girl's Volleyball team prepared for the first ever provincial finals to be played on the Sunshine Coast, scheduled for the next month, when they won the recent tournament at U.B.C. The local girls were against thirty-five teams and though they dropped an early game in the Pool Section of the tournament to Eric Hamber when they played a rare bad game, they gained entry into the Championship Round as one of the three wild card entries.

Once in the final round there was no stopping the local girls. In truly exciting volleyball matches they defeated Handsworth 15-8, 11-15, and 15-13. In another exciting match they defeated a first-class team from South Burnaby by scores of 15-9, 9-15, and 16-14. They then sowed up the championship by beating Burnaby Centre in straight games 15-11 and 15-5.

Strikes spares

Five us went to Park Lanes in Chilliwack last Sunday to take in their 15 game marathon. We won't dwell on our scores too much as it suffices to say that the coffee was hot and the beer was cold and that's the way we bowled. Actually we were quite happy to get there as we drove (Ken Skytte was driving) right past Chilliwack and almost wound up in Hope. All in all though it was a nice day.

Last Wednesday we played host to 47 Golden Agers from the Salmon Arm area who are on a seven-day tour of Vancouver, our area and Vancouver Island. They bowl in the different bowling centres on the way and have a very good time. Our Swingers bowled with them and this gives them a chance to bowl against different competition.

In league action, Freeman Reynolds has the hi four in the Classic League with games of 341-323 and a 4 game total of 1216. Now the rest of us have something to shoot at. Henry Hinz rolled a 309 single in the same league and Nora Solinsky rolled a 319 single in the Wednesday Coffee league.

Highest Games: Classic League: Dianne Fitchell 273-904, Bonnie McConnell 272-905, Ken Skytte 271-947, Vic Marteddu 269-968, Ian Clark 273-984, Freeman Reynolds 341-1216. **Tuesday Coffee:** Sandy Lemky 261-718, Nora Solinsky 252-744. **Swingers:** Alice Smith 268-656, Hugh Inglis 262-602. **Gibsons 'A':** Paddy Richardson 260-635, Mavis Stanley 269-693, Henry Hinz 247-671, Art Holden 258-678. **Wednesday Coffee:** June Frandsen 270-673, Bonnie McConnell 253-690, Nora Solinsky 319-791. **Ball & Chain:** Lana Mitzel 296-692, Gary Tourigny 265-672, Freeman Reynolds 291-738. **Phuntastique:** Sharon Kraus 231-616, Vic Marteddu 227-646, Ralph Roth 282-744. **Legion:** D. E. Enevoldson 227-643, Carole Skytte 269-724, Bi. Vaughn 274-602. **Y.B.C. Bantams:** Ian Gazely 146-277, Andy Solinsky 163-281. **Juniors:** Carmella delos Santos 230-542, Glen Hanchar 219-553.

Wrist wrestlers return

The Sunshine Wrist-wrestling Association representatives and referee returned October 10th from Petaluma, California, after attending the World Wrist-wrestling Championships. Referee Paul Peter Klachan of Maderia Park was given the privilege of being one of the eight world referees. He stood in the line-up with four Hall of Fame members, who had been four times world champions, two world champions and one national champion.

Klachan said, "There were two thousand people in the building and with every match the concrete structure literally shook with the noise and excitement. Each match was the most important event to each competitor. Almost six hundred athletes from across the United States, from Australia, and from Mexico, including of course our two lightweights from Powell River and Gibsons came to win."

The two Sunshine Wrist-wrestling entries were the only two sanctioned members to represent Canada and carried the Maple Leaf and team crests with pride. Each got as far as being defeated by a Regional Champion. When it is considered that each of the local competitors were defeated by someone from the top eight in a class of 200 then they must be congratulated on their first showing in a world class event.

Referee Klachan told the Coast News, "Those who attended the three local events on the coast here will remember the interest and excitement. We have some powerful men in B.C. in every division and after refereeing 150 matches at this year's World Championships I am convinced that we have excellent prospects."

Vaughan Cartwright, the current Middleweight Wrist-wrestling champion, when asked if he would come to Canada to compete said, "I'd love to come. The Canadians I've met here are great guys. Paul is a good referee and I would love to meet your strong men."

The Sunshine Wrist-wrestling Association plans three tournaments this year accepting challenges from Vancouver, Vancouver Island and the Northwest United States. Our membership is growing and anyone interested can contact the association at Box 124, Madeira Park.

The association would like to thank the sponsors of Craig Norris of Gibsons, Sea Cavalcade Lightweight Champion. The sponsors were the Cedars Inn, Richard's Men's Wear, the Beach Comber Inn, Andy's Drive-in, the Omega Restaurant, the Crown of Glory, and all those who wished us a good trip.

"If you have a strong somebody in the family," says Klachan, "no matter how shy or inexperienced, write us and they could perhaps be watching themselves in next year's presentation of the world championships on ABC's Wide World of Sports."

