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Snow storm ties up coast traffic

Many residents of the Sunshine Coast are expressing strong displeasure with the Department of Highways on the heels of the snow storm which dumped a considerable amount of the white stuff on the roads of the Sunshine Coast on Wednesday, November 23rd. The snowfall had been accurately predicted two days in advance and the general feeling being expressed by local people is that the Department of Highways had ample opportunity to put salt and sand on the roads to counteract the effects of the storm on local traffic patterns.

As it was an accumulation of snow was allowed to build up throughout the area rendering the roads virtually impassable in some areas. Pender Harbour was almost entirely cut off from the rest of the Sunshine Coast for the duration of the storm. Elsewhere the worst trouble spots appeared to be the Langdale hill on the other side of the ferry terminal and the perennial problem area of the Davis Bay Hill in Selma Park.

At the Langdale Hill things got totally out of control after a school bus being driven by Jim Mullen was hit by a sliding truck just at the top of the hill. Mullen was driving eight students back to Langdale School after curling activity.

"There was a Coca Cola truck ahead of me when I got to the Granthams Hill," said Mullen, "and he went out of control as he tried to go down the hill. Only the curb at the bottom prevented him from sliding into the Granthams Landing Store." According to the veteran bus driver, at that point his instinct was to leave his bus right there rather than risk trying to move on the supremely treacherous roads but a consideration for his young passenters persuaded him to try to get them back to their school in the blizzard. "I should have trusted my instinct," said Mullen, whose previous twenty-one years driving the school bus had been free of major incident.

As he eased his bus to the top of the Langdale Hill, Mullen was beginning to breathe a little more easily. "I thought I'd made it," said Mullen. It was then that he met the truck, driven by Mary Puchalski who was returning to Gibsons from substitute teaching at Langdale School. "There were two or three cars already in the ditch there when I got to the top of the hill," said Puchalski, "and I was just trying to ease down the hill when I saw the bus coming up. I guess I touched my brakes and the next thing I know I was sliding across the road right into the bus."

After the initial collision between the bus and the truck several other cars attempting to negotiate the hill slid into them. The Puchalski truck was hit by at least two other sliding vehicles and the school bus was hit about five more times after the original collision.

The other major trouble spot was the Davis Bay Hill with Gibsons-bound traffic having tremendous difficulty negotiating the turn at the top where the ice in the Gibsons bound lane at the top of the hill combined with the slope of the road caused vehicles to slide sideways off the road. Here, too, there was no evidence for several hours of any Department of Highways activity. About three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon there were as many as a hundred cars lined up in a line which stretched back virtually into Sechelt waiting either for the road to clear or for sanding trucks to arrive. A small group of local residents and homeward walking school students did yeoman work in manhandling a few vehicles through the treacherous corner but in the middle of the afternoon the area resembled a multi-ringed circus with vehicles all over the road pointing in all the directions of the compass.

Local man Jack Warn told the Coast News that he eventually managed to negotiate the hill with the aid of seven or eight students from Chatelech School who pushed him through the trouble spot. He loaded his station wagon up with them and gave them a ride home. "It was only when I got to Roberts Creek," said Warn, "that I discovered that in addition to the eight inside the car there were three who had travelled behind me from Davis Bay to the Creek hanging on the back and sliding along the road."

Sechelt police reported that the latest tabulation accounted for more than twenty separate accidents on the afternoon, with cars in ditches all along Highway 101. At the height of the storm every available police car and tow truck on the Sunshine Coast was on the roads trying to untangle the traffic.

Gibsons vicinity

Wednesday, December 7th is the designated date for the initial meeting of the Gibsons Vicinity Planning Committee. The meeting will be held in Elphinstone Secondary School at 7:30 p.m.

The area covered by the Gibsons Vicinity Planning Committee is from Langdale on the north to Seaview Cemetery on the west. The committee members represent the village of Gibsons and the regional district area.

Members of the public are advised that they are welcome to attend this meeting but may not participate in the committee meeting.

One of the many cars which ended up in the ditch during last week's heavy snowfall. By Saturday police had received reports of twenty-one separate accidents with reports of more still coming in.

The Elphinstone Community Forum was a great success last Sunday. Picture here is dulcimer playing Randy Rain-Reusch of Victoria. Rain-Reusch also played at a concert held in Roberts Creek on Saturday night.

Outgoing Regional Board's last meeting

At the Regional Board's regular meeting held Thursday, director Peter Hoemburg alerted the board to the lack of co-operation from the Federal Wildlife and the RCMP in upholding the board's no shooting by-law.

The incident in question occurred on Edgecombe Island. The caretaker had found two people hunting illegally on the island. He towed their boat away, stranding them there and informed the police.

The police seized the guns and the killed deer - except for one which had been wounded and escaped.

As it turned out the wildlife officer was "given hell" from his superiors for the seizure, and the two men had the charges changed to trespassing.

Director Hoemburg felt that there was little reason to go to all the trouble of forming by-laws if they would not be supported by the authorities, and made a motion to send a letter to Victoria asking for clarification on what backing they could expect from other governing bodies.

The motion was amended by director Metzler, to read that a copy be sent to the Fish and Wildlife along with a demand that the two people involved be prosecuted.

A letter was received from the B.C.Corrections Branch asking the board's opinion on persons on probation doing free work for the Regional District to work off their sentences. The matter was referred to staff for evaluation.

A correspondence from Mr. J.E.Brookes of the Coast-Garibaldi Health Unit stated that the creeks in the Port Mellon area had been tested after the B.C. Hydro's spraying of Tordon 101 and there were no detectable amounts of the chemical in the samples.

Although the Redroofs Road water take-over has not been completed, it was recommended that there were extenuating circumstances in the case of one resident. His pump had broken and to replace it was felt to be an unwarranted expense as the new line would shortly be completed. It was decided that he should be tied in early.

Sechelt representative informed the board that his Council had recommended that he should serve another term with the Regional Board as too many new members could break the continuity.

This was the last meeting of the present board and those who had served on it were thanked for their civic duties. The new members will be sworn in at 7:15 on December 7th.

Outgoing Regional A Director Jack Paterson voices his concern that there should be sufficient consultation with the public before B.C.Hydro puts in the Hydro line to Cape Cockburn.

Court news in Sechelt

At the Provincial Court in Sechelt last Wednesday, William McSweeney was charged with having a blood alcohol count of over .08 while driving. He was sentenced to 28 days to be served on weekends at the Sechelt detachment, plus two years probation. On a similar charge, Bruce Corlett was given a $200 fine and six months probation.

For possession of a narcotic, David Currie was fined $75, and for theft over $200 plus possession of stolen property he was given one year probation with a suspended sentence.

Donald Jenkins, Richard Price and Christine Lustre were jointly charged with possession of a narcotic. Jenkins was fined $500 and given two years probation; Price was given a $100 fine and the charges were withdrawn on Lustre.

James Brown was fined $25 for having undersized crabs.

Under the income tax act, Purcilla Williams was fined $75, Barry Larson was fined $225, and Bruce Wormold was given two fines of $200 each.

Victoria delays prove costly

Concern was expressed by the trustees of School District #46 about the delay in receipt of funding approval from Victoria which has brought the construction of the new Pender Harbour Secondary School to a standstill. Secretary-treasurer Roy Mills told the trustees that the delay in construction was costing the local school board and taxpayers $10,000 per month.

"The delay is between the Minister of Education and the Ministry," said Mills. Apparently the funding approval has passed all the requisite stages within the Ministry of Education and awaits only the signature of Education Minister Pat McGeer. "Nobody at the Department can tell us when the Minister will sign the approval".

Repeated telephonings from the local board office and telegrams have failed to elicit positive reaction from Victoria. The trustees agreed that another telegram should be sent over the signature of Board Chairman Celia Fisher urging the Education Minister's attention. Trustee Don Douglas spoke with unusual asperity criticizing the discourtesy of the Department of Education and suggested that representative trustees should accompany the secretary-treasurer to Victoria if the latest telegram is also ignored. Secretary-treasurer Mills pointed out, however, that since the approval only required the Minister's signature it could come any day.

Superintendent of Schools, John Denley, said that the construction delay was having an adverse effect on the morale of the students of Pender Harbour Secondary. "They are coping very well with their limited facilities," said Denley, "but when they see no progress being made on their school it has to affect them."

Secretary-treasurer Mills pointed out ironically that the category of fire-loss replacement was placed at the top of the first priority on the Ministry of Education's list of educational funding priorities. There was some speculation by trustees about how lesser priorities were treated.

In another matter involving the local School Board in consultation with the Department of Education, local trustees learned that the submission made by the local board for four appointments under a Canada Works Programme had also been turned down by the Department despite indications earlier that it would be favourably received. The local board had applied for funding under the program for a Library Inventory clerk, a Community School Co-ordinator, an Accounts Receivable clerk, and a Night Watchman. A letter to the local School Board from Joseph Cecic, District Manager of the Job Creation Branch of the Department of Manpower and Immigration, said in part:

"The Provincial Department of Education indicated that your application could not be supported by their Ministry. This information reached us the day prior to the Advisory Board Meeting, and did not expand on the reasons for such a position. The Board had no alternative but to reject your submission, however they instructed the Project Officers to establish what future guidelines for the development of educational projects would be and to provide the School Board with this information.

"Further correspondence with the Department of Education has since established that two of the four sub-projects (Library Inventory and Community School Co-ordinator) would be acceptable activities within their provincial policy. We would therefore encourage you to eliminate the unacceptable positions and submit an application in January for re-consideration."

It was not clear why partial approval could not have been given to the original submission.

The protracted business of acquiring a new site for the Bowen Island School was again before the board. At the present time it would appear that the Collins Farm site on the island is again the most likely possibility.

In other Board business, Superintendent Denley requested the Board's approval of his absence from the district from November 28th to December 2nd. Denley has been offered the opportunity to participate in a week-long workshop of the American-based National Association of School Executives in Nevada on behalf of the Department of Education. "I will be expected to write a report and possibly sponsor a workshop for B.C. Superintendents," said Denley.

The international workshop will deal with "Designing and Conducting Staff Development Programmes" with all conference and travel expenses being borne by the Ministry of Education. The trustees passed a motion recommending that the Superintendent should attend the conference at the expense of the Ministry of Education.

B.C. Hydro and Sakinaw residents in confrontation

Two delegations, one from B.C. Hydro and another consisting of concerned property owners met with the Regional Board on Thursday, November 24th to discuss the upcoming Cheekeye to Vancouver Island 500kv power line.

The line is proposed in order to meet the growing needs of Vancouver Island, and Hydro hopes to have it operational by 1983. It will run from Cheekeye down to Woodfibre, across Salmon Inlet to Sechelt Inlet, from there by one of three alternative routes to Cape Cockburn.

When asked by Mike Humphries of the Island Trust about the flexibility of the route Bill Ellis, one of the Hydro representatives, informed the gathering that the first part from Cheekeye to Sechelt Inlet was not negotiable, but from there to Cape Cockburn was still open for study.

He went on to say that route W1 was by far the cheapest by 8%, but communication broke down when he was asked to specify whether he meant 8% of the total cost - $300 million or the cost of the last section- $100 million. After several attempts at trying to clarify the situation, it was decided that details such as this would be brought up at a more in-depth meeting.

The four men representing 100 residents around Sakinaw Lake showed great concern over route W1 pointing out that it would pass very close to Lions Lake, a future major water supply, and it would ruin the scenic beauty of Sakinaw by using overhead power lines, which would also be an added hazard to airplanes in the summer. As the chosen representatives of the residents they could guarantee that any ideas to use this route would be fought all the way down the line.

Alternate routes were discussed, and in answer to a question Bill Ellis pointed out that the reason for starting at Cheekeye was the close proximity of a tie in with Peace River power. To run from Cheekeye down through the conventional corridor to Tswassen was unpractical as this area was already congested with submarine cables running to Vancouver Island. To run further up the coast was also impossible as it would require a 10,000 foot overhead line which could not be safely accomplished with today's technology.

He went on to say that as yet all the kinks had not been worked out on the submarine section of the line from Cape Cockburn to Dunsmuir on the Island, the main problem being that a splice would be necessary along the route and this was not ironed out yet. When asked about the detrimental effect the line would have on the environment and people living close to it he said that, although different studies had been done in various countries, some showing that there was an adverse effect while others found none, it was his opinion that no ill effects would be felt by the public, and that the route of the line was determined both by feasibility and environmental studies.

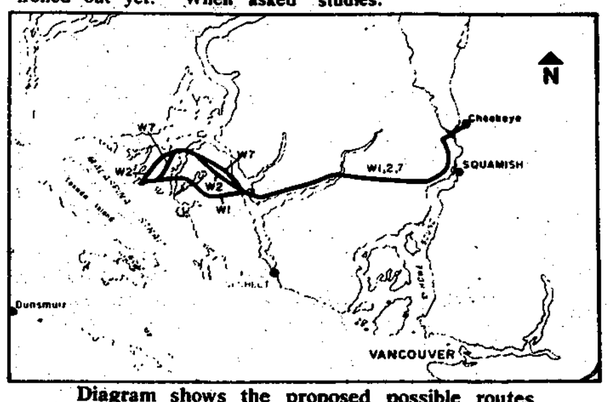

Diagram shows the proposed possible routes of the Hydro Power line from Sechelt Inlet to Cape Cockburn on Nelson Island.

It was pointed out by John Richardson of Beak Consultants that this was the initial study, Phase 1, and when Phase 2 began it would go into the problems involved in greater detail.

Hydro asked the Regional Board and the interested public if they could study this Phase 1 proposal and arrange a meeting early in January to discuss the next phase.

Director Hoemburg felt that since he had only had the report for ten days it was unreasonable to expect either he or the public to be able to discuss a project of such enormity in that time and asked that he and the other directors be given a reasonable length of time so as to be able to discuss it sensibly and in greater depth.

Following assurances from Hydro that at this stage of the game it was still possible to make some changes in accordance with the public wishes, it was agreed that a meeting at a later date will be arranged after consultation with the concerned parties.

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McGeer frustrates

A rather interesting insight into the workings of the Department of Education is available to us this week in the matter of the delay of funds for the construction of the Pender Harbour Secondary School. The estimate locally that the delay in obtaining ministerial approval for the continuation of the construction of the school is costing the taxpayers of this area $10,000 per month; taxpayers of this area $10,000 per month and that already the delay, at the time of writing, is in excess of one month must at least raise some eyebrows.

Quite apart from the frustrations of local trustees whose attempts to get some indication when approval can be expected and quite apart from the effect of the non-activity on the educational morale of the students making do with patchwork facilities in Pender Harbour, we must consider the actions of Education Minister Pat McGeer. This is the McGeer who not too long ago riding the white horse of fiscal responsibility, doubled our insurance rates for motor vehicle traffic. Sternly he admonished us that some responsibility was necessary and had been sadly lacking in the previous government. And yet Secretary-treasurer Roy Mills has been informed by McGeer's staff in Victoria that this top priority item of school replacement has cleared all the bureaucratic hurdles and now languishes on the Minister's desk awaiting only his signature. Apparently the lordly McGeer is just too busy to affix his signature to the paper and it's costing us $10,000 per month. Fiscal responsibility, indeed.

That snowstorm

The Coast News must raise its voice with other residents of the Sunshine Coast to ask "Where was the Department of Highways last week during the snow storm?" The snowfall was predicted to begin in the middle of the day in the middle of their regular working week and it is felt that preliminary sanding and salting would have minimized many of the hazards and difficulties visited upon us by the storm.

Motorists waited patiently, sometimes for hours, at police suggestions that they wait until the sanding truck came through some of the trouble spots. Many of them finally got impatient and tried to go on even though the condition of the roads was dangerous in the extreme. It is a minor miracle that with the roads full of sliding automobiles and students walking home from school that some real tragedy did not take place. As it is there is a report that one heart attack patient did die because the ambulance was unable to negotiate the roads.

The question as to why it took the Department of Highways so long to react to a situation which was predicted more than twenty-four hours in advance and why it was late on Wednesday before the beleaguered motorists saw any sign of them at all must be asked and an answer should be insisted upon. We know that we do not live in a snow belt and that the equipment for handling snowfalls is not too plentiful but nonetheless there were several daylight and working hours for something to be done and nothing was done until the roads were hopelessly snarled up with stranded cars and school children all over the Sunshine Coast and of all ages were trudging along the treacherous roads in the driving snow at great potential hazard.

The Department of Highways owes the residents of the Sunshine Coast some explanation of their ineffectuality in the face of this predicted dilemma.

Could have been avoided

And without entirely changing the subject, some question must also be asked of the School Board. Several parents have reported that they were not informed that the school buses would not be running and were unaware that students were in many cases making their own way home. It is understood that the task of informing all the parents whose children travel by bus that the buses were not to be running is a big one but was everything done that could be done in this regard?

Further, this was a predicted heavy snowfall. Anyone who has wintered on the Sunshine Coast knows that when the wet coastal snow does come it creates roads which are a nightmare. Since this particular storm was predicted for the middle of the day would the course of wisdom not have been to close the schools down at lunch time and send everyone home on bare roads to enjoy the snowfall rather than to have their lives endangered by it?

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

Five Years Ago...

Construction of the $100,000 Legion Hall in Gibsons is progressing at a good rate. The roof is nearly finished and Legion members expect to move in by early December.

School Trustee Bernard Mulligan resigned from the School Board over the refusal of the Education Department to allow Don Head to be a board appointed fill-in for the vacancy created when Chairman Sheila Kitson resigned last June.

Ten Years Ago...

There are two acclamations for the Regional Board. They are J.H.Tyner in Region A and Frank West in Area E.

Twenty-seven nominees in Sunshine Coast Regional District, School Board and Municipal elections give the voters something to chew on.

Sechelt Indian Band in asserting its rights has informed the Sunshine Coast Regional District that it prefers a hands-off policy where Indian Reserves are concerned.

Fifteen Years Ago.....

Due to the recent expansion of the Canadian Forest Products Port Mellon pulp mill with the addition of a five stage bleach plant, the mill's minimum fresh water demand has increased from thirteen million gallons per day to approximately twenty-three million gallons. All this must come from the Rainy River.

After a lengthy session by Gibsons Municipal Council, the street numbering system, a subject of debate on and off for some months, was finally passed.

Re elections: No municipal elections face Sechelt and Gibsons this year. All council seats which were to be vacated at the conclusion of their terms in December, have been filled again with acclamations from retiring incumbents.

Twenty Years Ago....

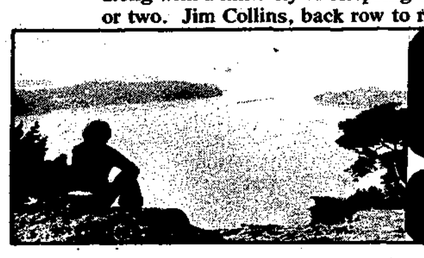
Letter to the Editor:

The Ferry Corporation may have the automobile and passenger traffic sewn up, but there is an out for the truckers. That is, the forming of a trucking co-operative, which would operate to handle the needs of its members only. The co-op might pick up a couple of landing barges, which do not require a large crew and which do not require construction of wharves or piers for discharging purposes. A ramp on the beach is sufficient.

Twenty-five Years Ago....

From the advertising department of the Coast News: In reading your copy of the Coast News do not turn lightly by these items, which we call "ads", because they may save you many an hour of "hopeless" shopping, searching for something when it is handled by such and such a dealer in your area.

Hopkins' Landing, 1932. Bowen Island School has won the Drummond Trophy, emblematic of highest aggregate performance on Inter-School Sports Day. The school population, including the teacher, consisted mainly of members of the Collins family. Margaret, kneeling second from left, taught younger sisters and brothers, along with a minority of offspring of the McGees and another family or two. Jim Collins, back row to right, wears his string of blue ribbons across his broad chest like military medals. All in all, these fine-looking youngsters awed their mainland competitors throughout the day-long meet with their athletic prowess. They are seen here on the former YMCA grounds, now site of the Philip Hopkins family home. Helen McCall photo, courtesy A.S.Trueman and Elphinstone Pioneer Museum. L.R.Peterson



Musings

John Burnside

Slings & Arrows

George Matthews

The past weekend was Grey Cup weekend and by the time you read this the annual bash will be over and hung-over Canadians will be resuming their normal daily round. Montreal and Eskimos did battle this year and again by the time you read this the result will be known. I, who do not know the result at this moment, will go on record as favouring the Montreal Alouettes for the victory. I have no idea by how many points but I hope that it is one and that one scored in the last minute of play.

You see my prognostication is not based on any reasoned analysis but on a long-standing grudge. It was 1954 when I arrived in Canada and I was introduced to many strange delights which had not been in my ken in Scotland. Among them was North American 'football', a strange game involving weirdly helmeted giants with massive padding in which it seemed to me the foot played little part. I was not totally unprepared. I could remember a movie starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis in which Lewis knock-kneed his way hilariously among tumbling giants, but apart from that it was, as they say, a new ball game and I devoured its television presentations with more fascination than comprehension.

I had been befriended by a young Montreal-Italian whose name escapes me. I had taken his place at the Junior Clerk's desk in the Staff Record Bureau of the Canadian National Railways, a dusty and hopeless enclave whose sole function was to keep in order the personnel files of the employees of the C.N.R., alive and dead, a dead-end department from which there was no promotion and no excape save retirement. The hopeless, bitter occupants, some of whom had been there for thirty or forty years waited only the release of retirement to relieve them of the boredom of their repetitious chores. The young Italian, let's call him Guiseppe, was going back to university and leaving the bottom rung of the Staff Record Bureau ladder to my eager feet which within three months had eagerly jumped off in favour of the more promising ladder of the Passenger Department.

Guiseppe lived near me in Ville Emard in the south-west corner of Montreal and for a few months was my leisure hours mentor too, and it was at his house, a polyglot establishment with an Italian father and a Spanish mother in that French-Canadian working class district where French, English, Italian, and Spanish were used interchangeably - that I first stared fascinated at the television screen while around me the multilingual sports fans bellowed and trumpeted their support and condemnation.

