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Pender Hospital Auxiliary Has Record Year

PENDER HARBOUR—The Women's Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital held its tenth annual meeting Jan. 9 and last year's executive were re-elected. President, Mrs. Robert Sharpe; first vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Dingman; second vice-president, Mrs. Kenneth Bell; treasurer, Miss Edna Simmonds; secretary, Mrs. Al Lloyd.

The president reported a record year. The auxiliary with a membership of 29 and an average attendance of 13, has raised, by means of a spring tea, fall bazaar, collection boxes in the various stores, restaurants, a total of $1,377.15.

The hospital staff at present occupies a considerable part of the hospital and in order to increase the capacity for patients, a new staff house will shortly be erected. Towards this objective the auxiliary has already contributed $1000 and is planning to help furnish and supply equipment, when the building is ready for occupancy.

Craddock Appeal Will be Speeded

APPEAL of Capt. John Craddock from suspension of his master's certificate will be brought before the Admiralty division of the Exchequer Court in Ottawa as soon as possible.

Claude L. McAlpine, K.C., has been instructed to go to Ottawa to argue the appeal rather than wait until the Exchequer Court holds a sitting in Vancouver. Capt. Craddock's ticket was suspended in November for six months by a Department of Transport commission investigating into the Gulf Stream disaster at Dinner Rock Oct. 11.

Denmark has a population of about 3,844,300.

V.O.N. Donates $38 To Well Baby Clinic

GIBSONS — The newly formed Gibsons V.O.N. reports that their first tea raised an approximate $38 to be added to their funds. This money will go to purchase a baby scale for the Well Baby Clinic, and the balance toward a supply cupboard.

Numerous guests and estimated 100 or more, attended the affair, and it was noted that even the males came to aid a good cause.

Mrs. J. P. Veitch, convenor, was congratulated on the attractive table setting, and the dainty refreshments offered were deserving of the praise they received. Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. Eileen Nestman, Mrs. D. Donaldson and Mrs. A. Atlee.

It was noted that many Granthams residents were among the guests, and their support and cooperation was sincerely appreciated.

Mrs. Sarah Dorman Dies in Vancouver

BOWEN ISLAND — Mrs. Sarah Dorman died on Jan. 28 in Vancouver General Hospital in her 86th year. She was an old-time resident of Bowen Island, having lived here for 35 years. She is survived by six sons, Robert William and Alfred of Vancouver, George of Nanaimo, Ernest of Hayling Island, England, and Percy (Red) of Bowen Island; two daughters, Mrs. A. Armstrong (with whom she had lived for the past few years) and Mrs. J. Taylor, both of Vancouver, 28 grandchildren and 17 great grand children.

"Pool" is not a slang term for billiards but an American version of the game.

Travelling Projectionist Finds Setbacks in Trade

By GORDON WEST

For two years now I have been operating a 16 mm. motion picture circuit here on the peninsula. It's a tough and sometimes heart-breaking business. I've shown hundreds of films, some excellent, some not so good. I'll admit that. But on the average the audience's reaction has been good to all of them.

My reason for writing this is to acquaint my patrons with the obstacles I am up against in this business.

I use 16 mm. safety film (will not burn) whereas a regular theatre uses 35 mm. film which is highly inflamable and therefore requires a fireproof building and projection booth, by law. (Note 16 mm. and 35 mm. refers to width of film).

This 16 mm. business originated largely during the war when Hollywood needed some way of sending their pictures to the millions in the services all over the world. To use standard theatre equipment and films was out of the question because of the cost and bulkiness in shipping.

All the major companies started to reprint their pictures onto 16 mm. film, which takes up less than half the shipping space that 35 mm. film does and besides is fireproof.

The services received prints of the latest films direct from Hollywood even before their release date in New York. However with the war over most of the larger companies, M.G.M., Warner Bros., Paramount and R.K.O., have discontinued printing their product onto 16 mm. film.

You ask the reason? Well here it is: From 35 mm. film rentals thy make millions of dollars whereas from 16 mm. rentals they make a few thousand and to them this is peanuts and therefore why go to all the trouble of printing 16 mm. pictures.

However, several companies have seen possibilities in the field and are continuing to release their product on this narrow gauge film. These companies are Universal, Columbia, Republic, Monogram, Eagle-Lion (J. Arthur Rank Productions) and a few R.K.O. and United Artists productions. With the loss of the British market 20th Century Fox has decided to enter the field and they are releasing 120 prints in Canada—all excellent

HATTIE JACQUES: This knowing smile belongs to Hattie Jacques, latest recruit to "ITMA", one of the British Broadcasting Corporation's most popular variety programs, which stars Tommy Handley. Hattie comes from Sandgate in Kent and became a V.A.D. in London during the war, working in tube shelters and other places where there was plenty to keep her busy. In her spare time she entertained troops in hospitals and camps. She often used to go to the Players' Theatre, a small underground theatre club where members join the cast in singing the choruses of Victorian songs under their chairman, Leonard Sachs. Hattie's brother did a certain amount of work for the Players' and often took his sister to the shows, where she joined in the choruses with such good effect that Sachs gave her an audition and engaged her as a member of the company, which she still adorns. She was recently with the Young Vic company and has also appeared in two films, "Nicholas Nickleby" and "Oliver Twist". She has broadcast and televised a certain amount but got her real radio chance this autumn when she joined the "ITMA" cast, and enjoys herself thoroughly every Thursday together with Tommy Handley and his raving associates.

Miners' Deaths Said Accidental

BRITANNIA—A verdict of "accidental death" was returned by a coroner's jury investigating the deaths of three miners when a rock slide entombed them in a stope on Jan. 30.

The jury included a rider recommending that in future only experienced miners be allowed to work in operations of the kind where Julian Krill, 43, Burnaby; William Natrasowany, 28, Fort River, Man., and Irwin G. A. Boucher, 32, Buffalo, N.Y., were trapped.

The men, along with Elmber Chambers, 24, Sydney, N.S., were working at the 2700-foot level when the ceiling of the shaft collapsed and crushed them. Chambers were thrown clear.

Fire Marshall's Unit Instructs Brigade

GIBSONS—The recent three-day visit of the fire marshalls unit to Gibsons was a definite success, according to both parties, and definitely appreciated. Marshalls Ritchey and Newall have promised to pay a return call to attend the ceremonies when the new firehall is built . . . giving it their blessing, as it were.

The local firemen stated that their films and lectures were excellent instruction and that they have gained much useful knowledge, and mentioned in particular the ladder demonstration held on the wharf. Many valuable pointers were picked up from the film that dealt with first aid and life-saving which may be of service to the community in case of future conflagrations.

Among the suggestions offered by the instructors to spur local interest in this brigade was that of including a recreation room in the plans for a firehall . . . it gave the "gang" a place to congregate, and created pride and enthusiasm among the young men best suited for this difficult work, so that when recruits were needed plenty would be available.

Mrs. M. Kidd Leads United Church W.A.

