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Essay Contest Winners

Sechelt Students Present Views On Incorporation

A CONTEST among high school students was recently sponsored by the Sechelt Improvement Association to select the best essays for and against incorporation as a village. The contest was held among the high school students and the writers of the two winning essays were Jeanne MacRae who advocated incorporation and Yvonne Brooker who recommended that the district postpone incorporation.

The Coast News takes pleasure in printing Miss MacRae's essay this week and will print Miss Brooker's in next week's issue.

MISS MacRAE'S ESSAY

For its size and location Sechelt is 20 years behind the times. A community situated as closely as it is to the third largest city in Canada should be far more up to date. The first step in this direction would be to incorporate as a village.

To do this it is first necessary to obtain a charter, which specifies distinctly the powers, obligations, and limitations of the new local government. Then the ratepayers elect a council which may consist of a village clerk and a treasurer. With the exception of the village clerk, who receives $25 a month, members of the council receive no remuneration. The village would consist of an area of not more than 1,000 acres.

If the area were incorporated as a village, the local land taxes and business taxes, which amount to a large amount annually, would be paid to the village clerk instead of going to the provincial government. This would make it possible to use these funds for local improvement as the need arises.

To obtain most necessities except food, it is necessary to spend money elsewhere, sometimes even as far away as Winnipeg. If Sechelt had good stores that could supply these needs at reasonable prices, most of this money would be kept in the community.

Incorporation with the added civic improvements it would bring, would attract people who could provide these business services. Necessary civic improvements are sidewalks, street lighting, fire protection, a community hall, better bathing facilities and beach improvements, and an extended water supply.

Sechelt has grown very rapidly in the last three or four years. The time has arrived when building restrictions must be imposed to prevent the building of unsightly shacks, which greatly depreciate the value of adjoining property.

There is fear that incorporation will increase the taxes. Experience has shown that in some villages the taxes have actually been reducd 25 to 50 percent. The government will still maintain the main highway, the school and the policing. There is no danger of bankruptcy as there is now a law in effect which states that a community cannot borrow any more than 75 percent of what they expect to collect in taxes during the fiscal year. This law was not in effect when South Vancouver, Burnaby and North Vancouver 'went broke'.

The prosperity and progress of a community depends upon the resourcefulness of enterprising citizens and the only way we can have their combined effort is through incorporation. Without incorporation or planning a village will grow like a garden which has been planted and left to grow on its own—choked with weeds.

Reader Criticizes Dentist Prosecution

The Editor, Coast News.

Sir: During the past week a respectable citizen of our district was punished by a rather substantial fine in our law court because he did "Pull teeth, Fill teeth, and otherwise acted and performed with the ability and thoroughness of a qualified dentist". It is now revealed that he did not carry a Union Card or whatever credentials are necessary in the eyes of the Dental profession.

It would be interesting to know whether this 'August Body' who prosecuted this friendly little fellow are intending to send in a qualified dentist who has a nice shiny "Sheepskin" to hang on the wall. The public always looks askance at any individual or group who are quick to take negative action but slow to do something positive about a situation. There are many angles to this problem of which here are a few—

1. We have 4,000 people in this district and no dentist.
2. This gentleman never solicited anyone.
3. His work has been equal on the average to any FORMALLY qualified dentist.
4. He never claimed to be in the PROFESSION.
5. The majority of those accepting treatment knew this fact.
6. Many children in great pain and disturbing the whole household were treated at moderate cost.
7. Union men and their families patronized him.
8. Do you remember the story of the 'Dog in the Manger'?

We are all law-abiding citizens but there comes a time when august bodies because of their power turn prosecution into PERSECUTION with reasons as logical and sound as carrying water in a paper bag. I often wonder what the health of the district would be like if a couple of young men in Gibsons had not been charitable enough to settle there instead of going to the city where advancement and remuneration far exceed their present prospects. Lucky for us they have their SHEEPSKINS.

Let us hope that the dental college will do something positive in this case and put away their A bombs.

Yours for a beter world,
J. L.

Teen Towners Present Report On Convention

By Earle Gray

TEEN Town mayors flocked to Vancouver from all over B.C. to attend the third annual Teen Town Mayor's convention. One mayor came from as far as Dawson Creek while another flew in from snow-bound Quesnel. Altogether 160 delegates were present.

And now that it is all over, the luncheons finished, 60 resolutions passed, and the Teeners' Ball no more than a memory, the members of Sechelt Teen Town are due a report on the event.

The affair started on Friday and Ray Gardner, Vancouver Sun feature writer who has just completed a tour of England and parts of Europe as a Kemsley scholarship winner, spoke on present conditions in England and Germany. He described Britain's short rations and also their dogged determination to keep working and come out on top.

Phil Ashton, Teen Aid president, presented Dave Anslow, mayor of Kitsilano Teen Town, with a pennant proclaiming Kitsilano as the top Teen Town of the year.

After this the first business session was held at the veteran's memorial centre. Here discussion was divided into four groups; Teen Town problems and administration; dance ideas and special events; and publicity, Teen Town papers and radio programs.

Next morning resolutions were further discussed at the Burrard Lions Youth Centre. At noon we were guests of the city at a luncheon at Stanley Park Pavilion. Acting Mayor George C. Miller spoke to us and paid a tribute to the Vancouver Sun for its work in sponsoring this movement, "which is helping to teach the young people the basic facts of our democratic way of life".

Noni Rolston, 14-year-old West Point Grey member, was presented an engraved compact as the 11,000th Teen Towner in B.C., by John Lecky, assistant publisher of the Sun.

Among the more important resolutions passed were the following:

1. A mail order course, entitled "Teen Town College" and dealing with the basic philosophy of Teen Town and its administration, will be established and available to all Teen Town members.
2. The Teen Town Bureau was given power to suspend the affiliation of any Teen Town that does not adhere to "the spirit and letter of the Teen Town idea".
3. Standard dance posters are to be issued to Teen Towns for the purpose of advertising dances and indicating that the dances are held in accordance with the four basic rules: no drinking, no smoking, no gambling, and no profanity.
4. An annual award will be made for the best Teen Town column in local weekly newspapers.

The conference came to a close with the big Teener's Ball on Friday night, at which Les Farwell, from Gibsons was crowned Leap Year King. For this honor he received a great big stage kiss and hug from Miss Lorraine McAllister, popular C.B.C. artist who sings with Dal Richard's orchestra, when she presented him with his crown.

Editorial

ON MARCH 18, an automobile, owned by Dick VanKleet, Sechelt mechanic was impounded under British Columbia's pink slip law following a minor collision with a vehicle driven by Thomas H. Tait.

