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2-Phase domestic water expansion outlined

Celebration committee prepares for big year

It looks like a big celebration year for Gibsons area next year according to what the Gibsons area Centennial Celebration committee is already discussing. For instance it has been announced that beard judging will take place on July 1 which means that some of the up-and-coming men and the older ones had better start ignoring their razors.

Plans are already afoot for the obtaining of bands for the July 1 event and a marathon walk from Gibsons to Sechelt is on the list as well.

All this and much more was given initial discussion at the last meeting of the committee. Dave Hopkin was in the chair and in his opening remarks said the object of the committee was to plan celebrations for 1966 and 1967. To combine the effort of Gibsons and rural Gibsons a united front is needed. All present were requested to become permanent members of the committee as representatives of clubs to which they belonged. Mr. Hopkin preferred to have two members from each organization, one member to work with their own club and the other with the Centennial committee. He recommended all clubs put a Centennial theme in their events and bring ideas for the committee to mull over. Charles English was elected treasurer.

Tidewater Players are considering a Centennial theme for their March stage production and Girl Guides may take part in the flag-raising ceremony. Gibsons and Area Firemen are working on water sports. The Museum association is considering some sort of activity and the provincial Centennial caravan will be located somewhere in the area.

Track events, baseball, soccer and other sports will get consideration in things to be arranged. The Rod and Gun club, Square Dance club, the flying club, Saddle Club, and others will be invited to present ideas and work on them. A film festival is likely and other items are awaiting further discussion. Next meeting of the committee will be on Jan. 24 starting at 7:30 p.m. in room 101, Elphinstone Secondary School.

First meeting

The first meeting of the committee appointed by the board of St. Mary's Hospital trustees, with James Parker as chairman and Bob Norminton assisting discussed the early stages of preparation of a brief containing plans for the proposed chronic care wing which is planned as an extension of the new hospital.

This preparation will result in a brief to be presented to the hospital officials in Victoria for their approval and when this has been done there will be further exploration into finances and building plans.

A White Christmas?

	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
1964	35 degrees (Cloudy, light snow)	22	None	0.5"	18½"

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOYFUL!

Merry Christmas

from the Coast News

Carols for patients

St. Mary's Hospital staff held their annual Christmas dinner in two sittings Monday and it was the second annual event of this sort for the staff. Doctors and members of the hospital board were guests and members of the hospital staff took over the problem of waiting on tables.

Three choirs have announced carol singing in the hospital on various days. One will be Gibsons United Church choir, another will be from St. Hilda's Anglican Church in Sechelt and the third will be from the Reserve school. The latter two will be children's choirs.

Members of hospital auxiliaries have already announced they will take care of the added gaiety and color for patients on Christmas Day with favors and other items. Four strings of lights have been hung which add to the outdoor effect. Santa Claus has announced he will make an appearance at the hospital.

Kiwanis spry

The annual Christmas Dinner and dance by Gibsons Kiwanis club in Gibsons Royal Canadian Legion Hall saw close to 90 present. The Ron Lizee three piece orchestra supplied music following a turkey dinner.

Some limbering-up exercises resulted when polkas gave the elders as well as the younger ones a chance to show their agility on the dance floor. More Kiwanians and their guests discovered their youth in these dances necessitating ample space in which to move about. Reports of weekend stiffness may be presented at the next Kiwanis meeting.

The draw prizes were won by Mrs. C. Mandelkau who charged back to her seat with a rifle. The second prize was won by ticket 699, whoever that may be.

MAIL NOTICES

No mail will be received or despatched on Christmas Day or on New Year's Day but mail will be received and despatched on Monday, Boxing Day, at 9 a.m.

Mail will be sorted to boxes only on Monday's Boxing Day holiday.

The post office staff wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Watershed areas outlined in Dayton survey

The Langdale-Sechelt area is crossed by four major streams originating in the mountains and emptying in the sea. The largest of these is Chapman Creek, the next largest Roberts Creek, the third is Langdale Creek and the smallest Chaster Creek. In the upper reaches all four creeks are confined in deep canyons but their route across the coastal plain does not impair land development.

Continued growth is gradually filling the village of Gibsons and few empty lots remain. It is anticipated that apartment types of dwelling will become more common, particularly near the waterfront and on hillside view properties.

The village waterworks serves about 475 connections within the village and about 100 outside. The village originally diverted domestic water from a small creek near Granthams Landing but increased demand necessitated a larger supply.

A watershed was then secured about two miles west of the village, at what is now the end of Reed Road. In this watershed several springs feed a ground storage reservoir which in turn fills a six-inch supply main bringing water to the village boundaries. Additional growth taxed this source to capacity. A second source of water was established within the village comprising ground springs near the waterfront from which water is pumped to the necessary service pressure. During the summer of 1965 a temporary three-inch plastic pipe was laid from Chaster Creek to supplement the ground storage reservoir at Reed Road. All three sources of water are however insufficient to satisfy future village water demands.

Because Gibsons is not favorably located with respect to water supply sources, it is necessary to expand the future service area considerably. The recommended service or planning area extends from Langdale to Sargeant Bay and from sea level to either the boundary of the Sechelt Provincial Forest or the 800 foot contour.

Council authorized Martin J. J. Dayton, Vancouver consulting engineer, to make his survey on October 7, 1964. A July, 1963 sewerage survey recommended that a water supply for Gibsons should be studied in detail before a sewer system was constructed.

The demand for water in Gibsons can be satisfied by the existing system providing 1966 is not a worse drought year than 1965.

There are still many sections of Gibsons water system that are deficient in fire protection by current waterworks standards but the report recommends many improvements which can be constructed over a period of time as the need arises and the money is available. These are mainly the laying of eight or six inch mains in various areas.

In order to supply predicted future water demands in the present service area alone, Gibsons must look beyond its own boundaries for an additional source. If this is not done Gibsons will not grow.

Gibsons 1965 records show an average yearly consumption of approximately 35 gallons per capita per day. This is well below the 125 to 150 gallons per day in the Greater Vancouver area. As urbanization takes place Gibsons area water consumption will rise considerably.

Only Chapman Creek can supply the ultimate demands of Gibsons area. Development of this supply would open up a large area for growth and development and the Chapman Creek supply would be less expensive for everyone in the wider planning area.

A two-phase water development program accompanied by an alternate plan for the Gibsons-Langdale area was presented to Gibsons municipal council at Tuesday nights meeting. Chapman Creek and Langdale Creek are the proposed water sources.

With Chairman A. E. Ritchey heading council, the Martin J. J. Dayton water survey report containing the recommendation that Gibsons proceed immediately with a $98,000 waterworks improvement comprising construction of a groundwater production well, water mains, a booster station and water reservoir, was presented.

Council decided to start as soon as possible on the development of the test well as a start. The foundation for this report was laid in 1964 when council under Chairman Ritchey decided the survey should be made.

The report also recommended the village attempt to form a water committee of representatives of communities within a specified planning area with a view to implementing a second phase water scheme where water would be under control of one authority.

The two-phase plan concerning Gibsons first considers the water supply system to cost $98,000 to accommodate 3,000 users which could eventually be integrated into the second phase system Langdale to Sechelt to cost slightly more than $1,000,000 to serve more than 11,000 users. An alternate plan was also offered which would cover the Langdale-Gibsons area only to cost $392,000 including the Gibsons $98,000.

Gibsons recommendation

The recommended plan for Gibsons only would call for:

A test well, production well, pumping station and chlorination at the existing well field in Gibsons to cost $28,000.

An eight-inch water main from the production well to the existing six-inch main on School Road, 1,000 feet, to cost $6,000.

Demolition of the old reservoir on School Road and construction of a booster pumping station, to cost $15,000.

An eight-inch main from School Road reservoir to the existing six-inch main on Sechelt Highway, 1,200 feet to cost $7,200.

Construction of a 1,000,000 gallon intermediate zone reservoir adjacent to existing springs at Reed and Henry Roads, to cost $26,000.

An additional $16,000 is added to cover contingencies, administration and engineering, making the total $98,800.

The second phase planning area scheme to cost $1,200,000 including the $98,800 Gibsons only scheme would mean a temporary intake at Chapman Creek to cost $10,000; a 10-inch high pressure water main from the intake to Henry Road, 60,000 feet to cost $266,000; a six-inch distribution main along the shoreline highway from Wilson Creek to Gibsons, 64,000 feet to cost $282,000; a six-inch main distribution from Gibsons to Langdale including connections to existing systems, 17,000 feet, to cost $83,000; two 150,000 gallon reservoirs, one in Langdale and the other near the old cemetery in Gibsons, to cost $60,000 and a temporary booster pumping station on North Road to supply the reservoir near the old cemetery, to cost $8,000. This adds up to a total of $866,000 and with 18 percent added for contingencies and engineering it brings the total to $1,120,000 including the $98,800 for Gibsons.

Alternate plan offered

The alternate waterworks plan comprising Langdale, Hopkins Landing, Soames Point, Granthams Landing, Gibsons and Gibsons Heights would supply water from Langdale Creek. This would amount to, including the Gibsons $98,800, a total of $392,800.

A breakdown of cost, excluding the Gibsons section of $98,800 contains a Langdale Creek intake to cost $20,000; a six-inch supply main from the intake to a five million gallon reservoir at Langdale Creek, 3,000 feet to cost $18,000, an eight-inch supply main from the reservoir along North Road to Sechelt Highway, 11,000 feet to cost $63,800; a six-inch distribution main on Reed Road, 6,400 feet to cost $28,200; a six-inch distribution main from Gibsons to Langdale, $83,000 and a 150,000 gallon concrete storage reservoir in Langdale to cost $32,000.

With 20 percent added for contingencies this totals $294,000 and with the Gibsons total of $98,800 added makes the complete total $392,800.

In commenting on the Langdale scheme the Dayton survey said this first phase of a supply from Langdale, augmented by Gibsons village springs would supply about 6,000 people. There should be 6,000 people in the smaller planning area by 1975 at which time a five million gallon storage reservoir could be constructed at Langdale Creek to safeguard the supply. With this reservoir the number of people that could be supplied increases to 8,000 and the total cost to about $500,000.

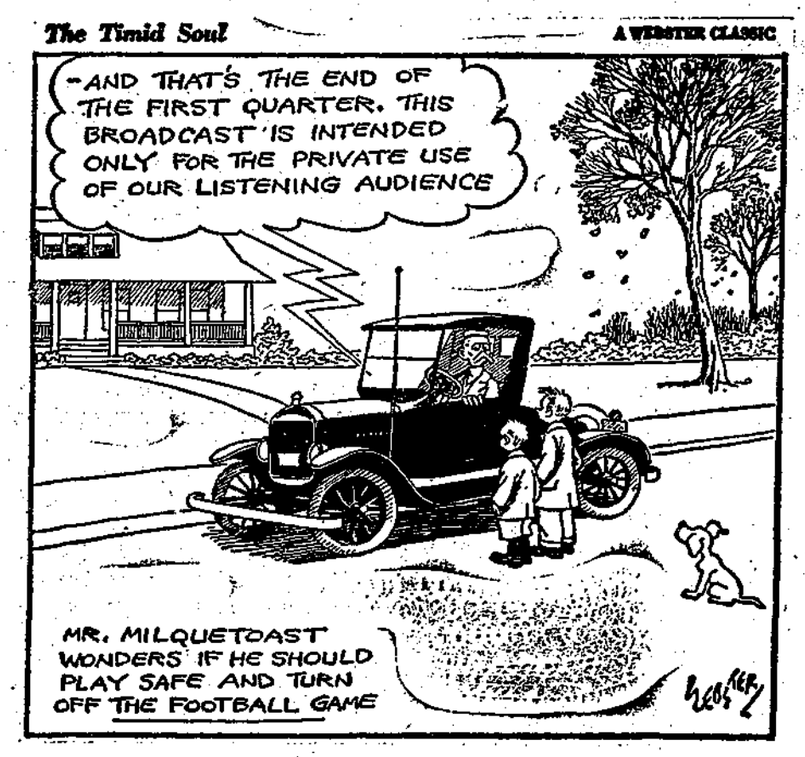
Financial aspects outlined

Financial aspects as propounded by the survey would require senior government assistance but the first step to be taken towards implementation of the Langdale to Sechelt proposal should be the establishment of a water committee among the interested communities. Provincial and federal governments could then be petitioned for financial aid and enabling legislation and an orderly course of action. But, in the meantime the survey recommends, Gibsons should proceed with improvements to its own supply system as outlined in the report.

The initial and annual cost of the two waterworks systems, not including the cost of purchasing existing waterworks would be as follows:

The plan deriving water from Chapman Creek, capital cost, $1,120,000; bond redemption and interest, 20-year bonds at six percent, $98,000 annually; maintenance cost $20,000 and overhead cost $20,000 making an annual operating cost of $138,000.

