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A Merry Christmas to All from the Coast News staff

3 fires in storm

Fires which occurred in three homes, resulting in the complete destructon of two of them occurred during the stormy week the area has experienced.

Along with the three fires, the only major accident which occurred involved a freight truck on Granthams hill which resulted in a power pole being disrupted leaving the area without power for some time.

The most serious fire occurred Friday on Orange road when the home of George R. Kelly became a total loss. With it was lost a fine collection of guns which Mr. Kelly had collected The loss is expected to pass the $13,000 mark

Mrs. Kelly was in an adjoining field shortly after noon on Friday when the fire started. It made such rapid headway she was unable to save anything. When Mr. Kelly returned home from a neighbor he was unable to get near the building because of the intense heat. Ammunition detonating within the fire was an added danger. The house was insured.

On Thursday night a fire alarm came from Langdale to which the Gibsons Volunteer Fire department responded. It occurred about 10:15 p.m. and resulted in total destruction of the building, which was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Berdahl and their four children. All escaped. The loss is expected to reach $7,000 or more.

At about 2 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17 a fire call came from the H. M. Lee home on Pratt road where sparks from a fireplace had eaten under the house onto floor rafters. Damage was estimated to be in the region of $300

Earlier that night at about 10:30 a Pender Harbour-Powell River freight lines truck had just about made it to the top of Granthams hill when it started sliding backwards. It kept going until it slid into a ditch against a power pole blacking out the area for some hours. The driver, Ronald Johnson of Vancouver received minor leg injuries. The truck was eventually righted and put back on the road.

Record fall of snow

The Sunshine Coast area from Port Mellon to Egmont fared fairly well under the stress of the record snowfall which spread itself over almost a week. Three fires, one serious truck mishap and many, many other minor automobile embarrassments occurred owing to the slippery snow on paved highways.

Car wheel chains and antifreeze became a collector's item within two days of the start of the storm. Cars were left stranded where they were and tow trucks were kept busy at all hours of the day and night.

The snow which started Thursday night fell to the extent of about 17 inches by Tuesday night of this week. This constitutes a ten year record as the last heavy snowfall was in 1935-6.

Both Gibsons and Sechelt villages reported things under control generally with maintenance men working long hours to keep roads open.

While householders have been affected by too much snow on a leaky roof and other inconveniences such as digging out paths and either abandoning the use of their cars or trying to dig a path out to the highways, various other organizations such as B.C. Telephones and B.C. Hydro and others have had their troubles.

B.C. Telephones report an extremely busy period while the snow was falling. For instance the busiest day handled 1,700 calls outgoing which does not take into consideration the thousands of direct dial calls. Many of the operators worked long hours, according to Mrs. C. Mason, operating supervisor. Few serious complaints were received, she adds.

B.C. Hydro started its worries with the windstorm on the night of Dec. 14 to 15 when poles were blown or knocked down all the way from Port Mellon to Jervis Inlet with the worst of the breaks occurring on the Clowhom line where stays holding one pole collapsed and the shaking of the pole caused the line to burn out. This caused work for eight men covering two-and-one-half days of difficult operation.

The remainder of the B.C. Hydro repair crew was scattered over a wide area. In Port Mellon region where downed poles had cut off power all the way to Granthams, this followed by a freight truck failing to navigate the Granthams hill resulting in a power pole being knocked over.

Then there were trees that knocked out lines on Gambier Island and Keats Island. As the result of a lack of communication it took some time to organize boat travel to those points so repairs could be made. Redrooffs area had power troubles which were soon rectified.

The Hydro men had to work long hours in unpleasant weather to keep the system operating.

Some Bowen Island school children attending West Vancouver Schools, were unable to reach their homes for a period.

Sechelt Motor Transport reports it had almost no trouble with its schedules outside of unavoidably late ferries due to other traffic considerations.

George E. Hopkins, general manager has complimented the roads department staff in this area in the letter which follows:

Editor: We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Oscar Hogue and his staff of the department of public works for the very efficient manner in which the highway and side roads were maintained during the past week.

We realize the crews put in long hard hours and we would like them to know that we greatly appreciate their efforts.

George E. Hopkins, operations manager, Sechelt Motor Trantport.

Mr. Hogue reports that he had crews operating during each 24 hours. Eight to 10 men were available at all times and a 24 hour watch was maintained with plows out at all hours keeping the roads clear.

Calf feeding plan fails

A plan to feed calves on a farm in Christianson road vicinity ended with the death of 16 calves which were eventually dumped into a garbage ravine for disposal.

They had been obtained at a Fraser Valley sale and brought to this area. A change of diet is believed to have caused troubles for the calves and they started dropping off eventually all of them dying.

The SPCA were notified who in turn notified the RCMP who passed the matter on to local health authorities. Owing to the nature of the case authorities did not think any charge could be laid.

The carcasses had been dumped onto the B.C. Hydro right of way which resulted in a complaint being made. Their owner was ordered by health authorities to dispose of them.

Beatnik party

The Hi C had a beatnik party on Saturday night, Dec. 5. It was a success and different from the usual. Helen Shupe did a dance which was perfect for the occasion. She put so much into it that she was out of breath when she was finished. Everybody enjoyed it so much that they demanded more. Thanks to Helen for her addition to the party. Also David Gooding read some beatnik poetry with bongo drum accompaniment which everybody enjoyed.

Activities in the future are on Dec. 23 when the group will be out carol singing to the elderly people in the neighborhood.

New Year frolic

Some 16 members of the Roberts Creek Hospital Auxiliary braved the elements Monday to attend a meeting at Earl Haig Camp. Final plans for the New Year's Eve frolic were made.

Mrs. J. Redman who was to have addressed the meeting did not attend due to the condition of the roads but will be on hand at the next meeting, January 11.

Members are urged not to forget to bring scraps of Indian wool or knit strips for the rug, which is well on towards becoming a good sized rug.

A White Christmas?

(By R. F. KENNETT)

Light snow began falling in Gibsons on Thursday evening, December 17 and at this presstime December 22, no less than 17.3 inches of winter white blanketed the area around Gibsons. Squamish winds raged to Tuesday, Dec. 15 driving temperatures to 8 degrees above and in places along the waterfrant to 2 above. After a brief respite snow began falling and we presently sit with the prospect of a truly white Christmas.

It is interesting to survey the Christmas day weather records as recorded these past ten years or more.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1952 - 1963

	High Temp.	Low	Rain	Snow	Snow on Ground
1952	35 degrees (Sunny and fair, heavy frost)	28	None	Trace	Trace
1953	44 degrees (Mild with showers)	41	0.11"	None	None
1954	43 degrees (Showers)	33	0.01"	None	None
1955	46 degrees (Cloudy and warm day)	36	None	None	None
1956	44 degrees (Cloudy)	35	None	None	None
1957	47 degrees (Easterly gale & rain during morning)	35	0.53"	None	None
1958	37 degrees	27	0.25"	None	None
1959	41 degrees (Sunny)	30	None	None	None
1960	44 degrees (Sunny, cloudy periods)	36	None	None	None
1961	36 degrees (Cloudy, ocnl snowflakes)	27	Trace	Trace	None
1962	36 degrees (Heavy frost and sunny day)	24	None	None	None
1963	58 degrees (Sunny and warm)	50	None	None	None

Three win awards for light decorations

(By DO WORTMAN)

Originality of plan, unique designs, pleasing effect from both near at hand and at a distance, beauty of design, and many other factors were considered before listing the winners of the Christmas Lighting prizes offered by C. P. Ballentine. Charles Robinson, Keith Wright and Stan Allibone, in that order were named as having the best displays.

Only after prolonged discussion, much driving through the snowy evening, and a second meeting, was it possible to arrive at a definite decision, and even then, the members of the committee who were asked to perform this difficult, but altogether pleasant duty, realized that there was ample room for discussion.

The gaiety and cheer these lighted homes add to the scene at Christmas are almost impossible to assess. From Port Mellon, through to Pratt Road west of Gibsons, homes were viewed and discussed. Little homes and big ones, strings of gaily colored lights, illuminated Santas, lighted trees and garden arches, all were seen and considered. Had there been 50 prizes to award, the assessing might have been easier, but when there are 20 or 30 homes all coming within what was considered winning category, it was not simple to choose among them.

Mr. Ballentine has for some years been decorating his house and yard for the season, and this year his display is most spectacular. To him, this is a part of the Yuletide observance and delight. His offer of the prizes has been made with a view simply to encourage interest in this cheerful practice.

Residents will be well repaid

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Recount under way in Sechelt vote

A recount of ballots in the Dec. 12 Sechelt municipal election involving Joseph Benner and Louis Hansen was scheduled for Wednesday morning in County Court in Vancouver.

This was announced at last Wednesday's council meeting in Sechelt. Earl Dawe is the solicitor on behalf of Mr. Benner. Mr. Hansen was declared elected with 60 votes and Mr. Benner followed with 59. There were spoiled ballots affecting both candidates and it is these spoiled ballots that are questioned by Mr. Benner.

A letter from the H. A. Roberts Realty company of Vancouver informed council that the full price for the lots which were concerned in the defeated plebiscite of Dec. 12 would be $28,000 with $10,000 down with term payments of $2,500 yearly at seven percent over an eight year period with the right to pay off in full at any time. Council filed the letter.

The Salvation Army was given a grant of $25 for its welfare work. August Crucil asked council by letter to have the boulders removed from his property which were bulldozed onto the lot when the highway was being fixed up. As it was the responsibility of the council it was agreed they should be removed.

Bylaw 69 covering formation of a health unit for the village to appoint a medical officer and other necessary officers and empower them to operate was given three readings. The bylaw was passed to Councillor Bernel Gordon and he raised an objection to having to read it three times believing that it was only necessary to read it once. Councillor Sam Dawe volunteered to read it. Councillor Gordon regarded it as a bit of a bore to have to read it three times.

Here is Mr. Dawe's speech which he delivered just before council adjourned:

"My past two years on this council have not been particularly happy or stimulating ones. These are the things which were to me disturbing, to put it mildly.

"1. The fast that of the appropriations for roads for 1963 went almost entirely to the region south of Cowrie street. The same applies to 1964, to a lesser extent, a notable exception being the landing ramp on the waterfront. The interest shown in this disposal of village funds showed a bland disregard of the interests of the people north of Cowrie street and other parts of the village, witness the potholes generously distributed over the full extent of these streets. (To which Mr. Dawe added they had been fixed recently.)

"2. Another matter which disturbed and disgusted me was the vile whispering campaign carried on against a candidate in the election of Dec. 12, 1964."

The final portion of his remarks concerned a member of council and were of a personal nature.

Have you signed for your grant

If you have not yet filled out your form to get the howe-owner grant for this year, Charles Gooding, municipal clerk, advises that this be done by 4:30 p.m., Dec. 31.

Where this is not done the householder will not be able to claim his home-owner grant on this year's taxes. Many have filled out their forms and they do not need to worry. It is those who have so far failed to fill out the required form that should get down to the municipal office and save themselves some taxation money, Mr. Gooding adds.

NO BINGO TILL JAN. 7

There will not be any bingo session at the School hall until Thursday, Jan. 7 when it is expected the New Year will see a rejuvenated bunch of the boys whooping it so their faithful bingo addicts will continue their search for the base of the bingo rainbow, where a pot of gold is reported to have been hiding.

Cubs promoted

A very important step in the Scouting lives of Tom Azyan and John Lasser of Gibsons B Pack Cubs was completed in the going up ceremony last Wednesday evening.

The investment was conducted by J. Ferrari, scoutmaster. The program was also highlighted by the following awards: Ricky Gibbs, promoted to patrol leader; Mark Ruggles and Harry Lang received their Leaping Wolf badge. Francis McKenzie passed his Tenderfoot and was invested into 1st Gibsons Troop.

The service of Mr. Laveque as scoutmaster was warmly received by the boys. The ceremony finished off with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson having a few games for the boys with assistance from John Ferrari and Mr. Laveque.

If you are interested in the Scouting movement and perhaps willing to serve as assistants or leaders please phone 886-2479.

ROAD BLOCKS!

Watch out! Road blocks will be set up by the RCMP during the festive season at unexpected times and places.

Generally the RCMP expect there will be little trouble owing to the condition of the highways and side roads. However a hint is dropped by the RCMP that when in doubt call a taxi. It will be safer driving home that way.

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Let's reform Christmas spirit

Our holiday season with its joyous feeling mixed with religious observance intrigues many as to its beginning. Of course there are many legends and interpretations concerning the origin of Christmas, its name and why we celebrate it during December. Much time and study were given to establish a reasonable date and answers to give us the Christmas we now enjoy.

The fourth century is as far as clerical researchers and lay scholars can go, into history, to pinpoint the observance of our traditional Christmas. However, the custom of a Christmas festival was already established dating back from previous eras.

The word Christmas began as Christ's Mass, or from old English Christes Masse or the Mass of the Christ. And it was St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, who strived to set up a universal day of observance from its regular spring celebration. The good bishop was granted permission by Pope Julius I to appoint leading theologians of the time to determine, as accurately as they could, the date of Christ's nativity. Having discovered many discrepancies and contradictions in astrological and astronomical calendars for the accurate celebration of Christ's Mass, the Church set the 25th of December for this joyous holiday.

So, since the year of 352 A.D. to this present day, the Saviour's birth has been observed. But, to this day, in some foreign countries, the festival of Christmas still occurs on many different dates. Members of the Orthodox religion, such as the Russian, Greek and Ukranian commemorate Christmas on the 6th of January. In most European countries, December 6 is the day chosen to mark the beginning of the long and happy season.

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In the wonderful story of Christmas appear the Magi — the Three Wise Men, yet the Scriptures tell us very little about them.

