

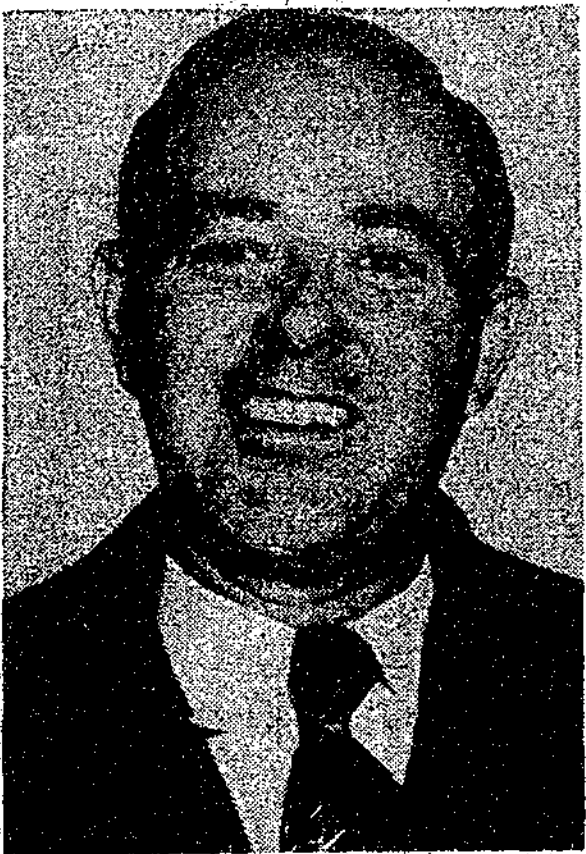
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O.J. MOSCRIP

O.J. Moscrip Chosen Scout Commissioner

On Friday, February 12th, in the Legion Hall at Gibsons, a well attended meeting gathered for the purpose of organizing a District Council in connection with the Boy Scout movement.

Present to address the meeting, and to explain the purpose of a District Council in its place between smaller groups and the Provincial groups were the Chief Executive Commissioner R.K. Jordan, and the Field Commissioner, J.L. Watson. With them was the visiting Field Commissioner Mr. Duncan from Halifax. These speakers were introduced by George Hill. Capt. A. Johnston was his usual able self as Chairman.

The meeting constituted itself the District Council, and as such proceeded to appoint an Executive Committee. The nominating committee recommended the following officers, to be submitted to the Chief Commissioner for approval:

President, A. Johnston; Secretary, H.E. Wilson; Treasurer, Douglas B. Smith. The Executive Committee: N.R. McKibbin, A.E. Anderson, R. Cummings, J. Wood, G. Hill, J. Parker. These men will have acting with them the Chairman of each Group in the District.

Recommended for the position of District Commissioner was Orville J. Moscrip of Wilson Creek.

It was explained that No Group should be organized in an area without the sponsorship of an established committee. In Gibsons, the Kinsmen are acting as such. George Hill and Mike Landry were both present from the Kinsmen. The Chairman of this Committee is Laurie Speck.

The Cubs did not present their demonstration that evening, owing to the volume of business to be handled, and the amount of discussion of pertinent subjects. Fred Stenner, local Cub Master, gave a talk on the activities of the Scouts and Cubs in the Gibsons area.

Those interested in the formation of a Group are advised to contact District Commissioner O. Moscrip.

Legislature Opens

On Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 16th, the Legislature opened its new session. In the speech from the Throne, the following measures were listed as being submitted:

The possibility of redistribution of seats. The commencement of extension of the P.G.E. Railway. Enlarged program of Highway construction. Exemption from sales tax of children's clothing, boots and shoes. Elimination of the 10 percent Liquor tax. Reduction of Registration fees on cars and trucks. Reduction in Amusement tax. Increased Bonus to Pensioners. Changes in Hospital Insurance Act. Changes in Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act. Changes in Workmen's Compensation Act.

Rates By-law Set For Gibsons

A special meeting of the commissioners for the Village of Gibsons Landing was held on Tuesday, February 16th, to consider a Rates ByLaw for the year 1954.

All commissioners were present with the exception of J. Schutz. J. Drummond was in the chair.

The Budget Committee presented a report for the approval of the Commission.

The anticipated sum necessary to operate, maintain and extend services in the Village this year is \$27,110.00, of which, it is estimated, \$17,139.00 will be received from other sources than direct taxation. It will be necessary to raise \$9,971.00 by taxation.

The tax rate is therefore set at 20 mills on the full assessed value of taxable land and on fifty percent of assessed value taxable improvements.

The rates by-law was given first and second readings by the Commission. Further consideration and the third reading will be given on February 23rd.

Charges shown in the report for depreciation against the water system are to be credited to Reserve and Depreciation, subject to adjustments conforming with Resolution of November 17th, 1953. Funds equal to such amounts are to be made available for payment of Principal and Interest of bonded indebtedness re. Bylaw 93.

Citizens Irate At New Water Rate

Selma Park and Sechelt residents and businesses were disgruntled when they received their bills for water services, last week, with the raise in rates added, and made retroactive to September first, last.

Many a citizen was seen poring over the new rate schedule, and computing the raise to be between one and two hundred percent.

The new rate schedule is computed, not on how much water is used but upon the number of outlets one may have installed. In commercial users' accounts, the number of persons that might be accommodated in a lodge or restaurant, or the number of water-cooled freezing units that were in the establishment.

It doesn't pay to have modernized one's home, either. Separate rates are charged for showers and baths. Outside taps count one strike against the owner. As one householder explained, "I don't have an outside tap, but I get charged for it! The system seems to be that I might have a tap inside to which a hose could be connected someday."

The ears of the Sechelt Water Works Ltd. must have been positively glowing, the number of complimentary remarks that were being made.