A striking example of the personal inconvenience and hardship that can result from becoming involved in an accident under the present legislation is borne out by the fact that although VanKleet immediately paid the $35 damages, his car was reported still impounded at the time this was written, (Tuesday, April 6).

Van Kleet is a logging company employee and if his employer had not provided him with transportation he would still be walking to work. Since the accident he has taken out insurance and the insurance company has filed notice of his financial responsibility but meanwhile he is still without his car while awaiting action from Victoria.

It seems an unfair amount of inconvenience for such a minor accident.

Pre-Nuptial Shower Honors M. Freeman

PENDER Harbour—Mrs. Ray Dusembury and Mrs. Ed Sparling were co-hostesses at a pre-nuptial shower in honor of Miss Margaret Freeman in the lounge room of Garden Bay Lodge March 29. Assisting were Misses Lillian Lewis and Patsy Lee and Mrs. Lloyd Davies.

The bridal corner was tastefully decorated with clusters of white bells and pink streamers. A beautifully decorated umbrella, depicting a "shower" hung over a table loaded down with gifts.

W.A. Sale Proves Oustanding Success

By Earle Gray

THE RECENT West Sechelt Auxiliary sale of work, home cooking and raffle, held at the Sechelt Inn was a marked success, largely due to the generosity of Mrs. E. Fredrickson who donated the refreshments as well as a beautiful Indian basket and a tray, both of which were raffled.

Winner of the basket was Mrs. R. S. Symning, while Miss Kitty Pearson held the lucky raffle ticket for the tray.

One of the features of the afternoon was the home cooking stall. Another centre of attraction was the sale of work, which included much hand made children's and babies wear.

Proceeds of the tea help to form the necessary money for a new V.O.N. nurse in the district.

Thanks go also to the Canadian Bakeries for their donation of $5.

Hilda Harris, J. Archer Wed In City Ceremony

A RECENT Vancouver wedding of interest to Sechelt residents was the exchange of vows between Hilda May Harris, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harris of Vancouver, and Joseph E. F. Archer. The wedding took place at Robertson Presbyterian Church. Rev. Sydney Barber officiated.

The bride wore a white jersey gown which featured an embroided net yolk. Her floor-length veil cascaded from a beautiful Mary Queen of Scots headdress. The bridal bouquet of white iris and pink carnations was intermingled with white heather.

Mrs. R. Willoughby, the bride's sister, was matron of honor. She chose a gown of turquoise blue figured silk and net, and a fan bouquet of pink and mauve stocks. Miss Jean Robertson, brides-maid and soloist was gowned in pink lace and net.

Earle Gray of Sechelt was best man, while Mr. R. Willoughby, the bride's brother-in-law, A. E. Asselstin, Wilson Creek, Harold Nelson, Sechelt and Douglas Anothy, Vancouver were ushers.

After a reception at the Forester's Hall, at which there were more than 140 guests present, the couple left for Victoria by boat. For the trip the bride chose a grey coat with matching hat veil and black accessories.

Upon their return the couple will reside here at Sechelt, where they are building their home. Until the construction of their house is completed they will reside in one of the Union S.S. cottages along the waterfront.

JOHN LUND BUYS SECHELT STORE

SECHELT—In a recent transaction the Summit General Store in West Sechelt exchanged hands. Mr. A. Hanson and his sister, Mrs. Hartman, former proprietors, have sold out to Mr. and Mrs. John Lund of New Westminster.

This is the first venture of this type for the Lunds. Mr. Lund is a fisherman while Mrs. Lund has recently been employed as a laboratory technician in St. Mary's and the Royal Columbian hospitals in New Westminster.

They will continue to carry the same general line of groceries and no changes are expected in the near future. However this summer the Lunds plan on installing a small coffee bar for the sale of soft drinks and ice cream.

The Lunds stated that if the people of West Sechelt desired a sub-post office here, the Summit would be glad to accomodate it. However the initial start must come from the people of West Sechelt.

More than $6,000 in food, clothing, medical and school supplies will go soon to needy children abroad as the result of contributions by British Columbia school children to the Canadian Appeal for Children. Millions of children in war-stricken areas will be helped by these donations.

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GAMBIER HARBOUR
By F.D.

THE BIG event over the Easter Season was the dance given at the Veterans Memorial Hall, on Saturday night by The Army, Navy and Air Force veterans. Residents came from New Brighton, West Bay and East Bay and Gambier Harbour turned out in force.

It was unanimously voted one of the most successful events given by our veterans and most of the Easter visitors attended. It is expected that next Saturday a large number will be attending Club night.

Among our Easter visitors at the varied Gambier Island points were noticed Mrs. MacLean, Mr. Burchell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore of New Brighton, Mr. and Mrs. Howe who recently purchased the Burgess property near Avalon Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Tuhey and family, Miss N. M. Hazlitt and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smyth and family of Gambier Harbour, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson of West Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bell of East Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mitchell of East Bay had house guests over the Easter season. Among these was Mrs. Mitchell's sister from West Vancouver.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. MacDougall at the North Vancouver General Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. MacDougall are residents of East Bay and he represents the new veterans on the executive of the local veterans unit. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Macdougall.

The residents of East Bay held day March 25. This time they decided to hold this function at the hall at Horseshoe Bay.

More than 65 persons attended and it was unanimously voted a most successful evening. A first class orchestra was in attendance and the dance lasted until the wee small hours. As usual, Joe Mitchell's boat the Xriffa took a large contingent from East Bay. What the residents of Gambier would do without Joe and his boat is a matter on which we often ponder.

Mr. C. H. Corkum had a large house party over the Easter season at his farm at Keats Island. Mr. Corkum is well known to the residents of Gambier Island and served in the P.C.M.R. during the last war. He is principal of King George High School, Vancouver.

Major and Mrs. John Heath, their daughter Aldene and son Lloyd were guests of Mr. W. S. Bradbury over the Easter season. Major Heath was a distinguished soldier of World War I and holds the Order of the British Empire and the Military Cross. He served both in France and India and holds many other decorations. It is a matter of pride to our veterans that Major Heath is a member of our local organization.

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Lv. Sechelt 4:00 p.m.
Lv. Wilson Creek 4:10 p.m.
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Ar. Sechelt 3:15 p.m.
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Ar. Vancouver 9:00 p.m.
Lv. Halfmoon Bay 8:00 a.m.
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Lv. Wilson Creek 8:50 a.m.
Ar. Vancouver 11:00 a.m.

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Ar. Sechelt 1:15 p.m.
Ar. Halfmoon Bay 2:00 p.m.
Ar. Pender Hbr. 3:00 p.m.
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TRIP 2 (North)
Gulf Mariner
Lv. Vancouver 6:30 p.m.
Ar. Sechelt 8:45 p.m.
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Lv. Pender Hbr. 3:30 p.m.
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Kitchen Kapers

By JANE DRURY

APRIL is here with its familiar friendly showers and its surden cloudburst of end-of-Lent festivities. Perhaps the April hostess will find an inspiration from the recipes I have for you this month.

