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Director West outlines argument

(The editorial on Page Two concerning Mr. West was written Sunday afternoon and printed Monday afternoon without knowledge that by Tuesday morning the editor would have received Mr. West's main argument).

Editor: Your invitation to make space available in your paper is most welcome. However let me emphasize right at the start that it is not "Mr. West's point of view," but that of the people I have the honor to represent as their elected director, which is also shared by many I do not represent including a number of residents in the village itself. I believe also that we made our views quite clear and open at the time the village's former application was under review and many letters were published in your paper at the time.

The main problem of the whole matter, as we see it, is not the sewage system but only the sewer outfall, the lack of communication and the secrecy the village has imposed upon the project.

When the first application was in the hands of the authorities, we tried to obtain information from the village to enable us to come to an intelligent appraisal whether council's plans could have an adverse effect on us. Questions directed to the municipal office were answered that they were not allowed to tell us anything as they were "in the hands of the Pollution Control Board." The same questions addressed to the Pollution Board in Victoria were answered that they never had an application.

In 1968 — about five years after its submission — I obtained a copy of the Gibsons Sewage Survey and asked in a Regional Board meeting the then mayor Feeney about the discharge of raw sewage proposed by the survey. I was practically accused of having stolen a secret document, as the report was allegedly highly confidential, but was assured that a primary treatment plant was "in the plans."

In September 1969 another attempt was made to get together with village council to discuss the sewer outfall on Gospel Rock with them. Their answer was that there was nothing to discuss and anybody interested could listen during council meeting to what was said.

The decision to turn down council's application for a permit because they intended to dump raw sewage into the Strait of Georgia followed. So much for the primary treatment plant of Mayor Feeney 'in the plans.'

Next followed the information that besides the permit-refusal which was widely published, council also received a confidential communication from the Director of Pollution, Victoria, inviting the village to re-submit.

At that time nobody of the general public knew for sure what was going on, but one of the aldermen said the application had to be only reworded and everything would be all right. This was closely followed by a statement of the mayor in council reporting on the visit to Victoria that officials of the Pollution Branch had "set council on the right track."

It was at this point (Dec. 12, 1969) that I took the matter up with the authorities on behalf of the people and made urgent representation that no permit be issued without proper application being published in accordance with the act so that people could see what was planned and make up their minds whether to file objections. Frankly, I cannot understand how you can say that this letter was the cause of the matter landing in the Regional District, unless, of course, the village council prevailed on the director to complain to the district about me trying to protect the interest of those who elected me. Is it my fault or that of anybody at Gower Point, if the method chosen by the Director was not in the form the village council intended?

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Question region's move

Mayor Wally Peterson on advice from deputy minister of municipal affairs J. E. Brown maintains that as the Regional District board has not included pollution among its functions it is unable to appoint a committee to operate in this field.

The Mayor offered this advice when various letters on Gibsons sewage issue were read at Tuesday night's meeting of council. He added that no motion was passed by the Regional Board for any letters to be written on this pollution problem.

A letter from the Regional board sought further information from council on the sewage system. Mayor Peterson maintained that the Regional board had all the information council has and cannot now make any promises until it has approval from the Pollution Control board He added that the continued talk about raw sewage was being done because it sounded dirty.

Ald Ken Crosby and the mayor agreed that the sewage system and the treatment plant would go into operation at the same time. Right now they did not know what make of plant would be installed as it was up to Engineer Martin Dayton to inform them. Everything that council had sent to Victoria has also been received by the Regional board.

Ald. Charles Mandelkau said it appeared that Regional board members did not want to believe what council tells them. All council sought was a little cooperation.

Later in the meeting Mayor Peterson stated that the new sewage plant was now definite and that financial arrangements were underway between council and Victoria and with the bank as well.

A notice of motion to give council power to install a secondary treatment plant for the first stage of sewer construction with arrangement to be included for adding the upper levels to the system later was made by Mayor Peterson to be brought up at the next meeting.

Board to move

The district school board has been notified by B.C. Telephones that the space it occupies in the phones building will be required by the company by Jan. 1, 1971. This means the board will have to find new premises by then.

The board in February 1966 proposed building a school board administrative office on the old school hall site to cost $54,000. But this was blocked when the education department austerity program was put into effect. Since then the figure has remained as writing on a piece of paper.

FROGS NOW CROAKING

It must be Spring!. Frogs have been heard croaking in Gibsons area and it is reported this is rather early for their usual nightly serenade to take place.

Chamber supports council

Gibsons and District Chamber of Commerce re-affirmed its support for Gibsons plans to install a sewer system and directed that a firm letter indicating chamber support be sent to the Pollution Control board, Hon. Isabel Dawson and Gibsons municipal council.

Chamber members also endorsed presenting its own brief in preparation for a hearing that may be held by the pollution board and if no hearing is held the brief be circulated over a wide area to inform the public of the facts.

There were 61 persons present at the dinner meeting Monday night at Cedars Inn with Dick Blakeman in the chair.

Discussion respecting these two motions was negligible and both passed unanimouly.

Notification that Hansen's Transfer planned to apply to the Public Utilities Commission for a 10 percent increase in freight rates drew favorable as well as unfavorable criticism. Those in favor were of the opinion that if they needed the rates increased there was not much to be said about it. Others were of the opinion that there had been healthy increases lately and that it would be better if Hansen's provided the chamber with its present rate structure.

D. E. Macey and R. Turner, Gibsons, proposed by letter to the board that they seek PUC application to run an express delivery service daily to Vancouver at the rate of $1 per hundred pounds with a minimum weight of 200 pounds per pickup. The pair were advised it would be best for them to make a survey to find if such a service was necessary.

Jack and Jill Nursery school wrote the chamber in the hope that it would be able to get the larger organizations of the area interested in work being done by the school.

Wolfgang Buchhorn, Don Smith and Roland Kerbis spoke on behalf of the Older Boys Parliament and after outlining the functions of the parliament stressed the need for finances for their work and offered members the opportunity of purchasing bonds from $2. up.

F. A. W. Havies explained that the meeting called to discuss a merchants credit organization Monday night next week in Elphinstone school starting at 7:30 was more for the purpose of sounding out the community and not arriving at any particular system.

President Blakeman reported on a trip he made along with Mayor Wally Peterson and others to visit the secondary treatment plant at Aldergrove which is similar to the one Gibsons planned to install. He said he was very impressed with it as the lagoons left no smell and the water was quite clear. Anyone who doubts the efficiency of this system should go and take a look at the one at Aldergrove he said.

Open tenders

Three tenders were opened last Thursday by the Sunshine Coast Regional District board in connection with the cost of construction of a 1,000,000 gallon reservoir as part of the new water system.

The tenders were Mutual Construction Ltd. at $44,726; Swanson-Gaines $63,139 and H.B. Contracting of Surrey who put in the newly laid pipe line system, $60,905. These tenders will go to the board for consideration.

Board examines Dance episode at high school

The dance at Elphinstone school, Sat. Jan. 24 was not a school function.

The report on the investigation into the affair, by J.S. Metzler, secretary treasurer will be sent to Sechelt's Chamber of Commerce as a reply to their letter.

The school board is satisfied that the superintendent of buildings and grounds in closing down the dance acted in the best interest of the board.

The board will get its policy committee to tighten its regulations and get stronger evidence of the bona fides of applicants for use of school buildings.

This sums up school board action concerning the dance as taken at last Thursdays night's board meeting. There was one dissenter to the motion and that was Trustee Dr. Walter Burtnick. After the meeting he explained he dissented to the motion because it did not appear to answer the letter from the Sechelt Chamber of Commerce

Here is the chamber of commerce letter:

As president of the Sechelt Chamber of Commerce it has been brought to my attention by a citizen of Sechelt that a dance was conducted on the premises of Elphinstone High school on Jan. 24.

According to what we have been able to find out regarding this matter it certainly was not a function in which Gibsons or Sechelt citizens could take pride.

Therefore we would like a detailed report of what went on and what the school board is going to do about it as it is of great concern to the chamber of commerce. Joe Benner

Here is the report on the event as placed before the trustees by Secretary-Treasurer J.S. Metzler:

The maintenance supervisor, Mr. Rutter, reported to me as follows:

Re: Dance, Elphinstone, January 24, 1970.

