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PROVINCIAL LIBRARY VICTORIA B C

$28 Million for Public Works

Sales Tax Confirmed In B.C. Budget Speech

IMPOSITION of a three percent sales tax to raise a further $12,000,000 revenue, increasing of timber royalties to pick up another $900,000, increasing financial aid to municipalities by $4,000,000 thereby bringing total financial aid to more than $17,000,000 annually increasing financial aid to rural areas for education by $1,100,000, reducing the net debt by $10,000,000, insistence that the Dominion Government implement its social security proposals, announcement of a $28,000,000 public works programme; all these were highlights of the second budget speech delivered in the legislature this afternoon by Hon. Herbert Anscombe, Minister of Finance.

Mr. Anscombe sounded a sharp warning about rising costs of social security, welfare, education, and other public services in connection with the spiral of inflation. Rising costs could only be met by restraint in exepnditure and added revenues.

"Estimated expenditures of 77 and a half million dollars for the coming year have been carefully examined but further curtailment cannot be accomplished without public services suffering, particularly in the spheres of social services and education," the minister said.

Revenue for the year is estimated at $77,616,309, leaving an estimated surplus of $166,440.

MUNICIPAL AID GIVEN

Financial aid to municipalities 1948-49 will jump to nearly 8 millions, from $3 millions in 941-42 when the coalition took ver.

Debt charges for 1948-49 will quire 14.7 percent of total revue as compared with 21.3 pernt in the current year. In conast, social services and educaon will rise to $33 millions as ainst $20 millions this year.

Cost of general government rvices including direct special l to municipalities will rise m $9 to $16 millions due to sts imposed by expansion in blic services, municipal aid, d increased expenses due to flationary spiral.

ALES TAX TO BE IMPOSED

"The government had no oth- alternative than to recommend the Legislature an approval of three percent sales tax, the eld from which is estimated at 2 millions. One-third of this ll go as special aid to municalities. The other two-thirds to go into a special fund to eet in part the costs of social curity, social services, health d welfare. This amount will far short of the actual expenture for this purpose," Mr. Ansmbe said.

A million dollars is to be disibuted as special aid to rural hool districts to meet increased st of education there and reve the tax burden in rural ars.

Debt of the province has deeased to $122,406,186, a reducon of over $10 millions.

ER CAPITA DEBT DOWN

"Insofar as debt is concerned, e province is in a stronger poion than it has ever been. On per capita basis net debt has en reduced from $177 to $116," e minister said.

"The peak of inflation apparently has been reached," he said. "The cost of living index rose 23 percent during the 12 months ending January 31, and during the same period the wholesale price index rose by 25 percent to a new high of 190 percent," he added.

ROAD PROGRAMS

Nearly $9½ millions will be required for road maintenance in the coming year as compared to $4¼ millions in 1945-46. Whereas revenue from gas tax, car licenses and carriers totals nearly $14 million, expenditures on the highways, bridges and ferries in 1948 would total $11 millions, and with the $4 millions of service charges on debts for such public works, made an overall total of $15 millions, nearly a million more than revenues referred to.

"Over and above this there is to be an additional $4 millions for roads; additions to UBC will cost $1¾ millions; provincial buildings $1 1-3 millions.

"Borrowing authority for $2½ millions will be asked to provide a revolving fund for the Forestry department and road program, the cost to be repaid by industry.

TAX AGREEMENT

"Calling of a Dominion-Provincial conference for the purpose of implementing social security proposals is long past due" Mr. Anscombe went on.

LAD RESCUED FROM DROWNING

GIBSONS—While playing on the wharf here Sunday, Billy Nimmo, aged 8, narrowly escaped drowning when he tripped over the edge of the wharf and landed in the water between the Shell Oil float and the Fishermen's float. Children's cries attracted the attention of Leo Nestman, who was waiting on the wharf for the Union boat, which had just arrived. He pulled the boy from the water and administered first aid, while the Union steamer *Lady Rose* supplied blankets so that the lad could be rushed to Dr. A. Inglis for treatment.

Later, he was sent home and is recovering.

Mr. Nimmo said this was the second family mishap this week; while riding his wagon, another son, Johnnie, collided with a wheelbarrow, fell into it and has two black eyes. The Nimmo's had planned on celebrating their wedding anniversary Sunday but had not expected this kind of a celebration.

Legion Plans Easter Concert

ROBERTS CREEK—The Canadian Legion Branch 140, are going all out to provide a really grand seasonal concert this Eastertide. The artists to be presented will consist mainly of visitors to the district. Mrs. Gwen Martin, soprano, will be the guest of a Wilson Creek family, while Mrs. Jack Baird, contralto, owns a summer residence at the Creek. Miss Marion Cutler will be the guest of Mr. W. E. Elliott who is the speaker for the afternoon.

The tenor soloist, Mr. T. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner, well known to the residents of Sechelt, is from West Vancouver, Mrs. Tom Turner will be the accompanist. Also assisting is Mr. Sam Turner who is also widely known in this district. Through the kind permission of the school principal, Mr. Ellis, the girls choir formed especially for this occasion under direction of Miss Thompson, will lead the hymn singing and will also render a special number, "Bless this House".

The Roberts Creek string orchestra under the direction of Miss Margaret McIntyre will be in attendance. The first appearance of the R. C. orchestra is being eagerly anticipated by many of the musical fraternity hereabouts. Printed programs will be distributed a few days before this grand affair takes place and Mr. Roberts, along with the entertainment committee, advises that you procure your program early and also come early to the Legion Hall Easter Sunday at 3 p.m. President Charlie Brookman will be on hand to welcome everyone. If you plan to come at all, come early.

Board of Trade Section Meets

SECHELT—The Sechelt section of the Peninsula Board of Trade held its first meeting in the Sechelt Inn on March 14th. This section of the Board includes Selma Park and Wilson Creek. Mr. Horace Aggett, Wilson Creek, vice-president of the board, was in the chair and Mr. Roger Simning, Sechelt, was chosen as secretary of the section. Several new members were enrolled and matters of interest to the Community as a whole were discussed and will be brought forward at the executive council meeting for action by the Board. The executive council meeting will be held at Halfmoon Bay on March 23rd.

Red Cross Head Tells Hardships Of Pioneer Days

Editor, Coast News, Sechelt.

Sir—With the activity of the Red Cross campaign going on, I can't help comparing our lot to that of the pioneers. How they must have needed help, and could not get it like we do now. I am thinking of an old friend of mine that homesteaded in Gambier Island forty years ago.

I had the privilege of living beside her and her husband for some time. As a nurse she was a great help to the Island. I can only remember some of the stories she told me of her early days.