PLANS were laid for the coming year's work at the regular monthly meeting of the W. A. of the Gibsons United Church, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. M. Kidd, leader; Mrs. S. Porteous, secretary; Mrs. T. Ross, treasurer. The meeting was held at Rosedene, under the chairmanship of Mrs. G. Marsden. An expression of appreciation from Mrs. J. Horne for flowers sent to Mr. Horne in hospital, was received. Members aim to carry on their work of visiting the ill, and shut-in as in the past.

Giant Water System Mooted at Gibsons

GIBSONS—The formation of a metropolitan water board to include Sechelt and Hopkins in a giant water system was seen to be a distinct possibility with many advantages, when D. M. Matheson, of the Quantity Surveys outlined the procedure of such an enterprise to a meeting of the Gibsons Trade Board executives and representatives of small water boards.

Mr. Matheson, who has seen the good results of such a move in many other communities, expressed the belief that it would be a long range economy for all, should they choose to amalgamate and form one big water board, and it would result in development of the entire area.

First step in forming such a unit is the signing of a petition to the government asking that a preliminary survey and engineer's report be made on the existing water supply. The petition has to carry almost 100 percent of the taxpayers' signatures, and the desire for such a board must be unanimous.

It was suggested that the main water users, that is, the village, and Granthams, Soames and Roberts Creek first cooperate and then, if an agreement is reached, the final petition be outlined and carried out.

A committee of three, P. G. McPherson, H. Tibbs and G. Ballentine was elected to confer with the existing boards, and when the matter was thoroughly discussed report back to the Board of Trade. With the approval of these main water boards further action wil be taken, and separate committees set up to follow the plan to its conclusion.

According to facts and figures given by the speaker, Mr. Matheson, the cost, to each consumer, on a monthly basis has to be a reasonable figure and well within the average before Victoria automatically discounted. Water will sanction such a scheme. Thus the fear of excessive rates is can be sold, however, to those not on the original scheme at a higher rate, and thus profit the organization by retiring the loan at an earlier date. The average loan run 20 years, and is sold as bonds. Pipe and other work has to be installed that will outlast the existing loan to ensure the soundness of the venture, and it was noted that similar works were considered good investments.

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AROUND SECHELT
By ARIES

NOT MUCH news this week. I have been away whooping it up in Vancouver and if I haven't you most likely will think I have. Went down with Mrs. Shaw and had a nice time with Mrs. E. F. Osborne, Mrs. Ern Gibson of Rockwood Lodge was also on a visit.

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Miss Hazel Dalman paid a week end visit to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Simning. She apparently likes Sechelt very much as she is here quite often.

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We understand Pat and Teddy Osborne will be moving into their house at Selma Park soon. We will be sorry to see our trees going down in Sechelt. We'll miss our trails and natural beauty, but I suppose if Teddy didn't do it someone else would.

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The Canadian Legion, Branch 140, elected to office the following at their annual meeting: President, Charles Brookman first vice president, Fred Mills second vice president, Joe Archer; secretary, W. J. Mayne; treasurer, Dave Galvin; sergeant at arms, Charles Prince, and chairman of entertainment committee, Harold Roberts. I am very glad to see at last some of our younger veterans on the executive and wish to take this opportunity of wishing our old comrades both of World War I and the last conflict the best of all they can wish themselves. May their lot be an easier one than it has been. If we all pull together we shall get a better deal for those who come after. The old boys have blazed the trail—see to it that it is kept open.

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Lv. Vancouver		9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	12:30 noon	6:30 p.m.
Ar. Sechelt			11:15 a.m.		11:15 a.m.	2:45 p.m.x	8:45 p.m.
Ar. Halfmoon Bay			12:15 noon		12:15 noon	3:45 p.m.	
Ar. Pender Hbr.	No		1:15 p.m.		1:15 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	
Ar. Vananda	North-	2:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	
Ar. Westview	bound	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	12:00 mid.
Ar. Blubber Bay	Trip		3:15 p.m.		3:15 p.m.		
Ar. Lund						8:30 p.m.	Leaves
Ar. Bliss Ldg.						9:00 p.m.	Westview
Ar. Seaford						9:30 p.m.	Midnight
Ar. Refuge Cove						10:00 p.m.	Sunday*

xCALLS WILSON CREEK NOTE: Times other than Westview and Vancouver are approximate.

Southbound	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.	Sunday
Lv. Refuge Cove							7:00 a.m.
Lv. Seaford							7:30 a.m.
Lv. Bliss Ldg.							8:15 a.m.
Lv. Lund						No	8:45 a.m.
Lv. Blubber Bay			3:15 p.m.		3:15 p.m.	South-	10:00 a.m.
Lv. Westview	Leave	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	bound	11:00 a.m.
Lv. Vananda	Westview	2:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	Trip	11:30 a.m.
Lv. Pender Hbr.	Midnight	5:00 p.m.		5:00 p.m.			1:15 p.m.
Lv. Halfmoon Bay	Sunday*	6:00 p.m.		6:00 p.m.			2:15 p.m.
Lv. Sechelt		7:00 p.m.		7:00 p.m.			3:15 p.m.
Ar. Vancouver		9:15 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	9:15 p.m.	10:30 p.m.		5:30 p.m.

*Vessel Departs Westview Midnight Sunday, calls Vananda 1:00 a.m., arrives Vancouver 7:00 a.m.

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BRITANNIA BEACH

By NETTIE HAMILTON

WELL all it seems is a round of parties. Isn't it nice to be popular? On Thursday night Mrs. R. Fleming had a surprise party for our Gertie McKee and what a party. Gertie was quite worried because her stocking had a run and a button was missing from her dress but that's the fun of a surprise isn't it. The evening was spent in playing court whist, five tables. The room reminded us of spring with vases of red tulips and daffodils and by the way we ate we all had "spring fever". What a spread, chicken, ham and crab sandwiches, cookies galore and at least six different cakes and all the trimmings. It was a sight to see. Prizes were given to the whist winners who were yours truly, first; and Mrs. Wharton, consolation. Bess McKnight was the one with the lucky plate. Then our Gertie was presented with a beautiful gold lapel watch from her friends gathered there that night. For once our Gert was speechless (imagine that one?) but she really was thrilled and thanked us all. While supper was being prepared, Neita Ackers played some lovely piano solos. Anna Bacon read all our cups and what a line she has, especially to Hannah and hope she has found "Mr. P.?" Me I had a J in my cup and as someone said today they hadn't seen a blush like mine for 20 years. (I only hope my J is rich when I find him). So with all the luck and success in the world to you both, Elmer and Gertie, we will just say cherrio and not goodbye as we know and hope you'll be up to visit us.

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Today, Friday, the office staff presented our Gertie with a pair of beautiful four-point Hudson Bay blankets. So no excuse for putting cold feet on Elmer's back. Good luck from the office staff.

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We have a couple of gals (super women?) practicing for the walking marathon. Trying to peddle to us they walked casually from Browning Cabin to the store in 20 minutes. I bet them it couldn't be done and so far I haven't been out to find if I won or lost, but I have a feeling I'll win, but who knows?