The Secretary of the Sunshine Company, J.R. Snider made application for the use of Elphinstone Gym to hold a dance. This booking was processed in the normal manner but with two extra requirements: (1) six chaperons, (2) profit donated to public benefit.

At approximately 11:15 p.m. the RCMP Corporal phoned stating that there was drinking and pot smoking at the dance. I got dressed and went to the school and investigated outside and inside. The main lights were out in the gym, several projectors were operating and the area heavy with smoke. Although I saw only one bottle of beer, our servicing janitor had seen more earlier.

The two RCMP Officers on duty were consulted and they concurred with my decision to terminate the dance as quickly and quietly as possible.

To minimize hard feelings and property damage, I told Mr. Snider to start the last dance at 11:40. An announcement was made referring to the possibility of no more dances due to violation of smoking regulations in spite of numerous requests to stop smoking.

The participants left quietly and were out of the school by 11:57 p.m. I then went to the Police Station and left a message for the Corporal stating action taken.

Mr. Metzler added that the incident was checked out with Corporal Biggeman, officer in charge of the local RCMP and with Constable Cameron the investigating officer. They reported substantially the same as Mr. Rutter. The janitor at the school telephoned at 10:30 p.m. and Constable Cameron investigated. Upon entering he detected the smell of marijuana and noticed a number of assorted bottles on the floor. An intermission was in progress and while the crowd was noisy it was not disorderly. He did not see anyone in a state of undress. He reported back and Corporal Biggeman had another officer sent down from the Sechelt detachment as a precaution. Mr. Rutter arrived at 11:40 p.m. and the dance terminated shortly after. Between Constable Cameron's visit and Mr. Rutter's arrival, most of the empty bottles had been apparently disposed of. Mr. Rutter informed me he did not see any disorderly conduct while he was there.

Three parents telephoned the board office having let their respective sons and daughters attend under the impression it had been a school sponsored function. They were told that the school had no part whatever. During discussion with these parents, two confirmed that their children had seen some drinking and thought someone was smoking marijuana, one stated their daughter had not seen anyone drinking in the hall itself and

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PENNY DRIVE — Counting the pennies received by the Junior Red Cross penny drive at Elphinstone Secondary School are left to right, Phyllis Thatcher, Marjorie MacLean, Steven Lee, Mrs. Cloe Day, Greg Hayes and Linda Pearson. They collected approximately $50.

Continue school patrol

Action is promised on the crosswalk area involving the Elementary school traffic patrol sponsored again by the Gibsons Kiwanis club.

Last week's school board meeting decided that it would ask the highways department to repaint the crosswalks and will seek a change in the broken line which allows traffic to pass each other. The change will involve painting a double line forbidding passing in the area of both the elementary and the secondary schools.

Authorization will be given for Gibsons Elementary school to be dismissed at 11:50 to resume at 12:50 and afternoon dismissal will be at 2:50. It is hoped this will eliminate possible involvement in 1 p.m. ferry traffic the next ferry is at 3:45 p.m.

Earlier, through efforts of Gibsons council, stumps blocking the view at the southeast corner of the highway and school road were practically eliminated.

The planning committee after considering an application to allow teachers' cars and the loading and unloading of children on the school grounds, decided not to have any cars parked on the Elementary school grounds.

Two teacherages now rented, one at Kleindale at $78.50 monthly and the other at Madeira Park at $60 a month require repairs. About $195 was spent on the Kleindale house last year and $450 more is required this year and $210 was spent on Madeira Park home last year with $500 needed this year.

Board members were satisfied with the Kleindale state of affairs but decided to let the finance committee evaluate the position of the Madeira Park property by either raising the rent or disposing of it.

The Sunshine Coast Skate club sought a weekday evening for skating and after mulling over the Elphinstone school schedule found the only time available would be Monday night from 9:30 to 11 p.m.

A request for transprotation assistance from Mrs. M.T. May, Mrs. D.M. Sutherland and Mrs. M. Jenson, Porpoise Bay road was turned down because if such transportation costs were met there would be many others similar in situation which would have to be considered. The complaint centered on a too early bus to school and a late bus coming home which the parents did not favor.

Soccerettes football threat

On Friday night in Gibsons Athletic club room two women's soccer teams were formed. The team names chosen are Soccerettes and Road Runners. Jock Bennett will coach the Soccerettes and Peter Mouzakis the Road Runners. Jocks assistants are Ray Whiting, Freeman Reynolds and George Dorais.

The Soccerettes held their first practice Monday afternoon at Brother's Park. The players are Gayle Pedneault, Virginia Reynolds, Sue Whiting, Maureen Dorais, Maureen Sleep, Doreen Matthews, Vera Hamilton, Nancy Douglas, Janet Webb. Eileen Kinne, Linda Thomas and Marlene Bjornson.

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Mr. West responds

Mr. Frank West, a director representing Gibsons Rural area on the Sunshine Coast Regional District board has acceded to the request of the Coast News for some information of his objectives in the pollution furore he has roused. He mailed to the editor an article apparently from the Vancouver Sun written by Terry Hammond who took sufficient time to interview varied experts.

Judging from what this article reveals Mr. West is concerned with the environmental problem involved in the disposal of our wastes. There is nothing wrong with that. Mr. West should be commended for his action.

However the perusal of the Hammond article, which Mr. West doubted the editor would understand, does reveal to the editor what could be termed a time lag in the realization of Mr. West's contention which when placed against the general need for sewers, fails to overcome the immediate necessity under present conditions for the removal of our wastes.

For instance Mr. Hammond quotes an oceanographer who estimated that it would take ten years and 10 million dollars to find out what we are doing to the ecology of the Strait of Georgia with human, agricutural and industrial wastes which flow into it at today's volumes.

If we have to wait ten years for a solution to this problem what happens to the pollution problem we are now facing? Does it get progressively worse on land and eventually find its way to the sea?

To quote Mr. Hammand further: "When the biologist, the ecologist and those in the kindred sciences have been elevated to a status where their unspecified fears, their doubts and their misgivings are sufficient to halt a project pending accumulation of adequate data, very quickly we will find ourselves in a position to control the destruction and undesirable change in our environment."

If it will help Mr. West to advance his cause, let us immediately raise the status of these experts to the required level and sit back and await results. Let us with governmental aid raise a task force to get some action. In the meantime our polluted water table on the Sunshine Coast will reach higher polluted levels.

Mr. West's actions to curb pollution are commendable and it may take some years, even if a start is made now, before he will see much general result for the better. But we are faced with an immediate situation which is not going to improve as time passes. The same applies to Gower Point area where he lives, and its growing population. Any further suggestions from Mr. West will be welcomed.

An interesting poll!

The results of an opinion poll originated by Paul St. Pierre, M.P., for people of Coast-Chilcotin constituency of which he is member of parliament, contains some revealing but not unexpected information.

For instance the result of the poll on wage and price controls reveals a caution where wage controls are involved. In answer to the question do you favor wage control 124 voted yes and 111 no, with five votes not sure. The vote for price control was 175 yes, 60 no and five not sure.

It would appear that some people are not sold on the idea of wage controls, yet are for price control. The conclusion to be drawn is that some believe prices set wages. It is a comfortable idea without realism.

Speaking in Montreal recently Louis Rasminsky, governor of the Bank of Canada said the consumer price index over the past 12 months had increased by 4.6 percent. On the cost side he said average weekly wages and salaries continue to show a year-to-year gain in the range of 7 to 7½ percent, which he said is greatly in excess of the trend of productivity increases.

The ingredients that make up our economy must have the right mix or we have an imbalance which becomes upsetting. Right now we are in the very upsetting period, hoping our economic specialists will be able to ease the pain One must suspect the cure will not be pleasant. The suspicion will be correct.

Scouts, Guides Week

Scouts and Guides are many things to many people. To the eight-year old who is patiently waiting in turn to join the neighborhood cub or brownie pack, they are the answer to a desire for imaginative fun and family friendship.

To the 11-year old, the scouts and guides are companionship, adventure and a challenge with a gang directed spirit.

To the teenage bracket, venturers and rangers give guidance to youth starting out in adult life. Rover scouts for the late teens and early twenties help the young adult adjust to the demands of an ever changing society.

To the legendary little old lady, the scouts are the gentlemen who helped her across the street.

To the businessman, the scout or guide is a young person who can be trusted and one who has that extra bit of training.