She used to row across to a logging camp, and cook all day, and at night row home, milk the cows, feed the chickens, and do her housework. Her husband was away working some place else. She took her chickens to market in Vancouver by rowboat. On one occasion, when they were passing Hood Point, a storm blew up and nearly drowned them. It drowned the chickens, but that did not stop her or her young son, who was with her. They cleaned them at the wharf in town and sold them.

She did not learn to swim until she was sixty. A friend's little boy was staying with her, fell in the water. Without giving it a thought she jumped in after him, and that's how she learned to swim.

She was over seventy when I met her, and owned a nice little putt-putt. I was invited to go out in it. I was a bit scared but I did not let on. However, we got it started and I was beginning to enjoy it when bang! we went over a log. "Can you swim?" she asked. "No," I said. "Well, never mind, I'll hang on to you."

After that I was doing the lookout step in the sailor's hornpipe.

An Indian lady taught her to fish. Many times her dinner was at the end of the line, as she had nothing else. Her home was mostly built of what floated in on the kindly tides. Her place I know will be a mass of daffodils all over the rocks like a golden carpet. Now she is 82 and all alone, as her husband died recently.

By the way, the campaign is coming along fine, thanks to everyone.

MARGARET ALLAN
President, Red Cross, Gibsons

NEW STORE OPENS AT GARDEN BAY

PENDER HARBOUR—The recent opening of Al Lloyd's Cash Store at Garden Bay, introduces to the residents of Pender Harbour, a new smart self service store. The interior of the store is bright and goods are displayed on light blue enamelled islands and shelves against the background of white walls. The new store is located on the shore of Mr. Lloyd's property opposite St. Mary's Hospital and is connected with the road to the wharf by a foot bridge. A float has been installed for the convenience of customers arriving by boat. Buyers will benefit by Al Lloyd's merchandising experience and will find many articles of good quality and reasonably priced.

Gibsons P.T.A. Notes

GIBSONS P.T.A. held a social evening for the parents and school children (from grades 4 to 8) in the school hall on Monday, March 8. 150 parents and children attended.

The program for the evening included folk dancing by grades 5 to 8. This was arranged by Mrs. Davies, Miss Wagner and Mr. Elliot. Special thanks go to Mrs. Davies who has been coming up to the school for the past month to help with the dancing. There were three square dances.

The tumbling by the Canadian Legion Junior Auxiliary under the direction of Ritchie Norris was divided into two groups; the juniors and the seniors.

Mr. Kennett, president of the Legion, addressed the meeting and explained the steps the Legion are taking to provide athletic opportunities for the children.

After a very enjoyable evening refreshments were served. The P.T.A. wish to thank all the parents who generously donated cake, cookies and sandwiches.

The P.T.A. is also pleased to report several new members.

On Feb. 14 the P.T.A. realized the amount of $79.35 from their Valentine Dance. This was towards the purchase of a set of encyclopedia for the High school. They wish to thank all those responsible for making the evening a success. The dance committee convened by Mrs. Emerson did a very good job. A large quantity of shrimps donated by Mr. and Mrs. Fearne were made into delicious sandwiches.

The P.T.A. will hold a whist drive in the Legion Hall on March 24 for the purpose of raising additional funds for Field Day.

J. Veitch Resigns As Trade Board Chief

GIBSONS—Resignation of Jim Veitch as president of Gibsons Board of Trade was accepted with regret. Cliff Leach was appointed vice-president on notice of motion of the previous meeting, and C. Grey was appointed president pro tem.

Election of officers will be held at the June meeting. A nominating committee has been formed, consisting of Reg Godfrey, Les Peterson, Dr. A. Inglis, A. Hill and Jack Marshall.

Constable Receives Citizenship Award

SQUAMISH—First recipient of what is to be a semi-annual good citizenship award was Const. Arthur Thomson of the B.C. police. In a brief ceremony at the basketball game March 11, Const. Thomson was presented with a Good Citizenship medal by C. H. Smith, president of the Squamish Recreational Association.

A similar medal will be given every six months to the person whom the members of the Association feel has done the most for the community during that period.

During his three years at Squamish, Const. Thomson has worked untiringly with the younger people in the community and it was in recognition of this that he received the award. His tranfer to another post has been announced by police headquarters.

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ROBERTS CREEK

By "CAROLA"

My item re "Birds" which started out as a mere incident, has developed into a crisis and may well assume international stature and plunge the whole system into embarrassed diplomatic discomfiture. In such event I must gather my forces (the forces that believe in me) man my guns, post sentries, be on the alert for guile, amass large stores of pemmican and dried fish (if I can get the fish) to stay me well should the seige be prolonged. My friend Mrs. Godinsky is truly hurt that I left her out of the long list of contingents, and do you blame her "Sammy" Mine's friend, when in their family they have been heralding the coming of the "Bird" (let's call him Joey for short) just as they did in B.C.? Like Virus X, Joey is a true democrat —irrespective of race, creed and color, and leaves one with a mixture of feelings . . . bewilderment, inflated or a deflated ego. Mrs. Godinsky . . . I announce you No. 10! (Don't forget to take your vitamin pills.)

Be sure to keep the evening of March 20 open (that's tonight!) free and turn out in full force to support the younger members of the community in their "Variety Show".

There will be entertainment to suit all tastes. In addition to the children's choir, Toy Symphony and solos (vocal and instrumental) there wil be a costume sketch by the members of Mrs. Chivers Class and several dances.

The history of the dance dates back to time immemorial. It is one of the earliest of the arts, and one that has suffered least change.

Before music, (as we know it) came into existence, people danced to the rhythm of a crude drum or tom-tom and some of the original primitive steps are still in existence today.

The dances on this program are widely different in character: There will be an example of early folk dancing as typified by the "Morris Dance"—a colorful Spanish dance and for more modern tastes a slow and graceful scarf dance.

The music for the dances will be supplied by the Roberts Creek String Group who are arranging the program. The proceeds will be turned over to the P.T.A. who in turn will supply the Pro Rec with necessary equipment.

Congratulations: A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson at St. Paul's Hospital, Wednesday, March 10. A little sister for big sisters Jacky and Lynn to name.

The Roberts Creek P.T.A. meeting has been postponed due to the illness of the president, Mrs. J. Kirkland and Mrs. Herron, vice president. There has been a leave of absence by many of the members due to the prevailing 'flu germ.

Mrs. A. Newton visited Vancouver for a week-end holiday.

Mrs. Roberta Chivers and her daughters, Eileen and Marie visited Vancouver and were guests of their grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edlund spent a few days in Vancouver to attend wedding celebrations of friends.

The Roberts Creek Badminton Club had a riotious time recently when they hired the big bus to transport them to Halfmoon Bay where they enjoyed the hospitality of the Halfmoon Bay Club. They came home the winnahs, 11-4 but the return engagement may have a different ending . . . so take care . . . beware!