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Mrs. C. P. Browning took 16 "Explorer" girls down on the Bonnabelle. They had a special bus meet them at Horseshoe Bay and it took them all to see and hear Alec Templeton, which is a treat I or anyone would sure enjoy. They thought it was wonderful when they all went to the Hotel Vancouver to supper and then homeward bound. I believe some were bus sick or too much to eat so all in all they had a grand time and I'm sure they are all going to miss all these lovely trips and many kindnesses given to them by their friend Mrs. C. P. Browning.

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Congratulations to the "Brisco Breeze" otherwise my rival paper. It's a new school newspaper written by the school children. They issued their first paper last week and I enjoyed reading it, so keep the good work up and if I can be of any help to you, I'll only be too glad to do so.

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Sorry to report the death of three miners this morning, Jan. 31st, and a fourth injured. A rock slide caused their death. Our deepest sympathies are extended to their families. We're starting off 1948 badly — four deaths in one month. I happened to be at the wharf to see our Gertie McKee off. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Legionnaire Rev. McKay for his short, but beautiful little sermon he gave at the wharf just before the three flag-draped caskets were put aboard the boat, each with a beautiful poppy wreath on top. Thanks to the Canadian Legion. The short service plus wreaths are something that has never been done before and it was all so lovely I hope in future it will always be that kind of parting as though they are really one of our "boys", not just a miner or mucker.

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Well the Beach Club certainly had an all record bingo and how. There was around 200 there, but oh what prizes. Not that I was one of the lucky ones, electric irons, toasters, silex, Ronson lighter, shoes and scads of lovely things. No prize was under $5. The Trail did well with G. Mounsey, Ma Johnson, Agnes McDonald and Verdisio's bringing home half the prizes. Cigarettes and candy were served and later coffee and doughnuts were served. So we're waiting for the next bingo.

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Well folks I still could go on but I have written more than my share, so for another week I'll say cheerio, yours—Slim.

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Gibsons School News

By MARY SLINN

SHIRLEY Fleming from North Vancouver High is a new pupil in grade nine. We hope you like it here Shirley.

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School crests are now on sale and there is a reduced rate for the pupils of the elementary school.

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We're losing a good sport and a good scholar in Ruth Westvand who left last week. The basketball team seems weak without her.

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Two teams are being sent to the meeting of the P.T.A. on Monday night to debate. The subject of the debate is "Would Humanity Be Better Off if Nobel and others had not invented high explosives?"

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The Sechelt basketball teams played with the Gibsons teams on Thursday, Jan. 29. The girls' score: Sechelt 10; Gibsons 25. Eleanor Nelson and Gibson's Ruth Norris were the high scorers. The boys' game was close and at half time the score was 9-9. Gibsons Pat Slinn, Barry Stewart and Roy Wallis helped raise the score so that the final was: Sechelt 11; Gibsons 19. Rudy Crucil of Sechelt made many of Sechelt's points.

Sechelt played a good game and we're looking forward to our visit to Sechelt.

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Mr. Trueman, Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. Knight selected the cast for the plays which will be presented sometime in March.

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The results of the elections for the second term school officers are: Eleanor Shaw, president; Bill Prye, vice-president; Doreen Shaw, secretary; Sheila Klein, treasurer. We want to congratulate the first term officers for the splendid job they did and wish luck to the newcomers.

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This is not exactly school news but at the basketball game with Squamish and Gibsons' senior boys, Woodfibre was victorious. The score, Squamish 61; Gibsons 47. Bill Docker played a good game and brought in the most points for Gibsons. The score of the basketball game between Gibsons and Woodfibre was: Woodfibre 41; Gibsons 30. Again Bill Docker was high scorer for Gibsons. Jack Dunbar brought in most of Woodfibre points. It was a marvellous game and both teams put up a good fight.

More than 120 students from 29 countries attended the International Student Conference to plan a program of world student relief for 1947-48.

WILSON CREEK

By D. ERICKSON

I HOPE the readers who have not yet collected the recipe for the orange cake in this issue will try this. It was given to me by a Britannia friend and is very good. Quite a change from any other orange cake and grand for dad's lunch box.

ORANGE CAKE

½ cup shortening, 1 cup white sugar, 2 eggs, ¾ cup sour milk, 2 cups flour, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 cup raisins, 1 orange.

Squeeze juice from orange, put rind and pulp through food chopper with the cup of raisins. Cream fat with sugar, add eggs. Sift flour and soda and add to batter alternately with fruit and milk. Bake about one hour in moderate oven, turn out, sprinkle orange juice and sugar on cake while warm.

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Some time since we have seen any reports about "flying saucers" but Mr. and Mrs. Veal saw two round silvery objects travelling at a fast rate toward the city while they were gardening. We wonder if anyone else in the district reported on this.

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Mrs. Frank Luoma does not want to start a gold rush in Gibsons but on cleaning a chicken from there last week she found two small gold nuggets in the crop. Dave Bates thinks it was from the prairie anyway.

Hear the Stonewall (Prutt) Jacksons got safely to the E. & G. camp at Toba. Got a piano now so if and when they get this way we can whip up music to dance to. Page Chuck Oldershaw.

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Sorry to report Leslie Jackson suffered a badly burned hand recently so no more gardening for a while.