Renegades win

Sechelt Renegades defeated Vancouver Celtics by a score of 5-0 in a rough game played at the Reservation field on Saturday, October 22nd. Gerald Feschuk and Stuart Craigan put the Renegades ahead 2-0 in goals scored in the first half. The Renegades padded their lead with two goals by Howie Joe and one by Ricky August in the second half.

The Celtic goalkeeper got a yellow card for unsportsmanlike play in the second half and was so incensed that he succeeded in saving the resultant penalty kick.

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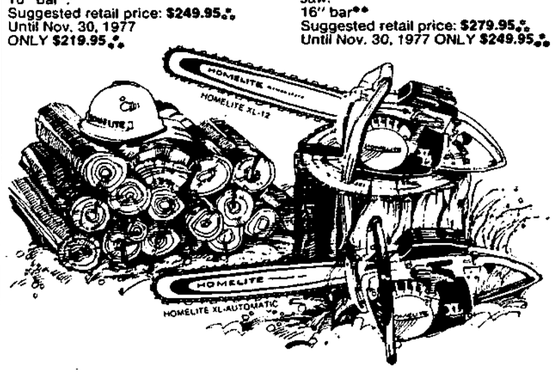

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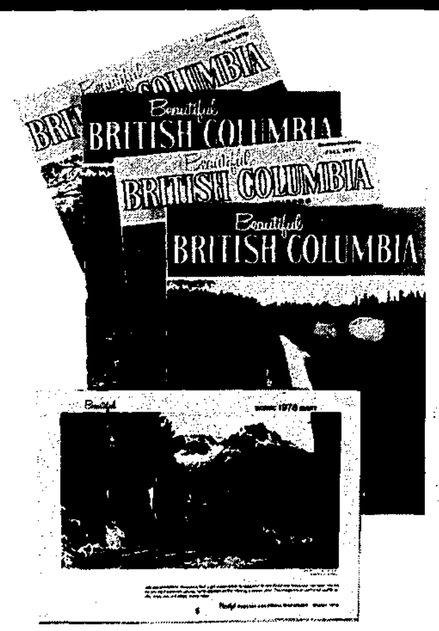

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Dr. Perry complains

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his services in the design of the pound but that village clerk Copland had not taken him up on it. Only at the last moment when the pound was three-quarters completed did the village consult Perry. "The original plan for the pound was ridiculous," said Perry. "You could have had a much cheaper plan if you had come to me in the first place."

Also an issue between the veterinarian and the village on this particular evening was the question of billing the village for injured animals that are taken to the vet's office for attention. Perry pointed out that he and Wray, the local S.P.C.A. representative, had been providing free service in regard to stray and injured animals for several years without submitting a bill. The implication seemed to be that this practice of free service would now cease.

Burdened children

In a small village in Honduras, young Augustina Romas gets up before dawn and sets off on her first task of the day - collecting water for her family. Seven times during the day Augustina must repeat her arduous task, over a mountainous path, through dense tropical growth, to the nearest river. The jug she carries is heavy, but she is determined that her family get enough water for their needs.

As she walks, Augustina worries. Her younger sister and her baby brother died last year, and she has learned that the water she fetches so laboriously may actually be killing the family she is trying to help. Each year over 5,000,000 babies die from water-related diseases before their first birthday.

The burden of being the family's water carrier also deprives innumerable children of their education. Very often they are taken out of school because their families need them to carry water. In some areas, schools are actually closed during the dry season so that the children can spend the entire morning hauling water.

Because of the plight of these children, the UNICEF Hallowe'en campaign this year will focus on clean water, the single most important element that affects the health of all children. Disease has fallen sharply in areas where safe water has been provided. In Bangladesh a well was sunk near a house where 25 orphans were living. For the first time in their lives, these children got pure water to drink. It worked wonders! The woman in charge commented, "When they came here, almost all of these children were sick with dysentry! Some of them died. But there has been no sickness for some time now. I think it is the new well."

This Hallowe'en, when Canadian children "trick or treat" they will be thinking of these other little ones, for whom a drink of clean water is almost a luxury. They know that even small change, through UNICEF, can change small lives and they are counting on us to help them in their crusade.

Fitness - for men only

by Fran Berger

Hey fellas! Come and get it! Come on now, admit it. You could do a little, right? It's been on your mind for a while, I bet. You've been thinking that you really could do with a little EXERCISE!

Did you make it to see "Rocky" yet? Even if you're neither a movie buff nor a boxing enthusiast, treat yourself to its delights anyway. Rocky reaches a lot more of life's little lessons than just how to be a fighter. And if inspiration to work out in some way is what you want, Rocky will do it for you for sure. His incredible marathon run builds up to such an explosion of exhilaration at having made it, that never have I seen portrayed so vividly or passionately such sheer joy in being physical, such exhuberance in accomplishing a feat of physical endurance! I hate to gush, but it is positively uplifting.

Now I'm not particulary pushing body-building, or boxing for that matter - unless you happen to like getting beaten up, of curse. Just getting into shape. And that takes ACTION.