Sam Etcheverry was the man who threw the ball for the home team and he threw it often. Hal Paterson and a retread from the National Footbal League called Red O'Quinn did most of the catching. I could understand nothing of what went on at the line of scrimmage - still can't for that matter - but throwing and catching I could and can appreciate. In the touch football games we played in the parks of Ville Emard after the pro's had fired us up with another victory it developed that I could catch the ball well and despite the fact that my conversations with my teammates were restricted to repeated frantic yelps of "Ici, ici!" and "A moi, A moi!" as I called for the ball, my acceptance into the group of French-Canadian and Italian adolescents was quite complete and friendly.

The Alouettes were an exciting team with a daring and imaginative quarterback and they marched season long from triumph to triumph. I can still remember most of the names of that team: Tex Coulter, Jungle Jim Staton, Herb Trawick, Ray Cicia on the line Bill Bewley, Pat Abruzzi in the backfield; and of course my heroes, Paterson, Etcheverry and O'Quinn. They swept through the opposition and advanced into the 1954 Grey Cup game where they were to face the Edmonton Eskimos from the west an unknown quantity entirely since in those years the Western and Eastern Conferences did not play inter-locking games. Oh, yes there is one other Alouette name which must be mentioned before we turn our attention to the game: Chuck Hunsinger was an American half-back with the team.

The game was exciting and satisfying. Etcheverry threw the ball with his usual authority and abandon; Hal Paterson caught a long bomb over his shoulder for a touchdown, and even Red O'Quinn who specialized in short ten-yard button-hook patterns and who never dropped the ball - he caught about seventy passes every year he played - even old Red caught a short jump pass from Etcheverry going up the middle and somehow ran with it for sixty yards sliding across the goal line on his knees for the touchdown. We were ecstatic.

Mind you the Eskimos were not champions of the West for nothing. They were a running team and people with names like Normie Kwong, John Bright, and Jackie Parker ran for convincing gains. Co-columnist Matthews has just been into the office and reminded me of Rollie Miles. The game see-sawed back and forth but clearly the Alouettes were masters. And then it happend.

Just over a minute to go with the Alouettes ahead 25-20 and the Larks, as the English language press in Montreal called them, were on the march. Be it remembered that this was the time of the five point touchdown. They ran a play from Edmonton thirty or thereabouts which went nowhere. They threw to O'Quinn and the old Reliable caught it but for once he had not got his automatic ten yards but was stopped a yard short, but well within easy field goal reach and right in the middle of the field. Instead of a field goal Etcheverry decided to gamble and handed the ball to Hunsinger. He ran wide and was cut off and there it was - the Hunsinger fumble. Untouched by human hand he seemed to throw a basketball shovel type pass to no one in particular and Jackie Parker had the ball with only Etcheverry in hopeless pursuit. Seventy-five yards later it was an Edmonton touchdown. They kicked the convert, went ahead by one point and the game was over and the best team had been defeated. In 1955- and 1956 the same two teams met again but the Alouettes were growing older particularly along the line where Coulter and Staton were playing sixty minutes of every game and Bright and Kwong and Parker were unstoppable, and Edmonton won both games easily.

They've met since the fifties with both teams winning but when they take to the Alouettes' home turf on Sunday afternoon you can be sure it will be the 1954 game that most Montreal fans old enough will be remembering and the Hunsinger fumble that cost Sam the Rifle the Grey Cup he never won. Go get 'em Alouettes, and in the last minute and by one point.

P.S. Well the results are in and Montreal did not win the Grey Cup in the last minute and by a single point but what did happen is almost as good. I hope Chuck Hunsinger, wherever he is, hears the results.

In this part of the world, we would probably consider that a nation of forty million people, all living in an area less than the size of Vancouver Island, existing amidst poverty and disease, where the average family makes about one hundred dollars a year, as being pretty uncivilized. Yet last week the world witnessed what may be one of the most civilized acts of the decade, when the leader of that nation, Anwar Sadat, set aside personal animosity and gambled his personal prestige when he visited the camps of his enemy, Isreal.

Politically, the Egyptian president's act is probably relatively insignificant but as a model of civilized gesture, it is one of those rare instances where the common people can actually learn a great moral lesson from their leaders. In this country, we are more used to moral leadership and civilizing influence coming from the people and hopefully having some influence on the political leadership. Sadat's visit was not Nixon visiting China or Khrushev visiting the United States - those were publicity stunts of the most cynical order - it was rather a case of sacrificing his personal desires for the benefit of the state. What world leader since World War II has been willing to make such a gesture?

The politics of the mid-east are beyond my understanding and I would be less than candid if I were to suggest that I could say anything new or important about the subject. The subject here however is civilization or lack of it in the modern era.

Civilization is much more than good manners and decent behaviour. Civilization is a sense of permanence. In the state it is a willingness, under certain conditions, to sacrifice personal desire to the benefit of the whole. Personal freedom depends on the safety, security and welfare of the state. When the state is secure, the individual can flourish in safety. In the village, civilization means a sense of common good and common goals. It may be that the only common goal is the preservation of smallness and intimacy so that the citizens can carry on their own activities in that kind of atmosphere. In our village, we express our common goals by electing people to govern our civic property.

It would be unreasonable to suggest that the individual must give up his own interests for those of the state. - like Hitler expected - but some balance must be struck between order and anarchy. The current debate over the RCMP is just that kind of debate. The subject of the controversy is not electronic devices but the nature of civilization.

President Sadat's problem is interesting and instructive because it is typical of the conflict between the forces of civilization and barbarism that has plagued the world throughout the twentieth century. The history of the twentieth century shows us how the attempt to gain the two great qualities of civilization, wealth and leisure time, has been accompanied by so much greed and avarice that the wars and revolutions that have resulted have destroyed what civilization has built.

In Egypt, Nasser's revolution hoped to bring those two qualities of civilization to a nation that had not known them for two thousand years. There was an attempt to share more equally what wealth there was. There was an attempt to create a sense of pride in being Arab and there was an attempt to bring universal education to the masses. Egypt is a poor place and as the conflict with Isreal developed and more and more of the wealth that was to be devoted to civilization was used up in the barbarism of war, the progress of civilization suffered.

It was at this point that Mr. Sadat chose to set aside personal feelings, the support of his Arab brothers and the influence of thirty years of history to carry out a supreme act of civilization; a personally humiliating gesture to further the welfare of his people. He set aside pride and honor not because he is not a proud and honorable man but because this was more than a matter of pride and honor. When was the last time any of us, with our much more simple and mundane situations, have been willing to set aside our own interests for the benefit of others? When in fact have any of our leaders been willing to make such a sacrifice?

The Egyptians have been teaching us lessons in civilization for five thousand years. Mr. Sadat has just given us the latest installment.

Saturday's Newspapers

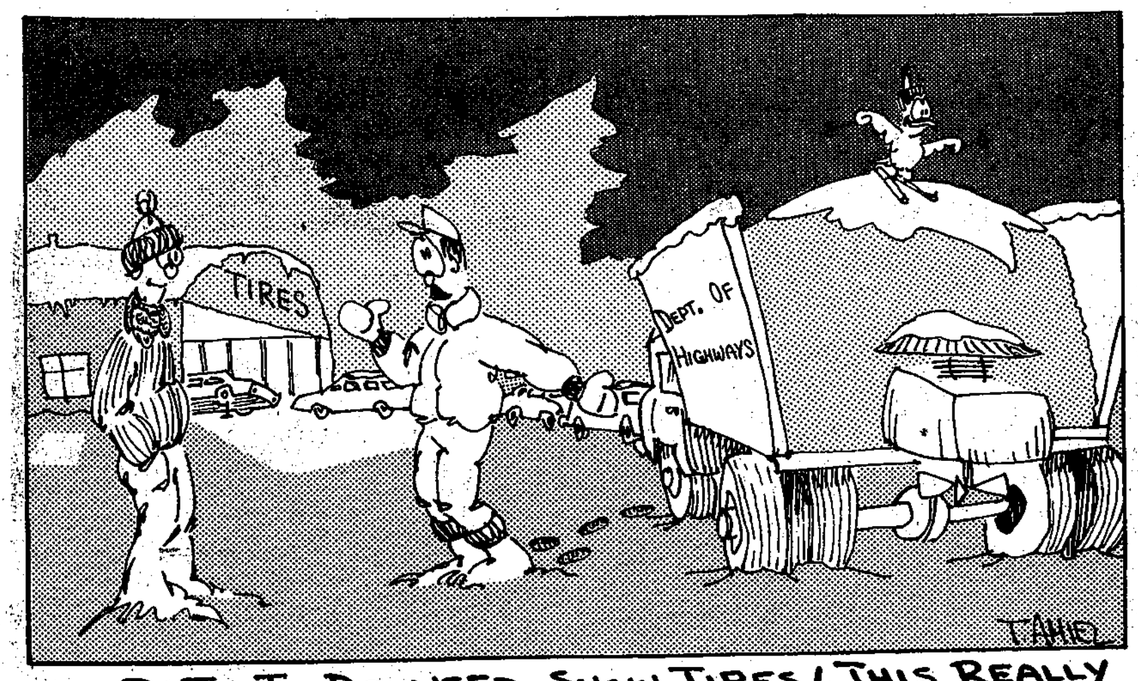
We wake, as Saturday's newspapers
disrupt the quiet afternoon
with dedications of skyscrapers
and editorial cartoons,
recounts of games and foreign wars,
the calendar of death and birth;
all of which seems to strike the door
like a heavy clod of shovelled earth.

This is tomorrow's history
which we must not try to escape,
presented as compellingly
as all the details of a rape.

Our fingers mingle in the act
as we fold and tear pages free.
The rearrangement of the facts
creates mock-epic poetry
of true loves and heroic bonds
as the obituaries rhyme,
and paper planes, and magic wands
that waive geometries of time.

Contriving to misunderstand
has been our game, but finally
we wash the inkstains from our hands.
Brazilian music plays as we
combine to make the world complete
in the shape of some sacred beast;
the papers left like unwound sheets
by the impatient undeceased.

by John Moore



— BUT I DO NEED SNOW TIRES! THIS REALLY IS AN EMERGENCY!!

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Postie Sinclair

Editor:

Long have we entertained the idea of inflicting a few idle words upon you and the good folk of the Sunshine Coast, long have we procrastinated to excuse tis accuse. Tonight "November chill blows loud wi angry sough", how delightfully discriptive, our weather provides the material for much of our day to day talk. It also keeps us going physically, in short, we ought to be proud of our brand of weather because of its infinite variety, and contributes largely to the upkeep of this centre of civilization. What a preamble to my idle words, please forgive.

Like the proverbial Irishman we will go back to the beginning. April in all its glory and beauty found the good lady and self in Vancouver, entranced and bewitched by the scene, including the overwhelming kindnesses of all ranks, to yours truly. It was nostalgic and historic, tugging "laird" upon those chords which vibrate down memory lane. Had we not bid adieu to Vancouver on the 14th December, 1939, when we marched to the C.P.R. Station, one of that gallant Regiment, the Seaforths Highlanders of Canada, to embark upon a vagabondage embracing 1940 - 1945. When the Regiment returned to Vancouver, I elected to remain in Scotland, but all the while retained an active contact with the Regimental Association to whom we are serously indebted. Their invitation to be their guests last April was an honour beyond my wildest dreams. Had they forgiven all my evil ways, making it possible to share with the laddies the joys of the Vimy Dinner on 9th April? My debt of gratitude knows no bounds, not only to my gallant Regiment but all those kind hearted, warm hearted friends who received us so hospitably and so graciously.

Mrs. Sinclair's cousin, Miss Jean Calder, lives at Granthams so a visit to the coast was a must to enjoy her lavish hospitality, including being our guide philosopher, and friend. On trips to Port Mellon to Sechelt and all the lovely spots in between. My last visit to the "Coast" was via the Union Steam ships in the thirties. Many changes.

In the midst of all our chatting, she produced a copy of the Coast News, adding, "Bill, there is a rare fascinating article there which will have a strong appeal." I said thank you adding, "Jean in what respect?" She answered, "poaching". I was in my element, very near and dear subject indeed. The only subject I can lay claim to have a knowledge of. I read and reread "Musings" with rare delight. Wisely you pointed out to your far-flung readers that this art has negative connotations in North America. Yes! "Musings" was rich manna indeed and I carefully brought home with me the copy and produce it from time to time, as I feel it ensures a modicum of sanity to yours truly.

In our Feudal state today poaching is associated with evil doing and evilly-minded men. Tis sad, but true! Hence my addiction to your article, as we weary of all political and other forms of verbiage including the BBC, etc. Each and every page of the Coast News is full of interest. The letters to the Editor are full of vigor, not written with tongue in cheek as so often happens in our land. Our best wishes flow out to thee and thine not forgetting your photographic assistant. Sometime I will dwell more exclusively with the art of poaching. Your tribute to "Postie" via Stan Wellburn's most generous contribution was heartily received in these parts.

Seven months have fled since we were privileged to visit the Coast. Its many and varied charms include the delicious sensible tempo of life, the robust unbelief in the sanctity or production, the belief that all the citizens are firstly men and women, their occupations coming secondly. In short there is no cruel subjection of man to the machine. As we came away, my aged breast laden with the most joyous memories, including smiles and glances from the lassies, indeed it was an effort to tear ones self away from the terrible kindness and friendliness of the Coast folk. This naturally applies to all B.C. The wee birdies have lang syne gone to rest, while the wind blows as of old, and we edge nearer the fireside. Goodnight. Fondest good wishes to thee and thine and all friends.

The "Postie"
W. Sinclair
Blandfield, Bonar-Bridge,
Scotland

To the Highways Dept.

Editor's Note: This is a copy of a letter sent to the Minister of Highways on the heels of last week's snowstorm

Dear Mr. Fraser:

My indignation over road conditions during snowstorms on the Peninsula has finally reached the point whereby I can no longer keep silent. After four winters of witnessing the same lack of preparation, poor organization, and slow reaction to road conditions caused by pre-forcasted snowfalls, I have finally been prompted to write your department and demand a public explanation, if possible.

In March, 1976, I sat as Official Court Reporter at the Inquest into the death of Lillian Trotter. She was killed in a motor vehicle accident on the 30th of November, 1975. The following verdict and recommendations were brought in by the Jury:

"We, the Jury, conclude that on November 30, 1975, Mrs. L. E. Trotter, died as a result of a motor vehicle accident on Davis Bay Hill. We feel no blame should be placed on either party due to the hazardous road conditions, even though Mrs. Morris was not in control of the vehicle at that time.

"We feel that the grade on the Davis Bay Hill that slopes off, forcing traffic that is going down hill, to slide into oncoming traffic under extreme slippery conditions should be corrected. Snow removal and sanding equipment should be made available before conditions have become extreme."

Constable Boothman, of the RCMP Detachment, Sechelt, testified: "At the time of my arrival, it had been snowing for quite some period of time." He went on to say: "The road was covered with four to six inches of wet heavy snow and was extremely slippery, and it was still snowing at the time of my arrival and during my period of investigation at the scene. The road surface was such that other traffic coming through the scene was having some difficulty and creating such a hazard I did not take measurements of the actual scene." He further stated: "Further to the conditions of the highway, at the time of my arrival, and through the time of my attendance at the scene, there was no indication that there had been any maintenance work with regards to plowing or sanding."

Constable Boothman also gave testimony concerning the grade slope of Davis Bay Hill, from which testimony, in my opinion, the recommendations of the Jury resulted. He further gave testimony that both vehicles involved in this accident were equipped with snow tires on the rear. One of these vehicles was also equipped with ice studs.

Constable Boothman had arrived on the scene at approximately 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, and it had begun snowing in the Gibsons area from 6:00 p.m. the previous Saturday evening.

To my knowledge, no attempt to correct the slope of Davis Bay Hill has been undertaken by the Department of Highways. Please correct me if I am in error.

This last Wednesday's snowfall was known and forecast well in advance. There was no doubt snow would fall and yet no attempt, to my knowledge, was made to salt or sand the most treacherous hills on the Peninsula, and especially Davis Bay Hill, which, as noted above, is badly designed and one of the most treacherous on the Peninsula. Was it because there was no salt stored on the Peninsula in advance? And, if there was not, why not? The snow did not start to fall until early afternoon. Surely conditions warranted some action be taken. There could have been no excuse of men being unavailable as it was during regular working hours.

As you are aware, there was great tragedy, both minor and major, as well as incredible inconvenience for a large number of residents on the Peninsula during those hours of snowfall. Not only were there many vehicles damaged, there were many individuals who were forced to leave their cars and walk miles in order to get home. The school children were forced to find their own way home and if no transportation was available, were forced to walk. Although the school buses eventually reached Sechelt, they refused to do the run from Sechelt to Halfmoon Bay, because of the treacherous conditions on Redroofs Road, on Sergeant's Bay Hill.

One school bus was in a multiple vehicle accident on Granthams Hill.

I would appreciate some information as to what went wrong again this year. I can appreciate the fact that many individuals caused their own problems by not being equipped with snow tires. However, even those who did have snow tires, 4-wheel drives and chains, had extreme difficulty in getting up the more treacherous hills.

I can further appreciate the fact that snowstorms on the Peninsula are few and far between, resulting therefore in a small contingency of graders, sanders and salt trucks. However, in almost every instance of snowstorms, and particularly this one, there has been ample notice given of a pending snowfall. Adequate preparations **should have been taken**, and quite simply, to my knowledge, **were not.**

We, as taxpayers, through gas tax, etc., pay dearly for the upkeep of roads. Adequate preparation and thorough organization is taken in areas where snow is regularly expected, i.e. the interior of B.C., and throughout the rest of the provinces. Unfortunately, it seems that our milder temperature lulls the Department of Highways into a false sense of security, and like the ostrich, you bury your heads in the sand (snow?) and ignore the fact that we do have snow. Surely, the one or two short term snowstorms on this Peninsula, if properly organized, could receive as good attention as these other areas. Are we paying for snow removal and salting, etc., everywhere else but here?

If that is the case, then I think it is high time for the people on this Peninsula as well as the residents of Vancouver, to rise up out of their apathy and indifference and begin to pressure your Department and the ever-present bureaucracy into proper maintenance of this area during the winter.

Please let not this appalling situation occur again this winter or any future winter.

Judy Mathon

And again

Editor:

This is a copy of the letter that I have sent to the Highways Department.

Dear Sir:

Predictions for the Next Snowfall:

1. Cold, clear, relatively dry weather.
2. Weatherman will forecast snow well in advance and to the minute.
3. The Highways Department will think of salting.
4. Langdale Hill and other hills will become treacherous. The majority of the working people on the Peninsula will be delayed as vehicle accidents (accidents which could have been avoided if the hills had been heavily salted before the snowfall) and possibly, casualties, clutter the highway.

Questions:

1. What is your policy, if any, on salting?
2. Could the hills and areas with heavy traffic not have been heavily salted before the predicted snowfall?

M. Puchalski
Lockyer Rd.
Gibsons, B.C.

CLASSIFIED NOTE

Drop off your Coast News Classifieds at Campbell's Family Shoes & Leather Goods in downtown Sechelt. It's convenient!

Propaganda

Editor:

Enclosed is a copy of a lettre sent to Premier Bennett 24/Nov./77 regarding the B.C. Government News. The rest is self-explanatory.

Premier Bennett:

I have just received a copy of B.C. Government News - gratis, of course.

I wish I could find a really effective method of making you aware of my displeasure; no I'm incredulous. My wife works for a small paper on the coast, consequently our understanding of the cost involved in producing and distributing a paper of this size is founded on experience.

Our local papers are supported by advertisers, voluntary contributions and hard work, whereas your paper is supported solely by taxpayers' money.

A seven percent sales tax may have been necessary, although your obvious "shot" at the average family was painful enough - the idea of money sucked from family budgets, throughout this province, being used by people like yourself and the rest of your self-serving government arouses an anger I cannot describe.

I can only deal with this anger by becoming politicized to the point of opposing you orally, in print and by any other means I can avail myself of. In short, this is the last straw.

I would appreciate some explanation although I doubt there can be a valid one. The obvious intention of your government is power at any cost.

Each of these propaganda sheets represents a pair of shoes for a kid.

Yours in amazement,
Ken Berg
Halfmoon Bay, B.C.

Gibsons marina opposed

Editor:

The objection to the shelving of the Gibsons Marina by local development entrepreneurs merits a reply.

As the barely disguised vested interest in profits and sales rears its head, let's examine a few points.

Would the marina improve the quality of life of the ordinary citizen of Gibsons? The quiet lives of a small coastal village is precisely the reason most of us chose to live here. As is clearly stated by the pro-marina group and the Village Council, the marina is principally for the use of greater Vancouver boaters who will hopefully drop a few shekels into whose pocket?

One of the aldermen mentioned, as an alternative to the marina, the development of the village owned lots into picnic areas and improving the beach area. This project would be there to be enjoyed by everyone in the Gibsons area.

At present we are all concerned with the surrender of our water system. How about the surrender of our Bay area for the profits of the few and the doubtful pleasures of the visiting "boaty".

As is quite often the case, hidden behind the oft quoted "progress", taxes increase while the quality of life of the ordinary citizen decreases.

F. Braithwaite
Gibsons, B.C.

Incarcerated

Editor:

I am presently incarcerated in the Federal Correctional Institution at Oxford, Wis. I have been incarcerated for some time and have lost contact with the outside world. Would you please help me by publishing this letter in your paper, as one of your readers may be interested in corresponding with me. Even one letter would do a world of good.

My name is Lee G. Styles, I'm 24 years old, 5' 9", and 165 pounds. Also, I have blonde hair, blue eyes. I would like any assistance that you would be able to give me. I will be doing approximately 10 more months before my release.

Any correspondence will be greatly appreciated.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

SUNSHINE COAST

Resident Identification Cards

Residents of the Sechelt Peninsula, West Howe Sound and Powell River areas are advised that their I.D. Cards with an expiry date of December 31st, 1977 have been extended one full year to **December 31st, 1978.**

Your present resident's identification card is valid for another full year. Resident's ticketing privileges are extended until the end of 1978. Please do not destroy your present card.

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Your property is now assessed at a percentage of actual value... a fairer way to share.

Changes in assessment law now make it possible for property owners to accurately measure whether they are fairly assessed.

Your 1978 property Assessment Notice, issued by the British Columbia Assessment Authority, is in the mail and will be arriving at your door shortly. An information brochure explaining the changes accompanies the notice.

When they arrive, please take time to read both carefully...

Why changes in assessment law?