Cost of the plan deriving water from Langdale Creek would contain a capital cost of $500,000 with annual bond redemption and interest, 20-year, six percent bonds at $44,000; maintenance cost $12,000 and overhead costs $15,000 making an annual operating cost of $71,000.



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Unity in the Community gets things done

An amiable outpouring

For people brought up, as many are, to know the Bible only in the King James' version, the angels' proclamation at Christmas is remembered as: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men."

But it is entirely likely that those words do not represent exactly the original of the song over Bethlehem. The study of ancient manuscripts of Holy Scripture, many of them undiscovered when the Authorized Version was put forth at the start of the 17th century, to become known and loved by succeeding generations of English-speaking people, has led scholars to suggest that two alternative versions have better support. One is "Peace on earth, to men of good will," and the other is "peace on earth among those in whom He is well pleased." Today many modern Bibles follow one or another of these in preference to King James. The change in meaning is suggestive and helpful.

We who live in what is sometimes called a welfare state, easily get into the state of mind in which we expect everything to be done for us, without effort or initiative on our own part. Religiously, we sit back and expect God to do everything while we do nothing. And the peace of God, that peace which is much more than the mere absence of war, is treated as a kind of blanket donation from heaven. Peace, goodwill towards men becomes an amiable outpouring, indiscriminately upon all, of the divine benevolence.

How much better to believe that God does indeed give His peace — but to those who have made themselves ready to receive it, to men of good will, to men in whom He is pleased, because they have signified a willingness to make their own wills one with His. There is nothing wrong in suggesting that. But it does remind men to bestir themselves and to seek, by an act of their own wills reaching up to meet the will of God, the peace of God which passeth all understanding. St. John reminds those who read the introduction to the Fourth Gospel that the fulness of the divine gift is to as many as received him.

Peace, then, is a conditional thing. Do we fulfil the condition?

"You've packed my purse!"

What's special
About Christmas?

(By NANCY CLEAVER)

"O come, little children, O come one and all,
The cradle is here as in Bethlehem's stall.
And see what the Father, from high Heav'n above,
Has sent us tonight as a proof of his love."

This little verse appears below a lovely painting by Margaret W. Tarrant in her Christmas Book. In the picture a little girl and her younger brother are standing on tiptoe to look into a manger. In the background an angel, with outstretched hands, is standing looking down on the Baby Jesus too.

In many homes a Nativity Scene or creche is loved by the children. The small manger and figures of the baby, of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, the Wise Men, the animals in the stable, remind the whole family of the most important thing about Christmas — the celebration of the birthday of the Christ Child.

Unless parents, especially mothers, carefully plan to put this emphasis on Christmas, a child might easily be misled. He might conclude that Santa Claus, the gifts he receives, the parties and festivities he attends, are the things which make Christmas special.

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During the weeks of Advent read aloud in your family from the Bible the Nativity story. There are many lovely Christmas tales and legends, but there is no better story than that of the visits of the shepherds, and the Wise Men bringing their gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh. For the very little child there is a The Story of Jesus — in The Little Golden Book series, and the first chapters contain a number of fine stories of Jesus' life for children, such as Walter de la Mare's. All these recount the coming of the Christ child.

Some families have a favorite Christmas story which they read aloud, as a whole or in part, when their children are older, on Christmas Eve. For over a century Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol has been enjoyed in many homes and the figure of Tiny Tim and Old Scrooge is as familiar as that of a cousin or an uncle.

If you have never tasted the pleasure of A Christmas Carol why not try it out on your family this year?

The poets have written with beauty and simplicity about Christmas. A favorite with boys and girls is Frances Chesterton's How Far is it to Bethlehem? The questions any youngsters might well ask: "Can we see the little Child?" "May we stroke the creatures there?"; If we touch His tiny hand, Will he awake?" Read aloud to your child a Christmas poem instead of a story at bedtime one night — and re-read it a second time if he wants to hear the music of the words.

Have you launched your child on the Scrap Book Habit? Early in December supply him with a new scrapbook, paste, dull scissors, pencil, crayons, paints. Suggest he put into his Christ-has Book what he likes best.

Perhaps he will print a copy of a short poem you have read aloud. He may want to draw and color his own picture of decorating the Christmas tree or hanging up his stocking or playing in the snow. If you have kept last year's Christmas cards, let him have any Nativity or other scenes he would like to have in his own Christmas Book.

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He may feel that this book of his very own is too precious to part with — but perhaps, if it is a particularly colorful, interesting child's book, he might choose next year to give it to a Children's Hospital or donate it to a box packed for overseas needy families by the Save the Children Fund.

Christmas, the Birthday of the Christ Child A large poster on a signboard beside a busy street in many places tells this story with its colorful picture of the first Christmas. Beneath in small printing is the suggestion that a child should ask his Sunday School teacher to tell him this story.

Why not ask the two people who gave him the gift of life? If parents are too busy, or too tired or too careless during December to share with their son or daughter the true meaning of Christmas — they are, indeed too busy!

The Davis Ottawa Diary

(By JACK DAVIS
Coast-Capilano M.P.)

Several Federal - Provincial conferences have been held in Ottawa of late. The most important was the gathering of finance ministers from across the nation. They came to report on the economic outlook for 1966. But more significant still was their description of their own plans for the coming year. They said how much of the taxpayers money they would spend and how they would spend it in the months ahead.

Ottawa no longer operates in the dark in this regard. Not only does it canvas the investment intentions of private companies, but it discusses the forecasts of the provinces as well. Armed with a much better idea of how their spending is going, it can then draft its own budget in the best interests of the nation.

Assuming full employment and rising prices it will then reduce its own outlays on goods and services. Alternatively, if unemployment is on the increase and excess capacity exists in industry, it will lay out more money in order to get the economy rolling again.

The timing of these Finance Ministers conferences is also significant. Generally speaking, Ottawa leaves the construction of roads, dams, office buildings and factories to others. But it can move in a big way. When it should do so must, however, be determined well ahead of time. This is why the Pearson government carried out these discussions with the provinces in December rather than waiting until its own budget is to be brought down well into the New Year.

Also important is the fact that the provinces, collectively, now spend more money on goods and services than does the nation as a whole. Ottawa, by comparison, has been holding the line. Its total outlay, as a percentage of Canada's national income, is actually on the decline. By contrast the outlays of the provinces, taken together with that of their creatures, the municipalities, have been shooting upward as never before.

The finance ministers from the provinces reported on their budget intentions. But even more pressing, from their point of view, was the matter of taxation. Over a year ago they agreed, along with Ottawa, to set up a tax structure committee. This committee was to report, not only on priorities as to spending, but also where the money would come from. Most of the provincial ministers hope to get a larger share of the federal tax dollar. This is why they, along with Acting Finance Minister Mitchell Sharp, listened to the progress report of their joint structure committee with the greatest of interest recently.

Co-operative federalism can be an empty phrase. Or it can be used to describe the internal relations of a federal state whose governments, at all levels have decided to push ahead in close and friendly liaison, one with the other, and with the greater interest of all the nation's people at heart.

The recent meeting of our finance ministers in Ottawa is a good example, I think, of co-operative federalism in practice. However we will need many more meetings of this kind if Canadians from all parts of our great country are to get along together and prosper as they should.

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New Appointments Announced

Appointment of J. C. Carlile as Vice-President — Finance, and Douglas C. Watt as Vice-President-Staff Services is announced by J. Ernest Richardson, President and Chief Executive Officer of British Columbia Telephone Company. Both appointments are effective January 1, 1966.

Both Mr. Carlile and Mr. Watt are native British Columbians and both are graduates of the University of British Columbia.

Mr. Carlile has been Assistant Vice-President Finance and Mr. Watt has been Director of Staff Services since June 1 of this year.

In his new capacity Mr. Carlile will be responsible for financial and revenue forecasting and planning. Mr. Carlile graduated from the University of British Columbia in Electrical Engineering in 1944. He obtained his Commerce degree from U.B.C. in 1946 following service in the Canadian Army. His business career began in 1946 with Canadian Industries Ltd. From 1950 to 1954 he served with Brazilian Traction Light & Power Company in South America. He joined B. C. Tel on June 1, 1954 as an engineering assistant and has been promoted seven times previously. Among his posts were those of General Plant Supervisor, Coastal Division Engineering and Construction Manager, Director of Material Purchasing and Controls, and Director of Staff Services.

Mr. Watt will be in charge of future planning and engineering, plant and traffic and commercial operations. He attended elementary and high schools in West Vancouver and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from U.B.C. in 1941. After several months on the accounting and payroll staff of Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd., he joined B. C. Tel on August 6, 1945 as a development engineering clerk. After a brief period with another company he returned to B. C. Tel in February 1948 and has served the Company since in various capacities, including General Commercial Engineer, Coastal District Manager, Coastal Division Manager and Assistant Director of Personnel.

Town bus speeded up

A new SMT bus schedule due Jan. 1 as the result of a speed-up in the timing of the Langdale and Earl's Cove ferry runs will not alter departure time from Vancouver. The main change will be on the morning bus leaving at 8:40 a.m., arriving at Langdale five minutes earlier and saving time all the way to Powell River reaching there at 2 p.m. instead of 2.25 p.m. Most of the time saved will be in the speed-up of the ferry to Saltery Bay with a 45 minute crossing instead of the present one hour trip.

There will also be time savings on the trip from Powell River to Vancouver, chiefly at the Powell River-Earl's Cove end of the run.

PLANS FOLK SINGING

With the coming departure from Sechelt of Rev. and Mrs. James Fergusson, Britt Varcoe has announced that he will take over folk singing events for the young people of the area. Mr. Varcoe, a banjo player, appeared in Elphinstone Variety night, his name having been omitted by mistake.

THE COAST NEWS

19 YEARS AGO

The B.C. Power Commission took over the Columbia Power Co. Ltd., and its subsidiary at Sechelt. The power Commission however appealed the valuations set on the Columbia and the other companies.

The first street light was installed in Gibsons on the pole beside the Sunset Hardware store. It was expected that more lights would be installed shortly.

Halfmoon Bay Sewing Circle special meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Pearson honored one of its departing members, Miss Emma Ek who is leaving to teach school at Egmont.

The Bank of Montreal announced its opening hours would be from 10:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

The butter supply was easing sufficiently to allow more rationed butter over the Christmas holiday.

The Shell Oil station operated by Joe Shutz has undergone alterations and additions to the plant.

Home and school netherland

At the regular meeting of the Pender Harbour PTA, held Nov. 16 at Madeira Park Elementary School, the parents learned that although construction was at a temporary standstill there was every likelihood that the activity room would be available for preparing and presenting the Christmas Concert. The membership then gave unanimous approval to assist the teachers as well as volunteering to provide treats for pre-school children.

During the reports from the principals, Mr. Skelton of Pender Harbour Secondary expressed the hope that parents would seriously reconsider their child's program, particularly to the worth and advantage of vocational education.

This was emphasized when it was pointed out that by Grade 10 these students will have to choose from many streams of education.

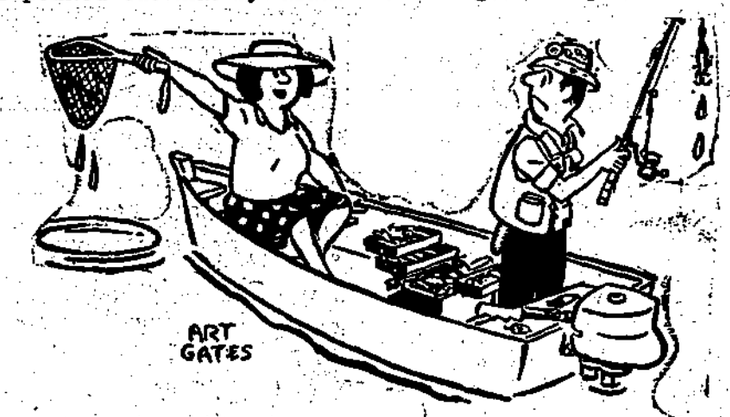
Most important, these programs cannot be switched at later years without taking the required courses, which would involve repetition of grades. Obviously these decisions cannot be left to 15 or 16 year old students, but must be made after parental conferences with teachers and mutual discussion of each student's capabilities.

Under the direction of Miss Critoph of Madeira Park Elementary, the parents were invited to assess their attitudes and opinions in that netherland between home and school.

Most parents soon found that they were provoked into serious thought and expression. The teachers and principals avoided monopolizing the discussion and encouraged the parents to express their views of homework, study hours, acceleration and pressures.

The consensus seemed to be that there are no clear cut paths to better learning but there are avenues of co-operation which we can develop.

The PTA had a productive meeting and discovered that there are areas of uncertainty and gaps in communication between home and school which can be bridged with closer contact.



