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Albert Weal again brings Season's Greetings to the Sunshine Coast

by Joan T Warn

Among the stable beasts a new animal has become the guardian of the crib this year. This is Heidi, a big St. Bernard dog. She looks beautiful, dignified and placid in the place she has chosen for herself in the Christmas creche among the many lights of the Albert Weal's pasture.

Mr. Weal says that Heidi left her kennel for the stable as soon as he set it in position. The Holy Family with their attendant animals are among many new figures he has placed this year in his expanding tableau with its hundreds of pretty lights. He says he started late this year, on November 1, preparing for the Christmas show the district is now enjoying so much. He has added to the display a group of snowmen, a Santa's work area with several elves, a big Christmas greeting strung among the cypresses and a whole team of reindeer lit and prancing over the workshop.

Albert Weal's brilliant fantasyland has been glowing and growing for several years now. Every Christmas season, as he has been able to afford them, he has added new ropes of lights until now he tethers fifty strings each containing twenty-five coloured bulbs. He said he is going to have to increase his power. Because of his influence with Santa, we said, he should be able to hook into the aurora borealis.

When he began rigging his trees with great, light-studded stars a few years ago, Albert used to climb the tall cedars himself to place the lights in position. More recently he has had the trees topped and permanent pulleys fixed so that the stars can be hoisted aloft more easily. "I'm seventy-six," he says, "and it was time I left off climbing those cedars."

Each year, at Christmas, with long reins of braided rope attached to the strings, Albert's wife and niece and any available helpers, work from the farther end of the pasture, letting up the fans of vari-coloured lights around the tall trees so that they form long swags of brilliant jewels.

"Getting the place ready for Christmas," he says, pointing out some wooden ornaments he has been cutting with his skill saw, "has become a real hobby of mine. I love to do it." It is a hobby which is giving the peninsula a perennial Christmas treat. Those who know the fine display make a special pilgrimage to see it every year. If you haven't found it, take a run down the highway and watch for the scene just west of the Beach Comber Inn. This year's new figures are best seen when driving from the Sechelt side.

Albert says if you would like to visit the figures inside the field, come on Monday or Saturday evening, but be sure to ring the big triangle bell by the gate on the Oldershaw Road. Heidi, the St. Bernard, takes her duties seriously as guardian until Mr. Weal lets you in. He'll be happy to welcome you.

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1977 - a backward glance

It is always interesting to take a look at the end of the year backwards at where you have been and what anticipations and expectations that you had when the closing year opened. In Scotland it is traditionally done during the still, quiet hours which precede midnight on December 31st before the celebration and the welcoming of the new year begins. It seems appropriate here and through this medium to do the reflection in the last paper to be published in the year 1977.

The Glassford Press, Ltd. - that's us, folks - started to managed the Coast News with the first issue of the paper to appear in 1977. We were a handful of people who were much longer on optimism and enthusiasm than we were on experience. Certainly the hero of those first days was Henry Sum, our production manager. The only man with experience on the job, Henry found himself saddled with four eager beginners and guided us through the first chaotic attempts at newspaper production. In a very real sense he's with us in the backroom still, even though he left us in March. "Quality control, accept no substitutes," Henry would urge us when we sought a short-cut. Still today we repeat the maxim when we feel inclined to say "To Hell with it!" Months ago I wrote a column about craftsmanship and it was musing on Henry Sum that brought it into being. Another of Henry's little messages which still floats around the Coast News office is one which we all find of great comfort when the inevitable mistake occurs or something is missed or someone neglected. "You can't," said H.Sum, "catch all the soapbubbles."

Generally speaking the hope was to produce a paper which would reflect as accurately as possible the area it served. It was felt that the paper, like the Sunshine Coast itself, should have many voices and to some degree this has been achieved

In the course of the year we learned much more than we knew before about the structure and activity of local government. Just enough, in fact, to realize how much we still have to learn. This is another area to which we will devote considerable attention in the coming year. Perhaps our most important function is to bring information about the issues and debates of local government to the residents of the Sunshine Coast in a readable and unbiased format. We have bent our best efforts in that direction but were hampered by our own inexperience and the mistakes of beginners. It is an area we hope to improve and refine in the months to come.

It would be remiss of me, however, to refrain from pointing out that we have been extremely well-served by our regular columnists. When the year started Peter Trower, John Faustmann, and George Matthews had not written for the devouring mill of weekly publication but they have all responded to the challenge and the opportunity like professionals and produced eminently readable and basically good-humoured stuff. In addition to his weekly book reviews, John Faustmann has borne the brunt of responsibility of contributing our pleasant Profiles of this Place feature which seeks to pay tribute to the many possibly unsung heroes among us and he has done so with skill and humanity.

Equally enduring and enjoyable are those contributors who have joined us at various points along the way. The mysterious Ann Napier, the provocative and thoughtful Andy Randall, the good-natured and kindly Jim Holt, Rae Ellingham with his first-class astrology column, Jim Weir's excellent bridge column, the shrewd and well-presented offerings of the Pender Ratepayers Committee. Then we have our sports contributors Bud Mulcaster, Pat Edwards, the enigmatic Barnibus and Company, and more recently Dennis Gray.

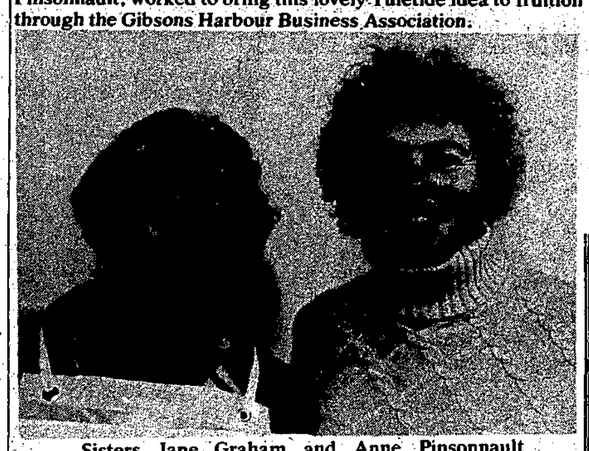
It is a conviction of the Coast News that one area often neglected but legitimately a part of a community newspaper's concerns is that we should play some part however small in introducing a shifting and growing population to the yesterdays of this place and in this regard Lester Peterson has been a tower of strength. His fund of historic pictures about this area and well-researched and presented information about them has enabled us to bring our readership the tradition of historic and interesting pictures parting for a moment the curtains of time. It is one of our most valued and important traditions.

No backward glance would be complete without acknowledgement of our advertisers who have made our efforts possible and our readership whose letters and many kind comments have helped make our efforts seem worthwhile. The staff of the Coast News would like to wish all, contributors, advertisers, and readers, the very warmest of Christmas Greetings and we look forward to renewing our relationships after the break which follows the publication of this newspaper. The Best of Holiday Greetings and may awareness of the Prince of Peace visit your hearts.

Christmas Carol Ship becomes a tradition in Gibsons Harbour

One of the pleasanter innovations in the waterfront area of Gibsons has been the appearance along the waterfront of a Christmastime Carol Ship which coasts along the waterfront roughly between Gibsons and Hopkins. No one who heard the familiar carols drifting from sea to shore from the deck of the decorated boat will soon forget the enhanced charm of the carols coming across the moonlit waters in a most appropriate nautical setting.

Last year was the first year that the Carol Ship made its appearance. It was the brainchild of Jane Graham of Gibsons Fish Market in the Lower Village and she and her sister, Ann Pinsonnault, worked to bring this lovely Yuletide idea to fruition through the Gibsons Harbour Business Association.



Sisters Jane Graham and Anne Pinsonnault who operate the Gibsons Fish Market in the Lower Village were the spark-plugs behind the concept of a Christmas-time Carol Ship which seems likely to develop into one of the Sunshine Coast's most pleasantly enduring traditions.

The boat used in the initial venture was the Twin J, owned by Danny Strom, and Strom will provide the boat again this year with the crew of the Twin J stringing festive lights on board the boat for the occasion. Bill Edney of the Lucky Dollar grocery store provided the lights last year and will again this year.

The actual singing of the carols was and will be done by the fine choir from the Gibsons United Church. Jean Manil of Gibsons Realty has typed up the carols in an attractive booklet this year so that all aboard the boat or listening on shore will have a copy of the words.

Last year Norm Peterson arranged for the provision of a generating plant through the Kinsmen Club and B Electric will provide the same service this year. The carols last year were carried clearly to shore through a speaker system hooked up by Al Pajak of Pajak Electronics and Al will provide the same service this year.

Last year Jim Fry of the Bank of Montreal brought Santa Claus right on board the boat but this year it is hoped that he will stay on shore and greet those who gather to enjoy the carols. In all likelihood the jolly old fellow will be stationed in Molly's Reach for his jovial purposes.

So as the gaily festooned boat glides along the waterfront with the sounds of Christmas embalming the air, spare a thought for the civic-minded volunteers who are making the Carol Ship a most pleasant Christmas tradition in Gibsons Harbour.

Notice

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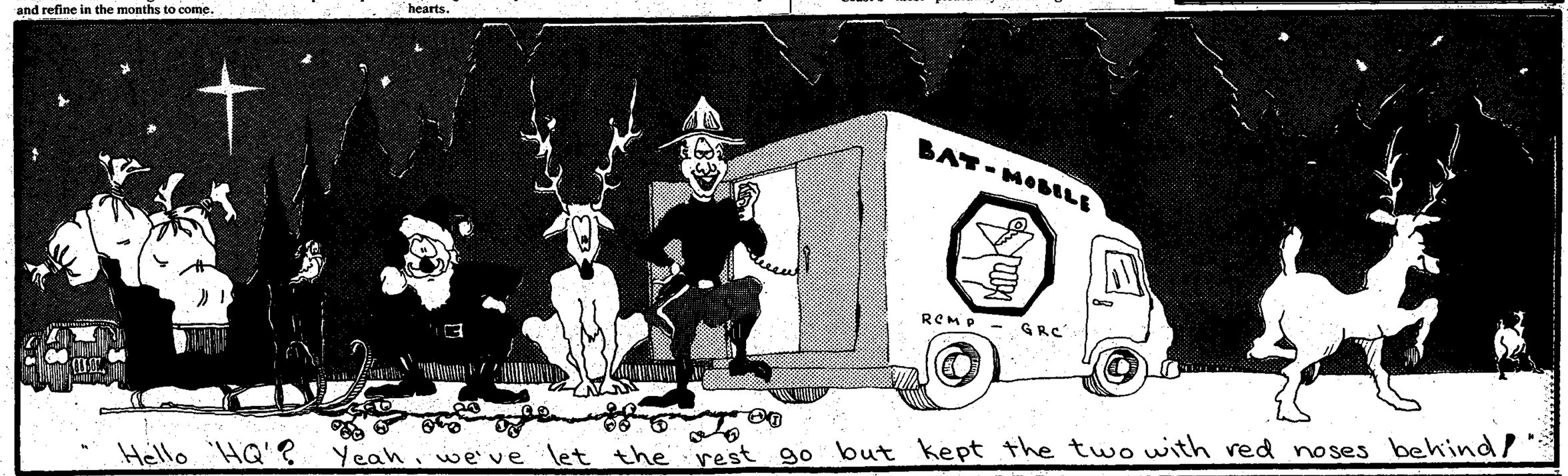

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'Tis the Season

Of all the festivals that mark the seasons of the year it is perhaps natural that the winter festival should be the one most dearly loved because it comes at a time when very little external can induce us to rejoice. In various parts of the northern hemisphere we have endured the going of the light, diminishing daily until at this time of the year in this part of the world about one third only of our day is blessed with light. We, depending upon our location, have been rained on, snowed on, or simply frozen and the end is far from being in sight.

We huddle together and find reasons to celebrate in defiance and in the hope of returning warmth. It is a seasonal thing which in winter once marked the winter solstice and the promised return of the warmth and the light and it was adopted as the time of the celebration of the birth of Christ by early Christians.

It is a time in a troubled and divided world and amidst alienated people for us to remind ourselves that in fact we all have so much more in common than the things that divide us. It is a time for putting aside factional matters and reuniting in spirit. The standard criticisms are that Christmas has become too materialistic or that we are too frequently united in spirits rather than in spirit and it is certain that there is truth in the criticisms.

And yet for most of us fortunate to have loved ones the old magic of the drawing together against the dark still works. There is a magic and a warmth that we create and share together which sustains us spiritually whether we consciously think of it or not.

There are others, however, who are not in fortunate situations. There are people in prison, in hospitals or mental institutions, or in skid-row hotels to whom the opportunity of coming together is denied. One of the most harrowing poems that Peter Trower ever wrote was called Mapping the Abyss and delineated the minor tragedies of a skid-row Christmas. The manuscript has been lost but the poem begins and ends with the words: "Many men alone and diminished women,/Folded like flowers in the pages of their pain."

Perhaps as we hold our family get-togethers and our gatherings of friends over this holiday season it would be well if for a moment we could spare a moment's thought for the friendless and alone, for the incarcerated and the ill. Be it remembered that the man whose birthday we Christians celebrate at this time walked on earth among publicans and sinners and walked with compassion. If we would celebrate in his name it behooves us to afford the unfortunate or the foolish the same compassion as did he. At least it should be possible at this time of the year.

The staff of the Coast News wishes the people of the Sunshine Coast a peaceful and pleasant Christmas and we trust that the coming year will prove to be one that will contain its due measure of happiness and prosperity. Lang may your lum reek.

Support

The businesses of the Sunshine Coast are taking the opportunity afforded them to convey through ther local newspapers seasonal greetings to their customers and friends. In many cases these advertisers have included in their salutations the hours of business which will pertain during the holiday season.

May we respectfully, therefore, draw your attention to these salutations for this double reason. During the holidays the various enterprises observe individual schedules and in those cases where the hours are included it should be possible to avoid the confusion which could otherwise arise. We invite our friends and readers to support the advertisers who support the Coast News through this holiday season and into the coming year.

Employment

On a less than seasonal note, we would express some concern about the continued exportation of jobs and payroll from this area which has a crying need for both. Earlier this year the School Board found itself confronted with the choice of hiring a Vancouver firm or a local firm to audit the School Board books. Secretary-Treasurer Roy Mills said at that time that there was little to choose between the two alternatives yet the work, and the resultant payroll, went to Vancouver.

Just recently a local firm, Morel Framing, had a virtually identical bid to a Powell River firm for the framing of the 37-unit apartment block on the old Wyngaerten property and the contract went to the Powell River firm who will primarily use their own men. Reg Morel estimates that $60,000 in wages will be lost to the area and go largely to Powell River.

In an area with as much unemployment as this one, this would seem to be a matter which should cause some concern. Wages lost are not lost to the men who would have been employed alone, for since they live here the money would filter throughout the community. It is a matter which deserves some thought.

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

5 YEARS AGO

The old co-op dock is no more. It was towed away for another destination. Wind had created damage to it over the week-end so George Hill decided to call in someone needing a dock.

Cutting your own Christmas tree could be very costly, particularly if it is removed from Crown Land or if it is a balsam fir. Such an offence is punishable by fine up to $500.

10 YEARS AGO

A petition opposing the highways department proposed route for the Gibsons bypass from Langdale to the region of Seaview cemetery is being circulated.

Gibsons Centennial Project, constructed in Kinsman Park, was turned over to the Village Council in a ceremony Monday at the Municipal Hall.

Disturbed by a Gibsons council report prepared by Martin Dayton, Professional engineer, on a sewage system for the village which it was maintained would dump raw sewage off Gospel Rock area and thus spoil Gower Point beaches, drew many letters of protest.

15 YEARS AGO

Sechelt and Gibsons municipal councils are showing an interest in the Powell River move towards obtaining a ferry from Powell River area to Vancouver Island possibly at Comox. Both council are in favour.