We are told they were kings from the East who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child.

The Magi were members of a priestly caste — their religion was fundamentally that of Zoroaster, an ancient philosopher. This particular group was recognized to be physicians, versed in the use of herbs and were credited with remarkable healing powers.

They were, no doubt, astronomers as well as geographers. Their studies of the heavens led them to recognize the advent of a new star in the system of Jupiter and Saturn.

And, their journey from Persia, which is believed to have been their starting point, to Bethlehem was a trip of over 1,000 miles. Travelling by camel, the trip could have taken anywhere from three months to a full year.

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Expeditions in recent years have thrown great light on early Christian customs as well as the Old Testament.

For example, studies of the walls of the catacombs used in the early period of Christianity show us that X was the Greek symbol used to represent the name Christ. This accounts for the custom of abbreviating Christmas to Xmas which is still common today. Considered by many to be irreverent, in the light of history, it is not.

Half a mile from the Dead Sea, in a place called Qumran are 11 caves known as the Caves of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Here, according to recent archaelogical findings, a sect known as the Essenes copied the scriptures of their day — approximatey 100 B.C. to 70 A.D.

When the Roman Tenth Legion menaced the sect, they fled, leaving their precious manuscripts in jars and hiding them in secret caves.

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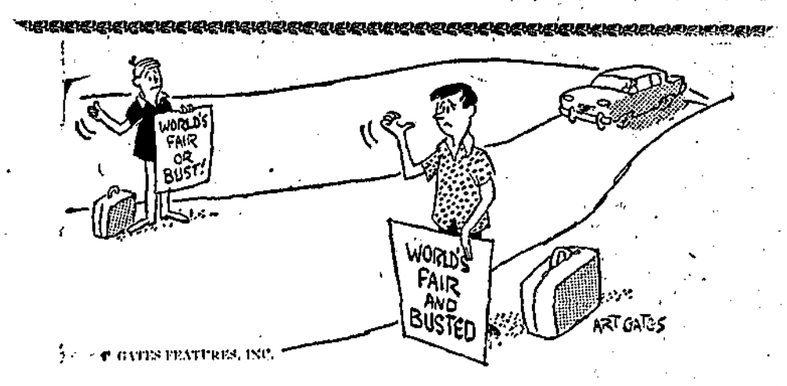
They never returned to recover these manuscripts and the latter's existence was unknown until 1947 when a Bedouin boy accidentally discovered them.

The scrolls include a complete text of Isaiah, 1,000 years older than any Hebrew version used in our Bible, and they corroborate the Bible in detail. No doubt as archaelogical expeditions continue to unearth discoveries of older civilizations, they will throw more light on Christian customs.

One can only wonder how the early Christians celebrated Christmas. It could have been strictly a religious festival. The balance today between a Christian celebration of the past and the Mammon-tinged expression we have today for what passes as Christmas leaves no doubt in the mind. Perhaps a movement to reform today's type of Christmas has already started. It is not so much Christmas that needs reforming as it is the spirit that makes Christmas what it now is.



How the ruffed grouse got its ruff

J. Fenwick Lansdowne of Victoria, B.C., has painted the Ruffed Grouse in a pose that is seen only by master woodsmen. Few people are able to travel through the woods quietly enough to observe the bird drumming. The Grouse is showing off for challenge or courtship, drumming with his wings, announcing to other males that this is his territory, and to the female that he has returned. It is from the Carling Conservation Club collection of famous waterfowl.

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A story by Robert Turnbull, associated with the painting, follows:

Cupped in the hands of the land were many things that bespoke the magic of Christmastide — soft snow fresh fallen, bells a-chime in a distant steeple, silver threads of children's laughter, red cheeks, trees of many lights, mistletoe, holly and a host of voices lifted in heavenly praise.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.
The fair land smiled and its heart was warm.
Hark! the herald-angels sing.
Aye, the fair land smiled this Christmas Day.

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And on the ridge above the town Red Fox paused to sniff the light wind. Clean pine tree smell and a tiny whiff of woodsmoke. Red Fox tiptoed on. Suddenly he stopped, one paw lifted, tiny nostrils twitching, as a faint — oh, so faint — scent wafted to his nose; the scent of Ruffed Grouse asleep, buried completely as is its wont at times deep in a snowbank. Quickly, quietly Red Fox darted a dozen paces to one side and . . .

Whoof! Red Fox was hidden in an explosion of snow. He sprang high in the air. Whirring wings beat his muzzle. His teeth snapped shut — on nothing. The grouse was gone. A small, tawny breast feather floated gently to the snow. Red Fox resumed his walk; casually, correctly, trying to appear as if nothing had happened, and thereby hangs a tale.

It is the story of the Ruffed Grouse and the Child.

Long, long ago it came to pass that a Man and Woman were on a far journey to the tents of his people. They travelled by birchbark canoe until the waters froze then they put on snowshoes and walked silently through the wilderness. It was a slow journey for the Woman was heavy with child.

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On a cold, cold night when the Northern Lights were a curtain of ice fire that dimmed all but the brightest star in the sky, the Woman's time came upon her. There was naught that the Man could do to comfort his wife's travail, so he built her a small shelter of branches, lit a fire beside it and went away to seek help.

While he was gone the Child was born.

By dawn the man had not returned. The campfire was nearly dead, only one small spark glowed weakly among the ashes. The Woman shivered with cold and held the Child closer to her breast.

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At this moment two birds lit on a branch above the shelter and seeing that the Mother and Child were nigh unto death from the cold they straightaway plucked the down from their breasts and fashioned a blanket of feathers that they placed over the Mother and Child. The blanket of feathers was of surpassing warmth.

And one of the birds leapt upon a log and beat his wings furiously to fan the dying embers of the fire into new flame, and soon the sticks were crackling merrily.

Then because they had denuded their own breasts of feathers and were cold the grouse sought warmth by snuggling into a snow bank.

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Soon the Man returned, bringing with him three men of his tribe, and they lifted the Mother and Child onto a litter and with much rejoicing bore them off to the tents of their people.

And the Great Spirit looked down and smiled upon the two birds and He took up the blanket of feathers that had covered the Mother and Child and He placed it about the shoulders of the birds. Thus did the grouse get its ruff and henceforth was called the Ruffed Grouse.

If you look closely at the feathers of the Ruffed Grouse you will see that many of them are marked not unlike a church window. Now you know why.

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Know, too, that when the Ruffed Grouse buries itself to sleep in a snowbank on a cold and stormy winter's night that it first did so when it gave its feathers to cover the Mother and Child.

And that drumming you hear when a Ruffed Grouse stands on a log and beats its wings furiously; well, perhaps it is fanning faint embers into flame.

. . . Merry Christmas

N. Richard McKibbin

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Not just a holiday!

(By NANCY CLEAVER)

"As Jesus came, a little Babe
And filled a home with Cheer;
So may His Presence fill our lives
With Love throughout the year!"
—Arnold Matthews

Christmas is Christ's birthday. We miss the true significance of this greatest of all days if we fail to place the emphasis on the spiritual meaning of the twenty-fifth of December. Not just a holiday — but a holy day.

The children in our homes should never feel that Santa Claus crowds out the Christ Child or that the excitement of getting gifts is greater than the quiet happiness of giving presents to show our love to our dear ones. If Christmas is merely an occasion for feasting and merriment, it is but a pagan festivity.

Of course, Christmas is a family day. In the Psalms is the lovely verse "God setteth the solitary in families." The Heavenly Father in His own good time, sent His son into a family. The story of Christ's coming, of the shepherds and the Wise Men, is the most beautiful story in all the world.

Are we reading aloud to our children while they are still quite small, this account of the First Christmas Day? Let us not leave this just to the Church or to the Sunday School teachers! A child's early religious instruction is his parents' responsibility and privilege.

But Christmas is above all, a day when we should remember the gifts which Jesus brought to the world. They were many and varied. They were the hidden things of the spirit which make life worthwhile — peace and joy and love.

In December most mothers and fathers have a fresh glimpse of how precious is the affection which binds the members of a family together. In our homes we should never feel so rushed with the shopping for gifts or preparing for company that we lose sight of the fact that this is the time for love and laughter. Children grow best in a happy atmosphere. Tagore, the East Indian mystic, once remarked about the place his son held in his heart, "I do not love him because he is good, but because he is my little child."

As we read our daily newspapers, we cannot but feel that our world is sadly lacking in friendliness. There is little peace in many parts of our world. But at Christmas, we all should gain new faith that if men and women seek God's guidance and commit themselves to His way, the Saviour's coming will not have been in vain.

Christina Rossetti wrote a lovely little poem, "Love at Christmas,"

Love came down at Christmas
Love, all lovely, love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Stars and angels gave the sign."

Let us remember this December that "Love came down at Christmas." Let us resolve anew to create an atmosphere of peace and joy in our homes, not just at Yuletide but throughout the year. Then our Christmas will indeed be Merry and the days ahead will form a truly Happy New Year!

LETTERS to editor

Editor: I would like to express my very deep appreciation to the young men of the Chancellor Car Club.

They very kindly arranged transportation for the Old Age Pensioners to and from their Christmas Dinner and Party last year; and I understand they have offered to do so again this year.

The driver who took the group I was with was more than kind and thoughtful, and I have cherished the remembrance of that drive all year.

When he heard us speak of the decorations and lights he drove us back up the hill to the Plaza where there was a Christmas tree, past the church with its shepherds and manger, past the funeral parlor with its wonderful display and then up and over the bluff where pausing on top we could look over the whole of Gibsons village and its bright lights. I thought it such a kind action to take a group of old folks so far and to give so much pleasure and I would like to thank them over again publicly.

M. E. Telford.

An adult 90-ton blue whale eats more than a ton of shrimp each day.

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Comic books wanted

About 50 children at Sechelt Residential School will enjoy a brighter Christmas recess, thanks to residents of this city who provide used comic books, the White Rock Sun reports.

Mrs. Joan Hands, 14954 Buena Vista avenue, White Rock, has been utilizing her home as a depot for used comic books and has encouraged local residents to leave them at her home. She has already mailed a parcel of 150 books to the school.

Mrs. Hands explains that the children of the school have few entertainments and holiday time can become heavy if the weather is too wet for outdoor play.

She invites anyone in White Rock with used comic books to bring them to her home.

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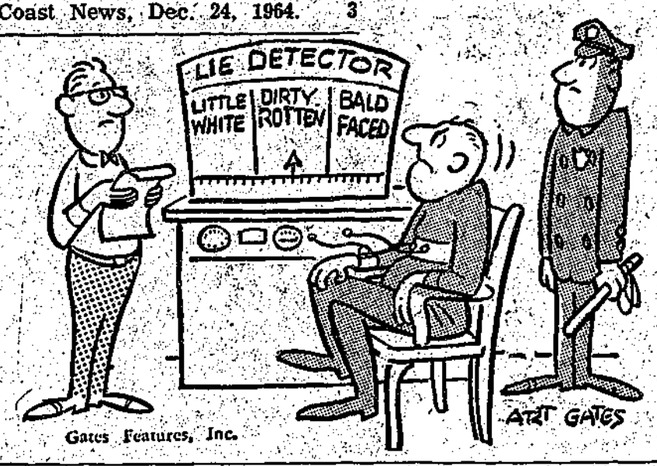

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The Davis Ottawa Diary

By JACK DAVIS, M.P.
Coast-Capilano Constituency

Parliament is headed for a short recess. Well it might be. Members of the House of Commons have been sitting continuously in Ottawa for ten months. They also know that the longest session in Canada's parliamentary history may be reconvened early in 1965.

Long days have been, for most of us, coupled with long hours. My average day in the House starts at 8:30 a.m. Rarely do I leave the Parliament Buildings before 10:30 in the evening. Weekends are spent in my office in Ottawa or out meeting my constituents in Coast-Capilano. As a result I have little time at home. So our Christmas recess comes as a great relief, not only to me, but also to many other M.P.'s who look back on 1964 as a year of endless talk and constant opposition.

One of the wags in the parliamentary press gallery put our feelings in a nutshell. He wrote half in jest and half in earnest of the 26th Parliament as follows:

"Days of Decision,
Cries of Derision,
Bells of Division
Are ringing for thee."

In case you do not know what bells of division are — they ring whenever there is a vote in the house of commons. They call the members in. Sometimes they ring for half an hour or more. But when they stop the names of those who are present are called out. They are written down in Hansard. Thus they then become a permanent record, not only of the voting, but also of the attendance of members in the house of commons.

My own record over the past year is as follows. Over some 40 votes, I have been present 90% of the time. Once I was away at Elliot Lake, Ontario, dealing with a serious problem of unemployment for the prime minister. Twice I was attending negotiations with U.S. officials which led to the signing of the Columbia River Treaty.

Talking about the Columbia River Treaty brings me around to the solid accomplishments of the 26th parliament. Numerous and substantial they include the setting up of:

1. A unified Defense Command ensuring the efficient use of service personnel and defense dollars;
2. A National Labor Code establishing minimum wages, statutory holidays and a 40 hour week across Canada;
3. A portable Canada-wide contributory old age Pension Plan which takes the cost of living into account;
4. Amendments to the National Housing Act which will hasten the rehabilitation of run down areas in our major cities;
5. A student loan program enabling thousands of young Canadians to continue their education;
6. A procedure whereby our Constitution can be amended in Canada;
7. A National flag for Canada;
8. Tax incentives to encourage greater Canadian ownership and control of Canadian industry;
9. Electoral reform thus ensuring representation by population in Canada; and
10. A sharp reduction in our budget deficit.

