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Editorials

Thanks Firemen

We take time out from our usual role in these columns to express our thanks, and those of the Nutter family, for the prompt arrival of the Gibsons Fire Department with the Inhalator on Thursday night last week, when our Publisher, Sam Nutter, required help, and in a hurry.

Once the right person was contacted, the inhalator arrived as if on wings, and helped the pneumonia patient when that help was urgently needed.

We have been advised since then, that the correct method of obtaining this or any other emergency equipment is to turn in an alarm in the usual way and among those responding will be some who can operate the inhalator.

Again, then, we say "Thank you," to our Gibsons Fire Department.

Why Do Teachers Leave?

We have been hearing mutterings "not loud, but deep" along the Peninsula regarding the fact that thirteen of our teaching staff of Sechelt School District No. 46 have turned in their resignations this season.

That seems to be a very large percent, and we are set, with others, to wondering just why that should be. Some of those who are leaving, we know from personal conversations when they came, came with the idea of staying on this Sunshine Coast for many and varied reasons. Nice new schools, with good equipment; close to Vancouver and yet not of it; beautiful surroundings; pleasant living quarters available; mild climate. To these of course one adds normal salaries, and children.

It is not altogether usual that the entire staff of a school resigns, and yet that has happened. Another teacher who came definitely with the idea of remaining here permanently has resigned—a good teacher, too, if we may believe children, parents and results. And others—up to thirteen according to our last information. There may be more before this goes to press.

We know that some move on to better positions, some filled a gap in other plans by spending a year here; some, we hear, are invited not to stay.

But by and large, thirteen? Are the salaries low? They seem to be. Are the reasons poor relationships between Board and Teachers? Between members of the Staffs themselves? Between Teachers and the Parents?

We are concerned because we are interested, as is every other responsible person in the District. Frequent changes in teaching staffs are definitely not conducive to best results in education. That is a long established fact, which needs no elaboration here.

This Editor sits and happily invites facts, reasons, not excuses, for this exodus among our Peninsula Pedagogues. Will anyone be brave enough, or interested in children enough, to come forward with the information?

Roberts Creek Round-up

by Madge Newman

This little story will not be read by the three jerks who were cruising around this part of the country Saturday night about 11 o'clock as undoubtedly they don't know how to read. (Their car description and license number on request.)

They attempted to pick up three girls walking along the highway, passing them up a narrow side road when the girls turned off. Receiving no encouragement, the three "gentlemen" drove up the road, turned, and approached the girls again, and were no doubt highly embarrassed to find one of the "girls" was the mother of the two others.

To prove he was a fine 'stout fellow' the driver of the car attempted to run down a riding horse which was attempting to find his way into the pasture from which he had escaped an hour earlier. The horse on the road, however, being made of better stuff than the jackass behind the wheel, managed to leap into the newly slashed trees and logs beside the road and escape without any broken legs, no doubt causing the car occupants some disappointment. What the driver of the car does not know is how close he came to getting a bad-minton racquette, with press, broken over his so-called head, as the little girls in question, while having no use whatever for donkeys in cars, are devoted to the horse.

So now it is a three-lane highway on Rat Portage Hill. It is easy to catch someone going 21 miles an

hour through Davis Bay area but quite another matter to observe lives in jeopardy in the open stretches of the highway. Last Saturday night, or early Sunday morning, a speeding maniac narrowly missed death, his own and the occupants of two other cars, by the immediate reaction of the driver of an east-bound car who literally 'took off' into the woods and so avoided a head-on collision with the west-bound car which was passing another. Needless to say the speeding car continued on its way, the driver neither knowing nor caring if he had left a damaged car or injured persons behind.

Mrs. E. J. Shaw, Mrs. R. Cumming and Mrs. A. Anderson have returned from the OES Convention in Vancouver. They report that next year the Convention will be held in Kelowna so it behooves the members to start saving their pennies, or selling magazine subscriptions or something to get enough of the necessary to make the trip.

Householders should be warned that it is not advisable to set a match to the accumulated trash in unused fireplaces this time of year. Mrs. J. Monruffet, Beach Road, found this out to her sorrow the other evening and is thanking her lucky star that Mr. Harold Tibb noticed the blaze and quickly got to work with a hose. Or perhaps she thanked Mr. Tibb. In any case, his prompt action saved her home.

