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Local councils take office

Swearing in ceremonies took place last week for the Municipal Councils of Gibsons and Sechelt and for the Regional Board. Sechelt Council was the area of local government which saw the fewest changes with Frode Jorgensen being the only new face on council, having been elected November 19th along with returning alderman Morgan Thompson.

In contrast Gibsons Council will see three new faces on the five-man team in the persons of Mayor Lorne Blain, and Alderman Jack Marshall and Larry Trainor. In his acceptance speech Mayor Blain said, "After the election dozens of people approached me with their pet peeve saying the first thing council must do is so and so and so. This leaves us with a dilemma which is that the first thing council must do is decide which of the first things council must do is to be the first thing we shall do." Mayor Blain closed his remarks by thanking the previous mayor and council for their many accomplishments on behalf of the village.

On the regional board, too, the results of the election saw changes in the majority of the positions on the board. New regional board members are Joe Harrison, Charles Lee, George Gibb, and Jack Marshall who replaces Jim Metzler as the Gibsons representative to the regional board.

Village councils set up their committees

Alderman Lorraine Goddard has been named Deputy Minister in the new Gibsons council appointments announced last week. In addition Goddard will work on the Finance Committee, the Wages and Policy Committee, the Recreation Committee, the Tourism Committee and the Health Committee.

Mayor Blain in the new line-up will work with Goddard on the Wages and Policy Committee. In addition he is a member of the Program Co-ordinator Committee, the Library and Museum Committee. A part of his mayoral duties of course consists of overseeing all committees.

New Alderman Jack Marshall will serve on the Fire Protection, Water and Sewer, the Public Works, and the Harbour Committees. Alderman Trainor has been appointed to the Finance Committee, the Recreation Committee, the Water Committee, the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee, and the Airport and Marina Committee. Other committees on which Trainor will serve are the Library and Museum, Tourism, Harbour, Provincial Emergency Program, and Health Committees. He will also serve as Jack Marshall's alternate to the Regional Board.

Alderman Ted Hume has been appointed to the Fire Protection, Public Works, Program Co-ordinator, Sewer, Planning, Building and Zoning, the Airport and Marina, and the Provincial Emergency Program Committees.

In Sechelt

Mayor Nelson is responsible for Finance and Assistant Public Works. Alderman Jorgensen's responsibilities will be Fire Protection, the Provincial Emergency Program, and Deputy Finance. Alderman Kolibas is charged with the responsibility of the Health Unit and the Library. Alderman Leitner is in charge of Recreation and Community Development, while Public Works and Sewers is the assignment given Alderman Thompson for the coming year.

The December 5th meeting saw Alderman Thompson once more appointed to be the Sechelt representative to the Regional Board though he had indicated a desire to be relieved of the responsibility. It was felt though, that with the large number of new faces on the board Thompson should continue in the position to lend a little continuity to the proceedings at least for the coming year.

The committee appointed to draft an official Sechelt Settlement Plan will consist of Alderman Kolibas, the Village and Regional District Planners, the Village Clerk and a representative for each of the business and recreational areas of the village.

Let's have no jokes about dogs in the manger, folks. This display is part of the annual display prepared by Albert Weill whose decorations and displays are a regular feature every year at his home near the Beachcomber Motel on Highway 101.

Choice of chairman controversial but ...

The Regional Board inaugural meeting held on December 7th got off to a vigorous and controversial start. The controversy developed over the appointment of the Chairman to preside over the board in the coming year. Nominees were last year's Chairman Harry Almond, nominated by Bernie Mulligan, and Area "B" Director Peter Hoemberg, nominated by Morgan Thompson, Sechelt's representative to the Regional Board.

Two successive votes were held by secret ballot which resulted in a 4-4 deadlock and considerable discussion ensued as to how the deadlock was to be broken. At first it was suggested that Secretary-treasurer Anne Pressley would be the arbiter since she was chairing that portion of the meeting. Charles Lee objected to this procedure as being contrary to the Municipal Act. It was then proposed that the deadlock should be broken by the toss of a coin but again Lee objected as being an unworthy method of decision making in the democratic process.

Finally the six directors not nominated left Almond and Hoemberg in the conference room and retired to thrash the matter out in private. When they returned the vote taken was 5-3 in Almond's favour and he was accordingly named Chairman.

Prior to the third vote there was again some discussion of the Municipal Affairs Act Section 105 in which it is said that the returning officer can cast the deciding ballot in the event of a tie for municipal office. Director Lee insisted that the words "returning officer" indicated that that portion of the Municipal Act referred obviously to a public election rather than a board room discussion.

Decision is correct

In conversation with the Coast News this weekend Lee revealed that he took the opportunity which availed itself at the recent convention of newly-appointed public officials to B. C. municipalities which was held in Vancouver on December 8-9 to confirm his impressions of the Municipal Act. Lee discussed the issue of the tied vote with T. M. Youngbird, Deputy-Minister of Municipal Affairs, with J. P. Taylor Assistant Deputy-Minister of Municipal Affairs, and with C. S. J. McKelvey, the Executive Director of the Union of B. C. Municipalities and all three confirmed his interpretation of the Municipal Act.

Criminal charges

A local man, 39-year old Leon Matsabuchi, is facing four criminal charges arising from incidents which took place at Gibsons Harbour during the night December 8-9. The charges are breaking and entering, possession of a dangerous weapon, pointing a firearm at a person and possession of marijuana.

Matsabuchi was originally freed on bail but violated the conditions set and is at present in custody.

This pleasure boat sank recently, presumably because of heavy snows. It is just one of the recent mishaps to affect the people of Gibsons Wharf. Boat owners are urged not to leave their boats too long unattended.

Sechelt council opens

The new Sechelt Council held its first regular meeting last Wednesday, December 7th. Doug Roy the village planner was present and a motion was made and seconded to retain him for a further year at a fee of $200 per month. Mr. Roy described to council a method used in other communities to defray the expense of a planner, by charging a developer a fee for the time spent by the planner on upcoming projects.

The three phases of the Sechelt Village plan were outlined to the council.

Phase one will consist of a review of the 1961 and 1973 plans, along with the present Sechelt Vicinity Plan, and then a meeting with all interested parties in order to strike a committee. This is expected to be completed by March 31st next year.

Phase two will comprise of a first draft being submitted to council and public discussions, to be completed by August 31st.

Phase three will be the final draft of the proposal hopefully to be presented and passed by council by October 31st.

A heated discussion over the wisdom to accept bonds in lieu of road building in subdivisions sparked up when council was informed that Glenmont Holdings had made application to post a fifty thousand dollar bond against the construction of a roadway through their new subdivision.

Alderman Thompson was against continuing the bonding practice altogether, and particularly this one in light of the village's past dealings with Glenmont Holdings in the Seaside Village subdivision.

Alderman Leitner pointed out that although this was the same company, it was no longer under the directorship of Stan James and he felt that the posting of the bond was an act of faith on their part.

It was finally decided that the bond would be accepted, but that council would give serious consideration to placing a time limit on future applications.

The outstanding interest of $9,476.89 owed to the Federal Government by the Sechelt Arena was taken over by the village. The reasoning behind this decision was that at the time of completing the contract the interest payment had been overlooked and although the arena executive have included a repayment of $1,000 per year in their present budget, this was not acceptable to the government, who want the total amount immediately. The budgeted repayment of $1,000 will be transferred to the village yearly.

Corky passes away

Long-time resident of Keats Island, Carroll Howe (Corky) Corkum passed away on December 7, 1977, at the age of 89. He is survived by three nephews and one niece. Corky Corkum was a retired principal of King George High School in Vancouver and a member of the Vancouver Rotary Club.

A memorial service was held on December 12th with Rev. Fred Napora of Sechelt officiating.

Victoria actions will raise taxes

Secretary-treasurer of School District #46 informed school trustees by letter on December 2nd that an adjustment in taxation procedures by the Social Credit Government would mean a significant increase in the proportion of school taxes borne by the local taxpayer. In his letter to the trustees Mills says that taxpayers locally can expect an increase of as much as 23% in the compound increase in the tax dollar that will be paid for education.

"In general terms," says Mills, "when the basic levy is increased proportionately more than the value of the approved instructional unit then the province is shifting more of the educational cost onto local property owners and away from consolidated revenue."

Before he can refine his figures completely Mills will have to have estimates of the effect on rural assessments of this new move from Victoria but his present estimates of the effects in Gibsons and Sechelt are that the taxpayer can expect an overall increase in the taxes of 11.3% over the 1977 level.

"The entire reason (for the increase)," according to the secretary-treasurer, "is attributable to a provincial policy decision to put no additional funds into the education budget from consolidated revenue and to pass all cost increases onto local property owners. If this is felt to be an unacceptable decision, a great deal of provincial pressure from all levels of local government all over the province will have to be brought to bear."

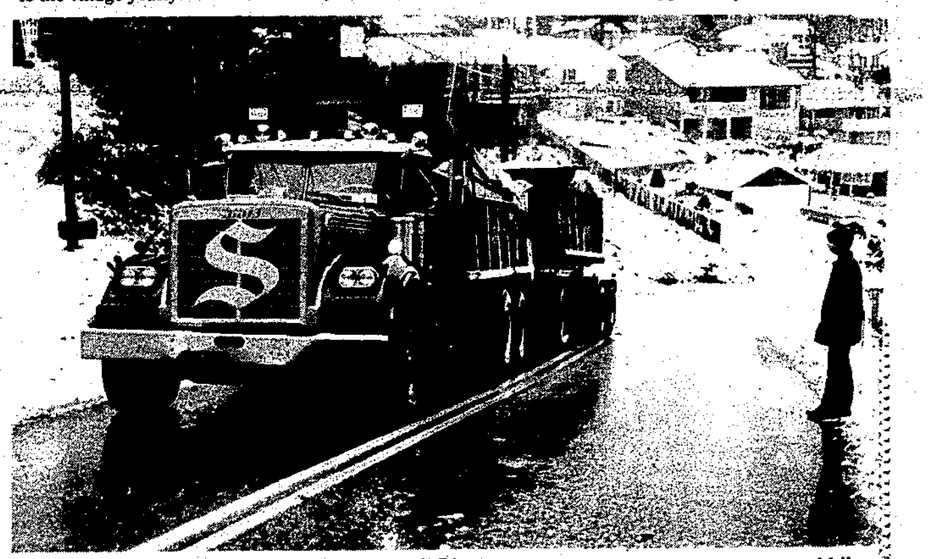
It is estimated by the local secretary-treasurer that most school districts in the province would appear to be facing mill rates well in excess of 50 and that there may well be one or two with mill rates of 60 or more.

Museum Society seeks Gibsons assistance

Gary Kent representing the Gibsons Museum Society appealed to the Gibsons Village council at their inaugural meeting on December 6th to include the Museum Society in any future grant applications made by the village.

Kent's action was occasioned by the fact that the Museum Society had recently been turned down in a bid for funding under a Canada Works Program. He pointed out that of the $280,000 recently awarded to the area the village of Gibsons had received only $7,000.

The village council suggested to Kent that he should put his request to them in writing at the first opportunity.



This truck carrying 36 tons of salt for Powell River snapped its universal joint in the middle of dangerous Granthams Hill. Truck driver Dave Dillon of Delta said the only thing local police did was to ask if he could get the thing off the road. Meanwhile local lad Steve Young stood in the pouring, freezing rain on Saturday directing traffic for five hours till sufficient repairs could be made.

Another B.C. Ferries hurdle

For residents of the Sunshine Coast travelling either to Nanaimo or Bowen Island, the first and perhaps cleverest hurdle B. C. Ferries have put in our way to keep away any possibility of us becoming bored by a smooth crossing, begins immediately after disembarking at Horseshoe Bay.

The Bowen Island and Nanaimo ferries sit berthed alongside us as we drive down the ramp, and as we gaze wistfully across the ten feet of tarmac to the next leg of our journey, the flow of traffic carries us out of the terminal where little green signs thankfully save us from dispair by announcing "THIS WAY TO THE FERRY LINEUP".

After about a mile of feeling like a rally driver watching for clues to appear, a small tickle of doubt begins, but before it turns into full fledged worry, another little green sign pops up to egg you on still further.

Coming over a rise Vancouver appears and thoughts of changing your mind about your destination and spending a day in the city are tempting. At that moment the little green signs promise you that the end is in sight, by pointing to a pull out, turn around and go back the way you came, lane.

If you by nature are a collector of trivia and at this point happen to look at your mileage gauge and the last two numbers read 19, you will probably file away for future reference that when you finally make it back to the spot in Horsehoe Bay that you started from it now reads 22.

As a seasoned traveller, having crossed this hurdle before you will look for a way round it. You can go down to the car deck a bit early and enquire from one of the people in the ferrying business. When you are assured that there is no short cut, you drive this unavoidable route, but with an open mind to the fact that somewhere in the vast network built up to confuse us between point A and point B, an expert may be working unnoticed, who has some secret knowledge of hidden trails.

This expert can be found parking cars on the Bowen Island ferry. He will tell you to take the Horseshoe Bay cut off, drive to Bruce Avenue. So you drive along Bruce Avenue take a left and go for about a block, you will find a sign on the left pointing back to the terminal, follow this for about 100 yards and you have saved yourself about five miles driving.

With the time you have saved and the money not spent on gas a quick pint at the Trollers puts you in a good enough mood to handle the next hurdle.

Carol sing

A time to sing Christmas Carols and share your thoughts on Christmas will take place in the Anglican Church Hall, Gibsons at 1:30 p.m. on December 16th. The program will last about one hour, followed by refreshments served by the Anglican Church Women.

A cordial invitation is extended to all ages to come out and join in a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Those economic wizards

Well, folks, they are at it again. Those wizards of the purse strings over there in Victoria have come up with another of their predictable budget boosting devices. It's all very simple and the wonder of it is budgets are not balanced everywhere. The Social Credit solution to the question of balanced budgets is simply to stick their hands ever deeper into the pockets of the general public.

We have editorialized before about the effects on the B. C. economy of vast sums of money being taken out of the pockets of the populace and out of the marketplace to languish in vaults in Victoria while gleeful Socred cabinet ministers show each other their balance sheets. At a time when business is slow and bankruptcies at a record level they have come up with another method of extracting everything but the fillings from our teeth.

The reference is, of course, to the manipulation of the education taxes which will leave millions in the coffers of the government and take the same amount out of the pockets of the property-owners and purchasers of this province. Perhaps instead of a roast of beef we'll be able to satisfy each other by pointing with satisfaction to yet another headline about a budgetary surplus. Perhaps, but it's doubtful.

This is the government which moved like lightning when it came to removing the millionaire's tax which was a burden to you and me; this is the government who doubled our ferry fares; the same government doubled our insurance rates. What it amounts to is that having successfully picked our pockets clean they cheerfully announce that they are making a profit and aren't they clever.

Even the most hide-bound Socred must see the pattern. The giant mining companies have the burden of royalties removed, the plight of the millionaires is eased and everywhere else the people of the province pay and pay and pay again.

This is a government of the very wealthy and the blatancy with which they pursue their own self-interest is crude in the extreme. Of course, if we just tighten our belts for another couple of years they'll throw some of the crumbs of the surpluses they are building up our way and then we'll be decently grateful and all rush out and vote for them again. Won't we?

Dept. of Highways

It is only just that having condemned the Department of Highways locally for their ineffectuality in dealing with the first snow storm of the year, we should now pay decent tribute to the fact that in dealing with this last monster snow storm they were very, very effectual indeed.

Early on Friday morning the roads were sanded and salted and when the snow came, though it wanted to stay, it couldn't get to form that treacherous icy surface which left vehicles in ditches all over the Sunshine Coast last time. Even on Friday morning when conditions were perhaps at their worst it seemed that the careful motorist had no difficulty arriving at his destination due to the ministrations of the Department of Highways. And this was a protracted storm too with heavy precipitation all day and much of Friday night but major difficulties did not arise.

Well done, Department of Highways. Keep up the good work, lads, we are all grateful.

Best wishes

Our various boards and councils have just gone through the re-shaping of election time and are settling in now for their year of service. From their deliberations and decisions will come changes that will affect the lives of all of us. To the men and women who will serve on these local bodies in the coming year the Coast News would like to express good wishes. You have taken up the burden of responsibility, ladies and gentlemen, and though from the press and the public in the coming year it will often seem that for your efforts you receive nothing but criticism, nonetheless any one who pauses to reflect will realize the importance of your work and the value of your best efforts.

It is the feeling here that, generally speaking, we are blessed on the Sunshine Coast with men and women of high calibre in public office and we hope that the year of service which lies ahead will prove to be a satisfying and interesting experience for you all.

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

5 YEARS AGO

Municipal elections in Sechelt produced surprises. Alderman Ted Osborne was re-elected and Norman Watson was defeated. In his place Dennis Shuttleworth, professional engineer, was elected.