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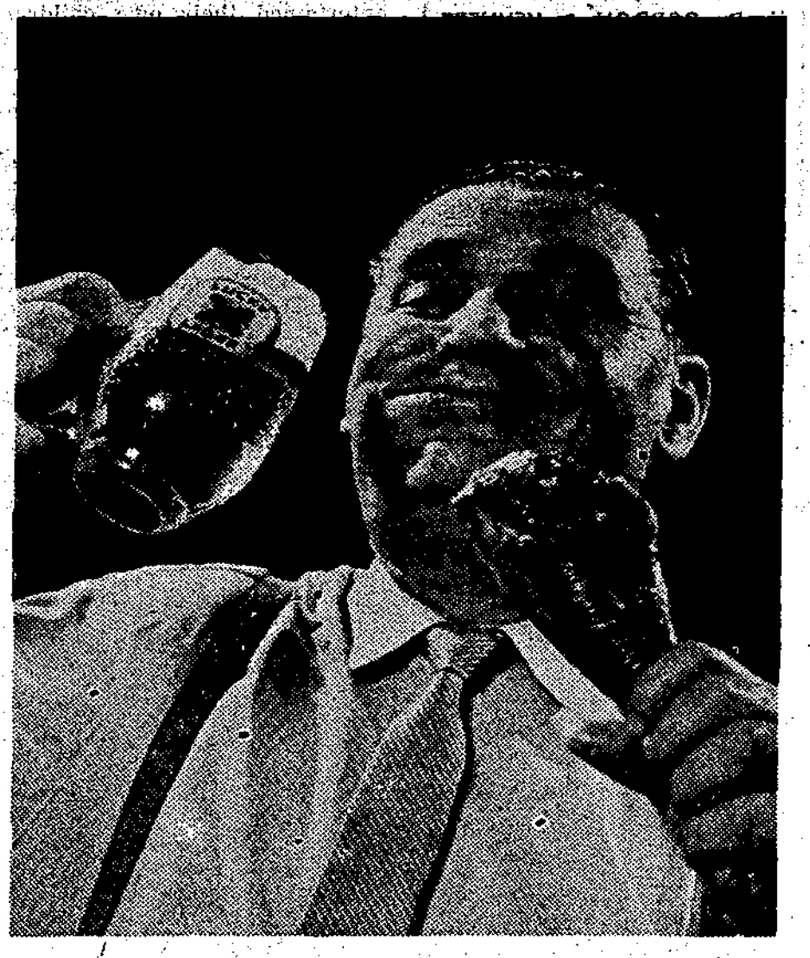

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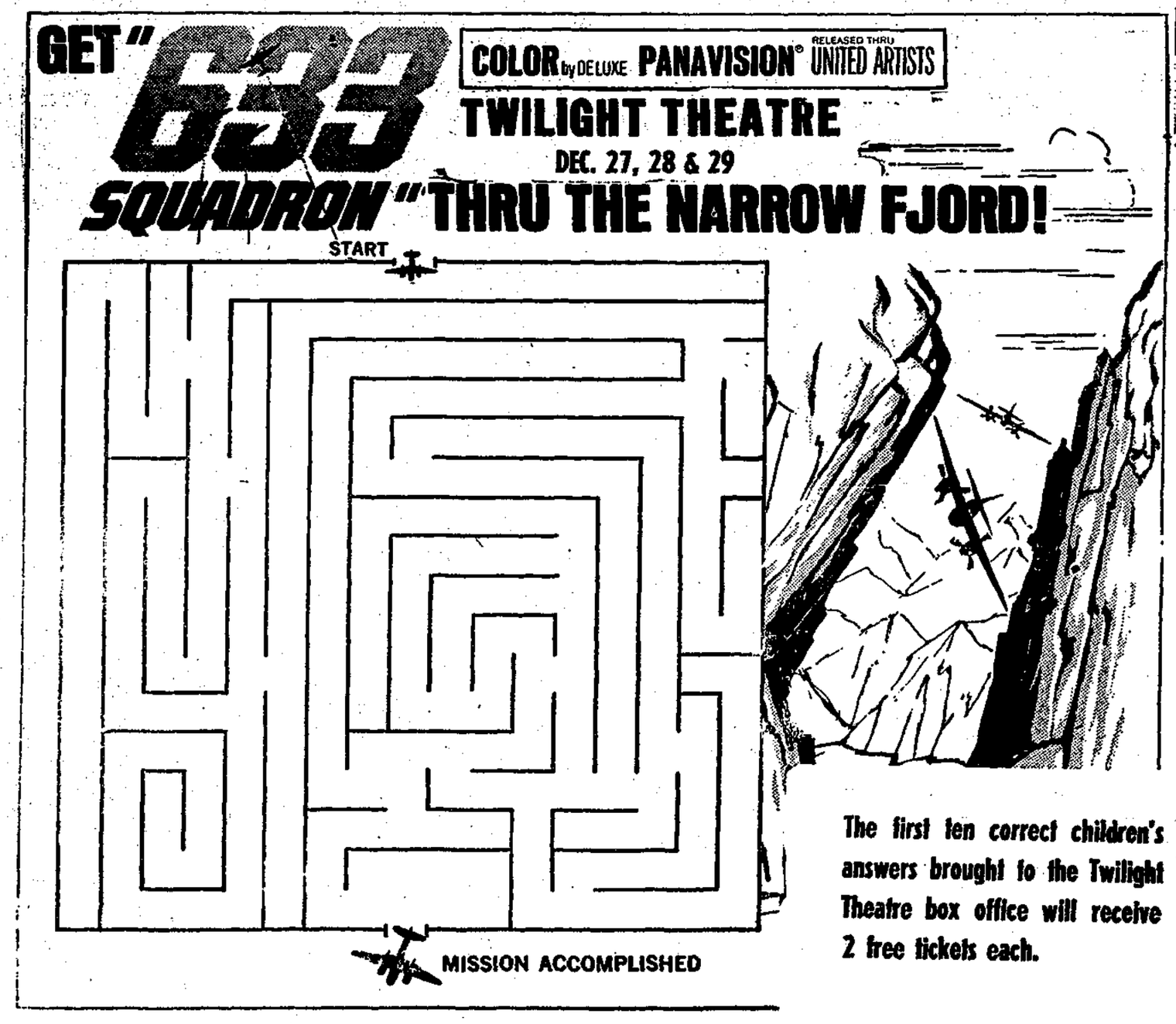

HALFMOON BAY NOTES

By MARY TINKLEY

The Lovers of Life League Christmas party at Welcome Beach Hall on Dec. 18. despite the prevalence of mumps in the Bay, saw 25 children, seven adults and Santa Claus himself turn up for the occasion. There was a sit-down tea. The piles of sandwiches, cakes, cookies and jugs of soft drinks disappeared in record time. Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Fergusson with their lively songs and guitars, delighted the audience| Louise Rutherford and Eddie Kingston were awarded prizes for being the most regular attendants at League meetings. The organizers and members expressed their thanks to the Welcome Beach Community Association for the use of the hall.

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On Dec. 18, the annual Christmas dinner of the Halfmoon Bay Improvement Association was held in the congenial atmosphere of the Winning Post at Oles Cove. The room, always beautiful with its wide picture windows looking out towards Texada Island was artistically decorated in the Christmas spirit. The 30 guests were received by the president, Mrs. Ruby Warne and after an excellent dinner of turkey and plum pudding, there were dancing and games under direction of Mrs. Pat Murphy. At midnight, many of the guests, still roaring to go, accepted the generous invitation of the Tag Nygards to the Nygard home where the party continued until the wee small hours.

Arriving from England this week to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Alan Greene is Miss Pauline Andrews of Winchester.

Mr. Ed Edmunds who had hoped to be home in time for Christmas will remain in St. Mary's Hospital for another week.

On Christmas Day, Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Church of His Presence at 10:30 a.m.

IN NEWS AGAIN

The Soames Creek Bridge (Granthams Bridge) is in the news once again. Tony Gargrave, M.L.A., has once more written to the Department of Highways about the sharpness of the turn and narrowness of the bridge.

He said he would like to see the turn widened and the bridge replaced with a culvert and filled.

More attend

Coast-Garibaldi Union Board of Health met last week in the Health Centre to discuss finances for operation of the board. Powell River, Gibsons and Sechelt were not represented at the meeting but it was decided that the assessment for each board operating within the union would be one cent per capita.

Mrs. Celia Fisher was present representing the Sechelt School district. There were about a dozen persons present. At a previous meeting in Squamish where this matter was to have been discussed only three persons showed up so this point was left over for the Gibsons meeting. It was arranged that the next meeting would be held in either Gibsons or Sechelt as being the most central points in the area covered by the board of health.

Pender soars

On Friday, Dec. 10, Pender school hosted girls from Brooks and boys from Elphinstone. We are very proud of the girls as they came through with winning scores. The ability of Elphinstone boys was really put to a test in the close games. However, after tough competition, Elphinstone moved ahead to win by a mere six points in both games.

Our school gym developed a very restive air in preparation for the Christmas dance held Dec. 17. The Future Teachers are getting experience by going down to the Elementary School to observe.

The school is closed for the holidays on Dec. 22 with an indoor track meet composed of many unusual events, such as book balance, obstacle, pick-a-back and balloon races and many more. I'll close with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. — **Linda Warnock.**

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In lieu of Christmas cards a donation has been sent to the Sechelt Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital Memorial fund.

We wish all our Sunshine Coast friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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We wish all our friends, relatives and neighbors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In lieu of cards we have made a donation to the Cup of Milk Fund.
Ray and Florence Johnson and family.

I wish all my many friends and neighbors in Gibsons and surrounding district, my doctor and nurses, a very Merry Christ mas and a Happy New Year. In lieu of local Christmas cards I have donated to the Cancer Fund.
Mrs. Marguerite Myers.

We wish all our neighbors and friends on the Peninsula a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We have donated to the Cup of Milk Fund in lieu of local Christmas cards.
Georgina and Bill Nasadyk

Greetings, friends. Your cards are providing Christmas dinner for someone at Central City Mission.
Madge Newman.

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

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with many thanks to all my friends for all the cards and kind messages received during my illness.
May Telford.

We wish our many friends on the Sunshine Coast a very Happy Holiday Season. Local greeting card money donated to St. Mary's Hospital.
Mrs. Colin Wingrave,
Willo and Sharie.

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 Eastern Star Cancer Fund.

DEATHS

HARRISON — Passed away Dec. 15, 1965, William Softly Harrison in his 90th year, of R.R. 1, Pratt Rd., Gibsons, B.C. Survived by 2 sons, John, Gibsons, and Thomas, Burnaby 8 grandchildren. Mr. Harrison served in the 1914-1918 war. Funeral service was held Mon., Dec. 20 at 1:30 p.m. from the Family Chapel of the Harvey Funeral Home, Rev H. Kelly officiated. Interment Field of Honor, Seaview Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity of thanking relatives, friends and neighbors for their kind cards in our bereavement in the loss of our mother.
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Division 6

Sechelt Residential 8, Madeira Park Rangers 1.

Gibsons Canfor 7, Gibsons Legion 0.

A friendly game was played between Roberts Creek and Moose 888, a West Vancouver team. After a hard fought game Roberts Creek were defeated 6-2 by the home team.

The Soccer Commission extends a Happy Christmas to all players, coaches and members.

BOWLING

SECHELT BOWLING ALLEY
(By EVE MOSCRIP)

Lawrence Crucil came within a mark of reaching a 900 series ending up with 896 (353, 312), for a men's season high. Lil McCourt took ladies high honors with 768 (291, 293).

League Scores:

Ladies: Lil McCourt 738 (262, 269).

Ladies Matinee: Hazel Skytte 610, Eve Moscrip 209.

Pender: Dennis Gamble 744, Muriel Cameron 558 (267), Dick Gooldrup 305, Charlie Hauka 714, (286), Dave Scoular 312.

Sechelt Commercial: Dorothy Smith 717 (269, 261), Lawrence Crucil 896 (352, 312), Dave Pickard 707 (277), Red Robinson 768 (323), Dick Clayton 786 (305), Frenk Nevens 732, Lorne Allan 806 (300), Sam MacKenzie 771 (289).

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Commercials: Fortune Cookies 2778 (980), L. Gregory 755 (279, 276), S. Hopkin 247, H. Jorgenson 608, S. Rise 680 (253, 255), R. Hinks 257, K. Swallow 258.

Port Mellon: Misfits 2496 Winners 1029. J. Ferguson 246, T. Greig 683 (258), G. Taylor 725 (266), F. Gallier 259, D. Musgrove 243.

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Roberts Creek

(By MADGE NEWMAN)

Unitarian Fellowship mothers entertained their own children and their friends at a pre-Christmas party in Roberts Creek school activity room last week. Fun and games were enjoyed by 32 youngsters.

The regular meeting of the Fellowship group will take place on Thursday, Dec. 23 when Mrs. J. Blatchford will provide the program.

