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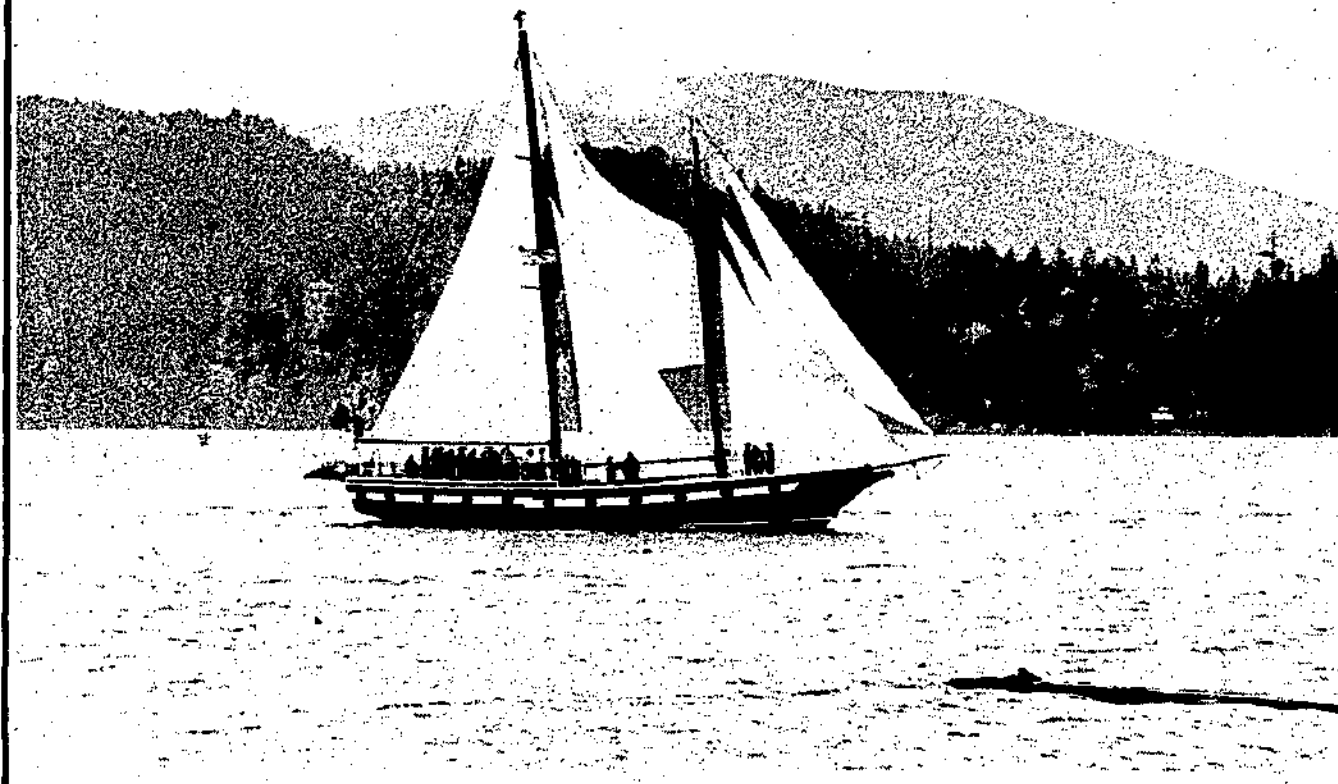
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Local shipbuilder plans to challenge Bluenose II



The ship Black Eyes I sails into Gibsons harbour on one of its regular calls last week flying the skull and crossbones because of the boatload of pirates heading for Hallowe'en festivities in Gibsons.

Look out Bluenose, Black Eyes is coming! The Coast News was visited by a man who wants to build a sailboat to challenge the pride of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia and he wants to build it right here in Gibsons, employing local craftsmen for the task. "We want to put the Black Eyes out of Gibsons on the Canadian dime," said Alec Hamilton, a fifty-year old ex-naval type who has spent ten years on the west coast building masts for people from all parts of North America.

Hamilton is a native of British Columbia, born in Vancouver, and he spent a lot of time in this area in the forties living with the Warn family on their farm in East Bay, Gambier Island. Two years ago he forsook the mast-building business and built Black Eyes I, a 92-foot, two-masted stay-sail schooner. In the summer time he takes cruising parties wherever they want to go. In the fall and winter months he makes regular weekend trips to Gibsons in an attempt to build a regular clientele of visitors to this area.

Hamilton has formed a limited company, Black Eyes Ltd., and his investors and partners are looking for a waterfront property in the vicinity of Gibsons to build the Black Eyes II, the ship designed to challenge the Bluenose II for Canadian sailing supremacy in a Nova Scotia - British Columbia match-up. Black Eyes II will be a three-masted schooner, 175 feet long - slightly larger than Bluenose II. It will be designed for pleasure cruising with 25 private staterooms.

In addition to looking for property on which to build his challenger, Hamilton is excited about the opportunity of employing many of the craftsmen with which this area abounds. "We want to employ the talented woodworkers, welders, etc. of this area," says Hamilton. "Local investors in the project are also most welcome."



The project plans calls for the arrival of the Black Eyes II in Nova Scotia in 1980. She will leave Gibsons in the spring of 1979 and cruise around the world to Halifax. At the end of every month there will be a place where

passengers can leave or meet the boat. The tour includes stops in Hawaii, Fiji, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Siam, India, then through the Suez Canal to Israel, Greece, Italy, the French Riviera, the Azores, and finally Halifax.

Hamilton's approach to the project is pretty well all-encompassing. His board of directors is comprised of military men scattered throughout Canada, each pushing the project in his particular area. His wife is a singer, professional name Shirley Grainger, and they have already released an album called Black Eyes. Grainger will appear locally at the Gibsons Legion on November 18th and 19th. Another notable is the secretary of Black Eyes Ltd., Russell Jeffs, who as a member of Military Intelligence during the Korean War was the first Westerner to get hold of a Russian M.I.G. fighter for examination.

"Gibsons is the Riviera of Canada," said Hamilton, "and this is where we want to base our company. We built the Black Eyes I in New Westminster but want a more romantic setting for Black Eyes II - and Gibsons is it."

The Coast News would like to congratulate Alec Hamilton on an exciting and imaginative scheme and wish him every possible success in the local area. Look to your laurels, Lunenburg. The Black Eyes II out of Gibsons is on its way.

Parks, condominiums and leases

At the regular meeting of the regional district held on Thursday the 27th of October, two opposing petitions regarding the proposed Soames Point Park were presented.

Speaking against the park, Mr. Hoops of Trant Road felt that the price of \$230,000 was excessive, especially as road allowances would bring the usable area down to 3.8 acres. It was not, in his opinion, the wishes of the local residents that the property be made into a park. Nob Hill had recently been purchased as parkland and he felt that to acquire another park, especially one which would require considerable development and upkeep, would be an unnecessary tax burden on the area.

Mr. Hay spoke in favour of the acquisition. The price in his opinion was not out of line considering that in the past one acre lots had been sold for about a third of what was being asked for the 4.3 acres. He had left petitions in the two stores in the area and in five days had 100 signatures. He urged the board members to consider the future. Since there were few good beaches in the vicinity, the ones available should be preserved for the upcoming generations.

Chairman Almond advised both delegations that the final decision would be made only after a public referendum.

A letter was received from the president of the Pender Harbour and District Ratepayers' Association, Mr. J. Harrison advocating an early decision on the Millwood condominium proposal. It stated that at a meeting held on October 23rd the public was overwhelmingly opposed to the proposal. No reason could be seen for holding a decision over until after the elections, since it could be a different board and unfamiliar with both sides of the argument.

Director Paterson agreed that the people of the Madeira Park area were against cluster housing but he would prefer to have the matter held over until after the elections, as he felt that he was in a "sticky legal situation" over it, however, he was prepared to face it at the planning committee meeting on November 10th.

Representing the Williamsons Landing Association, Mr. Stevens asked the board to consider his opinion that Don Head's appli-

cation for his foreshore lease should be treated as an application for a new lease rather than the extension of an existing one.

The lease in question was for ten years, with a review after five. Five years ago when the review came up, there had been public feelings against its continuation then, and Mr. Gordon pointed out that this had not diminished. In conversation with Mr. Sorken of Environment Canada, he had been informed that the regional office approved the extension of the lease, and wanted to know if Sorken had been informed about the public objections to the booming grounds.

Director Mulligan countered that he had approved the continuation and advised the staff accordingly. There had been no contravention of the lease agreement and he had informed Mr. Sorken that the opinions of the residents had not changed in the past five years.

Chairman Almond stated that he had been a member of the regional board five years ago when the matter had come up, and at that time it was decided that if the situation changed then a delegation would be heard. He could see no change in the situation and although he sympathized with the delegation, he advised them that they would have to live with what was there.



Father Nicholson consecrates the ground at the sod-turning ceremony held last week at the site of the SECHELT Arts Centre.

Gibsons referendum must be postponed

A press release from Gibsons village council has announced that the referendum to determine whether or not the Gibsons water system should be tied in with the regional system cannot be held after all on the November 19th date. The press release reads:

We have been informed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs that the proposed water referendum to be submitted on November 19th, 1977 will be subject to a by-law that would have to clearly indicate all terms and conditions associated with the water utility. Since this by-law requires the assent of the electors and the approval of the Minister prior to final adoption, it is the opinion of council that a public meeting at this time will not serve any useful purpose. Time required for preparation of this by-law makes it impossible for presentation at the November 19, 1977 poll. When the by-law is prepared, public information meetings will be held.

Gibsons Municipal Council

At press time no estimate of when the requisited by-law will be drawn up or the referendum held was available.

Local candidates coming forward

Several more candidates have declared themselves for positions on the various boards and councils on the Sunshine Coast.

In Gibsons, Lorne Blain, long-time resident, has decided that he will run for the mayoral chair. Another long-time resident, Jack Marshall has declared his intention of running for the position of alderman and regional board representative for the village. Lawrence Trainor has also filed his papers and intends to contest the aldermanic seat. In Sechelt, Ed Nicholson and Frode Carl Jorgensen have filed their papers with intent to contest for aldermanic seats with already declared Adrian Stott. Hugh Baird has taken papers out but has not filed at press time.

For the regional district Pender Harbour Ratepayers' Association, Mr. J. Harrison, has de-

clared that he will run against incumbent Jack Paterson in Area 'A'. George Gibb at press time was the only declared candidate for Area 'E'. Area 'C' incumbent Barry Pearson could not be reached by deadline time but had taken his papers out and it is believed he will contest the position.

Insofar as the school board is concerned, incumbent Klaus Spiekermann has definitely decided to let his name stand in Area 'B'. Spiekermann joins incumbent Don Douglas and Tim Frizzel of Davis Bay and Jock Smith of Surrey and Gower Point Road in the pursuit of the three vacancies in that area. Only incumbent Kay Dombrowski is so far committed to seek the only vacancy in school board rural Area 'A'.

Little controversy on ferry committee

It was very much a caretaking meeting that the Sunshine Coast Ferry Committee held on Wednesday, October 26th. Present along with Bill Bouchard, Asst. Traffic Manager of the B.C. Ferry Corporation, were committee members Dick Proctor, Don Pearsell, Frank West, Gibsons village clerk Jack Copland and tourist business representative John Kavanagh. MLA for this riding, Don Lockstead, also sat in on the meeting.

Committee members seemed in agreement that the summer schedule had indeed proved adequate and the fall schedule looked likely to do the same. "The traffic is following the trend that we expected," said

Bouchard. MLA Lockstead addressed himself to the question of the recent ferry strike, negotiations concerning which are still going on. "In my opinion," said the MLA, "the mediator should have been in there two months ago." Lockstead said that as far as he was aware negotiations were going well and he had recently talked to both sides in the dispute.

Tourist representative John Kavanagh pointed out to the MLA that as far as the tourist industry was concerned the strike might just as well be going on. "We're hurting," said Kavanagh. "A family in the Lower

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Creek residents oppose development

Approximately forty persons attended a public meeting held in the Roberts Creek Community Hall on Wednesday, October 26th to discuss a proposed land-use contract authorization which would allow the creation of 18 separate strata lots on District Lot 5818 by developer Olaf Klassen.

The public meeting was generally opposed to the development. Residents of Roberts Creek questioned the sewage and drainage aspects of the plan as well as its aesthetics. It was not generally felt by the members of the community present at the public meeting to be in keeping

with the stated intention of the Roberts Creek Community Plan to guard a rural atmosphere in the area.

Another aspect that concerned the people at the meeting was the question of water supply. Difficulties are already being encountered in the area with water supply, residents claimed, and 18 residential units at the 200 foot level would only serve to worsen the situation, it was stated.

Apart from Mr. Klassen, himself, the only person who spoke in favour of the development was a gentleman whose name was

variously given in the minutes as Eric Mosack and Eric Moser who is believed to be an associate of the developer.

Native studies gets funding support

The Native Environmental Studies Project which is a joint endeavour of School District #46 and the Sechelt Indian Band seems closer to realization this week. The project envisages a course of studies being offered at Deserted River on Jervis Inlet incorporating both traditional Indian crafts and environmental studies.

