

# BETWEEN YOU 'N ME...



by  
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Editor, The Coast News

SO THAT was Christmas and that other hazy period no doubt was New Year's Eve. Such is the thought of many, now that all is calm again. I see by Mrs Nestman's column there were a number of strangers and old friends back at the haunts. Slowly but surely they return and mingle with the locals once again.

Up and down the main drag there were cries of, "Well, you old son-of-a-gun. When did you get back? Come on and have one on me." Several times I started out to accept but found no one was speaking to me. I wound up sitting on the edge of the wharf watching the fishing boats coming in for the festive season. They were all lit up too — the boats I mean.

The fishermen seem to have a bit of droop to their usual jaunty swing. They tell me the last year could have been quite a bit better.

Reg Godfrey wandered in a few minutes ago muttering something about getting home to fix some lights or something. His good wife, Ruth, has been in bed with the flu recently. And while on the subject of good looking women I saw Helen Marshall the other day. I've known Helen for about twenty years and when we met it was a case of — whatever happened to old So-and-So? Remember him, he was the guy that tied his boat up to the dolphin at Proctor after a party at Bal-four, he stepped out and had to swim to shore — more than 100 yards it were too.

Anyway, Helen put on a party on New Year's Eve. She called it a potluck — supper. Everybody brought something to eat. It turned out to be a dandy, despite its Scottish origin — or maybe it was because of it, I wouldn't know.

Jean Lisserman is no slouch at the piano. In fact Jean is no slouch at anything. She's a good cook, a very good singer and quite the hostess.

I wonder how she got in here. Probably still on that good looking women angle.

Here's one I thought you would like. Offhand, I can't remember if this was one of Mr Bushfield's jokes or not. Come to think of it probably read it in the Readers Digest.

The temperance lecturer asked his audience: "Now, supposing I had a pail of beer and a pail of water on this platform, and then brought on a donkey; which of the two would he take?"

"He'd take the water," came a voice from the back of the hall. "And why would he take the water," asked the pleased lecturer.

"Because he's an ass," came the reply.

The other day I was standing by the desk in the place I call an office when the door flew open and in breezed a real guster. Before peace and quiet had settled among the papers lying about, I had been metaphorically whisked up to the Cariboo and dumped at Quesnel.

In less time than it takes to tell I was listening to the ins and outs of running a magazine in the north country, how to write an article for MacLeans Magazine and the potential of the Sechelt Peninsula as far as news stories were concerned. Every once in a while I would hear, "That's the clue."

In a matter of seconds the door opened again and Fred Lindsay had disappeared in a flurry of snow and frost. He reminded me of Dr D. J. Millar from North Vancouver when he gets going on his pet subject, Horse Fly Lake.

I would like to say thank you very much too, I hope the name is right, Dave Pollock from Madera Park. He and his partner in the garage that day just about saved my bacon. It was only by their good heartedness that I made it home, they were also the

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## War Between Us And Victoria?

GIBSONS.—Swords are drawn and ready between the Village of Gibsons and the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Following receipt of a blunt refusal from B. C. Bracewell in respect to a former request for amalgamation from the village, commissioners have decided against laying down to the decree.

In his letter, the inspector of municipalities pointed out he would refuse the request, originating with district lot 686, for amalgamation with the village. He threatened to withdraw the present letters patent and re-issue new letters which would include the two district lots bordering the village.

Commissioners rose up in arms at this blunt threat.

Said Commissioner Mrs E. Nestman: "This is an insult. Surely we have some rights in this. We have asked the department several times to give us a reason for refusing our request for amalgamation and each time they have hedged."

According to the deputy minister, inclusion in village bylaws of clause 65, local improvements levy rights are not necessary under his proposal. It is this clause which has proved the stumbling block for inclusion of the two outside groups.

Commission Chairman James Drummond took unkindly to the letter. He ordered Municipal Clerk Robert Burns to find out the legal aspects of the matter.

## A Crystal Ball Forecast On the Future of Schools

By BILL SUTHERLAND

A WELTER of rumour and surmise has arisen following the recent meeting in Victoria of Howe Sound Island secessionists and the minister of education.

But through the maze of conjecture have come the inevitable straws in the wind. It may be well for us to view some of the clues which have seeped past those closed doors. By thus preparing we can put ourselves in better position for the next school by-law; be better prepared to plan for the future of our youngsters.

It seems obvious, despite the close mouthed attitude of delegates, that something satisfactory — at least to the secessionists, came from the ponderings.

Following is a list of what could be logical surmises under the circumstances.

1. Delegates were satisfied with what had been promised.
2. We would guess that secession was not allowed.
3. The by-law will be proffered again — during the summer — and for approximately half the original amount.
4. Gambier or Keats Island, but we guess Gambier, will have a school of its own.
5. Gambier, again there is a toss up but we again take Gambier, will have a resident as a member of the School Board.
6. A better advertising schedule will be drawn up. Meetings will be held throughout the Peninsula familiarizing the people with what is at stake.
7. Under these conditions, we predict the by-law would pass. The Howe Sound Islands would vote for the reduced by-law.

We came to several of the above conclusions after watching the actions of what turned out to be a very experienced delegation which interviewed the

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## LEACH TO LEAD BRIGADE

GIBSONS.—In an effort to clarify the muddled situation of the leaderless fire brigade here, Village Commissioners will request Clifford Leach to reorganize and control the group.

The voluntary brigade has been without official leadership since the resignation of Eric Inglis, several months ago.

## Eager Hands for Windfall Dollars

GIBSONS, Dec. 12. More than \$1200 was recently received by this village, share of the three percent sales tax, but hands are already reaching for shares.

Following receipt of the cheque, Village Commissioners were immediately confronted with a previous promise to lay aside \$1500 for construction of a firehall. Municipal Clerk Robert Burns will notify the Ratepayers Association that the promised sum will be actually on hand by the end of the fiscal year.

## Father O'Dwyer Tells Of Ghosts and Heroes

GIBSONS.—Chuckles and straight laughs highlighted the bi-monthly supper meeting of Kinsmen here, when they listened to Father Edward O'Dwyer describing life in rural Ireland.

Son of a farmer, the Roman Catholic priest took the club through a verbal tour of the 'Ould Sod', pointing out the customs of the people, their way of life and how their environment had such a great influence upon their characters.

The young priest pointed out that the old story of the Irish and English hatred for each other had been relegated to the story class. "A better understanding is growing between the two countries," he said. He attributed this to better liaison between the two. "Hundreds of young Irish men and women journey between the two every week."

"True communism exists in parts of rural Ireland. The young are taught that they must find their fun in work but they must also work in helping each other. This is one of the reasons why rural people find satisfaction in a life which would be unbearable to us."

Father O'Dwyer explained the custom of "made matches," where the girl is betrothed without her consent. He pointed out that this custom rarely appears now. But recalled one case, and pointed the story by passing a picture of a girl who had been married under these circumstances.