How about starting out easy by getting together with other guys of similar persuasion for an evening of varied workouts? Try an hour of karate-style exercises followed by a quick game of basketball. Or what about developing the finesse of fencing, or trying some tricks on the trampoline? Tumbling or gymnastics anyone? There's also volleyball, badminton, and floor hockey, don't forget - plus any other activity you might like to try. The facilities are available, and several guys have already expressed an interest, so if you'd like to get in on these "For Men Only" sessions, please call the Fitness Service at 885-3611. You know it will do you nothing but good. This is your chance. Like Janis said, "Get it while you can!"

The Chatelech gymnasium could be available Monday nights from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

These students of Chatelech Junior Secondary School are shown on a noon-hour clean-up campaign of the trail near the school. The students were responding to criticism in the local papers about the litter in the area. The students pointed out to the Coast News photographer that some of it was possibly older than they were.

Hospital accredited

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meets the required accreditation standards; and there is the three-year which means that the hospital in question has met and surpassed the necessary accreditation standards. The granting of a three-year accreditation to the local hospital means that St. Mary's was found highly satisfactory in all its aspects by the inspecting team.

Also at Friday's press conference vice-chairman of the hospital board Warren McKibbin informed the community that he had just arrived back from Victoria and that approval of the planned expansion of the facilities at St. Mary's had received promise of approval. Following receipt of that approval, expected to be received about the festive season, the Hospital Board will be able to go to tender for expansion of the service areas. No increase in the bed capacity of the hospital is being planned but rather the expansion will come in the laboratories, in the physiotherapy and X-ray units, in the business office, in the medical records area, in the operating rooms, the emergency rooms, the post-anaesthetic recovery area, in the nursing stations, etc.

During the construction phase of hospital expansion regular press releases will inform the public as to the situation at the hospital. The proposed expansion will cost $2.5 million in the construction phase.

Editorial

by The Department of Church in Society, The United Church of Canada, 85 St. Clair Ave., E., Toronto, Ont. M4T 1M8.

Our newspapers, radio and television broadcasts keep us well informed on the suffering, poverty and injustice at home and in all parts of the world. In recent years we have had so much of this that many of us now suffer from what has been called "compassion fatigue". Our hearts are touched and our minds prodded so frequently that they become wearied preventing continued attention to the suffering of others.

Some of us go in for the detached academic or study-group kind of interest in the plight of others. This sometimes leads to constructive action - but generally it is a subtle exercise in evasion. We use pious chatter and the drafting of impressive resolutions as an excuse for not rolling up our sleeves and trying to do helpful things - even such a helpful thing as reaching for a chequebook.

Compassion fatigue can encourage us to cultivate convenient ignorance: if we do not let ourselves know too much about the suffering of others we will not feel called upon to do anything about it.

Many comfortable Canadians do cultivate a convenient ignorance - ignorance of the malnutrition from which the majority of the world's people suffer, ignorance of the injustices inflicted on so many people everywhere, and of the deprivation in our own nation. Even in our own neighbourhoods.

The complexity and confusion of life today, with the compassion fatigue it engenders and the convenient ignorance it encourages, causes indifference to settle rather easily on our hearts. Perhaps indifference is the great sin of our time.

Come cry with me

Dear Ann:

I have this problem - when we were first married my husband wanted no secrets between us. He persuaded me to tell him all about my previous love life, as he was telling me his experiences. I didn't hesitate to tell him about my love affairs. Well! He throws it up to me every time he gets angry and he's frustrated when I don't do what he expects, he also questions me when I've been away on a shopping trip or visit.

Regretful

Dear Regretful:

I'm sure many, many make this mistake. The past is none of his or her business. It's gone forever. We can't get a second back. In time, by your conduct and loving patience he'll realize his error. Tell him it only reminds you of old loves, long forgotten, and that might stop him. Anyone thinking of true confessions, don't! Let this be a lesson to all, what one doesn't know doesn't hurt one. Our past belongs to us alone and to share it is to risk planting images in the other's mind, that makes them uneasy. Some people are paranoid to the point of mental illness anyway, so don't take a chance, politely refuse to discuss past intimacies. The present is the only reality.

Dear Ann:

When my old man comes home at night he's so quiet, he cleans up, has dinner and watches TV. He doesn't even look at me let alone come onto me. I feel lonely all day and look forward to seeing him and being loved up. What can I do?

Waiting

Dear Waiting:

Think about it, have you ever been that tired? Spend a day without a stop except for lunch and coffee break, don't sit down, use a shovel and a hoe in the garden, lift and carry things around. I'll bet at the end of the day you're too tired to talk. The thing to do is take a long bath, take a nap after dinner, you'll find then you have renewed eneregy. So try with yourself and find what revives you, then try it on him. When he's rested, put on some perfume, have a cup of something he likes together and take it from there. It's like whipping a tired horse to try to talk of seducing him when he's so tired. Remember he's showing his love by battling away the hours in a boring, tiring job to provide for you.