School trustees of School District #46 learned at their October 27th meeting that the Department of Indian Affairs has committed \$240,000 towards the project for the next fiscal year. In addition funding from the

Department of Manpower is also available. It is expected that the project will receive a project number in the very near future and work can then begin.

Life-saver

Mrs. Patricia Greig of Gibsons was instrumental in the saving of a child's life during a recent visit to Hawaii. As reported in the Vancouver Sun, Mrs. Greig applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a two-year old Hawaiian boy, Earl Kaanoi, and was credited with saving the lad's life after he had got into difficulties in the Hawaiian surf.



A couple of costumed celebrants at the recent Hallowe'en Dance in Gibsons. Anyone can play the identification game.

School trustees hear of construction

School trustees of School District #46 received a report from C.M. Projects on the various construction projects in the school district at the regular board meeting held on Thursday, October 27th. The trustees were informed that Cedar Grove Elementary School on Chaster Road was substantially completed with the construction project coming in just slightly over the budget. The slight overage was caused by delays in acquiring funding and building changes.

Trustees were also informed that Pender Harbour School is proceeding well with the structure steel and concrete work virtually completed. Trustee Peter Precesky of Pender Harbour asked the representative of C.M. Projects if the work would begin to move more quickly now. The reply was that the delay that was being experienced was due to a bureaucratic entanglement in Victoria which was delaying the receipt of funds. The spokesman for C. M. Projects, however, expressed himself as confident that the school would be ready for occupancy

by next September. The delay in Victoria is occasioned by the fact that the Department of Education has been given the capability of approving funding without the necessity of an order in council but as yet has not worked out an approval process.

In the matter of the extension work being done at Madeira Park Elementary School, the trustees learned that the project was proceeding well with the concrete work completed.

The other school construction being planned by the School Board of District #46 is on Bowen Island where considerable difficulty has been encountered in finding an adequate site which can be made available for the new school. Two or three sites have been investigated but complexities of one sort or another has made the finalization of the decision impossible. Secretary-treasurer Roy Mills was able to inform the trustees that it looked possible that the latest site might indeed be available. He showed trustees a map of the site, outlining the project development.

A meeting will be held on Bowen Island on Wednesday, November 16th to inform the residents of the island of the status of the negotiations.

Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Roy Mills presented an analysis of the September 30th budget position and projections for December 31st at the school board meeting held on Thursday, October 27th.

Overall the budgetary picture for School District #46 seems to be close to that expected. The main areas where deficits will occur are in the areas of transportation, and in the utilities account. The transportation account would seem headed for a deficit of approximately \$9,000; the utilities account will produce a deficit of approximately \$18,000 to \$20,000.

These deficits will be offset by surplus in other areas of the budget and overall Mills projected that School District #46 will end the year in a slight surplus position.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR



Matthews

Monarchy

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Just what is this slingshot George Matthews saying, anyway? I mean, considering his affiliations with the worlds of both pedagogy and journalism, I am not at all surprised that he occasionally finds these uncertain times most distracting and confusing, but what is all this blatant hypocrisy and supercilious claptrap he has been feeding us these last few weeks?

Please, Mr. Matthews, fly your true colours and at least let my yoga'd and aerobic'd muscles flex in tranquility! One week you lament the woes of physical fitness and bemoan your buddy Harv's agonies of getting into shape, resigning yourself to a metric decline into beer-bellyness and the next you tease us with thrilling, action-packed accounts of the ecstasies of that most demanding and rigorous - not to mention self-torturing - game of rugby. Is this the same George Matthews writing?

Can it be that you have an almost pathological attraction to the thing you most dislike? You hate fitness but you can't leave it alone? Like potato chips, one taste and you're hooked? You're vacillating, Mr. Matthews, slinging your arrows in both directions at once. From raving about rugby you then about-faced and the other week openly predicted that public interest in fitness will decline. Following your present pattern, your next soliloquy should swing to again praising the pleasures produced by another of your brave forays into the unknown world of physical fitness.

And that's where you should stop this erratic fence-hopping, Mr. Matthews. After all, you are thirty-some years old, remember, you are getting up there, and - well, I'm sure there must come a time in every man's life when he just has to face up to the fact that it feels better to be fit!

Come on now, Mr. Matthews, give in to your enlightened self-interest and admit that you LIKE, even ENJOY vigorous physical activity! Jump on the Fitness Bandwagon just this once. Beat on the drum just one loud boom from page 2!

Unless, of course, I've misread your sentiments completely. In which case I know a certain friend of yours who has recently given up wearing his "Fight Physical Fitness" button - and I must say he certainly is looking better these days - and I'm sure he would gladly bestow his notorious badge upon you should it more nearly express your views. In which case I could only respond most sincerely and sympathetically with: Mr. Matthews, to health with you!

Fran Berger
"The Bod Squad"

Slings Continued

you can swing your hammock as far as the cooler. On two or three swings you can open the top, dig down into the ice and find a cold can of beer.

The bell is ringing to end the class. "Don't forget grammar books tomorrow class!" A half hour of verb tenses and auxiliaries tomorrow, a twenty minute assignment to drive home the idea - just enough time for a visit to the Yucatan. Come April I should have a pretty good suntan.

Your "Musings" column under your personal byline, in the Coast News of Oct. 18th offended my sense of fair-play. You are entitled to your own opinion of the monarchy, but when you use innuendo and half-truths to "smear" the character of Prince Philip I must object.

You say, and I quote, "in this century His Royal Highness Prince Philip was a member of the Hitler Youth in Germany in the 1930's, and but for some vestigial traces of royal blood connecting him with one of the founded European monarchies, which brought him to Britain and eventually to the position of consort to Her Most Gracious Majesty, he might have become an S.S. officer instead." This is unworthy of you, and sounds like a politician twisting facts to disadvantage his opponent. Prince Philip is, I believe, fifty-five years old, and in 1930 he would have been eight years old, hardly a political age. The German Youth Movement seemed like a good thing when it was first launched, similar to the fitness programs we in this country are urged to follow, and its avowed intention was to raise the standard of health and physical fitness of the youth, many of whom had been undernourished in childhood. We used to see pictures of smiling boys and girls hiking along forest trails and climbing mountains, and it was some time before sinister overtones began to appear. Every school-age child in Germany had to take part in appropriate activities, and if Philip was in Germany at that time he too would have been included. However, he must have been in England very early in the '30's, for as you must know he attended public school in Scotland - the same school to which Prince Charles was later sent when he finished prep school - and from that school Philip went to the English Naval College, graduating from there into the Royal Navy, in which he served during the Second World War, and in which he was still serving when his wife, our Queen, came to the throne. This program of education would have taken at least five or six years so your Hitler Youth must have been of very tender years! It is most unfair to blame a man for something that happened when he was a child and had no control over his life or residence.

As for his lineage, Prince Philip is, through his mother, a great-grandson of Queen Victoria, and his father was a brother of the late King of Greece: before he was made Duke of Edinburgh, Philip was known as Prince Philip of Greece. He is one generation nearer to Queen Victoria than is our Queen Elizabeth.

You also say of the monarchy that one breath of scandal or one misguided political initiative will blow it away. You are too young to remember the days when George V died, and during the funeral procession the crown that had been placed on the coffin wobbled and almost fell. Journalistic Cassandra's wailed that this was an omen indicating that the throne would fall, and when, shortly afterwards, the new King Edward announced his intention of marrying Mrs. Simpson, a double-divorcee, the scandal



that erupted made the Cassandra's raise their wails almost to a scream. This was the end, they said; the throne would fall and the monarchy be swept away, while the Empire (as it still was then) would be split apart over the matter. Truly, even families were divided over the issue, some saying that Edward had the right to marry whom he chose, while others pointed out that during the Coronation ritual the monarch had to take a vow that he would uphold and defend the laws of the Established Church of England, and how could he do that and yet marry a twice-divorced woman? Besides, they said cynically, considering the past record of the lady, and her long affair with Edward while she was still married to her second husband, if they married and she produced an heir, how could anyone be sure the child was legitimate? Oh, there was a lovely scandal, and a sigh of relief went up when Edward abdicated, left England as Duke of Windsor, and married "the woman he loved" who, instead of the crown she had coveted, had to be content with the title of Duchess and the dubious honor of having a new fashion in women's hats called the Mrs. Simpson hat because it had no crown!

But if the hat had no crown, England still had, and it was set firmly on the head of Edward's younger brother, George VI, of beloved memory and he left the throne more firmly based than ever, for he brought the monarchy out among the people.

The English monarchy has lasted for over a thousand years and survived good and bad monarchs not to mention Civil War when Cromwell and his cohorts thought they had finally abolished it; it has always been deeply rooted in the being of the English, and I for one hope it always remains so.

Having rapped your knuckles as soundly as I can, let me remind you that regarding German connections of the Royal family, the last claimant to the Scottish throne, Bonnie Prince Charlie, had a German mother, a Princess of Bohemia, and I have never heard of a Scotsman making any fuss about that. "Cherrio, old boy, and all that!"

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Sechelt Teachers' Association

An all school board candidates meeting sponsored by the Sechelt Teachers' Association will be held at Elphinstone Secondary School on Tuesday, Nov 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Agnes Labonte, former trustee chairman, will chair the meeting and give all candidates for trustee a chance to state their views on educational issues. Each candidate will be given five minutes followed by questions from the audience. Then candidates will be able to make a brief final statement.

We hope the public will turn out on November 8th to hear their views and on November 19th to elect a new school board.

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THE OTHER SIDE OF A SUMMER

The summer of 1947 which introduced me to the dubious business of working for a living at the Twin Creeks sawmill was by no means wholly devoted to drudgery. The weekends ushered us into another world of joys and delinquencies as we teetered on the edge of manhood with enough boy left in us for laughter. All my friends were working that year. We reconditioned each Friday night to swap job-stories and girl-fantasies and the sometimes-stolen cigarettes we were just beginning to trouble our lungs with. Most of my buddies were working as chokermen at a local logging-camp and returned each week with a new crop of wild loggerquotes and anecdotes. I mumbled my few, drab sawmill-stories in some jealousy. They were not only making better money than I was; they even seemed to be having fun doing it. I wished I'd hired-out with them instead of condemning myself to the smoky slab-pile. I needn't have worried. I'd see more logging camps than enough before I was done.

But in the meantime, I was being introduced to the Friday-night Syndrome with the rest of them. It wasn't the same feeling as finishing school for the week. Now we were actually working; making our own money and we began to experience the working-man's imperative to have a good time on the weekend at any cost. This, judging by the behaviour of our older confreres, was virtually impossible to achieve without the consumption of alcohol in one form or another. So we began to paddle in the shallows of dissipation. The problem was securing the booze.

We were several years underage and the pre-liquorstore village was theoretically dry. Alcoholic beverages could only be had legally by individual order from the City. Each Union boat's arrival brought its percentage of wet freight and a good part of this was not for personal consumption. A dry town is tailor-made for bootleggers and there were about five of them in action at the time. Their operations ranged in size from an old fisherman who flogged the odd bottle

Pages from a Life-Log Peter Trower

on the sly, to a man called Dillard who dealt, relatively speaking, on the grand scale. He didn't seem to give much of a goddamn who knew about it either. Entire slingloads of booze would rattle on to the dock, every box addressed to Dillard and he'd truck them off to his house without batting an eyelash. He was quite blatant about it.

So there was booze. We had, albeit at a considerable mark-up from the liquorstore price. But at first we lacked the nerve to actually approach Dillard in the flesh. We employed a go-between called Jimmy, a somewhat simple older boy whose simplicity did not prevent him charging us for the service. Then Jimmy moved away and we were left without a purchasing-agent. It was time to beard the lion in his den ourselves.

Quaking in our respective boots, three of us approached the bootlegger's dimlit back-porch, that fateful night. It was an awesome business. After considerable nervous haggling, we tossed a coin to see who would do the talking. Horrifi-cally, the task fell to me. I rapped furtively and the door came open with a blast of sudden light. Dillard, a seedy, fattish man stood there in his shirt-sleeves, glowering at me. "C-can we g-get a twenty-six of w-whisky?" I stammered desperately. "W-we're f-friends of Jimmy's." Dillard looked us over in dubious silence as if weighing the consequences. Then his moneyhunger got the better of his misgivings. "Okay" he grunted and motioned us in. Soon we were sitting homefree in someone's locked bedroom, sampling that expensive rotgut. Thus do bad habits begin.

Actually, most of our drinking that summer was done in conjunction with the regular dances to which we tipsily hied ourselves in the inevitable search for girls. The dances were definitely of the oldtime variety and most of the tunes went a lot further back than we did.

They were corned country get-togethers but they stick firmly in the memory. If anything typifies that period, it is the dances. They live in my mind like bright poems.

