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EDITORIALS . . . .

And a Happy New Year

TODAY the last few slugs of this last issue of the old year are pouring out of the typesetting machines, their merry tinkle lost in the clatter of the print shop trying to cram four weeks' work into one.

But we cannot let the old year slip away without a sincere word of thanks to our faithful readers and advertisers, who have supported their coast newspaper for the past 18 months with unswerving loyalty. It cannot be said that your publishers picked an ideal time to start the Coast News. Eighteen months ago, it seemed that problems of producing a paper to serve a scattered area such as ours were on the wane, and that the question of supply and production could do nothing but improve. We were off the beam, so to speak, in that premise, for conditions in the publishing industry have been anything but favorable to inception and, what is more important, growth of a new paper.

For the new year we have unbounded optimism, but experience and common sense tell us that we must temper it with the knowledge that it will be slow going for many months. Raw material and labor prices continue a steady rise, and at The Coast News we must anticipate some small advance in our subscription price. Even though the price of newsprint advanced more than 1[illegible]% in the past 12 months, and other supplies correspondingly; even though labor costs are exactly 50% greater than in December, 1945; your publishers have made no changes in the newspaper charges.

We need new correspondents, too. And new subscribers. Early in January an experienced representative will canvass the entire peninsula territory in this respect, and we thank you in advance for the welcome and the neighborly courtesies we know he will receive.

But enough of our troubles and our plans. What we started out to say was "Happy New Year" to you . . . to the most neighborly and helpful folks it has ever been our pleasure to serve.

And doggone it, we're going to say it.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Bible Reading

LABOUR NOT for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father sealed. This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent. For the bread of God is He which cometh down from Heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto Him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

ST. JOHN, 6: 27, 29, 33-37, 40.

The Star Still Shines

WHERE are you bound for, Travelers, as the Christmas bells ring out and carolers soften the frosty air? You're looking for the "on earth peace" that was promised those other wayfarers so many centuries ago? Ah, but you're on the wrong road. Those signs labeled: "To Restricted Area, Peace, Prosperity, and Security via Self-Interest, Nationalism, and Materialism" were posted by Herod's men. They mark blind alleys which lead to dead-end streets where war and misery pile up their dead and despairing.

Peace, prosperity, and security are unrestricted, unlimited, but you must journey in the right direction to find them. Journeys to Moscow, to London, to Potsdam by the Big Three of [illegible]ern times have their place and purpose in the human plan. But the peace which Christ Jesus came to establish entails individual following of the course the Wisemen took, to one's own Bethlehem, to the birth of the Christ consciousness in one's own experience. The guiding star—the light of Truth—still shines. The need is to look up and out.

There is need, too, to bring gifts to the nativity—not gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but humility, unselfishness, and above all, love. For, as Mary Baker Eddy has said, the very "basis of Christmas is love loving its enemies, returning good for evil, love that 'suffereth long, and is kind'."

How desperately the world is crying out for this kindly love, this rebirth of the Christ spirit. Wherever the hungry are fed, the naked clothed, the poor enriched, the afflicted healed through understanding prayer, and the repentant sinner redeemed through Jesus' method of pardoning, there is the Christ spirit manifested anew.

Christians the world over accept Christ Jesus as the Son of God. Let us, this Christmas, accept, too,—in practice as well as principle—his teaching that our fellowmen everywhere are likewise born of God, with all that that implies in the way of brotherhood, loving relationship, and the will to do good. Then indeed will there be "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Father and Son Open Machine Shop at Gibsons

By E. P.

GIBSONS LANDING—To those who have dreamt of new industries coming to the Sechelt peninsula bringing new payrolls to the district and not wholly dependent upon the logging and fishing industries for their existence, it will seem that their dreams are starting to materialize with the opening of Hill's Machine Shop at Gibsons Landing by George E. Hill and his father, recently.

George has mastered his trade well as a precision machinist. He was with Boyle Bros. Drilling Co. Ltd. for eleven years, and up to the time he left to go into business for himself he was their tool room foreman. Previous to being with this firm he spent a year with the Boeing Aircraft Co., and before this put in considerable time on marine work, constructing oil burners and repairing motors for firms on Vancouver Island.

He is well known for his precision machine work and since opening his shop here, has received a number of jobs to do from Vancouver and other parts of British Columbia. Among the many things he is manufacturing are high speed carving spindles for wood carving in furniture factories; boring machines for boring holes in chesterfield frames, jewellers engraving blocks ordered by the Vocational Training School for Jewellers at Jericho Beach, fishing reels, dental equipment, lapidary equipment for cutting and polishing semi-precious stones and one of his recent jobs was milling some very fancy bottle openers.

Many of the parts for the above equipment were designed and molded by him. In some cases he has designed and molded the parts for the complete unit. He is a master craftsman in fabricating parts for machines. He is responsible for designing and making the gear box and medianeal drive for the Gadabout, the motorized wheel chair manufactured by the Plastic Enterprise Corporation. This is the chair that was invented by a returned air force man and was given quite a lot of publicity in the Vancouver papers. It is made up of various parts of aircraft equipment.

George has machinery for making his patterns and molds, but he is not equipped to make his own castings. No doubt the time will come when he will have a foundry of his own for making most of his castings, but at present this is done for him by foundries in Vancouver.

It makes a layman's eyes bulge with amazement at the sight of machines he has manufactured for his own use. Particular attention is paid to the 16-inch metal cutting band saw and the shaper with its polished revolving and smooth gliding parts. Mention should also be made of his streamlined bench vice.

Besides the equipment mentioned above, the shop has a 10-inch lathe, a 24-inch gap lathe, drill press, grinder bench, electric and acetylene welders and other miscellaneous machines.

During his time George has helped many inventors with their new ideas. From sketches on scraps of paper and blueprints he has visualized the completed unit or parts and under the skill of his hands these materialize into precision made machines or parts for improving existing machinery. He is always ready to lend an attentive ear to anyone who has ideas or problems concerning machines or anything made of metal.

Flumerfelt-Hughes Rites Held Friday

ROBERTS CREEK—Leora Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flumerfelt, was marschool for three years. Before and Mrs. R. M. Hughes of Roberts Creek. The wedding took place at New Westminster on Dec. 13, just one day ahead of the groom's sister's wedding.

No Paper Next Week

THIS WILL be the final issue of the Coast News for 1946. Your next paper will come to you on Jan. 3, 1947. Owing to the day on which the Christmas holiday falls this year it is impossible to publish during Christmas week.