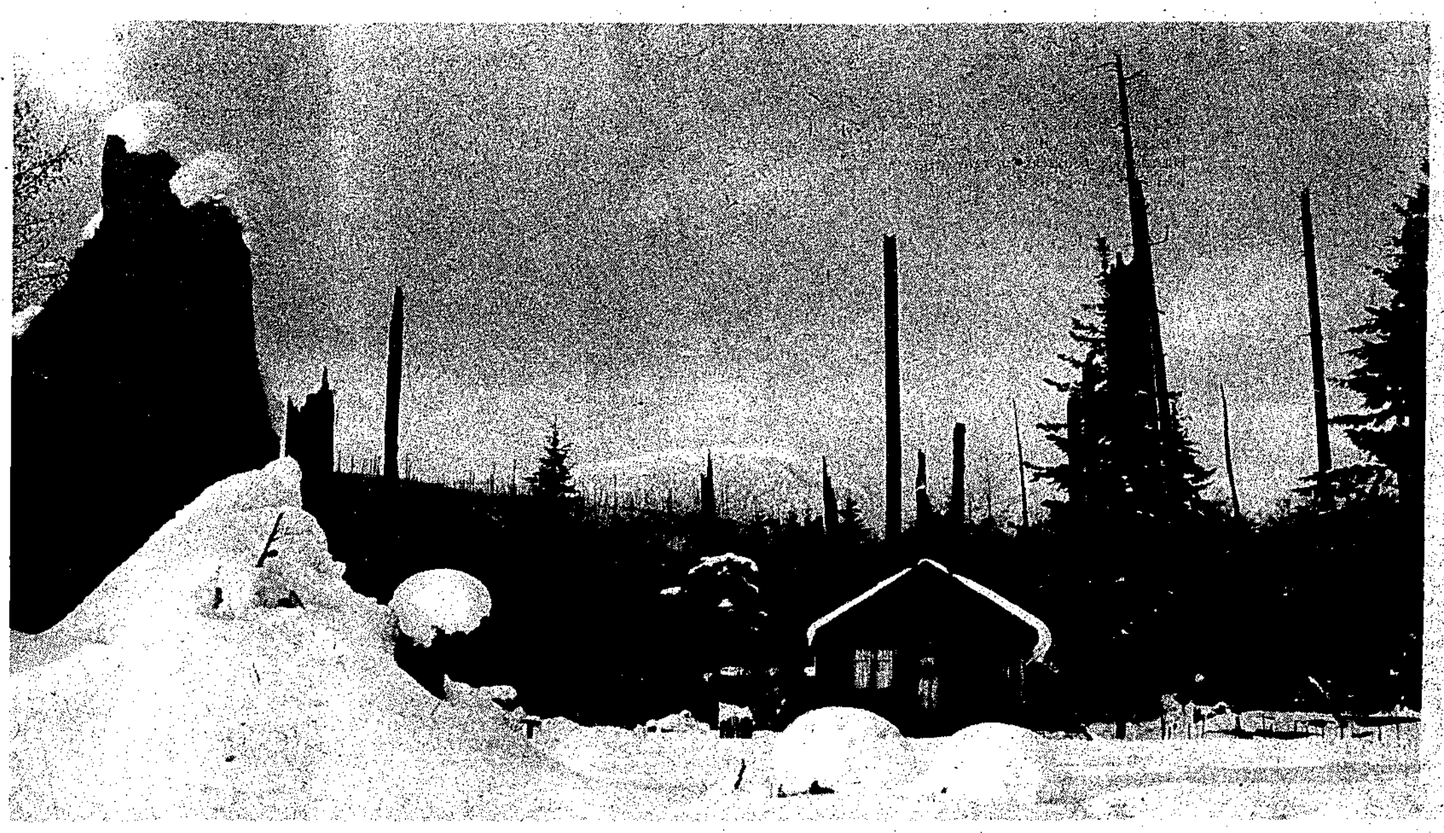
20 YEARS AGO

The Sechelt Volunteer Fire Department has recently purchased the latest model Wajac Fire pump. The pump is used by forestry and other fire stations.

Inar Bergen of Twin Creeks suffered undetermined injuries when a tree he was felling toppled, pinning him to the ground. He is now in Vancouver General Hospital.

25 YEARS AGO

A search party, slowed by heavy rains and high winds, cut its way through the woods to a spot a quarter of a mile from Crowston Lake, 4 miles from Half-Moon Bay to reach the wrecked plane of the Queen Charlotte Airlines. The crash killed pilot B.Wilson of Vancouver. A member of the search party also went missing.



Helen Dawe reminds us with Edric Clayton photos from 1926 that snow at Sechelt is nothing new. At Gibsons, Helen McCall also recorded snow scenes at about the same time. During the 1920's, snow fell during most winters and stayed for weeks on some occasions. When the Big Snow of 1934-35 melted, the tip of Point Gray slid into the ocean. Snow dissolved by rain in 1954 took out cement highway culverts at Roberts Creek and a wooden bridge at Chapman Creek. A six-foot fall in the late 1950's cracked the machine-room roof at Port Mellon. Recent snowfalls revealed the vulnerability of wheeled vehicle on our steep hills. Not so for Helen McCall. With snow-treads on her gumboots, she hiked the countryside at will, pausing now and again to record for posterity a scene that appealed to her. Photo courtesy Elphinstone Pioneer Museum.

L.R.Peterson

Musings

John Burnside

My father died two days before Christmas, 1951. He had been a semi-invalid for years after having his pelvis shattered in a fall of the roof of the Kames Colliery in 1939. He had worked briefly in a bomb factory during the Second World War and as a hospital orderly after the war but the physical damage he had sustained was so severe that even light work was denied him.

In addition to his weakened back - at the time of the accident it was believed impossible that he would ever walk again - the coal dust had coated his lungs and increasingly towards the end of his life he found it difficult to breathe. In the mornings the two pound jam jar that my mother filled with clear water and put by his bed every night was filled with black. In the mornings I would see him sitting up in bed with his head between his knees trying to draw air into lungs that would no longer expand.

Prior to his accident he had been noted for hardihood among a hardy people. When I was home on holiday in 1962 I went down to the Kames Colliery that I had been born beside. It was the only time in my life that I was underground. For visitors the "cage" that took us down the mineshaft is operated at a much slower speed than it is for the miners but still to me it seemed to plunge downward frighteningly fast. My ex-wife was with me and my Uncle Will's daughter Margaret. Women underground are regarded as being bearers of misfortune but my ex-wife, as a visitor, had been anxious to go and my cousin had seized the opportunity of her going to wangle a place on the expedition too.

Aside from the predictable blackness I was much taken by the wetness of the mine. The walls seemed to stream water constantly. The first "road" that we walked down was wide and sloped steeply downward still. It was an old mine and there was a long walk before you came to the coal face where men were working. As we walked down the sloping way illuminated by the pit lamps on our helmets there came a light bobbing and weaving up the slope towards us. As the light came closer we could see it was worn in the pit hat of an old coal miner. The grizzled veteran was coming up the hill at good speed but was leaning into it heavily under the weight of his years.

The old man looked with disapproval at our little party. He did not like to see women down there. His eye swept over me and with quiet disdain he saw a tourist: a skinny, bespectacled six-footer who looked ill at ease in his borrowed miner's garb. The old man's glance took much in and said many things as he prepared to pass us by without breaking stride. He did however acknowledge my uncle, his workmate: "Aye, Wull," he said.

"Sammy," said my uncle and the old man stopped and waited. Still disapproving and not very friendly, "Sammy," said my uncle, "this is Bobby Burnside's boy." The change in the old man's bearing was immediate and subtly dramatic. He turned fully towards us and straightened up. From the coal-blackened face the steady eyes gleamed and this time the object of their gaze was as much the past as it was the bespectacled visitor before him.

At the time of this meeting, it should be noted, my father had been dead for eleven years and it had been twenty-three years since the roof fall had ended his mining career. After a moment's steady gaze the old miner took his pit hat off and came across the road to me with his hand stuck out: "Son," he said, "I knew your father. By Christ, he was a hardy bit of stuff." It was a tribute made the more having by its taciturnity. Having paid it, the old man put back his hat and turned once more to the hill.

My father had been an active man outside his working hours roaming the moorland hills with dogs and fellow miners, catching rabbits and trout in those often hungry times, playing exuberant soccer but none of this had been in my memory. I had been only a year old when the roof fell and though I loved him dearly I used to wish, as children will, that my father could work like other men and it saddens me to say that I think he knew this. Because of this, however, the old miner's change of attitude at the mention of his name and the simple testimonial that he made moved me deeply.

It was not the physical alone that my father had been denied. An extremely bright boy, he had been forced to leave school at the age of twelve to help his father support a large family. The old, grim Scottish schoolmaster came and begged in tears that the boy be allowed to pursue an education but there was nothing my grandfather could do.

My father was never a bitter man despite the thwartings he had known. Until the end of his life he remained remarkably youthful looking with a head of well-groomed jet black hair in which there was no gray all the days of his life. Sometimes in the driest of summer days he seemed quite healthy, but when the west coast mists and damp came in he was virtually immobilized by the unresponsive lungs.

To my young and untutored eyes he seemed to die very suddenly. I think his heart finally gave out behind the terrible coughings. It was the 23rd of December and he was forty-nine years old. I was thirteen and wore my first pair of long trousers to my father's funeral which was the day after Christmas.

The house was full of visiting relatives that Christmas but it was not a joyous time, though I lay awake very late on the night he died and listened to my uncle and my brother talk of him. The sober thoughtful talk soon gave way to chuckling reminiscences of a man they had loved and I listened eagerly in the dark to the tales of the father I had just lost.

It was not a merry Christmas, however, and even yet, though I have no difficulty wishing joy to my fellows, I find that Christmas is not my favourite time.

Slings & Arrows

George Matthews

There are two times in every year when news is thin and uninteresting; summer, when the newsmakers and politicians are in the Bahamas; and Christmas. Read a paper lately? Listened to the news? Boring stuff. Aside from the entire three to eighteen year old population struggling to free themselves from the grips of gin, which their parents have forced upon them, things are generally calm.

It is at times like these that journalists, both venerable and virginal, trot out the old standby's. What better opportunity to reveal my Christmas list?

At the top of this year's list is my friend Burnside. To John (with love and Merry Christmas) a new pair of scissors with which to lacerate the offerings of his humble penmen.

To my friend Madoc-Jones, a new joke book; something published since World War II should do.

To my boss, Don Montgomery, a list of names and addresses of teachers as good as me (or is it "I"?).

Editor's Note: It is "I". Don you can reach me at the Coast News Office.

To Fran "the ham" Berger: a free lunch. How about french fries and a coke after our run?

To fellow journalist Pam Gross a trade. Last year's copy of **How to Write an Editorial** for a copy of **The Politics of Education.**

To my colleague Kory Regan: a retread on her thumb stall to speed up the paper work in the office.

To Maureen: a back rub.

To June Silson: My body - for first aid practice.

To J.S.Browning: a pen knife to keep the old quill sharp.

To Roy Mills: a 30-second dictaphone tape to help him be more concise.

To Jim Weir: 100 hours of marking help, so he has more time for bridge.

To Pat Edwards: an anthology of genteel humor - something written in a logging camp perhaps.

This is fun. I can't wait to get to the people I don't like.

As for me, all I want is a week off, or even two. In those two weeks I could reflect on all of the fine, terrible, famous, obscure, bizarre, or ridiculous people and places that have made it possible to write week after week for what, in two weeks, will be a year of the Coast News - Glassford Press edition.

Seasons Greetings and a happy and successful New Year to: John, Eileen, Manuane, Ian, Bruce, Linda, et al at the Coast News; Peter, John Faustman, Fran and all the other contributors; to Celia, Don Claus, Peter Maureen, Joanne, Tim and everyone at the School Board office, especially the one person who makes them all look good - Anne Robertson; to friends, colleagues and students at Elphinstone; to the Rugby Club; to John, Fran, Helen, etc., at the Cedars Inn to all members of the Bridge Club; to Liberals, bureaucrats, land speculators, benign neglectors, the Ministry of Education, city dwellors, Land commissioners, Lief Mjones, Dr. Rogers, Jack Horner, the Prime Minister and Mrs Whatshername, Mr. Shakespeare, the "City Fathers", Joe Clark; Jim, Wayne, John, Al, Rob, Don, Big Red and George the Timekeeper at Clowhom; Laurie, my niece; the memory of my old pal Harv (R.I.P.); my children; Gary Gray; Orv Moscrip; my old high school counsellor and all day dreamers.

Best wishes.

The Journey of the Magi

"A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter."
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

By T.S.Eliot

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Municipal

Dear Editor:

Your article in your last newspaper issued, prompts me to reply as follows: THE MUNICIPAL ACT Part III, Sections #47 - 147 deals clearly and specifically with Public Polling, and section 105 which is being mentioned as controlling elections of Regional Board Chairmen is a wrong use and therefore a misuse of the Act. My contention at the election of Board Chairman was, and is supported by Mr. C.S.J.McKelvey, Executive Director UBCM; Mr.T.M.Youngberg, Staff Officer UBCM; and Mr. J.P.Taylor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. There are other guiding factors in our Letters Patent SCRD from which the Bylaw #1 CONSOLIDATION was authorised and considerable guidance is contained therein, but like any other "book of rules" common sense should be exercised in the interpretation thereof, and that was what the directors did exercise.

To my mind, it should be clear to the least interested among us, that the public having turned out to exercise their democratic right of electing those among us whom they wish to trust with their wellbeing, and money for the next two years, are most certainly entitled to a better finale (the choosing of the SCRD Chairman) than that provided by the selection of the Chairman by one of our paid servants, however well respected. We may well be concerned to reflect that our well liked, efficient and willing Secretary-Treasurer (who is not by the way, our returning officer) should never have been placed in the position of assuming the end responsibility of eight Directors charged by the electorate to elect a chairman from among themselves, thus placing herself in the undoubted position of forever having her choice suspect, whichever candidate she may have chosen. As our senior civil servant in the SCRD her position and credibility must forever by inviolate.

The final flippant suggestion, the flipping of a coin (pun intended) has to be the final insult to the electorate. I do not think that the many people who turned out to vote would have felt other than poorly served by the implementation of this halfarsed suggestion, and the less said about it the better. Suffice to say that we the Directors (to my mind) are not in the board room to play games (toss up to see who is going to be Captain) but to perform some damned serious, increasingly complex business, and I for one am pleased that at the first meeting so widely reported, the directors did not follow the leader into an Alice in Wonderland situation. Contrary to some widely held opinions, for the most part, they are not a bunch of crackpots, knuckleheads, dictators, and/or layabouts on the Board for the princely $25.00 per week,but some well-dedicated men who this year at least, will not "go along with the band", just to be nice or whatever.

Judging by the independance already demonstrated by this year's Board of Directors, it will be, thank God, not a cut and dried session, and I would ask you to urge your readers to get in on the decision-making and tell your Director what you want done in Area "C". What you ask for may not be possible but if you don't communicate, you will never know.

We do of course need your newspaper for some good, lively, objective reporting.

Charles Lee,
Director "AREA CEE"

Drop off your Coast News classified ads in Pender Harbour at Westersund's Chemists. It's convenient.

Education

Editor's Note: Below are some thoughts occassioned by Paul Handshy's remarks on education which appeared in this paper last week.

Dear Mr. Handshy:

Yes, indeed, the education system certainly has definite drawbacks, but I don't think it takes William Tell marksmanship to hit on them - they are all too obvious. So, where to from there? Your article, as with countless others, only spotted the apple but failed to pierce it. Perhaps the answer isn't in shaking our self-righteous fingers at the schools, but in using that energy at home with the kids. How many parents experience relief when kids reach school age - time to themselves while the kids are at school? The boredom in class surely must contain some reflection of our (as parents) lack of stimulation in what education, learning can be. The first few steps a child takes, for example, are they appreciated for themselves or for the fact that they represent walking? And this is carried further in school, the fact a child understands he can find the answer in an encyclopedia isn't half as important as his knowing the answer - how unfortunate. I read once that a child enters school as a question mark and leaves as a period, maybe we as parents don't give the question mark enough support but also encourage the answer. I think if the idea of excitement in learning how to learn, as compared to just learning, is given a great deal of support at home the kids aren't going to be content to be passed through a system that lectures at and expects that information to be fed back. The concept of what education is cannot change unless a child understands it and since the schools don't seem to provide that information I guess we as parents are going to have to discover the meaning with our kids. And with this teamwork we can learn what schools can do to fulfill the needs instead of waiting until the kid's boredom incites our finger-wagging. The school is merely a resource pool and can only be effective when students learn how to question instead of passively waiting to be fed the answers. Education needs our help, not criticism.

Carole Bla[illegible]
Roberts Cr[illegible]

Request

Editor:

The Chilliwack Smokey Monitors Association, a citizens band radio emergency monitoring team is preparing, as a public service, a listing for publication of all organized emergency monitoring teams (land and marine) within the province of B. C. Search and Rescue Teams included if they stand scheduled monitoring watches.

The association would be pleased if those CB emergency monitoring teams, organizations, or clubs within your area would write to me at the address below with the following information:

1. The name of the organized group (no listings of individual members, please.)
2. The location and range area monitored.
3. The channel monitored.
4. The daily hours monitored (24, 18, 16, 12, etc.)
5. The number of members actively engaged in daily emergency monitoring.

It is understood that in some isolated areas of the province there are only one or two individuals who have undertaken to monitor (or be available) for emergency calls on CB radio.

We would appreciate also hearing from any RCMP who are utilizing CB radio for emergency purposes as an aid to their duties.

Margaret Sovey
Information Officer
Chilliwack Smokey Monitors
60 Windsor St.,
Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 6C2

Editor

To Area E residents, now that I am officially your representative, the involvement has started. Area E extends along Cemetery Road on the west side of North Road, between Reid Road and Cemetery; along the north side of Reid Road, from North Road to Payne Road, then both sides of the road to the Sunshine Coast Highway; both sides of the Sunshine Coast Highway from Pratt Road to Pine Road; all of Pratt Road and the roads leading off it; from approximately Gospel Rock to the end of Gower Point Road.

The Regional Board has received a Canada Works Grant for students to clear the beach access. If you have any locations in mind give me a call.

The industrial park on Payne Road proposes to use Reid Road as its heavy truck entrance.

While handling a query recently I discovered a new park. It is down the dirt road on the lower side of the Sunshine Coast Highway, approximately half way between the cemetary and the old 'S' bends.

The park has a very impressive stand of fir trees. The trail through the park winds its way down to Beach Avenue. Thanks to Jim Gurney and Dick Darby, this park was acquired for us through an expired crown grant.

That's all for now.

Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

George Gibb

Fitness

Methuselah ate what he found
on his plate,/ And never as
people do not/ Did he note the
amount of the calorie count;/
He ate it because it was chow./
He wasn't disturbed as at dinner
he sat,/ Devouring a roast or a
pie,/ To think it was loaded in
granular fat,/ Or a couple of
vitamins shy./ He cheerfully
chewed every species of food,/
Unmindful of worry or fears,/
That his heart might be hurt by
a fancy dessert,/ And he lived
over nine hundred years.

Have a good week!
Bob Barr

Teaching

Editor:

For those readers who know of me and know that I am opposed to the education system here, I appreciate very much this opportunity to make the following statement of my position:

The reason I quit teaching school was not because I didn't know how to teach and not because I couldn't "control" the kids or couldn't "take it". For your information, my mother was a highly respected school teacher for many years in a small community and I have a proper university degree in education. I know how to teach.