Touching on the beauties of both Canada and Ireland he pointed out that much of Ireland was still "wild." "There are lakes which have never been drained, mostly because of superstitions surrounding their origin, or because they are reputed to hold some of St Patrick's pets."

The priest touched a serious note when speaking about the more than ten seminaries throughout Ireland. He recalled the great number of priests who had left them to live a short life, 5-10 years, working among the

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means of Sid Godber getting home to the interior in time for Christmas with his little girl and wife. Thanks a lot men, it made one youngster happy for Christmas.

## Fast Service To City Is Assured

SECHELT — Associated Air Taxi is now in operation from Pender Harbour to Vancouver with stops including Sechelt and Gambier Harbour, on scheduled low fare trips.

With daily flights from Vancouver leaving at 11:30 a.m. stops will be made as per radio telephone request. Return trip will leave Garden Bay at 1 p.m.

The taxis will include Waco and Sea Bee type planes with larger models if needed. Fares will be \$11.50 single from Garden Bay and \$7.75 from Sechelt. Mrs Cecil Lawrence is agent at Sechelt with headquarters in the bus depot; while Egmont will be handled from Co-op Store. Garden Bay Lodge, with Lloyd Davis, is agent for Pender Harbour area.

## District Gets Pipe Go-Ahead

APPROVAL has been received from the Provincial Department of Public Works for residents of District Lot 686 to sink a water main 18 inches only.

The required distance is usually between three and six feet. Residents pointed out that this was too much, owing to the drop in the Sechelt Highway. More than 1200 feet will be laid soon with access to the Gibsons supply.

Twelve residents are slated to tap the new pipe. Newcomers will be assessed in proportion to the cost of laying and the pipe.

## Ratepayers Meet Thursday Next

ANNUAL meeting of the Gibsons and District Ratepayers Association will be held in the United Church Hall, Gibsons, on Thursday at 8 p.m.

Ratepayers in Gibsons village and adjacent districts can join the association by payment of a nominal fee and an invitation is extended eligible taxpayers to interest themselves in the affairs of their community.

As the result of the open meeting held recently in connection with reorganization of a volunteer fire brigade in Gibsons, Cliff Leach, of the Howe Sound Trading Company, has been asked to accept the responsibility of enrolling volunteers for this important community effort.

## New Ferry Times For Howe Sound

PORT MELLON — West Howe Sound ferries, on Tuesday announced a new winter schedule. With three return trips per week the new plan will see the ferries leaving Horseshoe Bay for Port Mellon on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Ports of call will be Gambier Harbour, New Brighton, Port Mellon and Seaside Park.

## Changes Are Slated For Sechelt Wharf

SECHELT — The new wharf in this community, to be finished within a few days will be unique for this part of the world.

Plans call for a sidewalk along one side of the wharf which will be 20 feet longer than the original, and 10 feet wider.

Sechelt Board of Trade in conjunction with the Liberal Association have written to the Federal Department of Public Works requesting lights be placed on the new wharf. A copy of the letter has also been sent to Federal Member of Parliament, James Sinclair.

## Local Teachers Have Heavy Slate of Work; More Planned

SECHELT—Regular meeting of the Sechelt Teachers Local Association was held recently at Sechelt Inn.

A letter received from James Sinclair, M.P., expressing willingness to address the January meeting met with approval. Plans are now being laid to hold this meeting.

Elimination trials will be held at the Sechelt P-TA Amateur Night in February. The winner will compete at the Talent Search competition to be held at Easter during the teachers' convention in Vancouver.

Mrs W. Rankin was elected representative to the North Shore council.

Circulars on housing sent from the B.C. Teachers' Federation were discussed. Individual reports will be returned to the Vancouver executive offices.

Mr Elliot conveyed the thanks of the Kinsmen for the great co-operation given them by the teachers in the Halloween plans. The Alert Bay and Quatsino school districts are now part of the North Shore district geographical area. This now consists of North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Howe Sound, Sechelt,

## WHARF DEAL FOR GAMBIER

GAMBIER Island. More than two feet will be added to the width of New Brighton wharf sometime this month.

According to word received, a contract amounting to more than \$1500 has been awarded for widening the wharf to contractor William Greenlees. Redocking will also be part of the renovation program.

Alert Bay and Quatsino school districts.

At the recent teachers' convention in North Vancouver, Mr Trueman of Gibsons was elected president for this area and Mr Elliot the geographical representative.

There was a high attendance of teachers from the Sechelt area at the North Shore convention, where a display of work from Gibsons elementary and high school pupils drew favorable comment. Displays from other schools in the area presented many interesting ideas which will be of definite help for future projects.

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# Much Ado - - -

By Cherry Whitaker

"Thick and fast, they came at last

And more and more and more!" Lewis Carroll meant oysters, but I'm speaking of the welter of impressions received during the past hectic hurried forty-eight hours. The Peninsula's youngest freight line (marine) celebrated its first anniversary on Saturday, December 17, and the head of the house and I attended the birthday dinner, held in Vancouver.

Sounds simple, but there are some people who just naturally do things the hard way. It makes life interesting and keeps them from getting in the much talked of rut, but it's very wearing to the constitution. In this case, the constitution has nothing to do with the BNA Act and cannot be revised. It's the one you were born with, and are expected to pal around with for all the days of your natural life. As you know, even good pals get pretty browned off once in a while, when treated in a cavalier fashion. I don't expect to be on very good terms with mine till about the middle of January.

We started out on this trial and tribulation adventure at 8:30 Saturday morning. The telephone refused to work and the car was out of gas. The phone situation could have been very interesting if we had had more time, because we could hear all that was going on on the other end, while remaining exasperatingly mute at this end. However as "the ship" was to pick us up at a certain time we couldn't play those kind of games.

Braving the fury of the elements we rushed off to Davis Bay and waited for twenty-five minutes on the dock. It was so cozy. A howling gale bombarded us with rain and snow, till the watery end that I felt we were facing looked like a happy release. The ship arrived and with all the agility of a team of elephants we hurled ourselves aboard. The next ten minutes were heavenly bliss. Shelter from the storm and hot steaming coffee.

Soon, however, it became apparent that the damp coats would stay damp and the cold feet remain cold. I've been travelling up and down this coast for centuries in assorted varieties of craft, some considerably smaller than the one we were on then, and I realized that the snug, warm confines of the galley below was no place for a tummy unblest by breakfast.

The sea bore all the aspects of the Swiss Alps. We climbed up one side of the mountainous waves and we slid down the other side, then every so often to vary the monotony we simply went through them. This produced an effect similar to being inside a washing machine with the rotator going full blast. Whenever this happened I forcefully told myself that a converted fair-mile can weather anything, or that the skipper and crew could not possibly look so darn cheerful if we had one scupper in Davy Jones' locker. The uplift of this latter reflection was tempered, somewhat, by vivid memories of the heroism of men of the sea. However no one seemed anxious to get busy sending SOS's on the radio telephone, so I was forced to conclude that we would arrive at our destination some time, little the worse for the pounding.