MEAT LOAF ROAST

3 cups soft course bread crumbs, 1½ pounds minced lean beef, 1½ tsp. salt, ⅛ tsp. pepper, ⅓ to ⅔ cup chopped onion, 2 eggs, 1 tbsp. beef dripping, 2 tbsps. thick condiment sauce. Prepare the bread crumbs. Turn the beef into a large bowl and loosen thoroughly using a fork. To the beef, add the crumbs, salt, pepper and onion to your liking; mix very thoroughly but lightly. Beat the eggs slightly and stir in the condiment sauce; add to meat mixture and again mix thoroughly but lightly. Shape loaf in a greased shallow pan, using lightest pressure. Dot top with the dripping. Bake in moderate oven 350 deg. about 1½ hours, basting two or three times during baking. Make gravy as for any roast.

It's a clever cook who can serve a delicious meal even when the family's late and the food has to wait. Here are a couple of recipes to serve at such a time.

BAKED CREAMED ONIONS

If you think that dinner may be delayed, fix onions this way. They'll not lose flavor or attractiveness, even if they are not served as soon as baked. Peel, quarter and arrange in the bottom of a greased casserole: 6 to 8 medium-sized onions. Pour over 2 cups medium white sauce. Cover the casserole. Bake 40 minutes in a moderate oven (350 deg. F.), then remove the cover and continue baking 20 minutes, or until brown. Serves, 6 to 8.

GREEN BEANS IN PIQUANT MUSTARD SAUCE

The sharp mustard dressing adds relish to canned beans. They are quickly prepared and are equally savory hot or cold. Their flavor improves if they stand for a short time. Blend into a paste in saucepan: 1 tbsp. drippings, 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour, 1 to 2 tsps. sugar, ½ tsp. salt, 2 tbsps. prepared mustard, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 2 tsps. vinegar. Drain liquid from 2 cups canned green beans. Add liquid to paste mixture. Cook over low heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Mix in drained beans; continue cooking until beans are hot. Beans may also be chilled and served as a relish. This quantity serves 6.

If you are a busy lady and would like some nice tasty tender supper rolls, try the following recipe.

Did you know that famous chefs win their reputations on the unusual and subtle flavors of the dishes they serve. The bouquet of several herbs left in the soup or sauce for just a few minutes has made French cooking famous. Many a housewife could win her reputation as a cook by adding a clove to her stew, a pinch of ginger to the pot roast, a little nutmeg to the squash or a touch of mace in tomato soup. The secret lies in the small amounts used which season yet retain the natural flavor of the food.

Rhubarb is on market again. How do you like yous—stewed and chilled—maybe jellied—topping a topsy-turvy pudding—used for shortcakes—strained and poured for a cocktail—I like mine in marmalade—as follows: put 2 oranges and 1 lemon through food chopper. Chop 4 lbs. rhubarb and add with 1 pound of raisins to orange and lemon mixture. Add 5 pounds of sugar and let stand half an hour. Bring to a boil and simmer ¾ of an hour stirring constantly. Pour into sterilized jars.

QUICK SUPPER ROLLS

These are tender versatile little rolls in that they save time and may be baked or stored. Bake them when mixed and raised, or store the dough in the refrigerator for a day or two. I often spoon the dough into the muffin pans, refrigerate it overnight, and then bake them when needed. Grease well, muffin pans for 18 rolls. Mix in large bowl, ¼ cup shortening, 1 tsp. salt, 2 tbsps. sugar, 1¼ cups lukewarm water. Stir in, 1 egg well-beaten, 1 cake fresh yeast crumbled, then add 3½ cups sifted all-purpose flour, all at once. Beat with fork to make a soft dough. Spoon dough into muffin pans, filling half full. Cover with a damp cloth; let rise in a warm place about 1 hour, or until light. Bake rolls in a 425 deg. F. oven for 20 minutes or until lightly browned.

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SECHELT

By ARIES

EASTER holidays have now come to an end, as all good things must. We will now dust the cobwebs out of the old brain that have accumulated in the last ten days, and settle down on the last lap of the school year.

We have three newcomers in the school. One is Dick Gaines from West Vancouver. The Gaines are now living in Selma Park. A great many of you will remember Dick from his summer stay in Selma, when he played on the Sechelt ball team. As well as Dick there are Donald and Kieth Head, also new residents in Selma Park. We wish to welcome all of you to Sechelt school.

Due to the efforts of the grade nine boys, there is now a backstop adorning the school ball field. Very nice job too, fellas.

Yvonne Brooker celebrated her 17th birthday on Sunday, with a party in her home. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robilluard and son Dean, Miss Jean McRae, Miss Doreen Doyle and Mr. Tom Reynolds.

APPROXIMATELY $15 was raised for the newly-formed auxiliary to the V.O.N. at a social evening at the home of Mrs. Dora Doyle on April 2. Cards were enjoyed and winners were Mrs. J. Parker and Mrs. H. Billingsley. The door prize was won by Mrs. S. Killick. Among those present were Mrs. Dora Doyle, Miss Doreen Doyle, Mrs. Kay Mee, Mrs. Dorothy Robilliard, Mrs. June Smith, Mrs. Alice French, Mrs. Lillian Powell, Mrs. Cecil Lawrence, Mrs. Billie Simning, Mrs. Margaret Newcomene, Mrs. Alice Beat, Mrs. Thelma Brooker, Mrs. Betty Billingsley, Mrs. Jennie Kean, Mrs. Doreen Mills, Mrs. Phyllis Parker, Mrs. Dorothy Larsen, Mrs. Lee Redman.

It is hoped to have many of these informal gatherings, and the regular meeting will be held at Rockwood Lodge on April 13 at 8 p.m. Any ladies in Sechelt who wish to join this auxiliary will be welcome at this meeting when plans will be made for the next meetings.

A grand time was enjoyed at the Indian village on Easter Monday with their usual day of sports. The highlight was the tug-of-war when the single men on the team defeated the married men. A dance was held in the community hall to the music of the village orchetsra. Visiting here were two well known Indian chiefs, Charlie Jimmy and Tommy Paul, both of Squirrel Cove.

Bob Jefferies of Egmont, well-respected Indian resident and a brother of Abraham Jefferies of the village here, died suddenly on Sunday after a heart attack while he was shaving at his home. Burial was in the cemetery here.

Caroline and Ronald Joe are the proud parents of a baby girl born Easter week at Pender Harbour hospital. The baby's name is Jennifer.