These are some of the highlights. There have been dozens of other bills. Most of them are now law. So we have had more than talk. We have had action. We have obviously had leadership — leadership from a government which has never commanded a numerical majority in the house. It has taken a lot of doing. So we M.P.'s can at least look back with some satisfaction on our performance in the Long Parliament of 1964.

That 4th E

The B.C. Automobile Association has added a fourth E to the three standard E's of road safety — education, enforcement and engiseering. The fourth E is emotion.

Explaining the fourth E, the BCAA says it is the driver's mental attitude which determines whether he obeys traffic laws, keeps his car in good condition and grants the right of way to pedestrians, or whether he violates the laws, drives a defective vehicle or endangers pedestrians.

Beyond contention it is our emotions, our mental attitudes behind the wheel, which determine whether we drive carefully, courteously and safely, or whether we drive carelessly, thoughtlessly or dangerously, says a BCAA safety official.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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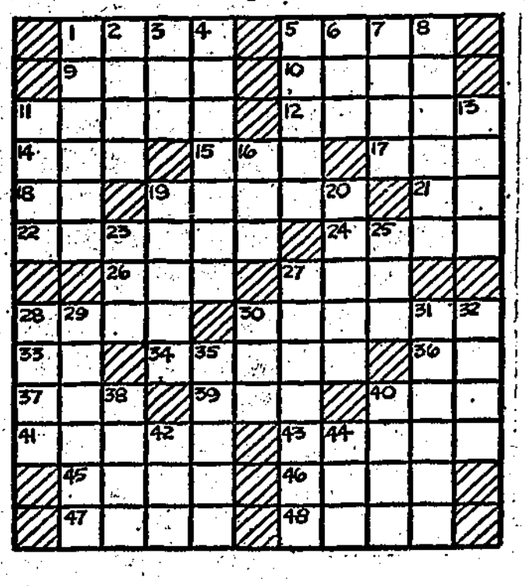
ACROSS
1. Chestnut: Polyn.
5. Mince
9. Wicked
10. Author of "Les Miserables"
11. Fish
12. Eagle's nest
14. —— and Hers
15. Over: poet.
17. Wing of a house
18. Bone: anat.
19. Permanent army posts
21. Pronoun
22. Chinese city
24. Stockings
26. Constellation
27. Hebrew dry measure
28. Slices
30. Smithies' blocks
33. Aloft
34. Potato: dial.
36. Chemical ending
37. Cunning
39. Wager
40. Mariner's direction: abbr.
41. Out-of-date
43. Kind of drink
45. Tidy
46. Root of the taro
47. Prohibitionists
48. University officer

DOWN
1. To release a claim to: Law
2. Birds as a class
3. Sesame
4. City: Pa.
5. Map
6. Shade of a color
7. Monster
8. French soldiers
11. Store
13. Otherwise
16. Unit of work
19. Foremost in rank
20. Remove, as whiskers
23. Narcotic shrub
25. Japanese sash
27. Mended, as a bone
28. Crescent-moon horn
29. High ground
30. Devoured
31. Capital: Eng.
32. Weaver's tool
35. Incites
38. French river
40. Old Norse work
42. Speak
44. Poem



Roberts Creek items

(By M. NEWMAN)

At this time it is difficult to say if plans for travel will be carried out. It might well be that folks will stay put, wherever they are.

The Stan Rowlands' guests have phoned to call off their visit.

The J. Gallifords, R. Raymers, Ted Blakes and Fred Bentleys expect to spend a few days in town with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Linton, who have been at home at Lyncrest for a few days, are returning to North Vancouver and will spend tiny Laurie Ruth's first Christmas with her and her parents, Shirley and Jim Hemphill.

Mrs. Linton is receiving congratulations all round on the publication of her charming book Of Days and Driftwood.

The B. R. Browns are camped cozily at Brown Nest and are expecting the Don Browns and Mrs. Kate Kendall and daughter Julia for Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace B. White of New Westminster will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Walters.

OVERWEIGHT CHILDREN

Overweight is a problem of children as well as adults. There are well defined weights for youngsters according to their sex, age and family characteristics. Too many snacks or second helpings may cause Junior to become overweight; a consultation with the family doctor on what constitutes a reasonable diet for a growing child will help the weight problem.

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New hospital for Duncan

The Hon. W. N. Chant, minister of public works, announced on behalf of the Hon. Eric Martin, minister of health services and hospital insurance, that the provincial government has authorized the board of directors of King's Daughters Hospital, Duncan, to call for tenders for the construction of a new 127 bed hospital. Mr. Chant said that the proposed new hospital would cost an estimated $3,700,000, of which the provincial government would provide grants amounting to one-half the approved costs. Present plans call for the construction of a four-storey reinforced concrete building providing an initial accommodation for 127 beds, with provision for an additional 40 beds in the unfinished 4th floor and 19 beds in unfinished areas of the 2nd and 3rd floors. This would give the new hospital an ultimate capacity of 186 beds.

CARE NECESSARY

While a babysitter is in charge of a child, she should not administer any medicine to the youngster, even for a minor illness, unless the parents have left specific instructions. It should be remembered that the common adult remedies are sometimes dangerous for small children.

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Three win

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by a drive around the community, to enjoy what they and their neighbors have produced. From J. Bunyan's on Pratt Road, by the trailer court at the S turn, along the highway, down School Road past winner Robinson's, along Abbs road to see Keith Wright's, up and down the freshly plowed streets by the Labonte's, Mansfield's, Lang's, Hansen's, Anderson's, Rabey's and many, many more, down Marine Drive to see the Allibone's yard and garden, on down by Prewer's, Hoops' Edwards', Fyles' through to Port Mellon, from all the little homes, up the hill to Davis' display, one will see and enjoy the glow of Christmas color, and a wide variety of results.

Community projects at Port Mellon are deserving special mention. The lighted Christmas Tree is beautiful. Gibsons streets are more cheerful than ever, and the various commercial displays are bright and original.

Jack Marshall drove the committee through the evening's snows, and expressed for all the committee the thanks due to the provincial highway crews and the Gibsons village men, who made such a tour both possible and pleasant to negotiate.

It simply is not possible to list all those who, whether their names were submitted to the committee or not, have made the evenings brighter and gayer by their Christmas lighting. The committee is thankful to them all.

The fairyland of lights created at Robinson's, the spectacular display of home lighting at Wright's, and the delightful house and garden effect at Allibone's, won the eyes and hearts of the committee, and the prizes await the winners at the office of the Coast News.

Accepts award

Canada's leading industrialist, E. P. Taylor, C.M.G., chairman of the board of The Carling Breweries Limited, recently accepted awards won by the company's porducts at the recent Brewing, Bottling and Allied Trades exhibition in London.

Competing against 144 beers produced by breweries in 20 Commonwealth countries, Carling Old Country Ale won a silver medal and diploma of excellence and, in addition, was awarded The Brewers Guardian Challenge Cup for the best bottled beer entered in all classes in the British Commonwealth. Bottled Beer competition.

Buckets in use

The Roberts Creek bucket brigade was in full force during last week, most homes being without water.

The blue haze which hovered over the rooftops was caused by men attempting to thaw or replace pipes, and the sudden static in the air was caused by the reaction of the women trying to keep house with only an odd basin or two of water.

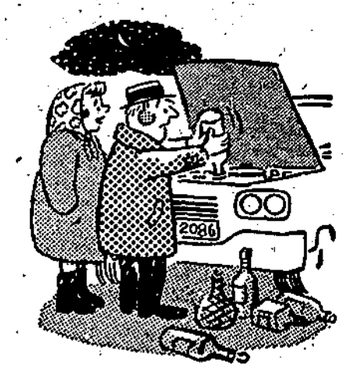
It was the week that children were thirstier than usual, and the cows, chickens and other members of the family required more water than they ordinarily needed.

VISUAL AIDS NECESSARY

Elderly pedestrians move slowly. Often, due to impaired vision, they may not see traffic signals or approaching vehicles clearly. It is important that adequate visual aids should be worn on the street and that traffic signals should be obeyed. The older person would be well advised to cross streets when other adults are crossing.

UNUSUAL KEYS

A case containing five white metal unusual type keys was picked up at the Co-op store phone booth Monday and brought to the Coast News office by Debbie Sicotte.



"I'll bet you don't forget to put in anti-freeze next year!"

Rebekahs hold party

Wednesday, Dec. 16, found Arbutus Rebekah Lodge enjoying their annual Christmas party in the Parish Hall. The regular meeting being as short as possible, the guests started to arrive at 8 p.m. In view of the inclement weather, a good crowd was present to take part in the good fellowship and Christmas cheer.

The prologue written and delivered by Mrs. Mary Cassin was appropriate as was the song Love's Lullaby written and sung by herself. The audience was also delighted by Mrs. Hilda Lees' rendition of Holy Day, written and composed by Mr. Les Peterson.

However as the evening progressed the sublime gave way to the ridiculous and the ladies were entertained by a humorous dialogue by Mrs. Eva Peterson and a skit put on by several members, chief characters being Mrs. Mary Strom and Mrs. Elsie Hutchins.

After refreshments which included every kind of party fare, the beautful tree with Mrs. Elsie Hutchins in her own inimitable way as Santa Claus produced for each member and visitor, a gift. The evening was brought to a close with the singing of Christmas carols. A lovely fruit cake was won by Mrs. Mary Strom.

CHEESE IS NECESSARY

Cheese, an excellent source of protein, vitamin A, riboflavin and calcium, lends itself to any part of the menu. It also makes a good substitute for meat. Cheese should be included in the diet at least three times weekly.

CHRISTMAS POISON

Some of the winter plants that are used as decoration bear berries that are poisonous. Holly, mistletoe, bitter-sweet and the Jerusalem cherry should be put out of reach of toddlers and bigger children should be cautioned against touching the berries.

DIETARY ERRORS

The desire of teen-age girls to be slim often leads in dietary errors resulting in ill-health. This should be watched. At this age soft drinks and candy become a problem when they take the place of foods required to meet bodily needs.

PETER C. WILSON

recently appointed secretary-treasurer of Sechelt District School board. He is 34 years of age, born in London, England, coming to Canada and Vancouver in May, 1957.

Before leaving England he served two years as secretary of the School of Foreign Languages in London and as an education assistant in the Middle East with the Royal Air Force. He has also had about seven years in various companies and positions. He is an AICS which is a chartered secretary, member of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. Many school district secretary-treasurers are members. He joined Kitimat School district as assistant secretary-treasurer in February of 1960 and from there came to this school district. He is married, wife's name Dena and the children, Mark is approaching his fourth birthday and Joanne is two years old.

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Sincerely,
NORMAN R. HARRIS

The Corporation of the Village of Gibsons Landing

Provincial Home-Owner Grant Act

Eligible property owners who have not yet claimed the 1964 Home-Owner Grant are advised that their applications must be received by the Municipal Collector before 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 31st, 1964.

C. F. GOODING, Collector

Extra Holiday Bus Service

S.M.T. WILL OPERATE THE FOLLOWING SERVICE ON DECEMBER 24 - 31

Lv. SECHELT	3:30 p.m.
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Lv. GIBSONS	4:10 p.m.
Ar. VANCOUVER	5:45 p.m.

3 p.m. BUS FROM SECHELT CANCELLED FOR DEC. 25

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Roberts Creek Elementary School children attended a film showing at the Hall on Monday afternoon. Donations from local organizations assisted Santa Claus in supplying candy and oranges.

Christmas Greetings to all our friends from St. Mary's Auxiliary, Sechelt.

Vern and Ann Richter
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GREETINGS

Season's Greetings to all my friends on the Sunshine Coast.
May Reichelt

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Gibson and family take this opportunity of wishing all their friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year. Instead of sending cards we have made a donation to the Retarded Children's Farm at Ladner.

Season's Greetings to all our friends on the Sunshine Coast.
Jock, Carol, Craig, Karen and Ross Peddie
Burns Lake, B.C.

To all my friends of this and other lives, a Merry Christmas.
Helene M. Gosden

Vince and Anne Prewer take this opportunity of wishing all their friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Instead of sending cards, a donation has been made to the Cancer fund.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our thanks to G. V. F. D. and Constable Bob McFarlane, and all our friends and neighbors for their assistance during the fire last Wednesday night.
H. M. Lee

Mr. Kirkham takes this opportunity of thanking all their friends for their kind enquiries about Mrs Florence Kirkham. She is still convalescing in the States.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all the people who have helped us since the fire destroyed our home. Special thanks to the Gibsons Volunteer Fire Department, Capt. and Mrs. Ed Wray, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Gooldrup. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.
Mr. and Mrs. Herb Berdahl and family

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for the beautiful floral tributes and the cards of sympathy in the death of William (Billy) Anderson.
Mrs. Van Graham

DEATHS

CARLE — Passed away Dec. 21, 1964, Clarence Clines Carle of Rosamunde Road, Gibsons, B.C. Survived by 2 brothers, Holly, Idaho; Forrest, Gibsons, B.C.; 6 sisters, Mrs. Pearl Hill, Sask.; Mrs. Ruth Busey, Wash.; Mrs. Francis May, Alta.; Mrs. Mona Newton, Alta.; Mrs. Ruby Skinner, Roberts Creek, B.C., Mrs. Alice Erickson, Vancouver. Funeral service Thurs., Dec. 24 at 10 a.m. from the Family Chapel of the Harvey Funeral Home, Gibsons B.C. Rev. H. Kelly officiating. Interment Seaview Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

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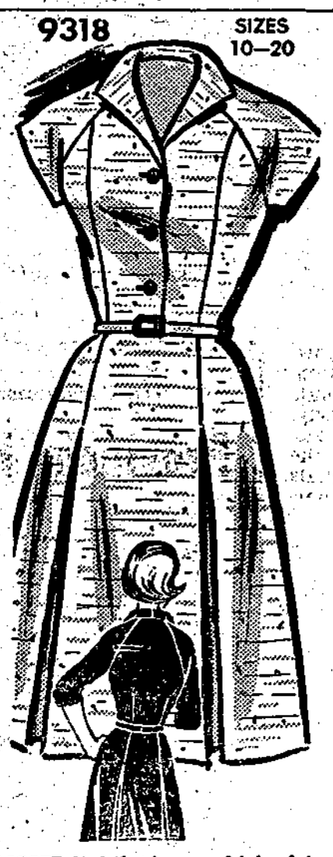

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St. Aidan's
9:30 a.m., Holy Communion
St. Hilda's
10 a.m., Family Service
St. Marys'
12:30 noon, Holy Communion
Church of His Presence
11 a.m., Holy Communion

SUNDAY, DEC. 27
St. Bartholomew's, Gibsons
8 a.m., Holy Communion
11 a.m., Church School
11:15 a.m., Service of Institution
7:30 p.m., Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
St. Aidan's, Roberts Creek
3 p.m., Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
St. Hilda's, Sechelt
11 a.m., Holy Communion
Egmont
3 p.m., Christmas Service
Madeira Park
7:30 p.m., Christmas Service

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Gibsons
11 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Nursery
11 a.m., Divine Service

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Nature's scrapbook

By BILL MYRING

FUNNEL-WEB WEAVERS

Even the most careful of observers seldom realize what an immense number of spider-webs are spun upon the grass in the fields. But occasionally, in the early mornings they spring into view as the dew condenses on them. Then we see the grass covered by an almost continuous carpet of silk.