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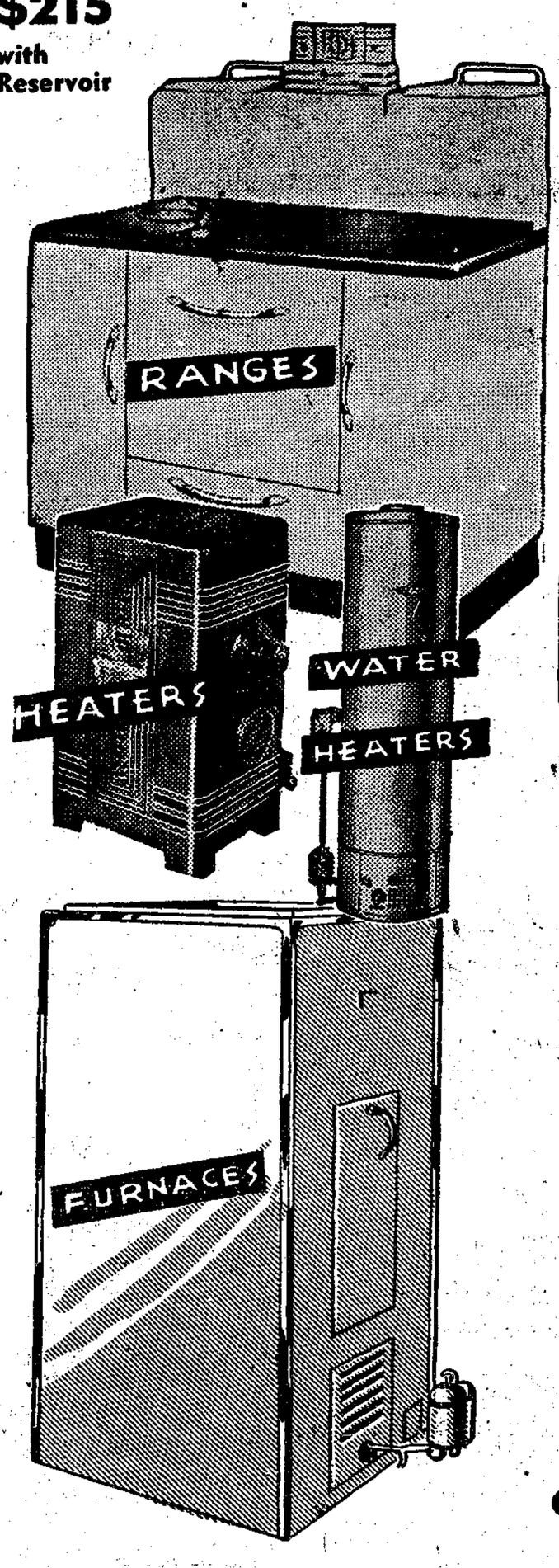
On behalf of local residents and myself, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. R. F. Whittaker, Mrs. D. McLean and their families on the passing away of a dear mother, Mrs. E. M. Mahon on Christmas eve. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brewis and myself called and it is a pleasant memory to recall the happy family gathering at the Ron Whittaker house.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The annual World Day of Prayer is to be held at the Gibsons United Church, Feb. 13, at 2:30 p.m. This is a joint effort of the Protestant churches of the district and is under the auspices of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. The program has been prepared by the members of the World Day of Prayer committee of the United States, and is both interesting and helpful. A soloist and guest speaker will be present . . . plan to attend and ask a friend to join you.

BIBLE READING

THIS second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.—2 Peter 3: 1-9.



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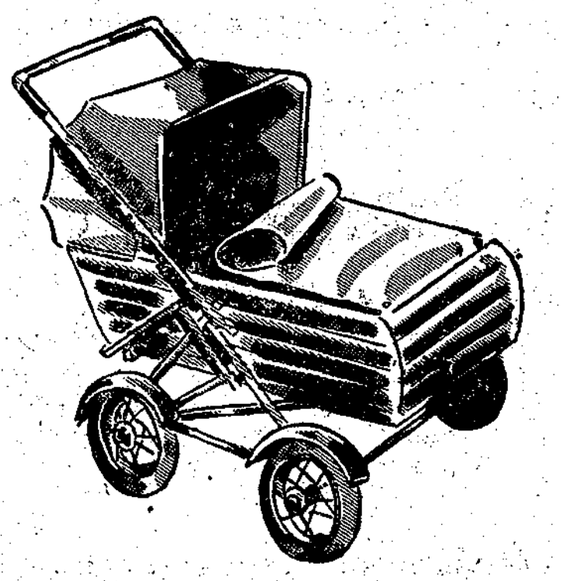

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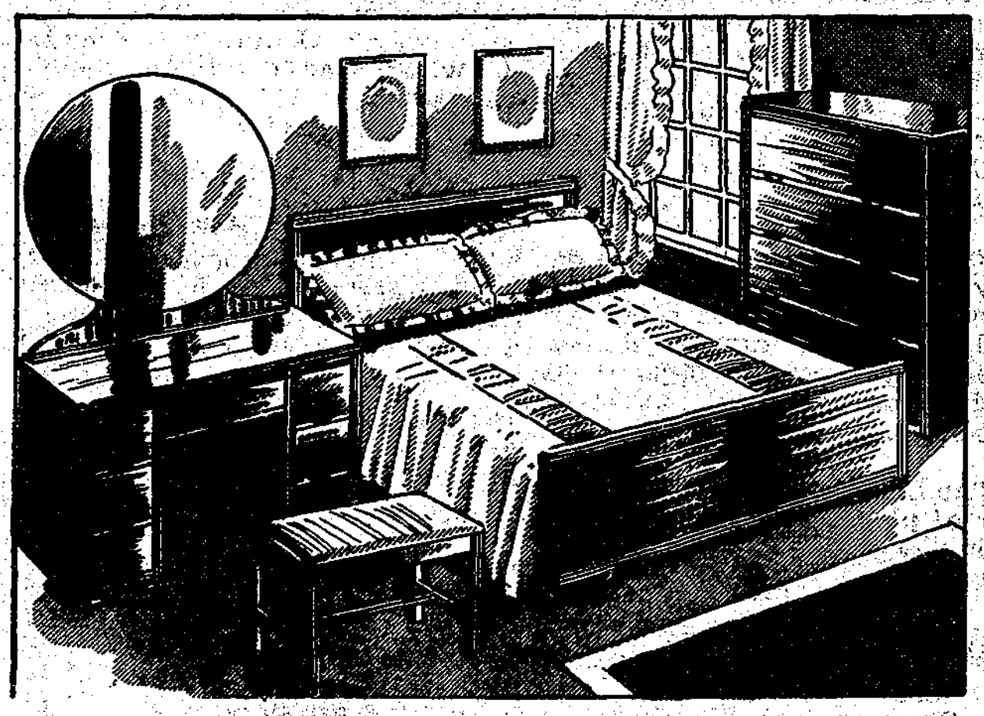

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PORT MELLON

By MRS. S. McGILL

THE teachers and pupils of the Port Mellon are to be complimented on the lovely school concert put on in the school during the holiday season. It was well attended by the parents of the community. The annual community concert was put on by the P.T.A. The children won high praise from all those who attended. Much credit is due not only to the children but to those members of the P.T.A. who devoted their time and effort to the teaching and co-ordination of the talents of the children.

The four new homes up on the hill are occupied now and they are indeed lovely homes. Also the Bremerton duplexes are completed and occupied.

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Our local emergency hospital will soon be completed and will be in charge of Dr. Ployart.

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Our visitors last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. Aull and Mr. R. Smith from Middletown, Ohio.

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A Burns supper was put on Jan. 24 under the auspices of Burns Club. The Haggis was piped in by Mr. A. McLean and Mr. G. Menzies of Vancouver. A concert and dancing was held after and a very good time was had by all.

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The P.T.A. will be having Dr. Kilpatrick from Vancouver giving a lecture at their meeting in February.

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Our annual Klondyke dance will be put on March 13 and the men of the community have already begun to grow their beards as there are prizes for the best one.

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The W.A. is putting on a bazaar on Feb. 11 at 7:30 in the evening. A good attendance is expected.

SECHELT SCHOOL NEWS

By US'N

SECHELT — We would like to congratulate Gibsons on their wonderful basketball teams. We wish that we could have all the conveniences they have. Although we lost both games last Thursday we still had a lot of fun. The girls' game ended with a score of 25-10 in Gibsons favor. Nellie Nelson was Sechelt's star with six points and Ruth Norris came through for Gibsons with 11 points. Gibsons triumphed again in the boys' game with a score of 11-19. Rudy Crucil was our star with eight points and Roy Wallis and Pat Slinn tied for Gibsons with four points each.