Playwright Pays Visit to Gibsons

A VISITOR to Gibson's Landing in December was Elsie Park Gowan, well-known Canadian radio writer and playwright, who was here to attend the first rehearsals of her comedy "The Last Caveman," by the Everyman Theatre.

Mrs. Gowan felt very much at home in "the coast" atmosphere, since she was born in Scotland, on the Firth of Clyde, with its green hills, steamships, and salt sea smell. Growing up in Edmonton and teaching schools in frontier districts, she came to know Canadians of many types, and admits frankly the characters in "The Last Caveman" are modelled on very real people. Laid in a fishing village on an Alberta lakeshore, the comedy concerns squatters and summer people, not unknown in Gibson's Landing.

"The Building of Canada" was Elsie Park Gowan's first drama series on the CBC national networks, followed by "The Town Grows Up" and "The People Next Door," all concerned with the problems of Canadians.

British Columbia listeners will remember "The Altar of the Moon," an adventure serial adapted from the novel by Francis Dickie of Heriot Bay. Mrs. Gowan's scripts have also been heard on the NBC, the BBC and the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

The dramatist makes her home in Edmonton, where her husband, Dr. Edward Gowan is a professor of physics at the University of Alberta. Their son, Garry, acts in plays in Grade One. Whether or not he joins the Everyman Theatre is entirely up to him.

Government Takes Over Sechelt Power

SECHELT—Appeal of the B.C. Power Commission against the valuation of $5,712,663 placed upon three utility companies taken over by the commission will be heard before Mr. Justice A. M. Harper, it has been announced. Mr. Justice Harper has been named commissioner to arbitrate the case and is expected to hold his hearings early in the new year.

Companies taken over by the B.C. Power Commission involved in the case are the West Canadian Hydro-Electric Corporation and its subsidiaries, the Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities Ltd., and the Columbia Power Company, Ltd., and its subsidiary at Sechelt.

Until such time as the valuations have been established and accepted, the B.C. Power Commission is not in a position to determine how much to set aside for interest and sinking fund charges from its gross revenues. When this has been determined, the commission will then be in a position to know actually what its surplus has been on its operations to date, so as to make the necessary revision in rates.

Betty Hughes Marries Garnet Daly at Gibsons

GIBSONS LANDING — Betty Constance Margaret daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hughes, was married to Garnet John Daly, youngest son of Mrs. G. J. Daly of Winnipeg. The wedding took place on Dec. 14 at the Roberts Creek Hall; Rev. Moore from Gibsons Landing officiated. The bride wore white satin and veil and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and white chrysanthemums. Mrs. R. F. Hughes, maid of honor, wore pink taffeta with bouquet of chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid, Miss Robert Kirk, wore blue net and carried bouquet similar to that of the maid of honor. The best man was Mr. Stanley Tessman of Vancouver.

A buffet supper was served. Photos were taken by Mr. Seeley of the bridal party and also of the bride and groom cutting the wedding cake. Dancing was later enjoyed by the guests. The bride and groom are travelling via the States to Winnipeg for their honeymoon.

Street Light Appears

GIBSONS LANDING — One street light has been installed in the village here. The first fixture, which is hoped to be a permanent fixture, is attached to the light pole beside the Sunset Store.

The venture is simply an experiment with different types of fixtures to determine which is the most satisfactory for street lighting purposes. It is expected, when the most practical kind is discovered, that more lights will be installed.

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BRITANNIA BEACH

R. CRICHTON HAWKSHAW
Correspondent

WEDNESDAY evening, Dec. 11, a basketball team from Woodfibre came over to have a tussle with a Britannia team. The pulpers started off with a rush sparked by Johnson and Dunbar, and it looked like a walkaway for them. In the second quarter Ed. Patenaude got his eye on the hoop and flipped in some nice one-hand efforts; at the half time breather we were in front by a point. In the third quarter Geo. Siggers showed us that he had lost none of his agility and put us well in front and it looked then that if Britannia kept their end up they would be home free. The Pulpers came to life in the last quarter, Haar slipping in a couple of lovely efforts and then Patenaude and Maddess sewed the game up for Britannia as the clock moved towards full time.

Russ Stewart was the bad boy of the game, having four personals, but not quite the five that was needed to put him on the bench. H. K. Porter of Woodfibre handled the game with dexterity considering that the gym is used for dances more than ball games. Woodfibre—Dunbar 8, Johnson 10, Haar 8, Dale 5, Legras, Wood, Docharty. Britannia—Siggers 10, Maddess 6, Patenaude 14, Stewart, Neilson 1, Ferguson, Saunders 3, Lavery 4.

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Our gal with the telephone physique — all lines busy — is spending the festive season in sunny California. Bessie said as she left, "See you next year." Agnes McKnight, her niece, is also going with her. They'll be seeing Maynard Stewart whose domicile is in L.A. They flew down, if you're interested to know how they travelled.

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I wonder if George Hurley has water-wings or a lifesaver. He would have needed them if this past high tide of ours had had a "Squamish" blowing. As it was he travelled to the office via Deacon's, which means, you go up before you go down. The others living in Lower North Camp were happy that the "Squamish" had spent itself a couple of weeks ago. Lower North Camp!! Yes, that's it, I didn't know either, but I was told on good authority.

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The bird that brings along the precious bundles was at it again. Bonita Fors has a baby brother now, and everyone offers congrats to Martha and Arne Fors. That is what they hoped for.

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Now to tell you about the bazaar that I have told you in previous editions to be sure and not miss. The grand opening took place at 7.30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13. There was a stall for almost everything from baby clothes to home-cooking. There were 11 raffles, including a doll (Wettums), bunny, chocolates, lunch set, pictures, fruit cake, layer cake, cake, crib set, permanent wave (by Mrs. Collier), Reader's Digest subscription. I shall not list the winners as that can be read on the notice board, three going to the Townsite.

An "Orchid" to Mrs. Wm. Lewis and her fellow workers of the Ladies' Aid. It takes a good part of a year to plan an affair like this and then all the proceeds are turned over to various charitable organizations. Mrs. Lewis says: On behalf of the Ladies' Aid, I wish to thank all those who kindly gave donations to the various booths and to all the willing workers who gave their time and help. To the community who came and supported us so whole-heartedly. We would like you all to know that we greatly appreciate your interest and help in our yearly bazaar.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas—I'll have a drumstick please. Cheerio.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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GENERAL STORE

Pender Harbour

Howe Sound United School News

By ELSIE KORHONE and BILL RAZZELL

WITH CHRISTMAS and the holidays coming, the school seems to be buzzing with one thing and another.