Among recent donations to the Sechelt Library (non fiction) are: Boswell. Life of Samuel Johnson (3 vol.); Molloy. Rise of the Dutch republic (3 vol.); Fitzgerald. Life of Charles Lamb; Emerson. Works and Essays (3 vol.); Autobiography of Sir John Martin-Harvey.

New books this week: Web of Days by Edna Lee; Home Port by Olive Higgins, and Valiant Lady by Brigid Knight.

BRITANNIA BEACH

By "SLIM"

HELLO Folks! After three and a half weeks away I'm home again and by the look of the house, I'm glad spring cleaning is just around the corner.

Well the Club had a community smoker. I wasn't there myself but by all accounts it went over with a bang. They had entertainers from Vancouver, among them was our Fred Bass, who is always worth seeing and many other fine entertainers.

Fran Downie was emcee and brought the house down in fits all evening.

Well, our Cash Dickie left by plane on April 4 for Australia, so we will all be anxious of news of her and wish her every bit of luck and success.

Was in to see Harry Ades and he is looking and feeling fine after his operation and we hope he will soon be back at work.

Saw Mr. Sawyer on Saturday and he wasn't feeling very well. He had a bad cold, but it was nice to see him up and around again.

Again our Chatterbox has changed hands, Mr. and Mrs. Erickson have left to reside in Horseshoe Bay, so our Agnes McDonald and Nick Gayer have taken it over, so I wish them the best of luck and every success.

Was reading up on my Coast News that came while I was away and reading Dorothy Erickson's column at Wilson Creek made Wes and me laugh, she said my column made her homesick and would have liked to have been at the Browning party.

Well folks, I will buzz for another week, unless I get too stuck up with paste. I'm ready to start papering next week, so everyone beware. So long.

HELLO Folks! Another week and I'm still out gadding in the country and enjoying it. Well, Easter has gone by once again, we all went to church and how I enjoyed it, especially the choir (35) singing solos thrilled me. There was a gay array of hats, some looking like a flower garden, others like a bird shop.

Well we are sorry to have one of our young old-timers going to Australia, but not on a pleasure trip. Our Cash Dickie, wife of Gordon Dickie is leaving by plane next Sunday to take the Braund cancer cure. There is so little one can say, only we wish her the best of luck and happy landing and that we are all pulling for her.

Well, a gang of us went to the Carnival the other night and were like a bunch of teeners riding the airplanes, ferris wheel etc., none of us won anything and came home broke.

Well folks this is all for now. I'll be home on Wednesday, so hope to get some local news again. Cheerio.

SECRET COVE

By C. GREEN

A NEW logging operation has started here and will use the old Jorgenson dump for unloading. The company is Frostrup Logging Co. Mrs. Inez Willison has several company men staying at her place and she is doing the cooking for them.

The Cove will be empty this coming week. Among those missing will be Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ramsay, Tom Kirk, Tom Sinclair, Oliver Hansen and the Grover brothers, Ralph and Dave. All are going to the city for a short time.

Bob and Daisy Hepburn, aboard their boat, Alanbo, were here for a short time. Mrs. Hepburn has a kitten of which she is very proud. It is a cute little thing and will stand up on its hind legs and fight like a boxer. Of late two of our dogs have taken up the kitten's challenge and it keeps Mrs. Hepburn busy making sure her kitty is safe aboard the boat when these sworn enemies are on the float.

Mrs. M. Campbell spent Easter holidays at her home here, Chetla. With her were John Kendall and his wife.

Mr. Carl Larsen, an old timer here, is tied up while he completes the work on his boat.

WILSON CREEK and DAVIS BAY

THE LOCAL effort by our district's V.O.N. branch was boosted by a big crowd March 31 at the president's home when cribbage and bingo was enjoyed. Sid Smith had high score for crib and kindly donated his prize money to the fund.

We had quite a time seating all the bingo players. The Brownings Sr., were looking very glum until they got three cards in a row, which perked them up. Grand do-nuts and coffee were served by the hostess before the crowd said goodnight. We would like to remind ladies of the monthly meeting at Mrs. Stan Arbo's home at 3 p.m., April 12.

Mrs. J. Baird was up for the week end to take the family back to the city with other school-age visitors who were at the H. Roberts for the holidays. Sorry we did not have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Baird sing, but hope to do so in the summer season.

The J. Rentons had a visit from Allan Benman who is in the logging business and formerly of Port Neville.

Mr. F. Mutter and Tommy were in the city recently to visit J. Mutter who is seriously ill in hospital.

Wharfingers Turn Down Harbour Operation

NEWEST development in the problem of who will administer Westview's small boat harbour, when completed, came this week in the announcement by W. R. Beatty, field supervisor of Johnson National Storage Ltd., that his firm has declined to assume the harbour operation.

Mr. Beatty said his company had been asked by the Department of Transport to take over the harbour. Johnson National Storage turned down the offer this week.

Prelude to this announcement was the protest by the district wharf committee to James Sinclair M.P. against a suggestion that the present wharfingers, (Johnson National Storage) jurisdiction be extended to include the small boat harbour.

Local organizations represented on the wharf committee, have been asked to reiterate their approval of a harbour commission plan, in preference to a private company. Westview Ratepayers' voted last week to declare themselves in favor of a three-man commission operating the harbour.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Ian Savage and Michael Farrell, representatives to the wharf committee, said it was felt that a public service, such as the small boat harbour, would be best administered under a commission.