Although Roberts Creek had no grads in this year's crop at the exercises Friday night at the High School, it was well represented. Bus, taxi and private cars transported well-wishing friends to the school. Miss Mary Jean Kennedy, a 1953 grad, arrived on the 7 o'clock ferry from Vancouver for the event.

Letters To The Editor . . .

SCHOOLS CRITICIZED

Well another graduating class has come and gone, in our million dollar school setup. How many had all their credits? How many came out with a certificate of merit and passing through? Do we get the figures on all who have passed grade 12 or is that a military secret? The past few years very few have made the grade. Why? We have some bright students in our midst. All they want, most of them, is a chance, and some help, to attain their goal. That is something that is sadly lacking, and I know of what I speak.

I hear on very good authority, that there will be quite a number who are not going back to school to finish their 11 or 12 this next year. Their arguments are, they are wasting their time, that they do not want to go back. What is basically wrong with the school? Sure we have a million dollar setup and a gym that is the last word. I wonder how many people remember some of the promises that were made, when they were trying to pass the bylaw for this school? That the Community could use the Gym, that it would be for the use of all. To date it has been so seldom used that one does not know of its existence. Also that if anyone wishes to use it, the fee is around \$30.00. Whose school is this, who pays for it, who sets this fee, and why? Questions that every taxpayer should ask, and should get answer.

Why are the young people roaming around the country, looking for something to do, with a gym like this sitting idle there? There are boys interested in boxing, basketball, etc., no place to even have a workout, no one public spirited enough to take them in hand, nothing for them. Then righteous citizens scream about the delinquents. Really it's pitiful.

Sure, according to many, they are hopeless, but do you realize, we have no real bad boys in our midst? In fact, I have yet to meet one who is really bad, just mischievous and with excess energy that demands an outlet. I'm afraid that million dollar school setup is a white elephant, as far as the young people are concerned. The discipline, the respect that is due to those in authority, is sadly lacking, and no matter how they protest that they have discipline, I still say, they have none. When you have no respect, or discipline, then you have one of the poorest foundations for education that one could name. We pay our teachers very well from the wage schedule that is available. They are not overworked, they seem to be doing very well.

What is lacking? I feel it is time stock was taken of the whole setup, to see why pupils quit school, why they are in such a state of rebellion against the setup? We, the people pay for this education such as it is, and should certainly know the answers.

Weak, vacillating teachers, who back down when a pupil stands up to them, who change their tunes if they feel things are a little tough, have no place in any school system. They are beaten before they start, for they have lost out to the pupil. No one suggests beating them or any such thing, but a strong discipline and a demand for respect should certainly be in the forefront. Education could very well go on

from there. Our pupils come out without a clue. Spelling of some grade 12 students is pitiful, too much time spent on things that have no bearing on the student's future, the fundamental things are sadly lacking. We'll hear excuses and a million reasons, why the teachers can't do this or do that. Very well, then, why? And who has the last word?

I think the parents should get to know a little more of what is going on. You go to PTA, what do you get out of that? Very little. Do you realize your school has no liability insurance? If your child gets hurt in school or yard, unless it's a stairs that collapses, or some part of the building falls on them, they can collect nothing from the school board? You pay all the bills and any other expenses. Why no coverage for this million dollar setup? What is PTA doing about this? It will be interesting to get a few repercussions regarding some of these questions. Might clear the air a little.

A MOTHER.

More Concern!

Madam Editor:

You must have timed your discourse on "Causes for Concern" to come on the stage with the Graduation ceremony at the school. It is meet therefore to say that as none of these samples of contemporary education had passed their exams yet it had a hollow ring to it. Knowing a little and guessing a lot more I would say that 70% of that class (pass or no pass) expect Society to get them a place to sit down in the sun and will be quite willing to set up a plausible argument of good and sufficient reason as to why this should be so. The seed is sown and nurtured in this Welfare State educational policy of a dreadful fungus that has rotted the tree of democracy into such a precarious state that the whole mass will topple over in the not too distant future. If any of that class can write a real insulting letter but printable in rebuttal of the above remarks they can pick up \$10.00 at your office. You to be the judge.

C. Y. NICAL.

Electric Blankets

To switch on an electric blanket these chilly mornings gives a feeling of satisfaction to the owner, and the resultant warmth makes it difficult to "rise and shine." There is more to it than that. If the blanket is not working properly, the defect advertises itself on the neighbours' radios within half a mile. Down at Hopkins Landing, some comfort-loving resident switches on a blanket about 6:00 a.m. and enjoys its grateful warmth until about 8:00 a.m. During this time there is practically no radio reception in the neighbourhood. The Radio Department of the Canadian Department of Transport has a detector-car in which is apparatus for locating such interference, but it is an expensive matter to use it to locate trouble; but if the thermostat on that blanket is not adjusted in the near future, the owner is going to have an early morning visitor in the person of one of the interference locators from the Transport Department.