Backcountry Saturday night Embarrassment of girl-refusal after walking the wide watching hall to ask Outside for gutsearing rye stashed in the woodpile bought from sly bootleggers vomited often in bushes Soon fortified, whirling girls beyond shyness in circles of spinning skirt over the whistleslick floor perfume and sweat poppy lips smiling you on sweet legs flashing white in the hubbub perhaps a homeward one of you're lucky On the sideline benches old grannies nodding in sooty dresses remembering sometimes essaying a waltz with shaky elegance Smalltown characters famous as heroes in this thousandpeople place somehow more themselves an usual gliding idly through the barny dark Jack Tram singing Stardust from his halcyon bandstand in a good voice true as a Welshman's writing the words on my mind forever Schottische and Swedish Waltz round and rollicking round with Jennie the Teaser hoteyed Lillian Mott anyone else who'll caper with me God! the room reels the rafters creak Lanky Paul Gaunt, hair slickedback a gaptoothed grin on his ichabodcrane face gangs about with Angela Moffit, half his size Perennial prizewinners ageless Ephram Carlisle and his graceful lady demonstrate their impeccable skill Its more jockstrap whiskey in the moonjuggling dark none of the girls will come its only bony wincing by the woodpile withone eye open for the cop till the bottles are killed Freddy and Lloyd have it out over Margie Smart roll and strike and punch each other in the dewdamp grass till Freddy cries uncle Back at the dance the hall still spins on the bright axis of Saturday like marionettes on a music-box the dancers move now seen through a curdling blur but its all losing momentum like a top slowly toppling over on its side The strains of the homewaltz announce time suddenly like a polite innkeeper Till We Meet Again or Goodnight Ladies sings Gentleman Jack Tram in a trombone chant People start searching for coats church tomorrow the party's aborting the game's over Its time to blunder home with Jennie the Teaser for not enough.



at the Twilight Theatre

A tearaway thriller and a biographical tribute to one of America's greatest folksingers is the bill of fare at the Twilight Theatre in the coming week. The thriller is *Rollercoaster* and *Bound for Glory* is based on the autobiography of Woody Guthrie.

Rollercoaster, according to director James Goldstone, is not a disaster movie. "There is a big difference between a disaster movie and a film that has a disaster in it," says Goldstone. "A disaster picture has as its essence the knowledge that something disastrous is going to happen. In the thriller pattern the question is 'Can the disaster be averted?'"

The thriller stars George Segal, Susan Strasberg and Richard Widmark and though the rollercoaster is described as the star of the film Segal is quoted as being delighted with the script. "It so happens," he says, "that Dick Levinson and Bill Link have written a helluva story. The scenes are very spare. Everything goes like an arrow. It's like Hitchcock, and it has to be terrific."

Segal and Strasberg both studied under her father, Lee Strasberg, founder of the famous Actors studio. Susan plays the girlfriend of Segal, who suddenly finds himself thrust into the dangerous situation of dealing with an extortionist who is threatening to blow up rollercoasters unless paid one million dollars. Richard Widmark, who made his screen debut as a psychopathic killer, is seen in this movie as a Federal Agent trying to capture the extortionist-bomber.

Bound for Glory is the sub-junct of the exciting new film *Bound for Glory* which is based on Guthrie's 1943 autobiography. David Carradine stars as Guthrie in the movie which is directed by Hal Ashby whose latest hit was *Shampoo*.

The film is more than a story of one man. It is a saga of America in the late 1930's. *Bound for Glory* covers approximately a four-year period beginning in 1936 in Pampa, Texas where the Oklahoma-born Guthrie had settled with his wife and two small daughters. It depicts his exciting and often amusing adventures and romances when he hops freight trains to California to escape dust storms and poverty. It then shows his early struggles in Los Angeles, his initial modest success as a radio folk singer and composer and his dedicated involvement with the migrant farm worker movement.

Though set in the depression years, *Bound for Glory* is filled with humour and optimism. A primary reason for this buoyant mood is that everything is seen through the eyes of Guthrie himself, a man who never lost his joy for life.

The film won two Oscars, one for its magnificent cinematography and the other for its music. Haskell Wexler, who also won Oscars for *Whose Afraid of Virginia Woolf* and also filmed outstanding movies such as *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and *In the Heat of the Night*. Wexler knew Guthrie when both were merchant seamen in the 1940's.

Ellingham's Astrology

by Rae Ellingham

Week commencing November 1st
General Notes: Sudden, unusual, or bizarre events will occur as the Sun and Uranus align disruptively towards the end of the week. This is the only major planetary configuration occurring now but many of us will feel it and experience very unexpected conditions.

Those of you born around Nov. 5, Feb. 1, May 3 or August 5 can expect abrupt changes in the lifestyle during November as Uranus contacts the various Sun positions in your birth charts. Have patience.

Babies born this week will be very independent, unpredictable and sometimes eccentric. A few will be geniuses.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)
Your future plans may require more financial backing than you realized. Close friends have original suggestions and the urge to speculate and take risks is still strong. Other peoples' financial affairs need careful checking.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
Those close to you are unpredictable this week. Give them plenty of space and freedom and leave them alone. Work on contracts and alliances should be put off until next week. Weekend domestic activities are freaky.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Sudden explanations are required on the employment scene but co-workers become uncooperative. Unexpected health matters now come under focus. A long distance communication is only the first of a series.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Recent spare-time activities, pleasures and speculations may now reveal shocking consequences and remind you of more serious commitments. You live and learn. A socially exciting week lies ahead for those who know the limits of a good time.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Don't expect plans to work out perfectly this week. More changes have yet to be made. Others may find you cranky.

eccentric or deliberately disruptive as weekend domestic conditions become explosive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Although employment mix-ups have to be clarified quickly, don't allow an unexpected phone call or message to break your routine completely. Seek advice regarding sudden health upsets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
A spare-time activity will have an unexpected financial repercussion. Is it really worth it? Impulsive spending sprees may be regretted at the weekend. Guard all possessions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Domestic circumstances could change dramatically now as your demand for more independence and freedom is renewed. Many will resent your current actions and find you stubborn or intolerable. Stick to your beliefs, Scorpio, and stay calm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)
Finding a moment to relax will be difficult as irritating communications demand immediate attention. Strong intuition and insight continue to build up your hopes for the future. Visits to large institutions are likely.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Expect only a little co-operation from friends and companions as long-term hopes face further readjustments. Those of you involved in clubs, societies or associations must prepare for radical changes in objectives. Financial surprises occur at the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
A power struggle with a loved one seems not only inevitable but necessary as your personal goals and advancement become key issues for debate. You win.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)
You're now finding it difficult to share your ideas in a way that reassures you. Perhaps you're coming on too strong. A long distance communication at the end of the week happily restores your sense of worth.

Bridge

by Jim Weir

The suit preference signal is an essential part of any successful partnership's repertoire of defensive signals. This signal is used to indicate the suit that you prefer your partner to return after he trumps a card that you have led. Leading a high card for your partner to trump signals him to return the highest ranking suit (excluding the trump suit), while leading a low card is a signal to return the lowest ranking suit.

This week's deal is an example of the employment of this signal. Neither side is vulnerable. Dealer is South.

NORTH		SOUTH	
SA 1042	HK 8652	SK QJ 83	HQ J 9
DK 2	CK 2	DQ 6	CA 76
WEST		EAST	
S 976	H 3	SA 1074	DA 874
DJ 10953	CJ 1098	CQ 543	

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1S	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Three of hearts.
When the dummy was placed on the table, East counted nine hearts in his own hand and in the dummy. It appeared very likely that the opening heart lead was a singleton.

Accordingly, East won the opening lead with his ace and returned the ten of hearts for West to trump. The ten of hearts, being a high card in that suit, was a suit preference signal. After trumping the ten of hearts, West co-operated by returning a diamond (the highest ranking suit between clubs and diamonds). East won this and returned another heart for West to trump setting the contract.

If suit preference signals were not being used, West would be put to a guess after trumping the first heart. If, at this point, West had returned a club, then the contract would have been fulfilled with an overtrick.

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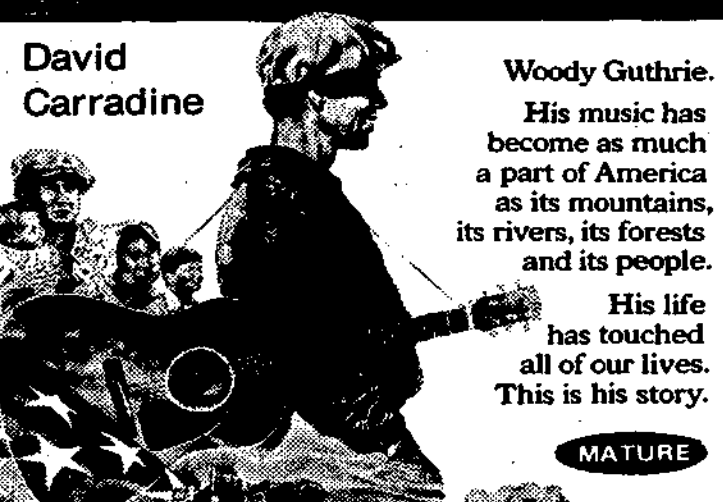
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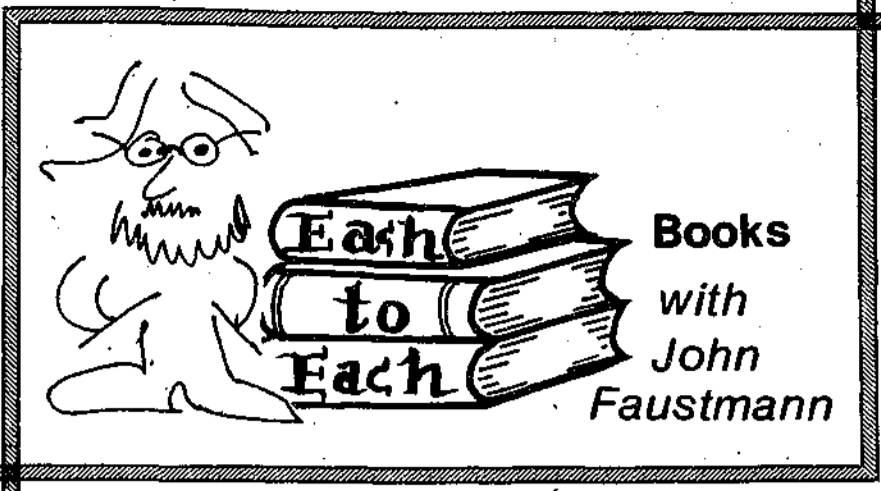
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Andy Russell's Adventures With Wild Animals
Hurtig Publishers

Andy Russell, who has made a name for himself by writing several bestsellers about the wilderness, including the well-known *Grizzly Country*, has just published his *Adventures With Wild Animals*. It's an enjoyable, informative account of the lifestyles of seven different species, and it's told with homespun grace and a simple candour that are hard to deny. Mr. Russell has spent all of his life in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, and some of their silent presence has clearly rubbed off on his prose style.

Russell is not, one suspects, what you would call a professional writer. The stories here are simply told, and easily read, and they would certainly find themselves at home in the junior secondary school curriculum. This doesn't mean that they wouldn't appeal to adults as well. The range of information he sets forth about the animals he has observed is impressive in the extreme, enough to satisfy anyone with even the slightest interest in the wilderness. Added to this, Russell avoids the usual pitfalls of naturalist writings - he doesn't try to make the animals human, or try to fit them into his own preconceived notions. Instead, he goes along as a patient observer, and as a student of the animals he has come to know so well.

Andy Russell's Adventures with Wild Animals



The first story, *Sage*, is about a grizzly bear that frequented the area near Russell's ranch. It covers the entire life cycle of the bear, as it grows from a cub to a lonely old forager, and by the time it finishes, *Sage* weighs about 900 pounds and stands eight feet tall on his hand legs. Once, when Russell inadvertently frightens the bear with his car, *Sage* dives through a barb-wire fence, ripping up thirty yards of it. But Russell's whole philosophy is that man must learn to live with the animals that surround him, and not try to dominate them. Although he has four small children, who encounter the bear occasionally, it never occurs to him that he should get rid of the bear. Instead, he tells the kids not to run, or to climb a tree (grizzlies can climb just as well as black bears when they want to), but simply to make enough noise in the bush so the bear will know they're coming.

This patient willingness to share his territory marks all of Russell's stories. He realizes, often, that he is the intruder, not the animals, and he approaches them with respect. His accounts of a herd of Elk in the second story is fascinating. His

descriptions of them are carefully worded, and he deals in detail with every facet of their existence. In *Misty*, a story about a new breed of coyote that has become intelligent enough not to eat poisoned bait, he devotes several pages to a scene in which a mother coyote teaches her pups this latest lesson in survival. Russell has no use for people who poison animals. His description of the death of a poisoned coyote is one of the most gruesome pieces of writing in the book.

In the course of the text Russell allows himself to editorialize occasionally. He doesn't like poisoning animals. He doesn't like the cheap film companies who capture animals and mistreat them so they can produce hoked-up nature footage, and he has no time for people with guns, who shoot things just to see them fall. But Russell is careful with his opinions, and he keeps them from taking over the centre stage. And although he himself appears in many of the stories, his self-deprecating approach never interferes with the narrative. In the story about mountain goats, for instance, he writes: "I was much younger then and I firmly believed that a man who knew how to free-climb could follow goats anywhere they chose to go." The point of the story is that Russell found out he was wrong. A man can't keep up with mountain goats. By the time you're finished reading it, however, you've received a thorough education about these sure-footed animals who live in the most dizzying of places.

