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Community council proposal outlined to Kiwanis club

Explanation of the proposed community council which is to cover the Sunshine Coast Regional District was presented last Thursday night at a meeting of the Kiwanis club of Gibsons.

Mr. B. C. MacKenzie, special counsellor at Elphinstone school and Mike Blaney, supporters of the formation of the council outlined what the council would mean in the area.

The community council would be a co-ordinating body with no powers other than that delegated to it by its member groups. It would bring together diverse groups to make possible a look at the total community, its needs and its resources. It would also provide a more intelligent method of setting up priorities in filling community needs. It would also eliminate duplication of services and free energy sources for tackling problems which are not being handled adequately and act as a useful bridge between citizens and elected officials. It would also be of use to elected officials to supply important information to elected bodies and help out in decisions.

It is the intention of supporters of the council plan to approach the Regional District board for its support. It asked for Kiwanis club support. This would have to await the meeting of Kiwanis trustees before a decision can be made.

Mr. MacKenzie discussed a point which would bear on the control of such social moves as the hippies and he suggested that perhaps they could be directed by obtaining informed views which could set boundaries and limits on such. He referred to people who when desiring to get a change in laws set themselves out to break such laws. Such problems could be studied and the result presented to higher authorities.

The proposed council would have as its chairman a director from the Regional district board. There would be directors appointed by the community council covering the various aspects of social life and these directors would set up a cross-communication which would be the sounding board for the organization.

Once organized, experts could be called in to make a co-ordinated approach to a study in

depth of the community and interpret its findings and evaluate projects. It was anticipated that the study would be subsidized through government sources.

The background for this community council starts with the school board educational meeting on drop-outs which was attended by about 125 persons on the evening of Nov. 27. At this

Sechelt to use Regional building inspector

Sechelt's municipal council has decided to use Mr. F. A. Reyburn, the Regional District building inspector as Sechelt's building inspector.

Arrangements have been made with the Regional board on the basis of a fee rate of \$100 for the rest of this year for 10 houses and a fee of \$10 per house over the \$100 for further new construction. A bylaw will be prepared to cover this.

Mrs. Lee Redman, former May Day celebration chairman wrote council in which she offered constructive criticism such as making the May Queen the chief event and omit the use of concession games and noise until the May Queen observances were completed. She stated she was not alone in her opinion and suggested that council should be interested in seeing that children were featured in the May Day celebration. She added that if she could help the May Day committee she would be quite willing. Council decided a copy of the letter would be sent to Ted Farewell of the Sechelt Lions club.

A letter from Mrs. Gladys Clarke regarding the 30 mph speed limit on East Porpoise Bay road which she maintained was a menace to children playing in that area will be discussed with the RCMP. Only recently it was decided with RCMP consent that the general speed limit in the entire village

meeting a committee of 28 was formed and later a smaller sub-committee to further the discussion in a general way. As a result of a discussion at a school board meeting with Mr. Henry Rosenthal of UBC who is working on foundation project in the fields of rural education, the drop-out sub-committee veered into the larger concept of the community council.

Mr. Laurence Evans complained to council by letter that a highway culvert overflow was flooding his property and he could get no satisfaction from the roads department. A copy of his letter will go to roads department officials.

Council gave an OK to Ted Osborne's request for the enlargement of his water lot on Porpoise Bay in vicinity of the wharf. As the village had a reserve for lands and recreation purposes in the area he had to obtain permission through council. It was reported that he plans a marina in the area. The department of lands will be informed council has no objection to the enlargement of the lease.

A letter from a cable TV organization seeking a permit to explore the area to see what commercial aspect it had for it drew the question from Councillor Morgan Thompson as to why it did not come before council. Clerk Ted Rayner explained that as Gibsons council had applied to legal counsel to see just where council stood in the matter, the letter had been held in abeyance until the matter had been clarified by Gibsons council. Chairman William Swain added that it was as much his fault as it was the clerk's that it was not placed before council on arrival. The point which has to be decided is whether a license for such work is necessary.

Sewers big problem

If Squamish area cannot obtain a sewer system it will have to go without a provincial Union Board of Health office. The problem came before last week's meeting of Coast-Garibaldi Union Board of Health, attended by Gibsons and Sechelt representatives along with others from Powell River to Squamish.

No permit can be issued for a septic tank setup there owing to the present regulations which will not allow septic tank construction owing to the water conditions not being suitable for septic tank and tile field disposal.

Squamish has applied for provincial government financing without success. Mr. W. Kennedy, Squamish, said Squamish had gone to Victoria and outlined its program which entails the sale of bonds in which Squamish hopes to be able to get some government assistance. The board of health decided to continue its support of the Squamish effort to get a sewer system.

Gibsons municipal clerk attended as alternate representative replacing Councillor Ken Goddard for that meeting. Charles Gooding, Sunshine Coast Regional District clerk asked for representation on the board for the Regional District. It was argued that with other Regional Districts cropping up it will be necessary to include them in the Union Board of Health. As a result the Sunshine Coast and Powell River Regional Districts will have representatives on the board. It was also decided that alternative delegates from all organizations would have voting powers when they attend meetings as alternates.

Subject to discussions with school principals and counsellors, the health department must consider education in the field of drug taking. Councillor Adele deLange of Sechelt, asked the board to investigate a report that the Indian band on Sechelt reserve were planning a trailer court on beach property. She questioned the sanitation effects. Dr. P. J. Reynolds, health unit secretary, said the board had no jurisdiction over Indian lands but that he would take up the matter with other authorities.

A family life education program will be carried out in schools for grade eight pupils with the possibility of grade seven being considered. Today's youngsters were getting considerable information on sex, alcoholism, V.D. and drug addiction through the various news media.



VISITORS DAY at Langdale School Thursday afternoon, saw a large number of parents in attendance to see just what their children were doing at school. It was held as part of the school's observation of Education Week.

College vote result

Editorial comment on the result which saw it pass in North and West Vancouver and Howe Sound school districts will be found on Page Two. It was defeated in this school district by a vote of 931 against and 466 in favor.

	YES	NO
Nelson Island	1	5
Egmont	14	7
Garden Bay	16	32
Madeira Park	54	53
Halfmoon Bay	6	42
West Sechelt	18	40
Sechelt	49	145
Selma Park	19	47
Davis Bay	24	62
Roberts Creek	48	79
Elphinstone School	71	128
School Board office	106	228
Langdale	19	27
Port Mellon	10	8
Gambier Island	2	9
Bowen Island	9	19
TOTAL	466	931

Sunshine Coast gets miles of advertising

With the resumption of the Ferry service, the road from Langdale to Pender Harbour is once more a hustling highway and prominent in the coastal traffic is the movement of 12 Sechelt Motor Transport buses with their Sunshine Coast banner emblazoned prominently on the side of each vehicle.

According to George Hopkins, operating manager of SMT, the loss of revenue from more than 2,200 passengers and freight from the tie up will be heavy. Fortunately through the foresight of the operating manager, five of the buses held up on the other side were put to good use on short run private charter.

When questioned on the feasibility of a strike shuffle service between Sechelt and Gibsons to link with water taxi service from Horseshoe Bay, Mr. Hopkins stated the SMT schedule was not set up for local operation and to attempt to link up with the indeterminate arrivals and departures of the water taxis would be at best a helter-skelter arrangement with no proper schedule to work to.