Assessments had become outdated. They had become inequitable in terms of their actual value relationships. Properties having identical market values were assessed at widely differing amounts. This resulted in some owners paying more than their fair share of taxes and others less.

The new law required production of the 1978 assessment roll based on fixed percentages of actual value for each class of property. This means that the inequities will be removed, and that each class of property will be assessed on the same basis. In all, it provides a fairer way to share the cost of essential local services.

What will happen to taxes?

The assessment roll provides the rate base used by municipalities, school boards and other local governments to raise the funds necessary to provide essential local services.

The costs of these services determine the overall amount required to be raised by local property taxes.

The purpose of the change in assessment law is NOT to raise more taxes but to provide a fairer basis upon which to apportion the costs of essential local services more equitably between property owners.

Since assessments are now directly related to actual value, your assessed values may be higher or lower than in previous years. An increase or a decrease in your assessed values from those in effect last year does not necessarily mean that your property taxes will change significantly. Tax notices based on your new assessed values will be issued later in 1978.

Is my 1978 assessment fair?

As your assessment is now based on a fixed percentage of what your property is worth its fairness can be measured by actual value comparisons.

The Assessor's estimate of your property's actual value (market value) is shown on your 1978 Assessment Notice.

The fairness of your assessment may be determined by comparing the Assessor's estimate of actual value of your property to your own estimate of its current market value as well as by comparing it to the current market values of properties of similar worth.

The percentage of actual value at which each class of property will be assessed is:

Residential – 15% (includes apartments, condominiums, mobile homes, etc.).

Business and Other – 25% (includes commercial, some industrial).

Industrial, Utilities, Machinery and Equipment, Forestry – 30%.

The Assessor and his staff will give you every assistance necessary to properly check your assessment.

What appeal do I have?

Your Assessor is prepared to provide you with a detailed explanation of how your assessment was determined.

If you are dissatisfied with the assessment and wish an independent review, a right of appeal is available to you. The procedure to complain is simple and is fully explained on the reverse of your 1978 Assessment Notice. The deadline for any written appeal is January 20, 1978.

The new assessment method is fully explained in the brochure that will accompany the mailing of your individual Assessment Notices.

Look at your Assessment Notice... it's different this year!

It now shows both the actual (market) value and the assessed value on which your 1978 taxes will be based.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

ENTERTAINMENT

Pages from a Life-Log
Peter Trower

RIDDEN OUT ON A RAIL
PART TWO

Port Mellon was experiencing the first throes of radical change on those early months of 1953. The long-promised highway to Gibsons had finally been completed and though few vehicles travelled its raw length as yet, the sense of isolation; of being totally dependent on boats and planes, had been pricked like a bubble. It would lead eventually to a virtual phasing-out of the company townsite as the bulk of the millworkers moved west to become commuters. But this was some distance in the future. Initially, things stayed much the way they had always been.

Across an immemorial swing-bridge was the Seaside Hotel beer-parlour where the beer flowed constant as the Spring waters of the Rainy River. It was the town's main claim to a social centre and it drew the off-duty plantworkers like a magnet. Chris and myself were certainly no exception. We drank generally with fellow machine-room men who shared the same shift-schedule. Some of these "men" were a couple of years or more short of the age-limit. The hotel was prone to laxity in these matters and identification was seldom requested. If you were old enough to work you were old enough to drink, that seemed to be the general concensus.

Sometime around the end of February, the RCMP were called in by the Company on a matter involving the theft of equipment. The course of their investigations led them to check out the bunkhouses, including the one where Chris and I stayed. They surprised a couple of our underage shiftmates drinking beer in one of the rooms and demanded to know where they'd gotten it. One of them, an ingenuous kid called Fred, panicked and put the finger on me. With friends like him, you didn't need enemies. As a matter of fact, I had bought the beer the previous night but both of them had been drinking with me in the bar at the time and could just as easily have purchased the liquor themselves. Nonetheless, I was charged with supplying to minors, much to my surprise and annoyance. When my case came up in Gibsons, I pleaded not guilty and was let off with a suspended sentence but the stigma remained. I had been quite prepared to finger the hotel, had they pushed it any further. Of course, the incident did nothing to curb underage drinking around the bunkhouses.

Living in a pulpmill bunkhouse was not radically different from living in similar accommodations at a logging-camp. There were a few more amenities but the barracks-like atmosphere that always obtains when a lot of single men are cooped up together was much the same. Just as in the camps, poker was a major diversion. I'd never had much knack with cards but Chris was an avid gambler. One night, while he was on shift, his paycheck was stolen from his room. Chris was firmly convinced the culprit was one of the other poker-addicts, a shifty-eyed man called Busk who lived across the hall. He was so certain of Busk's guilt that he accused him to his face. Of couse Busk was dead-innocent and mightily indignant. The lost cheque was never found. Long after, I learned through a chance conversation who the true thief had been. It was a jovial little gambler by the name of Sykes whom Chris quite liked and had never so much as suspected.

Theft was fairly uncommon around the bunkhouses but one man at least, had his eyes on much bigger game. His name was Ran Hodgkins, an ex-Granville Street rounder and fellow machine-room worker. Hodgkins was an entertaining character around twenty-eight and we became quite friendly. I was drawing a few crude cartoons for the Company paper at the time and Ran used to suggest the odd idea. One night when we were drinking in his room, he blew his cover and showed me a few drawings of his own. They were detailed floor-plans of the Government Liquor Store in Gibsons. Hodgkins calmly informed me that he planned to knock the place over on a certain Saturday with a couple of friends. He then asked me if I wanted in. I said no way. I'd seen the inside of a couple of drunk-tanks and had no desire to learn anymore about jail first-hand. He accepted my refusal in good stead but cautioned me to keep my mouth shut. I had a good notion it was all a tough-guy sham, particularly when the appointed date came and went and the carefully-cased liquor store remained intact. A few months later however, the Blackball Ferry office in Horseshoe Bay was knocked over by three gunmen who were subsequently caught. Turned out to be Ran Hodgkins and his pals. He and one of his partners somehow beat the rap for lack of an identifying witness but the third man went up for ten years. Hodgkins hadn't been giving me the gears after all.

Things humdrummed along at the Port Mellon pulpmill. We cranked our baling-machines, jockeyed our lift-trucks, tended our boxes and generally kept Canfor happy. The boys in the Lab got the mix stabilized and there were fewer breaks to contend with. It actually wasn't that bad a job except for the disorienting shift-work. Periodically, men quit and were replaced. One of the new arrivals was a wiry guy with black, curly hair called Tom Skedan. He was a humourous, wisecracking type from Winnipeg who seemed harmless enough and fitted in well.

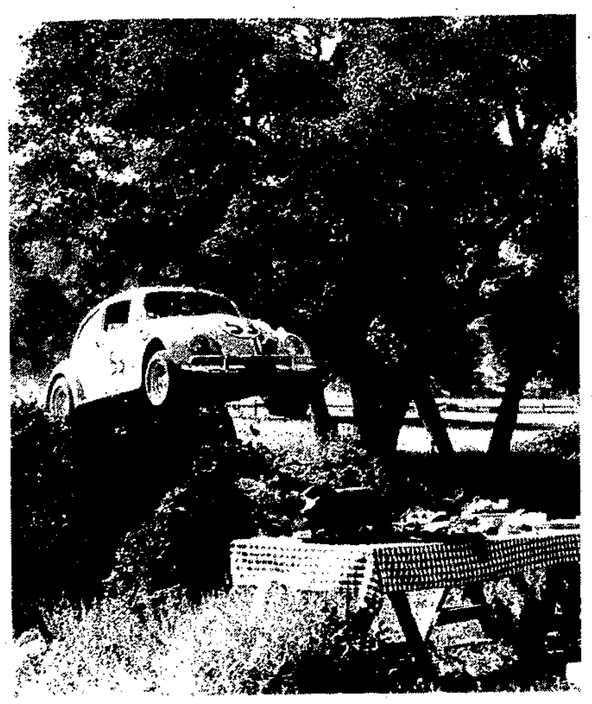
It was early summer. I began keeping company with a comely blonde girl called Helen who was waitressing at the restaurant. The town wasn't overly-rich in available girls of safe age and I was hotly-contested for Helen's hand by a Ukranian fellow with whom I shared the same first name. But Helen and I were quite fond of each other and I figured I had the inside track. I was beginning to entertain vague thoughts of cleaning up my act and settling down.

I've never been too sure what triggered the party. Skedan and a couple of the other balers had decided to quit and I suppose it was in the nature of a farewell bash. Helen was working and as I was on my days-off, I felt it my bounden duty to attend. The affair began in the bunkhouse across from ours, known as the Grey Dorm. It started out mildly enough with six or seven guys and perhaps ten cases of beer. Then someone else showed up with two jugs of whiskey. From this point on, things began to get progressively noisier and more out of hand. Maybe there was a full moon but the main catalyst was Tom Skedan. The liquor seemed to work a transormation in him and he became ugly and quarrelsome. He picked a fight with a peaceful character called Frank Johnson and punched him about viciously before he was restrained. Violence definitely begets violence. The next thing, someone had lobbed a beer-bottle through the closed window. Not to be outdone, the still-maniacal Skedan produced a bayonet from somewhere and began slashing hell out of the door until it was a ruin of shreds and slivers. I staggered to hell out of there around that time. Skedan with a shank in his hand was a bit much for me. Hitting my bed in the other bunkhouse, I went out like the proverbial light.

Next thing I knew, I was being shaken rudely awake. I gazed up blearily to see a uniformed Mountie. Soon eight of us were lined up like sitting-ducks in the superintendent's office. (Apparently, after I'd left, Skedan had tired of his bayonet-practice, gotten hold of a rifle and started blasting holes in the ceiling, narrowly missing a man who was trying to sleep in the room above and scaring him out of ten year's growth. A couple of Company vehicles had also been stolen and left in a ditch up the highway. We knew nothing of this latter business but were blamed for it anyhow. The real culprits got off scott-free.) The superintendent was a harried man, ill-suited for the job and soon to relinquish it. He seemed to be labouring under the delusion that I was the instigator of the whole debacle. It may have had something to do with the bogus supplying-to-minors charge. Had Skedan any class, he would have taken the rap and gotten the rest of us at least partly off the hook. But Skedan played dumb and foolishly, so did we. As a result, we were all summarily fired, charged with damages and blacklisted from Canfor.

The eight of us were herded into the back of a pick-up truck that was parked in front of the restaurant. We stood there like aristocrats in a tumbril on our way to the guillotine. A small crowd had gathered, some of them smirking as if they thought we were getting what we damn well deserved. Helen was among them, looking tearful. I gave her a wry smile and shrugged my shoulders. What the hell could you say?

At the magistrate's court, we were fined forty dollars and costs apiece and went our separate ways. Tom Skedan returned to the East and was soon involved in a bank-robbery that netted him seven years. Frank Johnston died tragically in a fire about a year later. I didn't keep track of the rest. (Chris was in town at the time and missed out on the whole thing but quit soon after.) As for myself, I went back to the logging-camps and later cut shakes on my mother's property, reprieved from Canfor's time-clocks.



Twilight Theatre

It's comedy and horror at the Twilight Theatre this week folks. The films are **Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo, and It's Alive.**

Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo is another film from the Disney Studios about the lovable and unlikely Volkswagen with a penchant for taking to the air. Herbie's supporting cast is headed by Dean Jones, Don Knotts and Julie Sommars. It is of course designed for general movie-going audiences and its three-day stay at the Twilight, Thursday through Saturday, December 1 - 3, will include an afternoon matinee performance on Saturday, December 3rd, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

It's Alive is rated for Mature audiences and bears the warning to parents that it is a film of sustained suspense which might well be frightening for children. The only thing wrong with the Davis baby, we are told, is that it's alive. This thriller will run at the Twilight Sunday through Wednesday, December 4th to 7th and will be shown at the regular time of 8:00 p.m. each evening.

Gibsons Library

The Gibsons Public Library has again added several new titles to its shelves for the month of December.

On the Fiction Shelves, the new titles include: **Send No More Roses,** by Eric Ambler; **Dancing Girls,** by Margaret Atwood; **Blockbuster,** by Stephen Barley; **Bel Ria,** by Sheila Burnford;

In the Fram, **by Dick Francis; The Kidnapped Surgeon,** by Alexander Knox; **The Honourable Schoolboy,** by John Le Carre; and **The Auctioneer,** by Joan Samson.

There are several new titles on the Non-Fiction shelves also. These include: **The Diamond Seeker,** by John Gawaine, which is listed under Biography; **Without a Trace** and **Do Cats Think,** by Charles Berlitz and Paul Corey respectively, are under the heading General; two new titles under the heading Nature are **Paddy,** by R.D. Lawrence and **Girds of the Early Explorers in the Northern Pacific** by Theed Pearse; under the Sports heading we find new entry **The Trail of the Stanley Cup,** by Charles L.Coleman.

Teen night

There will once again be regular Teen Nights at the Wilson Creek Scout Hall, starting Wednesday, November 30th. Teens are invited to drop in from 7:30 - 9:30. There will be music, ping pong and light refreshments. If you are ages 13 to 19, come along, bring a friend and your favourite records. That's Wednesday night, November 30th, at the Wilson Creek Scout Hall.

For more information phone your community worker, April Struthers, 885-2309.

Wilson Creek

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

Making your own Christmas cards and decorations is fun, easy, and inexpensive. Thursday December 1st, at Wilson Creek Community Hall, you can try out your ideas in a Christmas Workshop. Simple decorative techniques will be demonstrated, and typical products displayed. Everyone is welcome and admission is free, just bring along something to work with - paper, wire, string, glue, and outdoor materials. For more information, call your community worker, April Struthers, at 885-2309.

Ellingham's Astrology

by Rae Ellingham

Week commencing November 28.

General Notes: As the Sun aligns favorably with Mars at the end of this week, the time becomes ripe for starting enterprises requiring courage, energy, and initiative. These conditions are improved further by a steadying Mercury-Saturn contact, bringing commonsense and practicality to any new endeavours. Go ahead confidently if you've been holding back.

Babies born this week will eventually be very clear about their intentions. Many will possess a healthy balance of vigorous enthusiasm and plain commonsense.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)

Your creative energy reaches a peak and you redirect your thoughts towards improving your position and self respect. Home entertaining could get a little giddy this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

You now have to go ahead with domestic reorganization. Your inventive ideas will prove to be practical after all. Messages are exaggerated and probably untrue.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

Your mind is presently operating with greater force and energy. Future discussions with loved ones will be much clearer and should bring better results. The urge to overspend and behave ostentatiously is again very tempting.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Financial projects at last get the green light as employment conditions begin to swing in your favour. Act quickly. Those close to you are now ready for more intimate conversations.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

You have only till Dec. 13 to launch decisively those projects which have already consumed so much planning time. Act now, as inevitable delays lie ahead. Choose your words carefully at a weekend social event.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

An excellent time to add further ideas to that scheme you hope to have completed by next summer. Work now being done in private will eventually produce great benefits. Have faith in yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Friends and acquaintances will bring you the good news you've been waiting for. Simply speaking, your dreams could come true. Expect more people to visit your home as domestic conditions speed up.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Emphases will be on scandals, gossip, and idle chatter but be prepared for a serious financial proposition that could boost your position. Short journeys, messages, and paper work will increase steadily throughout December.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

You now have the energy to transorm your dreams into reality but financial activities are about to take up much of your time. Carelessness with possessions has to be watched as the week closes.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Although your intuition is at its strongest, don't be fooled by a loved one's well-meaning, but impossible, hopes and dreams. Make sure you have your more practical say.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Partners and close associates are enthusiastic about your long-term goals and will help push you towards them. Have nothing to do with juicy rumours on the work scene.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

Now's the time to exert yourself on the employment scene and demand what you rightly deserve. Others will offer their support. Your courage and renewed self respect will be admired by many.

All about Bridge

by Jim Weir

If this week's deal was played in a rubber bridge game the bidding would automatically stop at two hearts and the contract would be fulfilled with relative disinterest in the play of the cards and the resulting score. However, it was played in a duplicate game in which the deal is played several times and the score is based on a comparison of results. With this type of scoring, it is necessary to compete for the optimum part score contract.

Neither side is vulerable.
Dealer is West.

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

WEST
S Q J 9 8
H A K 3 2
D 7 6
C Q J 10

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

SOUTH
S A 7
H J 5 4
D Q 7 6 5
C A 9 8 7

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 H	Pass	2H	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	3C
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of hearts.

At the end of the first round of bidding, north decided against passing which would allow his opponents to hold the contract at two hearts. North reasoned that since the opponents had bid to only a low level contract the combined strength of their hands was limited to about twenty high card points. This being the case the north/south combined high card strength was also about twenty high card points. Since twenty high card points and a suit fit is usually all that is needed to fulfill a two level contract, North reasoned that not only could East/West make two hearts, but also his side could make a two level contract in their fit or be set only one trick at the three level.

In duplicate bridge a fifty point bonus is given for fulfilling a part-score contract. Therefore, it is more profitable to take a one trick set doubled when not vulnerable than to allow the opponents to fulfill a two level major suit contract.

Having made this analysis, North doubled for a take out. This double promises at least three cards in each of the unbid suits and requires partner to bid his best suit. South cooperated by bidding three clubs. West, at this point, decided that it was unlikely that he could make three hearts. He decided that doubling and setting three clubs provided the best chance for his side to receive a good score compared with other East/West players who were allowed to play two hearts.

Playing at three clubs, South lost one club, one diamond, two hearts and one spade for a one trick set. His side conceded only 100 points to the opposition beating all those North/South players who lost 110 points by allowing their opposition to bid and make two hearts.

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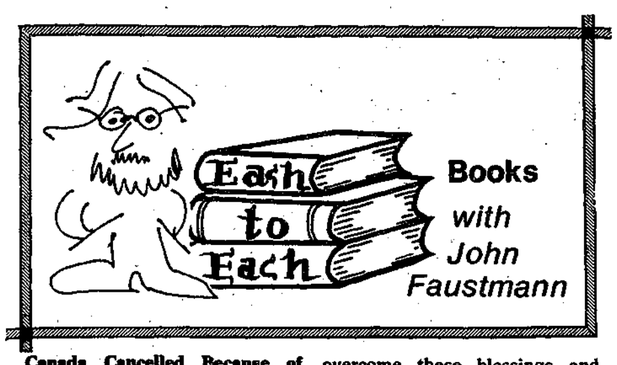


Canada Cancelled Because of Lack of Interest
Eric Nocol & Peter Whalley
Hurtig Publishers

Eric Nicol, the only reason why anyone would want to read **The Province** newspaper, has escaped from the modest confines of that journal, and hand in hand with cartoonist Peter Whalley, was last seen giggling up the drainpipes of contemporary Canadian life. From his past record, Nicol should be considered armed (with wit and wanton foolery) and dangerous. Should you apprehend him in his latest disguise - as author of **Canada Cancelled for Lack of Interest**, approach carefully. Total incapacitation as a result of laughter might ensue.

It's almost sinister, thinking about a quiet, unsuspecting Canada going about it's business, conducting the garage sale of her natural resources, fussing over the Quebec situation, preparing to re-elect the Liberals, or simply worrying about trying to keep warm, while all the while, lurking in the tangled underbrush of satiric humour, Nicol and Whalley were sharpening their pens. Keeping an eye peeled for the absurd, their fingers on the pulse of the national craziness, and their feet firmly planted on the boggy tundra of the Canadian identity, they leap forth from hiding with this latest book. Stuck to the quick, Canada goes down like a bad government in the middle of a bugging scandal.

From the very first sentence in the book, in a chapter called "The Botch of a Nation", Nicol takes aim at a Canada that will exist thirty years from now. He writes: "There are persons alive today who remember Canada as a living nation. Perhaps 'living' is too strong a word. But historians agree that the country did exist as recently as the end of the twentieth century and was visited by explorers who are still complaining about the prices." Two hundred pages later, with the country in smoking ruins, Nicol explains what went wrong.

It began with deconfederation. Nobody wanted to leave their province in the sullied hands of the present government, so everyone quit. B.C. demanded that the train tracks be torn up so they could use them as ox-cart trails to deliver coal to the Japanese. In fact, B.C. soon became a Japanese province. The prairies, after the province of Al-bertah joined the Arab oil producing states, formed alliances with the USSR. The maritimes, by changing their name back to Vinland, tricked the Norwegians into annexing them. This was difficult, but the deed was accomplished by having everyone wear funny hats with horns sticking out of them.

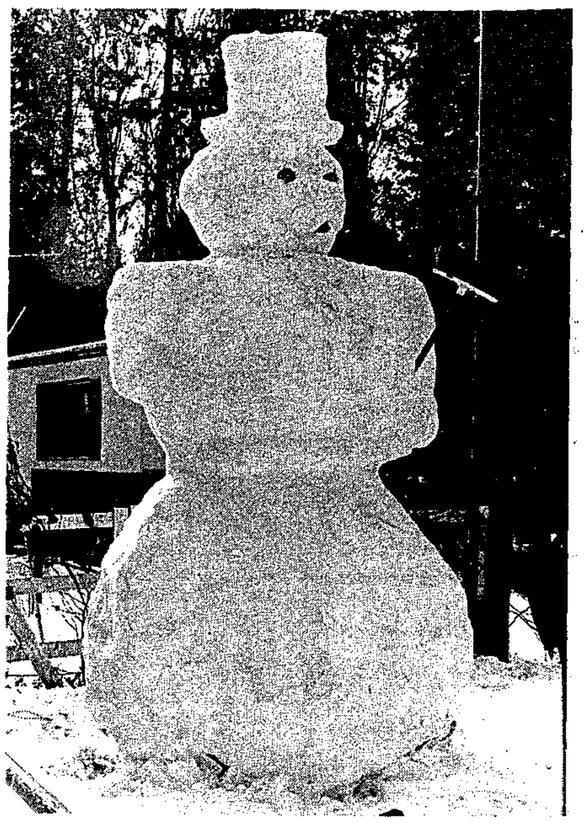
It went from bad to worse. Nicol observes: "Canada also shipped abroad enormous quantities of lumber, harvested from her endless forests, and fish, taken from her teeming seas, and minerals stripped from her bountiful rock. No other people has had to develop poverty in the midst of such abundance. That Canadians were able to overcome these blessings and turn the land of plenty into the land of unemployment insurance is one of the classic triumphs of human perversity." Industry collapsed. In the forest industry "...companies finally went bankrupt paying for television commercials, which showed that all they did in the woods was plant seedlings and help fawns find their mothers." With all the industries gone, Canadians went back to living in huts, some of which were constructed from astroturf, taken from the no longer used football fields. The oil supply having run out, they started using cow patties for fuel. Relations between the sexes deteriorated, and many people began having meaningful experiences with house plants. The lines of communication soon fell, leaving the country with only smoke signals to carry long distance messages. "Smoke signals were an equally mixed blessing for Canadians. Because of the prevailing wind, Winnipeg was inarticulate much of the time, and messages read in smoke were often misinterpreted, as when the entire village of Kelowna responded to a forest fire as an invitation to a group-sex party."