The scout and guide movements are all these things and many, many more. To highlight their multi-phased programs, the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Canada mark Scout—Guide Week from Feb. 15 to Feb 22.

Essentially Scouting and Guiding are citizenship training through fun and adventure programs which provide progression in schemes covering boys girls from eight to adulthood. There are close to 620,000 members in Canada.

Scouting came into being spontaneously in 1907 when Lt-General Robert Baden-Powell, hero of Mafeking Boer War, wrote an outdoor program book for boys.

St. Pierre poll results released

Results of a recent opinion poll of Coast Chilcotin are tabulated and presented here.

It would be tempting to comment on many aspects of it. space doesn't permit. The figures below will have to speak for themselves.

It's impressive that on some questions, many people mark an honest "O", to indicate they lack the information needed to make a judgement So do I, on many matters. But in politics there is always a tendency toward instant judgment of all matters, and the fact that Coast Chilcotin respondents marked "O" when they felt so, indicates to me that they were spending some time and thought on the poll.

A strange thing emerged from the last section, which asks for definition of Canada's major problem. Under the heading other. only two people marked housing. Yet housing—remember?—was a major issue in the recent election and the problem has not yet been solved. Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that the poll sought opinion as to the major problem. Many people may agree that there's a problem in housing, but they don't consider it the nation's worst.

Response to all the questions is as follows:

CONSTITUTION:

Should the power of provincial government be increased at the expense of the federal government? (Y-48; N-187; X-2, O-3)

Should the power of the federal government be increased at the expense of the provincial government? (Y-64; N-172; X-1; O-3)

Should a new constitution provide for a direct link between the federal government and governments of Canadian cities? (Y-120; N-110; X-1; O-7; N/A 2)

TAXES, FINANCE, TRADE

Do you approve of the general intent of the White Paper on tax reform? (Y-170; N-60; O-9; N/A-1)

Specifically do you favor: The proposed capital gains tax? (Y-150; N-80; O-5;. X-3; N/A-2)

The increased tax on small businesses? (Y39; N-193; X-2; O-6)

The proposed alteration of tax provisions for the mining industry? (Y-142; N-87; X-3; O-8)

Do you favor wage controls? (Y-124; N-111; X-1; O-4)

Do you favor price controls? (Y-175; N-60; O-5)

Should a small guaranteed minimum income be paid to Canadians, including those not willing to work? (Y-73; N-160; X-1; O-4; N-A-2)

Should the government provide considerable subsidies to create a Canadian merchant fleet? (Y-41; N-174; X-2; O-50)

SOCIAL

Do you favor some relaxation of the law concerning marijuana? (Y-99; N-132; X-3; O-6)

Do you favor greater control of pollution even if it costs you noticeably more per year in higher taxes or higher prices for goods? (Y-225; N-12; X 3)

Have the "permissive" aspects of last year's Criminal Code changes on abortion laws, etc., proved beneficial to the country? (Y 136; N 20; O 81; X 2; N-A 1)

National

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

Should the federal government have imposed a settlement on companies and unions involved in the British Columbia dock strike? (Y 170; N 55; O 15)

Should the Indian Department be abolished, as proposed in the White Paper? (Y 131; N 8; O 100; N-A 1)

Should Canada declare sovereign control of all waters in the Arctic archipalego? (Y 231; N 2; O 7)

Should the government express public disapproval of American involvement in the Viet-Nam war? (Y 97; N 136; O 3; X 3; N-A 1)

Should the Canadian government aid the United States in the Viet Nam war? (Y 24; N 211; X 1; O 4)

THE FUTURE

What is the largest problem facing Canada today? A. Inflation; B. Unemployment; C. Threat of war; D. Social unrest, riots, etc. E. Threat of separation of West from East; G. Loss of overseas markets; H. Other.

Inflation 96; Unemployment 4; Threat of war 1; Threat of social unrest, riots etc. 9; Threat of separation of Quebec 13; Threat of separation of East from West 1; Loss of overseas markets 0; "Others", included grain sales, yankees, the Prime Minister, taxes, lack of brotherhood between nations, Pollution Welfare to people not willing to work; stricter immigration laws, education , U.S. control of Canadian economy; Moral degeneration; Cost of bureacracy; sell more grain locally.

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5-10-20 YEARS AGO

FIVE YEARS AGO

St. Mary's Hospital co-ordinating council arranged to hold its first meeting in St. Mary's Hospital, during March.

Tenders have been called for clearing the grounds set aside for the B.C. Hydro and Power Authority substation in Gibsons area.

South Pender Harbor Waterworks district has called for tenders for the supply and laying of six and four inch pipes as watermains.

Clearing has started on the site for the new Municipal Hall on South Fletcher road.

10 YEARS AGO

Roberts Creek Credit Union annual meeting celebrated its 19th year of service to the community.

Gibsons Board of Trade has asked council to consider some sort of control over the indescriminate use of fireworks in the community.

The Coast News has concluded two articles by George Spence a retired member of the International Joint Commission which has joint control of rivers which cross the border. Mr. Spence discussed Columbia power possibilities.

15 YEARS AGO

B.C. Telephones has taken over control of Gibsons telephone exchange and announces switchboard facilities will be increased this year.

The 35 foot cruiser Anita Joyce was destroyed by fire while anchored at the southeast corner of Keats Island.

Tony Gargrave, CCF legislative member for this area stressed the need, during house debates, on improvement for Roberts Creek roads.

20 YEARS AGO

The hard winter has resulted in the cutoff of water into the Headlands area and it will be some days before pipes are thawed.

School board trustees decided to urge the roads department to see that hills are sanded so school buses can operate.

Cost of the new firehall for Gibsons is expected to reach $1,300.

Complaints that police protection for Sechelt district was insufficient were investigated and denied by Inspector A. Clark.

450 in Tattoo

During her reply to the Speech from the Throne in the legislature, Hon. Mrs. Isabel Dawson, MLA for this constituency and minister without portfolio said that last May saw the first all-native children's musical tattoo in Kamloops. Some 450 boys and girls, representing a number of native bands throughout B.C. staged an outstanding performance, comprising marching displays, dance groups and exhibitions of native art.

Plans are under way for the second such tattoo to be held in the latter half of May in the Fraser valley area.

It was her hope that, during the 1971 centennial these young people will travel to several centres throughout the province, so that more citizens may enjoy their outstanding display of native talent.

New award

A new Teacher Award Fund to recognize teachers who are developing or have developed, new ideas for improving teaching practices, has been set up by the B.C. Teachers' Federation. The fund replaces the BCTF scholarship program, which was discontinued last year.

First awards will be made for the 1970-71 school year. Awards will be made to recognize a completed project or to encourage a teacher planning to undertake a project.

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Guest Speaker to be James McLellan from the Vancouver Credit Bureau

NOTE: We would ask that all businessmen and employers on the Sunshine Coast please set aside this evening and attend this meeting.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

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—Costs of being a member.
—Rates as they apply to the Sunshine Coast.
—Benefits received.

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Arbutus Rebekah Lodge officers installed

At an impressive ceremony in St. Bartholomew's Anglican Parish Hall, Gibsons, on the evening of Jan. 21 new officers of the Arbutus Rebekah Lodge for the ensuing year were installed.

Under leadership of the newly named Noble Grand Mrs. Bernice Chamberlain, the group decided to work to provide furnishings for the proposed Senior Citizens' Housing Project in Gibsons. In that connection, members embarked immediately on the construction of a patchwork quilt under the chairmanship of Mrs. Alice Cherry. One quilt is well on the way and a second is in the planning stage. Any donations of patches or related materials would be most welcome.

The Arbutus ladies are also saving Nabob coupons towards the same project. If anyone has coupons not spoken for the group would be pleased to make good use of them.

Apart from this special Project involving the Senior Citizens' Housing, the Arbutus Rebekahs, a branch of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, have several projects which are sponsored on an organizational basis. These include the World Eye Bank and research into diseases of the eyes in Rochester, New York; The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth whereby young people of high school are encouraged to compete for the privilege of taking part in an annual trip through the United States and Canada to the United Nations. Several local children have been represented on these pilgrimages.

Oddfellows and Rebekahs have a summer camp at White Rock for children who otherwise would not enjoy the pleasure of such a holiday for financial or health reasons. The B.C. groups also support a home in Newton for older members of the organization.