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Sechelt Legion Elects Officers

For the first time since its organization, the Sechelt Branch of the Canadian Legion has elected a representative of the Indian Veterans to its Executive. Seymour Johnson, well known member of the Sechelt Band, and resident of the local Indian Village, was elected at the recent meeting.

The full slate of officers is as follows: John Browning, President; W. Jonasson, first Vice President; Mr. Yewdall, Secretary; C.G. Lucken, Treasurer; W. Smith, Sgt. at Arms. The Executive Committee members are Seymour Johnson, Jack MacLeod, W. B. Dingee, Dr. D.T.R. McColl, and W. Smith.

The Poppy Fund Committee is W. Smith and W. Dinghee. Branch Chaplain is Pastor W. Elliott, and the Immediate Past President is Capt. A. Johnston.

WORK STARTING ON SECHLT PARK

Sechelt Board of Trade announces that work will be resumed in connection with the Park at Sechelt. They have had the offer of a Donkey from the Osborne Logging Company to assist in this work.

Local Observers To Report Air Exercise Scheme

The R.C.A.F. Air Exercise on February 21st will be a big one, and will approximate actual warfare, with bombers and fighters taking part.

Ground Observers on the Peninsula are alerted to man their posts from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Observation posts are stationed every eight miles or less, from Port Mellon to Britain River.

Reports will be sent in immediately following the exercise to No. 10 Ground Observer Detachment.

During the day, a Field Training Officer will be on the Peninsula to assist the local groups in the work.

WORK RESUMED ON AGAMEMNON BAY ROAD

Work was resumed on the Agamemnon Bay Road again on February 15th, with the crews of Highways Construction back on the job after a short lay-off due to weather conditions.

Correction:

Last week in the Coast News report of the Social Credit Committees having been formed, we printed as acting on the Roads committee, Mrs. MacAfee and Mrs. Jorgenson. It's amazing how soon we found out that neither one of these estimable ladies was on the Roads Committee. They bow out in favor of their husbands, so we have Mr. W. MacAfee and Mr. C. Jorgenson on the committee instead. We regret this slip of the type.

LOGGING CAMPS OPEN

Osborne Logging has opened its two camps up the Peninsula, and Crucil's outfit was going to work on Monday morning. This should bring a few rays of sunshine to what has been rather a glum "Sunshine Coast" for the past two and a half months.

Gibsons B. of T. Discuss Roads, Breakwater

Many topics of local and general interest were discussed at the Gibsons Board of Trade meeting held on Monday this week at the Legion Hall. The catering was arranged by Mr. Dan Smith of the Ridgeway Motel, assisted by members of the Legion Auxiliary. Both the dinner and the service were heartily commended by the members. President Locke Knowles was in the Chair.

The new and revised by-laws of the Board have been officially accepted and will be presented to the Secretary of State's department for ratification.

BREAKWATER PROJECT

Gordon Ballentine, chairman of the committee on the breakwater project at Gibsons, gave a brief resume of the history of the project and its inestimable value to the community, stating that it would attract many more fishermen as permanent residents.

ROAD LINK

Al Ritchey gave a brief report on the recent visit to Victoria. He was astounded to realize that the Minister of Public Works seemed quite unaware of the necessity for any immediate need of improving the road from Sechelt to the start of the new Agamemnon project.

On the other hand, they had a very good hearing on the VON, and reported Province wide interest in this service, and received an assurance of every consideration.

J. H. Drummond received a telephone call from the Secretary of the Powell River Board of Trade on Feb. 13th, asking what progress if any is being made on the Agamemnon road, and when the connecting links would be completed, claiming that on March 1st, the CPR are withdrawing their boat, stranding Powell River cars. After discussing this matter, the Secretary was instructed to write to all boards of Trade from West Vancouver to Powell River urging immediate concerted action on the Government for an early completion of this vital link.

GUEST SPEAKER DISCUSSES MILL

Guest Speaker of the evening was Mr. E.C. Shearman, Pulp Mill Superintendent for Howe Sound Pulp Division of Canadian Forest Products at Port Mellon. He gave a very interesting and informative talk on the Pulp Industry in general and the operation of the plant at Port Mellon. He stressed the fact that most Pulp Mills, being highly appreciative of our dwindling forests, carry on a careful reforestation project. The Port Mellon mill is a two hundred ton a day plant, and has approximately 300 men on the payroll. The mill uses chips mills. Installation of a barking and chipping machine would be required before the mill could use local logs.

In answer to questions, Mr. Shearman stated that it would be practical or possible for small companies or groups locally to secure barking machines or chippers, but the cost of this equipment is rather high. However if secured there might be a ready sale for chips at the mill, providing local prices could compete with landed costs of the present chips.

BOARD PROCEDURE

The President, Mr. Knowles, brought out a discussion on the proper method of introducing any subject to the meetings. The consensus of opinion was that

the Board of Trade was indeed vitally interested in any project or matter that would benefit the community, but that as the meetings are planned just prior to the date of the meetings, it is almost impossible to have any person or group come in late with a discussion requiring some considerable part of the limited meeting schedule.

The Board's Council is willing to listen to any proposals for introducing any subject to the regular meeting, when the proposal comes from a recognized group or organization. It was regretted that it was necessary to disallow a last minute request for time, as presented by a local citizen.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ELECTED

Douglas Smith, new Bank of Montreal Manager at Gibsons, accepted the chairmanship of the Trade and Industry committee left vacant by the transfer of Tom Larson. Mr. Smith was instructed to contact the B.C. Products organization in Vancouver regarding a B.C. Products display on the Peninsula in the near future.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Among the special guests, introduced by Rae Kruse, were Norman Johnson of the Universal Timber Company, who is a resident of Hopkins Landing, William Nasadyk, a timber operator who is now a resident of Gibsons, and Gordon Dalzell, of the Gibsons Theatre.