With industry gone, communications down, and people feeding their wood stoves with cow patties, the arts were the next to suffer. The attempted International Film Festival, the "Grand Prix de Port Moody" never got off the ground. The National Ballet defected to Tonga. The last surviving poet turned out to be a computer. It short-circuited itself trying to grow a beard. The CBC entered into the Age of Mediocrity, and ended up producing only closed-circuit programmes about their own executives. Serious entertainers evacuated the nation. As Nicol notes: "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, some have greatness thrust upon them, and some remained in Canada."

Interspersed throughout Nicol's wandering, chuckling text, Peter Whalley's cartoons help us visualize the Canada to come. A man in a t-shirt is presented "The Golden Beer Can Award for twenty-two continuous years on the unemployment circuit." Mirabel airport gets turned into a bowling alley, the commission on Canadian Identity turns out to be the skeletal remains of ten men in a conference room, people are seen sawing up telephone poles to use as firewood, and Air India airplanes start dropping Care packages on the beleagured populace.

Nicol and Whalley have done it all in this book. With cleverness, insight, lashings of wit, and with a thorough understanding about what makes this country so funny, they've produced a book that helps us laugh at ourselves. Leading us down the nutty road to the great national joke, they hold up the mirror full of all our funny faces. Having done this, we at last have a picture of who we are. As Nicol says: "It has been said-facetiously, one suspects - that Canada chased its identity in every-diminishing circles till it finally disappeared up its own aspiration."

Canada Cancelled Because of Lack of Interest may be the last group portrait taken before the final flush. I'd recommend this book. Nicol may not escape again, and he's too good to miss.



In praise of seat belts

by Manuane Laplante

Twice daily I travel, as do many others, to and from Sechelt and Gibsons. For that brief time of the day I am travelling its length, the highway captures all of my attention, partly because it is quite attractive and mostly because it scares me very much. I fear both mechanical and human error, mine and that of others; steel is very unkind to the flesh. It is said that the highways are our modern equivalent of a battlefield. It may be so and if indeed it is, I have finally accepted one of its defensive safeguards: the safety belt.

I should, of course, have accepted it a long time ago, but I found it specially hard to remember to use it, to feel comfortable within its hold and to forget the fact that I was still alive precisely because once in the past I had not been wearing one.

When the government made it impossible to ignore these cumbersome dangling things any longer, I subjected with more than a grumble.

Not even their delightful television commercial could soften me. I don't happen to have a cute youngster shoving an ice cream cone into my face...I simply loathed being charmed into good behaviour. The spectre of a fine was my only incentive and so I complied. Until last Wednesday morning when my travelling companion and I found ourselves sailing helplessly in the midst of the busy highway after hitting a stretch of black ice upon entering a blind curve. It wasn't one of those gentle slippery slides that can be rectified with some skillful steering wheel work, it was of the "I've got you and I'll do what I want with you" variety. It wanted us in the ditch eventually, no one was hurt, the only one to get bumps was the car, dear Puddle Jumper. I remembered thinking that the whole thing lasted too long for comfort; I remember being held, held, held...and I was thankful, when we were off again, that my hands had stopped shaking long enough to buckle up again.

But the drivers are not the only ones involved. I was appalled the next morning to realize that just where we had gone in the ditch children were now in little groups playing and talking while waiting for their morning bus. It seems to me that children should be made to stand further back from the road while waiting for the bus. They are frighteningly close to the highway for 10 to 15 minutes every morning and it seems to me too big a chance to take. There is no seat belt that will save a child from the wheels of a sliding car.

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CBC Radio

by Maryanne West

Max Ferguson has returned to Toronto from temporary retirement in Cape Breton and will pinch-hit as host of Morningside weekday mornings from 9:13 till noon.

The Metropolitan Opera season begins Saturday at 2:00 p.m. with a performance of Verdi's Rigoletto live from New York.

Ideas, Saturdays at 9:05 p.m. has embarked on a six-part odyssey exploring the new realities in physics, cosmology, psychic phenomena, meditation and religion. Host, Dr. Howard Eisenberg of York University is author of a recently published book "Inner Spaces, Parapsychological Exploration of the Mind", (Musson). Consciousness researchers, healers, scientists in the U.S. and Canada contribute to the discussion. This week, conversations with Dr. David Harrison on Zen Physics and a Kahuna sorcerer from Hawaii.

The Hornby Collection, Saturday 11:05 presents a sketch of B.C.'s most enigmatic villain and hero, Bill Miner.

Concern, Sunday, 9:05 p.m. discusses childbirth at home or hospital, the pros and cons.

Wednesday November 30
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Anne Edwards biographer of Vivien Leigh.
Thursday December 1
Playhouse: 8:04 p.m. The Joke about Hilary Spite by Christopher Bidmead. Part II, Pandora Box.
Jazz Radio-Canada: 8:30 p.m. Eric Robertson Quartet. Bobby Hales Big Band.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. Delius, Glick, Williams.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Writer-historian Walter Lord.
Friday December 2
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Pinchas Zukerman, violin. Schubert, Vivaldi.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. The glorious years of Sound Recordings, Part II.
Saturday December 3
Update: 8:30 a.m. Roundup of B.C. Happenings.
The House: 9:10 a.m. The week in Parliament.
Quirks and Quarks: 12:05 p.m. Science Magazine, David Suzuki.
Metropolitan Opera: 2:00 p.m. Verdi's Rigoletto.
Between Ourselves: 7:05 p.m. The Halifax Explosion, 60 years after.
Ideas: 9:05 p.m. Parapsychology and the frontiers of knowledge - a sixth sense.
Anthology: 10:05 p.m. Massey's Harvest, Part III, George Woodcock. Short story by Hugh Garner, the Man with a Musical Tooth. Poetry by the late Eric Ivan Berg.
The Hornby Collection: 11:05 p.m. The Fellow who looks like Me by Brenda White.
Sunday December 4
CBC Stage: 1:05 p.m. Pnin by Vladimir Nabokov adapted by Fletcher Markle from the novel by the author of Lolita.
Special Occasion: 4:05 p.m. Black and Blue - old time greats.
Symphony Hall: 7:05 p.m. Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Henryk Szeryng violin. Prokofieff Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich.
Concern: 9:05 p.m. Natural childbirth.
Sound of Sports: 10:05 p.m. New extended sports magazine, hosts Bill Paul, Fred Sgambati.
Monday December 5
Gold Rush: 8:30 p.m. George Harrison interview.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Mozarteum Orchestra, Salzburg. All Mozart programme.
Tuesday December 6
Touch the Earth: 8:30 p.m. Guitarists Doc Watson, Sandy Bull, David Wilcox.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. National Arts Centre Orchestra, Mercure, Mendelssohn, Brahms.
CBC-FM Radio 105.7
Ideas: 8:04 p.m. Wednesday - Television, 25 years in Canada. Thursday - sports writers, Friday inerview, Monday - history - The Common Folk. Tuesday - archeology, Lbyans, Phonecians, Egyptians, Celtiberians. **Odyssey** Sunday 10:05 p.m. Allan Vaughan and Stanely Kripper explore PSI research. **CBC Monday Night:** 9:04 p.m. Part I. One Touch of Genius, a painter, writer and composer who each produced only one great work in their lifetime. Part II - Leslie Malowany, viola, Donna Symons, piano in recital.
The Best Seat in the House: Tuesday, 9:04 p.m. Opposition - a study of dissident life in Prague.

Job's Daughters

The fall term of the International Order of Job's Daughters Bethel #28, is well under way, with a full slate of officers led by Honoured Queen, Kerry Goddard.

Kerry has many activities lined up for her term. One of the recent events was a visit to a Vancouver Bethel to attend an International Day.

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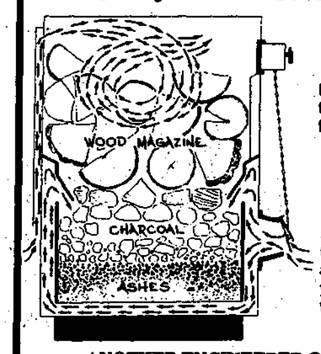

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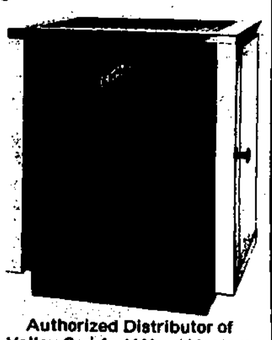

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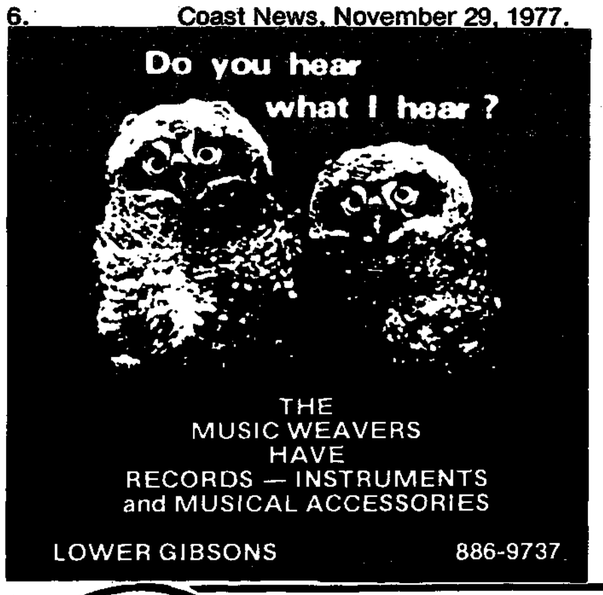

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Harmony Hall happenings

by Jim Holt

Well the snow has come at last and believe me it wasn't a pleasant sight to see with the ground being frozen so hard it made driving a nightmare as many of you know. I was very fortunate I was up at the service station Wednesday morning and had my snow tires put on and not half an hour after I got home it started to snow. They cut the carpet bowling short Wednesday on account of the weather, and I sincerely hope everybody got home safely.

I just got word today that our former president Lorne MacLaren is in St. Mary's Hospital. I am given to understand that he is having trouble with his back and stomach. I sure hope it isn't serious and the membership of Harmony Branch #38 all wish him a speedy recovery.

Speaking of people being sick I got the report back from my doctor, and he assures me my heart is O.K. as my electrocardiograph shows, some people may not belive this as I have been told I have no heart, but that only goes for people who don't know me. My blood count is good. The only thing that bugs me is they have found out I have an ulcer, a thing which I have suspected for a long time so I will have to do something about that.

The election for village council is all over and I hope everyone is satisfied. You all had a chance to exercise your franchise and you did it but I was dissapointed at the percentage of those entitled to vote who did not. It does not speak very well of most of the communities in B.C. who did not turn out very well to vote as the percentages were quite low in some parts, and if things don't go right in the future the ones who didn't vote will be the first ones to squawk.

In a lighter vein, I was thinking of approaching the village council to see if it would be possible to get a C.F.L. franchise here and if it were possible, I would after watching a certain team go down to such a devastating defeat, try and raise a team of O.A.P. who could do no worse than getting beat that badly. "After having such a good season." We have certain workers who I am sure could hold them to a tie at least. We could get used to the cold weather by starting our Spring Training as of right now and by the time spring is here we would be in top notch shape. I hope the Edmonton Eskimos bring the Grey Cup back with them. As you know the Bus trip to Vancouver is on Wednesday December 7th. The price is $5.00 per person and the trip will include a trip to the Tilford Gardens in North Vancouver. Everyone meets at the bus depot in Gibsons no later than 10:45 a.m. as we are catching the 11:15 a.m. ferry to Horseshoe Bay, so please be on time. Try and get your money to Vi Lynds as soon as possible before the deadline which is Dec. 30th. To contact Vi phone her at 886-7428. I understand that about ten seats are left on the bus.

A meeting of the executive will be held right after the carpet bowling on Wednesday, November 30th so that we can get things arranged for the month of December. As you know we are having our membership New Years Party on the evening of December 31st. Irene has printed a bunch of tickets which will be on sale at our next general meeting, Monday December 5th at 2:00 p.m., so be sure and get your tickets for our New Years frolic, they are $2.00 per person and each member is entitled to bring a friend. Food will be supplied and for those wishing to have a drink it is a case of B.Y.O.B. for which mixes will be supplied. The conveners for this event are Irene Bushfield, 886-9567 and Mel Eckstein, 886-9510. If you desire to know anymore about this, I am sure that they will give you any information you wish.

Our Bingo last night was small in comparison to what we have been getting and we had to cut our prize money down a little, but everyone seemed quite happy with what they got, and we are quite happy that we didn't go in the hole. I would like to express my personal thanks to all who attended and hope to see you all back again next week. My congratulations to Mrs. Hostlund and the other lady, whose name I haven't got, on splitting the jackpot. It is getting to be a regular thing with Mrs. Hostlund winning.

Glad to hear that Len Coates is improving and who knows he may walk into the hall one of these nights and surprise us all. Keep up the good work Ken and you will be out of there in no time flat.

We are going to try and get our Friday night Fun Night started again. Irene has already got a bunch of games and is going to order some more so let's get behind this and give it a boost. There will be all kinds of games to choose from including a table tennis set so come out and get limbered up. It will be good for what ails you and will get your away from the Boob Tube for a while. Irene is a very concientious person and is always thinking of other people, trying to make them happy. It is no wonder they asked her to be the Welcome Wagon hostess, because she is certainly suited for the job. So please, get behind the Friday night Fun Night which will be discussed at our general meeting. Who knows, we may be able to get it started next month. As I have said before, a branch is only as good as its membership wants it to be. So don't wait for the other fellow to do it, just dig right in and try it yourself and if you cannot make it alone I am sure that there will always be someone around to give you a helping hand. I have found this to be the case while I have been your president, if I couldn't do the job alone, I could always call on someone to help me, and that is what life in my estimation, is all about, helping out the other fellow when he or she needed help.

Well I guess I will have to draw to a close but please keep these dates in mind. Carpet Bowling and executive meeting Wednesday, Nov. 30th, Bus trip to Vancouver, Wed. Dec. 7th, Phone Vi Lynds at 886-7428 for reservations as soon as possible. Friday night Fun Night possibly in December, New Years Eve Frolic, Dec. 31st. Buffet lunch will be served at midnight. Tickets $2.00 each. Now I must close hoping these few lines find you all enjoying good health and hope to see you all at the December general meeting.

Adios Amigos

Come cry with me

Dear Ann:

Why is it this time of year, though Xmas, seems such a depressing time to so many people? I hear so often the remark "I hate Christmas" but just the same they go through the motions, shopping, decorating and baking. Some people I know take off on vacation at this time. That seems rather empty to me.

Why?

Dear Why:

I can think of many reasons. Those of us who have always loved Christmas find our other expenses rising and our Xmas money shrinking. Some have close families through their life they are planning surprises and hiding toys, come Xmas morning there are the loved children squealing and throwing paper. Your father, mother and grandmother's aunts and uncles - all those people that love you just because you are you. They make your early Christmases and the childrens' a very happy time, lots of goodies, the smell of green boughs and baking through the house. It was a magic time, a happy time. Now the beloved people close to you, most of them die; your children live at a distance, they grow up and their taste is a mystery to you. Since you can't surprise or dazzle them anymore, shopping is difficult. Be consoled, show your love as best you can. When you have grandchildren make some one happy, surprise some one you care about, to have a warm gathering at your house around the tree. If it's too expensive, get several friends or relatives to bring different parts of a supper party and get together. That's the warm close feeling that is missed. Draw names so that you all can unwrap a present, but do not go broke trying to buy a present for every one. Then you have control and won't feel sad.

Dear Ann:

When love dies, or the realization that it wasn't there hits you and you'd like to leave. I find it hard to be true to myself and still leave gracefully. Is there a way to leave and hurt your partner as little as possible?

Splitting

Dear Splitting:

I guess I'm for the clean break for several reasons. You wouldn't cut off a dog's tail a little at a time until you reached the desired length. It would prolong the agony and delay the healing. To try and emotionally withdraw a little at a time isn't as kind as it would seem. You are delaying resuming your freedom and living. Also the mate who is being left, they keep hoping as long as you are there even part of the time and it delays their resuming their life and filling your space meaningfully. I don't think you can gracefully leave someone who doesn't want you to go. If you wait to grow apart it might take years and I don't like to see anyone waste their youth that way. If children are involved I feel it is worth a long try to keep their back ground secure and give them all the love they need to be well adjusted human beings - but that's another story.

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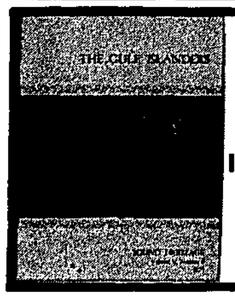

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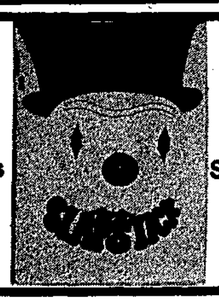

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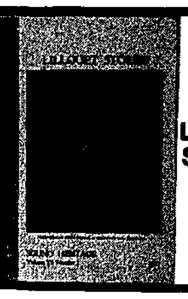

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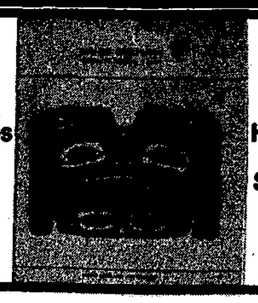

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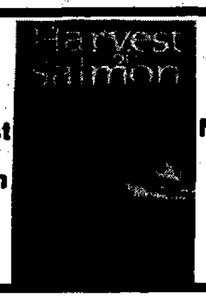

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Street Talkin

Question: What do you think of the first snow of the season?

NORA HILL
"I don't think people were ready for it, they didn't have their snow tires on an have their snow tires on and it caused a lot of problems yesterday. Maybe now they'll be ready."

WENDY WALTON
"I don't. I'm from Ontario and I'm not expecting all this snow at once."

D. J. HAUKA
"It's disgusting. It's an ultimate hassle and I also think that if you had to shovel it you wouldn't like it either."

DAVE SECORD
"I'm not too thrilled about it. I was up fishing at Pender Harbour and I had to leave my boat up there, couldn't bring it down. I've gotta go back up sometime when there's no snow."

New Horizons

by Tom Walton

By way of a change, the Nov. 21st meeting of the Elphinstone New Horizons opened with ten rounds of Bingo. Mr. Bill Grose acted as the caller for the Casino while the gamblers below put their chips on the line under the "N's"; circling the "O's" or merely applying postage stamps as directed. All enjoyed the change however, particularly the ten lucky winners: **Ladies:** Lill Shields, Olive Provencal, Gladys Ironside, Madeline Grose, Marian Cupit, Noreen Spaner and Edith Fraser. Only three men made the grade: Len Hornet, Jack James and Joe Kevtesz. Congratulations!

This period of deep concentration was followed by the regular activities. All able-bodied bowlers were ordered to "man their posts" at the alley, and soon the shouts of joy or wails of dispair were audibly intermingled in the musical discord. The Bridge players retired to their dens to hibernate, and the Whisters, Cribbagers and Scrabblers settled down to prove their metals. The writer made the tactical error of challenging Jack Shields at crib and took three bad beatings in a row. "A sadder and a wiser man I rose the morrow morn."

The aroma of coffee and the tasty refreshments served by the good ladies made a happy ending to a very nice afternoon of fun for all of us. It was a pleasure to see Bill and Bessie Clark back again, also Bill Fraser after his recent illness, take it easy now! We hope the other "Missing links" will all be back with us before long.

On Dec. 5th, Mr. Jim Ironside will be showing his colour slides on the subject of "Flowers" - (Horticulturists take particular note), and Dec. 12th is the date of our Christmas Party. Two items to note, 1. Those wishing to attend the party are requested to notify a member of the committee for the information of the caterers; and 2. A book is being provided in which to enter the names of those who intend to purchase copies of our booklet "Remembering Roberts Creek" when it becomes available in the new year. Cheerio, and see you next Monday.