Three hours later we did arrive. The sea was comparatively calm, the sun was shining brightly and it was difficult to realize that the going had been so rugged so short a time before.

The next twelve hours were spent having the delayed breakfast, trying to do four hours of Christmas shopping in 40 minutes, an attempt to glamorize the old exterior, attending the dinner, having another breakfast... this one at 2:30 a.m. ... This was supposed to give us an extra half hour sleep and ensure that we wouldn't need breakfast before getting the ferry at Horse-shoe Bay at 9 a.m.

The rest will be continued in the next issue for anyone hardy enough to go on with this. And now a quick switch in locale and mood to the present and here. Greetings are in order for the new year to all the sound people who have read this far. Perhaps condolences would be

# EDITORIALS

Monday, January Ninth, Nineteen-Fifty

## It's War-- But They Love It

A WAR IS even now in progress on peaceful Keats and Gambier Islands. A war which may well have its final battle fought here on the peninsula.

In the news recently, was a story that the BCE Railway Company Limited and the BC Power Commission were both interested in bringing the two islands into their respective electrification systems. The peoples of the islands were only too eager to help. Petitions have gone the rounds requesting approval of the general idea. The BCE has promised power at the minimum cost of \$2 per month for domestic lighting. They will not charge for poles used on government roads. Rates will be on a par with that now in force on Bowen Island and Squamish.

The BC Power Commission is also in earnest. It is rushing to completion a survey of potential consumers including the poles and wire which will be needed.

From a very reliable source comes the information that the BCE has ideas for spread-

ing throughout the whole Howe Sound area including the Sechelt Peninsula. The BC Power Commission agrees their source of supply is of little value considering the potential increase in population. It has started a survey of Clowhom Falls with the idea of building a power dam there.

The BCE already has more power than it needs. It has it now. It has it here. There will be no dilly dallying if it gets the nod from the Public Utilities Commission.

The Power Commission needs more consumers if its plans for expansion go through. It is fighting at this moment to get the right to supply power to the islands.

The power commission's costs are higher to start, tapering off to less than that asked by the private company.

The people on the islands are waiting to see which lion wins. They are actually pulling for the BCE but whichever way the dice rolls the islanders will get cheaper power; which, in turn will mean brightening their future, both industrially and socially.

## Dice or Brains--It's Your Choice

TO EVERY ledger there are two columns, one marks for all time, the credits, while the other indelibly records the debits. It is high time we struck a balance on the school account which confronts the Peninsula now.

If the story on what MAY have happened at Victoria is anywhere near the truth, then it will do us well to stop, look and listen.

Outstanding on the debit side is our present disgraceful schools and the recent loss of the by-law which would have remedied this terrible situation.

Also on the wrong side is the restricted future of our children. Without schooling they would be as the beasts. There is no denying the situation as it exists, is grim. The debit column is heavy with red. But...

On the credit side of the ledger, still supposing the story hits near the truth, is a new, smaller by-law, approximately half the original, which will guarantee that schools will be built. It will guarantee better schooling facilities throughout the Peninsula at the cost of a gymnasium and other, what may be termed, extras.

The question which will soon face the public bookkeepers will be: Shall we defeat the smaller by-law in order to force the issue for the original, larger one? Or shall we approve of the restricted one in order to guarantee at least a start in the right direction?

To most people that sounds rather one

sided. But there are people who would defeat the next one to try and force the original. That would be a foolish mistake.

There is little doubt that a well organized Island group aided by "boatloads of summer home owners," already chaffing at high, Vancouver school taxes, would defeat the original again. Particularly if these summer home owners were well tutored on the "unessential" parts of the by-law.

Pensioners, and there are many on the Peninsula, would be the target for more "facts." It would be pointed out that the islands are not against education, or the by-law, they are only against the enormous size of the by-law. With skillful handling this could be dangerous talk in trying for passage of a big money bill.

There seems to be one course open; a course which will assure our children of better schools. In truth, of a better education.

Compromise. Entrench with the smaller by-law. Make sure of that, at least. Then, if upon further thought it is decided to go for a larger school, do so. Plans can be made which will easily allow of additions, without jeopardizing efficiency or beauty of design.

We have nothing to gain by defeating the next, smaller by-law in order to force a larger one. Let us mark a profit on the credit side of the ledger. We cannot afford to buy more red ink with a mortgage on the future of our children.

## Sechelt School News

By ELAINE GOWLAND

HAVE any flying saucers, air balloons or foreign objects been seen flying over Sechelt and vicinity? Don't be alarmed, they were probably a couple of harmless hydrogen-filled balloons set off by the grades 9 and 10 science class. It all started after various chemicals were mixed together and hydrogen was produced. Two balloons which just happened to be around (Barry's idea, maybe?) were filled, tagged and let float where may.

The Legion Hall on Monday, December 19, was the scene of

the proper word. But, anyway I DO wish everyone, everywhere a contented 365 days. And in the true spirit of my Hindu friend, "May your shadow never lessen."

a Christmas party for grades 1 to 3. The children played games and received bags of candy from Santa Claus. On the same afternoon, grades 4 to 12 had a picture-show at the Sechelt Pavilion. A Laurel and Hardy picture was shown first and, judging by the screams of laughter, was very much enjoyed. "Bush Christmas," filmed in Australia, was also shown. After the show, bags of candy were given out by Santa.

We had a visit from Dr McColl, Monday. He came to announce the winners of the Board of Trade essay contest. Prize-winners were Betty Pratt, winning three dollars for the name, "Central Peninsula" Board of Trade. Jean Scott took second prize with "Sechelt District" Board of Trade and won two dollars.

The baby clinics are now being held at the high school building on the first Wednesday in each month.

## DENTAL DEFECTS

Hidden defects in your child's teeth may cause a lot of pain and trouble for him and a great deal of expense for you if they are not treated quickly. Cavities often develop even when the teeth are cleaned thoroughly and regularly, so periodical visits to the dentist are a "must." Your child's "baby teeth" are important. Don't neglect them.

## Famous Multiple Birth Recalled

HOW THE Dionne quintuplets were kept alive through their first precarious week by the patience and resourcefulness of Dr A. R. Dafoe, is told by Keith Munro in the January Reader's Digest. The article is condensed from the book, "The Aspirin Age."

The Digest author, then a reporter for the Toronto Star, recalls that an old-fashioned baby incubator, heated by hot water, doubtless saved the lives of the smallest and weakest of the girls, Marie and Emilie. In Toronto, the Star was having special incubators made; meanwhile there was no electric current in the Dionne home and Marie couldn't wait for the new incubators to arrive. "She had far too little to wait with."