'Tis the luck of the Irish to yiz . . . those born on and around the 17th. The 17th of Ireland commemorates the Irish saint who was the first plucker of the shamrock to illustrate the Doctrine of the Trinity. No wonder then the Astrologer says . . . "Those born the early part of March may become a saint . . ." Is that the inner force I have been fighting? Congratulations to Mrs. Charles Maywood, Miss Margaret McIntyre, Mr. Albert Weal.

Consolation to Marilyn Foley who is isolated with chicken pox at her school—lucky it didn't crop out during the Easter holidays, Marilyn!

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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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Kitchen Kapers

By JANE DRURY

I AM SORRY I was unable to run a column of interesting St. Patrick's Day recipes for you owing to the fact I got tangled up with the law of gravity and kissed old mother earth in a most undignified manner. I have, however, a few interesting recipes suitable for Easter entertaining of your family and friends. Easter will break on the horizon almost before we housewives have time to prepare for it. It always adds character to the menu to introduce some of the traditional dishes, but whether you make them for Easter weekend, or for the children's holidays, or for spring weekend visitors, cakes, biscuits and buns will always go down well.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Make them plump buns with frosting crosses. Roll the sweet roll dough ½ inch thick. Cut dough with cooky cutter, then round each circle into a bun. This way you get uniform size.

1 cup scalded milk, ¼ cup shortening, ⅓ cup granulated sugar, ½ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. granulated sugar, 1 cake fresh yeast, 2 tbsp. lukewarm water, 1 egg beaten, ½ cup raisins, 1 tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp. allspice, 3½ to 4 cups sifted all purpose flour, 1 egg white. 1 cup icing sugar. Combine milk, shortening, ⅓ cup sugar and salt and cool to lukewarm. Mix the tsp. sugar with yeast cake that has been softened in lukewarm water, and add. Add egg, raisins, cinnamon, allspice and as much sifted all-purpose flour as can be stirred into the dough. Place in a greased bowl, cover, and let rise in a warm place until double in bulk—1½ to 2 hours. Knead, shape into buns and arrange side by side in a greased pan. Brush each bun with egg white, cover with a clean cloth and let rise in a warm place until double in bulk. Snip cross in each with scissors. Bake in 425 deg. F. oven until done. Cool and fill cross made on top with scissors, with icing sugar to which enough water has been added to make a thin frosting. This should make 2 doz. buns.

Eastertime makes us think of Springtime, and in the early spring when eggs are fresh and plentiful they are ideal for mealmakers and Easter favors. The children love colored eggs to brighten up their Easter morning brunch. A nice surprise for the dinner dessert would be to serve white cupcakes, chocolate icing, and before the icing hardens arrange a few colored jelly beans on the chocolate to give the effect of a bird's nest. The adults would enjoy a little felt cosy made in the shape of a chicken, with which to cover their Easter morning egg. No matter how old we are, we still like little surprises at mealtime, and a chicken cosy would be most appropriate. Have you tried making Easter Spanish Cream? Make the spanish cream in the usual way and after you have folded in the stiffly beaten egg whites, divide into three portions and to one add 1 square of melted chocolate. To another portion add one drop almond flavoring and pink coloring. To the third portion add two or three drops lemon flavoring and a little yellow coloring. Keep colors delicate. Let stand until firm. To serve, put a spoonful of each color in a glass dish. Another Easter variation is to mold the spanish cream in egg shells. From now until Easter when cooking, unless separating the eggs, prick shell at one end and make a larger hole at other end and blow out the egg. Wash out shell. Just before using rinse with cold water, then fill as full as possible with the colored custard. Let stand in upright position until very firm. To serve, hold in hot water for just a second, then peel off shell. Nest in a fluff of whipped cream.

If making individual salads from canned vegetable juices, top them with bias bands of sieved yolks and whites of eggs, for a gold and white topping. This also makes a nice Easter topping for your favorite salad loaf.

For those of you who have been enquiring about "Baked Alaska" and would like the recipe—here it is. However, unless you know your oven is pretty accurate as to temperature, I wouldn't advise trying out the recipe; delicious and all as it is.

BAKED ALASKA

⅔ cup sugar, 5 stiffly beaten egg whites, 1 layed sponge cake, 1 brick ice cream, any flavor. Gradually add sugar to egg whites and beat until meringue forms peaks. Cut sponge cake 1 inch larger than ice cream brick. Place cake on wooden plank; top with ice cream brick. Spread meringue over ice cream, not less than one inch thick, sealing carefully to sides of cake. Bake in hot oven 450 deg. f. until light brown, about 12 minutes or less.