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Wild Life Pictures Popular

The Rod and Gun Club had an excellent turn-out to their evening of films, and the speakers, Mr. Dick Littler and Mr. Bert Palmer, President and Vice-President respectively, of the Lower Mainland Association, proved extremely interesting, last Thursday evening. Jack Nelson was Master of Ceremonies, and presented the speakers.

Les Lane, local Game Warden, presented the five films on Wild Life, which dealt with varying forms of game and fish, in a most interesting and entertaining manner.

Mr. Littler spoke of the advantages of having a Rod and Gun Club, which, he emphasized, was intended for all members of a community, men and women and young people alike.

He urged Gibsons and Port Mellon to join with the activities of the Sechelt Peninsula Rod and Gun Club, if they were of insufficient strength to form their own club.

It is over a year ago that he presented pictures to the then infant Sechelt Club, and expressed his amazement at the work that has been done, and the organization of this growing group. In that time, they have over 100 members, have a Bank Account, have purchased fifteen acres of land for their practice ranges. All the preliminary steps and inspections have been made towards receiving their Charter, which is now in the hands of

Elphinstone Honors And Awards

The following students received Certificates at the Graduating Ceremony at Elphinstone High School on Friday evening, June 11, 1954:

Donna Bingley, Lila Farnham, Juene Hardy, Ruth Brumbaugh, Joanna Ritchey, Heather McColl, Karen Stockwell, Bev. Kane, Alice Bikadi, Betty J. Wood, Mary Parker, Art Thomson, Mike Poole, Peter Slinn, David Lucken, Alan Nuotio, Jack Cresswell, Roger Evans, Dick Reichelt, Gilbert McKay.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Tournament Flashes, presented by Mr. L. Peterson, were given to winners in Senior Badminton: Senior Mixed Doubles: Jack Cresswell and Joyce Walters; Senior Girls' Doubles: Helen Garry and Joyce Walters; Senior Boys' Singles: Michael Poole. Checkers: Michael Whitaker. Chess: Ted Scott. Ping Pong: Dick Reichelt.

Point Awards, presented by Mrs. Glasford, for Intermediate Sportsmanship: Norma Turner. Double Award, Scholarship and Citizenship: Coral Benn. Senior Sportsmanship: Nonie Pratt; Scholarship: Helen Garry; Double Award: Scholarship and Citizenship: George Slinn. Senior Scholarship: Peter Slinn; Sportsmanship: Jack Cresswell; Citizenship: Warren McKibbin.

Perfect Attendance Awards, Grs. X, XI and XII presented by Mrs. Evans: Art Thomson, Ruth Tyson, Doug Davies, Connie Gray, Doug Livingstone, Coral Benn.

Readers' Digest Award: Presented by Mrs. Rankin: Alice Bikadi.

TROPHY WINNERS:

Academic: I. Best Notebook: Stewart Cup, presented by Mrs. Stewart: Coral Benn; Grayson Cup: Ebba Kline. Scholarship and General Proficiency: Coast News Trophy, presented by Mrs. Wortman.

Individual Sports: Best Girls Sports (Veitch Trophy), presented by Mrs. Day, and Highest points on Sports Day, Ridgeway Trophy, presented by Chas. Kirk: Points Tied: Nonie Pratt and Ruth Tyson. Greatest Contribution to Team Spirit, Coaches Cup: Bill Nichols; Most Valuable Player on Basketball Team (Chuck Robinson Trophy) Roger Evans and Dick Reichelt, Tied.

Interhouse Sports: Senior Softball, Nestman Trophy: House C. Gil McKay, Captain. Senior Girls' Softball: Student Council Trophy, House B. Ruth Tyson, Captain. Aggregate Points, Sportsday: Drummond Trophy: House B. J. Cresswell, President.

General: Highest aggregate for Scholarship, Sportsmanship, Citizenship (Allan and Barter Trophy), Coral Benn.

Essay Awards, Coast News Award: Pat Peterson, Wilma Luoma, Eleanor Powell.