FILM SHOWN

Through the courtesy of the Port Mellon group, and the efforts of Don Macklam, Personnel Director, a color film was run off by Gordon Ballentine. The film proved very interesting, showing the Powell River operation from woods to finished product. Gordon Dalzell provided the sound equipment.

President Locke Knowles expressed the sincere appreciation of the meeting for Mr. Shearman's fine talk.

Board of Trade To Present Breakwater Brief

During the next few weeks, the Sechelt Board of Trade will be working on the Brief for the Tidal Bay Breakwater. They will present the difficulties now existing in obtaining shelter for fishing craft, the lack of safe harborage for tourists' craft, the difficulties encountered because of the long and dangerous run round to Porpoise Bay, which is the only safe anchorage at present.

The Board will have the endorsement of the Native Brotherhood, the Fishermen's Union, and hopes to add to these that of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Lower Mainland.

This brief is to be presented to the Hon. J. Sinclair, Minister of Fisheries, on his next visit to this area in early March.

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Editorials

Tourist attraction

Last summer we watched the community during the season when tourists were expected to arrive and add to the business of the Peninsula.

The only way in which this can normally be done is by the Tourist paying for accommodation and meals, by patronizing whatever commercial entertainments the community may boast, and by using the normal services of the place, such as garage, laundry, cleaning etc. There is one other thing -- the tourist may purchase something in the community that he does not see anywhere else, something that is peculiar to, or characteristic of the Sunshine Coast.

We took a trip up and down the Peninsula, stopping in almost every shop, to see what could be purchased here that could not be picked up, and usually for less, in Vancouver, Seattle or Winnipeg or Toronto, or for that matter in shops in Sawridge, Rapid City or Allendale.

The only things that seemed to be peculiarly a part of the Sunshine Coast were picture postcards of the place and hand-woven baskets made by the Sechelt Indians.

There were the usual plastic, china and leather novelties, the only claims of these to being made local were by virtue of the words 'Gibsons', 'Sechelt' or 'Pender Harbour' written or printed on them. These can be bought by the gross in any dime store across the nation.

The meals were not characteristic of anywhere special. Good food they are, and attractively served, but not one meal which would later be recalled as having an identity peculiar to a sea-side or roadside spot on the Sunshine Coast. No menu mentions 'Grilled Salmon Steaks from Howe Sound' or 'Pender Harbour Oysters' or even 'Madeira Park Kippers'.

Each little eating place does its best to look like every other. This does not make for any feeling of being on holiday for the traveller, or even of being away from home.

What can people do, to make the Sunshine Coast a place that is remembered by the tourist, as a spot that is conscious of its individuality, and which brings a pleasant change to travellers? If a real effort is not made, the tourist continues to tour, looking simply for something that is 'different', which after all is what attracts them in the first place. If that difference is pleasant and cheerful, then the tourist stays, and in later years returns.

Talent Night Council Meet

A meeting of the Peninsula Council of the PTA talent night committee was held in Sechelt last week.

Discussions of clauses in the constitution were presented, necessitating changes in classes of talent night competitions. The council feels that the public and especially the contestants, will readily see the difficulty in having open classes for all types of entertainment. Therefore, it is with regret the Council announces merging vocal and instrumental duet's, and an open class for Accordion and Orches-

tras. The tentative date for the finals, to be held in the Gibsons High School Auditorium in May 8th, 1954.

The following is the list of classes open for competition: Pianoforte solo, Vocal, Violin, and Elocution, under 10 years, 11 to 14 years, and open.

Choirs for Elementary and High School. Orchestras, and Accordion, open. Instrumental, and/or Vocal Duets, open.

The variety class, which means other than the above classes, will be an open class.

Trio's Quartettes, Sextettes, Pre-school classes, Solo and Groups, will be classed as choirs.

PAYING BILLS BY CHEQUE IS SAFE, MODERN METHOD

"There are good reasons why the use of cheques is now so popular," comments Douglas Smith, manager of the Bank of Montreal's Gibson's Branch. "It allows our customers to pay bills without being obliged to carry large sums of cash in their pockets. And it enables them to use the mail instead of trailing around in person to their creditors. Cheques really save you time, money and shoe leather."

Mr. Smith points out that a cancelled cheque is valuable also as a permanent receipt. Furthermore, many people rely on their cheque stubs and monthly bank statements to keep them up to date on the state of their finances.

"Over a million Canadians pay their bills with B of M cheques," Mr. Smith continues. "Most of these cheques are for only a few dollars. Others, of course, are for many thousands of dollars, covering important business transactions."

You can open a chequing account without formality at the B of M, and any member of the staff will be glad to take care of your needs.

Reader's Right

M.P.'s PAY - DISHONESTY?

Those of your readers who are living on a pension will take strong objections to your arguments in support of an increase of indemnity for our Members of Parliament.

The Government and its supporters buttress my contention that they felt they were in no need of any increase. An election was held last summer, and as far as I am aware, not one of the members who was elected even hinted that they should have more pay. Now when the election is over, they suddenly discover that it will be necessary to make a raid on the Public Treasury trusting said raid will be forgotten before the election comes along.

This move to increase indemnities is a Government measure, so let us have a look at the record to see if they have done anything of a valid nature that would justify the increased indemnities. Anyone who has visited the Peninsula during the past several years has a very ready answer to that query. The people who have retired here consisted of pensioners, both civil and military, and those other unfortunates, who, with no pension, but having a reasonable sum of money, expected to live out their days in some degree of comfort and independence, free from financial worries.

Now what has the Government done for the Pensioners and for others who had no pension? I say that the Government through its lack of policy, has been responsible for the value of these pensions dropping more than fifty percent. Then, if some of our residents were so unfortunate as to invest their savings in Government Bonds, they know now that the money value of them has dropped considerably.