In addition to these organizational-sponsored projects, the Arbutus Rebekahs have made substantial donations to St. Mary's Hospital in Sechelt and assisted on many occasions in community affairs, financially and otherwise.

Some of the members are now reaching the age when they can no longer be as active as their hearts and minds wish. They are looking for young women with a sense of responsibility towards their families and neighbors, and whose visions will shape the future.

Any lady interested in joining this forward looking group, the Arbutus Rebekahs of Gibsons, may contact any of the listed officers. The fee to join is $5 and the yearly dues are $5.

Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. Bernice Chamberlain, noble grand; Mrs. Alice Cherry vice-grand; Mrs. Evelyn Begg, financial secretary; Mrs. Christina Ritchey, treasurer and Mrs. Muriel Ball, secretary.

Appointed officers are Mrs. Elsie Hutchins, chaplain; Mrs. Winnifred Keen, conductor; Mrs. Deborah Carruthers, right supporter of the vice-grand; Mrs. Eleanor Frew, inside guardian and Mrs. Muriel Ball, pianist. Mrs. Mary Strom is the past noble grand.

As a gesture of affection and appreciation, Mrs. Mary Strom outgoing chief officer was presented with a gift from the lodge. Gifts were also presented to the new Noble Grand Mrs. Bernice Chamberlain and other deputizing officers.

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Holy Communion
4th Sunday, Family Service
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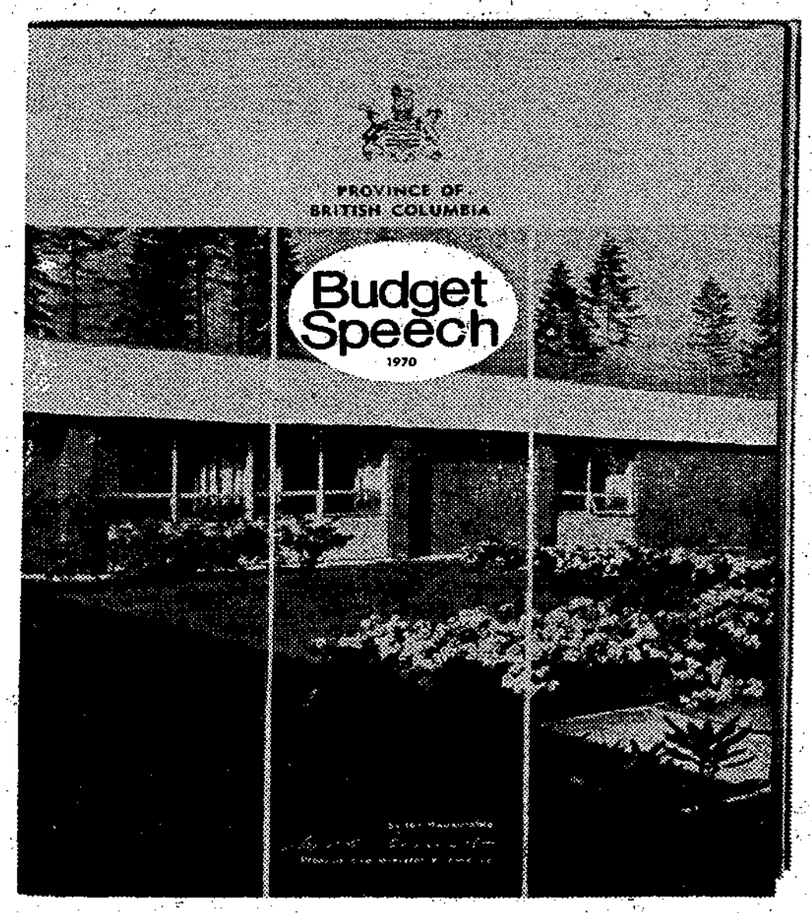

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Director West

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Subsequent information from a reliable source indicated council's plans were to put the sewer lines down now and a treatment plant some years later (which would be quite feasible under the act, if the director agrees). This, of course, fully explained to us what the mayor meant by 'putting council on the right track.' Hence my repeated questioning of the mayor during the last Regional Board meeting about dumping of raw sewage at Gospel Rock. It would seem that you did not understand that this was behind my close questioning and that the mayor could only be pinned down to declare that a treatment plant was 'in the plans' and also that 'he could not commit a future council.'

The conclusion must be drawn that the mayor was not in a position to state unequivocally that raw sewage would not be discharged from Gospel Rock.

Other circumstances giving credence to this conclusion and our increasing fears are as follows:

1. Apparently no plans or specifications of a treatment plant were submitted to Victoria with the application for a permit. Council must have considered that there was ample time to do so at a later date. Some prospectus of a treatment plant was received by council after the application was already in Victoria. A photostat of this manufacturer's proposal was left with the Regional Board on their express demand;

2. With allegedly secondary or tertiary treatment 'in the plans' council does not revert to the 'natural site of gravity outfall' as described in their 1963 survey, but persists in its selection of the most expensive alternative, i.e. Gospel Rock;

3. We find it hard to believe that any council would apply blindly for a permit, which includes the immediate construction of a treatment plant, without having fully researched the various types available and having before them a recommendation of their consultants;

4. The Regional Board first informally, later formally, requested full information and all data made available to them to deal with Victoria's request, but to this date were only supplied with a copy of the 1963 survey and the above mentioned manufacturer's prospectus of a package treatment plant;

5. The sudden visits by council to other places now to look at some treatment plants in operation and only publishing in the papers flow charts of one of the far-away plants allegedly 'similar' to the one 'in the plans' for here. Does this not quite clearly indicate that council to this very date has never given any detailed consideration to any form of treatment plant, being a matter of the lowest priority in their opinion?

In conclusion I find your efforts to fan bad feelings between the village council and the district a great disservice to the community as a whole. Are you really surprised that under the circumstances people file objections and demand a hearing to smoke out the truth about the sewage outfall? And as far as the 'unique stuation' is concerned, it should be obvious to everybody that to put the reporting to the board into the hands of the finance committee, consisting of Directors Rutherford, Wolverton, the Chairman ex-officio and myself forces me either to put up or shut up.

—Frank West.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor: In your Feb. 11 lead editorial you rightly conclude that the estimated 180,000 gallon daily output of a Gibsons sewage plant is a mere drop in the bucket compared to what Fraser River municipalities are spewing into the sea.

This editorial, 'A Most Unusual Situation' seems to me to imply that because these others are fouling our waters Gibsons may be justified in adding to the already overflowing slop bucket. I earnestly hope this is not what you meant. Otherwise 'An All Too Frequent Rationalization' should be the heading for the editorial.

—Hubert Evans,
Roberts Creek.

Editor: There has just been brought to my attention a copy of the "Brief re Village of Gibsons Application for a Permit under the Pollution Control Act, 1967" dated Dec. 30, 1969, and date-stamped by the Pollution Control Branch Dec. 31, 1969.

Section 4 of the brief reveals an important item of information: "The facilities will be constructed over a three year period. The initial phase will include a collection system for 165 acres in the Village, the foreshore interceptor, the pumping station, the force main and the outfall. The second phase will include additional collecting sewers and treatment plant."

Does this mean that, from the time that elapses between completion of the first and second phases, the system will discharge untreated sewage?

Section 6(a) of the Pollution Control Act provides that the time for completion of works may be extended. Is it possible, then, that provision of the treatment plant (the second phase of the scheme) could be delayed even beyond the three-year period originally prescribed?

I am aware that some ill-feeling has been stirred up locally over the proposed Gibsons sewer system. But neither I as an individual, nor this association, has any animosity whatever towards the Village of Gibsons. We recognize that, in time, as population increases, our area, too, may need to instal a sewer system and treatment plant.

Our prime concern is to preserve the amenities of this part of the coast — amenities which are of just as much aesthetic and economic importance to residents of Gibsons as they are to us.

—Raymond Hull,
President, Gower Point
Property Owners Association

Editor: There appears to be an erroneous and possibly deliberate impression created by both your paper and another that Mr. Frank West is the sole objector to the proposed plan of Gibsons village to install a sewer system with an outfall at Gospel Rock. Dismissing for the moment the question of on what form of stationery he wrote his objection, the fact remains that he, while being possibly the most vociferous on the subject, is far from occupying a solitary role and any inferences implying such are gross misrepresentation.

I think the time is long overdue when all of we concerned parties, myself included, should make our voices not only heard but be prepared to stand up and be counted as fully endorsing Mr. West's stand on this matter.