The school board's $429,000 referendum for a new gym building and auto class workshop was defeated in Saturday's elections. The result was 55% yes, which was not enough to pass.

Elphinstone school's Snowflake Queen Elly Leahman was crowned at the school Christmas dance December 8th. Her two princesses are Maria Lynn and Lita Allnutt.

10 YEARS AGO

Roberts Creek Property: Hall Road. Choice 1 acre with 3-room house, bathroom, oil space heater, rock gas stove. Immed. Poss. $3,650. full price, $850. down, $60.00 a month at 7½% interest.

The new Tasella Shop in Sechelt opens in the Crucil Building.

15 YEARS AGO

Lack of regulation in car parking in Sechelt has resulted in Sechelt's municipal council deciding to tackle a parking by-law when the 1963 council starts its work.

Bandmaster George Moss has been employed by the school board to give musical instruction and theory to members of Elphinstone band. Practices will be held so they will not interfere with the regular school curriculum.

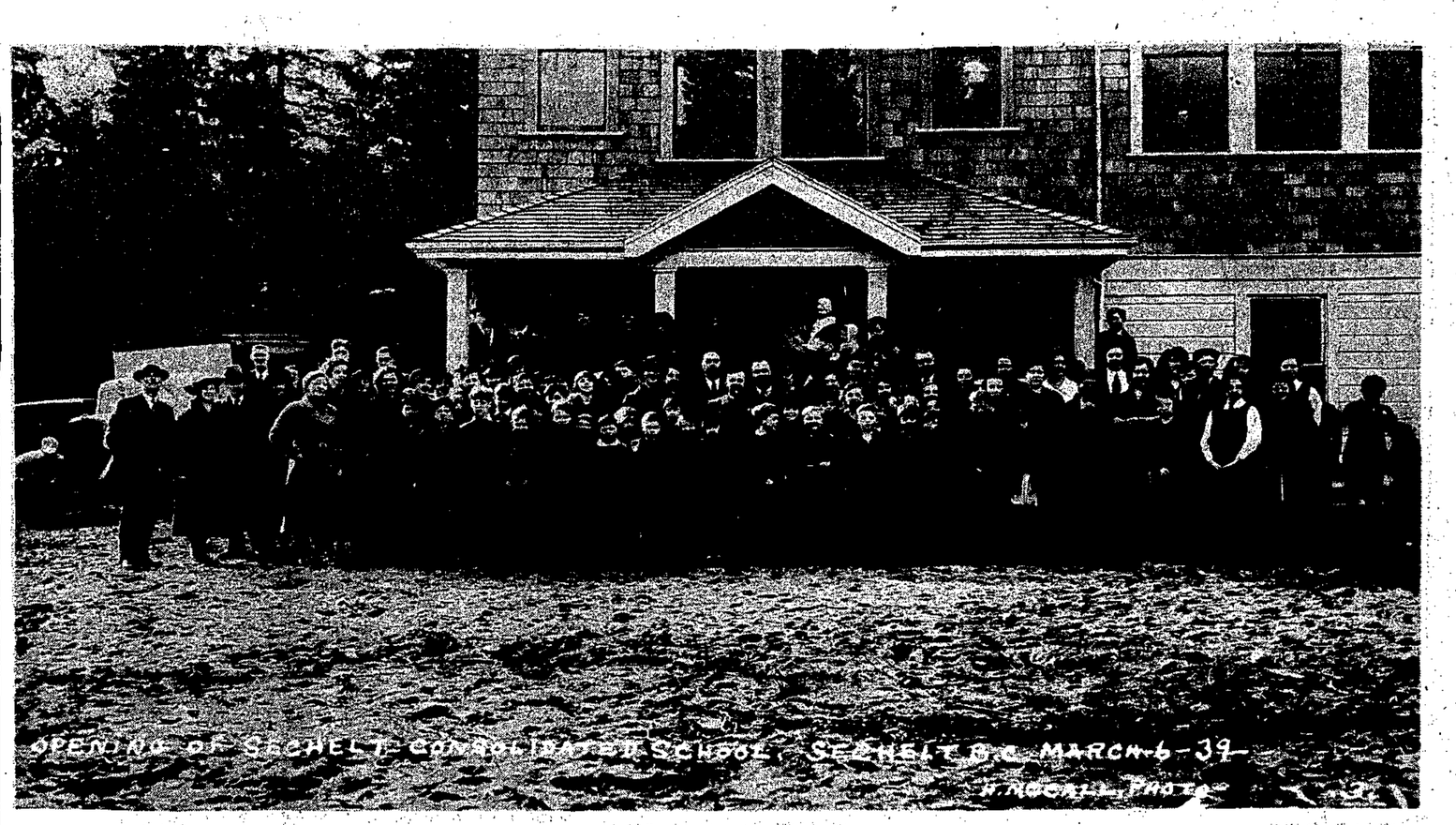
20 YEARS AGO

The gill-netter Ocean Chief, owned by Jimmy Johnson of Garden Bay, sank off Norman Point on Saturday last. Two men on board narrowly escaped drowning when the boat turned over; fortunately it righted itself again. It is now beached over in Whiskey Slough, where repairs are being made.

Thomas Humphries, a member of the Sechelt school board is retiring after seven years of service as school trustee.

25 YEARS AGO

Search party finds lost member: After a complete day's search which went well into dusk, the search party seeking Mr. Tom McLaughlin resumed early Thursday morning. Barely had they got started when the object of their search walked out of the woods to meet them. Mr. McLaughlin reported that he had become separated from the party when they spread out to locate the plane wreck and he was unable to find his way back in the dense brush. The search party was seeking the Q.C.A. plane which crashed in the Crowston Lake area east of Halfmoon Bay.



Sechelt, March 6, 1939. As war clouds begin to gather over Europe, students and community citizens pose for photographer Helen McCall at the opening of their new Consolidated School. One-room institutions at Wilson Creek and on Norwest Bay Road - School Road then - merged to help make possible this building, still in use nearly forty years later. Its antiquity is revealed by the fact that its architectual design includes windows - windows which opened to admit the earth's atmosphere - windows made to be peered out of, as someone upper right is seen doing. Photo courtesy E. S. Clayton, tall man at very centre of group, and Elphinstone Pioneer Museum.
L. R. Peterson

Musings

John Burnside

I live in an enchanted valley half the days of my life. A valley in which I am surrounded by great physical beauty of environment and decent, stalwart folk. I myself in this valley am a sprightly gentleman acquainted with all and assured also of the caritas of certain choice, selected friends of sensitivity, insight and long-standing. (I make no apology for the use of that beautiful, neglected biblical word of Greek derivation 'caritas' which possibly translates best into English as 'loving kindness'. It is a sad truth that our language, everywhere else so versatile and flexible, is so limited in its means of expressing love. The Eskimos, we are told have twenty-two different words for snow because they are aware of the varieties of snow and have need of all those words. We for love have but a single four-letter catch-all, much abused.)

Ah, but I digress. Let's get back to that valley where for half the days of my life I live in that fine and friendly place enfolded in the caritas of my fellows. I live there, I am sure, in a state of grace. In that valley I am constantly aware of my blessings and give thanks constantly to the Great Original Cause of all that is.

You may ask: "Why only half your days in such a blessed place?" Please why me no whys. I never met a why yet that I could answer. I only know there is another valley where, too, I wander. It is no blessed place. It is a bleak inhospitable clime of selfish, greedy men and hardened, callous women where such a word as caritas is never spoken because never needed or, if found, much abused and hardened in its turn. It is a place where no man is my friend; where all hands; including mine, are grasping - never soothing. In this second valley I live in anxiety, insecurity and fear regretting I was ever there to play the desperate game.

Again I cannot answer why I wander there at all, in such a dismal place. It is not of my choosing. Fain would I live always in the first and blessed valley, but it cannot be won by willing it to be. It must, it seems be stumbled upon like Hilton's Shangri-La unexpected and unblemished. Like Shangri-La, it is found and lost and sought again.

Now I would not claim that my being in one valley or the other is entirely a passive matter. Though the valleys are not of my choosing I suspect they are of my making. They are, I think, largely projections of an inner state and while I cannot will the valleys into being I can so comport myself that my inner state is such as to make the appearance of the blessed valley more likely. I have no handy book of reference which tells me if you do this or that or something else you will eventually find the happy valley. I have no warning book which tells me if you do this or that or something else you will find yourself in the bleak place.

I search by trial and error for the beauty and try through pain and failure to avoid the bleak. I know both valleys well and am never in the one without awareness of the existence of the other. This odd dual stance of mine has some advantage. It is the duality, I think, which has made me aware that the valleys are of my making. The objective world, I am aware, spins on its celestially objective way whether I live in grace or pain.

The years go by and I cannot yet claim the blessed place as home but I still strive to climb internal mountains. I know it's there. I am even become a more frequent visitor. And though I frequent still the bleak inhospitable place I am less inclined than once I was, though never ever fully, to accept it as a final resting place. I have learned in the very core of idenitity to recognize in myself what the learned students of the mind now call "projection". I know the bleakness to be my bleakness and am less inclined to blame the beauteous spinning orb and those who inhabit it for the bleakness that is mine.

And this is in itself no minor blessing, for wherein the objective does contain an actual bleakness it does so because the residents of this marvellous spinning space ship have put it there because they found it first within and would not recognize it so. And what we do not recognize within but push at others does not leave us but becomes instead the very wallpaper of our lives.

It is as though existence were a mill pond and we pebble throwers on the shore. The pebbles that we have to throw may well be small but the mill-pond registers all and if we throw even a tiny negative pebble the negative ripples reach in time to every centimetre of the shore. We are the throwers, the pebbles, and the pond.

I do not know if I can come in time to be a resident in the blessed valley. The way is long and full or error. But I am persuaded that such a thing may be. I am persuaded, too, that since the harsh uncaring valley is of my perception it can be avoided. I am persuaded that if I can refrain from casting my negative pebble, refrain from laying at my neighbour's door my own shadow and seeing the dark place his, then somehow in the unfathomable chemistry of being I will become a more worthy resident of the blessed place which I believe is the Kingdom of God and lies within.

Slings & Arrows

George Matthews

Make no mistake. I do not concern myself here with thoughts of eternity or a life after death. I am one who with Alexander Pope would say "Know then thyself, presume not God to scan./ The proper study of mankind is man." It is life here on earth and in my time that concerns me. I am prepared to let the after-life unfold itself or not as the case may be.

And I make no apologies to the self-professed realists. There is surely little more tiresome and more limited than the narrow self-satisfaction of a realist. Long years ago I learned to mistrust all those who said to me that human nature was of this or this or that dimension. We are creatures of possibilities and what we were yesterday we may not be tomorrow. It is this plasticity of possibility that is mankind's greatest mystery and greatest hope. If we believe in the blessed valley we may yet call it home.

My favourite part of newspapers are those occasional eight or ten line items used to fill space and appeal to human interest. These little items are very much alike; they outline an incident, usually a long way away, of some small human drama which is peculiar enough to cause some brief attention. They never give much detail, and have obviously been edited to the bone by some callous editor who can't afford to give up the space he's sold for advertising. These tiny footnotes in the human epic tell of the boy who was saved by his dog in the raging flash flood in south Texas, the woman who got stuck in her husband's sports car when her lover's back went out and had they had to be removed by firemen with torches, the man who drove 500 miles before he remembered he left his wife back at the last rest stop, and so on. You know the kind of story I mean.

These stories are the most interesting because of the lack of any conclusion or even cause - they are the only stories that allow a wild and escapist imagination to fill in the blank spots.

One of the best I've seen for a long time showed up a few weeks ago. It was nothing more than a picture with a brief explanation at the bottom. The picture showed a middle-aged man walking naked in a crowd in the middle of Manhattan. The brief explanation presented itself from the angle that the picture was interesting because the rest of the crowd didn't even notice the guy, but the fascinating part to me - unexplained by the caption thank goodness - was how he happened to get there.

The problem puzzled me for days and I amused myself when obliged to work on some boring task by thinking about his story. This naked, balding hero's name was Benny. Benny lived in a semi-detached brownstone house in a decent part of the Bronx. His father-in-law, who owned a small but profitable costume jewlery factory in the neighbourhood, held the mortgage on the place and Benny's wife, Shimona, never let the poor guy forget it.

For forty-five years, Benny was somebody else's boy. His mother told him what to eat and wear, his father told him what to do with his life and who to marry, his wife told him where to live and how many kids to have and his father-in-law told him how to finance his life. Benny's secretary told him where to buy his clothes and picked out his ties for him, television told him what to put on his thinning hair, what to spray on his armpits and what to wash his mouth out with. All in all, Benny tried to be everything everybody ever expected him to be - but nobody liked him. In fact, he didn't particularly like himself very much.

He constantly checked with people to make sure he looked right, if he had said the right thing, if his ideas were any good. Predictably, as when someone is asked their opinion, they felt obliged to find at least one thing wrong and as a result Benny had never done one thing right in his life.

There had been one rebellious fling at independence just after he turned forty, when he tried to go into business for himself. He tried to set up an accounting business with a guy he'd met at N.Y.U. while studying accounting at night. His old habit of taking other people's advice however, led him into trouble when his new partner managed to talk him out of his share of the business and eventually left poor Benny out in the cold. His wife and father-in-law made sure Benny realized the error of his ways and father-in-law took him back into

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Dover Beach

by Matthew Arnold

The sea is calm to-night,
The tide is full, the moon lies fair
Upon the Straits;—on the French coast, the light
Gleams, and is gone; the cliffs of England stand,
Glimmering and vast, out in the tranquil bay.
Come to the window, sweet is the night air!
Only, from the long line of spray
Where the ebb meets the moon-blanched sand,
Listen! you hear the grating roar
Of pebbles which the waves suck back, and fling,
At their return, up the high strand,
Begin, and cease, and then again begin,
With tremulous cadence slow, and bring
The eternal note of sadness in.

Sophocles long ago
Heard it on the AEgean, and it brought
Into his mind the turbid ebb and flow
Of human misery; we
Find also in the sound a thought,
Hearing it by this distant northern sea.

The sea of faith
Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore
Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furled;
But now I only hear
Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar,
Retreating to the breath
Of the night-wind down the vast edges drear
And naked shingles of the world.

Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! for the world, which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful, so new,
Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,
Where ignorant armies clash by night.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Beaches

The Honourable A. V. Fraser
Ministry of Highways &
Public Works
Parliament Bldg., Victoria.

Dear Sir:

This letter is to inform you of the lack of completed public beach accesses and the negative attitudes of the adjoining property owners.

On Highway 101 between Sechelt Village and Redrooffs Road turn off, there are 18 public beach accesses with only four completed to the water's edge.

With the lack of boat launching in this area or any means of the public getting to the beach, I would suggest that it would be a great asset for tourism and the general public if some of these roads were completed as a winter works project. This would also create some employment in the months that it is so needed.

The adjoining property owners definitely are not in favour of these accesses being opened. However, I feel they have been hidden from the general public long enough.

Jack Anderson
Box 1219,
Sechelt, B. C.

Salute

Editor:

As the Christmas season approaches it brings with it a warmth and friendliness that is sometimes lacking during the rest of the year. I believe most of us note the difference in people at this time and wish the feeling of good neighbourliness would last.

There are, however, a large number of people in our community, the volunteers, who do practice this "good neighbour" policy year round. They touch all our lives in one way or another. It may be through youth groups, personal care driving, crocheting/knitting at home for the less fortunate, working with handicapped, etc. etc. The list is long, each as important as the last. Executive, board and committee members, all volunteers, spend countless hours working for organizations they believe in; the community would suffer without the time and effort they contribute.

So everyone, let's salute all these very special people, they are what makes our community strong.

Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas season and many blessings in the year to come.

Betty Wray
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Sunshine Coast Community
Resource Society

Roads

Mr. A. V. Fraser
Minister of Highways
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Fraser:

I would respectfully request a reply to my letter dated November 26th, 1977, concerning the disgraceful road conditions on the Sunshine Coast during the snowfall on Wednesday, November 23rd. To date, I have not had the courtesy of a reply from your department.

I would like to comment favourably on the excellent reaction to the present snowfall being experienced (Dec. 8th & 9th). Although snow fell throughout the night, the roads were in good condition this morning, and, I believe very few drivers experienced difficulty. The roads appeared to have been well salted during the night. Perhaps, in future, we could look for this standard as a rule and not the exception.

I would appreciate hearing from you by return mail.

(Mrs.) Judy Mathon
Sechelt, B. C.

Uranium

Editor:

Re: Proposed uranium mine at Clearwater, B. C.

I am opposed to the development of a uranium mine at Clearwater for the following reasons:

The Atomic Energy Commission, the Government and the private companies involved have demonstrated repeatedly that they will not accept responsibility for the greatly reduced health of uranium mine-workers, of their families, nor of people generally, who are exposed to uranium mine tailings, radioactive dust, gases and water associated with uranium mining. The cost to uranium mine workers is the greatly increased risk of diability and death from lung cancer induced by Radon 222 in the air.