Now, that the regular ferry

service is restored and the Powell River to Vancouver buses are back on their regular runs the operating manager recalled the first through run in January, 1955 shortly after the completion of the Sunshine Coast highway. He was the driver of that initial scheduled run.

A look over the company's operating log from 1964 to 1967 discloses the following figures: Total number of miles, 1,231,678; charter miles, 544,018; charter miles in U.S.A., 304,679; chartered trips 601; chartered trips to U.S.A., 173; passengers carried 270,928; charter passengers 19,232.

It is particularly interesting to note the scope and extent of the SMT charter business with trips ranging from Vancouver to Alaska, Montreal, New York, Miami and the Mexico border. Major cities travelled to by the SMT were Fairbanks, Prince Rupert, Prince George, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, New York, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Bismark, Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tijuana, Reno, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Grand Canyon, Phoenix, Cheyenne, Laramie, Nogales, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Tallahassee, St. Petersburg, Miami and Key West.

Four of the company's drivers, Gordon Foster, Don Rosner, Al Williams and Dick Gray are on charter trips practically 75% of their time. George Hopkins recalls Jim Davidson piloted the first SMT bus on charter to the States in 1963.

Limericks!

There was a young lady so cool,
Who wanted a Regional School,
From Sechelt she ran
To live in West Van,
And lived in an old swimming pool.

The flower children living 'neath
Grouse
Really got wet with no roof nor
a house.

The hippie said sadly
I really feel badly.
Did you have to souse the louse
on my blouse?

I've dot sudge a code in by head
I almost wish I were dead,
My does she does run,
Dothing is fun,
Duff said, I am heading for bed
M.F.

There was a young lady named
Maude
Who at meals was a terrible
fraud.
She never was able
To eat at the table,
But out in the pantry — Oh
Lord!
—MSL (Vancouver)

Kiwanis continue search for land

Gibsons Kiwanis club members are continuing their investigations into a senior citizens project and have been in touch with the lands department in Victoria concerning a parcel of land and also with the Central Mortgage and Housing corporation to see what it can do.

This was revealed at last Thursday night's dinner meeting of the club at Cedars Inn when under the chairmanship of Ron McPhedran, William Laing reported on the senior citizen committee efforts to date.

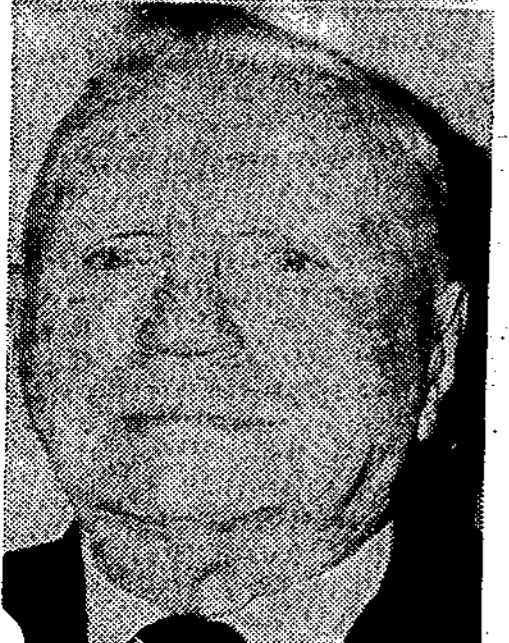
Ray Chamberlin stressed that the club should have some project behind the annual boat raffle which the club holds and asked the club to consider something along this line to back up the sale of tickets.

Continued efforts are under way to assist the Scout movement in the area and a report to this effect was made stressing some possible financial aid.

The club's \$200 bursary for use in some other educational field than university was announced and applications from students will be received up to April 1.

DENTIST BURGLARIZED

Sometime during Wednesday night of last week the dentist office at Sunnycrest Plaza was broken into and cash to the amount of \$245 plus \$173 in cheques was reported stolen. As far as can be ascertained nothing else was taken. RCMP are investigating.



MR. F. KIRKHAM

A bridge party Wednesday of last week honored Mr. F. Kirkham, of Reid Road, Gibsons, on his 94th birthday. There were 16 guests making four bridge tables. A birthday cake was cut and Mr. Kirkham, spry at 94, reminisced a bit during teatime. Among those present were Miss M. Kirkham and Mrs. U. Cowan from Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. J. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. L. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. M. Fromager, Mr. and Mrs. A. Whiting, Mrs. M. McVicar, Mrs. I. St. Denis, Mrs. G. Davis and Mrs. D. Hanson.

MORE NEW HOMES

R. A. Whiting of Gibsons obtained a building permit through council for construction of a fourplex dwelling on Trueman road opposite Gibsons United Church. The cost will be \$25,000.

M. and K. R. Bjornson were granted a permit for a \$12,000 home to be built on Stewart road.

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A way of life --- without a collar

By ERIC THOMSON

The mainland shore of West Howe Sound welcomes the visitor at night with a galaxy of colored lights outlining homes from Georgia View at its entrance, to Langdale Heights above the ferry terminal. Not long ago, along this shore a few oil lamps dimly pierced the blanket of the dark above the three-unlit landings. That gives rise to the query as to what brought here the owners of these homes, with money in their pockets and clothes on their backs.

The first white pioneers who bit out their homesteads from the forest are now dead, but from the Gibsons Story, they sought a kind of freedom, and a way of life, and while none of them, became even well-to-do in this world's goods, they led a full and colorful life in surroundings of their own making.

In the last 20 years the writer had some part in establishing their successors in this Land of Goshen, and has listened to these newcomers of all walks of life, from the newest of New Canadians to distinguished American doctors and professors.

The common factor extracted from their vastly interesting stories is they too sought a way of life, in a land, to them, beyond the sunset, where one doesn't have to wear a collar, literally or metaphorically. That leads to the personal question, "What brought you here? I came in by the back door, on special invitation, and this is the story.

My father was Hudson's Bay Company manager in Vancouver in the early '90's, and later HBC manager in Victoria. When we lived in the Westend of Vancouver, round the corner from us, near where that lofty blue tower now rises on Robson Street, lived the Loutit family. Mr. Loutit and my parents all being from the Orkney Islands.

When we moved to Victoria, across the Gorge Road from us lived the Collisters. Mr. Collister was manager of the Albia Iron Works there and was eventually moved to its Vancouver plant. I was away from British Columbia for 10 years, and when I got back to Vancouver late in 1914, that city had enjoyed a wonderful boom, and this new wealth brought the first motor boats. Mr. Collister owned one of them, the Elaolite, a 35-footer, which had comfortable accommodation for eight with galley, toilet and

cabin, just as the mode is today, but only a 9-HP gasoline engine. The operation of this cruiser was in the hands of the son, William Collister, and he didn't have to use a press-gang to raise his crew, for there were plenty of young fellows who were only too glad to help out with the care and maintenance.

At that time the Vancouver Yacht Club had its pavilion and floats on the Stanley Park shore of Coal Harbor, and its sail and motor craft were pulled up for the winter in cradles along the shore. Everybody knew everybody in Vancouver in those days and many of the leading business men, doctors and lawyers were yachtsmen.