RED CROSS REPORT

Mrs. Margaret Allen, Campaign Chairman for the Red Cross, Sechelt reports that the collection Campaign in the Sechelt, West Sechelt, Porpoise Bay and Selma Park areas showed a total of \$250.86, with the Wilson Creek contributions, Mrs. Chris Johnston in charge, amounting to \$121.50. The total for entire Sechelt Wilsons-Creek area thus contributed to the Red Cross this past campaign was \$372.36. Congratulations to the Campaign Chairmen, and their tireless collectors!

WEATHER WISE

By R. F. KENNETT

More rain fell on the last day of May than did for the rest of the month combined. In spite of this fact, we crossed the finish line with near normal precipitation. Try as we will, Gibsonites won't forget the rained-out May Day Celebrations, for skies were dripping wet and the wind was cold. The records show, however, that May was mostly sunny, but with temperatures much cooler than normal. This did much to alleviate the threat to floods in the Fraser Valley particularly.

The figures for the month of May are as follows, with those for May 1953 in brackets: Rainfall, 2.21 inches (2.02); Number of days with rain, 9 (9); Mean temperature: 53.3 (53.3); Highest temperature, 74.2 on May 7th; Lowest, 28.4 on May 1st. Greatest 24 hours rainfall was 1.28 inches on May 31st.

One third of June has passed, and the trend of damp and cold continues. Already we have had five days with rain, and the air temperature has not been above 66 degrees. It is most certainly not the weather one should expect from early summer.

the Government in Victoria.

Mr. Palmer explained to the audience the difficulties the Zone Association had in the past in gaining Government recognition. This they now have.

For all the Rod and Gun clubs in British Columbia, there is now a total annual grant of \$750,000. There has been set up a Game Council, composed of representatives from all the Clubs of the Province. They meet four times yearly, with two delegates from each Club. Their recommendations assist in the formation of Game Regulations, proper enforcement, and other measures aimed at Game Conservation.

The audience, near capacity for the Gibsons Legion Hall, responded with enthusiasm to the vote of thanks suggested by the M.C., and "dug down" for the silver collection to defray the evening's expenses.

Sixty-Ninth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jeffries, of Egmont, now residing in Sechelt, are celebrating their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary this year on July 6th.

They were married in New Westminster in 1886. Mr. Jeffries is now 86 years of age, while his good wife is 85.

Mr. Jeffries lived in Gastown when it was renamed Vancouver. This grand old couple are living with their daughter, Mrs. Laura Wray, in Sechelt.

"THAT THEY MAY HEAR"

The gripping story of the power of love over hate is dramatically portrayed in the motion picture "That They May Hear." This outstanding picture is being presented by Rev. J. A. Tingle, of Vancouver, District secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in the Gibsons United Church on June 20th at 8:00 p.m.

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Selma News

Mr. and Mrs. Colson, have sold their home in Selma, and will be leaving us around the end of June, for Vancouver. Sorry to see them go. Will miss them.

Mrs. Jack Barker away to Alberta for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons back from Courtenay, staying in Horn house right now, and hoping to get started on their own place real soon.

Mrs. Jones away to Vancouver Hospital.

The dark horse entry of Selma in the baseball league is doing more than holding its own right now. With the very able coaching of Gus Crucil, they are winning the odd game, and will be quite a threat to the rest of the league. Some very fine games so far, and with lots of support to keep the boys' morale high, they should be right in there on the home stretch. It has been anything but baseball weather up to now, but it is very good for the woods and that ever threatening menace of fire season, so we can't have everything. We do hope we will have some warm weather real soon, gonna be a mighty short summer.

