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## Sechelt Plans Improvement District

A special committee of the Sechelt Board of Trade, under chairman, Mr. Jim Parker, is working on a plan for an Improvement District.

Mr. E.F. Cooke was responsible for the actual drafting and drawing the actual plan of the area to be covered. The east boundary will be at the George Kynoch property in Selma Park Heights, and will take in Selma Park and Sechelt, with west boundary at the Bernel Gordon cabins, and out along the Porpoise Bay roads to the Government wharf there. The leased properties on the Sechelt Reserve are also included.

Should the Improvement District be accepted by the taxpayers, finances will then be available to take care of street lighting and fire protection. All taxpayers in the proposed area will have an opportunity to express their views.

## B of T And Legion Sponsor March of Dimes

The Annual March of Dimes to assist Crippled Children, is being sponsored by the combined efforts of the Sechelt Board of Trade, and the Sechelt Branch 140, Canadian Legion.

Suitably labelled tin cans are being placed in all business premises throughout the area of Sechelt and district. Do go out of your way to put your donations in these cans for this worthy cause.

## Trustees Elected At School Board Meeting

Three Trustees were elected at the meeting of the Representatives of the various Attendance Areas, last week at the Glendalough Lodge, in Sechelt. From the several nominations, the following were elected, Mr. Funnell of Roberts Creek, Mr. Hough of Gibsons, and Mr. Humphries of Granthams Landing.

With School Inspector, Mr. Rendle, in the Chair, and the Secretary of the Board present, the fifteen Representatives brought forward their respective ideas, needs and suggestions for their schools for 1954.

Madeira Park School grounds and Playgrounds need attention. The Playgrounds are wet. The actual grounds around the school building must be either grassed or surfaced. There is much overcrowding there, and the activities room and annex have both been pressed into service as class rooms. The school must soon be enlarged. The water system is said not to produce sufficient pressure to operate successfully.

Sechelt school needs new fire escapes, and loading platforms should be built for the bus loading and unloading.

Gibsons Elementary School also needs new fire escapes, grass sown, and a fence between the playing field and the school building.

The old annex at the back is to be dismantled. The Junior Senior Highschool front grounds are to be improved.

The Half Moon Bay School presents a problem. It is occupied now only by the grades one, two and three pupils. It needs repairs to the floor, etc, to keep it in operation for the time being. Egmont school wants High-

## Burglars Fail To Open Cash Register

Thor Christenson's "Gibsons Meat Market" was the object of attention of Tuesday night's burglary.

Some time during the night, burglars had shinnied up a plank to one of the rear windows of the Meat Market, and pulled off the screening. Finding their entry blocked by the motor which operates the cooling plant, the burglars tried the window above. Breaking that, they climbed through.

Evidently fearing detection from outside, they had draped the other back window with a butchers' apron, which they left in place behind them. Sawdust tracked about gave evidence of their prowling in and out of the front shop and the meat cooler.

Marks of a tool in the hardwood of the cash register indicate the attempts that were made to open the drawer. As Mr. Christenson remarked "It was empty anyway", so that nothing of value was lost that way.

The burglars were evidently hungry, having taken two large bites from a wedge of cheese, and sampled weiners, remnants of which were left about. They had not been in a hurry, as they had taken time to sample some of Thor's cigars from the box on a shelf. These had not been too satisfactory, as they had been lit at the wrong end and then left.

Const. Thomas of the RCMP is investigating.

## Sechelt Buys New Fire Truck

The Sechelt Volunteer Fire Brigade have purchased a new fire truck. It is an ex-R.C.A.F. crash fire truck, a compact machine with water tank, pump, space for ladders, a siren, and a red blinker light. The truck was purchased from the town of Haney.

A deadline had been set for date of purchase, and through the prompt action and co-operation of the liaison committee of the Fire Brigade and the Sechelt Board of Trade, and the loan committee of the Roberts Creek Credit Union, the deal was put through.

Now the local firemen have a well equipped fire truck, something they have wanted for a long time.

## Car Plunges Off Port Mellon Road

On Sunday evening last, a car, driven by Mr. Dow, of Howe Sound Pulp Mills, struck a soft shoulder on the road and plunged down a steep embankment in an almost inaccessible spot. Later it caught fire and the interior was badly burned.

Mr. Dow, who was going back to Port Mellon, stated that he was trying to miss some of the pot holes during a heavy driving rain, and the soft earth gave way at the edge of the road, taking the car with it. No one was injured in the accident.

The fire was due, evidently, to the fact that the driver had been smoking a pipe, and when he went over the bank, it was knocked from his teeth. Spilled tobacco had ignited the upholstery, and the fire was observed about an hour later.

Gibsons Firemen responded to Contable Thomas' request for help and were able to put the fire out with extinguishers.

## Port Mellon And Gibsons Protest Road

Gibsons Board of Trade, through Lock Knowles, its president, has sent a telegram to the Minister of Public Works, protesting the state of the Port Mellon Road, and the type of material that is being dumped on it in the name of maintenance. The Board suggested the use of crushed rock as the only feasible material.

Port Mellon, after having a driver make a special trip over the road, has also sent a telegram to Mr. Gaglardi.

## BOT Make Road Recommendations

The Civic Affairs Committee of the Sechelt and District Board of Trade has been busy under the chairmanship of Mr. C. Stewart. They have made recommendations to the Highway Traffic Department on road signs and speed limits on the highway from Gibsons and up the Peninsula. The matter now rests with that Department to be acted upon.

In the meantime they have requested the Public Works Department for No Parking signs to be placed in front of the Sechelt Tea Rooms. This has been done, and there no longer is congestion of traffic and blocking of the waterfront road which leads to the residences and the Sechelt Inn on the seafont.

This same committee has also requested that an additional road grader should be here for the use of the Public Works Department. It is felt that one grader cannot possibly keep the road to Port Mellon, the road from Sechelt to Half Moon Bay, the road to Porpoise Bay, and the side roads in the area in proper condition for vehicles.

A resolution backed by all the Boards of Trade on the Peninsula, has been presented to the Government asking that road to Pender Harbour be improved.

## PAPER LATE

The Coast News regrets that it is a few hours later than usual. Unpredictable difficulties.

## B.C. Telephone Co. Purchases Govt. Telephone

The Federal Cabinet has approved sale of the Dominion Government Telephone and Telegraph System in B.C. to the B.C. Telephone Co., its associate, North-west Telephone Co., and Canadian National Telegraphs. Total price announced was \$1,500,000, with the telephone companies paying \$750,000 for the telephone properties and the telegraph company paying an equal amount for the telegraph facilities.

The acquisition of the telephone part of the system by the telephone companies has yet to be approved by the Board of Transport Commissioners which has jurisdiction over B.C. Telephone Co., and the Public Utilities Commission which has jurisdiction over North-west Telephone Co.