As a newly fledged and newly arrived lawyer, I marvelled at what happened to these dignified seniors when they got into working clothes and "suffered a sea change, into something rich and strange," for in those days it was very much a case of do it yourself. When the days began to lengthen, Sunday saw this Vancouver yachting fraternity busy getting their respective craft ready for the 24th of May, the official opening day of the season. Elaolite had her spring make-up applied by as deft a set of face-lifters as there was, but, as the lowest of the lower deck, I drew the dirty but necessary job of copper-painting her bottom.

Elaolite, resplendent aloft and aloft set out with a full crew for Howe Sound for the 1915 Victoria Day week-end. We anchored for the night just around Hood Point, in the bay where the Rotary Club now has its cottages. For me, it was a return to Paradise, to smell again the haunting perfume of the British Columbia spring, and to pick up a tommy cod at every throw of the line, after long years in exile.

The next day we cruised leisurely up one side and down the other of the Sound, and in the afternoon we came to a land where it seemed always to be afternoon. We had been talking about boyhood days in Victoria, where the 24th of May heralded the start of the swimming season in the Gorge. Somebody said, "What's wrong with this place?", so we shoved the Elaolite's bow up on a silver beach and in we went, and found that we could forget Victoria and her Gorge.

The only sign of habitation

on the half-mile of beach was a small mail-order cottage apparently deserted, of which more later.

Some time after that, my father, then HBC land commissioner (Chief Factor) in Winnipeg visited Vancouver on business, and we went to visit the Loutits who were still living in the same house on Robson Street. What impressed me, and I was impressionable, were the four beautiful daughters of the house, and that one and all treated me with such marked respect that I was certain that there was something behind it all. I later discovered that their father had dared them to try any monkey business on Jim Thomson's son, who was just back from Edinburgh.

Summer came, and brought an invitation from Mrs. Loutit to a young Orkneyman and myself to come to camp for a weekend. Memories of our camp at Esquimalt told me to bring a nose-bag, and my Orkney friend, who worked in a wholesale hardware warehouse

brought a seven-foot cross-cut saw.

We boarded the Marine Express, a small, rough and ready freighter which served the West Howe Sound settlements.

The Hopkins Landing wharf was out of commission, so the captain of the Marine Express just shoved her bow up on the beach, and we got ashore, exactly where the Elaolite had berthed for our swim. The little house was the original Hopkins place, a simple mail-order cabin hung on posts, with one big room above, kitchen behind, verandah all round, and a number of bunks down below. Mrs. Loutit had a large family, but was always short of stove wood and water.

My friend and I got that saw moving and that evening we bucked and split enough wood to keep our hostess going for the summer. This lady, born in Iceland, was a keen fisherwoman, so very early next morning, I took her out fishing in the camp punt, and off Soames Point to her delight

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The college plebiscite

The result of the Thursday plebiscite on the regional college will please some people and leave others with a feeling of disappointment.

Reasons for the defeat are many. The chief could be hasty preparation coupled with a stubborn economic climate abetted by misconceptions. Even this could be modified based on the results from the other three school districts which were more than 60 percent in favor. There were also complaints of the lack of information in those three school districts but it was not apparently judged so by the 60 or more percent in favor.

The Coast News has no intention of retreating from its editorial stand of last week — that we can afford to pay for the college. What would be an interesting action and an illuminating sidelight on how some people think, would be to ask them for some reaction on the fact that for every dollar spent on alcoholic beverages in this area the provincial and federal governments take about 70 cents of that dollar in the form of taxation. There would not appear to be any noticeable demurring. Perhaps the answer would be — so what!

Do not get the idea the Coast News has any fight with the liquor interests or the average imbiber. The intention of this editorial is to point out how money is used and could be used. When one stops to consider that close to one million dollars will be absorbed in the use of various alcoholic beverages during 1968 in this Sunshine Coast territory, through two liquor stores and liquor consuming outlets we have, give further consideration to the fact that about \$700,000 of that will be a tax.

Census figures reveal that there are approximately 2626 individuals on the Sunshine Coast up to the age of 19 and in the 20 to 54 class there are 2807. In the 55 and over class there are 1775. Therefore the Coast News draws to the attention of the middle-age group something which has apparently been overlooked:

In the August 10 issue of last year the Coast News printed a school board advertisement with a black heading reading Voters' List. This advertisement explained that registered owners and qualified persons other than property owners who are tenants in occupation of real property within the school district, if not on the Voters' List could have their names included. This also applies to corporations. It was also explained that no names would be carried forward without a renewed application.

If one desired to make a wild guess at the number of such electors who are on the Voters' List please do not go beyond 20 covering Gibsons, Sechelt and the school district lists. If one would like to check with Mrs. Joan Rigby, the returning officer as to the number that should have been on the Voters' List she would no doubt suggest quite a large number. Her telephone was buzzing all day Thursday with tenant elector inquiries from people not on the list.

Perhaps the result of Thursday's plebiscite vote will awaken them to the fact they have the right to vote providing they follow required procedure — get their names on the list. Any moral to be taken on this we leave to tenant electors who have quite a number of children attending our schools.

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20 YEARS AGO

Gibsons Cemetery board reports burial costs for burying indigents are out of line. It costs \$15 to dig the grave which added to other costs leaves \$5 as the undertaker's fee which is regarded as too little.

St. Mary's Hospital at Pender Harbor has announced it will increase its daily rate to \$6 owing to increased costs.

William Faulkner and Lloyd Davis were named chairman and secretary of the Pender Harbor section of the Sechelt Peninsula Board of Trade.

George Hill was elected president of the newly formed Gibsons Liberal association with E. Bingley as secretary-treasurer, T. R. Godfrey, T. Davey, A. C. Hill, L. Speck, C. Gray, H. Reichelt and L. R. Peterson as the executive officers.

10 YEARS AGO

Marching Mothers organized by the Kinsmen clubs of Gibsons and Sechelt collected \$2,000 for the polio fund.

Dick McKibbin retired as chairman of Gibsons Library board.

Sechelt Rod and Gun members have installed a new trap for firing clay pigeons.

Forty-five members attended the annual Legion meeting at Sechelt when Charles Brook-

man was elected president.

The congregation of Gibsons Memorial United church has decided on seeing what can be done about a new church.

A meeting has been called for the purpose of organizing old age pensioners of the area.

ELECTORAL MAPS

A free nine-page folder listing the new federal electoral maps of Canada is now available from the map distribution office of the department of energy, mines and resources, 615 Booth Street, Ottawa.

The new maps have been published by the department's surveys and mapping branch under authority of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, passed in 1964, and show the new boundary lines that have been drawn as a result of the population shifts revealed by the 1961 census.

With one exception all the maps listed may be purchased for 50 cents each. The exception is a large map of Canada, roughly three-and-a-half feet by five feet, which shows all the federal electoral districts on the one sheet. This is priced at \$1.00.

Cheques or money orders for these maps, the folder states, should be made payable to the Receiver General of Canada.

Point of law

(By a Practicing Lawyer)
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The stormy seas of matrimony have cast up on our shores several enquiries concerning what, if anything, an unhappy spouse can sue for in a divorce action, in addition to the divorce itself.