More Letters

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and litter around the school. Maybe you should tend to problems more closely related to your job.

Except for Len Wray's fine letter to the editors last week, not many are aware the airport was built by the Aero Club probably long before most of the critics were living on the peninsula. The lease with the club was transferred from the Crown to the villages so funding for improvements could be obtained from the M.O.T. Why not let the club have a token lease for their efforts?

Instead of attacking and discouraging airport development there are many good reasons for supporting it. What if the ferries and the tow boat unions went to strike together? Our airport could be, I think, a lifeline to commerce in the future. Most growth industries won't look at a community without an airport. A well planned industrial park in the proximity of our strip could tap employment and tax sources sorely needed here. As for a three hour road trip around Squamish, I'd rather take my bird and be in Abbottsford in 45 minutes. In three hours I can be halfway to Calgary. I get sausage from a man in Abbottsford who jet freights it from Manitoba. If my connections were right I could have that sausage in my home the same day it left the factory. That gives you a small example of the possibilities air freight can have in our community.

C.A.R.E. has arranged a meeting with council, M.O.T., Tyee Airways, Aero Club, and themselves for 3:00 p.m. Tuesday October 25; it's probably happening while you're reading this. I wonder what would happen if Tyee were to enlist the support of the I.W.A. and members of local businesses affected by a mere week-long ferry strike, and everyone showed up in support of the airport and aviation which makes this small community connected with our huge country and the rest of the world. I personally hope they all come, but not everyone can take the middle of the day off. Strategic perhaps? Come on our people and support the airport and your local commercial carrier. Your economic well-being could depend on it.

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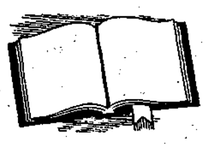

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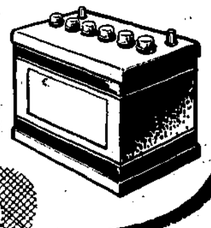

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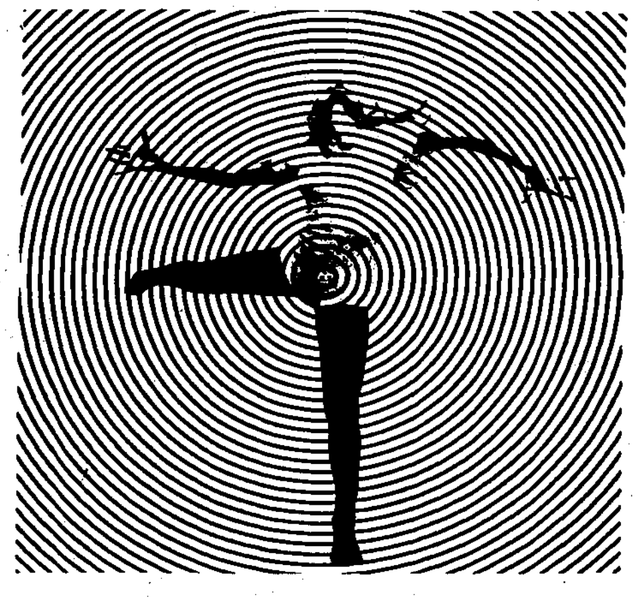

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Sincerely, Elsie Welsh

Haime: Rick and Linda are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Shawn Charles, 8 lbs. 1 oz. Born October 21st, 1977 at 10:55 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital. Mother and son are both healthy and happy. #43

Obituaries

Wall: Passed away October 22, 1977, Sarah Ann Wall, late of Halfmoon Bay, in her 96th year. Survived by her daughter, Patricia Ness, Halfmoon Bay, granddaughter Beverly Silvey, Powell River, three great-grandchildren, and relatives in England. Funeral service Wednesday October 26th at 2:00 p.m. in St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Sechelt. Rev. N. J. Godkin officiating. Interment St. Hilda's Churchyard Cemetery. Devlin Funeral Home Directors.

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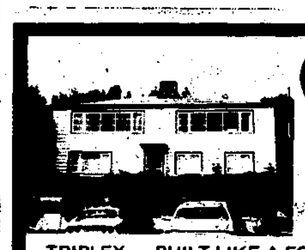

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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Land Use Regulation Amendment By-laws Nos. 96.13, 96.22 and 96.27

Pursuant to section 703 of the Municipal Act a public hearing will be held to consider the following by-laws of the Sunshine Coast Regional District. All persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed by-laws shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on matters contained in the by-law.

By-law No. 96.13 will amend Land Use Regulation By-law No. 96, 1974 to include Parcel A and B of D.L. 1405 in an Industrial 4 zone. The amendment will change the zoning from a rural A4 zone to allow for the establishment of a sawmill and log storage area at Ouellette Creek. Ouellette and Gosden Creeks will be diverted to preserve the existing marsh and the old channel will be used as part of the site area for the sawmill.