Owing to technical and administrative complexities involved in the transfer of the properties, the purchasers are not expected to actually take over for several months.

The telephone portion of the government system in British Columbia serves approximately 5000 telephones and employs slightly more than 150 persons, including linemen and telephone operators.

The telephone system itself consists roughly of three sections—central B.C., the Cariboo and the coastal area.

The central B.C. section serves all major centres of population between, but not including, Prince Rupert and Prince George. Among these centres

are Terrace, Hazelton, Vanderhoof, Smithers and Burns Lake.

In the Cariboo, the system serves communities such as Quesnel, Wells, Williams Lake, Clinton, Lillooet, Lytton and Ashcroft.

Among centres served in the coastal section are Tofino and Ucluelet on the west coast of Vancouver Island; Masset, Port Clements and Queen Charlotte City on the Queen Charlotte Islands; Alert Bay and Pender Harbour, Gibsons and Sechelt on the Sechelt Peninsula. Connections also are made to such islands as Denman, Hornby, Keats, Minstrel, Quadra, Lasqueti and Savary.

Main long distance lines include 277 miles between Ashcroft and Prince George, 75 miles between Williams Lake and Bella Coola and 53 miles between Williams Lake and Dog Creek.

Majority of the exchanges are joint telegraph-telephone offices, while at some locations radio-telephone or wireless telegraph facilities are available.

## Commission Office Record-Room Completed

A full slate of commissioners at the regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, were able to inspect the completed addition to the Municipal Hall, which now only needs the installation of the plumbing and the setting in of one window to be ready for use. This addition houses a fire-proof Records Room, a lavatory and a space which serves admirably for a voting booth, a desk shelf having already been installed.

A letter was directed to be written to Premier Bennett, stating that it had not been possible to arrange for a meeting in Victoria with a representative of the Commission and the Minister of Public Works, despite considerable correspondence with his office.

Permission was granted to Harry Davey to lay pipe across the road opposite his property, which, however, is to be buried, not less than three feet.

Mr. Ritchey and Mr. Ballentine were appointed to inspect the work done in front of the G. W. Anderson building, with reference to placing a culvert. A letter was to be written replying to that received from the Toronto General Trust when this work was reported upon.

A letter is to be sent to L.F. Idsardi, advising that the brush and noxious weeds must be cleared from his property, otherwise the Village must have it done and the charges will be assessed against the property.

A letter regarding insurance coverage is to be filed for consideration by next year's commission.

Accounts presented and approved for payment totalled \$633.51.

Building permits were approved for the Kinsmen Club and Charles Smith.

The water system was reported in order, and water tests

of samples sent in by Dr. Inglis proved highly satisfactory.

Road Commissioner Ritchey reports just some small graveling jobs and ditch clearance in progress at present.

## Citizens Hold Traffic Safety Day

All children who ride bicycles, in the area of Sechelt and district, are asked to assemble at Sechelt School, Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. on December 4th, to receive Scotch Lite tape for their wheel guards.

Mr. George Miller, owner of the Silver Skagit Shake and Shingle mill at Wilson Creek, and member of the Sechelt Board of Trade, has donated enough Scotch Lite tape for the purpose.

Corporal Neils Cummins, of the R.C.M.P. is also interested and to be on the school grounds to instruct the children on traffic rules and regulations, and the correct manner in which to ride bicycles on the highways.

Children in the local area are invited to come, and the children from other areas are welcome also. Their parents will thank Mr. Miller and Corporal Cummins for their effort to safeguard the youngsters.



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## Editorials

### Hygiene --- as it is absorbed

One of our correspondents recently suggested that we might run out of material for Editorials, and suggested a topic. Our problem is not running out of material, but of being somewhat limited in space! Editorial material abounds—one could write the full eight pages all that way, and still not cover the situations that exist.

However, briefly, here it is: The walls of rest rooms reserved for the use of ladies in local buildings are decorated on their slightly unsanitary walls with the imprints of young ladies' lips in lipstick. These, quotes the correspondent, are proudly initialed by the artists!

Young people often feel they must leave an impression on the world to mark their passing. Some aspire to footprints in the sands of time—others to lip-prints on the walls of rest rooms.

As to what infections may be picked up this way, and later transmitted to others, we are not an authority on sanitation, but would rather refrain from the practice, ourselves. As to whether such decorations are in good taste (!) we leave to the consideration of the perpetrators.

The economic aspect, which seems to be the only one that matters today, should be considered from the point of view of the owner of the building. Redecorating in a more formal fashion must be done more frequently, and at considerable expense.

### Senior Citizens' Christmas

In this community of the Sechelt Peninsula and surrounding islands, we have a number of older residents who in many cases live alone. Some of these people have families near by, others have good friends, but there are more who live rather too much by themselves.

With the Christmas season of cheer and friendliness almost here, many have wondered whether there is any agency, club or society in the neighborhood which would be able to gather a number of these rather lonely ones together for a Christmas dinner, a pleasant hour of companionship, maybe a game of cards or some such social activity, to round out the afternoon.

We know that finding a place for such a gathering, with facilities for serving a meal, is not the easiest thing to do. Perhaps in the foreseeable future, the proposed small hall the Women's Institute is planning to build might lend itself, but for this year, what premises could be used?

For what can be done with it, we pass along the idea. It might become a pleasant custom throughout the land. If so, so much the better. We would be glad to receive suggestions.

### FIRE CAN DESTROY IMPORTANT PAPERS IN MINUTE OR TWO

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## Reader's Right

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Sir:—  
 It is well to know that there is nobody in the district objects to taxation. We have an industry here that dispurses some \$300,000 of the taxpayers money yearly. At the annual school meetings where the Trustees are gathered to give an account of their stewardship we have this sort of attendance: Gibsons 13, Sechelt 7, Half Moon Bay 4, Roberts Creek 6. Other places it was better though not much.

This may be a sign that all is well and the Directors of the Company are doing such a good job that they may as well keep on with it. The not-so-long-ago bylaw issue will be looming up again and we hope the Yif Nifs and the Nif Nois who were so diligent in opposition at that time will muster their forces to come out once more because they have never been out since.

In comparing todays school mill rate it would appear that District 46 in its late struggle to get the bylaw passed suffered a great many fools gladly.

M.J. Santhroe.

## Reader's Right

Sir:—

A group of younger members of Redrooffs summer residents, returning from a hike the last week in August, decided to put on a parade-contest and concert, to make some money for the Half Moon Bay Auxilliary of the VON.

They were a talented group, varying in age from five to sixteen years. So well did they organize the affair that the sum of \$10.28 was raised.

It had been my intention to notify you of this affair the following week, but with the usual influx of summer visitors, I forgot about it until I learned that the girls were a bit disappointed that I had not kept my promise.