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Pro-rec opened again last Tuesday and we hope we get a good crowd from now on. Come on girls, don't you think we'd look good a few pounds lighter. A little community spirit would go good too.

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The Dramatic Club has a number of plays ready to start practicing with. Not that it isn't about time.

POET'S CORNER

TO MY VALENTINE

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet,
And so are you.

It must have been St. Valentine
Who wrote the words above
A simple little nonsense rhyme,
To dedicate to love.

A simple little nonsense rhyme
That bids despair depart
And kindles many a ray of hope
In many a maiden's heart.

For there is magic in these words,
For everyone to share,
The gift of good St. Valentine
To lovers everywhere.

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet,
And so are you.

'Enrietta 'Obbs,
Pender Harbour

GAMBIER HARBOUR

By F.D.

Officers have been elected for P.C.M.R. Unit No. 276 of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada for the coming two years. President, Capt. Francis Drage, J.P.; secretary, S. J. W. Adkins; vice-presidents, Joe Mitchell and C. H. Lugren; executive, G. F. Jones, D.C.M., C. A. Lett, J.P., Frank Heay, R. S. Gates, K. Alexander, F. Lewis, J. H. O'Neil, E .R. MacDougall. Sergeant at arms, Gust Lund.

A license has been granted the Veterans Memorial Hall operated by the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans for the sale of beer. Every Saturday night is club night and all veterans, their ladies and friends are cordially invited. The hours are from 7:00 until 11:30. The hall is well lighted by electricity and has central heating. Games and music are supplied and refreshments are served.

The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans have been very pleased at visits from members of the Canadian Legion from Port Mellon and Gibsons Landing and hope to see other members of these organizations and their friends at an early date.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada are giving a whist drive and dance at the Veterans Memorial Hall on Jan. 28. Proceeds are in aid of the funds of the auxiliary. The president, of the auxiliary is Mrs. G. F. Jones; vice-president, Mrs. F. Bourne and secretary, Mrs. J. W. Boyd.

Messages of goodwill and autographed photos for the new Memorial hall have been received from the following: His Excellency Field Marshall Alexander, Lady Alexander. The Right Hon. Winston Churchill, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhauer and Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery of Alleemaine.

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The new residence of Jack Adkins at Gambier Harbour is now well on the way to completion. Gust Lund has been working on the construction.

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Jack Grennan and his wife Isabelle are completing their new dwelling at New Brighton-Gambier Island.

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Art Galpin, the Anderson brothers and Bill Spendlove have opened up their new logging camp at Brigade Bay, Gambier Island. They are old friends of the residents of Gambier Island and we are glad to welcome them back again.

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The Freeman Logging Co. has moved their operations from Halkett Bay to West Bay, Gambier Island. Gunner Freeman has for some years past conducted logging operations on the island and we wish him continued success.

There were 734,760 occupied farms in Canada in 1941, according to a census of that year, as compared with 728,664 in 1931.

HAPPY EATING

IT IS important to have happy meals—or, as the experts put it: "Psychological gratifications derived from pleasurable meals are as important to health as are the very vitamins and minerals essential to our diet." Eating, according to the authorities, should not be allowed to become a chore, an ordeal nor a race against time.

And it is equally important that surroundings be pleasant and clean when we eat. Those who make a specialty of such studies, tell us that cleanliness is as desirable for its pleasing (and therefore beneficial) effect.

Sechelt School District No. 46

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for Period
January 1st to December 31st, 1947

JANUARY 1st, 1947		
Cash on hand and in bank		$ 8,618.42
Summary of Revenue Accounts		
Current Revenue		
Taxes, Rural	$49,789.00	
Sale Books	537.31	
Sale Supplies	435.97	
Rentals	784.90	
Donations	230.50	
Miscellaneous Revenue	109.27	
		$51,886.95
Government Grants		
Basic Grant	23,780.40	
Transportation	2,958.97	
Building	1,391.70	
Fundamental Equipment	379.75	
		28,510.82
		89,016.19
Expenditure		
Administrative Accounts		
Secretary Salary	960.00	
Office Expense	426.91	
Trustees Expense	1,091.28	
		2,478.19
Instruction Account		
Regular Teachers' Salaries	40,442.77	
Substitute Teachers' Salaries	261.50	
Teaching Supplies	2,080.87	
Registration Fees	12.00	
Books and Library Supplies	1,615.10	
Sports	609.47	
		45,021.71
Operating Account		
Janitors' Salaries	4,919.70	
Janitors' Supplies	599.29	
Fuel	1,520.42	
Light and Power	429.94	
Water	198.72	
		7,668.07
Auxiliary Services Account		
Health Services	1,099.82	
Transportation	7,663.95	
Tuition Fees	168.50	
Board and Lodging Allowance	461.25	
		9,393.52
Maintenance of School Plant and Grounds Account		
Ground Maintenance	325.96	
Building Repairs and Maintenance	2,287.21	
Maintenance and repairs of fundamental equipment	333.38	
		2,946.55
Fixed Charges		
Insurance	86.08	
Workmen's Compensation Board	298.66	
Rents	968.25	
Unemployment Insurance	56.74	
		1,409.73
Capital Account		
Sites and improvements	458.40	
New construction	527.13	
Buildings, alterations and additions	1,128.15	
New Fundamental Equipment	3,142.09	
		5,255.77
		74,173.54
District Funds on Hand at close of term		
Cash in Bank, Savings Account	9,519.28	
Cash on hand and in Bank, current account	5,323.37	
		14,842.65
		$89,016.19

GEO. A. MARSDEN, Chairman ANNE BURNS, Secretary-Treas.

R. TELFORD, Auditor

GIBSONS NEWS

By LILLIAN McPHERSON

NOT ONE little, two little, three little Indians . . . but 39 of them . . . and all with measles. That was the latest development at the Indian school at Sechelt on the day that they might have been released from quarantine. Apparently all incubated their measles for a uniform period, and "hatched out en masse". Sorry, Doc. Allan, but little bugs will be little bugs. Reports indicate that all are recovering without serious complications and that the epidemic has been confined to the school itself.

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A firehall committee of five, Eric Inglis, Clif Leach, Dick Fitchett, Ben Knight, and W. Skellet, have been appointed by the directors of the Ratepayers' Association to draw up plans for the new hall, and proceed with the work immediately. According to Fire Chief Eric Inglis, these plans may include a recreation room to hold small social gatherings, and provide the boys with a retreat for their leisure hours. The building will be of two-storey construction, if plans materialize, and will be located on the corner of the Sechelt Highway adjacent to the phone office. Clearing of the lot will be completed, and foundation laid, and it is expected that building will commence within a fortnight. It is up to you to get out and support these enterprising young volunteer firemen so buy your tickets to the Firemen's dance March 20, now.

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Mrs. S. Benn has returned from a visit of several weeks in Vancouver at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Benn.