The reason I quit was because I concluded that teachers use the children in their classes to satisfy their needs. This seemed to outweigh any attempts to satisfy the needs of the children as individuals, or to develop their individual abilities.

Before I quit in 1969 I spent about a month observing various free schools; in the interior of B. C., in Vancouver and on Saturna Island; and I was convinced that the free schools were less harmful to the children than the regular schools so I decided never again to be a part of that which passes for education in the public school system.

Arthur Shaw

Hydro

Editor:

Just noticed your recent editorial on Hydro and Bob Bonner and thought I'd better point out a small error.

Bonner resigned from MacMillan Bloedel in April, 1974, returning to the practice of law. He didn't become Hydro chairman until January, 1976.

So it isn't quite right to say he left MB to assume the Hydro job. It's even less correct to say he left the chief executive post at MB for Hydro, because he dropped the chief exec label in April, 1973, when he became chairman after precisely one year as president and chief executive officer.

(I know this doesn't really affect the general thrust of your editorial, but you may want to file this info away for any future reference.)

Tom Williams
Corp. Communications
MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.

Students express concern

The major concern in the school this week is being expressed in letters to the Editor of the Peninsula Times over their absurd attempt to belittle the Elphinstone Student Body. The students of Mr. Madoc-Jones English 12 were each given a copy of the paper, told to read it, and then asked to express their feelings in a letter to the Editor. Some of the best ones were sent to the paper and a number of others were tacked to the bulletin board in the main foyer. In reading these letters one can sense the outrage these students naturally feel after being so grossly discriminated against. A number of these letters are excellent and if you get a chance to, I would highly recommend that you come to the school and read the letters posted in the foyer. I would also like to thank Mr. Madoc-Jones for being so quick to stand up and defend the Student Body.

On the lighter side of the news the school is finally ready for the arrival of Jolly Old Santa Claus who, it is rumoured, will make an early appearance at the Grade 12 Christmas Party this coming Tuesday. Reliable sources have informed me that some of these grade 12's are so excited about meeting Santa, that they can't sleep at night.

Jack and Jill Minding Centre had a Christmas Party for their youngsters last week. Santa was a bit late in arriving but was all the more welcome when he did. Over a hundred mothers and children enjoyed the party.

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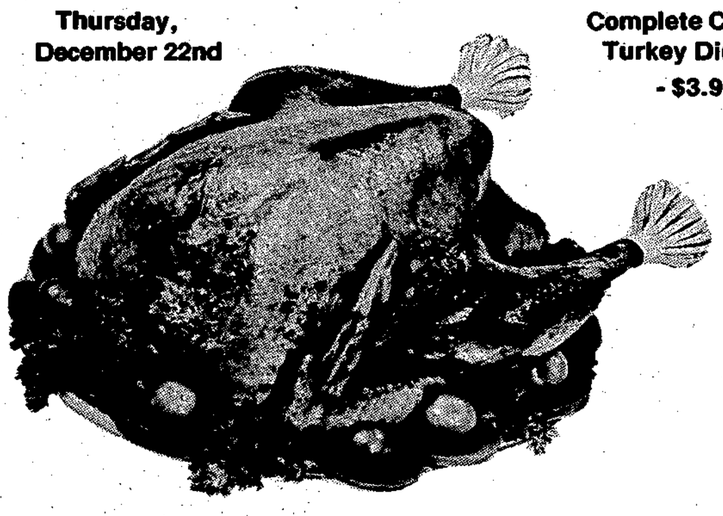

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ENTERTAINMENT

Pages from a Life-Log
Peter Trower

GROGAN'S CAFE

The village of Minstrel Island lies two-hundred odd miles up the B. C. coast in a small bay near the mouth of Tribune Channel. The origin of its name is lost in the turmoil of history but one story has it that a minstrel-show was stranded there around the turn of the century. Certain other place-names in the immediate area such as Bones Bay give some credence to this whimsical legend. Until the mid-fifties, Minstrel was a relatively busy place. Over sixty gyppo logging-camps picked up their mail and groceries there and the small, slapdash pub did a constantly roaring trade. Then the timber-quota system was introduced, effectively forcing most of the independent operators out of business. With the passing of the gyppos, Minstrel slid into decline and became a backwater; a rough monument to more vigorous days.

In late May of 1975, while filming a logging documentary for the CBC, I set foot there for the first time in twenty-five years. It didn't appear to have changed too drastically. The gaunt hotel at the wharfhead had another quarter-century of wear and tear on it but it was never much to write home about in the first place. With its patchy grey walls and dull-eyed windows, it could have been plucked at random from any old street in a ghost-town. The awkward green store-buildings to the right of the pier looked equally as accidental as I remembered them and there were a couple of houses that seemed dimly familiar. Something jogged my memory and I glanced to my left over the bottle-flats to the low rocky headland. But there was only a patch of waste and bulldozed ground where Grogan's Cafe had been. Later, drinking tepid beer in the bankrupt bar, pictureless, customer-starved, mournful as a dirge, I let myself drift back to my wet-behind-the-ears years and a late-fall day in 1950.

The bar is no less drab but it is crowded with loggers and fishermen in this boom year. I'm sitting with a newly-immigrated Irishman called Paddy Flynn and, though you'd never guess it, we're both looking for work. The A-frame show at which we were both employed until a few days ago, has been shut down for snow. Its still over a month to Xmas and I'm hoping to grab a couple more weeks at a low-level camp. The Minstrel pub functions as a sort of unofficial hiring-agency for the gyppos but the boys are hanging tough this close to the end of the year and the prospects aren't too promising. I figure I'll hang around one more day and then head for the City.

A raffish-looking character enters with a thirsty look and Paddy calls him over. He sits down and orders a round. Paddy introduces us. Davie Grogan is anywhere from thirty-five to fifty with a battered boyface full of infinite mischief. He shows interest when he catches my name. "You wouldn't be Chris' brother?" I confirm the fact. Turns out that Chris (having quit the same camp some weeks previously) had worked briefly for Grogan. I figure at first he's talking about logging but it appears that he runs some sort of cafe. Out of a clear blue sky, Grogan offers me the same job of short-order cook. I protest that I *know nothing about short-order cooking.* "Nothing to it," assures Grogan. "Don't serve nothing except bacon and eggs and Campbell's Soup. Ain't no goormays around this goddamn place!" After a few more beers I find I've been talked into having a stab at it.

When the bar finally closes, we pick up some case-beer and stumble over the rough path to Grogan's unprepossessing establishment. (Since there is another small cafe closer to the hotel, I have had no occasion to visit the place before.) We reach the door and after much fumbling and cursing, Grogan locates his key. He switches on the light and I do a double-take. The place is large and low-ceilinged with walls of a ratty brown colour. The grimy floor is caulk-riddled and splintered. A counter with ten unsafe-looking stools occupies perhaps a third of the total area. The middle section is empty of anything except dust while at the far end lies a veritable garbage-heap. Bottles, boxes, crates, broken chairs, egg-cartons, wornout clothing, ancient newspapers and dust sprawl in a hopeless jumble. There is a strong odour of stale food and cooking-fat. A health or fire-inspector would have a field day.

We pass from this remarkable room through a curtained doorway to the living-quarters. Paradoxically, Grogan appears to keep this private area in better order than the cafe. Paddy has tagged along with us. The three of us sit around, working on the beer. Grogan confides that he's running the place for some old guy called Hansen who's away sick. Then he launches on an interminable story about his Army adventures in World War Two. Finally, I fumble my way to a vacant couch and fall alseep.

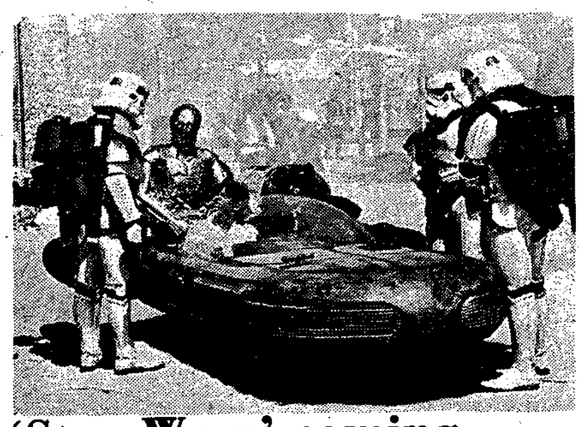
I wake to blinding winter sunlight; the sound of loud knocking. "Hey Grogan, open to hell up!" an impatient voice urges. As I roll off the couch and hurry to the sink to splash some water on my face, I hear Grogan grumpily admitting our first customer. Shortly, he comes back through the curtain and looks pleased to see I'm mobile. "Bill wants three eggs sunnyside-up and some bacon and toast. Stuff's in the fridge. I'll heat the coffee."

I prepare the order clumsily, breaking two of the yolks and burning the toast a bit. Grogan seems quite satisfied and bears the plate away. I'm half-expecting some complaint from the vociferous Bill but there is only a dull grunt of approval. I begin to get the hang of it as the day wears on. Business is surprisingly brisk. We barely get time to eat ourselves. Around three-thirty that afternoon, Grogan counts the proceeds. "Forty-one dollars and sixty cents," he announces with a goofy, toothless smile. "Time to shut her down and go drink some beer." I offer no objection. He puts ten bucks in the kitty for supplies and splits the rest down the middle. We adjourn to the pub and try to catch up with Paddy.

The next few days follow the general pattern of the first. Our easy-to-please customers remain faithful. If we ran the place properly, we might be able to turn a bit of a profit but invariably by mid-afternoon, Davie's thirst gets the better of him. In effect we are only working for beer-money. I can understand why Chris didn't stick this set-up for long. Its a congenial treadmill to precisely nowhere. One night, I get wind that a whistle-punk has quit at a nearby camp. I corner the push and manage to land myself the job. Thus ends my brief and decidedly unsober partnership with Davie Grogan. He accepts the news of my defection philosophically. The weather remains very mild for that time of year. My stay at the small camp is pleasant, almost-totally uneventful and lasts about two weeks. By this time it is getting very close to Christmas. Back in Minstrel, I decide to look up Grogan and say goodbye before heading for Vancouver. The cafe is closed tight and he is nowhere to be found. Paddy however, is still in evidence, having secured himself a camp-watching post for the shutdown. He fills me in on what happened.

"Lucky you got out of there when you did. Few days after you left, old Hansen the owner shows up unexpected. He's been in hospital in the city. You know how Davie always said the old man had left him to run the place. Seems it wasn't that way at all. He just busted in there one night and took over. Anyhow, Hansen found him there and raised one hell of a commotion. Swore he was going to charge Davie with everything in the book but Grogan lit out of here on a fishboat before the cops come. Guess the crazy bugger's still running. Hansen got so worked up over it, he had some kind of relapse. Hear he's back in hospital."

"Be goddamned," I say but my mind is on the bright lights. I've had enough of this lonesome country for one year. Distantly, I hear a plane approaching. I hope its mine.



'Star Wars' coming to Twilight Theatre

The much talked about science fiction film, **Star Wars**, will be the featured attraction when the Twilight Theatre re-opens after its Christmas break. The space extravaganza will grace the local screen for a ten day run commencing on Boxing Day.

Star Wars by writer-director George Lucas is the furthest cinematic flight yet into the realm of imagining what life is like on planets in other galaxies. Framed within a story which combines a full-blown space war, death rays, robots, spectacular settings, creatures of all sorts, dashing heroes and a ruthless villain, the romantic inter-galactic adventure fulfills Lucas' dream of making the classic space fantasy.

Lucas' dream itself was based on his own love of space adventure stories dating back to his boyhood. Below is a quiz on the kind of works of fiction, film and T.V. that sent Lucas' imagination soaring to other galaxies.

1. The wicked emperor Ming was the evil nemesis of this space adventurer who started out in newspapers and then reached the screen in three famed serials. Who was he and who played him in the serials?

2. Space exploration on the screen began in 1899 with French film pioneer George Melies whose animated rocket launch foretold real events to come. The film?

3. "M", "Scarlet Street", "Dr. Mabuse", "Metropolis", "The Woman in the Window", were some of the classics directed by this famed German-born director. But one of his less known efforts was the spacy "The Woman in the Moon". The director?

4. Here's another space adventurer of the 25th century who was a favourite in the 1930's in newspaper comic strips as well as on the screen. If you can answer #1, you've got the name of the actor who portrayed him.

5. Stanley Kubrick's flight into space was marked by a rebellious "talking" computer who murdered one of the two galactic travellers.

6. This imaginative author was equally at home in the jungle or in outer space. His "John Carter of Mars" books are still considered science fiction classics.

7. The space conflict in **Star Wars** takes place in a far-off galaxy, but in H. G. Wells classic story the war was between Martians and Earth, which we barely won.

8. T.V. whet the appetitie of would-be space travellers with this long-run series.

9. **Star Wars** is writer-director George Lucas' second flight into science fiction. His first professional film ever starred Robert Duvall and Donald Pleasance and was hailed by critics.

10. No self-respecting space fantasy would be without a goodly amount of these metallic, wired-up wonders. There are 12 in **Star Wars** and two, named See-Threepio and Artoo-Detoo, have leading roles. What or who are they?

In addition to the inter-galactic marvels on display, **Star Wars** will also provide a truly magnificent musical experience. Noted composer John Williams spent a year preparing his ideas for the score. During March, 1977, he conducted the 87-piece London Symphony Orchestra in a series of 14 sessions to record the 90 minutes of original music.

Ellingham's Astrology

by Rae Ellingham
Week commencing Dec. 19th.
General Notes: The last Full Moon of this year may be seen on Christmas Eve. It will conjoin Jupiter in the sign of Cancer promising general optimism and pleasant domestic conditions throughout the holiday weekend. Venus and Mercury are also close together in Sagittarius and will increase the urge to socialize and exchange ideas. On Christmas Day, Neptune and Pluto make a rare aspect indicating the likelihood of a significant news announcement affecting the whole world.

Your friendly astrologer wishes you all a Happy Christmas and hopes that your individual birth-charts show very favourable trends in 1978.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)
It's you, Aries, who is likely to have the most heart-warming domestic get-togethers during the next few days. Be grateful. Mid-week changes in financial arrangements should be handled smoothly.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
Emphasis is on short, happy journeys but over confidence behind the wheel won't pay. Be warned. The urge to exaggerate or tell fibs could spoil your present good reputation. Shared financial dealings at last become more agreeable.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
You'll enjoy spending much more money than most people and will regret it, of course, in due time. A long-standing disagreement is finally sorted out and you both decide to bury the hatchet. All relationships improve from that moment on.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Most subjects of this sign can expect to be in unusually high spirits, especially those born around June 25. Remember, however, to consider the feelings of quieter associates. Recent good news on the employment scene might be the reason for present optimism.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Unlike most other signs, you'll feel the urge to spend Christmas more quietly and may even resent boisterous intrusions. Visits to secluded places will be refreshing and reassuring. Young lovers make memorable pledges.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You should now be feeling very optimistic about your long-term goals as work completed behind the scenes begins to show results. Important documents concerning domestic matters or real estate will be received soon. Strangers are a nuisance but will have to be tolerated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Your position and reputation are about to receive a much-needed boost. At last you feel that everybody is admiring you again. Helpful messages will point you in the best direction. Follow your instincts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You'll be feeling quite philosophical, even religious, as your mind focuses on far-away places and people. Remember that all long-distance communications and affairs are favoured at this time. Students become more enthusiastic again. Fresh financial opportunities are in the mail for a few of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)
People are fascinated with your present charming ways but they probably know nothing about your preoccupations with shared financial ventures which have to be revised soon. A friend or acquaintance is most likely to have the final solution. Heed advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan 19.)
Good relations with others reach a monthly high so opportunities or ideas presented by loved-ones should be considered hopefully. Meanwhile, those of you pursuing your heart's desire in secret should be even more discreet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
It's you, Aquarius, most likely to suffer temporary health upsets through festive overindulgence. So please be warned. This weekend is a good time for promoting personal goals by simply stating your desires in writing. Hopes and wishes should be worked at and not merely dreamt about.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)
A gay, jovial weekend is guaranteed. Speculations, risks, love affairs, and crazy ventures will all work out. Go ahead and do it. Good news regarding your position and reputation is on it's way.

Dancing

Nancy McLeod and Adrian Belshaw have studied and enjoyed folk dancing in Vancouver for many years, and now they have offered to lead a group and teach dances here on the peninsula. Jointly sponsored by the Center for Continuing Education and the Community Resource Society's Fitness Service, this will be an International Folk Dance class, teaching traditional dances from Greece, Israel, the Balkans, England, Africa, America, and Rumania. The class will be held every Monday from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Sechelt Elementary School gym, beginning January 9, and there will be no fee. To pre-register for the class, or for more information, please call the Fitness Service at 885-3611.