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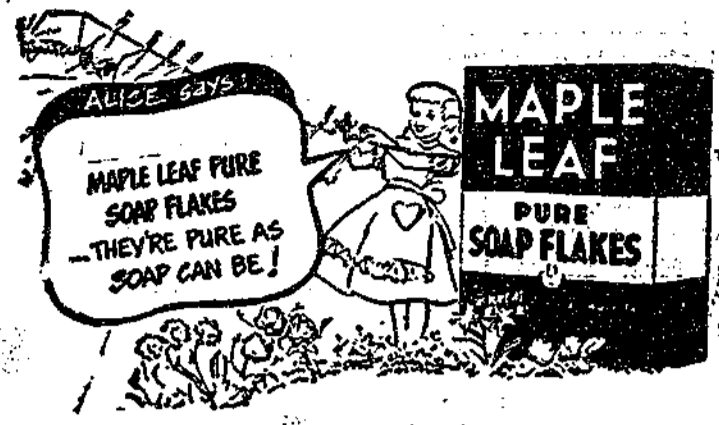
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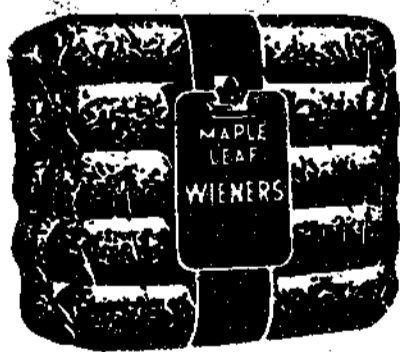
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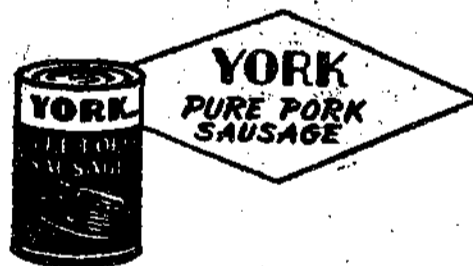
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This Also Happened

by Albert Crowhurst

The 1st Gibsons Cub Pack has a new Group Committee which was formed last week.

Chairman: Mr. Lorne Blain; Vice-Chairman: Joe Schutz; Secretary: Dick Kennett. Committee members are: Harry Smith, Albert Crowhurst; Eric Inglis and Laurie Speck.

The new Cub Master is Mr. Fulton, Senior. The assistants are: No. 1, Ray Kruse; No. 2, Danny Smith; No. 3, Mrs. Agnes Labonte. They have a very good summer program, consisting of hikes, bean feed, and weiner roast lined up.

Mrs. Labonte is organizing a swimming class for the Cubs starting Saturday, July 3rd, at 11 p.m. and every Saturday through the summer at the Municipal Wharf.

Sorry to report that Mr. Sowden of Gower Point was taken to

Shaughnessy Hospital last week. He is reported doing well.

Glad to report that Mr. Chatt is out of the hospital and is spending a few days with his son in Vancouver. He will be home at the weekend. Glad to have you back, Bill.

Last week the Coca-Cola truck ran off the road out Port Mellon way, wonder what they had with the Coke? Glad to hear no one was hurt, just a few bottles broken.

Ed Shaw's truck ran in the ditch out the same way and turned over, there was no one hurt and they managed to get it running again.

Last week Mrs. George Hill took a snapshot of a deer on the beach in front of her home. Soon we will have them walking down the main street.

Last Saturday the Loggers' Association held their benefit Dance for the Davies family and by all reports the people responded very well. So to you all we say thanks.

It was reported that Mr. Wright of Wilson Creek was taken to Hospital yesterday, suffering from a stroke.

Don Hauka of Gibsons Electric is off on a three-day advanced Television course. His brother Art is relieving him at the Shop, having just returned from his honeymoon. Art and Bobbie are now "at home" in a little house just above the Rocky Road.

Police Court News

In Magistrate Johnston's Court, Harold Victor Pearson of Sechelt, was fined ten dollars and costs for driving at forty-five miles per hour in West Sechelt, in excess of the speed limit.

Frank August, an Indian, was fined the sum of ten dollars and costs for having wine on the Indian Reserve at Sechelt. This wine, he stated, he bought from a white man named "Bill" whom he had not seen before, nor since.

Norman Marks, an Indian, was fined twenty-five dollars and costs, for driving without a license, and then also was required to produce fifteen dollars and costs for driving the vehicle without due care and attention.

Fishing for herring without licenses proved expensive for two fishermen, Vernon Mearns of Vancouver and Allan M. Wheeler of Horseshoe Bay. They each paid a fine of fifty dollars and the costs of the court for this illicit venture.

Balls & Strikes

by Observer

Well, another prediction has gone down the drain, but you can't say I didn't come close. The Firemen edged out the Merchants in the last inning 10 to 9 in a good, exciting ball game. The Merchants took the lead by scoring five runs in the first inning, as the firemen played very loose ball, seeming to have a hard time getting started. The boys in red came back and tied it up in the second, and from there on it was a fairly tight game.

The first star goes to the captain of the Firemen, Norm McKay, for his terrific job in relief after Max Tracey left in the early innings. This, by the way, is Norm's fifth win, against only one defeat.