There are several remedies that can be sued for together — in suitable cases. This article will assume that the suits described are contested and successful. A wife usually sues for a divorce, interim alimony, permanent alimony, security for costs, custody of children and the costs of the action against the husband.

If the wife applies at the start of the action, she may be awarded a sum by way of interim alimony, interim, (till the trial, to maintain herself and any children. Permanent alimony will usually be provided for at the trial. The wife may apply at the outset for an order forcing the husband to pay into court a sum of money to secure the costs of the law suit. This would be about \$375 plus about \$50 for expenses paid for such items as court registry fees, court recorder, process servers, etc. plus the fees of the private investigators. The \$375 which she is (with the other items) entitled to collect from her husband should be enough to cover her lawyer's fees.

The husband usually sues for a divorce and costs and only

occasionally, damages against the other man. The male defendant would normally be ordered to pay the costs — as above, but only if the husband can prove the male defendant knew the wife to be a married woman at the time of the commission of the act of adultery. Damages in any sum of money (according to the value of the wife as such) may be awarded the husband against the male defendant in cases where there has been an enticement and alienation of affections. The wife usually obtains custody of the children even though she is the guilty party (unless she is leading a grossly immoral life) and the husband usually receives visiting privileges.

If the plaintiff has himself or herself been guilty of adultery, he or she must also claim that the judge exercise his discretion i.e. not refuse the divorce for that reason, as the judge has the power to do. The plaintiff's adultery need not be disclosed in any of the documents served on the defendants, nor need it be disclosed in the plaintiff's evidence at the trial but full particulars must be set out in a statement placed in a sealed envelope which is for the judge's eyes alone. At the trial the statement will be read by the judge who may, depending on the circumstances, cause it to be delivered to the opposite party, or — as is more usual — simply exercise his discretion and grant the divorce.

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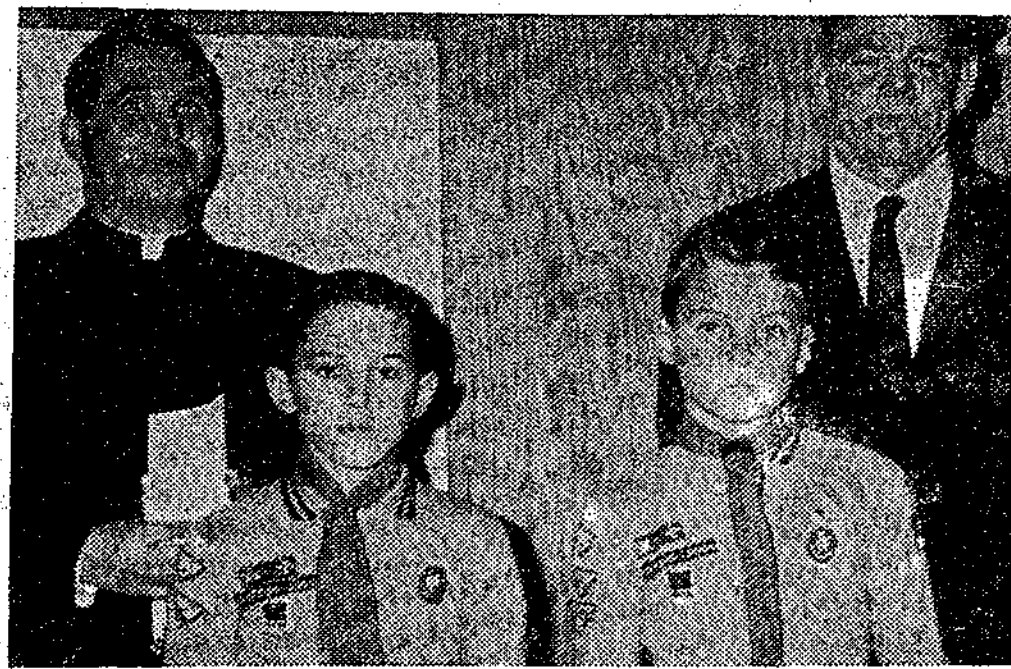
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Letters to editor

Editor: Help! Please help our children on the North Road! This new by-pass is a potential child-killer. Our little ones have a rough road to travel as it is! They must travel in blinding dust in the dry months and in mud for the remainder of the school year.

To further complicate matters the government has seen fit to snake across the North Rd., not once, but twice with a 60 m.p.h. by-pass. We, the property owners of the North Rd. were under the impression that this by-pass was to make travel to and from school safer for the school children. As it stands now, the children above Chamberlin have three highways to negotiate twice a day, and the remainder from lower North Cemetery, and Reid Roads now have two in place of the one now existing.

Just what is the purpose of this by-pass? Are our children's lives not to be considered? If the government can provide over passes at the same time as the by-pass, very good, but failing this we believe the by-pass should go through the uninhabited area close to the power-line and make everyone happy. — Mrs. A. S. Christensen, North Road, Gibsons.



FIRST CUBS in Gibsons to receive the beginners religion in life badges and certificates were Trevor Quarry, on the left, and Dean Goddard, of Gibsons A Cub Pack. These badges were presented at the Baden Powell service on Feb. 25 by Father MacDonald and Mr. Jack Warn.

2 major projects for school board program

Will there be a building program and what will it contain?

If we are going to retain a reasonable teacher-pupil ratio, and if we are going to be rid of expensive temporary accommodation there should be a referendum placed before the ratepayers. There will be two major projects in the program:

1. additions to Sechelt Elementary
2. provision for secondary school expansion

These are being studied very carefully in an attempt to find the best solutions.

Why do we need more secondary school accommodations? Where will this be provided, Gibsons or Sechelt?

When present construction is completed at Elphinstone, this school will have a capacity of 625 students. In September 1971 we will have 850.

The problem of location of new secondary classrooms is a tough one. It would help if we could look several years into the future and know where future population expansion will take place. But we do not have a crystal ball. There should be two main considerations:

- What is best educationally?
- What is economically reasonable?

We have two main alternatives — add the classrooms at Elphinstone or start a new school in another location. Arguments pro and con for each alternative readily suggest themselves. When the time comes — very soon now — for a decision, the board will try to make clear all the reasons for its decisions. When the time comes to seek ratepayer approval we hope that the school district will be united in support of the proposed program. There has been some talk of

a secondary school at Sechelt. Is this a likely move?

Such a step has many advantages and is well worth careful consideration. If this turns out to be the board's decision, a school at Sechelt might start out as a senior secondary — Grades 11 and 12. Still later on it might, if school population warrants it, become a complete (Grades 8 - 12) school.

If our school population was growing very fast — which it is not — the decision would be easier. For the next few years, however, our senior students (Grades 11 and 12) must be kept together. Under modern conditions and curricula it takes 300 senior students to offer a reasonably complete program. By 1971 we expect this number, based on present population.

What students would go to a senior secondary school at Sechelt?

All of our Grade 11 and 12 students, including, perhaps, those from Pender Harbour.

What effect would a senior school, centrally located at Sechelt have on transportation costs?

It would tend to reduce transportation costs as buses would carry junior students one way and the same buses would return with senior students.

Is Pender Harbour too far away to transport senior students?

To Elphinstone, yes. To Sechelt, perhaps not. It is a long ride over the present highway, even to Sechelt. What we have to consider is this — would the educational advantage to Pender Harbour seniors offset the inconvenience created by fairly long rides on a school bus? Is the small secondary school at a disadvantage?