The smallest babies Dr Dafoe had ever seen — and he had delivered some 1500 in 25 years — all five of the quintuplets together weighed less than 11 pounds on their fifth day. Crises were frequent; Marie's life hung in the balance for all of the first week. Rum, administered in two-drop doses, saved Marie time and again, the author contends. Asked by some prominent doctors why he used rum instead of brandy, Dafoe replied characteristically, "Rum is cheap — and besides, it works."

Dafoe, who "looked like anything but a world figure," afterward insisted that he had "done nothing much." Baby specialists said later that it was just this "do-nothingness" that saved the quints. Their spark of life was so weak it could not have survived the kind of handling normal babies get. Realizing this, Dafoe told his nurses: "Don't take them up more than once a day."

## WHEN COLD WINDS BLOW

When the north wind blows cold we need a good, hearty breakfast to start off the day on the right foot. Nothing beats a hot cereal for a morning "waker-upper" but it's smart to make sure that the cereal used has the "whole grain" label.

## YOUR OWN SAFETY

Canada's government services aim to protect you from impure or adulterated food and drugs. You can help protect yourself by reporting to the food and drug inspector all instances of impure foods that come to your attention. You are entitled to good food. Help the government see to it that you get it. There is a food and drug inspector in your district. He is ready and willing to serve you at all times.

A woman trying to maneuver her sedan out of a parking space banged into the car ahead, then into the car behind and finally, pulling into the street, struck a passing delivery truck. A policeman who had been watching approached her. "Let's see your license," he demanded.

"Don't be silly, officer," she said, "Who'd give me a license?"

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WE WISH you all a very happy and prosperous NEW YEAR. It seemed strange not to have a column to write during the holidays. We noticed many visitors here during the festive season, Misses Muriel and Violet Potts of Vancouver visiting Mr and Mrs E. S. Clayton. Mr Hugh Buckley of Vancouver visiting Mr and Mrs R. S. Hackett pinching for Bob Hackett who was unable to get home for Christmas. It seemed strange not to see Bob around as he has never missed a Christmas holiday with his parents except when he was overseas. However, he phoned long distance so that was something. Mr and Mrs Alec Bain and Mrs Vera Hickey of Vancouver visiting Mr and Mrs Bob Cooke at Porpoise Bay. Miss Ella and Miss Bessie Jameson and Miss Baycroft, all of Vancouver, visiting Mr and Mrs W. J. Mayne; Mr and Mrs Ivan Ross and small son of Vancouver visiting Mrs Lydia Ross and family; Mrs Cooper and Miss Mary Cooper, Vancouver, visiting Mr and Mrs Harry Billingsley; Mr Fred Archer, of Powell River, visiting Mr and Mrs Joe Archer. Also Mr and Mrs Russell Deane and Mrs McPhaydon of Ladner visiting Mr and Mrs Walter Deane. Mr and

Mrs Ralph Dunn and daughter Vicki of Vancouver visiting Mr and Mrs Ted Osborne.

We were delighted to be invited to the Christmas concert arranged by the Sunday school teachers of the Mission church. The little folk did their parts so well and were so pleased with the prizes which they had won presented by Pastor W. Elliott. We noticed so many nice voices in the group, especially the number by the bigger girls. Refreshments were served by the ladies and with meeting old friends and making new ones we really did enjoy ourselves.

We also attended the Nativity play by the St Hilda's church children's choir and feel that possibly this was a little bit difficult for children of this age. The smaller children were unable to understand the religious significance and there were many hilarious moments which of course there should not be. However it is not the first time this has happened. Well do we remember.

Some years ago when one of the teachers was ambitious enough to have one of these plays it was in the little school house on the hill. One of the boys, who by the way, is a married man here now, was the Inn Keeper and lacking a door Joseph had to knock for admittance on the curtain. The Inn Keeper

## Church Services ANGELIC SERVICES

January 15—Second Sunday in Epiphany.

**St Bartholomew's, Gibsons—**  
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.  
11 a.m.—Sunday School.  
**St Hilda's, Roberts Creek—**  
1 p.m.—Sunday School.  
1:45 p.m.—Evensong.  
**St Hilda's, Roberts Creek—**  
11 a.m.—Sunday School.  
3:15 p.m.—Evensong.

bellows out at the top of his voice right in the midst of the opening sentence of Joseph. Hey! wait a minute. I haven't got to the door yet. Well now everyone laughed and could we help it. The next time we put on the Nativity was during Miss Freda Stocks' time and it was beautiful. Violet Woods was the Virgin Mother and she was a very lovely girl. It was just the older group of children and they practised for months with the assistance of Mr and Mrs Jack Mayne. However a lot of credit goes to those who put so much work into this play. It was arranged under great difficulties, the stage and lighting were most unsuitable, and the hall very cold.

Mr and Mrs Walter McKissock with Maureen and Geraldine spent their Christmas holidays at Ioco, guests of Mr and Mrs Frank Martin. They had a wonderful time. Sorry to hear that Mrs McKissock's brother, Norman Taylor, was taken to hospital. Many of us remember Norman when he camped here as a small boy. We hope he will soon be on the road to recovery.

Sorry also to hear that Mrs Geo. Phillips has a very painful injured arm. We have no details but hope she will be feeling better soon.

Noticed here from Courtney was Harold Ingram visiting his wife Betty, the former Betty Youngson and Mr and Mrs Wm Youngson.

Also saw Mr and Mrs Roy Marshall and baby son. Mrs Marshall was formerly Janet Hansen and was visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Louis Hansen.

During the recent visit of the Catholic Archbishop, H. M. Duke, a reception was held at GLEN DALOUGH, the home of Mr and Mrs W. J. Mayne, who entertained in his honor and many people in the parish called on His Grace and enjoyed a visit with him.

Who was the most popular bachelor in Sechelt during the Christmas holidays. Mr Ed Cluse, "Thass who." And you know why? He was the WINNAH of all that wonderful AVON cosmetics: Lipstick, Perfume, Talcum, Hand Lotion, and what have you, but there was also a wonderful shaving kit in the box so he didn't do so badly for himself. We were hoping to put a little of that Golden Promise behind our ears but we didn't make the grade. Ah me.

Visiting here recently was Mr and Mrs Fred Hack as guests of Mr and Mrs Guy Powell; also Miss Lenore Hack, all of Vancouver.

Mr W. A. Lawrence of Vancouver was a recent visitor here. Father of the local bus line operator, Cecil Lawrence, he enjoyed his stay with his family, especially the two granddaughters, Jean and Judy.

Mr and Mrs Dick Klein (Dick and Paddy) with Mr and Mrs Stan Clatt of Vancouver were here for a short visit over the holidays.