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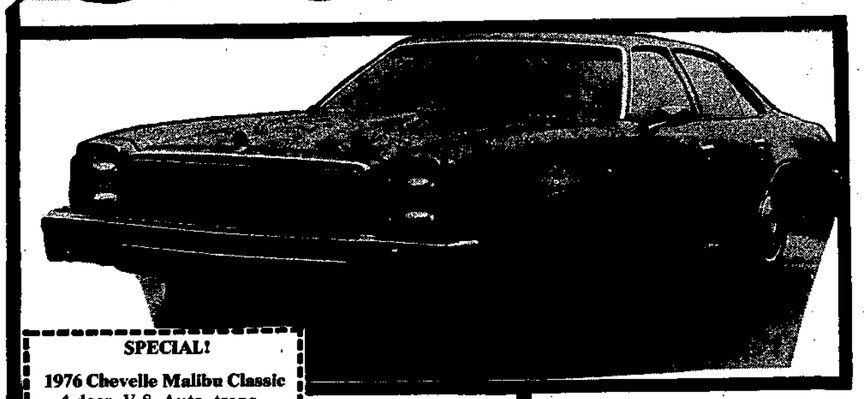

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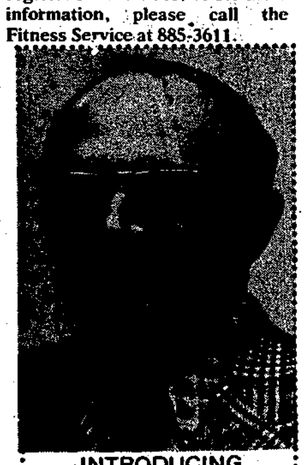

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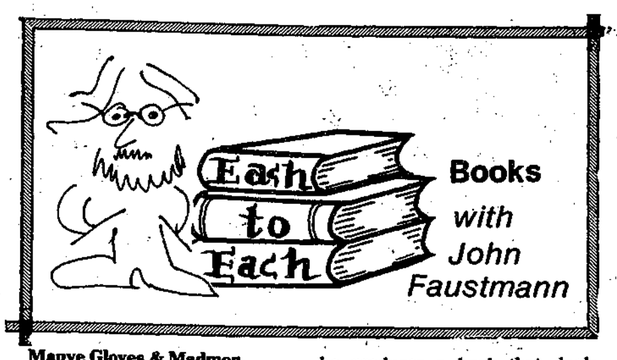

Mauve Gloves & Madmen, Clutter & Vine
Tom Wolfe
Bantam Books

Tom Wolfe, that three-piece button down instamatic camera of the New York literary set, has done it again. With his latest portfolio of witty, cheesy and exlamation-point-ridden snapshots, he maintains the title of being the "with it" chronicleer of the seventies, the main man, the flash dude, and the number one road sign to Where it's Really At.

For the past ten years Tom Wolfe has been fastidiously picking apart the more bizarre elements of modern living, separating meat from bone off the carcass of the great American turkey. The delicious self-castigation that one experiences from reading his books must be enjoyable, for Mr. Wolfe has been doing quite well with this brand of searing social comment. His books, such as **The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test**, and **The Kandy-Kolered Tangerine-Flake Streamline Baby**, have all sold well, and some parts of them have become minor classics on the subject of contemporary manners. Wolfe's ability to stand back and observe the present age, and then step in and dissect so cleanly, has earned him a solid place in the letters of our day. Age seems to be stealing up on him - puffing out the corners of his waistcoat, and causing him to be just a bit too snide and preachy, but Wolfe can still cut cleanly where others only hack and slash.

Wolfe is a purveyor of 'scenes', a disciple of the Right Now school of journalism, which includes such worthies as Truman Capote and Dr. Hunter S. Thompson. The method of operation is simple - the journalist chooses a fringe group of people - a motorcycle gang, or a pair of convicted murderers, and he goes and hangs out with them for awhile, and takes notes. From the notes he produces a book that deals with the collected oddities he's discovered, and this is precisely what's been done in **Mauve Gloves & Madmen, Clutter & Vine.** Wolfe's latest batch of discoveries, including some navy jet fighter pilots, some kidnapper terrorists, a black baseball player in town to do his first shaving cream commercial, a debutante in blue jeans and a woman in group therapy who talks about her hemorrhoids, are perfectly detailed right down to their Gucci shoes and the tiny hairs that protrude from their nostrils. Wolfe doesn't miss a lick.

Two of the book's better sections (which appeared some time ago in various magazines) are: "The Spirit of the Age and what it longs for," and "Manners, Decor and Decorum." In the first, Wolfe uncovers the seventies as "The Me Decade." The cry of the age, he asserts, has been borrowed from a hair colouring commercial, the one that goes: "If I have only one life to live, let me live it as a blond." Take the word "blond" out, and substitute for it anything you like, and you have the whole motivating factor for everything that's going on these days, especially the women's liberation movement. People all over America, tired of the continual trap, are all saying this phrase, for this is the age when we've finally got enough time to sit down in front of our mirrors.

The "decade of me" is full upon us, and all over the place people are running off to join self-awareness groups, self-realization groups, primal-scream therapy groups and all those other manifestations of narcissism that our leisure oriented age allows us. The reason we do this, says Wolfe, is because we get to talk about our most favourite of subjects - ourselves. We love to talk about ourselves - our hangups, our sex lives, our fears and angers, our emotional lumps and knots and warts, and we don't mind sitting around with people who are going to tear us apart as a group encounter so long as the subject is us. Wolfe calls these things "Lemon Sessions", and notes with frightening accuracy that the contemporary young modern these days has no compunction in revealing his entire sex life to a complete stranger, although this same person will go to great length to keep secret the origin of his bank account.

In "Manners, Decor and Decorum", Wolfe clicks off pictures of manners in the seventies. He takes us to New Haven, Connecticut, the home of Yale University, which, at one time, used to be the display window for the exceedingly well-dressed college kid. Now look what's happened. The same kids who used to keep a whole street of tailors in business are now lounging around looking like workingmen from the beginning of the century. They have on their workboots and denims, their rough wool shirts and their army surplus jackets, and although they all have plenty of money, they're trying to look poor. Fittingly enough, over in the black side of town, things are exactly the opposite, where the guys who can't afford anything are dressed in the "Pimpmobile Pyramid - heel Platform Soul Prince Albert Coat Got-to-get-over-look of Dixwell Avenue." The rich dress down and the poor dress up. What is this? Funky chic, baby, funky chic.

Wolfe spent pages talking about sideburns and society, or rambling on about wealthy New York matrons who "honk" through their noses and start nearly every sentence with the word "darling", or reproducing conversations from a sex and violence newspaper convention: "Keeps his Mom-in-law in Chains", meet "Kills Son and Feeds Corpse to Pigs." Finished with those sorts, he goes on to pry into the modern mania for religion. "Ten years ago," (he writes) "if anyone of wealth, power, or reknown had publicly 'announced for Christ', people would have looked at him as if his nose had been eaten away by weevils." Now, even the U. S. president has been "born again."

What are we to make of all this? Wolfe doesn't say, really; he's not here to predict, but simply to observe all this madness. Only bits of the author find their way into this book, and the rest is snapshots. Still, you can track Wolfe down between the lines. He's the one in the immaculate suit, standing aloof in the corner, silently horrified as a housewife in Des Moines, Iowa, tells him about the local group sex practices. Or, he's the one who would always be sure to have a tie on when going out to dinner, or the one whose wittiness could wilt flowers across a large living room.

Tom Wolfe's instamatic sketches catch the seventies just as they're getting out of the bath. Not one nodule, bump, cut, bruise or abrasion has been airbrushed away. Wittily written, bitterly funny, Wolfe has gotten close to the trivia that defines an age. This may prove important to a society that defines itself through trivia.

CBC Radio

by Maryanne West

Holiday programmes for CBC Radio include on Christmas Eve at 7:05 p.m. "Mrs. Restino's Country Kitchen", described as the complete woodstove cookbook. Homesteading in Baddeck, Cape Breton, freedom from the consumer society, is the background of this informal documentary to which Susie Restino, her husband and children contribute.

At 9:05 p.m. Malka presents "My Jerusalem", a search for the meaning of this city which has become the focal point for intense religious, political and literary debate.

The Hornby Collection at 11:05 p.m. is in two parts: "Idylls of the Church" stories about his father by Sam Rodden and a play by Christopher Dafoe, "Region of Icebergs".

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth's traditional Christmas Day Message can ge heard at 9:05 a.m. and will be followed by a programme of seasonal music and comedy with host Harry Brown.

Handel's Messiah performed by the Festival Singers of Canada and the National Arts Centre Orchestra can enrich Christmas afternoon from 1:05 p.m.

Warren Davis will talk to children of many ethnic origins at 4:05 p.m. followed by Sylvia Tyson playing Christmas folk music and reading poetry at 5:05 p.m. At 6:05 a Victorian top of the pops remembers Christmas in great grandfather's day. Concern at 9:05 p.m. journeys back into antiquity to rediscover the magic of the season.

Wednesday December 21
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Vancouver Chamber Choir and the Bellingham University Choir.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn.
Thursday December 22
Playhouse: 8:04 p.m. The Joke about Hilary Spite by Christopher Bidmead. Part V, Universal general hire.
Jazz Radio-Canada: 8:30 p.m. Bill Emes Duo; Jason Sheper Quartet, Nancy Nash and Quartet. Interview with Mark Vasey of Edmonton Jazz Society. Tommy Banks and Mary Nelson.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Festival Singers of Canada and Chamber Players of Toronto. Christmas Oratorio, J. S. Bach.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. German author Hans Magnus Enzenberg.
Friday December 23
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Festival Singers of Canada and Chamber Players of Canada, Christmas Oratorio, J. S. Bach continued.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Women Songwriters, Part II.
Saturday December 24
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. Puccini's La Boheme.
Between Ourselves: 7:05 p.m. Mrs. Restino's Country Kitchen.
Ideas: 9:05 p.m. My Jerusalem by Malka.
Anthology: 10:05 p.m. A Yuletide garland of Canadian writing.
The Hornby Collection: 11:05 p.m. Part I, Idylls of the Church by Sam Rodden. Part II, Region of Icebergs by Christopher Dafoe.
Sunday December 25
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth: 9:05 a.m.
The Great International Christmas Pudding: 9:10 a.m. Host Harry Brown.
Special Occasion: 1:05 p.m. Handel's Messiah.
Christmas with Children: 4:05 p.m. with Warren Davis.
Christmas with Sylvia Tyson: 5:05 p.m.
Victorian top of the Pops: 6:05 pm
Symphony Hall: 7:05 p.m. Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Ravel, Brahms.
Concern: 9:05 p.m. The Halcyon Days.
Monday December 26
Gold Rush: 8:30 p.m. Best albums of '77.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Festival Singers of Canada and the Chamber Players of Toronto, Christmas Oratorio, J. S. Bach.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Susan George and Susannah York. Serial reading, Part I. Not for Every Eye by Gerald Bessette.
Tuesday December 27
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. National Arts Centre Orchestra, Beethoven, Bartok, Schubert.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Charles Eames, designer of children's furniture.
Wednesday December 28
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Vienna Symphony Orchestra, Josef Strauss.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Conversations with Peter Ustinov.
Thursday December 29
Playhouse: 8:04 p.m. The Joke about Hilary Spite by Christopher Bidmead. Part VI The Cross of Light.
Jazz Radio-Canada: 8:30 p.m. Nimmons 'n' Nine Plus Six. Ed Bickert Trio.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, Hadyn, Schumann.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. British author Peter Dickinson.
Friday December 30
Country Road: 8:30 a.m. Repeat of special on life and legend of Hank Williams.
Mostly Music: 10;20 p.m. Review of musical events in London, Paris, New York.
Nightcap 11:20 p.m. Arctic explorer Sir William Parry.
CBC FM Radio 105.7
Ideas: 8:04 p.m. Wednesday, My Jerusalem. Thursday, sports, the Marathon. Friday, interviews. Monday The Massey Lectures, 1977 - five talks by Claude Levi-Strauss. Myth and Meaning to be followed by a half Meaning to be followed by a half hour discussion Red Man/White World - The Urban Indian. Tuesday, Massey Lectures - Part II "Primitive Thinking and the "Civilized" Mind". Part III Commissioned Culture.
Thursday: Special Occasion 9:04 p.m. Handel's Messiah.
Friday: Radio-International 9:04 p.m. The Coming of the Messiah a documentary with music prepared by Karl Schuessler in the Holy Land.
CBC Monday Night: 9:04 p.m. Part I. Oh Whistle My Land and I'll Come to You, a ghost story by M. R. James. Part II. A festival concert. Part III. Restez Michelle, Don't got a story by G. P. Ringwood.
Tuesday: The Best Seat in the House, Czech Canadian Jazz. Racehorse, a documentary by Otto Lowy.

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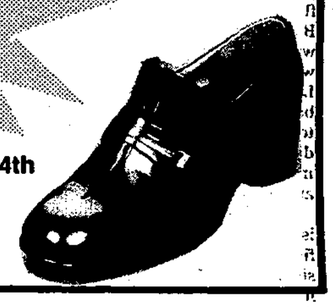

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ROUTE 8 **BOWEN ISLAND**
Snug Cove-Horseshoe Bay
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Here it is, that time of the year when we all desire to be with our families. Such is not the case on many occasions, as loved ones have passed on and the world doesn't seem the same. Though I guess we must abide by the rules of Nature and take things as they come. When I watch T.V. I often wonder what kind of world we are living in. There is so much violence that it makes me wonder. They say, as you know, "Peace on earth, Goodwill to men". I think myself that this saying is all out of order right now, as there does not seem to be any Peace or Goodwill in the world today. It seems that it is everyone for himself and let the Devil take the hindmost. We are very fortunate to be living in this great country of ours where we have everything at our fingertips. We have an abundance of food, clothing, shelter and many enjoy the luxuries of life. We seem to think that we are badly done by, but did you ever stop to think about the hungry, homeless and starving people in this world today? Yes folks we are very fortunate and the next time you sit down to a nice meal, think about the millions who have no meal to sit down to. That is one reason why I think Christmas should be an all year deal, not in the sense of giving presents to all our friends, but spreading goodwill all around day after day and helping out wherever we can. This I think is what Christmas is all about and I fully believe that if we can spread goodwill to all mankind, regardless of race, color or creed, this will be a much better world to live in. So let us at least try it and I am sure it will be a success.

Now to get on to a subject closer to home: I am glad to hear that my old buddy, Len Coates, will be coming home from hospital on this coming Saturday. All I can say is congratulations, Len, it will be good to see you back again. I knew that if you made up your mind to hang in there you would make it, and you did. Welcome home, Len. It will seem a lot better place around here to have you back.

We had a nice turnout at our Bingo last Thursday night. It was a surprise to Ken Stewart who was doing the calling, when on behalf of the Bingo Committe, I presented him with some Christmas Cheer. Yes, Folks, it was in a bottle and as it happened to be Ken's favourite brand he was all for quitting the calling and proposed drinking it right there, but willpower prevailed and Ken kept on calling. As you may not know Ken did quite a bit of work for us when we were clearing to build the hall. He put in many hours with his truck and Bulldozer for which he didn't get any pay as it was his way of helping out the Pensioners and to Ken we will eternally be grateful. So here's a Merry Christmas to you Ken and Doreen, and may you see many more.

I also wish to thank Mary Steele for her wonderful donation of the cheque from her Christmas card sales. Thanks a million Mary, I sure appreciate your gift and kind thoughts. Glad to see that Ed and Molly Connor are back on the Sunshine Coast after their prolonged stay in Sunny California. Welcome back Ed and Molly, it has been a long time since we saw you. We tried to keep things under control while you were away and hope we made a satisfactory job of it.

I am going to try to get the photographer from the Coast News to come and take some pictures at our New Years Party. I would like all the Members of the 1977 Executive to be there and also all the Members of the Hall Project Committee. This Project Committee includes all the Ladies who participated in any way. I really don't know how many of our ladies took part in the cleaning of the hall, painting the woodwork, washing and waxing the floors and doing all the general housework, getting ready for the Opening on September 22,1975. Also the ladies who have been doing the catering for the various occasions. So let's see how many we can get of the best looking people in Gibsons. (That is ladies only: the men are a trifle nervous about getting their pictures taken as the police might recognize some of them from the Rogues Gallery and we wouldn't want to embarrass any of them). Let's have a good turnout and show the people of Gibsons and surrounding district what a good bunch of Pensioners look like. I think our ladies are a beautiful bunch and of course the men are just as handsome.

Pleased to hear that our former President, Mr. MacLaren, is home again. I thought he was in Lions Gate Hospital, but he was just down there for taking tests. I hope everything turns out satisfactory for him and that he will be soon on his way to a full recovery.

You have heard about life's most embarrassing moment? Well, that occured to me at last Wednesday's Carpet Bowling, when we had our annual Carol Sing complete with a beautiful Christmas cake. I am not going to tell you what it was, but I am certainly grateful to all the Carpet Bowlers for their kind thoughts and wishes. It was really swell of you people to recognize me the way you did and all I can say is thanks a million times for everything. You are all really good fine people and I am proud that you would honour me in such a way.

I would again like to say thanks to Kay Lyall and Hazel Hebert for volunteering to convene for the Thursday night Bingo until the end of the year. As you know Hazel is just a newcomer to Gibsons but that did not deter her from jumping right in and helping out in the kitchen, and, what is more pleasing, they are our next door neighbours, and we consider we are very lucky in having such wonderful neighbours. As I said in my last report I was down to Vancouver yesterday (Thursday) to see the Specialist and have to go back on January 5 for further examination. He said I have a gastric ulcer so I have to get that fixed and fast, as I don't want to have that for the rest of my life. You have your good days and also bad ones, and I have been having mostly bad ones lately, but once I get fixed up, well those bad days will be forgotten.

Well Folks, I guess I will have to draw to a close. I think this will be my last write up for you unless you wish me to continue, which I hope can be decided at our next General Meeting on January 9. Glad to hear that this column is being read in Sechelt. I received a very nice comment from a lady in Sechelt who phoned me and told me that this column is the first thing they look for when they get the Coast News. To this lady I send my heartfelt thanks. Well folks, I think that the time has come to end this column so that I can get my Christmas shopping done, which won't take me long to do, so, in closing Kay and I wish you all the Merriest of Merry Christmases. May you all be blessed with all the good things that go with this season of the year, and may I wish you all a Happy, Prosperous, and Peaceful New Year. Please get behind your new Executive and give them all the help you can. They will appreciate it I know. I would like to thank all those who helped me in my term of Office as your President, may the Good Lord watch over you and keep you safe from all harm. Hope to see you all at our New Year's Dance and let's ring out the old and ring in the New. Until then a Very Merry Christmas to all Harmony #38 Members and all the people in the Gibsons area. Especially the Staff of the Coast News.