Information concerning the known health hazards of Radon 222 was held back from uranium mine-workers by the owners of Denison Mines, the A.E.C.B. (the Atomic Energy Control Board) and the government departments "in the know". Denison Mines, who at present seem to be one of the principles behind the Clearwater mine proposal, in their Elliott Lake, Ontario site, used radioactive tailings as land fill, and part of the town of Elliott Lake, including at least one school, sits on radioactive land fill.

We have no assurances, indeed there can be no assurances, that the considerable health risks involved with uranium mining will be significantly improved at Clearwater or anywhere else. As a matter of fact, the proposed

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Slings (cont'd)

You can see what I mean about how these little human interest stories can be the most entertaining part of a newspaper. You don't need television, movies or even novels as long as your daily paper is sitting in front of you. Look through your city paper tonight and see if you can find one of these little items - for twenty cents, something to wrap the garbage in and light your fire, you'll never find a better bargain in entertainment.

the business after he'd been suitably humiliated.

Benny kept the books, did all the buying and most of the selling. Nobody ever told him, but he was good at it. Things were going along just fine; the last of his four kids graduated from high school this summer, business was good, his wife planned to take him to Miami Beach for the holiday season. Then the unexpected happened...

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Sound tough? For drinking drivers, it's going to be tough.

AND HERE'S WHY.

British Columbia has the worst drinking-driving record in Canada. Fifty percent of all drivers killed are legally impaired. Every year, over 300 lives are lost. And many more individuals are disfigured, disabled or crippled. Every year, drinking-driving accidents cost us, the taxpayers of B.C., millions and millions of dollars. Something simply has to be done. And it has to be done by responsible, socially-conscious citizens.

Your sense of social responsibility is one of the first things alcohol affects. Drinking drivers simply don't care. Alcohol is a drug with subtle and varied effects on the mind and body, and is dangerous because so few people actually understand it.

For instance, one drink, combined with some types of medicines, can cause impairment five times greater than just one drink alone.

Alcohol also distorts eye focus by relaxing certain eye muscles. It affects a driver's ability to judge distance, distinguish colour, and to see potential dangers to either side of the car, through a phenomenon known as tunnel vision.

With a drinking driver's sense of responsible action reduced, his vision clouded, and a lethal weapon like a car barely under his control—just how much chance do you, the responsible citizen, have to avoid an accident?

The odds are not on your side.

Statistics show that if you're driving between the hours of midnight and 3 a.m., one out of every three drivers that approach you on the road has been drinking.

And as many as one out of every 10 is drunk.

What constitutes drunk? In Canada the legal definition of impairment is a blood/alcohol reading of over .08%. That means the proportion of alcohol is over 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. A person's size, weight, emotional state, metabolism and number of drinks consumed over a period of time determine how quickly the legal limit is reached. Bear in mind that a person with a BAC (blood/alcohol content) of .08% will not necessarily feel drunk. Or even giddy.

But his vision, reaction time and sense of social responsibility are seriously affected.

And the facts are that drinking drivers simply do not sober up that easily. Black coffee will not help. Nor a cold shower. 95% of the alcohol in the system is eliminated through the liver. And that takes considerable time.

So what can we do? We've got to be more socially responsible. All of us.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP COUNTERATTACK THE DRINKING-DRIVING MENACE.

When going to a party or out for an evening—*plan ahead.* Flip a coin, or in some way arrange for the driver not to drink. Consider the cost of a cab or bus fare as a necessary expense for the evening. Remember, it isn't an offence to be an impaired passenger! If you are the host or organizer of a home or office party—*plan ahead.* Be responsible for getting your guests home safely.

If you see a car weaving down the road, fading over the double line or otherwise indicating the driver might be impaired...get to a phone. Call the police.

In addition to these individual actions, you can do something else...

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

We are facing an awesome challenge here in B.C. To change our personal and collective behaviour and attitudes toward drinking-driving is no simple task.

But nothing less than an all-out commitment at the community level will work if we are to protect ourselves and our loved ones from the menace of drinking and driving.

I strongly urge you to join with your neighbours in organizing Drinking Driving CounterAttack activities in your area. For more information on what you as an individual, or as a group, can do, simply write:

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Pages from a Life-Log
Peter Trower

THE BEST COP-SHOW AROUND

Network television programming runs in definite cycles where one type of show or another becomes predominant and remains that way until overkill sets in. For many years, the western held top spot in the public fancy. Wranglers and rustlers; gunslingers and tin-horn-gamblers; circuit-riders and renegade Apaches galloped all over the tube. Whatever channel you turned to, you were likely to get a figuative cloud of dust in the face. Suddenly it all changed. Even the seemingly-indestructible Marshall Dillon was gone, outgunned at last by sagging Neilsen ratings. To fill the vacuum left by the demise of the horse-operas came a veritable innundation of police and crime shows. This trend began about four seasons back and shows no sign of slackening as yet. Were the television medium a city, it would have to be one of the most-thoroughly policed urban-areas on Earth.

There are at present almost thirty shows that deal with law-enforcement of one variety or another. They run the gamut from the super realistic and generally excellent anthology series Police Story to the sometimes equally-effective satire of Barney Miller. In between, cops and pseudo-cops of every variety, ply their common trade. The best of these shows: Kojak, Baretta, Columbo, Hawaii Five O, maintain a generally commendable level of quality with forceful acting, believeable characters and tight scripts. There is even a Canadian cop-show called Side-street that models itself on the best of the U. S. product and is not without its moments. The genre bottoms out with such far-fetched romps as Charley's Angels where cheesecake rather than plausibility is the main drawing-card and the Six Billion Dollar Man which is actually science fiction. Good as the top American shows frequently are however, they are persistently upstaged to my taste by a gritty and too-little-known British series called The Sweeney. It is definitely one of the best, realistic crime shows ever produced.

The Sweeney is an underworld slang-term for Scotland yard's toughest unit, the famous Flying Squad. The expression comes from Cockney rhyming slang i.e. Sweeny Todd = Flying Squad = Sweeney. The pivotal character, an inspector called Jack Regan, is of Irish descent. Regan, played by an excellent actor called John Thaw, is a man of few illusions. Strong-featured, virile, hard-living, somehwere in his mid-forties, the cynical Mr. Regan knows full well that he follows a dangerous and frequently dirty trade. He is constantly pitted against the most ruthless villains on the London crime-scene and has small compunction about bending regulations to apprehend them. This penchant for throwing away the rule-book is constantly landing him on the carpet. Regan is a considerable womanizer and sometimes becomes involved with the wives and girl-friends of the very gangsters he is stalking. Jack Regan operates in a sleazy, seamy world of cheap pubs, strip-joints, whorehouses and third-rate cafes. It is the same world his adversaries and his snouts (informers) inhabit and he is infinitely at home there. Hard-nosed as Regan most certainly is, he leavens it with ironic Irish humour couched in the argot of the streets. He is far from infallible and frequently imperils himself or his partner by making the wrong move. Nor is he above compassion as evidenced in his relationships with women and with his young daughter from a career-destroyed marriage. Regan in short, is a very-believable character with few pretensions, performing one nasty task after another to the best of his ability; constantly getting snarled in bureaucratic red-tape.

The two other continuing characters in the show are George, Regan's partner and Haskins, their immediate superior. George is perhaps thirty with longish brown hair and a certain ingenuousness that sometimes exasperates the short-fused Irishman. He has naturally logged much less street-time than Regan and lacks the other's ruthlessness and case-hardened savvy. He is not short on guts however and there is a strong bond between the two men. Originally, George had a wife but she was murdered by a vengeful hoodlum in one very powerful and moving episode. This may have been merely a script device to give George an equal mobility with Regan in the woman-chasing department. Whatever the reason, it was done very convincingly and added an additional note of realism.

The plots of the shows vary widely from week to week but they are never less than engrossing. The storyline of a recent episode went roughly as follows: A young computer-designer has just been released from prison after serving a two-year sentence for motor manslaughter. While he is inside, his former partner had squeezed him out of the business and now refuses to even give him a job because of his record. Ross, the computerman, is naturally miffed since the business could not have been established in the first place without his know-how. He plots an elaborate revenge against Travers, his unscrupulous ex-partner. Ross enlists the help of a trusted friend who bears a close physical resemblance to him. This decoy, dressed in Ross' clothes, begins to harrass Travers in various ways: leaving clocks in his car that appear to be bombs and menacing him with guns that turn out to be water-pistols. Meanwhile, the real Ross makes contact with a prominent gangster who operates behind a legitimate business front. He offers Burke, the gangster, an interesting proposition: part of Travers' business involves computing secret routes for gold-bullion shipments. For $50,000, Ross agrees to tap into Travers' computer from the roof of the building and feed it false information thereby rerouting an armoured car and allowing it to be hijacked by Burke's henchmen. Burke is skeptical at first but finally buys the scheme. (Unbeknownst to either man, Burke has been under close surveillance for several days by Regan and George. Ross is photographed leaving the building and since he is not one of Burke's known associates, the Sweeney men begin a routine investigation of his background.) Meanwhile, Ross' lookalike friend continues to haunt the guilty Travers who reports the matter to the police. Since the incidents appear to be merely a series of harmless pranks, they are not overly-sympathetic.

Ross, with the aid of an ex-Royal Marine, scales Travers' building by night and taps the computer. In addition to entering the false data, he erases several of the main memory-banks, rendering the expensive machine virtually useless. So far, Ross' plan for revenge and gain has gone off without a hitch. As the two men descend the building like mountain-climbers however, they are surprised by a security-guard on his rounds. They are forced to knock him unconscious to make their escape. This of course alerts Regan, George and the rest of the Flying Squad. They discover that the computer has been tampered with and Regan deduces what has been going on. Burke's hijackers, all unknowing, hit the armoured car on schedule. When they open the doors, expecting to find a fortune in bullion, Regan and a crack squad of Sweeney men leap from the vehicle. After a fierce pitched battle, the would-be robbers are subdued. One of them implicates Burke who is also arrested.

Regan now attempts to apprehend Ross and puts out a bulletin for his arrest but the computer-man has laid his plans well. The bogus Ross is picked up by mistake and by the time the confusion is straightened out, the real Ross and his girl-friend are on a plane to Brazil with the $50,000. Regan curses and fumes but underlying his anger is a definite note of grudging admiration. On this show, as in real life, the quarry sometimes eludes the pursuer.

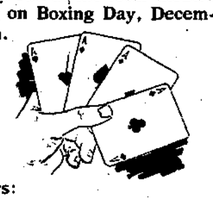
Twilight Theatre

A gentle love story in keeping with the spirit of Christmas will be shown at the Twilight Theatre on Wednesday through Saturday, December 14 - 17. The film stars Robby Benson and Annette O'Toole and is titled **One on One**. It tells of love and frustration in a young man entering his first year in college. It is a human, funny, romantic story of that year when love stops being a basketball and starts being a woman. The film was written by young Benson and his father Jerry Segal. It was directed by Lamont Johnson and produced by Martin Hornstein.

After the showing of **One on One** the Twilight Theatre's management will take a few days well-deserved rest over the holiday season. The first attraction scheduled for after Christmas will be the much-acclaimed **Star Wars** which will begin an extended run at the local theatre starting on Boxing Day, December 26th.

Bridge

by Jim Weir



If a partnership holds about half the high card points in the deck and has found a suit fit in the bidding, then a two level contract in that suit has a good chance of success. In such cases, the opponents likely have a fit in some other suit and with having the other half of the high card points they can also make a two level contract. For this reason, it is often profitable for a previously silent player to enter the bidding late rather than forfeit a low level contract to the opposition.

Entering the bidding in this way is called "balancing". Balancing is particularly important in duplicate bridge in which a fifty point bonus is awarded for fulfilling a part score contract, and the score is based on a comparison of what others do holding the same cards.

If you were not vulnerable, playing in a duplicate bridge game, how would you proceed in the following auctions?

1. As South you hold: SQ982 H32 DA72 CQ982.
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1H Pass 2H Pass
Pass ?

2. As South you hold: SA2 HK982 D9832 C10 73.
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1D Pass 2D Pass
Pass ?

3. As South you hold: SA2 HK92 DA872 CK872.
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1H ?

4. As South you hold: SK982 H32 D432 CA432.
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1H Pass Pass ?

5. As South you hold: SQ9 HA82 DA10 32 CK432.
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1H Pass 1NT Pass
Pass

Answers:

1. Double. This is a take out double requiring your partner to bid his best suit. It is apparent from the bidding that both sides hold about half the high card points and that your side can win eight or nine tricks playing in your partners best suit.

2. The bidding indicates that a balancing bid is called for. A take out double would misrepresent the length of your spade suit. If East had held a biddable heart suit his natural opening bid would have been one heart, and if West had held a biddable heart suit his natural response would have been one heart. It is a reasonable bet that your partner has a heart suit. Balance with a bid of two hearts.

3. A take out double would misrepresent the length of your spade suit, a two club or two diamond overcall would misrepresent the length of these suits, and you are too weak to overcall one notrump. Pass, knowing that your side will later balance rather than sell out to a cheap contract by the opposition.

4. Double for take out. By East's pass, it is apparent that both West and your partner have good hands. This deal belongs to your side. If your partner holds a hand similar to the one in question 3, then three clubs will almost certainly make.

5. As a rule never balance with an evenly distributed hand against a one notrump contract. Chances are that you cannot win any more tricks playing in a two level contract than you could defending against one notrump. Pass in this situation.

Ellingham's Astrology

by Rae Ellingham

Week commencing December 12.

General Notes: Mercury, Mars, and Saturn now begin to move "backwards" in our various birth charts and patience will be the key word for many days to come. But despite the retrograde motion of these planets, many will still try to forge ahead blindly with their projects, as if swimming against the prevailing current. Meanwhile, experienced cosmic die-hards will simply sit back and put things aside till the Spring when the tide turns again in everyone's favour. As always, the choice is yours.

Love is blind again as Mars, Neptune, and Pluto align Venus, bringing passion and idealism to weekend encounters.

Those of you born around Jan. 31, May 2, Aug. 3, or Nov. 3 should avoid all chances of confrontation during the middle of the week when Mars aspects your various Sun positions.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)

If a final burst of enthusiasm still fails to energize creative or speculative activities, it might be wise to start saving it for next year. Meanwhile, your persistant blind faith may be the source of present frustrations. Friends are argumentative mid-week. A letter or note concerning your achievements is bound to get lost.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

Right now is the very last chance for successful domestic reorganization. So be quick. Don't be fooled by a loved one's hasty financial scheme. Spats and quarrels are a waste of time in the home on Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

Important communications should now have been completed and processed so refuse to sign any new documents. Again ignore close associates' impractical arrangements. Sharp words with a neighbour can really sting.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

A mid-week financial upset should finally teach you to mind your own business. Investigate a work opportunity thoroughly for hidden snags. All possessions should be guarded against fire at this time.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Irritability with close associates reflects your frustration at failing to start projects in good time. You were warned. Extra care should now be taken with all paper work and communications on the employment scene. Love affairs are extra dreamy as the week closes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

You suffer private regrets for what you promised, but failed to do, and the resulting mental anguish triggers a minor health upset. The home is again a source of comfort and renewed plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

If group endeavours or personal long-range goals still show no signs of development, postpone further action till the Spring. A friend or acquaintance will surprise you with an unexpected encounter but this will clear the air. An uplifting letter or message is due.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You've now reached a manageable level of achievement and should climb no further until Mars spurs you on again next year. Domestic conditions are disruptive this Wednesday. Avoid extravagant buying habits as the week closes. Be satisfied.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Irritating mid-week messages and visits should be handled tactfully. Those of you concerned with affairs from a distance should now expect slower resuits. High school students have an unusually rough week. Guard against minor financial muddles. Check bills and receipts.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Emphasis is on disagreements over shared financial arrangements. If possible, get your money out of the mess. Much running around for the next few weeks is likely to get you nowhere. The weekend is perfect for seeking seclusion, meditation, peace and quiet. It's time for a well-earned rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Other people are a source of irritation mid-week but refuse to be forced into a corner and made to fight. Passions are running high. Small personal items are lost and will remain hidden.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

Flare-up conditions on the work scene warn you to tread carefully, especially on Wednesday. Friends and acquaintances are indecisive and may change their minds or let you down. Bugs, chills, and fevers are out to get you. Take precautions.

Artex instructors grateful

The Sunshine Coast Artex Instructors would like to thank those who attended and took part in our open house November 26th. Winners of the various prizes were: door prize, Alice Matthews, Adventure Kit, Fred Shiloff; Acessory Kit, Betty Kassian, Gift Box, Arlene Chell, Rosemaling Cushion, Jean; Tree Skirt, Lonnie Nylea, Painted towels, Kay LeMieux; Petit Point Pictures, Vivian Reeves; Panda Cake, Cindy Prentis; Rosemaling Wall Hanging; Laura Packer.