Noticed at the dinner dance in Sechelt Inn on New Year's Eve: Mr and Mrs Dick Klein, Mr and Mrs Stan Clapp, Mr and Mrs Wygard, Mr and Mrs McDermott, Mr and Mrs E. Parr Pearson, Mr and Mrs Rankin, Mrs Thelma Brooker, Mrs Cecil Lawrence, Mr and Mrs Mickey Coe, Mr and Mrs E. Renton, Mr and Mrs Bob Cooke, Doctor and Mrs Duncan McColl, Mr and Mrs Ted Osborne Senior, and Mr and Mrs West, and many others who called after midnight to wish all a Happy New Year.

We wish to congratulate Mr and Mrs H. Newcomen on the birth of a baby daughter. We hope that this was what the boys Henry and Jerry wanted. It will be mighty nice to have a baby sister.

## Film of Import At Gibsons Soon

"DUST OR Destiny" is the technicolor film which will be shown at Gibsons United Church, January 20.

Sponsored by the AOTS, it is a production of Moody Institute of Science and deals with science-animal life in conjunction with their relation to the scriptures. This promises to be another sell-out as have been the last three sponsored by the same group.

It is pointed out that these films are so accurate they are used as text films by the United States armed services as part of their training for every service man.

## Santa at Selma Park

SELMA PARK.—More than 50 youngsters had a big time when Santa Claus visited them at a party sponsored by Selma Park Community Centre.

Mrs Duncan McColl was in charge of arrangements. Each child was presented with a surprise.

## MECHANICALLY SPEAKING

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EGMONT

By JEAN JEFFRIES

AFTER two weeks' holiday it's time I got back in the swim. So I'll start out by saying hello to my new boss and wish him the best of luck.

Speaking of swimming, it would seem that Egmont has started a polar bear club—without intent, of course.

Ben Griffith let a 15-pound cod pull him partly overboard the other day.

Another instance was where an unidentified young man hopped out of a plane and, in attempting to make the plane fast, fell in the water.

Next evening, Mr Race, Pender Harbour, fell in and the following morning Bobby La Fortune did the same thing.

The recent heavy rains have brought trouble aplenty to the L. M. & N. Logging Company by almost flooding the camp, but the men worked until midnight directing the water away from the buildings.

Sorry to hear that Mrs Neufeldt is confined to hospital for a few weeks.

Graene West is home after spending a few days in St Mary's Hospital. Mrs Passos and her baby daughter arrived home the other day.

Well, Christmas is all over and I hope that everyone had a nice time and that all the weary mothers can now relax.

The daily plane service did a big business here the other day—no less than four passengers and two youngsters. They were Mrs G. Page and Gail, Mrs La Fortune and Bobby, Bob and Reid Bryson.

Mrs Page and Mrs La Fortune have gone to visit their mother, Mrs Jenkins, at Langley Prairie.

Bob Bryson has returned to the interior after spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs P. Crowe-Swords. Reid has gone to visit his grandfather on Lasquita Island.

The Charlie Phillips' were glad to be able to move into their new home for Christmas. Mr Ed Hinks of Vancouver is staying at the home of his daughter, Mrs J. S. Murray.

Once more the Egmont children presented a wonderful Christmas concert. Mr and Mrs Bardson certainly do wonders with the kiddies and even more than that when you consider the number of first graders.

The schoolhouse's sides were bulging with guests. Mr Green counted 80 adults, then gave up as they still kept on coming.

One of the great needs here is a community hall for our concerts.

Belated birthday greetings should go out to Alf Jeffries, who celebrated his eightieth anniversary last week, and may you have many more, Alf.

Shirley Phillips is home for the holidays. She is attending the Fairview School of Commerce in Vancouver.

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This 'n That

MRS G. CLAY and Mrs W. Coleridge both spent the Christmas holidays in St Paul's Hospital beds. I hear Mrs Clay will be home soon. Mrs Coleridge is doing very well. Another bed patient is Eric Inglis, he has been there two weeks now and may be there that much yet. Hope you will soon be up and around Eric. Mrs E. Stanley spent her Christmas holidays in bed in Pender Harbour Hospital.

Bill Lissiman has recovered from a bad attack of flu. While walking around I noticed that Miss Mary Slinn is home. She is a student at St Paul's Hospital. Also noted Miss Ruth Norris, which is a student at Coquitlam Hospital; Mr and Mrs Murray Kane, from Ashcroft; Mr and Mrs Jack Pilling from Vancouver, while Eddie Battison was visiting between ferries.

Wilfred Nestman is home from the fisheries patrol for 10 days. Tub and Doris Skellett and baby from Gambier were visiting their parents Mr and Mrs William Skellett; Mr and Mrs Sowden at Gower Point were hosts to their three sons and niece; Mrs J. Husby had visitors, Louise and her husband from Seattle and Mr John Husby from Vancouver, they left for Nanaimo to visit their sister Dorcas.

Ed Curtis was here from Vancouver for a few days. Dick Hammond was down from Porpoise Bay. Cliff Leach and family had Christmas in Vancouver as did Johnny Bertram and family; Mame and Jack Lowden and Mrs Marge Leslie.

Mrs George Walsh and two children have gone east for the holidays. Back in their own home, Mr and Mrs James Shutz and baby daughter Marianne.

They tell me Mrs Ivy Battison is now Mrs Ivy Beal. Congratulations.

Mr and Mrs Jim Veitch have now taken up residence in the Gough house. Greeting cards arrived from Father Baxter who is now in Annapolis; Mrs Williamson and family who are in Prince Rupert; Mrs Helen Gibson (nee Reilly), who is in Dresden, Ontario. A note arrived from our mutual friends Tom Bond and partner who were frequent visitors over here from Keats; Frank Campbell from Wells. Mr and Mrs Nick Sotiros are still in Vancouver waiting for their bundle from heaven.

An orchid should go to the post office for the very fine job they did on the Christmas mail. (A petal and stamen from us here also. The Ed.) We think the phone office deserves some sort of very fine orchidaceous plant for the fine job they did during the long hours of duty during the festive season.

A scallion to myself for the mental and verbal blasting I gave the mail order dept. of Mr Kennedy's fine establishment in Vancouver when all the time it was locked up in Harry Smith's little cubicle down on the wharf. Our Christmas parcel arrived in England just in time to help out with the making of Christmas cakes.

Santa was good to us in many ways but none better than in the night he gave us to go to midnight mass. The snow was falling in bright moonlight. It really looked like Christmas.

Another year has rolled around. It has been a good year for some and not so good for others. Many dear friends have left and new ones have come along... that is life, and time is a wonderful healer. What the New Year will bring we do not know.

It may be just as well that we

Bowen Island

By PEARL PUNNETT

A HAPPY New Year to the editor, staff and all readers of The Coast News.

Mr and Mrs Eddie Lawrence with Donna and Gary left on December 20 for Stony Mountain, Manitoba, to spend Christmas and New Year with their respective families, and while there the children are to be christened in the same church where their parents were married three years ago on January 1. They expect to be away for three weeks.