The W. Crocker family will spend Christmas in Salem, Oregon, at a family reunion of 23 members.

About 18 members attended the Hospital Auxiliary meeting on Monday, nicely filling the Roberts Creek Library. The group welcomed two new members and regretfully bade farewell to one. Mrs. C. S. Shupe, a valuable worker, will leave in the new year to teach at Salmon Arm. Her office of treasurer has been taken over by Mrs. M. Forbes. Mrs. R. Hughes is in charge of the volunteer hospital workers. Plans for the Valentine Smorgasbord were discussed and the date set for Feb. 12. It will be held in the Legion hall and tickets will be available for 100 guests .The committee in charge consists of Mrs. K. Baba, Mrs. C. Beeman, Mrs. R. Hughes, Mrs. M. Forbes, Mrs. A. Reece and Mrs. Tibb.

Following the business meeting Brian Swanson played selections on his accordion and refreshments were served.

Jeff Newman and family are here from Comox to spend about ten days.

Season's Greetings
EWART McMYNN
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EWART McMYNN REALTY
Gibsons

I am responsible!: Exessive partiers please note

This message is the combined effort of a few people who must, of necessity, remain anonymous. Now, if we have aroused your curiosity, perhaps only a little to read this far, you must read on but, first of all, we would place before you a very few pertinent situations.

Christmas is here and with it the festive times, the parties and the main reason for the celebrations, the happiness of the children. Christmas is the children's day.

Many of you will be attending church, while many more will be celebrating the event elsewhere. At the same time, quite a few of you will have so sore a head that, although you had every intention of remaining sober, you fell by the wayside and are too ill to even put your noses outside the front door. Again, how many of your friends and relations will be involved in car accidents where lives are lost and others maimed for life? All this to celebrate what should be a Holy Day.

A certain few will be so ashamed of themselves that they will not be seen in public for a few days after| And then comes the old refrain, Never again. The road to hell is paved with good intentions.

These last are the people to whom we are trying to reach in this message. If they remember much of the previous evening, they are lucky. How many of their friends have they insulted so badly that a renewal of their friendship, even with an abject apology, is virtually impossible? How many have quarrelled in their homes so bitterly that their spouses and children are ashamed of their reveller? The childen are even, by contact, ashamed of themselves.

So what does our reveller do? He just takes another belt at the bottle to forget the whole damn incident and finds that, in a few hours, he's again in the same state as he was and has been many times before. He has not yet realized that his drinking friends are only fair-weather friends and the bottle a broken crutch.

There is a myth to which many of us are addicted that the purpose of life is to be happy. There is nothing more demeaning to man than his narcotic (and alcohol is a narcotic) pursuit of fun. Where was it ever written that life could always be easy or completely free of conflict or of pain. Those who seek this narcotic refuge can find it in tranquilizer pills or alcohol — or in senility which follows prematurely the use of both.

The purpose of life is to matter, to be productive, to be useful.

Sometimes we are asked, what is this happiness without alcohol that you talk of? Our answer must be, and is, like that given by the little boy who was asked to define an elephant. He said that he couldn't but he would know one when he saw it.

There is an organization in your vicinity, which is interested in the man or woman who cannot control his or her drinking, once started. The members of this organization have promised: "I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

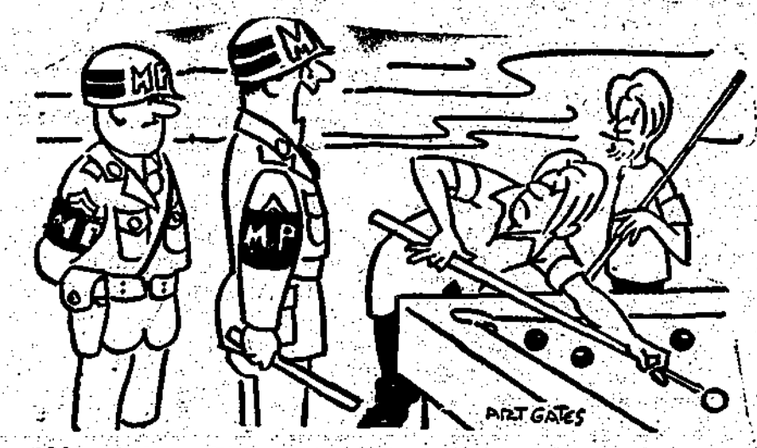
The only requirement to join us is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. We are not allied to any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; do not wish to engage in controversy, neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

You, and only you, are the judge as to whether you are to join us. It is all up to you. Help and advice, with strict secrecy, is as near as your hand by lifting the telephone and dialing, at any time during the day or night, either of these two numbers — Days, 886-2933. Evenings 885-9327. Write for further information to P.O. Box 294,, Sechelt.

In conclusion we ask those who are not affected by this message to practice tolerance to those who are afflicted with the ravages of alcohol, by remembering the words of the Bard:

"Then gently scan your brother Man,
Still gentler sister Woman;
Tho' they may gang a kennin wrang,
To step aside is human.'

The drink for the road leads but to a dead end.

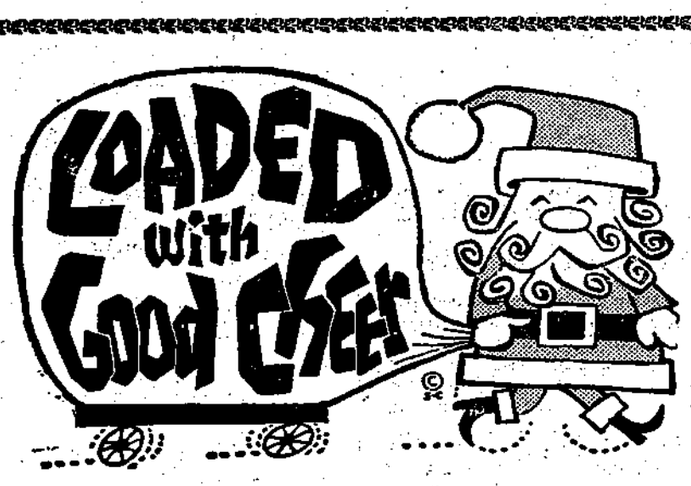


"Okay, let's go, Phipps . . . in the army there's no such thing as a drop-out!

THERE WILL BE NO LEGION BINGO ON DEC. 30

NEXT LEGION BINGO WILL BE JANUARY 13

Happy New Year



Frank and Al

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Golf club widens scope

Registration of the Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club is now complete. The only thing holding up the commencement of the course is a shortage of members.

The directors are determined to get the required amount as they feel a golf course in this area would be an advantage to all. Membership forms have been mailed out to summer residents and it is hoped that a good response will come from this.

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Season's Greetings to All

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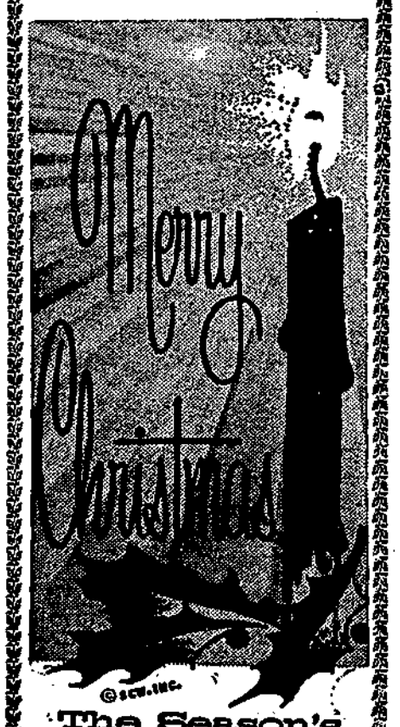

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Need for regional college analyzed

The North Shore well require regional college facilities as early as September, 1968. This prediction is based upon:

(a) an analysis of the growth in numbers of students now in school, their abilities, and their probable educational goals;

(b) a recognition of the fact that the new curriculum introduced in the secondary schools, creating six distinctive educational streams, will require post-high school facilities of a broader and more flexible type than are currently available in the universities or vocational schools;

(c) the apparently insatiable appetite of modern business for trained personnel;

(d) the lack of an institution providing a broad spectrum of activities which is open to North Shore students; and

(e) the realization that the new college program initiated in the City of Vancouver which is designed to cater to the various demands generated by the new secondary school program will not be open to graduates of the North Shore secondary schools during regular sessions.

At present the provincial legislation controlling two-year colleges is embodied in the Public Schools Act. Essentially, school boards wishing to set up a college must ask the permission of the Council of Public Instruction to hold a plebiscite to determine whether or not the people of the school district concerned favor a college. If the plebiscite favors a college, a regional college council may be formed. The council then negotiates with the various school boards on the location and financing of the college. Once an agreement has been reached a vote on the local share of the financing of the college must be held in the participating districts.

At present the financing of academic programs in regional colleges is 50 percent local for capital and operating costs. The non-academic programs are eligible for federal support under the Technical and Vocational Training Assistance act, 1960, but each college must negotiate its own program with provincial and federal authorities to determine which programs qualify.

It must be emphasized that the financing of regional colleges is likely to be reviewed. The whole matter of federal aid to higher education may change as a result of the Bladen Commission report.

The recommendations of this report are obviously only the first stage. When the regional College council is established further consideration will have to be undertaken under such headings as (a) staff and organization; (b) physical planning and (c) finance.

JOINS SCOUTS

Lt. Col. Albert A. Loveridge, chief instructor at the Royal Canadian School of Military Engineering, Chilliwack, has been appointed an assistant provincial commissioner, B.C.-Yukon Council, Boy Scouts of Canada. Col: Loveridge's duties will be principally in the promotion and co-ordination of the new Venturer Scout program which the Boy Scouts have introduced for the 14-17 year age group. He will also advise on the relationship of the existing Rover Scout program to the new Venturer section.

Col. Loveridge, a native son of B.C., has had wide experience in Scouting. All three of Col. Loveridge's sons are in Scouting. Two of them are leaders with the 85th Ottawa Troop and the third is a Scout in the 1st Vedder Troop, Sardis. Mrs. Loveridge is active with the Girl Guide Association.

HOLIDAY THEATRE

When Holiday Theatre opens its Christmas production of Alice in Wonderland on Dec. 18, it will be a tribute to the 100 years this tale has enjoyed fame and popularity all over the world by young and old alike.

Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, an Oxford mathematics professor who is known better by his pen name of Lewis Carroll, would probably be surprised if he knew that the charming story he wote for his young friend, Alice Liddell, was being performed as a musical play.

The play will be presented at 2:30 p.m. from Dec. 18 through January 1 and on the 8th at Metro Theatre, 1370 S.W. Marine Drive. Tickets available at the Vancouver Ticket Centre.

APPLICATION FOR A WATER LICENCE
WATER ACT

(Section 8

I, Daniel and Hilda C. Dick of R.R.1. Chaster Road, Gibsons, B.C. hereby apply to the Comptroller of Water Rights for a licence to divert and use water out of Chaster Creek which flows southwest and discharges into Gulf of Georgia and give notice of my application to all person affected.

The point of diversion will be located at 150' from N.W. corner of Lot below described.

The quantity of water to be diverted is 500 cubic feet.

The purpose for which the water will be used is domestic and garden.

The land on which the water will be used is Explanatory Plan 8148, Lot 7, Block 6, D.L. 909, Group 1, N.W.D., Plan 1275.

A copy of this application was posted on the 29th October, 1965 at the proposed point of diversion and on the land where the water is to be used and two copies were filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Vancouver, B.C.

Objections to this application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., within thirty days of the first date of publication of the application.

Date of first publication is:—Dec. 16, 1965.

Dec. 16, 23, 1965.

The United States steamer San Pedro was grounded on Brotchie Ledge off Victoria in 1891 and remained there six years, finally being dismantled.

TENDERS

For sale by tender one two-storey dormitory frame building with duroid roof. Contains 30 rooms. Maybe torn down or moved from site. Highest tender not necessarily accepted as we are primarily interested in quick disposal. All tenders to be in by Jan. 3, 1966. They should be addressed to G. R. Ruggles, townsite supervisor, Canadian Forest Products, Port Mellon, B.C.

Lucky Numbers!

Until Christmas each edition of the Coast News will contain a number at the top of Page One.

If the number on your paper is the same as the numbers held by any Gibsons Merchant you will be entitled to a prize offered.

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Information?

P.O. Box 113,
West Vancouver

Elect Thyer

The Auxiliary to Roberts Creek Legion at its annual meeting on Dec. 6 arranged that larger donations be sent to Shaughnessy and St. Mary's Hospitals. The usual donations will be sent to the school's Christmas tree. Christmas gifts will be given to as many Roberts Creek veterans as possible.

Mr. Bedford donated a doll to be given away. It will be taken to St. Mary's, and given to any sick girl who needs it.