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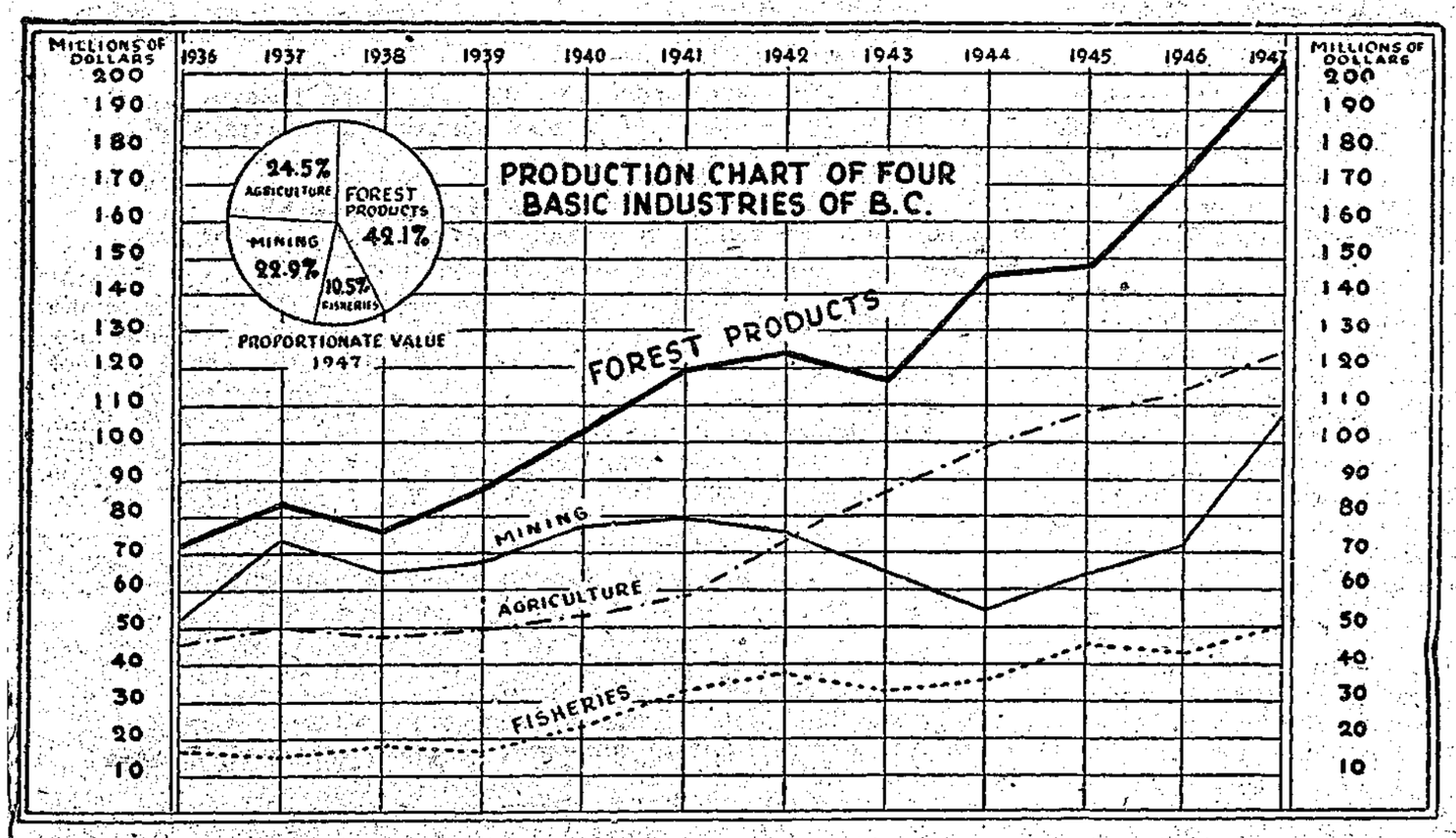


(Chart by "British Columbia Lumberman")

ABOVE is a comprehensive record of the value of British Columbia's industries in terms of dollars for the year 1947. Significant is the increase in the production value of the Forest Industries which total increased $31,500,000 over 1946 to $215,000,000 in 1947. The Pulp and Paper Industry made a sizeable contribution to British Columbia's 1947 income from its forest Industries; an amount in excess of $60,000,000, almost 30 percent of the total income from Forest Products Industries. The Pulp and Paper Industry consumes 12 percent of the total soft woods log-cut and increases the value of the logs so converted at least 30 percent more than lumber products, that is in terms of the total market value of the various paper products so produced.

Archie Cawley Sails to Africa

By Earle Gray

SECHELT—The only passenger aboard the SS Lake Atlin when docked at East London, a small South African port on March 23, was Archie Cawley, former clerk of the Union SS Store in Sechelt and one-time resort owner at Davis Bay.

The Lake Atlin, a Vancouver-built freighter of some 10,000 tons, left Portland, Oregon, Jan. and arrived at East London 53 days later.

In a recent airmail letter to this country, Mr. Cawley related that the ship ran into a heavy storm the first day at sea. The result was a hodge-podge of catsup, sugar and broken crockery over nearly everything. However, from then on until they reached the Panama Canal the weather grew warmer and calmer every day. On February 21 the ship made Trinidad and Mr. Cawley had his first shore visit. Partly because he was unable to obtain breakfast and partly because the town did not possess a friendly atmosphere, the shore leave was a disappointing one.

Two days out of Trinidad, his ship picked up an S.O.S. from a Greek ship that had lost its propeller. The SS Lake Atlin towed the crippled ship into Trinidad. This gave Mr. Cawley another chance to see this tropical port. This time in company with three of the ships officers he visited the swanky night clubs of the city.

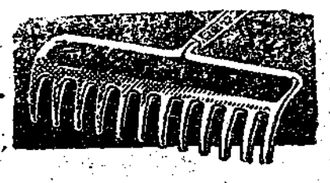
The next day they were again under way, and, after a few more storm-tossed days at sea they crossed the equator. It was not long after that before they crossed the Cape, an event well worth remembering. It was then but a few short days before Mr. Cawley reached his destination.

Ask for Change In Forest Act

UNANIMOUS decision to urge the B.C. Legislature to either amend or repeal the section of the Forest Act dealing with the granting of forest management licenses was taken by the Powell River District Progressive Conservative Association at a meeting on Tuesday evening.

In a formal motion the Association drafted a resolution which will be sent to the leaders of all parties in the Legislature and to all members stating that the perpetuation of the forest reserves of British Columbia should be assumed and carried out by the provincial government; that the cost of such perpetuation should be borne by the logging industry and collected from the industry either by way of increased stumpage or royalties or by some other equitable method.

Lawrence S. Eckardt, president of the association, stressed that it was the unanimous opinion of the members that if the controversial section were allowed to remain on the statute books of British Columbia in its present form it would result in the "liquidation and industrial extinction of the majority of small independent logging operators in the province and thereby seriously infringe the democratic doctrine of free enterprise".



THIS PLOT OF EARTH

by SANDY LOAM

APRIL will be the great seed sowing month this year, except for the lucky people with cold frames and greenhouses to help with an early start. Most vegetables except beans, corn and the vines may be sown now; a lot depending on the drainage and lay of the land.

There is still time for such of the hardy annuals that were not sown last Fall, and perennials may still be divided this year. Iris and Peony are best moved in summer, but if planted shallow will often bloom the first year. We took up two peonies for a friend some days back; they had never bloomed, but we found them far too deeply placed for comfort. Their buds should never be more than two inches below the soil. Bearded Iris like to have their fleshy rhizome baked by the sun; an old gardener says, "Plant it like a duck on the water; at least half exposed."

We were privileged to visit the largest Alpine nursery in B. C. the other day, and were amazed at the many thousands of tiny pots of plants, some very rare, that they grew. And we realised something of the labour involved and shall not begrudge the dollar or so for a new primrose or tiny shrub when we can afford them in the future.