On December 17 the annual Christmas concert was held by children in the school. The room was packed and everyone enjoyed the efforts of the young-

cannot see that far ahead. New Year's resolutions will be made and broken but that is also being human.

I'd like to say to all my readers, if I have said or written anything that hurt in any way then I hope I will be forgiven, for it was never meant to hurt at any time. And I would like to close with that little verse from my favorite singer of hymns, expressing my sincere wishes to you all:

"If I have wounded any soul today,  
If I have caused one foot to go astray,  
If I have walked in my own sinful way,  
Dear Lord, forgive..."  
May you have a very happy and prosperous New Year and may God never cease to smile on you.

sters, and then came the big moment when Santa arrived and distributed the gifts to nearly 60 children. Refreshments were served afterwards by the senior girls.

st to have the church wired and lights in before the summer.

Mrs M. Brand and Beverley are spending the festive season in Vancouver.

On December 21 a party with Christmas tree was held in the church. The children entertained the adults with singing carols, etc., and then the ladies of the church served refreshments to the children and the parents. Afterwards each child was given a present, bag of candy and an orange. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

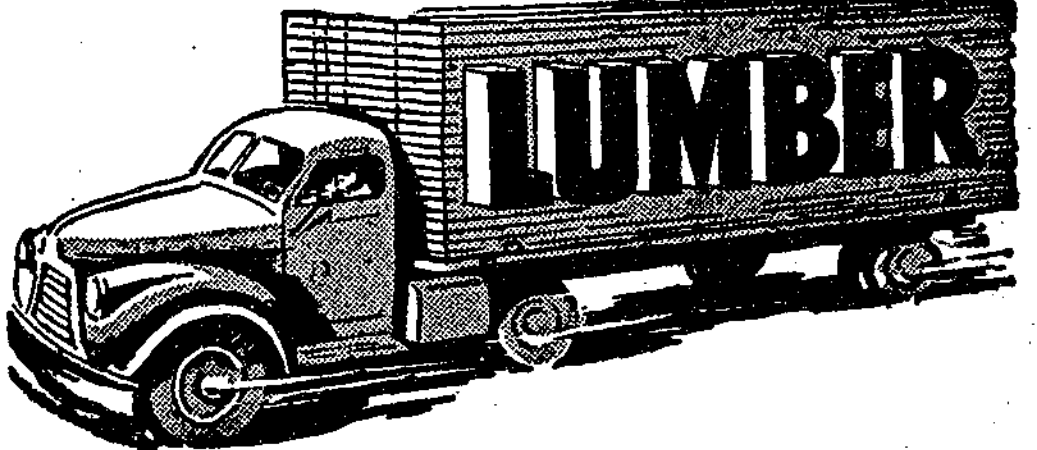
On December 28, at the home of Mrs McKirdy, an afternoon tea was held and a silver collection given in aid of the electric light fund. It was a very wet afternoon, so the attendance was rather disappointing. It is hoped

Mr and Mrs Stuart Jamieson and three children of Burnaby were here over the New Year at the home of Mrs Jamieson's parents, Mr and Mrs James Collins.

Mr and Mrs Billy James went to Abbotsford for Christmas to visit their daughter and family, Mr and Mrs J. Taylor.

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## GRANTHAM'S LANDING

MARY W. RENNIE

BY THE TIME these notes are in print, the festive season will be past for another year, and most of us will be back to the usual round of duties. We hope that all the readers of the Coast News have had a happy, refreshing holiday, and extend best wishes for a "Guid New Year" to all.

We regret that the "Notes" were absent from the last issue of the paper. We had not been informed of the change of date of publication in time to get an earlier mail. They went in the usual mail, but evidently were too late for the earlier edition of the paper.

On New Year's Day morning, when I looked out at the fresh snow that had fallen during the night lying so smooth and even, it appeared to me as if 1950 lay before us like a new copy book. I thought of how I used to like to turn over a fresh page in my scribbler or copy book when I was at school, and how I always was so careful to write my best, but somehow or other before the page was filled there would be some blots or errors and I was always annoyed at myself for not having a perfect page. So

1950 is here and great things are expected from the second half of the century. May it be in God's Providence that the new page that 1950 will write its records on will be well written with few blunders, mistakes or blots.

The residents of this district who have been away for the last two weeks are returning slowly. Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine, Mr. and Mrs. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson are back again. It will be nice to see their homes opened up and the lights on again. Mrs. George Walsh with her children, Mary and George, are still visiting with her parents in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Mullett have also returned home.

Two recent weddings which were celebrated in Vancouver during last week are of special interest to the folks here. One of them was the wedding of Mr. Alexander Fleming Smith, son of Justice and Mrs. Sidney Smith, and Eleanor Weld Mathewson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Mathewson. The ceremony took place in Christ Church Cathedral on December 26. Dean Cecil Swanson officiated. When the newlyweds return from their motor trip to California, they will make their home at Smithers, B.C. The groom is known by many of the residents as he has spent many vacations at his parents' summer home at Soames Point.

The other wedding of interest here is that of the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trant of Soames Point, Diana Elise Trant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trant, and Mr. Peter Fraser. Dean Cecil Swanson officiated at the ceremony, which took place at Christ Church Cathedral. When the young couple return from their honeymoon, they will take up residence in Quesnel, B.C.

It was with deep regret that the folks here read of the sudden death of Mr. Robert F. C. Marrion, Kitsilano High School teacher. He passed away last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Marrion and their two daughters were very well known at Granthams as they spent their summer vacations at their cottage by the beach on the "Reserve" for many years. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Marrion and her daughters Ester and Nancy in their bereavement. We also express deep sympathy to Mr. Marrion's parents in the loss

they have sustained in the death of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chambers are back at Granthams for a week. Since last summer they have been staying at Langley Prairie. They have come back to pack up their goods and chattels and are leaving on Wednesday. They will take up residence at Glen Valley, where they intend to open a store. The good wishes of their friends here go with them for success in their new venture.

Mr. Ed Roberts was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunter at New Year's at the Guest House.

These few notes will be the

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## To John Ketola Xmas Means Help

GAMBIER ISLAND. — The Christmas spirit is more than just a saying to lucky John Ketola and his family.

After escaping with their lives from their home which had been washed into the sea by a land-

last from this correspondent for a few weeks as we are going over to the Island on a vacation. In the meantime, best wishes to all for a Happy New Year.

slide, Mr. and Mrs. Ketola and infant daughter faced a bleak holiday. But neighbors came to the rescue and with the true kindness of the season and the islands, they worked together and turned what could have been a heartbreaking time into one of joy and good cheer.

In a letter of thanks to the people of the islands, Mr. Ketola points out it was only through their generosity that his family had of the good things for Christmas.