By-law No. 96.22 would include D.L. 1462, Blocks 1 to 6 inclusive, Plan 5883; and D.L. 1463, Lots 1 to 7 inclusive, Plan 5672; and that portion of the remainder of D.L. 1463 lying to the south-east of Lot 5, Plan 5672 in an Industrial 4 zone. This would change the zoning from a rural A4 zone. The proposal is to use this area north of Witherby Point as a dry land sort.

By-law No. 96.27 will amend Land Use Regulation By-law No. 96, 1974 to include a second category of domestic industry. The current domestic industry provision has been re-named home occupation and a new category of home industry is defined. This category allows an occupation to be conducted by the resident and no more than two employees and is confined to no more than two additional dwellings accessory to a dwelling unit. There are setback requirements for the buildings of at least 30 metres from any property line. The new category of home industry will be allowed in land use zones A1 through A4, I3 and I4. The old category now re-named home occupation will be a permitted use in land use zones A1 through A4, C1 through C4, I3 and I4, and R1 through R4.

The hearing will be held at the Langdale Elementary School in the gymnasium at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 8, 1977.

The above is a synopsis of the By-laws No. 96.13, 96.22 and 96.27 and is not deemed to be an interpretation of the by-laws. The by-laws may be inspected at the Regional District offices, 1248 Wharf Street, Sechelt, B.C., during office hours namely Monday to Wednesday 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday and Friday 8:30 to 5:45 p.m.

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ADVANCE POLLS: An advance poll will be held on Thursday, November 10th, during normal working hours at the School Board

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Pender Ratepayers

by the Pender Harbour & District Ratepayers Association Publicity Committee.

The Ratepayers' planning questionnaire, which was mailed out last week to residents of the central Pender Harbour area, has at this writing been answered by only a minority of recipients but already there are two obvious conclusions to be drawn from it.

One is that it has provided people with a chance to influence community planning that they are very grateful to have. It has tapped an outpouring of opinion, obviously pent up over long months of frustration at seeing the regional district and the community plan committee juggle the future of the community in their hands, from people wanting to have a part but not knowing just how to become involved. The Ratepayers' are proud of having opened the door for so many concerned residents and we promise to do everything we can to see that their wishes are considered.

The second thing evident is that while people of the area are intensely interested in the issues involved in planning Pender Harbour's future development, they experience a great deal of confusion in dealing with them. For instance it is not uncommon for respondents to answer Question 3 of the questionnaire that they prefer lot sizes of less than ½-acre, and then answer Question 9 that they would prefer lot sizes of 1 acre to a public sewer system, apparently without being aware of the contradiction. Others admit to not seeing the relevance of questions regarding sewer systems, water systems and road systems to the present development of the area.

It occurs to the Ratepayers' Planning Committee that the central issues involved in drawing up the questionnaire should have been better explained in advance so that this confusion might have been avoided. For the benefit of those still struggling we will deal with what have proved to be some of the thornier questions now.

The planning questionnaire, like the whole issue of community planning, breaks down into 3 basic areas: community services, economic development and land controls. While all three subjects can be considered separately to some extent, all three are also inextricably linked and must be considered in connection with each other.

For instance, if we are to opt for small lot subdivision of ½-acre or less in the Pender Harbour drainage basin, we also commit ourselves to eventually installing a public sewer system. It has been shown over and over again, throughout the Lower Mainland and throughout the developed world, that if intensive residential development occurs on lots less than an acre in size, individual septic tank systems will prove incapable of handling sewage and common sewer systems will have to be supplied in the name of public health.

This was evidently not understood by many people, who either recommended lot sizes of less than ½-acre in size together with no public sewer system, or vice-versa. If we are going to continue with subdivision lots of down to ¼-acre in size in the Harbour basin, we are going to end up with terrible pollution which could only be cured by a general system of sewers carrying our effluent away to a more remote place - inevitably Malaspina Strait, which is already sopping up sewage from Gibsons, Sechelt and Powell River.

It is evident also that many of those respondents who have opted for public sewer systems in answering the questionnaire have failed the consider the cost, because in other questions they express a desire to maintain a rural lifestyle and keep taxes low. To encircle the Harbour with sewer mains would prove a Herculean task costing in the many millions of dollars. In fact it is a moot point whether or not such a project would be feasible. Along the Lloyd Peninsula subdivision in Garden Bay for example, where would a sewage main be placed? If up on the high central roadway, waterfront homes would be faced with the enormous expense of pumping their own sewage uphill. If down on the shoreline where gravity flow could be employed, the main would have to be blasted into solid rock in highly inaccessible locations, and people would be required to sacrifice the most prized parts of their lots for easements. There has been a suggestion that the mains could be laid in deep water with feeder lines branching off, but the extra installation and maintenance problems this would entail boggle the mind.