One plant only of that south of France lavender, Stoechas, was left and we were glad to get it. Carrying it home we met a lady lavender enthusiast who asked how many lavender farms were on this peninsula. Can any reader enlighten us? As lavender thrives on rather lean well drained soil and needs little care to grow, she thought we should be sharing in the money that is available to even small growers!

We looked over their dwarf primroses, and bought a couple of nice Juliana hybrids; we were advised of what they believed to be the best source of Polyanthus Primula seed, and discovered that the grower was formerly a famous concert pianist, and now at the top of the tree as a primrose grower in Oregon. Our dollar for a packet is on the way!

Another day we saw an elderly man planting out hundreds of tiny primroses on some newly dug bottom land, very black and peaty. Being curious we went over and spoke to him; he explained that he had just moved there; showed me a tiny all year stream that had sold the place to him; also a long bank of cold frames with potted primroses in bloom, which he said he raised for the market. He was a Dutchman and said he raised the plants because he liked them and to get butter for his bread! Told me that I should be surprised in a year's time at the difference in the place; there would be growing things everywhere, and even paint on the shabby little house.

Which brings us back to an old subject, "Pin Money Gardening", that resort of many gardeners the world over, who like to add to income by their favorite hobby, gardening.

Here we have not ready access to markets that some people possess, but we could grow the rarer small plants and shrubs, lavender for its flowers, early violets, and a great many plants for their seeds. The great thing is to specialize, after studying the possibilities of the soil and oneself. Two neighbours of mine on an Island made upwards of a hundred dollars each year from widely different flowers; one sent daffodils to the prairies and the other violets to Victoria. Sandy Loam

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School Costs Will Continue to Rise

- B.C.'s population will continue to grow through immigration which will bring eventually added prosperity but immediately increased education costs.
- The rising birth rate of the war years is only just now beginning to affect school enrolments.
- There should be a general reduction in class size as soon as the shortage of teachers has been alleviated.
- Teachers' salaries are still too low.

Whether the source be provincial or municipal revenue, MORE MONEY MUST BE FOUND FOR EDUCATION.

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GIBSONS NEWS

By E. NESTMAN

OWING to no quorum at the ratepayers meeting, no business was conducted. Ben Knight, president was ill with flu so W. Skellett took the chair. Mr. Telford, postmaster, addressed the gathering in an informal discussion on postoffice matters.

He asked co-operation of the public in that they buy money orders or anything that they can do in the mornings. This would eliminate holding up people when mail is being distributed. He also informed the meeting that at least an hour and a half should be allowed after the boat gets in, for mail sorting. Discussion took place on Union Steamships announcement that there would be no campers' tickets this year, but a 90 day stopover to be allowed on tickets. The meeting felt that this should be protested, as campers' tickets gave the campers and summer travellers a little break. More than $78 was realized on the firemans' dance.

V.O.N. NOTES

Gibsons Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the home of Kay Inglis, and a committee was formed to canvass the district regarding a new V.O.N. drive for another nurse. Next meeting will be April 26 at the home of Lenore Inglis. Anyone interested in V.O.N. work is cordially invited to attend these meetings. There is a great deal of work needed to be done for the present nurse in the district. Granthams V.O.N. held a very successful tea, and the needlepoint cushion was won by Mrs. Grant of Soames.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Const. Peterson, would like to warn all dog owners that the licenses for this year are now on hand and that every one is obliged to have a dog tag for their pet. If you find your "Pooch" missing some day, then you'll know it's because you have no dog license. Gonna be hard on me cause I've got two of them, but they're worth a tag any day, so please contact the Constable and do the necessary.

Yes, I know the water has been pretty muddy lately, it's not the rain, it's the extensive work that's been carried on this past week up at the dam, enlarging it and cleaning it out. If you have been a little short of water it's also because they have been working up there and had to turn the water off for short period. It is to be hoped that this week should see all this overcome. We do hope to have a far greater water supply after this.

Mrs. A. V. G. Hill has gone to Vancouver to live. Mrs. W. Ross attended a reunion of her family in Tacoma recently. Mr. and Mrs. A. Lambert are living at Cedar Crest, another commuter to Port Mellon, sure be grand if we could get that road through. John Corlett Sr., is in hospital in Vancouver quite ill. We sincerely hope he will soon be able to get back to that garden of his. He will be missed, by all of us who have at some time or another had some real fresh garden produce from him. Noticed Miss Jean Drummond, former teacher here at Gibsons, visiting us over Easter holidays. Gordon MacPherson flew his daughter to Vancouver where she will enter the academy to finish her schooling.

Our new cash and carry grocery store opened this week, under managership of Mr. Gray from Hill Top. It's quite a thrill to shop there. Have you visited the new store yet? Arnold's cafe right next door, certainly is a grand little spot to drop in for that afternoon cup of tea. Mrs. Clay will be moving into one of Bal's new stores by April 15 and they do say that Mr. Clay and Mr. Hill will be taking over her store for their real estate business. C. P. Smith is leaving for that long planned trip to England. Sure hope he enjoys it over there. Mrs. Wardil in Headlands, will be ready by summer with her new tea room. Quite an imposing building she has there and with those grand dinners she serves, well, why not try them yourself?

Marshalls hardware has had a face-lifting job done on front Speaking of weather, well we're of his store, looks very nice. about ready to howl about it. We had a variety Saturday night, hail as big as marbles, thunder and lightning, and today real cold and more hail and half snow. They do say that spring is just around the corner but we've been gypped. The poor flowers are making a real fight to come out in full bloom—if they survive this grim weather well, they sure deserve to live. I suppose we shouldn't complain, when one reads of what they are getting in other parts of the globe. In a little while we'll get the hot weather, and then we'll grumble about the heat. That's human nature for you though. Be seeing you.

Those who have, must in the end give, no matter how much they may try to avoid it.

BIBLE READING

WOE UNTO him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to Him that fashioneth it. What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? or to the woman What hast thou brought forth? Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning My sons and concerning the work of My hands command ye Me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even My hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations; they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. Tell ye, and bring them here; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside Me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside Me. Look unto Me, and be ye saved all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified and shall glory.

ISAIAH, 45: 9-12, 20-22, 2

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ROBERTS CREEK

By "CAROLA"

THE ROBERTS Creek P.T.A. welcomed Mr. S. Truman, principal of the high school as guest speaker Monday March 22. The topic "Adolescent Psychology" was absorbed with keen interest and many questions were put to Mr. Truman at the end of his enlightening talk.

During the business discussion it was recommended and passed that the meetings would be held on the third Tuesday of each month, thus enabling more parents to attend, since pro-rec on P.T.A. night has caused a dwindling attendance.