The following girls took part in the affair, which consisted of a parade along the Front, every one dressed in costume, to the garden of Mr. Julius Sather.

The following program was given:

Wanda Hanley, drum major. rette, expert Baton Twirling and Accordian Solos.

Penny McPherson, a wee five-year-old, dressed as a bride in lace-curtain gown and Kleenex veil, complete with bouquet, sang Sally Saucer, Jack and Jill, and Mary Quite Contrary, in a very sweet little voice.

Two South Sea Islanders, Donna McAllister and Janey Robinson, wearing grass skirts and leis recently brought from Honolulu by the George Simpsons, Sr., danced the Hula and later played a wash-board harp and pie-plate cymbals in the band.

Sandra McPherson dressed as a clown in the parade and later gave an exhibition of Acrobatic Dancing. Donna McAllister sang "Oh! What a Beautiful Morning" and gave as an encore an operatic arrangement of "I Love Coffee" with all the trills of an colorature soprano.

During the intermission 'Freshie', tea and cake were served, the cake having been donated by Mrs. Agnes Hanley.

The Band then played 'Pack up your Troubles' and 'The Doggie in the Window'. Then came the Finale, with every member of the cast playing and singing "Goodbye Ladies" thus ending a very enjoyable and profitable afternoon.

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## Yuletide Greetings

by Phyllis M. Hodgson

About this time of the year, many of us will be checking over our Christmas card list. The exchange of greeting cards at Christmas is a pleasant and friendly custom, and is so much part of the yuletide tradition, that many people think it is as old as Christmas itself. Actually, the custom is little more than a century old.

Although numerous persons have been credited with introducing the Christmas card, there is little doubt that the first card was designed by W.A. Dobson, R.A. in 1844.

Dobson, wishing to acknowledge a courtesy extended him, sketched a scene, symbolic of the yuletide season, and sent it to his friend, who in turn show-

ed the card to Sir Henry Cole. Sir Henry immediately saw the commercial possibilities of the greeting card.

Hence, the greeting card was born sometime between 1844 and 1846. Only one thousand of these cards were made, and from this small beginning the industry has grown to the gigantic proportions we know today.

Strange as it may seem; the greeting card sales reached their highest peak during the depression years of the thirties. The inexpensive greeting card undoubtedly took the place of the more expensive gift.

The industry engages many outstanding artists, who are faced with a constant demand for new designs. As in other forms of art, world conditions influence the designs to a great extent. It is during a gay and

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Dated October 15, 1953.

C.K. Sandvold,  
L.M. Sandvold,  
Hardy Island, B.C.

## Date Pad

Dec. 4 — Gibsons general meeting of the St. Bartholomew WA, 2 p.m. Parish Hall.

Dec. 5 — Hopkins Landing, Community Hall Association, Grand Christmas Fair, home cooking, sale toys, fancy work, white elephants, games, coffee bar, country dancing, fun for all, 8 p.m.

Dec. 5 — Roberts Creek VON Auxiliary Bridge Party. Legion Hall, 8:00 p.m. sharp.

Dec. 5 — Selma Park Community Club whist drive and social, 8 p.m.

Dec. 6 — Its Sunday again. be sure and listen to your Sunshine Coast Broadcast station. CHUB between 5 and 6.

Dec. 6 — Sechelt Legion Hall PTA presents Choralliers at 8 p.m.

Dec. 7 — Wilson Creek, 8 pm VON Board meeting.

Dec. 7 — Gibsons Farmers Institute, regular meeting Institute Hall 8 p.m.

Dec. 7 — Gibsons. The L.A. to Guides and Brownies meet at Mrs. Florence Robertson's. 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 8 — Gibsons United Church Hall. WI annual meeting 2 p.m. sharp.

Dec. 9 — Gibsons at home of Miss Grant, 2 p.m. VON Headquarters auxiliaries Christmas party.

Dec. 11 — Gibsons, High School Auditorium. Christmas Plays. Hazel Critchell Dramatic School. 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 11 — Gibsons at Granny MacQewans WI whist drive 2 p.m.

Dec. 11 — Gibsons Xmas party for members and family Farmer's Institute and also Junior Poultry Club and Junior Garden Club Parish Hall 8 p.m.

Dec. 12 — Pender Harbour. St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Tea. Club House, Garden Bay, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 13 — Roberts Creek Badminton Club Turkey Shoot, at 1 p.m., near Community Hall.

Dec. 16 — Sechelt. Indian Hall 2 Christmas Plays. Hazel Critchell Dramatic School. 8:00 p.m. in aid of St. Hilda's

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11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
St. Hilda's Church — Sechelt  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
1:45 p.m. Evensong  
St. Aidan's Church  
Roberts Creek  
1:45 p.m. Sunday School  
3:15 p.m. Evensong

**St. VINCENT'S MISSIONS**  
St. Mary — Gibsons — 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Family — Sechelt  
11:00 a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH**  
Sunday School  
Gibsons — 9:45 a.m.  
Public Worship — 11:00 a.m.  
Roberts Creek — 2 p.m.  
Wilson Creek Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.  
Public Worship — 3:30 p.m.  
Port Mellon, Sunday  
7:30 p.m.