With the help of the bingo ladies a good amount of gifts were gathered for the mental hospital.

Election of officers took place. Results are: Sergeant-at-arms, L. C. Bengough; three executive, T. E. Fossett, Atrill and Ellis; secretary treasurer, W. F. Clark ;vice-presidents, J. Crawford and G. Mould; president, J. Thyer; standard bearers B. L. Cope and W. Davidson.

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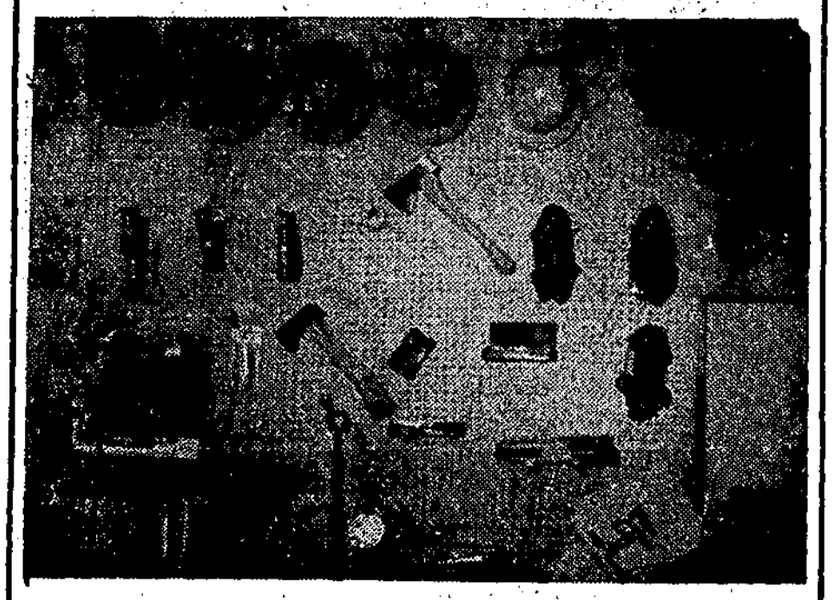
WILSON CREEK — Ph. 886-9626

Church Services

Let The People Praise Thee, O God

ANGLICAN

St. Bartholomew's, Gibsons
8 a.m., Holy Communion
11:00 a.m., Church School
9:30 a.m. The Festival of the Nine Lessons and Carols
7:30 p.m., Evensong
St. Aidan's, Roberts Creek
11:00 a.m., Church School
11:00 a.m. The Festival of the Nine Lessons and Carols
St. Hilda's, Sechelt
Christmas Eve
11:30 p.m., Communion
Christmas Day
9:30 a.m. Communion
(Bring the youngsters too!)
Sunday
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Church of His Presence,
Christmas Day
10:30 a.m., Communion
St. Mary's Church, Garden Bay
Christmas Day
11:30 a.m., Communion
Madeira Park
Sunday
7:30 p.m., Communion
Egmont
Sunday
3:00 p.m., Communion

SUNSHINE COAST GOSPEL CHURCH

(undenominational)
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship Service, 11:15 a.m.
In Selma Park Community Hall

UNITED

Gibsons
11 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Nursery
11 a.m., Divine Service
Roberts Creek
2 p.m., Divine Service
Worship led by Miss H. Campbell, deacones, every second Sunday of each month.
Wilson Creek
11:15 a.m., Divine Worship
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship led by Rev. W. M. Cameron at 3:30 p.m. every second Sunday of each month.

PENTECOSTAL

Gibsons
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Devotional
7:30 p.m., Evangelistic Service
Tues. 3:30 p.m., Children's Groups
Tues., 7:30 p.m., Bible Study
Fri., 7:30 p.m., Young People

BAPTIST

CALVARY BAPTIST, Gibsons
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Thurs
BETHEL BAPTIST, Sechelt
11:15 a.m., Worship Service
7:30 p.m., Wed., Prayer
Rev. A. Willis

Our oldsters can sing!

Some 66 senior citizens sat down to the Gibsons Old Age Pensioners Christmas dinner Friday night in the Royal Canadian Legion hall and after disposing of turkey and trimmings served by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and finished off with a helping of pie, they got down to some carol singing with their president, William Haley at the piano and Harry Mylroie on his violin.

After tuning up on a couple of carols, Silent Nilgt, Holy Night was suggested. It was then that the full power of 66 senior citizen voices harmonized beautifully and demonstrated that age had mellowed them to the deeper feelings of life.

After the pianist and violinist had run through a wide range of carols, other types of community singing gave them a chance to give voice to some good vocalizing.

Games filled out the remainder of the evening with Mrs. Mylroie as mistress of ceremonies. Before tables were cleared corsages were presented to Mrs. Daisy Crowhurst who heads the committee looking after the sick; Mrs. C. Halstead and Mrs. W. Hutchins by Mr. Haley and one to Mrs. Haley, OAPO secretary, by Mrs. Mylroie. A consolation corsage was dreamed up by Mr. Mylroie and presented to Mr. Haley.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. A. Davidson and Mrs. Hutchins. Door prizes were contributed by the Legion Auxiliary. The Chancellors car club looked after transportation for the senior citizens to the hall and back to their homes.

SCTA seeks members

Sunshine Coast Tourist Association membership forms have been sent out to businessmen on the Sunshine Coast and Texada Island. So many inquiries about Texada Island are received by the association that businessmen there have been given the opportunity to indicate if they wish to be included in the Sunshine Coast brochure.

Work on the brochure will be underway as soon as membership forms are returned. Deadline has been set for Jan. 7, in order to have the brochure ready for distribution in February, at which time inquiries begin to come in from prospective vacationers.

Two promotional activities are scheduled for the spring months by the association. In March, the S.C.T.A. will be participating with Vancouver and Fraser Valley Association in a publicity booth at the Vancouver Sports, Boat and Travel Show, and in April will be sending a lady representative on a promotional tour of the western states.

Members of the S.C.T.A. will be called upon to help staff the booth, to distribute literature, and answer questions about the Sunshine Coast. Slide pictures will be prepared for the public to view. Pictures from all areas are required so there will be a good representative showing of the district. Needed for the show is a promotional gimmick to be given away to booth visitors as a reminder of the Sunshine Coast. Ideas and suggestions for an attention-getting gimmick are welcomed. Economy is a prime consideration since visitors number in the thousands.

Leaving April 19 with the second Goodwill Tour of the Lady Vancouver Club will be Mrs. K. Butler of Gibsons, who will represent the S.C.T.A.

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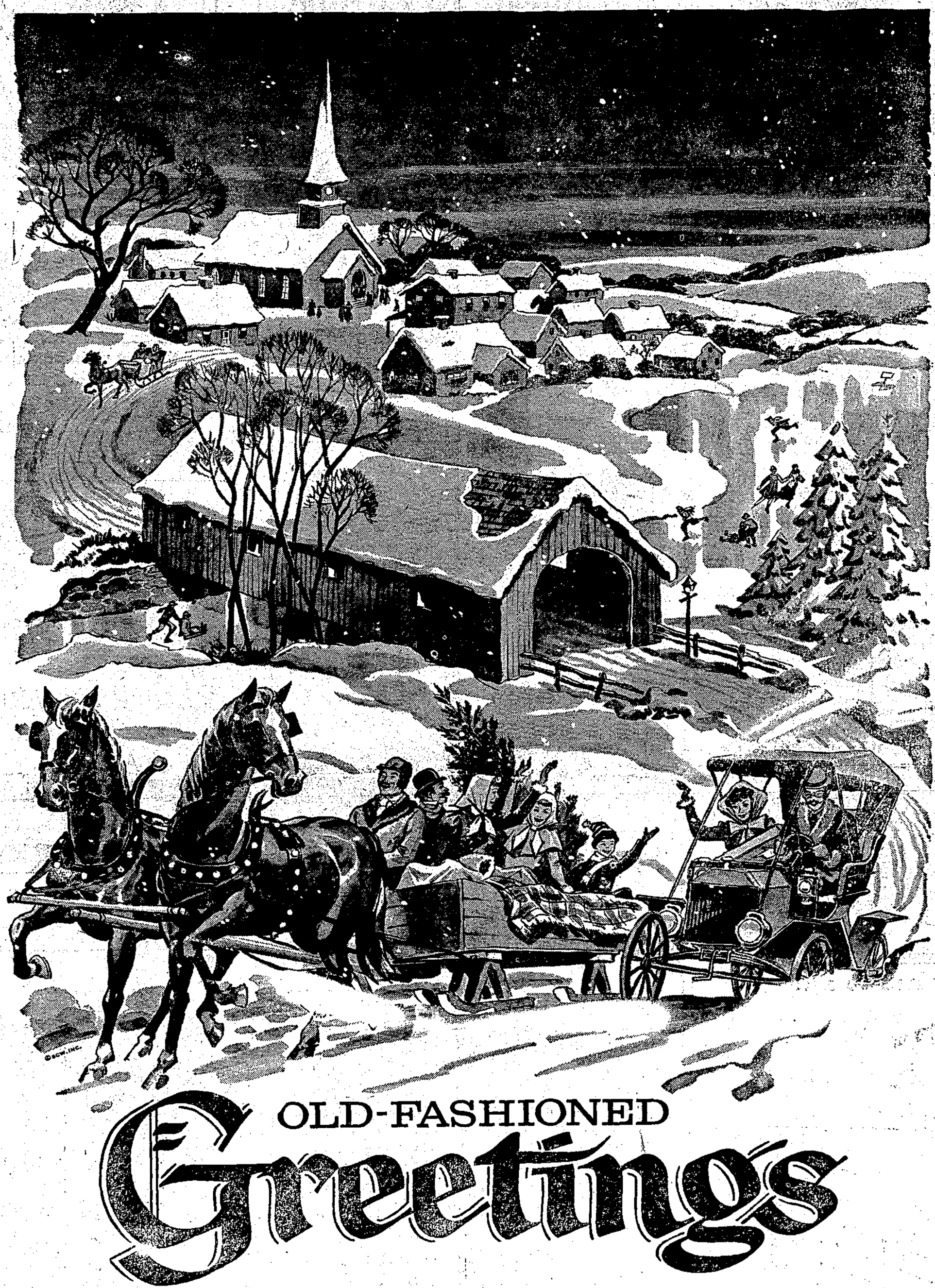

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Greetings

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from the Management and Staff

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Management and Staff

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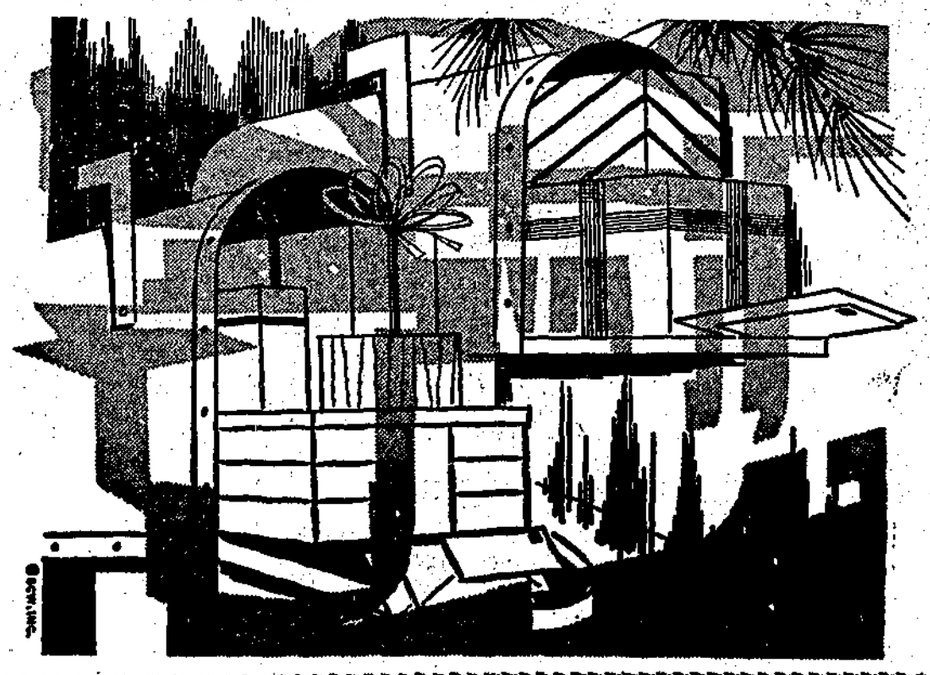

Merry Christmas!

SENDING YOU SINCERE GREETINGS AT THIS JOYOUS HOLIDAY TIME!