Most of the webs we see at this time are of the form commonly known as funnel-webs. They consist of a concave sheet of silk, with a funnel-shaped tube at one side and numerous lines extending in all directions to the supporting spears of grass. The tube serves as a hiding for the owner of the web. From this retreat the spider runs out on the upper surface of the web to seize any insect that alights upon it. The tubes open below, near the roots of the grass so the spider can escape from it if a too formidable insect enters the web.

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Disruption eased

The University of British Columbia has eliminated its autumn congregation and may add a third day to spring congregation in 1966.

UBC's registrar, J. E. A. Parnall, said the university senate voted to eliminate the fall congregation because of disruption to regularly scheduled laboratories and classes during the fall term.

A third day may be added to spring congregation in 1966, he said, depending on deliberations of a special committee established by senate to consider ways of shortening the congregation ceremony. If no suitable way can be found to shorten the ceremony, a third day will be added.

FLASHLIGHTS HELP

Flashlights are most useful helps to safety, providing light when natural or other light is unavailable. Using a candle or matches in a closet or other dark place may cause a flareup; in a house fire, there may be no supply of electricity to help the residents to escape from dark rooms but a flashlight kept in a regular place and batteries kept in adequate supply, may save lives.

$482,773 contracts

Contracts involving $482,773 have been let by the provincial government for works in connection with the establishment of a Westview - Comox ferry system. Details of the contracts and to whom they were awarded follow:

Bridge Project No. 482, Little River Ferry Terminal, Contract No. 2, Comox-Westview ferry service, in Comox Electoral District, being construction of the ferry-landing structure and appurtenances, has been awarded to Pacific Piledriving Co. Ltd., 401 Yates St., Victoria, B.C., in the amount of $93,570.

Bridge Project No. 483, Westview Ferry Terminal, Comox-Westview ferry service, in Mackenzie Electoral District, being construction of the ferry-landing structure and appurtenances, has been awarded to Fraser River Pile Driving Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 148, New Westminster, B.C., in the amount of $123,283.

Bridge Project No. 475, Powell River Bridge and Approaches, Contract No. 1 (General) on the Sunshine Coast Highway, in Mackenzie Electoral District, being construction complete, except for the structural steelwork, of a 285-foot bridge and 0.33 mile of approach roads, has been awarded to Nanaimo Bulldozing Co. Ltd., 68 Arena Street, Nanaimo, B.C. in the amount of $186,979.

Bridge Project No. 475, Powell River Bridge, Contract No. 2, on the Sunshine Coast Highway at Powell River, in Mackenzie Electoral District, being the fabrication and erection of structural steelwork, has been awarded to Brittain Steel Fabricators Ltd. 524 Sharpe Street, New Westminster, B.C. in the amount of $78,941.

Bituminous Surfacing Project No. S-1164, ¾-inch Crushed Granular Surfacing in Stockpile, Pender Harbour, in Mackenzie Electoral District.

ACCIDENT HOURS

In a survey taken in a western province, it was found that pre-school children and those between 10 and 15 years are most susceptible to accidents. The critical hours are from 5 to 7 p.m. for those under 30 years and from 9 to 11 a.m. for persons over 30. The evening hours, when mother is preparing the meal and there is less supervision of tired and hungry children, the accident incidence is greater. Persons over 30 who have had little or no breakfast are more susceptible to accidents.

Walk away your tensions, that's the advice of nearly a thousand physicians who were asked what they prescribed for patients who complained of tensions. Swimming, golf, bowling and gardening were also mentioned.

RECIPES YOU MIGHT LIKE!

Last year at this time, the B.C. Beef Cattle Growers' Association emphasized the benefits of enjoying beef during the Christmas holiday season. The program was highly successful and hundreds of British Columbia citizens wrote in requesting beef and beef dishes recipes.

The booklet which contains hundreds of recipes for everything from Roast Beef to Beef Stew can be obtained by writing to Mr. Julian Fry, Secretary of the B.C. Beef Cattle Growers' Association at P.O. Box 420, Kamloops, B.C.

The booklet, produced by the Council of Canadian Beef Producers, contains interesting articles and information on subjects including "What You Should Know About Beef," "Identification of Beef Cuts," "Selection of Beef," and "Methods of Cooking Beef," together with facts about beef and other meats.

Casserole of Rice and Meat

(4 servings)

1 cup diced leftover cooked meat
2 strips bacon
½ cup rice
2 medium onions, peeled and sliced
2 tablespoons minced celery
2 cups canned tomatoes
salt
pepper
marjoram or oregano
1 tablespoon minced parsley

Saute bacon lightly. Remove and break into bits. Add rice to bacon fat and stir over low heat until rice is yellow. Add onions, celery, tomatoes and bacon bits. Add meat and seasonings and blend. Place ingredients in casserole. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 1 hour until rice is tender. Sprinkle with minced parsley or with grated cheese and paprika instead of parsley.

Baked Red Flannel Beef Hash

(4 to 6 servings)

2 cups chopped or ground cooked roast beef
2 cups diced cooked potatoes
2 cups diced cooked beets (4 medium beets or 1 lb. can drained
¼ cup finely chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ garlic clove minced or garlic salt
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
6 slices bacon
½ cup milk

Combine all but bacon and milk. Place in square bake pan. Arrange bacon over top and pour milk over entire surface. Bake at 350 degrees F. until bacon is crisp, 40-45 minutes. Cut in squares to serve.

Beef and Potato Puff With Tomato Sauce

2 tbsps. chopped onion
2 tbsps. chopped parsley
2 tbsps. fat
3 cups ground cooked beef
3 cups mashed potatoes
1 cup gravy or milk
Salt, pepper and seasonings
3 eggs.

Cook onion and parsley lightly in the fat, then mix thoroughly with meat, potatoes, gravy or milk. Season to taste. Add beaten egg yolks, then fold in beaten whites. Pile lightly into a greased baking dish and bake in a moderate over (350 degrees F.) for 1 hour or until set in the center and lightly browned. Serve in the dish. Serve with tomato sauce or other favorite.

Tomato Sauce

3½ to 4 cups cooked tomatoes
1 bay leaf
¾ teaspoon salt
3 whole allspice
1½ teaspoons sugar
3 slices onion
3 whole cloves
Dash of pepper
2 tbsps. flour
2 tbsps. fat

Cook all ingredients, except flour and fat, for 10 minutes. Strain through a sieve and stir gradually into blended flour and fat. Cook sauce a few minutes stirring constantly until smooth and thickened. Serve piping hot.

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Make sure that the bicycle is equipped for maximum safety with a headlight, tail-light or reflector, warning bell, chain guard and coaster brake. Hand brakes are effective as long as the child has sufficient strength to apply the required pressure.

Having purchased the bicycle, the responsibility of the parents is not over. Stress these points: ride with traffic; keep to the right of the road; use all hand signals; obey all stop and go signals; use caution around parked automobiles; never ride two on a bike or two bikes abreast.

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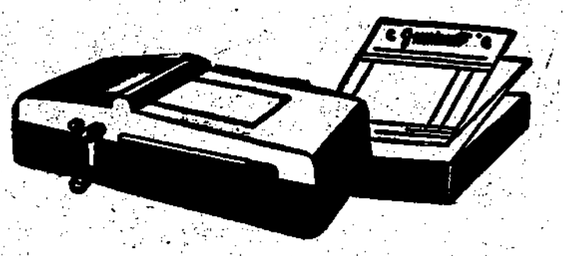

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Slower expansion likely

Continued expansion of the Canadian economy in 1965 seems indicated, although at a somewhat slower rate than in 1964, according to the Bank of Montreal in its Business Review for December, just issued.

Examining the business outlook for 1965, based on results expected in 1964, the B of M review notes that total output for 1964 is expected to show a rise of almost eight percent over 1963. This is a very good rate of advance in view of the length of the current expansion.

Weighing up all the factors involved insofar as they can be assessed at the present time the balance appears to be on the side of optimism, the bank states.

It seems clear that one of the principal sources of strength, capital investment, will remain a major expansionary influence in the months ahead, the B of M observes.

The government incentives for winter-building, which were so successful last year and are being repeated this winter should help to maintain residential construction activity.

In addition, plant expansion projects have received strong impetus from the rise in foreign and domestic demand during the past four years. Many of these projects are underway and others will soon be started.

The prospects for maintaining a high level of exports are also good. While wheat shipments in 1965 seem likely to be lower than in the current year and the recently imposed surcharges may dampen sales of other goods to the United Kingdom, generally buoyant conditions prevail in most of our major export markets, the B of M states.

Commenting on the outlook for consumer spending, the bank states, while spending on non-durable goods and services is virtually assured in view of rising population, employment and income, prospects for durable goods are less certain.

On the one hand, gains in automobile sales, which have led the advance in consumer spending in the past four years, may be somewhat harder to achieve in 1965.

On the other hand, increasing outlays for appliances, furniture and other household durables might be expected in the wake of recent high levels of house-building, the B of M review states.

FOR ACTING NURSES

If you are acting as a nurse to a patient in your family, try to use the methods of a trained nurse as much as possible. Wash your hands frequently, especially before and after handling the patient and his food and clothing. Used towels and linen should be stowed in a special container until they are laundered. A course in St. John Ambulance home nursing will prepare you for any emergency in the home.

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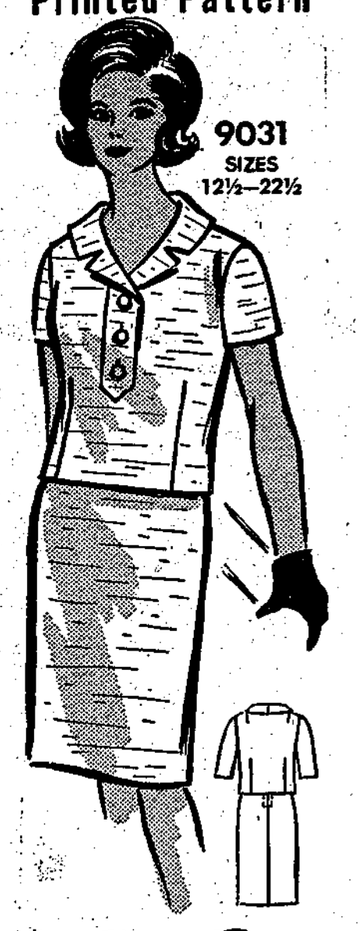

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Oyster research urged

Topics of vital importance to British Columbia fisheries were discussed at the recent Ottawa meeting of the federal-provincial British Columbia Fisheries committee.

The committee reviewed problems affecting the maintenance and development of salmon resource in fresh water areas. These include the effects of logging, gravel removal, pollution and other water use projects upon the fresh water environment. Ways of assuring that major salmon spawning areas be preserved are to be explored with the appropriate government departments.

The need was recognized for long-term studies dealing with the effects of patterns of forest cover removal upon the capacity of streams to produce salmon. Because of the major problem of pollution, the committee recommended the establishment of a program working party to review pollution studies of various fisheries agencies.

It was agreed that the management of the oyster fishery and its public health aspects require review. The committee accepted the fact that further experimentation and research are desirable to develop more effective utilization of oyster grounds, and concurred that a review of purification techniques for possible application in the Pacific area would be of value. Because the sport fishery is expanding rapidly and is related to tourism, the province expressed interest in the status of the chinook and coho fisheries in the Gulf of Georgia and Victoria areas where the major concentration of the sport fishery is found.

A sub-committee is to be formed to periodically consider tidal salmon sport fishing regulations and conservation problems in respect of coho, chinook and steelhead.