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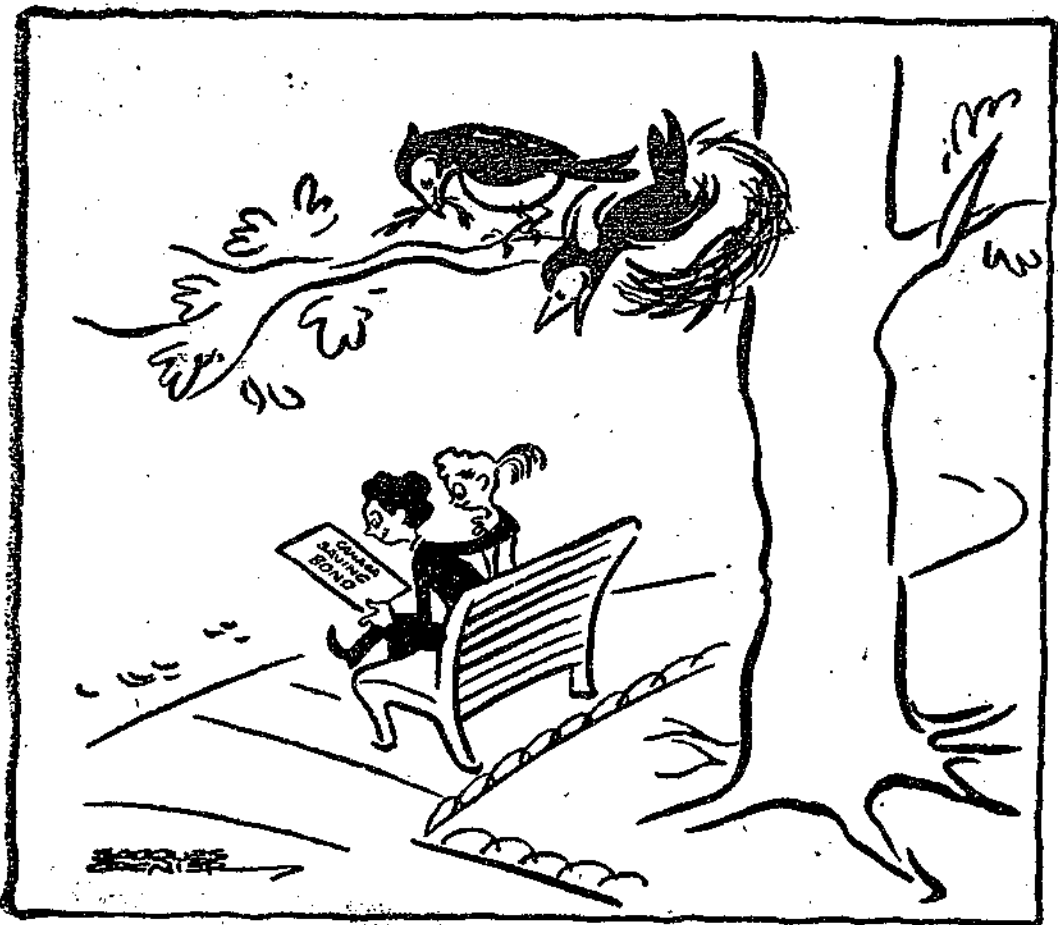
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## Middle Point Has Fish Curing Plant

At Middle Point, between Half Moon Bay and Pender Harbour, there is now a brand new plant, built by Bob and Mrs. Donley, with lumber sawn by themselves, from their own trees, and put together by themselves.

As Bob says, in their spare time over a period of fourteen months, his wife and he have put in every possible moment, getting the cement work poured, the buildings built, and the interior fittings completed to their present stage.

The only parts that have not been done strictly on their own were the metal racks, which they had to have welded, and planing of rough 2X2s to a 1 3/8 inch for one part of the work.

In this brand new plant, the Donleys smoke-cure fish. At present, the product is herring. Pender Harbour Herring has long been known for its fine flavour, and with the hardwood smoke-cure, it becomes a delectable morsel indeed.

The Donleys have found an excellent outlet for their product in Vancouver, and are supplying local food stores on the Sunshine Coast. In order to familiarize the local home-makers with his product, on Saturday last Bob and two of his active youngsters were distributing samples of their wares in Gibsons.

Though this plant is new, the Donleys are not new to the Herring smoking business. Years ago, during the depression to start with, Bob took over an old fish curing plant near Pender, cleaned it up and renovated its equipment. From that point for several years he shipped the cured Pender Harbour Herring, as well as supplying an ever increasing local trade. The war intervened, and Bob chose the Air Force.

Now back on his own fifty acres with sea front, and park-like woods, Bob Donley has made his home, and with his wife, who has worked at every stage of the whole endeavour, he hopes to develop this new industry still further.

## Christmas Plays At Gibsons High School

Two plays will be presented in the auditorium of the Elphinstone High School on Friday, Dec. 11th, by the Hazel Critchell Dramatic School.

The first of these plays, the Christmas Dream, was especially written for the cast of the play, students from Gibsons. This play represents the favorite characters of the land of story, who

## Down the Alley...

Last week the Commercial League collected six gold stars, two players double starring. Helen Thorburn for 275 and 256, and now has a total of five stars, Sid Butler for 254 and 278 Jean Eldred starred with 264, and Andy Leslie got his sixth star with a score of 281.

The Ball and Chain League produced four stars, Tom Ritchie for 265, Ted Kurluk for 260 Orv Moscrip for 252 and Eve Moscrip for 261.

Port Mellon Mixed had three stars, Al Homenchuck for 285 which makes him a total of four stars, N. Oilenburg for 252 and Mona Wilkie for 281.

The Sports Club had one star play Lino Tuomaz for 281 which was his first star. Tommy Robilliard of the Ten Pin League got his first star for 200.

Dorothy Erickson of the Ladies League has a unique record of her own, as she managed to make a score of Minus Three for one game, and thinks no one will ever break that record.

### TEN PIN LEAGUE.

Nels Cummins 196 Orv Moscrip 506. Nelson's 2189 and 29 points.

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### CAROL FESTIVAL AT UNITED CHURCH

The Carol Festival will be held on Monday, December 21st, in the United Church. This will give everyone in the community the opportunity to sing together the favorite Christmas songs. There will be solos and recitations as well as community singing, to be led by the conductor of the Peninsula Choralists, Mr. Harold Roberts.

visit the King and Queen of Hearts. Twenty young performers take parts in the action.

The second play 'The Tramp', is played by the adult group from Sechelt. This is also a Christmas story.

Gibsons children have the tickets for the plays, which commence at 8:00 p.m.

## Bishop Gower At Sechelt Dedication

The Right Reverend Geoffrey Gower, Bishop of New Westminster paid a visit to Sechelt on Sunday November 22nd, and addressed a large congregation in St. Hilda's Anglican Church.

Introduced by the Vicar Rev. H.U. Oswald, the Bishop dedicated a Bishop's Chair in memory of Julia Pearson, who died in Vancouver in 1945.

A resident of Vancouver, Mrs. Pearson with her husband Dr. Peason and family had been coming to Sechelt since 1910.

Proceeding to the New Parish Hall, the Bishop then paid tribute to a pioneer settler, Mr. T. J. Cooke who had very generously donated the church property. Mr. Cooke was unable to attend owing to his age, he is ninety years old and at the time was not feeling well.

His daughter, Mrs. S. Dawe, who was the first white child in the area, received from the Bishop a book on the British Isles and a letter from the congregation.

Mr. Cooke arrived here over sixty years ago. A native of Kent England, Mr. Cooke was J.P. and Magistrate for many years, and due to his efforts Anglican services were held at Porpoise Bay in the little school house. The young curate who took the services was the Reverend Cumley, who with his young wife was just out from England.

The Bishop met many members of the Anglican community. Refreshments were served by the Guild. Dr. McColl, People's Warden, and Mr. E. Clayton, Vicar's Warden, thanked the Bishop for his visit.

## Stag Party For Sechelt

Sechelt and District Board of Trade has arranged a Stag Party for Saturday evening December 5th, in Sechelt Legion Hall, to raise money for the restoration of existing Totem poles in Sechelt, and the carving of new ones.

Don Baker, on the staff of CHUB, Nanaimo, will be the entertainer for the evening. He has had many years experience as an M.C., singer, and comedian on the London and continental radio, and has appeared with Gracie Fields, Tommy Trindler, and Bernie Braden, entertaining in India, Egypt, Ceylon, Malaya, and Australia.