Definitely yes. Pender Harbour students cannot hope to have offered to them the same courses and programs available in a larger school.

Trip for Louise

Eighty students from B.C. secondary schools will take part in free-wheeling discussion sessions at the University of Victoria, April 19 and 20. Louise Johnston will attend from Elphinstone Secondary School.

The second annual Humanities and Science Symposium, sponsored by the university and IBM Corporation of Canada, will offer a platform to 28 leading students from senior grades throughout the province.

All those completing grade 11 or 12 in B.C. schools were invited through their principals to submit a paper on a subject of their choice, or examples of their work in the arts.

Sechelt News

(By MARIE FIRTH)

A reminder to all members of the OAPO at Sechelt that the next meeting will be held in the Legion Hall Thurs., March 21. One of the points of interest will be the possibility of getting enough members to make up a bowling league. Anyone interested in this pastime should please get in touch with Mrs. Olive McGregor, as soon as possible. Also to be set is the date of the next bus trip to Vancouver.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hayward on Saturday, March 9 were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mattick of Cloverdale who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Firth over the weekend.

Mrs. Doris Richards of Vancouver spent Wednesday and Thursday visiting with her sister Mrs. Irene Shaw and her husband Loren, before going on to Gibsons where she spent a few more days visiting friends.

Rev. Barry Jenks of St. Hil-da's has been in Vancouver attending a conference for the past few days. In his absence, Prof. R. Mugford of the Theological College at U.B.C. conducted the services in the Anglican church in Sechelt. Prof. Mugford and Mr. and Mrs. D. Hayward were luncheon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Bryant, before attending the 3 o'clock service at the Church of His Presence at Red-roofs.

Well attended was the baby shower in honor of two month old Timothy David Jenks, son of Rev. and Mrs. Barry Jenks of Sechelt, which was held at the home of Mrs. Stan Bryant with Mrs. Eva Hayward as co-hostess. The gifts were presented in a blue and white decorated bassinet and Mrs. Jenks was presented with a pink camelia corsage grown by Mr. D. Hayward. Among the many present were Mrs. M. Swan, Mrs. R. Swan, Mrs. M. Montgomery, Mrs. B. Williams, Mrs. C. Jackson, Miss E. Ommrod, Mrs. O. McGregor, Mrs. J. Whites, Mrs. J. Northcote.

Some food tips

While prices of other meats may strengthen in March, say CDA economists, beef prices are easing down. Large stocks have also weakened the potato market.

PORK — Increases in output over year-ago levels are slowly declining. Prices in the immediate future are expected to remain steady.

BEEF — Supplies of higher quality are relatively more plentiful compared with year-ago levels. Prices are easing downward.

BROILER CHICKEN — Prices may rise slightly because of reduced supplies.

BROILER TURKEY — Prices will be steady to higher, later in the month.

EGGS — Prices will be steady to slightly higher.

APPLES — Retail outlets are well supplied with dessert varieties. Cold storage stocks are about depleted and Controlled Atmosphere storage apples are becoming available. Prices are steady.

POTATOES — Market is weaker due to pressure from large North American stocks.

ONIONS — There is a fair volume of domestic and export shipments and markets are steady.

Zone meeting

Some 47 members of the Elphinstone Peninsula zone of the Royal Canadian Legion met at Roberts Creek Legion hall on March 2 and discussed resolutions concerning veterans and their dependents to be placed before the Dominion convention in Penticton in May.

Geoff Thatcher will be sent as a delegate representing the Roberts Creek branch.

On March 30 members of Gibsons branch and auxiliary will visit Roberts Creek branch for a social evening. The Roberts Creek auxiliary has made final arrangements for its April 5 bazaar and have also set the date for a rummage sale on May 24. At the March 8 branch meeting Carl Law became a member by transfer from Port Alice.

To improve phone facilities

The B.C. Telephone company will spend nearly \$130,000 this year for additional facilities serving customers in the Sechelt and Gibsons areas.

E. R. Boyce, manager of the company's North Shore district, said the expenditures are part of the company's \$67 million capital construction program for 1968 and are included in his district's \$4 million share of this.

Largest item for the Sechelt-Gibsons area is \$53,000 to cover placing of two miles of aerial cable north of the Sechelt telephone office to Mason road on the Coast Highway, and to place four miles of cable south of the office to the Davis Bay and Selma Park areas.

An additional \$19,000 will be spent for seven miles of cable to Sandy Hook, Tillicum Bay and Tuwanek on the Sechelt Inlet road where customers now are connected through ground-wire facilities. The installation will provide for growth as well as improvement of transmission.

Cable installations through the Gibsons telephone exchange

area will require \$14,000 and an additional \$10,000 will be spent to install equipment creating five more circuits on long distance transmission facilities between Gibsons and Vancouver.

Mr. Boyce said additional sums will be spent for customer equipment and customer connection in the area, which now has about 3,000 telephones connected.

At Pender Harbour \$14,000 is being spent this year to place telephone cable in the Hotel Lake and Oyster Bay areas. An additional \$48,000 will be spent for 10 miles of cable from Pender Harbour to Ruby Lake to serve the area between Kleindale and Ruby Lake.

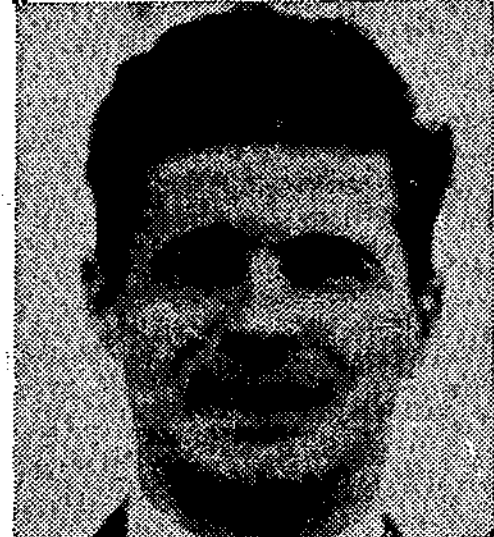
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It is a condition to benefit that you take the initiative to forward your insurance book to the UIC when you file a claim. Failure to do this can result either in delay in bene-

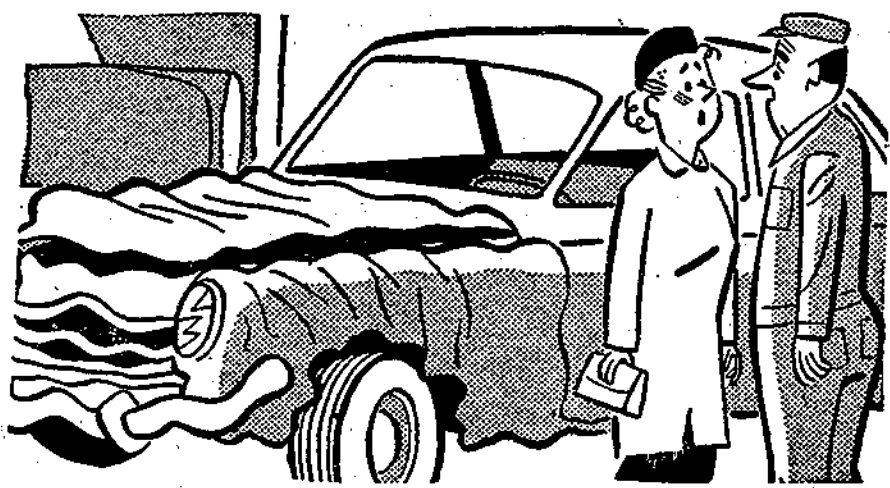
fit payments, or in benefits not being paid. In your case the local office asked you to submit the book, or explain why it could not be sent. The insurance officer who considered the circumstances has imposed an indefinite disqualification as from the date of your application.