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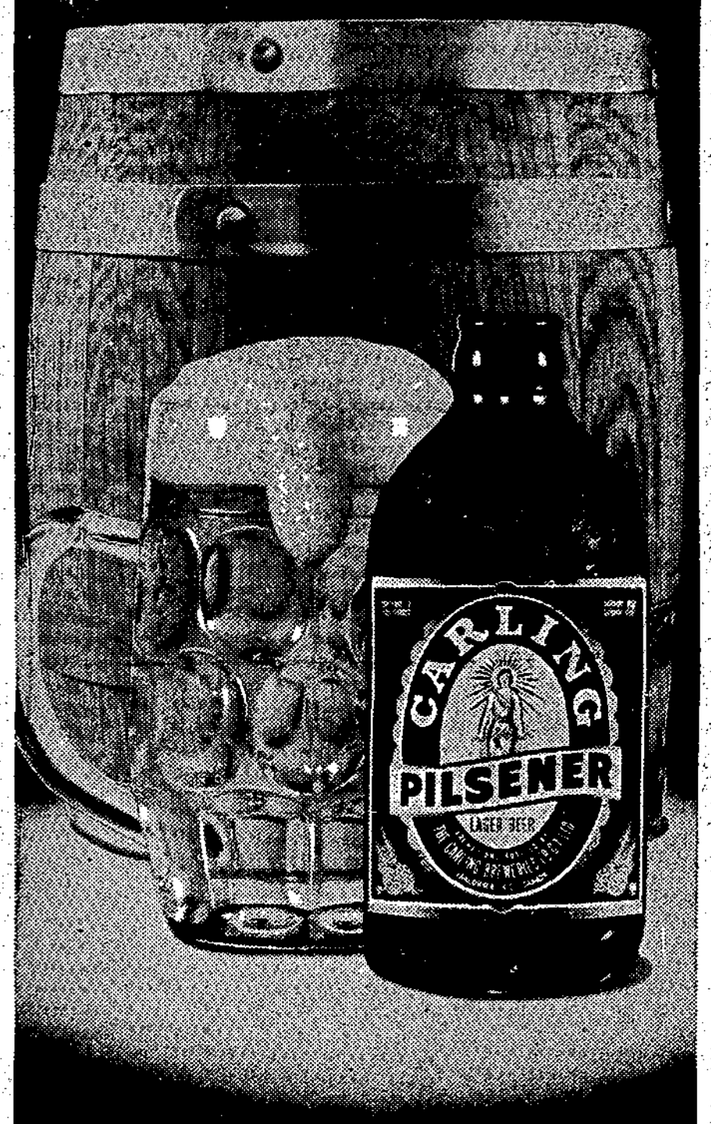

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School Leagues:

Seniors: Ted Johnson 367 (209) James Duffy 458 (218, 240), Wayne John 341 (249), Rita Ono 356 (197).

Juniors: Sharon Lawson 269, (153), Earl John 286 (198), Kenny Akeson 298 (206).

Ten Pins: Ray Benoit 580 (224) Dick Clayton 515, Roger Hocknell 532, Randy Wiren 527, Marvin Skytte 525, Terry Rodway 515, Pat Mullins 522, Don Caldwell, 546 (203).

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Gibsons B: Herring Strippers 2860 (1017). S. Hart 637 (281), J. Larkman 734 (272), J. Panasuk 274, F. Nevens 751 (323), G. DeMarco 611, A. Holden 624, J. Ayris 639 (291).

Gibsons A: Midway 3144 (1144) Gwen Edmunds 761 (315), G. Edmunds 607, F. Nevens 640 (241), E. Connor 624 (243), R. McSavaney 255, J. Davies 641 (298), J. Clement 687, E. Shadwell 643 (269), L. Pilling 664.

Ladies Wed.: Gibson Girls 2419 Go Getters 864, D. Crosby 611, R. Wolansky 675, (281), V. Peterson 514, F. Baker 535, G. Nasadyk 544, M. Carmichael 508.

Teachers Hi: Goofers 2790 (958) B. Harding 627, B. Lasser 601, R. Hincks 621 (271), S. Rise 616, D. Lefler 602.

Commercials: Shell 2916 (1035) J. Lind 645, E. Berdahl 621 (246) L. Gregory 667 (285), I. Hendrickson 622, K. Holness 649 (276) F. Nevens 681 (253).

Port Mellon: Drifters 2696, Dragons 1034. T. Kennedy 661 (246, 243), D. McCauley 606, D. Dunham 715 (253, 274), K. Horvath 241, J. Larkman 721 (301, 261).

Ball & Chain: Untouchables 2648, Miss B Haviors 921. E. Gill 662 (242), D. Cooper 249, B. Hamilton 626 (260).

Men's: Blowers 3016, Birds 1068. C. Johnson 701 (278), F. Reynolds 647, F. Nevens 701 (240, 278), R. Godfrey 256, D. Lefler 240, C. Sicotte 665 (283), S. Rise 691 (271), E. Cartwright 249, B. Fisher 242, H. Jorgenson 636 (246).

Juniors: Richard Godfrey 329 (168, 161), Jim Westell 230, Mike Musgrove 209, Patty Clement 320 (216), Tom Stenner 233, Colleen Husby 305 (195), Carol Forshner 236.

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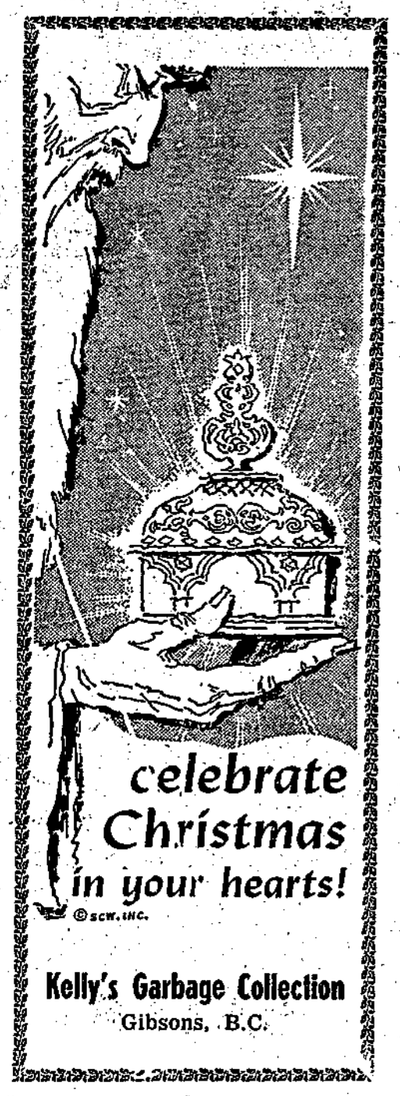

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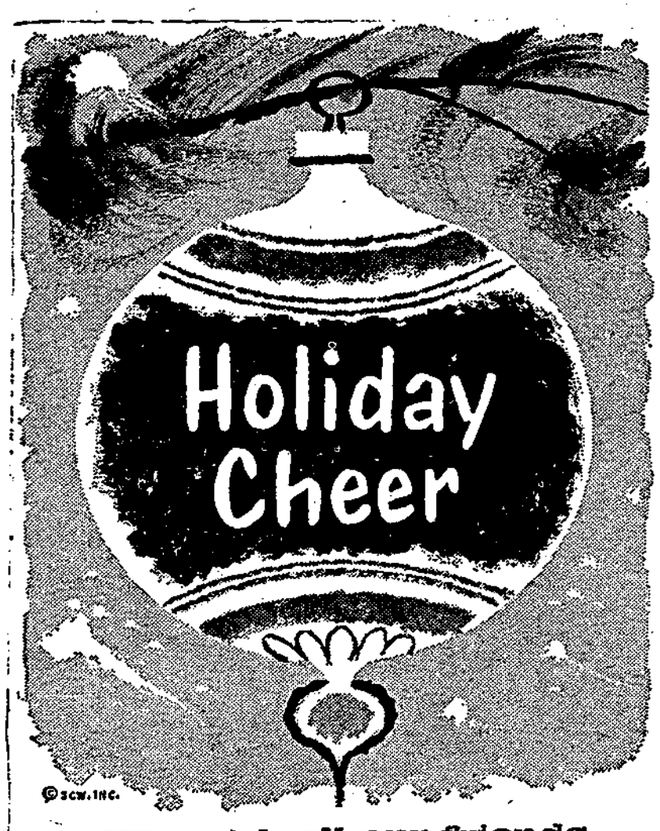

We wish all our friends, in the spirit of the season, long life and happy days.
Management and Staff
Sechelt Motor Transport Ltd.

(By ERIC THOMSON)

Last year's Christmas gift of a new red row-boat grew from a promise to reality this year in the industrial arts workshop of Delbrook High School in North Vancouver.

The project was unusual, and as the construction problems were met and overcome, the boys working on it became inspired and gave of their best, so much so that the staff and students fell into the habit of a noon-day visit to the workshop to watch the boat take shape.

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It was finished just before the summer holidays and delivered one evening to Hopkins Landing by my son Willie and one of his students, who brought it up on the top of his car. They made trial runs individually by oar and sail and declared that the job was perfect.

The old boat was there, and there wasn't much difference between them at a distance, but at close quarters it was clear that the new one was the product of a fully-equipped modern shop, using as well as clear cedar, mahogany, and oak, copper and brass instead of cedar and galvanized iron. It was then that Willie told us that the vice-principal of his high school had expressed a wish that he could have a boat like that, so the boys got busy, and using the same moulds and their accumulated know-how, made him a duplicate for his use at Texada. His wife says that it suits her fine.

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My son then went off to his Savary Island summer home, but came back a week later on a Friday night to say that he was taking the boat with him to Vancouver that night to enter it next day in the West Vancouver Community Day row-boat race from Spanish Banks to Dundarave. We heard the story later.

West Vancouver holds a community day every summer, and the highlight of the aquatics is a six-mile row-boat race across English Bay for a trophy and $75.

Willie told us that he took his boat to Spanish Banks and found some 20 other contestants gathered there, including two young ladies. The other oarsmen were long rangy fellows, half Willie's age and head and shoulders taller and some of them had been practising on the course for over a week. The boats were of every description, from expensive aluminum name-brand models, through plastics, to old Andy Lintons of yester-year.

The contestants lined up, and off they went in a welter of foam. The water was not rough, but it was not glassy smooth. Willie and the owner of an expensive aluminum boat got out in front, and as Willie explained it, his opponent's boat quit between strokes, but Willie's double-ender carried her way, so that he eventually grew ahead.

By the time he was half-way he was a mile ahead, and decided that apart from heart failure, he had the race in the bag, so he stopped for refreshments and to wash his hands and face, and continued his voyage to Dundarave as though he were coming home from Salmon Rock to Hopkins after a morning's fishing. When he got near Dundarave, he put on a convincing spurt to the finishing line, and came in one mile and ten minutes ahead of the next man. He is still that much ahead of his wife who wanted to get her hands on the money.

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Before this race, Mrs. Kay Butler of Gibsons suggested that there should be a christening party, and there was one, complete with champagne, but no drop of it reached the boat. We had Roy Malyea, who built the original row-boat, and Mrs. Malyea, my sons, and daughter Inga and husband Ed. Fenwick, Kay Butler and husband Ed. and Mrs. Dorothy Wortman, and to complete the Nordic atmosphere Magistrate Andy and Mrs. Johnston, Andy Johnston in the capacity of skald or story-teller, and he duly complimented Willie of a nice blend by inheritance of Norwegian boatmanship and Scots' thrift. We named her the "St. Ola."

Years ago, at the turn of the century, my father was Hudson's Bay manager at Victoria. The Company then owned most of Esquimalt waterfront, and we camped on Malacca Point, where Yarrow's big crane now stands. Esquimalt was then the Royal Navy base for the North Pacific Squadron, and when first we camped there the ships had both

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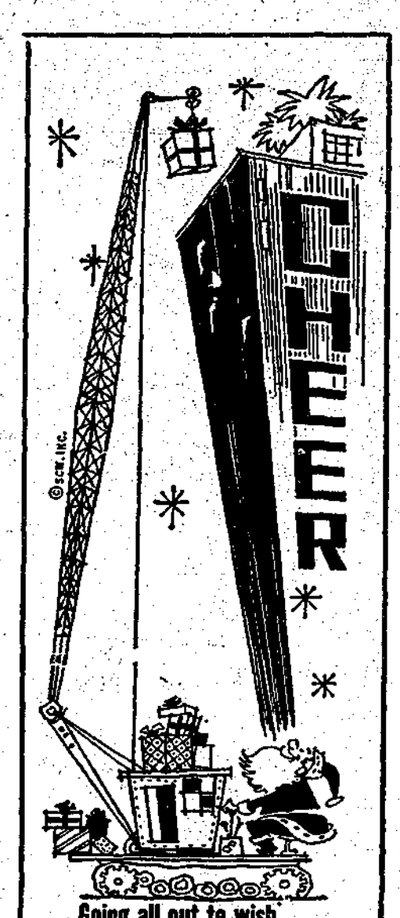

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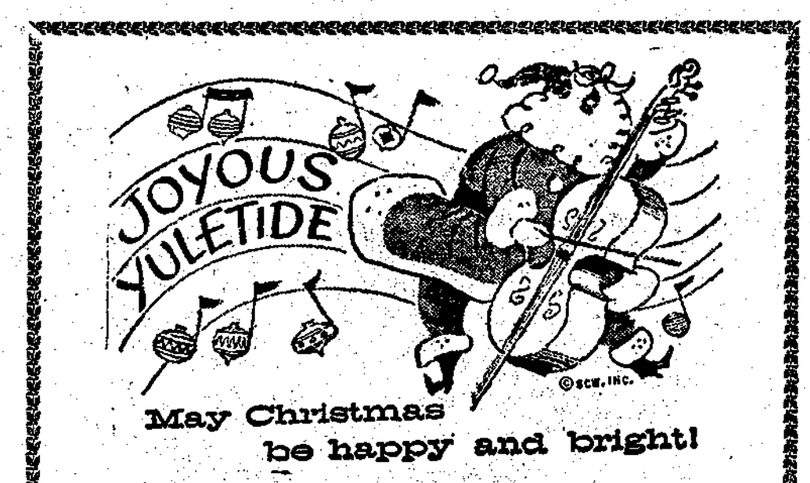