The funds raised will help in the preservation of the existing Totem poles, and should assist in reviving the art of carving.

Mr. Dan Paul, who is skilled in that art, expects to interest some of the younger generation in acquiring the skill. Men on the Peninsula are sure to enjoy the evening, and will indirectly help in keeping alive an art, even if they have never thought of themselves as the "long hair" types.

## Dogs Poisoned

That person who wishes to eradicate dogs from the village is taking the usual cowardly way of doing it.

Within the last few weeks, six dogs, some of them purebred dogs, have died. All symptoms, including stomach content, point to poisoning with strychnine.

If anyone wishes to inflict extreme cruelty upon a dog, this hit-and-miss dosage with strychnine is the method to adopt.

From big, harmless Old Prince a pure bred Labrador, to one small dog owned by the McKibbin children, these six most recent victims have all died in the same way.

The matter is being investigated by the local RCMP.

## 4X Truck Wrecked

R.F. Kennett, our Gibsons Meteorologist who doubles as the Four-X Bread Delivery man was driving to Sechelt on Tuesday night, with a load of bread and cakes, on board, and with the intent of bowling, when he had completed his rounds.

The corner at the top of the B & K Logging Road being slick with heavy rain, proved too much for Mr. Kennett, and he and his wagon disputed right of way with a huge stump.

No one was hurt, but the familiar Four-X truck was quite badly damaged.

During the time it took Mr. Kennett to go for help and return, his load of breads and special cakes was pilfered with a loss to him of over one hundred dollars.

To add to the evening, as soon as he got home, he had to make ready for the road once more, and take Mrs. Kennett off to Pender Harbour Hospital.

## MUSIC IN THE AIR

Bal's seasonal melodic contributions to the listening ears of Gibsons are being much enjoyed. This is an annual custom with Bal, and does make for a more "Christmassy" feeling, when people are otherwise rushing about their business. Many a smile is seen which might remain unsmiled for weeks without this little touch.

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**Firehall News**

Mr. W.C. Hodgson, Civil Defence Co-ordinator for this district, paid a visit to the Firehall on Monday, and gave the first of a series of talks on the part the Fire Department would play in Civil Defence. The Smoke-Eaters were very interested, and many of them surprised at some of the things they learned.

Mr. Hodgson was also interested and somewhat surprised at some of the things he learned about the local fire brigade. For example, the fact that there was no labour charge involved in the building of the fire hall. The labour was done voluntarily by the boys of the Fire Brigade, with help and advice from interested well wishers.

Gibsons Smoke eaters are delighted to learn that the Sechelt Brigade has a new truck, and though they don't hope that it is often in action, they do hope that if and when it is needed, Sechelt Fire Brigade will find it beneficial and efficient.

The most recent call to action came on Sunday evening, when the Gibson Brigade answered a call to put out an automobile fire that occurred when a car went off the road to Port Mellon. They went down with the RCMP and were prompt and effective with their service.

**Sechelt**

By ARIES

Over one Hundred dollars was the sum realized at the Fall Tea sponsored by St. Hilda's Anglican Guild, held in the Legion Hall. President Mrs. L.F. Scott and Mrs. H.U. Oswald poured. The DePencier circle convened the stalls, with Mrs. H.B. Gordon, Mrs. Duncan McColl, Mrs. Fred Mills, Mrs. T. Robilliard. Parcel Post, Mrs. Irma Laycock. Home Cooking, Mrs. W.B. Billingsly, Mrs. Tillotson and Mrs. M. Beney. Cake guessing, Mrs. Alice French and Mrs. E.E. Redman. Serving, Mrs. J. Toynbee, Mrs. H. Billingsley, Mrs. B. Williams. Urns, Mrs. Boggust Mrs. D. Erickson and Mrs. G. Potts. Tickets, Mrs. Uttley. Convenors were Mrs. J. Lucken and Mrs. L. Scott. Door prize was won by Mrs. Hazel Liste. Cake guessing by Mrs. H. Peason.

We are looking forward to the forthcoming plays by the Critchell players. Two plays are to be presented on December 16th, in the Indian Recreational Hall.

The first of a series of social evenings sponsored by the Altar Society of The Holy Name Parish was a great success, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnson. Five tables played whist, and one Canasta.

Prizes were won by Mr. Jack Evans, Mr. Leo Johnson, Mrs. Mulligan and Mrs. Jack Evans. Musical selections were played by Mrs. Evans, and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Jeffries down from Egmont on a short visit.

Wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. C. Potteet on the birth of a baby son, a little brother for Chuckie.

Mr. J. Parker and Mr. Ted Osborne Senior are away on a hunting trip through the Cariboo country.

**Rod and Gun Club**

HAS NEW CLUB ROOM

The Sechelt Peninsula Rod and Gun Club now has a comfortably arranged club room at Selma Lodge in which to hold their business meetings once a month, and on the other Thursdays is equipped for the members to enjoy a social evening.

The overhead lights are recessed, one of which is directly over the billiard table. The well used dart board looked as if it is one of the popular games. Light refreshments can be served from an alcove fitted up for the purpose.

Comfortable chesterfields, and chairs, tables, and curtains on the windows, and a radio make for a cozy atmosphere for a club room.

Dan Currie and Harry Ladds were delegates to a meeting of the Lower Mainland Association of Rod and Gun Clubs at Haney, recently.

The Winter Training Schedule is being worked out by a committee. At present, the boys are working on their new pump, which is almost completed. Just a few more parts and a few more hours, and they'll have a unit 'like new'.

"The Smokie Stover Club" is a group of the Firemen who are socially inclined, and who have formed a little club within the Brigade. They have recently made a contribution from their Club Funds to the VON of \$25. It had formerly been planned that they should hold a dance, or other fund-raising activity, for the VON. This had not been practical at the present, so the Club voted the contribution in lieu. The Smokie Stovers wish it known that these club funds are not a part of the Fire Hall Funds, but made up from their own contributions and from such social fund-raising events as are put on by the Smokie Stover Club.

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## Senior Citizens Earnings Discussed

We have to date received but a few questions as a result of the published account of the meeting held with the officials of the Department of Health and Welfare at the Coast News Office.

The first question referred to possible earnings of a person, if the spouse were in receipt of Old Age Assistance.

Q. If a person were over sixty-five, and in receipt of the Old Age Assistance, and his wife (or her husband) were still under sixty-five and able to earn a little to help out, up to how much could that spouse earn, before the assistance would be reduced?

A. If the person in receipt of the Assistance had started receiving it before 1952, the combined income of both could be \$1320 (including the amount of the Assistance received, and any other income regularly received, or calculated upon assets). If the person started receiving the Assistance AFTER 1952, the combined income could be up to \$1200.00.