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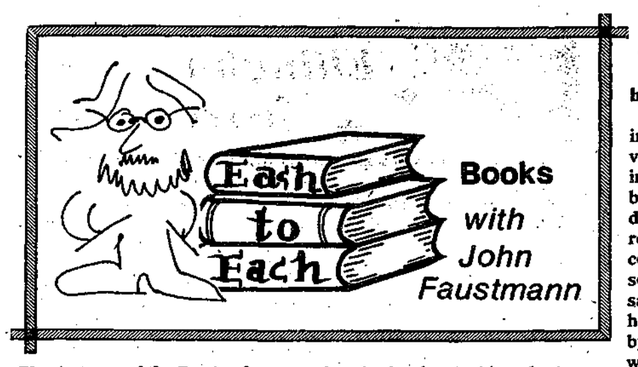

The Autumn of the Patriarch
Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Avon Books

In one particular scene in this book, the patriarch, who is the ruling dictator of a small, unnamed Caribbean island, is wakened in the night by the ghostly form of his lover, Manuela Sanchez. Unable to get back to sleep, he first paces the floor of his room wildly, and then goes out to wake up everyone else. Although it is only three in the morning he commands that all the clocks in the country be changed. The garrisons sound the trumpets, all the soldiers turn out, which in turn starts the rest of the country moving, and though it is completely dark, everyone gets up and pretends as if nothing out of the ordinary is happening.

The whole book is like that. Writing with awesome force and utilizing a fortune of details, pounding relentlessly on from the first page to the last, there are no paragraphs in this book. Some of the sentences run for three pages. Marquez spares nothing in his writing. Everything seems to be included here, and the result is a book that reads like a vast, hypnotic, blundering, hurtling, thrashing literary seizure. Marquez, whose earlier book **100 Years of Solitude** sold five million copies, has managed, amazingly, to create the rightful successor to his earlier work.

So much takes place on these pages that it's exhausting trying to keep up with it. Hurricanes, pirate raids, executions, assassinations, omens, nightmares, rape, flocks of vultures, infanticide, lotteries, revolts, purges, insurrections, births, copulations, plots, intrigues, cyclones, malarial swamps, plague, slavery, festivals, funerals, miracles, maternal taxidermy, and civil wars all get packed in so tightly together that it makes the brain reel. Life leaps out from the pages in such an uncanny, bizarre way that it leaves the reader gasping.

Essentially a tale of power, the book is a biography of the patriarch, a 120 year old man with a herniated testicle, unblinking eyes, a plain denim uniform and an illicit passion for uniformed schoolgirls. He lives in a decaying, sprawling palace where the cows are always getting into the dining room and the rose garden is full of lepers. He dodders around, visiting the hundreds of concubines he keeps out back, playing dominoes with foreign ambassadors, watching soap operas on television, lighting cow flops on fire to keep off the mosquitoes, conferring with his persistent adulators, foiling a series of plots against his regime and sleeping on the floor. He writes notes to himself and hides them in the walls. He visits a small village and repairs a woman's sewing machine. He goes to see his mother, Bendicion Alvarado, who captures birds and paints them with watercolours, and he totters home again to read the grafitti in the servant's toilet so he can discover what the people are really thinking.

The patriarch has been around so long that no one can remember a government without him. This doesn't stop the army from plotting against him, and there are revolutions and insurrections constantly underway. Yet the patriarch remains untoppled. He throws the conspirators to the crocodiles, or has them skinned alive. When the church won't allow his mother to be a made a saint, he orders all the clergy out of the country - stripping them of their clothes and casting them adrift on rafts. One of the nuns appeals to him, and he marries her. Her name is Leticia Nazareno. She teaches him to read, bares him a son, empties the marketplace with her wild shopping sprees, can wither plants with her touch and eventually gets torn apart by wild dogs. Undaunted, the patriarch continues to rule. The people are so afraid of them that a joke starts making the rounds of the marketplace. "There is a rumour," says one man, "that the patriarch is dead." "Yes," says another, "but who would dare tell him?"

Because of his incredible life span, the characters around him come and go like aberrant seasons of disordered personality. His old friend, the one-armed General Rodrigo de Aguilar, conspires against him, is discovered, stuffed, seasoned, baked, and served as lunch to his fellow conspirators. A host of ambassadors visit with him constantly, they bring him girly magazines and try and talk him into signing over his country's natural resources. The Indian general, Saturnos Santos, carries a machete and plays the harp. Saenz de la Barra, the patriarch's inquisitor, has a dog that will only eat human flesh. He sends the patriarch sacks full of decapitated heads. Around and around him the characters swarm, are swatted or fly away, and only the old man is left.

As he becomes increasingly senile, his personal staff begins to humour him. The schoolgirls he entices into the palace are really paid prostitutes. All the soap operas he watches have been especially rewritten so as not to make him upset. A special edition of the newspaper is brought out so he won't be disturbed by reality. The consuls and ambassadors prey on him, and in one scene the patriarch sells the Caribbean ocean that surrounds his country. A week later ships arrive. They carve up the ocean into squares, number them, and ship them off to Arizona. Still the patriarch survives, maundering up the hill to visit the deposed dictators to whom he has given asylum, hiding jars of honey in the walls, milking his cows, and looking out his window at the sea that's no longer there.

Gabriel Garcia Marquez has a fertility of imagination that is unrivalled in this age. With his lengthy, trancelike, unparagraphed sentences he creates and sustains an entire universe. His events and actions overwhelm the reader, and yet his characters emerge so whole and lively that they're intimidating. The books holds together. Like the Patriarch's power, it's sustained "...by the pure inertia of an ancient and irreparable disillusion."

CBC Radio

by Maryanne West

Weekend listening on CBC-AM includes a special for conservationists on endangered species in Canada's north. "Say Goodbye", Between Ourselves, Saturday, 7:05 p.m. examines the reasons certain species have become endangered and proposes solutions. "Man's attempts to save wildlife may well help save himself. If we just stand idly by and see them become extinct, we come closer to the day when we ourselves will become extinct," says Ken Bryneart of the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

Four archeologists and historians a report on a major Italian discovery in Syria of a major civilization rivalling Egypts 1000 years before recorded history in that area. "Ebla, 1000 years before Moses", on Ideas, Saturday 9:05 p.m.

The Hornby Collection presents in Part I, "Public Hearings" a trilogy of experiments in sound and Part II "The Scrooge Papers" a Christmas Carol and then some by Wes Taylor.

Special Occasion on Sunday, 4:05 p.m. presents a tribute to conductor George Solti and the famous Chicago Symphony. Concern at 9:05 takes a look at North Americans getting fitter, yet fatter.

Wednesday December 14
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Actors Don Franks and Martha Henry in conversation.
Thursday December 15
Playhouse: 8:04 p.m. The Joke about Hilary Spite by Christopher Bidmead, Part IV, The Proctor File.
Jazz Radio-Canada: 8:30 p.m. Tommy Banks Big Band; Ron Ellias/Scott Alexander Duo; Big Alley Band.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Quebec Symphony Orchestra, Sandford Allen, violin, Weber, Hindemith, Beethoven.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Gunter Grass, famous German writer.
Friday December 16
School Broadcasts: 2:04 p.m. Carols from Alberta.
Country Road: 8:30 p.m. Archie MacLaren.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Roberta Peters, soprano. Mozart, Berlioz, Hindemith.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Women songwriters, Part I.
Saturday December 17
Update: 8:30 a.m. Roundup of B. C. happenings.
The House: 9:10 a.m. The week in Parliament.
Metropolitan Opera: 2:00 p.m. Puccini's Madame Butterfly.
Between Ourselves: 7:05 p.m. Say Goodbye to endangered wildlife.
Ideas: 9:05 p.m. Ebla, 1000 years before Moses.
Anthology: 10:05 p.m. Conclusion of Massey's Harvest by George Woodcock. Short story, "A Summer Girl" by Leo Simpson. Poetry by George McWhirter.
The Hornby Collection: 11:05 p.m. Part I, "Public Hearings" by Sheldon Rosen and Bruce Davis. Part II "The Scrooge Papers" by Wes Taylor.
Sunday December 18
CBC Stage: 1:05 p.m. My House To-night by Rachel Wyatt.
Special Occasion: 4:05 p.m. Solti and the Chicago Symphony.
Symphony World: 7:05 p.m. Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Claudio Arrau, piano, Forsyth, Chopin, Sibeliu.
Concern: 9:05 p.m. Fitter, yet fatter.
Monday December 19
Gold Rush: 8:30 p.m. Christmas Show with Valdy, Bim, Brent Titcomb, Shari Ulrich and Terry Frewer.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, Beethoven's Eroica Symphony.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Film maker Bernardo Bertolucci discusses his film 1900.
Tuesday December 20
Touch the Earth: 8:30 p.m. Terry and Brownie McGee.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. National Arts Centre Orchestra, Jessy Norman, soprano, Mercure Wagner, Dvorak.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Computerologist John Diebold.
CBC-FM RADIO 105.7
Ideas: 8:04 p.m. Wednesday - Television - conclusion of series. Thursday - Sports - hockey, Friday - Anne Rice author of Interview with The Vampire; Monday - History, the Church. Tuesday - Archeology - conclusion.
Special Occasion: Thursday 9:04 p.m. The Lady's Not for Burning by Christopher Fry.
CBC Monday Night: 9:04 p.m. Part I, Mrs. Caudle's Curtain Lectures and adaptation by Christopher Dafoe of comic essays by Douglas Jerrold. Part II, Kings College Choir. Part III, Reminiscences of Cambridge. Part IV, Another Christmas Carol by Wesley Taylor.
The Best Seat in the House: Tuesday 9:04 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Singers.

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Loggers, pots, and bottles

By L.R.Peterson

Those who contrived to land along what is now called the Sunshine Coast found themselves in a locality left almost untenanted by its original native inhabitants. Diseases, unknown here throughout the great scroll of time, had so decimated the native Indian population that almost nothing remained along West Howe Sound and up-coast to Sechelt of what had once been peoples who numbered in the thousands.

The first to consolidate footholds on a land almost entirely clothed in rainforest conifers were loggers. Somewhat ironically, some of their camps were built on abandoned or depopulated native homesites.

These were the intruders who brought with them representatives of a motley assortment of races. Usually, the crews were sent out from a Burrard Inlet sawmill. The entrepreneurs and their hired supervisors were predominantly of British background. The Hastings and the McNair enterprises, both prominent mills, sent out men who, along with what became known as "The Moodyville Gang", commenced to take out choice timber.

Whereas almost the entire entourage of each eighteenth- and nineteenth-century explorer has been retained, the identities of fewer of these logging foremen have come down to the present than names of long ago Squamish and Sechelt Indian chiefs and aristocrats.

Of the assorted British, Scandinavian, and central European skinners, fallers, buckers, and rigging slingers, hardly a whisper endures. They came, lived their working days, their bunkhouse off-hours, and left. A few posed photos may have been taken, near tide-water, but almost all of these left the area in the departing loggers' rucksacks.

However anonymous they may have remained while in the woods, most of these young to youngish member of Western culture could - and did - take their places without let or hindrance in community life if and when they so chose. Some, in fact, decided to remain in the vicinity of where they had logged. They took land and built homes. Those so inclined married and raised families.

Not so for the Orientals of that time. Those who arrived with experience and funds could set up import and merchandising enterprises at city centres. But there was little choice of occupation for the Chinese or Japanese working-class immigrant.

If it was his lot - few female Orientals were admitted into Canada then - to become a logger, he was shipped out, as a member of a gang of his fellows, to perform some function at a camp somewhere along this coast.

Generally, the Chinese were set to the task of building skidroads, and the Japanese to cutting timber. Japanese crews did little road-building here, but Chinese did cut trees at some operations. Whereas white crews established their camps near salt water, where the days' work ended and where oxen or horses were stabled, Chinese and Japanese workers built their miniature communities, apart from each other, in the woods, usually near a stream, and sometimes miles from their landings.

At a main camp, Swede and Norwegian loggers tussled with the English language, which they heard about them and which they realized they must somehow learn. Far from their homelands, they ate the cook's meals, be they good or bad; familiar or strange.

Far back in the forest, their Oriental counterparts, with literally no opportunity to share either their own languages or English, spoke their ancestral tongues and cooked their ancestral foods.

It is their remoteness that has preserved remains of some of these Oriental camps, and their use of goods imported from their homelands that has made these remnants of interest now. Most camps at or near the shore were later destroyed by succeeding logging operations or chosen as homesites by incoming settlers before their remains were of historic interest. Oriental camps located within only a mile or two of salt water generally also suffered one or the other of these fates.

Even far up mountainsides, encroaching technologies sought out many of these abandoned places, as high lead and truck replaced skidroad and flume, for inadvertent ruination. And the great fire of 1906 took its toll along the foothills of Mount Elphinstone.

Some, though, did survive as at least midden sites, to a time when, even if the taking away of relics constitutes a kind of pillage, the relics are at least admired and preserved. Probably as many articles have been found for preservation during the past decade as were discovered over any previous similar period of time.

Wilderness operations at which all loggers arrived from the city, and from which they departed thence again soon became "lost". Late in the 1960's, Canfor roadbuilders literally unearthed one such "lost" site up the McNab Creek valley. Typically, heavy snows had long since crushed the aging buildings and moss and forest debris had covered flattened roofs. For a week or two, there was a sort of "rush" of treasure-hunters to this spot up a desolate West Howe Sound valley.

Most household items had of course been long since removed by their users. Wooden and metal objects left behind had mainly deteriorated. What remained of interest were ginger pots, soy sauce vessels, whiskey bottles, and hand-blown beer bottles, some of them slightly bent by the blower. A fair number of these items found their way into Sunshine Coast homes.

Power-line poles were taken from McNab hillsides in the 1920's, but this camp, and another found by loggers at the same time, up a side valley, but not searched, would seem to pre-date this operation.

Similarly, while it is known that the Taylor camp took shinglebolts from the headwaters of Dakota Creek also in the 1920's, a site made readily accessible via a recently constructed logging road probably was already long abandoned by that time.

Hastings, or McNair Creek, as it is variously known, along which a skidroad ran to its source, undoubtedly has its "lost" middens of Oriental pottery and glassware. Unless broken when discarded or, later, by winter ice, these items are virtually imperishable.

Although settlers lived to either side, another operation the origin of which cannot now be determined, was discovered within recent years not far up Chapman Creek, and relics retrieved from it.

Obviously there could be any number of these former dwelling places, mysteries even in their time, hidden and awaiting discovery in our wilds.

Some locations known as part of local lore, from the workers who remained in the area or from settler families who saw them, were saved until recent interest led to investigations of the sites.

Two such spots, from which shinglebolts were taken by John Wood and his associates, employing Oriental cutters, around 1910, a few miles up Wakefield Creek, yielded up pots and bottles to enthusiastic searchers during the past decade.

Two other sites formed parts of the Stoltz complex immediately after World War I. Located above what became known as the First Camp, above Cemetery Road, Gibsons, one, which housed Chinese workers, supplied shinglebolts to a skidroad that entered the camp from the northwest; and the other, made up of Japanese cutters, was built at the end of a flume to the northeast. One fine vase-shaped vessel was found a few years ago where the Chinese cutters lived, but neither of these sites seems to have been investigated to any extent.

As far back as the 1880's, Chinese crews were building skidroads for the "Moodyville Gang". One of their camps stood a half-mile from the present wharf site, near what is now School Road.

Chinese bolt-cutters also worked for James Fletcher, who logged the Pratt Road flats down what later became known as Charman's Ravine, to what is now the foot of Prowse Road, before the turn of the century. Oriental camps that served the Moodyville and Fletcher enterprises have long since been obliterated.

At the turn of the century, a camp of Japanese cutters dumped their bolts into a pond near the Steinbrunners' home at Roberts Creek. The locale of this operation is commemorated by Flume Road.

Elphinstone notes

by Ray Graham

As I was reviewing the events of last week in the school, I was stumped in trying to decide what to write about first, when I heard rock music coming through the door of the room I was in. My curiosity aroused, I followed the music through the halls and detected its source. In the lunchroom (our as yet unfinished cafeteria) about 40 or 50 students were being treated to a free performance by Blitz, a band made up of three senior students, Mike Desrosier, Grenville Skea, and Jack Crosby, one of Elphie's last year grads, Philip Desrosier. The jam session provided a welcome break in the usually dull monotony of lunch hour.

The school is finally beginning to brighten up its dull walls as Art 12 students have begun to pepper them with murals, all of which are quite good and a few are outstanding.