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## WILSON CREEK

By A. JOHNSTON

THE ABSENCE of this column prior to the Holidays was due to a total lack of printable news. The lull before the storm as it were, as the past weeks have been most remarkable with a tugboat beached on fire at Davies Bay, flash-floods sending all creeks to unprecedented high levels causing untold damage, snow and frost with frozen water pipes, the Yuletide with all its excitement and finally New Years with its frolics and parties heralding the second inning of the Twentieth Century. Thank Heaven it is over. I trust all readers of this column have already heard or read the details of the above mentioned events, as at the time of writing this I have only 20 minutes left to make the deadline of this week's issue, hence let the above suffice.

The Tyson family has moved into their new home on Wilson Creek road. The floods did considerable damage to the fields as Wilson Creek rose nearly three feet above normal. Wilson Creek road bridge was closed to traffic, being declared unsafe by Provincial DPW road foreman.

Some twenty-eight people gathered for a New Year's party at Mr and Mrs L. S. Jackson's residence at Wilson Creek. A turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings were served as well as the traditional Holiday cheer. Everyone had a marvellous time until the party broke up in the early hours of 1950.

Ronald and Roger, twin sons of Capt and Mrs Andrew Johnston of Wilson Creek road, returned to New Westminster Junior High School on Wednesday after spending the holidays at their parents' home. And last but not least, to the Editor, the Staff and all readers, may this year bring you all the happiness and contentment you have been wishing for.

### HIDDEN DANGERS

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By "SARAL"

TOO LATE to say Merry Xmas but may I wish staff and readers alike all success and health in the coming year.

Haven't full reports on the Xmas parties at the schools. But I hear they had lots of fun and just as much to eat. I'm sure "Judy" will report on the pre-school party at the landing.

Mr and Mrs Reg Spicer left on the "Mariner" for Vancouver with son Gary accompanying them.

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spend the holidays with the C. Browns in Bargain Harbour.

Mr and Mrs D. A. MacDonald intend to spend the New Year holiday with Mrs MacDonald's sister, Mrs J. Maeg, in Everett, Washington.

The W. Falconers will spend the Christmas season with relatives in Vancouver. Among those entertaining over the holidays will be Mrs N. McLeod who will have nine to enjoy her hospitality.

Captain and Mrs Jermaine are also entertaining guests during Christmas, plus the Brewsters and Dalys.

Death has claimed another old timer here. Mr Larsen passed away Christmas Day. Interment was in Francis Peninsula Cemetery. Rev E. Wezel conducted the graveside service. The deceased is survived by one brother at Pender Harbour.

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## HALF MOON BAY

By MURIEL WELSH

ALL ALONG the road leading to Marion Hall, long before eight on Saturday, the voices of little children were heard excitedly talking of Santa Claus and Christmas Trees. All were on their way to the annual Christmas Party. The hall was glowing with lights and a big fire burned in the fireplace, a huge Christmas tree glittered and shone with its load of colored balls and tinsel, a veritable mountain of gaily wrapped boxes and packages, each with a child's name thereon, surrounded it base, and a table beside it overflowed with bags of candy, fruit and nuts.

Things got underway promptly at 8 p.m., when Master of Ceremonies, Bill Kolterman, welcomed everyone and outlined the programme for the evening.

First, came the concert by the school children, under the direction of resident school teacher Miss Lilian Beckley, who had worked very hard to train the youngsters for this affair.

The first item on the programme was a number by a group of six children from grades one and two, entitled "When Santa Comes to Town." The children, dressed as spinning tops, teddy bears, wooden soldiers and a jack in the box, sat on the floor singing to Santa Claus, (Daryl Smith).

They sang a group of songs: (a) Little Spinning Tops are We, (b) When Santa Comes to Town, (c) Oh, Santa Look and See, (d) See the Little Balls, (e) The Wooden Soldier Man, (f) Teddy Bears on the Prowl, (g) Jack in the Box, (h) Hurrah for Dear Old Santa.

As these were all the tiny tots they were naturalness itself, doing their various parts with great glee, twisting, turning, twirling and dancing, one small girl nonchalantly scratching her leg as she watched Jack in the box jumping up and down.

Next came a recitation by Buddy Jorginson, "The Night Before Christmas." This young man has a natural aptitude for reciting and may sometime become a public speaker.

Item three was a playlet entitled "Sales Resistance." The cast as follows: The Salesman, Brian Axxam; the Old Lady, Melvin Oyer; Little Girl, Walter Nelson. Very well done, the boys, playing girls' parts, had a little trouble with their skirts at times, but did a convincing job.

The fourth number brought grades one and two back, this time to sing "The Carol", dressed as "Wise Men" and carrying lighted candles.

Next came a play by the older pupils "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Joyce Scott as Mrs Wiggs was very realistic, especially when she ironed her children's pigtails. She had a lot to memorize and was word perfect. Her son Billy, played by Jimmy Burrows, daughter, Asia, Tina Nelson; Australia, Dawn Langston; Europina was played by a little girl, who in looks resembled Margaret O'Brien and proved to be just as appealing. Her name was Marlene McCurdy. Bob was Buddy Jorginson, and they all were splendid in their respective roles and received hearty and sustained applause.

The boys had a chance to show what they could do in the next

## ROBERTS CREEK UNDER THE DOGWOOD

By Jack for Short

THE TUMULT and the shouting will have all died down by the time this appears in print but let me start this by wishing you all a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Here in Roberts Creek, everyone went all out to have a jolly Christmas, and right from the "kickoff" which was the children's party of the 26th, I think the pace went faster and faster. The youngsters all had their gifts handed to them by C. "Santa Claus" Maywood, while the scholars of East Roberts sang their selections lustily as did the contingent from Elphinstone.

Wherever one went from then on, the lights of Christmas trees twinkled through the windows of every home, or else, as in the case of the taxi stand, out in the open. Parties were on and folks popped in and out of every house just like corks.

Ukrainian and other folk dances were the rage, even including Hands, Knees and Boops a Daisy—tried that? It really warms a party up.

I bet there was a real family gathering at the Beach Avenue home of Mr and Mrs Crooks. Just prior to the holiday, Harold Gibb slipped quietly back with his bride. Bride and groom spent their first Christmas in the "Avenue."

Mr and Mrs Syabe had an additional guest over the weekend in the form of another healthy young son. Congratulations.

This Christmas was a joyous one for many, but sorrow is the keynote for Mrs H. Campbell and son Edward. Following a long illness, Mr Campbell finally passed away at Shaughnessy Hospital on Christmas Eve. Interment was on Thursday.

Mr Campbell was a fine man and did much toward the community in his own quiet way and without fanfare or the ken of his neighbors.

The wharf is now open again. But I am still waiting to see a boat using it. But it is a step nearer to getting rid of that feeling of isolation.

Now, as I get to the end of this, I am doubly aware of the great number of things I have left unsaid. The snow which has smothered us is thawing—I hope. Hall Road is a disgrace.