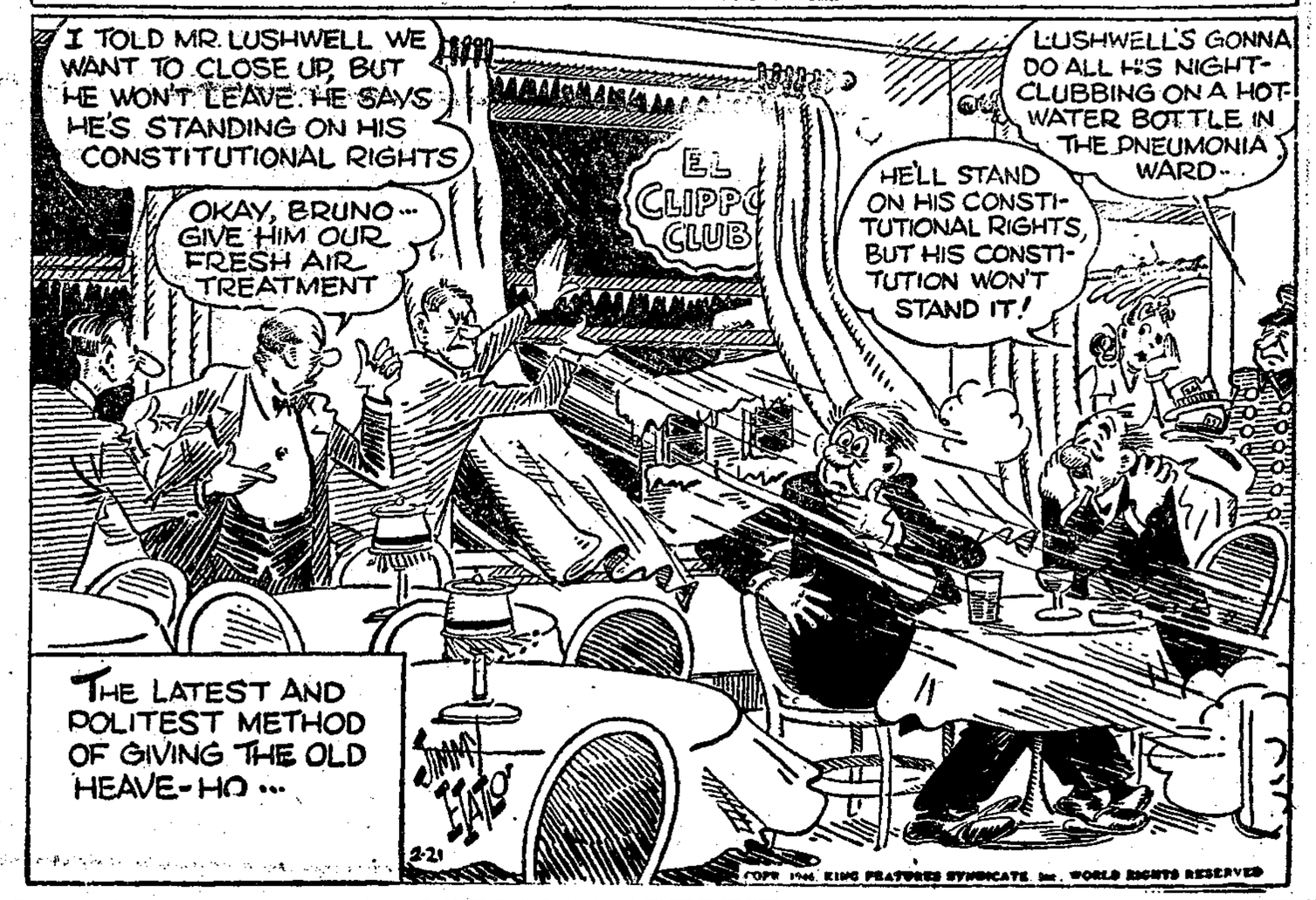
INDIVIDUAL BAKED ALASKAS

Sponge cake, ice cream, 3 egg whites, 6 tbsp. sugar.

Cut cooled cake into 6 servings. Cut brick ice cream into six servings and arrange on cake, leaving a good inch of cake showing all around. Make a meringue by beating egg whites until quite stiff and then adding the 6 tbsp. sugar gradually while beating until stiff. Completely cover the ice cream and cake wiht meringue, the thicker the better over the ice cream portion. Bake in 450 deg. F. oven for 4 or 5 minutes or until delicately browned. Serve immediately.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



SECHELT WEST

By EARLE GRAY

THE WEST Sechelt V.O.N. auxiliary will hold a sale of work and home cooking in the Sechelt Inn on Tuesday, March 23, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

The sale of work will include baby clothes, small childrens jackets, sweaters and other various articles. Proceeds will be part of the $3,600 to be raised by September by the Elphinstone branch of the V.O.N. for a new nurse in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hanson, of Vancouver, have been spending the last 2 weeks holidaying in Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch's cabin in West Sechelt. Mrs. Hanson is Mrs. Murdoch's sister.

Mrs. F. Gibson and Mrs. E. Redman acted as co-hostesses at a shower in the home of Mrs. Gibsons on Wednesday, for Mrs. George Taylor, a recent bride from Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor intend making their permanent residence in West Sechelt.

Mrs. N. E. C. Arnold, West Sechelt was elected president of the Elphinstone Branch of the V.O.N. at a general meeting at the community hall last Thursday, March 11.

Other officers are: Mrs. L. S. Jackson, Wilson Creek, first vice-president; G. Marsden, Gibsons, second vice-president; Mrs. S. C. Arbo, Davis Bay, secretary-treasurer; and Mr. R. Telford, Gibsons, auditor.

Due to the increase in population, the local V.O.N. nurse made a total of 3,000 visits during the year, most of which were a free service.

During the coming year the Elphinstone Branch intend to raise over $3,600 for a nurse to be stationed at Sechelt. This money must be raised by September. The various auxiliaries will make door to door canvas of the area.

If the additional nurse is obtained, services will be extended from the present boundary at West Sechelt to Pender Harbour. Also medical services will be given to the Sechelt Indian residential school.

Mr. R. S. Sherdian and daughter Margaret Mary, recently arrived from Vancouver to spend a short holiday at their home in West Sechelt.

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From My Angle

By MAISIE DEVITT

IT'S NO USE GALS—I just can't like it—that New Look I mean. I was rather thrilled when they said said we were going to look like the Floradora Girls—that Gay Nineties look was very, very fetching. But, believe me, toots, Lillian Russell wouldn't have been found dead in the kind of hideous shapeless draperies that are being foisted on us unhappy femmes in the sweet name of fashion. It's the kids I feel sorriest for. Flappy pleated or ballerina skirts look quite gruesome on young formless creatures with large saddle oxfords encasing their athletic feet. Isn't adolescence cruel enough without this added encumbrance?

You should hear what the English papers have to say about our New Look. They remark indelicately that it makes a gal look—er—delicate if you know what I mean. They are so right.

So I writ a pome about it. Wanna hear it? No?—well here goes.

THAT NEW LOOK

Grandma says she likes the New Look
For its charm and modesty.
Maybe so—but isn't Grandma
Slightly spavined in the knee?

Mama wears a ballerina
As she washes, scrubs and starches.
She adores her ballet slippers—
They're so kind to fallen arches.

Auntie Grace approves the New Look,
Bustel-backs don't make her sore.
Padded hips and sloping shoulders—
She was built like that before.
Only Daphne, slender dryad,
Views the New Look, sombre-eyed
Pretty Daphne, sweet and twenty,
Hasn't anything to hide.

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I asked a man I know what he thought about the New Look. He cast a jaundiced eye about, and remarked, "Doesn't make much difference around here." "Can I quote you on that?" I immediately replied. A look of stark terror contorted his despicable features as he pleaded, "No, no—not that! I'd get murdered!" So, besides being an ungallant beast, and an unmitigated cad, he is also a contemptible coward. Utterly beneath contempt.

And, darlings, don't let them kid you about the New Look being reminiscent of Louisa May Alcott. Sounds very quaint and charming but—well—did you ever see a picture of Louisa May Alcott? Take it from me, the redoubtable Louisa herself would be the last person to want you to look like that.

SECRET COVE

By C. GREEN

WE HAD a pleasant surprise the other day when the Jervis Express called here to deliver freight to Mr. T. Ramsay's wharf. The boat was a pretty sight in her clean paint against a background of trees on Turnagain Island.

We regret to report the death of Fred Brynelson at the home of his son, Jens, in North Vancouver. The old gentleman, a well known old timer in the Cove, passed away on February 25th after a short illness. He leaves a wife in Norway.

We had the pleasure of meeting this fine old man some time ago and he appeared to be in good health. On the Saturday following his death an account of the stone wall he built on his property in the Cove appeared in the Vancouver Sun magazine section. That wall alone will stand as monument to his courage and indomitable will. It is to be regretted that he did not live long enough to see this tribute to his skill published.