This answer was to be delayed pending the opportunity to discuss the matter with local Social Worker.

The second question dealt with personal property.

Q. Is there any compulsion upon a person to dispose of personal property, such as home conveniences, furnishings, or similar items, before receipt of Old Age Assistance? Does the possession prevent the receipt of the Bonus?

## Reader's Right

### WHARF REPAIR

Sir: —

We note with regret that the piledriver is once more repairing the flimsy float at Davis Bay. It reminds one of an old Irish story of the small place on the Irish coast which was on the itinerary of a dignitary of note and it was suggested that some worthy local project should be presented for his approval.

At the meeting of the council a pier was mentioned and this was discussed although no boat could get near or would ever want to. This was pointed out and another site was surveyed, however this had the same drawback. The council then decided that one place was as good as another because it meant nothing more than that a few hundred pounds should be spent locally. I think this applies to our Gulf shore what with the Roberts Creek breakwater, and Davis Bay with no boats calling or expected to call. Would it not be better to concentrate on, Sechelt or Gibsons.

The spectacle this fall when the fishboats were at Gibsons should show without question where the fishermen want to be and it would seem that a breakwater there might be worthwhile. Will "Our Jimmie" please note.

L. S. J.

A. No. Items of Personal property are not considered as productive of income, in the calculated income category. Such things as possession of Bonds, sizeable Bank Balances, Real Estate, etc., however, are included calculated income.

## Month's Spending on Social Service Here

Following the matter of Old Age Assistance, and our discussions upon it and other forms of assistance, we have received from Mr. Sadler, the Regional Administrator of the Welfare Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare, a letter which accompanied the copies of the various Acts relating to the subject.

One paragraph of this letter quotes figures showing funds disbursed in the Sechelt Peninsula for a month, which, Mr. Sadler states, gives a representative picture of the average Monthly disbursements. We will quote here only the Provincial figures, since it is with these we are mostly concerned.

Mothers' Allowance, \$171.00, Social Allowance, \$2,365.00, Blind Persons' Allowance, \$60.00, Old Age Assistance, \$2,610.00, Old Age Security and Bonus, \$2,510.00, and Children in Care, \$160.00, a total of \$7,876.00.

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# Gower Cleanings

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the Bay, Mrs. Mitchell King from Honeymoon Lane and Mrs. Harry Chaster, as well as the regular devotees from Gower. Then to town to view a special showing of Coronation and attend the ball sponsored by the North Vancouver Scottish Society, went Mr. and Mrs. William Bow.

Mrs. F.W. Dawson still coming along but confined to bed and resting comfortably—trying to regain her old time vim and vigor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dean

visiting at Graigowan. Both looking in the pink. Mr. Jim Beaton still on the mend.

The Anglican W.A. being entertained by Mrs. Mitch King. Also enlivening the King household for the week-end were daughter Iola and husband Roy to see what's cooking for Xmas, besides the cake which is already maturing!

Charles Bedford back from treatments at Shaughnessy looking greatly benefitted from his stay— or could it be the beautiful nurses? Busily engaged now

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in a housecleaning bee.

J.G. Sinclair up for a breather, and doing a little scraping and tidying up.

Visiting the Harry Thornes came daughter Marjorie Rough-ton and her lively young children—little Janey staying behind to help Grandma get on with the Christmas baking.

The roads—or the puddles and mud between the swaying trees, had their day in the Coast News last week, so will not touch on that subject except to say that

it is hoped that the light shed on our pet peeve will dry up some of the water that flows so freely over and under the cow trails.

## LITTLE ADS, BIG RESULTS

It's amazing what good sales people our little Classified ads are. This week, for example, after the ads had run but once, a stove, a piece of property and a piano all changed hands. The happy advertisers all took time out to let us know how successful they had been.



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### ASSETS

Cash, clearings and due from banks	\$174,653,009
Government and other public securities not exceeding market value	188,137,706
Other bonds and stocks, not exceeding market value	21,424,357
Call loans (secured)	42,927,750
Other loans and discounts (after full provision for bad and doubtful debts)	495,403,336
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit (as per contra)	19,156,871
Bank premises	23,364,659
Other assets	561,185
	<u>\$965,628,873</u>

### LIABILITIES

Notes in circulation	\$ 32,810
Deposits	895,421,085
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding	19,156,871
Other liabilities	1,049,084
Capital paid-up	15,000,000
Reserve fund	33,000,000
Dividends declared and unpaid	905,716
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## Pender Possible Cruiser Race Site

By PETER TRAPPIT

Further evidence that Pender Harbour is fast becoming Mecca of West Coast yachtsmen was adduced at Monday's meeting of the Board of Trade Executive.

Officials of Pacific International Power Boat Association are reconnoitering the Harbour as possible terminus for the widely publicized Pacific International Long Distance Power Cruiser race, reported Bill Pieper, Board President. The Board of Trade has been asked to furnish details of moorings and anchorages available for a probable 150 yachts of all classes and sizes, from small, speedy cruisers to floating palaces.

It is expected that the Harbour will be required to provide accommodation for the hundreds of visitors who make a point of journeying to the rendezvous to be on hand for finish of the races. Ceremonies and celebrations following close of the race events may be counted on to provide a gala occasion for both visitors and Harbour residents. The local Board is fully alive to potentialities of this important affair, and steps are being taken to mobilize the energies of local businessmen

and residents in support of the welcome to be shown the yachting fraternity.  
**Dangerous Rocks.**

On motion of Ernie Lee, seconded by Mrs. Jermain, the Board decided to communicate with the proper authorities urging erection of warning beacons at various danger spots outside the Harbour. Particularly stressed were: Nares Rock, one-quarter mile E.N.E. off Pearson Island; Francis Point and Cockburn Point.

Jack Potts moved and Fred Clarke seconded a motion to contact the Harbour-master with a view to ascertaining what steps are being taken to mark danger points within the Harbour area. Mr. Potts pointed out that he was aware that the Harbour-master was already working to this end. He felt that the HM should be communicated with before the Board took action, in order to avoid duplication of effort. It was further decided to invite Mr. Fred Claydon, Harbour-master to attend the next general meeting of the Board to discuss the matter of navigational aids within the Harbour.

### Protest Policeman Withdrawal

Board members expressed resentment at weakening of Sechelt police force by withdrawal of a policeman from that area. On motion of Mrs. Jermain, it was decided to communicate with RCMP Commissioner stressing need for strengthening the local police forces rather than reducing them.  
**Coast 'Reserves' For Boating Public**

A letter from "Mac" Macdonald, of Princess Louise Inlet, urging that Government be asked to set aside desirable coastal areas for use of Coast fishermen and yachtsmen was ordered sent to local MLA and other Peninsula Boards for similar action.  
**Indiscriminate Shooting In Harbour**

Bitter complaints were aired by various members regarding recent instances of dangerous shooting across Harbour waters from power boats. Several present indicated their intention of endeavouring to identify future offenders and lay charges with police.