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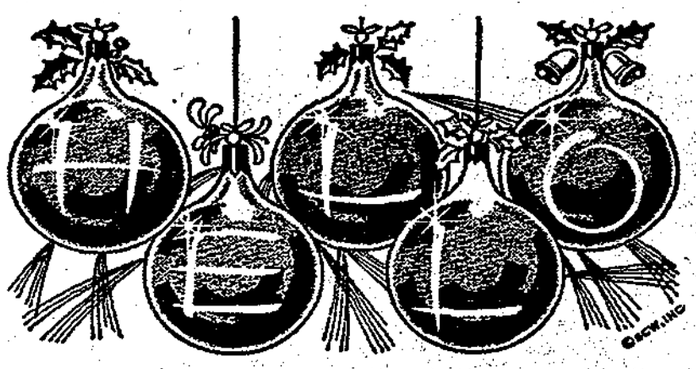

'Hope your Christmas is merry!

Ken and Larry

KENMAC PARTS — Gibsons

A Thomson in Europe

(By William G. S. Thomson)

Many times the readers of the Coast News have been given accounts of Savary Island written by my father. The last of these dealt with our trip at Easter this year and another short stay in July, just prior to my leaving for a year of exchange teaching in England. Mention was often made of our Easter provisions and high on the list was a plum pudding which my mother provided.

The silver sands of Savary are many miles and many seas away and it will be several months before I can retreat from the cares of the busy world and once again stroll in peace along those wave-swept shores.

Since our leaving in July, we have travelled almost 29,000 miles by train, boat, car and foot. Four days on the train, with a stop-over at Winnipeg to visit relations, took us to Montreal, where we boarded our ship for Rotterdam.

After nine days of 13-course meals and almost calm seas, we arrived in Holland on August 2, and found it to be a very prosperous land filled with storybook windmills, dykes, canals, and barges as well as modern buildings and industries. Every inch of land is being put to use, and crops grow right up to the edge of the roads. Certainly the saying that God made the world but the Dutch made Holland, and are making the most of it, is evident at every turn.

We picked up a Volkswagen bus which we had ordered before leaving, and spent several days seeing the sights of Holland. Rotterdam is the largest sea port in the world, and hundreds of boats of all shapes,

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All the best wishes to our good friends.

Chris, Billie and Connie

TASELLA SHOPPE — Sechelt

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT

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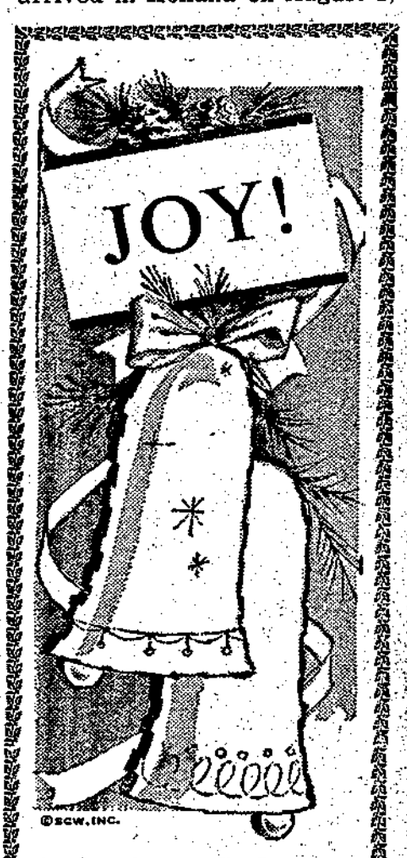

To Our Many Good Friends

Andy, Chris and Dianne

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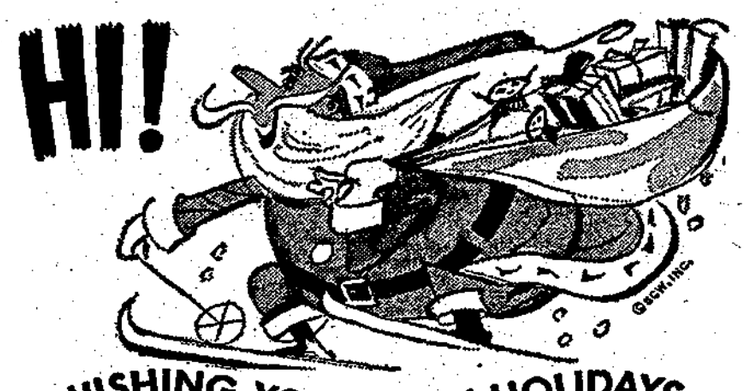

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SUNNYCREST MOTORS — Gibsons

A Thomson in Europe

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sizes and descriptions pass any given point hourly. As we were on a rather limited budget, we chose to camp and do our own cooking, which, with three children, we found both wise and very satisfactory. The Dutch bake shops turn out some of the biggest, creamiest and most appetizing creations, and every day at 11:00 o'clock we would stop to sample something new.

Our first night of camping out put us to the test — winds up to 50 mph with heavy rain hit the camp site — and it was a sad and sodden lot that emerged from most of the tents in the morning. We had taken the advice of a friend who had camped in the Lowlands and had pitched our tent on the edge of the drainage canal, at least the water had some place to go, but the middle of the field was a lake up to five inches deep.

"And I say this without fear of contradiction!"

The streets in the cities are very narrow, crowded with people and bicycles, no one takes the slightest notice of speed limits, no parking signs, or traffic signals, so, when I found myself going the wrong way on a road for bicycles only, little reaction was registered by the oncoming traffic. Like true tourists, we went to see churches, museums, the Delft Treasures, and the House of Anne Frank, bought wooden shoes, went for a canal ride, but just couldn't muster up enough courage to try the eels.

Camping usually consisted of trying to find a space big enough for the car and tent, along with many others doing exactly the same. It is a far cry from the spacious camp sites offered by the B.C. Forestry Service. One camp site at the Hague had over 15,000 people in it and nowhere in Holland can you pull off the road and just camp, like at home.

Southern Germany and the Rhine Valley were our next adventures. Many of the towns

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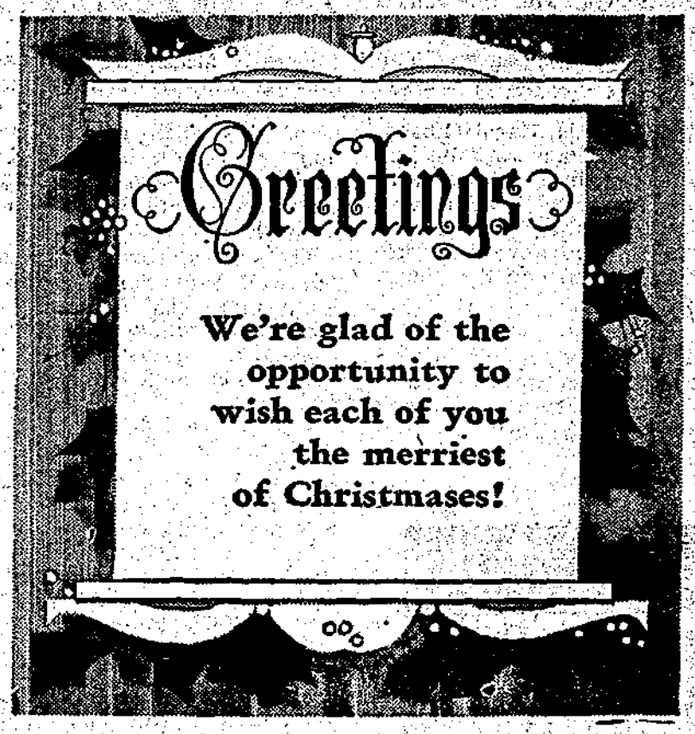

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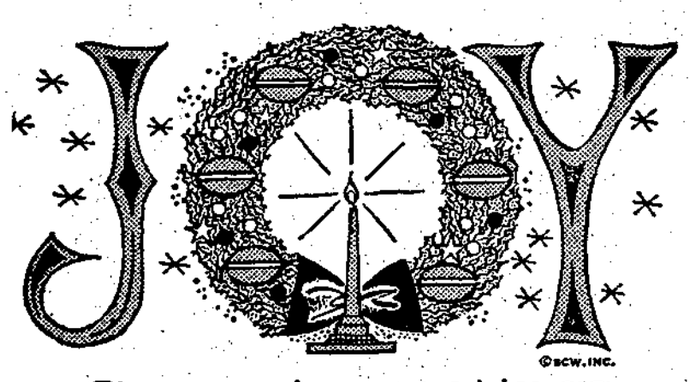

Season's greetings to you and yours!

Charlie and the Boys

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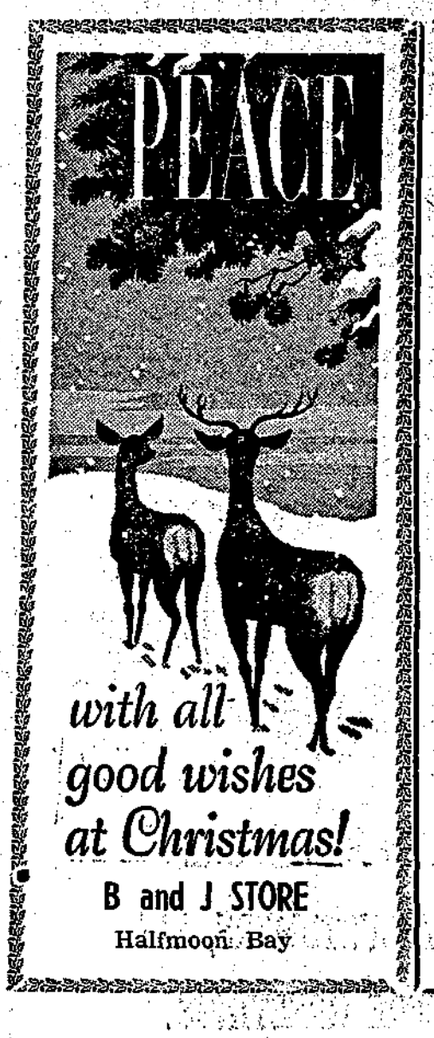

with all good wishes at Christmas!

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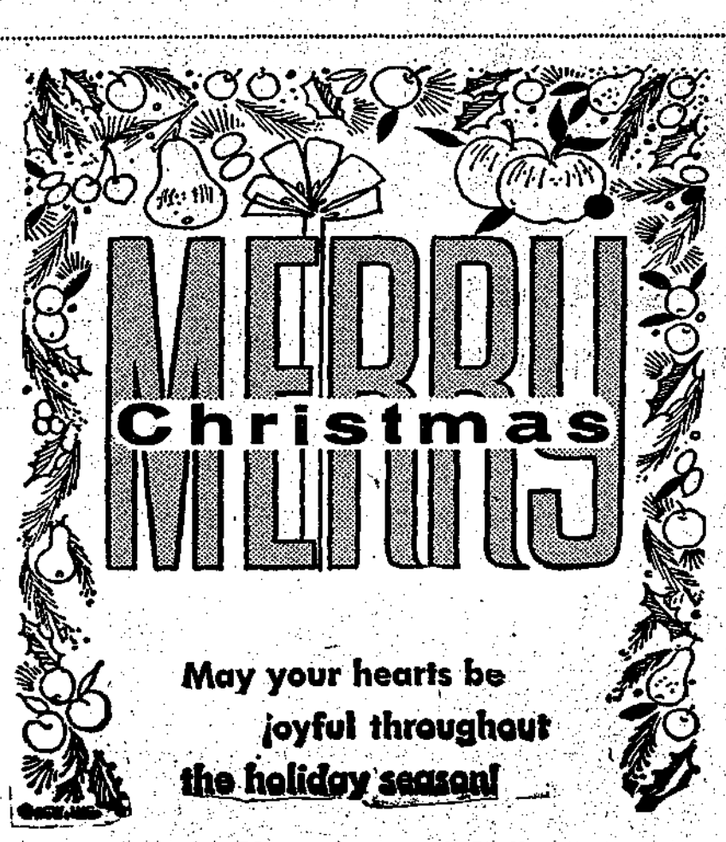

May your hearts be joyful throughout the holiday season!