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Another car to confuse the poor pedestrians. Joe Shutz gets a taxi . . . and the Lang family acquire transportation . . . and possibly, Joe gets a new customer. Looks like good business to me. How did you do it, Joe?

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A flying visit . . . when Len Griffith called in to see his sister, Mrs. S. Lamonte, for a few hours Sunday, and then dashed off to his tug again.

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Another new baby for Gibsons . . . and we shall be seeing you at the Clinic, no doubt, Roberta Diane Norris has come home with her proud Mama, Mrs. Bob Norris (Effie Stewart). Congratulations to the Norris's and best wishes to all.

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Sorry Mrs. W. Lissiman is under the weather . . . hope it is not too serious, and you are O.K. soon.

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Reports on our new friend, Mrs. Lew Reid are good, and she is making record progress in her post operation recuperation.

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Barbara Graham has brought a bit of honor to the old home town by placing first in her class in the preliminary tests in the A.O.T.S. "Search for Talent" held in St. Andrews Wesley Church, Vancouver. She will return to sing in the second preliminary tests . . . and we are hoping Barbara will be able to do it again.

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A new secretary, Mr. G. Friend, has been appointed to the Ratepayers' Association executive, on the resignation of Mrs. Eileen Nestman, who had assumed that post at the recent election, on the understanding that she would hold it on a temporary basis.

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Roommates . . . P. G. McPherson's real estate office and Les Peterson's printing and office supplies. . . . Mr. Peterson moved in Feb. 1 . . . and from now on the Mrs. P. will take your orders, sir.

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Basketball . . . Gibsons lost to Woodfibre to the tune of 41 to 30 at the Saturday evening game and it was said that better team work and more practice would have helped our side. It was a spirited game, throughout, however, and all good fun. Sorry Woodfibre could not have stayed to finish out the evening at the local dance. Come again.

The University of Copenhagen is about 500 years old, and until 1933 when the University of Aarhus was built, was Denmark's only university.

BOWEN ISLAND

By PEARL PUNNETT

MR. AND Mrs. Wes Graham of Vancouver Island were here this week for a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood.

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Mr. Billy Glenn of Seattle was here for the weekend to visit his mother.

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Miss Molly McKirdy and Miss Phyllis McKay of Vancouver were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James McKirdy.

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The elusive cougar is caught at last. After several weeks of setting traps, Walt Green was at last rewarded by finding one of them filled by the cat caught by its front paw. A shot soon finished it off.

It came back nightly to an old disused chicken house on vacant property overlooking Lake Killarney. It wasn't very large, weighing 105 pounds but it sure had been hanging around here for some months and evaded the cougar hounds when they were up here last summer and again in the fall. Nice going Walt. It pays to be patient, eh?

MONTREAL — Emilio Diaz-Romero, Bolivian consul-general here, said that several thousand shovels are badly needed in Bolivia by men working on railroads and that he is having considerable difficulty in arranging purchases on the Canadian market.

There are more than 5,000 species of bivalves—marine life of which oysters are a member.

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SECRET COVE
By C. GREEN

JOHN Brynelson, with Mrs. Brynelson and Mrs. Russel were recent visitors at the Cove. Mr. Brynelson, travelling in his own boat, had coil trouble after leaving Fisherman's Cove but was able to get under way again and made the balance of the trip with ease.

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Some time ago we mentioned that there was a sailing boat in here whose owner was worth a story. He is but it would take many columns to tell it. However, the owner, I. Leonard, was formerly a ship's carpenter on the Lady Kindersley, Hudson's Bay Co. supply ship. With him as shipmate was Oliver Hanson, Secret Cove. In 1924, about 30 miles east of Point Barrow, the Lady Kindersley was caught in the ice and later abandoned. Airplanes were called to bring the crew out.

Mr. Leonard then returned to the Arctic as a trader and for almost a quarter of a century he travelled the frozen wastes dealing with the Eskimos and white trappers. His last post was in Coronation Gulf.

During his stay in the North, Mr. Leonard met Gontrand de Poncin, author of the best seller, "Kabloona", a story of life with the Eskimos. It was at this time he heard that his former shipmate, Hanson, had been drowned off Cape Scott.

On his way down to Vancouver to get a new engine for his boat, Mr. Leonard called in and anchored in Secret Cove. Oliver Hanson saw and recognized the boat. There was a great reunion.

According to Mr. Leonard the north is not as good as it used to be. There is still some money to be made but government restrictions are more severe and fur prices are too low. He says there will have to be an increase in fur prices before it will be worth while again.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ramsay returned to the city aboard their boat, Smuggler II. They will return in a few days.

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Ralph and David Grover have gone to the city for a few days to negotiate the sale of their farm in Alberta.

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For the past few days there has been thick ice on the Cove down at the northern end and around the government float. For a time it looked as if it too might make a fine setting for a scene from Kabloona. The ice was heaving and grinding along the booms and during the low tides at night it crackled and crashed as it broke over the rocks. However, a brisk south-easter broke it up and in less than six hours the Cove was clear again.

GRANTHAMS LANDING
By JIM RENNIE

AN IRISH philosophical friend of mine whom I knew while living on the prairies said to me once: "You should never have been a farmer Jim—you are always looking up the road". Perhaps he had the slant on me alright as the open road has its thrills. Where does it lead and whom shall I meet, and where do they come from.

Today we met—the stranger and I. "It's cold today, isn't it?" I said. "Well," he replied, "I am from the Peace River and we might call this a summer day."

We discovered that both of us were in Manitoba during the big winter of 1906-7 when the snow was piled up so high in the streets of Winnipeg that one could only see the trolley poles of the street cars, while walking on the sidewalks. He had a farm at Plumb Coulee about 500 yards from the village, the time was late fall in 1906 and the evening clear and cold and not a cloud in the sky. After the chores were done my friend walked over to the hotel for a game of cards and within an hour or so the night became a howling blizzard that lasted for three days.

When the folks got out it was through the roof and all that could be seen of the village were the chimneys.

On reaching home his farm consisted of smoke coming out of a hole in the snow. Luckily in those days fuel and water was stored in the cellar. Two years later we travelled along the right of way of the C.P.R., the wheels of our democrat crunching over the bones of thousands of cattle that had been smothered in snow drifts. Yes, it's a summer day in Granthams.

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The Granthams fire brigade had a workout on Feb. 1 and we understanding the fire engine is in working order again, which is good news to all of us who had a bad scare some time ago.

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Mrs. A. Farquhar has been spending a holiday with her son, Mr. Jack Docker, and his wife at Powell River.

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We regret to hear that Mrs. McLean, wife of Capt. McLean of Soames Point, is indisposed and is under the doctor's care in Vancouver.

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There's a lovely stretch of road between Grantham's wharf and on to Hopkins Landing where I take my daily walk. The other day I remarked to a neighbor that the road had settled and was much easier to walk on and hoped that the road men would leave it alone, but alas no such luck. Along comes a grader and tears up the road, leaving behind a path of stones and mud.