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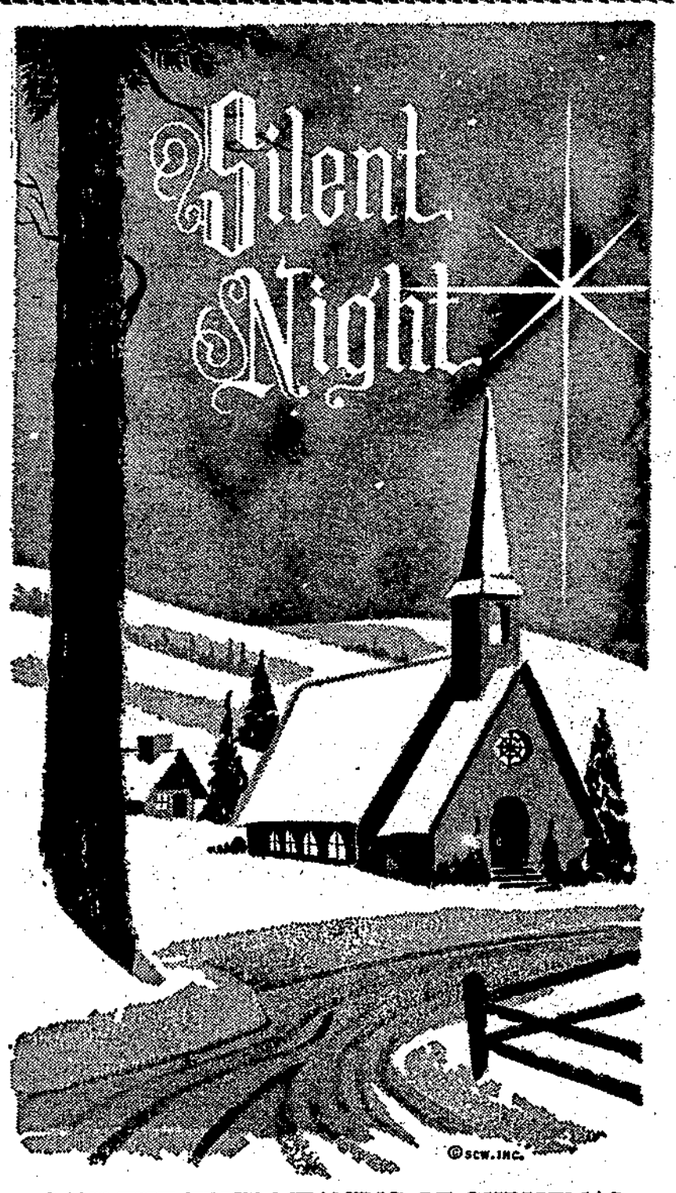

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The Saga of a rowboat Continued

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steam and sail. The flagship's buoy was the closest to our camp, and we knew the flagships from time to time, Royal Arthur, Warspite, Imperieuse, and Grafton, and cruisers, Flora, Bonaventure, Amphion, Leander, Arethusa and others as their commissions brought them, to bequeath their names to Victoria streets and to successors which added battle honors in great wars then undreamt of.

I think that in the second year we went camping, about 1898, there was a peculiar currency crisis across the line, there simply wasn't any money. At that time, the H.B.C. had business with Tacoma, and when this crisis happened, a Tacoma banker came to Victoria to see my father, to ask for $25,000 Canadian cash to take home with him. The H.B.C. and Bank of Montreal managers promptly sent this gentleman on his way with just that sum in a suitcase, and my father told the story with pride that the money came back as soon as the crisis was over.

The Tacoma bank manager didn't have a dime himself, and prevailed on father to buy from him, sight unseen, a row-boat then in Tacoma. The boat duly arrived, a beautiful four-oared craft made of inch strips of redwood, yawl rigged and all copper and brass finish. Father named her the St. Ola. He sold her years later for what he had paid for her.

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About the year 800 the Norwegian Vikings were in turmoil in their home country, and eventually one faction was able to exile the opposition, who took their long-ships and crossed the seas to Orkney. The Orkneyinga Saga tells of how they found the islands deserted, the Pictish inhabitants having fled to the mainland of Scotland. These Viking parcelled out the farm lands and gave them place names that they have today. One of those little farms came to me.

At that time these Vikings were heathens, but one of their kings, Magnus, turned Christian, and then decreed that the rank and file become Christian, or else, and that was that. The first missionary from Norway to Orkney was one Olaf, or Olave, or Ola, and he set up shop at the head of a bay on the largest of the Orkney Islands, where the Vikings wintered, and the name became Kirkvagr, the kirk on the bay, later Kirkwall, and his parish, later St. Ola. Nothing now remains of his little kirk except a yellow sandstone arch in the side of a Kirkwall warehouse.

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While these fellows were technically Christians, the conversion was only skin-deep, and the obsequies of an Orcadian earl took the form of loading him and his gear into his long-ship, setting it on fire, and releasing it from the Kirkwall shore with a following wind.

At Lerwick, in the neighboring Shetlands, they still build a long-ship at Old Yule and have a torch light procession ending in a bonfire of the ship, open house all round the town and dances, and to our ears, to our ears this and to our ears, this festival is appropriately named Up Helly.

Our Chinaboy, who was a little older than I was, used to take my sisters and me out in our St. Ola to visit the flagship on Thursday afternoons, which was the Navy's Make and Mend Day. The Commissioned officers went ashore to the canteen grounds for cricket, tea and dalliance, and, having watched the admiral's green steam-pinnace depart from the side of the flagship nearer the canteen grounds, the crew of the St. Ola went up the other side, to be entertained by the lower deck.

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After all these years, I still recall how decent and kind these sailormen were. While we learned how to make knots, and absorbed strange sea-lore, the sailors took our boat in turns, and had their fun that way. All this came to an end in 1904, when my mother took my sisters and myself to Scotland for our education. I was not up to Edinburgh standards, so a half-year at Kirkwall Burgh school was prescribed. and the Thomsons thereafter arrived at Thurso at the top end of Scotland in the pitch black of a wild December night.

We had still to cross the Pentland Firth to Orkney, and we embarked on an austere little steamer, about the size of one of our old steam tugs, and she was the St. Ola. The accommodation below deck was spartan, two settees down the side of a long table, and one oil lamp above, by the dim light of which the passengers could watch each other being sea-sick. This was first-class and cost five shillings. There was another class, but that was mixed up with the live stock forward.

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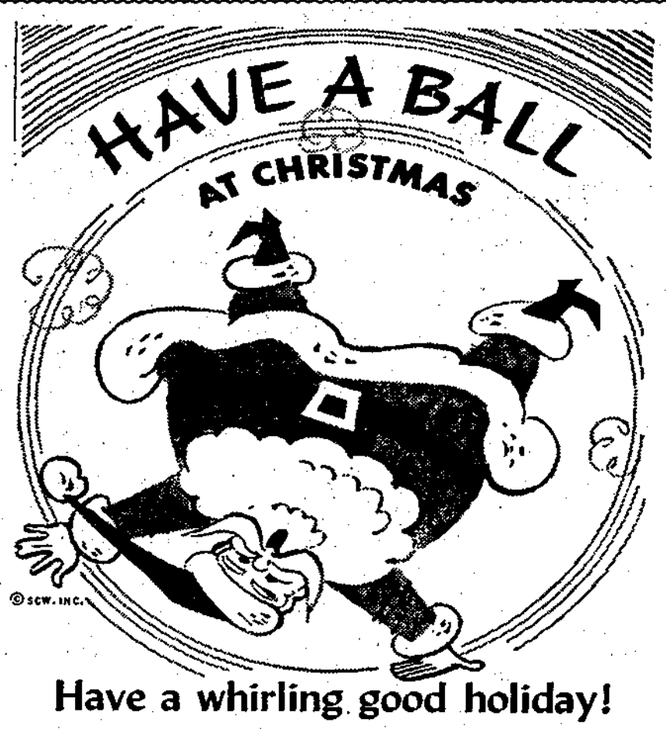

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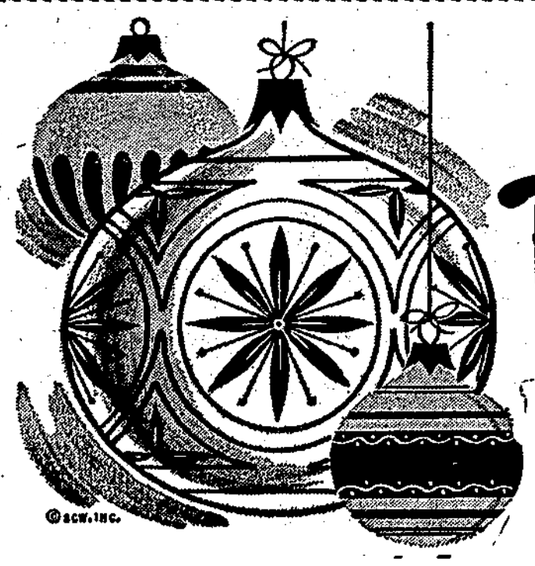

Season's
Best to All
have a happy Christmas!
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SAND, SALT HELP

Winter driving entails quite a few extra precautions, such as keeping windshields, windows and headlights free from snow asd ice. Snow tires are an aid to safety. A bag of sand and salt will help you over a slippery place where you cannot otherwise gain traction.

WATCH THOSE JACKS

The man who tinkers with his car, especially with the underparts, should make sure before he crawls underneath, that secondary or safety jacks are properly placed. Auxiliary jacks are necessary so that the car will not slip and crush the worker.

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Dishes, glasses, cutlery, pots and pans have a sparkle of good health too. Everytime you look at a gleaming glass just taken from the dishwashed, you have the comfort and satisfaction of knowing it's hygienically clean. This is especially important in a family where a cold could easily pass from one person to another, simply because though washed clean, dishes were not hygienically clean.

An automatic dishwasher is an invaluable help when entertaining. The pride of setting a table with sparking crystal — dishes which have heated to just the righta temperature, easily, conveniently in the dishwasher, and after dinner to be able to st down and relax wth guests while the most dependable kitchen help in the world takes care of the dishes. Just stack treasurer crystal, china and fine silverware in the dishwasher, turn the on-switch, and forget them. Dishes, glasses, even pots and pans are washed, rinsed and dried hygienically clean.

An automatic dishwasher adds sparkle to life — that little extra portion of confidence and convenience that makes everyday living — entertaining so much more pleasant.

BE PREPARED

If you are a "do-it-yourself" enthusiast, make sure that you and the family do the jobs safely. Heavy cutting or grinding power machinery can inflict serious injuries. In industry, the worker would be supplied with safety devices — goggles, face masks, shields or other protection should be worn by the amateur who may be in greater need.

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May the good cheer of the festive season be yours throughout a glad new year.
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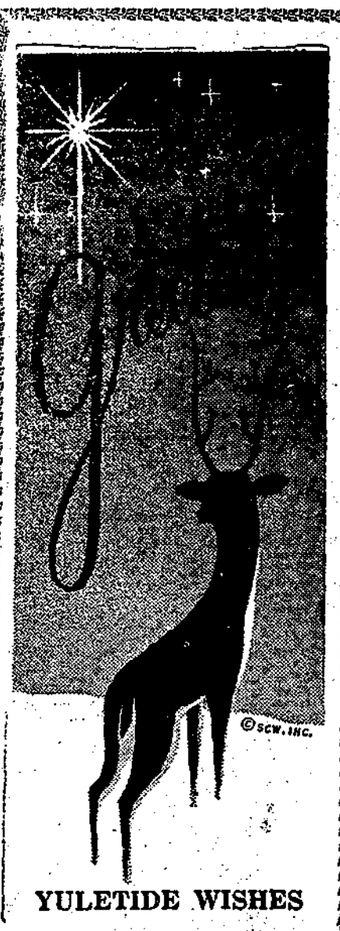
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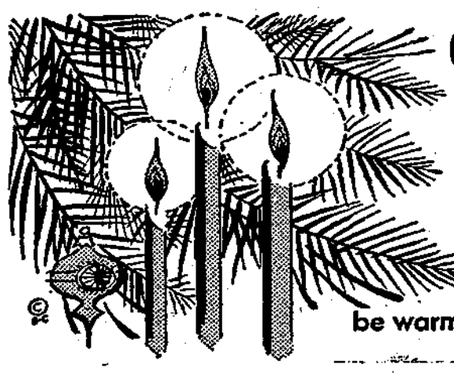
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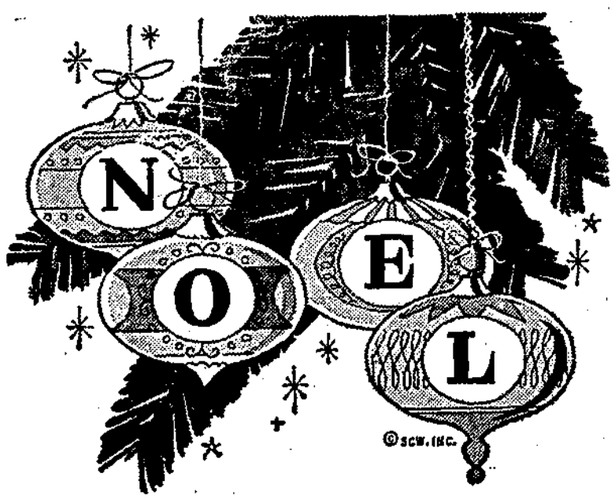

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From all your friends at
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Christmas Seal campaign at $200,000

The B.C. Christmas Seal campaign has passed the $200,000 mark, 60% of its objective. R. A. BBarnard, Christmas Seal society president, stated that the society has high hopes of realizing its $325,000 objective, which is $22,000 more than the campaign raised last year.