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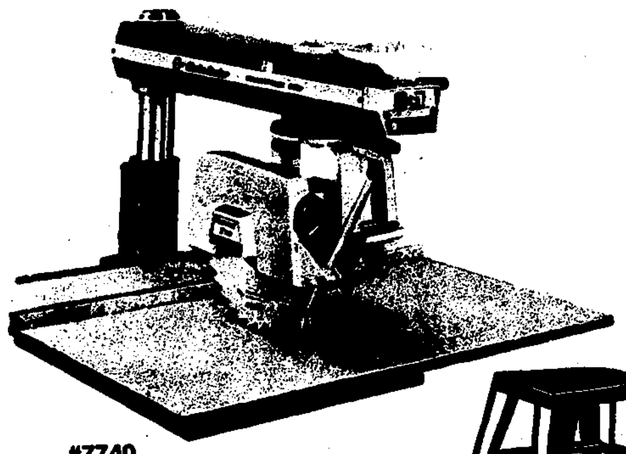

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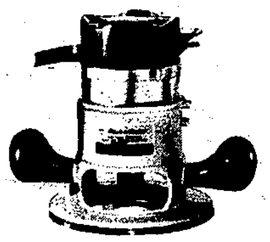

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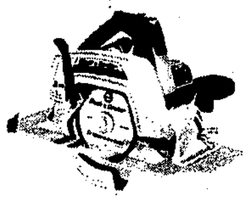

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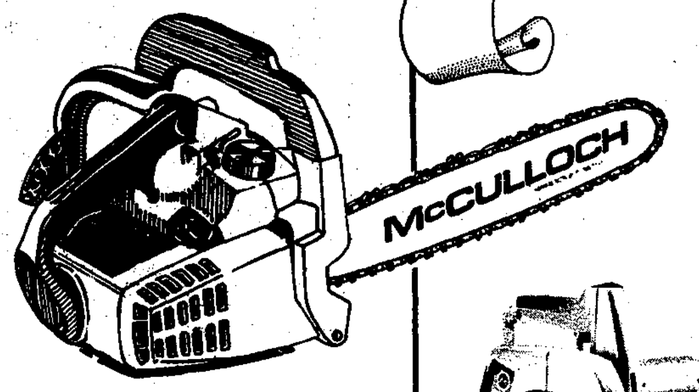

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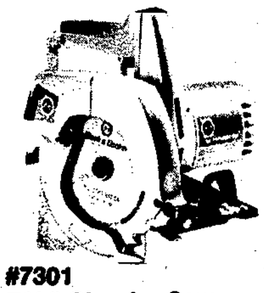

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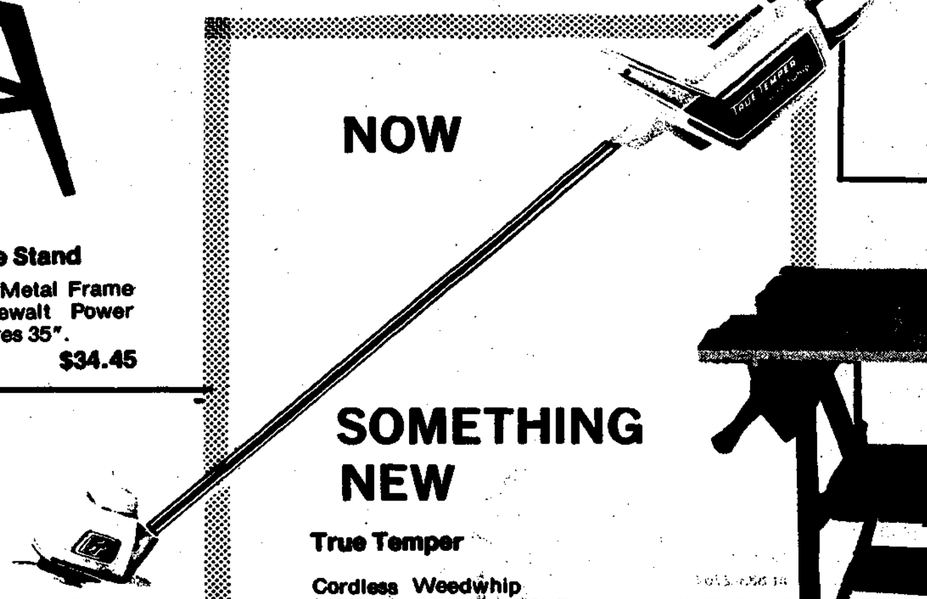

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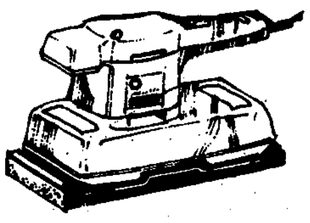

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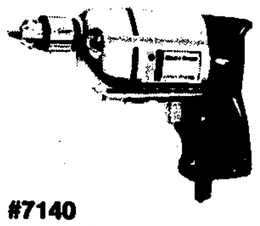

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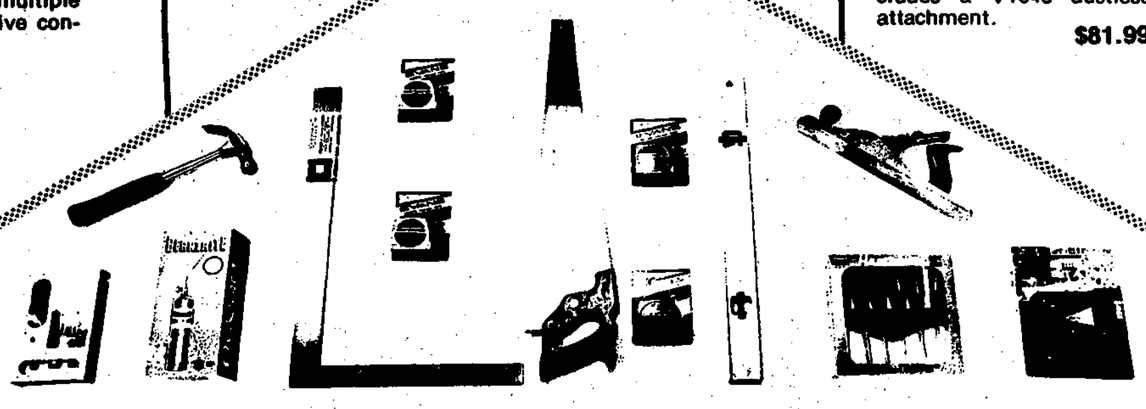

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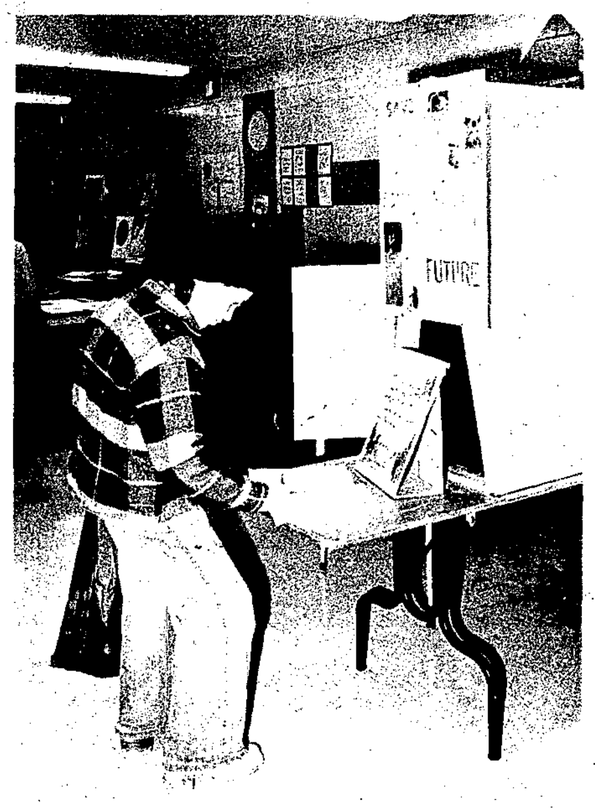

At the Community Forum, this lady is shown signing the petition that was being circulated in favour of the Soames Point fields being retained as a Heritage Park.

Soames Field as Park?

Two conflicting views of what should be done with the Soames Field halfway between Grant field halfway between Grant Landing are presently before the Regional Board. On the one hand there is a proposed housing development on the property which has been brought before the board by Gibsons Realty. On the other hand a group calling itself the Soames Point Green Belt Heritage Park Committee would have the property preserved as a parkland.

This latter group has recently come forward to urge the Regional Board to acquire the property so that it might be retained as a park. Shirley Macey, Vice President of the Heritage Park Committee, recently gave these reasons for the retention of the property as a park: 1. It provides easy access to Soames Hill and is within walking distance to most surrounding communities; 2. It is the only available land left with a class one beach and bay area on West Howe Sound that can be accessible to the public; 3. The population of the South-East Sunshine Coast is definitely on the increase with proposed sawmill and chipping mill developments on West Hose Sound, in addition to existing industry; 4. The property is of historical significance in that it is the last 4.3 acres of the 160 acres homesteaded by the Soames family.

According to Macey the cost to taxpayers would amount to only $7.00 per year for local taxpayers over the next twenty years if it was funded by the area; the cost, Macey says, would drop to only $4.00 per year for twenty years if it was funded regionally.

"The Regional District has the option to buy this property as a possible start to a Regional Park Plan for the Sunshine Coast, but it must do this by February 20, 1978," said Macey. "The dedicated people who are trying to secure this property as a natural greenbelt for the enjoyment of all need support," said the Heritage Park Committee Vice-President.

The Heritage Park Committee have already written to Victoria and received their initial support and the support and concern of the Regional District but now seek to receive the views of the community. Vice-President Macey asks that all Sunshine Coast residents write to the Heritage Park Committee in care of the community newspapers.

A meeting to discuss this matter is planned in the near future and all interested in it should be alert for notice of that meeting.

Open House

Several stores in the Harbour area, Gibsons, held Open House last Sunday to give people a chance to decide on their Christmas shopping in an unhurried atmosphere. It was a great success.

Visitors could have a cup of coffee and a sandwich and, with no pressure on them to buy, could examine the merchandise at their leisure.

"I had a great time," said Gerry Boezewinkle, of the Jean Shop. "People came in as a whole family. I think I enjoyed myself as much as any of the customers."

The idea was initiated by Helen of Helen's Fashions, and was such a success that she decided to do the same thing next Sunday at her Sechelt store.

Police news

Apart from extra duty incurred by last week's snow storm, Gibsons RCMP have been mainly involved in clearing up the back log of recent break-ins and vandalism reports. The word is that their success rate in this clean-up is higher than ususal.

Two further break-ins occurred last week. On November 24th Shelly Thompson caught a juvenile in her home and informed the police, who apprehended him. On the 20th, the Robertson's house on Lower Road had a quantity of jewelery, valued at under $200. taken.

The possible theft of a 12-foot boat on Lower Road was reported by Mrs. Guzzi, there is a chance that the boat may have come adrift in a high wind although it was tied to another boat which still remained.

On Wednesday, during the snow storm with the school buses out of commission, a brave little six-year-old girl decided that she would walk home to Port Mellon, luckily she was picked up by a motorist, and eventually delivered to her worried parents. None the worse from her experience, she thanked the driver and said that they were very nice people.

OES #65 grateful

The members of Mt. Elphinstone Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star take this opportunity to thank the people of the Sunshine Coast for supporting them by attending their annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th. The following is a list of those who were lucky ticket holders for the various draws.

Door prize, Mrs. Louise Lang, Past Matron's prize, Mr. Jim Foster, Vancouver, Cut glass bowl, Mr. and Mrs. John Donnelly, Xmas cake, Mrs. Longman, Xmas light picture, Shawn Trousdale, knitted baby set, Lori Skytte, Macrame frame, Jean Cameron, Humpty Dumpty doll, Nancy Douglas, carrot pudding weight guessing, Dorothy Bosch, tablecloth, Mrs. Simpson, West Vancouver, petit point, Marilyn Wigard, 1st hamper, Ann Kirkham, Vancouver, 2nd hamper, Betty Henniker, 3rd hamper, Sam MacKenzie.

Pender clinic - diabetics

An event of interest to all diabetics and their families will take place at the Pender Harbour and District Health Centre in Madeira Park on Saturday, December 3rd, in the form of a Diabetic Teaching Clinic.

The purpose of this clinic, which is the first of its kind to be held on the Sunshine Coast, is to update diabetics' knowledge in view of recent research in the field, stress the importance for diabetics of a balanced lifestyle and reinforce previous teaching.

The morning will begin at 7:30 with registration, supervised injections and breakfast. This will be followed by films and lectures by Dr. Ed Berinstein and Nurse Practitioner Darlane Snell, lasting until 11:30 a.m. A fee of $2.00 per person will be charged and the health clinic asks all who plan to attend to contact them by December 1st at 883-2764.

This dangerous practice of children getting themselves towed behind automobiles was unfortunately common during the storm last Wednesday.

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SPORTS

Outgoing Mayor Larry Labonte threw the ceremonial first stone at the curling bonspiel held last weekend.

On the rocks

by Pat Edwards

The famous Sunshine Coast hospitality was in evidence again this past weekend as the men hosted their annual open bonspiel. Rinks from North Vancouver, Powell River, Squamish, North Delta, Sechelt, and Vancouver's Arbutus Club joined local rinks to compete for more than $1,000 in prizes.

A team of local high school boys skipped by Darren Craze shone throughout the 'spiel. They dropped the Clarke rink from Sechelt on Friday night and came through again on Saturday with wins against the local Drombolis rink and Powell River's Boese rink. They were finally defeated on Sunday by the Gow rink, but not before they had established themselves as strong contenders in future bonspiels. Darren, Steve Dulyk, Steve Clayton and Jim McEwen are to be congratulated for their fine showing against many experienced curlers.

At press time, the C and D event finalists were still to be decided, as was the opponent for the McLean rink in the B event. Finalists in the A event are the Yetman rink from North Vancouver, who defeated a strong rink skipped by Brian Gilchrist, and the Gow rink mentioned above.

Bonspiel Chairman Maurice Pearson wishes to thank all those who helped to make the 'spiel so successful. Many members of the club pitched in to give our visitors a good weekend of curling. Special thanks to the ladies for their many hours in the kitchen, and for all the delicious food served throughout the spiel. Many of the visitors were impressed with the quality and variety of the food available.

A special attraction on Saturday evening was the unscheduled apperance of the one and only "Peaches Pearson". Unfortunately "she" had no advance billing and many patrons missed the appearance. Others wished they had. It is hoped that we will be able to book "her" for a future engagement.

Don't forget the general meeting in the lounge on Tuesday, November 29 at 8:00 p.m.

Pierre Berton fogged out

Burrrrr....

Pierre Berton was slated to be on hand to sign copies of his books at Sechelt's Books and Stationary last Friday.

Unfortunately due to heavy fog at the airport he was unable to land, and his tight schedule made it impossible for him to return later.

For those who were disappointed, there is still a chance to get an autographed book. The book store in Powell River is going to have extra signed and shipped to the Sechelt store.

Coast strokers

by Dennis Gray

People often ask, what is the best bike for me? This is a difficult but very important question, since most motorcycles are for recreation and entertainment riding them is the only way to get your dollar value. It is therefore most important to make the first bike a suitable one.

A small used bike is like a ticket to yesterday's football game. Everybody assumes you have used up its value and often this is exactly the case. Many people who trust in blind faith and luck fund that their bargain priced bike is only a third or less of the cost to get it running, that's why they got it so cheap. As for brands, all manufacturers make good and not so good models, unless you are familiar with these models you must trust your dealer. This brings us to the second point, where to buy the machine? In selecting a dealer you should find the answer to these questions. Can he and will he service the machines? Has he a good stock of parts and accessories? Are his labour rates high? Is he just a flash in the pan, will he still be there when I need the parts? And most important, is he a biker or just there for a fast buck?

Many dealers only work on the make of machine they sell, and for good reason. Stocking parts is expensive and some manufacturers have a delivery time of several months for even vital parts. This reflects badly on the dealer. Further, a dealer will be much more interested in helping you if you bought the bike from him.

Once you have decided where to buy your bike you must decide the type of bike, street, dual purpose or off road. For beginners I would recommend dual purpose (Enduro). Next the size must be decided upon. Many people are intimidated by size and cost and select a bike which is too small. You don't have to use the full power potential of a machine, but it is nice to have the choice. Remember, as your skills improve you will expect more from the machine and finally, price. No one knows better than you what you can afford. There are however, very definite minimum prices, below which is only junk and if you can't afford a good bike believe me, you can't afford junk. Unfortunaely, the price of bikes like every other commodity is increasing and will likely continue to increase for some time.

Much ado about something: or, two more for the road

by Fran Berger

"To be fit, or not to be fit, - that is the question:/ Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer/ The slings and arrows of outrageous George Matthews,/ Or to take legs against a sea of troubles,/ And by opposing, end them?"

If the immortal Bard and Hamlet had a tough struggle with a similar question over three centuries ago, you can imagine what a hard time I'm having with it, especially while still reeling from the blows dealt to me by Mr. Matthews last week! Never in my wildest dreams did I image that my simple challenge to "Beat on the Fitness Drum just one loud boom from page two" would result in a whole column being devoted to attacking my personal idiosyncracies! Which, I feel compelled to add, were either totally misrepresented or else I am living under the grandest of delusions. We have all experienced at some time that peculiar phenomenon known as "deja vu", the feeling that you have been here before, and the things that are happening have already happened once. In reading Mr. Matthews column I had just the opposite reaction: I thought I knew what was going on, but his description of me and my approach to fitness was so totally foreign that I barely recognized myself; indeed, if he hadn't used my name he would have fooled me completely! (Which I'm not so sure wasn't his intention anyway!) So I must reply, trying not to feel too offended or defensive, and at the risk of appearing "self-righteous" and "fanatical" I shall attempt merely to clarify some of his "faux pas". I'm afraid you'll just have to put up with another of my "hysterical harangues" Mr. Matthews - but then, you asked for it.

A "busy body" am I? Well, you bet! My body hasn't been this busy running and jumping since I was weaned from my tricycle! Promoting fitness and keeping my body busy is my JOB, Mr. Matthews, just as counselling is yours - although I'm thinking that maybe we should scare up a second-hand bugging device and check on what you're telling our young people about physical fitness!

You need a "damn good reason" to work at getting fit, do you? Well, so do I, and having earlier confessed my thwarted efforts to come up with the self-discipline necessary to develop this habit my feeble attempts at jogging, I now have exactly the good reason I need to put my body through a workout almost every day: it's what my job demands. That makes it easy. This is my golden opportunity to get my body into shape and hopefully build the habits that will keep it that way. And it's all in a day's work! (the Protestant ethic I can handle but - not guilt, thank you. I'm trying hard not to believe in it.) I'm not raving about fitness because I have nothing better to do while waiting for my sprouts to grow. I get paid to make it easy for YOU to get some exercise, too. Of course I'm not advocating that everyone spend as much time as I do indulging in physical activity - for heaven's sake, it's a full-time job. Sometimes I feel almost fitnessed-out! But if there is anything you would like to do that you need to get fit for, or if you would like to do something just for fun (our motto) that, as a side-effect would also get you into better shape, well that's what I'm here for. To health with you, get it? If I can make YOUR attempt to be physical in any way easier, well Fran's my name and fitness is my game! You might say we run a "body shop", a place where one can get help with keeping the body's joints well-lubricated and the total machine running smoothly, with performance on demand, but the trick at this body shop is that you have to do the work yourself. You can provide your own reasons and rationale for doing it - or I'll come up with a few good ones for you if you're short of them. Either way, I'm here to make fitness possible. IF YOU WANT IT! The choice is always yours.

As an hysterical and fanatical fitness freak, I should probably be jogging for joy at the challenge you have offered me. Here's my big chance to prove the glories of wheatgerm and herbal tea - which of course are the staples of my diet, give or take a daily pound of watercress. But I can't see any way that I can possibly devote any more time to physical fitness and do the training necessary for the long-distance run that you have challenged me to. Such a run requires a lot of special preparation or it can be very hard on the body. I'm glad you're going into training right away! I'm sure Barb Laakso could whip me into shape with just a few weeks of her exercise and jogging sessions, (which you're most welcome to attend), but I feel I'm already devoting enough time and energy to being physical, and I'd really rather spend my spare time with a good book. As you said, there are other fine things in life besides fitness. Besides, jogging isn't really my thing, and to date I don't even own a pair of running shoes with which to besneaker my feet!

And just what kind of competition could there be between you and me? It would somehow insult my sense of femininity to accept a challenge to a feat of physical endurance from a man not only in the prime of his life, but also a rugby player of sufficient repute that he was judged rookie of the year! And, slim as it may be, the possiblity is there - what if your stamina wasn't greater than mine? I would be most surprised, which is fine, but you would probably be so deflated that you would bad-mouth fitness to your grave! I can't risk that, Mr. Matthews!

You say that challenge is the key to male fitness. Well, perhaps competition has a place in sports, but I do not see fitness as a "me being better than you" kind of endeavour. Rather, it is each person striving for an optimum - not necessarily maximum - level of health that allows one to feel good and to enjoy life as fully as one would like. I do my best for me and my needs, and you do the same for you. In the struggle for fitness we must BOTH be winners, Mr. Matthews. Let's forget about losing, because winning is definitely where it's at!

Besides, the most noble form of challenge, and the only one that is really worth rising to, is the personal challenge, the goal one sets for oneself, which requires no external recognition or approval to give it merit. This is the hardest form of challenge to meet, for there is no one else against whom to pit one's strength, and only one's inner drives and capacities can determine the results. It is the ultimate test in personal strenth, of whatever kind.

And so, Mr. Matthews, while I won't accept your challenge in the way that you have made it, make yourself a personal challenge and I will agree to meet you in Gibsons on April 1st to go for a run. I promise to run as far as I possibly can, and then I will spur you on to make it the rest of the way to Sechelt. As no matter how far I run I will be a winner for me, it will be great to read what you have to say about wheatgerm and cardiovasular exercise. If you do your research we should both learn something. As for my part, I'm sure that one piddly beer would hardly suffice after a marathon of the magnitude that you have proposed. Mr. Matthews, I promise that I will buy you one beer for every mile that you run on April 1st, - and if that should be more than you can consume in one sitting at the Golden Barrel, I shall personally deliver the remainder to your home for you to enjoy at your leisure. Come to think of it, if you quit smoking and get into shape the way you claim that you want to, why your body probably won't even mind coping with the occasional binge of debauchery. Being a man of moderation, we certainly wouldn't want you to give up decadence completely. In fact, as you are an avowed advocate of the "Golden Mean", wanting extremes to neither left nor right, I'm sure it would be most appropriate and no one would mind if you did your run down the very middle of the road!

One final comment in closing. Almost the biggest - and perhaps the most important - part of my job is to tease, tempt, and persuade people to get involved in some kind of physical activity, and to convince them that the overall body/mind state referred to as fitness is a desirable state to be in, whether it's to allow you to do other things, or just to feel good. I'm to spur people on to do something which requires discipline, and which is hard work, but which will ultimately benefit them. That's a difficult task at the best of times - even harder when there's opposition. But I guess I must be doing my job reasonably well. My approach, which you describe as "wheedling, nagging, and cajoling", and which I see as reason tempered with a "soft sell" - may not be your favourite, but it must work. After all, amazing as it may seem, the notorious fitness-hater George Matthews himself has almost promised to stop smoking and drinking, and says he wants to run in with me next spring! Fait accompli?

P.S. Since you asked, there's a "For Men Only" class on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. in the Chatelech gym, if you're interested, George. And please call our office for the information you want on nutrition and exercise. We've got lots to offer you. Even better, drop in sometime. We'll make up a fresh pot of tea for you, herbal, of course!