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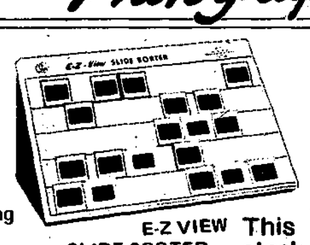

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New Horizons

by Tom Walton

The weatherman smiled on the Elphinstone New Horizons Christmas Party on December 12th by providing a mild, clear day which resulted in a good turnout of happy seniors.

To start the ball rolling, Miss Ena Harrold gave a commentary on a number of colour slides of the Holy Land which was very appropriate for the occasion. They gave the viewers an interesting insight to the geography, the modernized communities and sacred places in this historic land.

Following this was a musical program starting with two solos by Mrs. Betty Tobiason, "A Christmas Song" and "What Child is This". In a contrasting mood, Mr. Walter James sang "Nita Gatina", "Tommy Lad" and "Stouthearted Men". Two piano duets were then performed by Mrs. Aletta Gilker and Mrs. Bunny Shupe, our popular concert pianists both residents of Roberts Creek. The audience expressed their appreciation of all these artists by a hearty applause which interpreted means "come again, please."

The next half-hour or so was time out for a leg-stretch, and an opportunity to test skills at three guessing contests where everyone met to mingle at the ballot boxes. There was a jar full of pennies; one of beans; and another containing nuts. It was like election times with voters casting ballots and hoping their guesses would win. This was a time too to view the mechanical Christmas scene made by Mr. Jim Ironside with its many moving parts, music and twinkling lights, activated I understand by parts from a player piano. A very clever production that should be on public display for all to enjoy, young and old. There was a book and gift certificates for those who wished to place orders for "Remembering Roberts Creek", a 192 page booklet containing stories and pictures of the pioneer days of the area. These should be available for purchase about the end of January, 1978.

Then came a sing-song of carols led by Mrs. Betty Tobiason. The singing was loud and clear indicating that the audience was enjoying the music.

With the aroma of coffee perfuming the air, people were asked to take their places at the tastefully decorated tables. After the "grace", said by Miss Ena Harrold, all rolled up their sleeves and tucked in.

First; a variety of sandwiches, then Christmas slices, shortcake, dark fruit cake, cherry fruit cake, etc. followed by jello with whipped cream. Then came plenty of coffee and tea to swill it down and start all over again... a feed fit for kings, but not for weight-watchers, who do penance later.

When the gorging had subsided, the contest winners were announced. Mrs. Dorothy Bruce won the pot of pennies; Mrs. (lucky) Margaret Crawford took the bean prize, and two emerged as winners for the nut jar; Mrs. Lillian Thomas and our 96 year old senior Mrs. Lydia Bloor. A coin was tossed to determine the winner, but since it was done on a "heads I win, tails you lose" basis both received an award.

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Freethinkers Pulpit

A CHRISTMAS STORY ALIAS P.O.W. ST. NICK KLAUS
by Andy Randall

Christmas was coming, no goose was getting fat, nor would there be Christmas tree, presents, nor any other trappings of the season to help remember what Christmas was really all about. Scene: Poland, and a farm that had been taken from Polish farmers and given to a family from Bessarabia (a tiny country bordering Rumania.) They spoke German and Rumanian, and they were a widow, her two teenage daughters and a nine year old son, Rudi. Not of the family, for he was an enemy, came a prisoner-of-war. His role was that of a landworker to help this family with general and particular farm work.

Let's call him Albert. That's good enough for this story. Well, Al had a record of "taking off" but the Germans had run extremely short of men. War sometimes does that, ye ken. Well, he summed up the situation from all angles and knew there would be a ripe opportunity to flit. But not now in this deep snow of the last week before Yuletide, and certainly not in this freezing temperature.

Al learnt that the slim black-shawled widow had lost her man in the fighting not long ago. That she and family were in effect refugees, and had no more belongings than you could shove into a half dozen shopping bags. Some of their stuff, not much, would come - sometime. Farm stock had been forcibly left by the "vanished" Polish family. They too must have been taken away with little more than what "they stood up in."

The widow had been a beautiful woman, was still lovely to look at but so melancholy, sad, prone to tears, and emotional as a gypsy. Al, who had met gypsies before placed her as a true-Rumanian gypsy type. Maria, the eldest of the daughters present, had more of the robust German in her, and like Lili, the younger, had a roly-poly figure. Maria became the farm-manager. Lili was more elemental, earthy, explosive in temper and laughter. Then there was blond, slim, Rudi, a personality apart thought, Al. A quiet, disciplined, well behaved lad, likeable.

Now this was a crazy set up of people, with not one matching another in any way, and yet, the needs of each for each stuck out a mile. They jelled unbelievably, at least, Al thought so. So the weeks went by simply and quietly, with odd flashes of humour to stir things up. Then, as I said, Christmas was coming, and fast! For into this village in Poland, came German soldiers on leave from the Front and elsewhere.

Maria and Lili hooked a couple of strapping young soldiers with their shameful ogling, but Rudi missed the Christmas spirit his sisters had so effectively grabbed for themselves. Still worse, the soldier's rifles had set him off running to his mother wailing that he should have a toy gun for Christmas. His mother tried to console him, "Try to be a man. This is war." No go for Rudi. He wanted his gun. Al saw this tearjerking scene, with mother and son spoiling their faces with salty tears. Now comes the conflict. Every good yarn should have some conflict.

Al, besides charm had a softish heart, and a triggery mind that against his better judgement betimes would get him into "situations". He gave a quick ponder, oh, maybe two of them, then he had it figured out. Okay, so he was the enemy, as they were, and he'd had more than enough to slit their throats, never mind show some Christian love or something. But, Rudi was just an innocent kid. What had he to do with the war, or his mother, or his sisters (even if they were canoodling with two hulking rifle carriers); were not all in the same boat as creatures of circumstance?

I said Al had charm. Man, he could topple the Venus de Milo right off her marble pedestal. Maria would forget herself and snuggle up to him, her mother betrayed a jealous interest, and to Rudi, Al was the pal-father image he needed. And, let's face it. Men were in short supply.

"Frau...," he ventured after diplomatically steering daughters and Rudi out of the way. "Will you let me make him a rifle...?"

How many million ways can a lovely woman look at you? "Jah, Albert. But how?"

All this was in German. "Just let me cut off a length of thin pipe, shape some wood...and I think I can make one." She nodded and smiled through fresh tears.

He sawed the required length from a half-inch pipe, mounted it on a wittled stock. A rifle-bolt-action was fashioned from a door bolt and slot, and a trigger made from a four inch spike. Staples driven into the stock were the fastenings for the gunsling of a lamyard braided by one of his barbed-wire camp companions.

Al's humane action caught the imagination of almost all his pals in that shut-in billet. Okay, they thought, why not us all contribute to this lone family who were not by their standards, German. Only the widowed mother was let into the secret. She in turn, invited Al for their Christmas dinner.

Came Christmas morning. A mother positively shaking with the desire to spill the beans. Daughters and Rudi amazed that Al would be having dinner with them. Al carried two well-wrapped up parcels. One a collection of the best his pals could spare from their Red Cross food parcels which he motioned the widow to put out of sight at that moment. The other he opened slowly with Rudi helping, then Rudi shrieked with joy and threw his arms around Al's neck. "Mein gefehr! (My rifle) Albert, du bist wunderbar! (You are wonderful.)"

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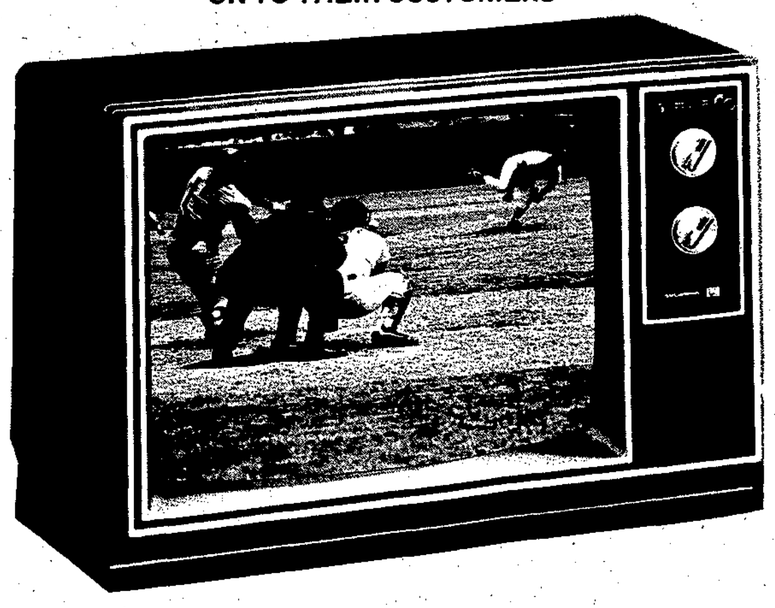

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Gibsons Vicinity Plan

At their planning committee meeting December 15, Gibsons aldermen got a clearer picture of what isn't clear at present about Vicinity Planning.

Speaking of the history of the Vicinity Plan on the Sunshine Coast, Gibson consultant planner, Rob Buchan, reviewed the initial steps taken less than a year ago. At that time the Regional District and the villages agreed on two main ground rules in the coordinating of a district-wide plan. These were that there be more liaison on land uses permitted at the boundaries of district and villages and that no plan interfere with or encroach on the autonomy of a village. A committee of private citizens was selected to develop a plan.

Before this committee could get into action, new terms of reference for Community Planning appeared in Bill 42, now an amendment to the Municipal Act.

This new Municipal Act makes it very clear that once an Official Community Plan is adopted (the term Vicinity is not used in the Act) no council may change any zoning or undertake any work contrary to the Plan without approval from the governing body of the Official Community Plan. Presumably the governing body of the Sunshine Coast is the Regional District.

Since the terms of reference now appear much different than originally agreed upon, Gibsons council will look for clarification of the Municipal Act before proceeding further with a community plan.

It would require abnormal foresight, Buchan told the committee, to prepare a community plan now that will be acceptable to the community even five years from now.

Questioned afterward about his reaction and that of council's to the announced hefty increases in local school tax, Mayor Blain said, "We are only a group of taxpayers as far as having anything to say in school budget or school mill rate goes. As a taxpayer, naturally I am appalled at the burden placed on the local taxpayer."

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Fishermen organize

"B" Licence fishermen on the west coast are organizing to resist their phasing out of the fishing industry in the next two years. The phasing out was called for by then Federal Minister of Fisheries Jack Davis in a Licence Limitation Plan which was introduced in 1969. The division of the Fishing Fleet was based on a monetary quota. Those fishermen that year who made $1,250 or more were classified as "A" boats and those who made $1,249 or less were classified as "B".

At the time of the Licence Limitation Plan no prior warning was given that a quota would be required in order to maintain a licence and the right to fish. At the time of the limitation 1,000 B.C. fishermen were designated "B" fishermen. At the present time there are 382 "B" fishermen still active.

William G.S.Thomson has been appointed "B" Category Chairman as these fishermen organize to avoid being phased out. "The 'B' fishermen are not asking for a handout," says Thomson, "they are willing to make full payment(of the licence differential) for the past ten years, but they are determined in their demand for the right to continue fishing."

Leggatt sees 1977 as wasted year

In terms of the well-being of the nation, 1977 must be viewed as a wasted year.

Students of history a century from now may well recall 1977 as the year our resolve to remain united as a nation was tested as never before.

In the here and now, however, survey after survey reveals that despite a legitimate concern with the national unity question, it is the economy - and specifically unemployment and inflation - that is uppermost in everyone's mind.

With a federal election not too far off, this might be an appropriate time to examine the recent economic record of the Trudeau government.

By anyone's yardstick, that record is dismal.

Our unemployment rate now stands at 8.3% nationally, and we have yet to see the worst as we head into the middle of winter.

The government tells us that we are not in a recession, but more Canadians are out of work than at any time since 1940, when the country was emerging from a lengthy depression.

Small wonder there is so much regional discontent in Canada. Working Canadians from coast to coast can hardly become excited about a vision of Canada where there is no social or economic justice.

Both the Prime Minister and his Employment Minister have said that nothing major can be done about unemployment. This government has consigned one million Canadian men and women to the economic waste heap.

After more than two years of controls, the government has managed to both deny hundreds of thousands of Canadian workers the right to keep up with the cost of living and lose the battle against inflation.

The most recent inflation rate is fifty per cent above the A.I.B.'s planned target of six per cent. Inflation in this country is running at just under nine per cent, and it too is rising.

And despite the government's claim that this rise is due to external factors beyond its control, the United States in 1976 (at the height of our controls programme) enjoyed an inflation rate a full two per cent LOWER than ours without controls.

The Liberals have tried to show how a falling dollar, hurting most as it has the average Canadian, has aided the economy by increasing export markets.

While we have recently experienced modest trade balance surpluses in commodity trading, the total trade deficit for the twelve months ending last June was four BILLION dollars.

This global figure more accurately reflects our true balance of trade by including losses in tourism and in interest and dividend payments leaving Canada for the foreign investors who control our domestic economy.

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The best indicator of the health of our economy is the growth in Real Gross National Product.

After taking into account inflation, the real G.N.P. in the last year shows growth of 1.3% - or, virtual stagnation. A normal economy can be expected to show five per cent growth.

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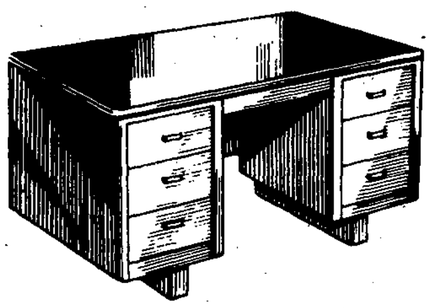

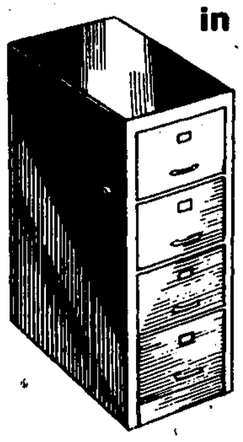

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SPORTS

Vern Joe of the Sechelt Renegades turns towards goal scorer Ricky August in jubilation after August, just off camera, slammed the ball past goalkeeper Ken Hanuse for the winning goal which give the Renegades the Sunshine Coast Soccer Cup for the third straight year. The goal, which came just six minutes before the end of the game gave the Renegades the cup outright.

Soccer

Renegades win third straight cup

by Barnibus & Co

The Elphinstone Wanderers staged an electrifying come from behind to tie against an All-star team this Sunday, December 18, at Hackett Park.

The All-star team was made up of players chosen from the Sunshine Coast Soccer Tournament. Sechelt Renegades defeated the Sechelt Chiefs in the finals on Saturday 2-1. During the first half it was a saw-off in play although the All-star team scored two goals on Wanderers errors. The first goal was a header by Allan Nickerson and the second by Kirby Jackson on a sharp pass by Graham Chapman.

It wasn't until well into the second half that the Wanderers broke loose to take command of the game. Gary Davies, who played an outstanding game, started the Wanderers off with a quick pass to Nick Bergnach on the right wing. Bergnach beat two men before he made a low pass to the penalty shot where Corky Bland fired a blistering first timer into the right corner of the goal.

The second goal was made after a Gary Davies shot rebounded off goalie Ken Hanuse to Terry Duffy. Duffy held the ball for a bit before clipping it over the goalie's head.

Again the Wanderers showed their best in the way they worked as a team. There were no all-stars on the Wanderers team, but rather a bunch of fellows working together for a common goal. Playing for the Wanderers were: Jan de Reus, Art Dew, Chris Jones, Corky Bland, Bjorn Bjornson, Dan Baker, Dan MacKay, Terry Duffy, Gary Davies, Nick Bergnach, and Graham Chapman.

In Sunshine Coast soccer action at Hackett Park in Sechelt last weekend the Sechelt Renegades won the Sunshine Coast Soccer Cup for the third consecutive year which means that the Renegades get to keep the cup. In the final of the Sunshine Soccer Tournament played on Saturday, December 17th, the Renegades defeated the Sechelt Chiefs by a score of 2-1.

Barry Johnson opened the scoring in the Saturday game for the Renegades before Kirby Jackson tied it up for the Chiefs. The first half ended in a 1-1 tie.

Close and even play marked the second half before Ricky August scored for the Renegades with only six minutes to go to guarantee them possession of the cup.

In the Tournament Awards announced on Sunday, December 18th, Stuart Craigan was named the Most Aggressive Player with Bill Allen of Wakefield United and Frank Dixon of Sechelt Chiefs runners-up. The Best Defensive Player award went to Herb August of the Sechelt Chiefs. The Best Goalkeeper was adjudged to be Ken Hanuse of the Chiefs. The award for scoring the most goals in the tournament was shared by Vern Joe of the Renegades and Kelsey Jackson of the Chiefs. They each scored five times. The Most Valuable Player in the tournament was Herb August of the Chiefs and Coach Lloyd Jackson of the Renegades was named Most Successful Coach.

In the team trophies as mentioned, the Renegades took the Cup; second place trophy went to the Sechelt Chiefs and the Wakefield United team were awarded the Consolation Trophy. Wakefield was also judged to be the Most Improved Team

Strikes

We're into the Christmas party scene now with the leagues off for the holiday break. Finishing off the year in a grand style were Donnie Redshaw and Barb Rezansoff, both rolling their first ever 300 game. Donnie rolled a 309 game in the Ball & Chain league and Barb had a very nice 342 single in the Wednesday Coffee league. 300 games are always nice to get but the first one is the nicest. Congratulations!