Mr. Truman who was asked by Mrs. R. Hughes convenor of the raffle of the candlewick bedspread, drew Mr. V. Findlay's name as the holder of the lucky ticket.

Mrs. Gordon Reeves was chosen to represent the P.T.A. at the Federation's convention in Vancouver.

There was a vote of thanks to Miss Margaret MacIntyre, who was responsible for the splendid performance of pupils of Roberts Creek at the Variety Show, netting $100 to aid the pro-rec work sponsored by the P.T.A.

Halfmoon Bay badminton players challenged Roberts Creek players Wednesday, March 31 at the R. C. Community Hall. The score—13-7 in favor of Roberts.

The Easter prom at the Roberts Creek Community Hall was a "Super-duper" dance according to all reports, with the "Capitolians" orchestra from Vancouver, supplying the music.

Easter visitors to the Creek—Miss Zib Gordon, Pat Dean, Bill Ewart, Aub Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Cumming and Jeffery Cumming, Johnny Mathews, Gwennie Galiford and brother Ralph.

Mrs. Blackstock and three daughters from New Westminster to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yates.

Mr. Dale Cocklin visited the Galliford residence for a few days.

Mrs. Marion Smith and Mrs. Gwen Ripley visited their daughters at the Newman residence.

Mrs. M. Town has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ruth Mitchell for two weeks.

Mrs. Hazel Charters spent Easter weekend at the Mitchell residence visiting with her young son Pat who is attending school here.

Mrs. E. Townley visited the brother and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fellows and son Harvey came up to open their summer abode—as did Mr. and Mrs. Claude Steeves.

Dr. A. M. Lowe came up for the long Easter week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hobson spent Easter week end with Mrs. J. Wardlow, sister of Mr. Hobson of Vancouver.

Visiting Vancouver for a holiday were: Jeffrey Newman and Mary Jean Kennedy, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haslam. They will come back with exuberent spirits and many stories of their visits to the Museum, the Art Gallery and the park where they were planning a picnic and a visit to the "Zoo".

Celia and David Flumerfelt were travelling to New Westminster to visit with their aunt and cousins.

Edith Jack visited her grandmother in Vancouver.

Eileen and Marie Chivers visited with their grandparents while their mother, Mrs. Roberta Chivers made an excursion to Powell River to visit friends of long standing.

Mrs. A. Newton went to Vancouver enroute to Revelstoke to visit her little son, whom we expect to meet on the return trip.

Mrs. E. Heron, daughter Allison and son Don, viewed the bright lights of Vancouver.

Folk celebrating April birthdays—Ruled by Aries in the first half of the month and the latter by Taurus the Bull. Great people all if they fulfill their destiny. Land lubbers, artists, singing and speaking voices of strength and sweetness. One attribute needed which they have, Determination, but be careful, almost borders on stubborness!

Congratulation to Eleanor Shaw, Larry McKee, Bobby Wyatt, Allan Buston, Nancy Killam, Joan Wallace, Barbara Coles, Barbara, Malcolm and Norman Killam, good luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Len McDonald have moved to the Creek permanently. Their handsome little son will be a little bit spoiled by their loving cousins Roddy, Joan and Gail MacKenzie, Shirley and Bob Fleming.

Mrs. B. Brothen received a pleasant surprise when her daughter, Kay Lindstrom, visited recently (prior to her move to Hope) to introduce three weeks old Brian Osten, now a member of the family and a little pet for Dawn, only granddaughter of Mrs. Brothen.

Mrs. Nina Daly has taken a leave of absence from the Creek to attend her daughter Sally, who has just recently presented her mother with one more grandchild, born in March and weighing six pounds. Both are doing fine! She is the niece of Mrs. June Gray, Mrs. Ivy Colwell and Tommy Christmas of the Creek, all of whom have been down to Vancouver to voice their approval of the happy event.

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Tug Hits Rocks In Welcome Pass

SIX MEMBERS of the crew of the 52-foot tug Tyee I, owned by Horie-Latimer Construction Co. Ltd., were rescued when the tug ran aground and sank in heavy weather Sunday night at Merry Island, Welcome Pass.

The crew, including Capt. Gus Bennett, were taken off by Vancouver Tug Boat Co.'s tug Le Mars. They were later transferred to Straits Towing and Salvage boat Salvor, which is now standing by, with the derrick scow Recoverer and tug Glenboro.

The Tyee is reported completely submerged, only her mast showing. Gordon Horie, one of the tug's owners, and a salvage crew from Straits Towing, are waiting for the southeasterly gale to moderate. It is expected the Tyee can be salvaged if the weather improves.

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Our Town

by Jack Scott

FISH STORY

WHEN I was driving in to work one day last week I saw a friend of mine parked in his car by The River so I pulled off the road and walked over to see if he was having any trouble.

No troubles at all. He was just going fishing in the stream and was fixing up one of his rods.

The back seat of his car was loaded down with shiny equipment, flies and weights and reels and lines and all the latest gadgets. He, himself, was dressed in the appropriate angler's costume from rubber hip boots to the battered old hat, bright with flies in the band.

He asked me if I ever did any fishing and I said yes, but that's about all he'd let me say. He was so busy talking about what he was going to do I couldn't get a word in. But to tell the truth I felt pretty darn sure that the stream fishing I've done, with no more expensive equipment than a three-for-a-nickle hook, beats his approach to the sport all hollow.

WE WENT AFTER THEM

Well, sir, I used to fish with salmon-berries as bait and the creek wasn't a tenth the size of The River. In fact, as I remember it, the thing didn't even have a name. "Windy" and I—"Windy" was my fishing pal then—we used to just call it "The Creek."

There were about 15 pools in the creek, most of them made by shingle bolts blocking the little streams at intervals, like dams, and we used to fish in them all, one by one.

You'll never see our technique on The River. When we got to a pool we'd throw rocks into the water under the shingle bolts where the trout always were. Then you'd see the frightened trout shoot out and go under another shingle bolt. Then you'd drop your line there, dangling the salmon-berry on the three-for-a-nickle hook, right smack in front of the trout's nose.

We always had to see the trout or else we'd go on up the creek to another pool. None of this calm fisherman's patience for "Windy" and I. We wanted action and we simply bullied the poor trout from shingle bolt to shingle bolt until he was famished from exercise and went for that silly berry like a logger for a T-bone steak.

SPECIAL SKILL

For lines we generally stole some heavy thread from our mothers' sewing baskets. The weight was a flat stone. But some places where the trout was away under you'd take off the stone and just let the line sink lazy in the current by the weight of the hook, so that it would drift in under there.

You never see that kind of skill in the River.