The rest of the stories in the book - one about otters, another about a cougar who makes his home in an old abandoned truck, and one about a pet horned owl named Achilles, are all excellent. Russell tells his tales with a warmth and humour that never becomes merely sentimental, and all the while he instructs the reader without being patronising. He has a naive way of expressing things that is delightful, and he can come up with sentences like: "One day the ten-year-old daughter of the



Harmony Hall Fall Tea and Bazaar took place last week and the pressure of events prevented Pres. Jim Holt from writing his regular column. Jim assures us it will be back next week, folks.

Family Committee meets

by Maryanne West

The Sunshine Coast Committee for the Family met Friday, Oct. 28th to move ahead its plans to sponsor an essay contest "Are Families Important?" and poster displays on the theme of Family Fun, having received permission from the school board to seek the co-operation of the schools. Susan Frizzell reported from the quarterly board meeting of the B.C. Council for the Family which she attended in Vancouver. The council was set up as a result of a 1976 conference and the enthusiastic support of the Minister of Human Resources, Bill Van Derzalm who was the keynote speaker.

The conference sparked 41 committees involving 54 communities across the province in Family Month activities in May of this year. While a request has already gone forward government recognition of Family Month in May 1978, the board has recognized the need for more flexibility and that communities may want to make their own plans to fit in with local activities. The board worked on some of those 90 recommendations handed

down by the 1976 conference and prepared a draft paper on goals and objectives. The B.C. Council and its affiliate committees have as their purpose "the affirmation of the family unit as the basic unit of our society. It is concerned with understanding the nature and place of the family in modern society and with the development of programs that are supportive to family living." The council contribution is "to act as an interfacing body between professional practitioners, religious bodies, community agencies and volunteers."

The Sunshine Coast Committee sees its function to promote an awareness of the importance of the family in viorous, healthy and happy communities rather than an orientation towards families in crisis. An area well served on the Sunshine Coast by the Inter-Agency Liason Committee under the chairmanship of Elizabeth Smith. Representatives of the RCMP, Probation, Public Health, Schools, Mental Health, Manpower, Group Home, Day Care and the Churches serve on this committee.

CBC Radio

by Maryanne West

This weekend's radio fare includes two operas, *Le Roi de Lahore* from Vancouver, the first revival of Massenet's romantic opera in more than fifty years. Starring Joan Sutherland with the Vancouver Opera Company, it can be heard Saturday at 2:05 p.m. Donizetti's opera *The Daughter of the Regiment* from the Canadian Opera Festival in Toronto can be heard Sunday at 4:05 p.m. Between Ourselves, Saturday 7:05 p.m. talks to a fish peddler from Lunenburg Nova Scotia. Ideas at 9:05 p.m. looks at the biological process of fasting extensively used by plants and animals and how it can be adapted to man's benefit.

The Hornby Collection, 11:05 p.m. presents the first evening of autobiographical stories from Harry Adaskin, Vancouver musician and raconteur entitled *Escape from Russia*. Concern, Sunday 9:05 p.m. investigates the psychological damage of war.

CBC-AM Radio 690

Wednesday November 2
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Festival Singers of Canada, Music of the Venetian Baroque.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. British stage and film actor Anthony Quayle.

Thursday November 3
Playhouse: 8:04 p.m. *Bandit and the Mayor* by Arthur Samuels
Episode V.

Jazz Radio-Canada: 8:30 p.m.
Rodger Simard Nine. Gary Binstead Quartet.

Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Quebec Symphony Orchestra. Janina Fialkowska, piano. Hetu, Prokofieff, Saint Saens, Ravel.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Desmond Stewart author of recent biography of T.E. Lawrence.

Friday November 4
Country Road: 8:30 p.m. Chain Dannebaum.

Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Garrick Ohlsson, piano. Janacek.

Chopin, Mathieu, Richard Strauss.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti.

Saturday November 5
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 Special: 2:05 p.m. *Le Roi de Lahore* by Massenet.

Festival Celebrations: 5:05 p.m. Judith Forst and Alexander Gray with Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra.

Between Ourselves: 7:05 p.m. *The Fish Peddler*, A Dying Breed, produced by Bud Tabor, Halifax.

Ideas: 9:05 p.m. Fasting, More than a Sacrifice.

Anthology: 10:05 p.m. A Tribute to Fred Cogswell. Poetry by Al Purdy and Leona Gom.

The Hornby Collection: 11:05 p.m. *The Memoirs of Harry Adaskin - Escape from Russia*.

Sunday November 6
CBC Stage: 1:05 p.m. The Trial of Jean-Baptiste M. adapted from the original stage play of Robert Gurik by Alvin Goodman.

Special Occasion: 4:05 p.m. The Daughter of the Regiment by Donizetti.

Symphony Hall: 7:05 p.m. Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Pierre Laurent Aimard, piano. Laurendeau, Messiaen.

Concern: 9:05 p.m. Crises in Identity - psychological damage of war.

Monday November 7
Gold Rush: 8:03 p.m. Sylvia Tyson in concert from Victoria.

Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. The Best of Salzburg - Mozarteum Orchestra.

Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. On location in Ste. Croix where movie *The Island of Dr. Moreau* is being filmed. Serial reading. *The Wheel Spin* mystery thriller by Ethel Lina White.

Tuesday November 8
Touch the Earth: 8:30 p.m. Bruce Cockburn in concert from Hamilton.

Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. National Arts Centre Orchestra, James Galway, flute. Bach, Nielsen, Beethoven.

Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Women Artists, 1550-1950.
CBC-FM 105.7.

Ideas: 8:04 p.m. Wednesday - Television commercials/kids. Thursday - Five Faces of Communism - the Human face. Friday - Lecture series. Monday - Referendum Canada. Tuesday - Friedrich Nietzsche.

Radio International: Friday 9:04 p.m. Documentary about J.R.R. Tolkien from BBC.

CBC Monday Evening: 9:04 p.m. Part I. Michel Tremblay - Canadian playwright. Part II. Recital by Leona Boyd, guitar. Part III Journey to a Still Point, a polar saga by Michael Mercer.

The Best Seat in the House: Tuesday 9:04 p.m. *The House of Gentlemen 1817* trial in York, Toronto.

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Freethinkers Pulpit

by Andy Randall

"Man's in-humanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." Robbie Burns in one of his sombre reflective moods penned that and in the whole poem there is shown the wretchedness of the poor who beg for work from the landed gentry of that day. Those particular circumstances are not to be seen, at least in our Western world, but the line quoted above fits just as well today because selfishness in high places is still rampant.

This came to me when I scanned a little news item in our Vancouver Sun rag. In block letters were these words: "Picketed Freighter 'Floating Coffin'..." The report gave out that a freighter picketed by 20 Filipino crewmen in Vancouver appeared to be a floating coffin and the crew were getting near-slave wages. In fact, each man got \$130 a month for their services.

As I see it, they should have been paid high wages for 'danger

money' and compensation for unsanitary conditions. The story reads: The freighter's hull is so badly eroded in the crew's quarters that "you can see daylight through it", her permanent handrail is damaged and missing in sections, there are rats aboard, there hasn't been a change in linen for about a year and there are problems with sanitary facilities. After the crew signed up with a world wide union in Vancouver they received intimidating cables from their government and the National Seamen's Board. So the report said. I am happy to tell you that back wages at a satisfactory increased rate were made possible by our Canadian Union people.

This is not an isolated case of stupid and senseless cruelty of monied people in shipping and in other financial enterprises. I thought I had a rough go of it in December, 1938, when I stoked coal on a trans-Atlantic cargo boat of 9,500 tons from Montreal-Cape Breton to Barry Docks in

Wales. Twice we were rudely awakened in our fo'castle bunks with the whole place awash from huge waves plunging in to toss us and our belongings around like we were in a mill-race. And the food! Jam and bread; bully beef and the scrapings from the galley. At Barry Docks I saw Lascars working in conditions similar to those in that news report mentioned above.

Now much has been said about the over-balance of power of unions in general so it is heart-warming to see and hear of a union that looks after its fellow men regardless of race or creed in a situation so chronic.

Let us not forget, ever, that but for the banding together of the workers, way back when my people and John Burnside's folk could not take any longer the 'blood for money' conditions in the coal industry over there, we could still have the semi-feudal system that placed the coal owners (lords and such) with unlimited powers over their inherited domain. There were bitter battles before legislation brought the amelioration of conditions all around. And such has been the history of many other unions.

There are other inhumanities that we can consider, and they are prevalent in our times. The vexed question of unemployment brings many rank stupid answers from those who condemn the ones who are unemployed. Let a person go through life with constant employment and that one will often blast his fellow man or woman for not 'taking a job'. That lit-

tle inhumanity is caused by going through life with blinkers on. True, in every age there are the 'idle' ones, but let us be fair. Far too many want jobs, not only for their bread and butter, but also for their self-respect. I speak from a hard-earned experience as one that rode the freights across Canada rather than give in to circumstances.

Then there are the abuses of inflation. The old word Profit-eering could be used for one of them. Let a whisper of a shortage even a rumour, which I am sure many of us have a sneaky feeling has been artfully contrived by big business, and whom-o, up go the dollar signs. Just the other day I picked up a 10 ounce container of instantaneous coffee and it read: \$7.25. I guess for a pound of the makings for instant coffee you might pay 9 or 10 dollars! Sure, the great monopolies have a lot to answer for in this raking of the public of every Shylocked pound of what-have-you. But, can we turn a blind eye at the smaller fry?

Of course it is a vicious circle, or cycle, that drives wages up and prices follow, but methinks the price-tagging needs no prodding. For the senior-citizens; for the 'hard up'; for all who have not the means to cope with price increase on every side, be it rentage or any other imposition, these things are abuses of inflation. Unscrupulous devices are used to ease an unwary property holder of that which he thought he legally held to be his or hers, by mortgage manipulation, or some other devilish bit of skulduggery. Real estate; insurance; governmental letting of juicy contracts to friends; we read of them all in our daily papers.

Now how can anyone avoid the obvious question regarding all these inhumanities? I mean,

first, how much honesty is there in business? I do not regard the 'making of a fast buck' an honest business deal, if in the making some downgrading of character follows in the manipulator; or worse by far, an unfair advantage has been taken in which others suffer in some degree.

Then there must come the inevitable soul-searching. If so many believe in a Christian God, and if they profess to worship Him even by so much as warming their respective pews in their beloved church, then where by all that is holy do they justify their inhuman behavior to their fellow humans. I have to guess that the Golden Rule gets the go-by when the glint of the dollar sign shows in their eyes.

To sum up. Of course we see a lot of wholesomeness, and goodness in this land of ours, for we have a lot of fine Canadians, but let us not forget that there are too many of those whose: "Inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

Nutrition

By Donna Gaulin, R.D.
Nutrition Facts or a Pound of Flesh

Question: Is brown rice really better than white?
Answer: Yes. White or polished rice is a nutritionally denuded product with the vitamins and minerals stripped away when the brown coat and germ are removed. "Instant" rice is naked white rice further cooked and dehydrated to avoid twenty-five minutes cooking time. Even more nutrients are lost. This makes it very expensive.

"Parboiled" or "converted rice", on the other hand, if you have not acquired a taste for brown, is one product where the nutrients are processed in.

Question: If you eat slowly, do you eat less?
Answer: Yes. The carbohydrates from food (starches and sugars) are taken into the bloodstream very quickly and signal to the brain's appetite control (the hypothalamus) that sufficient nourishment is being absorbed by eating slowly, you are able to detect a feeling of satisfaction before being full.

Question: If you plan to work hard (fall harvesting) or play hard (hockey) do you need extra protein?
Answer: No. No matter what your activity, the adult body repair processes and chemical manufacturing proceed at a fairly constant rate. Excess protein merely is broken down into glucose (simple sugar) and nitrogen waste and then is used as fuel (expensive!) or stored as fat.



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Come cry with me

Dear Ann:

Why is it your old man will take you for granted - go out with the boys, go fishing and have a great time without the wife? Let her leave and he can't find a thing to do without her. It's then he brings gifts and takes her out if she'll go, when it's too late, he finds her very attractive. Why is this?

Puzzled

Dear Puzzled:

I agree that man or wife swiftly realizes how much their partner means when they leave. Particularly when they part for a divorce or another person. I think where originally it was a love match - a trail separation, with dating can bring two people back together particularly when

no third party is present. I advise a woman to get to the beauty parlor, smarten up, buy a new night gown, perfume and look and smell different - turn him on. Men the same! If your hair is short let it grow a bit, the opposite of it's long. Shave off beard and moustache, look younger, go to some trouble for the other person who will respond. It's really a new attitude that says more than words ever can. Changing perfume and appearance appeals to more than one sense. Zap him on several fronts. The empty bed and house are hard to bear.