The $325 is needed to continue the Christmas Seal programs presently underway and to expand a few of them. Operation Doorstep — the free TB skin test and chest x-ray program which tested over 300,000 people in 1964, is one that needs to be expanded. At present the survey team is able to cover the province once every five years. Some communities and parts of the population need more frequent service.

A successful Christmas Seal campaign will allow the society to place a junior Operation Doorstep team in operation to provide more frequent services for:

Communities like Prince Rupert and the northern part of Vancouver Island which have a particularly high TB problem;

More frequent tests for senior citizen housing developments;

Industries where shift work prevails and makes it impossible for employees to attend the regular survey program.

Mr. Barnard explained that during the Vancouver Operation Doorstep last spring, 128 new cases of TB, 24 cases of lung cancer, 84 heart conditions and over 200 other significant chest conditions were found. A marketing research study showed that general population attendance at the survey was good — but it was not good among the senior citizen and shift workers of the community.

Operation Doorstep is an excellent program, a model for all of North America, but it is nont good enough for these particular important people. Te hopes that the campaign objectve will be realized so that the society can provide the specialized service that these groups need.

wishing you happy holidays.
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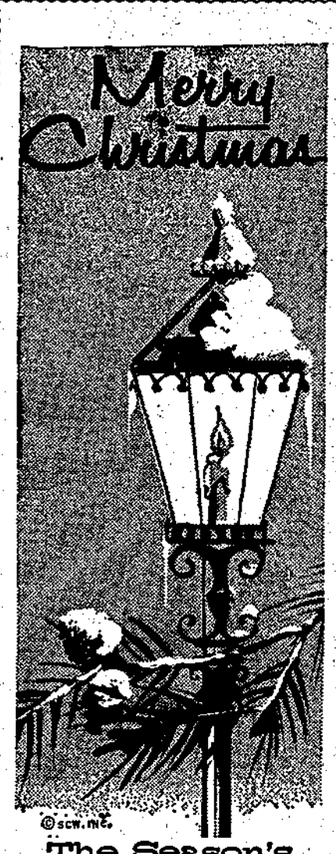

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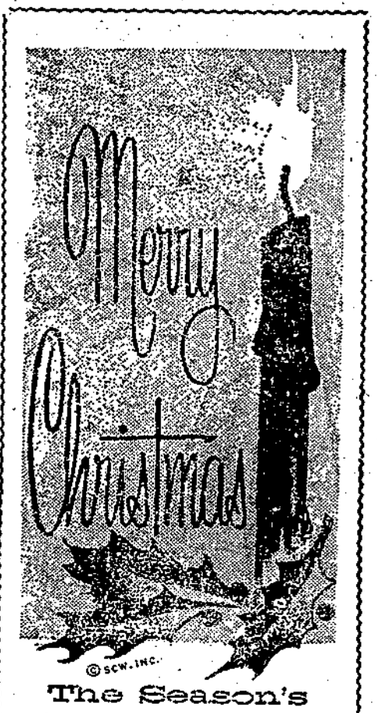

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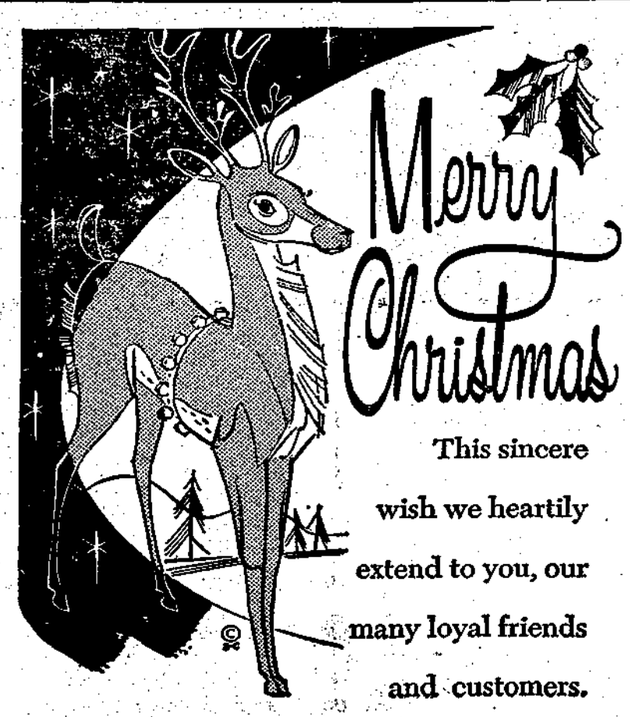

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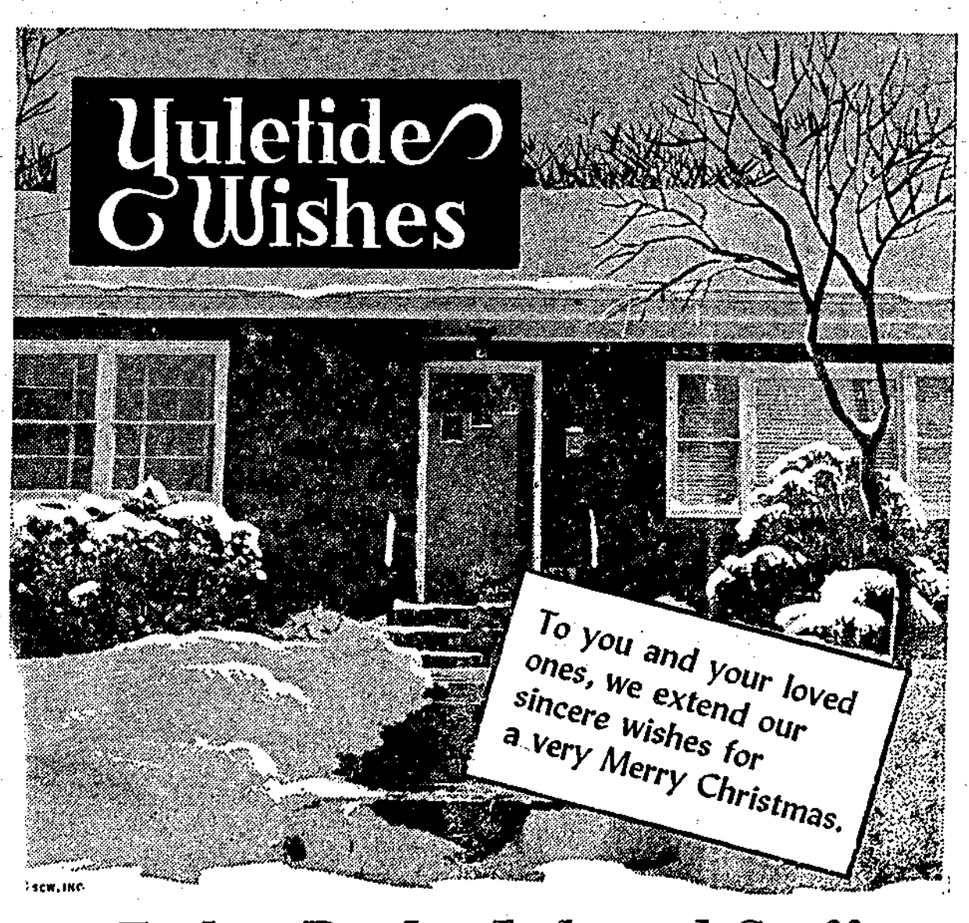

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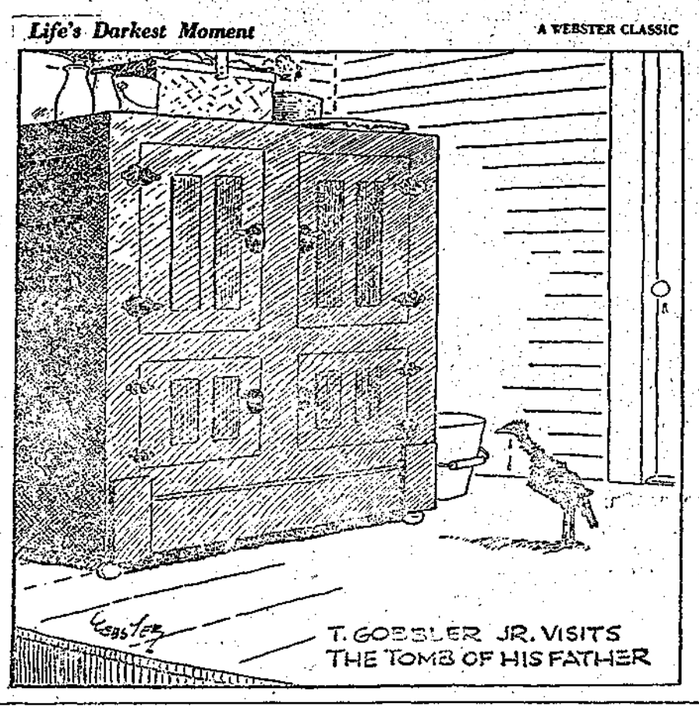

Merry Christmas!

best wishes for happy holidays.
Eldred's Flower Shoppe
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May your holidays sparkle.
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Warmest Wishes

Old-fashioned Christmas cheer we send your way in hope that it brightens up your Holiday!

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A nostalgic green symbol

(By L. R. LINTON)

It had to be the perfect Christmas tree, and for that prize the children searched one hour or ten. Every year on the Saturday before Christmas three round balls of clothing, fortified with a good breakfast of porridge and eggs, started off dragging the old bobsled behind them.

The eldest, a boy of twelve, had charge of the axe and saw which journeyed in a wooden box fastened on the back of the sled; also in the box were three pairs of skates, the old fashioned kind that fastened on to shoes.

The best trees always seemed to be on the opposite side of the lake, so what better way to cross than skim over that sheet of shining glass.

The second boy was ten, and the smallest of the trio was Sister, seven, whom the boys would rather have left at home, but who had wheedled her way with them since she was four. Her little mittened hands clutched a bag of thick venison sandwiches to tide them over. One year while they were busy with their skates, Prince, the collie had got tide over instead, so since then Sister had been delegated keeper of the food.

There was an old wood road on the opposite side of the lake, and three small hills one after the other. If the snow wasn't too deep the bob-sled was lots of fun on the three hills for it would gather enough impetus going down the first grade to nearly get up the next little hill. After the third hill, the trees were thicker, and the search would begin in earnest.

It was the rule that it must be a balsam fir — spruce and hemlock might have perfect symmetry (as they often seemed to have when looking for fir), but they were needle droppers. Besides, just nothing could compare with the sweet, spicy fragrance of an eight foot tall balsam fir! And their thick strong branches were made to hold Christmas candles, popcorn balls, home made peppermint candy canes and all the other goodies Christmas trees used to hold in the old days.

Three pairs of critical eyes rejected tree after tree once the search began. There must be no signs of stunted growth, no missing branches. The eldest calls excitedly, "Here is one," and he is right — straight and tall and beautiful it reaches upward toward the sky.

Beneath her red woollen stocking cap, Sister gave a small sigh of disappointment. She had wished so hard that just this once she would be the one to find the tree, but she never was!

Tenderly fastened to the bobsled, the dragging tree etched patterns in the snow along the homeward trek. Three tired pairs of legs turned into the gate at the gathering dusk, and the lamplight made a pool of light through the frost brocaded windows. What happiness as the tree was carried through the open door filling the house with its fresh fragrance!

PREMIER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I am grateful to have the opportunity of extending greetings for the festive season to all citizens of the province.

I know we will join ever more strongly at this time of the year in the hope that people the world over will be granted freedom to live in peace with their neighbors in keeping with the Christian spirit.

The course of human events is a course of constant change, and we welcome the opportunity which change affords us to better our lives, but I believe none of us would seek to alter the tradition of Christmas and the renewal of faith which is implicit in our observance of this sacred anniversary.

Good wishes for a Healthy and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Bill and Staff
Sunnycrest Motors
Gibsons, B.C.

John-Hind Smith
DEPENDABLE REFRIGERATION

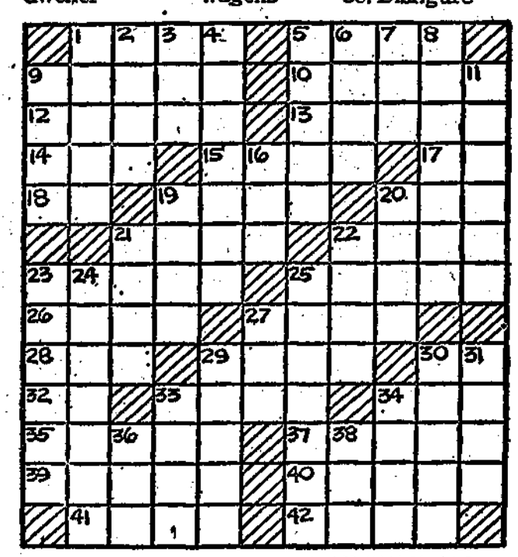
Ed. and Celia Anderson
Gibsons Hardware Ltd.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

LAST WEEKS ANSWER

ACROSS
1. Branch of learning
5. Snare
9. Around
10. Piercing tool
12. Roman moon goddess
13. Rent
14. Affix
15. Departs
17. Tantalum: sym.
18. Pronoun
19. Bowling target
20. Entire amount
21. Walking stick
22. Vegetable
23. Sound of a street-car bell
25. Dull
26. Corrosion on iron
27. Thin
28. Antlered animal
29. Disavow
30. International language
32. Man's nickname
33. The shank
34. Opposed to "gee"
35. Pacific island
37. Likeness
39. Hard, black wood
40. Weather-cocks
41. Wild oxen: Tibet
42. Units of work

DOWN
1. Dwell
2. Highway
3. Large wine cask
4. Art of putting on a play
5. Stories
6. Regrets
7. Moslem title
8. Braying instruments
9. Garden of Eden dweller
11. Real estate
16. Single unit
19. Gasp for breath
20. An age
21. Keg
22. Sound, as a donkey
23. A wrinkle
24. Cradlesong
25. Thoughtful
27. Monetary unit: Rum.
29. Strong wagons
30. Storms
31. Is obligated
33. Strike: sl.
34. Suspend
36. Extinct bird: N.Z.
38. Disfigure



–wishing a Merry Christmas to all of you good skates!