In a letter in a recent issue of your paper there were several snide references to Mr. West's interest inasmuch as his position at Port Mellon and his residence at Gower Point were concerned. I should like to point out that many of the main advocates of this sewer plan also may have "an axe to grind" in that they are engaged in the building trades, real estate business, suppliers of material, etc

In conclusion might I add that I personally, have little confidence in a village council that cannot even enforce a Dog Control law, so what hope or prospect have we for them conforming to the terms set out in a sewage disposal plan?

—D. Cruickshank.

Editor's note: The Coast News editor has known for a long time that Mr. West was not alone in this issue but the Coast News cannot quote silent thoughts of the many and is forced to reply on sources that can be heard at public meetings.

Editor: There has been a lot of unnecessary worry and fear aroused in this community concerning "the orgy" of January 24. We feel this was done deliberately to alarm the adult community of the "hippie influence". In the interest of justice, we have replyed to the emotional, second-hand report of this dance.

The following is a copy of our letter to the Times.

Editor, The Times: With reference to your article concerning "the orgy" held on January 24, in the Elphinstone School gym, we would like to set the facts straight. We attended the dance, and feel that your article was overwritten, exaggerated, and dangerous to the reputation of the kids who attended.

It is true that about seventy-five percent of the people at the dance were "hippy types", but that had nothing to do with it. Just because they are "hippie types" does not make them worse than anyone else. There was not a lot of drinking going on, and as pop was being sold, pop bottles may have easily been mistaken for beer bottles. As far as the marijuana, you don't have to go to a dance to find kids taking it, and we did not actually see anyone smoking marijuana. Why, if there was so much drinking, and smoking of marijuana, weren't any arrests made? It hardly sounds logical.

As far as we could see the "various stages of undress" is completely false. As for the "couples lying around on the floor", that happened to be during the intermissions, and as there were no chairs, the kids were sitting, not lying, on the floor.

We feel that the article was made to sound like everyone was lying around on the floor in stages of undress, drinking, and smoking marijuana, which certainly wasn't true. Believe it or not, most of the people at the dance were there for the enjoyment of the music and dancing. It could hardly be called an "orgy", and we can hardly be called "influenced by the hippies".

(Signed by a teacher and 38 students)

N.E. Sallis, teacher, Elphinstone, Diane Fisher, Ona Burnett, Lyn Ward, Pam Gross, Paul Beeman, Martin Kiewitz, Cindy Dodman, Pam David, Jock McPhedran, Karen Brignall, Lee Brown, Bob Crosby, Nona Veale, John Hopkins, Dana Johnston, Shirley Hoehne, Sharin Gokool, Glen Stubbs, Bill Price, Kim Inglis, Murray McHeffy, Rick Quigley, Dave Fossett, Dan Weinhandl, Terry Weatherill, Debbie Marsh, Dave Husby, Linda Williams, Shannon Murphy, Martin Corley Howard Lang, Eric Nelson, Pat Murphy, Frank Hoehne Brenda Bond Gary Flumerfelt, Jim Naylor.

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THINKING DAY

Thinking Day falls on Sunday when Girl Guides and Scouts will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the United Church hall in Gibsons for their annual Thinking Day ceremonies in connection with the founding of Boy Scout movement back in 1907.

POWELL RIVER VISITOR

Mrs. Francis Horrobin of Powell River is visiting Mrs. J.M. Usher, Gibsons.

School dance

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didn't know anything about marijuana. All three were unaware of any scenes of undress or undue behavior.

Summary: There was no question that drinking occurred; 2. It is very likely one or more persons had used marijuana; 3. There did not seem to be any evidence to substantiate the undress statement; 4. The chaperons were not evident; 5. The investigating policeman showed good judgment in the manner in which he attended.

The following high school pupils were at the board meeting: Nonie Veal, Ona Burnett, Shirley Hoehne, Dianne Fisher, Paul Beeman Lyle Davey, Gary Flumerfelt and Jim Naylor.

It was revealed to the board that an announcement was given over the school p.a. system that there would be a dance at the school that Saturday night. It was noted the announcement did not say it was a school dance.

Mr. Metzler said he received a couple of telephone calls from parents and all they wanted to know was whether it was a school dance. They made no complaint about the event.

Mr. Rutter said that on arrival he toured through the entire area involved and found nothing unordinary, even at the back of the hall which he termed the worst spot of all. He asked the janitor to check the garbage cans for bottles which he did and still no liquor bottles were unearthed.

As to smoking he said the hall was heavy with smoke.

Discussion arose about sponsors for dances and various trustees pointed out that sponsors could arrange the necessary requirements of names of club or association directors but once they got the use of the hall the directors just did not mean a thing, their names being used for the purpose of backing up the application. Mr. Rutter said that small groups band together for the purpose of organizing functions, thereby pooling their resources.

From this discussion arose the need to send a recommendation to the board's policy committee that it seek ways and means of tightening up the requirement for applicants seeking the use of school premises.

As to chaperones Trustee Rev. Barry Jenks was of the opinion there were some people there who were over 20 years old. (It is understood that there was at least one school teacher present, based on remarks passed soon after the event).

As to the profit donated to public benefit as required on the application for use of the hall, this angle while receiving little attention during discussion will also go before the policy committee for clarification.

Trustee Bernie Mulligan dropped the remark that if Sechelt has a hippy problem it should not be dumped in the lap of the school board. He was informed that the board room was not the place for such remarks.

Mr. Rutter explained there were four motorcyclists present but after the closing of the dance they drove off quietly.

Guide service

The ladies auxiliary to Rangers, and Guides and Brownies met on Tues., Feb. 10 in the Anglican church hall with 12 members from Gibsons and five from Roberts Creek present.

Sunday will be Thinking Day with a service in Gibsons United Church hall. The annual meeting will be held March 7 in Brosk hall at the Guide camp. March 11 will see the 1st Guide company mother and daughter banquet. On May 12, 13 and 14 the provincial annual meeting will be held at UBC and on May 30 Guides and Brownies will hold a jubilee fun day, place to be determined. The annual cookie sale will be held May 2

CANON GREENE 81

Following the Communion service Sunday 3 p.m. at Redroofs church there will be an open house tea in honor of Canon Alan Green's 81st birthday. A cake has been sent from England by Mrs. Greene's eldest niece Mrs. Mary Braham.

Library use expanding

An extensive report on the operations of the district school library was presented to the district school board at its Thursday night meeting of last week.

In it the district librarian A. J.C. Crane said the district library serves as the central purchasing agency for books for all the schools of the district except for the two high schools, Gibsons elementary and Sechelt Elementary Schools. Books purchased for the schools are also processed and catelogued at the district library as required as are any materials added to the district's collection of resource materials.

At present, the district library also serves as a central ordering agency for films, filmstrips and other materials borrowed from the department of education's division of visual education. The schools for which these materials are received are Langdale, Gibsons, Roberts Creek, Madeira Park and Pender Harbour Secondary school.

As time permits, he visits all the schools in the district to confer with principals and teachers over audiovisual requirements. For the schools whose books are purchased through the district library, he tries to see the classes as often as possible to encourage the children to read and develop library skills.

On the first day of the school year, 147 books, part of the district's circulating collection were sent to Halfmoon Bay Elementary school, which being newly reopened, was without books.

Another task done early in the school year was the amalgamation of various divisions of catalog cards into one master file arranged alphabetically by author. This involved checking and interfiling many thousands of catelog cards, but the completion of this task was necessary in order to check book orders which were outstanding.

Book orders from all schools purchasing books centrally had been awaiting processing since earlier in the year. These were checked against the district library's master file to avoid duplications, and the orders processed. Many books requested were not available within the time limit imposed by the budget cut-off date, and substitutions had to be made. This, and the purchase of paperbacks for schools, involved three days of personal shopping in Vancouver two days of which were a consecutive Friday and Saturday.

A display of materials and open house for teachers September 16 and 17, was attended by 41 teachers. Many teachers were surprised to discover what was available for loan, and many items which previously had never left the district library began to circulate.

A second open house and display of materials was held on January 14 and 15 Forty people attended and the event seemed to be well received.

A fairly extensive replenishment of the district's resources is expected this year, and many useful suggestions have been received from teachers who visited the district library for the improvement of areas of weakness in the district's collection. The acquisition and processing of new materials will be a major task at the district library.