Dear Ann:

I'm going with a very pretty slender girl. My worry is that her mother is fat. I've read that you see in the mother what the daughter will look like at the same age. What is your opinion?

Cautious

Dear Cautious:

First I take it for granted you must be perfect and your father too. Yes, I've read the same general articles. I have seen a thin mom with one slender and one plump daughter and as many combinations, as you can think of. Doctors can only advise diet, so I guess you'll have to gamble. Start early to leave off desserts and sugars and maybe prevent obesity. It's been very hard for this generation of women. The pill upset their metabolism and many gained weight the first year they took the pill. The last generation baked and cooked tempting desserts and rich food so they slowed their activity and gained. It's up to the individual to balance

intake and energy burned so you take your choice.

Dear Ann:

Is it important what you wear underneath your suit? A man's underwear, will that make or break a love affair?

Wondering Briefly

Dear Briefly:

Clean is essential, but can you imagine Bert Reynolds in boxer shorts? I can't, but wear what you want and see what you get.

Dear Ann:

I am having an affair with the boss's wife. He's having an affair also. His wife wants to tell him about it, what to do?

Confused

Dear Confused:

It would seem you'd best look for another job. You have an ace in the hole if she tells him, you can defend yourself with the knowledge of his conduct, even threaten to tell her about his affair. With a stand-off like this, there's no happiness or peace of mind. Don't jump out, but look for another job. These are the situations that sometimes result in violence. Be far away.

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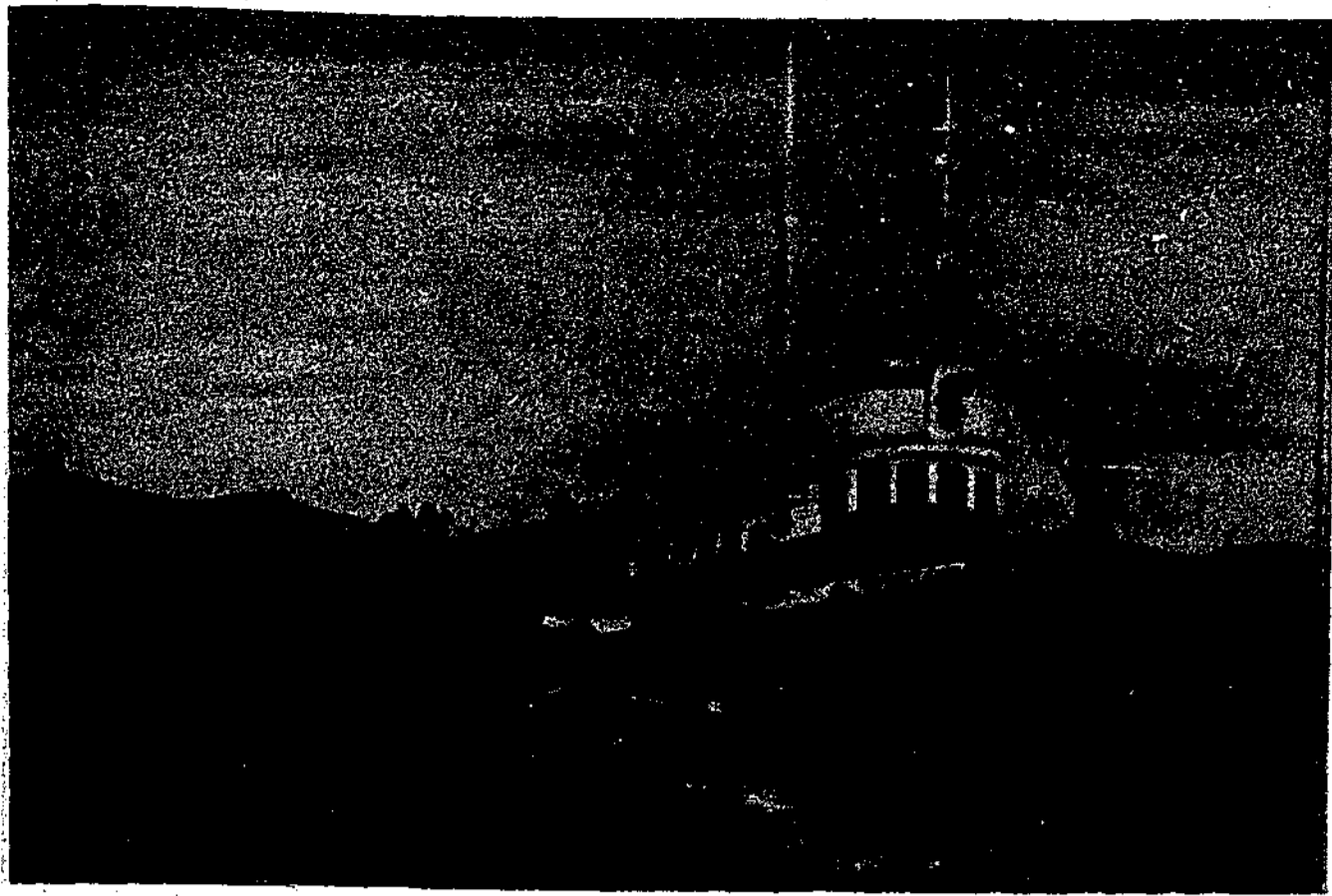
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One of 23 paintings by Yvette Kent which were on display at Whitaker House last week.

Mayoral candidate

Editor:
 I, recently, overheard a discussion between a man and wife which reminded me of the current debate over the transferral of the Gibsons Water System facilities to the Regional District. The discussion went something like this:

"What was that neighbour talking about?"

He suggests that I should join a syndicate of 9 other neighbours and pool our 10 houses.

What do you have to put into the syndicate?"

Nothing really. I merely turn my house over to the syndicate for \$1.00.

That's not a very good deal for a million dollar house.

Oh, but that is only part of the deal.

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 Will there be any profits?
 No.
 Why not?
 Because the syndicate has to pay full value for the 9 houses other than mine and will have to pay so much interest on that debt.

Why are you the only one that is selling your house for \$1.00?
 Because the syndicate says I need their help.

What if the syndicate raises our rent?
 No problem.
 What do you mean, "No problem?"

I'll be on the board of 10 directors and will have my say.

You'll have your "say" all right but being only 1 voice in 10, you will have virtually no control over the situation.

My dear, you are far too selfish.

You bet I am, when I sell a million dollar house for \$1.00 I want more out of the deal than the assurance that I'll be able to rent my house for the rest of my days."

Lorne B. Blain

UFO sighted

There was almost another UFO sighting last week. At 11:15 p.m. a large orange ball was seen over Porpoise Bay, the observer watched it until it faded into the darkness. The incident was reported to the RCMP who had also had several reportings of a distress flare having been seen at that time. Vancouver police were alerted to the incident.

Movie here

A movie and TV production manager, who seven years ago chose Gibsons as the site for the production of the TV series *The Beachcombers* has again chosen the village as the site of a film production. The latest entertainment offering is a made for TV movie called *Sub-Mariner* which is being made for Universal Studios.

The TV movie is described as a science-fiction adventure and for it the harbour front in Gibsons will be turned into a Russian village. Shooting starts in mid-November.

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Davis Bay dispute

A public meeting was held in Wilson Creek on October 24th to discuss by-laws nos. 96.21, 96.23, and 96.24 which deal with rezoning and amendment issues on the Wilson Creek, Davis Bay area.

The by-law which aroused most controversy was 96.21 which dealt with the proposed rezoning of a parcel of land from residential to commercial to allow the construction of a marine services store. The meeting

seemed about evenly divided between residents who feared the spread of commercial zoning in the Davis Bay area and supporters of the rezoning for the marine services store, to be operated by C. J. Salahub, including Don Sutherland who presented a brief in support of the rezoning and Wilson Creek resident Tim Frizzell who expressed a high regard for Mr. Salahub as a businessman and a contributing member of the community.

Hospital receives cheques

At the Gibsons Lions Club Meeting on October 25, 1977, N. Vecurevich - Administrator of St. Mary's Hospital was presented with two cheques totalling \$2,900.00.

The two cheques, one for \$2,400.00 and one for \$500.00 were specified to equip and furnish the new treatment room and the new quiet room, respectively.

The cheque for \$500.00 was forwarded to the Lions Club by the members of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans of Canada Unit 357, this organization no longer being in existence on the Sunshine Coast.

Following completion of the expansion plaques of donors will be put in rooms where furnishings and equipment has been donated by individuals or organizations.

Administrator stated that he is grateful and pleased that the community is assisting their hospital with funds such as given by these two organizations.

Police

Gibsons RCMP office was broken into on Sunday, the 23rd of October. The incident occurred at 4:30 a.m. after a man had been involved in a single car accident, there was no one at the detachment so he forced an entry and called the Sechelt office, where an officer answered his call. Charges will be laid for willful damage to public property.

Two businesses were vandalized in the past week. On the 24th the front window of the Parthenon in Sechelt was broken. Someone was seen running away, but no identification was made. In Gibsons a window at the Peninsula Cleaners was also broken. Charges will be laid against an adult.

In the past two weeks three batteries have been stolen from vehicles parked outside the Langdale Ferry Terminal. Patrols have been stepped up by both the ferries security and the RCMP.

The Sechelt RCMP have been allotted the use of a mobile breathalyzer unit for two days out of each month. The operation is expected to start early next year.

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B.C. Hydro shows co-operation

Editor:
Recently we received two letters from B.C. Hydro, one from their office in Sechelt and another from the Vancouver office.

Both of them are encouraging in that they are both positive answers and maybe the communication gap between the two parties, the general public and the public utility has been narrowed somewhat. I am quite sure that much of the problems existing between the two are due to the lack of communication. The letters in question are quoted below:

Dear Mr. Hind-Smith:

Thank you for your letter dated Oct. 11, 1977 and your visit to my office on Oct. 19th.

As mentioned, I am very pleased that you and your organi-

zation see fit to assist B.C. Hydro in the Brush and Tree Control as referred to above.

I have arranged that one of my people will contact Mr. R. Kraft, the Federal Fisheries Officer in Pender Harbour, and together they will then add on the Drawing, additional Creeks which require such attention. You will receive a copy of the Drawing showing these additions as soon as same is complete.

Again, thank you very much for your co-operation.

E. Hensch
District Manager

Dear Mr. Hind-Smith:

Mr. Don Lockstead, MLA for Mackenzie, has requested that a meeting be arranged between senior officials of B.C. Hydro and yourself and other local citizens who have expressed con-

cern regarding our spray programs on the Sechelt Peninsula.

I would be pleased to meet with you and have asked Mr. D. J. McLennan, Manager of the Metropolitan Vancouver Division, to contact you personally to arrange a time and place for the meeting.

W. A. Best
General Manager for
Electrical Operations

The letter from Mr. Hensch was in response to a suggestion made that the Gibsons Wildlife Club, the Sechelt Rod & Gun Club and the commercial fishermen in Pender Harbour look after the creeks, crossing the right-of-way, which contain fish, either trout or salmon. The maps were supplied by B.C. Hydro and we like to think that this arrangement will prevent any future damage to the creeks as far as clearing is concerned. Speaking for myself I must say that I found the people in Sechelt very willing to co-operate and I think the letter confirms this.

The second letter was in response to a suggestion that the Club made to Mr. Don Lockstead in regard to trying to arrange a meeting between B.C. Hydro officials and the concerned members of the public who oppose the use of herbicides on the right-of-way. This too is a step in the right direction and for anyone interested, this matter will be discussed at the general meeting of the Gibsons Wildlife Club to be held in the Clubhouse at 7:30 on Wednesday, November 2nd. At the same meeting there will be a film shown on some aspect of wildlife from the National Film Board. Everyone is welcome.

John Hind-Smith
Gibsons Wildlife Club

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Rio Pete rides again

Editor:
I see where the editor of the free Press wants to start building a road over to Squamish, to help people like myself to ride back and forth from the Cariboo and such places.

Now that there is about the nicest thing I ever heard anybody offer to do but I wonder if he realizes how long it would take? I been up that way most of the summer trying to find a way through since my pony ain't allowed on the ferry no more.

We come across quite a few good roads too but they, every one of them, ended up on some hilltop and there wasn't no place else to go except back down again.

That there power-line ain't no help neither. Dang if I can figure out how they put up them wires because I seen places so

steep neither me nor my hoss could get across without falling in the ocean.

No, I would say its too dangerous and too big a job for that feller although I can imagine he might like to get some outside work. Never could see how a man could set in a dull office and play with a typewriter all day.

As for me I reckon I might as well stay where I am for the winter. Back at the ranch the fall work is all done by now and you know what, I bet the range is under six inches of snow already. And here there's still leaves on the trees.

Folks tell me there's green grass around here all year in most places so I know my old pony is going to have a good winter. I located an empty cabin in a real pretty little spot so I'm staying put till spring and call it

a holiday. Sort of like a tropical vacation!

As a matter of fact, setting here on the porch in the sunshine, no flies or mosquitoes to speak of, looking out at all the beautiful trees and leaves, I don't much care if I never see another road, bridge or ferry. And that's the truth.