Basketball

By D.J.Hauka

Elphinstone Senior Boys basketball team continues to show promise after completing their first week of competition. The Cougars dropped their first two games by narrow margins to Squamish and Pemberton at the Hillside tournament.

After that shaky start, however, Elphinstone defeated Powell River's Max Cameron Secondary 65-63. It was an exciting game for the large turnout of fans as the action went from end to end. Max Cameron led for most of the game,pressing the Cougars throughout the first half, but fine rebounding by Wally Nygren and Brad Quarry drew the Elphi team from a 12-point deficit into a narrow three point lead which held up in the last few minutes of play. High scorers for that game were Wally Nygren with twenty and Brad Quarry with fifteen.

Elphinstone gave no heart attacks to their fans as the Cougars walloped Cariboo Hill 109-51 last Thursday. The second string was responsible for rolling up most of those points; another indication of Elphinstone's potential. High scorers were Bruce Gibb, 18, Wally Nygren, 16, and Brian Partridge with 16.

The next home game for Elphi is this Thursday at six, when the Cougars take on Pender Harbour Secondary.

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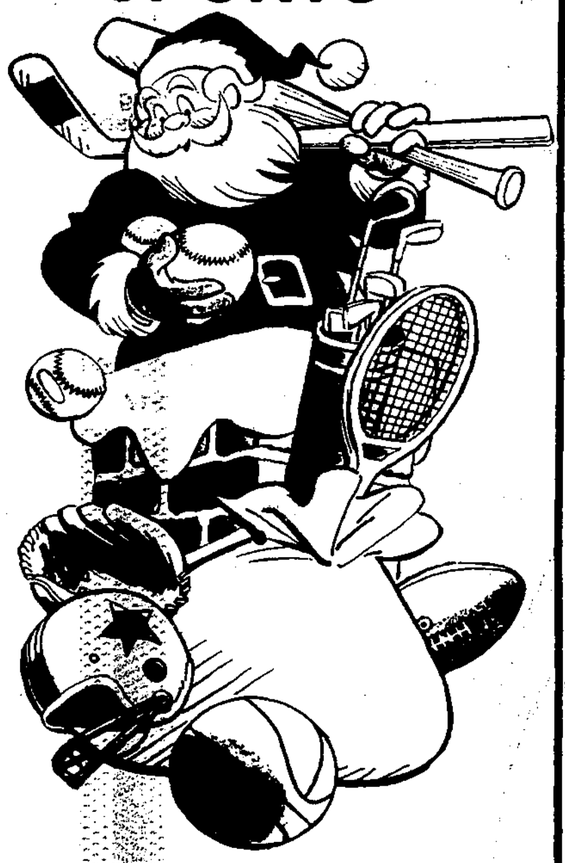

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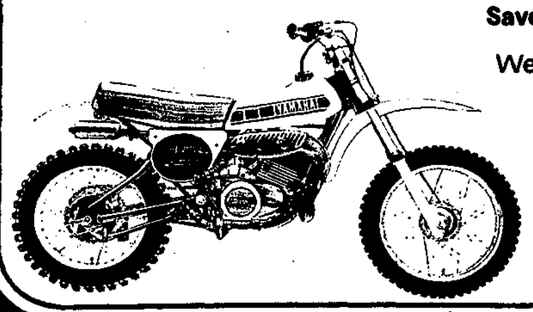

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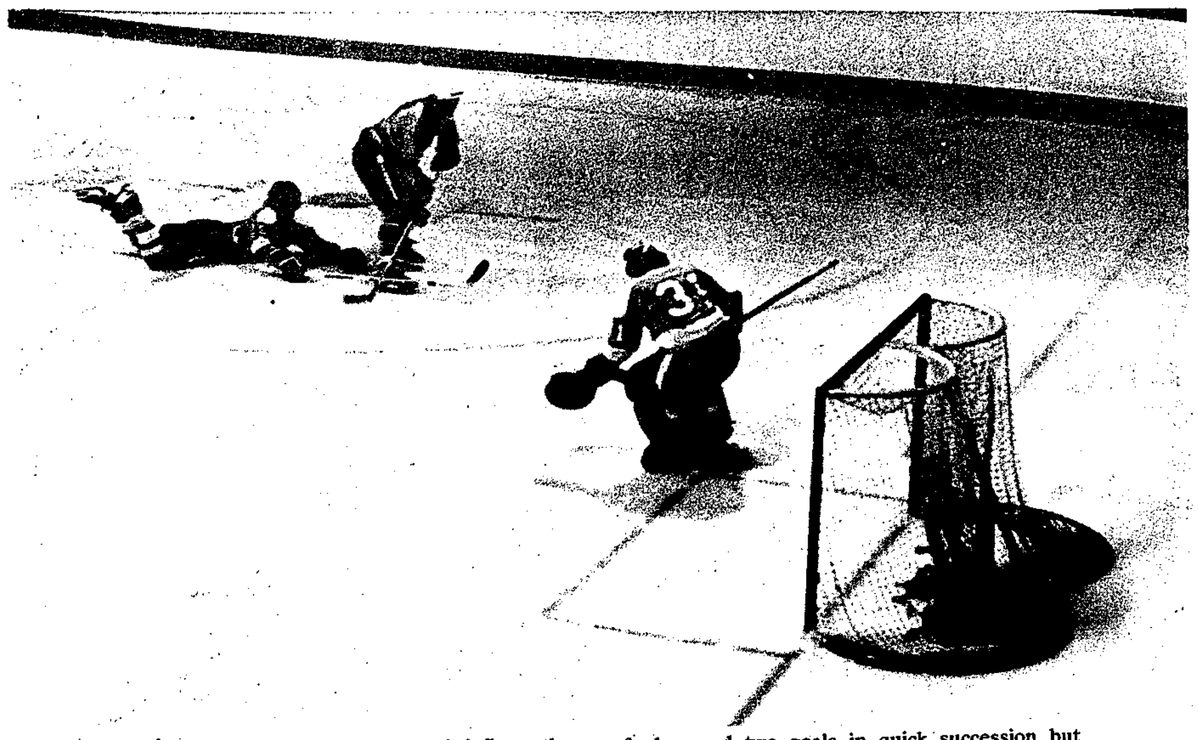

The Abbotsford team fought back briefly at the end of the second period of Saturday's hockey game and are shown here scoring one of their four goals on Gales goalie D'Arcy Blake. Abbotsford scored two goals in quick succession but then the Gales bounced back with two of their own to make the score 8-3 at the end of the second period.

Gales impressive in weekend games

Saturday night the Peninsula Gales looked impressive in skating to an 8 - 4 victory over their Abbotsford opponents. The Gales played intelligent positional hockey moving the puck well out of their own zone and always dangerous in the Abbotsford end.

As has been their custom in most of the games that they have played, the Gales opened smartly with Blake scoring at 4.56 of the first period, assisted by Kennedy. Dave Lamb got the second goal for the home team less than two minutes later with Jim Gray and Kelly Bodnarek drawing the assists. McBrien got the third goal for the Gales before Abbotsford scored on ace goalie Sam Casey at 19.02 mark of the third period. Reimer got the Abbotsford goal assisted by Fraser and Thompson and Gibb drew the assist on the third Gales goal.

Again in the second period the Gales stormed to the attack scoring another three unanswered goals before Abbotsford could reply. Warren Dixon scored two goals in ten second half way through the period, the first coming at 10.58 and the second 11.08. Kennedy and Ion assisted on the first of his goals with McBrien and Kennedy assisting on the second. Ivan Dixon got the sixth Gales goal at 11.54 to put the game well out of reach. Jim Gray and Dave Lamb drew the assists. The spirited Abbotsford team fought back, however, with goals for Parkinson and Reimer at 13.10 and 15.57 respectively then it was the Gales again with Kennedy scoring unassisted at 17.54 and then assisting, his fourth of the night, on the goal scored by Orphen at 19.26 of the middle frame.

Both teams skated and moved the puck well in the third period but the only goal of the period was scored by Abbotsford's Lon Fraser at the 18.05 mark. There were only seven penalties in the cleanly played contest, three to the home team.

The visiting team from Abbotsford, bolstered by the arrival of some of their regular players who had been unable to be present for the Saturday night game, came out on Sunday afternoon playing a hard-hitting aggressive brand of hockey. The Gales kept their composure however, despite some obvious attempts by the Abbotsford team to rile them into retaliation and eventually their cool paid off as they skated off the ice with a second straight victory against a team which is a member of the Fraser Valley Senior A Hockey League.

In this game it was Abbotsford who jumped out in front with a goal by Brown at the 6.15 mark of the first period. Assists on the play went to Dutton and Sims. Rick Hackinen got that one back for the Gales at 11.06 on assists from Robbie Williams and Brice Gibb but Abbotsford took the lead again on a goal by Fraser assisted by Reimer less than a minute after the Gales goal. At 17.18 of the first period Dave Mewhort scored for the Gales from Hackinen and Williams and the period ended with the teams in a 2-2 deadlock.

The first ten minutes of the second period were scoreless before Mewhort scored again, putting the Gales in the lead for the first time in the game. Rick Ion drew an assist on the play. Just a minute later the scrappy Abbotsford team tied it up again on a goal by their star forward Parkinsons, assisted by McCracken. Then Abbotsford went ahead again at the 13.19 mark when Threfell scored assisted by Fraser and Parkinson. The Gales showed that they too were hard to discourage, however, when they in turn battled back and scored two goals before the end of the period to go out at the end of the period leading by a score of 5-4. Dave Lamb got the first of the two goals at 14.08 with Jim Gray and Stu Orpin assisting and then Rick Ion got the go-ahead marker from Gray and Ivan Dixon.

Again the opening ten minutes of the period were scoreless in the third period with a tough see-saw battle going back and forth. A possible nasty incident was avoided when Abbotsford's Brian Thompson took an unprovoked punch at defenceman Sean Van Strepin in the third period but Van Strepin refused to be lured into penalty action and skated away. At this point the efforts of the Abbotsford team to intimidate the local team or goad them into taking penalties intensified but the Gales were intent on playing hockey. At 11:34 Abbotsford made the score 5-5 when Bilko scored assisted by Parkinson but big Jim Gray who played a strong game all night got the eventual winner for the Gales at the 14.08 mark on assists from Rick Ion and Robbie Williams. Ion himself got the insurance marker for the Gales at 18.37 on assists from Stu Orpin and Jim Gray and the Gales skated off worthy winners.

This was a game in which the local team again displayed some considerable poise as well as ability. It's apparent that the Sunshine Coast has a team to be proud of here.

The individual shown here is testing to see how accessible Elphinstone High School is for users of wheelchairs. The scene took place during Sunday's Community Forum at the High School.

Wildlife corner

R.Allen

by Vince Bracewell & Ian Corrance

This is the second of a two-part series by Vince Bracewell. Last week the story ended in 1922 during a flood of the Alouette River with Vince's father chasing spawning salmon out of his mother's flower garden.

Last week I made the statement that the rising water stopped ¾ of an inch short of coming into our house. Now one might question the veracity of such a statement. How could we tell just where the level of the water was when it reached its peak?

During the course of trying to secure tools etc. outside which included many trips from the woodshed to the house with the wash tub floated to the back porch with a load of fire wood, my father placed a graduated rod at the back of the door. This he checked every hour and found that the water was rising about one inch an hour. At midnight of the day I had observed the spawning salmon he found that the water had reached its peak and was starting to recede.

Next morning father decided to go up-stream to the top of our property to see what had happened to a stack of cedar fence posts he had cut. Some time later we were alerted by a shout from the field in front of the house. There was dad riding a raft of fence posts like a lumber jack on a river drive! A quick and easy way of transporting the posts to the new fence area but alas just as he reached a spot in front of the house he ran aground on a little knoll and as he pushed off with a pole the raft fell apart and he disappeared into deeper water. He reappeared standing in water up to his arm pits as he ruefully watched his posts drifting towards the road and neighbour's farm.

The flood was hard on farm animals and wildlife and one could see chickens and turkeys perched on farm buildings and pheasants, grouse, racoons, etc. taking refuge in trees and on fences.

One neighbour, a bachelor named Bill Coward, had to milk his cows under water in the flooded barn. He had intended to go to town for supplies when the flood hit and his root cellar was under water so he decided to shoot a pheasant that was perched on one of his fence posts. He shot the poor thing and it fell into the water and he had to swim to retrieve it. He waded into his little shack and got the fire going in the cook stove, plucked the bird and placed it in the oven with the hope that it would cook before the rising water put the fire out. When the pheasant was almost done the water reached the fire-box and started to hiss and sizzle, this frightened the cat which had eaten the giblets on the kitchen table. The cat made a frantic leap and landed on the warming oven above the stove and collided with the stove pipe, knocking it down as it leaped for the bed which Bill had put up on blocks. Bill took the bird from the oven amid flying soot and ashes, removed his hip boots and joined the cat on the bed where they both devoured the under-cooked meal from the roasting pan.

As the flood waters receded I helped my folks clean up the mess. Silt and mud was everywhere and the brush was full of driftwood and dead salmon. Just behind the wood shed in a small depression was a clump of salmon berry bushes, I found a bird's next in the branches and managed to retrieve it. I excitedly dashed off to show my parents my prize and much to their amazement they found a number of little pink eggs. Birds eggs in November! No, they were salmon eggs that had been water-borne by the flood and had settled in the little pocket formed by the nest. What else would one expect to find in a salmon berry bush!! Real "salmon berries."

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Tue. Nov. 29		Thur. Dec. 1		Sat. Dec. 3	
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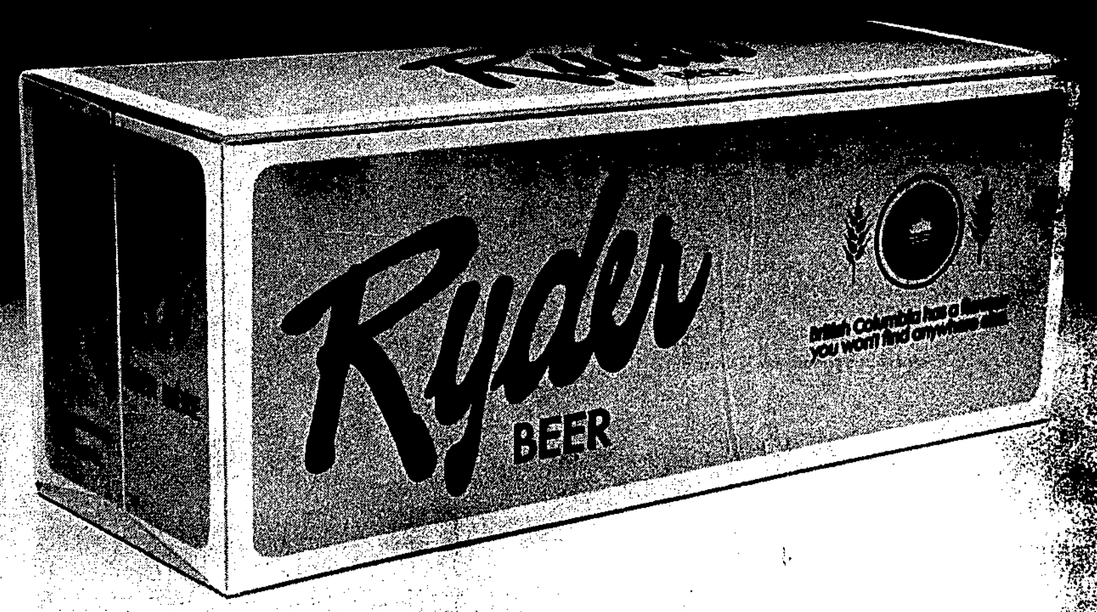

Santa will arrive on Saturday Dec 3rd

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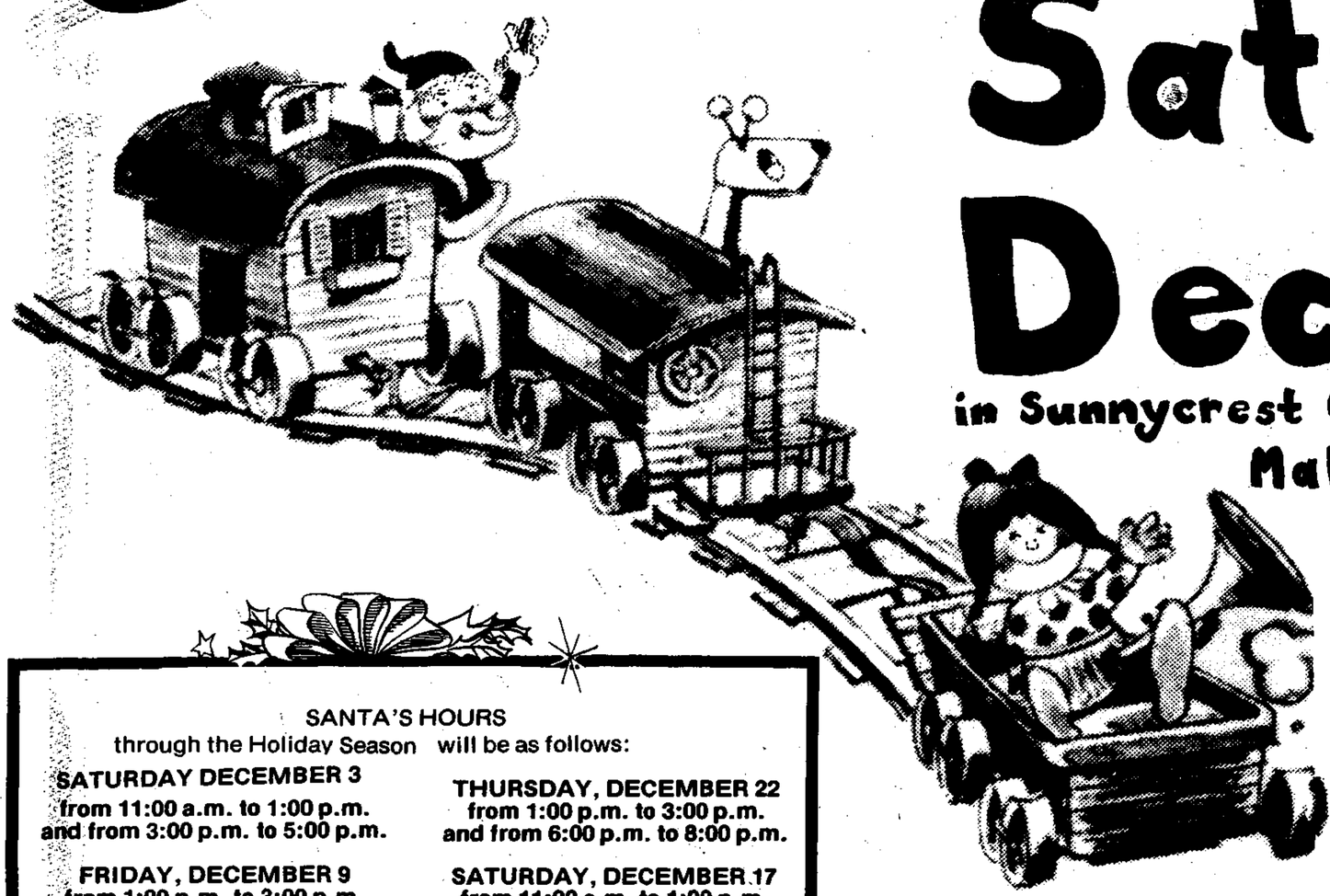

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from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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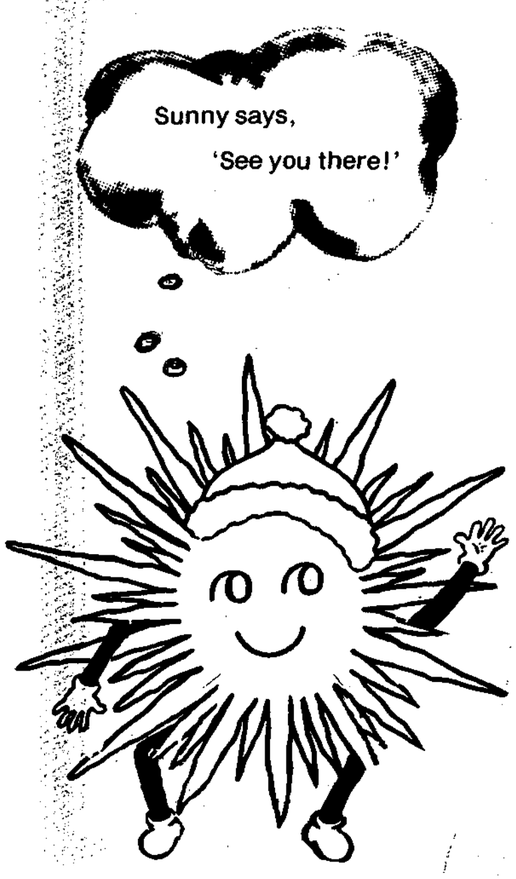

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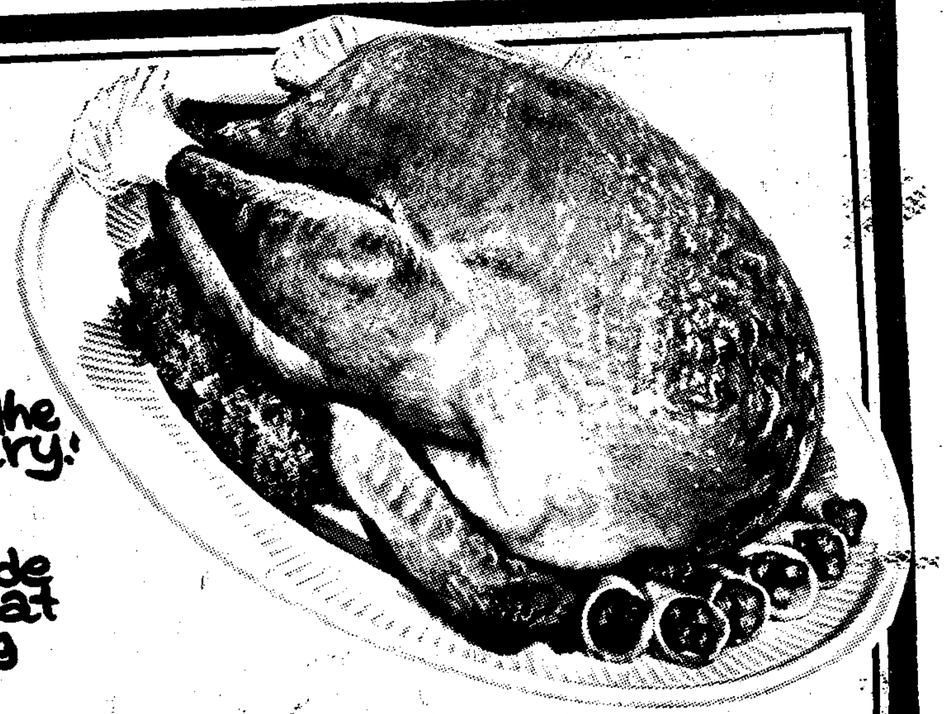

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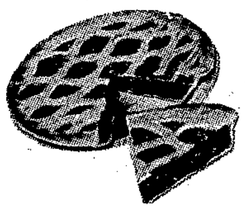

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Forty years of wireless

by E. Gordon Kelk

The following is the third of four in a series reprinted from Harbour & Shipping.