New power line

B.C. Hydro has awarded a $1,172,000 contract to Hume and Rumble Ltd., of Vancouver, for construction of a 53-mile long transmission line linking Sechelt and the Powell River area.

The new 230,000-volt line will supplement service to Powell River now provided by a single 138,000-volt line from Sechelt. Clearing of the right-of-way for the new line is now virtually complete and construction is scheduled to start early this spring. The new wood-pole powerline is expected to be in service in October. It will be energized initially at 138,000 volts.

Included in the construction contract will be a 6,450 foot long water crossing over Agamemnon Channel to Nelson Island. A separate contract for a second water crossing over Jervis Inlet will be awarded later.

The Jervis Inlet span—11,542 feet—will be the longest overwater transmission line crossing in British Columbia. Each of the line's three conductors across the inlet will be anchored to high rocky bluffs on each shore by individual 35 foot high steel towers.

A lucky pilot

The most recent RCMP Quarterly contains an article written by Cst. E.G. Raaflaub which is of interest to Sunshine Coast folk. It concerns Ayliffe "Pat" Carey a 63 year old bush pilot well-known in the far north country, now retired and living close to Gibsons.

Mr. Carey was rescued from a very dangerous spot due to an airplane crash and the story in the Quarterly depicts graphically the hazardous rescue that followed. Mr. Carey a coroner while in the north country will take over duties in the small debts court at Sechelt.

ROBERTS CREEK

(By MADGE NEWMAN)

History was made at Roberts Creek on Saturday Feb. 14, 1970, when the first wedding reception was held at the Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club, following the wedding of Gail Lynn Verrecchia and Norman Smith in Gibsons United Church.

The large salon, with its picture windows commanding a magnificent view of greens and Gulf, accommodated over 100 guests. The well planned kitchen is so arranged that several workers may easily manage the work load, utilizing double cooking area, several sinks and numerous counters and tables. There is also hot water in abundance.

The Roberts Creek Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital were the caterers on this occasion.

The Golf and Country Club will soon celebrate its first birthday.

Monday's meeting of the Roberts Creek Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital was interesting as to the various subjects discussed, among them new by-laws. Two new members were welcomed to the group, Mrs. Lillian Thomas and Mrs. Betty Dodman. Mrs. Norah McLean has undertaken the making of new smocks for the Thrift Shop workers.

100 visit home

Close to 100 signatures appeared on the visitors book at the Hemstreet home at Roberts Creek on Sunday on the occasion of their Open House. Neither the Hon. P. Gaglardi nor Mrs. Isabel Dawson was able to attend.

Present were two welfare workers who were kept busy explaining the Group Foster Home project in which there was considerable interest. Visitors were shown through the spacious, clean and bright home and were much impressed.

It is expected that there may be more Group Homes on the Sunshine Coast in the future.

UIC news

Q. Business is very slow and I will be working only a few hours in the next two weeks, but my employer has promised to pay me my usual salary, even though I will be working only part time. Can I recieve Unemployment Insurance benefits?

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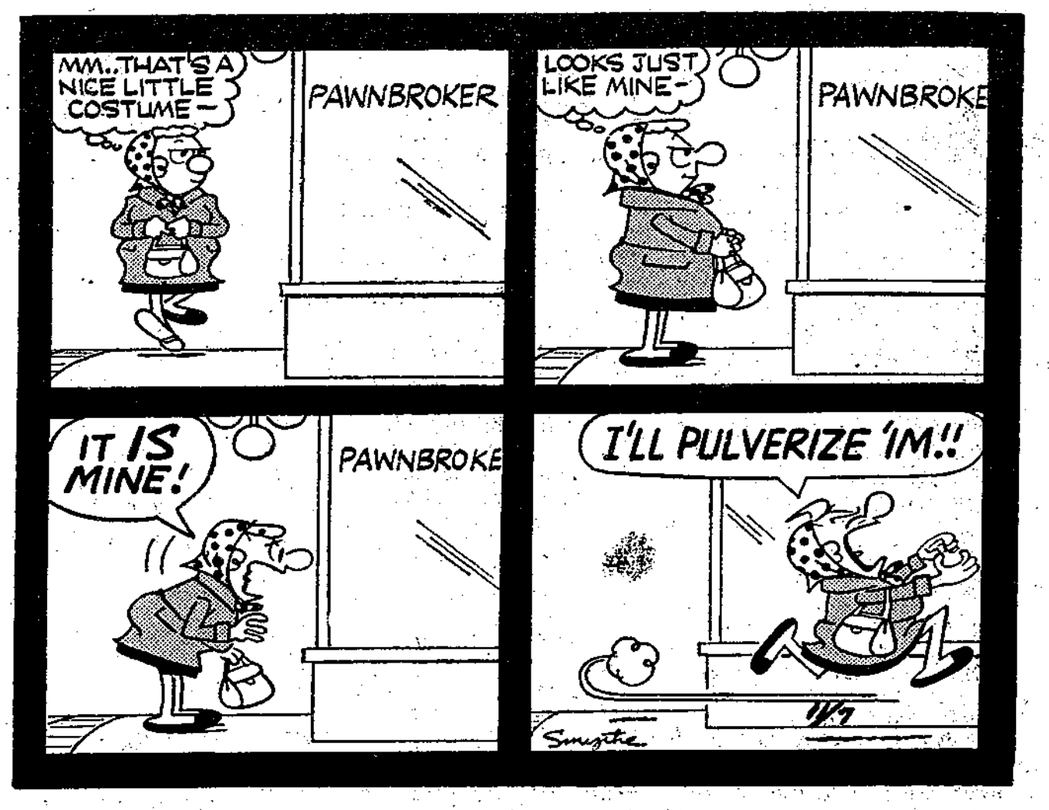

Sewage treatment explained

(By Ald. K.A. Crosby)

When you hear the words primary, secondary and tertiary, how many people know what we are talking about? Here is an explanation for the benefit of those who are interested in knowing what they are talking about when sewage treatment is the subject.

Sewage is essentially the wastes of human existence. The used water supply of a community, the liquid and solid body wastes, household wastes and often industrial wastes combine to form the sewage of a modern community. In times of rain it can contain large amounts of grit which may enter the sewer direct if the community has a combined sewerage system, i.e. sanitary waste and storm water in the same system. If a community has a separate domestic sewer system, grit may enter through a loose manhole cover, broken tiles, basement drains, or from washing vegetables.

Average sewage is usually at least 99.95 percent water by weight, but the remaining .05 percent of the sewage will do unlimited damage if not properly treated. Sewage is extremely putrescible, containing large numbers of bacteria, many of which are of the disease-producing type and if not treated in a short time will decompose and give off large quanities of malodorous and poisonous gases. If discharged untreated into a body of water, this will become so polluted that fish life will be killed.

A sewage treatment plant is built for the purpose of removing this objectional material from the sewage so that a clear, pure effluent can be discharged into the creek, river or lake. The effluent should be sufficiently pure so that it will not produce odors, harm fish life or carry disease-producing bacteria.

An activated sludge sewage treatment plant treating normal domestic sewage will give the highest quality effluent that can be produced by any type of plant at the present time.

The treatment of sewage consists of three separate processes or steps:

1. Primary treatment, consisting of grit removal, comminuation and primary sedimentation.

2. Secondary treatment, or the activated sludge process, consisting of aeration and final sedimentation (Settling).

3. Sludge digestion and drying.

Primary treatment by sedimentation will remove 30 to 40 percent of the organic load. Secondary treatment by biological action and sedimentation will remove almost all of the remaining suspended and dissolved organic material to yield an overall reduction from raw to final of 90 to 98 percent. Sludge digestion converts the highly decomposable organic material, which has been removed from the sewage, to a stable inoffensive sludge.

In the Gibsons sewage treatment plant sewage enters the wet well through a barminuter (shredding device). Pumps lift the sewage to the grit or sand trap where heavy inorganic matter settles out. From there it continues to the primary settling tanks where organic solids are settled out. The primary effluent flows through channels into the aeration tanks. Diffused air applied to the sewage brings purifying bacteria (aerobic) to life.

The aerator effluent enters secondary settling tanks where the bacteria, called activated sludge, is settled out Part is returned to the aeration tanks and part is pumped to the digester.