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Molly and Ed

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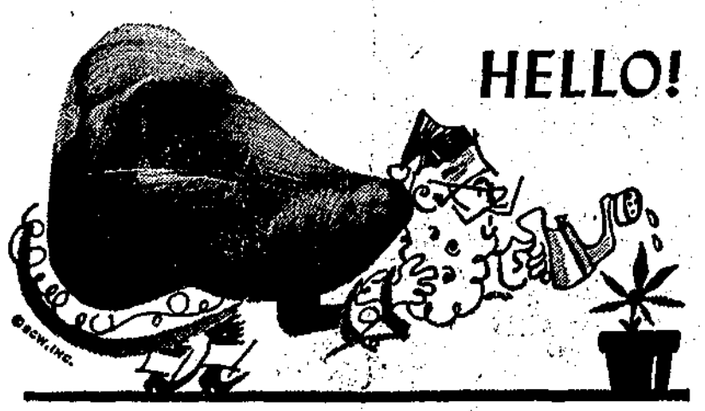

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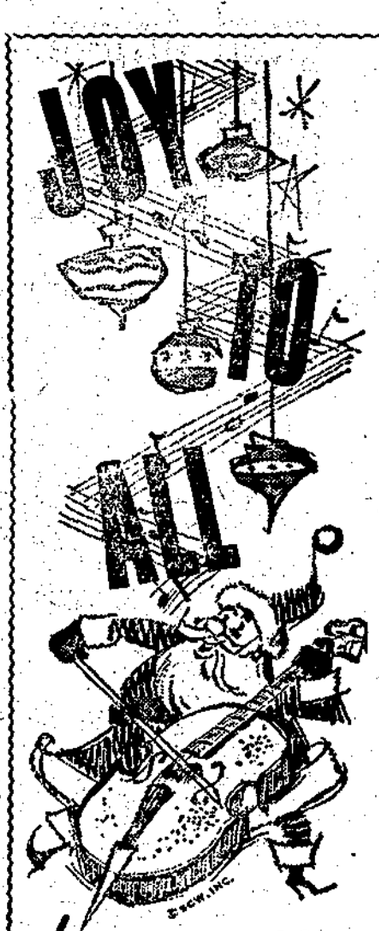

have a merry Christmas!

GILMORE'S VARIETY SHOPPE

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still show signs of the last war, contrasting sharply with the clean and totally rebuilt Holland. The castles along the Rhine, perched high up on rocky points above the river, were like pictures from a fairy story. Heidelburg Castle with its 50,000 gallon wine cask was a real tourist trap, even the wine, vintage of 1792? left a lot to be desired. Many of the castles are set up as youth hostels and are full during the summer months.

And so, after two weeks, we found our way to Austria. Was it the mountains, the forests, or the clear cold mountain streams that held us like a spell? It is hard to say, but we liked everything about it. The houses, with their beautifully carved wooden trim, balconies surrounded with red geraniums, and walls of snow-white stucco, set in green mountain meadows, were sights to which no picture can ever do justice.

Life in the small villages is slow and easy and when the cows held up traffic on the main and only through road in St. Anton, there was not a single horn toot or a raced car motor, and the cows also took their time. On a small side road in Austria we were stopped by a young Canadian from Toronto who had been on the Continent for five months. He asked if we had an extra Canadian flag of the new design, as none were available in Europe. Much to his delight, we had, and his words still ring in our ears: "Crazy, man."

Time was growing short, for we had to be in England for the opening of school on August 23, so we reluctantly headed for home by way of Switzerland, France, Luxemburg and Belgium. After many nights in camp sites situated too close to main roads and crowded with humanity, we thought we would find a quiet field all to ourselves This we did, and had just settled down for the night, when heaven and earth were rent asunder.

I had picked a dandy spot right at the business end of an Air Force jet field, specializing in night fighters. In the morning I read the large sign back at the main road, which even in French made it very clear that

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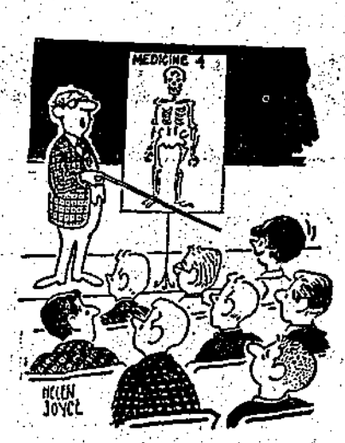

"The way to a man's heart, Miss Jones, is not through his stomach!"

May your Yuletide be joyous!

Vern and Ann

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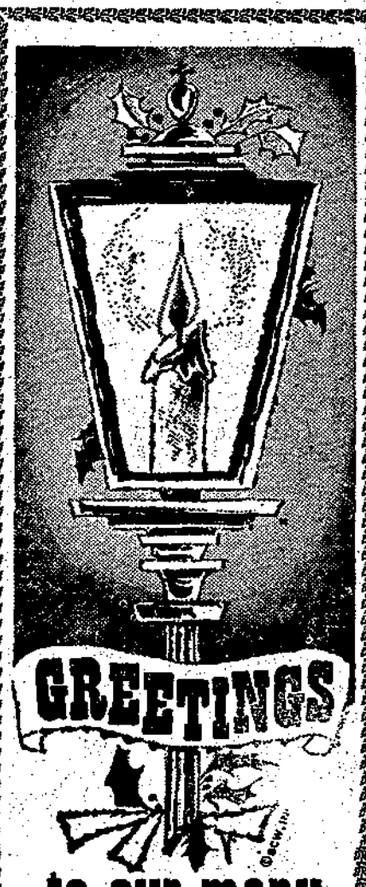

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Best wishes to you and yours

Don and Marge

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These trophies in orbit

Gibsons Elementary School has zeroed in on the space age with House names Gemini, Mariner, Solar and Sputnik. In keeping with this theme is a series of trophies launched by Mr. S. Knight for the winners of intramural sports.

Already in orbit are the Golden Moon Trophy for Girls Grass Hockey won by the Sputniks, captain Barbara Williams (left) and the Buck Rogers Trophy for Soccer won by the Solars, captains Mike Musgrove and Billy Sneddon (right). Other trophies are on the drawing board.

Gibsons also has its Grey Cup awarded to the winner of the Touch Football championship games, 1965 holders of this trophy are the Mariners, captain Dan Crosby (centre).

Premier's Greeting

As another year draws to its close, I am privileged once again to extend to you all my warmest greetings for the Holiday Season.

Christmas is a festival of Peace, yet we cannot forget, though we live here in tranquility, that the message of peace is a forlorn message indeed in many parts of our world.

Surely, then, this Christmas should be a time for all of us in this favored land to re-dedicate ourselves to the cause of peace, and to pray that this priceless bounty may be extended to all the peoples of the earth.

In that spirit, and in the hope that health and contentment will be with you through the months to come, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

'tis the season to be jolly!

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To all our friends... old-time wishes.

George and Walter Flay

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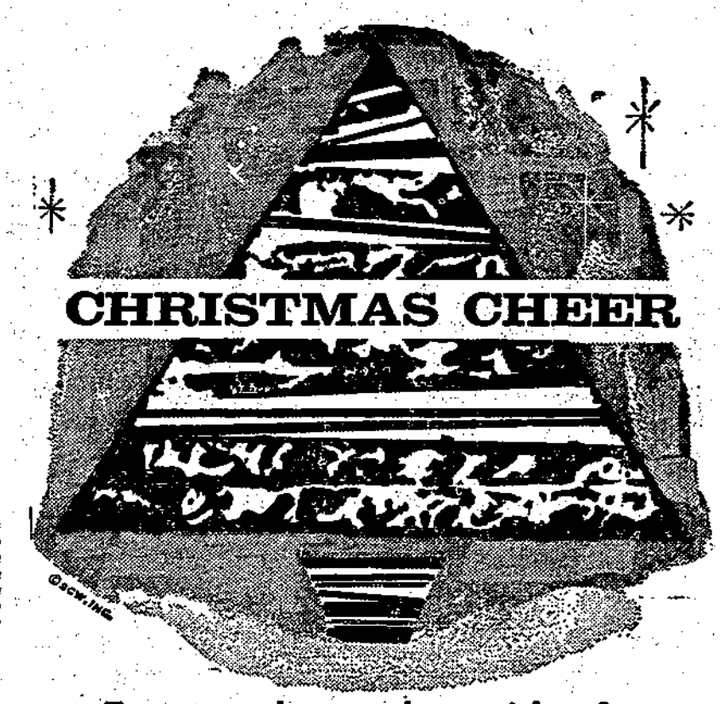

To you and yours, best wishes for a very merry Christmas, from

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We hope Santa is generous to everyone!

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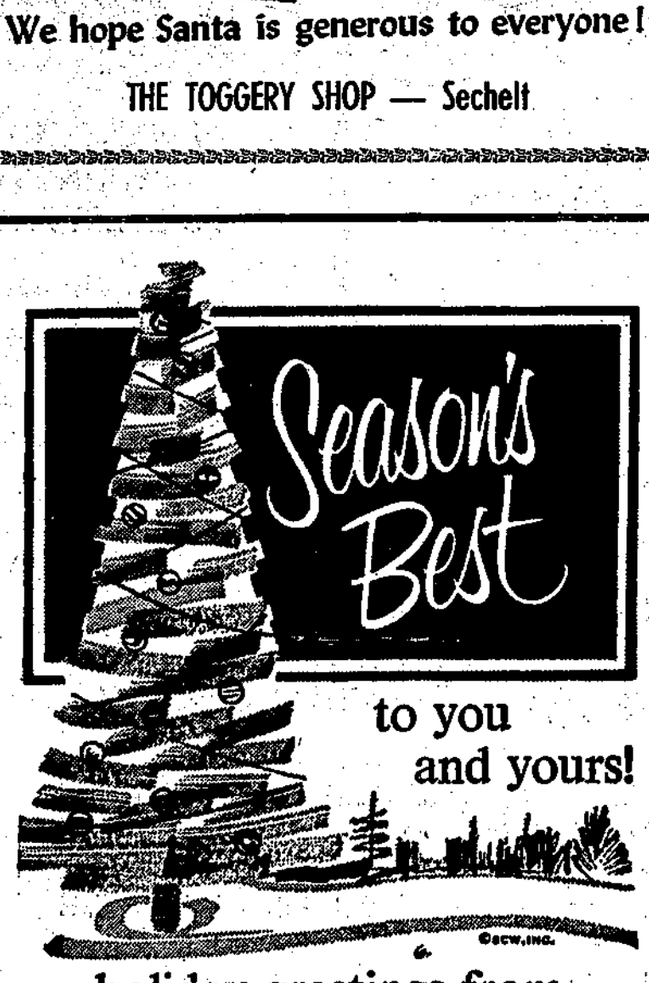

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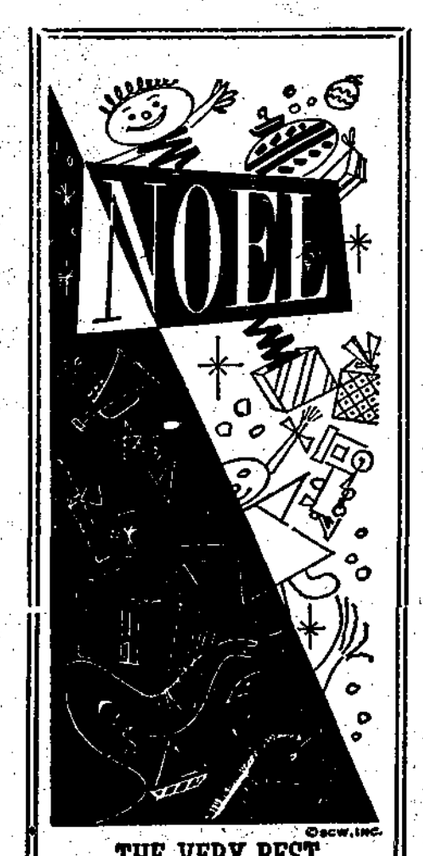

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POSTER WINNERS

Students who won the school referendum poster awards are, Nora Hanula first; Karen Johnson, second, and Peter Carey, third. Honorable mention went to Michael Willis, Carol Gibson, Pat Gooding, Pam Jackson and Carmen Gehring. There were also entries from Pender Harbour area but they did not win prizes. The above winners are all from Elphinstone Secondary School.

Canadian Students Union wants tax-paid tuition, board, travel and textbooks — and guaranteed diplomas?

A musical Scrooge

Fredric March as the miserly Scrooge and Basil Rathbone as Marley's Ghost, star with a cast of 66 players in a special hour-long version of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, Saturday, Dec. 25 at 1 p.m. on the CBC-TV network.

The classic story, adapted by Maxwell Anderson, is set to original music by Bernard Herrman who conducts a 40-piece orchestra. Carols are sung by the 16-voice Roger Wagner Chorale.

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Other principals in the cast include Ray Middleton who doubles as Fred, Scrooge's merry-hearted nephew, and as the Ghost of Christmas Present; Bob Sweeney as Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's downtrodden clerk; and English actor Christopher Cook as Tiny Tim, the crippled waif-like son of Bob Cratchit.

Other well-known cast members include Hollywood actress Sally Fraser, Queenie Leonard, Craig Hill, Rex Evans and Tony Pennington. Miss Fraser also appears in two roles, that of Belle, sweetheart of Scrooge's youth, and as the Ghost of Christmas Past.

Anderson's adaptation adheres closely to the Dickens' story. Scrooge, rebuffing Yuletide greeting with scorn, turns down a Christmas dinner invitation and begrudgingly gives Cratchit Christmas Day off to pass with his family.