Your Editorial states that the increased cost of food, housing and other things make it necessary that our members of Parliament should have an increased indemnity. If our Government had been interested in the welfare of the common people, they could have taken such action as they did during the war years, to prevent the cost of all goods and services from rising.

Instead, inflation was allowed to run rampant, with the value of pensions decreasing each day, to the detriment of many of your readers. The fat profits shown by most of Canadian Companies, during the years since the war ended tells its own tale.

I say that if an increase in income for our elected representatives rests on good rendered to the pensioners in our

midst, then I think they are now being overpaid.

The idea that members we elect to Parliament should set the amount that should be paid them, seems to put them in a special class, above the rest of ordinary individuals.

If some underpaid employee dips his fist into his employers' cash box, he will feel the harsh rigors of the law. But our Government tells the elected repre-

sentatives that if enough of them agree to dip their two hands into the public treasury then that is quite lawful. Does it not seem a bit deceitful, on the part of our Government, to rush the measure through, when not a hint of such action was given during the election last summer? I think I may go further and suggest that this measure fringes on the dishonourable.

C.S. Cassidy.

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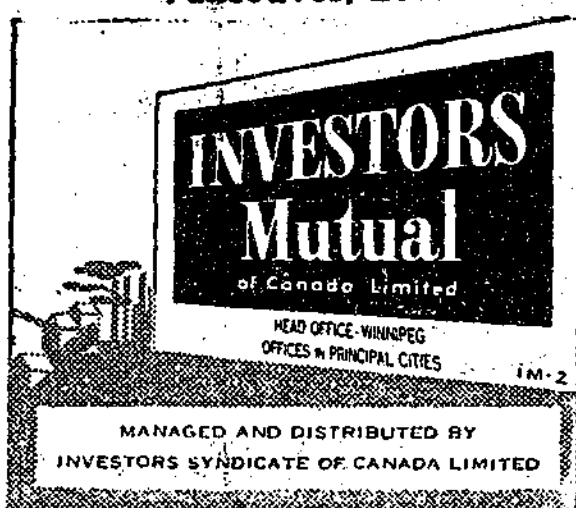
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M.P.'s INDEMNITY GRAB BAG
To the Editor of the Coast News.

I read with interest the remarks contained in your Coast News editorial of Feb. 4th, this in regards to increased indemnities for the Senate and House of Commons members, and salary and indemnity increases for members of the Cabinet.

There are many who will agree that some increase is due in the allowances, but who will disagree with the method adopted in bringing this about and the amount involved.

Much has been said about the low indemnity of \$4,000.00 a year under present high cost of living conditions, a situation created by inflation for which the liberal administration is in part to blame, because of lack of controls etc..

Is it not true that each member of the House of Commons received around \$6,000.00 a year for the years 1949-1953, plus an extra expense allowance of \$2,000.00 yearly? Eight thousand dollars per year for the four years service. Extra sessions provided the additional income. No income tax paid on the expense allowance.

Is it not true that a very generous cafe service is provided in the House of Commons building in Ottawa, where meals can be obtained at less than cost? It is also true that during the session, and ten days before, and ten days after, the members enjoy free postage on all their mail, including Christmas cards mailed at that time.

Two years ago the Government granted the members of the House of Commons a very generous pension arrangement, where a life pension, without "means test" can be obtained for a payment of only \$4,000.00. If the member had to buy an annuity to cover this \$3,000.00 a year pension, it would cost him in the neighborhood of \$40,000.00. The member must have served around sixteen years in the House of Commons in order to qualify for the maximum of \$3,000.00 yearly pension. And of course if a member is in the Cabinet he can have a trip around the World now and again, without expense to himself. I merely mention those things to show that the life of a member of parliament is not all trouble and that it has its compensations. In any case there has always been plenty of suitable candidates at the old rate of indemnity, which proves that it is an attractive job.

When Prime Minister St. Laurent introduced this "Bill" asking for an increase in members of the House of Commons and the Senate indemnities from \$500.00 to \$833.00 a month, and for increase in the indemnities and salaries of Cabinet Ministers from \$1500.00 monthly to \$2,

250.00 a month, which includes expenses in both cases, he said: "I cannot believe that a country as rich and great as Canada has become really want that condition to continue". Mr. St. Laurent was referring to the condition of our members of parliament with their \$8,000.00 yearly, and the Cabinet with their income of \$22,000.00 yearly. Period 1949-1953. It appears that Canada is rich when men in public life want a pay increase, and that Canada is poor, very very poor, when recipients of small pensions and war veterans on war veterans allowances, ask for an increase in their present pensions or allowance of \$40.00 and \$50.00 a month.

I agree with some members of parliament, who feel that public service demands certain sacrifices, that it is voluntary, and that no person has to run

for office unless he desires, and therefore they are objecting to the proposed increases as being too large at a time when there are so many trying to exist on very meagre allowances, and whose requests for a little extra assistance, have to date, been ignored by the Ottawa Government.

Robt. Macnicol.

Ed's note: With reference to this letter of Mr. Macnicol's, and others on the same subject, we hesitate to attempt a reply, the topic is so large. Following further study of the Pensions Act and various other regulations and legislations pertaining to the problems of many Veterans and their dependants, we will attempt to present a few figures. These in themselves would not justify the raise of indemnity proposed for the members of parliament, but may serve to cast a brighter light

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Andy's Bay

by J. Corrigan

Sunday, February 7th was a gala occasion for the small community of Andy's Bay, when the new Motor Vesel "Active" of the Coastal Towing Company arrived from Vancouver with thirty-seven persons aboard.