Q. "I contributed to the Unemployment Insurance for 24 weeks. Now I am without work. The local UIC office says I have not contributed enough to draw benefits on an initial claim. How does "enough" enter into it, and what does it mean?"

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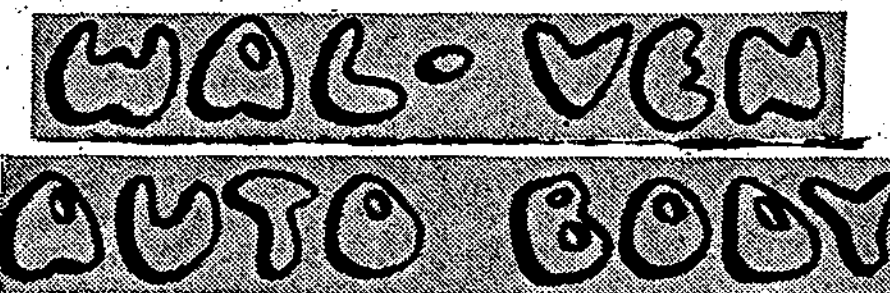
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FASHION NEWS

Little by little the midi hemline is gathering momentum, reports Style, until now it threatens to throw the whole fashion world into confusion.

Transient fad or long-lasting influence? This is the question arising in the minds of women everywhere, says Style, as they hear about the new mid-calf length being shown in couture salons or worn in the streets of London and by socialites to New York parties.

The recent Paris collections did nothing to solve the current hemline dilemma. In fact they added fuel to the controversy by showing everything—the mini, the midi, long and just plain short skirts.

The mini—six to eight inches above the knee—hasn't completely relinquished its fashion grip. At the other ex-

treme are the midi—mid-calf—and the maxi—below the curve of the calf. In between is "just plain short," which means one or two inches above the knee or just brushing the kneecap.

With Paris no longer providing strong fashion leadership, there are reports that New York manufacturers have sewn ribbons on the hemlines of fall dresses but left them hanging on the racks, waiting for last-minute directions about skirt lengths.

Canadian manufacturers are playing the fashion game just as cautiously, says Style. Rather than showing a barrage of midis with shoot-from-the-hips force, they have produced a few skirt and dress items with mid-calf hemlines to test the range and wind velocity before firing their fashion salvo.

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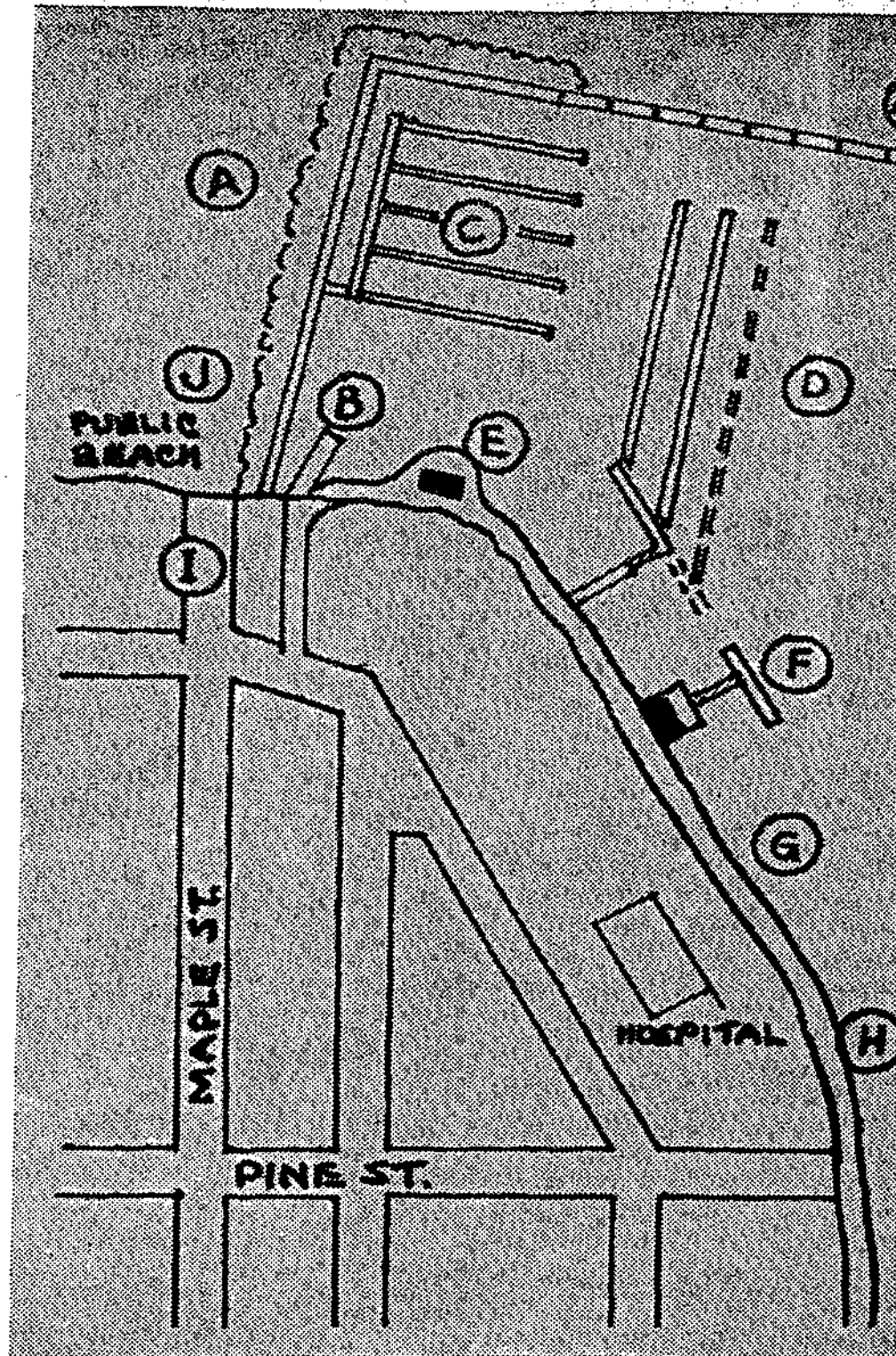
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What other people are doing



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Sheltered by the breakwater would be a marina offering small boat anchorage and services. Some dredging would have to be done and the dredged sand could be used to ex-

tend adjoining Kin Beach.