Situated high on a cliff overlooking the "Graveyard", Pachena beamed out bearings to ocean liners, coastwise freighters, and tramps that plied the Pacific converging there on their way down the Straits of Juan De Fuca.

As time went on, the worth of this station became quite evident, and a great increase in the number of bearings given were duly noted and recorded. Typical of ships using this service, was the Hudson's Bay steamer Baychimo, returning from a prolonged trading cruise in the Arctic. Approaching Vancouver Island in foggy weather, her captain, not having "shot the sun" for several days, had but a vague notion of his position, and asked for bearings. Visability was less than half a mile, and for all he knew, his ship could have been almost on the beach, or miles offshore, the strong tides in those parts being the determining factor. Receiving a series of bearings, his vessel reached the Swiftsure Lightship and the entrance of the straits safely.

As the lifeline of D/F stations were extended, the peril of the sea diminished accordingly, but there were exceptions, such as the grounding of the Norwegian vessel Tatjvana. It was soupy weather and her master had not asked for bearings from the Pachena station. She piled up on a rocky shore of Village Island at the entrance of Barclay Sound. Luckily the sea was calm as it so often is in fog, and there was no loss of life. The Pacific Salvage Company did a good job in removing her, and after extensive repairs at the yards in Victoria, she sailed again.

Wallace Kelk wrote many columns and articles about B.C. wireless stations, and was an ardent follower of its development, also a highly skilled operator. An excerpt from one of his columns (1923) I believe, typifies the feelings and thoughts of all operators during rescue operations.

"The turbulent mood of the North Pacific during these fast fleeting winter months, has probably created a record in distress calls, but through it all, the wireless tradition has been fully maintained. We whose business it is to sit at the coast stations, and watch over the destinies of our conferees at sea can visualize them seated at their key during times of trouble. Their troubles are our troubles, and though they are of our kind, they represent to us ships, cargoes, and more especially precious lives.

Under whatever stress we may be working, pictures subconsciously form in our minds. As the messages come through, the scene on board that ship is placed vividly before us. We can see the "old man" with his tremendous burden of responsibility pacing the bridge, reckoning up as he gets the wireless reports his chances of speedy succor; working out in his mind the number of hours before the nearest vessel can reach him, and comparing the answer against the increasing number of inches of water in the hold.

We visualize the crew, hard at work, the women and the children, and we gather a ray of comfort as we hear the cool imperturable working of the man at the key. We know he will stick to the bitter end, and so long as he sticks, there is a chance; we know the ether waves he receives spell hope to stricken souls, and by their stabilizing influence do much to avert panic and allay gruesome fears."

The isolation of Pachena Point touched many who served at the station and lighthouse. The nearest village was Bamfield, a tough 10 mile hike over a swampy gulley ridden trail. Even though it was well maintained, and was corduroy in places, it still presented a problem. A few small creeks were bridged by windfalls, which in turn were planked and handrailed. In bad weather, with heavy rain or snow, these bridges could become treacherously slippery. Trips to Bamfield were few even in summer.

Winters were generally looked upon with apprehension. Violent storms would rage in series, sometimes lasting for several weeks, and could start as early as September. One winter in particular, the anemometer atop a high pole was ripped off, its last reading registered 110 m.p.h. Fifty foot waves lashed the cliffs, these coupled with high tides, brought water lapping at the very door of the lightkeepers house.

On other occasions, water tanks and lines froze solid, heavy snows along with strong winds further complicated matters. When conditions of this nature prevailed for any length of time, steamship schedules would be out of wack, and even the faithful S.S. Maquinna would sometimes lose a trip. As with much of the island's west coast stations, much dependence was placed on two vessels the S.S. Maquinna and S.S. Estevan for supplies and equipment. Both ships have now left their fine mark of service in marine history along the B.C. coast. The S.S. Estevan was responsible for maintaining canbouys, channel markers, lighthouses and wireless stations. She was equipped with heavy loading booms, had a complete machine shop with highly skilled mechanics.

Only in calm weather did either vessel venture into Pachena Bay with passengers and supplies for the station and light.

The lightkeepers double ended row-boat with two sets of oars, would make trips back and forth with small freight and passengers. Deft maneuvering was required to get under the sling, once there freight would be loaded into the sling and hoisted up the cable by a gasoline motor powered winch. The passengers would be put ashore on the rocks 150 feet below the clifftop. The fog alarm building, on the platform half way down the cliff was reached by steps with handrails. The lower 75 feet of concrete steps ran along a ridge of rock down to the water's edge. These steps had no handrail, so great care had to be taken in order to reach the shoreline safely.

The lightkeeper's boat was hoisted up to the platform, and stored alongside the winch engine.

Bamfield's lifeboat was used at times when the ground swell was a little too strong, or the freight too heavy. Taking passengers and luggage from shore to ship could be a ticklish job. People embarking, would be required to line up on a special rock, with deep water alongside, a tender would pull up, then with the seamen timing the rise of a swell with precision, a passenger or suitcase would be tossed into waiting hands. These men, (some had sailed the seven seas) rated high in seamanship, and would jokingly claim they had never lost a passenger yet, which was of course very true.

During heavy weather, both the S.S. Manquinna, and the S.S. Estevan, would sail nonstop past Pachena for the shelter of Bamfield harbour around Cape Beale. Supplies then had to be packed along the trail to the point, a job not relished by any of the men.

Station people had to organize their own form of entertainment - Christmas parties for the kids - picnics and fishing expeditions in the summer. Trout were caught in abundance in nearby streams, and made a welcome change from the usual fare. Rock and Ling-cod were also caught off the rocks at the base of the cliff. Small vegetable gardens (mostly potatoes) added to the fresh food larder.

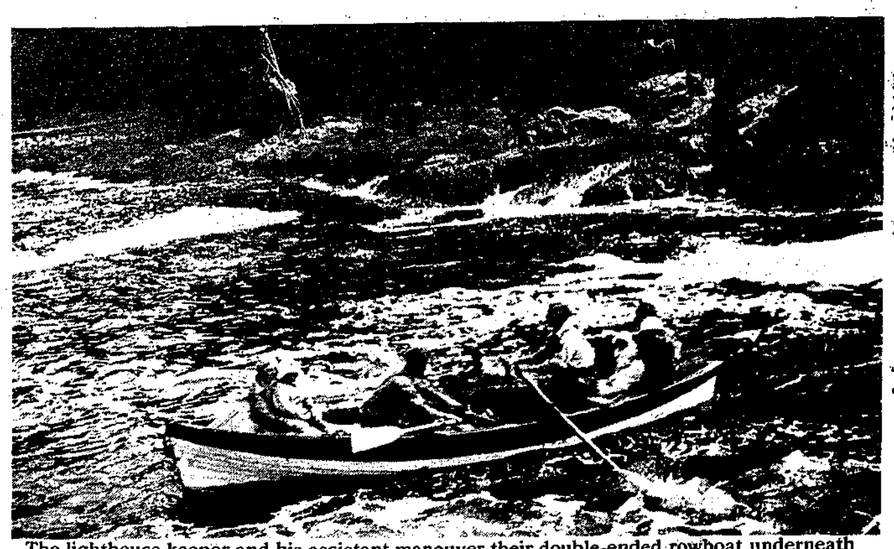
Dense forest behind the station and lighthouse had an eerie look on stormy nights, dark and foreboding, with creaking branches, the sounds sometimes punctuated by the wail of cougar. These big cats were plentiful around that general area, and accounts were given of seeing half a dozen or more, frolicking on bright moonlight nights on the lawn outside the lighthouse.

Houses were not built with convenience in mind, generally having very small livingrooms furnished with wicker settees and chairs. Large wood ranges ruled the tiny kitchens, and were the central heating plant of the house. The bedrooms were kept warm with portable coil oil heaters. For lighting, kerosene lamps were used, electricity being a commodity used exclusively for the transmitters. However, there was no shortage of stove wood, and the neat rows of piled cordwood reached large proportions.

Mr. Nelson Smith has an enviable record of service with the D.O.T., 44 years to be exact. He received his initial radio training at the Sprott-Shaw school in Victoria during 1921, graduating the same year. Later, he helped with the construction and installation of a radio station, then went on to do the announcing and operation for 18 months. This was C.H.C.E., the first commercial station in Victoria.

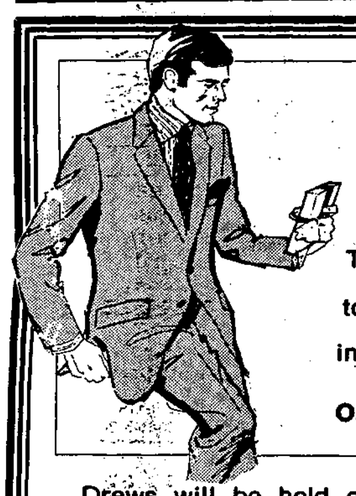
According to Nelson, the original station was C.F.C.T. and consisted of a Marconi 4KW ship's transmitter located in the Centennial Church under the supervision of Rev. Clem Davies, with Cliff Deaville as engineer/operator. Although quite powerful for those times, the station proved unsatisfactory.

The start of Nelson Smith's career with wirelss stations along the coast, began during 1923 when he was offered a job by the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Lennard Island near Tofino on the west coast of Vancouver Island. He operated their spark equipment, maintaining communication with Tofino and Estevan, also handling departmental messages and weather reports. This station worked in close relationship with the Tofino Lifeboat Station participating in many rescues.



The lighthouse keeper and his assistant maneuver their double-ended rowboat underneath the sling. Passengers in the boat include members of Mr. Smith's family with small children.

The snow did more last week than bring us traffic headaches and dented fenders as this scenic shot taken in Pender Harbour makes clear.



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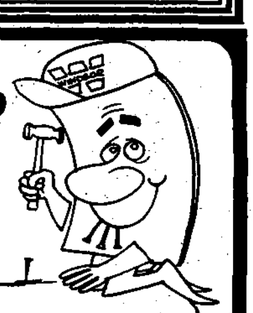
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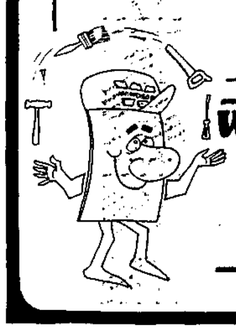
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In Sechelt: 8:30 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Indian Reserve
10:00 a.m. Holy Family Church
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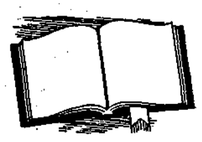

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Fatality

A Burnaby man, Allan Bunch, died as a result of a single vehicle accident on Tuesday, November 22nd.

The driver was the only occupant of the car when it went out of control on Highway 101 at Trout Lake. The car left the road and rolled over several times before coming to rest upside down in the ditch.

Mr. Bunch was taken to St. Mary's Hospital but died soon after.

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Coming Events

Best Decorated Home Contest for Gibsons area, this year see the Gibsons Harbour Business Association page for details.

Gibsons Winter Club semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 8 p.m. in the lounge. All curlers please attend. #48

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS
Gibsons Hospital Auxiliary will again be accepting donations in lieu of local Christmas cards. Donations may be made to the Gibsons Auxiliary Hospital Christmas Card Fund through any one of the three local banks in Gibsons. For information, phone Amy Blain 886-7010. Donations for the Christmas list closes Dec. 15th. #50

Ladies Auxiliary to Royal Canadian Legion Christmas Bazaar to be held at the Legion Hall, Dec. 3rd, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. #48

Gibsons United Church Holly Tea Friday Dec. 2nd, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30. Admission 50¢. Home-baking, gift table, etc. #48

IN GIBSONS MUSEUM
"Petroglyphs & Pictographs of B.C." An instructive and colourful photographic display of West Coast Indian rock paintings and carvings, courtesy of B.C. Provincial Musuem travelling exhibition programme. Exhibit ends Dec. 27th Museum Hours: Saturdays 9 am - 3 pm. #51

Gibsons Guides, Brownies and L.A. Bake, Plant, Craft and Misc. Sale, Dec. 10th, at 10:00 a.m. at Sunnycrest Plaza. #49

POTTERY SALE
Sat. Dec. 3rd, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Hilda's Hall, Sechelt. All pots by Elaine Futterman. #48

Coming Events

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
TOPS B.C. 578 Gibsons is holding a Christmas Bake Sale, Sat. December 3rd at the Elphinstone Co-op. #48

SIZE US DOWN
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Obituaries

Johnson: Passed away November 26, 1977, Carl A. Johnson, late of Gibsons in his 90th year. Survived by his loving wife, Viola, one son Gunnar, Mission, one daughter Karin, Sweden, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral service Tuesday, November 29th at 2:00 p.m. in the Devlin Funeral Home, Gibsons. Rev. Annette Reinhardt officiating. Interment Seaview Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined.

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BIRTHS
Bonnie and Jim Frye are happy to announce the birth of Gregory Scott at St. Mary's Hospital on November 6th at 11:40 p.m. Samantha's brother weighed 7 lbs 2 oz. and we give our special thanks to Dr. Mark Mountain, Diane Frederick and the Maternity Ward at St. Mary's for a beautiful birth.

CARDS OF THANKS
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Lee, for her smiling kindness, her warmth and her great coffee, to the unknown couple in the pick-up truck for their assistance and their strong rope and to K & E Towing for not minding too much being called out into the cold for nothing on Wed. morning. Thanks from T & M.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS
Held on December 3rd, Saturday, in Sechelt and Gibsons.
Green Design (Floristry)
Learn to make inexpensive decorations with materials from nature. Chatelech, Art Room, 9:30 am - 12:30. Fee $4.00 excl. materials.
Sewing
Easy to make Christmas gifts to be finished in class (kaftan, oven mitts, scarves, etc.) Elphinstone, Textile Room, 8:30 - 4:00 p.m. Fee $8.00, excl. materials.
Candlemaking
Max. 10 students, experienced instructor. Chatelech, Art Room, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Fee $5.00 and $3.00 for materials.

Announcements

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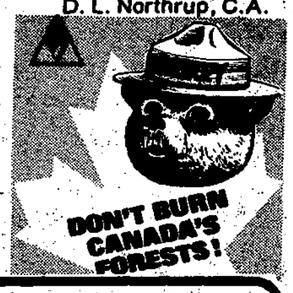

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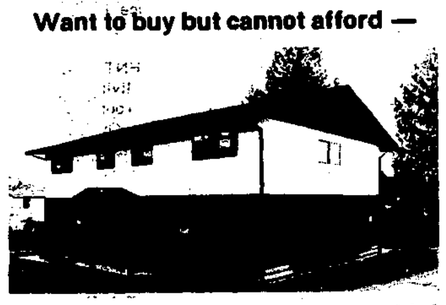

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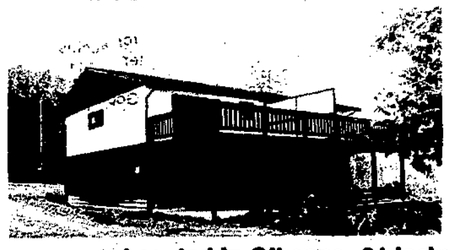

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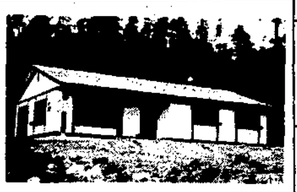

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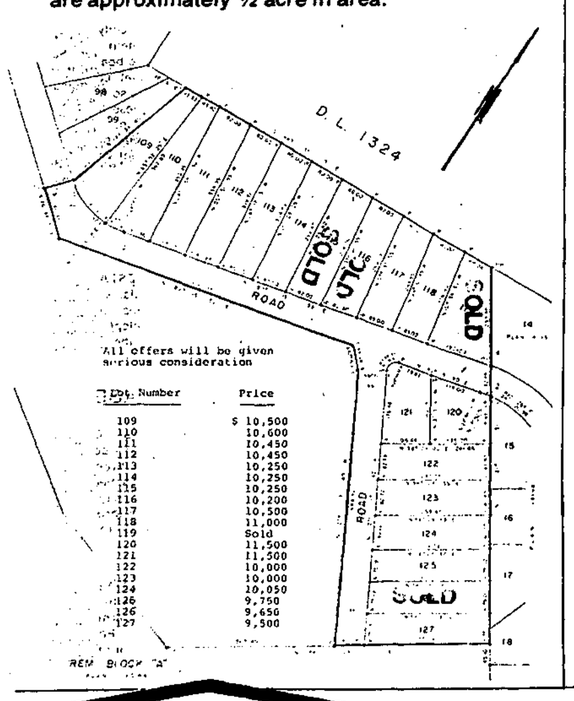

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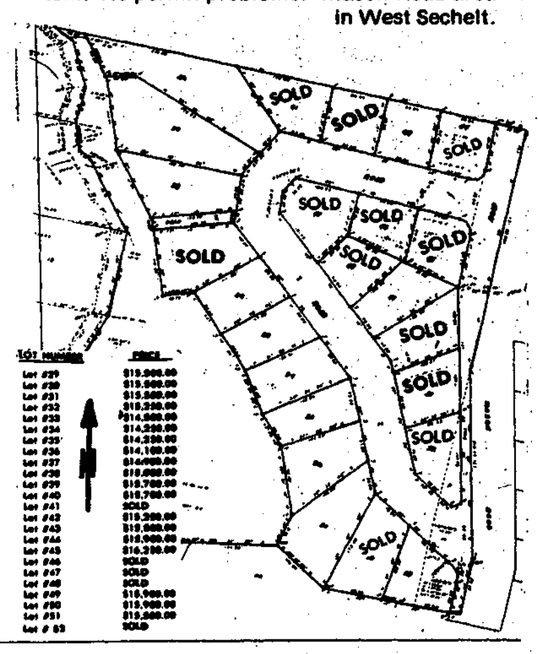

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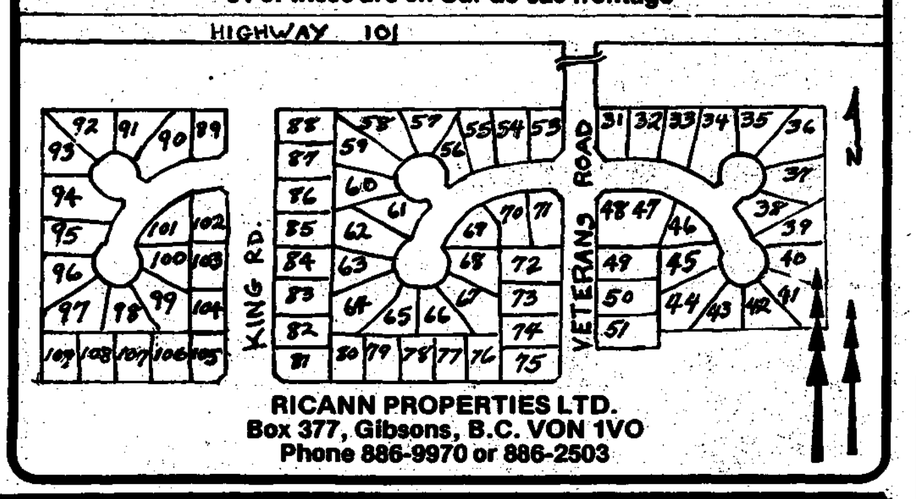

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CEMETERY ROAD: Imagine 6 acres plus a modern approximately six year old home in rural Gibsons. The home has three bedrooms on the main floor. Full unfinished basement. Two fireplaces. Carport. This is an exceptionally good buy considering the lovely 6 acres of property. $59,500.

SOUTH FLETCHER: A beautiful view of Gibsons Harbour is only one of the many features of this four bedroom home. Others include a feature wall fireplace, hardwood floors, lovely large kitchen and for the handyman a 16 x 18 workshop. A great value. $39,900.

GLEN ROAD: Cozy two bedroom starter or retirement home situated on a fabulous view lot overlooking Keats Island. This home can be purchased with a low down payment and easy monthly installments. $34,900.

GRANDVIEW ROAD: A truly distinctive home, custom built and designed. This three bedroom home has 1322 square feet up and has a fully finished basement. All rooms are extremely large. Five bedrooms, three bathrooms. Finished fireplaces up and down. Central vacuum system, double sealed windows, covered sundeck. Double carport, paved driveway. All this on a large fully landscaped lot at the roads end. This home is for the family that demands perfection from their home. $72,000.

STEWART ROAD: Lovely Spanish style home on 1½ acres level land. Four bedrooms, separate dining room, sunken living room with fireplace. Almost 1400 square feet of living area all on one floor. Definitely one of a kind. Owner leaving. Try all offers. $62,500.

WATERFRONT: Sechelt Reserve lease. Large lot approximately 60' x 300'. Small rented cottage on level waterfront lot. Hydro in, water available. This is a very exclusive protected area. $5,750.

GIBSONS: 1539 Sargent Road. Custom built uniquely designed home. Spectacular view, landscaped terraced lot in exceptionally good area. Three bedrooms on main floor, sunken living room, two fireplaces, ensuite plumbing off master bedroom. Full basement, built-in bar. If you are looking for quality built and original design this is the home for you. All appliances included. $72,900.

SARGENT ROAD: Lovely three bedroom home with cozy fireplace on quiet no through street. One half basement has finished rec room and utility area and lots of room for storage. New wall to wall carpeting and many extra features. You have to see this home and appreciate the beautiful view over the fully landscaped yard out to the Harbour and Keats Island. The large backyard has a nice garden and many fruit trees. An excellent value. $49,900.