The final effluent flows through the chlorine contact tank, over a 90 degree V notched weir, which controls the flowmeter and chlorine feeding, into the outfall

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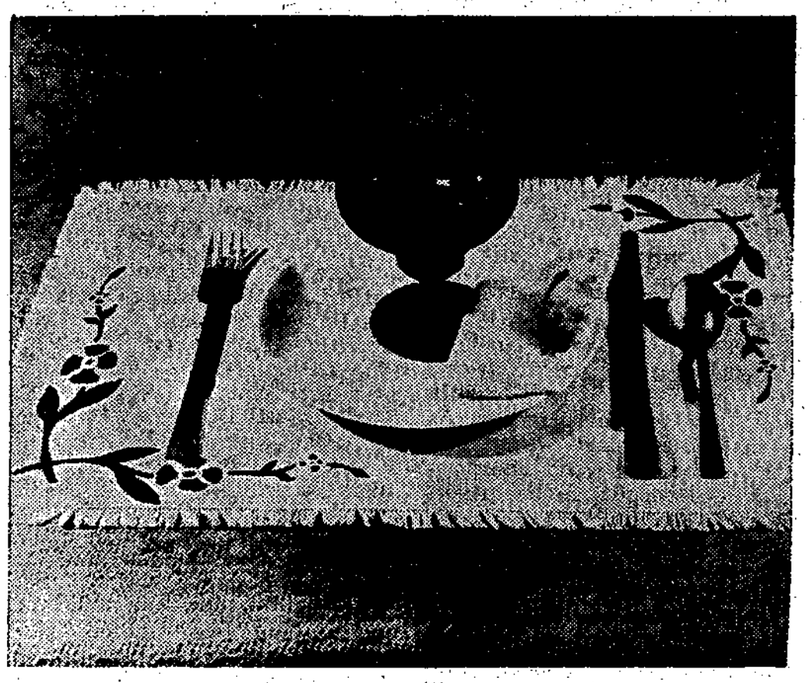

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PAUL ST. PIERRE, MP

COAST-CHILCOTIN

Back Bencher's Day in the house, it was called by Steve Otto, outspoken Liberal Member of parliament for York East in Toronto.

The parliament of Canada hadn't seen a comparable day in its history. A private member (Paul Yewchuck, Conservative, Athabaska) had moved concurrence in a committee report on Arctic sovereignty without authorizatio of the committee. The government was dragged reluctantly into a debate.

The leading government party speaker, Paul St. Pierre (Liberal, Coast Chilcotin) opened a 40 minute speech to the House with a firm declaration of his intention to vote for the Opposition motion.

Almost a dozen other back benchers, including several British Columbians, were crowded off the speaker's list during the full day's debate. Two ministers joined in the debate and one, Mitchell Sharp, secretary of state for external affairs, praised the report and said the government was generally sympathetic to the forceful views exposed in it.

Sharp said the government would shortly bring down legislation to control the threat of pollution in the Arctic.

St. Pierre, in leading the debate for the Liberals in the house, said he was impatient with the government attitude on Arctic sovereignty declarations. Action did not follow its words, he said, and he urged a unanimous vote in favor of the Committee's recommendations.

The Coast Chilcotin MP said he doubted the wisdom of Parliament treating committee reports in the manner initiated by the Conservative party in the debate. The effect, he said, might weaken committee rather than strengthening them in their work. But he praised fellow members of the Northern Development committee of other parties and his own, specifically the chairman (Watson) and Bud Simpson (Conservative-Churchhill) for their work. He also criticized the opposition parties generally for discussing Biafra during opposition days in the house while ignoring issues closer to what he claimed were their responsibilities as responsible opposition parties.

St. Pierre was criticized by opposition Leader Robert Stanfield and Liberal MP Otto for his opposition to Conservative party tactics but praised for his consistant work to force the government to act on the Arctic sovereignty-pollution issue.

Opposition Leader Stanfield said "I wish also to congratulate the hon. member for Coast Chilcotin who, although he criticized me somewhat in the process, had the courage to take a strong position, the concurrence in this report and the adoption by the government of the position taken by the committee in this report. I congratulate the hon. gentleman".

Otto, who disagreed with portions of the report, said "I admire the calibre of men who sat on the committee..and especially the member for Coast Chilcotin who led this right from the beginning..almost from the day he arrived in this House.

"He assumed to some extent today the role of a minister without pay. He led the debate. He organized the speakers. I am glad his efforts have been recognized. I recognize him as a man who holds very strongly to his views."

Committee Chairman Watson west Territories) also praised and Bud Orange (Liberal North-the Coast Chilcotin Liberal for forcing the issue to public attention.

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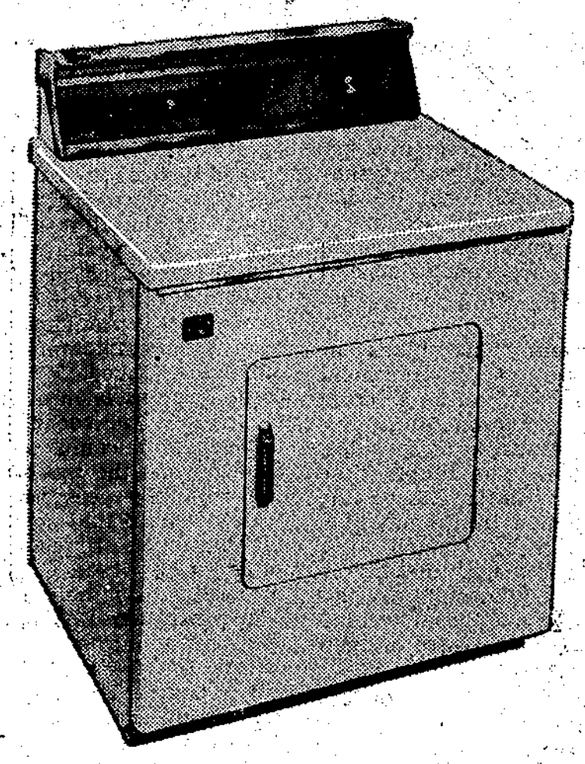

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A. The answers to these questions involve 3 factors—zoning byaws, restrictive covenants and expropriation statutes. You should first check the municipal zoning bylaws and regulations. Of course, there is no way of knowing when, in the future, these may be changed but they are usually a long range affair.

You should next check in the Land Registry office for restrictive covenants. A covenant is a legally enforceable promise. Restrictive covenants attach to land and run with the land, i.e. from owner to owner.

They commonly cover such subjects as commercial usage, advertising, prohibition of the keeping of domestic animals (other than house pets), size of fences, value of dwellnig houses, etc. Such covenants usually originate with a large tract of land that is being developed for real estate sale purposes. The restrictions stay with each parcel of land as subdivisions and resales occur.

There are numerous expropriation laws—municipal, provincial and federal and these deal with the right of some authority to seize land for the good of the community for such things as highways, bridges, schools, sewers, etc. There is but the expropriating authority must, by law, pay you the fair market value of the land. If you cannot agree, you do not have to accept their offer. You should in this case, have the matter settled by the courts.

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Letters to editor

Editor: If war came tomorrow, would inflation hamper and prevent Canada's war effort?

Certainly not! With national security at stake, Ottawa would quickly pass an Order-in-Council freezing prices and wages and also appoint a Wartime Prices and Trade Board, to supervise and control the problem. Inflation would not be tolerated.

But, inflation is really war for 90 percent of the people. It destroys savings; threatens the health and welfare of the people in their millions, including little children. Harassed parents and pensioners are seized with worry and anxiety, while workers are forced to resort to strikes, to demand their rights to a living wage.

This undeclared war is bound to produce many casualties and much suffering. Taxes, rents and unemployment must increase. Social welfare expenses will sky-rocket. Public discontent and disorders will multiply. The lot of the old, subsisting on pensions, savings and fixed incomes will become tragic. Mental and physical health will decline, while hospitals, already full, will be taxed to the limit, and served by unhappy, overworked and harassed people.

These facts, of course, should be common knowledge. One wonders how much this is known in Ottawa, where the well-paid servants of the people, play with words and parliamentary procedure and turn out promises of curing inflation by a gentlemen's agreement between business and labor.

There is a great doubt in the public mind. We can well believe that our swinging prime minister will continue his well publicised travels, displaying his versatility in furs, bathing suits, photogenics and sophistry. But, can we really believe that he can or will do anything to stop inflation?