The second star goes to Dick Reichelt, of the Merchants who played a tremendous defensive game at Shortstop. The third star, I'm giving to Norm Peterson of the Firemen, who made a practically impossible catch in the last inning, when the Merchants threatened to tie up the game.

In the other games on Sunday the red hot Wilson Creek team stopped Selma Park's winning streak 5 to 2, and Port Mellon got their second straight win by downing Pender Harbour 5-2.

The so-called Pressure has been put on this writer in the last week or so by a few people who are fanatically devoted to one team and can see no good in any other. Because their team has not received what they consider a good "write-up," they are charging me with prejudice and a biased opinion. All I can say is "Nuts to them." I write what I think, and no one is influencing what I say. What I'm saying today is that I think the Umpiring is definitely slipping. Not that I blame the Umpires, they are "overworked and underpaid," as the saying goes.

It is true that I write more about the Merchants and the Firemen. That is because I see two home games a week, whereas I see the other teams only once a week or so. It's also true that I bring in the odd personal quip, but anyone who has followed sport knows that this is not to undermine a character, but merely having fun and creating interest.

FOUL BALLS

I see the Merchants have some pretty cute cheer leaders. This is a good idea as long as it is not overdone. The Firemen have one too, but not quite as agile as the Merchantettes.

At this writing, there is a coach who is still out of breath and still considers himself on the lucky side.

Statement from a Merchant, 'I sure can hit, but someone always catches it.'

Next Sunday sees Pender visiting the Firemen, Selma at Port Mellon, and the Merchants go to Wilson Creek, I see it, Wilson Creek to win. P.S. To my gambling friends: "The drinks are on the house."

Sechelt

SECHELT BY ARIES, June 15

First it looks as though an apology is due the Duncans at Sechelt Inn. A few words slipped in our column last week that should be deleted—referring to the visit of the Pearsons to Sechelt. Quote: "the down many years ago," end of lack of the Hotel which burned. Quote. Now that is misleading. There is still a hotel known as Sechelt Inn, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Duncan. This in the early days was run for the overflow at the hotel, and known as Beach House. The Pearsons stayed there as children and still do. Yes there is a hotel in Sechelt, it's very busy and very popular.

We were in Vancouver last week—and attended the Services held in CHRIST CHURCH by the Most Rev. Walter F. Barfoot, Archbishop of Rupertland and Primate of All Canada. It was a wonderful service—and the Children's Rally in the afternoon was a most impressive sight. Thousands of children marched behind their various schools and Sunday schools, the Clergy in all their red vestments, and choirs, held up traffic on Granville street at Georgia for some time.

Many happy returns to Beverly Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walker—just three years old.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vicks and son Michael, here from Vancouver, visiting Mrs. Vicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Scott.

Also back in Sechelt from Quebec, Mr. Hughie Gresham, spending a little time with his family.

Noticed in Sechelt, Mr. Jack Burt, operator of Burt's Logging Trucks. Lived here some years ago. Glad to see him back.

Mr. Norman Burley was in Sechelt recently. Hear his niece Mary (Mrs. Rocky Henderson) now has a baby daughter.

Mr. Tom Fowler back once more after a short stay in Vancouver.

Mr. Glen and Alec Warner visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Mabel McFarlane.

No winners at the Show last Wednesday, so double money this week. Here's hoping.

Kleindale News

Agamennon Bay seems to be progressing favorably. Was over it recently and find it a little different from our road between here and Sechelt. It is very wide, and nice going, what there is of it. I understand it is now blocked to the public, because of the possibility that tourists may start fires, or may become injured when workmen are blasting rock, etc. If it will help to speed the completion of a good job, let's leave them unmolested to finish it.

Mr. Peter Dubois and Miss Bonnie Harris were recently united in marriage. Our good wishes go to this young couple from Pender Har-

bour. Mr. and Mrs. Archie West were recently in Vancouver to visit Mr. Sundquist, Mrs. West's father, who is very ill in Shaughnessy Hospital.

A Rate-Payers' meeting was held in Pender Harbour recently, to try to influence Mr. Nachtigal, the School Principal, to reconsider his resignation. He has been a very popular Principal with the people of the district, and it was hoped that he would be able to remain in this position for at least another term.

Ed's Note: Upon consulting with the School Secretary, we find that Mr. Nachtigal has not reconsidered, and has been accepted to a post in the Chilliwack School. Sorry, Pender Harbour.

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