GOWI[illegible] POINT ROAD: In the heart of Gibsons one block from shopping and the Post Office. Three bedroom home on concrete block foundation. Has acorn fireplace giving a cozy atmosphere to the living room. Nice and bright with many large windows. A good starter or retirement home. $33,000.

SARGENT ROAD: Custom built home on a lovely landscaped terraced view lot. Fireplaces up and down (heatilators). Master bedroom has ensuite. Mahagony custom cabinets. Full basement with finished rec room. Separate utility room and a workshop. Carport and cement driveway. $64,900.

GRANDVIEW ROAD: Quality built new 1300 sq. ft. home with full basement. Many extra features including heatilator fireplace. Two full baths. Plumbing roughed in in basement. Built-in dishwasher, fridge and stove. Wall to wall carpeting throughout. $58,500.

WATERFRONT: Mission Point at Davis Bay. Two small cottages on 60' waterfront property with a 20' lane along side. Property is on Tsawcome lease land and is prepaid to October 1993. Level to beach, privacy and spectacular unobstructed view. Tenant presently renting one of the cottages. This is your opportunity to invest in desirable waterfrontage for only $24,900.

LOTS

ALDERSPRING ROAD: 50' x 150' of the best garden soil in the heart of Gibsons. On sewer close to shopping and Post Office. Potential view of the Bay area. Excellent terms available. $10,500.

LOWER ROBERTS CREEK ROAD: Off Cheryl Ann Park. Beautifully cleared and level building site hidden from the road by many large trees. Easy access to an exceptional beach. 70' x 100' and priced for immediate sale. $12,900.

UPLANDS ROAD: Twuanek. Ideal recreational lot in beautifully wooded and park like area. Zoned for trailers. This lot overlooks Sechelt Inlet and the Lamb Island. $8,900.

DAVIDSON ROAD: Fantastic view from Langdale Ridge (you won't need a ferry schedule as you can see the boat half an hour before it arrives). This lot has a creek on the very back of the property. All new homes in this area. This lot is a full 2/5th of an acre. $14,900.

WHARF ROAD: At the corner of Davidson. With a little easy clearing this lot will be ready to build on. Walking distance to the ferry. Lot size is 80' x 110'. $12,900.

WEST SECHELT: Waterfront building lot with fine view of Howe Sound and the Islands. Only a skip and two jumps away from Langdale Ferry Terminal. $10,850.

SOUTH FLETCHER: At School Road. Two lots of 40' x 150' each. One lot has a cottage which could be rented. These lots are mostly cleared and ready for building. A spectacular view of the entire Bay area and Keats Island is included in the price of $27,500.

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ACREAGE

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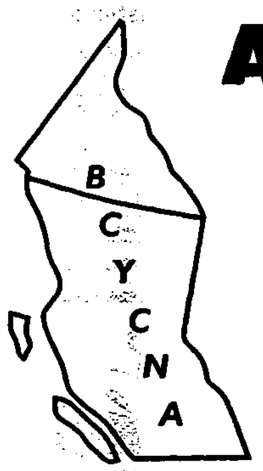

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LAND USE REGULATION AMENDMENT BY—LAW NO. 96.19 and LAND USE CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION BY—LAW NO. 158

Pursuant to sections 703 and 798A of the Municipal Act a public hearing will be held to consider the following by-laws of the Sunshine Coast Regional District. All persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed by-laws shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on matters contained in the by-laws.

By-law No. 96.19 will amend Land Use Regulation By-law No. 96, 1974 to include D.L. 692, Plan 3633, Block 6, Lots 7, 8 and 9 in an Industrial 1 Zone. The property is located on Stewart Road north of Cemetery Road and is currently in an A1 zone. The proposal would allow the establishment of an industrial park on the site.

By-law No. 158 is Land Use Contract #16 for D.L. 839, Popham Island. This by-law provides for the creation of 4 strata title lots, with no more than two dwellings on each lot, and one common lot. A 0.9 hectare parcel at the south end of the island will be transferred to the Sunshine Coast Regional District for non-vehicular recreational use by the general public.

The hearing will be held at the Langdale Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 1977.

The above is a synopsis of By-laws Nos. 96.19 and 158 and is not deemed to be an interpretation of the by-laws. The by-laws may be inspected at the Regional District office, 1248 Wharf Street, Sechelt, B.C. during office hours namely Monday to Wednesday 8:30 to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday and Friday 8:30 to 5:45 p.m.

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Mrs. A. G. Pressley
Secretary-Treasurer

Pender Ratepayers

by Pender Harbour & District Ratepayers' Association Publicity Committee.

When the Regional Board meets December 7th it will be a that last met November 24th that last met November 10th. Gone will be Jack Paterson, Ed Johnson, Barry Pearson, Jim Metzler, replaced by Joe Harrison, George Gibb, Charles Lee and whoever the two village councils decide to send.

The change will be more than in the faces. The election has had the effect of removing four of the board's most hidebound members and replacing them with men whose views are decidedly more progressive.

The first issue facing the board will be the election of a 1978 chairman, which is important not so much because of the position itself but because the chairman then gets to decide on the makeup of the committees, which are important.

The two candidates for the chair are the current chairman Harry Almond of Roberts Creek and Peter Hoemberg of Area 'B'. Almond is the most experienced member of the board and has established a reputation for flexibility, but some sitting members object to his casual, low-key approach to the job, saying it is not businesslike or productive.

Hoemberg was undeniably the most effective speaker on the old board and possesses the procedural skills, as a former board planner, to run effective meetings, but he has some strikes against him. For one thing he has a reputation as a centralist and an empire-builder, continually seeking to increase the board's powers by sponsoring such measures as the gun-control by-law and pushing for such expenditures as a new regional district building. In Areas 'A' and 'E' at least, where candidates ran on platforms of curtailing regional board powers and expenditures, such propensities are not popular.

The main controversy involving Hoemberg however has to do with his work in private life. As a partner in Explan Consultants he is not only involved in development, he is involved in that specific area of development that requires closest association with the Regional Board. His company specializes in helping developers prepare their plans for approval by regulating authorities. There is nothing sinister about the company in itself, and if Hoemberg takes the same enlightened developmental ideas to work that he does to the Regional Board, he is bound to have a good influence on the local fraternity of sidehill gougers. But the question has been raised as to how Hoemberg can represent the developers and the people at the same time without experiencing a conflict of interest, and the onus is on him to satisfy people's concern on this matter before seeking the greater influence that the chairman's job would afford.

It is to be noted that Hoemberg himself said in the 1976 election that he didn't want to run because of his Explan connection but felt he had to save the area from Hayden Killam, a reason that is hard to argue against. But the awareness of potential conflict Hoemberg felt then seems to have vanished recently - his Explan partner Adrian Stott also tried to get on the board in this month's election and now he himself is subject of a campaign for board chairman.

Hoemberg has made a career of explaining things and he's good at it but he's going to have to go himself one better to lay people's doubts at rest this time. And unless he can succeed Almond has to be the favoured choice for the chairman of the new board.

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SEALED TENDERS, on the forms and in the envelopes provided, accompanied by a bid bond or certified cheque as defined in the Instructions to Bidders, will be received by the Ministry of Highways and Public Works in Room 237, Douglas Building, Victoria, B.C., unless otherwise specified, up to 2 p.m. (local Victoria time) on the day of the tender opening, at which time tenders will be opened in public. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tender forms with envelopes, plans, specifications, and conditions of tender can be obtained from the Ministry of Highways and Public Works, 3876 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 3S8 (telephone 294-4711), unless otherwise specified, or from the undersigned for the sum of $10.

If available, full-size drawings can also be obtained for an additional $10.

The Ministry "General Specifications for Highway Construction" to which the construction of this contract shall conform, are also available for the sum of $10.

Cheques or money orders shall be made payable to the Minister of Finance. No such purchases are refundable.

Ministry office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays.

R. G. HARVEY
Deputy Minister

Guess where

The usual prize of $5.00 will be awarded for correct location of the above. Send your entries to Box 460, Gibsons. Last week's winner was Mathew Austin of Gower Point Road, Gibsons, who correctly located the log teepee on Mahan Road.

Recreation available for Pender residents

To keep Pender people up to date on what is available in recreation, I would like to list a few activities we offer, plus what new programs will be starting in the New Year. In the sports line we have - Floor Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball, Ping Pong, Junior Badminton and Rollerskating for twelve and under.

Ladies Basketball on Sunday night at Madeira Park School is a new program. If you are interested phone Geraldine Fenn, 883-2461.

For keeping fit we have - Slim and Trim class, Gymnastics for girls, Yoga, Belly Dancing and Aerobic Dance. In January we will offer Hawaiian, Aerobic Dance and Relaxation on Wednesday nights, 7:30, at Madeira Park School. Register early.

For the next two weeks Ladies Activity night will feature "Karate and Self Defence" instructed by Verne Wishlove. This will be at 7:30 p.m. Madeira Park School, Wednesdays.

Sorry to say, ladies, that December 7th will be our last session of Belly Dancing. Our very busy instructor, Val Tomkies needs time for Christmas. We are hoping Val will be able to give us another session in spring. I would like to say "Thanks" to Val for the excellent job she did. Not only was she a good teacher - she whetted our appetites to learn more.

On Monday nights we have a Drama and Pantomime group. "Dick Whittington and his Cat" is the title of the pantomime being produced. This enthusiastic group are preparing for a spring performance. Senior Citizens have the Community Hall Monday nights from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to have a Bridge or a Whist game going, play pool or bowl, phone Jack Heidma, 883-9973, for more information. Don't forget Seniors' Christmas supper December 19.

Rollerskating will be cancelled December 3, due to the Pender Harbour Clinic Christmas Craft Fair.

These programs are brought to you by the "Fitness Service", a branch of the Sunshine Coast Community Resource Centre, and volunteers from the community who give free time. For any information regarding the programs please phone me at 883-9923, or Evans Hermon, 883-2745.

Ferry fares

Charles Barber, New Democrat MLA for Victoria, today attacked the announcement by Transport Minister Jack Davis of a B.C. Ferries rate increase in the new year.

"Even by Social Credit standards, this is an uncommonly stupid decision," said Barber.

"Once again, the coalition is undermining tourism on Vancouver Island. Once again, the coalition is trying to use the ferry workers as a scapegoat for their primitive fiscal management of B.C. Ferries."

Once again, the coalition cabinet is in disarray on an economic issue. Mrs. McCarthy, a Socred, is working to revive tourism while Mr. Davis, a Liberal, is managing to kill it.

We need at least another year of fare stability. "I urge Premier Bennett to repudiate the announcement of an increase. I urge him to recognize the large-scale economic impact of meddling with the fare structure, and to stop treating the ferry system as a separate and self-contained enterprise."

"It is surely wiser to suffer a small loss in B.C. Ferries than another catastrophic loss in the whole tourist industry," Barber concluded.

The new Halfmoon Bay Fire Truck receives a wet baptism from the Gibsons and Roberts Creek Fire Departments. The ceremony took place at Seaview Cemetery which marks the border of the Gibsons and Roberts Creek Fire Districts.

VILLAGE OF GIBSONS

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to By-Law No. 310 cited as "Water Improvements Loan Authorization By-Law No. 310, 1977" the Council of the Village of Gibsons intends to construct capital improvements to the municipal waterworks system as shown in a report and plans prepared by Dayton & Knight Ltd.

AND THAT said plans may be viewed during regular business hours at the Municipal Office.

AND THAT to finance the construction of the said works the Council proposes to borrow by way of debentures a sum not exceeding Three Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars ($340,000) repayable not later than twenty years from the date of issue of such debentures.

AND THAT unless within thirty days of the second and last publication of this Notice, not less than one-twentieth in number of the electors petition the Council for the submission of the said by-law for the assent of the electors, the Council may adopt such by-law.

AND THAT this is the first of two publications of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of November, 1977 at Gibsons, B. C.

J. W. Copland
Municipal Clerk

Pender Seniors

Pender Harbour Senior Citizen's Association, Branch 80, held its annual meeting last Monday evening at the Legion Hall. Events of the closing year were reviewed and expectations for the new one expressed. Mrs. Elsa Warden in her ususal gracious manner officially installed the new executive for the year 1978; President - Gladys Brown; First Vice-President - Isabel Ralph; Second Vice-President - Peg Riley; Secretary - Patricia Fraser; Treasurer - Edna Johnson. Mrs. Brown appointed Ruth Saunders and Jack Heidema to head the refreshment and entertainment committees respectively.

The gathering was shocked and saddened to hear of the recent sudden death of a fellow member, Mrs. Inga Madson, a lady whose charm and friendliness will be greatly missed.

Branch 80 will celebrate Christmas, as usual, with a festive dinner and party: the day, December 19, the hour, 6:00 p.m. and the place (please note) Pender Harbour Community Hall. Tickets are available from Mrs. Nell Lillington, 883-2352. Deadline December 10th. Those attending are asked to bring along two small gifts this year. Memberships for 1978 will be obtainable from the secretary.

Profiles of this place

HERB STEINBRUNNER
by Carolynn Bichler

Living on the Sunshine Coast is bright and beautiful not only because of the fabulous scenery which surrounds us, it is also due to the wealth of history found among the people who have been here since the coast was being settled. Herb Steinbrunner is one of the oldtimers who can recall when School Road was a narrow dirt road, and the only way to get to upper Gibsons.

Herb was born in 1896 on Flume Road in Roberts Creek. He was the third of five children born to Dan Steinbrunner, a cowboy up from Montana, and Alice Roberts Steinbrunner, a part of the family that gave Roberts Creek its name.

Life was hard in those days and everyone worked, and growing up meant doing your share of the chores. Herb's dad had an eighty acre rance in Gibsons at the old S-turn, where the trailer court now stands. The highway was narrow and filled with boulders to Wilson Creek, and after Flume Road there was only a trail. The area was covered with huge trees.

In 1906 there was a huge fire that burned west from where the Beach Comber Motor Inn is now, to Williams Landing. Fortunately it missed the Steinbrunner ranch, but the mountain sides were left scorched and bare.

When Herb was going to school there were sixteen children of varying ages and grades together in one room. After forth grade you went into what was called high school. Gibsons didn't have a high school, you had to go into Vancouver. In June 1909 when Herb was 12 he quit school and went to work on his father's ranch.

Herb began working in 1909, and except for interruptions due to accidents, he worked until 1959. His dream was to be a farmer, but he never seemed to make it. In 1915 Herb and his brother started out to farm in Manitoba and ended up logging in Washington State. Herb left Washington after four years, he never got to Manitoba. Herb worked in mining for a while, then back to the Sunshine Coast in 1921 where he cleared land until he got back into logging on Bowen Island.

It was a Saturday in January when two logs rolled together and crushed Herb's pelvis. They took him back to camp on a sled in the snow and rain, and went to get the doctor. Herb waited ten hours until they finally brought Dr. Fred Inglis and his dad. From Bowen they went to Vancouver on a twenty-six foot fishing boat with a five horse power engine. Herb described the weather as "one of those windy, rainy, black nights." The doctor said that Herb would never walk again, but his family kept that information from him.

In the beginning Herb lay down most of the time, but he would try and walk three or four times a day until he couldn't stand the pain any longer. During the first year Herb taught himself to walk. He had to tie a string around his right foot and pull up on it to enable him to raise his foot. Herb would walk daily from the ranch to the Government wharf and back using the string to lift his foot, the only thing that he felt in his leg was pain. It took about eight hours for a round trip. After a year of self therapy Herb was able to run the ranch. That's determination!

Four years after the accident Herb was broke and felt he had to go back to work. He hadn't been working long when an axe that had been carelessly left in a stump was dislodged while he was working and hit him in the knee. Herb was on Popham Island and had to be brought to Doctor Inglis in Gibsons. This time he nearly died from loss of blood. It took five months to recover from the accident.

While still on crutches, Herb, not one to be kept down, went to visit some friends who were working on Hermit Island. There he met Dorothy Boyes, a girl who was working for a family on Paisley Island. When the family returned to Vancouver at the end of the summer Herb asked Dorothy if she would go out with him if he came to Vancouver. He didn't want to go all the way to the city to be refused. This began a relationship that ended five years later in marriage.

Herb recovered and began logging on Hermit Island until a fisherman suggested he try his luck at fishing. June 1, 1930, the first day that Herb began fishing, there was a terrific storm off the north end of Vancouver Island. Herb wished that he was back home in Gibsons as he tossed around on the ocean.

Fishermen had about thirty-foot boats with six horse power engines in those days. It took three days to go 250 miles, if it didn't blow. Herb fished commercially until 1946, and he still hasn't lost his love of fishing and the sea.

In 1934 Herb and Dorothy married. They lived on the boat their first year together. It was the Depression, there wasn't much money. Dorothy and Herb knew a man who lived on his boat and subsisted on one dollar a week. Herb feels that people had different attitudes then, that they helped each other more.

In 1935 the Steinbrunners bought the lot where they still live on School Road. They lived in a small cottage until they got enough money together to build their present house. Together they built their house in 1939. There were a few houses, Dr. Inglis, and a couple more up School Road, but there was no North Fletcher. They had no electricity or water.

In 1959 Herb began blacking out on his job for the highway department. Herb learned that he was having heart attacks, his heart was twice its normal size, and one-third scar tissue. He had to retire and was given one to three years to live. Herb was told to stop walking up and down hills and to take it easy. He quit for a while, but having spent his whole life walking and being active Herb wasn't able to play the invalid and was up and out again. Herb has never owned a car, and has never felt the need for one. "Years ago everyone walked."

Throughout his life Herb has maintained a love of carving. He began when he was a child. Herb has a wonderful collection of wood sculptures that he has created over the years. Carvings of animals, people, and ships are among his treasures. He has had his work on display twice and should show his fine cuttings again, they are of interesting subjects skillfully done.

After having a stroke three years ago Herb carved a cane for himself because he needed it to get around. Now along with the carvings that he has given away are several canes that he has made for people in the Gibsons area.

Herb keeps busy with his yard that's full of fruit trees, 600 pounds of apples this year, and his garden that is planted every spring. From spring until fall, when he isn't busy at home, Herb is out on his boat salmon fishing, he's a good man to know, he gives all his fish away. You can also find him busy in his workshop carving, repairing things for the neighbours, or pursuing some interest. Herb is no slouch. He's an active man who proves that you can rise above adversity.

Herb Steinbrunner is pictured among some of the wooden carvings whith which he fills his still active hours.

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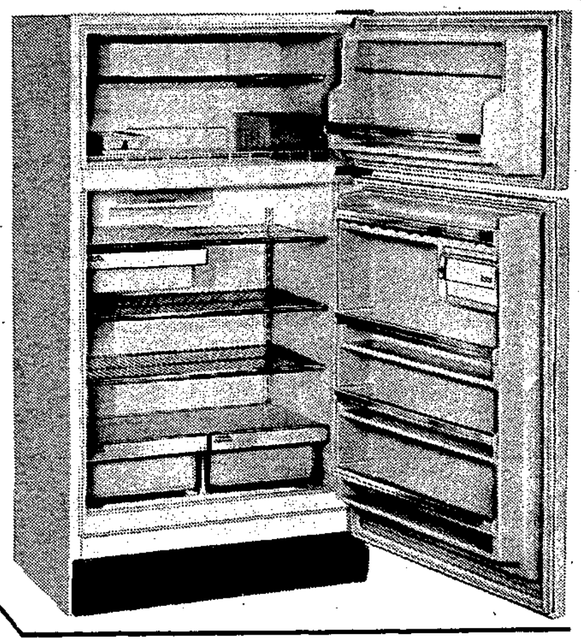

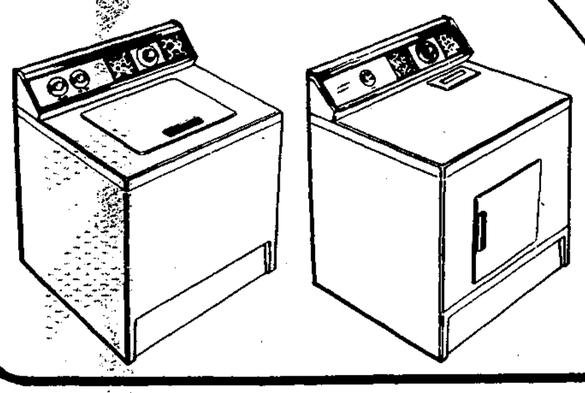

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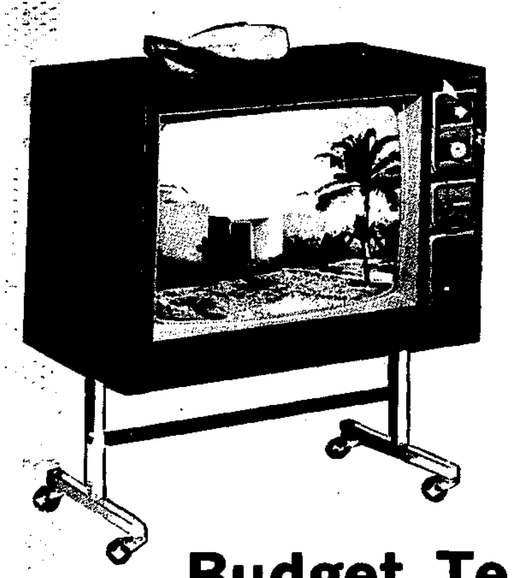

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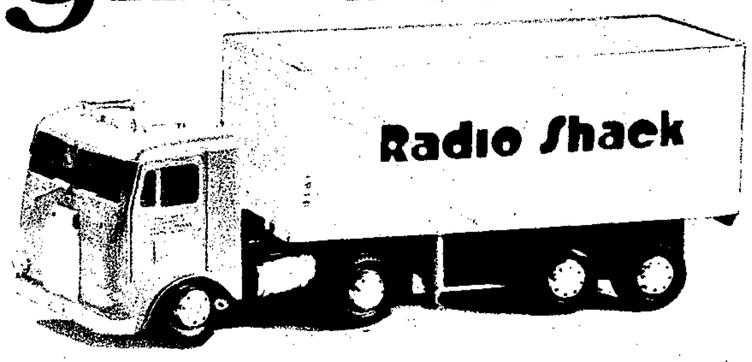

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