Yours truly had the only 300 game in the Classic League but Bonnie McConnell and Freeman Reynolds kept p the pace rolling over a thousand with Bonnie rolling 1024 and Freeman 1078 for four games.

In the Gibsons 'A' League, Art Holden had a 317 single and Ken Skytte a 336 single in the Ball & Chain League. Jeff Mulcaster rolled a 310 single in the senior YBC League.

I guess that's it for a couple of weeks so from all of us to all of you, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Highest Scores: classic; Gwen Edmonds 266-935, Bonnie McConnell 295-1024, Vic Marteddu 280-940, Frank Redshaw 258-952, Ralph Roth 269-954, Laurie Cavalier 272-988, Freeman Reynolds 293-1078. **Tuesday Coffee;** Phyllis Hoops 251-673, Lila Head 238-686, Nora Solinsky 234-688. **Swingers;** Ev McLaren 218-560, Alice Smith 244-629, Phil Fletcher 214-503, Art Teasdale 212-581. **Gibsons 'A';** Phyllis Gurney 283-678, Kathy Clark 292-913, George Watt 243-690, Larry Braun 280-727, Art Holden 317-780. **Wednesday Coffee;** Hazel Skytte 260-679, Jean Lucas 271-664, Barb Rezansoff 342-724. **Ball & Chain;** Vivian Chamberlain 260-653, Donnie Redshaw 309-698, Ken Skytte 336-786. **Phuntastique;** Darlene Maxfield 273-736, Orbita delos Santos 290-766, Jim Thomas 283-672, Ralph Rath 261-752. **Y.B.C. Seniors;** Ann Husband 241-604, Gwen McConnell 254-647, Jeff Mulcaster 310-786.

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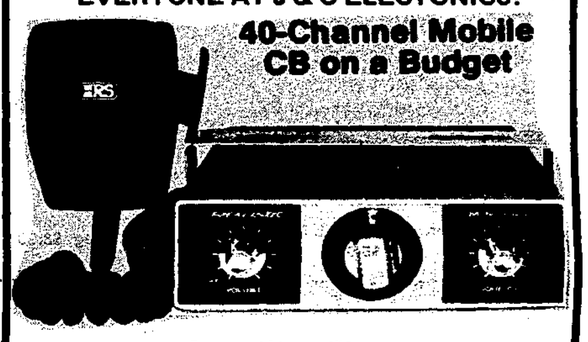

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Coast strokers

by Dennis Gray

More coasting that stroking goes on this week. Next event is the Boxing Day Trials at Ioco. This time of year there are not enough events to keep the old body in shape. Some exercise more physical than rushing away from the table is needed, perhaps we should all read the physical fitness column. I'm just idling in neutral and plan to digress a bit, anyway.

Since there is no evidence to indicate that there is anyone out there, I can only hope that this part of the paper may at least be used to catch drops from your bike rather than your canary. Actually this is not altogether true, one friend wrote to say she was jealous of my column, if this were moto-cross I'd say she was trying to psych me out. Another friend said my punctuation and paragraph structure was poor. Well, writing isn't my forte, I don't normally write anything more than my name, and that always seems to cost me money.

I was digressing all during English class in school too as I remember, out chasing the girls with snakes or in a brawling sod fight. When I couldn't get out of the classroom I took Pete Jackson's desk apart. I remember removing the last screw one day when he went to sharpen his pencil. (Actually he was looking out the window for sods.) Dam that was funny, everyone thought the Japanese were bombing us. I can still see him sitting in that pile of splinters and dust. The teacher gave **him** hell.

That sticks in my mind more than verbs, adverbs, nouns and punctuation. Perhaps if I had learned at school how to put together a paragraph instead of taking apart a desk, I could get across my hope to form a motorcycle club, to obtain land for motorcycle recreation and to be able to use this space as a sounding board for bikers to publicize a competition or perhaps a road ride.

If you have suffered through this far and are interested in joining a club, please contact me. Merry Christmas and keep on stroking.

Horizons

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The door swag, provided by Mrs. Peg Marshall was won by Mrs. Peggy Gallo. For the program draw, the lucky ones included Mrs. Aletta Gilker and Mrs. Millie Forbes. What happened to the men?

It was a happy ending to a very informal and friendly afternoon. We regret that a few members were unable to attend, but we know they were with us in spirit. To the musicians we offer our sincere thanks for the time and talents they shared with us. We all realize too, that such celebrations are the result of much planning, preparation and hard work. We thank them all, those who decorated the hall and tables with a special thanks to our party co-ordinator Mrs. Bessie Rowberry. Also to Mrs. Gladys Ironside (who is now our new kitchen supervisor) and all their co-workers who manned the kitchen, tables and refreshments - the backbone of all successful parties.

Finally we welcome two new people to our group; Mr. Roger Lecower, and Mrs. Peggy Gallo. A very special thanks to Bob and Grace Cummings (now residing in Langley) for their greetings and a generous donation to our party. We miss them both very much. All concerned will note that our meetings for 1977 are finished.

Freethinker

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The widow, forgetting, or not caring at that moment, ran and kissed Al, not without those everlasting tears. She shook her head. Couldn't speak for emotion. Al understood. Then, Holy Pete! First Maria then giggling Lili grabbed and kissed him. Christmas Spirit? Whatever it was, Al was in a seventh heaven. All this was repeated again and again when each got chocolate bars and they sat down to a dinner of home-chicken, noodles, vegetables, and topped off with a canned Christmas pudding. Schnapps and wine that made them mellow and happy.

I hate to tell you this. It might spoil your grand illusion of the moment. Rudi, maybe the widow had a hand in it, too, but they became unconscious allies. Particularly Rudi, for he made it possible for Al to escape in the springtime. Still it was a grand Christmas by the help of P.O.W. Nick-Klaus.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO VILLAGE OF GIBSONS
ZONING BY-LAW NO. 241, 1975.

Pursuant to Section 703 of the Municipal Act, a Public Hearing will be held in the Municipal Hall, 1490 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons, B. C. on Wednesday, January 4, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. to consider By-law No. 311 (Zoning Amendment By-Law No. 311, 1977). At the Hearing all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed By-Law shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on matters contained in the By-Law.

The intent of the By-Law is to amend the present zoning to the following described properties as noted below:

1. Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 16, Plan 7109, District Lot 685 be rezoned from Residential 2, R-2 to Commercial Zone 2, R-3.
2. Lots A and B of Block 17, Plan 14917, District Lot 685 be rezoned from Residential 2, R-2 to Residential 3, R-3.
3. Lots 1 through 11 inclusive of Parcel P, Plan 16566, District Lot 685, and lots 13 through 16 inclusive of Parcel P, Plan 16950, District Lot 685 be rezoned from Residential 4, R-4 to Residential 2, R-2.
4. a. Lot 1, Except Parcel A, Ref. Plan 1780 and Parcel B, Ref. Plan 1923 of Blocks D, H and J, District Lot 686, Plan 3971;
   b. Lot 1 of Blocks D, H and J, Parcel A, Ref Plan 1780, District Lot 686, Plan 3971;
   c. Parcel B, Ref. Plan 1923 of Lot 1, Blocks D, H and J, District Lot 686, Plan 3971;
   d. Lots 2 and 3, Blocks D, H and J, District Lot 686, Plan 3971;
   d. Lots 2 and 3, Blocks D, H and J, District Lot 686, Plan 3971;
   e. Parcel A and B, Exp. Plan 6248 of Lot 4, Blocks D, H and J, District Lot 686, Plan 3971;
   f. Subdivision A of Lots 5 and 6, Block J, District Lot 686, Plan 6401, be rezoned from Comprehensive Development Area, C.D.A., to Comprehensive Development Zone 1, CD-1.
5. Lot 1 of Parcel C, Plan 9229, District Lot 688 be rezoned from Residential 3, R-3 to Commercial 2, C-2.
6. To introduce a new zone, Comprehensive Development Zone 1, CD-1 covering an area of the lower Village which has experienced a lengthy history of re-development difficulties and problems, due to the inability of the small lots in question to meet conventional zoning requirements, because of size and topographical censtraints. It is the intent of the CD-1 Zone to permit limited commercial use of the subject parcels, particularly uses which do not generate heavy vehicular traffic — with as a balancing factor, no requirement for the provision of on-site parking.
7. To introduce a new Zone, Administrative Zone applying to governmental, administrative recreational, cultural and other related services and facilities which serve the Municipality.

Take notice that the above paragraph is deemed to be a synopsis of By-Law No. 311 and not deemed to be an interpretation thereof. The By-Law may be inspected at the Gibsons Municipal Office, 1490 South Fletcher Road during office hours, namely Monday to Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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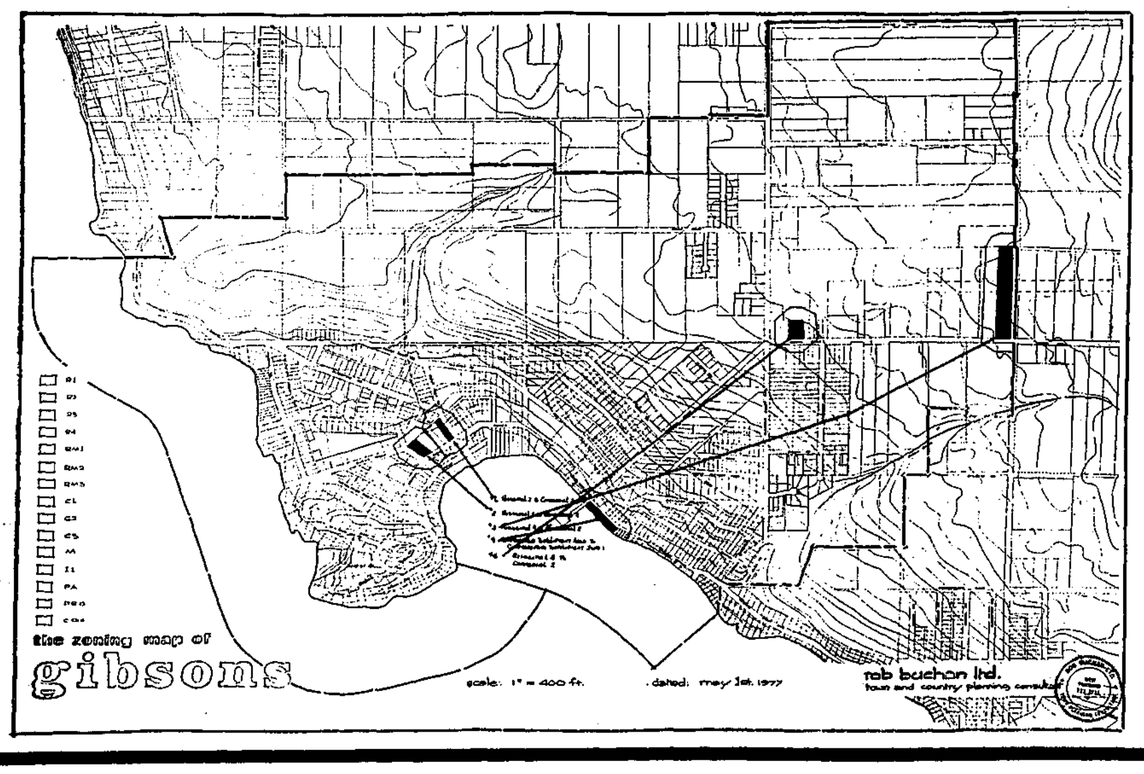

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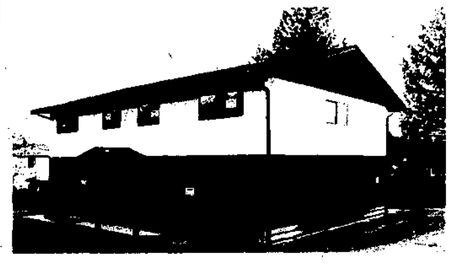

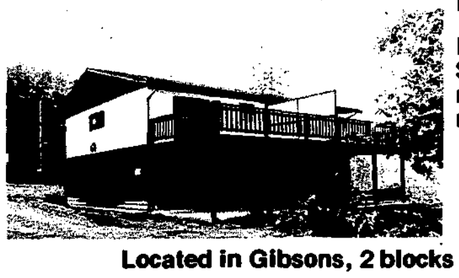

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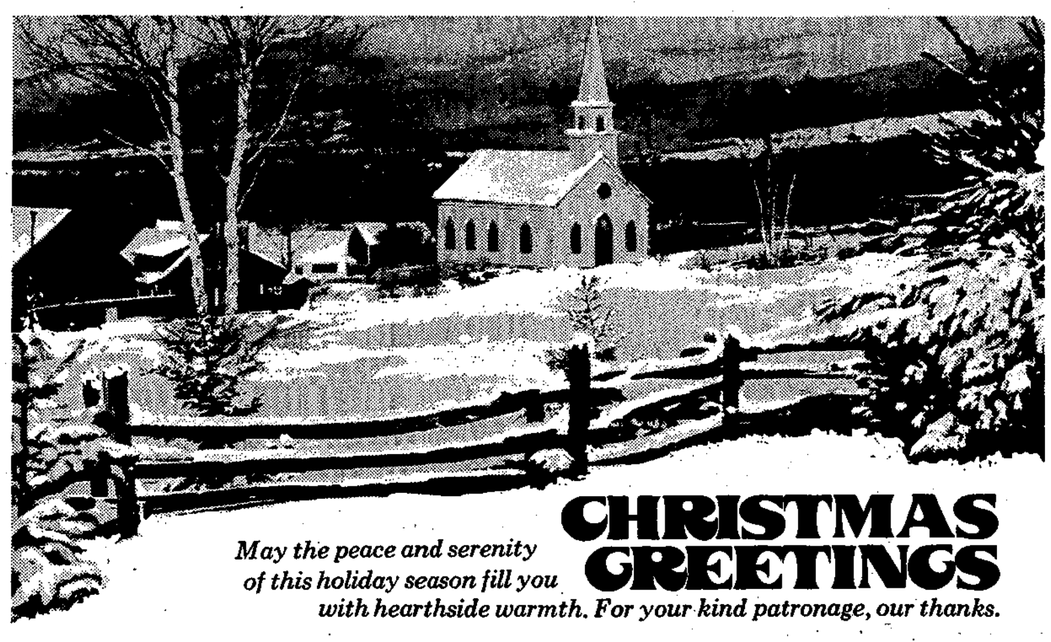

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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The usual prize of $5.00 is offered for the correct location of the above. Send your entries to the Coast News, Box 460, Gibsons. Last week's winner was Pam Nestman of Box 303, Sechelt, who correctly located the pictured stone lion as being one of a pair in front of Jack and Shirley Apsouris' home on Cowrie Street, Sechelt.

Pender Ratepayers

By Pender Harbour and District Ratepayers' Association Publicity Committee.

1. The Hydro Line

The most conspicuous issue which will have to be dealth with most immediately in 1978 is the proposed Cheekeye-Dunsmuir powerline right-of-way. B.C. Hydro has announced its intention to route this 500-kilovolt line (present hydro lines in this area are 138 KV) across the Sechelt Peninsula somewhere between Pender Harbour and Earls Cove, continuing across Agamemnon Channel and Nelson Island to Cape Cockburn, thence under water to Texada Island.

Fresh from the Revelstoke Dam debate, which it won against the united opposition of the people there, and still thickly embroiled in the MacGregor Dam controversy (the MacGregor project would lessen the Fraser River's salmon-rearing capacity by 1/5) B.C.Hydro has a good deal of experience in dealing with public protest. Some of the techniques they have shown us so far in the powerline debate are:

1. They kept the project out of public attention while the important decisions were being made. One of the ways they did this was to give the Regional Board the impression the line would follow a low-impact route to Wood Bay, which has now been declared unfeasible.

2. They have tried to cut public debate short by arbitrarily declaring December 31 as a deadline for submissions.

3. They have hired a consulting firm to prepare a 1½''-thick "Route Selection Study" which after weighing a maze of alternative routes miraculously discovers that the only really feasible one is the one Hydro wanted to begin with -- the shortest and cheapest.

The route recommended by the Beak Report has on the face of it, these major disadvantages:

1. Six aerial water crossings over Salmon Inlet, Sechelt Inlet, Sakinaw Lake, Agamemnon Channel, Sabine Channel and Bull Passage- - all areas of high scenic value and one a major seaplane flyway.

2. The lines would have a carrying capacity approximately 13 times that of the 128 KV lines presently located on the Sechelt Peninsula and would thus require 90-foot steel towers and a 360-foot wide right-of-way. This right-of-way would displace approximately one acre of potentially valuable residential-agricultural land for each 100 feet of its length in the Sakinaw Lake, Nelson Island and Lasqueti Island areas. In addition, a substation would be built adjacent to Sakinaw Lake, displacing 40 acres, and a switching station would be required at Cape Cockburn, displacing 1½ acres.

The question troubling most people appears to be whether or not, given the experience of communities like Revelstoke, this community would be able to influence Hydro's thinking even if their arguments can be discredited. The position the Ratepayers Association has taken is that if the route is felt to be ill-placed, the community should fight it vigorously whether there is a chance of winning or not.

B.C.Hydro has completely dammed off public input into its decision-making in recent years and this policy has backed up an ever-growing reservoir of resentment. Eventually the corporation must change its policy and let the public have its say or else face inundation by resentment that can no longer be contained. Even if we can't bring it on, the Sechelt Peninsula communities working together with those on Lasqueti Island and making use of the media can certainly bring that highly desireable breakthrough nearer.