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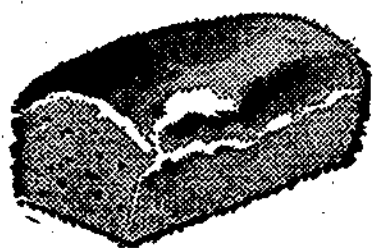
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Talk on Gaza

A Red Cross executive director, David W. Jenkins, who was involved in border crossing duties between the Gaza strip and Israel will with the aid of slides recount some of his experiences when he appears at the United Church Women dessert party, starting at 7 p.m. Friday, March 15.

The meeting will be held in the United Church hall. Mr. Jenkins who was then a major serving in the United Nations Emergency Force as the communication advisor to the force commander, General Guyani, will have some interesting stories to tell of his work with the UNEF.



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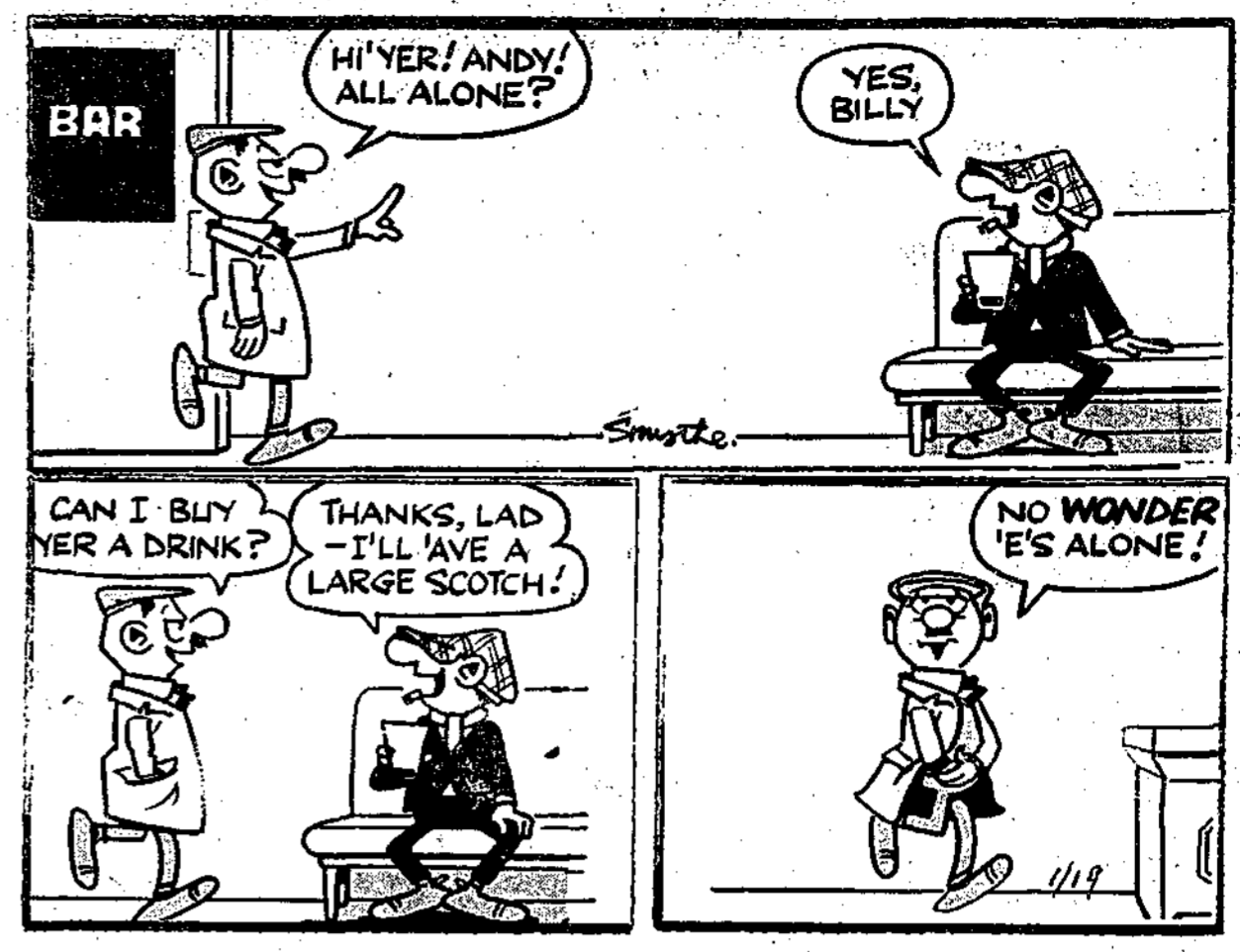
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A way of life

(Continued from Page 2)
 she caught half a dozen large cut-throat trout. We never had that luck again.
 In the forenoon, I solved the water problem. There was no esplanade as now along the beach, just bush, but I found a damp place in from the shore and started to dig. Even in those days I had to make a considerable hole to allow me to get down below. When I got about four feet down, I dug into an underground stream which filled the hole with ice-cold water so quickly that I was unable to shout for help, or get out. However, I managed, and thereafter sank a big barrel in the hole and added a few buckets of pebbles from the beach, and that took care of the water situation.
 The Marine Express called in for us in the evening, and when my friend and I, standing on the beach at its prow, made our manners to Mrs. Louitt, she said: "You boys had better just put your blankets in the bunk house, and come up here any time you want." We both must have stood in a trance as she held open for us the doors of Paradise, for neither of us made a move. "I mean it," she added, and we obeyed her then and thereafter. From then on I had a dream of living some day on that pleasant shore, but a war, marriage, and a long hard start from scratch were to intervene, but we made it.

Visits to Gambier

Visits to Gambier Island are being instituted by Rev. H. Kelly of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church. A visit will be made on the third Thursday of each month in the Veterans Hall.
 Beginning on Sunday, March 31 and every fifth Sunday of a month a joint Anglican-United Church service will be held in Roberts Creek United Church. The service will start at 3 p.m. and Rev. W. M. Cameron will preach the sermon.

MORE PORK AVAILABLE
 With more pigs on his farm this spring than he has had in a decade, the Canadian farmer faces a year when his U.S. counterpart, with eight times more production potential, is likely also to market a record high quantity of pork. Therefore prices will likely be lower than last year's in both countries.

ROSE BUSH FLOW
 The annual flow of rose bushes from the United States is flooding through ports of entry from British Columbia to the Maritimes. It is estimated that some \$6 million worth of rose bushes are brought in from the U.S., mainly in the first three months of each year.

COVERED WAY POSSIBLE
 Gibsons Council has learned that its request for a covered way from the ferry ticket office to the ramp to board the ferry will depend on when funds are available for such construction.

Growth astounding!

Growth in the numbers of Canadians enrolling in vocational and technical institutes, city and community colleges, government retraining programs and adult education courses in the 1960's has been truly astounding, according to the Bank of Montreal in its February Business Review, just issued.
 Equally amazing, and to many dismaying, has been the phenomenal increase in the cost of providing these facilities, the B of M states.
 It notes that current total educational costs are estimated at \$4.5 billion, an increase of 97 percent in the last five years.

Education is the main item in provincial budgets, averaging some 30 percent of expenditures. In some provinces, the percentage is higher, an example being Ontario with over 40 percent. In the current fiscal year, the provincial governments will have contributed an estimated \$2.1 billion, almost half the total spent on education.