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on some of the statements that have been made by our correspondents, whose opinions we respect, and welcome the publication of in these columns.

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Firehall News

The Gibsons Volunteer Firemen are grateful to local residents and businesses for having taken good care of their stoves and heaters during the recent cold spell. Because of this evident care, no fire calls were received.

Congratulations to Sechelt Fire Department for the fine recommendation given by Air Vice-Marshall Heakes, regarding Equipment and Organization.

The Firemen's Ball is to be held on March 20th. Tickets are now on sale. All the local fire men are selling them. The public is urged not to wait for the fireman to ask about the tickets, but to ask the Fireman if he may buy one.

There was an account within the past few days of a fire in Burnaby, published in the Vancouver Sun, on February 15th. In this account, two ladies attempted to put out a fire in their home, by themselves. They were not able to do so, and by the time they called the Fire Department it was too late to save the home. So, the Fireboys give the following good bits of advice:

1. Do not put ashes into wooden or paper containers.
2. Do not try to fight fire yourselves, call the fire department.
3. Do close all windows and doors, with yourselves on the OUTSIDE.
4. DO CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST

A Good Man

by L.S.J.

The sudden passing of James Cunningham, the Game Commissioner will be regretted hereabouts. He was well known in this district in the long ago. The local folk who did a little hunting played hide and seek with Jim quite often because we thought that a gun license and a game limit was an injustice and more or less governed ourselves accordingly.

It was not long though before we became more orthodox and public relations with the Game Department perceptibly improved. It was a year or two later when Jim was knocking on my door before breakfast and ventured the statement that a lady was charging me with shooting her cats, and had I anything to say. I invited him in and said that we (the we being then a young man who works at present on the Government road) had shot some cats as they were felines that had been left behind by the summer complaints and were constantly making the night hideous and nobody could sleep etc.. Well, Jim said, I can't quarrel with that, but what about this women's valuable cats?

The protestations of our innocence in this regard were loud and long "never did we do such a thing, in fact, we had never seen these fancy cats much less shoot such estimable creatures".

Jim left with that and his parting shot was, "Keep up the good work but don't let me hear about it." I met him years later at McNab Creek and helped him to liberate the Elk that had proved a nuisance at Stanley Park. That was in 1932 I think. Well that's that. Good Bye Jim and good hunting.

Surprise Shower Held For Local Girl

Miss Gilda Rietze of Gibsons was the guest of honor at a surprise shower held for her at Mrs. Nuotio's home in Gibsons on February 4th. Gilda will be married on February 27th to Mr. Bruce Simons of Vancouver.

About thirty guests were present on this gay little occasion, and the surprise for Gilda was complete. The home was charmingly decorated, and a streamer hung table and basket were used as a receptacle for the many lovely gifts received by the bride-to-be.

When called upon to speak, Gilda was almost overcome, but she did manage to thank her friends for their thoughtfulness and for their lovely gifts.

Acting as co-hostesses for the evening with Mrs. Nuotio were Miss Peggy Doran, Mrs. Mayson, Mrs. Hammond, and Mrs. Roberts, without whose assistance Mrs. Nuotio is sure she could not have managed the

Valentines Arrive Safely

On Sunday, February 14th, two local families received Valentines, and we send congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins on the birth of a son that day, as well as to Mr. and Mrs. J. 'Tubby' Skellett, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Solnik also are in line for congratulations, on the birth of a son who didn't wait for Valentine's day. This young man, Robert John, weighed all of four pounds ten ounces on his arrival on Friday, February twelfth.

affair.

Due to the lateness of the hour at which Gilda could attend the shower, games and other parlour amusements were dispensed with. A lovely luncheon was served instead.

Miss Rietze will leave her work at the Ferry Cafe shortly, and after the wedding trip she and her husband will travel North, where Bruce expects to work.

Ground Observers Alerted In Airplane Search

On Friday last, the R.C.A.F. from Vancouver called the Chief Ground Observer on the Peninsula, Ken Whittaker, asking for reports that might help in the location of the single-engine jet plane that was missing north of Vancouver.

The call came in at 12:06 noon. By 12:30, reports had been received and transmitted, from M and W Stores at Roberts Creek, H.E. Wilson at Gibsons, R.F. Whittaker at Wilson Creek, Les Chamberlin at Sechelt, A. Leslie at Porpoise Bay, A. Rutherford at Halfmoon Bay, N. Hoffer at Secret Cove, Ron Jones and W. Piper at Pender Harbour.

The searchers were hoping that from the observations of these crews, a course might be plotted that would aid in the search.

Planes were reported from Pender and from Port Mellon vicinities.

V.O.N. Tea For V.O.N. Week

The week from February 21st to 27th is VON Week. It has been so called to bring once more to the minds of the public the work of the VON nurse in our own Community, and the special services she renders to all who need her care.

In Gibsons, the Headlands Branch is holding a tea in the United Church Hall at 2:30 p.m. to mark the occasion.

The Headlands Branch of the VON is a small group in a large community that is served by the VON. So, for this tea, the Branch would greatly appreciate any help that they may be given in the form of donations to the Home Cooking Table, or in any form that may be possible. The whole community is urged to support this tea, in turn supporting the service upon which all depend, the VON.

MRS. BANKS PASSES

Mrs. Henrietta Banks of Gibsons, passed away Tues. night, Feb. 16th. Funeral will be from Anglican Church, Gibsons, Fri. Feb. 19th, Cremation in Vancouver Crematorium.



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C.N.I.B. Official Visits Schools

Mr. Dan Waddington of the Canadian National Institute of the Blind was a visitor at the Elphinstone High School last week, during his visit to the Gibsons community, on Thursday.