## Family Allowances

VICTORIA, November — Six thousand British Columbia families in receipt of Family Allowances change their mailing addresses monthly, but of this number only 55 percent notify the regional office, resulting in their cheques being returned by the postal authorities, W. R. Bone, regional director, said today.

"There appears to still exist an impression that filing an ordinary change-of-address notice with the postal authorities will result in Family Allowances cheques being redirected," he said. "This is a fallacy, as a separate notification must be directed to the regional office. Change-of-address slips for this purpose are available at all post offices.

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## Roberts Creek Round-up

by Madge Newman

The local Badminton Club was pleased to receive a visit from a group of players from a neighboring club last Tuesday. The friendly rival teams will meet in tournament at a later date if they follow in the pattern of previous years.

The goodwill and cooperation which exists among Peninsula organizations is good to see. After Christmas the Chivaliers are giving their services and talents to the OES, who in turn, will donate the proceeds to the Cancer Fund.

The different PTA groups are usually giving where they can and all the others are occupied with brightening their small corners. In these days of dog eat dog it is pleasant to live where there is the spirit of humanitarianism.

This spirit is noted at Badminton when the best players, and they are good, grit their teeth and volutarily play with such doddering dodos as this columnist. To such lengths will this compassionate gang go that, one lad, who works up an appetite that has him nibbling at the nets, was presented with a mammoth Dagwood sandwich at mug-up time. Ordinarily the sight of the sandwich would have brought on a learned discussion on the subject of "digestion" or "the science of wheat growing in Central Asia" or some such topic but due to the presence of the guests, the conversation kept to a lighter vein.



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# Port Mellon Briefs

By MRS. SWAN

The W.A. to the Community Church will hold a Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 5th, in the Community Hall at 2:00 p.m., with a sale of home cooking and candy.

A successful Telephone Bridge was held recently by the PTA. The ladies who didn't play took knitting and sewing to Mrs. O. Johnson's home, and all had a pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart have returned from their holiday in Nanaimo, visiting the Frank Bridges and the Charlie House homes. Harold and Charlie had no luck on their hunting trip. Ethel and Charlie House are former Port Mellonites, whose friends would appreciate a visit and a good sing-song, with Ethel at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bentham have left for the Cariboo on a hunting jaunt.

Mrs. Del Pitman entertained the ladies of the Service Club on Tuesday evening last. The ladies are completing their projects for the Bazaar.

Mrs. Hilliard and Clint are visiting with the J. Thompsons.

Mrs. W. Brown left Thursday to fly to New York to meet her husband who has been on a six weeks business trip in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Williamson have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Hume.

Deer hunting on Gambier proved successful for Del Pitman, Shorty Verhulst and Alf Grant, each having got one.

December 4th in the Cafeteria the Community Club will hold

Whist Drive, and will serve refreshments. These are very popular at Port Mellon.

Again, in the Cafeteria, on December 12th, there will be a Cabaret Dance sponsored by the Community Club.

A meeting following the Church Service on December 16th has been called for the purpose of forming a Church

Board for the Community Church. It is hoped that all interested persons will be present.

## Halfmoon Beams

by Florence Cormack

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Robert Burns of Welcome Beach, who had a birthday this week.

The children of the district will have two Christmas treats this year. Their school concert will be held in Redrooffs Hall on December 17th. Then on the 22nd, the Rev. A. Green of the Columbia Coast Mission will show the film "A Queen is Crowned". This will be preceeded by a Christmas Service and carol singing, and concluded by refreshments served by the PTA. The Redrooffs Hall has been kindly lent for both events by Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooper.

At their summer homes last weekend were the Don McDonalds of New Westminster and Mrs. N. Godfrey of Vancouver.

A great success both socially and financially was the annual Fall Bazaar held in the Redrooffs Hall last week under the auspices of the local branch of the VON. Tables laden with sewing and home cooking were soon bare. The White Elephant stall and the Bingo table were also very popular. Three raffles and two "Dutch Auctions" lent excitement to the affair. Winners of these were, Fruit cake, made by Mrs. P. Welsh, Mrs. R. Burns; grocery hamper, Mrs. E. Roseboom; pair of fur gloves, Mrs. R. Cormack. Knitted elephant made by Mrs. G. Ladner was won by Mrs. L. Brackett and the Bride doll, made by Mrs. C. Peterson went to our nurse Miss E. Godwin. The attendance prize of a box of divinity fudge was won by Mrs. J. Cooper.

Up from Vancouver on a weekend visit last week were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Duff. They were guests at Welcome Beach of Mr. Duff's aunt, Mrs. E. Klusendorf and his father Mr. J. Duff.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jorgensen of Half Moon Bay were in Vancouver for a few days last week.

Ray Cormack of New Westminster weekended with his parents the Bob Cormacks of Welcome Beach.



## A Real Pioneer

By L. PETERSON

Charles, "Chuck" Winegarden, at 83, is the only living link with the earliest days of this district.

In the spring of 1888, at the age of 18, young "Chuck" set out from his home in Chatham, Ontario, for British Columbia. His funds carried him only as far as Crookston, Minnesota, where he found a job to raise the rest of his fare.

Arriving in Vancouver the same summer, just two years after its great fire, he worked for a time clearing an opening in the forests of what is now Fairview, just south of the original Granville Street Bridge. He recalls that Charles Dupris was hauling logs from this same forest at the time with five yoke of oxen.

The last leg of the young man's journey carried him, by row-boat, to the spot at the western entrance of Howe Sound that was becoming known as Gibson's Landing.

For a number of years employment consisted of logging, with oxen and horses, at Gibson's Landing, and of survey work around Vancouver.

Kingsway was in those days nothing more than a wagon road, almost without crossings. Young Winegarden worked as axe-man when Joyce Road and other streets-to-be were blazed through the woods, miles from any habitation.

Meanwhile, in 1889, he had taken a pre-emption, where the Salvation Army Camp is now located, twenty years before that locality received the name Hopkins Landing. By 1897 however, when he married the third Gibson daughter, Emma, he had settled above Gibson's Landing, at the intersection of what are now the North and Reid Roads.

He soon sold this homestead, for eleven dollars an acre, he recalls, and after some moving about, built the present home on a corner of the Gibson property next to the school.

By 1937 he had spent nearly half a century at Gibson's Landing, and was beginning to be called, not "Young", but "Old Chuck". In that year, while doing a job that would have been hazardous for one half his age, he fell from a conveyor trestle at the Port Mellon pulp mill, lighting on a railway track below.

With multiple fractures of the skull, limbs and ribs, he looked as though the end of the road had been suddenly reached.