Rio Pete.

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Ferry Meeting

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Mainland faced with the decision of whether to do some steelhead fishing in the interior or come up to the Sunshine Coast is making the decision for the interior because until this thing is finally settled they just can't be sure of getting home from the Sunshine Coast if they come up here." Kavanagh said that weekend business which is usually 40% occupancy at this time of the year is down to 5%. "Until the cloud of the threat of strike action is completely lifted we are going to be hurting," said Kavanagh.

Assistant Traffic Manager Bouchard assured Kavanagh that the concerns about the ferry strike are known by the corporation management.

While he was attending the meeting Lockstead also addressed himself to the question raised recently about the construction of a road through to Squamish to lessen the impact of a ferry strike. He said it was an issue that was raised again and again in both Powell River and the Sunshine Coast. The MLA pointed out that a road connecting Powell River with Squamish would cost in the neighbourhood of \$300 million dollars which was more than the annual budget for the Department of Highways for the entire province and out of the question for a mere 32,000 people.

In conversation with the Coast News as he left the meeting, Lockstead estimated that a road from Port Mellon to Squamish would cost in the neighbourhood of \$25 million, or approximately 10% of the provincial budget for only 12,000 people. "In addition to that," said Lockstead, "it wouldn't be used unless there was a ferry strike because it would take much longer and environmental groups would be screaming their opposition."

Other matters discussed by the committee were catering on the route 3, Horseshoe Bay to Langdale run, and the resident cards which were due to expire on December 31st this year. The committee asked for a breakdown of the financial picture on the

route 2 vessels while they are serving the Sunshine Coast to check the feasibility of providing full catering services on the Queen of New Westminster. Asst. Traffic Manager Bouchard assured the members that such information could be easily provided.

In the case of the resident cards, the ferry corporation had recently requested that the presently issued cards should be allowed to be in effect until December 31st, 1978. Committee member Don Pearsell and village clerk Copland pointed out that while there was no local objection to this extension it could lead to a discrepancy between the number of cards and the number of residents for which the local communities could not be held responsible.

At the close of the October 26th meeting it was agreed that the meetings of the transportation committee could be held on a quarterly basis in future with the next one scheduled for February.

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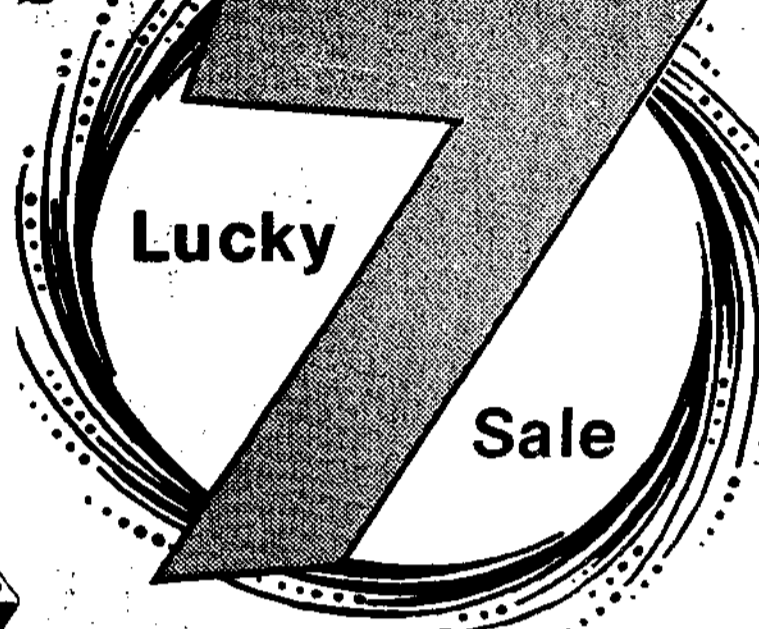


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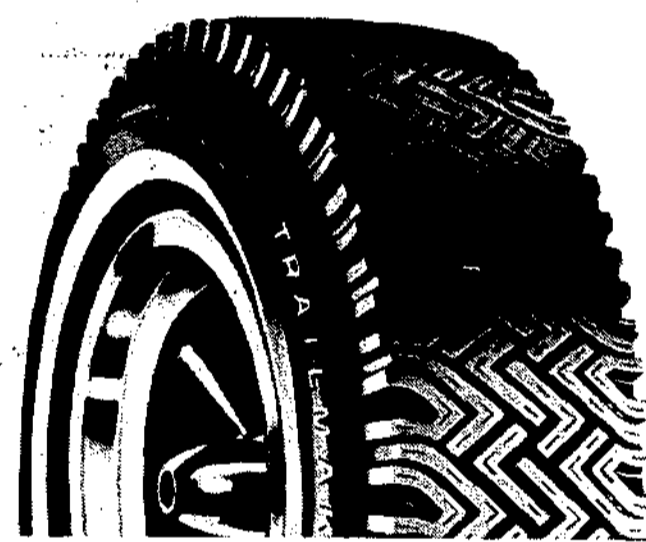
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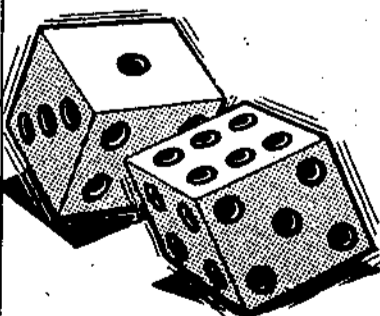


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Forty years of wireless operation on B.C. Coast

by E. Gordon Kelk second of a four part series

Isolated communities devoid of telegraphic or telephonic facilities were linked in order that contact with the outside world could be maintained at all times. Radio was the sole means of communication between the Queen Charlotte Islands and the mainland.

During this time period at Victoria, the Pulsen Arc sets were being superseded by continuous wave 'valve' (or tube as they are now called) transmission, and broadcasting was to be a thing of the future; already making its mark in the U.S.

In the twenties, experimental tests of vagaries of the ether were carried out by the stations on Gonzales Hill, (Victoria) Bull Harbour, (northern end of Vancouver Island) Estevan and Pachena Point. These tests were made at the instigation of Commander C. P. Edwards, director of the Canadian Radio-telegraph Service.

Results of these findings along with others, proved of tremendous value to the radio world. The overland test transmissions showed great fluctuations at certain hours during the night, while observations over water from the Canadian station at Estevan Point and from the U.S. Naval station at Tatoosh Island, off Cape Flattery, were normal and steady throughout the night, and showed no tendency to deviate.

The existence of this marked effect over land was explained as due to less rapid deionization over water than over land, and its influence on the reflecting surface of the Heaviside layer.

When the Dominion Government started a large scale updating and expansion program to the wireless service in the early twenties, the D.O.T. attracted many young men from all walks of life; engineers, wireless operators, also handymen who could cut trail and help in the genera-

upkeep of stations. This new science offered interesting careers to many men, especially those who had served in World War I and were familiar with wireless and army communications.

E. Wallace Kelk was one of these men. As a young lad he had lived in London, England and helped support a large family. At an early age he joined the army, deciding then to make it his career.

With the British Army busily engaged in establishing an empire, he travelled to a number of outposts including some in India. It was there that he earned a commission serving with a cavalry regiment and was placed in charge of communications. His job involved the laying of land wires, and the installation of telephonic equipment.

When the war broke out in 1914, Kelk was shipped back to England. Still with the communications branch, he served in the Dardanelles. He had a close call while transmitting messages to his unit. The Turks, after many rounds of artillery fire, began to get the range on the station and methodically lobbed shells, getting closer and closer. Fortunately some of the shells were duds, with one landing just behind the office. The repeated calls for help were finally answered, and the Turks driven off.

One of his favourite tales involved a German zeppelin; here in his own words, an excerpt from an article he wrote for The Vancouver Sun, March 11th, 1923.

"One incident indelibly imprinted in the writer's mind centres around the destruction of the first zeppelin over England, at Potter's Bar on the outskirts of London, the result of the late captain Robinson's exploit."

"We had tracked this aerial parish across the North Sea, over the Yorkshire coastline, across the Humber, through the Midlands. As the distance between the vulture and the metropolis rapidly decreased, so the volume of the wireless, signals increased, the enemy operator transmitting his periodical reports with precision and an unruffled calm. Apparently no human agency could prevent the coming onslaught, the situation grew tense, momentarily we expected to hear the explosion of death dealing bombs, and then...although we knew it not, Nemesis was stalking abroad

that night...we heard the zeppelin-operator break off abruptly in the middle of a message, a few seconds silence, then a hurried agitated call, followed by a warning signal of quickly diminishing strength, then complete silence. The watchers had heard men on the way to meet their Maker.

A few moments afterwards, the confirmatory news came through; "Bravo," Captain Robinson, V.C. - R.I.P."

Wireless was a World War I baby, and was used with a good deal of success by both sides. Ironically its peacetime role in Canada was that of saving lives, continuing up to World War II when the coasts were silenced and blacked out.

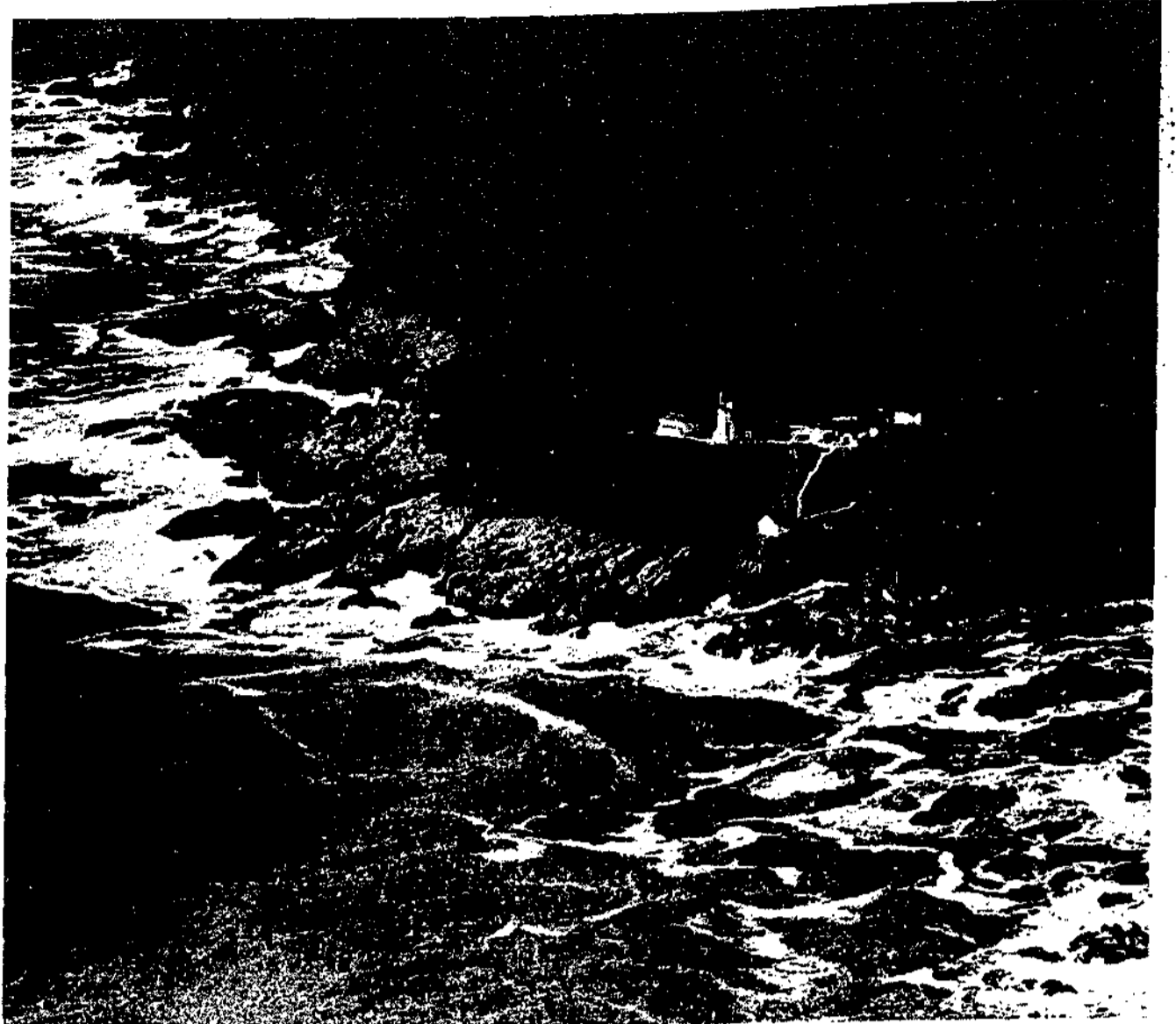
Again evolution went hand in hand with revolution (war) and produced Radar, Loran, radiotelephone, and numerous other electronic aids. Wireless finally giving way to a chain of Loran stations that have won world recognition as a mode of guidance for ships and aircraft. In a few circumstances wireless with Morse Code is still used as an international signal language.