Mr. Waddington spoke to the students on prevention of accidents likely to cause blindness, stressing care in play, with reference to B B guns, arrows, throwing of stones and similar activities. He developed the idea of care in play or work, to avoid injury to oneself or another, that

Fill At East Roberts Creek Washed Out

On the Sechelt Highway, between the Hall at Roberts Creek and the old B and K Logging Road, the fill has washed out from under the blacktop, making a hole half the width

might be the cause of lifelong handicap through loss of sight.

While in Gibsons, he visited the sightless in the neighborhood, and called on Bill Lissiman of the local branch of the CNIB to discuss affairs of the branch.

of the road.

Detour signs were up on Wednesday morning. Motorists are warned of this area.

Milt Brown, on returning from bowling at Sechelt, drove into the depression on Tuesday night, and on arrival in Gibsons, notified Art Pilling, Road foreman, who immediately went out to inspect, and put up barriers.

Wednesday morning, the culvert had cleared itself, and the water went down rapidly. Work on the fill started immediately.

Police Court News

In MAGISTRATE JOHNSTON'S COURT

In Magistrate A. Johnston's Court this last two weeks, there has been a pot-pouri of petty offences to deal with.

Whether a spoon was accidentally dropped on the floor or was thrown there, during a family tea, resulted in an altercation between two brothers, Dunstan and Stanley Joe, of the Sechelt Indians. The next step was the magistrate's court, and Dunstan, charged with assault, was found guilty and paid a fine of \$10.00 and costs.

Two Vancouver juveniles who had run away from home, faced two charges of breaking and entering, and theft. One year's probation, in custody of their parents, with a nine o'clock curfew every evening was given them.

Roland Pike and Richard Lehan of Vancouver each were assessed a fine of \$10.00 and costs for exceeding the speed limit through Selma Park.

Two cases of beer forfeited to the Crown, and a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars and the cost of the court was what it cost one celebrant recently. Harry Edwin Komynik of Port Mellon was apprehended when he had driven at speeds of over fifty miles per hour past the Sechelt School Zone recently. His ability to drive was obviously impaired by alcohol at the time.

Church Services

ANGLICAN CHURCH

February 21st, 1954

2nd. Sunday before Lent
St. Bartholomew's Church
Gibsons

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
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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9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Devotional

7:30 p.m. Evangelistic

Wednesday night

Prayer and Bible Study 8 p.m.

Friday night at 7 p.m. Junior

Young People and 8 Senior

Wilson Creek

2 o m. Sunday School

Evangelistic Service

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Roberts Creek

Service Monday, 7:30 p.m.

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Date Pad

Feb. 18 — Gibsons, Thursday, St. Mary's Altar Society, Rummage Sale and Home Cooking, at United Church Hall, starts at 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 19 — Gibsons School Hall, 8 p.m., play whist or cribbage, prizes, come on up and enjoy a very pleasant evening.

Feb. 20 — 8 p.m., At home of Mrs Leo Nadeau, card party, open house, card games and other amusements, sponsored by the Holy Family Church L.A..

Feb. 20 — Roberts Creek — Dance by the Hall Board, Port Mellon Orchestra.

Feb. 21 — P.C.M.R. Unit 276 Army and Navy to hold an Installation on Sunday. By Provincial Command.

Feb. 21 — Its your program time again, be sure and tune in CHUB — 1570 on your dial — 5 to 6 p.m..

Feb. 25 — Headlands Unit VON tea, United Church Hall, 2 to 5.

Feb. 26 — Gibsons, home of Mrs. Corlett, W.I. blanket shipment.

Feb. 27 — Gibsons, Hard Times Dance, in the School Hall, Port Mellon music. Sponsored by Kinsmen's wives.

March 1 — Gibsons Parish Hall at 8 p.m., Farmers' Institute Meeting.

March 3 — Roberts Creek, Boy Scouts meeting, more later.

March 10 — Gibsons, home of Mrs. Rees at 2 p.m., Headlands VON meeting.

March 11 — Selma Park Hall, 8 p.m., VON annual meeting.

March 12 — Pender Harbour, Concert by Roberts Creek String Orchestra.

March 16 — Sechelt, Annual Shamrock Tea, L.A. to Canadian Legion. 2 to 5 p.m.

March 18 — Gibsons United Church W.A., Shamrock Tea.

April 2 — Roberts Creek United Church W.A., tea etc., details later.

April 3 — Roberts Creek, Choraliers, more later.

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Halfmoon Beams

F. Cormack

Twice bereaved within a week was Bob Ford of Half Moon Bay, temporarily of Minisirel Island. He first lost his father-in-law Mr. "Hec" Nelson who died in Vancouver and then his father Mr. C. Ford, owner of Nor'West Bay Lodge. We extend deepest sympathy to the members of both the bereaved families.

Mrs. W. Klusendorf of Welcome Beach is enjoying an extended visit from her sister Mrs. F. Lane of Minnesota.

Little Cheryl Anne Roberts of Half Moon Bay entertained several little guests last week on the occasion of her third birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McDonald and Mr. George Nairn spent a few days at their summer cottages and found them both in good condition after the severe winter.

Ken and Sheila Anderson and baby "Debbie" have returned from Vancouver to take up residence in Half Moon Bay.

The forthcoming PTA Convention was the topic for discussion at the February meeting of the Half Moon Bay PTA held in the school last week.

On business last week were the Nygaard brothers to Seattle, and J. Cooper, R. Brewis and J. Donahoe to Vancouver.

"Chi-Ki", the little Pekinese owned by Mrs. W. Miller of Redroofs won First Prize in the Novice Class and First in the Toy Dogs at the Ladies B.C. Kennel Club Dog Show held in Vancouver recently.

Miss Christine Hanson held a Valentine party for her pupils at the school last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. West of Half Moon Bay have as their guests their daughter, Mrs. M. Bellessi and children, Billy and Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Claydon of Redroofs are on a winter holiday at the home of their son in Kelowna.