Any way you cut it, a sewer system for Pender Harbour would be enormously expensive and would increase the tax load beyond bearable limits for many of the people living here now. Yet the problem can be avoided entirely - by keeping housing density to a low enough level that individual septic tanks and drainage fields will remain adequate. It is for this reason that the questionnaire included the question, if solving the pollution problem proved to be a choice between lots 1 acre in size and a public sewer system, which would be preferable? Some respondents refused to answer the question, calling it "irrelevant" or "hypothetical". It is neither. We may be called upon to make such a decision very soon.

The water supply for the area is linked to land development policy in a way very like that of sewers. Because of land development in the Madeira Park-Francis Peninsula area, the water system there has already been put under quite severe strain, and this is directly related to the problems now being encountered with water quality. Simply, the South Pender Waterworks had to increase its storage area to supply the great influx of new users coming in, and the only storage area available was on shallow boggy land that has produced the sedimented and discoloured water familiar to users on that side. Given the new demands for supply, the board made the only move open to it, but the loss in water quality is unfortunate to say the least. Unchecked development would put all local water systems under similar strain in the near future and eventually necessitate the creation of a major overall water system, perhaps supplied by Lyon Lake and perhaps by the regional district system coming up from Halfmoon Bay. Again, this would involve tremendous expense and great raises in taxes.

Do we want this? We have to decide now, and the decision comes back to land development - if we pack people in on small lots we're for it, if we keep them fewer and farther between we can get away with something less. Just to give an idea - the Mission City Zoning By-law, which the Ratepayers' Planning Committee has a copy of, provides that lots in areas not serviced by sewers or water systems be a minimum 3 acres in size and lots in areas serviced by water systems but not sewers be a minimum of 1 acre. This is the standard adopted by most developing municipalities and the Harbour area could hardly expect to get away with less.

Another question which seems to be stumping people is Question 7, regarding controls on what individuals do on private land, as opposed to what corporations do on large developments. This question may have been somewhat clumsily worded but its intent was to test attitudes on land use - that is, find out whether people want highly restrictive zoning like the present RI and RII over the Harbour area or whether they want to leave people with more of the freedom they had under the old RIII zoning. Should a family be able to run a little antique shop on its back yard, or split shakes or set up an appliance repair depot in a detached outbuilding? Or should all such activities be banished to the rural and industrial zones? Some people answered no to the questions, noting they didn't want their neighbours erecting high-rise apartments. That wasn't the intent of Question 7, but perhaps it wasn't clear enough.

Generally though, the questionnaires have been very thoughtfully answered and together provide an expression of public opinion no one is going to find easy to ignore.

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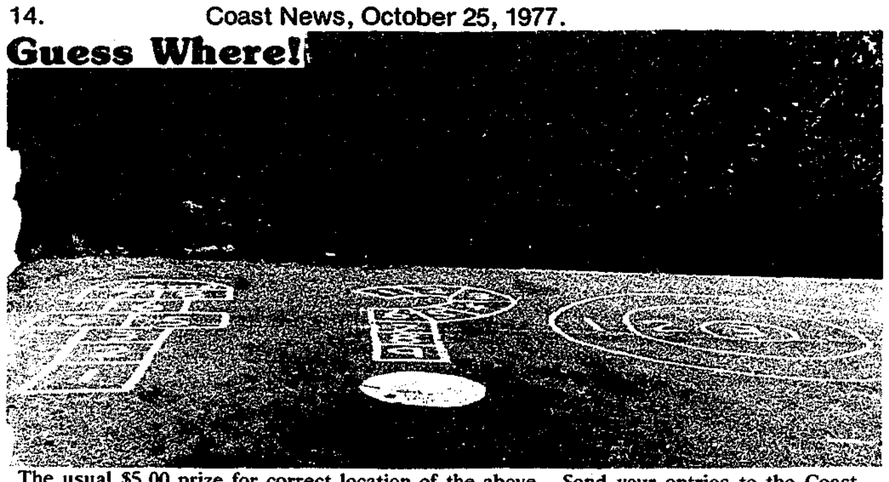

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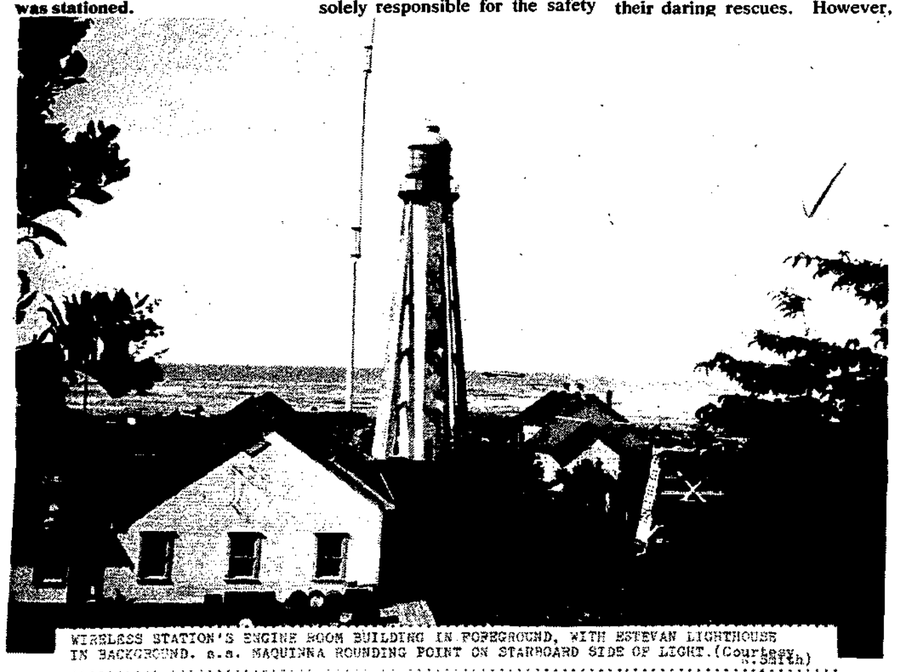
Forty years of wireless operation on B.C. Coast