Wallace came directly to Canada after World War I, and his knowledge of wireless soon found him a job with the Department of Transport. His first major assignment was Alert Bay, British Columbia, where he settled into a new station house with his family. His previous experience enabled him to help with the installation of new equipment, and later serve the station as O.I.C. for several years.

Alert Bay, (a small community at that time) is situated on crescent shaped Cormorant Island on the upper east coast of Vancouver Island at the top of Johnstone Straits. The original wireless station was built in 1912. Mr. Wastell supervised the building, while Mr. Dundas served as the first operator. Even at that early date, the station proved indispensable, handling many messages for the government telegraph when the lines were down.

Compared with other stations on windswept isolated points along the coast, these people were fortunate sharing in the comforts that exist in any small town. There were grocery stores, a hospital, schools, and even an ice cream parlor. Steamer service was good with regular scheduled trips during the month.

The government wireless service processed many thousands of messages that were relayed to major cities, this in



Pounding Pacific Surf on one side and lush rain-drenched forest on the other, lonely lighthouse clings to cliff at Pachena Point on west coast of Vancouver Island.

turn aided in the growth and stabilization of industry.

Around 1921, the station consisted of two houses for the operators and their families, a powerhouse, and wireless building. An added feature that was very much in use was a cable car on rails. This led down the hill to the cannery wharf; all supplies and equipment were hauled up by this method.

Alert Bay's busy station operated twenty-four hours around the clock, and many an urgent message was recorded during the small hours - an expectant mother - an injured fisherman or logger, to be rushed to hospital - a ship aground in the inside passage. These types of calls were given absolute preference over others, and any unwanted, interfering signals transmitted over the danger zone were quickly silenced! Operators often working double shifts with irregular hours, had little patience

with well rested hams who wanted a few minutes chit-chat. The precise nature of their work - headphones on, straining to make sense out of weak signals, catching every dot and dash, often relayed from stations many miles away, translating into long-hand, then transmitting answers. This all took its toll, leaving operators exhausted and badly in need of sack time.

Routine schedule was not so demanding - a scowload of coal - a cargo of pulp, a packerload of salmon to reach Vancouver at a certain time - a tug towing a large boom of logs, having to lay up in some bay waiting for weather. These were the messages that made up the commercial aspects of wireless.

It was during the government expansion program that one extremely vicious stretch of water on the Pacific coast from Cape Beale to Port Renfrew, was making the news frequently. This reef-strewn piece of coast-

line had claimed many a ship, earning the well deserved title "Graveyard of the Pacific" perhaps second only to Sable Island on the Atlantic side as a shipping hazard.

Writers of marine history have defined the "Graveyard" in a much broader sense. Some have it stretching from the Race Rocks to Cape Scott, in a way this is quite true, but mile for mile, the Pachena area has claimed more wrecks, and at an earlier time period than any other on the B.C. coast. Strong onshore winds from the southwest, and dangerous variable currents not surveyed at that time were contributing factors.

Wallace Kelk was transferred to Pachena Point in 1923, helping with the installation of new directional finding equipment, staying with the lighthouse people while houses for the operators were being built. That fall of the same year, the station was put into service with Kelk as O.I.C.

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The legislature was called back in an emergency session this past week to debate Bill 92, the Essential Services Dispute Act. What this bill amounts to is an erosion of the rights of the working people of this province. I will elaborate on that point, but I want to point out the government failed to deal with the real emergency in this province. The economic situation in B.C. is in urgent need of attention as the 120,000 people who are unemployed will attest to. In my riding alone; there is 18% unemployment and the prospects for the winter are extremely bleak. That the government failed once again to address itself to these problems and instead brought the MLA's back to a trumped-up atmosphere of crisis is callous beyond belief.

What then does this misguided bill provide? It changes the Labour Code and the power of the Labour Relations Board in basically three areas. It extends to the cabinet the discretionary power to proclaim a 90 day cooling off period in disputes involving most public employees and all Crown Corporation employees.

Previously the Cabinet only had that power in ferry and railway disputes. Parenthetically it should be noted how well that law worked in the recent ferry dispute. Ferry management used it as a tactic to postpone



or safety, now they are ruled illegal if they are a threat to the provincial welfare. More seriously, where before it was the LRB that decided the life, health and safety clause, it is now the prerogative of the Cabinet to decide. It remains to be seen if the Cabinet will abuse the clause "a danger to the provincial economy". If the Cabinet so wishes, any dispute could endanger that idea of the welfare of the provincial economy.

The third area of change concerns the new sanctions that will apply if an order under the Act is not complied with. The penalty for employees that say do not go back to work under the 90 day cooling off period is a fine of a day's pay for every day not worked. But the most ludicrous section of the law is the donation of that fine to charity. As of this writing that section of the law has not been amended and it seems the Socreds are fearful of losing face by changing anything in the Bill. But think of it. How willing will labour organizations be to such worthy charities as the United Way if they are coerced into paying repressive labour fines into these charities?

The Bill also seems to point to an extraordinary lack of confidence in the Minister of Labour. That is, previously under the Labour Code, the Minister had the power to appoint a special officer to make investigations and recommendations in a labour dispute. Bill 92 provides the exact same thing with but a change of name. There is now an agency and a fact-finder instead of a special officer. However, there is one important difference. Before that officer was appointed by the Minister, now he and the agency are appointed by Cabinet.

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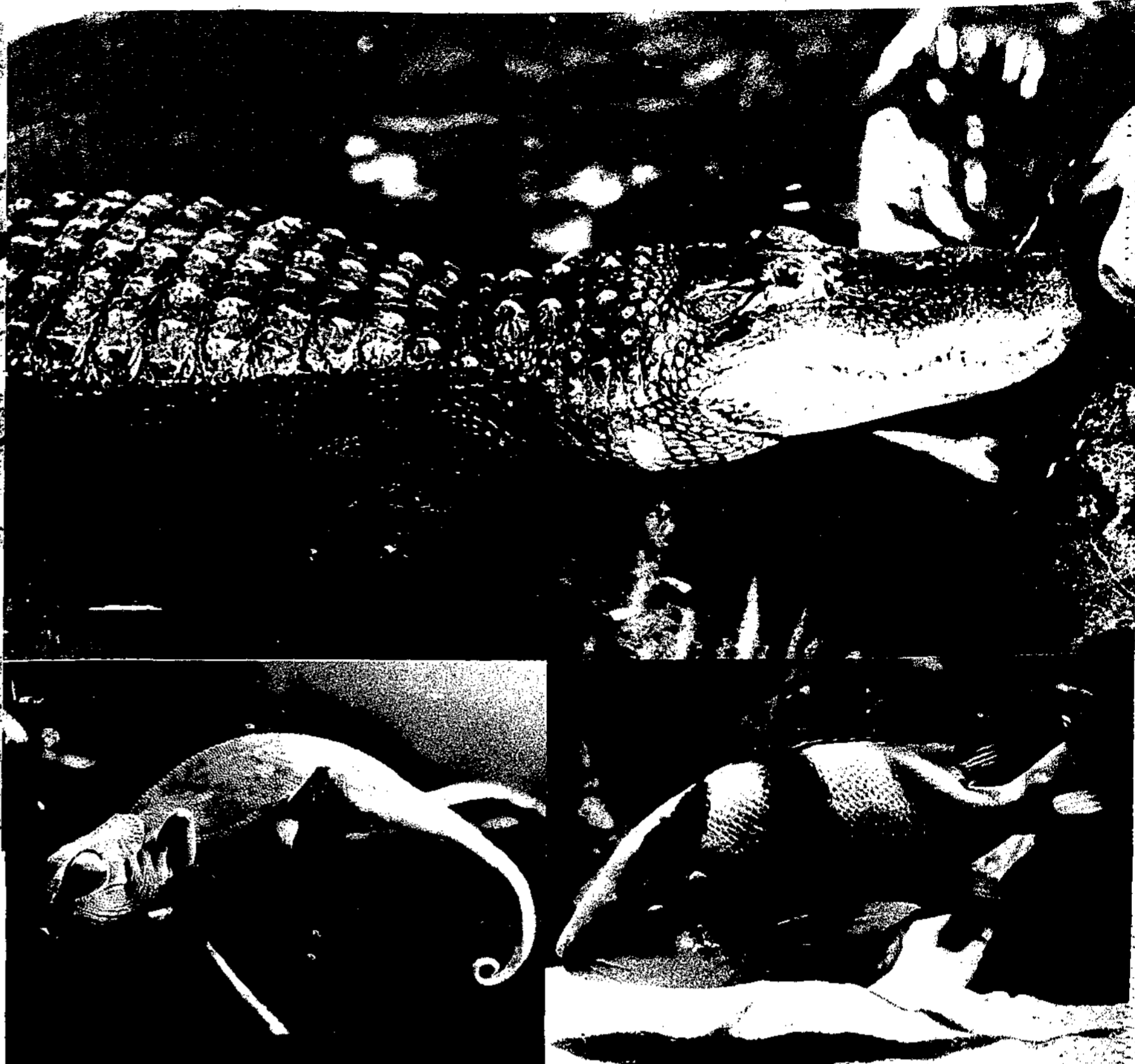
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by Ian Corrance

Last week something happened which brought the darker side of my personality out, jealousy.

I've said to you before that I'm the only one in my family not to have seen the Loch Ness Monster. Well, this friend of mine, Eileen Glassford, goes over to Scotland for a holiday, lives with my parents in my house and probably slept in my old room, goes for an afternoon outing to the loch I lived beside for ten years and there's old Nessie frolicking around in plain sight.

Mind you I don't grudge her the pleasure of seeing it, but I felt that a brief mention of the matter on line five of a hastily-written postcard addressed to the Coast News staff was carrying nonchalance a touch too far!

Last Monday I went to Vancouver and spent an afternoon at the aquarium. At one time I had a season pass and used to go quite often. Being interested

in fish and having a few aquariums myself, I've wondered what it looked like behind the scenes. This time I finally got my chance to see. I'd been in contact with Mike Gray who works there and he gave me a tour.

I had expected but was still amazed at the amount of equipment necessary to keep the place running. It's easy to understand how a pool for the killer whales can run into the millions without too much effort.

There a good number of holding tanks in back, some for breeding purposes, others for isolating diseases, and yet others for fish in transit.

Here's a run down on the main things that caught my attention. There were about 100 baby wolf eels, born on the premises and to be used for future trading with other aquariums. A frozen porpoise which had been donated

by a fisherman was in the freezer and this was a new piece of information for me. I had always been under the impression that the shrimps were males for the first three years of their lives and then female for the next three. I found that this is not necessarily a fixed rule. In one of the holding tanks was a shrimp which had produced young when only a year old, there goes another of my hard and fast rules of nature.

After my tour of inspection I went round to the other side and went through my usual visiting routine. Normally I start with the B.C. section. It always amazes me to see the variety of marine life that's going on off our shores. Most of us are familiar with the old standards; ling cod, salmon, dogfish and such, but when you explore the tanks on view you realize how much is under the surface so few of us ever see.

Next I tour the tropical section. Some of my favourites are the mudskippers and the electric eels. On the inside I usually leave the reptiles till last because they move so seldom you can pretty well tell what you're going to see before you go in.

The whale tanks are great. With their underwater viewing tanks you can watch how effortlessly these huge mammals move themselves around. I remember one time staring through the window at the killer whale. When it suddenly stopped and stared back at me. It was incredible the feeling that came through from that one glance and it was obvious that there was a great deal of intelligence be-

hind the stare. The belugas are fun to watch, the only thing you have to be careful about is that when you stand too close to the pool they have a funny habit of spitting on you. It was feeding time for the killer whales so I had a good chance to get pictures of them.

Enough about Stanley Park, except to say that it is the one place where you can find a little bit of sanity to help temper your visits to the city.

When I visited Paul and Katie Sortag a while back, Paul had been wondering about the disappearance of the large flocks of Scooters around the coast. Over the weekend a flock of between four and six hundred have been hanging out at Davis Bay. That's not as big as the flocks we had been talking about, but it's still good to see them around.

If you have anything interesting you would like to pass on, give me a call at 886-7817 or drop a line. Vince Bracewell tells me he has a couple of interesting stories, but darn it he's a hard guy to hold still long enough to get them out of him.

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Pender settlement

How important is Pender Harbour's commercial fishing industry? Is it dying and of uncertain importance to the area's economic future? Or is it the area's "economic mainspring", healthy, growing and deserving of top priority in the community plan?

This was the question brought up at last Wednesday's meeting of the Pender Harbour settlement plan committee by committee member Joe Harrison, who proposed the addition of a major new section to the plan designed to "keep Pender Harbour a good place for fishermen."

According to Harrison, rumours of the fishing industry's demise are greatly exaggerated. He told the meeting income from the Harbour's fishing industry has doubled in the last ten years and now stands near the 3 million mark. In addition, he said, the industry directly employs some 150 local residents and indirectly employs a great many more.

Fishing, Harrison said, clearly represents the area's prime economic resource, and promises to become even stronger in the future as a result of the federal government's salmon enhancement programme.