While in Vancouver we visited Mrs. Archie Rutherford in hospital. We found her the picture of health. She is hoping to be home in the early spring.

The Bill Millers and the Bob Cormacks returned home last week after a two months' visit in Vancouver. The Bob Cormacks are the proud grand parents of another grandson, born to their youngest son and his wife, Lawrence and Mary Cormack of Vancouver, on December 27th, 1953.

School News

Senior Boys' Sports

The Elphinstone Cougars won their third game in five starts on February 5th, as they hustled to a decisive win over Squamish High School at the losers gym.

The victory meant sweet revenge for the Cougars, who, four weeks ago, had dropped a close 27 — 24 decision to the same team is Gibsons.

Gibsons lead from the outset and were never seriously challenged throughout the slightly rough contest.

Center Roger Evans, as usual, was high scorer with 17 points, while Mike Poole and Dick Reichelt scored 13 points each. Jim Buchanan topped the losers with 15 points.

Proudfoot and Buchanan were the top scorers for Squamish with 15 points each, A. Dent made 13 points, Oake 7, and B. Dent, Muro, Rivett, Siggers, Baird and Block 2 points.

Evans was lead man for Gibsons, with Poole and Reichelt making 13 points each, Nicholls made 8, Cresswell 7, and Hostland 2.

General News

A Home Economics display is now in the show case, artistically arranged, with some excellent needlework to add to the beauty.

The Parent-Teacher meeting held in Port Mellon, when high-school teachers met with parents of Port Mellon pupils, was a successful affair. It laid a better path of understanding for both.

Last week-end there were two Teen-age dances held. The St. Valentine Dance in Port Mellon, participated in by Gibsons and surrounding areas, and the other was in Roberts Creek, sponsored by the Teen Town.

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Good Fishing At Salmon Rock

Two members of the Simons Saw Company, Mr. Western, General Manager from Eastern Canada, and the Vancouver Representative find that the fishing at Salmon Rock may be returning to former glories.

Guests of the Ridgeway Motel, these two gentlemen had been on business on the Peninsula. They had tried to get boats in Sechart, but were not able to be accommodated. They were then directed to try Gibsons, so their host, Mr. D.T. Smith of the Ridgeway made arrangements for them, and the efforts were well rewarded.

Saturday night and Sunday morning's fishing netted twelve nice Spring Salmon, ranging up to six pounds in weight.

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Gower Gleanings

By Gypsy Towers

A week of sunshine and squalls — climatically speaking. Socially the event of the week was the Burns' Supper and Dance held at Hopkins. Presiding as Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Eric Thompson, ably assisted by Reverend H. Oswald who thransposed himself with the greatest of ease from his own Irish self to a pseudo Scotchman for the occasion.

Attending from Gower were Mr. and William Bow, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chaster, Mrs. A.B.B. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. J.D. Smith, and Mrs. Harry Thorn. The traditional Haggis was piped in in fine style. After an enjoyable dinner interspersed with the requisite toasts the evening climaxed with Scottish Dancing and Quadrilles.

A painting bee at the Jim Dykes and preparations being made for the arrival of granddaughter Nell Higgins, R.N. who is anticipating spending a few days at Gower from her strenuous duties at St. Pual's Hospital.

Tuesday afternoon practice Scottish hop at Stronloch was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Remarkably improved is Ex Gowerite Mrs. J.E. Marshall, Sr. since going on her new diet. Enjoying a visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Milligan, David, Marcia, and Vicki — doing the odd spot of baby sitting, while in Vancouver.

Otherwise all seems quiet on the waterfront — the last remnant of snow has disappeared, and the spasmodic bursts of sunshine tantalizing the eager gardeners to get out and dig, but the Old Gardener says don't be too anxious — Little Jack Frost has been known to pay a return visit in February — darn him!

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The Stump Makers

by L.S.J.

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The unsightly mess of a vast array of stumps is not exactly a proud heritage. Other timbered countries that were more advanced took stump and all for processing purposes thus having unencumbered ground left for new forests. The higher levels now being logged here are composed of many varieties and it is doubtful if it ever will be feasible to take the whole tree.

The pine forests of the southern U.S. are utilized for turpentine and I believe some charcoal is made as well from the stumps.

However this is not our story. We take ourselves back 4 or 5 decades and find ourselves on a large scow in tow of the tug "Maagen" proceeding up the Gulf with the paraphernalia of a logging camp of those days. Two steam donkeys, some lumber, stoves, pots and pans, and enough food to start up a 15 man camp.

The lovely long days of May see us arriving in the early dawn at a rocky beach in the inlet. Having brought a few boom sticks with us, these are floated under the forefoot of the scow to prevent damage and we are fast

Sechelt

By ARIES

The Guild of St. Hilda's entertained approximately fifty guests for tea at their regular monthly meeting. They were welcomed by the wife of the Vicar, who said she was very pleased to see so many in the New Parish Hall. President Mrs. C.G. Lucken also welcomed the visitors. The Guild received several gifts of china for the kitchen.

Lucky winners for the prizes at the Show, were Ev Smith, Ron MacIntosh and Mrs. A. Crucil.

Mr. Max Tracey, Sechelt school principal, who has been ill, is now back to normal.

Nice to see Mrs. Marion MacRae back once more in Sechelt. Mrs. MacRae intends to stay in Sechelt for some time.

Mr. George Taylor has recovered from his recent illness and is up and around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Rothwell have been staying at Sechelt Inn, visiting their sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Duncan. Their home is in Rose-town, Saskatchewan. Miss G. Duncan of Winnipeg is also enjoying her visit to Sechelt.

Fate dealt Mr. Lionel Richer a hard blow when he lost his boat during the recent storm. The boat was Mr. Richer's home as well as his livelihood.