* * *

Scrooge returns to his bare lodgings for his evening gruel, falls asleep and dreams that the spirit of his late partner, Jacob Marley, returns to warn him that he faces a life of damnation unless he redeems his soul with acts of kindness and humanity. Following the visits of the spirits Scrooge wakes up on Christmas morning realizing the import of his nightmare and quickly makes amends.

Both March and Rathbone are ringing images of their respective characterizations. March wears two pounds of makeup topped off with unkempt locks of hair. Rathbone as the ghost totes 125 pounds of rusty metal chain to which are attached purses, ledgers, cash boxes and padlocks, all latticed with cobwebs.

This most popular and best known short story concerning the celebration of Christmas was written during a dreary age of commercialism, secularism and anti-clericalism.

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, written in 1843 is this great literary work concerning Christian love in an age of cruelty and horror.

In this story Dickens' genius caught the many injustices, the extreme poverty and the unhealthful conditions of his time. But he also revealed how Christian love could exist in such a period.

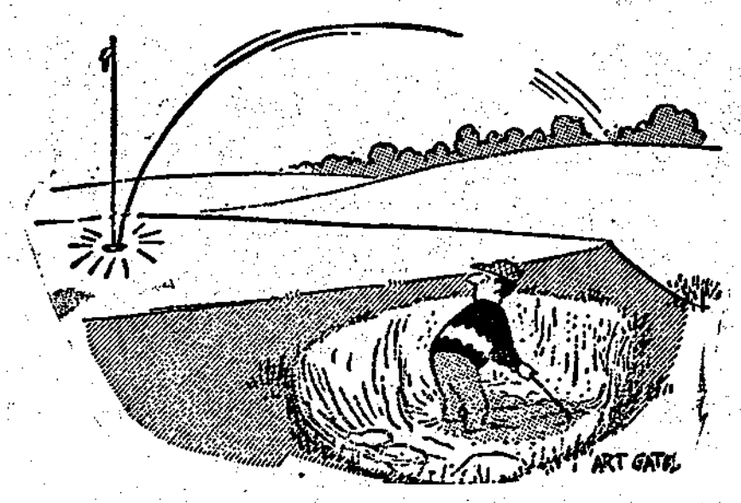
To represent injustice, Dickens created a miserly Scrooge; for poverty, a poor family named Cratchit; and for Christian love, a crippled innocent called Tiny Tim.

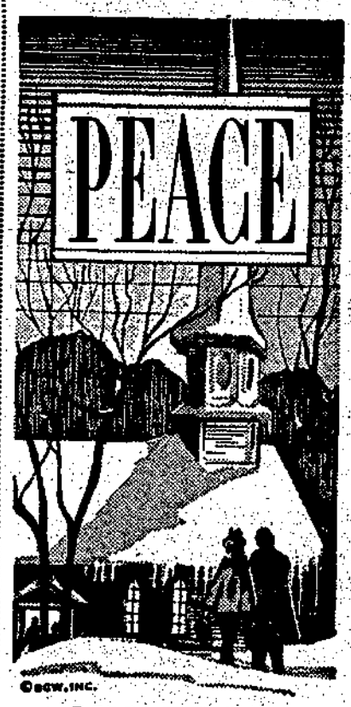
Family show by auxiliary

Port Mellon's Hospital Auxiliary received pleasing results from their Family Night concert which was featured with Valerie Enemark on the piano, an hilarious Boy Scout play, Paul Rudolphs orchestra Sons of Go-Go which was a favorite with the younger element and Rev. James and Mrs. Fergusson for their community singing.

Pictures by Mr. Bipin Oza of his trip from India to Canada were presented also junior and senior choirs in choral numbers. These choirs were trained by Mrs. E. Sherman. The auxiliary fashion show added to the evening's entertainment. Ernie Hume was master of ceremonies. Those who donated towards making this event succeed are thanked for their efforts.

In 1862 small-pox wiped out many bands of Indians on the B.C. coast. Out of 800 in the Bella Coola area only 15 survived.





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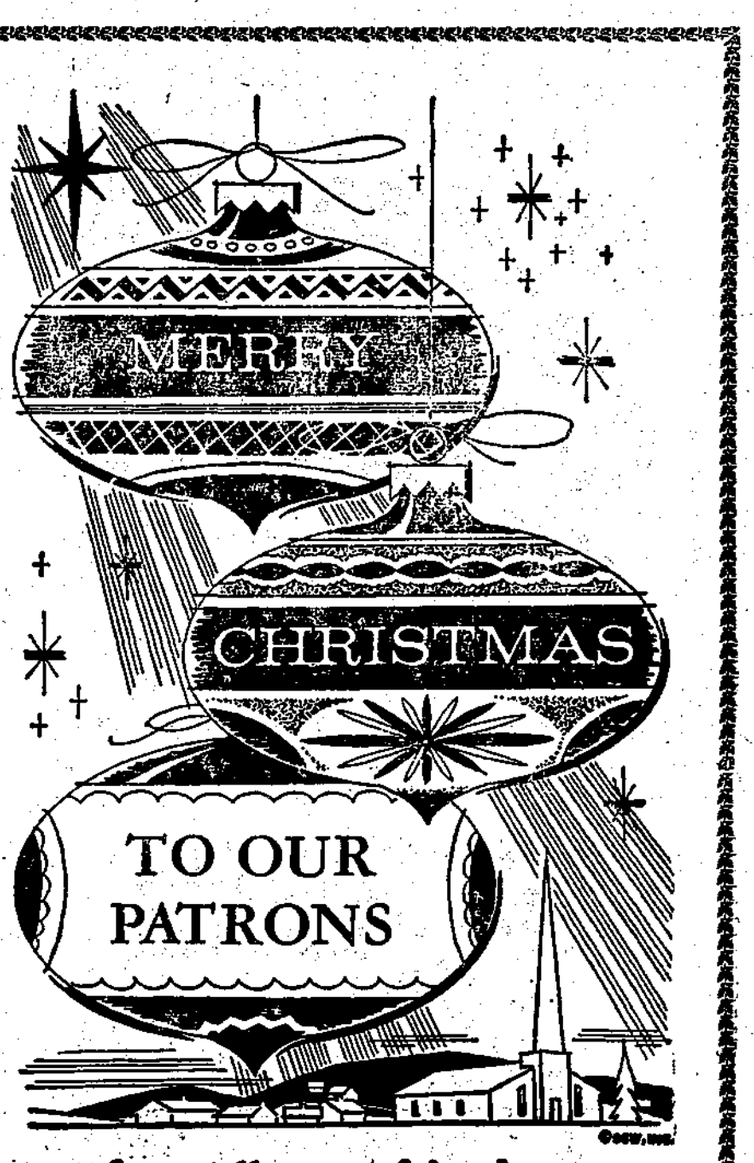

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the property was National Defence. No Hunting. No Fishing and NO CAMPING. After four sleepless hours of jets at 100 feet, I wish I had read that sign on the way in.

Next evening we sailed from Ostend to Dover and arrived in Jolly Old England at 2 a.m. amidst rain and wind. We spent a cold wet night on the fields at Dover. In the morning we just threw everything into the car, headed north by way of London and the M-1 and to the little village of Shepshed.

The house, a small two storey place of red brick construction, is just one of many in a small housing estate. Friends had arranged flowers and turned on the hot water tank, and had put hot-water bottles in our beds, and believe me they were welcome and necessary, for it was cold, even in August, and it has gone from bad to worse.

We had many adjustments to make in our daily living, for, without a refrigerator, it meant buying for just the day and not for a week. Milk comes only in pint bottles, and one day, when we asked for 12 pints, it was met with a look of staggering disbelief. Shopping for food is not a one-stop supermarket affair, but is a one-item, one-store outing.

Shepshed, once called Sheepshed, dates back several hundred years, and the old church of St. Botolph's, built about 1200 A.D. still stands strong as do many of the houses. Thatch roofs and Tudor exteriors are to be seen at every turn — a way of living which has not changed for hundreds of years. It is not what would be called a bustling town, but it does have a theatre and 15 pubs — delightful places in which to spend an evening with friends for a drink and a game of darts or dominoes.

The Pied Bull, or the Plough and others look like run-down dubious places from the outside, but open any door and one steps into an old world of custom and tradition and a warm welcome that takes in everyone from local Englishman to Canadian stranger.

Terms of Luve and Ma Duck end most sentences, and Shepshed is known for its own dialect. We are just called The Canadian Family, for, like the Sunshine Coast there is a bush telegraph here that had reached almost every corner of the village before we arrived. Most of the people we have met have lived in Shepshed all their lives, as had their parents and grandparents. Those who have been here for less than 20 years are referred to as new.

Little can be seen of how 7,000 people are supported by this village, but on closer inspection the place is alive with factories, many of which look the same as the old typical red brick houses, as indeed many of them are. Hosiery factories, knitting mills and shoe factories turn out products familiar to Canadians under the names of Jaegar, St. Michaels knitted wear, and Hush Puppies, these last marked Made in U.S.A.

A ten-mile drive to the west through fields of grain, past flocks of sheep and a coal mine takes me to Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where I teach in the Ivanhoe Secondary School. Here also are many new situations to adjust to, but the students and teachers have all done their utmost to make the change a pleasant one.

Each weekend winds up on the move. London, Coventry, Wales, Oxford and Cheltenham are all tucked away in our memories. A ten-day trip to Ireland in October took us to places of familiar name, Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork and Galway. It was the off-season for tourists and we were more than well looked after in the bed and breakfast places where we put up each night. While in Cork we made a short trip to Blarney Castle, where my wife, Wendy, put the famous stone to a stiff test — another mission accomplished.

Christmas will be spent high in the Austrian Alps at St. Anton, where we met the cows. This will be the first time we have been away from friends and family, but one part of the usual Yule Tide Cheer will reach out across the miles to remind us of home. No Christmas would be complete without mother's plum pudding, and this year will be no exception, for one has already arrived, and will grace our table in that far-off land.

Here's hoping your Yule is filled with joy!

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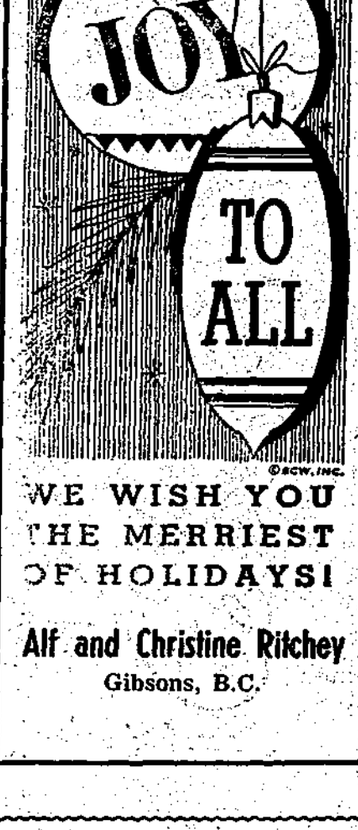

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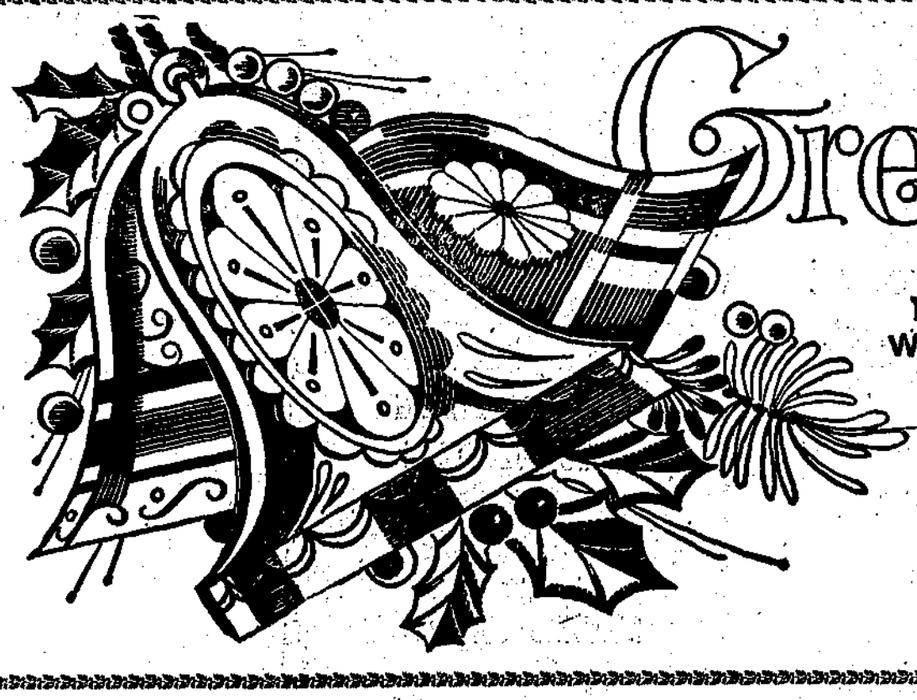

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