We were sorry to see Miss Stevenson, one of the teachers, leave us for a short time to take a rest at her home in New Westminster. All the time Miss Stevenson has been here she has had a very large and heavy class, so she needs that rest. Her class is being taken over by Mrs. D. Smith. Hope to see you back soon, Miss Stevenson.

We were greatly honored to have Dr. and Mrs. Grossmith visit our school last Wednesday. With the doctor's great talent for music, he and Mrs. Grossmith have travelled through many parts of the world. From his tours and experience, the doctor spoke to the school on music and the aims of a future success. He interrupted the seriousness of his speech several times with humorous sayings and demonstrations. Following this the doctor held us all in suspense by giving on the piano a wonderful interpretation of Henri Kowlaski's "Grand Concert Gallop."

Mrs. Grossmith is a very wonderful little person. She talked about the wretched condition of defur little pesron. She talked about the wertched condition of the poor and unfortunate war refugees of Britain.

Thursday, the Grossmiths attended one of our French classes in school. During the period Mrs. Grossmith talked to us on the importance of proper pronunciation of the French language.

In the afternoon a concert was given in the school hall by the visitors. The proceeds of this went to the British refugees. Dr. Grossmith played several lovely compositions such as Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," "Annie Laurie" with his own variations, the ever popular Chopin's "Grand Polonaise" in A flat, as well as a humorous monologue. Using his left hand only the doctor played Von Pasqual's "Doniezetti." Between these solos Madam Grossmith appeared on stage singing the "Little French Soldier," with the necessary actions. The deep silence and then, sudden screams heard amongst the audience was caused by Dr. Grossmith demonstrating the character, Kwilp from Dicken's "Old Curiosity Shop." We are all certainly hoping to see Dr. Grossmith and his wife here again, soon.

On Friday the girls of the guidance class were very fortunate to have a speaker. Miss Robertson of the Victorian Order of Nurses came to the school to speak on nurses training and the different positions in the field of nursing, which was very profitable to our future nurses in the class.

Student council meetings were held in the school during the week to make plans for the Christmas party for the children from the ages of seven and up, as well as their parents, which will be held in the School Hall on Dec. 18, sponsored by the P.T.A. Thanks to the good turn-out of all the people for the P.T.A. dance last Saturday, the party should be a success.

SPORTS

Basketball is still holding the high in sports here. House A and B are running very close with B two points ahead of A. There is after school basketball practice now at the hall every Tuesday after 3.40, as well as Monday. In badminton we see that there is a player very quick on the flip. Nice going Mr. Trueman.

HERE AND THERE

Dark-haired dynamite with the bangs. (That's you, Claire.) By the way where did you pick up that lovely cold? Has Les. got one, too?

Why the sad face the other day, Ruth? Could Tweeds absence from school be the cause of it all?

A couple of last year's students, Beth Clarke and Wally Graham were up here last weekend. Beth is going to commercial school at Vancouver. Was good to hear you play that old piano again, Wally.

Buy and use Christmas Seals.

Best wishes for enduring happiness, joy and health for Christmas and the New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From ELSIE INNES at

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Here's trusting and hoping that this Christmas season will be merely the inauguration of the best and happiest year you've ever had!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Happy New Year!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

—from CAM and MARIE at

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PENDER HARBOUR

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Merry Christmas

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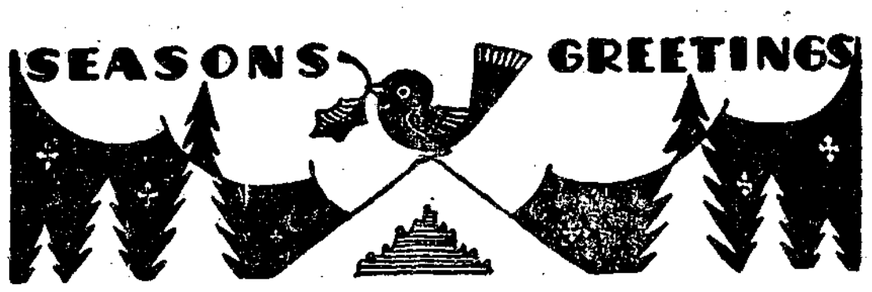

CORDIAL WISHES—As the holiday season comes to a close we are reminded that this successful year is due in no small measure to your generous patronage. Kindly accept our cordial good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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THINKING OF YOU

The finest friend is not the one
Who talks the most about it,
Who carries on his ballihoo
Till you begin to doubt it.
The finest friend is one who lets
His actions tell the story,
And doesn't give a darn about
The credit and the glory.

* * *

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, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head,
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will 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, good will to men."

Margaret Faley Passes in City

GIBSONS LANDING—Another of Gibsons old-time residents, Mrs. Margaret Faley, passed away on Dec. 9 in her eighty-second year. Mrs. Faley, whose husband died nearly 20 years ago, had lived ever since in her home at the corner of the Pratt Road and Marine Drive. Kindly neighbors helped her with her wood and other heavy chores, but apart from that she managed by herself until quite recently.

Mrs. Faley is survived by one sister, Mary, who lives in Philadelphia, U.S.A. Funeral services were Dec. 13, in the Roselawn Funeral Chapel, in Vancouver, Mr. John Moore officiating. Committal was in Mountain View Cemetery.

Of the total production of tobacco in Canada in 1946 of about 100 million pounds, 24 million pounds were exported, 97 per cent of this quantity going to the United Kingdom.