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In the spirit of the Holiday Season the merchants of the Sunshine Coast and the staff of the Sunshine Coast News are pleased to bring to our readers a Christmas Carol section. We hope that in some small measure we will add to your enjoyment of the celebration of Christmas. May your voices ring out in full measure and may you find again through these grand old songs the feeling and meaning of this traditional time.

GREETINGS TO ALL

MERRY CHRISTMAS
from the Staff
COAST NEWS
Ian, Bruce, John,
Lindy, Manuane & Pat

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As the Yuletide season draws near, we wish you lots of old-time holiday cheer.

From the Staff & Management at

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Garry & the Staff of
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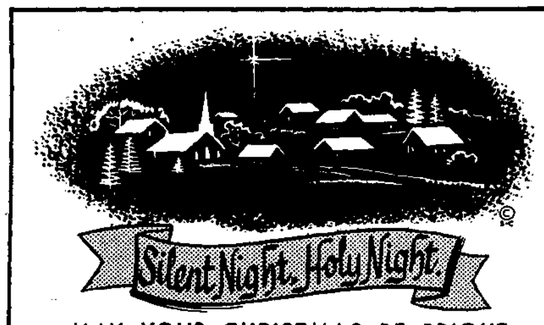

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From the Staff at
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MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE BRIGHT

From Don and Family
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From Terry, Darlene & Rosalea at
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of dear ones make the holidays bright. We hope
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To our friends & guests
from Connie, Bill & family at
BONNIEBROOK LODGE
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1 GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN
God rest ye merry, gentlemen!
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember, Christ Our Saviour
was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God, our heavenly Father,
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.
O tidings, etc...

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface
O tidings, etc....

2 WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!

Good tidings to you wherever you are;
Good tidings for Christmas and
a Happy New Year!
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!

3 DECK THE HALL
Deck the hall with boughs of holly
Fa, la, la, la, la, --la, la, la, la.
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa, la, la, la, la, --la, la, la, la.
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
See the blazing Yule before us
Fa, la, la, la, la, --la, la, la, la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus
Fa, la, la, la, la, --la, la, la, la.
Follow me to merry measure
Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
While I tell the Christmas treasure
Fa, la, la, la, la, --la, la, la, la.
Fast away the old year passes
Fa, la, la, la, la, --la, la, la, la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses
Fa, la, la, la, la, --la, la, la, la.
Sing we joyous all together
Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa, la, la, la, la, --la, la, la, la.

4 WHAT CHILD IS THIS
What Child is this, Who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keep-ing?

This, this is Christ the King;
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

5 GOOD KING WENCESLAS
Good King Wenceslas look'd out
On the feast of Stephen;
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight
Gath'ring winter fuel.

"Hither page and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he,
What and where his dwelling?"
"Sire he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By St. Anges' fountain."

In his Master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourself find blessing.

6 ANGELS FROM THE REALMS
Angels from the realms of Glory
Wing your flight o'er all the Earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
*Come and Worship, Come and Worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er their flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the Infant Light....

Sages leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the Great Desire of Nations!
Ye have seen His natal Star.
Come and Worship, Come and Worship
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

May its arrival fill hearts, homes with joy. Thanks for your confidence.

Pete, Rick, Corky, Norm, Bobbie, Merilee, Denis, Bernie and Bill.

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from Eugene & Germaine

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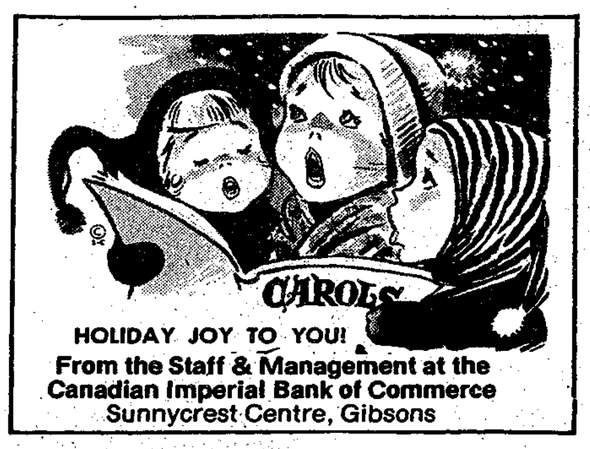

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From the Staff & Management at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

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Here's wishing all a merry Yule! To our good friends, patrons . . . special thanks for kindness shown.

from the Pelletier Family

ANDY'S CONCRETE

7 **WE THREE KINGS**

We three Kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder Star.
*O Star of wonder, Star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy Perfect Light.

Born a King, on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again.
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign. O Star of wonder...

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Diety nigh,
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God most High. O Star...

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.....

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.....

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love....

8 **AWAY IN A MANGER**

Away in a Manger
No crib for His bed,
The Little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing
The Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus,
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me for ever
And Love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there.

9 **OH, HOW JOYFULLY**

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily
Christmas comes with its grace divine!
Grace again is beaming, Christ the world redeeming;
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmastime!

Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily
Christmas comes with its peace divine!
Peace on earth is reigning,
Christ our peace regaining,
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmastime!

10 **DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW**

Dashing thro' the snow
In a one horse open sliegh,
In a one horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way;
Bells on bobtail ring,
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight!

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells!
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh!

11 **THE FIRST NOEL**

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Noel....

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Eat, drink, be merry
. . . and accept our sincere thanks for your loyalty, confidence and goodwill.

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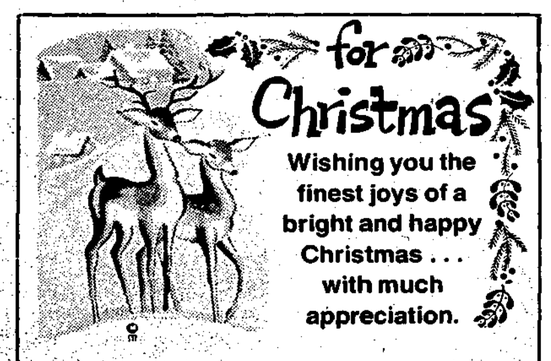

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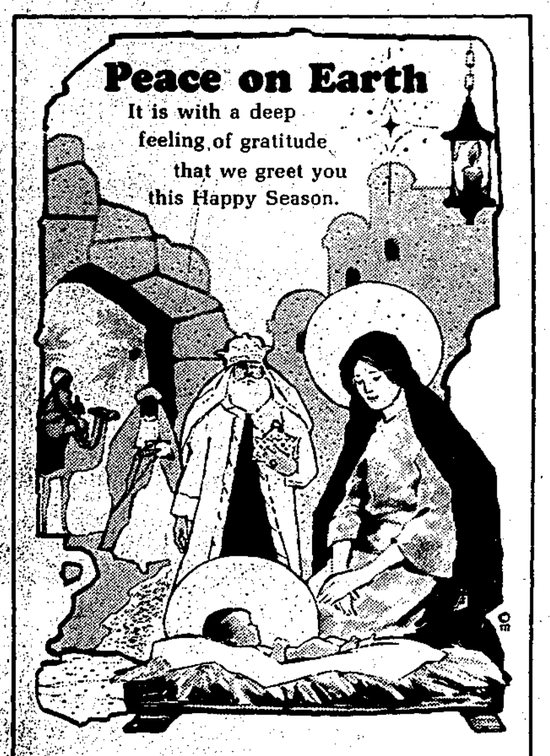
We will be closed December 26th & 27th, January 2nd and 3rd.



It is with a deep feeling of gratitude that we greet you this Happy Season.

The Management & Staff
of the **Beach Comber Motor Inn**

In the midst of the holiday flurry and fun, we want to take time to wish all our friends a Christmas of special delights. Thanks all.

from Ken & Staff

FIEDLER BROS. CONSTRUCTION LTD.

We're building a Yule that's filled with joyous wishes. To you, many thanks.

From the gang at
GIBSONS BUILDING SUPPLIES

We will be closed December 25, 26, & 27, also January 1st and 2nd for the holidays.

In the friendly spirit of the Christmas Season, we wish you all an old-fashioned Yuletime just packed with cheer and happiness. Merry Christmas to you all!

From Haig, Jim, Maureen, Gwen, Eleanor, Pat, Nancy, Cathy and Suzan
At WESTERN DRUGS
Sunnycrest Shopping Centre, Gibsons

Merry Christmas

Best wishes of the season, friends, and grateful thanks.

SMITTY'S MARINA LTD.

. . . A LITTLE WISH WITH A LOT OF HEART . . . TO YOU AND YOURS!

Sincere thanks for your continuing support
Francis & King
Fawkes Books & Stationery
Sunnycrest Mall Gibsons

O Holy Night
may it live in your heart always.

From the Management & Staff at Ken's Lucky Dollar
Gibsons Harbour Area

We rejoice in the opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

From the Staff & Management at the
BANK OF MONTREAL

MERRY Christmas

We sincerely hope that your stockings are filled with the blessings of good health, love and happiness.

Thanks for your good will.

L. and M. Munro
COLONEL FLOUNDERS, PENDEROSA
Grocery & Barber Shop

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Best Wishes and Sincere Thanks to our friends.

Mary, Bea & Elsie
VARIETY STORE & SEARS

12 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL
O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels
O come, let us adore Him...
Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultations,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest
O come, let us adore Him...
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore Him....
Christ the Lord

13 WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED
THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT

While shepherds watched their
flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

"All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin, and never cease."

14 INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall.
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of All.
Swift are winging, Angels singing,
Noels ringing, Tidings bringing,
Christ the Babe is Lord of All.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new;
Saw the Glory, Heard the story
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow
Praises voicing, greet the morrow,
Christ the Babe was born for you.

15 HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
* Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.....

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate Diety!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.....

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild, He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King!

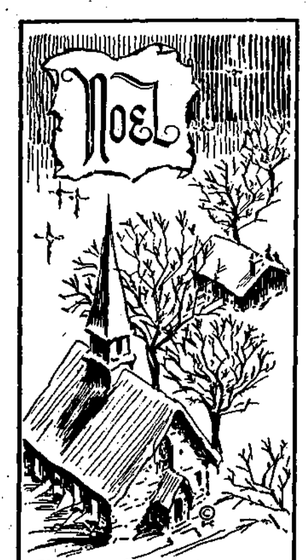
16 SILENT NIGHT
Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright;
Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Good Wishes at Christmas

From the board and staff of the **Sunshine Coast Credit Union, Sechelt.**



Blessings to one and all this day.

From Dorothy & Bill Murray's Garden & Pet Supplies
Gibsons Harbour

To all — big portions of good wishes, thanks.

From the folks at the
HOMESTEAD DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT
We will be closed December 24th to January 3rd.

All aboard for a joyous season! Thanks for letting us keep things ship-shape.

MADEIRA MARINA LTD.

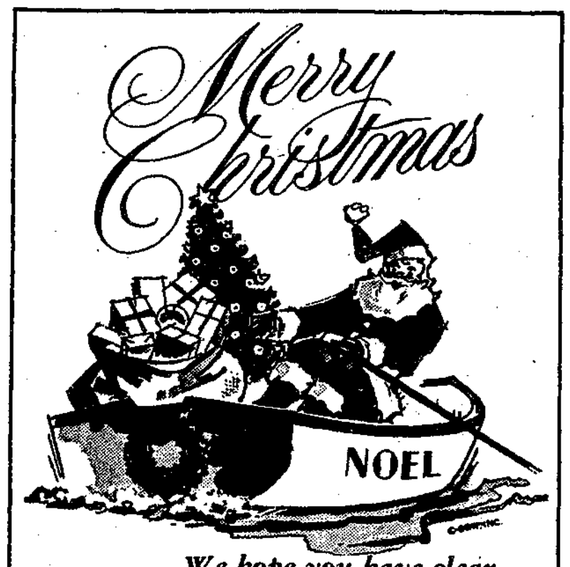
It's the season to be grateful for blessings . . . and we appreciate your continued patronage and goodwill.

from the staff at
I.G.A.
Madeira Park

. . . and may this season bring much cheer to your home and heart in every way.

Thank you for your patronage

LYLE'S CONTRACTING CO.



We hope you have clear sailing for a happy Yule season!

Merry Christmas from

JORANCO BOAT WORKS
Gibsons

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS,
OUR WARMEST WISHES!

From Dill & Jennifer
at Gibsons Girl & Guys
Gibsons Harbour Area

17 O CHRISTMAS TREE
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
Thou tree most fair and lovely!
The sight of thee at Christmastide,
Spreads hope and gladness far and wide.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
Thou tree most fair and lovely.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
Thou has a wondrous message:
Thou dost proclaim the Saviour's birth,
Good will to men and peace on earth.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
Thou has a wondrous message.

18 IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR
It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to man,
From heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wings,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold:
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

19 SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN
You better watch out, you better not cry,
Better not pout, I'm telling you why;
Santa Claus is comin' to town.
He's making a list and checking it twice,
Gonna find out who's naughty and nice,
Santa Claus is comin' to town.

He sees you when you're sleepin',
He knows when you're awake,
He knows if you've been bad or good,
So be good for goodness sake.

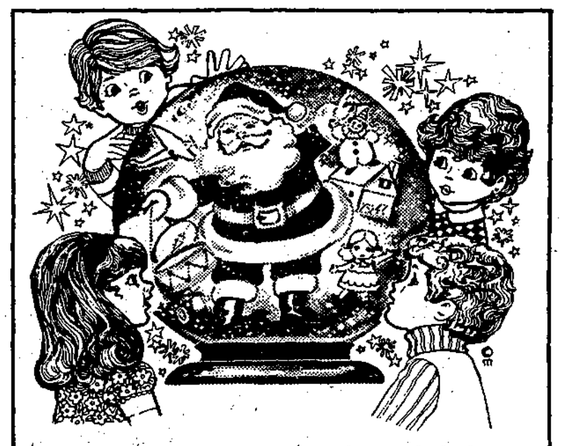
Oh! You better watch out,
You better not cry,
Better not pout, I'm telling you why;
Santa Claus is comin' to town.

20 WINTER WONDERLAND
Sleighbells ring, are you list'nin?
In the lane snow is glist'nin',
A beautiful sight,
We're happy tonight, walking' in a winter wonderland!
Gone away is the bluebird,
Here to stay is a new bird,
He sings a love song, as we go along,
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

In the meadow we can build a snowman,
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown,
He'll say "are you married?"
We'll say, "No, man!"
But you can do the job when you're in town.
Later on we'll conspire
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid, the plans that we made,
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

21 RUDOLPH THE REDNOSED REINDEER
Rudolph, the rednosed reindeer,
Had a very shiny nose,
And if you ever saw it,
You would even say it glows.
All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names,
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games;
Then one foggy Christmas Eve,
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright,
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight!"
Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee:
Rudolph, the rednosed reindeer,
You'll go down in history.

22 I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS
I'm dreaming of a White Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten
And children listen to hear
Sleigh bells in the snow.
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With ev'ry Christmas card I write,
"May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white."



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the holidays fill us, young and old, with the wonder of childhood. Best wishes and thanks to our good neighbors.

Tom Gory, Ray Chamberlin and Staff

SUNSHINE COAST DISPOSAL SERVICES LTD.

We're ready to roll up and wish you a very Merry Christmas. Thanks for your confidence.

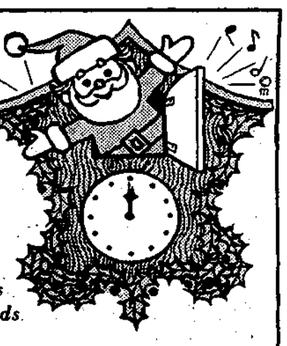
Best wishes for a happy holiday from the management and staff of **SUNCOAST SERVICE LTD., Sechelt & PENINSULA MOTORS.**

We will be closed December 25th and 26th and January 1st so our staff can enjoy the festive season.

To all our friends
Your good wishes during this past year have been much appreciated.
Best wishes for Good Health and Happiness during the coming year.

Bert & Wilma Sim

BEST WISHES
for
Christmas



Merrily, we chime in with Santa to send greetings and thanks to our loyal friends.

from

THE FENNDEROSA

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

In lieu of Christmas cards the following donated to the Gibsons Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. Margaret Jones
Oney DeCamp
Marie Scott
Sally Thompson
The Weinhandl Family
Polly & Bill Warn
Florence & Wiljo Wiren
Lu MacKay
Art & Marg Sullivan
Reg & Ruth Godfrey
Dr. H. and Mrs. Inglis
Fred & Marybell Holland
Herb & Dorothy Steinbrunner
M. A. Thatcher
Morris & Nancy Nygren & Family
Jim & Isabel Fraser
Mr. & Mrs. Tor Strand
Mr. & Mrs. H. Bernhof
Harry, Deanna Robertson & Family
Jean Moore
Ethel Bingley
May Lovell
Harry Warn
Carl & Doreen Gust
Grove & Marion Proulx
Annonymous
Kay & Ed Butler
Margerite Myers
Gladys & Bill Davis
Ida & Lorne Leslie
Betty Gisvold
Olive & Chum Metcalfe
Guy & Mae Winning
Lorne & Amy Blain
Lily Hammond
Alex & Florence Robertson
Harley & Betty Cockrane
Dora Benn
Mrs. T. Hercus
C. M. Cruickshank
Frank & Hilda Girard
George & Gloria Hostland
Jim & Debbie Brandon
Lorne & Dooley Mason
Vi & Horry
Vince, Dot & Kim Bracewell
Ida Lowther
Inger & Sivert Vedoy & girls
Ron & Lorna Huggins
Joe & Edna Bellerive
Jim & Verla Hobson & Family
Lawrence, Bev & Christy Stoochnoff
Georgina & Bill McConnell
A. G. Jamieson & Family
Mr. & Mrs. A. Cherry
Sabina Gardner
Daisy & Frank Bailey
Bill & Nancy Douglas & Family
Eric Thompson
Dave, Marg, Mike & Scott Hodgins
Len & Beps Swanson
Evelyn Blain
Ron & Alma
Tom & Elinor Penfold
Davina Bolderson
Mr. & Mrs. Obert Fosdal
Wally & Marge Langdale
Paul, Jenie, Lisa, Kevin,
Panela & Jessica Torvick

Christmas Greetings

May the peace and joy of the Season be with you always!