Elementary and secondary schooling receive about 65 percent of the expenditures, a drop from 74 percent five years ago, and the percentage is likely to continue to fall. But the costs of post-secondary education have been rising very rapidly, tripling from \$384 million to \$1,158 million in five years.

In the 1950's, attention was centred at the elementary level as millions of post-war youngsters trooped off to class, happily unaware of the king-size headaches they were creating for school administrators desperately trying to find sufficient seating space, let alone enough teachers and textbooks.

Present and projected lower birth rates indicate growth in elementary school enrolment should continue to slacken, with the possibility of fewer elementary pupils in 1975 than at present. While demand for pre-grade-one class facilities is expected to increase into the 1970's, secondary school enrolment has begun to show more moderate growth.

Heavy demand for skilled personnel and expanded training opportunities are providing strong incentives for young people to stay in school; at the same time, increased incomes and greater scholarship and loan assistance have put higher education within the reach of many more students.

In 1952, 5 percent of the 18-24 age group took further studies; today, 15 percent do and, by 1972, an estimated 20 percent will continue their education. In the last ten years, full-time university enrolment has grown from less than 90,000 to 268,000, with 70 percent more expected by 1972.

Technical institute attendance has grown even faster, from 14,000 five years ago to the present 43,000 and expected at least to have doubled by 1972.

While of vital importance to Canada's economic growth, the increase in the number of university graduates (from 23,000 in 1962 to 44,000 in 1967) is only one of the outstanding educational developments of the 1960's; equally significant is the great expansion of educational opportunities for those who have left the formal school system.

While educational costs are high, "the economic growth of the nation largely depends upon the amount of time, effort and money we are willing to commit to an educational system within which all citizens have a chance to learn in order to earn a better standard of living," the Bank of Montreal states.

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The Davis Ottawa Diary

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

Few people are happy about the way we will be choosing our next prime minister. They do not like the fact that the choice will be made by 2,472 Liberal delegates at a special convention to be held in Ottawa April 4-6.

But what is the alternative? Should every Canadian voter have a say in this matter? Or, should we go to the other extreme? Should we leave the choice to our members of parliament as they do in the United Kingdom?

Personally, I prefer the British system. The M.P.s know the leadership candidates personally. They know what their policies are. And they have seen them perform in the house of commons. So why not leave the choice of a leader to the members of parliament in Ottawa?

Some people might say that this is not a democratic way of doing things. But they are wrong. Our M.P.s are elected by the people themselves. And they are close to the scene. Everyone has a voice in their election and they in turn have to work with the new leader in any case.

But what about the other extreme? What about going directly to the people? They at least make a stab at doing this in the United States.

There one at least gets the impression of spontaneity. A small group of men and women get behind a candidate, their goal being to convince millions of other Americans that their man is the man for the presidency.

His name is entered, along with those of other party candidates, in a dozen or more "primaries." And these primary elections, in as many as 20 states, can be either open or closed. In the open primaries anyone off the street can vote for a new leader. In the closed primaries, on the other hand, only registered members of the Republican or Democratic party can take part in the balloting.

The primaries in these states accomplish two things. They show whether a given candidate has popular appeal. And they select roughly 500 delegates to go to the final leadership convention.

Five hundred, in other words, are elected directly or indirectly by the general public. But there is another 1,000 to account for. They come from the states which do not hold presidential primaries. Their delegates, instead, are chosen by local conventions in which the party organization is all powerful. In many states the governor himself controls his party's delegation and bargains using it as a bloc at the final convention itself.

We, in Canada, have developed a more rational system. As in the United Kingdom our elected representatives, the M.P.s and senators, have a vote. But these are outnumbered, more than 7 to 1, by party delegates who are elected in separate meetings in every one of our 264 ridings across Canada.

Obviously, the United Kingdom, or parliamentary way, of choosing a leader is the cheapest. It does not cost very much. The U.S. approach, on the other hand, which involved a good deal of campaigning at the grass roots level, runs into tens of millions of dollars. We, in Canada, meanwhile, seem to have chosen a course mid way between the two. And, while the proceedings leading up to the Liberal leadership convention in April will involve the public to some extent, they won't cost anything like as much as the election of a presidential candidate in the U.S.

Drop-out talk

Mr. B. C. MacKenzie, school district counsellor, was the speaker at Roberts Creek school Tuesday at the Parents' Auxiliary meeting. His subject, School Drop-outs, provided the 17 members present with an interesting and perhaps entirely new concept of the problem.

No child, Mr. MacKenzie stated, is ever born emotionally disturbed. Behavior is learned. A four-year old asks his mother 400 questions daily, he said, and later, at kindergarten, he must un-learn some of the answers. It is possible that the little 5-year-old, starting off to kindergarten, hopes and expects to find his daddy there, since daddy leaves the house every morning. He remains under the feminine influence for his first ten years or so and believes the balance of power is in favor of his mother.

Conflict is preferable to dull harmony. In any case, drop-outs do not accommodate to our system. Following Mr. MacKenzie's talk, refreshments were served and the subject was further discussed over the tea cups

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Chart plotting course progressing

Plotting a ship's course on charts is a difficult job and takes training, to acquire the skill. For the past few weeks drop-in visitors to the Sechelt Indian Reserve Community hall have observed a class of students learning chart plotting and other navigation skills, under the guidance of experienced ship masters.

The group is part of two adult education classes that have been in progress since early February. The first, recently completed, ran for two and one half weeks, five hours a day. It was taught by Captain Arthur Davidson of Victoria. The second class, now in progress, is being taught by Malcolm Mactavish, Roberts Creek Elementary school principal and master mariner.

The following students have already received diplomas from the Indian Affairs dept. in coastal navigation and seamanship: Gilbert Joe, Wayne

Clark, Ernest Paul, Lloyd Jeffries, James Jackson, and Peter Williams.

An intermediate typing class is also in progress, for young women of the reserve, at Elphinstone Secondary School. It is being taught by Mrs. Alice Vietch. All of these classes were organized by the adult education committee of the Sechelt Indian Band in co-operation with the adult education department of School District No. 46 and the Indian Affairs Branch. About 40 people have participated in these classes. Committee members are Teddy Joe, Gilbert Joe, Wayne Clark, Linda Joe, and Stella Johnson.

A CIRCUS SHOW

Highlights of the 1968 edition of the famous Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus will be a special one-hour color presentation on the CBC television network, Tuesday, March 19, at 9 p.m. The circus was founded 97 years ago by the Ringling family. Though the ownership of the circus changed hands recently, John Ringling North is still producer and Harry Ringling North is vice-president. New owners of the circus are Judge Roy Hofheinz and Irvin and Israel Feld.

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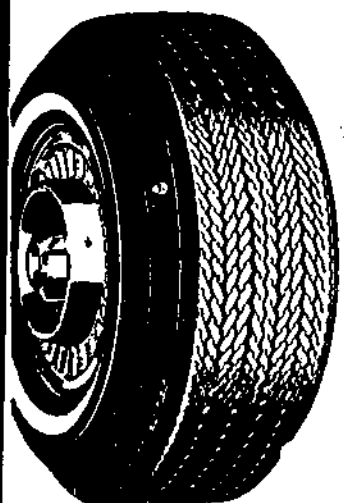


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