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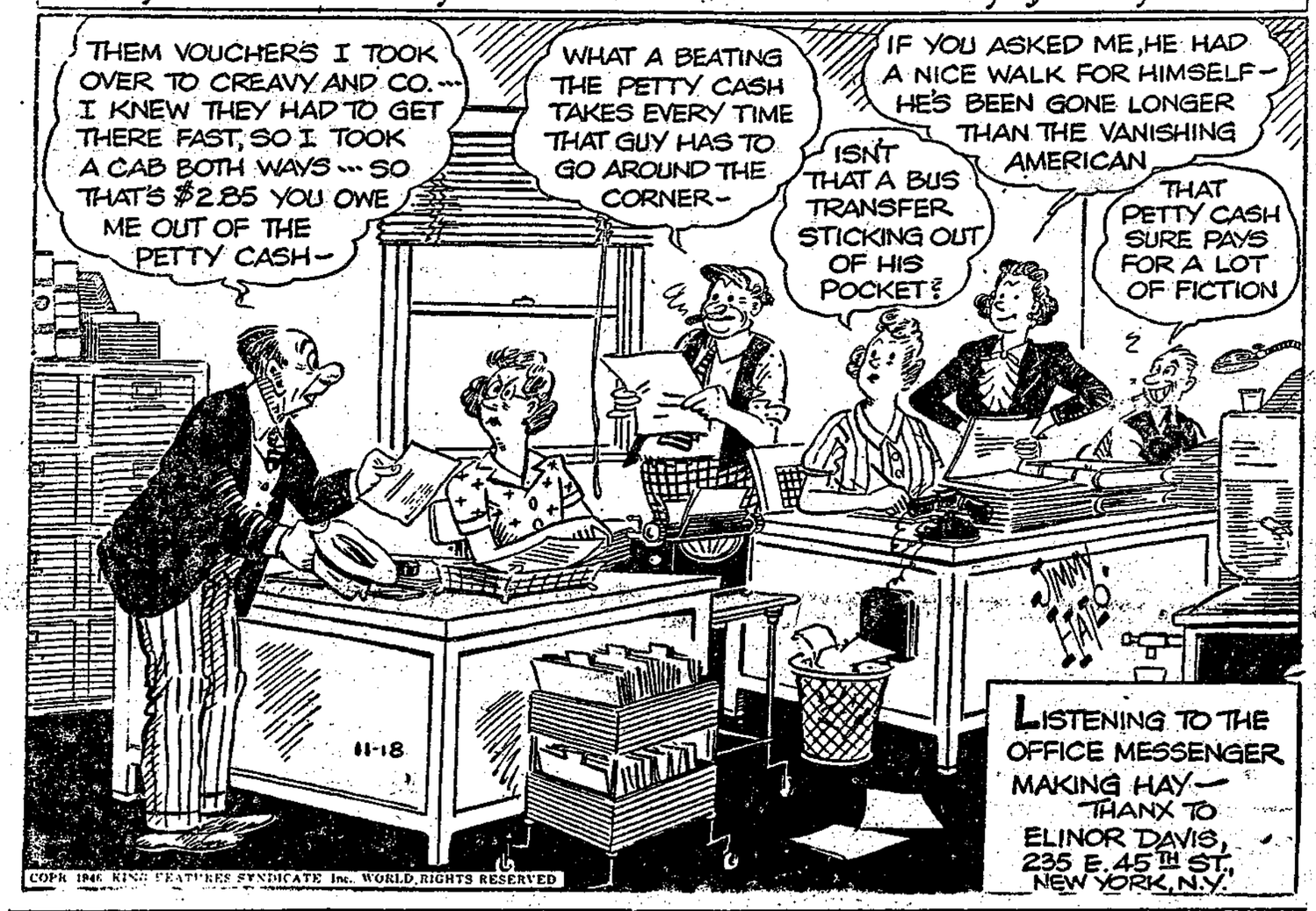

Season's Greetings

AT THIS FESTIVE SEASON may we express to you our appreciation of the cordial relations between us and extend best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

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CHRISTMAS
By 'Arry 'Obbs

I've decked my shack with holly wreaths,
I've trimmed a Christmas tree,
For Christmas means a mighty lot
To lonely folks like me.
And when the Christmas bells ring out,
I'll drink a little toast,
To all the things that used to be,
And friends I've loved and lost.

It's sad to be alone and old,
With nobody to care,
When merry bells are ringing out
Their message on the air.
But I'll keep tryst with memory,
And all it means to me,
Because I held a holly wreath
And trimmed a Christmas tree.

Gibsons Pair Remodel Wrecked Troller Hull

GIBSONS LANDING—A misfortune at sea has indirectly resulted in an addition to the Gibsons fishing fleet.

Henry Barton spent two years building and outfitting a forty-foot troller which he named the Kay II. He and his son took the boat north to Fisherman Bay on Vancouver Island to get in part of the season. When the boat was only 18 days old, a storm blew the vessel ashore and stove in most of the planks of the port side. Karl and Maurice Nygren purchased the hull, filled it with empty oil drums, towed it to Sointula, renewed all the defective planks, and then Walter towed the rebuilt vessel down the coast to Gibsons. Mr. Nygren and Maurice intend to put a new motor in the boat and outfit it for trolling and tuna fishing. It is the biggest boat in the present fishing fleet here, and should be good for many years service.

Bridge Construction Slated Near Fernie

TENDERS have been called for the construction of a bridge estimated to cost approximately $100,000 over the Elk River near Fernie. Bids will close on Dec. 9.

The public works department is also calling for bids on a liquor store and warehouse in Alberni. This work will cost approximately $12,000 and bids must be in by Dec. 23.

Butter Supply Much Improved

BUTTER production in Canada is down three per cent as compared with the same period of last year, but prices board officials point out that this is really an improvement in the situation.

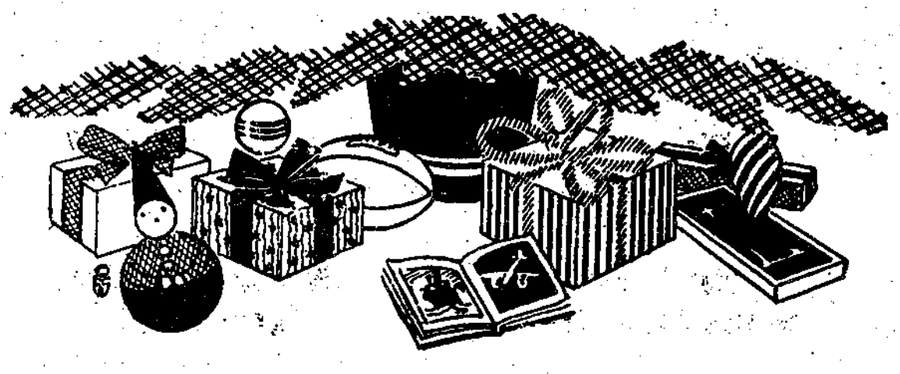
In the summer, the reduction was eight to 12 per cent, in October, six to 7 per cent, and in November it was only three per cent.