I also noticed a man dig out the ditch which carries the water off the roadway to a culvert. The grader simply put back the dirt and stones into the ditch, choking it once more—a day's work wasted.

If the grader has to be used to keep it in condition I wish Mr. Pilling would order it somewhere else and leave this particular piece of road which used to be a pleasure to walk on to settle into the lovely road it was years ago. As it is one may as well walk along the beach where stones are or would be expected.

It Says Here—
Shopping Around Gibsons
By L. McPHERSON

AFTER battling with my own hair-do's for this past month of Sundays (and it is quite easy to see who won) . . . I was prompted to do a bit of research on the subject and come up with the info. that several who have been much more successful than I (who could be less, sez you) . . . have used some of the new shampoo preparations and they say Prell has quite a number of advantages . . . in a tube, it can't spill, and is less expensive, and very efficient. Could be noted that this gal Doris away on the honeymoon is doing our local pharmacist a good turn . . . for 'tis at his establishment you can find all the makings of a hair-do, from the perm. kits to the aforementioned shampoos.

Then with your hair all up you can swing into action on your spring cleaning campaign. Just check up on the paint situation at the hardware merchants for latest news. And here, sternly to myself, I say, "go thou and do likewise". With literally thousands of square feet of new wood a-thirsting for its coats and coats, (right down to its unnerwear), I am reluctant as the proverbial dragon to start it. But in justice to the new furniture items you are bound to buy at the big Feb. sale you will have to start on the walls, and I mean more than the de-cob-webbing, too.

Dishes, one of my many weaknesses . . . will be marked down too, and you will have an opportunity to cache the old bits and pieces outfit you use in the a.m. (future ammunition, perhaps?) and try a brighter note to tune your days to. If I thought colored ones would induce me and mine to rise earlier I should go in search of a "fire-engine" red collection. Those dishes, and that furniture are on sale at the big hardware store upstairs . . . along with those pottery hosses I talk to every time I go upstairs . . . so far my sales resistance has only slipped and we just neigh at one another, but I can't hold out forever.

Which reminds me, when I left a saddle to be refitted with a new "girdle" that has nothing to do with the new look, at our local shoe store repair man's busy shop, I found some very nice shoes . . . inexpensive, because they are samples. If you have a size 4 foot they are practically all yours. Saw some black kid ones that appealed to me, and knew how the step-sisters of Cinderella felt . . . even without the Prince, which must have been an added attraction, though a doubtful bargain.

Frames for the really good photos now on display for sale in the local real estate office are to be found at the Fifteen. There too, a good stock of bias fold, new knitting books and valentines.

Best wool you'll find up tha' Hill . . . Kroy, which does not shrink, and pastel Jumbo.

Groceries are still worth the walking up for . . . if you doubt it, try it. Which reminds me we must eat, and that it has become a three-a-day chore since they put the lid on my rabbit food . . . frozen food at the cafe is a help and may perk up a tired business man. Found some sticky seeded raisins at the store down the road . . . and while there could not help but wonder out loud why it could not be a "brouse and basket, cash and carry" proposition. For me, clerks pedalling off in four directions on a 50 cent order is something for S.P.C.A.

The yard good shop next door is doing okay with their orders and work is good, materials are even less in price than Van . . . and they have some attractive linens.

Bargains? Try keeping an eye on the table counter at the dress shop. The small fry will appreciate the bundles of very necessary squares . . . now that wet weather makes laundry problems. For Mama . . . nylons . . . or may be a dress like the black with accordion pleat panels I rather liked . . . on the sale rack, too.

So, this is "30" for this week, and by the way, watch our ads . . . what is missed out here, is there in detail . . . and you will know where to get it for sure.

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MORE ABOUT
PROJECTIONISTS

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pictures, but of course not new releases. Examples are, all Betty Grable's technicolor musicals, "Song of Bernadette", "Keys of The Kingdom", "A Tree Grow's in Brooklyn" and "Call of the Wild".

In the theatre world fellows like myself are referred to as "Jack Rabbits" and we are not liked by large theatre concerns because they figure we cut down their business in the cities which I think is pure foolishness. I think we build up a potential movie audience for them. This idea of cutting into their business is why films are not released to us until at least six months after play-dates in town. However, English productions are released before play-dates in town — if prints are available.

In B.C. there are about 25 operating 16 mm. circuits such as mine and believe me we all get fed up hearing our patrons ask "when are you getting such and such a picture?" Nine out of 10 times it's one we can't get because it doesn't exist on 16 mm. film.

There are many other obstacles I have to face every week—the weather being the main one. If it rains Tuesday night at Pender Harbour chances are my audience will be pretty slim, as they have to travel by boat. If it rains on Friday night at Roberts Creek (as it usually does) I may as well go home.

Sechelt, on the other hand, is always good, rain, snow or nice weather—my old faithful customers are there, I refer to the people from the village and a handful of the white population.

But considering the population of Pender Harbour, Sechelt and Roberts Creek my audiences are a very insignificant percentage. For example Pender Harbor has a population of over 1000. My average attendance there is 50 adults and 15 children.

Yes, you'd think that it would be an easy matter to get 200 out of the 1000 at least, but something seems to be wrong — no one seems to want to cooperate with me—the seats are hard? Well, surely a community of this size could do something about it. How about each family donating a kitchen chair—surely they don't expect me to supply chairs in a hall where I pay rent. One would think that a show once a week would be a nice break for the people in these outlying communities—but too many seem to think that they're too good to go and sit on a bench with their fellow neighbors and enjoy a good night's entertainment. All I can say is these people should be dead and buried.

Shows are not kid's stuff. They are entertainment for young and old. I know of dozens, in each community where I show, who have never attended a performance. Surely once in a while at least they could support their only change.

There are a few who look forward to show night each week, namely the kids, and so far I haven't disappointed them by not showing up but believe me I've come very close to giving up the ghost. I know I'll never make a fortune, but I have a wife and child to feed, so the show must go on—rain or shine.

Another point I'd like to mention is this. It is impossible to please everybody in five different communities, all with different tastes. One is a logging camp where such pictures as Roy Rogers are just laughed at and walked out on, whereas the kids want that type of show every week.

So keep in mind what I'm up against and remember you're fortunate to have movies as good as they are in your community where I play to sometimes as low as 10 people compared to 10,000 in one day in some downtown theatres.

I'd like to say thanks a million to my "old faithful" customers who keep the shows going. I really appreciate your patronage and I know that at least they appreciate my efforts. How's about you coming to the show this week?

Thanks,
G. WEST

FOUR CONCRETE SHIPS PURCHASED FOR BREAKWATER

THE FIRST of four concrete cargo vessels built by the U.S. Government for war time service and purchased by the Powell River Company was towed here last Friday to be used as a breakwater for the Company's log pond.

The vessel was the former S.S. John Smeaton and was commissioned in 1944. She is a 5,000 ton ship, 336 feet long.

Three other ships of similar structure will arrive here before the end of the month.