Miraculously, he did not die. But one leg was useless, one arm was crippled, and all remembrance of the past had disappeared.

That was fifteen years ago. Today Old Chuck walks down the hill to the village, just "Gibsons" now, nearly every day. His arm, still a bit stiff, is "getting better all the time". His once vacant memory is startlingly clear concerning names and occurrences of sixty years ago.

This is the significant fact. For with the recent passing, in his ninety-fourth year, of "Jimmy" Fletcher, who preceded him here by five days, "Chuck" Winegarden is the only person alive today who can recall, and relate for permanent record, the earliest days of this settlement.

Many communities in our province are young enough that pioneers still live who can tell the stories of their beginnings. But the ranks are thinning out. Pioneers alive today will be gone tomorrow. When "Chuck" Winegarden passes, to become, probably, the last to be buried in the Gibson family plot in the village, what he can tell must not go with him, nor must the lore of others go with them.

A great service can be rendered posterity if in each community some person assumes the responsibility of making certain that the story of how it began is not lost. A grave omission will have been committed to posterity if this is not done.

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reports from all parts of the province as well as straight news reports. The two sections of the program are bridged by a musical group headed by organist Win Renworth. Broadcast time is Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Talent Show By Grade Eleven

Grade Eleven put on a skit last Friday in the form of a T.V. Talent Show. The students made up the entries and the show was full of commercials, as are some of our better known programmes.

The master of ceremonies and also Garthor Audfry, talent scout was Warren McKibbin.

The first contestant was Mabel Aune, as Squeeze-Box Jones. She played two pieces on a very small accordion, after two strong men broke their backs carrying it on stage.

The second entry was a band consisting of Jim MacGregor, piano, Denny Carrol, Horn, Teddy Scott, Sticks, Eugene D'Aoust, Drum, and George Hostland, Drum; playing a rendition of a Spike Jones song.

The third contestant was Nonie Pratt, who played a guitar and sang two songs, that were very much appreciated by the audience.

The next contestants were some tumblers from Sechelt. They were Ruth Tyson, Helen Garry, and Teddy Scott. They went through a programme of acts that brought lots of applause from the crowd.

For the next entry, the girls joined together in a chorus line, and put on a very good show of rhythm and timing. The girls wore their gym shorts and short crepe-paper skirts.

Ebb Kline, George Hostland, and Jim MacGregor made up the next entry as a singing trio. I think they drew more laughs than any other entry.

The next contestants were "The Deuces", Wilma Loama, Doreen Hanson, and Nonie Pratt. Nonie played the guitar, Wilma sang, and Doreen did the Lyrics.

The whole room made up the cast of the "Desperado". Nonie played the desperado very well. Helen Garry and Marilyn Turner were the hootchie-cootchie girls, Ruth Tyson the model, Fred Bunyan the fat policeman, and Ted Scott and Jim MacGregor the warden and guard. The rest of the class was the chorus line.

The skit ended with the whole class singing "On Top of Old Smokey", with the audience joining in.

Warren McKibbin

## VON Bazaar Draws Good Crowd

It was pleasant to see so many friends at the W.I. Bazaar. The crowd did not seem as large this year, but everyone soon gathered around the decorated stalls where a brisk business was carried on.

Pouring at the Tea Table, which was decorated in the Christmas theme, were Mrs. A. Atlee, Mrs. Wes. Hodgson and Mrs. W. Haley.

Winners of the Raffles were: Blanket; Mrs. Kerpan. 1st Fruit Cake; Alfred Winn. 2nd Fruit Cake; Mrs. J. Woods. Cushion;

### Gibsons Liberals Hear President Report

At the November meeting of the Gibsons Liberal Association, the President gave a report on the Federal Riding Executive Meeting held in North Vancouver.

Plans were made for the Federal, Provincial and Local Annual meetings to take place in January.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Miss Clemens gave a very vivid description of her one-day visit to the Legislative Assembly in Victoria.

ended until the final few minutes of the game when North Van, crept to within six points before time ran out.

Gibsons ran up a 27-15 half time lead and increased it to 36-19 at the end of three quarters. The Black and Gold seemed to be making a runaway of the contest but an ever-fighting North Van. squad scored 18 points while holding the winners to but 6 points in the final fifteen minutes.

Cougars big center, Roger Evans topped all scores with 16 points, sore ankle and all, while Dick Reichelt was close behind with 15. Bob Letham packed the Vancouver team with 12 points and had he had the opportunity to shoot more, the game might have been a different story, but Elphinstone threw two zone defences at the visitors which held Letham (partially) and his team-mates pretty well in check.

The game was handled well by the two refs, Gerry Glassford and Roy Duncan. Both are former Elphinstone students.

A capacity crowd filled the bleachers and the stage and seemed to enjoy the two games. We really appreciate your support and we'll promise to play the best basketball we are capable of in expressing our thanks to your turn-outs, so keep coming.

Following is the box score: North Vancouver (37), Letham 12; Larson 4; Rizzly 2; Hubard 6; Shores 5; Plato 7; McIntyre 1. Gibsons (43), Creswell 4; Douglass 2; Evans 16; Glassford, Hostland, McKay 1; Nicholls 2; Poole 3; Reichelt 15.

### GIBSONS BUSINESSES WILL ACCOMODATE LATE SHOPPERS

A group of Gibsons Business People are making arrangements to remain open during the evenings part of each week during the Christmas Season, to accomodate shoppers.

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The members of the Board and Executive of the Elphinstone Branch VON were pleased with the support given the VON Dance recently. Winners of the Raffles were: Plant, Donated by Mrs. Hinton, Sechelt, was won by Bob Nygren. Dishes went to Keith Wright, and the Doll, donated by Mrs. Peterson was won by Bob Lemeiux.

### SELMA PARK NEWS

Mrs Don. Everett and her new daughter, Gloria, are home again from St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. Walter Waddell injured his disabled leg, and is in Shaughnessy Hospital for treatment, and so far does not know how long he will be there, but he hopes not too long.

### Wilson Creek News

The John Brownings of Wilso Creek are enjoying a visit from their daughter Winnifred, and her husband Stuart Robertson. They and their son Gordon have come down to spend a few days, from Blackpool, near Kamloops.

Unfortunately John has had to be in Shaughnessy Hospital for treatment for a crushed muscle in his shoulder, sustained when he fell on sloping ramp, during the wet weather. It is hoped that he will be at home shortly, and better soon.

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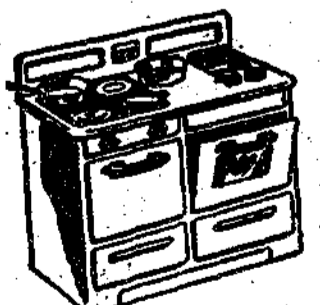


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