The bureau of statistics report on stocks of dairy products shows an increase of five million pounds over stocks last December. It is felt that the present butter ration of six ounces can be maintained until next February at least.

KELOWNA — Fourteen new homes, are being built here, amounting to a value of $63,110. Besides the November figure topping all corresponding months in previous years, the 11-month total is an all-time record for the city.

No let-up in the building boom is anticipated the beginning of next year, as many more homes and business houses would be constructed if building materials were available. Shortage of nails has been one of the major set-backs the past two months, but with steel strikes settled, greater supplies can be expeced.

GIFTS For All !



A New Shipment Has Arrived!

We've just unpacked a fresh shipment of Christmas goods . . . especially for your last-minute shopping.

QUALITY CHINAWARE

Also in the new arrivals is a good assortment of high quality Chinaware. Don't miss seeing this if you need useful gifts, or wish to replenish your own shelves.

IT'S ALMOST HERE!

The old man with the white beard is almost here . . . and we can help you with a wide range of gift suggestions . . . but don't delay any longer.

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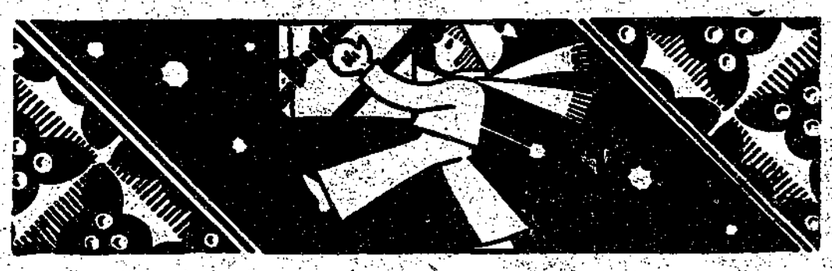

Though many things seem very different from the way they used to be, one thing will never change — Our traditional Canadian Christmas. Merry Christmas to ALL.

Happy New Year!

Les Young
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BOWEN ISLAND

PEARL PUNNETT
Correspondent

THE WOMEN'S Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, Branch 150, held their annual meeting last Tuesday for the election of new officers. Mrs. G. H. Ward kept her office as secretary-treasurer; Mrs. P. Punnett was elected president and Mrs. Isabel Dorman, vice-president. A new member was introduced to the organization, Mrs. G. Callahan.

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A whist drive was presented by the Bowen Island Community Club on Saturday evening, Dec. 14. Mrs. Dadds and Mr. Ed. Laurence walked off with top honors, while Miss P. Punnett and Mr. Orville Arbuthnot held lowest scores. Mr. Bob Callahan was the lucky winner of the raffle, a flashlight of the latest design. We were sorry wet weather kept so many at home.

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Posters have been mounted for two events at the end of the week. On Friday afternoon there will be a party and Christmas tree for the children, plus Santa Claus himself! On Saturday evening, Dec. 21, a concert will be held in the Lower Dance Hall. Both are presentations of the Community Club so we hope everyone will support them.

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A Christmas service will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, in Bowen Island United Church. The message will be given by Mr. Dave Frieson and appropriate music will be offered by the choir. Also on Wednesday, Dec. 25, a short service will be held at 10.30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

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We send our best wishes to Miss Eva Harding and Mr. Ken Hewitt on their recent engagement.

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Something new has been added! A heater has finally been installed in the government freight shed. This will certainly be appreciated by those who have to wait for the boat on a cold, wet night.

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The Bowen Park Store will be closed all day on Dec. 25 and 26.

Christmas Gifts at
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Christmas Gifts this year are more beautiful, more useful, more sure to please.

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Soldiers' Settlement Project

THIS Department administers the South Okanagan Soldier's Settlement Project, where there has been developed a thriving, well-to-do community.

In this former sagebrush desert after the last war, the Government dammed the Okanagan River and now distributes much-needed water to over 4,000 acres of the finest fruit-growing land in Canada. In 1945 the total value of produce grown on this land was over $2,500,000. It promises to be even greater in 1946.

Plans are under way to develop and irrigate upwards of 1,000 additional acres, with an eventual total area of near 8,000 acres.

Settlement, throughout British Columbia, is proceeding steadily, as the following comparative figures indicate:

	10-year Average	1945
Pre-emption records issued	283	115
Purchases of land	2,101	1,056
Crown grants issued	1,258	1,817
Crown grants issued to date, 1946		1,700
Acreage deeded (acres)	69,285	85,034

Increased settlement and land use in 1946 is indicated in the following comparative figures:

	First 8 Months 1945	First 8 Months 1946
Total sales completed	662	1013
Total sales value	$140,922.00	$209,693.00
Other sales value	205,442.00	251,163.00

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GIBSONS LANDING

Les Peterson, Correspondent

ST. BARTHOLOMEW Women's Auxiliary held a most successful Christmas tea and gift sale on Friday, Dec. 13. The pretty gifts were hastily gathered up, and a cheery social visit held as the ladies sipped their tea. The affair was declared open by the president, Mrs. Bartle, and we were very glad to welcome Mrs. H. A. Findlay and Miss Walker from Roberts Creek.

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Gibsons and Roberts Creek again faced one another across the badminton nets last Wednesday, this time at Gibsons Landing. The Gibsonites took an early lead, but the Creekers made it even-up at twelve games each, then proceeded to win the last frame to end up 13 games to 12. A total of over fifty players made this the largest inter-club tournament yet held here.

Price Board Relents

HARRIED housewives, worried as to how they would be able to make their butter ration extend over Christmas, will welcome the announcement made by wartime prices and trade board over the week-end to the effect that the butter coupons slated to fall due on the Thursday following the holiday will, instead, be made valid on Dec. 19.

HALF MOON BAY

MRS. R. MOSIER (Correspondent)

THE LADIES Sewing Circle held a special meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. E. Pearson, as a farewell to one of its members, Miss Emma Ek.

A delicious array of refreshments was served, and later in the evening Mrs. Pearson presented Miss Ek with a pair of hand-made sheep's wool slippers, a gift from the Sewing Circle.

Miss Ek is leaving here Friday, and it is understood that she may teach at Egmont School after the holidays.

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A warm welcome is extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. Scholbemose, new residents of the Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Scholbemose have bought the Ross place above the school and Mr. Scholbemose is employed here by McKenzie and Flavelle.