We regret to report that Mr. Jack Redman is suffering from a smashed foot.

to the beach. Here is our new home for 2 or 3 years at least. A creek and a grove of large maples look like making a good campsite and the job of bringing everything ashore commenced.

Working hours were non-existent, the scow was costing five dollars a day demurrage, a most fearful state of affairs. First job a pipe line from the creek for the donkeys so that we could have some steam to clear the bit of ground required for the collection of shacks that would spring up here and there.

The order of construction would be cookhouse first, office and bunkhouse combined next, and hen bunkhouses and so on, to filers shack, and blacksmith shop and what have you. To digress here a bit, the tugboat crew had taken time out to go on a fishing expedition up at the head, and the thought crossed my mind what would happen if a tug boat crew went fishing for a couple of days at present?

However we were settling in and everything was in hand so that the fallers could go out and cut shute sticks if there was a shute to build, as there was in this case, and a stump would be marked for the bullblock so that the setting could be marked out for the fallers. This was before the days of the high lead.

Signs of permanency would show up in the camp, there would be the paths made, and a few steps cut, and there would be shelves and crossbars in the bunkhouses for the drying of clothes and habitants knick-nacks. The boom would have to be hung, which was quite a matter of ingenuity, if the beach was steep with a bad drop off,

LATEST SNOW STORM

TOO SLICK FOR TYSONS

While driving on the Sechelt Highway on Friday morning, the Tysons boys from Selma Park were surprised when their

which was generally the case.

It would not be long before the fallers would be in the timber and the stumps would soon be showing up, quite a bit higher those days than they are now. A few days off for July 1st, and back to work, as there was not much danger of fire when the ground lead was used. The bunkhouses by this time would have heaters, and most of the cracks would have been caulked up by all and sundry, and it made a nice comfortable abode for chatter at night and the odd game of cards. We had philosophers, Marxists, Orangemen, R. Cs., Socialists, Atheists etc.

They were on the whole, good men, versatile and willing, also no longhairs which was a good thing.

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car struck a slick spot on the car was off the road entirely. Rat Portage hill. Before the resulting in a crumpled fender boys could blink, almost, their and punctured radiator.

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Firemen Hold Softball Meeting

At the meeting of Soft ball players on Sunday last at the Gibsons Fire Hall, officers were elected for the coming year. Gordon Dalzell was selected as Coach. Elected officers are: President, Frank Bailey; Vice-President, Jack Fitchett; Secretary, Fred Feeney; With these men, Earle Bingley and Jim Drummond Jr. make up the entertainment committee, charged with the raising of funds for the purchasing of new uniforms etc.

There was a good attendance at the meeting, and all are urged to attend the meeting at Sechelt in the Legion Hall on February 28th, at 2:00 p.m.

Local Fishing Declines Seriously

Fishing in the Howe Sound and neighbouring waters is declining seriously, according to Fisherman Harold Fearn.

He bases his contention on long knowledge and study of the sea, from his experience as a fisherman and a fish buyer, and from information he has received from a variety of sources.

The destruction of the shrimp beds and feeding grounds by systems of fishing that break up and destroy both plant and animal foods for fish have been responsible for a considerable decline locally.

The expansion of the Japanese fleets of Mother Ships in the Pacific is contemplated as a menace to continuing fishing industry on this coast. Last year's catch by that group, according to the statistical release, figures furnished by the Japanese, was over seven million salmon. This year, Mr. Fearn predicts, the catch will exceed 15 millions. Their stated objective is 35 million salmon per year. This fleet can, by virtue of the treaty signed with Japan last year, fish within three miles of the Canadian Coast.

Last year, according to the report of the Fisheries Department, Mr. A. Reynolds of Squamish, Supervisor for Howe Sound, the Salmon catch in his area was the smallest on record.

Mr. Fearn proposes in an article next week to quote facts and figures that can be documented, in support of his contentions, and he urges that, all people who are in the smallest way interested in fishing, as a business of this district or as a sport, should make themselves acquainted with what is occurring in the fishing industry, and should get together before too late, to add their influence to that of the fishermen in an effort to have proper conservation legislation enacted by our Governments.

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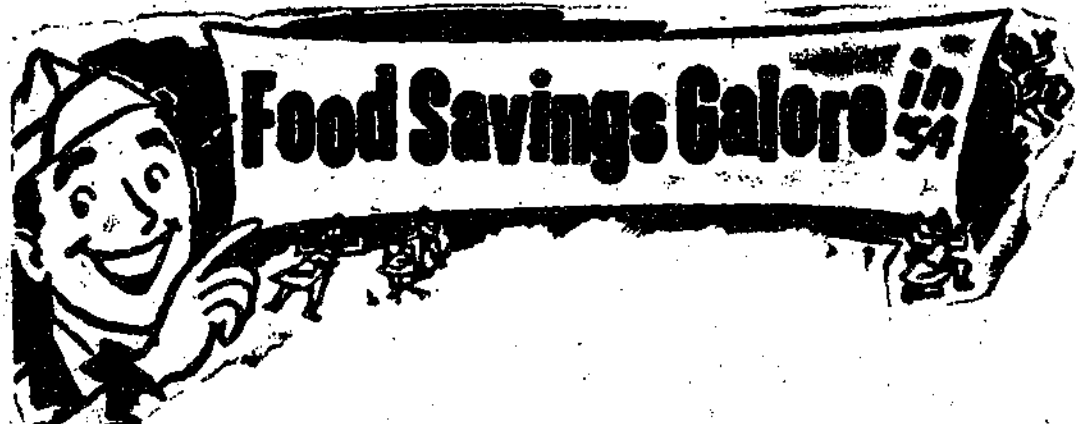
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