Harrison's proposal called for addition of a basic goal to the plan - only the seventh basic goal so far included in the plan - which would be worded: "To protect and foster the commercial fishing industry." The goal would be followed by policies calling for "net lockers like those provided by the National Harbours Board in False Creek," special fishermen's wharves in Whiskey Slough, Madeira Park and Hospital Bay, strict regulations on development in areas surrounding salmon creeks and zoning which would keep the harbour waterfront open to net sheds, boatyards, ice plants, fish processing plants and "other facilities necessary to the future of the local commercial fishing industry." Harrison admitted that the list was probably not complete but noted it could easily be added to as time progressed. He said it had been drawn up after consultation between the Fishermen's Union and the Ratepayer Association.

Planner Paul Moritz criticized the fishermen for not coming forward earlier, but Harrison said many of them had finished their season's work only recently.

Committee member Al Lloyd noted that the needs of fishermen were already recognized under policy 5.4.2.3 which states allowance must be made for fishermen because they are part of the character of the harbour, and Lloyd Davis questioned the need of starting a major new section on fishermen. It would be enough to expand the existing policy, he said.

Harrison rejected this saying it was a question of emphasis, and the fishing industry deserved much more emphasis in community planning than it was so far being given. Davis and Lloyd then balked at any further consideration of the proposal because it had come from the Ratepayers Association and not from the Fishermen's Union directly.

"This may be what the fishermen want but I think I'd rather hear it from them," Davis said. "We should have them come before us at our next meeting."

Harrison agreed to put off further discussion of the proposal until copies could be made and studied by all members of the committee. In other discussion, marina operator Davis objected to a policy in the plan's second draft calling for commercial wharves. Such wharves could take business away from commercial marinas, Davis said. He added that private wharf owners around the harbour were already competing with marinas by renting space out at cheap rates, and suggested anyone doing so be forced "to take out a foreshore lease and pay rent on it just like I do."

At the end of the meeting Moritz distributed figures showing that the Pender Harbour Settlement Plan as it now stands provides for a potential community population of 20,700.

Court news

At the provincial court held in Sechelt on Wednesday, October 26th, three people were fined for driving with an alcohol reading of over .08. Barbara Smith, Jennifer Fallis and Joseph Beland were each fined \$500 and given six months suspension.

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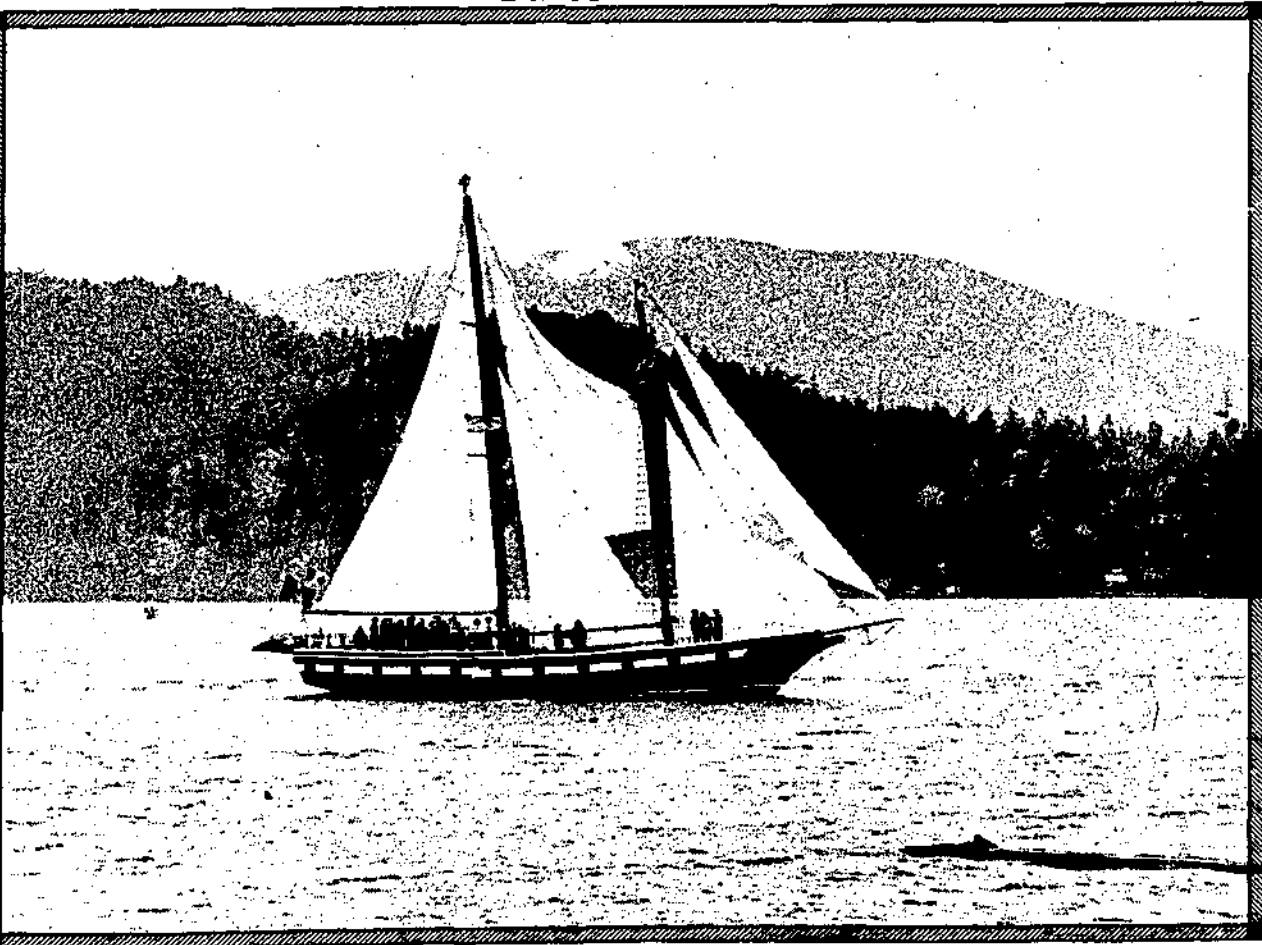
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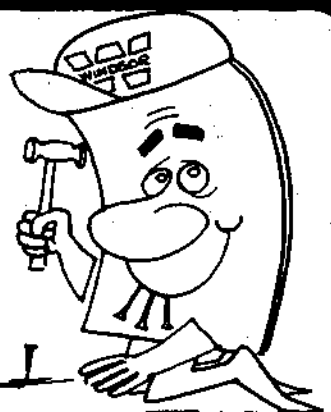
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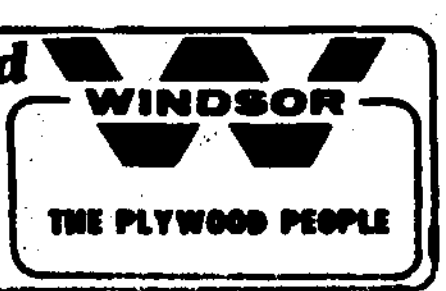
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Pender Ratepayers

By the Pender Harbour & District Ratepayers' Publicity Committee.

Now that election time has arrived and the ordinary citizen is once again given the opportunity to fashion the regional district more to his liking it seems proper to take a long look at this relatively new form of government, review its accomplishments and more or less assess the trends exhibited on the local scene.

Some years ago it became evident to most that some control was desirable to regulate and guide the rapidly expanding growth in B.C., particularly in the areas not ready for municipal government but lying open to exploitation by irresponsible development which was resulting in a morass of unplanned, un-serviceable and altogether undesirable growth with the hope of a fast dollar the only regulatory agent.

After profound study and little debate the provincial government decided this was no area for smart politicians to become involved in and so the concept of regional government was born. In a few words, let them decide their own fate, they can't blame us, for whatever they do.

Not to say that once established on the regional government course the politicians were able to keep their fingers out of local affairs but they did in fact give the citizen in unorganized territory a bargain in local government once he learns to use it.

As set out in the Municipal Act the regional government is to be viewed as a federation of autonomous areas. Dan Campbell, the Minister of Municipal Affairs who initiated regional districts, further elaborated that the local representative was to be regarded somewhat as a mayor of his district.

Certain functions were mandatory, mainly community planning and zoning, a commendable attempt to control the sprawl that had already destroyed great areas of the province.

As it turned out little was accomplished against the ambitious, jealous and shortsighted governments of many municipali-

ties, already in the control of fast money promoters and compliant bureaucracies who were able to manipulate local building laws, zoning and councils, not always with the benefit of the taxpayer in mind.

In the first years of the regional government here on the Sunshine Coast the directors set up and used broadly based advisory planning committees of local residents to advise them on the wishes of the area on such issues as planning, zoning and medical facilities. The particular area could, through its director, enter into a function exercised by the board, stay out or set up within itself a specified area where special functions were needed.

In this phase the directors performed well, the planner advised, the board accepted or adjusted the advice of the staff. The voters participated through their advisory planning committees and all without the burden of excessive expense or unnecessary staff, inspectors or expensive experts.

The key to the success of this system was the principle of autonomy laid down by Campbell in his enabling legislation, and it is this valued principle we are now in danger of losing. In recent years the powers of the regional board have become increasingly centralized in a growing technical staff and in the board itself which has tended to forget its limitations and act more like a municipal council.

It is not to criticize the management or staff of the district that we write this but rather to urge the voters now to join their Ratepayers' Associations, demand that the directors report to them fully and in many cases reactivate the advisory planning committees and bring back to the voter



Law Talk

by Gordon Hardy
Environmental Law
Number 5 in a series of five columns.

A bill before the House of Commons in Ottawa would require that detailed environmental studies be done before any major projects such as oil pipelines, sea ports, or nuclear power plants are started.

Proposed by the Conservative member for Fraser Valley West, Robert Wenman, the bill calls for a close, mandatory examination of possible damage to the environment before major projects are begun.

The bill also stipulates that these studies be discussed by the public in series of open meetings. Only after having heard public opinion would the government decide, whether or not to proceed.

As a private member's bill, the Impact Assessment bill stands virtually no chance of gaining the approval of Parliament.

But environmentalists are hopeful that the idea, at least, is getting through. Greg McDade of the West Coast Environmental Law Association, views the recently released Berger report on development in the north as "really an impact assessment done by the government. It's beginning to appear that this is the Canadian model."

In fact, Justice Tom Berger did conduct his inquiry by a new set of rules, visiting the most remote outposts of the north in order to give far-flung northern citizens a chance to speak. He listened to the opinions of northern residents, native people, scientists, businessmen, government officials, and other sectors of the public. He also conducted a thorough study of the impact the proposed Mckenzie Valley pipeline would have on the environment.

Not only did the Berger commission take unprecedented pains to examine possible environmental and social damage, it also ensured that all groups could afford to state their case effectively by giving financial aid to environmental groups.

The big companies with which to present their case," says McDade. "Usually, since environmental groups don't have much money, they can't put up a good battle. For the first time, Berger ordered that these groups be given some money. It was a critical first step."

The novel procedures of the Berger Commission, and the appearance of the impact assessment bill, reflect, perhaps, a growing awareness that environmental law in Canada is really inadequate and ineffective. A sense of this new awareness feeds a mood of cautious optimism among Canadian environmentalists like McDade.

After all, the situation is not entirely black. Certain laws, already on the books such as the Environmental Contaminants Act or the Pollution Control Act of B.C. give the government broad and even drastic powers against polluters.

According to John Ince, a UBC environmental law expert, one of the potentially most powerful environmental laws is the Environmental and Land Use Act.

"The Act," says Ince, "gives the Cabinet literally unlimited powers to make orders and regulations to deal with any matter involving the environment or land use... but without the intervention of the Cabinet the Act is useless as it cannot be invoked by a private citizen."

"Nevertheless," says Ince, "the Act is useful for the citizen if he can convince the Cabinet to take action."

How can an ordinary citizen see to it that the government enforces laws against polluters as rigorously as it enforces other laws against less powerful law-breakers?

A publication of the B.C. Legal Services Commission recommends that the citizen get involved in a community environmental group. "These groups,"

says the commission, have established good reputations in their communities by raising issues of local concern and through projects of public education such as recycling programmes."

Even private citizens can be active in stimulating legal action against environmental outlaws. Tim Mackenzie is a Vancouver lawyer who has handled environmental cases, and he recommends first a clear, carefully written complaint to the appropriate government agency.

If a complaint is unsuccessful, says Mackenzie, "it may then be useful to politicize the issue by bringing it to the attention of MP's, MLA's, and aldermen." He also suggests contacting the press.

If the officials and politicians fail to act the citizen can "take the law into his own hands" in one of two ways. If the environmental damage is occurring to his property he can resort to the common law, he can sue the polluter as was explained earlier in this series.

He can also launch a private prosecution, which Mackenzie calls "a criminal proceeding conducted by an individual acting on his or her own initiative and having no connection with the government."

It is every citizen's right to bring prosecution against a wrong-doer. Generally, however, it is an expensive right, too costly and too complicated for a single citizen. The West Coast Environmental Law Association suggests that "individuals often come to the realization that collective action by groups of co-operating citizens is a more preferable way

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