by E. Gordon Kelk

Mr. Kelk has a background which entitles him to make the observation that writers and historians have done a great disservice to the Wireless Operator by their disinterest in B.C. coastal wireless history. Mr. Kelk's father, who died in 1948 at the age of 61, was an experienced operator and a veteran the field, having assisted in erecting many of the stations such as Pachena Point and Alert Bay. E. Gordon Kelk was born in Alert Bay where his father was stationed.



WIRELESS STATION'S ENGINE ROOM BUILDING IN FOREGROUND, WITH ESTEVAN LIGHTHOUSE IN BACKGROUND. s.s. MAQUINNA ROUNDING POINT ON STARBOARD SIDE OF LIGHT.(Courtesy H.Smith)

The following is the first of four in a series which was previously printed in Harbour & Shipping.

Without Marconi, headlines in the early twenties could not have read..."Wireless once only dream, now a reality!"

The great genius's first successful transmission occurred in England between the East Goodwin lightship and the South Forlands lighthouse during the year 1898. With demonstrations in the U.S.A. the following year, messages were exchanged between the steamer Ponce and the Navesink lighthouse N.J.

Marconi's magic spread to the Pacific coast, where a station was set up aboard a lightship in San Francisco harbour. [illegible] was first of a series of experimental ship to show installations.

Those were troubled times for all mariners, especially the ones using the North Pacific Orient trade routes. Records show that many vessels loaded with cargo had made successful ocean voyages only to lose their bearings in fog and storm, ending up on a reef, sometimes only a few miles from their final destinations.

Never at a time in marine history, was the need so great for navigational aids. With increasing international trade, both Canada and the United States, joined in the struggle to make shipping lanes safe on both coasts and the Great Lakes.

Strange as it may seem, there was a time lapse of almost twenty years between Marconi's wireless trials and it's full use on the B.C. coast. Wireless had to prove itself. Perhaps some of the blame for the slowness of ship to shore communication taking hold, can be laid squarely on the shoulders of a few master mariners. Traditionally they held the firm belief that a captain was solely responsible for the safety of his ship. To have young ship's officers plotting courses by radio for them was out of the question. Adding to this, in an era of tight money, land stations were an expensive item, and could easily be shelved until a demand came.

There were more wrecks, more loss of lives, and so it went on until ship's casualty lists looked like something from a world war. Inquests on some of the wrecks that involved heavy loss of life showed that human error due to faulty navigation was mainly to blame.

One of the most outstanding examples, was the disaster of the steamer Valencia in 1906. This passenger ship had left San Francisco bound for Victoria, January 20th. The weather had been good as far as Cape Mendicino, from there, she had run into heavy Pacific fog. Captain Johnston could only rely on "dead reckoning", and sounding leads. It was not so surprising then as his ship proceeded in a northerly direction, for the Captain to assume that he was off Tatoosh Island near Cape Flattery. Instead, he was thirty miles off course across the Straits of Juan De Fuca when his ship drove hard aground three miles east of Pachena Point. By this time, there was a howling gale blowing with tremendous waves. Snow and sleet cut visability to a few hundred feet. Although rescue attempts were made, the end result was 117 lives lost.

The dire need for more navigational aids was brought home hard to the Dominion Government, and the year after the Valencia tragedy, a lighthouse was built at Pachena Point, and along the coast, can-bouys and channel markers were installed in strategic spots.

These aids helped considerably with visual navigation, and still do. There are many stories of heroic lighthouse keepers, and their daring rescues. However, lighthouses were not the complete answer, marine disasters still occurred and in increasing numbers, for in heavy weather, snow storms and pea-soup fogs, lights and horns could go unseen and unheard, until too late.

The first wireless stations were very crude, had low output spark sets with a limited range. These were used almost exclusively for rescue work.

Pioneers invariably had a rough road to travel, and the pioneers of radio in British Columbia were no exception. Around 1910, the Pacific coast group of stations consisted of three. Vancouver, Victoria and Pachena Point. The latter station situated on the west coast of Vancouver Island in an isolated spot at the entrance of Juan de Fuca Straits possessed many shortcomings, the main one being a 1.5 KW spark set hopelessly inadequate for the job. In order to transmit a message to Victoria, a distance of only eighty miles, the operator would have to contact the U.S. station at Cape Flattery to act as relay.