Elphie was given a shot of school spirit last week as our basketball teams defeated their opposite numbers from Pender Harbour in a series of matches. The climax of the series came when Elphie's junior boys came back in the dying seconds to defeat Pender senior boys 59-58.

Elphie was busy last week readying itself for the landing of Rocket Morton in the gym on Friday, December 16th. This excellent band from Vancouver was the smash hit of the 1977 Pacific National Exhibition and in a few short months has become a top night club and dance band. The dance promises to be a good one. The last of the invitations were accepted on Friday.

I would like to draw your attention (if you haven't already noticed) to the figures of Santa Claus and his reindeer atop the entrance to Elphie, and to thank the senior students who made them.

Harmony Hall

by Jim Holt

Here we go again on what I think will be my next to last issue for the column, as I go out of office at the end of this year. I would willingly carry on the column, but at our last General Meeting I was told that by writing the column it was keeping our members from coming to the meetings as they got all the news from the column. This remark I did not like, as it came from one of the new executive which will be installed on January 9th, 1978. I think that in regard to this matter that what I have been doing in writing the column is getting the message to the shut-ins and people who have no mode of transportation to get to the meetings. I would appreciate your comments on this matter as I don't wish to offend anyone and I don't want them to stay away from the meetings. If the lady in question is going to stay with her word, well you won't be getting much in the way of news as she stated she would only write to the paper when anything special is coming up, which will not be very often. However as I have stated I would appreciate your comments at the next General Meeting January 9th so that we can get this matter all settled. I am quite willing to keep on writing the column but not under the present conditions.

I would like to thank and congratulate our new 1st Vice President Vi Lynds on her organizing of the trip to Vancouver which we had last Wednesday. We had a beautiful but chilly day and visited in many of the stores in Gastown. Nothing very much was bought in Vancouver as we live here in Gibsons and figure that here is where our money should be spent. This is in reply to an editorial that appeared in the Coast News recently, but I assure the business people of Gibsons that if any shopping trips are made to Vancouver, it is not the senior citizens of Gibsons who are making them.

Vancouver is a beautiful city when it is all lit up with all the coloured Christmas lights and we got a good view of it from the North Shore. We also visited the Park and Tilford Brewery Gardens and they really are a masterpiece, all the bushes and trees and gardens decorated so beautifully. I imagine that John Holloway our master gardener of the O.A.P. was just drooling when he saw what can be done to make a business place look so beautiful, and I bet he has quite a few ideas in his mind as to what he can do with our grounds. So who knows, maybe one of these days we will have people coming up from Vancouver to see the Harmony grounds.

We had a wonderful bus driver by the name of Bud Hemsworth who was very cordial and obliging and all of us thoroughly enjoyed the trip. I don't know what the S.M.T. have, but they have a way of picking good obliging bus drivers and are to be highly commended on their choice. (Ted Harris in the S.M.T. North Van office take notice.)

It wasn't too long a day. We left here on the 11:15 ferry and came back on the 6:15 from Horseshoe Bay. Vancouver may be a wonderful city, I lived there for over 40 years, but give me Gibsons on the Sunshine Coast. This is home to me.

I would like to thank Dick Ranniger (Fire Chief) and the members of the Gibsons Fire Department for the beautiful condition they left the hall in after their banquet and dance on December 3rd. It was just marvellous, boys, and I might add you are the greatest bunch of firemen I have ever known and the best. Also thanks for the use of your P.A. system. It really came in handy at our last general meeting.

While I am thanking people for what they have done I would like to thank Tor Strand and Vic Eckstein for putting up the shelves in the hall store room. They were sorely needed.

Sorry to hear about my good buddy Len Coates who has suffered a set back in his condition. I was talking to his wife Gladys and she was telling me that Len's heart started acting up and the doctors wisely postponed his operation until a later date, so hang in there Len, we are all pulling for you and you are in our prayers. Also I hear that Lorne (Mac) MacLaren is in St. Paul's Hospital for a check up. We sincerely hope it is nothing serious and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

You may have noticed in the last issue of the Coast News that we were going to close down the Thursday Night Bingo for the holiday season but have since changed our minds and are going to continue every Thursday night through the holidays, weather permitting. If the roads are in bad condition we will not be operating, but if they stay good we will be carrying on right through. Just had a phone call from our treasurer Irene who has some tickets for sale for our New Years dance. If you wish to puchase tickets for the dance you can contact Irene at 886-9567 or at the hall next Wednesday at the Carpet Bowling session at 1:00 p.m.

Glad to report that Dick (when do we eat) Oliver is on the mend and will soon be his own self again. So get ready for the wise cracks folks as he has had lots of time to think of some new ones.

I sure hope this snow goes away soon as it makes the roads so treacherous. Drive carefully, folks, just as though your life depended on it, and it certainly does.

We would like to see a large turnout for our New Years dance. As I have stated in a previous issue, the tickets are $2.00 each which includes a buffet supper, to be served at midnight, plus mixes for those bringing liquor. When you add the entertainment, I am sure you will not get a better deal anywhere. As you know we have a good P.A. system for playing records and I am given to understand that Ernie Reitze will be bringing along his electric guitar, plus other instruments, and is also trying to get an accordian player to come with him, so it looks like a very enjoyable evening coming up.

If we could just get Mrs. Violet Herrier to come along and play the piano it would make the evening a huge success as Mrs. Herrin can really make a piano sound like an orchestra.

Haven't heard any more news about my friend Jim Derby of Branch #69 S.C.A. Sechelt who I understand came home for a while but has to go back into hospital for an operation. We all wish Jim well and hope he has a satisfactory operation and a speedy recovery.

Well folks, I have run out of news so I guess I will close by saying as usual, I hope these few lines find you all hale and hearty, hope you have got most of your Christmas shopping done and trust to see you all at the New Years party. So until next time I will say Adios Amigos.

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Nutrition notes

Question: Recently I have noticed magazine advertisements promoting folic acid for women. What is folic acid and do women need more than men?

Answer: Folic acid or folacin, is one member of the group of B vitamins which includes the better known thiamine, riboflavin and niacin. Folic acid is necessary to maintain healthy blood and normal functions of growing cells and tissues. Although everyone needs folic acid the requirements are greater for pregnant and nursing women and women using oral contraceptives. Folic acid is available in green leafy vegetables, orange juice, and organ meats such as liver.

Question: My dentist told me that sunflower and pumpkin seeds make a good snack for my family because they are low in sugar. Are they also nutritious or should I be concentrating on snacks such as fruit and vegetables?

Answer: Seeds are rich in different nutrients than are fruits and vegetables, but both could be classified as nutritious snacks. Fruits and vegetables are valuable mainly for their contribution of vitamins A and C, whereas seeds provide protein, calcium, iron and B vitamins. Seeds are high in fat, and therefore high in calories, so discretion should be used in the amounts eaten, especially by those who wish to control their weight.

Question: My husband is on a low cholesterol diet and is allowed only three eggs per week. I have noticed a low cholesterol egg replacer in the frozen food section of my supermarket. Can he have the frozen egg replacer for breakfast so that I can use the three egg allowance for baking? Would you recommend I use the egg replacer for my whole family?

Answer: The frozen egg replacers appear to be a good substitute for eggs for people on low cholesterol diets. The fat content is primarily corn oil and the equivalent of one egg contains less than 1.06 mgs of cholesterol. A regular egg contains 252 mgs of cholesterol. The frozen egg replacer can be used successfully in such breakfast dishes as scrambled eggs and omelets.

I would not recommend them for regular use for the rest of the family in that they are more expensive and nutrient value differs. A 16 oz. package which is equivalent to eight eggs costs $1.29. This would equal $1.94 for the equivalent of 1 dozen eggs. They do compare favourably to fresh eggs in regard to the nutrients but there is still something missing. This was demonstrated in a research project where rats were fed solely fresh eggs or egg replacers. The rats receiving the fresh eggs grew well while those on the fabricated product failed to grow.

Question: Can you tell me what "meat by-products" are? This term is very often on the label of processed meats.

Answer: Meat by-products include edible portions of the animal that are **not** skeletal muscle. Tripe, sweetbreads or brain are all examples of meat by-products that are commonly mixed with meat to form the total product.

Question: I have heard that pasta products such as spaghetti noodles and macaroni offer no nutritional value except starch. Is this true?

Answer: Pasta products are a very refined food, and don't offer much to the diet except carbohydrates in the form of starch. For this reason, many brands of noodles and macaroni have been enriched with the B vitamins , thiamine, riboflavin and niacin. Be sure to read labels and choose those brands which have been enriched. Otherwise you are getting poor value for your food dollar. Noodles made from whole wheat flour are also available in certain stores. Enriched or whole grain noodles fall into the bread and cereal food group, and a ¾ cup serving offers similar nutrition value to a slice of bread or a bowl of cereal.

Question: How does the number of calories in venison and moose meat compare to those found in beef?

Answer: Venison and moose meat have a lower fat content than beef and therefore are lower in calories. A 3 oz. serving of venison contains 107 calories, a 3 oz. serving of moose meat contains 86 calories and a 3 oz. serving of beef contains 200

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Patrick Murphy, a $5.00 gift certificate from Floron Agencies.
Mr. R. Blakeman, a $5.00 gift certificate from Ken's Lucky Dollar Foods.

Christmas Play

This year again the staff and students of Elphinstone Secondary School will present a Christmas concert featuring a three-act play and band selections from the Elphinstone Concert Band. The performance will be held on Monday, December 19th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elphinstone gymnasium.

"Long Live Christmas" is the title of this second annual Christmas play. It is a traditional story of how a king bans Christmas while under a sickness imposed upon him by an evil chamberlain. Appropriately, in a Christmas play, the forces of evil are overcome in the nick of time by the benevolent spirits abroad during the Christmas season.

Spokesman for the undertaking, Donard Mackenzie, said that the presentation will be a polished one with songs, music, and good acting. Included in the cast and in no particular order are Rosina Hastings, Steven Jack, Peter McKinnon, Randy Verhulst, Mike Peters, Eva King, Heather Hogan, Donard Mackenzie, Wendy Flay, Marni Jamieson, Fred Verhulst, Kathy Swinhart, Liz Russell, Leanna Lynn, Marie-anne Dawe, Yvonne Valancious, Sheila Spain, Dean Martin, Irene Edgecomb, Bill Jamieson, Laura Campbell, Helen Frankland, Reg Morel, Tim Montgomery and others.

The play which was directed and adapted from a traditional story by Donard Mackenzie has admission prices of $1.00 for adults, 75¢ for students and 50¢ for children.

Wildlife corner

R.Allen

by Ian Corrance & E. R. East.

If you think that we had a dog problem on the coast here, I was over on Bowen Island last week and had an hour to wait for the next ferry so I dropped in at the grocery store come coffee shop, looking through the local paper, Undercurrent, I noticed that some dogs had been killing sheep. I struck up a conversation with the person sitting next to me, and discovered that he was the one whose sheep were being mauled.

Apparently there's not much that he can do about it except bring over a Wildlife officer who has to catch the dogs in the act which is very unlikely, since it only happens once in a while. According to this man the dogs are also depleting the deer population. This is an unfortunate situation and leaves the people very little recourse but to take the law into their own hands, or appoint a dog catcher. It would be too bad if either of these things happened, on an island as sparsely populated as Bowen you would think that dogs would be able to run free. The onus lies with the owners to fulfill their responsibilities both to the dog and the neighbours.

On a brighter note here's a story from Miss East which I found very interesting and thank her for it.

★★★★

When we first came to British Columbia we lived in the then small village of Lumby, and one evening in our first autumn I was leaning out of the open bedroom window looking at the loom of the mountains against the sky, when I heard a sound from the sky to the north. I was familiar with the cries of migrating geese and this was quite different. It sounded like the baying of a pack of deep-voiced hounds with the full round musical notes of bugles mingled with the baying. The sound passed over the village and faded away in the southern sky, and I listened with a thrill almost of terror, for I had read a novel in which such sounds were described as coming down from a stormy night sky, and an old fisherman, listening, shook his head sagely and remarked, "Gabriels hounds looking for a soul. Someone will die this night." I did not tell anyone what I had heard and was almost afraid to sleep that night for fear that one of the family would die during the night. It was many years before, reading a naturalists description of their flighting cries, I realized that I had heard the passage of a flock of Trumpeter Swans, migrating south for the winter. I have never heard the sound again, but the music lingers in memory. As I understand, this is a very rare occurrence nowadays. I thought you might be interested.

E. R. East

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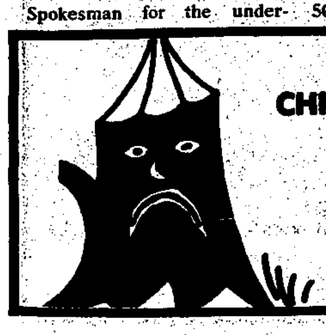

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The winner of the most recent suit-of-the-month club draw, organized by the Gibsons Kinsmen, in which a $200 suit or its equivalent from Richard's Men's Wear saw Patty Pratt of Gibsons emerge as the winner. Pictured here are Rob Dufresne and Phil Grafton of the Kinsmen along with Marie Fredericks of the Bank of Montreal where the draw was made.

Dave Kydd and Larry Girard flank their Business Licence and the more recently received Cease and Desist notice issued when the village revoked their licence recently in a zoning dispute. The thriving Gibsons All-Nighter Stove business has been unable to find a suitable location for their business and may be forced out of the village.

Business ordered closed

A cease and desist order has been posted in the old Pazco Fibreglass building which is intended to prevent the manufacture of the Gibsons All-nighter on that site. The action follows a lengthy controversy over the issue sparked by the protests of nearby residents Tom and Renee Davey about the noise involved in the manufacture of the stoves.

Tom Davey was present at the first meeting of the new Gibsons council held on Tuesday, December 6th, to complain that although the previous council had said that work on the stoves at the site must cease by the end of November production was still going on. Village clerk Jack Copland explained that it was not possible to take action in the matter until the minutes of the previous meeting had been approved by the present council.

Larry Girard, maker of the Gibsons All-Nighter Stove, explained to council he and his partner David Kydd had tried to find an alternative place for the manufacture of their stoves but without success. Mayor Blain, while expressing his regret, said that council had had legal advice and had no alternative but to follow it. "Our hands are tied," said the Mayor.

At the time of going to press no alternative site for the manufacture of the popular stove had been discovered in Gibsons and there was a possibility that a move to Sechelt might be necessary where it is believed a location might be found.

Wilson Creek

The Wilson Creek Community Centre is now preparing programs for the new year. Starting in January are Beginner's Guitar, a Parenting Group, and a Drop In Afternoon for local senior citizens. The library will reopen as well. The successful Teen Centre will continue with a teen trip to Vancouver planned for each of the months of January, February, and March. The Pre-school library and story time on Wednesday mornings will also continue. For information on any of the above programs, or to pass on ideas for new activities, please phone the Community Worker at 885-2309.

Have some news?

The Coast News welcomes social, church and entertainment news for clubs, lodges, hospital groups and service clubs.

Remember the deadline for press releases and classifieds is SATURDAY NOON. Mail items or drop them off. P.O. Box 460, Gibsons, VON 1VO.

Come cry with me

If you have questions about life in general or sex in particular, write Ann Napier, C/O Coast news, Box 460, Gibsons, B.C.

Dear Ann:

I was married only one and a half years when I discovered my wife, who was 19 at the time, had had a one night stand with someone she had been taking night classes from. We made up. The hitch is now my trust is very "ify", anything she does out of the ordinary makes my heart sink and I feel sure she's with someone else. Will my confidence return?

Suspicious

Dear Suspicious:

You sound pretty normal to me. Anyone in love and caring has to fight jealousy. When so much of our happiness depends on the love object, our life is empty without them, hence we have this sick feeling, sometimes anger when our little world is threatened. With no more incidents of infidelity you will again feel confident. Try to forget it and treat her very well with little attentions, bring flowers or a treat occasionally and remember to treat her with affection and love. She probably was flattered by the attention and reassuring herself that she was indeed attractive. We tend to take the loved one for granted. Many of these splits occur when one gets tied up in work or hobbies and leaves the other partner to their own devices. There's always someone ready to fill that gap, so continue to woo and appreciate your lover and show it plainly.

Dear Ann:

My husband and I seemed to have reached a dull plateau in our relationship where sex was unexciting. When he wanted me to join a group of wife swappers, I was very dubious. It has worked out all right, at times we have some great weekends and big parties. But I came home from work at noon and found him in bed with the wife of one of the couples we swap with. I was annoyed as we had agreed we'd only swap at the same time. I slammed around the kitchen, slamming cupboards and dishes and the refrigerator door. He complained I disturbed them. Should I still see these people? Am I being childish? Her husband doesn't turn me on anyway.