Carl Brynelson, a faller at Ritchie's Logging Camp, left for the city to attend the funeral of his father, F. Brynelson.

The gales prevalent during the past month have reduced marine travel to a minimum. Consequently few boats are calling here. A few tie up overnight but they leave early next day and once again Secret Cove lapses back to its customary peace and quiet.

Despite the denials of experts there are plenty of woodticks abroad here. The experts say they do not come out in winter. If we are to go by that there is no winter in Secret Cove because the dogs never fail to pick up ticks winter or summer. And, again, we challenge the experts, these ticks are poisonous, and this on no less authority than Dr. Max Evans, who says that some varieties of these pests are charged with virulent poison. How right he is, as we can testify.

TOBA THIS 'N THAT

By BROWNIE

MILLIE Forbes and Susan arrived for a week's visit, also Piv and Irene Jackson, Betty and John Atkinson from Salmon Bay for the weekend.

A surprise party and dance was held to celebrate the birthday of Alice Jackson. Everyone had a grand time, with Pop Jackson calling the square dancing in his own inimitable style.

A committee meeting was held to make plans for a St. Patrick's dance and also the buying of a record player. L. S. 'Pop' Jackson was present and the size and plan of the new hall was discussed. They hope to have it large enough to have two badminton courts.

Mary Johnston was hostess at a social evening for Millie and Stan Forbes. A very pleasant evening of dancing and community singing was enjoyed by everyone.

Chris Smith and Stan Dodds are leaving by plane for a week in Vancouver on Friday, March 12.

Kay and May Matthias also left for a week in town. Happy shopping gals!

Well folks almost time for lights out so once again I'll say see you next week.

C. H. Smith Heads Recreation Group

SQUAMISH—On March 1 the Squamish Recreational Association held its annual meeting and election of officers. Officers for 1948 are:

President, Mr. C. H. Smith; vice-president, Mr. A. Hendrickson; secretary, Mrs. C. Tatlow; treasurer, Mr. G. R. Dent.

The Association has had a very full and successful year. It has sponsored softball, basketball, badminton, and an active gymnastics program for the younger people. The interest shown in the above sports has been very keen and the All-Star basketball team has made a very creditable showing against outside teams.

The Association will make the drive for a park the main project for this year and hopes to see a start on this in the very

W. P. Falconer Heads Pender Committee for Trade Board

PENDER Harbour—At a meeting of the Pender Harbour committee of the Sechelt Board of Trade, Mr. W. P. Falconer was elected chairman.

Col. E. S. Johnstone, president of the Sechelt Peninsula Board of Trade, ably related events that have lead to the forming of committees for the numerous districts that are part of the Sechelt Peninsula Board of Trade. It is felt that due to the geographical formation of the district, the problems and needs of each community could better be served if committees were formed in areas defined by the Executive Council. At the meeting called in Pender Harbour it was decided by a resolution that an executive of twelve members be formed for Pender Harbour and out of this number a chairman and secretary be appointed.

Mr. W. P. Falconer, on taking the chair, asked Col. E. S. Johnstone to give a resume of the activities of the Board of Trade. Roads, telephone, power, water, and better facilities for handling of freight have been the main issues at all meetings.

"The Board of Trade in any district should be the back bone of the community," said Col. Johnston. "It has been shown that in districts where there is a board, more progress is made. It is a known fact that the combined efforts of a number will gain faster recognition than those of an individual.

"The fundamental work of the Board of Trade is for the good of all local industry. The Board of Trade spells progress because it should be the hub for all activities."

Col. Jonhstone stressed the fact that a monthly meeting is to be held by the Pender Harbour Committee one week previous to the Executive meeting of the Board of Trade. The chairman and secretary of the committee are to attend the executive meeting to present the resolutions passed at the committee meetings. It was definitely explained that any member of the committee is a member of the Sechelt Board of Trade and has the right to attend all executive meetings of the Board of Trade. There are times when members have been requested to vote.

The meeting went on record as wanting information concerning the Consolidated school, accomodation, transportation and the urgent need of the school for the fall semester. A resolution was passed that a larger freight shed was needed at Irvine's Landing to handle the ever-increasing business at Pender Harbour.

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Notice of Application for Consent of the Public Utilities Commission to Changes in Fares

by C. C. Lawrence, D.B.A., Sechelt Motor Transport

Application is being made to the Public Utilities Commission to replace the present tariff with a new tariff applicable to the transportation of passengers on regular bus routes operated between points on Sechelt Peninsula. The new tariff contains a number of increases and decreases in fares but is primarily designed to eliminate discriminatory rates which exist in the present tariff. It is proposed that the new tariff shall be placed in effect on April 15, 1948 if approved. Anyone who wishes to examine the proposed tariff may view a copy of same, obtainable from Sechelt Motor Transport, Sechelt, B.C. Anyone who wishes to make representation regarding said tariff should submit such representation to R. M. Taylor, Superintendent, Motor Carriers' Branch, Public Utilities Commission, Motor Vehicle Building, Vancouver, B.C., before April 3, 1948.

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GRANTHAMS LANDING

BORN TO Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kidd of Ottawa, a daughter Carolyn Anne, on Monday March 5th. A sister for Jennifer and a new grand-daughter for Mrs. M. Kidd of Gibsons.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Marsden of The Headlands, Gibsons, left Friday for an extended trip to California, where they will visit their daughter Dorothy. Best wishes are extended to them.

The Gibsons Memorial Church W.A. donated, packed and shipped to Toronto, for European Relief, a 50 lb. carton of clothing and notions. Some very fine articles of wearing apparel were included, and will be greatly appreciated in their time of dire need. The depot has been opened in Toronto by the Inter-Church Council of Women for Canada.

Mrs. M. Kidd had as her house guest, last weekend, Miss M. Watt, who spent several years in China, as a Missionary, working with Mrs. Kidd's sister, Miss C. Robbins, whom many here remember with esteem and affection. She served for 30 years in China, before retiring here, a few years ago. She passed away in Vancouver, July 1943 and is buried in Vancouver.

Miss Watt, is on a speaking tour of Western Canadian Missionary fields, for the Anglican Church of Canada. Her home is now at St. Catherines, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, of Rosedene, are to be congratulated on the birth of a granddaughter, Marylin Orlean Hopper, to Mr. Mrs. H. B. Hopper, (nee Peggy Ross of Gibsons) now residing in Winnipeg. A cousin for Bobby Malpass of Nanaimo, only grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

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Neilsons Cocoa, 1 lb. tin	29c
Malkins Coffee, 1 lb. bag	57c
Malkins Red Label Tea, 1 lb.	79c
Peaches, Choice, 20 oz. tin	30c
Aylmer Pork and Beans, 16 oz.	2 for 31c
Liptons Soup Mix	2 for 25c

Pay Cash and Save at Lloyd's

MADEIRA PARK

There has been great activity in the past few weeks on the community club property at Madiera Park. Stumps have been blasted and hauled out to a big pile to be burned, and brush cut and piled. The committee plans to continue clearing and leveling the land, filling in the low spots and pushing down the high ones. The school board has expressed their intention of leveling lot 12 next to the club lot and a good deal of dirt will be available then.