We never fought our fish. As soon as we felt that heart-turning tug on the line, why, we'd just pull it up and take the fish off and string it through the gills with the other victims. All this great show of "playing fish" was just a waste of time with our system.

Once we ran across a great big trout in the creek in one of the lower pools. No fooling, he was a really huge fish. We stood on the bank watching him whip about, dodging our rocks and the excitement just about killed us.

Of course, our little hook would never hold this fat baby, so we just jumped into the pool, chased him into the shallow end and "Windy" dived at him and scooped him up on the bank, and we both jumped on top of him. There really wasn't anything to it.

I didn't tell all this to my friend when I met him beside the river. I knew it would just break his heart.

It sort of breaks mine, too, because "Windy" and I never go fishing any more, and I haven't been up the creek for 15 years.

From My Angle

By MAISIE DEVITT

THERE has been a good deal of controversy over the cat-throwing incident at U.B.C. Some say that it was just good clean fun, others claim it was dark Fascist influences. I wouldn't know.

Now I hold no brief for Tim Buck. In fact, many times I have felt like throwing things myself at the man who has caused such disunity in Canadian labor. But I must deplore the use of such a weapon, however laudable the intent. Pussy is no longer the sacred creature she was in bygone centuries, yet I cannot help feeling that Bubastis, slant-eyed cat-goddess of the Nile, isn't going to be pleased by such sacrilege. And you know these Egyptians. Their tempers are nasty and their memories long. Who knows what horrid curse the offended goddess may devise to avenge herself on those unfortunate students. I shudder to think.

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Somebody once accused me of being a hero-worshipper. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Where heroes are concerned I'm a deep-dyed cynic. The great men of the history books become shoddy papier-mache figures when you go in for closer study of their lives and times. And I am no less cynical regarding our present day heroes, *military, political, or what have you.*

Yet, to be truthful, I must admit that there are three men who for years have commanded my whole-hearted respect and admiration: Mohandas K. Gandhi, Soul of India and great spiritual leader of the world; Albert Einstein the super-mind of our times, and George Bernard Shaw, the man who dares to be himself in a world of conformists.

Gandhi, after a lifetime spent preaching the Christian doctrine of peace on earth, has passed to another incarnation. Today George Bernard Shaw, speaks angrily and scornfully to the war-makers. The other night a news-commentator remarked that Albert Einstein had expressed his belief that Henry Wallace is fighting for a peaceful world.

Seems that I pick my heroes well, at any rate.

One of our columnists whose views I usually respect though we often differ, believes that Walter Winchell has suffered a change of heart, and is now wearing the white wings of peace. I can't help feeling that the lady is incredibly naive. Winchell has as many colors as a chameleon and changes them with the same bewildering rapidity. Remember when he was shouting isolationism to the skies and then a few weeks later, he was the loudest most blood-thirsty patriot of them all. "Keep it over there" changed to "Over There" mighty fast, and the leather lungs worked overtime to make it convincing.

Our Walter, an astute lad if there ever was one, hasn't had a change of heart, merely a change of policy. He has taken time out from his keyhole-peeking to take a Gallup poll of public opinion and has found to his dismay, that his hate campaign isn't going over so well with the great American public which supplies his caviar and champagne. So presto, the atom bomb is tucked cosily away for future reference, whilst he gives out with sweetness and light. A sob choking in his gravel throat, he protests his brotherly love for all creation, and proclaims that all he ever wanted was Peace, luvally Peace. Touching—very. Convincing—no. Walter the Peace-maker—yet!

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Orchids to the theatre managers who are protesting the provincial government's expressed intention of re-imposing the amusement tax when it is removed by the Dominion government. It's about time the average man got a little relief from the burden of war-taxes. After all when inflation deflates our budget we can't slap on a sales tax like Boss Johnston—can we?

A.D. Oddities In B.C.

by D. M. Stewart

DEMOCRITUS, B. C. 460-362 (about). A Greek, he was known as "The Laughing Philosopher". Perhaps his cheerfulness stemmed from the fact that a new-fangled invention, the oil lamp, was just coming into general use in Greece about that time.

TODAY, in British Columbia, thousands of people glumly light oil lamps each night—lamps not so different from those which made Democritus so happy. Probably his favorite lamp was fabricated from bronze, beautiful chased, while our's are mass-factured from ordinary, common glass. B.C. may make great strides, however, so sound the shophar! Democritus has been dead these many centuries and may no longer laugh. We could though, if our sorrowful link with the philosopher's happy but ancient past were severed by our being granted the use of the inventions and the conveniences which belong to our modern day and age.

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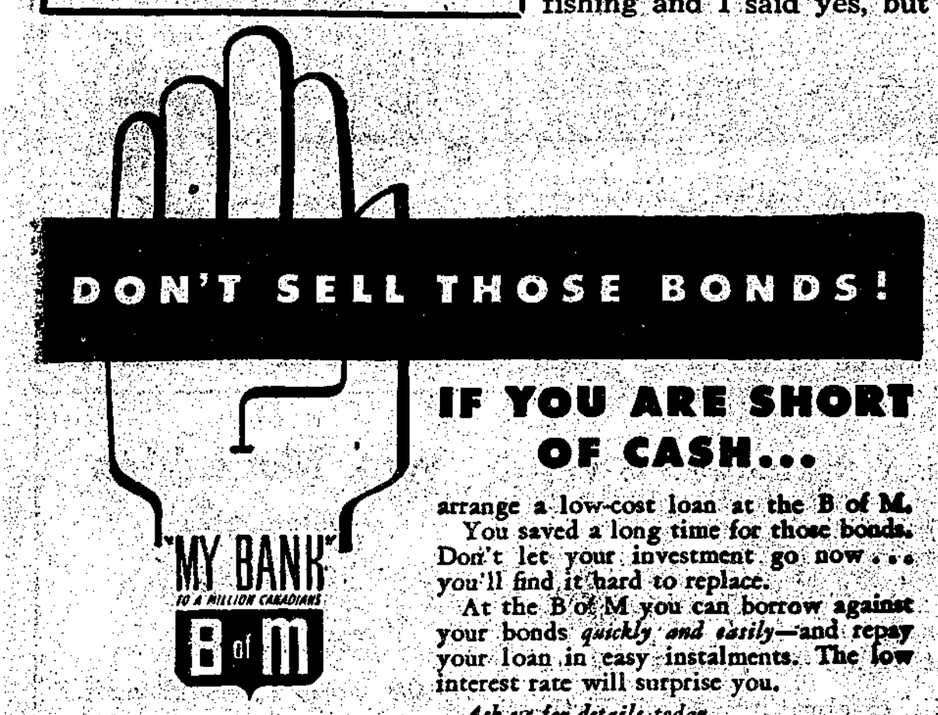

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