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Mr. A. Truman, the camp cook, left Sunday for Vancouver, and will not return until the new year. Mrs. F. Kolterman is taking Mr. Truman's place until his return. How about those lemon pies, Rae?

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Mrs. E. Keen held an afternoon party Dec. 11 in honor of her second eldest son, Larry, who celebrated his sixth birthday. Among those present were Lyle Johnson, David Beasley, Douglas Herrington, Jimmy Burrows, Bobby Kilgore, Diane Pearson and Miriam Watson.

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The Head family are together again, with Mr. Head home for the holidays from Narrows Arm, and Mrs. Head home from Saint Mary's Hospital. Gordon is expected home this week-end from Mission City where he attends high school.

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Mr. Ed. Dollman is also home from Narrows Arm, and is going on to Vancouver this week-end where he will spend the holidays with his good friends, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Edmunds

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Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford of Welcome Beach, with the latter's sister, Miss Glaister, left Sunday and will not return until January.

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Mr. Vic Walls left Wednesday for Mission City where he will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Walls.

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Mr. Cecil Beasley of New Westminster was the week-end guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tho. Beasley.

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Returning from Vancouver this week are Mr George Herrington and his son Ken, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laird and Mr. Tho. Ross.

DVA Allowances Show Increase

A TOTAL of 11,876 veterans were drawing allowances under the Veterans' Rehabilitation Act on Dec. 1. An additional 6,787 ex-service men and women drew $1,016,102 in re-establishment credits during November, bringing the total paid to date up to $11,310,840.

Last month 10,000 callers were handled at D.V.A. headquarters in Vancouver, with 4,600 visiting the Victoria office.

Although 1,492 vets are now drawing out-of-work allowances (an increase of 300 in a month) this figure was expected to rise during the winter months. Number of vets taking vocational training has increased by 200 over that on Nov. 1.

Re-establishment credit is still most popularly used for the purchase of furniture or homes, 45 per cent of the total spent to date has gone to buy furniture, 20 per cent to buy houses. This credit is a sum equal to basic gratuity which a veteran may use as an alternative to training or V.L.A.

Editor on Air

L. C. "LES" WAY, former editor of the Powell River News, will be heard on the "Town Meeting of the Air" program over radio station CJOR at 9.30 Saturday night, when he argues in the affirmative on the question: "Have We Free Enterprise Now," with A. S. Johnston, Vancouver barrister, and S. J. Kelly, secretary of the Canadian Federation of Voters Associations.

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Easy Method of Fire-Proofing Christmas Tree

WITH CHRISTMAS just two weeks away the provincial fire marshall's office at Vancouver has issued a timely suggestion for the fire-proofing of Christmas trees used at all public gatherings. The same method could be used to advantage by the ordinary householder.

"As Christmas trees catch fire very easily and burn with intense heat," the fire marshal warns, "it is advisable that all trees used at large public gatherings, such as school or church Christmas affairs, should be fire-proofed.

"An easy method of doing this is to weigh the tree and divide the weight in pounds by four. This will give the weight in chemical, namely ammonium sulphate, required for the operation.

"Place the ammonium sulphate in a narrow-mouthed container, such as a glass jar, tin pail or similar receptacle, and dissolve in water, using one and a half pints of water for each pound of ammonium sulphate.

"Just before treating the tree, saw off the stem about an inch from the end, preferably at an oblique angle or in a V-shape, in order that the chemical may have free access to the fresh wood at the cut end.

"Set the tree in the solution in a cool place (about 50 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit) and away from direct sunlight. Leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

"Calcium chloride may be used for this purpose in the same proportion and using the same method as with ammonium sulphate. This treatment will render the tree fire-proof and may avert a major tragedy."

Season's Greetings

TO ALL OUR PATRONS!

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Howe Sound United School News

By ELSIE KORHONE and BILL RAZZELL

THE HOWE Sound United Elementary School is losing its well-liked principal, Mr. D. A. Smith, who has accepted a position in Esquimalt with the Greater Victoria School Board, commencing in January.

Mr. Smith has been a teacher here for over four years, and principal of the elementary ried to Ronald F., son of Mr. coming to Gibsons he taught for five years in the Peace River area, and one year as principal of the Lytton Superior School.

On first coming to our school he was assistant high school teacher. When the staff was reduced, he took over grades eight and nine and the elementary school principalship with three rooms at Gibsons Landing and one at Roberts Creek. Under his guidance the school has grown to seven rooms, four at Gibsons and three at Roberts Creek. Problems of staff change, transportation and temporary building accommodations have met with constant, thorough consideration and solution. His experience has been of great value in the change-over to the large rural school district of Sechelt No. 46.

Mr. Smith has done a great outside the school in professional organizations. He has been president of the Sechelt Teachers' Association and chairman of its salary committee. He is a member of the North Shore Teachers' District Council, and at the recent convention in North Vancouver was elected vice-president of the district council. At the summer session of the University of British Columbia, which he has attended regularly for several summers working for his B.A., he has been on the student executive for years. Last year he was president of the Summer Session Students' Association, and is now their secretary Under his presidency, innovations such as the band concert on the campus lawn have brought fresh enjoyment to the hundreds of summer students.

In community organizations his name has been prominent from the first year of his residence in Gibsons Landing. Honorary president of the Parent-Teachers Association, treasurer of the Gibson Memorial United church, vice-president of the A.O.T.S., director of the badminton group, for three years senior girls' basketball supervisor, chairman of the clothes collection committee, and so the list goes on. Community effort always found him ready to help, quietly but effectively.

We all admire a person who tries to aim at better positions, so we all want to congratulate you, Mr. Smith, and hope you will continue to climb to better positions yet. With the best of luck and success for the future from us all here at school.

Attacked Girls Frances Clapp and Marcia McKenzie, display the bird that attacked them at Willingdon Beach last Friday. Marcia, at the right, has several small cuts on the hand holding the bird's wing. It was a double-crested cormorant that had apparently been injured and flew at the girls when disturbed by the four-month-old puppy "David" shown in the above picture. Both the girls and the dog were reluctant to have any further to do with the cormorant that gave them such a scare.

"Hoarding" Charge

A DOMINION inquiry into "hoarding of goods by manufacturers" was asked at the convention of the B.C. district union of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (C.I.O.-C.C.L.).