Most of the work so far has been voluntary and there have been several substantial donations of gas, oil and machinery.

The membership this year has been very slow but in the next week or so we hope to have letters from our many former members and some new ones.

The work has been started and the worst part of it done. Let us all get behind the new executive and help all we can.

Let's see a big turn out at the quarterly meeting in April, when some interesting plans will be discussed.

Improvements Slated For Union SS Estate

SECHELT—The Union Steamship Company recently announced many new improvements for its Sechelt estate. A contract for painting most of the buildings has already been given to the Walker Bros. of Selma Park. The dining room of the Sechelt Inn has taken on a look of newness and some of the bedrooms have been re-decorated; the lounge and lobby will receive the same treatment. Fresh coats of paint are being applied to the inside and outside of the Tearoom and Pavilion.

The interior of the general store and postoffice will receive a complete renovation. The store's interior will be changed to provide for a groceteria and a larger postoffice and lobby; more mail boxes will be provided for the public. Most of the changes will take place about the first of April. A new black top will be put on the waterfront road for the summer. The dance hall will be cleaned up and to prevent further wear to the floor, skating will be discontinued.

Water distribution has been extended considerably. About 3,000 feet of four inch wood stave pipe has been installed to serve the No. 1 subidivision on the road to Porpoise Bay. A further 2,500 feet of four inch wooden pipe has been order for the No. 2 subdivision between Cowerie and Mermaid Streets. The work laying this pipe should start late this summer. Improvements to the existing dam will be made late this spring. Alterations will be made to eliminate sand and debris from the water main.

Old Russian Custom

THOSE who are dismayed at the Russians' odd behaviour in these days can find some comfort in Harold Nicolson's book, "The Congress of Vienna."

In 1814, as now, Russia was one of a Big Four who had beaten the would-be Dictator of Europe. Russia, says Nicolson, assumed "an attitude of arrogant secretiveness which caused dismay to her partners . . . From the remotest corners of Europe, Asia, Africa and even America, reports began to pour in regarding the presence of mysterious Russian agents and the activities of energetic and overbearing Russian diplomatists."

Lord Castlereagh, the British Foreign Minister, was unperturbed, and undeceived, by all these sinister goings on.

"The true interests of Russia," he wrote to the British Ambassador in Vienna, "dictate a pacific policy." Therefore he urged all British agents to avoid suspicion, not to credit rumors, and not to allow "local cabals" against the Russians to shake the "main alliance."

Probably many a British Minister thought Castlereagh a naive dupe of Czarist conspiracy. But the peace he made endured without a major breach for a hundred years.

WILSON CREEK DAVIS BAY

By MRS. ERICKSON

WILSON CREE DAVIS BAY — The Sunday tea and display of very interesting articles held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Jackson was a great success and all who assisted were very gratified with their first effort to raise the district's allotment for the second V.O.N. nurse. Mrs. Sid Smith and Mrs. George Kraft served tea from a table centered with Spring flowers. The beautiful collection of hand-made lace loaned by Mrs. J. Browning, was outstanding among many interesting heirlooms and curios which we hope to display again later for those unable to attend. The committee wish to thank all including the brave men who turned out and those who sent in their donations.

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GIBSONS

By ENESTMAN

The Squamish basketball team journeyed to Gibsons in the West Howe Sound Ferry, 'The old Bonnabelle" from West Vancouver to meet the senior boys basketball team here, and ended up on the end of a 58-44 score. Gibsons' boys gave a grand display of basketball to take the decision. Among the stars were J. Drummond, Bill Docker and Ray Elliott . . . the previous evening the Junior boys auxiliary of the Legion put on a display of tumbling and gymnasium work, under the guidance of Richie Norris, they are really doing very well . . . the boys and girls of junior high also gave an exhibition of square and folk dancing, went through their paces like veterans. PTA were responsible for this display, many parents and visitors turned out for the evening, refreshments were served to all. . . My spies inform me that Muriel Banks is wearing a diamond on the left hand, and that the lucky man is George Charman, congratulations . . . They tell me that "Old man Flu" has kayoed a number of our citizens these last few weeks, only half of school pupils showing up, Miss Stephenson, down, Mrs. Herrin, and Mrs. Rankin. However a few sunny days like we're having today should help to beat this epedemic.

Has anyone asked Harry Gough why he's doing so much standing up these days, hmmm? . . . Bal's building looks like a regular beehive these days, more people working and things coming, they tell me one will be a full fledged cafe, all the trimmings, another a 5 and 10, another, cash and carry grocery, under the guidance of our Mr. Gray from the Hilltop, the Sea Bus lines in one small store, not quite sure what the others will be yet, but more data on that later, also they tell me Mrs. Ballentyne's family will soon be in our midst. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Donalson, will be taking Mrs. Thomson's house, Bryn Mawr, and the Gardners will be moving into their new home on the Sechelt highway, in a very short time . . . another checker game. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Darius, our former baker, has left for Edmonton . . . James Hadley and Ray Preston, two young men from Vancouver, are our new bakers . . . one of them incidentally has just taken the fatal step, yes, I mean matrimony.

Granny McEwen is celebrating her 82nd birthday today, a grand little old lady, believe me I sure hope I'm half as active and spry and have as many friends when I reach that age . . . yes I know I'm an optimist, but it can happen . . . anyway we all wish Granny the best of luck and hope she is spared for many more happy birthdays . . . They are having open house in the Community Hall dance and refreshments in her honor . . . Women's Auxiliary to the Legion will celebrate their 15th birthday on March 17, with a birthday party . . . Mrs. Reuben Hill of Keats, is leaving with her family for the east on Monday, she is going back to her people and expects to start work with the Red Cross back there on her arrival. She asked me to express her thanks to all who had been so good to them in their recent bereavement . . . Don't forget the Firemen's dance on the 20th . . . have you got your ticket yet? . . . Also don't forget the plebiscite vote on March 30 . . . we do need a hotel in this place seems to me a lot of people are losing sight of that fact, anyway for or against get out and vote, it's your duty, that's what you have a vote for, you know complete indifference will either make or break . . . don't say I didn't warn you. . . . Fred O'Feeney, Gibsons, received parchment certificate award from the Royal Humane Society, for his rescue August 4, 1947, of Fred Aalton from drowning at Gibsons . . . Guess this is all for this week, can't think of much more to say, anything I've missed I hope to get in for next week . . . Be seeing you . . .