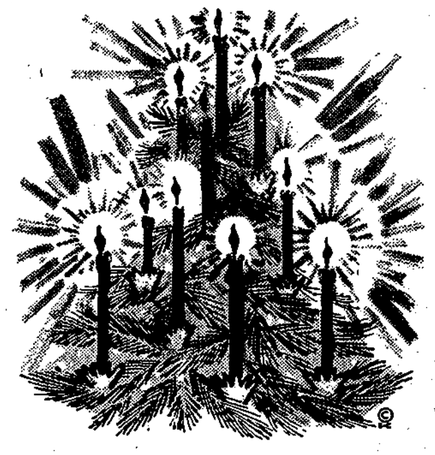
From Al, Dot & Lorne
at Pajak Electronics
Gibsons Harbour Area

it's time to be merry and bright . . . and to thank our many good friends for your valued patronage, loyalty, good will, confidence and support.

from John & Ruth at

John Harrison Refrigeration & Appliances
Sales & Service

From the Staff
at U Del's Delicatessen
Sunnycrest Shopping Centre



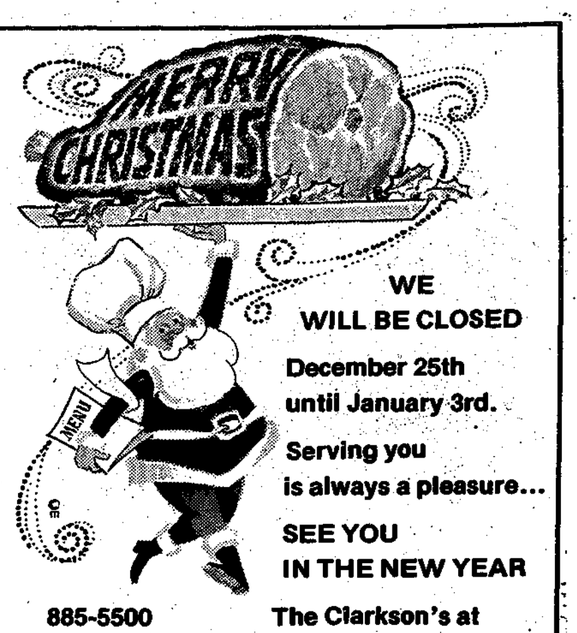
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May your home be aglow with all the joy of the Christmas season.

From all at Floron Agencies
Gibsons Harbour Area

On this holiest of days, we extend our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas

From Helen & Staff
Helen's Fashion Shoppe
Sechelt and Gibsons



WE
WILL BE CLOSED
December 25th
until January 3rd.
Serving you
is always a pleasure...
SEE YOU
IN THE NEW YEAR

885-5500 The Clarkson's at
HALFMOON INN

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from the Staff of Link Hardware

Doris, Mick, Celia, Laura & Noni

Sunnycrest Mall

The Christmas spirit reigns all over the land. Hope it fills and warms your heart with happiness. For your treasured patronage, sincere thanks.
from
Lawrence & Pat, Roy and Paula
PENDER HARBOUR HOTEL

GREETINGS

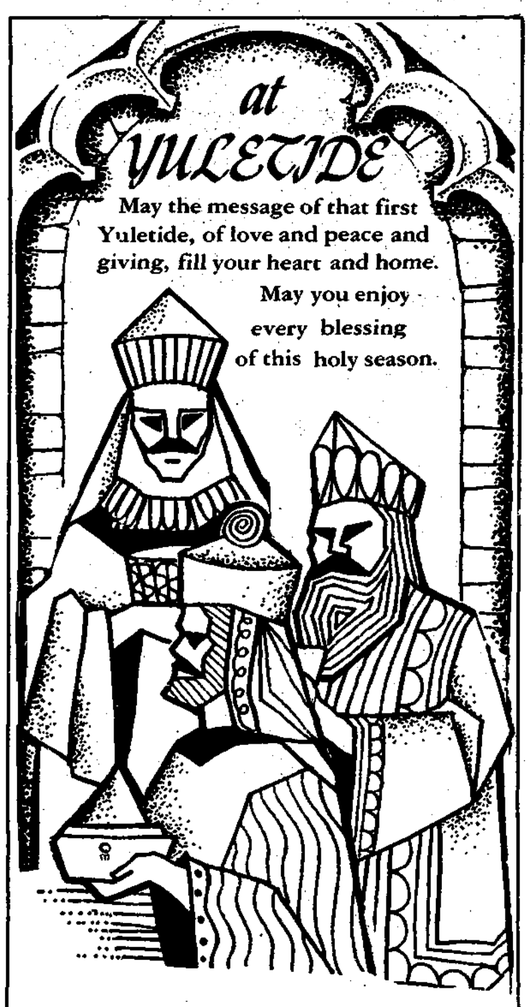
We couldn't ask for a better audience.
Thanks for your support.

KERN ELECTRONICS LTD.
Uptown Plaza, Gibsons

LAST MINUTE SHOPPING?
Look for our in-store specials!

RENT TO OWN 14" COLOUR T.V.
ONLY $20.00 down
Less than $20.00 per month
This offer based on 24 months purchase - also carries 2 year, 100% WARRANTY.

From Terry & Jenny Amiel
and all the Staff at
PENINSULA CLEANERS
Sechelt and Gibsons



May the message of that first Yuletide, of love and peace and giving, fill your heart and home.
May you enjoy every blessing of this holy season.

from Dan & Dawn Devlin
DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME

from all at
TIDEWATER CRAFTS & HOBBIES
Gibsons Harbour Area

PEACE ON EARTH
and best wishes for the holidays
From Yoshi and the Staff at
YOSHI'S CHINESE RESTAURANT

23 THE HOLLY AND THE IVY
The holly and the ivy,
Now both are full well grown,
Of all the trees that are
in the wood,
The holly bears the crown.

O the rising of the sun,
The running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir,
Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom
As white as lily flow'r;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet Saviour.
Chorus
The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good.
Chorus

24 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY
Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby,
In a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

25 THIS IS THE DAY!
This is the day! let us rejoice,
Sing with heart and soul and voice;
Ring, ye bells, from spire and steeple,
Spread the news to all the people:
Christ is born! the chorus swell,
Sing Noel, O sing Noel!

Never was star in heaven so bright
As the star which shone that night,
Never was sung a sweeter story
Than the angels' song of glory;
Christ is born! the tidings tell,
Sing Noel, O sing Noel!

This is the day! lift up your voice,
In glad carols now rejoice;
God to all the world has spoken,
Love is still the heavenly token;
Christ is born! Immanuel!
Sing Noel! O sing Noel!

26 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

* Glo-----ri-a in excelsis Deo
Glo-----ri-a in excelsis De-o
Come, to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the new born King.
Chorus
See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.
Chorus

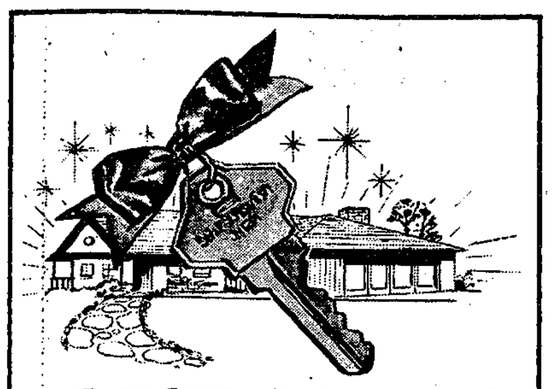
27 I SAW THREE SHIPS COME SAILING IN
I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas Day in the morning?

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there.
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

28 LULLAY, THOU LITTLE TINY CHILD
Lullay, Thou little tiny Child,
By, by, lully, lullay;
Lullay, Thou little tiny Child,
By, by lully, lullay.



BEST WISHES

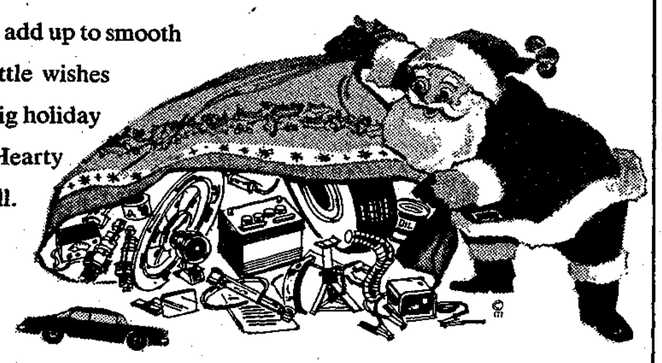
Our good wishes to you
from all the gang . . .

George Townsend
Jack Anderson
Frank Lewis
Stan Anderson
Doug Joyce
Muriel Carmen

of ANDERSON'S REALTY, SECHELT

MERRY CHRISTMAS to ALL!

Little parts add up to smooth driving. Little wishes add up to big holiday greetings. Hearty thanks to all.



SUNSHINE AUTO PARTS
Sechelt

Christmas Greetings

Our wish is simple and sincere. May the holiday bring gladness to you all. Thanks to everyone.

THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF PENINSULA TRANSPORT

WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

29 HARK THE GLAD SOUND
Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
T'en-rich the humble poor.

Our glad hosanas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

30 FROSTY THE SNOW MAN
Frosty, the snow man was a jolly happy soul,
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose
and two eyes made out of coal.
Frosty, the snow man is a fairy tale, they say
He was made of snow but the children know
how he came to life one day.
There must have been some magic in the old
silk hat they found,
For when they put it on his head he began
to dance around.
Oh, Frosty the snow man was alive as he could be
And the children say he could laugh and play
just the same as you and me.

Frosty, the snow man knew the sun was hot that day,
So he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun
now before I melt away."
Down to the village, with a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there all around the square
sayin' "Catch me if you can."
He led them down the streets of town
right to the traffic cop.
And he only paused a moment when he heard
him holler "Stop!"
For Frosty the snow man had to hurry on his way,
But he waved goodbye sayin', "Don't you cry,
I'll be back again some day."

31 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above.
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently
The wondrous Gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear His coming
But in the world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

33 O COME, O COME, IMMANUEL
O come, O come, Immanuel,
And ransom captive Is-ra-el,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to thee,
O Is-ra-el.

34 CHRIST WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY
Christ was born on Christmas day,
Wreathe the holly, twine the bay;
Christ-us na-tus ho-di-e;
The Babe, the Son, the Holy One of Mary.

He is born to set us free,
He is born our Lord to be,
Ex Ma-ri-a Vir-gi-ne;
The God, the Lord, by all a-dor'd for ever.

Let the bright red berries glow,
Ev-'ry-where in goodly show,
Christ-us na-tus ho-di-e;
The Babe, the Son, the Holy One of Mary.

Christian men, rejoice and sing,
'Tis the birthday of a King,
Ex Ma-ri-a Vir-gi-ne;
The God, the Lord, by all a-dor'd for ever.

Greetings

Hearty greetings are sent your way, and so are heartiest thanks!

The Elves Club wishes to thank all those who donated their time and their donations to help the Elves help needy families during this Christmastime.

From All of Us at

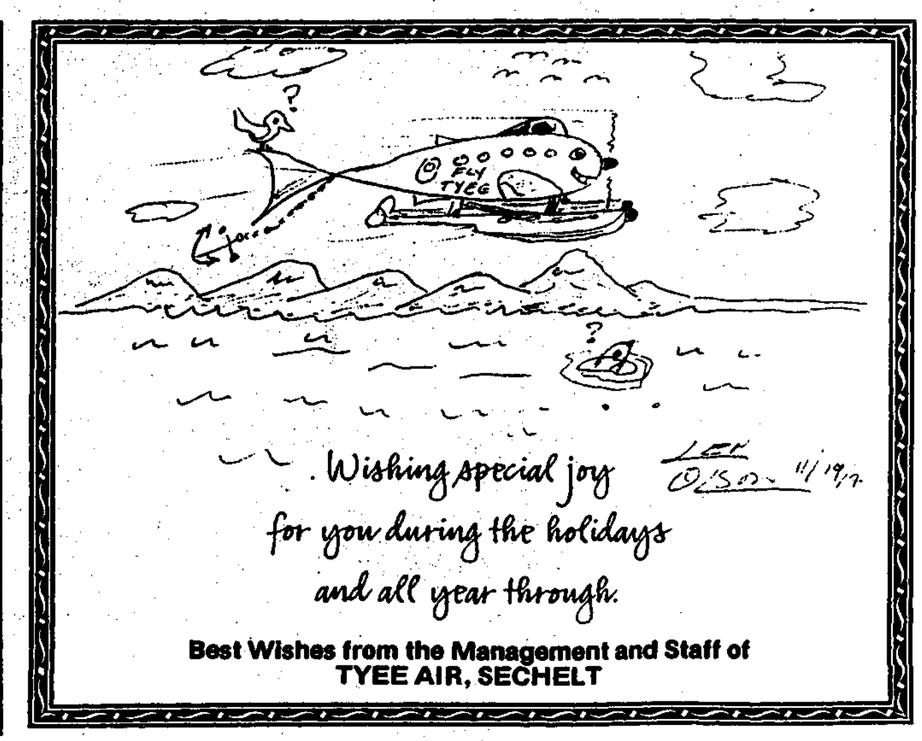
Cactus Flower

Good Times

Sunnycrest Shopping Centre, Gibsons

Hope the holiday season lifts your spirit with happiness, laughter. Thanks to all the folks we have had the pleasure of serving.

From John & Bev Divall
MADEIRA PARK SERVICE



Wishing special joy for you during the holidays and all year through.

Best Wishes from the Management and Staff of TYEE AIR, SECHELT

at Christmas, we wish you and your family all the blessings of the season . . . love, hope, peace, joy, good will and good cheer! We take this opportunity to thank our many good friends for all your kindness and loyalty.

The Management & Staff of
GIBSONS RADIO CABS
PENINSULA TAXI
& SECHELT TAXI

we've "towed" Santa Claus to take the dents out of your holiday season. Best wishes from
JIM & GWEN HEPPNER
HARBOUR MOTORS

Thank you for your patronage during the year, and may good health be yours for the festive season.

Helen & Karl — Variety Foods, Gibsons Harbour

We will be closed Dec. 26 & 27 and Jan. 3 & 4 during the holiday season.

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS...
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

From K. Butler and Staff

Seaseide Plaza, Gibsons

DEATH Knows No Holiday
SO....
IF YOU DRINK
DON'T
DRIVE

Merry Christmas

Members & Staff
from the Gibsons R.C.M.P. Detachment,
WISH YOU A SAFE HOLIDAY

From all of us to all of you, our best and merriest wishes. Here's hoping the holiday season holds many pleasures for you and yours. Sincere thanks for the opportunities you've given us to be of service. Have a wonderful holiday.

COAST CABLE VISION
885-3224

The merriest of seasons, is here again, and we've commissioned Santa Claus to bring our warmest greetings to you.

from Al, Maurice, John & Fred at Gibsons
Seaside Rentals Ltd.

Elly & Mary
at
Globetrotter Travel Service Ltd.
Sunnycrest Mall
Gibsons

35 I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY
I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth goodwill to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had roll'd along th' un-broken song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men.

And in despair I bow'd my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth goodwill to men."

36 GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE
Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice,
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice,
Now ye hear of endless bliss;
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this.
He hath ope'd the heav'nly door,
And man is blessed evermore;
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this.

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice,
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save.
Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain His everlasting hall;
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save.

37 AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD
As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hail'd its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright.
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee!

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee whom heav'n and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat!

Holy Jesus ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring out ransom'd souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

38 PEOPLE, LOOK EAST
People, look East, the time is near of
the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East and sing today;
Love the Guest is on the way.

Stars keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim.
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

GREETINGS

We can tell by the New Year's clock that 1977 is drawing to an end. We want to be the very first to wish you and your family a happy, happy 1978!

Merry Christmas

May the happy spirit of Christmas continue through our year-round relationship. Thanks!

From the folks at
L & H SWANSON LTD., Sechelt

best wishes this Christmas

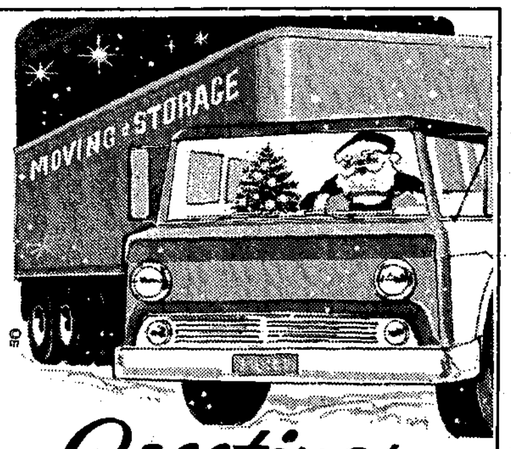
Wishing you the joy of a real old-fashioned family holiday. With grateful thanks for your good will.

From the management & Staff of
SUNCOAST POWER AND MARINE
Sechelt

GREETINGS TO YOU!

An old-fashioned wish that's always new... Merry Christmas!

From Jerry at the
JEAN SHOP
Gibsons Harbour Area



Greetings

Look who's bringing loads of joy and happiness for your loved ones. We enjoy helping you. Thanks, neighbors.

LEN WRAY'S TRANSFER
Gibsons