Burned

Dear Burned:

No! I'd let that couple go. She sounds like she's trying to change partners permanently, rules mean nothing to her. This is a risky business at best. There's less chance of a partner falling in love if there is not a concentrated exposure. It seems to be that falling in love takes a certain time, so breaking it up is a good idea and see more of each other, maybe he'll get jealous and that will end this risky game. It is usually the man that starts swapping because he wants variety. If you seem to go along, he may end it as quickly as he started if he feels threatened. Praise some of these other men and keep his attention on you.

Dear Ann:

Do you think it's kinky to have your husband want you to dress up a certain way for sexual reasons - and move all over the house to get variety of sexsations?

Balky

Dear Balky:

He's doing it with you, that's good. Many people are into this. It's called pickles and spices in one book, so use your own judgement. Variety is the spice of life.

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Alderman Frode Jorgenson takes the oath of office in the ceremony at Sechelt Council Chambers on Monday Dec 6th.

Newly-elected Mayor Blain affixes his signature at the end of his swearing-in ceremony in Gibsons last Monday afternoon, May 5th. Village Clerk Jack Copland assists.

Oil port inquiry hamstrung

Stuart Leggatt, M.P., New Westminster.
Oil Port Inquiry Hamstrung?

Last March, the federal government appointed UBC law professor Andrew Thompson to examine the effects of a proposed west coast oil port on British Columbia's environment and economy.

The project's opponents were expected to mount a vigorous attack, but until now a good deal of their criticism has been directed at the Inquiry itself.

While this has upset some people, it appears that there indeed may be some basis for the complaints. To understand the problem, we have to look at the mandate of the Thompson Inquiry.

Commissioner Thompson was originally appointed to study a planned oil port at Kitimat, which would transfer Alaskan oil from tankers to a 753-mile pipeline ending in Edmonton.

It came about because of the misgivings of B.C. Members of Parliament (myself included) and west coast environmental and fisheries groups that tankers would surely lead to oil spills.

Then suddenly last spring, the backers of the Kitimat project deferred their plans in favour of a scheme by Trans Mountain Pipeline Ltd. to expand the existing oil port facilities at Cherry Point, Washington.

The pipeline company planned to reverse the flow in an existing pipeline that carried Canadian crude from Edmonton to Cherry Point, with Alaskan oil shipped first to Alberta and then south to Minnesota through the Interprovincial pipeline.

A third group are promoting the Northern Tier Project, which calls for an oil port at Port Angeles, 18 miles due south of Victoria on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. It would off-load oil for shipment along a new all-American pipeline to the energy-starved mid-eastern states.

With these new developments, the federal government in late June changed the terms of reference of the Thompson Inquiry to deal with all potential west coast oil ports (Canadian or American) and their attendant tanker traffic close to and in B.C. waters.

With that change came the first of the charges that the Inquiry was an ineffective forum for dealing with the problem. Most of the backers of the two Washington State oil ports will not appear before Commissioner Thompson, with the result that there is no chance for the interveners to cross-examine these groups.

The key backer of the Cherry Point scheme, Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) is not named by the government order-in-council setting up the Inquiry, and will not appear at any hearings.

The companies backing the Northern Tier Project, which will still bring oil tankers along our coast, are not participants and refused to provide even a description of their plans to the Inquiry.

Opponents of oil port development are perhaps justifiably upset that the oil multinationals will not have to account for their schemes and provide detailed information before Commissioner Thompson.

These environmentalists and fishermen's groups are also concerned that the Inquiry, which must report to Ottawa by December 31, won't have enough time to do an adequate job.

To the Commissioner's credit, he has indicated he will ask for more time from the federal government. If there is an extension, the interveners are concerned that their funding continue at at least current levels.

Add to this worries that the National Energy Board, now entertaining Trans Mountain's plan to reverse its Edmonton to Cherry Point pipeline, might approve the oil port indirectly by giving the go-ahead to the pipeline company BEFORE the Thompson Inquiry makes its recommendations.

Small wonder the Inquiry is under attack. But it would be a shame if Commissioner Thompson had to take the flak for the structure of an inquiry that was designed in Ottawa, not B.C.

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Uranium (cont'd)

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As usual, no one will take responsibility for the most dangerous practices. Of course! The risks are too great.

The policy of supplying misleading information and misinformation is characteristic of the entire nuclear industry and the governing bodies "responsible" for regulating it. Let's pull out of the suicidal trend toward nuclear power sooner rather than later and concentrate on safer, permanent energy sources before we're in deeper trouble. There is time and there is all the energy we need if we use it wisely. We must not be stampeded into stopgap measures we'll regret for thousands of years.

Nicol Warn
Halfmoon Bay, B.C.

Wilson Creek

The Wilson Creek Drop-in Centre is hosting a Teen Backgammon Tournament on Wednesday, December 14th. If you are a teenager and play backgammon, bring your board and come along to the Scout Hall at 7:30. There's a small charge of 50¢ for registration and prizes will be provided. For non-backgammon players there's ping pong, darts and music as well. Don't miss out on the fun, the tense drama...the excitement of the Wilson Creek Drop-in Backgammon Tournament, Wed. December 14th.

The Teen Centre is also open for business on Tuesdays, on a drop-in basis, 7:30 to 9:30, everyone 13 to 19 years old is welcome! For more information on teen events phone April, at 885-2309.

Creeping deserts

By the Office of Church in Society The United Church of Canada, 85 St. Clair Ave., E, Toronto, Ont. M4T 1M8.
THE CREEPING DESERTS

Man is still killing the land that feeds him. The creeping deserts remain one of the great global ecological problems that seem to defy solution. The challenge for mankind is clear: Either we halt what the scientists call desertification, or we risk the prospect of even greater food shortages in future decades.

Deserts do not just happen. The ruins of ancient civilizations in the Middle East prove that poorly managed agriculture and urbanization destroyed fertile lands. Nomads knew centuries ago that moving people and livestock from an area before its vegetation was totally destroyed, would save the land in future years. But far too often overgrazing by livestock, overcutting of forests, abusing scarce water resources and improper tillage killed millions of acres of fertile land.

A recent conference on the spreading deserts held in Nairobi, Kenya, was told that already about 43 percent of this planet's land surface is either desert of semi-desert. Land is being denuded and destroyed at the rate of 14 million acres a year. And unless the trend is slowed, about a third of the arable land available to us today will be lost by the turn of the century.

What can mankind do about these mysterious, other-worldly deserts like the Sahara, the Gobi, the Australian and the South Asian deserts? They may look fascinating from the air or in color films. They have played a romantic part in literature. But in fact they are grim symbols of the way man have misused this planet.

The first need is slow reclamation of deserts through replanting and reafforestation programs. The lowering of birthrates and more development assistance from richer countries will help. So will education since poor people in those countries, like we in Canada, do not know how to use their land wisely. The creeping desert can be halted. But it will take a global effort by all nations — great and small nations alike.

Writing seminar

In a program co-ordinated by Geoffrey Madoc-Jones, head of the English Department at Elphinstone Secondary School, three local writers gave seminars to high school students on Aspects of Writing and Publishing on the Sunshine Coast. Involved in the seminars were local poet Peter Trower, the publisher of Raincoast Chronicles, Howie White, and the editor of the Coast News, John Burnside.

Each of the three writers gave three individual seminars to the high school students. Superintendent John Denley expressed his pleasure at the undertaking.

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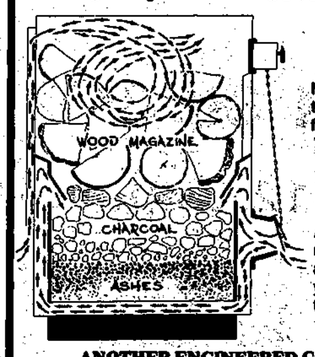

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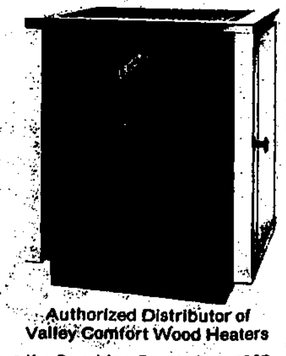

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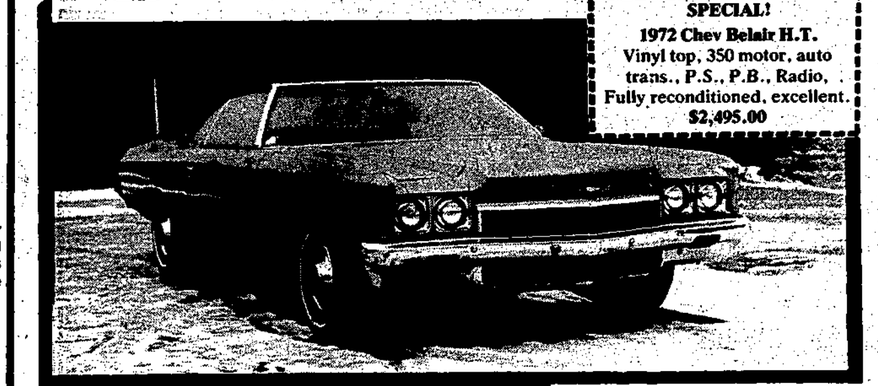

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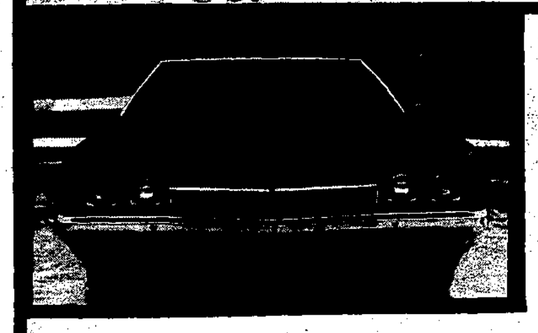

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Mrs. Greta Grant first moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1914 when she and her husband lived for a time in a tent.

by John Faustmann

GRETA GRANT

Greta Grant lives in a long, low house just back from the bay in Gibsons. A small brook wanders through her property, making its way down to the sea, and sitting in her kitchen you can just make out the noise of the water passing by. Greta, whose lively eyes and quick, sure movements seem to belie the fact that she was ninety-four this last October, likes the sound of her brook. "It sings to me," she says. From talking with her, you realize that if anyone can hear a brook sing, it would be Greta Grant. She's a lady with a touch of poetry to her.

Here on the west coast, a continent and a lifetime away from Moncton, New Brunswick, where she was born in 1883, Greta can still recall many of the details of her childhood. Brought up on a large farm, part of a land grant made to her Empire Loyalist ancestors, she remembers the winter skating parties, the buggy rides, the horses her father kept. She remembers attending school, where literature was her best subject. "I could memorize like a house afire," she says, "even now I recite when I'm trying to get to sleep," and to prove her point, she reels off a bit of Longfellow, one of her favourites: "I stood on the bridge at midnight, when the clock was striking the hour/ when the moon rose in its glory, behind the high church tower..." Shakespeare was another favourite, and Byron. "I liked old Byron," she says, "he seemed to have some force to him, and he wasn't very happy." School was the place, too, where she first met her husband. When she was twenty-three she came out west to Vancouver and married him.

Judge Grant, her father-in-law, had a camping spot in Gibsons back in those days, and in 1914, Greta and her husband started coming here from the city. "There were a lot of nice people living up here then," she says. "Always have been. They come as summer people and end up staying." Greta began spending her summers here when her part of the village was nothing more than a hayfield. Horses used to come by at night and rub up against their tent poles, and someone would have to get up and chase them down to the beach. But those were good days, she recalls, and as the years passed her family began to grow. She had three daughters, who have all come back to live in this area, and a son, Kenneth, who was killed in a tragic plane crash.

With an ever larger family to take care of, Greta didn't want to live in a tent any more. She wanted a house. She had some money from home, and since her husband was an engineer, she thought she'd get him to design it. For some reason he kept putting the project off, and finally Greta got an idea herself. Why didn't they copy part of the old Lady Evelyn, the steamer that brought them up from the city? "I was no architect," she says. "But I was always stubborn. I didn't think I should be dictated to by any man. We women have as much brains as they have, and I knew what I wanted." So the house was built, and with its long passageway and its stateroom-like spaces, it does seem something like a ship.

The family moved to Gibsons permanently in 1935, when her husband's illness forced his retirement. She recalls the town as it was then, remembering Harry Winn carrying sacks of potatoes up the wharf, that "awful, rocky road" to Sechelt, the dances at the Socialist Hall, the Farmer's Institute Fall Fiar, the picnics on Keats Island. She remembers whole bunches of people down on the beach in the summer - the bonfires they had, and the singalongs. She recalls the boardwalks in the town, and how, when it rained, the water used to run right into the post office.

Several years later her husband died. But Greta stayed on, and now her daughters have returned to be around her. The sea scouts in town have taken her son's name for their squadron. She has many friends who often stop in for a visit, and she still does the shopping once a week, and keeps her house in ship-shape order. And her brook still sings to her on its way to the sea. As Greta says: "Well, I'm still here anyway. Very much alive but not very spry." Perhaps not very spry, but with a touch of poetry to her yet.

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SPORTS

Coast strokers

by Dennis Gray

When Chris B. mentioned the other day that he was putting his bike away for the winter, I didn't have to go outside to check the weather conditions. When Chris puts his bike away you can be sure the weather is bad, further than that, don't expect more than a day or two of good riding weather before spring. (Don't despair his springs come early!) Last night Mike M. suggested I mention a few things he could do to make sure his bike was ready for spring, since Mike's bike is a four stroke I'll stick to them.

Most machines are metric these days, so you'll need such metric tools as hammers, crescent wrenchs, screw drivers, etc. All kidding aside other than those tools; a plug wrench, spoke wrench, fresix oil, new oil filter and new spark plugs, nothing special is needed. Take the machine outside and run it until the oil is warm, then drain it. While oil is draining shut off fuel petcocks and remove gas line to the carbs, then drain the carburettor, next drain the gas tank and re-connect fuel lines to carbs. Flush out fuel tank and carbs with furnace oil. Catch this furnace oil, you can use it to remove road grease and grime. Replace plugs in carburettors; replace oil drain plug. (first check copper gasket) Install new oil filter add new oil and remove spark plugs. Pour an ounce or two of motor oil into each plug hole and crank over motor a few times, install new spark plugs, clean and inspect old plugs.

Check all lights, then remove battery. This will require periodic charging during the winter. Inspect contact breaker points, clean and inspect air filters. Now, get a bucket of warm soapy water and wash machine well, inspecting for loose or faulty parts as you do so, if you use furnace oil during this stage be careful not to get it on the tires or any rubber components. Lube and adjust drive chain, then wheel it into its hibernation cave.

This storage area should be dry and well ventilated. A 60 watt lamp below machine will help stop condensation. Sit machine up on its centre stand. A little armorall on the saddle and wax on the fuel tank will brighten your memories, as you sit back and think about last season's trips.

Before you drift too far into next year's trips Mike, remember you left all those expensive metric tools out in the yard.

Strikes spares

by Bud Mulcaster

Bonnie McConnell was the only one to break 300 in the Classic League last week. "Bon Bon" rolled a 318 single and had a 1043 four game total. Ken Skytte slipped over the thousand pin mark with 1006 and Freeman Reynolds rolled a 279 average with an 1118 four game total. And that's good bowling!

Lee Larsen was the star in the Tuesday Coffee league with a 339 single and 786 for three and Alice Smith rolled a 322 single in the Gibsons 'A' league.

In the Ball & Chain league Freeman kept up his 270 plus average bowling with a 307 single and 814 for three and Ken Skytte, in a rolloff, had a 333 single and 832 for three in the same league.

Rolling off for the Senior Y.B.C., Geoff Spence had a 300 single and the big gun for the swingers was Belle Wilson with 258 and 702 for three.

Highest Scores: Classic: Bonnie McConnell 318-1043, Larry Braun 236-903, Ken Skytte 288-1006, Freeman Reynolds 294-1118. **Tuesday Coffee:** Marie Conner 284-649, Sandy Eidet 239-657, Lesley Bailey 256-699, Bev Drombolis 258-730, Lee Larsen 339-786. **Swingers:** Ev MacLaren 194-508, Belle Wilson 258-702, Art Smith 183-538. **Gibsons 'A':** Pauline Hogg 278-637, Kathy Clark 270-640, Romy Talento 259-684, George Watt 250-712. **Wednesday Coffee:** Jane Coates 242-664, Bonnie McConnell 239-670, Dot Robinson 237-671, Nora Solinsky 240-674. **Ball & Chain:** Gloria Tourigny 243-669, Frank Redshaw 257-693, Freeman Reynolds 307-814, Ken Skytte 333-832. **Phuntastique:** Belva Hauka 240-622, Mavis Stanley 268-694, Jim Middleton 275-696, Ralph Roth 266-712. **Legion:** Dianne Fitchell 252-630, Gail Prentis 240-642, Laurie Cavalier 228-645, Pete Cavalier 279-650. **Y.B.C. Juniors** Cheri Adams 201-536, Carmell delos Santos 193-545, Jeff Krintila 212-510. **Y.B.C. Seniors:** Colleen Bennett 209-561, Mike Maxfield 226-657, Jeff Mulcaster 270-673, Geoff Spence 300-698.