MORE ABOUT ROBERTS CREEK

Continued from Page 2

Mrs. Frank Yates has been visiting her mother in West Vancouver for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Olson had Mrs. Olson's brother and cousin from Vancouver visiting them over the weekend.

The W.A. to the Canadian Legion Branch 219 announce the winners of the telephone bridge held at various members' homes during the past month.

Ladies' high—Mrs. June Gray with a score of 177 points. Gentlemen's high—Mr. Jesse Tomkinson scoring 174 points. Consolation prizes to—Mrs. Doris Rusk with a score of 150 points and Mr. John Orr scoring 141 points.

It is announced that the score cards of any game held through the forthcoming month must be turned in before the next general meeting on Tuesday, April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rusk were hosts to a party of friends when they entertained at whist last Sunday March 6th.

Mrs. Nina Daly and Mrs. Ivy Coldwell were co-hostesses Saturday March 13th when they entertained at whist. The guests included Mrs. J. Gray, Mrs. D. Macfarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Murray MacKenzie, Mrs. C. N. Bourn, Mr. Bill Coughlin and Mr. Tommy Chrismas.

THESE CHILDREN are citizens of the same world but their worlds are more than poles apart. One is a happy Canadian boy . . . well fed, happy, his cheeks radiant and being schooled today for living tomorrow. The other is a European child, not well fed, his cheeks sallow and living in a world of unrest. The Canadian Appeal for Children seeks to help 400 million boys and girls in Europe and Asia . . . help them to know what it is like not to be hungry, to know the happiness of health and be taught the ways of peace and understanding. Help the Canadian Appeal for Children bring happiness to these boys and girls.

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SECHELT

By ARIES

A very good game of basketball was played March 11 between Sechelt School and Indian Braves, with Principal Ellis of Sechelt United acting as referee. The Sechelt team was composed of Dennis Grey, Earl Grey, Tommy Reynolds, Stan Tyson, Dick Clayton and George Derry. The Indian lads were Norman Joseph, Louie Lewis, Richard George, David Jeffries, Gilbert Joe and Tommy Jimmy. The score: Indian Braves 37, Sechelt United 22.

The newly-formed V. O. N. Auxiliary at Sechelt has decided to hold its meetings at Rockwood Lodge on the second Tuesday of the month. The object will be to raise money for the V.O.N. and a garden party will be held May 19 at the Lodge. The fee is one dollar for membership, and we hope these active young people will increase the membership to an impressive point. It is noted that the meetings will be held in the evenings, so that will give Daddy a chance to learn the hazards of baby-sitting. Mrs. Lillian Powell is president of the group, Mrs. June Smith, secretary, Mrs. Mary Newcomen, treasurer, and Mrs. Alice A. French, press convenor.

Sherry Simning celebrated her seventh birthday this month. Her guests included Diana Wheeler, Derelyn Cooke, Judy Smith, Bruce Redman, Jimmy Doyle, Peggy Simning, Valerie Morrison.

We were sorry to hear that Mr. Scattergood has been very ill, and we are glad to hear he is now on the road to recovery.

Enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Funnell and Mrs. Mills of Roberts Creek. Also on the same day the Les Wilkinsons of Pender Harbour called to see us. We are always glad to see old friends and enjoy a laugh and a joke.

A friend reports a most wonderful display of northern lights. She says the sky was magnificent in colors, with long fingers of silver, and streamers of purple and pale rose. We would have liked to have seen it but it was very early in the morning and it was because she was out with a sick dog that she was fortunate enough to catch the display.

The Indian Village basketball team, composed of Residential School pupils, seems to be going places these days. They show good sportsmanship. A recent game saw the following score: Senior Girls, 34; Junior Boys, 25. On the girls' side were Mabel Jackson, Lillian Jackson, Doreen John, Sue Mitchell and Stella Baptist. The boys were Russell Jacob, Joe Piella, Tommy Jimmy, Francis Phillip and Harvey Paul. On March 12 the Junior Boys and Senior Girls, with the girls getting top score of 24 to 18. For the boys, Cagney Point, Louie Lewis, Andy Point, Russell Jacob, Joe Piella; for the girls: Mabel and Lillian Jackson, Doreen John, Sue Mitchell and Stella Baptist.

GIBSONS—by Parr Pearson

Mrs. Clyde Parnell took a bad spill about a week ago. In going down she trew out an arm to save herself and for the past week she has had a very sore arm. Thinking she had sprained a muscle, she finally went to the doctor, there discovering after an x-ray that she had a broken bone in the shoulder. The arm will be in one of those vertical casts, and we sympathize with her in the misery she will have for a while.

Our genial real estate man, "Mac" to you, is sporting a brand new car. Seems almost sacrilege to take such a beautiful job out on these grim roads. They tell me that Mr. Mott, from Roberts Creek has Mac's old car.

A little bird says that Art Alexander is leaving us, going into a sweet line of business. How about some samples, Art?

Children of Gibsons will have a May Day celebration on the 24th of May, with a queen to be elected from the school.

Mr. Stamford, at Victoria, has been requested to obtain life-saving equipment for the government wharf.

A committee of two, Mr. Herrin and Mr. L. Peterson, have been delegated to go into the matter of some definite plans with the V.O.N. auxiliary, to obtain Gibsons quota of $1,000 for the V.O.N.

PENDER HARBOUR

A successful tea was held at Irvine's Landing on March 7 in aid of the Crippled Children's Hospital. The affair was sponsored by the mothers of Irvine's Landing School pupils. There were around 50 guests, and proceeds amounted to $36.50.

The 'flu bug seems to be prevailing in these parts. Dr. Vollen ordered schools closed for one week.

Duncan Cameron is home on a three-week vacation from his duties at the Royal Bank, Vancouver.

A trap shoot is being planned for Good Friday, March 26, at Leith's Point. All you scattergun men get behind this for a good time. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. The shoot commences at 10.30 a.m. Shells will be available.

The newly-appointed committee of P. H. Hospital Society met Wednesday evening, March 3rd, at Madeira Park, aboard the John Antle. Officers appointed include R. S. Murdoch, president; L. E. Humbly, vice-president; C .G. Brewster, secretary; C. Potts, treasurer. Plans are progressing favorably towards the erection of new quarters for the staff at St. Mary's Hospital. The next meeting of the committee is set for Wednesday, March 24.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart of Madeira Park. It's another boy.

Miss Caryl Would's sister, Mrs. John Hayes and little son Woodie of Vancouver, were visitors at P.H. over the week-end.

BIBLE READING

AND WHEN they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots.