The union charged manufacturers were causing a lack of consumer goods on the market by "withholding goods," in an attempt to "wreck price control" and gain higher prices.

DEEP DOWN IN OUR HEART we know of no song, no poem, no truer word to express our sentiments than this sincere greeting "Merry Christmas—and God Bless You."

Happy New Year!

P. Gordon McPherson

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS—Mere words cannot begin to bring you the many good wishes which we hold for you and your family. As a tiny token of our high regard for your patronage and friendship during the past year, and as a renewed pledge of the service which we constantly strive to offer, may we take this occasion to send you our best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things of life.

Happy New Year!

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AROUND BRITANNIA TOWNSITE

By Larry Stewart

LAST SATURDAY saw the Social Club sponsoring something quite a bit out of the ordinary, a bingo game just for the kiddies. Yep, nobody over 16 allowed. Candy, nuts, apples, oranges and tickets for free milkshakes were the prizes. From the reports of the kiddies it really was a bang-up party and all are looking forward towards something similar in the near future.

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The Chuck Wymers moved to the Beach this last week, where Chuck has taken over the duties of shift boss at 4100. Best of luck to the Wymers in their new home.

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Wednesday, Dec. 11, the Britannia High School basketball team played the Woodfibre High at the Beach. Didn't get the final score, but we won by a point or two, with competition keen all the way. We are looking forward to a game played at the Townsite in the future.

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There are a couple of inches of snow on the ground and promise of more in the air. The toys arrived in the store the first part of this week and by now are pretty well picked over. Christmas trees are beginning to appear outside of the doors and the aroma of fruit cakes steals occasionally from some warm kitchen. There is a big shiny sign on the store bulletin board advertising the Christmas dance. By all these things I have come to the conclusion that Christmas is really getting close, so to everybody who glances through this column, whether they finish with a smile, a grunt or a snort, I wish a very Merry Christmas.

SECHELT

W J. MAYNE, Correspondent

MRS. FREDERICKSON at the Sechelt Inn is again preparing for a New Year's Eve dinner at the Inn. This is becoming a custom. The dinners have always been enjoyed by those who have attended. The following are some who are expected to be there for the big event: Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. King and son Don, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Beasley and their two sons, Billy and David; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Tait, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mervyn, Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Berry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ritchey, Mr. and Mrs. S. Killick, Mr. and Mrs. J. Redman, Mr. and Mrs. T. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. C. Arnold, Mr. A Young, Mrs. Meikle, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Newcombe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sands, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burrows.

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Anyone who is proud is lonely.

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Greetings!

May we convey our sincerest hopes for a cheerful, happy Christmas and a brighter New Year to you.

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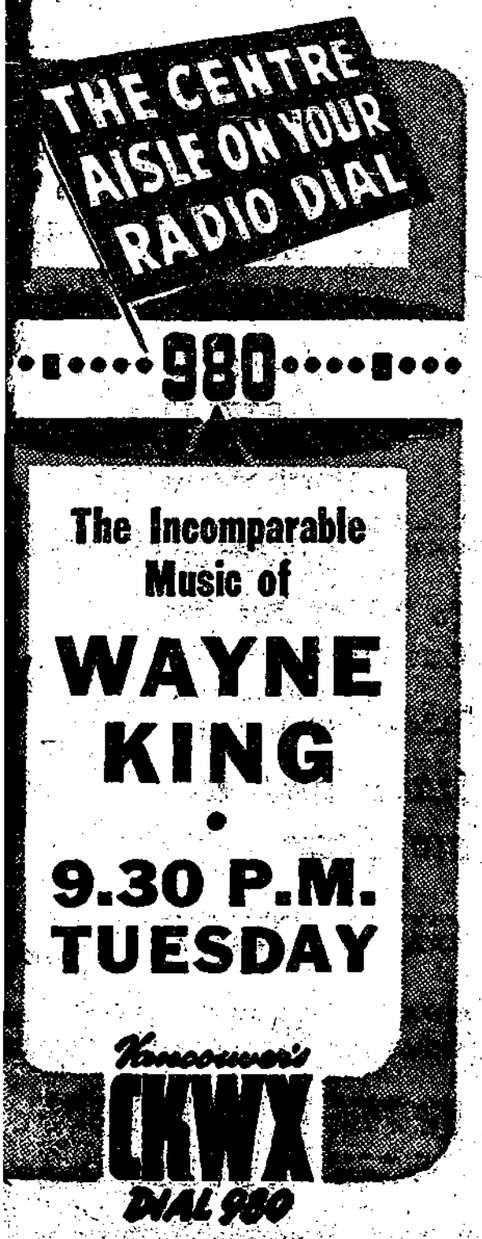

SECRET COVE

Inez Willison, Correspondent

MR. AND Mrs. Eric Willison have returned home after a four weeks' holiday at Portland, Oregon.

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Mrs. Ivor B. Jorgenson and Mrs. Elmer M. Jorgenson, and Miss Ida Jorgenson have returned from a Christmas shopping tour of Vancouver.

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Mrs. E. Willison has left for Vancouver on a shopping and visiting holiday.

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Miss Shirley Green has left for Vancouver.

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The Silver Sands Schools Sewing Club was held on Friday, Dec. 13, at the home of Ivor B. Jorgenson, and as usual all were busy until stopped by Mrs. Jorgenson serving refreshments. A fine evening was had by all. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Holms, Jan. 10.

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Your correspondent wishes every one of the Coast News readers a Merry Christmas and the Best of Luck for 1947.

RADIO REPAIRS and SERVICE
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Reader's Right

Editor, Coast News.
Dear Sir:

We women are getting behind the eight ball in regards to world affairs. The speedy evolutionary trend is hard to keep up with. It is almost too much for a person of average intelligence, which most people are.

Perhaps it would be a better idea, and not too selfish, if we studied our own country's affairs. We all know about Donald Gordon (he has done a good job), but if there were an election tomorrow, I don't believe half of us would know how to vote.

It might be a good idea before another election, to get all the candidates on one platform, then we could pick out our man. The bouncer, I mean chairman, could have a bell or gong, when things got out of hand.

We would of course leave our ammunition outside. If it came to a sparring match with the candidates, we could put them in the jail. No, that wouldn't do, as it is only big enough for a broody hen. We could hausser them to the Totem poles.

They might give us a sort of book review, i.e., "The Demise of Bacon" (by Hog), "Sugrebutra" (Vivian Leigh), and "Ah, Lumber," (by MacMillan). Burns can put it better.