Soccer

by Barnibus & Co.

Soccer fans have a treat ahead of them this weekend. Playoffs for the coast league soccer tournament are being held this Saturday at Hackett Park and the Reserve field. Finalists in the playoffs are Gibson's Raiders, Sechelt Renegades, Sechelt Chiefs and Wakefield. There will be an allstar game on Sunday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m. at Hackett Park. Allstars picked from the coast league tournament will form a team to play the Gibsons Wanderers.

Fans are also invited to the tournament dance at the Sechelt Legion, Saturday night.

Wanderers have been idle in regular league play recently as the Vancouver parks have been closed because of the weather. Their next game will be this Saturday, December 17th against the Vancouver Celtics. Game time is 2:00 p.m. at Langdale field, weather permitting.

Penalty Shots: Frank Hoehne will soon be donning a Wanderers uniform as he returns from a short "retirement" because of business commitments. Also, returning from a year in Switzerland is Peter Cerny who will probably take up a position in the forward line. If you see a bunch of tough looking fellows in black jackets with green and white crests, look out...

rocks

by Pat Edwards

The last games of the first half of the curling league will be played during the week of December 12 to 16. The second half of the schedule will begin on January 2nd.

Don't forget the turkey shoot on December 17. This annual event has proven to be very popular in the past, and the organizers are looking forward to a good turnout again this year. The fun begins at noon.

The ladies open bonspiel scheduled for January 20, 21, and 22 still has a number of openings. There are three events and the entry fee is only $48.00 per rink, so get your name on the list, ladies.

John Crosby's rink did us proud last week in Powell River, taking second place in the A event, and the Frampton rink took third in the D event. This was Powell River's annual men's open bonspiel, and from all reports the competition was good. Congratulations, fellas!

Gus has samples of the souvenirs for the Canadian Curling Championship Brier to be held in Vancouver in March. If you are interested, give him your orders. There is everything from charms and pins to steins and T-shirts - good gift ideas for that curler on your list.

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Good crowds at the Sechelt Arena on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon were well entertained by two first class hockey games as the Peninsula Gales hosted a strong hockey team from New Westminster. Saturday night the Gales battled to an exciting draw with the visitors in a game which see-sawed back and forth before ending up in a 5-5 tie. Sunday afternoon in another thriller the New Westminster goal-keeper Volohoffer all but stood the Gales on their ears as they lost 3-1 in another thriller.

Saturday night the Gales jumped out in front of kthe visitors early when Kennedy jammed one home with only thirty-five seconds gone. Bob Dixon drew the assist. At 14.23 of the period gutsy Sean Van Strepen made it 2-0 for the home team assisted by Wayne Seels. In the second period yet another Gales goal came at 10.27 when Dave Mewhort scored on a pass from Robbie Williams and the locals had a three-goal lead. New Westminster was a class hockey team, however, and they fought right back with Danshin scoring at 14.29 of the second from Vassos then ace scorer Oakland narrowed the gap to just one goal when he put one past Sam Casey in the Gales net on an assist from Sullivan at 15.17. Then it was the Gales' turn again as Bobby Dixon scored at 15.29 on a pass from Doug Kennedy and the second period ended with the locals ahead 4-2.

New Westminster stormed back again at the beginning of the third period with three unanswered goals to take the lead for the first time in the hockey game. First it was Oakland again, scoring with just fifteen seconds gone in the period with Vassos assisting. Danshin got the tying goal at 8.06 with an unassisted marker and then Vassos scored the go-ahead goal at 12.08, also unassisted. The last goal of the game was scored by veteran forward Jim Gray on a pass from Rick Ion at 13.56 and the crowd left the building at the end of the game buzzing with excitement.

Most of them were back again on Sunday afternoon to see the rematch and though the local favourites lost it was another fine hockey game which could have gone either way. This time it was Vassos who did most of the damage with two unanswered goals in the first period. The first one came at 12.21 of the period on assists by Oakland and Keenan and he got his second at 15.37 on assists from McCoy and Robertson.

The teams battled through a scoreless second period with the New Westminster goalie playing brilliantly. Finally at 7.16 of the third period Rick Ion finally got the puck past Volohoffer with an assist from Wayne seels. The Gales' hopes of tying the game were dashed when Sullivan scored from Robertson at 13.52 of the last period to hand the Gales a 3-1 loss.

Both games were hard-hitting but cleanly played contests and the New Westminster were most impressed with the calibre of the opposition, particularly when they learned that after Stu Orpin sprained a leg the Gales were down to only two regular defencemen. The visitors were lavish in their praise of the local team and expressed a desire to meet them again.

The referee in the game was Ron Halverson of Powell River and he was so impressed with the calibre of play that he intends to travel down next week when the visiting team will be the Powell River Taws. Hockey fans in the area will remember that last year the Taws beat Wakefield in the final of the Sunshine Coast Cup. Next week there will only be the Saturday night game and hockey fans are urged to attend the SATURDAY CONTEST TO CHEER ON THE Gales in their game with the team that beat last year's local champions. This year the Taws are playing well with just one loss and a tie in their last nine games.

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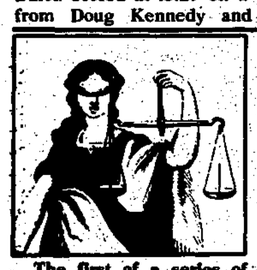

Law Talk

The first of a series of four columns on Impaired Driving, by Gordon Hardy.

Over three hundred British Columbians will be killed this year by the lethal combination of gasoline and alcohol. These deaths will take place because even a few alcoholic drinks can cause a perilous lack of mental alertness in a driver behind the wheel of a two-thousand pound machine clipping along faster than any horse. More than fifty percent of B. C.'s traffic fatalities involve alcohol.

With the highest impaired driver per capita rate in Confederation, the provincial government has served notice that it's getting very, very tough with drinking drivers. Attorney General Garde Gardom recently said, "British Columbia has had enough of roadway roulette... We mean business."

These days the police, magistrates and insurance companies treat drinking drivers with a heavy hand so it is well that drivers understand the various charges and procedures related to drunken driving.

The oldest and simplest charge is **impaired driving**. A driver is guilty of it if his **ability** is impaired: it does not matter if he's driving well or not. However, Vancouver lawyer Ace Henderson points out that most impaired drivers are netted after they attract a policeman's attention with erratic driving. Henderson says its "largely a myth created by the attorney general's office that a lot of drunken drivers get caught at random with road-blocks and such."

The police will look for signs of impairment like slurred speech, red eyes or the odour of alcohol. Sometimes they ask the driver to perform tests like picking up coins off the ground. Often they will slyly ask the driver to walk over to the police car to retrieve his licence and then observe his walk for signs of unsteadiness.

A driver is not required by law to perform these tricks or do anything beyond providing his licence, insurance card, name and address. As Henderson points out, "You don't have to say anything but if you don't, the officer may conclude that that in itself is a symptom of impairment. I've seen this happen many times."

The important thing to remember is how easy it is to get impaired. That pleasant buzz in the pub can be a dangerous impairment behind the wheel, yet almost imperceptible to the driver. Ace Henderson adds, "It's dangerous to think in terms of how many drinks you've had. Some people are impaired after one drink."

The impaired driving charge can also stick in case of impairment due to drugs, prescribed or not, or drugs in combination with alcohol. Diazapam, an extremely common tranquillizer and reputedly the mostly widely prescribed drug in North America, can cause impairment, particularly if mixed with even miniscule amounts of alcohol. Dr. Stuart MacLeod recently claimed before the Canadian Society of Clinical Investigations that a new test is needed to show impairment due to drugs since they do not show up in breathalizer tests.

In fact, the presence and amount of drugs in the blood-stream can be determined by means of blood and urine tests but drivers are not obligated to give them. In the case of accidents resulting in hospitalization, though, the hospital takes a blood sample upon admittance. This is occasionally used by the police as evidence of drug impairment.

According to some experts, a major form of impairment, aside from that related to alcohol and prescribed drugs, is due to marijuana. Here, too, a driver can be convicted if it is proven to a judge that his ability to drive was impaired.

A less well-known charge is the one related to being impaired **while in the care and control** of an automobile. Here the law presumes that an impaired driver sitting behind the wheel of a still car is going to drive it unless he can prove otherwise.

"It's a bit of a shock," says Henderson, "to discover that you can be guilty of this offence even without driving. For example, at a party you're really drunk so you stagger out to the car to wait for your wife or girl-friend who is going to drive you home. If you sit in the driver's seat, you could be arrested."

The maximum penalties for all types of impaired driving charges have recently been doubled. For a first conviction, the driver's licence is automatically suspended for three months and a fine ranging as high as 2000 dollars or six months in jail is imposed, although the average fine is between 300 and 700 dollars. However, around Christmas time, judges usually impose heavier sentences.

If damage or injury has resulted from the impairment, the licence is suspended for six months, even if this means the driver will lose his job. The old partial suspensions which allowed drivers to use the car only for work are no longer given.

For second and third convictions, things get really tough. Second offenders face six month suspensions of their licences or, in cases of damage or injury, a year. A jail sentence of between fourteen days and a year is imposed.

Third time offenders can kiss their driving privileges away indefinitely. They won't need them for the three months minimum they're going to spend in jail, anyway.

Naturally, automobile insurance premiums sky-rocket after any impaired conviction and the insurance company washes its hands of any driver who causes or suffers any damage while under the influence. The impaired driver is liable for all damages.

An impaired driving conviction stays on the books anywhere in Canada for life although prosecutors exercise a lot of discretion here, and will sometimes not press a second offence as such if a considerable number of years have gone by since the original offence.

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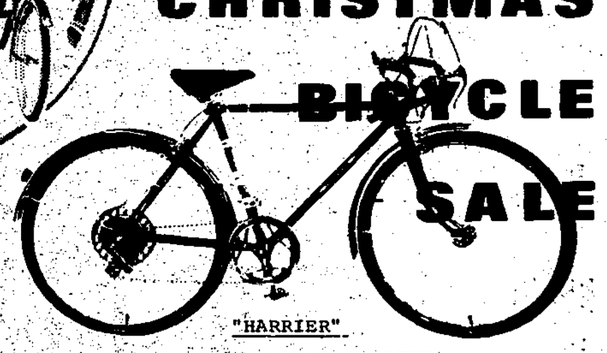

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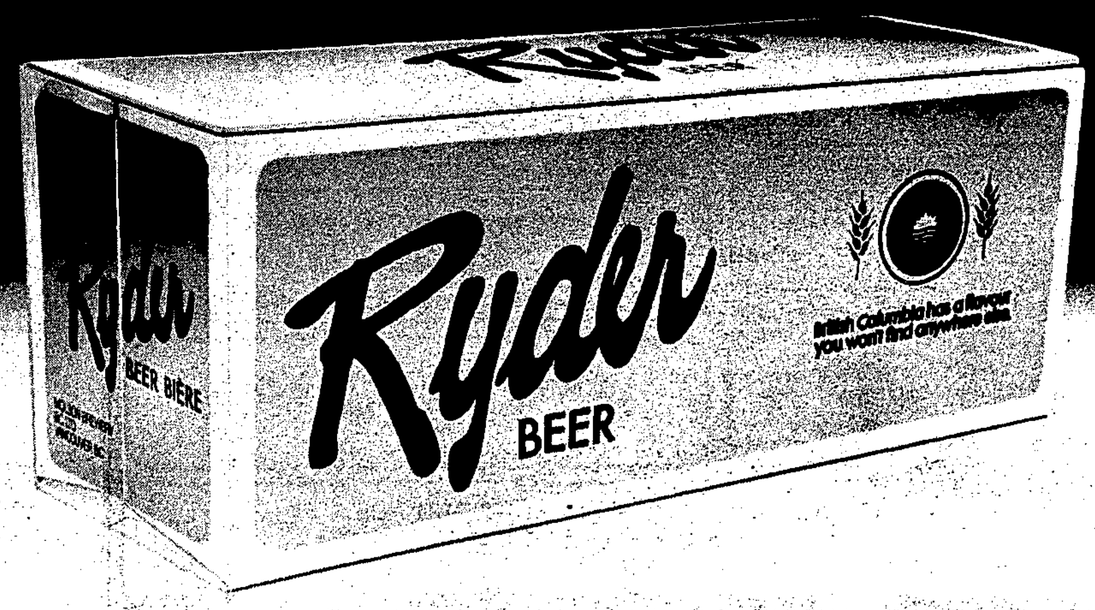

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Don't forget the Wilson Creek Drop In Centre, at the Scout Hall. If you are interested in listening to music, playing darts and Ping Pong and just plain talking to others, come along. The Scout Hall is being renovated for the use of groups in the evenings. You'll enjoy the new paint job, stereo and friendly atmosphere. For more info on the Drop In, and other programs planned for the New Year, phone your Community Worker at 885-2309. #50

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Obituaries

Chilton: Passed away December 5th, 1977. Della May Chilton, late of Davis Bay, B. C. in her 100th year. Survived by three daughters. Funeral service was held Friday, December 9th at St. John's United Church, Davis Bay. Rev. Annette Reinhardt officiated. Interment Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver. Devlin Funeral Home directors.

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Announcements

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Starting Thursday, Dec. 8th, our regular meetings will be held in a new place at a new time. The place is the **old** Gibsons Elementary School and the time is 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will meet there until further notice. #50

Announcements

Would the person who took the propane tank from my yard in West Sechelt by mistake late in November, please return as owner has been identified. 885-2407, 885-2030. #50

TOPS #1147
Change of meeting place:, TOPS 1147, Gibsons, will now meet Wed. evening at 7:00 p.m. in the annex of Gibsons Elementary School. New members are most welcome. #51

Hey diddie diddie keep watching your middle, and you'll have it slimmed down soon, but when food fills the platters, it just might help matters, if your dish ran away with your spoon. Come to a TOPS meeting Thurs. at 1:00 p.m. in old Gibsons Elementary School. #51

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Freethinkers Pulpit

by Andy Randall

How far does the circulation of the Coast News reach? Well, it seems someone (do I have fan mail?) had got hold of one of my weekly bits and pieces in our local rag. Maybe on the Langdale ferry. Anyway, a clipping, half a page of the Vancouver Sun, and way back in August, if you want it dated, came to me from Vancouver and it was on Scientology. That sentence, friend teacher, is overloaded with commas and is not your style. Yes, no? Well, it's mine.

Now let's see if we can cut this rambling article on Scientology down to our size. First I must give you the opening paragraph with all its feathers on before I pluck the old bird to its bare buff. "The dianetic teachings of the Church of Scientology are rooted in science fiction and reflect the arrogance of a small mind, according to a committee of the B. C. College of Physicians and Surgeons." Trust the surgeons to cut away extraneous matter. That's a nice medical term.

We can strip off the excess verbiage of both the reporter and the college's findings. Then we see a B. C. Supreme Court hearing in which a certain doctor - practising psychiatry - was charged on five counts, one of which read: "Used methods of treatment not recognized by medical science and not founded on responsible medical experience or research." In other words, and they legalized on this thoroughly, they meant he had combined Scientology with psychiatry and claimed payment for treatment under B. C. medical regulations.

I am not too sure if this case wouldn't have been good material for a comedy for here is a certified headshrinker, who seems to need a bit of headshrink work on him, who has seen the monetary value of dabbling on the side with another form of headshrinking, and this under the name of the Church of Scientology.

The aforesaid committee concluded their assessment on a book of Scientology called 0-8 in the following manner: "It displays an arrogance that cannot be accepted in any dedicated seeker of the truth. It is written by a small-minded person to the small-minded!" The dianetic (meaning to think through) teachings are graded upwards, so it appears, and a student's progress is governed by escalated payments to the Church. I remember that a young man lost all his savings, mortgaged his home, and still was asked to supply more of the stuff that finances the leader, who sails around the world on his yacht, in which he operates his business of Scientology.

The young lad was guaranteed a definite physical levitation of his body if he sent another few thousands. I don't know about that levitation, but having a canny sense of the dollar, I'd say he got severely levitated from his cash and savings.

How can this happen in our supposedly wide-awake human society? I feel it can be told so briefly. We are, and have been for some time now, living in the era of the Americanization of Evangelism. I'll patent that phrase, I think it is mine. What do I mean? Just this, the American genius for making a fast buck has entered the Holy of Holies, and the genus Americanus has perfected his show of shows on T.V. and elsewhere (mostly T.V.) with a following unsurpassed anywhere. Barnum and Bailey would turn in their graves if they knew what was going on.