Inflation is a serious threat to Canada. A demand for government action NOW should be loud and clear.

Dr. D.L. Johnson, Gibsons

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ACROSS
1. Outlay
5. Burnoose wearer
9. "I say —— you . . ."
10. Give a job
11. Enrolls
13. Ring out
15. "—— I Didn't Care"
16. Heap
18. One presidential qualification
19. Ribbed fabric
21. Electrified particles
23. Music note
24. Cupid
26. Ceramist
28. Vein of a leaf
30. French coin
31. Spread for bread
34. British servicewoman
37. "—— the Town"
38. Printer's direction
40. Long-tailed ape of India
41. Viper
43. Cottontail's relative
45. From: prefix
46. Reave
48. Ten-minute break
50. Greedy
52. Water bird
53. Mother of Castor
54. Soapy water

DOWN
1. Bestow
2. Can. province
3. Short distance
4. Shinto temple gateway
5. Exclamation
6. Word with saw or tide
7. Neighborhood
8. Small hound
11. Irish Free State
12. Spill over
14. Tragic king
17. Adam's grandson
20. Said or Arthur
22. Stack cargo
25. Perches
27. Moslem
29. Alcott heroine
31. Watercraft
32. Break open, as a tomb
33. Afterpart
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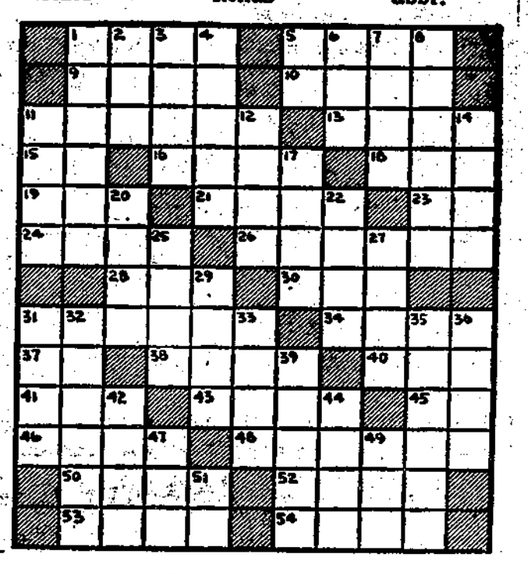

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23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Pender Harbour Credit Union

LORD JIM'S LODGE

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DINNER AT 6:30 p.m.

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BOWLING

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High Scores For This Week Art Holden 759-305, Chris Joesphson 305, Mavis Stanley 685, Evelyn Prest 287.

The Six Game Match with West Vancouver Lanes was lot of fun. West Van. won by 529 pins. Marion Lee Bowled most exciting game of 410. Freeman Reynolds rolled 1752. Total—(346,310,307). Return Match March 8.

Ladies Tues Morning: Hazel Wright 520, Vera Farr 528, Iva Peterson 565 (244), Isabel Hart (220), Marion Lee 638 (213,273), Pat Comeau 589 (215), Carol Kurucz 622 (243) Pat Muryn (238), Joan Hostland 502, Jan Rowland 605 (221,231), Clare Wilson 511 (214), Dot Gullacher 508 (220), Sue Stevenson 544 (224), Evelyn Johnson 503, Evelyn Prest 635 (287), Wynn Bradley (210).

Gibsons A Tues: Dan Robinson (234) Ken Swallow (222), Don MacKay (215), Evelyn MacKay (241), Len Ellis (234), Freeman Reynolds 710 (251,231,228), Carol McGivern 618 (215,205), Frank Nevens 670 (234,234,202), Red Day 603 (211,218), Bob Stevens (201), Jan Peterson (225), Jack Lowden (225), Al Edmonds (216), Mavis Stanley 685 (274, 220), Irene Rottluff 620 (248, 209), Art Holden 759 (264,305), Sylvia Bingley 646 (282,209), Paddy Richardson (224).

Wed. Teachers: Jim Stewart 660 (208,273), Larry Farr (223), Vera Farr (230,208), Bill Small (241,206), Shirley Hopkin 631 (211,248), Dave Hopkin (243), Art Holden 606 (217,214), Donna Jay 218, Frank Nevens 724 (242), Marge Whipple (214), John Epp 641 (208,244), Melvin Jay (264), Art Corriveau (225), Jack Lowden (204), Jim Dinsmore (250).

Thurs Nite. Rick Simpkins (243) Tony Duffy (240), Linda Anderson (221), Bob Insley 610 (224,221), Flora Johnson (206), Jack Morris (205), Taffy Greig 627 (202,226), Dorothy Alderson (205), Bill Small 220, Mavis Stanley 643, (226,252), Gwyn Davies (225), Jim Thomas (231, 212), Evelyn Prest (200), Chris Joesphson 656 (305), Buz Graham 213, Art Holden 655 (251,-253), Nancy Stevenson (266), Ed Sandy 233.

Tues Juniors: 2 Games Debbie Fiedler 231, Paul Scott 427 (216) Mike Fuller 282 (158), Graeme Winn 284 (156), Danny Olson 234, Lanny Lepage 201, Stuart Josephson 206, Cheryl Penfold 319 (180), Brad Quarry 267, Leonard Green 261 (159), Gerry McConnell 212, Danny Girard 286 (155), Bruce Green 418 (227, 191), John Volen 276 (151), Tim Olson 273, Neil Sandy 353 (205), Deborah Hill 202, Stephan Charlesworth 332 (180,152), Susan Charlesworth 226.

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Wine-cheese party planned

Pender Harbor's auxiliary to St. Mary's hospital at its Feb. 11 meeting in Madeira Park Legion hall welcomed two new members and two visitors.

With President Mrs. O. Sladey in the chair plans for the April 4 wine and cheese party were discussed with Mrs. G. Gooldrup as convenor. The suggested theme was a Return to Italy.

Dates for the fishing derby were set to cover the last weekend in June and the first weekend in July.

Mrs. J. Donnelly reported on bursaries and it was decided to set up a bursary for any graduate from Pender Harbor who planned to go in for registered nursing or that of practical nursing. The bursary would be for $300 over a year paid at the rate of $25 a month. Applications will be received by letter from students. Mrs. J. Donnelly, Mrs. Porteus and Mrs. Gooldrup will be the bursary committee.

In the absence of Mrs. Gooldrup, Mrs. Sladey read the co-ordinating council meeting report. Mrs. B. Brown reported for volunteer workers and Mrs. J. Donnelly presented the an- The Sunshine report was presennual report on the Thrift Shop. ted by Mrs. Sladey, Mrs. G. Lee being unable to attend.

The blessing jars were explained to new members by Mrs. W. Rousseau and Mrs. Wolfert, publicity representative outlined auxiliary work as depicted in the scrap book.

Mrs. Alexander requested more old nylons for toys. She showed examples of new items she had made.

The president read the revised bylaws of the co-ordinating council which were discussed. The next meeting will be held March 11 at 2 p.m. in the Madeira Park Legion hall.

In Court

George Mooney, Granthams was fined $25 for operating a Log Salvage boat, without running lights. Mooney was checked near Woolridge Island at 10:45 p.m. on the Jan. 22.

Mrs. Jean Bothwell of Gibsons received a six months suspended sentence on a charge of false pretences. She Issued a $20 cheque to Heaps Grocery store, Hopkins Landing, subsequently returned N.S.F.

Kenneth Fielder of Gibsons, appeared in court and entered a plea of guilty to 38 charges under the Social Service Tax Act. He was fined $10 on each count and ordered to pay the arrears of $1,878.29.

Peter Andreeff of Gibsons, was charged with having more than 80 Milligrams of alcohol in his blood. He was fined $400 and his drivers license suspended for 6 months. Peter Andreeff was observed driving east on Hwy 101 from the Peninsula Hotel, crossing the centre line on numerous occasions. Breathalizer reading was .19 Court was also told that Andreeff had two previous Impaired Driving convictions.

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Feb. 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4

SECOND MEETING

The second meeting of the series Operation Understanding will be held in Elphinstone Secondary school on Thur. Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Staff and students of the school are preparing skits which will provide material on family situations for discussion by adults and young people.

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Cheques must be certified and made payable to the Minister of Finance.

January 7, 1970.

David Johnston
Municipal Clerk

Village of Gibsons Centennial Committee

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