Sunshine Coast Service Ltd.
Sechelt, B.C.

SANTA'S ALL AGLOW!

Rockgas Propane
Roberts Creek

Welcome Cafe
and Dining Room
Gibsons, B.C.

May the joys of Christmas be yours.

Earl's Agencies
Gibsons

we extend our sincere good wishes.

Granthams Landing Store
Con and Eleanor

What's behind mistletoe

Everyone knows that mistletoe is traditionally hung at Christmastime, but few know the reason why, or the reason behind the usage of many other plants and flowers during the holiday season. Mistletoe was first used in pagan rites; an old Scandinavian myth relates that Loki, the god of Evil, killed Balder, the god of Spring, with a mistletoe arrow. Balder's life was restored, and in gratitude, his mother, Frigga, decreed that mistletoe should never be used as a weapon again and promised to kiss anyone who passed beneath the plant. The Victorian English later introduced the custom of kissing under the mistletoe at Christmas.

The poinsettia has long been associated with the Yule season and has a beautiful story behind it. The legend tells of a poor young girl who longed to present a gift to the mother of Jesus but having nothing of value, picked a handful of weeds to present to Mary. As she presented her humble gift, the weeds were suddenly transformed into huge scarlet blooms, and thus was born the Christmas poinsettia.

Of course, the most beloved holiday decoration is the Christmas tree. A charming folk-tale from Germany tells how this tradition began: a poor woodcutter lived deep in the forest with his wife and young son. One stormy Christmas Eve, as they were eating their dinner meal, they heard a knock at the door. They opened it to discover a cold and hungry little boy outside. They welcomed him into their home, sharing their simple meal with him. The woodcutter's son even insisted on giving up his bed so that the pitiful child might have a good nights rest. In the morning, the family was awakened by the singing of angels and found that their mysterious guest was none other than the Child Jesus! "I have accepted your gifts, and here is Mine to you," the Child said, breaking off a branch from a fir tree and placing it in the ground. "This shall always bear its fruit at Christmas, and you will always have abundance!" "Thus, according to the legend, began the custom of setting up trees within the home at Christmas.

The Saga

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run from 1882 for over 60 years, and of that time Captain George B. Swanson was in her for 37 years as A.B., Mate, and for his last 31 years, as Master, through the two wars, and made over 20,000 crossings of one of the wickedest stretches of water in the world.

Although the Hun tried to torpedo him time and again in both wars, Captain Swanson was a Skeelie Skipper and retired in 1943, with a richly earned M.B.E. and his ship was referred to as the Royal Mail Steamer St. Ola. She was replaced by her namesake a few years ago, and when the day came for her to leave Stromness for her marine graveyard, she went her way with her flags flying and making as good a time as when she was new, escorted by her successor, and all Stromness lining the shore to do her honor.

My old red row boat had a happier departure from Hopkins Landing, for Roy Malyea, her builder, came and got her, and has since put a new stern in her and reports that she is good for a long time yet. My St. Ola has been so satisfactory, that my son Willie, although he has a navy of outboards at Savary, feels that he needs a row-boat for his own use up there, and figures this year on building a super-replica of the boat I now have.

Last Christmas, I mentioned that I had a lilting pipe tune to which to set words descriptive of a row-boat ride on West Howe Sound on a summer morning. This year as I came and went, the words somehow came to match that tune, as his hums came to Winnie the Pooh.

Fair blows the morning wind,
fragrant with the wild rose,
All along a silver strand the
children are at play,
The red boat moves graciously,
dancing as the tide flows,
Sailing home from Gibsons on
a summer day.
Blue skies above the Sound,
gentle breezes blowing,
Sunshine gilds the islands
green that lie along the way,
Blue sea around my boat,
never need for rowing,
Sailing home from Gibsons on
a summer day.
Weeping skies and winter days,
stormy seas require me
To end this pleasant voyaging
and put my boat away,
Spring time will come again,
eager to inspire me,
To sail again from Gibsons on
a summer day.

...we sincerely thank you
for your patronage.

Standard Motors of Sechelt Ltd.

To every heart,
a merry Christmas.

Helen's Fashion Shop
Gibsons, B.C.

GREETINGS TO ALL!

Elsie and Len

Calypso Cafe
Sechelt, B.C.

we're not keeping this under
our hat – Merry Christmas!

Gunnar and Marilyn

Wigard's Shoe Store
Sechelt, B.C.

Season's best wishes to you!

Management and Staff

Peninsula Plumbing & Supplies
Gibsons, B.C.

Thank you
for your patronage. We hope
to serve you throughout the
new year!

Dan and Bill

C & S Sales and Service
Sechelt, B.C.

To you, to everyone,
redoubled blessings.

B & J Store
Halfmoon Bay

Best Wishes
To Our Friends

Dan Wheeler
Gibsons, B.C.

Gibsons Radio Cabs
Gibsons, B.C.

Merry Christmas, firemen

For the directors of the Gibsons Area Volunteer Fire Department the months of October to February are usually bleak indeed.

This is the time when funds to help keep the fire trucks in good repair are at their lowest ebb. Eertainly by December of each year, the treasurer's monthly report will show a balance barely adequate to pay the regular incoming maintenance accounts. Let no equipment become broken now, because to replace it would almost be an impossibility!

On Dec. 14, the members who gathered for the regular meeting were pleased to find that a donation of $50 had been received from the Granthams Bingo Club.

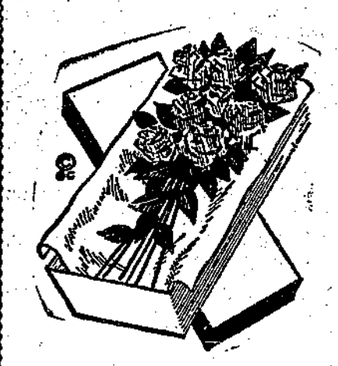
To say that this gift was very much needed is a gross understatement! The members of the Granthams Bingo club who made possible this generous gift may be sure that of all the Christmas gifts sent this year none will be used to greater advantage than theirs.

Fire Chief Bill Scott asked that part of the donation be used for the immediate purchase of a 28 foot aluminum extension ladder, adding that at present, the area firemen only have an oversize wooden one to work with. He also mentioned that the only flooring in the hall is crushed rock and hoped that in the near future some cement — like the magic $50 — might appear.

No matter how stormy the night or how cold, each Monday evening finds the volunteer firemen working, checking and rechecking equipment to insure a quick answer to a call for help. Their constant interest week after week proves that any help received by them from the communities involved is always returned one hundredfold.

A FIRE PRECAUTION

If fire breaks out in your home and you are n a closed room, don't open the door into the hall or other room until you have tested the door panel for heat. If the door feels hot, do not open it or it may admit a burst of flame. Try to get help at the window.



To Everyone

Christmas Greetings

Lissi Land Florists

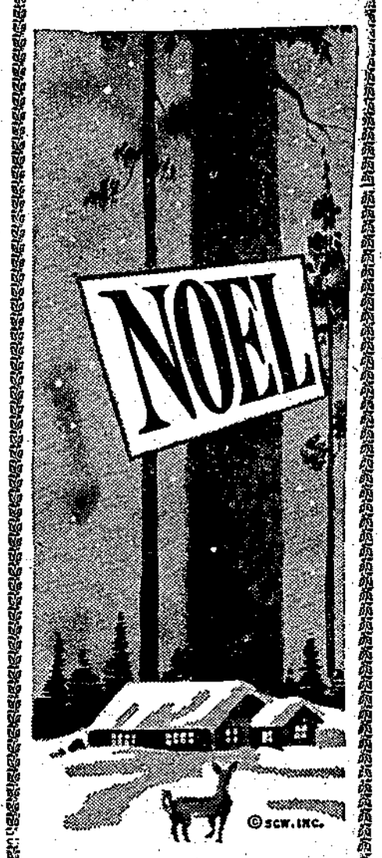
Nursery — Hopkins Landing
Phone — 886-9345
Florists — Gibsons

Season's Greetings

To you and yours.

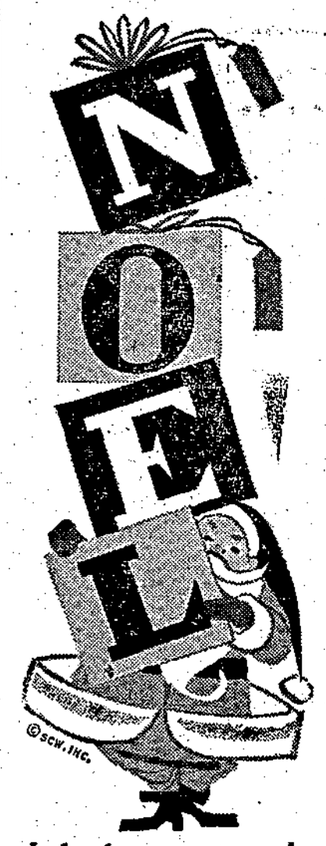
Management and Staff

Sechelt Air Services Ltd.



Jerry and John

Gibsons Barber



bringing you good wishes galore!

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Ken, Larry and Cliff

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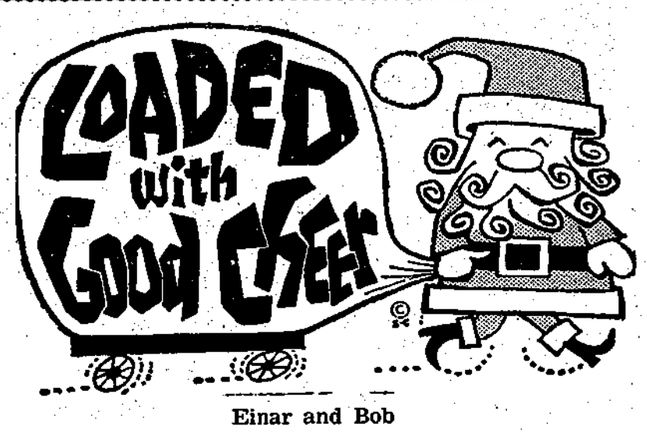
Gibsons, B.C.



Einar and Bob

Twin Creek Lumber & Building Supply

Gibsons, B.C.

...and a season filled with all good things.

Peg and Dave Marshall

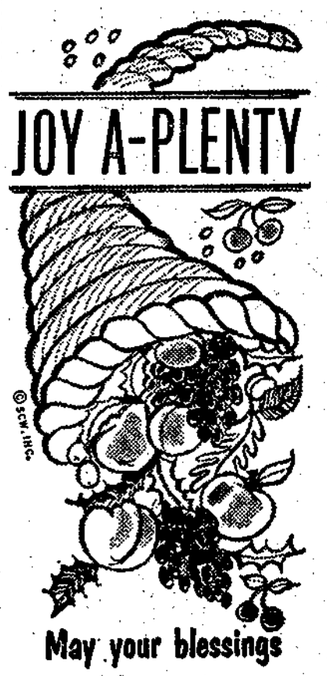
Seaview Market

Roberts Creek

...TO MEN OF GOOD WILL. HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

Mason's Garage

North Road — Gibsons



May your blessings be most bountiful.

Alf and Christine Ritchey

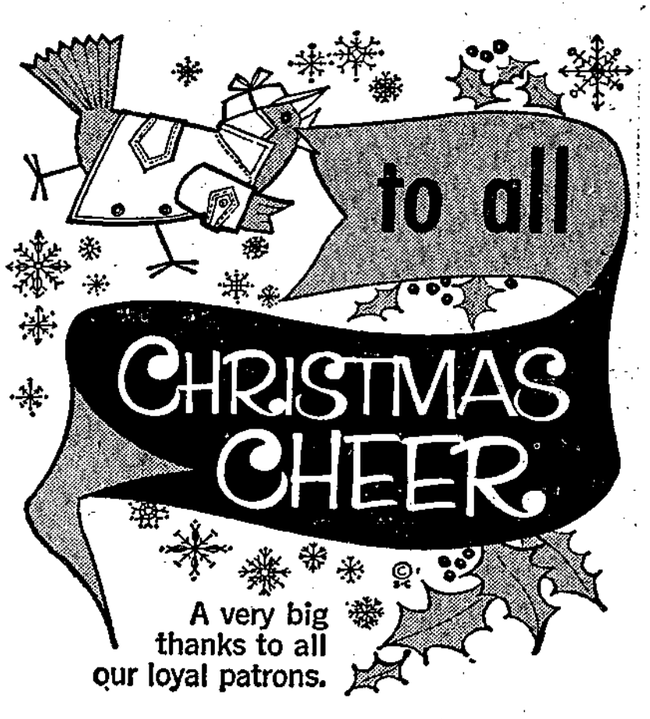
Gibsons

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

in the hearty old-time tradition--best wishes for much happiness, from

Marine Men's Wear

Gibsons, B.C.



A very big thanks to all our loyal patrons.

Murray and Staff

Gibsons Automotive

We wish you health and lasting peace!

Chris, Billie and Connie

Tasella Shoppe

Sechelt, B.C.