The hulls and decking of these ships are concrete as are the upper decks and the wheel houses. When all ships are anchored in their respective positions, they will extend the present breakwater area and provide complete protection for the Company's log storage pond.

A 500 foot gap will be left off Wharf C allowing log booms to be brought in for storage upon their arrival at Powell River.

Part of the present breakwater at Powell River consists of the two former U.S. cruisers Charleston and Huron, dismantled after the first World War; and the famous old B.C. fishing patrol vessel, Malaspina.

Chinese legend has it that tea was originally a precious "gift of heaven" to a few serene philosophers and princes.

There's Life in the Ships Yet!

AS IF THE gigantic tasks facing the gallant little band which operates the Columbia Coast Mission, an effort of the Church of England in Canada, were not enough, there is the ever-present problem of carrying on financially. Rev. Heber Greene stoutly denies that any of the four Mission ships will quit. "Somehow they will go on," he says, confident that donations from friends, not necessarily of this particular sect for their work is humanity-wide, circumscribed only by the needs of those they meet.

In a stirring appeal for a continuance of the people's interest in B.C. coastal welfare, Rev. Greene pointed out that closing of the Rock Bay hospital (about 80 miles north of Powell River) and the transfer of the Alert Bay hospital to another society does not mean the mission is withdrawing. "There's life in the old dog yet!" shouts the jovial gentleman of the cloth.

"We've four mission ships to care for; St. Mary's Hospital at Pender Harbour (about 40 miles south of Powell River); as well as the Cottages for Aged Folk, also at the Harbour.

"I offer the following facts for your consideration, and then you can judge for yourself whether or not we have a real job to carry on with, and for the ten thousand folks our ships and hospitals and ourselves serve:

"St. Mary's carries on as one of our responsibilities and we see a mighty useful year's work ahead of us. As superintendent, I will do all I can to make the hospital function well and Mr. McColl, the new hospital secretary, is just as eager to make a go of it as I, and between us all, we should see real progress this year. With the growing population in these parts, a population that probably numbers 2,000 within reasonable distance of the hospital, and another two to three thousand down Gibsons way that look to us yet as their hospital if they can't get into Vancouver hospitals, there is a big job on our hands.

"All you need to do to convince yourself of the absolute necessity of a hospital here is to come in to the hospital when it is full of patients and ask them where they all come from. Jervis Inlet, Sechelt Inlet, Lasqueti Island, Texada Island, Halfmoon Bay, Sechelt, and occasionally Gibsons, over 50 miles away by a government highway. No doubt there'll be a hospital built at Gibsons. All power to the project as the population down there is growing by leaps and bounds, and they should have a hospital similar to ours to meet their medical needs. There's room for both hospitals and we wish them luck. Well, that's one big job still on our hands — St. Mary's Hospital, Pender Harbour.

HOME FOR AGED

"And the Aged Folks' Guest Houses just around the point from the hospital have in them the seed of a plan that can be enlarged indefinitely as funds permit. I am giving serious thought to the erection of a central community house into which those of our guests now carrying on under their own steam could move, and at long last give up housekeeping.

"This would save them the grief of trying to get accommodation in the larger provincial institutions in the cities. But it would involve a very substantial capital outlay. Also the employment of a housekeeper who would be a cook and a janitor. Before committing myself to such a plan, I would have to be sure of an initial outlay of $10,000 for the building and equipment, and then have funds to pay what staff the place would require. But there are so few institutions for the aged, that the project has a very strong appeal. Each guest would have his or her own bedroom, and there would be a common sitting-room and a common dining-room. I have in mind accommodation for perhaps ten single guests. The present project of suites for single folk or couples is working nicely but one or two are now near the point where they should be free from the labor of house-keeping.

A BIG JOB AHEAD

"Then down at this end there is the work of the mission ship 'John Antle.' I am her skipper, and I am keen to reach the day when I can devote most of my time to the challenging job of ministering to everybody in this area north of Halfmoon Bay. That in itself is a big job. It grows on one as he slowly builds up a circle of friends in the inlets and on the islands, all of whom eventually come to regard a mission ship as an important standby in the vicissitudes of their lives as fishermen, loggers and settlers. Just today, I was called in for the burial of a young man, Allen Jeffries of Egmont. His whole family connection were there and they had come down from Sechelt Inlet in a fleet of fishing craft, and out in the misery of a snowstorm, we buried the young man, in the little cemetery near Bargain Harbour. It was a pathetic scene, but typical of these events. We gathered around the casket for a few moments in a rough tool shed and to those huddled together in that rough shed, the burial service had as great meaning and comfort as any similar service in the most beautiful of churches. Sorrow binds us together all over this troubled world. One of the men asked me afterwards if I would come and baptize his two children at Egmont. After the brief committal, some of us went to the Warnock's nearby and Mrs. Warnock kindly warmed us with a fine cup of tea.

SPIRIT OF RELIGION

"Almost at once the whole party set out for their far-away homes in their gas-boats, but not without many a kindly greeting and words of gratitude for my simple but heartfelt service. Not long ago these very people gathered in the Egmont school for a wonderful Christmas party where it was my privilege to bring to their children and to them as the parents a touch of the beauty and joy that surrounds the Christmas festival. We had a hilarious evening ending in a dance to music that would hardly stand being broadcast, but that evening's program, in addition to a brief school concert, had been enriched by the telling of the Good News through the medium of sacred art and the interweaving of the gospel narratives. One's ministry in this part of the world (and that same applies to that of my confreres Rollo Boas and my brother Heber and the Christmases) is such a blending of the social and the evangelistic that the people come to regard religion as something inextricably woven into their daily life. We "get over" to our flock what in the set order of church life in a city is difficult—that all life, not just those moments you spend amid the beauty of a church, is part of the Divine order. I hope that as the years roll by I may help fishermen or loggers feel that aboard their little craft or out on the slope of a mountain they are Sons of God and that in the ruggedness of their task, they are partners with the Son of Man, and that He shares with them all that falls to them day by day.

EACH MUST DO HIS BEST

"This applies to the work the 'Rendezvous,' the 'Columbia' and the 'Gwayee' do, with their crews, both lay and clerical. Each man, a skipper, an engineer, a cook or a parson, provided he gives his best to his job and with a glad heart, fills out the picture of the great task that is ours.

"Men and women, and children coming aboard our ships for healing of body, mind and soul, or wending their way on foot or by sea to little gatherings of like people who willingly seek what the Church through this mission still has to offer them. 'There's life in the old dog yet!' There certainly is, and life that must be sustained by your generosity in the years to come.

Again and again out of a blue sky, comes a letter from a far away friend who probably will never see us at work, with a few dollars "For your splendid work." I always feel a bit embarrassed about that word splendid, when I realize how far short of it we fall. I think they mean your "unique" work. There are thousands of men and women throughout Canada doing the same kind of thing and under far greater difficulties. Ours being a sea-faring job, it has perhaps the colourful touch of a sailor's life. As long as the Church stands behind us with a steady procession of workers who will take our places as we leave the picture.

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