Now upon the first day of the week very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus! And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered His words, and returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

St. Luke 23: 33, 34. 24: 1-9

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BRITANNIA BEACH

By "SLIM"

HELLO Folks! Gee, March 7th already. The old swimming pool will be open before we know it.

Well since the Brownings have left every thing is back to normal and every one resting up, but it sure cuts my news short.

The Canadian Legion had a guest smoker on Saturday. Seeing I don't drink beer, I wasn't fussy on going, but I'm sure glad I went and I won't miss any from now on. They played Bingo (free) for awhile, as usual lovely prizes of sheets, cups and saucers and plate sets etc. I got there too late for bingo. Then again our Enyonne and Sven played the piano and accordian for us. Red Verdisio played several pieces on the accordion and also on his flute; it all was grand. Later on Bob Mounsey gave up a solo; then our Elsie Balderson and I think our Lil Mounsey were making their debute on the mike with a solo. I won't say any remarks, only there is still hopes for me? Gordon Mounsey was emcee and he certainly does very well. He is hard to beat and kept things on the go all evening.

There was lots of everything, crackers and cheese, cigarettes, pickles and scads of beer. Later they cleared the centre of the gym and we danced until 12 and such swell music. Enyonne at the piano with Sven and Red. Everyone had a grand time, left there about 1.30, got home at 2 and to bed at 4:45 a.m. and my niece decides at 6:20 a.m.: it's time to get up, oh, to be a "Rich Aunt".

Since last week I have acquired a new niece. Wendy Louise Fort, so I'm off to Vancouver tomorrow for three weeks; so there will be little or no news for awhile, but I will try to send a few lines in each week.

It's nice to see Mr. Birch back at work, after being ill for several weeks.

Was glad to see Marg Mounsey home and out from the hospital and looking very well.

The Johnny Edwards had surprise visitors Helen Demery from Winnipeg and Mrs. Westbrook of Vancouver.

The Townsite had a big cabaret on Saturday Mr. H. H. Lee was at it and he was here yesterday and it was a grand affair. Two 45 minute floor shows with Fred Bass and his troupe, hot plate supper of spaghetti and chicken, etc., pie and ice cream, the music was very good, so I'm glad it was a success.

Was told last night that Mr. and Mrs. Sid Teal (nee Dorothy Hamilton of the Townsite) have a daughter. They now live at Snow Lake, so congratulations Dot and Sid.

Like to congratulate the newly weds who were married at the Townsite last week. Leona Bishop and I don't know the groom's name, but best of luck to you both.

One of our whist club members was surprised when her hubby sent home a new washing machine. Already she has her fingers crossed when he puts on his undies he will look like a "Bobby-Socker". But it's swell to have a washer and we're with you Aggie.

Well, folks I have so much to do before tomorrow. It makes me ill when I think of it. So for another week or maybe two I'll say Cheerio and only hope this spring weather stays for awhile. —Slim.

Our Town

by Jack Scott

"THE ACCUSED stands charged with the serious crime of attempted suicide and has elected to take the stand in his own defense. You may proceed, Mr. Pludge."

"Thank you, your honor. Well, sir, I'm just an ordinary, average man and I guess I wouldn't have done anything drastic like that except for the ketchup bottle, because . . ."

"The ketchup bottle?"

"Yes, your honor. New bottle of ketchup Mrs. Pludge had bought. Well, you know how it is. I tipped the bottle of ketchup up and nothing came out. So I hit it gently a few times with the heel of my hand, you know, and nothing happened, so then I hit it a swat with my fist and, well, I guess I sort of lost my temper."

"I see. The ketchup came out?"

"It made a noise like 'Glub.' First thing I know, I've got a lapful of ketchup."

"But surely, Mr. Pludge . . ."

"Oh, that was only the start of it, your honor. If it hadn't been for the sardine can, I suppose I . . ."

"Sardine can?"

"The key broke off, your honor, when I was unscrewing the top off it. When Mrs. Pludge got home, she was very disturbed."

"You were in a melancholy state?"

"I was swinging at it with an axe, your honor. And I guess that was what really started me on the way to what I did."

"I'm afraid I don't quite . . ."

"Got to brooding, your honor. Everything seemed against me. I got to thinking that all the little gadgets around the house were against me. *They were after me, your honor.*"

"But, surely, a man of your intelligence, Mr. Pludge . . ."

"I tried to be calm about it, your honor. Like I told Mrs. Pludge, it was either me or the telephone cord and . . ."

"The telephone cord?"

"Yes, your honor. It curled up. Every time I would go to answer the telephone, I'd have to get down on my knees beside it, because it would all be curled up. So then I would straighten it all out."

"But didn't that . . ."

"Always curled up again. *When I wasn't looking.*"

"I see."

"Then when the shower bath got on their side I knew . . ."

"Shower bath, Mr. Pludge?"

"Even the shower bath. I would stand outside the tub and get the temperature just right. I'm a medium-warm man myself, your honor. Then, when I stepped in, it would rear back and let me have it. Second degree burns, your honor."

"You have developed a fixation, I take it?"

"I didn't really get desperate until after Vladimir was born and . . ."

"Vladimir, Mr. Pludge?"

"My son, your honor. You see, we bought one of those folding baby carriages for him. Believe me, I'll never forget the day I tried to get it together."

"It was difficult?"

"It kept lunging at me. That's what it did. I tried to ward it off with a kitchen chair and it got me by the arm and if Mrs. Pludge hadn't been in the house and such a big, strong woman, well, sir, I don't know what would have happened. It was just like the deck chairs."

"The deck chairs?"

"Yes, your honor. They used to snap at me and one time one of the big fellows got me by the ankle."

"How long did this continue, Mr. Pludge?"

"Right up until the time I tried to do what I'm here for, your honor. The whole thing began to be a conspiracy. I began to notice that cellophane was gripping onto things when I tried to take it off and the hot water tap in the kitchen started dripping, but not until I was just about to fall asleep and then, and then, the gol darn . . ."

"You really must control yourself, Mr. Pludge."

"Sorry, your honor. I was thinking about the card table. It began pulling one of its legs in and trying to sit down every time I'd put it up."

"Well, now, Mr. Pludge, I think we've had sufficient of that and . . ."

"You don't want to hear about the camera film that tried to strangle me?"

"I think not, Mr. Pludge. Perhaps you'd better tell us how you were going to do away with yourself."

"Oh, that. Well, it was this ironing board of Mrs. Pludge's, your honor."

"It was after you, too?"

"Every time I'd put it up it would be solid as a rock. Then Mrs. Pludge would lay a handkerchief on it or breathe heavily and it would come down. So one day when Mrs. Pludge and Vladimir were out I got up on the ironing board, tied the electric light cord around my neck and waited for it to drop. I figured I'd sort of have the last laugh on it."

"It didn't drop, Mr. Pludge?"

"It didn't drop, your honor."

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