Old time operators would reminate on the difficulties of establishing communication, for frequently a week or more would pass and not a dot or dash would be heard.

It is hard to say what was the greatest factor in wireless becoming the prime navigational aid of the twenties, there were so many advantages both of a human value and commercial nature. Shipping companys had much to gain, there were lower insurance rates charged as marine underwriters took note of the increased safety to the travelling public. There was also a great saving on fuel consumption due to bearings carefully given, thus cutting down on running time.

Finally deep-sea captains overcoming scepticism and prejudice, sought bearings from this new fangled invention, and were surprised by their accuracy. No longer did they have to rely on "shooting the sun", "dead reckoning" or lead lines. A new pattern in navigation was set; a ships master could now relax secure in the knowledge that at any time he could have an accurate report on his ship's position.

Indicative of the struggle to contain ship disasters, was an offical report for the fiscal year ending 1922 issued by the Radiotelegraph Branch of Marine and Fisheries. Not only did it clearly demonstrate the worth of the wireless stations in general as an aid to shipping, but by reason of the dual nature of duties performed, played a great part in the early development of British Columbia.

The report stated that there were thirty-seven coast stations operating in the Dominion. The Pacific coast group consisted of nine; During that period, the combined services across Canada (both coasts and the Great Lakes) were called on to render assistance to forty-seven shipping casualties, the east coast twenty-four, the Great Lakes eleven and the Pacific group twelve.

With losses at almost four ships a month, it was obvious that much more had to be done, wireless stations were still in their infancy. Receiving and sending sets, both on ship and shore had to be updated, and services expanded.

For transmission, new 5 KW sets of Marconi pattern were put into general use; but at certain stations, due to location, this power was exceeded, such as Alert Bay, and Estevan Point, the latter using a 25 KW set of naval construction and design, making it one of the most powerful and efficient on the north Pacific coast.

Primarily the Alert Bay station was erected as a navigational aid for shipping, but as new stations were built with D/F units that operated closer to the north Pacific trade routes (with less land interference) this station found a new role. With the relatively short range of existing transmitters, and being midway between Prince Rupert and Vancouver, it was in a prime position to relay thousands of messages from remote mining, logging and fishing operations along the coast. Also working in close co-ordination with the Alert Bay hospital, (the only one in that region) many lives were saved due to prompt action by the operators.

A few companys maintained their own radio stations, and fed their traffic through the government services.

At Anyox, then an active mining centre in the northern part of the province, with the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, operated their own station; The Whalen Pulp and Paper Mills, with plants at Port Alice, Swanson Bay and Thurston harbour had installations at each. The Pacific Mills at Ocean Falls was another. The Masset Timber Company Ltd., a large scale operation at Buckley Bay, put their station to good use. Last but not least, was the fishing industry represented by the Canadian Fishing Co., who operated stations at Butedale and Margaret Bay canneries.

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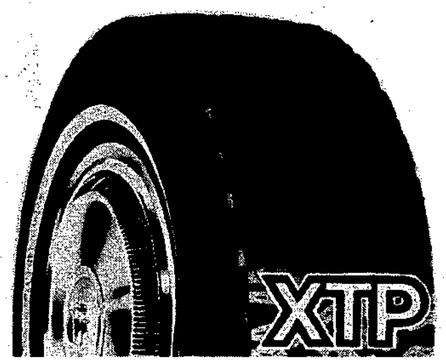

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	LIST	SALE
BR78x13	$66.10	$50.89
DR78x14	70.10	53.97
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HR78x14	93.70	72.14
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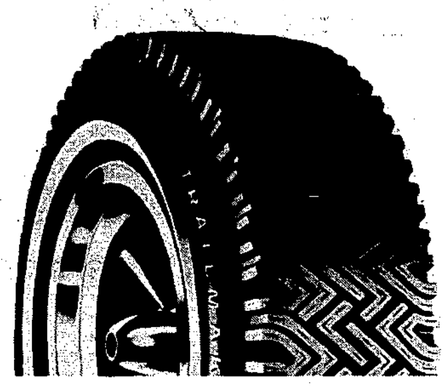

Bonus offerings
BFGoodrich 77% Sale Silvertown Belted Trailmakers

	LIST	SALE
A78x13	$52.25	32.95
C78x14	54.15	33.95
E78x14	55.80	34.95
F78x14	57.05	36.95
G78x14	63.55	39.95
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F78x15	57.05	36.95
G78x15	68.75	43.95
H78x15	68.75	43.95
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D78x13	44.15	30.95
D78x14	45.40	31.95
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F78x14	47.85	33.95
G78x14	50.90	35.95
H78x14	53.90	37.95
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G78x15	50.90	35.95
H78x15	53.90	37.95

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