But before closing I would like to find out something. Can anyone tell me how to cure rabbit skins so they are nice and soft when finished? I intend to make some gloves out of two fine Angora hides I have.

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minister. It includes Alderman George Miller of Vancouver; George Atherton, one-time alderman of Vancouver; E. Enwright, manager of Union Estates Ltd.; Commander Read, Bowen Island, and Francis Drage, ringleader and veteran organizer.

It is hardly likely these men would settle for anything less than a reasonable compromise. It is hardly likely that Mr Straith would allow secession.

To add to the compromise theory came news that Mr Drage remained in Victoria after the delegation had left, and had discussions with officials of the department of education, the deputy minister of health and welfare, the minister of finance, and others. It is unlikely that the usually vociferous Mr Drage would keep a dead loss to himself.

Despite the Gallup fiasco of a year ago we predict the by-law will pass. There will be objections against cutting the original "minimum" plans but, by and large, the hinted compromise will be the one which will stand up.

## MORE ABOUT... FATHER O'DWYER

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natives in Nigeria (the White Man's Graveyard).

"These men go out fully aware they are going to be dead within a few years," he said. "They are real heroes." He related a story of one young priest he had known who had volunteered for Nigeria and had returned home for a holiday after three years.

"That man was half dead when I saw him," he said. "But he knew it as well as we did. Yet he just stayed long enough to make his round of visits then returned to his death."

Father O'Dwyer, in closing, pointed out that this sense of duty was not alone confined to the Irish. Others in the British Isles, including women who go as nurses, are equally heroic.

Kinsmen President Reg Godfrey, in thanking the speaker, pointed out that it would be the policy of the club in the future to have speakers of like calibre.

## World's Leading Deb Brings Color to Cheerless England

PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE is the liveliest person the British royal family has produced on the female side for several centuries, if not for all time, Robert Coughlan says in January Reader's Digest. The lighter side of Elizabeth's younger sister is described in an article condensed from Life.

Margaret has become England's Joint National Debutante, the author says, supplying "romance, color and girlish freshness to the drab national scene." If she adds a touch of impudence and spice, too, so much the more for the taxpayers' money. The royal family has always been a vicarious outlet for British working masses, so it is not surprising that Margaret's liveliness has become a public issue. While she has some detractors, the masses are one-hundred-percent for her.

Margaret's love of parties, dates and dancing until late hours, and her tendency to practical jokes are regarded with

mild indulgence by the King and Queen. Her father, the Digest article says, is the more delighted by his daughter's flippancies because of his own rather serious disposition. Her mother, who has a sense of humor, is an occasional conspirator, and even helped to make a costume which Margaret wore to dance the can-can before 300 guests at a party given by the American Ambassador. Queen Mary, her grandmother, has been heard to express the hope "that marriage will have a settling effect on Margaret."

Margaret is not remiss, however, the author observes, in carrying off her royal duties "with cheerfulness, tact and a polished sense of diplomacy."



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## A NEAR THING FOR SECHLT

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In answering criticism of why flumes have never been built which would convey water past the breaks and plugs which occur periodically, E. Pearson, Union Estates manager, points out that flumes are impossible, owing to the rugged terrain. "If these critics would take a look at where they want the flumes they would decide against it," Mr Pearson declared.

## Pro Rec Party Huge Success

THE PRO-REC party on Tuesday, December 20, was a big success. A nice, lively time was enjoyed by all and sundry.

Leslie Jackson and Jessica Thompson kindly volunteered to make the hot dogs and Grace Cooke was popcorn man for the evening. Rose Morrison offered her services as doorman.

The door prize was won by the McColl family. A couple of square dances were thrown in

## Appreciation of Gambier Service

GAMBIER ISLAND—More than sixty couples joined to make New Years Eve a memorable one in the memory of Mrs Dorothy Adamson.

The long-time service worker was presented with a chair and hassock by Army and Navy Unit President Francis Drage, JP. In presenting the tokens of esteem, Mr Drage recalled the long service and valuable help supplied by Mrs Adamson.

The hall was decorated in festive style by G. Lund and Jack Adkins. Mrs Adamson and Mrs Muriel Smart were in charge of refreshments which took the form of a plate supper for everyone.

### AFTER HOURS

A change is often as good as a rest, and this applies particularly in the field of recreation. Office workers and men who sit or stand all day at machines may be tired without actually expending much physical energy. For these people moderate after-hours exercise in the form of games or hobbies is often more useful and health-giving than a mere rest.

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for good measure, with Graham Collison playing his good old fiddle, Jessica Thompson on the piano, and Fred Mills and Mr D. Derby took turns on the calls.

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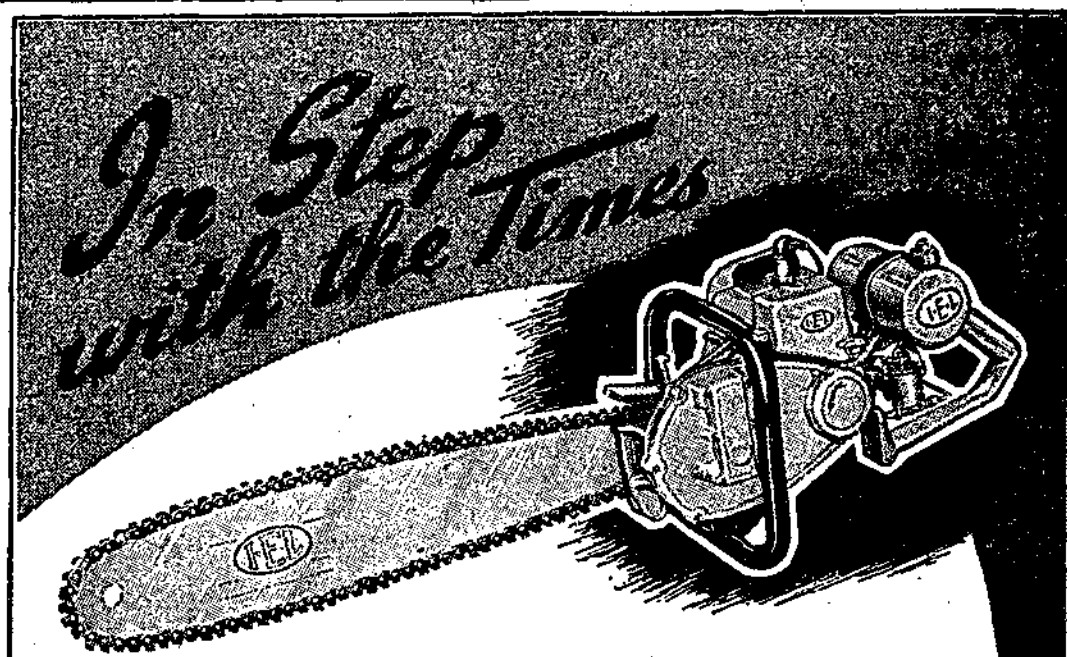
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