"While Europe's eye is fix'd on mighty things,
The fate of empires and the fall of kings;
While quacks of state must each produce his plan,
And even children lisp the right of man."

Amid this mighty fuss just let me mention,
The rights of women merit some attention.

MARGARET ALLAN,
Sechelt, B.C.

Meatless Days Cut

RESTAURANTS and other eating places will be allowed to serve meat on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, normally meatless Tuesdays, the prices board announced.

Because most people are accustomed to eating fowl on Christmas and New Year's Day, the board has suspended the regulation so that restaurants will not be required to obtain the large stocks of turkeys and chicken that would be necessary if fowl were served for two consecutive days.

Extend Tender Call

DEADLINE for submission of tenders for construction of the new small boat anchorage at Westview has been extended to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8, according to a notice issued this week by the federal department of public works.

WELLS — Mine whistles sounded here again Nov. 27, signalling the end of the 146-day strike that halted gold production here last July 3. Settlement terms were finally reached, with a 10½ cent an hour wage increase across the board, time and a half for work over 44 hours in any week, three and five cents an hour for second and third shifts, and the check-off.

Social tact is making your company feel at home, even though you wish they were.

The average length of a sugar cane stalk is approximately 12 feet.

"Merry Christmas" still rings truer than any other greeting we can extend to you at this time of the year.

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ERIC INGLIS
TRUCKING and FUEL
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We take genuine pleasure in laying aside the routine of business to send our many friends the heartiest wishes for the holiday season.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Eric Knudson
Shoe Repair Shop
SECHELT

Though many things seem very different from the way they used to be, one thing will never change—Our traditional Canadian Christmas. Merry Christmas to ALL.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

DOLLY JONAS
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Selma Park Hairdressing Shop

W. P. Pieper General Store
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Thanks

Thanks for letting us help you and may your home be warm, comfy and secure this Christmas and New Year.

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CHRISTMAS

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Christmas Greetings

May joy and good fortune be yours throughout Christmas and the New Year.

Happy New Year!

BOB'S QUICK LUNCH
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Merry Christmas

BEST WISHES FROM US TO YOU—May your hearts and homes be gay with love and laughter.

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Christmas Greetings

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A GLAD YULETIDE—As Christmas and the New Year come again, may they find and keep you rich in happiness.

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Living Costs Jump 7.2 Since 1945

COST-OF-LIVING index advanced from 126.8 to 127.1 between Oct. 1 and Nov. 1, the bureau of statistics in Ottawa has reported. These figures are based on the assumption that the average for the period 1935-39 equals 100.

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GRANTHAM'S LANDING

Jim Rennie, Correspondent

THE JOINT group of Gibsons and Granthams W.A. of the United Church held their annual bazaar and tea on Friday, Dec. 6. Although the day was wet, there was a good turn-out of patrons, and something like $130 was derived from the sale of work. Men of the A.O.T.S. did their little bit and helped in a small way to make the bazaar a success.

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Mr. Frank Henderson was the speaker at Granthams Sunday School Service on Dec. 8, when Kenneth Greig was presented with a Certificate for Life Saving. It read as follows:

The Royal Canadian Humane Association has unanimously resolved that Kenneth Greig is justly entitled to this honorary testimonial awarded for heroic action and presence of mind in the rescue of Stephen Carr from drowning at Granthams Landing, B.C., Sept. 28, 1945.

Mr. Henderson, in his address to the parents and children, stressed the value of teaching children to swim at an early age and noted that it was this fact that gave Kenneth his self confidence at the age of five.

Mr. Henderson recalled that Mrs. Greig was a champion swimmer and diver and came of a seafaring family, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Ken Oxley and her grandparents Capt. and Mrs. Roberts, who had all been at one time residents of Granthams Landing.

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Mrs. R. Greig and family have left Granthams for Toronto, where she will join her husband who is taking a dentistry course in that city.

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Mrs. McGowan and her son Herb are also bound for Toronto where they intend to reside for a few years. Mrs. McGowan is the mother of Mrs. Greig.

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Mrs. Fred Howlett has returned from Vancouver where she visited with her daughter, Mrs. Tement, who is a hospital patient.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tateman have left for Edmonton where they intend to spend the winter.

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Mrs. Huycke is rejoicing at the birth of a grandson born to her daughter Barbara, who is the wife of Group Capt. E. McNab, D.F.C., M.B.

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Mrs. Farron has returned from Mannville, Alberta, where she spent two months with her sister.

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Mr. Herb Oxley has left for Toronto via the United States and points east.

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Mr. and Prof. Henderson of Soames Point are in Vancouver to meet their daughter who has been on an extended trip to eastern countries.

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Gibsons Landing

Bank of Montreal Opens Sub-Agency Branch

GIBSON'S LANDING—Fulfilling its promise made a few weeks ago to open at Gibson's just as soon as suitable arrangements could be made, the Bank of Montreal, Carrall and Hastings Streets Branch, Vancouver, opened its sub-agency on Monday, Dec. 9, with a staff consisting of Mr. J. E. P. Henniker, assistant manager, Mr. D. B. Macrae and Mrs. Alexander.

Full banking facilities will be provided and it is hoped residents of Gibson's and the surrounding districts will take advantage of them. As Mr. Henniker points out, they will have the benefit of the services of a local office and at the same time have an account at a city branch and so benefit by city rates of exchange and other similar advantages.

For the present, banking hours will be every Monday and Thursday from 10.45 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Later on, when the summer transportation schedule goes into effect and the business warrants it, these times will likely be extended.

Mr. J. R. Pudney, manager of the Carrall and Hastings branch, has expressed a hope that the old saying, "The community believes in the bank which believes in the community," will be fully exemplified at Gibson's.

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On this all life's splendor depends;
And the joy of the world when you sum it all up,
Is found in the making of friends.

Every Vernon, B.C., householder will get a $5 Christmas present through a bylaw which refunds deposits for water meters.

Sunken Boat Brought Up by Salvage Crew

GIBSONS LANDING—A shipping mishap occurred here Sunday night when the towboat "D & D", on charter to Champion and White, Ltd, struck a rock while entering the harbor on a minus tide, and later sank while moored to the fishermen's float. Monday evening a salvage crew, including diver, and equipped with derrick, floated the sunken craft, temporarily patched the hole in the hull, and towed it to Vancouver.

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