Strong statements you say. Who hasn't cringed with shame at the too obvious slam at big-time Evangeleriums by the film showing of Elmer Gantry? Who hasn't felt that it was maybe getting too near the mark. Who hasn't read or heard of the Father Divine's and other spellbinders extracting the moola from simple and over-believing folk?

Okay. To mention Billy Graham, that is to suggest the weeist smidging of doubt as to his business acumen regarding storing up treasures of earth, rather than "treasures in heaven" as he and others so often preach, is to be almost sacrilegious. In fact I will get my fingers severely wrapped for even mentioning the possibility. But why not? Has he become so enshrined in people's minds that he, and I must add all the other possible "hucksters" of our T.V. shows, can not be weighed and considered.

Though I am fully aware of the tremendous influence, and possibly worldwide good the television broadcasting of these evangelists can, and do make, yet I feel there is a great danger that the broadcasting turns more people off, than on the truths in Christianity. Simply because so many people have come to the conclusion as I have, that, after all is not every such programme another exhibit of the Americanization of Evangelism? And, these things are so well organized that each Evangelist's staff, or almost every one (if I have slipped up on one) have a mailing system par excellence, that gets around to solicit the Everlasting Dollar for more reasons than you and I can think up.

Guess I'm old-fashioned, but give me back the old church in the Wildwood, and I don't mean the song. To close. Maybe I'll get to the Happy Hunting Ground before those big guys do, 'cos I'll have no gold sacks to hinder my taking off. And if they are completely genuine, I'll make my apologies up there before Peter. I can hear him chuckling.

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Mrs. A. G. Pressley
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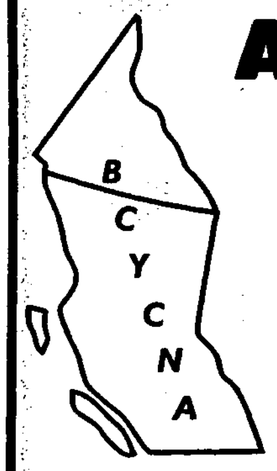

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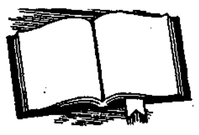

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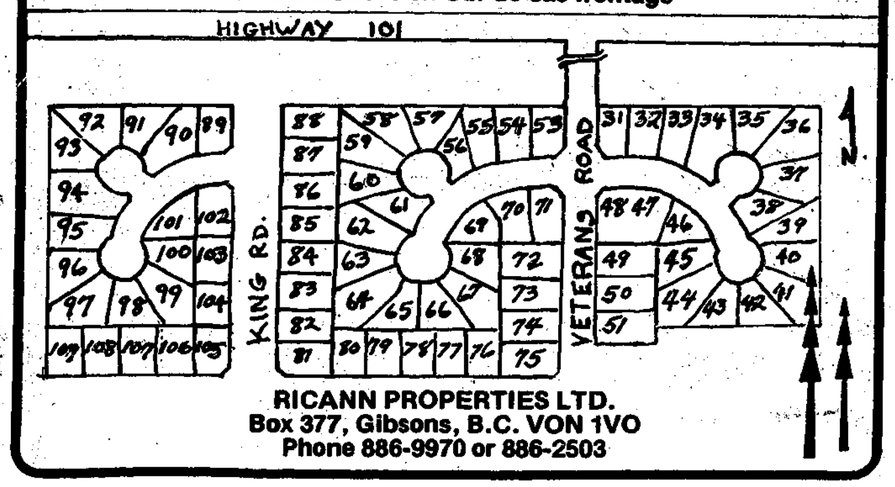

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Remembering Whiskers

by G. E. Mary Cassin

Whiskers disappreared from the scene just as suddenly and mysteriously as he first appeared. I never did learn his real name.

He was an expert at putting in and fixing septic tanks. He did a good job and took a great pride in what he did. You would think he had just laid an expensive rug. "Look," he would say showing me with pride, "what a beautiful job I have done." I looked as I held my nose at the transformation of the old septic tank he had just renewed.

When we were still living at the big house by the Post Office Whiskers used to call on us sometimes when he came to drink the water from the stream that ran through our garden at that time. "The finest water in Gibsons," he said, though we ourselves used only the town water from the tap. He never did convert us.

He claimed he had a healing touch, though I never did meet anyone he had healed.

Whiskers belonged to the House of David he told us, which faith did not allow the cutting of hair. Besides his beard he had very long hair which he had piled up inside a hat which he always wore. Not everyone knew about the hair, but I heard from a neighour of his even before he told me, that they had seen him through his windows, sitting without his hat and displaying his big tresses.

One time I remember Whiskers asking my husband if he would help him to get a loan on a cat so that together they could clear his property and he would pay him for it. Well, this my husband did and then got let down when Whiskers could not pay off the loan.

On interviewing Mr. Henniker, who was the Manager of the Bank of Montreal at that time, which was before it had moved to its present location. He, Mr. Henniker, advised my husband to claim against the insurance money on Whiskers house which had just mysteriously burnt down. There was some doubt as to whether they would approve the claim, as he had been up on an arson charge previously to that. However since there was no proof the claim went through and we got our money thanks to the endeavours of Mr. Henniker.

Years later Whiskers nearly got himself in trouble again. This time he was involved in a scheme to kidnap Mrs. Propp, wife of a prominent local business man. However, the plan fell through when he and his accomplice were over heard and taped by a neighbour. As tapes were not considered evidence at that time nothing more happened. After that Whiskers seemed to disappear into thin air and as far as I know has not been heard of in these parts since.

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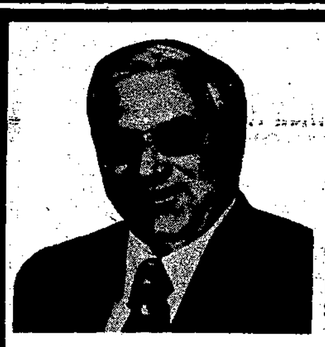

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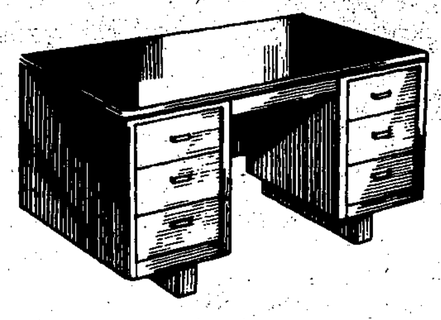

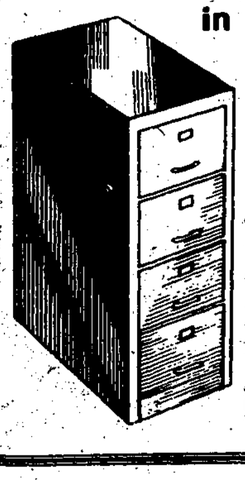

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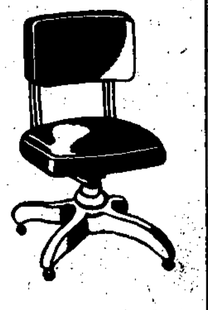

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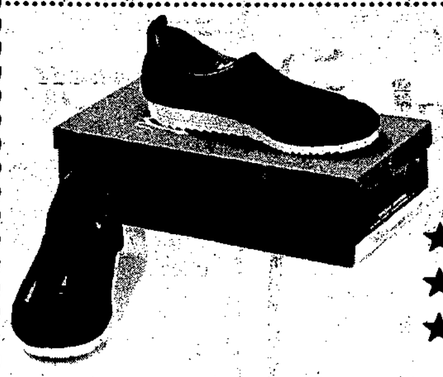

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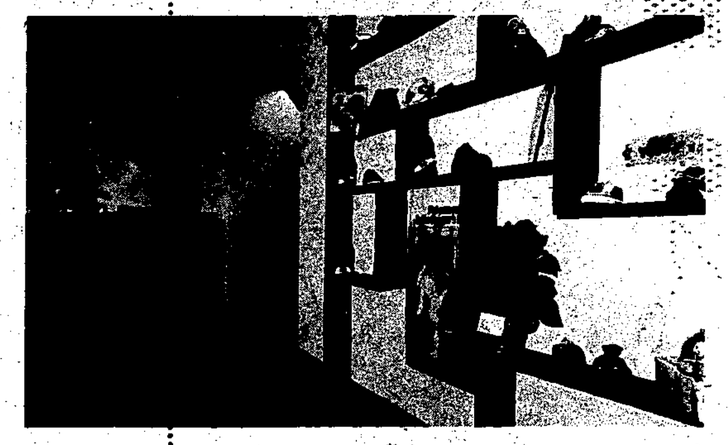

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Pender Ratepayers

By Pender Harbour and District Ratepayers' Association Publicity Committee.

Ratepayers Reject Proposed Hydro Routes.

The Pender Harbour and District Ratepayers' Board of Directors passed a motion December 4 opposing the routing of the 500-kilovolt Cheekeye-Dunsmuir powerline along any of the three routes now being advanced by B. C. Hydro.

The Ratepayer motion notes that the currently proposed routes, all of which reach the peninsula by the same approach *north of Mount Hallowell* and leave it at the same point on Cape Cockburn, would be a disadvantage to the area. Additionally, Hydro has failed to show that there are no alternative underwater routes to Vancouver Island, and has failed to publicly demonstrate the need for a new 500-kilovolt line to Vancouver Island, the motion points out.

"The route presently in favour looks to me as if it were just drawn across the peninsula with a ruler," said Ratepayer president Joe Harrison. "Hydro's guiding principle would seem to be simply that the best route is the one that's cheapest."

"They say it costs them 15 times as much to go a mile underwater as it does overland, so that's why they want to hop islands halfway across the Strait, and of course they want to keep their overland distance down too, so that's why they want to cross Sakinaw Lake in the middle instead of going around it."

"In order to save a bit of hard cash on installation Hydro seems willing to sacrifice the great scenic value not only of Sakinaw Lake, but of Cape Cockburn and *the Sabine Channel - Bull Passage* area where the line will make an aerial crossing from Texada to Lasqueti. That area is really one of the beauty spots of B. C. and has even been considered as a marine park. Hydro seems to be forgetting that scenery is one of our important resources too, and that these places have a value that is really beyond dollars."

"I would be interested in hearing more about the route that Hydro first presented to the regional district, coming across to Woods Bay and crossing the highway underground and out of sight. That would appear much more acceptable to the public, and it is apparently quite feasible. There are other alternatives as well."

Both the Ratepayers and the Regional Board have pressured B. C. Hydro to hold a public discussion of the powerline routes in Area 'A' and Hydro has tentatively agreed to do this on Sunday, January 22nd. The Ratepayers are also seeking to coordinate public opposition on the Sunshine Coast as well as Lasqueti Island. Contact Joe Harrison at 883-9958 or Howard White at 883-2730 with any suggestions, and watch this space for further developments.

School Taxes to Rise

Some bad news for the taxpayer this week: the average school tax bill will be about 23% higher in 1978. There are two reasons.

First, the new provincial assessment scheme increases are about 4.5%. Second, the provincial government has set a basic school levy on this assessment of 42.5 mills, an increase of 5 mills from last year. The net effect is a local school millrate in excess of 50 mills which produces an increase to the taxpayer of over 20%.

Beach Accesses to be Cleared

The Regional District has been awarded a Canada Works Grant to clear beach accesses on the Sunshine Coast. If Pender Harbour residents have any recommendations as to where they would like to have accesses cleared, please contact Area Director Joe Harrison as soon as possible.

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Value of schools questioned

Editor:

Having resided on the "Sunshine Coast" for scarcely six weeks, it has been a pleasurable and necessary business of mine to absorb myself (through the notable medium of the local media) into the vast arena of the many fine "area archers". I have also been fortunate to observe the various directions and destinations of their respective "arrows".

I refer today to two specific "bowmen" whose cross-community paths and targets have been sufficiently presented of late, thanks to the increasing school budget and the resultant controversy.

Dick Proctor's editorial of Nov. 30 sent a slight, but pleasant buzz through me, as school-related issues usually strike a responsive chord for those familiar with the inner workings of the instrument. The following week, while reading George Matthew's article in reference to Mr. Proctor's opinions, I experienced one of those rare, yet beautiful moments when total understanding is achieved. As the story unfolds, and your eyes gobble up the ensuing lines, I invite you good people to participate in a discovery exercise of your own. What are **your** truest **feelings** on your child's current and future educational status?

Before I get tangled up here, *let me clarify my own position.* I believe mass education to be inherently self-destructive; as well as it's veiled counterpart - the "North American way". Furthermore, the sooner the money runs out, the better, as then all students of life will enjoy a lifetime recess from the "despiritualizing forces" of compulsory education. Please, let me finish before you dismiss me prematurely as an upstart anarchist.

The "modern school" has been and will continue to be a chief vehicle of a continental system bent on categorizing and stratifying human potential according to how well he or she can be utilized, by the system, as a profit-enhancing agent. The short-lived revolution of the "Sixties" deserves praise for bringing this point to the surface. These days, signs of the inevitable breakdown of the mass education/free enterprise coalition are visible to all with eyes that see beyond the sham to the naked truth. I don't have to cite example after example, but forthwith are a few, evident locally.

George Matthews extols the virtues of the modern school. He states that we should continue the "knowledge race" with our youth because other countries are and we certainly don't want to fall behind. In the next paragraph though, George implies that the pursuit of knowledge hasn't made us significantly happier. To what end is the race?

This proponent of more money for more education, Matthews, interviewed recently by the Peninsula Times regarding teenage drinking, claims that kids today are under a tremendous amount of pressure. That they usually drink because they have a basic motivational problem. That they can't cope with school and can't work because there are no jobs. That they're trapped. Hence, the escape via alcohol. Sounds like a fairly unhappy situation for your typical 'modern school student' to mull over, eh?

Thirdly, George asks us to accept, like it or not, the fact that the school has reluctantly become the omnipotent, benevolent mentor because of the intimated abdication of others less responsible. Imagine such goodness, keeping the poor little "unsuccessful" waifs in school longer than Grade 8 or 10 to protect them from the cruel world? I suggest an economic ulterior motive and will espouse my feelings on this diseased appendage in future writings. I don't like it and I will not accept it.

For those of you wondering about my credentials and the deep-rooted rationale that exists at the base of my value structure, please feel free to make any and all inquiries. Objective flak coming my way serves only to broaden my scope concerning educational matters. Besides, I at no time wish to alienate myself from anyone, ideological differences or not.

Well, I really haven't said too much about Dick Proctor's article, have I? Although I don't know the man, nor his views on other matters, I can surely appreciate a writer who compares a flabby imagination to a pancake cooked in a micro-wave oven. I'm sure he can guess, as well as most of you who have taken the time to read a bit into me, that I'll be back to outline some workable alternatives for disgruntled students and parents.

In closing, I would like to borrow from a constant companion - Henry David Thoreau; who states in **Walden**, quite simply, Mr. Matthews, that "we are all sculptors and painters, and our material is our own flesh, blood and bones." Unfortunately, I'm afriad that the noble opinion expressed by Mr. Thoreau is not shared by most cogs locked into the machinery of the North American educational system.

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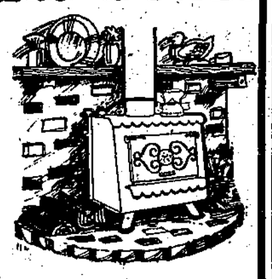

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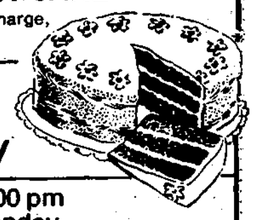

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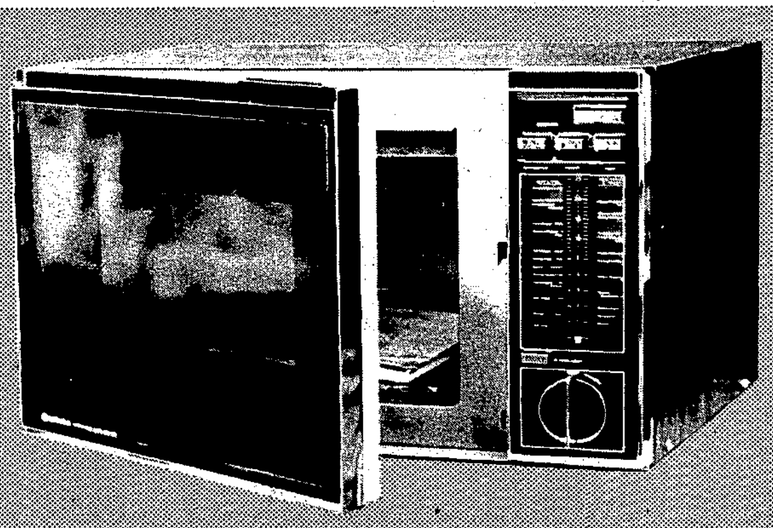

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